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Friday, April 5, 1968 -- 9:30 a.m.

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Mr. President:

Khe Sanh-DMZ-A Shau:

- 18 rounds enemy;
- 2,403 rounds friendly;
- 176 tactical support sorties plus 36 B-52's;
- 129.5 tons resupply;
- weather favorable.

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TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is report number sixty-one on the situation in the Khe Sanh/DMZ/A Shau Valley for the 24-hour period of April 4, 1968.

Khe Sanh weather on April 4 was low overcast with fog until 11:00 a.m. when ceilings improved to 3,000 feet. Conditions remained favorable up to 9:00 p.m., when ceilings and visibility lowered to near 500 feet and 2 miles, respectively. These conditions continued through 9:00 a.m. this morning. A similar pattern with slight improvement is predicted for today.

Resupply for the reporting period amounted to 129.5 short tons. In addition, 44 passenger replacements were landed. Eight C-130 and four C-123 aircraft conducted airdrops. One C-123 aircraft and 17 helicopters landed and delivered cargo and passengers. The stock levels of supplies are considered to be adequate.

The enemy fired a total of 18 rounds at Khe Sanh Combat Base yesterday; 11 artillery and seven mortar. There were no friendly casualties.

Operation Pegasus action included an attack to the southeast out of Khe Sanh Combat Base yesterday by the 1st Battalion 9th Marines. A heavy artillery preparation preceded the attack and 30 North Vietnamese Army bodies were found during the assault. The objective, two kilometers south, was taken without contact. However, heavy enemy shelling during the night killed seven Marines and wounded 34 others (31 evacuated). Friendly casualties in Operation Pegasus for the reporting period were 20 killed and 138 wounded (93 evacuated). Thirty-nine enemy were killed, seven individual and two crew-served weapons captured.

Elsewhere in Quang Tri Province, Task Force Kilo continued to sweep south from the DMZ toward the Song Bo Deiu river. There have been no contacts to date.

Artillery fire support in the Pegasus area during the period of April 3rd and 4th consisted of 197 missions expending 2,403 rounds. Forty missions were observed. Data on total missions fired yesterday is incomplete. However, one mission fired 78 rounds of 105mm COFRAM at troops in the open one kilometer southwest of Khe Sanh. Observer reported rounds on target with unknown results.

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A total of 176 tactical air sorties were flown in support of Operation Pegasus. Of these, sixty-two strikes were in the immediate vicinity of Khe Sanh. One secondary explosion, one secondary fire and seven road cuts were observed.

Six ARC LIGHT strikes (36 sorties) supported Operation Pegasus and Khe Sanh. One secondary explosion was observed. Two secondary explosions were reported for the period of April 2nd and 3rd. Two strikes (12 sorties) are scheduled for today.

Two radar missions in the A Shau Valley reported no significant activity.



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

5 April 1968
0600 EST

THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Supply Status at Khe Sanh as of 8:00 PM EST
4 April (9:00 AM 5 April, SVN time)

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

DAYS SUPPLY ON HAND	PREVIOUS STATUS	
	8:00 PM 3 Apr EST (9:00 AM 4 Apr SVN)	

CLASS I (Rations)

Meal, Combat, Individual 3 Rations	21 9	21 days 7 days
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CLASS III (Fuel)

Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	3	3 days
JP-4 Fuel (Jet Fuel)	10.6	10.6 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	9.4	10.2 days
Diesel	24.3	22.4 days

CLASS V (Ammunition)

A. High Explosive

60-mm mortar	61	62 days
82-mm mortar	29	30 days
90-mm (tank)	68	68 days
4.2" mortar	23	28 days
105-mm howitzer	31	21 days
155-mm howitzer	30	31 days

B. Antitank

	ROUNDS ON HAND
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
8.2" rocket	2,323

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C. Antipersonnel

ROUNDS ON HAND

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

CLASS V (COFRAM)

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

2. On 4 April, Khe Sanh was resupplied with 129.5 short tons as follows:

CLASS I	23
CLASS II	7.5
CLASS III	17.5
CLASS IV	32
CLASS V	47
Miscellaneous	2.5

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