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Wednesday, February 21, 1968
8:55 a.m.

Pres file

Mr. President:

Another quiet day at Khe Sanh/DMZ:

- mortar fire less;
- 143 tons delivered;
- weather continues poor.

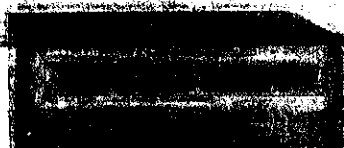
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Wednesday, February 21, 1968, 8:40 AM

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is report number seventeen on the situation in the Khe Sanh/DMZ area and covers the 24-hour period of February 20, 1968.

A small unit encounter and intermittent enemy shelling constituted the principal activity in northern First Corps yesterday. The pace of enemy incoming fire slackened somewhat during the period. Incoming to friendly forces bordering the DMZ totaled 124 rounds of mixed caliber mortar and artillery.

A marked decline in enemy efforts was evident yesterday as only 69 rounds of mortar fell at Khe Sanh. Five kilometers east of Ca Lu, the Marines received six rounds of mortar and an equal amount of artillery rounds. The ramp at Dong Ha received six mid-afternoon rounds of artillery, causing minor injuries to two Marines. Elements of the Marines at Camp Carroll bore 13 enemy rounds of mortar; and finally Marines, at Con Thien received 28 rounds of mortar in an early morning barrage. Casualties attributed to the shelling: 10 Marines wounded (five evacuated).

In ground contact during the day, a contact at Thon Le Xuyen confirmed nine North Vietnamese Army killed and captured seven POW's, two recoilless guns, one mortar and nine individual weapons. Casualties to friendly forces were: three killed, eight wounded (evacuated).

There were a total of 296 tactical air sorties flown. The Marine aircraft wing flew 64 sorties in support of the Khe Sanh area. Bomb Damage Assessment included three secondary explosions, two secondary fires. The Air Force flew 146 and the Navy flew 86. The weather was still unsuitable for any but combat sky spot missions.

Thirty-nine B-52's flew 13 strikes in the Niagara area.

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Aerial resupply for the reporting period amounted to 143 short tons. In addition, 90 passengers were flown into the airfield in three C-123 aircraft. Eleven C-130 completed 11 airdrops.

There was one COFRAM mission of 15 rounds fired on the basis of a sensor report of enemy troop movement. Results were unobserved.

For the next 24-hour period, the Marines will fly 44 tactical air sorties in support of Khe Sanh, the Air Force will fly 148, and the Navy plans 100, for a total of 292 sorties. There will be nine ARC LIGHT strikes (27 sorties) flown in the Niagara area.

Weather at Khe Sanh during the period produced low clouds and dense fog and reduced the ceiling and visibility to near zero except from 2:00 PM to 4:00 AM when the ceiling improved to 100 - 500 foot overcast and the visibility from 1/4 to five miles in fog. The forecast for Khe Sanh for the next 24 hours is for little change.

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

21 February 1968
5:00 AM EST

THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 8:00 PM EST,
20 Feb (9:00 AM 21 Feb, SVN time)

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

| | <u>DAYS SUPPLY ON HAND</u> | <u>PREVIOUS STATUS 8:00 PM 19 Feb EST (9:00 AM 20 Feb SVN)</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Class I (Rations) | | |
| Meal, Combat Individual | 1.5 | 2 days |
| B Rations | 9 | 9 days |
| Class III (Fuel) | | |
| Aviation Gas (AVGAS) | 9 | 9 days |
| JP-4 (Jet Fuel) | 4 | 3.6 days |
| Motor Gasoline (MOGAS) | 1.7 | 2.6 days |
| Diesel | 4 | 6 days |
| Class V (Ammunition) | | |
| a. High explosive: | | |
| 60-mm mortar | 26 | 20 days |
| 81-mm mortar | 15 | 17 days |
| 90-mm (Tank) | 92 | 93 days |
| 4.2" mortar | 24 | 24 days |
| 105-mm howitzer | 21 | 21 days |
| 155-mm howitzer | 16 | 16 days |
| b. Anti-Tank: | | <u>ROUNDS ON HAND</u> |
| 90-mm HEAT | | 385 |
| 66-mm rocket (LAW) | | 1,385 |
| Anti-tank mines (M-15) | | 48 |
| Anti-tank mines (M-19) | | 334 |
| Anti-tank mines (M-21) | | 100 |
| 106-mm HEAT | | 144 |
| 106-mm recoilless rifle (HEP-T) | | 991 |
| 3.5" rocket | | 690 |

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|------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Class V (COFRAM) | | |
| 105-mm howitzer | 5 | 5 days |
| 155-mm howitzer | 5 | 5 days |
| 40-mm grenade launcher | 5 | 5 days |
| Hand grenades | 10 | 10 days |

(Transmission difficulties have prevented complete up-dating. Additional data on Classes I, III and V will be furnished in tomorrow's report.)

2. On 20 February Khe Sanh was resupplied with 143 tons as follows:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| Class I | 78.5 tons |
| Class III | 44 tons |
| Class V | 20.5 tons |

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DEPSECDEF
CJCS (3)
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J-32
J-33
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