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Visual Reconnaissance for 28 October 71 (U)

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1. (C) The following areas are submitted in priority order for visual reconnaissance on 28 October 1971. Essential Elements of Information are provided for each area.

a. 2-17 Cav:

A (1) Rte 616 and Rte 616 Bypass. Determine interdiction status and extent of activity on these routes from FB Leatherneck to the Laotian border. Determine means of bypassing interdicted points on these routes. Locate truck parks/supply sites/POL points/bulldozers along these routes. Determine routes of infiltration or withdrawal of men and equipment reported in the area last week.

A (2) Rte 616 Extension. Determine extent of construction effort on the route since the last VR. Locate bulldozers/supply sites along the route. Provide a current estimate of time and effort required to open and maintain the route for vehicular traffic.

B (3) Southern Dakrong Valley in FB Cunningham-FB Erakine-FB Ranger area. Determine type and size of elements in the area, and extent of construction effort. Locate caches/supply sites. Determine routes of infiltration through the area.

B (4) Rte 9222/922. Determine method of bypassing interdictions along the routes. Locate truck parks/caches/AA/AW positions reported along the routes.

B (5) T-7. Determine the trafficability of T-7. Provide an estimate of time and effort required to make it trafficable to vehicles.

C (6) Vicinity of FB Spear-FB Whip-FB Thor. Determine extent of activity and size of elements in the area.

A (7) Border area from QL-9 to Rte 616. Determine the trafficability of Rte 611 (route along the border from QL-9 to Rte 616). Determine the status of the route and its current trace.

C (8) Laotian border from Rte 548 to vicinity of FB Pike. Locate routes of infiltration and signs of traffic across the border from Base Area 607.

ALTERNATE AREAS:

C (1) Ruong Ruong Valley. Determine the extent and type of activity in the vicinity of the valley.

C (2) Song Ta Trach Valley south of FB Arsenal. Determine the extent of infiltration along the river. Locate caches in the area.

BSC (3) Hue-Phu Bai-Camp Eagle Rocket Belts. Locate launching sites/caches in the rocket belt areas. Detect signs of recent trail activity in these areas.

b. 3-5 Cav:

(1) QL-9 (with emphasis east of Khe Sanh), Rte 608, Rte 608 Extension, and Red Devil Road. Conduct detailed route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction status. Support sensor implant operation in the vicinity of XD 7936.

(2) Vicinity XD 7744. Locate enemy units operating in the area as indicated by URS detected on 21 October 71.

(3) Eastern DMZ area. Determine routes of infiltration and extent of traffic across the DMZ. Determine size and activity of elements in the area with emphasis in the vicinity of C-1 and A-2.

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(4) Vicinity of FB Henderson. Determine type and extent of activity and direction of movement of estimated 40 to 60 persons reported in the area on 25 October 71.

ALTERNATE AREAS:

(1) Area along province boundary vicinity of FB Sword. Locate signs of increased infiltration through the area as indicated by recent enemy activity in the lowlands. Locate caches in the area.

(2) BaLong Valley from FB Hooker to FB Pedro. Locate caches in the area. Determine extent of activity and size of elements in the area.

(3) Camp Evans Rocket Belt. Locate caches/rocket launching sites in the area.

c. Bilk FAC:

(1) Viet-Lao border from Rte 616 to Rte 9222. Determine extent of road construction activity and a trace of any routes in the vicinity of the border. Determine infiltration routes across and parallel to the border.

(2) Laotian Salient. Determine routes of infiltration through the area. Locate bulldozers/truck parks/caches in the area.

2. (C) 220th RAC:

(1) QL-9 west of Khe Sanh. Take hand held photos of interdicted areas along the route with emphasis on culvert in the vicinity of XD 8538.

(2) Provide recommendations on following grids as permanent interdiction points:

a. XD 851656 - steep ridge, deep switchback

b. XD 838657 - steep ridge, falling into river

c. XD 824649 - steep ridge, falling into river

d. XD 798664 - steep ridge

e. XD 807666 - steep ridge, small switchback

f. XD 800648 - junction of 3 sections of road, steep ridge

g. XD 805651 - steep ridge

(3) Rte 102 Ext, Rte 103 Ext, and Greene-Alpine Road. Conduct route reconnaissance with emphasis on interdiction status.

ALTERNATE AREAS:

(1) Eastern DMZ area. Determine routes of infiltration and extent of traffic across the DMZ. Locate rocket launching sites, mortar positions, and caches in the area.

(2) Area along province boundary vicinity FB Sword. Locate signs of increased infiltration through the area as indicated by recent enemy activity in the lowlands.

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