BY-PASS BRIDGE  
YEN-PHU, NORTH VIETNAM  
191°4N 105°42E

(SEE NPIC BRIEFING BOARD L-4724)

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE USE OF A TEMPORARY PONTOON HIGHWAY BRIDGE ON ROUTE 1A, BY THE NORTH VIETNAMESE, DURING THE NEW YEAR'S TRUCE, 31 DECEMBER 1967 THROUGH 02 JANUARY 1968.

2. LOCATION:

THE BY-PASS BRIDGE IS LOCATED ON ROUTE 1A OVER THE SONG HOANG MAI (RIVER) AT YEN PHU, NORTH VIETNAM.

3. MISSION READOUT:

REVEALS A CONCENTRATION OF VEHICULAR ACTIVITY AT THE TEMPORARY PONTOON BRIDGE OVER THE SONG HOANG MAI. ONLY ONE PONTOON BRIDGE IS BEING USED; TWO WERE IN USE AT THIS LOCATION DURING THE 1967 CHRISTMAS TRUCE, BUT WERE REMOVED ON 26 DECEMBER 1967.

SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC OBSERVED AT THE CROSSING INCLUDES TWENTY-FOUR VEHICLES: SIXTEEN CARGO TRUCKS WITH CANVAS-COVERED BEDS, FOUR CARGO TRUCKS WITH PROBABLE POL DRUMS, TWO CARGO TRUCKS PULLING SMALL BOATS, AND TWO CARGO TRUCKS WITH UNIDENTIFIED CARGO.

NORTHBOUND TRAFFIC OBSERVED AT THE CROSSING INCLUDES FORTY-FIVE VEHICLES: TWENTY-FIVE EMPTY CARGO TRUCKS, ELEVEN CARGO TRUCKS WITH CANVAS-COVERED BEDS AND NINE POL TRUCKS. (VEHICLES ARE NOT DEPICTED ON GRAPHIC)