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Saturday, April 6, 1968
10:45 a.m.

Mr. President:

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Khe Sanh-DMZ-A Shau:

- 57 enemy rounds incoming;
- 2,560 friendly rounds;
- 140 tactical support sorties
plus 12 B-52's;
- 184.5 tons resupply;
- weather marginal.

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SUBJECT: Khe Sanh Report

This is report number 62 on the Khe Sanh/DMZ/A Shau Valley area for the 24 hour period, April 6, 1968.

Khe Sanh weather was marginal with fog until 10:00 A.M. yesterday morning. Thereafter, skies became partly cloudy with visibility up to six miles. Marginal conditions returned to 2000 feet and persisted until 10:00 A.M. this morning when conditions again began to improve.

Artillery fire support elements suppressing enemy firing positions and firing on targets of opportunity, expended 2,560 rounds in 170 missions. Forty-four missions were observed. Two missions expended 26 rounds of cofram. Results are unknown. Khe Sanh Combat Base received 41 artillery and 16 mortar rounds for a total of 57 incoming rounds. These attacks wounded 21 marines; all were evacuated.

Attacks against the 1st Battalion, 9th Marines yesterday morning on Hill 471, two kilometers south of Khe Sanh Combat Base were repulsed with 122 enemy killed and 47 individual weapons captured. Two marines were wounded. Also yesterday morning, a 1st Air Cavalry Division helicopter attacked an enemy tank seven kilometers south of Khe Sanh with 2.75 inch rockets. The tank withdrew to the south. During the afternoon, Troop "A", 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry, 4 km southwest of the village of Khe Sanh killed 53 enemy by air. In other action yesterday afternoon, Company D, 1st Battalion 8th Cavalry engaged an enemy force in a bunker complex for approximately one hour. The enemy withdrew and broke contact after 11 were killed. One North Vietnamese was detained and two individuals and one crew served weapon were captured. There were no friendly losses.

Elsewhere in Quang Tri Province, Task Force Kilo continued to advance to the northeast of Dong Ha without contact. Seventeen km east of Quang Tri city, eleven enemy dead and three infantry weapons were discovered, believed to be the result of an artillery or tactical air mission.

Marine aircraft flew 72 sorties in support of Operation Pegasus; the Air Force flew 17 and the Navy 51 for a total of 140 sorties. Of these, 89 were in the immediate vicinity of Khe Sanh. Bomb damage assessment included two secondary fires, five road cuts, two bunkers and two automatic weapons positions destroyed, and one artillery position damaged. Two Arc Light Missions (12 aircraft) were flown.

During the period, 184.5 short tons of supplies and 140 passengers were delivered to Khe Sanh. Eight C130 and one C123 aircraft conducted air drops. Two C123 aircraft and 41 Marine helicopters landed and delivered passengers and cargo. Supplies remain at a satisfactory level with 30 days of rations and 20 or more days

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of large caliber ammunition on hand. Current plans call for the 1st Air Cavalry Division to draw from Khe Sanh Combat Base stockpiles during coming operations.

For the next 24 hours, 106 tactical air sorties are scheduled to support Operation Pegasus with an additional 188 on call. Two Arc Light Missions are scheduled into the Khe Sanh area today.

Weather is expected to be good throughout the afternoon today until sunrise, when fog conditions are expected to reduce ceilings to 1,000 feet and visibility to two miles.

There were five moving target indicators from an A Shau Valley radar mission. Aerial photographic surveillance revealed four vehicles and nine probably occupied anti-aircraft defense sites in the Valley.



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

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 8:00 PM EST
5 April (9:00 AM 6 April, 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 4 Apr EST (9:00 AM 5 Apr SVN)</u>
<u>CLASS I (Rations)</u>		
Meal, Combat, Individual 3 Rations	21 9	21 days 9 days
<u>CLASS III (Fuel)</u>		
Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	3	3 days
JP-4 Fuel (Jet Fuel)	10.6	10.6 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	11.3	9.4 days
Diesel	23.4	24.3
<u>CLASS V (Ammunition)</u>		
A. High Explosive		
60-mm mortar	59	61 days
81-mm mortar	26	29 days
90-mm (tank)	68	68 days
4.2" mortar	20	28 days
105-mm howitzer	29	31 days
155-mm howitzer	29	30 days
B. Antitank		
90-mm AP-T		254
90-mm HEAT		1,089
66-mm rocket (LAW)		2,197
Antitank mines (M-15)		349
Antitank mines (M-19)		469
Antitank mines (M-21)		32
106-mm HEAT		1,533
106-mm recoilless rifle (HEP-T)		1,455
3.5" rocket		2,323

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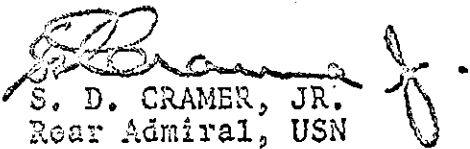
90-mm BEEHIVE	542
105-mm BEEHIVE	1,090
106-mm BEEHIVE	1,456
90-mm CANNISTER	323

CLASS V (COFRAM)

105-mm howitzer	1,637
155-mm howitzer	990
40-mm grenade launcher	6,729
Hand grenades	2,949

2. On 5 April, Khe Sanh was resupplied with 184.5 short tons as follows:

CLASS I	44.5
CLASS II	17.5
CLASS III	8.5
CLASS IV	58.5
CLASS V	46.5
Miscellaneous	9.0


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