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SUBJECT: Operational Report of Headquarters I FFORCEV for Quarterly Period Ending 31 July 1968 RCS CSFOR-65 (R1) (U)

2. Hand-held photographic missions continued to receive increasing emphasis within the detachment's overall operations. It flew 60 hand-held missions resulting in 5510 developed prints.

(e) Long Range Patrol (LRP) Company:

1. Training: Cycle one of the ARVN LRP training program initiated during the last quarter has progressed to completion. Of the 121 students in Training Cycle One who were tested during the period 22-28 July 1968, 22 will be qualified as ARVN LRPs. The LRP qualification test is administered by the ARVN Ranger Training Center at DUC MY. This test is an ARVN imposed requirement on all ARVN LRP trainees and is the basis for determining which personnel will be award the ARVN LRF badge and LRP incentive pay. The high attrition rate is attributed to the stringent standards observed by the Ranger Training Center. Alternative utilization or retraining is being considered for the 99 LRP personnel who have completed training but were not qualified. Ranger testing procedures are also being studied more closely to ascertain which areas may require greater training emphasis for future students. Training Cycle Two of the program began on 29 July 1968. If required, modifications of the FOI will be implemented as soon as possible. Mobile Training Teams are now provided by the 173d Airborne Brigade (Sep) for 22d ARVN Division, Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry (Airborne) for 23d ARVN Division and 4th Infantry Division for 24th STZ (ARVN).

2. Operations: During the reporting period, Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry inserted 153 LRPs which resulted in 124 enemy sightings and 45 enemy KIA (EC). Friendly losses were three LRP members KIA and 12 wounded. Integration of ARVN and US LRP personnel continues to effect excellent results. There have been some outstanding examples of ARVN LRP contributions with no derogatory reports received. To date 33 ARVN LRPs have completed integration with US units and 29 ARVN Rangers are now integrated into two platoons of Company E (LRP), 20th Infantry for LRP operations. Integration periods are normally 60 days in duration. Approximately 50 additional ARVN LRPs are scheduled to begin integrated operations with US units on 5 August 1968.

(f) The 64th Engineer Detachment (Terrain): The detachment updated, and after printing, distributed 62,900 copies of tactical data overprinted maps covering seventy 1:50,000 scale map sheets; 1900 of the terrain analysis overprinted maps covering 1:50,000 scale map sheets were distributed. One study on enemy infiltration was completed and distributed. Three special studies covering trafficability, stream crossings, and a terrain study of local areas were prepared.

(3) Deviation from current intelligence doctrine: No change from previous quarter.

(4) Significant changes from previous reports: None.

(5) Enemy Order of Battle:

(a) Disposition of NVA, VC Main Forces and VC Local Forces is shown at Inclosure 1.

(b) Changes in Order of Battle holdings during the period:

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