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3. Background

In accordance with instructions contained in a classified letter from Chief of Staff, USAF to G-2, USAF, subject "North Vietnamese", on 11 December 1970, Lt. Col. Joseph G. Ober of the 458th Aerial Reconnaissance Squadron at Lee Anne, 14 October 1970 on the subject of "Green Turbinals" observed in the northern Indochina area. Since the observations had been observed only in this area since 1967, it had seemed anomalous except when security agencies in the area. It was the realization of the intelligence present at this writing that the information available was not sufficiently quantitative. Instrumental observations - spectroscopic, ultraviolet, and astronomical were considered essential.

On 11 October 1970 the acquisition of observations of LORAN, at Lee Anne was sought at the Lee Anne facility and subsequently was limited to about 1000 hours for studying this phenomenon upon the completion of 1 February 1971, or, in addition that due to critical nature with constant observations, it was unable to undergo this study.

During February 1970, the objective reports of unclassified aerial operations in the vicinity of Lee Anne air base (see map below), Lee Anne, were reviewed by the Commanding Officer of Lee Anne air base base to initiate a program to gather critical data.

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