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TO THE PRESIDENT  
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YOU SHOULD KNOW WESTY'S ATTACK ON A SHAU VALLEY HAS BEGUN.

ONE BATTALION OF THE 3RD BRIGADE, 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION ASSAULTED INTO A LANDING ZONE IN THE NORTHERN A SHAU VALLEY. AN ADDITIONAL BATTALION WILL BE AIR LANDED TODAY. THE THIRD BATTALION IS ON CALL. THESE ATTACKS INITIATED OPERATION DELAWARE/LAMSON 216. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

FIRE SUPPORT: SIX ARC LIGHT STRIKES HIT TARGETS IN NORTHERN A SHAU VALLEY YESTERDAY IN PREPARATION FOR OUR ATTACKS. TWO ADDITIONAL B-52 STRIKES WERE TARGETED AGAINST ROUTES 547 AND 547A. EIGHTY-FIVE TACTICAL AIR SORTIES SUPPORTED THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION WITH THE MAJOR PORTION AGAINST A SHAU. GUNSHIPS FROM THE 9TH CAVALRY HIT NUMEROUS TARGETS IN THE VALLEY. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT INCLUDED TWO STRUCTURES, 28 BUNKERS, AND ONE ANTI-AIRCRAFT POSITION DESTROYED. ARTILLERY SUPPORTED WITH 2,046 ROUNDS FIRED.

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**FROM WALT ROSTOW****FOR THE PRESIDENT**

**You should know Westy's attack on A Shau Valley has begun.**

**One battalion of the 3rd Brigade, 1st Air Cavalry Division assaulted into a landing zone in the northern A Shau Valley. An additional battalion will be air landed today. The third battalion is on call. These attacks initiated operation DELAWARE/LAM SON 216. No contact has been reported.**

**Fire support: Six Arc Light strikes hit targets in northern A Shau Valley yesterday in preparation for our attacks. Two additional B-52 strikes were targeted against Routes 547 and 547A. Eighty-five tactical air sorties supported the 1st Air Cavalry Division with the major portion against A Shau. Gunships from the 9th Cavalry hit numerous targets in the valley. Damage assessment included two structures, 28 bunkers, and one antiaircraft position destroyed. Artillery supported with 2,046 rounds fired.**

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