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Saturday, March 30, 1968
10:45 a.m.

Mr. President:

Pres file
At Khe Sanh-DMZ-A Shau:

- 56 rounds enemy incoming;
- 1,626 rounds friendly;
- 223 tons resupply; supplies remain satisfactory level;
- 315 tactical sorties, plus 36 B-52's;
- weather generally good.

You should know Bus Wheeler was a bit annoyed with CIA this morning for calling enemy shelling (56 rounds) heavy.

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Saturday, March 30, 1968

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

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SUBJECT: Khe Sanh Report

Authority OSDelt 1/3/79
By 4P14, NARA, Date 4-3-92

This is report fifty-five on the Khe Sanh/DMZ/A Shau Valley area, for the 24-hour period 29 March 1968.

Weather at Khe Sanh was generally good yesterday with visibility to seven miles. However, at noon yesterday, fog quickly formed and obscured the sky and reduced visibility to less than one mile. These conditions prevailed during the morning but the fog was expected to lift by 10:00 a.m. Good sky conditions are expected the rest of the day. Heavy fog is again predicted by noon tomorrow to persist until 8:00 p.m.

A total of 223 short tons of supplies and 100 passenger replacements were delivered to the Khe Sanh combat area during the reporting period. Eleven C-130 and three C-123 aircraft conducted airdrops. Forty-five Marine helicopters landed with cargo and passengers. A total of 10.5 tons of air delivery equipment was back-loaded.

Supplies remain at a satisfactory level with 28 days of rations and 23 or more days of large caliber ammunitions on hand.

A total of 56 rounds of enemy indirect fire was received at Khe Sanh; 25 artillery, 25 mortar and six rocket. These attacks wounded five (three evacuated). Ground action occurred when Company D, First Battalion, 9th Marines observed a new enemy trench outside their perimeter. Approximately eight enemy were engaged with small arms and 3.5 inch rockets. The enemy responded with heavy mortar fire. Four enemy were killed and one Marine was wounded.

Along the DMZ, sporadic shelling of friendly bases and installations continued as a total of 63 incoming rounds were received. The only casualties reported were at C3 base north of Cam Lo where five Marines were wounded (two evacuated). Total U. S. casualties were 15 wounded (seven evacuated) and 18 enemy killed (11 by air), one individual and two crew-served weapons captured.

Elsewhere in Quang Tri Province, contact was light with no significant action reported. The First Air Cavalry Division continued reconnaissance near Ca Lu and to the west along Route 9 in preparation for upcoming operations. In a deception maneuver, one Army of the Republic of Vietnam Battalion, one USMC Battalion and one Cav Squadron (reinforced) initiated limited attacks northwest of Dong Ha at 5:00 p.m. last night. Five naval gunfire ships (one cruiser and four destroyers) will support this deception effort.

Artillery fire for Khe Sanh consisted of 82 missions expending 1,626 rounds. Twenty-one missions were observed. No cofram ammunition was fired.

A total of 315 tactical air sorties were flown in the Niagara area. Seven road cuts, 18 secondary fires, damage to two military structures and two trucks and destruction of four military structures and three trucks was observed. Tactical air sorties planned for tomorrow total 255.

There were six arc light strikes (36 sorties) scheduled into the Niagara area. One sortie was diverted to a secondary target. One strike observed five secondary explosions. There were 18 additional secondary explosions reported for the previous period, 8:00 p.m. 27 March to 8:00 p.m. 28 March. Eight missions are scheduled for Niagara for 30 March.

A Shau Valley side-looking air radar and photo missions reported no unusual returns. One reconnaissance team remains in the valley.

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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20330

30 March 1968
4:30 AM EST

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THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 8:00 PM EST
29 March (9:00 AM 30 March, SVN time)

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

	8:00 PM 29 Mar EST	
ON HAND	(9:00 AM 30 Mar SVN)	

CLASS I (Rations)

Meal, Combat, Individual	22	22 days
B Rations	6	6 days

CLASS III (Fuel)

Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	3	3 days
JP-4 Fuel (Jet Fuel)	10.6	10.6 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	12.6	13.3 days
Diesel	17.9	15.6 days

CLASS V (Ammunition)

a. High Explosive

60-mm mortar	46	46 days
81-mm mortar	35	35 days
90-mm (Tank)	69	69 days
4.2" mortar	28	25 days
105-mm howitzer	23	23 days
155-mm howitzer	32	30 days

b. Antitank

ROUNDS ON HAND

90-mm AP-T	254
90-mm HEAT	1,089
66-mm rocket (LAW)	2,212
Antitank mines (M-15)	349
Antitank mines (M-19)	469
Antitank mines (M-21)	48
106-mm HEAT	1,538
106-mm recoilless rifle (HEP-T)	2,013
3.5" rocket	2,137

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8:00 PM 29 Mar EST
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c. Antipersonnel

90-mm BEEHIVE
105-mm BEEHIVE
106-mm BEEHIVE
90-mm CANNISTER

ROUNDS ON HAND

542
1,090
1,689
323

CLASS V (COFRAM)

105-mm howitzer
155-mm howitzer
40-mm grenade launcher
Hand Grenados

1,684
990
6,729
2,945

2. On 29 March, Khe Sanh was resupplied with 223 short tons as follows:

CLASS I	56 tons
CLASS II	4.5 tons
CLASS III	20 tons
CLASS IV	31.5 tons
CLASS V	93 tons
MISCELLANEOUS	18 tons

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