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Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1968
9:45 a.m.

Mr. President:

Herewith Westy's Khe Sanh daily, plus the
supply table.

You will note his plans to move to a daily
air drop of 140 tons.

W. W. Rostow

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By SP/4, NARA, Date 2-10-92

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Tuesday, February 13, 1968, 9:00 AM

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is the ninth report on the Khe Sanh area and covers the 24-hour period of February 12, 1968.

During the reporting period the Khe Sanh Combat Base continued to receive incoming enemy artillery, rockets, and mortars. A total of 65 rounds impacted at the Khe Sanh of which 55 were mortars and five each were artillery and rocket rounds. Six Marines were wounded as a result.

Elsewhere along the DMZ moderate concentrations fell upon Marine elements. Mid-afternoon barrages dropped 24 mortar rounds on Camp Carroll, 19 at Ca Lu, and eight rounds at Con Thien. While Con Thien and Ca Lu had no casualties, the incoming at Camp Carroll resulted in injuries to 13 Marines (nine were med-evacuated). Farther north, elements of the 3d Marines in the vicinity of Gia Linh received 35 rounds of mortar fire, causing major injuries to four Marines. Gia Linh itself received 19 rounds of mixed mortar and rockets with negative casualties. Finally, Lima 31 in Operation Saline received four rounds of artillery. Damage resulting from the days shelling was minimal, and casualties were light with no fatalities recorded. In total, 23 Marines were injured, 14 of whom required med-evacuation. Other than incoming activity at Khe Sanh and bordering areas of the DMZ, activity was light with no significant ground contact reported.

Marine Tactical Air flew 65 sorties in support of the Khe Sanh area, with 16 aircraft on call. The Air Force flew 88 and the Navy flew 85 sorties, for a total of 238 sorties flown. Bomb Damage Assessment reports 18 secondary explosions, 31 secondary fires, 9 military structures destroyed, 10 enemy killed, 11 trucks destroyed, two 37MM guns silenced, one bridge partially destroyed. Five ARC LIGHT strikes (36 sorties) were run in the Niagara area. One thousand six hundred and thirty seven rounds of assorted caliber mortar and artillery were fired in the Khe Sanh and DMZ areas.

No COFRAM type ordnance was used.

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During the period, a total of 34.5 short tons were delivered. The resupply included 24 short tons of ammunition. Six short tons of engineer equipment, .5 short tons of Class 11 supplies (clothing and spare parts) and four short tons of mail. The C-130 that was disabled by enemy fire on February 11 was repaired today and flown out of the Khe Sanh.

On February 12 enemy fire was received at the airfield. Offloading in one case was conducted at the end of the runway, vice the loading ramp. A new air drop area has been secured at Khe Sanh with implementation plans, weather permitting, to air drop 140 short tons daily from C-130 Aircraft. Air delivery by C-123 and CH-53 Aircraft, to be offloaded on the airfield, will continue.

For the next 24-hour period Marine Tactical Air plans 44 sorties in support of Khe Sanh with 15 aircraft on call, the Air Force will fly 148 sorties, the Navy will fly 100 sorties for a total of 292 planned sorties. ARC LIGHT will run four strikes (33 sorties) in the Niagara area.

The weather at Khe Sanh continues to be characterized by low clouds and heavy night and morning fog. The weather from noon to 5:00 PM on February 12 was 500 foot ceilings and visibilities ranging from two to four miles in fog. The fog increased by 8:00 PM and the visibilities during the rest of the night of the 12th and through the morning of the 13th ranged from zero to one-half mile. The weather forecasted for the afternoon of February 13 is for cloud ceilings to raise to 1,000 feet and visibilities to improve to five miles in haze by 3:00 PM. Conditions will begin to deteriorate by 6:00 PM and by 8:00 PM cloud ceilings will be 400 feet and visibilities will be near one mile, occasionally going to zero. Starting about 9:00 AM on the morning of February 14, conditions will begin to improve and cloud ceilings will raise to 1,500 feet and visibilities will be five miles in haze.



THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

13 February 1968
0800 EST

THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 122300 EST
(131200 (SVN))

1. The Khe Sanh Dump or Ammunition Supply Point (ASP) status as of the above time is as follows:

	<u>Days Supply on Hand</u>	<u>Previous Status</u>
Class I (Rations)		
Meal, Individual, combat	9 days	9 days
B Rations	9 days	--
Class III (Fuel)		
Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	12 days	12 days
JP-4 (Jet Fuel)	4 days	4 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	4 days	5 days
Diesel	5 days	5 days
Class IV (Ammunition)		
a. High explosive		
60 mm mortar	15 days	15 days
81 mm mortar	21 days	12 days
90 mm recoilless rifle	90 days	109 days
4.2" mortar	35 days	30 days
105 mm howitzer	10 days	12 days
155 mm howitzer	21 days	23 days
b. Anti-tank	<u>Rounds on hand</u>	
90 mm HEAT	478	478
66 mm rocket (LAW)	190	190
Anti-tank mines (M-19)	100	100
106 mm recoilless rifle	316	316

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DA Memo, Jan. 5, 1988
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Class V (COFRAM)	Days Supply on hand	Previous Status
	122300 EST (131200 SVN)	112300 EST (121200 SVN)
105 mm howitzer	5 days	5 days
155 mm howitzer	5 days	5 days
40 mm grenade launcher	5 days	5 days
Hand grenades	10 days	10 days

2. Early deterioration of the weather at Khe Sanh allowed aerial delivery of only 34.5 short tons during the past twenty-four hours. A break out of this total reveals 24 tons of Class V, six tons of Class IV, one-half ton of Class II, and four tons of mail-off loaded.

3. The foregoing information covers the period 112300 EST (121200 SVN) to 122300 EST (131200 SVN).

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