

~~10. CG EMERAC 021949Z AUG69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE FOR LIMDIS  
FORCE PLANNING~~

~~11. CG EMERAC 050319Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FORCE PLANNING~~

~~12. CG EMERAC 050229Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR CE PLANNING~~

13. CG USARV 051240Z AUG69 (TS) LIMDIS EYES ONLY SENSITIVE  
FORCE PLANNING

~~14. CG EMERAC 050418Z AUG69 (TS) TOP SECRET LIMDIS  
PLANNING FOR MORE REDEPLOYMENTS  
DASSEC CINCSPACEFLT 302258Z JUL~~

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## DECLASSIFIED

- AUG
15. DCS USARV LBN 030300Z ~~JUN~~69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZAIS & WRIGHT FROM BOWERS  
MULLER NOMINATED FOR DSA ICTZ -- IS HE ACCEPTABLE?
- ~~16. CC EMBDAG 022205Z ~~YMY~~ AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCFD  
FORGE PLANNING~~
- ~~17. COMSEVENTHFLT 060024Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR HYLAND & DUSE INFO: NICKERSON, CARRETTSON, CARNEY & ROSENBERG  
FROM BRINGLE... ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS~~
18. DCG USAARV LBN 060619Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not showed*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZAIS & WRIGHT FROM MILDREN  
MULLER WILL BE ASGD AS DSA I CORPS ON 12 S EP
19. COMUSMACV 061126Z AUG69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
UPI NEWS RELEASE
20. COMUSMACV 061219Z AUG69 (S) ~~XBRAMXXTØXAKL~~ *Group-4*  
ABRAMS TO ALL  
ENEMY OPERATIONS -- 19Aug, 2,12,23 Sep possible dates for new  
enemy offensive
21. COMUSMACV 070950Z AUG69 (C) EWES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
THUA THIEN PROPOSAL
22. ADMINO COMNAVFORV 070956Z AUG69 (C)  
FOR DOOLEY FROM FLANAGAN  
FISHING RESTRICTIONS (COMUS IS CONCERNED)

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23. C/S MACV 080259Z AUG69 (U)  
FOR BROWN, NICKERSON, ZUMWALT & MILDREN FROM TOWNSEND  
PROMOTION OF RVNAF GENERAL OFFICERS
24. CG FMFPAC ~~\*\*\*\*\*~~ 090113Z AUG69 (S) LIMDIS MCEO *gp-4*  
BUSE READDRESSED TO NICKERSON --- CHAPMAN TO ALL  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT
25. C/S MACV 091130Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
VISIT OF GEN BRUCE CLARK AND KEN WELLS

- ~~15. COMSEVENTHFLT 070230Z AUG69 (TS) LIMDIS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR ADM HYLAND INFO BUTT, ROSENBERG, NICKERSON & CARNEY  
FROM BRINGLE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~16. CMC 072327Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM VAN RYZIN  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~17. CG EMBRAC 080248Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR WALT INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~18. CMC 070121Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
FOR CHADMAN FROM WALT INFO BUSE  
PROGRAM 703 DEVELOPMENTS FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~19. CMC 001451Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCFE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~20. CG EMBRAC 002011Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCFE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~21. CG EMBRAC 002244Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCFE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~22. CG FLC 101606Z AUG69 (TS)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM FEELEY  
ACK RECEIPT YR 100015 Z~~

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24. CG XXIV CORPS 112343Z AUG69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-1  
FOR NICKERSON INFO GONES FROM ZAIS  
COMUS VISITED 3D DIV ON 11 AUG 69

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- ~~26. CMC 091453Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM WALT  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~27. CMC 081712Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FORCE PLANNING~~
28. C/S MACV 100932Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO NICKERSON, CORCORAN & EWELL  
COORDINATION OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES
- ~~29. SSO MACV 101135Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY  
FOR BROWN, NICKERSON, ZUMWALT & MILDREN  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~30. SSO MACV 101138Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY  
PASSES #29 ABOVE TO ABRAMS, MCCAIN & WHEELER  
FORCE PLANNING~~
31. CG XXIV CORPS 101450Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
FOR ABRAMS INFO NICKERSON FROM ZAIS  
E/2/3 MARINES
32. COMUSMACV 101755Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZAIS FROM ABRAMS  
I'LL ARRIVE AT PHB TOMORROW AT 0940
33. COMUSMACV 101800Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZAIS FROM ABRAMS  
NO B-52'S ~~WHEN~~ AVAIL TILL 13 AUG
34. CG XXIV CORPS 102019Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ABRAMS FROM ZAIS  
E/2/3 MARINES
35. CG THIRD MARDIV 101505Z AUG69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES  
E/2/3
36. C/S MACV 111353Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO NICKERSON, CORCORAN, EWELL & WETHERILL  
VISIT OF GEN CLARKE & KEN WELLS
37. CMC 120018Z AUG69 (S) PURPLE DRAGON (JCS 082047Z AUG69) *gp-4*  
OPERATIONS SECURITY (PURPLE DRAGON)
38. CMC 120015Z AUG69 (S) PURPLE DRAGON *gp-4*  
JCS SPONSORED OPSEC CONFERENCE
39. COMUSMACV 120724Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
WHAT HAPPENED TO C TROOP 1/1 LAST NIGHT?

- ~~27. CG THIRD MARDIV 130304Z AUG69 (TS) EWES ONLY LIMDIS *GP-1*  
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES  
ATTACK ON E/2/4~~
28. CG XXIV CORPS 130554Z AUG69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY LIMDIS *GP-1*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS  
PASSES #27 ABOVE
- ~~29. COMSEVENTHFLT 130744Z AUG69 (TS) LIMDIS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~30. CG FMPAC 132211Z AUG69 (TS) MCFE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FORCE PLANNING (MIXMATCHED)~~
- ~~31. CG FMPAC 220322Z AUG69 (TS) MCFE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~32. CG FMPAC 220337Z AUG69 (TS) MCFE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~33. CG FMPAC 200107Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR CHADMAN INFO NICKERSON, ROBERTSON, DWYER FROM BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~34. CG FMPAC 200304Z AUG69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCFE  
FOR AYRELL, INFO DOOLEY, FROM WILSON  
FORCE PLANNING FOR TRANSPORTATION~~
- ~~35. C/S MACV 300926Z AUG69 (TS) SENSITIVE CLOSE HOLD EYES ONLY  
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND  
III MA F PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PHASE II REDUCTIONS OF 100~~
- ~~36. C/S MACV 301201Z AUG69 (TS) EYES ONLY SENSITIVE LIMDIS  
FORCE PLANNING~~

40. CG FIRST MARDIV 140230Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON  
ANALYSIS OF ATTACK ON 1ST MARDIV HQS
41. C/S MACV 150942Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *group-4*  
FOR NICKERSON, CORCORAN, WETHERILL, INFO ZAIS FROM TOWNSEND  
CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR PEACE --- SERIOUS GROUP WITH SINCERE INTER
42. CMC 151533Z AUG69 (S) MARINE EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM WALT  
JIM SIENA (DepUnSecArmy) planning visit to Vietnam
- ~~43. COMNAVFORV 160116Z AUG69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR SHIPLEY INFO BAUMBERGER, NICKERSON & TOWNSEND FROM ZUMWALT  
STATUS OF NAVY MILCON FUNDS IN VIETNAM~~
- ~~44. CINCPACFLT 160848Z AUG69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR SHIPLEY INFO ZUMWALT, NICKERSON & TOWNSEND FROM BAUMBERGER  
Status of Navy MILCON Funds in VN~~
45. COMSEVENTHFLT 170038Z AUG69 (S) FOR *group-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
OPCON OF SLF HELO SQDNS
- ~~46. COMNAVFORV 170621Z AUG69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR NICKERSON & TOWNSEND FROM ZUMWALT  
PASSES CNO 142229Z *Milcon funds*~~
47. C/S MACV 181229Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
VISIT OF SEC OF ARMY RESOR
48. SSO MACV <sup>181237</sup> ~~181517Z~~ AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
AREA CLNC F=GEN BESSON & JLRB *181237Z*
49. C/S MACV 190146Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
AUG COMMANDERS WIEU IS ON 23 AUG
50. USS ORISKANY 181346Z AUG69 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM LEFTWICH  
UNDERSECNV VISIT 20-21 AUG

- ~~1. CMC 191229Z AUG69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR ZUMWALT INFO BAUMBERGER, NICKERSON & TOWNSEND FROM CHUTELEY  
NAVI MILCON VIETNAMIZATION~~
- ~~2. CMC 210001Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHADMAN  
SVN AVN STRENGTH 72,500 BY 31 AUG A MUST~~
- ~~3. C/S MACV 221129Z (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR NICKERSON & BURDETT INFO MILDREN FROM TOWNSEND  
DVT HERMAN MCCILL~~
- ~~4. C/S MACV 221125Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY  
FOR BROWN, NICKERSON, MILDREN & ZUMWALT FROM TOWNSEND  
GET UNDER AND STAY UNDER REVISED STRENGTH CEILINGS~~
- ~~5. ADMIN EMBAC 210303Z AUG69 (U)  
PURPLE DRAGON~~
- ~~6. COMUSMACV 230029Z AUG79 (U) EYES ONLY  
GIRTH TO TOWNSEND, MADDY, BOWMAN, DIXON, FLANAGAN & MILLER  
VISITORS & CLEARANCES TO THAILAND~~
- ~~7. BDE COMDR 16+AVN BDE IRN 230333Z AUG69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR TOWNSEND, INFO MILDREN & NICKERSON FROM BORUM  
DVT HERMAN MCCILL~~
- ~~8. CG EMBAC 230518Z AUG69 (U)  
PURPLE DRAGON~~
9. CG THIRD MARDIV 230606Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES  
CONTACT INVOLVING L/3/3 - 221015H to 231200H
10. CG THIRD MARDIV 231700Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES  
FOLLOW UP ON L/3/3 CONTACT
11. CG THIRD MARDIV 241500Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES  
UPDATE (FINAL) ON L/3/3 CONTACT
12. COMUSMACV 250212Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO SIMPSON & ABRAMS FROM ABRAMS  
I'LL BE IN SICTZ ON 27 AUG
13. CG AMERICAL DIV 251348Z AUG69 (C) EYES ONLY  
FOR NICKERSON FROM RAMSEY  
A COMPANY INCIDENT
14. COMSEVENTHFLT 260826Z AUG69 (C)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
OPCON OF SLF HELO SQDNS -- 30 AUG or 3 SEP OK W/ME

15. CG FLC 260736Z AUG69 (S) MCEO *group - not shown*  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT (FOR G-2)
16. C/S MACV 281000Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-3*  
TOWNSEND TO ALL  
COMMAND AND CONTROL IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS
- ~~17. I&I STAFF CHIEFPORT MISSISSIPPI 292025Z AUG69  
FOR DOWNMAN FROM DWIGGINS  
FAMILY SAFE & WELL - HOME & CONTENTS DESTROYED~~
18. CG THIRD MARDIV 290100Z AUG69 (S) *gp-1*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZAIS FROM JONES  
PROBABLY KILL OF NVA RESULTING FROM SENSOR ACTIVITY
19. CG MCB CAMP BUTLER 290850Z AUG69 (C) MCEO *gp-4*  
CAMP BUTLER BRIG
20. CG FMFPAC 291939Z AUG69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR CHAPMAN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
NEW JERSEY
21. CG XXIV CORPS 300950Z AUG69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO WRIGHT FROM ZAIS  
TRAIN DESTRUCTION INCIDENTS
22. DEPCOMUSMACV 310235Z AUG69 (C) *gp-4*  
ROSSON TO ALL  
MATS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS



01240Z ZYH ZPR-3  
 HQ HARRY C/S USARV  
 TIO BG NUTTMAN/C/S II FFV  
 BG DOOLEY C/S III MAF  
 BG JOHNSON C/S I FFV  
 COL MACKMIL C/S DMAC  
 INFO MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV  
 ZEM

TOP SECRET LIMDIS ARV 2101 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: REDUCTIONS IN FORCE (C)

REF: COMUSMACV IS LTR, SUBJ: REDUCTIONS IN FORCE (C), DTD 3 AUG 69.

1. (TS) GEN ABRAMS' INSTRUCTIONS (REF A) TO CLOSE BASES, CONSOLIDATE INSTALLATIONS AND ELIMINATE NONESSENTIALS DICTATE A CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF MISSION ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER CURRENT RESIDUAL FORCE CONCEPTS. STUDY OF THE PROBLEM IS DEPENDENT ON THE STATIONING OF RESIDUAL COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVIC SUPPORT FORCES IN EACH CTZ.  
 2. (TS) WHEN THESE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED WE CAN PROCEED WITH A COUNTRY-WIDE ASSESSMENT OF INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES WHICH SHOULD BE CLOSED, AND PLAN THE ORDERLY PHASEOUT AND TURNOVER OF BASES ON A TIMETABLE CONSISTENT WITH REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES. ADDITIONALLY, IDENTIFICATION OF RESIDUAL FORCE BASE REQUIREMENTS PERMITS A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF ON-GOING CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS AND A RE-ORIENTATION OF CONSTRUCTION EFFORTS TOWARD TASKS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE RESIDUAL FORCE MISSION.

3. (TS) PRELIMINARY STUDY IS TO BE COMPLETED BY 13 AUGUST. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK WITHIN THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE WORKING-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS DISCUSS RESIDUAL STATIONING REQUIREMENTS. SUGGEST THAT REPRESENTATIVES MEET AT USARV ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

A. 8 AUG 69: IFFORCEV, IFFORCEV.

→ B. 9 AUG 69: DMAC, III MAF.

4. (TS) VISITS WILL NOT EXCEED ONE WORKING DAY. PLEASE ADVISE COMPOSITION OF EACH PARTY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL. PROJECT OFFICER AT THIS HEADQUARTERS IS LTC D. M. EYE, CAMPAIGN PLANNING GROUP, GS, PHONE: LONG BINH 4113. YOUR ASSISTANCE IS APPRECIATED.

WARM REGARDS

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SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY  
DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

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 FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DNG  
 INFO MG JONES CG 3RD MAR DIV  
 ZEM

T O P S E C R E T NOFORN LIMDIS SENSITIVE PHB 1555 EQES ONLY

SUBJECT: VISIT OF COMUSMACV TO 3D MAR DIV ON 11 AUG 69

REF: A. COMUSMACV 32267, DTG 301105Z MAY 69 (PASEP) **NOT HELD**

B. III MAF MSG DTG 240550Z JUL 69 **ATTACHED**

1. COMUSMACV VISITED 3D MAR DIV TO OBTAIN A PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF THE INCREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE DMZ AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY TO THE SOUTH. HE INDICATED THAT THE INCREASE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY ALONG THE DMZ JUSTIFIED AN EXPLORATION OF EMPLOYING MORE SIZEABLE FORCES TO PENETRATE THE DMZ. IN THE DISCUSSION, HE POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR ANALYSIS OF INTELLIGENCE TO DETERMINE THE PROPER AND EFFICIENT EMPLOYMENT OF B52 STRIKES FOLLOWED UP BY EXPLOITATION FORCES AS PART OF THE OVERALL TACTICAL REACTION. IN TARGETING THE B52 STRIKES, ANALYSIS SHOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF COMPRESSION TACTICS AND OPTIMUM BOMB FUSING TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM EFFECT.
2. REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS AREA OF OPERATIONS WILL BE CONTINUOUSLY REVIEWED WITH THOSE FROM OTHER CORPS AREAS TO DETERMINE PRIORITY FOR ALLOCATION OF B52'S. THEREFORE, THE OVERALL TACTICAL PLAN FOR EMPLOYMENT OF B52 FIREPOWER AND GROUND EXPLOITATION MUST REFLECT SOUND AND THOROUGHLY PROFESSIONAL TACTICS.
3. COMUSMACV EXPRESSED THE THOUGHT THAT THE PRESENCE OF INCREASED ENEMY FORCES IN THE DMZ IS FORTUITOUS IN VIEW OF PRESENT NATIONAL POLICIES AND DECISIONS. INFORMATION RELEASED TO THE PRESS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN A NORMAL MANNER AND MUST NOT BE EXAGGERATED.
4. THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR PLAN WILL INCORPORATE THE FACTORS DISCUSSED.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING FIRST AVAILABLE DUTY HOURS  
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O 130304Z ZYH ZFF-1 ZFF-4  
FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO CG III MAF  
ZEM

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE LIMDIS EYES ONLY  
MGEN JONES, CG THIRD MARDIV SENDS TO LTGEN ZAIS, CG XXIV  
CORPS  
INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, CG III MAF

SUBJ: ATTACK ON ECHO COMPANY 2/4

1. SUBJ COMPANY IN NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS GIC FSB RUSSELL. PRECISE DISPOSITION OF PLATOONS NOW BEING CONFIRMED ON THE GROUND. WILL ADVISE.
  2. AT 130010H 3D PLAT POSITION AT 868592 ATTACKED BY EN FOR EST AT 12-15NVA, USING STACHEL CHARGES AND GRENADES. INITIAL CHARGE CAUSED 2 FR KIA AND 5 WIA (E). ATTACK WAS REPULSED WITH SAF, 81'S AND ARTY FROM FSB RUSSELL, SPOOKY WAS ON STATION.
  3. FIRST MED EVAC ATTEMPT MET BY NVA SAF. SECOND ATTEMPT WAS SUCCESSFUL. ALL CASUALTIES REMOVED BY 0310.
  4. AREA SWEEP COMMENCED AT FIRST LIGHT. TWO NVA KIA.
  5. INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION TEAM ON SCENE.
- SIO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY.

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O 130554W ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1  
 FM SSO XXIV CORPS  
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE LIMDIS PHB 1572 EYES ONLY  
 THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION BY REQUEST  
 OF THIRD MARDIV COURIER

QUOTE

FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO CG III MAF

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVA LIMDIS EYAS ONLY  
 MGEN JONES, CG THIRD MARDIV SENDS TO LIGEN ZAIS, CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO LIGEN NICKERSON, CG III MAF  
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5. INTELLIGENCE EXPLOITATION TEAM ON SCENE.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVAR IMMEDIATELX  
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848544Z AUG 69  
FM CG FORLOGCOMD  
TO RHM/FAVC6 III MAF  
INFO RUM/LA/THIRD MP BN  
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MINOR CONST, REQ FOR (U)

A. CG III MAF 270128Z JUL 69  
B. AD-IN FMFPAC 312601Z JUL 69  
C. CG III MAF LTR 15 18/JEM OVER 4768 OF 12APR69

1. (C) REF A REQ ADDITIONAL DOGS FOR THIRD MP BN, REF B CONCURRED WITH REF A. EXPECT 20 DOGS AND 35 PERSONNEL TO ARRIVE RVN NLT JAN 72. KENNELS AND BARRACKS NOT NOW AVAIL TO SATISFY THIS NEW REQMT.
2. (U) REQ APPROVAL FOR CONGR OF ONE 30 DOG KENNEL AND ONE BARRACK 5-20 FT X 100 FT. RECOMMEND PRIORITY OF 19 5 ON REF C.

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FMFPAC-GEN 2100/1 (3/69)  
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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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FM BOWERS DCS (R/A) USARV LONG BINH  
TO NICKERSON CG III MAF  
INFO ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS  
WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)  
ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L ARV 2074 EYES ONLY  
BG HENRY J. MULLER, JR., ADC, 101ST ABN DIV IS NOMINATED  
AS DSA, ICTZ. MULLER WILL COMPLETE SEVEN MONTHS AS ADC  
IN SEP AND CAN BE AVAILABLE ANY TIME AFTER 11 SEP WHEN  
BG SMITH, THE OTHER ADC RETURNS FROM SPECIAL LEAVE.  
PLEASE INFORM ME IF MULLER IS ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS POSI-  
TION

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY  
DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

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CG III MAF DNG

CG USARV LBN

CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
CG ONE ZERO ONE AIRBORNE DIV (AM)

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1. REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE R2074. BG HENRY J. MULLER, JR., USA, IS ACCEPTABLE FOR POSITION AS DSA, ICTZ.
2. I UNDERSTAND THAT COLONEL RENWANZ IS TO DEPART O/A 4 SEPTEMBER WHICH ALLOWS NO OVERLAP/ORIENTATION IF BG MULLER DOES NOT REPORT UNTIL 11 SEPTEMBER. AS THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE, I WILL ARRANGE WITH THE COMMANDERS CONCERNED TO HAVE BG MULLER UNDERGO APPROPRIATE BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH COL RENWANZ WHILE DURING THE SAME PERIOD SPENDING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF TIME IN HIS PRESENT POSITION. ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE INFORM ME SOONEST IF BG MULLER WILL BE ASSIGNED AS DSA AND HIS EXACT DATE OF SUCH ASSIGNMENT.

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Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
FPO San Francisco 96602

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4 August 1969

MEMORANDUM

From: Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans  
To: Commanding General  
Thru: Chief of Staff

Subj: Nominated DSA

1. This memorandum is submitted pursuant to your request that I provide comments on the qualifications of Brigadier General Henry J. Muller, Jr., United States Army.
2. The following information is pertinent:
  - a. Date of birth April 1917.
  - b. Formal education includes an AB from the University of California and an MA from George Washington University.
  - c. Attended U.S. Army Command and General Staff College 1942; Inter-American Defense College 1962; Army War College 1965.
  - d. Decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.
  - e. Significant assignments include:
    - (1) U.S. Army Attache El Salvador 1953-1956.
    - (2) Professor of Military Science, Indiana University, 1956-1959.
    - (3) Deputy Senior Advisor and Senior Advisor to the 5th Military District Command, Korea, August 1959-May 1960.
    - (4) Senior Advisor, 26th ROK Division, May 1960-August 1960.
    - (5) Dominican Republic June 1965-October 1965.
    - (6) Office Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations, Department of the Army, Washington, D.C., November 1965-December 1966.

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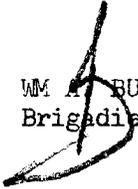
(7) Commander U.S. Mission Argentina, January 1967-January 1969.

(8) Battle Group (at that time equivalent to a regiment) commander, 82d Airborne Division, December 1960-June 1962.

3. The foregoing information was obtained through a phone call to Brigadier General Bowers, who initiated the cable at Tab A. I am not acquainted with General Muller's professional competence, although I know him to be an extremely personable and articulate individual. You will recall that he was your guest for dinner the evening the Argentine officers visited III MAF. As his assignment was personally approved by Lieutenant General Mildren, coupled with the aforementioned previous assignments, I would be inclined to accept General Muller as the DSA and I so recommend it.

4. Colonel Renwanz informs me that he will depart O/A 4 September. For this reason I consider that General Muller must spend some time with Colonel Renwanz prior to the latter's departure in order to become oriented on the task. I recommend, therefore, that upon notification from USARV that General Muller will be so assigned I provide you with a schedule which you can discuss with Lieutenant General Zais and which will insure both the required orientation by the DSA and his continued service in the 101st Airborne Division (AM) while the other ADC (Brigadier General Smith) is on leave.

5. Accordingly, it is recommended that you approve for dispatch the back-channel cable at Tab B.

  
WM A. BURKE  
Brigadier General, USA



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FM MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH  
TO WICKERSON CG III MAF  
INFO ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS  
WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ARV 2104 EYES ONLY  
ORDERS WILL BE ISSUED ASSIGNING BG MULLER AS DSA  
I CTZ EFFECTIVE 12 SEPT 69.  
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 TO LTG NICKERSON C8 III MAF DANANG  
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1. THE FOLLOWING UPI RELEASE IS QUOTED IN FULL:  
 QUOTE: DANANG, VIETNAM, AUGUST 4 (UPD).

IN A MAJOR POLICY CHANGE THE U.S. COMMAND HAS DECIDED TO QUIT RELEASING NAMES OF AMERICAN OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM, INFORMED MILITARY SOURCES SAID TODAY. THE COMMANDERS AGREED TO THE CHANGE BECAUSE THEY SAID IT WAS POLITICALLY DESIRABLE TO TRY TO PLAY DOWN THE FACT THAT U.S. OFFENSIVE FIGHTING HAS NOT DECREASED IN RECENT MONTHS, THE SOURCES SAID.

" WITH THE (PARIS) TALKS NOW FOCUSED ON DEESCALATION AND TROOP WITHDRAWALS," ONE U.S. OFFICER SAID, " IT DOES NOT SERVE OUR BEST INTERESTS TO BALLYHOO A MULTI-BATTALION DRIVE IN SEARCH OF THE ENEMY".

UNDER THE NEW POLICY, SPECIFIC CONTACTS WITH COMMUNIST TROOPS WILL BE REPORTED, AS BEFORE, BY OFFICIAL BRIEFERS, BUT NO MENTION WILL NOW BE MADE THAT SUCH AN ENGAGEMENT IS PART OF ANY NAMED OPERATION. NEWSMEN WILL STILL BE ALLOWED TO REPORT U.S. TROOP COMMITMENTS IN A PARTICULAR AREA.

REFERENCES TO PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCE OPERATIONS ALREADY HAVE BEEN DELETED FROM WAR COMMUNIQUES. FIGHTING IS NOW REPORTED AS HAVING TAKEN PLACE SO MANY MILES FROM A SPECIFIC CITY THAT SPOKESMEN NO LONGER SAY IT IS PART OF ANY LARGER MILITARY OPERATION. THE CHANGE IS A DRAMATIC DEPARTURE FROM PAST POLICY WHEN DIVISION COMMANDERS USED TO FLY NEWSMEN INTO AN AREA TO BRIEF THEM ON THE SCOPE, NATURE AND THE OBJECTIVES OF A NEW OPERATION. THE IDEA THEN WAS TO GET MAXIMUM PUBLICITY IN U.S. NEWSPAPERS ON A NEWLY LAUNCHED OPERATION.

ANOTHER REASON FOR THE NEW POLICY IS THAT COMMANDERS OCCASIONALLY HAVE BEEN EMBARRASSED WHEN A HIGHLY PUBLICIZED OPERATION DID NOT ACCOMPLISH WHAT IT WAS PLANNED TO DO.

THE EMBARGO ON SOME SUCH FIZZELED CAMPAIGNS WAS NEVER LIFTED BY THE COMMAND.

SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THE U.S. 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION SENT 3,000 TROOPS TO AN OPERATION NEAR HUE ON VIETNAM'S NORTHERN COAST. ALTHOUGH NEWSMEN HAD BEEN TOLD OF THE OPERATION, IT WAS NEVER RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION BECAUSE U.S. TROOPS MANAGED TO KILL BUT TWO COMMUNIST SOLDIERS IN FIVE WEEKS. UNQUOTE.

2. ANY OBSERVATIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE IN LIGHT OF THE LAST COMMANDERS' MEETING IN MY OFFICE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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FM COMUSMACV

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RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV SAIGON

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RUMUFGA/CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH

RUMUJLB/CG DMAC CAN THO

RUMLMQO/CO 5TH SFG NHA TRANG

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S E C R E T 45322 (J3) FOR GEN BROWN, LTG'S MILDREN  
 NICKERSON, CORCORAN, EWELL, VADM ZUMWALT, MG WETHERILL AND  
 COL LEMBERES

SUBJ: ENEMY OPERATIONS (U)

REF: WIEU MEETING, J2 BRIEFING, 2 AUG 69 (U)

1. (S) REFERENCE CONCERNS THAT PART OF BRIEFING WHICH GAVE INDICATIONS OF FORTHCOMING PLANNED OFFENSIVE ACTIONS BY THE ENEMY.
2. (S) AVAILABLE EVIDENCE INDICATES THE ENEMY IS PLANNING OFFENSIVE ACTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE, REFERENCES TO A FALL OR.

PAGE 2 RHMSMVA1357 S E C R E T

AUTUMN PHASE AND AN ENEMY OFFENSIVE DURING THAT TIME HAVE BEEN  
 RECEIVED FROM EACH OF THE FOUR CORPS.

3. (S) ALTHOUGH NO SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF SUCH  
 ACTIVITY BY THE ENEMY COUNTRYWIDE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED, REPORTS  
 INDICATE 19 AUG, 20 12, AND 23 SEP AS POSSIBLE DATES. DETAILED  
 INFORMATION HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO YOU THROUGH INTELLIGENCE  
 CHANNELS.

4. (S) IN THE PAST, AGGRESSIVE PREEMPTIVE OPERATIONS BY FIELD  
 COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL IN DISRUPTING THE ENEMY'S  
 PLANNED OFFENSIVES. SUGGEST YOU TAKE ACTION AS APPROPRIATE.

5. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MESSAGE MACV 2114/2826 OR EAC 382.

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Receipt Acknowledged  
 AT 071020 H Aug 69 H

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON  
 TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10229 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: THUA THIEN PROPOSAL

REF: A. CG, III MAF, 021010Z AUG 1969 (C)  
 B. CG, III MAF, 291436Z MAY 69 (C)  
 C. COMUSMACV, 190140Z JUN 69 (C)  
 D. CG, III MAF, 041410Z JUL 69 (C)  
 E. COMUSMACV, 161145Z JUL 69 (C)  
 F. CG, III MAF, 200315Z JUL 69 (C)

1. (C) THIS IS IN REPLY TO REFERENCE A.
2. (C) WE APPRECIATE YOUR FORWARDING THE TRANSLATION OF LTG LAM'S LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER REQUESTING PERMISSION TO CIVILIANIZE THREE DISTRICTS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE.
3. (C) THE LAM PROPOSALS APPEAR TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH THOSE OUTLINED IN REFERENCES B, D, AND F. WITHIN THE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY REFERENCE E, THE PROPOSALS WILL RECEIVE FULL MACV SUPPORT.
4. (C) INFORMATION FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE INDICATES THE LAM PROPOSALS WERE RECEIVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER THE MORNING OF 5 AUGUST. AMB COLBY PLANS TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSALS WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER KHIEM DURING THEIR NEXT WEEKLY MEETING, 7 AUGUST. YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF THE OUTCOME OF DISCUSSIONS. GP-4.

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PERSONAL FOR BEEN DOOLEY FROM FLANAGAN  
 FISHING RESTRICTIONS (U)

1. (C) DURING THE MOPS BRIEFING YESTERDAY AT MACV, GEN ABRAMS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE EXTENT TO WHICH FISHING RESTRICTIONS ARE IMPOSED ALONG THE COAST AND THE EFFECT OF THESE RESTRICTION ON PACIFICATION. HE TOOK ME TO TASK ABOUT MARKET TIME OPS WHICH DENIED FOOD TO THE POPULACE.
2. IN RESPONSE TO THIS WE ARE UNDERTAKING A REVIEW OF THE PROBLEM WITH MACV. MESSAGES WILL BE FORTHCOMING ON THIS SUBJECT. HOWEVER I AM TAKING THIS MEANS TO ALERT YOU OF HIS PERSONAL CONCERN IN VIEW OF THE LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE I CORPS COASTLINE THAT IS RESTRICTED AND THE PREROGATIVE THAT HAS BEEN GRANTED TO I CORPS IN EFFECTING THESE RESTRICTIONS.
3. SINCERE PERSONAL REGARDS.

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Memorandum

From: Commanding General

To: C/S

6 Aug 69

1. Today when Lane  
 and Pres. Thierstedt sent him  
 a cable, after 4 tel. calls,  
 re a Deputy (General) for  
 Troops. Offerings so far  
 have been CG 1st Amdt/DIV &  
 no. Spec. from (Thay) (?) Col. Lee

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H ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV  
 LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF  
 LTG MILDREN DCS USARV  
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FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON  
 TO ADM MCCAIN CINCPAC HAWAII  
 GEN WHEELER CJCS WASHINGTON DC  
 ZEM

UNCLAS E F T O MAC 10235 EYES ONLY

1. THE FOLLOWING RVNAF OFFICERS HAVE BEEN PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL WITH EFFECTIVE DATES OF RANK AS INDICATED:

- A. MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN VAN MINH, COMMANDER CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT 1 AUGUST 1969.
- B. MAJOR GENERAL LU MONG LAN, CG, II CORPS, 1 MARCH 1969.

2. THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS OF GENERAL OFFICERS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY PRESIDENT THIEU AND ORDERED BY THE JGS:

NAME	FROM	TO	VICE
LTG NGUYEN BAO TRI	UNASSIGNED	CG, Q&GSC, DALAT	RADM CHUNG TAN CANG
RADM CHUNG TAN CANG	CG, Q&GSC, DALAT	NOT DETERMINED	N/A
MG PHAM QUOC THUAN	CG, 5TH INF	CG, INF SCH, THU DUC	BG LAM QUANG THO
BG LAM QUANG THO	CG, INF SRH, THU DUC	CG, 18TH INF	BG DO KE GIAI
BG DO KE GIAI	CG, 18TH INF DIV	CG, LAM SON	N/A
MG TRAN THANH PHONG	COF, JGS	TNG CEN DUC MY	MG NGUYEN VAN MANH
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MG DOAN VAN QUANG	CG, SPEC FORCES	CG, 5TH INF	N/A
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		CG, SPEC FORCES	

INQUOTE.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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 TO CG FMFPAC  
 CG MCB CAMLEJ  
 CG MCB CAMPEN  
 CG MCB TWENTYNINE PALMS  
 CG MCB QUANTICO  
 CG MCRD SDIEGO  
 CG MCRD PARRIS ISLAND  
 CG MCAS CHERPT/COMCABEAST  
 CG MCAS ELTORO/COMCABWEST

CG MCSC BARSTOW  
 CG MCSC ALBANY  
 CG MCSA PHILADELPHIA  
 CG HQBN HQMC

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SECRET LIMDIS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT (U)  
 A. CMC MSG 242130Z SEP68 } NOT HELD  
 B. CMC MSG 181449Z FEB69 }

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1. (S) THE RECENT INTENSE CONCERN EXPRESSED BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE DOD RELATIVE TO THE SUBVERSIVE AND RACIAL INCIDENTS INVOLVING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES NECESSITATES THE EXPANSION OF THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A AS MODIFIED BY REF B. THIS EXPANSION MUST INCLUDE MORE COVERAGE OF AND GREATER DETAIL IN THE REPORTING OF SUBVERSIVE/RACIAL INCIDENTS.

2. (S) REF A REQUIRES REPORTS OF INCIDENTS WHICH OCCUR ON OR NEAR MILITARY BASES "REGARDLESS OF MAGNITUDE". DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF NEGATIVE REPORTS WHICH ARE SUBMITTED SOME QUESTION ARISES AS TO WHETHER THIS REQUIREMENT IS BEING COMPLIED WITH. ALL INCIDENTS OF A SUBVERSIVE/RACIAL NATURE WHICH OCCUR ON THE BASE AND THOSE WHICH OCCUR OFF THE BASE AND AFFECT THE BASE SHALL BE REPORTED. THE REPORT SHOULD CONTAIN AS MUCH AMPLIFYING INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE TO ALLOW A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE INCIDENT BY THIS HQ.

3. (S) BASED ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING RACIAL INCIDENTS IT IS OPERATIVE THAT ALL INCIDENTS ARE REPORTED TO ALLOW EVALUATION AND DETERMINE IF TRENDS WHICH WERE COMMON TO ONE INCIDENT ARE DEVELOPING IN OTHER AREAS. ACCORDINGLY, ANY SUBVERSIVE/RACIAL INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN THE PAST AND WHICH, BECAUSE OF

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 APPARENT INSIGNIFICANCE, HAVE NOT BEEN REPORTED SHOULD BE  
 INCLUDED IN THE NEXT REPORT SUBMITTED.

4. (S) WHEN INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS DERIVED FROM  
 "A SOURCE" AN EVALUATION OF THE "SOURCE" AND THE CREDIBILITY  
 OF THE INFORMATION SHALL BE INCLUDED.
5. (S) ADDITIONALLY, REPORTS SHALL CONTAIN A COMMAND ASSESSMENT  
 OF THE CURRENT THREAT TO THE INSTALLATIONS FROM A SUBVERSIVE/  
 RACIAL STANDPOINT. THIS REQUIREMENT NEGATES THE AUTHORITY TO  
 SUBMIT NEGATIVE REPORTS TELEPHONICALLY AS OUTLINED IN REF 3.
6. (S) ALL COMMANDS WILL INSURE THAT INFORMATION REPORTED TO THIS  
 HQ IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS IS COORDINATED WITH  
 LOCAL NIS REPRESENTATIVES.
7. (S) FOR CG MCSA PHILA AND CO HQBN, HQMC PARA 5 OF REF A AGAIN  
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 MG WETHERILL CG DMAC CAN THO  
 INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH  
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10366 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: VISIT BY GENERAL BRUCE CLARKE (RET)

1. GENERAL AND MRS. BRUCE CLARKE AND DR. AND MRS. KENNETH D. WELLS, PRESIDENT FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AT VALLEY FORGE, ARE TRAVELING TO RVN AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT THIEU, ARRIVING 10 AUGUST WITH DEPARTURE DATE UNCERTAIN.
  2. THEIR ITINERARY IS BEING DEVELOPED BY PRESIDENT THIEU'S OFFICE AND HAS NOT BEEN COORDINATED WITH MACV. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THE TWO GENTLEMEN (WITHOUT WIVES) WILL VISIT TWO PROVINCES IN EACH CORPS AREA DURING THE PERIOD TUESDAY - THURSDAY, 12-14 AUGUST, WHICH PROVINCES AND IN WHAT SEQUENCE IS PRESUMABLY TO BE LEFT TO THE WISHES OF DR. WELLS AND GENERAL CLARKE. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE WIVES WILL HAVE SEPARATE ININERARIES WITH MADAME THIEU.
  3. THERE IS NO MACV REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT, UNLESS SO REQUESTED BY YOUR RESPECTIVE ARVN CORPS COMMANDERS, IN THAT CASE PLEASE BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE.
  4. WE WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.
  5. WARM REGARDS.
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DIRING DUTY HOURS  
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**STAFF SECRETARY  
III MAF**

11 AUG 69

**MEMORANDUM**

FOR: C/S

1. MR. FRITZ CALLED RE YOUR ATTACHED MEMO. IN ESSENCE, HE ASKS THAT ACTION BE ASSIGNED DEP. SENIOR ADVISOR IN LIEU OF CORDS SINCE THEIR DIV ADVISORS CONTROL AND ARE SENIOR TO THE CORDS ADVISORS.
2. HE ASKED YOUR RECONSIDERATION BUT STATED THEY WOULD MAKE A BEST EFFORT EITHER WAY. HE ADDED THAT DSA WOULD BE MORE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND QUALIFIED TO COMPLETE THE REQUIREMENT.
3. AS YOU HAVE NOTED, THE FUZE IS SHORT.

YES FOR DSA

YES FOR CORDS

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LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV  
LTG EWELL CG II FFV  
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SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES

1. THE QUESTION HAS ARISEN AS TO WHAT TYPE MECHANISM YOU HAVE THAT ASSURES FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE BETWEEN U. S. SENIOR ADVISORS WITHIN DTA'S, I. E., BETWEEN PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISORS AND DIVISION SENIOR ADVISORS. DO THESE ADVISORS HAVE REGULAR MEETINGS? IS THERE A DTA COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT? WHAT CONTROL AND OR SUPERVISION IS EXERCIED BY ADDRESSEES OVER THEIR RESPECTIVE MECHANISMS?
2. COMUSMACV DISCUSSED THIS SUBJECT WITH CG DMAC DURING A VISIT TO IV CTZ.
3. REQUEST THAT EACH ADDRESSEE:
  - A. FORWARD VIA THIS CHANNEL A SHORT SUMMARY OF THE SYSTEM USED IN HIS COMMAND FOR ENSURING AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND INTELLIGENCE BY SENIOR ADVISORS IN DTA'S.
  - B. ~~BE PREPARED TO BRIEF ON~~ AND DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT WITH COMUSMACV DURING HIS NEXT VISIT TO ADDRESSEES' AREAS.

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TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

INFO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

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1. REFERENCE OUR CONVERSATION AT 101848H AUGUST 1969, CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS IN 3D REGIMENT, 3D MARINE DIVISION IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. AT 092200, THE 1ST PLATOON, E/2-3 MARINES (REINFORCED) WAS IN NDP 14 KM NORTH OF VANDERGRIFT CB WHEN FOUR NVA BEGAN FIRING SMALL ARMS AT LP. THE LP RETURNED FIRE AND THREW GRENADES. NVA WITHDREW. SHORTLY AFTER, THE PLATOON PERIMETER WAS ATTACKED BY 10 NVA THROWING SATCHEL CHARGES AND GRENADES AND SUPPORTED BY MACHINE GUNS AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. PLATOON RETURNED FIRE AND ENEMY BROKE CONTACT.

B. AT 100415H, THE 3D PLATOON, E/2-3 MARINES (REINFORCED) WAS IN NDP WHEN A USEN ASSAULTED FROM THE NORTH FOLLOWED BY ASSAULT FROM ALL SIDES. ENEMY PENETRATED POSITION EMPLOYING GRENADES, SMALL ARMS FIRE AND SATCHEL CHARGES. THE PLATOON FIRED ARTILLERY AND AN AO WAS ON STATION. BY 0615, ENEMY WAS REPULSED, FLED TO NE AND PLATOON RESTORED PERIMETER. 17 NVA KIA FOUND INSIDE PERIMETER.

C. AT 100615H AUGUST, THE 1ST PLATOON E/2-3 MARINES WAS AGAIN ATTACKED BY AN USEF FROM THE WEST EMPLOYING GRENADES, SAF, SATCHEL CHARGES AND MORTARS. ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT WERE EMPLOYED AND E CO (-) MOVED TO REINFORCE 1ST PLATOON. ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AT 0755.

D. AT 101000H AUGUST 0969, MEDEVAC AND REINFORCEMENTS FROM A/1-3 MARINES WERE UNABLE TO LAND VICINITY 3D PLATOON DUE TO 82MM MORTAR FIRE. LZ WAS SHIFTED TO XD945622 AND REINFORCEMENTS CLOSED AT 101445H AUGUST.

E. MEDEVAC CONTINUED FOR ALL UNITS THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND WAS COMPLETED AT 101930 AUGUST.

F. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES FOLLOW: E CO, 3D MARINES, 11 KIA, 39 WIA; 2/3 MARINES 81 MORTAR SECTION, 7 KIA, 27 WIA. A CO 1/3 MARINES, 1 KIA, 5 WIA (FROM MORTAR FIRE ON LZ). TOTAL 19 KIA, 70 WIA.

G. FRIENDLY ELEMENTS HAVE WITHDRAWN AS FOLLOWS: 1ST AND 2D PLATOON AND CP, E CO NOW AT XD944613; 3D PLATOON, E CO, AND 1ST AND 2D PLATOON A CO, XD940618; H CO MOVING INTO AREA NOW TO REINFORCE. THE 3D REGIMENT PLANS TO MOVE E CO OUT OF THE FIELD BY AIR IN THE MORNING IF POSSIBLE. A CO WILL OPZRATE IN AO NEAR LZ SIERRA TOMORROW. F CO IS 5 KM TO SOUTH AND REMAINING IN POSITION. H CO WILL MOVE TO JOIN A CO IN THE AM.

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H. ENEMY FORCES ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 2 COMPANIES AND 1 BATTALION SIZE.

2. IN ESSENCE TWO REINFORCED PLATOONS OF MARINES WERE STRUCK BY A NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR FORCE. THE MARINES WERE NOT SURPRISED. THEY FOUGHT VALIANTLY BUT SUFFERED MANY CASUALTIES. WE DO NOT HAVE A FULL COUNT OF ENEMY DEAD. THE REAL STORY HAS NOT YET BEEN SORTED OUT BUT IT IS OBVIOUS THAT AN AGGRESSIVE ENEMY IS BUILDING UP JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ.
3. CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY FORCES NOW DICTATES REGROUPING AND REDISPOSITION OF FRIENDLY FORCES INTO COMPANY TO BATTALION SIZE MANEUVER ELEMENTS. BY PREVIOUS ACTION I HAD REQUESTED ARC LIGHT STRIKES TO SUPPORT 3D MARINES IN VIEW OF RECENT KNOWLEDGE OF ENEMY BUILD UP. THIS REQUEST IS CONSIDERED TO BE EVEN MORE VALID AT THIS TIME.
4. I BELIEVE FORCES AVAILABLE ARE MORE THAN CAPABLE OF HANDLING THE SITUATION; HOWEVER, I HAVE ALERTED THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION TO PROVIDE A BRIGADE IN THE EVENT IT SHOULD BE REQUIRED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10414 EYES ONLY  
I PLAN TO ARRIVE PHU BAI AT 0940 LOCAL. WANT TO GO TO III  
MARINE DIV., THEN TO 3RD MARINE REGT. PLEASE ARRANGE TRANS-  
PORTATION.

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1. IN AMPLIFICATION OF MY EARLIER MESSAGE ON THE CONTACT OF E 2/3 THE BACKGROUND AND ACTION UNFOLDED AS FOLLOWS:  
2/3 HAS BEEN OPERATING IN AN AREA APPROX 13 KM NORTH AND 5 KM WEST OF VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE (AND 3 KM SOUTH OF THE DMZ) WITH THE MISSION OF BLOCKING KNOWN ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES IN THEIR AO TO DENY THE ENEMY ACCESS TO CAM LO VALLEY, ROUTE 9 AND THE POPULATED AREAS TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST. THE MISSION WAS DEFENSIVE IN NATURE. IN ORDER TO COVER AS MANY ROUTES AS POSSIBLE, COMPANIES WERE OPERATING IN REINFORCED PLATOON INCREMENTS. SINCE MID JULY THE ENEMY HAS BEEN STEADILY INCREASING HIS ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. ON 9 AUGUST, THE BN WAS DISPOSED WITH E AND F COMPANIES GENERALLY ABREAST IN REINFORCED PLATOON INCREMENTS APPROXIMATELY 3 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE DMZ AND H CO. IN THE LOWER CAM LO VALLEY APPROX 6 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE DMZ. UNITS MOVED EACH DAY.
2. THE 1ST PLATOON (REINF) OF E CO. (STRENGTH 86) WAS IN A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION AT XD 935627 AND THE 3D PLATOON (REINF) (STRENGTH 56) WAS IN A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION AT XD 946630 HAVING MOVED INTO THOSE POSITIONS PRIOR TO DARK. THE ACTION THAT FOLLOWED IS AS DESCRIBED IN MY PHB 1543. ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE NOW AVAILABLE CONCERNING TACTICS AND SUPPORTING FIRES.
3. BOTH PLATOONS WERE IN TRIANGULAR SHAPED TEMPORARY OVERNIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH LP'S OUT AND NORMAL DEFENSIVE MEASURES IN EFFECT. ARTILLERY SUPPORTED THE CONTACTS AS FOLLOWS:
 

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100503-100640	54RDS 155 ILLUM	SUPPORTING 3D PLAT
100513-100745	106RDS 105 HE	SUPPORTING 3D PLAT
100624-100642	30RDS 155 HE	SUPPORTING 3D PLAT
100635-100637	6RDS 105 HE	SUPPORTING 1ST PLAT
100641-100710	4RDS 155 HE	SUPPORTING 1ST PLAT
- FIRING BATTERIES WERE K/4/12 AND A/1/12 AT FSB FULLER AND ELLIOTT COMBAT BASE. A TOTAL OF 28 FIGHTER SORTIES SUPPORTED BOTH PLATOONS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS ON 10 AUGUST. IN ADDITION SPOOKEY EXPENDED 8,000 RDS AND 20 FLARES DURING THE NIGHT IN SUPPORT OF FRIENDLY FORCES.
4. WEATHER WAS NOT A FACTOR IN THIS CONTACT.
5. ALL GROUND CONTACT HAD CEASED BY 100755H AUG, BUT SPORADIC 82MM MORTAR FIRE WAS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY.
6. TOTAL NVA KIA NOW KNOWN TO BE 19 VIC. 1ST PLAT AND 17 VIC. 3D PLAT. SINCE FRIENDLY UNITS WITHDREW TO SOUTH, SWEEPS OF AREA WERE NOT PERFORMED. AS A RESULT NVA KIA'S OUTSIDE POSITIONS COULD NOT BE DETERMINED.

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WHEN JONES SENDS FOR LTJEN ZAIS INFO LTJEN NICKERSON

1. THE FOLLOWING MEMO FOR THE RECORD SUBMITTED BY MY ISO OFFICER  
LTJCOL DONALD J. GARRETT, WHO WAS PRESENT DURING THE TIME I SPENT  
THIS DATE WITH MR. DAVID LAMB UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL IS AN  
ACCURATE RECORD AND IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

AT 1400Z THIS DATE THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 3RD MARINE DIVI-  
SION GRANTED AN INTERVIEW TO MR. DAVID LAMB OF UNITED PRESS INTER-  
NATIONAL. THE INTERVIEW TOOK PLACE IN THE OFFICE OF THE C. G. AT  
DONG HA COMBAT BASE, RVN.

DURING THE INTERVIEW THE C. G. DISCUSSED WITH MR. LAMB THE  
PRESENT AREA OF OPERATIONS OF THE DIVISION AND THE TYPE OF PRO-  
TECTIVE REACTION TACTICS PRESENTLY BEING EMPLOYED BY THE DIVISION.  
THE C. G. STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING THE REENTRY OF THE  
VC AMONG THE POPULACE, CUTTING OFF THE INFILTRATION ROUTES OF THE  
KVA AS WELL AS SEARCHING OUT, FINDING AND DESTROYING ANY CACHE  
WHICH MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE ENEMY.

WHEN QUESTIONED BY MR. LAMB CONCERNING THE USE OF OPERATIONAL  
NAMES (NAMED OPERATIONS) THE C. G. REPLIED THAT THERE WERE NO OFF-  
ENSIVE TYPE OPERATIONS, IN THE CLASSICAL SENSE, UNDERWAY BUT THAT  
"OPERATIONAL NAMES" WERE USED FOR EASY IDENTIFICATION OF THE TAC-  
TICAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE INTERVIEW LABELED APPROXIMATELY 45 MINUTES DURING WHICH THE C. G. BRIEFLY MENTIONED AN ATTACK BY NVA FORCE AGAINST A PLATOON OF THE 3RD MARINES WHICH OCCURRED BEFORE DAYBREAK THIS DATE. FOLLOWING THE C. G. CONDUCTED MR. LAMB ON A TOUR OF A PORTION OF THE AO. THIS TOUR INCLUDED A VISIT TO ELLIOTT FIRE SUPPORT BASE WHERE THE C. G. AND MR. LAMB WERE BRIEFED BY THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER. PRIMARILY THIS BRIEFING CONSISTED OF KNOWN INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ATTACKS AGAINST TWO PLATOONS OF THE 2D BN., 3D MARINES WHICH OCCURRED IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS THIS DATE. THE CO, 3D MARINES WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO WHY THESE PLATOONS WERE LOCATED WHERE THEY WERE REPLIED THAT THEY WERE ON A ROUTINE PATROL ALONG PREVIOUSLY USED NVA INFILTRATION ROUTES. WHEN QUESTIONED CONCERNING THE TYPE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS THEY OCCUPIED, THE CO STATED THAT THEIR POSITIONS WERE OF A TEMPORARY, OVER-NIGHT POSITION WITH LITTLE IF ANY PROTECTIVE WIRE SINCE THEY WERE ON A PATROL TYPE MISSION. UNDER QUESTIONING THE CO, 3D MARINES INFORMED MR. LAMB OF THE CASUALTY COUNT OF THE TWO PLATOONS (9 KIA, 66 WIA IN ONE PLATOON AND 2 KIA AND 22 WIA IN THE 2D PLATOON). MR. LAMB WAS FURTHER INFORMED THAT ALL REDEVEC CASES HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED. THE CO, 3D MARINES FURTHER TOLD MR. LAMB THAT AT THE TIME THERE HAD BEEN AN ACTUAL COUNT OF 19 NVA DEAD BUT THAT THE AREA HAD NOT YET BEEN COMPLETELY SEARCHED AND IT WAS ANTICIPATED THAT MORE ENEMY DEAD WOULD BE FOUND AS IT INITIATED ATTACK AND THAT OUTSTANDING SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY THE UNITS UNDER ATTACK, AND FURTHER THAT EVEN THOUGH CASUALTIES WERE HIGH, THE UNITS CONCERNED WERE STILL OPERATIONAL. WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE ATTACK ON THE NVA, HE REPLIED, "I THINK WE BLOODED THEIR NOSE". THIS QUOTE WAS LATER USED BY MR. LAMB IN HIS RELEASE CONCERNING THIS ACTION.

FOLLOWING THIS BRIEFING MR. LAMB WAS GIVEN A TOUR OF FIRE SUPPORT BASE CATED AND THEN ESCORTED TO VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. WHILE AT VANDEGRIFT MR. LAMB WAS GIVEN A BRIEFING BY THE C.O. 4TH MARINES. THE EXTENT OF THE TOUR OF THE 4TH MARINES WAS EXPLAINED BEING SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION CONCERNING OPERATIONS WERE DISCLOSED OTHER THAN THE REGIMENT WAS CONDUCTING PATROL TYPE ACTIONS IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT SUSPECTED NVA INFILTRATION ROUTES AND TO DENY HIM ACCESS TO THE AREA.

UPON RETURN TO DONG-HA MR. LAMB FILED A STORY WITH HIS OFFICE IN SAIGON WHICH WAS OVERHEARD BY THE ISG. HIS RELEASE CONSISTED OF FACTUAL INFORMATION OBTAINED BY HIM DURING THE BRIEFING BY THE C.O. 3D MARINES. HE DID EMPHASIZE THAT THE NVA FORCE INITIATED THE ATTACK; THAT THEY APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN REGULAR FORCES RATHER THAN A SAPPER FORCE; THAT THEY HAD PENETRATED THE PERIMETER OF THE 1ST PLATOON THEY ATTACKED AND THAT THEY WERE REPELLED AFTER ENGAGING IN HAND TO HAND COMBAT WITH THE MARINES. IN HIS RELEASE HE ALSO QUOTED THE C.O. 3D MARINES AS PREVIOUSLY STATED HEREIN.

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FOR XXIV CORPS: DELIVER UPON RECEIPT  
FOR III MAF: DELIVER AT FIRST WORKING HOUR

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<b>3</b>	CG		<b>17 Aug</b>		<b>N</b>	SUBJECT <b>CONFIDENTIAL MAG 10452Z EYES ONLY</b>  REMARKS <b>(D)</b> THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
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 FM MG TOWNSEND, CHIEF OF STAFF, MACV, SAIGON  
 TO LTG WICKERSON, CG, III MAF, DANANG  
 LTG CORCORAN, CG, I FFV, NHA TRANG  
 LTG EWELL, CG, II FFV, LONG BINH  
 MG WETHERILL, CG, DMAC, CAN THO  
 ZEM

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 SUBJ: VISIT BY GENERAL BRUCE CLARKE  
 REF: MAC 10366

1. MACV IS INFORMED THAT GENERAL BRUCE C. CLARKE AND  
 DR. KENNETH D. WELLS (MACV CALL WORD "FOURTH ESTATE")  
 WILL FOLLOW THIS GENERAL ITINERARY. READ IN THREE COLUMNS.

TIME	EVENTS	REMARKS
TUESDAY, 12 AUGUST 1969		
0810-1020	EN ROUTE PHU BAI, MET BY THUA THIEN, PROVINCE CHIEF	VC-123
1020-1600	VISIT HUE. LUNCH HOSTED BY PC	
1600-1650	EN ROUTE NHA TRANG DINNER HOSTED BY KHANH HOA, PC. DR. WELLS AND GENERAL CLARKE OVERNIGHT GUESTS OF LTG CORCORAN	T-39
WEDNESDAY, 13 AUGUST 1969		
TIMES	BREAKFAST HOSTED BY PROVINCE CHIEF	
UNKNOWN	EN ROUTE CAM RANH BAY VISIT CAM RANH, RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE, AND FISHING WHARF. LUNCH HOSTED BY MAYOR OF CAM RANH.	C-47 (GVN)
-1430	EN ROUTE DALAT	C-47
1430-1630	VISIT MILITARY ACADEMY	
1630-1730	EN ROUTE SAIGON	
THURSDAY, 14 AUGUST 1969		
0800-	EN ROUTE LONG XUYEN	MET BY PROV CHIEF, UH-1 (PRES)
1100-1230	VISIT RESETTLEMENT AREA EN ROUTE BINH LONG, LUNCH HOSTED BY BINH LONG PC	
1430-	VISIT 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGT	
1530-1615	EN ROUTE SAIGON	UH-1 (PRES)
1700-	TOUR AREAS HIT IN TET 1968	
FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 1969		
-0800	EN ROUTE BIEN HOA	UH-1 (PRES)

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0945-UNK VISIT III CORPS HEADQUARTERS  
LUNCH & DEPARTURE UNCERTAIN  
1700- FINAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT  
THIEU, DINNER HOSTED BY SENATOR  
TRANH VAN LAM, PRES VN COUNCIL  
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS  
SATURDAY, 16 AUGUST 1969  
GENERAL & MRS. CLARKE DEPART  
DR. & MRS. WELLS REMAIN A FEW  
ADDITIONAL DAYS.  
2. LTG EWELL-PLEASE PASS INFO TO CO, 11TH ACR.  
3. PARTY CONSISTS OF:  
GENERAL BRUCE CLARKE  
DR. KENNETH WELLS  
COL CHIEU-ATTACHE TO VN EMBASSY, WASH-ESCORT OFFICER  
MAJ THANH  
SGT VUI-PHOTOGRAPHER  
4. WARM REGARDS  
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DIRING DUTY HOURS  
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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT PURPLE DRAGON
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 FM CMC  
 TO RUHNFMA/FMFPAC  
 RUEBNVA/FMFLANT  
 RHMMAFA/III MAF  
 P 082347Z AUG69  
 FM JCS

TO ALL COMMANDERS OF THE UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMAND  
 CSA  
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 CMC NSA  
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S E C R E T JCS6363 J-3 SENDS  
 SUBJ: OPERATIONS SECURITY(PURPLE DRAGON) (U)  
 1. (C) ON 6AUG69 THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF  
 WERE BRIEFED BY A CINCPAC PURPLE DRAGON TEAM  
 ON OPERATIONS SECURITY(OPSEC) PROGRESS IN  
 SEA DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS.  
 2. (S) WHILE THE BRIEFING INDICATED PROGRESS  
 IN SPECIFIC OPERATIONS SUBSEQUENT TO PURPLE  
 DRAGON EXAMINATIONS, CERTAIN AREAS CONTINUE  
 TO REVEAL DEFICIENCIES.

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 3. (C) A JCS SPONSORED OPERATIONS SECURITY  
 CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN THE WASHINGTON  
 LATER 13-15SEP69, TO ADDRESS REMAINING PROBLEMS.  
 4. (C) EACH ADDRESSEE IS REQUESTED TO PROVIDE SIX  
 CLEARED CONFEREES IN THE OPERATIONS, COUNTER-  
 INTELLIGENCE, AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY  
 SPECIALTIES, AS CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO REPRESENT  
 YOUR PARTICULAR COMMAND/ACTIVITY. THE MILITARY  
 SERVICES ARE INVITED TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION  
 FROM SERVICE CRYPTOLOGIC AGENCIES AND SERVICE  
 SCHOOLS AS DESIRED.  
 5. (U) CONFEREES SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SELECTED AS  
 TO KNOWLEDGE OF OPERATIONS SECURITY AND RETAIN-  
 ABILITY FOR CONTINUITY IN THE OPSEC FUNCTION.  
 ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING  
 INFORMATION BY 21AUG69. A. RECOMMENDATIONS  
 FOR PRESENTATIONS, B. RECOMMENDED AGENDA ITEMS,  
 AND C. NAMES/STAFF SPECIALTIES/BILLETING  
 REQUIREMENTS, OF CONFEREES.  
 6. (U) FURTHER DETAILS, INCLUDING CONFERENCE

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 AGENDA AND LOCATION WILL BE FURNISHED BY  
 27AUG69. 6P. 4

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SUBJ: JCS SPONSORED OPSEC (PURPLE DRAGON) CONFERENCE (U)

A. JCS 082047Z AUG 69 PASEP - *attached*  
 1. (S) REF A PASEP FOR INFO. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT INVITATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN SUBJ CONFERENCE WILL BE UISSUED THROUGH UNIFIED COMMAND CHANNELS.

2. (S) REQUEST YOU INCLUDE CMC AS INFO ON RESPONSES TO PARA 5 OF REF A.

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FM ABRAMS  
TO NICKERSON  
ZEM

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FROM WHERE I SIT I CAN SEE NO EXCUSE FOR WHAT HAPPENED TO  
C TROOP 1/1 CAVALRY LAST NIGHT.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY  
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A. YR 121406Z AUG69

B. PICTOMAP SUPPLEMENT NSDC/SSCD (PASEP BY HAND) ~~by hand~~ *attached*

C. PHOTOMAP-SUBSECTOR B (PASEP BY HAND) ←

1. IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION AND ANALYSIS OF THE SUBJECT ATTACK IS SUBMITTED:

A. THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AREA IS LOCATED WITHIN THE NORTHERN SECTOR DEFENSE COMMAND (NSDC). THE NSDC, UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 11TH MARINES, COORDINATES AND CONTROLS THE DEFENSE OF ALL TENANT UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE NORTHERN SECTOR OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION REAR AREA AND MAINTAINS A COMMUNICATION SYSTEM TO COORDINATE THESE DEFENSES.

A SOUTHERN SECTOR DEFENSE COMMAND (SSDC), COMMANDED BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST TANK BATTALION, PERFORMS THE SAME FUNCTION FOR TENANT UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION REAR AREA.

B. THE CONDUCT OF THE OVERALL DEFENSE IN THE NSDC IS COORDINATED THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THREE SUBSECTORS, A, B, AND C. EACH SUBSECTOR COORDINATES CANTONMENT PERIMETER SECURITY, OP'S/LP'S, AND CONDUCTS PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. (REF (B) DEPICTS THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SECTOR DEFENSE AREAS).

C. SUBSECTOR B OF THE NSDC WAS THE TARGET OF THE ATTACK ON THE EARLY MORNING OF 12 AUGUST 1969. WITHIN SUBSECTOR B ARE 11 COMMANDS ORGANIZED INTO CANTONMENTS AS SHOWN IN REFERENCE C. EACH CANTONMENT ESTABLISHES AND MANS A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER AND IS ASSIGNED A PORTION OF THE SUBSECTOR DEFENSE. THE MANNED POSITIONS ARE AUGMENTED BY DEFENSIVE WIRE, BARRIERS, ILLUMINATION DEVICES, STARLIGHT SCOPES, SIDS, AND AN/PPS-6 RADARS. ADJACENT CANTONMENTS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING AND IN SOME CASES DEFENSIVE WIRES ARE CONTIGUOUS OR OVERLAPPING. POSITIONS ARE MANNED DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS IN SUFFICIENT NUMBERS TO ENSURE COMPLETE OBSERVATION. AT NIGHT, THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO SECURITY DUTY IS INCREASED TO PROVIDE SURVEILLANCE OF DEFENSIVE PERIMETERS, EARLY DETECTION AND RAPID REACTION TO ENEMY ATTACKS.

D. IN ADDITION TO THE CANTONMENT PERIMETER SECURITY AND OP'S/LP'S, SUBSECTOR B CONDUCTS A MINIMUM OF ONE DAY AND ONE NIGHT RECONNAISSANCE PATROL OR AMBUSH IN THOSE AREAS NOT OTHERWISE OCCUPIED OR PATROLLED BY US OR ARVN FORCES. MOREOVER, SUBSECTOR B MAINTAINS FROM ONE TO THREE PROVISIONAL RIFLE COMPANIES, DEPENDENT ON ALERT CONDITION. THESE COMPANIES ARE PREPARED TO ACT AS BLOCKING FORCES, AND TO REINFORCE OR COUNTERATTACK AS

2. CHRONOLOGICALLY, THE ATTACK OCCURRED AS FOLLOWS:

A. AT APPROXIMATELY 120100H AUGUST 1969, SIDS WERE ACTIVATED IN THE 11TH MARINES CANTONMENT, AND THE MARINES OBSERVED 10 ENEMY NEAR THE OUTER WIRE. TWO MEMBERS OF THIS FORCE HAD CROSSED THE OUTER WIRE WHEN THE 11TH MARINES COMMENCED FIRING SMALL ARMS AND ORGANIC WEAPONS. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED AND SUBSEQUENTLY EVACUATED DURING THE EXCHANGE OF FIRE AND 4 NVA WERE KILLED.

B. AN HOUR LATER, HEADQUARTERS BATTALION REPORTED THAT SERVICE COMPANY'S DEFENSIVE PERIMETER HAD RECEIVED BETWEEN 10 AND 15 RPG ROUNDS, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY A GROUND ATTACK FROM SAPPERS WHO ATTEMPTED TO BREACH THE DEFENSES USING APPROXIMATELY 25 RPG ROUNDS AND SACHEL CHARGES. THE ATTACK WAS VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED BY SMALL ARMS AND ORGANIC WEAPONS FIRE. AFTER THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED, A SMALL GROUP OF THE ORIGINAL ENEMY FORCE WAS SEEN WITHDRAWING TOWARDS THE VILLAGE OF KHANH SON. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 3 USMC KIA AND 5 USMC WIA (E) AND 8 VEHICLES RECEIVED VARYING DEGREES OF DAMAGE. ONE ENEMY SAPPER WAS KILLED AND ONE CAPTURED. A SWEEP OF SERVICE COMPANY'S AREA WAS CONDUCTED AT 0430 BY HEADQUARTERS BATTALION PERSONNEL WITH NO FURTHER ENEMY CONTACT REPORTED. HOWEVER, AN AK-47 WAS FOUND.

C. A SWEEP OF THE AREA BY THE 11TH MARINES, CONDUCTED AT FIRST LIGHT PRODUCED THE BODIES OF 8 NVA, 2 NVA POW'S, 3 X AK-47'S, 2 X RPG-7 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, 8 X RPG ROUNDS, 4 X BANGALORE TORPEDOES AND 104 CHICOM GRENADES. ONE USMC WAS WOUNDED AND EVACUATED DURING THE SWEEPING OPERATION.

3. ON THE MORNING OF THE ATTACK, SUBSECTOR B REPORTED TO HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS MORTAR ROUNDS IN ADDITION TO RPG ROUNDS, SACHEL CHARGES AND GRENADES. HOWEVER, AT FIRST LIGHT, THE IMPACT AREAS WERE SURVEYED AND ONLY THE FIN ASSEMBLIES FOR RPG ROUNDS WERE FOUND. EVIDENTLY, IN THE BARRAGE OF RPG'S AND SACHEL CHARGES, THE MARINES THOUGHT THEY WERE RECEIVING MORTAR FIRE AND REPORTED ACCORDINGLY.

4. AN ANALYSIS OF THE GROUND ATTACKS ASSEMBLED FROM REPORTS OF THE UNITS INVOLVED IN THE CONTACT AND PRISONER INTERROGATION HAS REVEALED THAT THE ATTACKERS WERE PART OF A TWO COMPANY FORCE, NUMBERING ABOUT 45 MEN, FROM THE 31ST NVA REGIMENT, WITH THE MISSION TO ATTACK THE DIVISION'S HEADQUARTERS AREA. THE FORCE THAT STAGED THE ATTACK AGAINST 1ST MARINE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AREA HAD INFILTRATED, APPARENTLY IN SMALL GROUPS AND UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS, INTO THE VILLAGES OF KHANH SON AND DA SON. THEIR PRIMARY APPROACH ROUTE IS THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN THROUGH ENGINEER PASS. LAUNCHING THEIR ATTACK FROM TWO ASSEMBLY AREAS IN THE VILLAGES OF DA SON AND KHANH SON (REFERENCE (C)) THE ENEMY FORCE ADVANCED TOWARDS THE 11TH MARINES AND SERVICE COMPANY CANTONMENTS UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS AND USING MAXIMUM COVER AND CONCEALMENT. TWO RESIDENTS OF DA SON ARE SUSPECTED OF HAVING GUIDED THE FORCE THAT STRUCK THE 11TH MARINES. THE PRISONERS STATED THAT THE ATTACKS WERE TO BE RAIDS AND PARTICIPANTS WERE TO RETURN TO SPECIFIC RALLY POINTS UPON COMPLETION OF THEIR

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MISSION, AND THEN EXFILTRATE OUT OF THE AREA. (A UNIT OF THE 26TH MARINES CAPTURED 1 NVA HEADING TOWARDS THE DAI LA PASS AFTER THE ATTACKS AND SUBSEQUENT INTERROGATION REVEALED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE ATTACKING FORCE).

5. IT CAN ONLY BE ASSUMED THAT THE ENEMY INFILTRATED THROUGH ENGINEER PASS, INDIVIDUALLY OR IN SMALL GROUPS, AND POSSIBLY DISGUISED AS INNOCENT CIVILIANS. IF THIS BE THE CASE, THE PATROLS IN THE AREA WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE DETECTED NOR BEEN IN A POSITION TO APPREHEND THE INFILTRATORS.

6. THE TROOPS ON WATCH WERE ALERT; THE DEFENSIVE PLAN WAS IMPLEMENTED AGGRESSIVELY; AND APPROPRIATE REACTION MEASURES WERE TAKEN PROMPTLY. THE NSDC AND SUBSECTOR B DEFENSIVE PLANS PROVED TO BE ADEQUATE AS EVIDENCED BY THE FACT THAT NO ENEMY BREACHED THE INNER WIRE. OF THE 45 ESTIMATED ATTACKERS, 13 WERE KILLED AND 3 WERE CAPTURED ALONG WITH 4 IWC, 2 CSWC, NUMEROUS GRENADES, SATCHEL CHARGES AND BANGALORE TORPEDOES. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 3 KIA (FROM RPG FRAGMENTS) AND 7 WIA(E).

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

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TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV  
MG WETHERILL CG DMAC  
INFO LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10582 EYES ONLY  
SUBJECT: VISIT OF CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR PEACE WITH FREEDOM IN  
VIETNAM (DOUGLAS COMMITTEE)  
SUBJECT COMMITTEE WAS BRIEFED AT MACV 14 AUGUST 1969 DURING MEETING  
CHAired BY COMUSMACV. THEY ARE A SERIOUS GROUP WHOSE INTEREST IS  
SINCERE, AND WHOSE QUESTIONS WERE INTELLIGENT AND PENETRATING.  
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.  
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PERSONAL FROM GENERAL WALT TO LT GEN NICKERSON

1. JIM SIENA, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY OF THE ARMY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, IS PLANNING VZCZCKAC993 A VIETNAM VISIT AND WANTS TO INCLUDE III MAF ON HIS SCHEDULE. IF ALL GOES AS HE DESIRES, HE WILL ARRIVE DANANG DURING AFTERNOON OF 26 AUGUST, RETURN AND DEPART NEXT MORNING.

2. HE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS, AND VERY EMPHATIC THAT HE DOES NOT DESIRE DOG AND PONY SHOWS, FORMAL STAND-UP BRIEFS AND SCRIPTS. WANTS TO VISIT ONE OR MORE CAPS WHICH ARE NOT THE ONES NORMALLY SHOWN TO VIPS. STRESSES INFORMALITY AND GRASS ROOTS APPROACH.

3. SIENA SERVED AS A MARINE ON ACTIVE DUTY FROM 1955-1958. MADE CAPTAIN USMC IN 1959.

4. BEST RECORDS

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27 Aug 69*  
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 P 170038Z AUG 69  
 FM COMSEVENTHFLT  
 TO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF  
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S E C R E T

FOR LGEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
 OPCON OF SLF HELO SQDNS (U)  
 A. CG III MAF 100230Z AUG 69

1. (S) IN VIEW OF REF A WE HAVE AGAIN REEXAMINED OUR POSITION RELATIVE TO THE OPCON OF THE HELO SQUADRONS ATTACHED TO THE AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCES IN SEVENTHFLT. IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS COMMONALITY IN OUR OBJECTIVES, I.E., SUPPORT OF IN-COUNTRY FORCES BY MAINTAINING MAXIMUM HELO AVAILABILITY COUPLED WITH A SIMPLIFIED COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENT, THAT WE HAVE CONSIDERED THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AS HAVING SIGNIFICANT ADVANTAGES TO THAT PROPOSED BY THE IN-COUNTRY BOARD.
2. (S) THE SITUATION UNDER WHICH THE PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE A CHOP OF FORCES IS INFREQUENT IN I CORPS JATHDEPLTS HAVE BEEN MOSTLY INDEPENDENT UNDER THE OPCON OF THE ARG/SLF COMMANDERS. WHEN OUR ARG DOES DEPART THE AOA WE ROUTINELY CHOP THE BLT AND HMM TO

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THE APPROPRIATE MARDIV CDR AND FMAW. DURING OUR JUNE-JULY REHAB OF BLT 2/26 IN OKI/SUBIC WE ALSO CHOPPED THE MAJORITY OF OUR OPERATIONAL HELOS TO FMAW EVEN THOUGH THE TROOPS REMAINED WITH THE SHIPS. IT NOW APPEARS PROBABLE TTT WE WILL HAVE ONE HMM CHOPPED ASHORE CONTINUOUSLY OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS AS OUR ARG'S BECOME INVOLVED IN OTHER OPERATIONS.

3. (S) I BELIEVE THE RATIONALE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED ON THIS SUBJECT CONTINUES VALID AND OUR COMMON INTERESTS CAN BEST BE SERVED BY MAINTAINING THE SAME SUCCESSFUL PROCEDURES ADHERED TO THROUGHOUT THE PRESENT CONFLICT. THE AMPHIB ORGANIZATION HAS A FLEXIBLE COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM TO PROVIDE SUPPORT TO IN-COUNTRY FORCES IN ADDITION TO CONTINUING THE COMBAT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE ARG/SLF. IT APPEARS THIS ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE IS MORE ADVANTAGEOUS THAN ONE IN WHICH HELOS UNDER THE OPCONHUE FMAW WOULD OPERATE FROM BASES (LPH) NOT UNDER HIS OPCON. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSIST FMAW WITH ARG/SLF HELO ASSETS WHETHER THE BLT IS EMBARKED IN THE ARG OR ASHORE UNDER THE OPCON OF SEVENTHFLT OR 1ST/THIRD MARDIV. IF THERE ARE OTHER AREAS WHERE IMPROVEMENT IN SUPPORT IS POSSIBLE OR DESIRABLE WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK IT OUT THROUGH COORDINATION.

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4. THE FLAGSHIP WILL BE IN THE DANANG AREA ABT 27 AUG AND I WILL BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS IT FURTHER IF YOU DESIRE. IN THE MEANTIME I BELIEVE WE SHOULD DEFER ANY PERMANENT COMMITMENTS OR POLICY CHANGES UNTIL WE EMERGE FROM THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION AND THE FUTURE ROLE OF THE ARG/SLF CAN BE REASONABLY DETERMINED. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT MAX HELO SUPPORT PRACTICABLE IS AFFORDED FMAW REGARDLESS OF OPNS IN PROGRESS OR THE OPCON STATUS OF THE BLT.

5. BEST REGARDS.

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## MEMORANDUM

**FROM: DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF****FOR: C/S**

REF: SECARMY VISIT

1. MR. RESOR ARRIVES XXIV CORPS FROM PHU CAT AT 1600 24 AUG - GREETED BY CG III MAF AND CG XXIV CORPS. REMAINS IN XXIV CORPS UNTIL 1030 25 AUG WHEN HE DEPARTS FOR I CORPS HOTEL PAD.
2. 1100-1130 MEETING WITH CG I CORPS AND CG III MAF AT I CORPS. DEPARTS FOR AMERICAL AT 1130. DEPARTS CHU LAI FOR PLEIKU AT 1620.
3. LTGEN ZAIS IS INFO ON ATTACHED C/S MACV BACK CHANNEL; RECOMMEND RETRANSMITTAL TO CG, AMERICAL DIV FOR GUIDANCE.
4. NO FURTHER III MAF STAFF ACTION INDICATED.

V RESPY

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To Gen Ramsey  
D. J. G.

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
SAN FRANCISCO 96602

0 181229Z ZYH ZFF-6 ZFF-5  
FM MG TOWNSEND COPS MACV SAIGON  
TO LTG WILDREN DCG USARV  
LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV  
LTG EWELL CG II FFV  
MG WETHERILL CG DMAC  
INFO LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS  
ZFM



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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY OF THE ARMY RESOR (C)

1. SECRETARY RESOR HAS GIVEN HIS CONCURRENCE TO THE PROPOSED TRIP WITH A FEW MODIFICATIONS. THESE ARE:
  - A. DELETE THE VISIT TO THE THAIS ON 22 AUGUST. EXTEND THE VISIT TO THE 18TH ARVN AND THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION.
  - B. VISIT THE 196TH BDE DURING VISIT TO AMERICAL DIVISION.
  - C. VISIT THE 3D BDE, 4TH INF DIV, DURING THE VISIT TO THE 4TH INF DIV.
2. MR. RESOR HAS INDICATED TO COMUSMACV:
  - A. THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THE USEFULNESS OF THE SENSORS IN THE DUFFLE BAG/TIGHT JAW PROGRAM. HE HAS READ THE FIELD REPORTS AND REALIZES THEY HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY THE FIELD COMMANDERS. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE COST OF THE PROGRAM, HE WOULD LIKE TO BE BETTER INFORMED WHEN CALLED UPON TO DEFEND THE PROGRAM DURING BUDGET REVIEWS.
  - B. THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NUMEROUS INQUIRIES FROM THE DEPUTY SECDEF CONCERNING THE SCOPE OF THE LOC PROGRAM. HE WILL BE DISCUSSING ANY CHANGES IN SCOPE UNDER CONSIDERATION AS A PART OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM.
3. COMUSMACV HAS DIRECTED THAT MR. RESOR'S PREFERENCES IN THE MATTER OF BRIEFINGS BE RE-EMPHASIZED. MR RESOR PREFERENCES:
  - A. A MINIMUM NUMBER OF PEOPLE PRESENT DURING A BRIEFING.
  - B. PREFERENCES WITH WHOM HE CAN DISCUSS THE SUBJECT RATHER THAN JUST LISTEN.
  - C. THE AVOIDANCE OF CANNED BRIEFINGS. OPERATIONAL MAPS PROVIDE THE ONLY BACKDROP NEEDED FOR THE DISCUSSIONS BELOW CORPS LEVEL.
  - D. INFORMALITY.
4. REQUEST THAT THE FOREGOING PREFERENCES BE METICULOUSLY FOLLOWED.

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FM SSO MACV  
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
O181237Z ZYH  
FM MG TOWNSEND USMACV SAIGON VIETNAM  
TO LTG HUTCHIN C/S CINCPAC HONOLULU HAWAII  
RADM BARDSHAR JCS WASH D C  
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(JL RB) JOINT LOG REVIEW BD.

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10710 EYES ONLY  
SUBJ: AREA CLEARANCE REQUEST FOR GENERAL BESSON AND JLRB.  
REF: NMCC ITEM 193/69, 152120 AUG 69 NOT HELD  
1. MACV CONCURS IN EIGHT (8) JLRB MEMBERS, SIX  
GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS AND TWO COLONELS VISITING  
IN RVN ON/ABOUT 12 SEPT 69 FOR FIVE DAYS AS STATED IN REFERENCE.  
2. WARM REGARDS.  
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O 190146Z ZYM ZFF-4 ZFF-3  
 FM MG TOWNSEND CQFS MACV SAIGON  
 TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF TAN SON NHUT  
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH  
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DA NANG  
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON  
 LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORS PHU BAI  
 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG  
 LTG EWELL CG II FFOR

CV LONG BINH  
 MG WETHERILL CG DMAC IV CTZ CAN THO  
 YBOKOLC/COL LAMBERES CO 5TH SFG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG  
 C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 10725 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: AUGUST COMMANDERS' WIEU (U)  
 1. (C) THE AUGUST COMMANDERS' WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY  
 23 AUGUST 1969, COMMENCING 0900.  
 2. COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCOORDS OF THE CZ'S ALSO  
 ATTEND THE WIEU.  
 3. COMMANDERS AND DECORDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING  
 HOSTED BY COMU M  
 CV AT THE COMMAND MESS.  
 4. SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1500 HOURS 23  
 AUGUST.  
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 R 181346Z AUG 69  
 FM USS ORISKANY  
 TO CG III MAF  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

FOR LTGEN NICKERSON (PERSONAL) CG III MAF

1. (C) BASED ON TRIP EXPERIENCE TO DATE. FOL RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE  
 RELATIVE TO UNDERSECNV VISIT 20-21 AUG: HE DESIRES MINIMUM FORMAL  
 BRIEFINGS AND MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO SEE PLACES AND MEET OFFICERS AND  
 MEN; PLEASE REOE C SOME FLEXIBILITY IN ITINERARY TO ALLOW FOR  
 QUESTIONS AND UNSCHEDULED REQUESTSUVV HE APPRECIATES HELO FLIGHTS  
 FOR GENERAL ORIENTATION IN EACH MAJOR GREA VISITED; HE WOULD SPECIF-  
 ICALLY LIKE TO SEE FIRST HAND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT FUNCTIONING. LICOL  
 LEFTWICH SENDS.

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FM CG III MARDIV  
TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO: CG III MAF  
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MGEN JONES SENDS FOR LT GEN ZAIS INFO LT GEN NICKERSON

SUBJ: ENEMY CONTACT INVOLVING LIMA THREE THREE FROM 221015H TO 231200H

1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT CONCERNS A DEEP RAVINE AT 932628
  - A. 221015H - 2ND PLATOON LIMA COMPANY MOVED FROM EAST TO WEST ON A FINGER LEADING TO RAVINE.
  - B. 221045H - 2ND PLATOON LIMA COMPANY ENGAGED ESTIMATED ENEMY SQUAD ON LIP OF RAVINE, PULLED BACK AND CALLED FOR AIR SUPPORT. 1 FRD WIA (E).
  - C. 221140H - TWO FLIGHTS FIXED WING AIRCRAFT COMPLETED STRIKES ON RAVINE.
  - D. 221200H - 2ND PLATOON LIMA CO ON WEST AND 3RD PLATOON LIMA COMPANY ON EAST MOVED TO LIP OF RAVINE.
3. 221415H - 2ND PLATOON LIMA MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY, WHICH CONTINUED UNTIL 221440H - 2 FRD WIA (E).
- F. 221500H - 221550H - WIA MED EVACS AND RESUPPLY.
- G. 221745H - 3RD PLATOON LIMA HEAVY CONTACT. POINT MAN WIA AND FOLLOWING TWO MEN KIA BY ENEMY MACHINE GUN IN FIRST BURST OF FIRE.
- H. 221800H - 3D PLATOON LIMA MOVED TO RESCUE WIA POINT MAN, ENGAGED BY SECOND ENEMY MACHINE GUN. IN ENSUING FIRE FIGHT ADDITIONAL 3 FRD KIA AND 7 WIA FRD. POINT MAN DOWN. TOTAL 3D PLATOON LIMA 6 KIA AND 7 WIA (E). NVA - 8 KIA (C).
- I. 221500H TO 221800H - 2D PLATOON LIMA RECEIVED TWO MORE WIA (E).
- J. 221830H - BOTH PLATOON PULLED BACK TO COMPANY NIGHT POSITION. TOTAL CASUALTIES 221045H 221830, FRD: 6 KIA-12 WIA (E). - 8 NVA (C).
- K. 221930H - MEDEVAC COMMENCED ALL WIA'S EVAC BUT BODIES OF SIX KIA NOT RECOVERED. WILL BE RECOVERED 231400H.
- L. NO ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AREA DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. FRIENDLY SUPPORTING FIRES PLACED IN RAVINE ON POSSIBLE ENEMY ROUTES OF WITHDRAWAL DURING THE NIGHT.
- M. 230600H - INDIA THREE THREE MOVED TO BLOCKING POSITION SOUTH OF RAVINE.
- N. 230730H - FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON RAVINE REPORTED 3 BUNKERS DESTROYED.
- O. 230800H - FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON RAVINE REPORTED BUNKERS DESTROYED.
- P. 230830H - FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON RAVINE REPORTED BUNKERS DESTROYED.
- Q. 230900H - FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON RAVINE REPORTED 5 BUNKERS DESTROYED.
- R. 231000H - FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON RAVINE REPORTED BUNKERS DESTROYED.
- S. 231040H - FIXED WING AIR STRIKE ON RAVINE REPORTED BUNKERS DESTROYED, 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
- . TOTAL BDA: 28 BUNKERS DESTROYED, 2 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.
- 231200H - INDIA SCHEDULED TO BE IN POSITION. ADVISE FURTHER.

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 FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO CG III MAF  
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 SUBJ: FOLLOW-UP REPORT

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 230606Z AUG69  
 1. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP REPORT UPDATING REFERENCE A.  
 2. AT 231132H, L/3/3 LOCATED AT XD 933627, RECEIVED 5/82MM MORTAR  
 ROUNDS IN AND AROUND PERIMETER RESULTING IN 1 FRD KIA, 6  
 FRD WIA (E). AT 231251H, L/3/3 ATTACKED AND AT 231325H ENTERED  
 BUNKER COMPLEX WHERE CONTACT YESTERDAY TOOK PLACE. L/3/3  
 RECOVERED THE BODIES OF 6 FRD KIA AND DISCOVERED ONE MRE NVA KIA.  
 AT 231830H, L/3/3 EVACUATED THE 6 FRD KIA. DURING THE ENTIRE  
 TIME L/3/3 WAS IN THE BUNKER COMPLEX, THERE WAS NEGATIVE  
 CONTACT. CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF  
 L/3/3 FROM 231110H-231645H TOTALLED 11 MISSIONS WITH THE  
 FOLLOWING BDA

- A. 13 BUNKERS DESTROYED
- B. 1.50 CAL POSITION DESTROYED
- C. 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION

3. TOTAL CASUALTIES FOR L/3/3 FROM 221015H-232000H WERE 7  
 FRD KIA, 17 FRD WIA. L/3/3 ACCOUNTED FOR 9 NVA KIA.

4. COMPANIES HAVE ESTABLISHED COMPANY NIGHT POSITIONS AS  
 FOLLOWS:

3/3 CP W/M/3/3	953621
L/3/3	960616
L/3/3	946622

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 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
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MGEN JONES SENDS FOR LTGEN ZAIS INFO LTGEN NICKERSON  
 A.5 CG, THIRD MARDIV MSG 231700Z AUG 69

1. THIS IS THE FINAL FOLLOW-UP REPORT UPDATING REFERENCE A ON THE L/3/3 CONTACT AT XD 933627 DURING THE PERIOD FROM 221015H AUG 69 TO 232130H AUG 69.
2. SUBSEQUENT TO THE ATTACK BY L/3/3 AT 231215H AUG 69, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM L/3/3 UNITS EXPLOITING THE BUNKER COMPLEX: 75 PERCENT OF THE BUNKERS WERE DESTROYED BY ARTILLERY AND FIXED WING SUPPORT (41 DESTROYED). THOSE BUNKERS NOT DESTROYED WERE EITHER RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED OR IN GOOD CONDITION. THE BUNKER COMPLEX WAS SITUATED ON BOTH SIDES OF A RAVINE AND WAS MUTUALLY LINKED BY TRENCH LINES AND FIGHTING HOLES. THE BUNKER COMPLEX WAS LITTERED WITH BLOODY BATTLE DRESSINGS, BLOOD TRAILS, BLOODY CLOTHING, AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS GEAR. L/3/3 ALSO FOUND 2 ADDITIONAL NVA BODIES, 4 AK-47'S, 3 SKS'S, 3 RPG LAUNCHERS, 200 CHI-COM GRENADES, AND 7 RPG ROUNDS. TOTAL NVA (C) FROM THIS ACTION IS 19.

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TO LTC NICKERSON CG III MAF  
INFO MG SIMPSON CG 1ST MAF DIV  
MG RAMSEY CG AMBICAL DIV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 11048 EYES ONLY

1. I PLAN TO SPEND WEDNESDAY, 27 AUGUST, IN SOUTHERN I CORPS GETTING A COMPREHENSIVE OVERALL VIEW OF THE SITUATION THERE. ETA AT CHU LAI 0950 HOURS. DEPART BY T-39 AT 1630 HOURS FROM CHU LAI OR BANANG.
2. PLEASE RETURN ITINERARY.

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 TO LTC WICKERSON CG III MAF  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L A C D S I S E Y E S O N L Y**

I HAVE HEARD THE AP NEWS STORY BY PETER ARNETT AND HORST FAUS REGARDING A COMPANS REFUSING TO MOVE TO AN OBJECTIVE. THE STORY WAS PHONED TO THIS HQS BY USARV IQ. THE STORY IS BASICALLY CORRECT; HOWEVER, IT LEAVES OUT SOME FACTS REGARDING HOW MANY MEN WERE INVOLVED THEREBY MAKING THE STORY VERY MUCH EXAGGERATED.

THE FACTS AS I HAVE GATHERED THEM FROM THE BDE CMDR AND BN CMDR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

THE BN CMDR, LT COL ROBERT G. BACON, HAD ORDERED 1ST LT EUGENE SHURTZ, C. O. A CO, 3D BN, 21ST INFANTRY, TO MOVE OFF OF NUI LON AT 0900 AND SWEEP THE AREA TO THEIR WEST WHERE THEY HAD BEEN THE PREVIOUS DAY. THEIR ORDERS INCLUDED TO ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE TWO MISSING IN ACTION IN THAT AREA. THE BN CMDR BECAME CONCERNED WHEN THE COMPANY DID NOT MOVE AND HAD SOME DISCUSSIONS BY RADIO WITH THE CO. EVIDENTLY CORRESPONDENT HORST FAUS, WHO WAS ON NUI LON, WAS IN HEARING DISTANCE OF THE RADIO TRANSMISSION. AS TIME PASSED, THE CO CALLED THE BN CO AND SAID THAT SOME OF HIS SOLDIERS WHO HAD A SHORT TIME LEFT IN COUNTRY DID NOT WANT TO MOVE OUT. THEY WERE TIRED FROM PREVIOUS DAYS OF FIGHTING AND THEY WERE RELUCTANT TO TAKE MORE CASUALTIES. THE BN CO TOLD THE CO TO ORDER THE COMPANY TO MOVE OUT AND TO FOLLOW HIM. THE BN CO ADVISED THE CO THAT THERE WAS NO ENEMY ACTION OR ENEMY CONTACT IN THE AREA AT THE PRESENT TIME. THE BN CO THEN SENT HIS EX OFFICER, MAJ RICHARD WAITE AND SGT E-7 OKIE BLANKENSHIP TO THE COMPANY AREA ON NUI LON BY HELICOPTER. MAJOR WAITE FOUND THE CO, 1ST LT SHURTZ TIRED AND EMOTIONALLY RATTLED. HE TALKED TO THE CO AND GOT HIM SETTLED DOWN. MAJ WAITE AND SGT BLANKENSHIP THEN TALKED TO MANY OF THE MEN AND FOUND ONLY FIVE OF THEM WHO WERE HESITANT TO MOVE BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS DAYS OF BATTLE AND BECAUSE OF THE REMAINING TIME LEFT IN COUNTRY. MAJ WAITE TALKED TO THESE FIVE MEN AND TEN MINUTES LATER THE COMPANY MOVED OUT ON ITS MISSION. THEY MOVED OUT AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 HRS, WHICH WAS A ONE HOUR DELAY FROM THE INITIAL ORDER. THE COMPANY TOOK NO CASUALTIES DURING THE DAY OF 24 AUG.

IT APPEARS THAT THE INCIDENT WAS CAUSED BY LT SHURTZ AND 5 RELUCTANT EM. LT SHURTZ HAD BEEN THE CO FOR SLIGHTLY OVER TWO WEEKS AND IT APPEARS HE LACKED THE DRIVE, INITIATIVE AND OVER ALL LEADERSHIP TO BE A COMPANY COMMANDER. LT SHURTZ WAS RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND THIS AFTERNOON, 25 AUG, BY HIS BN CMDR WHO HAD DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH THE BDE CMDR PRIOR TO RELIEVING HIM. THE RELIEF WAS MADE HOURS BEFORE THE BDE HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE AP STORY

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE

1. I CAN EASILY SHIFT DATES AS SUGGESRED BY REF A.  
 IF CONVENIENT, ~~30 AUG WOULD BE MY FIRST CHOICE BUT~~ *AM 30th*  
**3. SEP IS ALSO AVAILABLE.** I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND YOUR  
 MORNING BRIEF IN ORDER TO HEAR YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE  
 LATEST IN-COUNTRY DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE LEAST TROUBLE  
 TO YOUR STAFF. WITH THAT IN MIND, I CAN ARRIVE AT 0805  
 ON EITHER MORNING AND WILL PLAN TO REMAIN AFTER THE BRIEF  
 TO DISCUSS AND SUBJECTS YOU DESIRE, INCLUDING OPCON OF  
 SLF HELICOPTERS.
2. IF AGREEABLE, MY NEW FLEET MARINE OFFICER, COL J.H.  
 REEDER, USMC, AND AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE OFFICER, CDR R.R.  
 HANSEN, USN, WILL ACCOMPANY ME. ALL CLEARED TOP SECRET.
3. BEST REGARDS.

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SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT (U)

A. CG III MAF 251200Z AUG 69 (S)

1. (U) ALL INCIDENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURED IN FLC PRIOR TO 30 JULY HAVE BEEN REPORTED VIA LEADERSHIP COUNCIL CHANNELS.
2. (S) CONTINUING ANALYSIS BY FLC LEADS TO CONCLUSION THAT NO ORGANIZED SUBVERSIVE/RACIAL ACTIVITY EXISTS. RACIAL INCIDENTS ARE RELATIVELY FEW, SCATTERED AND ARISE FROM ACTIONS OF INDIVIDUALS. BLACK POWER SALUTES ARE OBSERVED AND, WHILE OFFENSIVE TO MOST OF WHITE COMMUNITY, RARELY RESULT IN AGGRESSIVE REACTION. THE TENDENCY OF NEGROES TO GATHER TO THE EXCLUSION OF WHITES APPEARS TO BE SOCIALLY MOTIVATED AND DEVOID OF SUBVERSIVE OVERTONES.
3. (C) THE FOLLOWING SPONTANEOUS INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURED SINCE 1 AUG:

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- (A) 23 AUG- FIGHT IN EM CLUB BETWEEN TWO NEGROES SPREAD TO OTHERS INCLUDING WHITES BEFORE BEING STOPPED.
  - (B) 23 AUG- DEROGATORY REMARK, SUPPOSEDLY MADE BY WHITE MARINE TO A NEGRO, LED TO DISTURBANCE IN HANDS ON BILLETING AREA. A GROUP CONGREGATED AND SCUFFLING RESULTED. WHITES AND BLACKS INVOLVED. ORDER WAS QUICKLY RESTORED AND MAINTAINED. THIS INCIDENT WAS A PROBABLE EXTENSION OF (A) ABOVE.
  - (C) 24 AUG- A FIST FIGHT BETWEEN TWO WHITE PFC-ALPHA MARINES WAS BROKEN UP BY A NEGRO SERGEANT. THE NOISE AND EXCITEMENT UNBALANCED A NEGRO PFC AWAITING DISCHARGE ON PSYCHIATRIC BASIS. HE DISCHARGED ONE ROUND FROM M-16 SLIGHTLY WOUNDING WHITE M/SGT. NEITHER THE ORIGINAL FIGHT NOR THE SUBSEQUENT DISCHARGE WERE RACIALLY INSPIRED.
4. PRESENT COMMAND ASSESSMENT IS THAT NO TRENDS HAVE DEVELOPED WITHIN FLC WHICH CONSTITUTE ORGANIZED SUBVERSIVE/RACIAL THREAT.

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LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG VIETNAM

LTG EWELL CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH VIETNAM

VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON VIETNAM

MG WETHERILL CG DMAC CAN THO VIETNAM

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SUBJECT: COMMAND AND CONTROL IN EMERGENCY SITUATION (D)

REF: A. COMUSMACV MSG MAC 8094 DTG 241120Z JUN 69 (TS) *ATL*B. CINCPAC MSG DTG 190355Z AUG 69 (S) (NOTAL) *NOT HELD*

1. (D) REFERENCE A PROVIDED GUIDANCE IN THE EVENT OF SHORT DURATION HOSTILE CRISIS SITUATIONS WHICH REQUIRE A US DEFENSIVE REACTION AND WHICH YOU HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT. REFERENCE B REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION TO THIS GUIDANCE.

2. (S) PARAGRAPH 2C OF REFERENCE A IS CHANGED TO READ: QUOTE. REPORT IMMEDIATELY AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, TO INCLUDE CINCPAC, AND TO LATERAL HEADQUARTERS OF ALL SERVICES,

DETAILS OF ANY REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE AND ACTION BEING TAKEN.

CONFIRM THE SPECIFIC OPLAN BEING IMPLEMENTED, WHERE APPLICABLE AND PROVIDE IDENTITY OF ON-SCENE COMMANDER. USE IMMEDIATE OR HIGHER PRECEDENCE. THE UNIT AGAINST WHOM HOSTILE ACTION IS DIRECTED WILL REACT WITHIN THE CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, REQUEST APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE AS AVAILABLE FROM LATERAL UNITS, AND REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING DIRECTIVES. END QUOTE.

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 TO CG IFF WAF  
 INFO CG XXIV CORPS  
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SUBJ: PROBABLE KILL OF NVA RESULTING FROM SENSOR ACTIVITY.  
 NGEN JONES SENDS FOR LIGEN NICKERSON INFO LIGEN ZAIS.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION I HOLD RELATIVE TO THE PROBABLE KILL OF 12 NVA AS A RESULT OF SENSOR ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF FSB SAIGON.
2. AT 0900 ON 7 AUGUST A PROJECT DELTA RECONNAISSANCE TEAM DISCOVERED 12 NVA BODIES AT XD 829270. THE BODIES WERE CLAD IN GREEN UNIFORMS, HELMETS AND BOOTS, BUT WEAPONS AND WEB GEAR HAD APPARENTLY BEEN REMOVED. THE TIME OF DEATH WAS ESTIMATED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS PRIOR TO DISCOVERY AND CAUSE OF DEATH WAS ARTILLERY FIRE OR AIR DELIVERED ORDNANCE.
3. THE LOCATION OF THE BODIES WAS IN THE VICINITY OF ONE OF THE KILL ZONES OF SENSOR STRING 604. SENSORS IN THIS STRING ARE LOCATED AT XD 8228280, XD 8170270 AND XD 8188270 AND WERE HAND EMPLACED BY A GROUND SURVEILLANCE TEAM ON 1 JULY 1969. SENSORS OF STRING 604 WERE ACTIVATED BETWEEN 15 JULY AND 5 AUG DETECTING A TOTAL OF 31 PERSONNEL.
4. ALL ROUNDS FIRED INTO THE AREA WERE 175MM. IN ADDITION, BECAUSE OF SENSOR ACTIVITY AND SIGHTINGS, DELAY BOMBS WERE SEEDED IN THE GENERAL AREA (UPPER LEFT 8127 AND LOWER RIGHT 8223).
5. FROM THE PROXIMITY OF THE BODIES TO THE SENSOR STRING KILL ZONE, IT WAS DEDUCED THAT THESE KILLS PROBABLY RESULTED FROM THE FIRES IN RESPONSE TO SENSOR ACTIVITY OF STRING 604. NO M&I FIRES HAD BEEN DIRECTED AT THIS AREA DURING THE PERIOD 25 JULY THROUGH 7 AUGUST.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 CAMP BUTLER BRIG

A. CG MARCORB CAMP BUTLER LTR AJA:DER OF 27 AUG 69

1. (C) TODAY CAMP BUTLER HAS 180 PRISONERS. OF THESE 78 ARE NEGROES. IN RECENT WEEKS RACIAL INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AND ALTERCATIONS BETWEEN PRISONERS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. IN THE PAST 3 WEEKS 9 RACIALLY RELATED INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURED. NONE OF THESE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN SERIOUS BUT HAVE INDICATED A TREND WHICH CONTINUES AND COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO PRISONERS OR BRIG PERSONNEL. CURRENTLY THE BRIG STAFF IS IN JEOPARDY. DUE TO DORMITORY TYPE BILLETING CONFIGURATION.

2. (C) THE CAMP BUTLER BRIG WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT TO HOUSE 150 PRISONERS USING 72 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AS THE CRITERIA FOR EACH PRISONER. UNDER CROWDED CONDITIONS AND REDUCING THE SPACE FACTOR TO 50 SQUARE FEET PER PRISONER THE BRIG HAS MAXIMUM CROWDED CAPACITY 200 PRISONERS. THIS REDUCTION IN SPACE FACTOR COULD ONLY BE PERMITTED WHEN THE PRISONER POPULATION IS LESS VOLATILE. UNTIL THE PRESENT SITUATION COOLS I BELIEVE IT MOST PRUDENT NOT TO EXCEED 180.

3. (C) LOCAL COMMANDERS ARE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZING THEIR CONFINEMENT POLICIES TO MINIMIZE INCARCERATION. UNDER CURRENT AND PROBABLY CONTINUING CONDITIONS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THIS BRIG TO TAKE ANY PERSONNEL FOR CONFINEMENT FROM OFF ISLAND COMMANDS.

4. (C) CURRENTLY THE BRIG IS STAFFED BY BOTH PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY PERSONNEL. THE ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THIS FACILITY MUST NECESSARILY BE CLOSELY SCREENED TO INSURE MAINTAINING ADEQUATE CONTROL OVER THIS LARGE PRISONER POPULATION. I HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO HAVE THE BRIG STAFFED BY 2 OFFICERS AND 103 ENLISTED PERSONNEL. THIS FIGURE IS CONSIDERED INADEQUATE FOR THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS PRESENTLY CONFINED UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS AND IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDE THAT AN ADDITIONAL 5 BRIG PERSONNEL BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM ON ISLAND RESOURCES IN ORDER TO STAFF THE BRIG AT THE MANNING RECOMMENDED BY THE CORRECTIONS MANUAL OF 2 OFFICERS AND 108 ENLISTED. I HAVE REQUESTED NINTH MAB TO PROVIDE THESE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ON A TEMPORARY 90 DAY BASIS PENDING SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDED NEW BRIG T/O AS INDICATED IN REF A. NINTH MAB HAS AGREED TO FURNISH PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CHAPMAN INFO  
 LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
 USS NEW JERSEY EMPLOYMENT (U)  
 A. CG III MAF 280726Z/AUG69 (5)  
 1. IN SUPPORT OF REF A, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY FULL  
 CONCURRENCE TO NICK'S ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSION.  
 ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE OTHER COGENT THOUGHTS ON  
 THE SUBJECT WHICH MIGHT ADD FUEL TO THE SUPPORT  
 YOU ARE ABLE TO GIVE THE ISSUE.  
 2. NICK FORWARDED A COPY OF A MEMO FROM RADM E. P.  
 BONNER TO UNSECNV WARNER WHICH RESULTED FROM A  
 DISCUSSION HELD IN DANANG BETWEEN NICK AND BONNER.  
 THE MEMO SUPPORTS RETENTION OF THE NEW JERSEY ON THE  
 BASIS OF USE OF THE SYMBOLIC VALUE WHICH IS NOW  
 MAKING IT POLITICALLY DIFFICULT TO REDEPLOY OR

PAGE 2 RUHFMA4745 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 RETAIN HER. THE PERSPECTIVE IS INTERESTING AND IS  
 PARAPHRASED HERE FOR YOUR INFO:

A. IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS  
 SYMBOLISM AS AN ARGUMENT FOR HER REDEPLOYMENT. THE  
 ROOT QUESTIONS WHICH ARISE REGARDING THE REDUCTION  
 OF FORCE LEVELS ARE, (1) HOW FAST DO WE REDUCE FORCE  
 LEVELS, AND (2) HOW DO WE GUARD AGAINST THE TACTICAL  
 AND/OR STRATEGIC SITUATION GETTING OUT OF HAND AS  
 A RESULT THEREOF. PART OF THE ANSWER TO QUESTION  
 (1) IS BASED UPON THE ANSWER TO (2). THE PRESENT  
 ANSWER TO (2) SEEMS TO BE: KEEP A REASONABLE SEMI-  
 PERMANENT RESIDUAL FORCE, RETAIN U.S. LOGISTIC SUP-  
 PORT FOR VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES, AND RETAIN U.S. CLOSE AND  
 STRATEGIC AIR SUPPORT FOR THEM.

B. IF NEW JERSEY WERE TO BE CLASSIFIED AS A  
 TYPE OF STRATEGIC RESERVE, OR READY RETALIATORY  
 FORCE, NOT IN-COUNTRY BUT HOVERING JUST OVER THE  
 HORIZON ON INSTANT CALL, HER VERY SYMBOLISM MIGHT  
 BE EXPLOITED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE. IT MIGHT BE ARGUED  
 THAT SHE WOULD BE THE IDEAL FORM OF DISCREET PRES-

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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA4745 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR SURE THAT COULD BE PLACED ON THE OTHER SIDE TO REFRAIN FROM RESUMPTION OR STEPPING-UP OF THIS WAR, OR FROM OTHER SERIOUS ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO PROVOKE REPRISAL ON OUR PART. SHE WOULD BE A TANGIBLE SYMBOL OF U.S. DETERMINATION, WITHOUT HAVING A SINGLE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN IN-COUNTRY OR UNDULY RISKING AMERICAN LIVES.

C. THERE APPEARS TO BE CONSIDERABLE NATIONAL SENTIMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF NEW JERSEY EVIDENCED BY CRITICISM IN THE PRESS FOR WITHDRAWING HER FROM VIETNAMESE WATERS. THE MAIN THEME OF THESE CRITICISMS IS THAT HAVING SPENT SO MUCH MONEY GETTING THE SHIP READY, WHY DOESN'T THE NAVY GET BETTER USE OF HER. WHILE ON THIS POINT, WE COULD ACHIEVE SOME MONETARY AND PERSONNEL SAVINGS BY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF GUN AND TURRET CREWS. ALL TURRETS AND GUNS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED, BUT FULL BATTERY MANNING IS NOT NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE MISSION OUTLINED ABOVE

D. THESE ARGUMENTS REDUCE TO BILLING NEW

PAGE 4 RUHHFMA4745 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR JERSEY AS THE OUT-OF-COUNTRY ALL WEATHER EQUIVALENT OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT FOR ARVN, AND CAPITALIZING ON THE INHERENT SYMBOLIC VALUE OF THE SHIP AND THE INVESTMENT WE HAVE ALREADY MADE IN HER, WHILE EFFECTING FURTHER COST REDUCTION IN HER OPERATIONS AND RECONCILING ALL THIS WITH AN OVERALL POLICY OF REDUCING THE NET LOSS OF THE WAR.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE LOSS OF NEW JERSEY AND CANBERRA, CURRENT NAVY PLANNING PROJECTS A SCHEDULE, IN WHICH THE MAJOR IMPACT OF THE DEACTIVATION OF 17 FIVE INCH DESTROYERS TERMINATION OF LANIFLT AUGMENTATION RESULTS IN DRASTIC REDUCTION OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.

4. BY 1JAN72 THE EIGHT GUN SHIPS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED WCF DUTIES IN WESTPAC WILL PROBABLY BE REDUCED TO THREE OR LESS. THIS REDUCTION WILL BE COMPOUNDED DURING THE APPROXIMATE SIX MONTH ROTATION GAP BETWEEN BOSTON'S DEPARTURE AND ST. PAUL'S NEXT DEPLOYMENT IN MAY, 70. THE ONLY ASSETS REMAINING DURING THAT PERIOD WILL BE TWO OR THREE (MAYBE LESS)

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PAGE 5 RUHKFMA4745 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
DESTROYERS WITHOUT A LONG RANGE OR HEAVY PROJECTILE  
CAPABILITY.

5. THE CAPACITY TO MATERIALLY OFFSET THE IMPACT OF  
THESE REDUCTIONS REPOSES IN NEW JERSEY BOTH THROUGH  
HER PRESENCE AS DESCRIBED BY ADM. SONNER OR THROUGH  
ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT AS DESCRIBED BY NICK.

WARM REGARDS.

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1. (C) I KNOW, AND SHARE THE CONCERN WHICH YOU AND GEN LAM HAVE OVER THE TWO TRAIN DESTRUCTION INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED ON 29 AUGUST. OF EQUAL CONCERN HAS BEEN THE INCREASE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY IN PHU LOC DISTRICT DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS.
2. (S) ACTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING TAKEN TO COUNTER THIS THREAT ARE DESCRIBED BELOW:
  - A. THE 2D BATTALION, 327TH ABN INF, 101ST ABN DIV (AM), WORKING FROM FSB ROY, PROVIDES SECURITY ALONG QL1 IN THE PHU LOC DISTRICT ON A CONTINUING BASIS. THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES ACTIONS OF THIS UNIT TO DATE.
    - (1) THE 2/327TH CONDUCTS EXTENSIVE PLATOON SIZE RIF'S, PATROLS, AND AMBUSHES THROUGHOUT THE EASTERN PORTION OF PHU LOC DISTRICT. THE 2/327TH CONDUCTS APPROXIMATELY 30 SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES ALONG QL1 NIGHTLY.
    - (2) FOR THE PAST MONTH THE BATTALION HAS BEEN CLEARING TWO TO THREE LZ'S DAILY IN THE DISTRICT TO IMPROVE THEIR CAPABILITY TO REACT TO DEVELOPING ENEMY SITUATIONS AND NOW IS EMPHASIZING THE CLEARING OF LZ'S ALONG THE RR RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN THE LANG CO BRIDGE AND FSB LOS BANOS. THREE PLATOONS ARE KEPT ON STANDBY AS READY REACTION FORCES AT FSB'S ROY, TOMAHAWK, AND LOS BANOS. HELICOPTER SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE, ON CALL TO MOVE THESE PLATOONS AS NEEDED.
    - (3) THE BATTALION WILL EMPLOY 7 PSR-1 ON LINE SENSORS ALONG THE RR BETWEEN FSB LOS BANOS AND THE LANG CO BRIDGE.
    - (4) THE 2/327TH CP RECENTLY COLLOCATED WITH THE PHU LOC DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS TO FACILITATE COORDINATION. BATTALION LIAISON PERSONNEL ARE LOCATED IN THE DIOCC ON A PERMANENT BASIS. THE BN CO AND DISTRICT CHIEF CONSULT AND CONDUCT AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF THE DISTRICT ON A DAILY BASIS. THE BN S-2 AND S-3 HAVE ARRANGED DAILY COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT CHIEF, VILLAGE CHIEFS, ELDERS, AND MANY OF THE CITIZENRY.
    - (5) THE 2/327TH PROVIDES TRAINING TO RF, PSDF, AND NATIONAL POLICE AND CONDUCTS JOINT OPERATIONS WITH GVN FORCES TO INCLUDE RIF'S, PATROLS, AND AMBUSHES. THE BATTALION ALSO CONDUCTS WATERBORNE PATROLS OF THE CAU HAI BAY WITH GVN NAVY UNITS.

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(6) THE 2/327TH INF SUPPORTS AN ACTIVE SELF-HELP CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM IN THE AREA.

B. ONE BATTALION OF THE 54TH REGIMENT (ARVN) HABITUALLY OPERATES IN THE VICINITY OF FSB ANZIO TO INCLUDE THE PHU LOC AREA EAST TO CAU HAI BAY.

3. (S) RF AND PF UNITS, IN COORDINATION WITH US UNITS AND THE NATIONAL POLICE, CONDUCT LOC AND BRIDGE SECURITY MISSIONS, ID CHECKS, NIGHT AND DAY AMBUSHES, SEARCH OPERATIONS, AND ESTABLISH CHECKPOINTS IN THE POPULATED AREAS AND ALONG THE MAIN LOC AND WATERWAYS IN PHU LOC DISTRICT.

4. (S) 3D CAG PRESENTLY HAS 4 CACO'S (CONSISTING OF 25 CAP'S) OPERATING IN SOUTHERN THUA THIEN PROVINCE. THE SE ELEMENTS WORKING WITH PF'S, CONDUCT CONTINUOUS DAY AND NIGHT OPERATIONS WHICH INCLUDE ID CHECKPOINTS, SEARCH OPERATIONS, AND DAY AND NIGHT AMBUSH OPERATIONS IN THE POPULATED AREAS.

5. (U) US AND ARVN COMBAT SUPPORT ASSETS (ARTY, ARA, AVN, MP) ARE IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE RF, PF AND CAP THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THIS INCLUDES PROVISIONS FOR US AND ARVN READY REACTION FORCES.

6. (S) RAILROAD SECURITY:

A. DAILY PATROL OF RR TRACKS: THE RR BETWEEN DA NANG AND HUE IS PATROLLED ON A DAILY BASIS. EACH MORNING A COMBINATION WORK AND GUARD TRAIN RUNS THE TRACK 30 MINUTES AHEAD OF THE PASSENGER TRAIN. EACH AFTERNOON THE SAME PROCEDURE IS FOLLOWED BETWEEN HUE AND DA NANG.

B. RR RIGHT OF WAY CLEARING: THE MAINTENANCE OF THE RR RIGHT OF WAY, INCLUDING THE CLEARING OF BRUSH, TREES AND GRASS, IS A DIRECT GVN RESPONSIBILITY. IN MAY THE RIGHT OF WAY WAS DEFOLIATED IN THE HAI VANH PASS. FURTHER DEFOLIATION WAS DENIED BY THE PROVINCE CHIEF BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF CROPS AND ORCHARDS CONTIGUOUS TO THE RR RIGHT OF WAY BETWEEN THE HAI VANH PASS AND HUE.

C. AIR OBSERVATION HAS BEEN INCREASED AS HAS PATROLLING BY US FORCES. THESE OPERATIONS ARE COMPLIMENTED BY THE PLANNED INCREASED USE OF SENSORS.

D. BRIDGE SECURITY: WITHIN PHU LOC DISTRICT THERE ARE TEN SIGNIFICANT BRIDGES (1-HIGHWAY, 3-RAILROAD, AND 6-HIGHWAY RAILROAD). THESE ARE GUARDED BY 348 RF/PF PERSONNEL AUGMENTED BY 148 US PERSONNEL FROM THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM). US PERSONNEL SERVE AS FORWARD OBSERVER TEAMS (3-5 MEN) AT FIVE BRIDGE SITES AND PROVIDE ONE COMPANY (-) AS THE PRINCIPAL DEFENSE FORCE AT THE LANG CO BRIDGE.

7. (S) SENSOR PROGRAM: IN ADDITION TO THE SEVEN PSR-1 SENSING DEVICES THE 101ST IS INSTALLING IN THE FSB LOS BANOS AREA (SEE PARAGRAPH 2A(3) ABOVE), THE 101ST WILL INSTALL 12 ADDITIONAL STRINGS OF SENSORS (MINISID AND MAGID/PIRID) IN THE LOS BANOS AREA.

8. (S) I BELIEVE THE ACTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE, COUPLED WITH OUR INTENSIVE CIVIC ACTION/ACCELERATED PACIFICATION PROGRAM WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN DEFEATING THESE LATEST ENEMY TERRORIST INCIDENTS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 11355 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJ: MAT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

1. DURING THE COURSE OF MY FIELD TRIPS I GAIN EXPOSURE TO A RATHER WIDE RANGE OF ACTIVITIES IN ALL CTZ'S. IN THE PROCESS I BECOME AWARE OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS THE SOLUTION TO WHICH I AM IN A POSITION TO FACILITATE ON A SELECTIVE BASIS BY INITIATION OF ACTION AT MY LEVEL. ONE SUCH PROBLEM, PERHAPS "DEFICIENCY AREA" WOULD BE A BETTER DESCRIPTION, HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION RECENTLY. I REFER TO SUB-STANDARD PERFORMANCE ON THE PART OF SOME MOBILE ADVISORY TEAMS (MATs).

2. THE ROOT OF MY CONCERN RESIDES IN THE FOLLOWING:

A. PERSONAL OBSERVATION OF TWO MATs, ONE IN III CTZ, THE OTHER IN II CTZ. THE APPEARANCE OF WHOSE MEMBERS REFLECTED BOTH A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN IN SUPERVISION BY THE TEAM LEADER AND DISREGARD FOR WELL UNDERSTOOD STANDARDS PERTAINING TO WEARING AND CARE OF THE UNIFORM AND CARE OF INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT. IN BRIEF, EACH TEAM HAD "GONE NATIVE" TO SOME EXTENT AS EXEMPLIFIED BY ABSENCE OF HEAD GEAR, UNBUTTONED CLOTHING AND PRONOUNCED DISARRAY OF PERSONAL EQUIPMENT IN THE BILLETING AREA. ADDITIONALLY, ONE NOTED DIRTY UNIFORMS AND NEED FOR SHAVES AND HAIRCUTS IN INDIVIDUAL CASES. PLENTY OF WATER WAS AVAILABLE FOR WASHING.

B. DISCUSSIONS WITH TWO SENIOR NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICERS DURING WHICH EACH ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE CITED EXAMPLES AKIN TO THOSE DESCRIBED IN THE PRECEDING SUBPARAGRAPH, INCLUDING USE BY MAT MEMBERS OF "WILD WEST" PISTOL BELTS AND RVNAF CLOTHING ITEMS.

C. REFERENCE TO DISAPPOINTMENT IN MAT COMPETENCE AND INDIVIDUAL STANDARDS MADE DURING THE COURSE OF AN EXIT INTERVIEW BY A VISITING TEAM FROM THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY CHARGED WITH DEVELOPING A MODEL FOR TEAM EFFORTS FROM EFFECTIVENESS.



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3. THE FOREGOING HAS NOT PROMPTED ME TO GO OFF THE DEEP  
 END IN CRITICIZING A PROGRAM WHICH IS DEMONSTRATING ITS  
 GROWTH IN TERM OF IMPROVED RF/PF EFFECTIVENESS, AND  
 WHOSE FULL POTENTIAL HAS YET TO BE ACHIEVED, NOR DOES  
 IT SIGNIFY ANY INTENT ON MY PART TO CONDEMN THE TOTAL  
 EFFORT BECAUSE OF THE WEAKNESSES OF A FEW SUB-STANDARD  
 TEAMS. NONETHELESS, WHERE THERE IS SMOKE THERE MAY BE  
 FIRE, AND I AM CONFIDENT YOU WILL AGREE THAT PROMPT  
 ACTION TO CORRECT SHORTCOMINGS AT THE INCIPIENT STAGE IS  
 DESIRABLE. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT EACH OF  
 YOU LAY ON AN INTENSIFIED FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM DESIGNED  
 TO IDENTIFY AND BRING UP TO STANDARD THOSE MATS WHICH BY  
 THEIR APPEARANCE, ATTITUDE AND NON-COMPLIANCE WITH PRO-  
 FESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS FAIL TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY  
 EXAMPLE AND JEOPARDIZE MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT.  
 4. THE FOREGOING REQUEST IS BEING REFERRED TO APPROPRIATE  
 AGENCIES OF THE MACV STAFF FOR COMPARABLE ACTION.

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