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Friday, March 29, 1968 - 9:35 am

Mr. President:

At Khe Sanh-DMZ-A Shau:

- 185 rounds enemy incoming at Khe Sanh;
- 132 rounds enemy incoming at DMZ;
- 2,008 friendly rounds;
- 217 tons resupply;
- 73 replacement personnel;
- 306 tactical sorties, plus 30 B-52's;
- weather good.

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Friday, March 29, 1968, 9:00 a.m.

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is report number fifty-four on the situation in the Khe Sanh/DMZ/A Shau Valley area for the 24-hour period of March 28, 1968.

Weather conditions at Khe Sanh remained good throughout the reporting period. Skies were generally clear with occasional scattered low, middle and high clouds. The forecast for the next 24-hour period is for continued good weather with scattered cloudiness. Isolated thundershowers are predicted in the vicinity of Khe Sanh this afternoon. Visibility is expected to be restricted by haze to seven miles.

Aerial resupply increased over the level of the past few days as a total of 217 short tons were delivered. Fifteen airdrops were conducted. Thirty-seven helicopters delivered passengers and cargo. There were 73 replacement personnel delivered.

Khe Sanh received 100 artillery, 50 rocket, and 35 mortar rounds, a total of 185 rounds incoming. These attacks killed two Marines and wounded 13 (five evacuated). Friendly actions at Khe Sanh killed 16 enemy, thirteen by tactical air strikes.

Along the DMZ, an additional 132 enemy incoming rounds were received. Most fell in the vicinity of C-2 base north of Cam Lo where two Marines were killed and 12 wounded.

The 1st Air Cavalry Division continued to patrol with one troop of 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry in the vicinity of Ca Lu as preparations for forthcoming operations vicinity of Khe Sanh progress on schedule. The 101st Airborne Division carried out deception activities in the vicinity of Dong Ha.

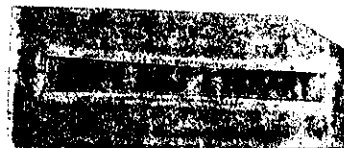
Our artillery fired 99 missions in support of Khe Sanh, expending 2,008 rounds. Twenty-two of the missions were observed. No COFRAM ammunition was fired.

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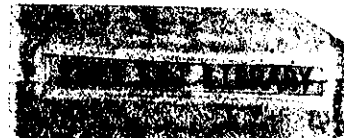
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A total of 306 tactical air sorties were flown in the Niagara area. Of these, 198 were flown in the immediate vicinity of Khe Sanh. Damage observed included seven secondary explosions, eight secondary fires and the destruction of 365 meters of trenches, 31 bunkers and one truck. A total of 263 tactical air sorties are planned for the next reporting period.

Five ARC LIGHT strikes, of 30 sorties, were scheduled. Three sorties were diverted to secondary targets. One of the strikes reported observing seven secondary explosions. Six missions are planned for March 29.

One reconnaissance team was inserted into the A Shau Valley early this morning without drawing fire. Damage assessment from tactical air strikes yesterday in A Shau was four machine gun bunkers destroyed, two secondary explosions. There were no unusual returns on radar missions but 12 emissions at 10 locations were detected on a mission flown along Route 547.



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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

29 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
28 March (9:00 AM 29 March, SVN time)

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

	<u>DAYS SUPPLY</u> <u>ON HAND</u>	<u>8:00 PM 28 Mar EST</u> <u>(9:00 AM 29 Mar SVN)</u>
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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)	13.3	13.3 days
Diesel	15.6	12.2 days

CLASS V (Ammunition)

a. High Explosive

60-mm mortar	46	46 days
81-mm mortar	35	37 days
90-mm (Tank)	69	69 days
4.2" mortar	25	28 days
105-mm howitzer	23	21 days
155-mm howitzer	30	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)	2,047
3.5" rocket	2,064

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c. Antipersonnel

ROUNDS ON HAND


90-mm BEEHIVE	542
105-mm BEEHIVE	1,090
106-mm BEEHIVE	1,689
90-mm CANNISTER	323

CLASS V (COFRAM)

105-mm howitzer	1,684
155-mm howitzer	990
40-mm grenade launcher	6,729
Hand Grenades	2,945

2. On 28 March, Khe Sanh was resupplies with 217 short tons as follows:

CLASS I	41 tons
CLASS II	5.5 tons
CLASS III	16.5 tons
CLASS IV	51.5 tons
CLASS V	98.5 tons
MISCELLANEOUS	4 tons


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