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Wednesday, April 3, 1968
9:40 a.m.

Mr. President:

Khe Sanh-DMZ-A Shau:

Pres file

- 152 enemy rounds incoming;
- 1,098 friendly rounds;
- 142 tactical sorties, plus 42 B-52's;
- 147 tons resupply;
- weather operable.

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Wednesday, April 3, 1968, 9:00 a.m.

TEXT OF CABLE FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND

This is report number fifty-nine on the situation in the Khe Sanh/DMZ/A Shau Valley for the 24-hour period of April 2, 1968.

Weather at Khe Sanh was clear to partly cloudy yesterday with visibility to five miles. Fog and low clouds formed by 9:00 p.m. lowering ceilings and visibility to less than 500 feet and 1/2 miles, respectively. These conditions persisted until 9:00 this morning. Yesterday's pattern is predicted for the next 24 hours.

Operation Pegasus continued with only light contact. All objectives for the day were secured. The air assault of the 2nd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division to landing zones seven kilometers south southeast of Khe Sanh, which was initially planned for tomorrow, will be initiated today. Cumulative casualties for deception plan and Operation Pegasus since March 30 were: Friendly 41 killed (14 ARVN, 27 US), 271 wounded (80 ARVN, 191 US), nine missing; enemy 402 killed, 29 killed by air, nine detained, 73 infantry weapons and 17 crew-served weapons captured (the bulk of these casualties occurred in the deception operations west of Quang Tri).

The enemy fired 152 mixed artillery and mortar rounds at Khe Sanh Combat Base yesterday. Five Marines received minor wounds.

Artillery fire support for Khe Sanh consisted of 142 missions expending 1,098 rounds, fourteen missions were observed. No COFRAM ammunition was fired.

Resupply for the reporting period amounted to 147 short tons. In addition, 59 passenger replacements were flown to Khe Sanh. Seven C-130 and four C-123 aircraft conducted air drops. Thirty-six helicopters landed and delivered cargo and passengers. Supplies remain at a satisfactory level with 27 days of rations and 22 or more days of large caliber ammunition on hand.

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A total of 142 tactical air sorties were flown in support of Operation Pegasus. Of these, 68 were in the immediate vicinity of Khe Sanh. There was no bomb damage assessment. Tactical air sorties planned for tomorrow total 140, with an additional 100 on call. There are 600 additional preplanned sorties that can be diverted into the Pegasus area.

Seven ARC LIGHT strikes (42 sorties) supported Khe Sanh and Operation Pegasus. Ten secondary explosions were observed. Four missions are scheduled for today.

The early morning radar mission in A Shau showed no unusual returns; however, the evening mission revealed returns of 17, 19 and 15 moving target indications in an area northeast and east of A Shau Valley in the vicinity of Route 547. These heavy returns were picked up at different times during the mission. An afternoon photo mission revealed ten probable occupied anti-aircraft defensive positions. There have been twenty-nine ARC LIGHT strike in A Shau Valley since February 24.

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

3 April 1968
5:00 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
2 April (9:00 AM 3 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	8:00 PM 2 Apr EST (9:00 AM 3 Apr SVN)
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CLASS I (Rations)

Meal, Combat, Individual B Rations.	21 6	21 days 6 days
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CLASS III (Fuel)

Aviation Gas (AVGAS)	3	3 days
JP-4 Fuel (Jet Fuel)	10.6	10 days
Motor Gasoline (MOGAS)	10.4	11 days
Diesel	21.3	14 days

CLASS V (Ammunition)

A. High Explosive

60-mm mortar	48	48 days
81-mm mortar	31	31 days
90-mm (tank)	68	68 days
4.2" mortar	28	28 days
105-mm howitzer	22	22 days
155-mm howitzer	32	33 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)	32
106-mm HEAT	1,557
106-mm recoilless rifle (HEP-T)	1,713
3.5" rocket	2,114

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C. Antipersonnel.

	<u>ROUNDS ON HAND</u>
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 2 April, Khe Sanh was resupplied with 147 short tons as follows:

CLASS I	46 tons
CLASS II	11.5 tons
CLASS III	14.5 tons
CLASS IV	40 tons
CLASS V	31.5 tons
Miscellaneous	3.5 tons

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