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FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON
TO ADM SHARP CINCPAC
INFO GEN WHEELER

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T O P S E C R E T MAC 00994 EYES ONLY

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RETRANSMITTED PER GEN WESTMORELAND'S INSTRUCTIONS
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FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
INFO GEN MOMYER CG 7TH AF

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S E C R E T MAC 00791 EYES ONLY

1. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY FORCES INTO
I CORPS, IMPENDING BATTLES AND THE NEED FOR HAVING MORE OPE-
RATIONAL FLEXIBILITY OF THE AIR EFFORT AVAILABLE TO ME, I AM
CONTEMPLATING PLACING OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE I MARINE
AIR WING UNDER MY DEPUTY FOR AIR. HELICOPTERS WOULD REMAIN
UNDER YOUR OPERATIONAL CONTROL. I HAVE ASKED MOMYER TO DISCUSS
THIS WITH YOU AND ANDERSON TOMORROW. IN VIEW OF THE ENEMY
BUILD-UP, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT I BE IN THE BEST FEASIBLE POSTURE
TO MEET THE THREAT. I BELIEVE CENTRALIZING CONTROL OF THE AIR
RESOURCES WILL PROMOTE THIS REQUIREMENT. I AM PROPOSING THIS

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OPERATIONAL CONTROL ARRANGEMENT AS TEMPORARY MEASURE TO
MEET THE CURRENT SITUATION. YOUR VIEWS WILL BE MOST AP-
PRECIATED.

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