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SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters, I FFONCEV for Quarterly
Period Ending 31 October 1968 MCS CSFOh-65 (hl) (U)

1. During the reporting period, Detachment D flew 276 sorties in support of units of the II CTZ, transporting 7,915 pounds of cargo. The detachment also interpreted 937 targets and made 333,867 prints of which 216,102 were processed; prepared 933 II reports including 1,134 items.

2. Hand-held photographic missions continued to receive emphasis within the Detachment's overall operations. It flew 32 hand-held missions resulting in 2,688 developed prints.

(e) Long Range Patrol (LRP) Company:

1. Training: Retesting of approximately 100 ARVN students who failed the LRP Qualification Test at Duc My Ranger Training Center last July has been scheduled for 4 November 1968. An additional 100 ARVN LRPs from the second training cycle will also be tested at this time. Training Cycle Three commenced on 14 October and is the last U.S. sponsored training cycle. ARVN LRP training will be continued indefinitely under ARVN control beginning 2 December 1968. Medium Range patrolling for RF units is scheduled to begin on the same date. RF units will be trained by U.S. teams for the first two cycles. RF cadre will conduct cycles three through 15 from January to May 1969. To date, 500 ARVN LRPs have been trained by U.S. training teams; of these 300 successfully completed training. The 200 personnel being tested at Duc My on 4 November are included in the 300 who have completed training. Future testing of ARVN LRP personnel is contingent on ARVN Joint General Staff (JGS) scheduling.

2. Operations: During the reporting period, Co E (LRP), 20th Inf inserted 163 LRPs which resulted in 120 enemy sightings and 33 enemy KIA (RC). The LRP losses were 13 WIA. Integration of ARVN and U.S. LRPs continues to have excellent results. To date 154 ARVN LRPs have been integrated into U.S. units.

(f) The 64th Engineer Detachment (Terrain):

1. Terrain Analysis Overprint (TAO) stock was inventoried and stock in ready access storage was reduced to 10 sheets per map sheet. Requests for TAO's were minimal during the quarter. Excess map sheets have been placed in Conex storage.

2. A folio of 1:100,000 map sheets covering II CTZ has been annotated showing locations of construction materials (rock, sand, gravel) in the II CTZ. Map annotations are keyed to a booklet describing them. Reproduction has been initiated and several copies of the folio are being produced.

3. Requests for photo coverage of civilian and military built-up areas in the II CTZ have been made to M & I Branch, USAFV Engineer in order to complete tinting requirements for the L 607 series map overprint project.

4. The backlog experienced of posting master tactical data to the 1:50,000 map sheets has been eliminated. The cause of this backlog was personnel leaving the detachment on normal PCS. Reprinting of tactical data has begun and distribution should begin 2 Nov 68.

5. Results from field units of their evaluation of the orthophoto maps have been received and are being analyzed. This unit is