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CU CHI (XT6416) RVN  
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Reference: Maps 1:50,000 RVN Sheets 6131 I, 6231 IV.

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## 1. (X) SITUATION:

a. Enemy: As briefed.

b. Friendly: 3-22d Infantry Bn conducts airmobile assault to conduct cordon and search in AO.

c. Attachments and detachments: None.

2. (X) MISSION: 269th Combat Aviation Battalion conducts airmobile assault lifting 3-22d Infantry Bn in three lifts into one LZ. Support operation with gunship preparation of LZ.

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a. Concept of operation: Two assault helicopter companies lift 3-22d Inf Bn from PZ TAY NINH in three lifts, separate touchdown into same LZ after artillery and gunship preparation.

b. Annex A: Operation Overlay.

c. Annex B: Sequence of Events.

d. Fire support:

(1) Air: Combat Sky Spots may be performed early in AM.

(2) Artillery: From TAY NINH 0650-0710.

e. Gunships:

(1) Escort all lift ships.

(2) Mark LZ 1 on each lift.

(3) Preparation of LZ 1 0710-0715.

(4) Cover AO and engage targets as directed by C &amp; C.

f. Pathfinders: Provide control by radio at PZ TAY NINH on lead company frequency.

g. Smoke NORTHEAST of LZ 1 on each run to include departure route.

h. Coordinating instructions:

(1) Altitude: 2000 ft.

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Annex B (Sequence of Events) to OPORD 27-67 (U)

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
1	0500	Smoke ship take off CC. for weather check and drop off pathfinders.
2	0600	C&C aircraft departs CC for TN.
3.	0620	BLACK WIDOWS depart for TN.
4	0635	BLACKHAWKS line up to SOUTH PZ TAY NINH. Trail. Shut down.
5	0640	BLACKWIDOWS arrive PZ TAY NINH. Line up. Trail EAST side of BLACKHAWKS to the SOUTH. Shut down.
6	0645	C&C aircraft takeoff TN.
7	0650 - 0710	Arty prep of LZ-1 (XT090568).
8	0659	Lift aircraft start engine.
9	0700	RATPACK report to C&C vicinity RP-1.
10	0701	Lift aircraft load troops, 6 pax per aircraft from 3-22 FALCON.
11	0703	Lift aircraft takeoff TN to the SOUTH, route BLACK, heavy right formation, 2000', 20 second separation between companies.
12	0710 - 0715	Gunships prep of LZ-1. RATPACK mark.
13	0712	Lift aircraft RP-1.
14	0715	Lift aircraft land LZ-1 (XT090568). Heavy right formation to the NORTHWEST, BLACKWIDOWS land in same LZ, 20 second after BLACKHAWKS, same formation. Takeoff right sharp turn low level over trees to open area, then climb direct to PZ TAY NINH.
15	0721	Lift aircraft land PZ TAY NINH. Load 6 pax per aircraft.
16	0722	Lift aircraft takeoff TN route RED, 2000', heavy right, 20 second separation between companies.
17	0727	Lift aircraft RP-2. Route RED.
18	0729	Lift aircraft land LZ-1 same as previous lift off shallow right turn.

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Lift aircraft RP-2. Route RED.

Lift aircraft land LZ-1 same as previous lift. Take-off shallow right turn, low level over trees to open area, then climb direct to PZ TAY NINH.

Lift aircraft land PZ TAY NINH. Load 6 or 7 per aircraft.

Lift aircraft takeoff PZ TAY NINH, route GREEN, heavy right formation, 20 second separation.

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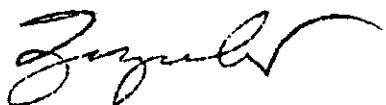
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21	0741	Lift aircraft land LZ-1 same as previous lift, 20 second separation. Takeoff left turn unless otherwise directed by C&C.	
22	0745	Lift aircraft depart A/O to mission as assigned by BOC	

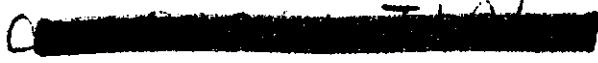
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Annex C (Signal) to OPORD 27-67 (v)

1. (C) Bn Command Frequencies: UHF 258.2 (Alt 233.9); FM 69.70 (Alt 66.2).

2. (C) Unit Frequencies:

a. 187th: FM 63.85; UHF 233.9.

b. 188th: FM 69.05; UHF 360.4.

3. (C) Pathfinders: CAVALIER TAY NINH 63.85 and \*69.05.

4. (C) Med Evac: TAY NINH WEST - TANGO ACTION 56.10.

5. (C) Recovery: PIPESMOKE CONTROL (Contact C & C).

6. (C) Artillery: Through C & C. FOCUS 53 (FM 69.30).

Air: Through C & C.\*

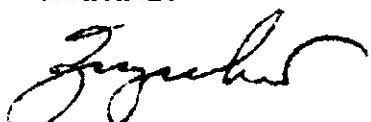
7. (C) Ground units: FALCON 2-12th FM 36.0.

8. (C) \*Code: REROUTE CHARLIE, transmitted three times by the C & C aircraft, indicates that a change to the alternate frequency is necessary. At this time all elements will change frequencies to the above assigned alternates.

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- (2) Airspeed: 60 knots forming, 80 knots enroute.
- (3) Formations: Trail in PZ, heavy right enroute and LZ 1.
- (4) Aircraft load: 6 or 7 pax per acft.
- (5) Rules of Engagement: SOP.
- (6) Door gun suppression: Outside door guns on 1st lift.
- (7) LZ marked with smoke by RAT PACK.
- (8) Downed aircraft procedures:
  - (a) Contact C & C.
  - (b) Recovery ship on standby at TAY NINH WEST 0700-0830.
  - (c) Security force: Last two aircraft of flight. LFT provide cover.
  - (d) Best base for emergency landing: TAY NINH WEST.
- (9) Reports to C & C:
  - (a) Out of PZ and LZ by each flight.
  - (b) RP by each flight.
  - (c) Any fire received.
- (10) Weather decision by AMC 010530 Sep 67. 30 minute increments.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

- a. Refueling: None scheduled. TAY NINH WEST available.
- b. Rearming: TAY NINH WEST.
- c. Medevac: US personnel to TAY NINH WEST.
- d. Spare aircraft: One per company, under company control.
- e. Maintenance aircraft: One per company, under company control.

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Signal: Annex C (Signal).
- b. Command:
  - (1) AMTF Commander: LTC Harold.
  - (2) Air Mission Commander: LTC Merryman.

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(3) Alternate Air Mission Commander: LTC Cockett.

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ANNEXES:

- Annex A - Operation Overlay
- Annex B - Sequence of Events
- Annex C - Signal

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