

Z 210951Z ZYH ZFF-3  
FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON  
TO ADM SHARP CINCPAC  
INFO GEN WHEELER

ZEM

TOP SECRET MAC 00994 EYES ONLY

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RETRANSMITTED PER GEN WESTMORELAND'S INSTRUCTIONS  
QUOTE

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FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON  
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
INFO GEN MOMYER CG 7TH AF  
ZEM

SECRET MAC 03791 EYES ONLY

1. IN VIEW OF THE INCREASED DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY FORCES INTO I CORPS, IMPENDING BATTLES AND THE NEED FOR HAVING MORE OPERATIONAL 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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~~EVERYONE~~  
**EYES ONLY**

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

UNQUOTE

~~EVERYONE~~  
**SECRET**

~~EVERYONE~~