



Actual photo supplied to Air Force Intelligence.

TARGET:

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

They say a picture is worth a thousand words . . . here is Air Force Intelligence's report on a single photo provided by the Northern Virginia R/C Club.

SEVERAL members of the Northern Virginia R/C Club are currently serving in Vietnam and, thus, have not seen their club's new blacktop runway since it was put down after they had left the Washington area. In an effort to keep them up to date on this, and other matters, Navy Commander Ernie Green installed a self-winding Kodak Instamatic on a modified Smog Hog and made the attached photo. The photo, in turn, was sent to Bob Scott and Brigadier General Donavon F. Smith, Chief of the Air Force Advisory Group, two of NVRC's absent members.

With tongue in cheek, and with absolutely no explanation, General Smith gave the photo to his Photo Intelligence Officer for interpretation. The results leave no doubt that our Air Force knows its business well. The analyst did not know the camera used

was an Instamatic and therefore did not know the focal length of the lens used (a vital statistic in the determination of exact dimensions from photos). In addition, exact altitude was not given, another vital piece of information for the Intelligence Division. Nevertheless, as you can see from the following report the 190 x 45 foot runway has been fairly accurately described, despite these handicaps, and the remainder of the details are accurate in every respect.

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 IPIR: 6470RTS-IDC SER:GO SPECIAL
 DAY PHOTO. TOT UNK
 CINCPAC CPFL ICOD 5JUN67
 PART 1. SIGNIFICANT PHOTO INTERPRETATIONS (VN) B. NEW TARGETS AND SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

ZZZ01: UNIDENTIFIED AIRFIELD — COLLATERAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT

IDENTIFIED LOCATION AS POSSIBLY IN VICINITY OF KON-TUM. POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION AS MODEL AIRCRAFT LANDING FIELD. ONE (1) ASPHALT RUNWAY APRX 130 FT BY 30 FT, HEADING APRX NNE SSW, WITH GRADED EARTH OVERRUNS APRX 60 FT BY 37 FT. ONE (1) INTERSECTING GRADED EARTH SECONDARY RUNWAY APRX 235 FT BY 30 FT HEADING APRX NORTH AND SOUTH. ONE (1) SOD PARKING APRON APRX 51 FT BY 84 FT WITH MOBILE REFUELING AND MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES. THREE (3) UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE ENGINE PROPELLER DRIVEN AIRCRAFT ON PARKING APRON, ONE (1) ACFT WITH 4.2 FT WINGSPAN, 2.75 FT LENGTH. ONE (1) ACFT WITH 2.75 FT WINGSPAN, 1.3 FT LENGTH. ONE (1) ACFT 3.3 FT WINGSPAN, 2.4 FT LENGTH. TWO (2) UNIDENTIFIED SINGLE ENGINE PROPELLER DRIVE ACFT AIRBORNE, APPARENTLY CIRCLING AIRSTRIP IN COUNTER-CLOCKWISE DIRECTION.

AOB: FIVE (5) PROPELLER DRIVEN ACFT

GFW: GROUND CREW/HANDLERS AND TWELVE (12) ADULTS, ONE (1) CHILD; EST FIVE (5) QUART SIZED, HAND PUMPED FUEL CONTAINERS (.00395 METRIC TONS)

CHART: N/A

BEN: 0000-00000 CAT: 80000 CMR: NONE WXR: CLEAR CVG: TOTAL QAL SCL: 000.3M

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How's that for photo intelligence work? Can you find all of the detail they have listed? It's all there.

