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149TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP
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SUBJECT: Weekly Significant Activities Report (U)

TO: Commanding Officer
525th Military Intelligence Group
ATTN: S-3
APO US Forces 96307

1. (U) Forwarded herewith is the Weekly Significant Activities Report for the period 10 December through 17 December 1966.
2. (U) Source Administration and Budget and Fiscal Sections submitted negative reports.
3. (U) Regraded UNCLASSIFIED when separated from CLASSIFIED inclosures and CLASSIFIED codeword is removed.

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- 2 Incl:
1. Support Activities
 2. Operational Activities

WILLIAM O. PEAK
Colonel, AIS
Commanding

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SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) Travel:

a. Col Peak made a visit to the training facility at Vung Tau on 12 December 1966.

b. Col Pavlis made a visit to 149th elements in the I CTZ from 12 through 15 December.

2. (U) Arrival of New Unit: The 570th MI Detachment, consisting of 1 WO and 2 EM, arrived at Vung Tau on 12 December, and were flown to TSN that same date. All unit processing has been completed.

3. (FOUO) Security:

a. An announced security inspection was conducted on 14 December of Company C, Unilat Bn, Bien Hoa. On 21 Dec a security inspection will be conducted of Company B, Unilat Bn, Danang, by CPT Merano and SP5 Kassner. The front gate guard post at 315 has been completed and work is due to commence on the guard post at the Supply point. 100 more documents have been destroyed in the past few days, bringing the total now to 500. A Group Security Seminar will be conducted in this Headquarters on 19 Dec at 0900 hours to discuss and resolve security problems.

b. All Vietnamese civilians (5) working on the 2d floor for 1st Log Command, have been processed for security checks. We received 27 additional security checks on JTAD employees with four being positive. Further investigation continuing. 27 additional requests submitted. On 13 Dec a meeting was attended by Security Officers, called by the HAC PM, to discuss US jurisdiction over Vietnamese Nationals.

c. A meeting was conducted on 14 Dec with the Signal Officer, 525th, concerning operational codes for Bilat Bn. Codes and one time pads, if accepted, will be ready for issue next week. A further meeting is scheduled for 19 Dec.

4. (U) Supply: Letters of instruction to field elements regarding logistical support were written and dispatched. The inventory of 568th property has been completed and the unit WABTOC package has been picked up.

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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES

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1. (S) Planning

a. Bilateral mission plans based on Operation Plans 26-LS-1 and 26-NV-1, are being staffed at this headquarters.

b. The bilateral Coastal Watch plan is being staffed at this headquarters.

c. The bilateral Golden Arrow concept of operations has been informally coordinated with 525th MI Group and J-2, MACV. It is being published and will be forwarded to 525th MI Group for approval.

d. The 149th MI Group's DMZ Operations Support Plan has been informally coordinated with 525th MI Group and J-2, MACV. It is being published and will be forwarded to 525th MI Group for approval.

e. The bilateral operation plan for a Tri-border operation has been staffed at this headquarters, informally coordinated with 525th MI Group, and is being informally reviewed by J-2, MACV.

f. The unilateral operation plan TS-1 has been published and forwarded to 525th MI Group.

g. The unilateral operation plan TS-6 has been submitted to 525th MI Group for informal coordination.

h. The unilateral operations support plan for Operation Fairfax has been informally coordinated with 525th MI Group and is undergoing informal review at J-2, MACV.

i. The unilateral Northeastern DMZ operation plan is being written by the Unilateral Operations Battalion. This operation is in support of this Group's DMZ Operation Plan.

2. (C) Training

a. An analysis of the potential impact that the Intelligence Data Handling System could have on the 149th MI Group field operations was prepared.

b. Twelve program variations have been developed by this office to date. Nine comparisons of IR production by agent, team, province, and cost effectiveness have been developed. *brief*

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3. (C) Unilateral Operations Battalion

a. Summary of Events (Headquarters Element):

(1) Organizational changes. A negative report is submitted.

(2) Other Activities.

(a) On 12 December 1966, LTC Salley, Battalion Commander, and LTC Pavlis, Executive Officer, 149th MI Group, travelled to A Company, DaNang, on a command visit.

(b) On 14 December 1966, MAJ Chambers, Bn Operations Officer, and GPT Ray, Plans Branch, 149th MI Group, visited Company C, Bien Hoa to discuss operation Fairfax.

b. Summary of Events (Field Elements):

(1) Organizational changes

(a) A Company. A negative report is submitted.

(b) B Company. A negative report is submitted.

(c) C Company. 1LT Kenneth Miller departed the 25th Cmd/Ln Det for assignment as the Team Chief for the Collection Team in support of Operation Fairfax.

(d) D Company. CPT Poklemba travelled to Nha Trang for a briefing by 5th Special Forces Group prior to his assignment to C4, USSF.

(2) Other Activities.

(a) A Company. A negative report is submitted.

(b) B Company. A negative report is submitted.

(c) C Company.

1. CO, Company C contacted II FFV Engineers regarding the possibility of having a structure erected within the 219th MI Det compound for use by Company C as an office.

2. CO, Company C coordinated with LTC Rance, 219th MI Det concerning Operation Fairfax. The CO and Operations Officer, Company C, visited the 1st Cmd/Ln Det, and in the company of the OIC of that detachment, visited subsector headquarters at Thu Duc and Sector Headquarters at Gia Dinh in connection with Operation Fairfax.

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3. On 9 December 1966, OIC, C3 USSF Cmd/Ln Det and CPT McVickers, S-2, C3 USSF paid an operational visit to Company C.

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5. TC, CT# 38, Tay Ninh effected liaison with MAJ McBride, S-2, USSF; Tay Ninh. MAJ McBride was very cooperative. The support the CT could give the USSF was discussed.

c. Operational Summary:

(1) A Company. A negative report is submitted.

(2) B Company. A negative report is submitted.

(3) C Company.

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(e) Efforts are being made to establish a communications line between CT# 38 and the USSF team in Tay Ninh. Once established, the line may be extended to the USSF C3 team in Long Binh and then to Company C Headquarters.

4. (C) Special Operations Battalion

a. Summary of Events (Headquarters Element):

(1) Negotiations for new Hqs building are currently underway. Building tentatively selected is scheduled to be completed by 22 December 1966. Headquarters Area Command (HAC) is preparing the lease to be tendered to owner on 17 December 1966.

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(2) Personnel Changes:

(a) SFC Sakamoto was assigned to Bn - Hq Sect.

(b) CPT Teraoka has been reassigned to Bn Hq pending further reassignment.

b. Summary of Events (Field/Operational Elements):

(1) Transportation Detachment - No significant activity to report.

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(3) Exploitation Detachment:

(a) ACO Grenier met once with TS-6; CR and two IR's submitted. ACO Owen met once with TS-1; CR and eight IR's submitted.

(b)

(4) SARD:

(a) ACO Francis:

1. Took over cases and files of ACO Teraoka, who was reassigned to Bn Hq.

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(b) ACO Liepmann:

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(c) ACO Bryant:

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(d) ACO Bari:

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c. Operational Summary:

Coordination with 525th MI Group and Intelligence Operations Division, J-2, MACV, has resulted in a more expeditious handling of NTR's on individuals of operational interest. During the period 13-15 December 1966, Special Operations Bn received results of 24 NTR's (12 written, 12 verbal).

5. (C) Bilateral Operations Battalion

a. Summary of Events and Personnel Changes:

(1) Personnel Changes:

(a) Headquarters Bilat Bn:

No significant change to report.

(b) Region I:

1LT Stanley W Price assigned as Station Chief, Team 14.

(c) Region II:

1. SFC Kenneth Goodart, Region Opns Sgt, departed for CONUS on 6 December 1966.

2. CWO Richard C Bennett, Team 24, was transferred to Region IV effective 8 December 1966.

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(d) Region III:

1. MAJ John V. Gordon reassigned from Region III to Region IV as the Region Commander.
2. CPT Gerald F. Mauk assumed command of Region III.
3. 1LT Sanford B Carnahan reassigned from Team 76 to XO, Region III.

(e) Region IV:

1. MAJ John V Gordon, MSG Steve Tomasic, and SGT Anton Klug assigned to Region IV Headquarters.
2. SSG Robert H. Schneider, and SP4 David Cote assigned to Team 46, Can Tho.

(f) Region V:

2LT John Poncina reassigned from Region V to Region II.

(2) Summary of Events:

(a) Headquarters Bilat Bn:

LTC Luther Morris, CO, Bilat Bn, and LTC Nhun, CO, 924th Support Group, visited Ban Me Thuot to attend operational briefings.

(b) Region I:

1. On 6 December 1966, the Station Chief, Team 14, met with MAJ Whitmey, G2 Adv, 1st ARVN Div, and CPT Tinios, SIA, Thua Thien Sector, to discuss operational coverage of Phong Dien District, Thua Thien Province, with particular emphasis placed upon the reporting of information allied to the increased VC mining effort along Hwy 1 in Phong Dien District. The Station Chief advised MAJ Whitney and CPT Tinios that coverage could best be used to determine the storage areas of the mines and the units responsible for the mining; however, sources would not be particularly effective if they were targeted against determining the specific locations of mines planted on the highway.

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This inclement weather has also had an adverse effect on the number of combat responses to reports, in that most responses in the past have been air responses, such as aerial reconnaissance or air strikes.

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(c) Region II:

1. On 6-7 December 1966, Mr Peckham visited Reg Hqs to brief the Region CO concerning IBC operations discussed while Peckham was in Saigon. Mr Hudaish remained at Bilat Hq to assist in preparing the OPlan for this operation.

2. MAJ Capps visited Bilat Hqs on 7 December 1966 to discuss personnel reassignments within the region, and the IBC operation which has a target date on mid-January 1967 for dispatch.

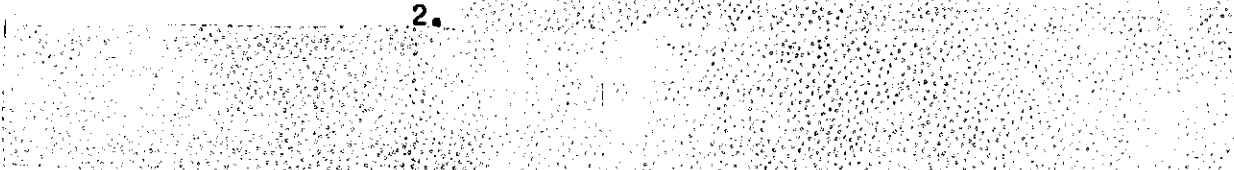
3. Mr Danielson, Team 21, returned on station 3 December 1966 from attending the regional conference held at Nha Trang on 1 December 1966.

4. Mr Clifford Rathman, Bilat Hqs Desk Officer, Region II, with two counterparts arrived 6 December 1966, to conduct the annual CP inspection.

(d) Region III:

1. On 8 December 1966, COL Peak, CO, 149th MI Group and LTC Morris, CO, Bilat Bn, were briefed on Region III operations, shown the three Saigon safe-houses, and flown to Phu Loi Field Station for a briefing on field station operations.

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(e) Region IV and V:

No significant activities to report.

b. Operational Summary.

(1) Region I:

(a) Team 11:

1. 26-NV-1: AH 334 reported on 9 December 1966 too many VC in his target area, also 334 and T-206 were sick all of the previous week.

2. 26-NV-2: Three operations were launched under NV-2, each controlled by B-315.

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(b) Team 14:

All OPlans of Team 14 (26-SV-48, 51, and 58) are presently being revised. Revision will be completed prior to 25 December 1966.

(c) Team 15:

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2. OPlan 26-SV-55: Case officer B-177 had previously been unable to travel to the Tra Bong area due to bad weather, but was recently able to make the trip and contact his sources in that area. The mission was deemed successful but results have not as yet been submitted.

(2) Region II:

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(3) Region III:

(a) 26-SV-56:

(b) On 8 December 1966, Mr Winter travelled to the Special Forces "A" Teams at Nui Ba Den and Suoi Da to effect liaison with the team commanders. To utilize SF relay facilities in handling transmissions, agents will have to use counterparts in the Vietnamese SF, or supply an AN/PRC/47 series which would automatically relay all desired transmissions. Coordination will have to be effected through Det C-3, Bien Hoa.

(c) On 5 December 1966, TC 32 visited the Tay Ninh Field Station and briefed the new Station Chief on the nets of AH 205 and AH 316.

(d) On 7 December 1966, a meeting was held with Team Chief 90 and AH B.146. The re-writing of OPlan 26-SV-45 was discussed, and a copy translated into Vietnamese will be submitted to the Team Chief for his approval.

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(e) On 7 December 1966, MAJ Henderson, USARV Real Estate Officer, returned to Tan An concerning housing for FS 34. A house was located, which, if suitable, was available for immediate occupancy. On 12 December 1966, CPT Mauk and Mr Ransome accompanied MAJ Henderson to Tan An to inspect the house.

(f) Mr Elms and Mr Gilbert made a liaison trip to Xuan Loc on 5 December 1966, to further coordinate the establishment of Team 35 as a Field Station.

(4) Region IV: A negative report is submitted.

(5) Region V:

c. Combat Response/Early Warning.

(1) Region I:

(a) IR 14/321, reported by Source T1-03 concerning the personal observation of a U/I VC Company deployed in the area of YC 875 970, resulted in sky spot bombing. Results are unknown.

(b) IR 14/337, reported by concerned Army
bl. a VC Company forming a 100 man porter group in Thoung Hoa Hamlet (YD 570 337). The report resulted in a joint patrol of 1st ARVN Div and Thua Thien Sector Reaction Force, with negative results.

(c) The following IR's resulted in Air strikes by Task Force X-Ray, USMC. Results of the Air Strikes are unknown:

1. IR B/I/15/67/435 from concerned the Army
bl. movement of the 18th VC Regiment into southern Quang Ngai Province and resulted in an air strike by the USMC Force.

2. IR B/I/15/67/438 from Source S.010 concerned the 37th VC Battalion's location and intentions.

3. IR B/I/15/67/439 from Source S.220 concerned a VC rice storage depot.

4. IR B/I/15/67/498 from con- Army
bl. concerned a rice storage area.

5. IR B/I/15/67/500 from con- Army
bl. concerned information on a VC tunnel used as an office.

6. IR B/I/15/67/506 from S.214 concerned a VC supply area.

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7. IR B/I/15/67/516 from [redacted] provided information on a VC heavy artillery Battalion and its location. Army b1
8. IR B/I/15/67/520 from [redacted] concerned a VC rice storage area. The IR was rated extremely valuable. Tabk Force X-Ray USMC responded with an air strike. Army b1
9. IR B/I/15/67/524 from [redacted] concerned a new VC base known as T-30. Army b1
10. IR B/I/15/67/534 from [redacted] concerned a VC tax and finance office with near-by rest area. Army b1
11. IR B/I/15/67/535 from S.009 from [redacted] provided information on a VC tunnel, and an unidentified VC unit. Army b1
12. IR B/I/15/67/537 from [redacted] provided information on a VC tunnel. Army b1
13. IR B/I/15/67/539 from [redacted] concerned the 19th VC Battalion and its location. Army b1
14. IR B/I/15/67/542 from [redacted] concerned a VC training center known as AP Bac or Nguyen Van Troi Training Center. Army b1
15. IR B/I/15/67/544 from [redacted] concerned the T-19 District Force Company. Army b1
16. IR B/I/15/67/543 from [redacted] concerned a VC rice storage area. Army b1

(2) Region II: A negative report is submitted.

(3) Region III:

(a) Raw IR B/III/32/67/271 dated 9 December 1966, from Source J.201 was passed to S2, 196th Lt Inf Bde on 9 December 1966. The IR concerned a VC base area and two top NFLSVN leaders. One VR, one photomission, and two red haze flights were scheduled. Results are not known.

(4) Region IV: A negative report is submitted.

(5) Region V: A negative report is submitted.

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