

- ~~24. COMUSMACV 010530E NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM HANFEN
VISIT OF MGEN MCMATH TO RVN WITH FREEDOM FOUNDATION GROUP~~
25. CG XXIV CORPS 010613Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *gpo-1*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
LONG RANGE PLAN FOR DEFENSE OF THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES

26. COMNAVFORV 021252Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BONNER, DILLON, JOHNSON, FAUL, SHANAHAN, BLAIR, SIPLE
INFO BLOVIN, BAUMBERGER AND NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
VISIT OF ADM CLAREY, VCNO
27. COMUSMACV 030041Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM HANIFEN
APPROVAL FOR MGEN WHEELER TO SUCCEED MGEN SIMPSON
28. COMNAVFORV 040442Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BRINGLE INFO NICKERSON AND BONNER FROM ZUMWALT
VISIT OF ADM CLAREY
29. COMNAVFORV 040550Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BONNER INFO NICKERSON FROM BAUMBERGER
MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE OF VADM BAUMBERGER
30. CG XXIV CORPS 050114Z NOV69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR ABRAMS INFO NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
AVAILABILITY OF MGEN WHEELER FOR ASG TO 1ST MARDIV
31. COMSEVENTHFLT 050158Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR ZUMWALT INFO NICKERSON AND BONNER FROM BRINGLE
VISIT OF ADM CLAREY
32. COMUSMACV 050957Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON
- ~~33. COMNAVFORV 051316Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM MR. WRIGHT
ALLOTTMENTS~~
34. COMUSMACV 060207Z ~~XX~~ NOV69 (C) *Regraded 21 9 Nov 69*
FOR DOOLEY FROM MAJ SEYMOUR
VISIT OF GEN ROSSON TO ICTZ
35. COMUSMACV 060722Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ROSSON
FOLLOW UP ACTION ON INSPECTION OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE
36. COMUSMACV 061721Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
NOVEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU
37. COMUSMACV 070115Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
SPECULATION IN PRESS RESULT OF PRESIDENT'S 3 NOV SPEECH
- ~~38. COMNAVFORV 070115Z NOV69 (U) PERSONAL
FOR NICKERSON AND JASKWKA FROM ZUMWALT
MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY MESSAGE~~

14. CG FMFPAC 040211Z NOV69 (TS) PERSONAL FOR MCEO *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
RIF - AMALGAMATION PLAN
15. CMC 041947Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO *GP-4*
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING
16. CG FMFPAC 062102Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
ANTICIPATION THAT PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WILL CAUSE
REFUTATION OF REMARKS BY PRESS
17. CG FMFPAC 080043Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *GP-4*
FOR CHAPMAN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
18. ✓ COMUSMACV 121456Z NOV69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING
19. CMC 141249Z NOV69 (TS) PERSONAL MCEO *GP-3*
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN
RIF - AMALGAMATION
20. COMUSMACV 151331Z NOV69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO THE AMALGAMATION
21. CG FMFPAC 180225Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *GP-4*
FOR CHAPMAN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
22. CG FMFPAC 192236Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
23. CG FMFPAC 212003Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING AND PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS
24. CG FMFPAC 221916Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *GP-4*
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
ARMY ASSUMPTION ON COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ
25. CGFMFPAC 252141Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING

- ~~39. COMUSMACV 070634Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
VISIT OF DR. WELLS AND DARTY~~
40. COMUSMACV 070830Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
ATTACK ON FSB ST. GEORGE
41. CMC 062329Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *Group-not shown*
A6 FORCE LEVELS
42. CMC 071535Z NOV69 (U) PERSONAL
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN
LOM AWARD OF BGEN LEE, DONG HO, ROKMC
- ~~43. 7TH AF TAN SON NHUT 080837Z NOV69 (U) PERSONAL
VISIT OF GEN HOPPER TO TOTE
FOR NICKERSON INFO TOWNSEND FROM BROWN~~
- ~~44. MACV 091110Z NOV69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM SMITH
THE NEW CHRISTI MINSTRELS~~
45. CG FIRST MAW 091930Z NOV69 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
A-6 FORCE LEVEL
- ~~46. CG FIRST MARDIV 100245Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON
MR. LE THUC CAN ARRIVAL IN WASHINGTON DC~~
47. CMC 101918Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *Group-4*
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN
DEPSECDEF (MR. PACKARD) VISIT TO WESTPAC (C)
48. CG FMFPAC 110019Z NOV69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
DEPSECDEF (MR. PACKARD) VISIT TO WESTPAC (C)
49. CG AMERICAN DIV 130305Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM COOKSEY
VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON
50. CG XXIV CORPS 130902Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON

1. CG FMFPAC 131949Z NOV69 (S) PERSONAL *group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
BUTLER BUILDINGS
 2. COMUSMACV 140407Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO MILDREN AND ZAIS FROM TOWNSEND
ARMY COLONEL REPLACEMENT FOR COL CANTON
 3. COMNAVFORV 141040Z NOV69 (C) PERSONAL *group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
SCHEDULE FOR DEP SECDEF PACKARD
 - ~~4. COMCARDIV THREE 141400Z (U)
FOR DOOLEY FROM CAPT MCINNIS
ACCEPT INVITATION FOR LUNCH 20 NOV 1969~~
 5. COMUSMACV 151353Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
PSYOP RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT (U)
 6. COMUSMACV 160305Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS WITH RACIAL OVERTONES
 7. COMUSMACV 161058Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM SMITH
RACIAL DISHARMONY
 8. CG XXIV CORPS 161130Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
RECENT ACTION BY THE 1/5TH MECH BRIGADE NEAR THE DMZ
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9. CMC 172138Z NOV69 (S) PERSONAL MCEO *Group-4*
FOR BUSE, NICKERSON AND WALT FROM CHAPMAN
SECDEF VIEWS CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS ON WITHDRAWALS
 - ~~10. CG USARV LBN 181420Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM MILDREN
OPERATION HOLLY 1969~~
 - ~~11. CG FMPAC 182101Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
MODIFICATION OF ORDERS FOR CAPT M. J. QUINN, USMCR~~
 - ~~12. CG FMFPAC 202130Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
RECOMMENDATION FOR LOM, CASE OF LTGEN LAM XUAN HOANG~~
 - ~~13. COMUSMACV 211119Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
THANKSGIVING VISIT OF CORPS WIVES TO ICFB~~

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26. CMC 262031Z NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *GP-4*
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING
27. MACV 270915Z NOV (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZIAS FROM TOWNSEND
VIETNAMIZATION - RVNAF I&M ASPECTS FOR RELATED US PLANNING

14. COMUSMACV 230638Z NOV69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM COLBY
PSA QUANG NBAI
- ~~15. COMUSMACV 231629Z NOV69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
VIP VISITS, REGRET ANY INCONVENIENCE CAUSED~~
16. COMUSMACV 231101Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - 4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
COL STEPHENSON IS ACCEPTABLE
17. COMUSMACV 231427Z NOV69 (C) *Group - not shown*
FOR SHEDD INFO NICKERSON FROM SEYMOUR
VISIT OF DEPCOMUSMACV TO ICTZ
18. CG XXIV CORPS 240409Z NOV69 (C) *Group - 4*
FOR SEYMOUR TO DOOLEY FROM SHEDD
PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF DEPCOMUSMACV TO XXIV CORPS AO
- ~~19. COMSEVENTHFLT 241102Z NOV69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINCLE
ATTENDANCE FOR WORKING DRAFT FOR 27NOV69~~
20. COMUSMACV 241404Z NOV69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS
- ~~21. MARFINCEN KOMO (U) PERSONAL 251646Z NOV69
FOR NICKERSON FROM MARFINCEN KOMO
ALLOCATIONS~~
22. COMUSMACV 260722Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
VISIT OF ABRAMS
23. COMUSMACV 261115Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*
FOR DOOLEY FROM ANDERSON
DATES FOR VISIT
24. C/S USARV 261230Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*
FOR DOOLEY FROM MABRY
TRANSITIONAL FORCE STATIONING
25. MAGV 270240Z NOV69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
PRESS RELEASE BY REUTERS

~~27.~~ 28. CG AMERICAL DIV 271124Z NOV69 (C) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM RAMSEY
NEWS RELEASE BY NEALE

~~29. COMSEVENTHFLT 271454Z NOV69 (G)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
ATTEND MORNING BRIEF ON 29NOV69~~

28. COMUSMACV 290308Z NOV69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
FOR DOOLEY FROM ANDERSON
VISIT BY COMUSMACV

~~29. CG FMFPAC 291935Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
INFO ON GEN IAN'S AWARD~~

30. COMNAVFORV 300244Z NOV69 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *group - 4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO DILLON FROM ZUMWALT
PROPOSED REDUCTION OF SEABEE BATTALIONS IN ICTZ

~~31. COMSEVENTHFLT 3008704Z NOV69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
DINNER INVITE~~

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1. (S) GENERAL TRUONG HAS DEVELOPED A LONG RANGE PLAN FOR DEFENSE OF THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES. AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF GENERAL TRUONG'S PLAN IS THE DEVELOPEMENT OF A PERMANENT FSB WEST OF HUE ALONG THE TACTICAL LOC. THIS FSB (YD 6520), CALLED T-BONE, WOULD DEFEND HUE JUST AS CAMP CARROLL DEFENDS QL-9, MAI LOC, AND CAM LO IN WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

2. (S) WORK IS SCHEDULED TO START UPON FSB T-BONE AS SOON AS CAMP CARROLL IS COMPLETED (12 - 15 NOV 69). I CONSIDER GENERAL TRUONG'S REQUEST TO BE AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR AS WELL AS TO THE LONG RANGE PLANS FOR DEFENSE OF THE HUE AREA. THE CONSTRUCTION AND OCCUPATION OF FSB T-BONE ALSO WILL FACILITATE COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION FROM ITS HEADQUARTERS IN HUE TO THE A SHAN VALLEY AND TO THE WESTERN REACHES OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

3. (S) I ASK YOUR SUPPORT OF GENERAL TRUONG'S PLANS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH GENERAL LAM AND OTHER KEY VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS - PARTICULARLY TO SECURE APPROVAL OF REQUESTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS ON A

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM BONNER, RADM DILLON, RADM JOHNSON, CAPT FAUL, CAPT SHANAHAN, CAPT BLAIR, CAPT SIPLE, INFO VADM BLOVIN, VADM BAUMBERGER AND LGEN WICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT VISIT BY ADM CLAREY (C)

A. TELECON ADM CLAREY TO ZUMWALT 1 NOV 69

1. (C) IAW REFERENCE A ADM CLAREY, VCNO, IS TENTATIVELY PLANNING TO VISIT RVN DURING THE APPROXIMATE DATES OF 6-11 NOVEMBER. I ANTICIPATE CONFIRMATION 4 NOVEMBER. OFFICIAL CLEARANCES AND NOTIFICATION TO FOLLOW.

2. (S) PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO GET AN ON SCENE VIEW OF CURRENT VIETNAMIZATION PLANS, PROGRESS, PROBLEM AREAS, AND TO MAKE A SURVEY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF AND NEED FOR BOTH EXPANDING AND EXPEDITING THIS PROGRAM. HE DESIRES FIRST HAND INFORMATION ON VNN TRAINING (OFFICER AND ENLISTED), MILCON REQUIREMENTS, AND FUTURE LOGISTIC AND SUPPLY SYSTEMS. HE ALSO WANTS INFORMATION ON REMAINING CRAFT SKED IN ACTOV PROGRAM AND INFO ON SPECIFIC ADDITIONAL CRAFT RECOMMENDED FOR TURNOVER TO VNN.

3. (S) HE WILL SPEND 1 DAY IN THE DANANG AREA. IN ADDITION TO PARA 2 ABOVE HE ALSO SPECIFICALLY DESIRES IN DANANG TO REVIEW:

A. RETROGRADE PROBLEMS FOR BOTH CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS AND SUPPLY MATERIALS. *NSA / Section 1 84*

B. SHIPPING PROBLEMS AND ASSETS RELATIVE TO ABOVE RETROGRADE ACTIONS, BOTH AMPHIBIOUS AND NETS. *NSA 184*

C. ICTZ SPACE R&U SUPPORT AND COMMON SUPPORT: *NSA*

(1) PRESENT STATUS AND PROBLEMS.

(2) STATUS OF POINT PLANNING FOR TURNOVER TO ARMY.

(3) RECOMMENDED ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EXPEDITE TURNOVER.

4. (S) DURING THIS VISIT THE VCNO WILL BE BRIEFED FACTUALLY AND ACCURATELY ON OUR STATUS, PROBLEMS AS WELL AS PROGRESS, AND THE OUTLOOK.

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5. (C) BRIEFING GUIDANCE:

A. TO MAXIMIZE THE BRIEF TIME AVAILABLE AND PERMIT WIDES TRAVELS AND EXPOSURE, ADM CLAREY'S BRIEFING SCHEDULE AND OUTLINE OF MINIMUM CONTENT WILL BE COORDINATED BY COMNAVFORV TO ASSURE THAT ALL SUBSTANTIVE AREAS ARE COVERED WITHOUT DUPLICATION. THEREFORE, ACTION ADDEES ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE FOREGOING PROPOSE/GUIDANCE FOR THE VISIT AND SUBMIT TOP OUTLINE FOR BRIEFS INTENDED NLT 032400H NOVEMBER.

B. COMMAND OVERVIEW BRIEFS WILL BE GIVEN BY COMNAVFORV IN SAIGON AND ARE NOT NEEDED IN THE FIELD. BRIEFS MUST AS A MINIMUM ADDRESS SUBJECTS PARA 2 AND 3 ABOVE, PLUS SUBJECT OF PARA 6 BELOW.

~~THREE COPIES OF POINT PAPERS, CONTAINING ALL ITEMS BRIEFED~~
ARE TO BE PROVIDED TO COMNAVFORV AIDE ON ARRIVAL OF PARTY AT EACH STOP.

D. POST-BRIEFING MESSAGE SUMMARY OF ANY ADDED ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANCE DISCUSSED WILL BE SENT TO COMNAVFORV WITHIN 12 HOURS AFTER VISIT. NEGATIVE REPORTS REQUIRED.

6. (S) SCHEDULE AT THIS TIME IS HIGHLY TENTATIVE, BUT ADDEES SHOULD PLAN ON THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES AS PLACES TO BE VISITED (NOT IN PLANNED SEQUENCE) AND KEY SUBJECT AREAS:

A. AN THOI: BASE DEVELOPMENT; VNN DEPENDENTS HOUSING; SUPPLY ASPECTS; OPERATIONS.

B. BEN LUC: POINT BASE; VNN DEPENDENTS HOUSING; EVALUATION OF VNN COMBAT PERFORMANCE.

C. MY THO: BASE DEVELOPMENT; VNN SUPPLY; PGR BASE.

D. LONG TAM: BASE DEVELOPMENT AND TURNOVER PROBLEMS LESSONS LEARNED; VNN ATF OPERATIONS AND STATUS.

E. CAM RANH BAY: VNN TRAINING (NTC); PCF ACTION; VNN PCF OPERATIONS EVALUATION; VNN SHELTER PROGRAMS (BOTH NTC AND MARKET TIME).

F. NHA TRANG: VNN OFFICER AND ENLISTED TRAINING (NTC AND VN NAVAL ACADEMY.)

G. QUI NHON: VNN CSC OPERATIONS; VNN SHELTER PROGRAM; MARKET TIME VNN BASE OPERATIONS.

H. SEAFLOAT/SOLID ANCHOR: COMBINED BASE/OPERATION; BASE DEVELOPMENT; PACIFICATION.

I. TRAN HUNG DAO/VINH TE BARRIER: COMBINED COMBAT OPERATIONS; ADVANCED TACTICAL LOG SUPPORT PROBLEMS; NEW TACTICS.

J. THUY NHON SENSOR PROGRAM.

K. DANANG: IAW PARA 2 AND 3 ABOVE.

L. SAIGON:

(1) CALLS: COMUSMACV; AMEMB; CNO-VNN.

(2) BRIEFS:

(A) MACV: CORDS/PACIFICATION

(B) COMNAVFORV: OPERATIONS-INTEL: OVERVIEW AND UPDATE; ACTOVE; ACTOV-X; ACTOVLOG.

(3) TOURS: SAIGON NAVY SHIPYARD; NAVY SUPPLY CENTER; BOAT SCHOOL; NAVY TRAINING CENTER; LANGUAGE SCHOOL.

7. (C) CODE WORD TO BE ASSIGNED FOR THIS VISIT WILL "BEACON STREET".

8. (U) FIRM SCHEDULE WILL BE PROMULGATED EARLIEST MOVE OUT WARM REGARDS.

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TO BG DOOLEY COFS III MAF DANANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 14239 EYES ONLY

1. THIS RESPONDS TO YOUR PHONE CONVERSATION WITH MG TOWNSEND, COFS MACV, ON 1 NOVEMBER 1969.
2. MG TOWNSEND HAS INFORMED GEN ABRAMS OF CMC REQUEST FOR COMUSMACV CONSIDERATION AND CONCURRENCE IN HAVING MG WHEELER SUCCEED MG SIMPSON AS CG, 1ST MARDIV AFTER AMALGAMATION OF III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS.
3. GEN ABRAMS APPROVES THIS SUCCESSION OF MG WHEELER FOR MG SIMPSON.
4. WARM REGARDS.



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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM BRINGLE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
 AND RADM BONNER FM ZUMWALT

1. (S) AS YOU KNOW ADM CLAREY IS PLANNING TO VISIT RVN
 8-12 NOV. I IMAGINE THAT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HAVE SOME
 TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM IN VIEW OF HIS NOT BEING ABLE
 TO COME TO YANKEE STATION.
2. (S) DURING HIS TIME IN THE SAIGON AREA I SIMULTANEOUSLY
 HAVE IN TOWN: VADM BAUMBERGER, VADM J.V.SMITH, VADM
 SHIFLEY, RADM DYBDAL, RADM MINTER. WITH THAT DENSITY I
 BELIEVE THAT SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF LTGEN NICKERSON. THE
BEST TIME FOR ANY DISCUSSIONS THAT YOU MIGHT WISH WITH ADM
CLAREY WOULD BE DURING THE DANANG PORTION OF HIS VISIT NOW SKED
FOR 12 NOV. IF NOT FEASIBLE FOR YOU, WE CAN ALWAYS FIND ONE
MORE BUNK IN SAIGON.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS. *11-12*

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM BONNER, INFO LGEN NICKERSON
 FROM BAUMBERGER

1. (S) DUE TO VCNO VISIT, DESIRE TO MODIFY MY SKED VISIT TO DANANG
 IN ORDER TO ARR FOR III MAF BRIEF 060815H. VICE PREVIOUSLY SKED
 6 NOV RON AND SKED ARRANGED 7 NOV. WOULD DEPART DANANG 061115H
 FOR YANKEE STATION.
2. (C) REGRET LATE NOTICE, AND FEEL FREE TO ARRANGE TIME AVAILABLE
 DANANG IN ORDER TO DISRUPT LOCAL SKEDS AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE.
 PLEASE ADVISE.
3. (U) APPRECIATE INVITATION DINNER 6 NOV, BUT MUST REGRET.
4. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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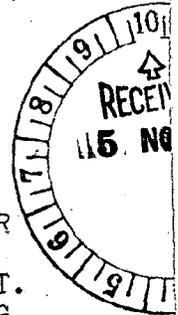
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UNCLAS E F T O PHB 2254 EYES ONLY

1. RECENTLY I WAS QUERIED CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY OF MAJ GEN E.B. WHEELER FOR COMMAND OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION. LTG BUSE, IN AN INFORMAL EXCHANGE, INDICATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIGN MAJ GEN WHEELER AS A REPLACEMENT FOR MAJ GEN SIMPSON DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.
2. MY REACTION WAS ENTHUSIASTICALLY IN FAVOR BECAUSE ED WHEELER IMPRESSES ME AS AN OUTSTANDING MARINE OFFICER AND RICHLY DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMAND A MARINE DIVISION IN COMBAT.
3. THIS MESSAGE TO YOU INTENDED TO ASSURE YOU THAT I AM WILLING TO ACCEPT THE LOSS OF MAJ GEN WHEELER AND OPERATE WITOUT A DEPUTY FOR A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

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T O P S E C R E T. PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON, INFO GEN
 CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

RIF-AMALGAMATION PLAN

A. CG III MAF 020616Z/NOV69

1. (TS) REF A WAS FORWARDED TO CMC FOR INFO.
2. (TS) UPON REVIEW OF REF A CMC VOICED CONCERN OVER TWO AREAS SHOULD ABE ACCEPT THE ZAIS POSITION THAT AN ARMY LTGEN ASSUME COMMAND OF THE JOINT HEADQUARTERS. THESE ARE:

A. WITH AN ARMY GENERAL IN COMMAND OUR AIR-GROUND TEAM CONCEPT WOULD BE IN JEOPARDY. (MARINE WING COMMANDED BY AN ARMY GENERAL).

B. THE LOSS OF DIRECT MARCOR ACCESS TO ABE.

3. (TS) IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ABOVE, SUGGEST YOU DEVELOP A RECLAMA POSITION FOR USE IN THE EVENT ABE

PAGE TWO RUHFMA0430 T O P S E C R E T MCEO
 AGREES WITH THE ZAIS POSITION. IN THIS CONNECTION WE MUST PRESERVE OUR AIR-GROUND TEAM. ADDITIONALLY SOME MEANS MUST BE PROVIDED, IN THE FINAL MACV PLAN ON THE SUBJECT, TO ENSURE THAT MARINE CORPS FORCES IN RVN, AS A UNI-SERVICE FORCE, RETAIN DIRECT ACCESS TO ABE OTHER THAN THROUGH NORMAL OPERATIONAL CHANNELS TO ASSIST HIM IN DISCHARGING HIS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HIS COMPONENT MARINE FORCES AS SPECIFIED IN UNAAF.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR
LTGEN BUSE, INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, FROM GEN CHAPMAN
FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: (A) ADMIN FMFPAC 281901Z OCT 69

1. (TS) REFERENCE A SURFACED TWO MACV PROPOSED OPTIONS CONCERNING PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENT OF 100,000 PERSONNEL DURING THE FIRST HALF OF CY 70.
2. (TS) OF THE TWO OPTIONS PROPOSED BY MACV PLANNERS, OPTION 1 SHOULD BE TOTALLY REJECTED FOR THE REASONS CITED IN PARAGRAPH 4 BELOW. OPTION 2 IS CONSIDERED TO BE GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH OUR T-DAY PLANNING AND VIETNAMIZING THE WAR (NSSM-36).
3. (TS) OPTION 1 OFFERS A RADICALLY DIFFERENT PRIORITY OF REDEPLOYMENT OF GROUND FORCES FROM THAT CONTAINED IN NSSM-36. IN EFFECT, IT CARRIES MARINE CORPS REDEPLOYMENTS COMPLETELY THROUGH PHASE 6, THE FINAL PHASE; CONCURRENTLY, IT REMOVES ONLY THOSE

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA1130 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
ARMY COMBAT UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT IN PHASE 3, AND
PROVIDES FOR AN OVERALL ARMY REDEPLOYMENT 25 PERCENT SMALLER
THAN THAT ESTABLISHED IN PHASE 3. IN CONTRAST, OPTION 2 IS
CONSISTENT WITH A BALANCED EXECUTION OF NSSM-36 PHASES 3, 4,
AND 5 REDEPLOYMENTS OF USMC AND USA GROUND COMBAT FORCES. NO
RATIONALE IS AVAILABLE HERE TO JUSTIFY THE PREPARATION OF OPTION
1 WHICH CONTRASTS SO DRASTICALLY WITH THE CAREFULLY DEVELOPED
AND THOROUGHLY STAFFED NSSM-36 PLAN.

4. (TS) IN EXAMINING THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES TO OPTION 1 ARE HIGHLIGHTED:
 - A. CAUSES MASSIVE PERSONNEL TURBULENCE FOR PROTRACTED PERIOD.
 - B. COULD GENERATE DEMANDS FOR TOO-RAPID END-STRENGTH REDUCTIONS ADVERSELY AFFECTING READINESS.
 - C. COULD PLACE USMC, AS ONLY UNCOMMITTED SERVICE, LAST IN LINE FOR INCREASINGLY SCARCE DEFENSE DOLLARS.
 - D. GENERATES TEMPORARY FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS.
 - E. CAUSES AIR BASING PROBLEMS.
 - F. IN VIEW OF SCARCITY OF AMPHIB LIFT, COULD PLACE FMF FORCES IN GARRISON WITHOUT CAPABILITY FOR RAPID DEPLOYMENT.
 - G. RESULTS IN MASS RETROGRADE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WITH

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H. TERMINATES OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINING, EXPERIENCE AND R&D UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS.

5. (TS) SHOULD THE OPTION 1 PROPOSAL BE FLOATED FOR COMMENT, WE SHOULD OPPOSE IT AT EVERY LEVEL. CINCPAC AND CINCPACFLT SUPPORT SHOULD BE SOLICITED IF OPTION 1 IS PROPOSED OFFICIALLY BY MACV.

1. (TS) WHILE OPTION 2 IS CONSIDERED GENERALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE NSSM-36 PLAN, BELIEVE WE SHOULD LOOK INTO DESIRABILITY OF ADDING AN APPROPRIATE AIR ELEMENT. IT APPEARS THAT MINIMUM OF 1 VMFA AND 1 HMM COULD BE REDEPLOYED AT SAME TIME AS RLT-26.

7. (U) DETAILED PRESENTATION OF THE FOREGOING BEING FORWARDED CUSTODY ADM CLARY'S AIDE ETA HICKAM 060130Z.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
AND RADM BONNER FROM BRINGLE

A. COMNAVFORV 040442Z NOV 69

1. I CAN READILY SEE THAT YOU WILL BE BUSY IN SAIGON DURING
ADM CLAREY'S VISIT. CURRENTLY I HAVE NO PLANS TO MEET WITH
HIM BUT IF HE SO REQUESTS I WILL ATTEMPT TO SHEDULE IT FOR
DANANG AS YOU SUGGESTED.

2. BEST REGARDS.

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON (C)

REFERENCE: A. COMUSMACV 210836Z OCT 69 (S)

B. COMUSMACV 300600Z OCT 69 (C)

1. (U) REFERENCES OUTLINED SUBJECT VISIT AND PROVIDED GUIDANCE TO BE USED IN PLANNING ITINERARIES FOR FIELD TRIPS.
2. (S) REQUEST EACH ADDRESSEE PROVIDE A BACK-CHANNEL REPORT FOR COMUS ON SIR ROBERT'S VISIT IN HIS AREA. REPORT IS TO BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER VISIT, AND IN ANY EVENT NOT LATER THAN FIVE DAYS AFTER VISIT. REPORT SHOULD INCLUDE:
 - A. MAJOR AREAS OF VISITOR'S INTEREST;
 - B. PERTINENT QUESTIONS;
 - C. ANY IMPRESSIONS VISITS MAY HAVE TENDERED; AND,
 - D. ANY OTHER INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY CONSIDER OF INTEREST TO COMUS.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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 MAJOR R.G. SEYMOUR, AIDE TO DEPCOMUSMACV, SENDS FOR BG G.E. DOOLEY, CHIEF OF STAFF, III MAF.

REF: MAC 14276, DTG 040010Z NOV

1. (C) DEPCOMUSMACV DESIRES TO VISIT DANANG AREA 7 NOV 69. REQUEST YOU COORDINATE AN ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS; SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMING DETAILS VIA THIS CHANNEL MLT COB, 6 NOV 69. READ IN TWO COLUMNS:

TIME	ACTIVITY
0900-	ARRIVE DANANG AB (I-39)
0915-1015	CALL ON LTC LAM
1030-1230	ATTEND 3D MAR DIV CEREMONY & BUFFET
1300-1500	VISIT TWO OR THREE FIELD LOCATION OF 1ST MAR DIV
1515-1715	VISIT NATIONAL POLICE TRAINING CENTER, DANANG
1715-	DEPART DANANG AB (I-39)

2. (U) IN ADDITION TO CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY, REQUEST NAMES OF KEY INDIVIDUALS, VN AND US, TO BE MET AT EACH LOCATION.
3. (U) DISREGARD ARRANGEMENTS REQUESTED IN REF MSG TO CPT ANDERSON.
4. (U) REGRADE UNCLAS 9 NOV 69

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 14384 EYES ONLY
REF: MACV MSG 030159Z NOV 69 (C)

1. (C) ALTHOUGH ROUTINE FOLLOW-UP ACTION ON THE REPORT CONTAINED IN REFERENCE WILL BE UNDERTAKEN VIA US AND GVN CHANNELS, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT SINCE CERTAIN OF THE DEFICIENCIES IN QUESTION ARE IN THE VERY SERIOUS CATEGORY, E.G., THOSE CITED IN PARA 23., YOU MAY WISH TO TRIGGER A SPECIAL CORRECTIVE EFFORT THAT ENJOYS EMPHASIS FROM YOUR LEVEL.
2. (U) THE FOREGOING IS A SUGGESTION ONLY AND REQUIRES NO ANSWER. I'LL PLAN TO MENTION THE SUBJECT WHEN I NEXT SEE YOU.
3. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ADM MCCAIN'S 060400Z/NOV69 (TS)
 FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO AND COMPLIANCE AS APPROPRIATE.

QUOTE:

1. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WILL EVOKE
 EFFORTS BY THE NEWS MEDIA TO OBTAIN FROM MILITARY SOURCES,
 PARTICULARLY UNIT COMMANDERS IN VIETNAM, REFUTATION OF THE
 PRESIDENT'S REMARKS REGARDING CHANGES MADE TO COMUSMACV'S
 ORDERS. THE TWO PARAGRAPHS IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH WHICH ARE
 PERTINENT FOLLOW:

"THE VIETNAMIZATION PLAN WAS LAUNCHED FOLLOWING SECRETARY
 LAIRD'S VISIT TO VIETNAM IN MARCH. UNDER THE PLAN, I ORDERED A
 SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT OF SOUTH
 VIETNAMESE FORCES.

"IN JULY, ON MY VISIT TO VIETNAM, I CHANGED GENERAL ABRAMS'

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 ORDERS SO THAT THEY WERE CONSISTENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF OUR
 NEW POLICY. UNDER THE NEW ORDERS THE PRIMARY MISSION OF OUR TROOPS
 IS TO ENABLE THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FORCES TO ASSUME THE FULL
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SECURITY OF SOUTH VIETNAM."

2. THE THRUST OF THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS COULD BE TWISTED BY NEWS
 MEDIA REPS SO AS TO DISTORT THE STATEMENT OF THE PRIMARY MISSION AS
 EXPRESSED BY THE PRESIDENT TO A DIRECTED CHANGE IN MACV'S
 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE DISRUPTIVE AND DIVISIVE POSSIBILITIES IN THIS
 SITUATION, I RECOMMEND YOU INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN YOUR
 COMMAND UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE PUTTING PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING
 SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMBAT CAPABILITIES BY MEANS OF ACCELERATING
 PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL AND MODERN EQUIPMENT AND ADDITIONAL
 TRAINING. I BELIEVE THAT THE GIST OF THE TWO QUOTED PARAGRAPHS OF
 THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH COMPRISE AN ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO THE
 QUESTIONS REGARDING WHAT CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST
 SEVERAL MONTHS.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON
 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG
 LTG EWELL CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH
 LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORP PHU BAI
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 SUBJECT: NOVEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU

1. (C) THE NOVEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 1969, COMMENCING 0900 HOURS.
2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CTZ'S ALSO ATTEND THE WIEU.
3. (U) COMMANDERS AND DEPCORDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV AT THE COMMAND MESS.
4. (U) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 22 NOVEMBER 1969.

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 YS-002C/ADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV
 YS-001C/LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV
 YS-005C/LTG EWELL CG II FFV
 YS-001C/LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS ✓
 YMRKIC/MG SIMPSON CG 1ST MAR DIV ✓
 YS-001C/MG WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AMBL) ✓
 YS-001C/MG WETHERILL CG DMAC
 YMRKSC/MG JONES CG 3D MAR DIV ✓
 YMRKVC/MG THRASH CG 1ST MAW ✓
 YS-001C/MG WOOLWINE CG 1ST LOG COMMAND
 YS-001C/MG MILLOY CG 1ST INF DIV
 YS-001C/MG PERVE CG 4TH INF DIV
 YS-001C/MG HOLLIS CG 25TH INF DIV
 YS-001C/MG ROBERTS CG 1ST CAV DIV (AMBL)
 YS-001C/BG BURDETT CG 1ST AVN BRIGADE
 YS-001C/BG BENNETT CG 199TH INF BRIGADE
 YS-001C/BG RIENZI CG 1ST SIG BDE (USASTRATCOM)
 YS-001C/BG GIRARD CG CMAC SAIGON
 YMRD-00/BG HERRING CMDR 834TH AIR DIV
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 -YMRK-00/BG FEELEY CG III MAF LOG CMD ✓
 -YMRK-00/BG MULLER DSA I CTZ ✓
 YS-001C/BG PRER DSA III CTZ
 YS-001C/BG DICKERSON CG 3D BDE 82D ABN DIV ✓
 YS-001C/BG COOKSEY ACTING CG 23 INF DIV ✓
 YS-001C/BG CAMTLY DEP SENIOR ADVISOR (DCG DMAC)
 YS-001C/BG CUNNINGHAM CG 173D AVN BRIGADE
 YS-001C/BG PARFITT CG 22TH ENGR BRIGADE
 YS-001C/BG THOMAS CG 44TH MED BRIGADE
 YS-001C/BG MORRIS CG 18TH ENGR BRIGADE
 YS-001C/COL LEACH CO 11TH ARMD CAV REGT
 YS-001C/COL BRANDENBURG CO 18TH MP BRIGADE
 YS-001C/COL GATIS CO 3D BDE 9TH INF DIV
 YS-001C/COL OSTEEN CO 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH)
 YS-001C/COL HEALY CO 5TH SPEC FORCES GP
 INFO AMB BUNYER ANEVB SAIGON
 ZEN/GENERAL ROSSON DEPCOMUSMACV
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1. (S) SPECULATION HAS BEEN APPEARING IN THE PRESS AND OTHER NEWS MEDIA APPARENTLY AS A RESULT OF THE PRESIDENT'S 3 NOVEMBER ADDRESS ON VIETNAM.

- 2. (S) ONE MANIFESTATION IS THE REPORT THAT COMUSMACV I BEING REPLACED BY A LOGISTICIAN, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE FORMER'S ALLEGED DISCONTENT WITH ORDERS AND THE SPEED OF TROOP REPLACEMENTS.
- 3. (S) TO MY KNOWLEDGE ALL OF THIS SPECULATION HAS NO BASIS IN FACT.
- 4. (S) ALL COMMANDERS ARE ADVISED TO CONTINUE TO MARCH AND TO SAY NOTHING REPEAT NOTHING TO THEIR SUBORDINATES OR TO THE PRESS THAT COULD IN ANY WAY FOSTER THE THOUGHT THAT THERE IS ANY DIVISION BETWEEN COMUSMACV, CINCPAC, THE CHAIRMAN JCS, SEC DEF, AND/OR THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. COMUSMACV HAS ACCEPTED COMPLETELY, AND IS EXECUTING TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY, ALL ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT.
- 5. (S) WE'VE GOT ALL THAT WE CAN HANDLE JUST DOING OUR JOB. LET'S DON'T WASTE ANY TIME OR EFFORT ON ANYTHING THAT TENDS TO DETRACT FROM THE COHESIVE PURSUIT AND ACCOMPLISHMENT OF U. S. OBJECTIVES.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 14436 EYES ONLY

1. COMUSMACV DIRECTED THAT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE RETRANSMITTED TO ADDRESSEES:

QUOTE

O 070310Z

FM LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV NHA
 TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SGN

C O N F I D E N T I A L NHT 2003 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ATTACK ON FSB ST. GEORGE (U)

(C) THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MG PEPKE GIVING THE ACCOUNT OF THE ATTACK ON FSB ST. GEORGE (AR 856 145) IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE:

ON 05 NOVEMBER 1969, 1ST BATTALION, 14TH INFANTRY, WAS OPERATING IN ITS AO SOUTH OF CAMP ENARI. FSB ST. GEORGE WAS OCCUPIED BY BN CP, CO D, RECON PLT AND BN TRAINS. COMPANY B WAS OPERATING 3 KMS NE OF BN FSB; CO A WAS DEPLOYED N OF THE FSB WITH A SHORT RANGE PATROL (SRP) SCREEN AGAINST POSSIBLE ENEMY MOVEMENT FROM N (HAVING JUST RETURNED FROM TWO WEEKS OPCON TO 2/8 INF). CO C WAS 6-8 KMS WEST OF FSB ST. GEORGE ON A COMBINED OPERATION WITH RE UNITS FROM PLEIKU, CIDG FROM PLEI ME, AND RF/PF FROM PHU NHON DISTRICT. CO A EMPLOYED FOUR NIGHT AMBUSHES; CO C EMPLOYED FOUR NIGHT AMBUSHES; AND CO D HAD DEPLOYED FIVE (5) SRP'S AT A DISTANCE OF 3-4 KMS AROUND THE FSB. THE BN HAD BEEN BROUGHT UP TO 2/3 ALERT -- CONDITION YELLOW -- AS A RESULT OF INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THE 4TH INF DIV AREA. NIGHT FIRE PROGRAM PLANNED WAS 61 RDS 105 HE AND 75 RDS 81MM MORTAR (INCLUDING 30 RDS OF ILLUMINATION).

AT 0030 PF PLT 2 KMS NW OF FSB REPORTED TO CP 1-14 A PROBE BY AN ESTIMATED NVA PLT. THIS REPORT LATER PROVED TO BE FALSE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, FSB ST. GEORGE BEGAN RECEIVING INTENSE B-40 AND AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE. A HEAVY SAPPER ATTACK BY AN ESTIMATED TWO PLTS STRUCK THE PERIMETER WIRE FROM S AND W. WARNING OF THE ATTACK WAS PROVIDED BY TRIP FLARES, A TOTAL OF 17 BEING ACTIVATED DURING THE COURSE OF THE NIGHT. THE INITIAL ATTACK WAS MAINTAINED UNTIL 0130.

AT 0045 WEIGT-DAVIS ROCK QUARRY REPORTED TO 1-14 CP RECEIVING APPROXIMATELY 20 RDS OF GIW AND 60MM MORTAR. RESULTS: TWO LIGHTLY WOUNDED. DUSTOFF NOT REQUIRED.

A FLARE SHIP WAS ON STATION 0125; GUNSHIPS ON STATION 0135. BETWEEN 0130 AND 0200 THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE LULL, ALTHOUGH ENEMY SNIPING CONTINUED.

AT 0200 THE ENEMY LAUNCHED A SECOND ATTACK AGAINST THE PERIMETER, CONCENTRATING ON THE WESTERN EDGE. MAKING A DETERMINED EFFORT TO BREACH THE WIRE THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO EMPLOY B-40 AND



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HEAVY AUTOMATIC RIFLE FIRE. DEFENSE USED CLAYMORES, 105 ARTY (INCLUDING FIRECRACKER), 4.2 MORTARS, 81 MORTARS, ALL INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, CS (E-8) CANNISTER, AND XM-191 MULTISHOT FLAME WEAPONS. THE ENEMY ATTACK CONTINUED FOR TWO HOURS AND TWENTY MINUTES.

AT 0420 THERE WAS A LULL IN ENEMY FIRE. SNIPING CONTINUED. SAPPERS HAD THROWN LARGE QUANTITIES OF SACHEL CHARGES (61 WERE RECOVERED UNEXPLODED), AND HOMEMADE HAND GRENADES, FIRST DUST-OFF WAS COMPLETED 0302 HOURS.

AT 0507 A RESUPPLY OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION WAS MADE TO FSB ST. GEORGE.

AT 0610 THE ENEMY COMMENCED HEAVY SNIPER FIRE FROM THE E AND SE. AS DAWN APPROACHED THE ENEMY PINNED DOWN AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF THE PERIMETER BEGAN TO TRY AND EVADE. AGAIN GUNSHIPS AND ARTILLERY WERE EMPLOYED (INCLUDING FIRECRACKER).

AT 0030 THE RECON PLT, 1-14, SUPPORTED BY A MECH PLT, 2-8, MOVED SOUTH OUT OF ST. GEORGE AND SWEEP CLOCKWISE AROUND THE OUTSIDE OF FSB.

AT 0930 CO B WAS LIFTED BY HELICOPTER FROM ITS AO 8 KMS TO THE NE AND AERIAL ASSAULTED INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS SW OF ST. GEORGE, THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE ENEMY WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE WITHDRAWN.

"RESULTS TO DATE: (1700, 6 NOV 69)

US KIA - 9

US WIA - 31

EN KIA - 40 NVA

EN PW - 1 NVA

CIA - 11 AK 47'S

9 RPG (2S & 7S)

1 PISTOL

61 SACHEL CHARGES

THIS WAS AN EXTREMELY DETERMINED EFFORT TO OVERRUN A BN FSB, DESTROY ARTILLERY AND CAUSE HEAVY CASUALTIES. A SUSTAINED ATTACK OF THIS NATURE IS A RARE EVENT IN THE EXPERIENCE OF THE 4TH INF DIV, THE CLOSEST PARALLEL BEING THE ATTACK ON OASIS ON 11 MAY. THE SUCCESS OF THE DEFENSE CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO STRONG FORTIFICATIONS, A COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEM OF BARRIERS AND ANTI-PERSONNEL DEVICES SUCH AS TRIP FLARES AND CLAYMORES, AND THE TIMELY EMPLOYMENT OF ILLUMINATION, ARTILLERY, AND GUNSHIP SUPPORT. END QUOTE.

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2. WARM REGARDS.

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A6 FORCE LEVELS

A. TELECON LT COL FITCH CMC, COL GOURLEY FMFPAC OF 6 NOV 69

1. (S) INFORMATION AVAILABLE THIS HQ INDICATES
 OSD (SA) CONSIDERING RECOMMENDATION REDUCTION MARCOR A6
 FORCE LEVELS. ANY REDUCTION IS UNACCEPTABLE AND CMC
 REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DATA TO FULLY JUSTIFY CURRENT FORCES. TIME
 CONSTRAINT CRITICAL TO STOP ACTION AT LOWEST LEVEL. REQUEST YOUR
 HQ PROVIDE FOLLOWING INFO PRIOR 11 NOV 69:

A. RESUME OF MARCOR A6 EMPLOYMENT IN VIETNAM WAR SINCE —

1. JAN 67. SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR RESUME IS:

(1) MONTHLY BREAKDOWN.

(2) KEY PHASES OF WAR TO INCLUDE: (A) CY67 FULL
 SCALE AIR WAR OVER BOTH NVN AND SVN; (B) SIEGE OF KHE SANH
 IN EARLY CY68; (C) BOMBING HALT NORTH OF 19 DEGREES NORTH IN
 APR 68; (D) INTRODUCTION OF RABFAC IN AUG 68; (E) NVN BOMBING

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HALT IN NOV 68; AND (F) ANY OTHER SIGNIFICANT TIME FRAME WHEN
 NATURE OF WAR WAS CHANGED.

(3) A6 ACFT AVAILABLE IN COUNTRY.

(4) NUMBER OF A6 FRAGGED SORTIES.

(5) OPERATIONAL READINESS (CMC CAN PROVIDE).

(6) FULL SYSTEMS SORTIES SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(7) PARTIAL SYSTEMS SORTIES SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(8) ALL WEATHER CAS (RABFAC) SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(9) NIGHT ROLLING THUNDER SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(10) NIGHT TALLY HQ SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(11) NIGHT TPQ SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(12) DAY TPQ SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(13) NIGHT STEEL TIGER SCHEDULED AND FLOWN.

(14) DAY VISUAL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT.

B. DESIRE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE DBA INFO ASSOCIATED WITH
 DIFFERENT TYPES OF A6 MISSIONS.

C. REQUIRE MAXIMUM COMPLETENESS FOR A6/RABFAC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY
 SINCE AW CAS CAPABILITY IS CURRENT OSD(S) QUESTION. CITE EMPLOYMENT
 LIMITATIONS DUE TO SMALL NUMBER OF RABFAC AVAILABLE AND HOW FORTH-
 COMING DELIVERY OF 90 RABFAC (JAN 70 - MAY 70) MIGHT IMPACT ON AW
 CAS CAPABILITY. ANY INFO ON DEFEATING SPECIFIC VC/NVA ATTACKS

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 (SUCH AS THUONG DUC) DESIRED.

D. TOTAL A6 SORTIES SCHEDULED BY TIME PERIOD AND NUMBER OF NIGHT SORTIES FLOWN. USMC USE OF A6 AT NIGHT IS PARTICULARLY VALID ARGUMENT FOR MAINTAINING FORCE LEVELS.

2. (C) FIRST MAW HAS PARTICULARLY USEFUL DATA ON A6 EMPLOYMENT AND BDA FOR MONTH OF JULY 68. THIS MATERIAL USED IN PREVIOUS BRIEFINGS AND COPY IS DESIRED.

3. (C) YOUR VIEWS ON RABFAC VS TOQ ARE INVITED. ARE EQUIPMENTS COMPLIMENTARY OR COMPETITIVE? CAN TPQ DO AS WELL AS RABFAC IN PROVIDING AW CAS? WOULD RABFAC HAVE HELPED AT KHE SANH IN FEB-APR 68?

4. (S) ANY ADDITIONAL VIEWS, OR STATISTICS YOU HAVE TO SUPPORT A6 FORCE LEVEL OF 72 ACFT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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A. CG FMFPAC 042315Z (NOTAL)
1. SUBJ AWARD CONCURRED IN BY STATE DEPT LAST EVENING AND
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2. MEDAL AND COPY OF CITATION AIRMAILED THIS DATE DIRECT TO
NICK. REQUEST DO NOT REPEAT NOT AWARD UNTIL SECDEF APPROVES.
3. ESTIMATE MAILING OF SECDEF SIGNED CITATION 12NOV69.
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 B. CMC POINT PAPER ATA-JNT-12 DATED 31 OCT 69

SUBJ: MAR CORPS FORCES RVN

1. (TS) MOST RECENT INFO FROM NICK CONCERNING MACV
 PLANNING FOR FURTHER REDUCTION OF FORCES IN RVN RE-
 PORTS THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS:

A. OPTIONS 1 AND 2, AS REPORTED BY REF A, WERE
 BRIEFED TO ABE ON THE 6TH. ADDITIONALLY, ABE WAS
 BRIEFED ON A 35 K PACKAGE (INCLUDING RLT-26), WHICH
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PAGE 2 RUHFMFW1147 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 EITHER OPTION 1 OR 2. THE USMC PORTION TOTALS 7.5 K.

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 COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE ON 22 NOVEMBER, AT WHICH TIME
 NICK AND OTHER MACV COMMANDERS WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
 TO PRESENT THEIR VIEWS. IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING
 YOUR GUIDANCE ON THE 100 K OPTIONS, NICK PLANS TO OBJECT
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 NOVEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS,
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 PLANNING FOR PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS PROVIDED FOR A 50
 K PACKAGE.

C. CINCPAC PLANS TO PROVIDE JCS WITH A RECOMMENDED
 PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE DURING FIRST WEEK OF
 DECEMBER.

3. (TS) CONSIDERING THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN PARA 6 REF B,
 SHOULD NICK'S EFFORTS TO DELETE RLT-26 FROM THE MACV
 STAFF PROPOSALS FOR A 35 K PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE
 NOT BE SUCCESSFUL, THIS WOULD PRESENT NO MAJOR PROBLEM
 FROM A MARINE CORPS POINT OF VIEW. DURING MY RECENT
 WESTPAC TRIP, I DISCUSSED WITH NICK THE INCLUSION OF
 SOME FIXED WING ASSETS IN THE RLT-26 REDEPLOYMENT
 PACKAGE. HE IS PRESENTLY MAKING A STUDY OF TROOP
 DISPOSITIONS THAT WILL PREVAIL AFTER RLT-26 REDEPLOYS
 TO DETERMINE FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS AT THAT TIME.
 WILL ADVISE RESULTS OF STUDY WHEN KNOWN.

4. FOR CG III MAF. PAUL FONTANA WILL HAND CARRY REF B ON
 HIS FORTH COMING TRIP. WARM REGARDS

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A-6 FORCE LEVEL

A. CMC 06 23 29Z NOV69

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE (A). INFORMATION PROVIDED IS BEST THAT CAN BE OBTAINED IN THIS HEAD-QUARTERS FROM AVAILABLE SITREPS, COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES AND OTHER AVAILABLE TRAFFIC RELATING TO A-6 AIRCRAFT. SQUADRON COMMAND CHRONOLOGIES AT HQMC MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.
2. FMAW STRONGLY BELIEVES A-6 WEAPONS SYSTEM IS MOST VERSATILE AIRCRAFT WEAPONS SYSTEM AVAILABLE IN ARMED SERVICES TODAY. ITS DEMONSTRATED CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER CAS, INTERDICTION, ANTI UNDER ANY AND ALL CONDITIONS CLEARLY INDICATES THIS SUPERIORITY. WITH THE ADVERT OF ADDITIONAL AND IMPROVED RABFAC BEACONS WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED DOWN THROUGH THE BATTALION LEVEL THE COMPLETE ALL WEATHER CAS CAPABILITY OF THE AIRCRAFT WILL BE

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REALIZED. FULL SYSTEMS RELIABILITY HAS STEADILY IMPROVED WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF THE 330 SERIES A-6 AIRCRAFT.

3. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT BDA IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS UNDER THE ALL WEATHER AND NIGHT COMBAT ENVIRONMENT UNLESS GROUND TROOP FOLLOW UP INTO THE AREA IS PLANNED. BDA ASSESSMENT SHOWN IN THIS REPORT IS CONFIRMED BY ALL AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE MEANS BUT DOES NOT NECESSARILY INDICATE THE MAJOR DAMAGE INFLECTED.
 4. THIS HEADQUARTERS STRONGLY SUPPORTS THE PROGRAM THAT THE MINIMUM A-6 FORCE LEVEL FOR THE MARINE CORPS SHOULD BE 72 AIRCRAFT AND BELIEVES THAT AN INCREASE FROM 12 TO 15 AIRCRAFT PER SQDN WOULD MUCH ENHANCE THE MARINE AIR WINGS CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE UNLIMITED SUPPORT UNDER ALL CONDITIONS OF COMBAT.
 5. (S) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATES DIRECTLY TO REF (A):
 - A. RESUME OF MARCOR A-6 EMPLOYMENT IN VIETNAM WAR SINCE 1 JAN 67.
 - (1) MONTHLY BREAKDOWN
- THE FOLLOWING SYSTEMS DATA RELATES TO THE MONTH OF
OCTOBER 1969 WITH 24 A-6'S ON HAND
- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| AR SCHEDULED IN STEEL TIGER AREA | 310 |
| AR COMPLETED IN STEEL TIGER AREA | 265 |
| BEACONS SCHEDULED IN COUNTRY | 309 |
| BEACONS COMPLETED IN COUNTRY | 106 |

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 BDA ON ARMED RECCE'S FOR OCT 69 FOLLOWS: ORDNANCE WAS
 EXPENDED ON 36 MOVERS RESULTING IN 17 SECONDARY EXPLO-
 SIONS AND 3 SECONDARY FIRES. IN ADDITION TO THE MOVERS
 NOTED ABOVE THE FOLLOWING BDA WAS THE RESULT OF
 HITTING SECONDARY TARGETS: 32 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS,
 8 SECONDARY FIRES, 1 FORD CUT AND 1 ROAD CUT. THE
 MONTHLY BREAKDOWN FROM 1 JULY 68 TO 31 OCT 69 NOTED
 BELOW UTILIZING THE FOLLOWING ABBREVIATIONS.
 FSL FULL SYSTEMS LAUNCH
 FSOT FULL SYSTEMS ON TARGET
 PSL PARTIAL SYSTEMS LAUNCH
 PSOT PARTIAL SYSTEMS ON TARGET

SQDN	HOURS		TOTAL	SORTIES		TOTAL		SYSTEMS			
	DAY	NIGHT		SCH FLOWN	NIGHT SCH FLOWN	SCH FLOWN	FLOWN	FSL/FSOT	PSL/PSOT		
OCTOBER 1969											
242	242	281		136	182	226	218	362	400	357/272	9/16
225	251	250		204	186	217	192	421	378	248/255	19/21
	493	531	1024		368		410	783	778		

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 SEPTEMBER 1969

242	276	229		221	203	171	173	392	376	367/312	1/16
225	210	210		129	158	151	161	280	319	154/112	45/47
533	171	116		118	119	140	80	258	199	126/106	2/2
	657	555	12 12		480		414	930	894		
AUGUST 1969											
242	205	226		156	172	169	182	325	354	343/270	0/21
225	236	240		172	180	173	185	345	365	223/191	20/38
533	282	202		150	186	219	160	369	346	185/149	37/32
	723	668	1391		538		527	1039	1065		
JULY 1969											
242			385	141	151	177	166	318	317	205/173	49/42
225	256	235	491	179	201	184	180	363	381	207/173	50/54
533	276	252	528	198	209	180	174	378	383	182/149	33/31
			1404		561		520	1059	1081		
JUNE 1969											
242	163	216		134	137	188	172	322	309	114/90	93/67
225	237	252		190	183	213	191	403	374	190/161	18/20
533	304	182		213	196	149	148	362	344	163/120	26/43
	704	650	1354		516		511	1087	1027		

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MAY 1969

242	212	253		171	187	220	201	391	388	138/95	95/80
225	223	316		181	179	261	240	442	419	178/152	38/56
533	318	180		248	239	141	149	389	388	100/79	11/17
	753	749	1502		605		590	1222	1195		

APRIL 1969

242	MISSING			MISSING			312	392	455	267/7	18/7
225	MISSING			MISSING			409	630	512	250/7	42/7
533	205	320		152	162	221	213	590	375	200/7	21/7
							934	1412	1128		

MARCH 1969

242	174	348		101	142	252	264	353	406	246/175	25/57
225	238	387		167	176	302	285	469	461	201/155	57/47
533	132	302		117	113	248	207	365	520	220/201	12/10
	544	1037	1581		431		756	1187	1187		

FEBRUARY 1969

242	113	287		73	87	242	232	315	319	114/75	64/67
225	182	142		147	140	94	96	241	236	45/40	23/19
533	119	255		78	107	201	169	279	276	195/180	17/19
	414	684	1098		334		497	835	831		

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JANUARY 1969

242	78	369		70	73	277	301	347	374	81/57	65/54
533	114	361		121	100	258	247	379	347	255/215	48/57
	192	730	922		173		548	726	721		

DECEMBER 1968

242	63	363		41	57	291	279	312	336	152/104	24/31
533	139	303		108	107	245	219	353	326	160/127	59/64
	202	666	868		164		498	665	662		

NOVEMBER 1968

242	80	287		55	64	262	238	318	302	125/107	61/63
533	109	310		58	76	232	222	290	298	165/140	40/59
	189	597	786		140		460	608	600		

OCTOBER 1968

242	145	342		73	86	301	270	374	356	227/207	53/42
533	151	394		109	103	318	278	427	381	206/167	39/55
	296	736	1032		189		548	801	737		

SEPTEMBER 1968

242	MISSING		473	64	72	325	299	389	371	262/212	4/0
533	158	516	674	104	110	313	305	420	415	230/161	11/51
			1147		182		604	809	786		

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	TPQ	SYS	DAY		NIGHT		FLOWN		TOTAL
			DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	DAY	NIGHT	SORTIES
JAN 67	306	67	194	578	141	498			474
FEB	215	117	91	467	100	473			412
MAR	217	163	111	540	86	522			438
APR	126	168	44	494	30	397			320
MAY	78	141	2	387	25	327			242
JUN			MISSING		MISSING				
JUL	213	107	94	454	63	418			365
AUG	183	159	41	485	72	429			574
SEP	248	71	189	548	176	418			477
OCT	199	121	161	559	175	424			456
NOV	166	102	146	491	113	356			366
DEC			MISSING		MISSING				
JAN 68	151	112	156	475	119	347			365
FEB	153	130	151	437	154	382			423
MAR	208	119	52	513	69	469			410
APR	88	203	19	377	28	375			319
MAY	80	196	90	399	110	338			389
JUN	73	224	192	383	183	316			434

(2) KEY PHASES OF WAR

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(1) WAR NVN/LAOS. THE FMAW A-6A ARMED RECCE PROGRAM IN RP-1 COMMENCED IN NOV 66 AND WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL IN THAT IT HAS PROVIDED A NEW DIMENSION IN INTERDICTION OF LOC'S DURING PERIODS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY. THE FIRST MAR SQ LAUNCHED 659 AMTI ATTACKS DURING THE PERIOD 1 DEC 66 TO 30 APR 67 IN THE ROLLING THUNDER AREA. IN ONE HARD BDA CASE 2 A-6A SORTIES IN A 67 WERE CREDITED WITH DESTROYING 25 TRUCKS, SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED BY AN ARMY A/C.

THE INTRODUCTION OF A SECOND MARINE A-6A SQUADRON IN APRIL OF 67 WITH THE INCREASED P-7 SYSTEMS CAPABILITY AND RELIABILITY, ENABLED INCREASED COVERAGE OF LOC'S IN ROUTE PACKAGE I AND, IN ADDITION, PERMITTED SOME PARTICIPATION IN THE NORTHERN ROUTE PACKAGE AREA.

DURING THE SIX MONTHS FROM MAY 67 TO OCT 67 THE TWO MARINE SQUADRONS FLEW 17 DAY AND 1488 NIGHT FULL SYSTEM SORTIES, 218 DAY 23 NIGHT VISUAL DELIVERY SORTIES AND 191 DAY 1959 NIGHT TPQ MISSIONS. MARINE AMTI ACTIVITY IN THE TALLY NO AREA DURING THE SAME TIME IS AS FOLLOWS: 791 MOVING TGTS ATTACKED, 83 VEHICLES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED AND 106 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS OR FIRES WHICH WERE IN ALL PROBABILITY DAMAGED OR DESTROYED VEHICLES BUT WERE NOT VISUALLY CONFIRMED AS SUCH. IT MUST BE NOTED THAT

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 ALL THE ABOVE WAS ACCOMPLISHED WHILE THE 2 SQUADRONS WERE
 AVERAGING ONLY 17.9 PCT OPERATIONALLY READY AIRCRAFT DUE TO SUPPLY/
 EQUIPMENT SUPPORT.

(B) INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE KHE SANH AND NORTHERN
 ICTZ AREA REQUIRED III MAF TO REQUEST TEMPORARY CANCELLATION OF
 A-6 ROLLING THUNDER MISSIONS. IN FEB OF 68 FMAW A-6'S WERE
 FLYING 8 TALLY NOA AND 4 KHE SANH SYSTEMS SORTIES NIGHTLY ON
 MOVING TARGETS WITH MANY SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS REPORTED. BY 2
 MAR 68 THE OVERRIDING PRIORITY FOR A-6 SUPPORT TO USMC GROUND
 FORCES IN ICTZ REQUIRED 1ST MAW TO REQUEST CENTRALIZATION OF A-6
 SORTIES TO INCLUDE THOSE AREAS OF LAOS AND NVN ADJACENT TO THE
 ICTZ WHICH CONTAINED THE ENEMY LOC'S AND APPROACH ROUTES TO
 THE DMZ AREA. ALL ALLOCATION OF 8 SORTIES WAS ASSIGNED TO EACH
 OF THE FOLLOWING: (1) IN THE AREAS WEST OF KHE SANH ALONG
 HIGHWAY 9 EXTENDING INTO THE ADJACENT STEEL TIGER PORTION OF
 LAOS AND (2) ALONG THE LOC'S OF RPI IN TALLY HO AREAS NORTH OF
 THE DMZ.

IN ADDITION TO THE ARMED RECCE SYSTEM SORTIES DESCRIBED ABOVE
 THE A6 WERE FLYING DAS, CAS AND TPQ IN SUPPORT OF NOT ONLY KHE SANH
 BUT ALL US FORCES IN THE I CORPS AREA.

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 WITH THE LIFTING OF THE SIEGE OF KHE SANH, THE ADDITION OF
 ANOTHER A6 SQUADRON DURING FEB 69 AND THE INCREASED AVAILABILITY
 OF FULL SYSTEMS A/C, ARMED RECCE AND BEACON SORTIES WERE AGIN THE
 MAJORITY OF THE A6 ASSIGNED MISSION.

(C) AS THE BOMBING HALTED NORTH OF 19 DEGREES NORTH IN
 APR 68, INCREASED EMPHASIS WAS DIRECTED TO THE AREA IMMEDIATELY
 NORTH OF THE DMZ.

(D) INTRODUCTION OF RABFAC IN AUG 68.
 DURING FEB 67 ALL 9 SPECIAL FORCES CAMPS IN I CORPS AREA WERE
 EXTENSIVELY SURVEYED BY RADAR FOR DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CAPABILITIES
 DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER BY A6A AIRCRAFT. REFLECTORS WERE INSTALLED
 ON THOSE CAMPS PRODUCING POOR RADAR RETRUNS TO INCREASE THE
 RELIABILITY OF OFFSET AIMPOINT BOMBING PERMITTING SUPPORTING MISSIONS
 TO ATTACK TARGETS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SF CAMPS UTILIZING THE
 SELF CONTAINED SYSTEMS. INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS OF AIR SUPPORT
 DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER WAS ANTICIPATED UPON ACQUISITION OF AN
 ACTIVE RADAR BEACON WHICH BECAME A REALITY IN AUG 68.
 EVALUATION OF THE RADAR BEACON IN COMBAT OCCURED ON 28 & 29
 SEP 68 AT THUONG DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP WHEN A MARINE FAC WITH
 BEACON WAS INSERTED WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT CONTINUOUS CLOSE

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 AIR SUPPORT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COUNTERACT THE SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY
 THREAT, BUT DETERIORATING WEATHER CONDITIONS WOULD PRECLUDE THE
 USE OF AN AIRBORNE FAC AT NIGHT. DURING THE 2 FOLLOWING NIGHTS
 18 AGA SORTIES WERE FLOWN AGAINST TGTS WITHIN 200-800 METERS OF
 FRIENDLY POSITIONS. THE GROUND COMMANDER STATED THWT THESE WERE
 PARAMOUNT IN PREVENTING THE ENEMY FROM OVERRUNNING HIS POSITION.
 TWO FACTORS CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE STRIK. (1) THE
 ACCURACY OF THE WEAPONS DELIVERY UTILIZING THE BEACONS AND (2) THE
 ELEMENT OF SURPRISE BY OMITTING NORMAL NIGHT CAS PROCEDURES WHICH
 REQUIRE BOTH TARGET ILLUMINATION AND SUBSEQUENT MARKING.
 (E) BOMBING HALT IN NOV 68 DID NOT APPRECIABLY AFFECT
 OVERALL MISSIONS BEING FLOWN AT THAT TIME.
 (F) AS NOTED ON MONTHLY BREAKDOWN FROM 1 JULY 68 TO 31
 OCT 69 THERE WAS A MARKED DECREASE OF FRAGGED/FLOWN SORTIES
 COMMENCING IN SEPT 1969 AND CONTINUING THROUGH THE PRESENT REPORTING
 PERIOD.
 (3) NUMBER OF AG'S IN COUNTRY
 1JAN67 - 1APR67 - 12
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(4) 14763 SORTIES WERE SCHEDULED, OF WHICH 14236 WERE FLOWN, FROM 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69 AS NOTED BY MONTH AND SQUADRON ON THE MONTHLY BREAKDOWN.

(5) CMC WILL PROVIDE

(6) 8267 FULL SYSTEM SORTIES WERE FLOWN FROM 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69 AS NOTED BY MONTH AND SQUADRON ON THE MONTHLY BREAKDOWN.

(7) 1251 PARTIAL SYSTEM SORTIES WERE FLOWN FROM 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69 AS NOTED BY MONTH AND SQUADRON ON THE MONTHLY BREAKDOWN.

(8) 1970 RABFAC BEACON SORTIES WERE FLOWN FROM 1 JUL 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69.

(9) NIGHT ROLLING THUNDER SCHEDULED AND FLOWN SORTIES

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NOT AVAILABLE.

(10) NIGHT TALLY NO SCHEDULED AND FLOWN SORTIES NOT AVAILABLE.

(11) 5036 TOTAL TPQ FLOWN 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69.

(12) 9051 TOTAL TPQ FLOWN FROM 1 JAN 67 THROUGH 31 OCT 69.

(13) 3467 ARMED RECCES WERE FLOWN IN STEEL TIGER AREA FROM 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69.

(14) DAY VISUAL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT PRESENTLY LIMITED TO ONE FLIGHT PER DAY PER SQUADRON.

3. MAXIMUM AVAILABLE BDA ASSOCIATED WITH DIFFERENT TYPES OF AG MISSIONS FLOWN FROM 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69:

K2MA	90
STRUCT DEST/DAM	1202/471
BUNK DEST/DAM	923/304
SECONDARY EXPL/FIRES	1097/829
SUSTAINED FIRES	6
SUPPLY DUMP DEST	2
ROAD CUTS (METERS)	800
ROAD BLOCKS DEST	32
TREELINE DEST (METERS)	67,330

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TRENCHLINE DEST (METERS)	2785
TRENCHLINE UNCOVERED (METERS)	10
FIGHTING HOLES DEST	64
.50 CAL SITE DEST	1
.50 CAL PITS DEST/DAM	2/1
TUNNEL COMPLEX DEST	19
TUNNEL DEST/DAM	81/1
TRAIL CUTS	116
TRAIL CUTS (METERS)	940
BUNKERS UNCOVERED/OPENED	5/9
BRIDGE DEST/DAM	2/1
SPIDER HOLES DEST/UNCOVERED	15/2
12.7MM MG DEST	1
RIVER FORD DEST	1
COMMUNICATION CABLE CUT	1
HARBOR DEST	1
TRUCKS DEST/DAM	18/5
TUNNELS UNCOVERED	1
CAVES DEST	6
MOVING TGTS DEST	3

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AW PSNS DEST	8
AAA SITE DAM	1
TREELINES CUT	1

C. 37 RABFAC BEACONS WERE INITIALLY ASSIGNED TO THE FMAW IN AUG 68 WITH THE INITIAL COMBAT EVALUATION TAKING PLACE ON 28 & 29 SEP AT THUONG DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AS NOTED IN PARA 2 PART C. 93 PCT AVERAGE AVAILABILITY OF THE RABFAC WAS EXPERIENCED UNTIL SEP OF THIS YEAR WHEN IT DROPPED TO APPROXIMATELY 75 PCT DUE TO NORMAL USE AND LACK OF SPARE PARTS. AS A RESULT OF THIS REDUCED AVAILABILITY FMAW HAS INITIATED VARIOUS MESSAGES REQUESTING IMMEDIATE DELIVERY OF THE 100 FORTHCOMING BEACONS FOR USE DURING THE MONSOON SEASON. DESPITE THE OVERALL OUTSTANDING AVAILABILITY OF BEACONS A CRITICAL SHORTAGE HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED IN VIEW OF PROVIDING THEM TO ALL SERVICES IN ICTZ DEMONSTRATION A NEED AS NOTED IN PARA 7.

D. FROM 1 JULY 68 THROUGH 31 OCT 69, 9021 AG NIGHT SORTIES WERE FLOWN. THIS FIGURE REPRESENTS THE LIONS SHARE OF TONNAGE DROPPED AT NIGHT BY FMAW. AG FLIGHT CREWS AND AIRCRAFT HAVE CONTINUOUSLY DEMONSTRATED OUR CAPABILITY TO ACCURATELY DELIVER MASSIVE LOADS OF ORDNANCE AT NIGHT AND UNDER ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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 6. DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1968, VNA(AW)-533 FLEW A TOTAL OF 442 SORTIES OF WHICH 119 WERE DAY SORTIES AND 323 AT NIGHT. THE SQUADRON FLEW A TOTAL OF 652 HOURS OF WHICH 529 WERE COMBAT HOURS. THERE WERE 417 COMBAT SORTIES WHICH DELIVERED 2,235 TONS OF ORDNANCE AGAINST A TOTAL OF 935 TARGETS OF WHICH 451 WERE MOVING TARGETS. THE CREWS OBSERVED 92 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND STARTED 236 FIRES. THE SQUADRON FLEW A TOTAL OF 270 FULL SYSTEMS AND 312 PARTIAL SYSTEMS SORTIES. THERE WERE 278 MISSIONS NORTH OF THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE IN SUPPORT OF THE III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE AND THE SEVENTH AIR FORCE.
 A. DURING THE MONTH OF JULY 1968, VNA(AW)-242 FLEW 356 SORTIES FOR 417.0 HOURS EXPENDING 1,882.595 TONS OF ORDNANCE. THE SQUADRON LAUNCHED 294 FULL SYSTEMS SORTIES WITH 242 OF THEM HAVING FULL SYSTEM OVER TARGET GIVING AN 82 PCT COMPLETION RATE. IN JULY, 274 MISSIONS WERE FLOWN INTO NORTH VIETNAM, 206 OF WHICH WERE ARMED RECONNAISSANCE/SEEDING/STRIKE MISSIONS REQUIRING SYSTEMS AIRCRAFT. THERE WERE 70 DAYLIGHT CLOSE AIR SUPPORTS FLOWN, THE MAJORITY OF THEM BEING LANDING ZONE PREPS UTILIZING MK-84 ORDNANCE LOADS. EMPHASIS WAS PLACED IN SEEDING AND STRIKE MISSIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM AS PART OF THE 7TH

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 AIR FORCE 30 DAY INTERDICTION PLAN TO DIVERT ENEMY TRAFFIC FROM THE MOUNTAINOUS HIGHWAY ARTERIES TO THE COASTAL LINE OF COMMUNICATIONS.

B. THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT CONFIRMED BDA FOR JULY 1968:

KBMA (2)

METERS OF TRENCHLINE DESTROYED (40)

ROAD CUTS (18)

SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS (60)

SECONDARY FIRES (94)

TRENCHES DAMAGED (1)

BUNKERS DESTROYED (40)

BUNKERS DAMAGED (10)

TRUCKS DESTROYED (2)

7. 1ST MAW COMMITS 50 PCT OF ALL AVAILABLE SYSTEMS TO BEACON SORTIES. TEN (10) BEACON MISSIONS PER DAY ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED. AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN (7) PER DAY IS COMPLETED. A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EFFORT HAS BEEN EXPENDED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN THIS ALL WEATHER CAS CAPABILITY. 1ST MAW A-6'S DROP AN AVERAGE OF FORTY-NINE (49) TONS OF ORDNANCE PER DAY BY WORKING THE BEACONS LOCATED IN ICTZ. THE A-6 BEACON PROGRAM

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S E C R E T / MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION FOUR OF FOUR SECTIONS HAS PROGRESSED UNDER COMBAT CONDITIONS AND IS CONTINUING TO GROW AS MORE OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE IS GAINED. 1ST MAW HAS COMPLETELY REWRITTEN THE INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE A-6A AIRCREW AND THE GROUND FAC'S BEACON OPERATING PROCEDURES. TABLES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED WHICH RECOMMEND DROP CRITERIA BASED ON BEACON TO TARGET OFFSET RANGE, DISTANCE FROM FIENDLIES, TARGET OBSERVATION, SYSTEMS STATUS, AND PRIORITY OF MISSION. SOP IS BEING FORWARDED TO FMFPAC AND CMC UNDER SEPARATE COVER. ADDITIONAL RABFAC BEACONS ARE UNDER PROCUREMENT. DELIVERY IS ESTIMATED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 1969 WITH THE REMAINDER IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF FY-70. FUNDS ARE PROGRAMMED TO PERMIT PROCUREMENT OF ONE HUNDRED (100) RABFAC BEACONS WHICH IS AN INTERIM DEVICE AND WILL CONSTITUTE THE TOTAL MARINE CORPS INVENTORY UNTIL A SOLID STATE BEACON THAT SATIS-

PAGE TWO RUMLMHA0161 S E C R E T / MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FIES SOR CG 11.8 BECOME AVAILABLE. THESE ADDITIONAL BEACONS WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE PRESENT OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY AS ALL USERS ARE EAGER TO ACQUIRE MORE BEACONS. THE OVER-ALL BEACON PROGRAM CAN ONLY BE JUDGED AS A SUCCESS AND VERY DEFINITELY HOLDS PROMISE FOR A REWARDING FUTURE. (EG) BEACONS COULD BE DEvised WHICH WOULD WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH SENSORS, RECON TEAMS COULD OPERATE WITH BEACONS WHEN SUITABLE UHF COMM IS OBTAINED, ETC. BEACONS COULD BE EMPLOYED OUT OF TPQ RANGE OR EVEN BEFORE TPQ COULD BE INITIALLY INSTALLED. BEACONS ARE MORE ACCURATE AND RESPONSIVE THAN TPQ WHEN USED WITHIN THE PFFSET LIMITATIONS PRESCRIBED IN 1ST MAW SOP. BEACON OPERATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN THE MOST IDEAL WEAPONS SYSTEM TO HAVE EMPLOYED DURING THE SIEGE OF KHE SANH. SUPPLIES COULD HAVE ALSO BEEN DELIVERED ON THE BEACON. THE A-6A AIRCRAFT AND THE RABFAC BEACON COMBINATION, ALTHOUGH LIMITED BY NUMBER OF BEACONS, HAS PROVEN TO BE A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL ALL-WEATHER SUPPORTING ARM FOR MANY SENTUSIASTIC ICTZ USERS WHICH INCLUDE: 1ST MARDIV, AMERICAL DIV, SPECIAL FORCES, ROKMC, 101ST AON, AND 5TH DIV (M). BECAUSE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES EXIST FOR THE OPERATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF THE BEACON

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8. TPQ AND RABFAC ARE COMPLEMENTARY SINCE A NORMAL WING RATES 3 ASRTS FOR EACH MASS SQUADRON. FMAW HAS HAD 6 ASRTS AVAILABLE IN WIDELY SCATTERED GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS. IN PRESENT TAOR OF 1ST MARDIV BELIEVE 5 OF 6 RABFAC FLIGHTS COULD BE IN PROGRESS AND OTHER AVAILABLE ASSETS IN FMAW (A4/F4) COULD BE USED ON TPQ MISSIONS WHILE A6/RABFAC FLIGHTS ARE IN PROGRESS. BEACON IN CONJUNCTION WITH A6 WEAPONS SYSTEM CONSIDERED MORE ACCURATE.

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SUBJ: DEPSECDEF VISIT TO WESTPAC (C)

1. (S) DEPSECDEF PACKARD HAS ADVISED THAT HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO VIETNAM WILL BE DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO EXAMINATION OF "VIETNAMIZATION" AND RELATED ACTIVITIES.
2. (S) RECOMMEND THAT III MAF PRESENTATIONS BE KEYED TO HIGH-LIGHT PROGRAMS CONTRIBUTING TO IMPROVING EFFECTIVENESS OF RVNAF IN I CTZ, E.G. COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM; COMBINED OPNS WITH RVNAF UNITS; USMC AIR, ARTY, ENGR, LOGISTIC SUPPORT PROVIDED; USMC TRAINING FOR RVNAF UNITS/PERSONNEL; OTHER ITEMS AT YOUR DISCRETION WHICH FOLLOW THIS GENERAL THRUST.

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1. (E) NOW THAT THE ICE HAS BEEN BROKEN AND MACV HAS GIVEN APPROVAL FOR USMC DISMANTLING OF 17 BUTLER BLDGS IN THE DONG HA AREA FOR RETROGRADE TO OKINAWA, IT APPEARS ADVISABLE TO FOLLOW UP ON THIS METHOD OF OBTAINING ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS CRITICALLY NEEDED ON OKINAWA.

2. (S) A RECENT STAFF VISIT BY THE FMFPAC FORCE ENGINEER REVEALED APPROXIMATELY 30 EMPTY BUTLER BLDGS IN THE QUANG TRI AREA THAT WERE NOT EARMARKED FOR ANY PURPOSE. RECOMMEND YOU INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF USMC FORCES DISMANTLING THESE BUILDINGS ALSO. IF APPROVAL CAN BE OBTAINED, IT APPEARS THAT A FEASIBLE METHOD WOULD BE TO UTILIZE A DETACHMENT OF ABOUT 120 MEN OUT OF THE 350 MAN RESIDUE OF THE 11TH ENGR BN DUE FOR REASSIGNMENT IN COUNTRZ. UNDERSTAND SUCH A DETACHMENT IS NOW

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 WORKING ON THE FIRST 17 BUILDINGS, AND THEREFOR WOULD BE A TRAINED CREW FOR FURTHER DISMANTLING, PACKAGING AND SHIPPING OF ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS.

3. (S) SINCE IT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED THAT OVER 100 BUTLER BLDGS ARE NEEDED TO SATISFY KNOWN FACILITY DEFICIENCIES AT MCB CAMP BUTLER, MCAF FUTEMA, AND MCAS IWAKUNI, YOUR EFFORTS IN OBTAINING SUCH ASSETS IN COUNTRY WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT LACK OF FUNDING SUPPORT FOR EITHER PROCUREMENT OF NEW BUILDINGS OR CONSTRUCTION OF PERMANENT FACILITIES IN OKINAWA AND JAPAN.

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. ON 8 NOV 69, COMUSMACV DIRECTED THAT A SPECIAL BRIEFING BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMANDERS AT THE WICH ON 22 NOV 69. COMMANDERS IN ATTENDANCE WILL BE AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT. THIS SPECIAL BRIEFING WILL INCLUDE:

A. AN UPDATE OF THE 15 OCT 69 ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM WHICH WILL BE SENT TO C.I.O.S ON 23 NOV 69.

B. RECOMMENDED CONCEPTS FOR FURTHER TROOP REDEPLOY ENTS.
 2. TO ASSIST ADDRESSEES IN PREPARING FOR THE WICH DISCUSSIONS WITH COMUS, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ADDRESSEES: G-3'S OR G-3 REPRESENTATIVE, AND AN ACTION OFFICER FAMILIAR WITH THE CLOSE-HOLD SUBJECT MATTER, TOTAL OF (2) ATTEND A PRE-BRIEF AT MACV HQ AT 1430 HRS, 19 NOV 69 IN ROOM 2436.

3. ACTION OFFICER IS COL HAN, ET, MAC 3-05, EXT 2980
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SUBJ: VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON

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D. III MAF MSG, DTG 250532Z NOV 69 (EYES ONLY)

1. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON VISITED UNITS IN THE AMERICAL TAOI ON 11 NOVEMBER 1969. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HIS AIDE, MR. DESMOND PALMER AND MAJ W. L. BOOZER, AMERICAL ESCORT OFFICER. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON ARRIVED AT CHU LAI AIR BASE AT 0855 HOURS.

UPON ARRIVAL AT THE AMERICAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS, SIR ROBERT THOMPSON WAS MET BY BG 000 SEY. THE 02, 03 AND 05 DISCUSSED RECENT EVENTS WITHIN THE AMERICAL TAOI. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. REFERENCE RICE AND FOOD CACHES: HOW WAS IT STORED, FOR LONG TERM STORAGE FOR A YEAR OR MORE? ANS: THE CACHES WERE TOWN IN 55 GALLON DRUMS, IN BASKETS WEAVED IN PLASTIC AND DID NOT APPEAR TO BE FOR LONG TERM STORAGE.

B. ASKED STRENGTH OF ENEMY UNITS AND PERCENT OF NVA IN VC UNITS. ANS: HE WAS GIVEN LATEST CB HOLDINGS OF ENEMY STRENGTHS AND TOLD THAT VERY FEW VC UNITS HAVE NVA, BUT THE UNITS CONTAIN A LARGE PERCENT OF NVA, UP TO 90 PER CENT IN SOME UNITS.

C. HAS THE SECURITY OF ANY DISTRICTS BEEN COMPLETELY TURNED OVER TO RV/P? ANS: NO.

D. IS THE RECRUITMENT OF RV/P A PROBLEM? ANS: NO.

3. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON THEN VISITED THE 2D ARMY DIVISION WHERE HE WAS GREETED BY BG TOAN AND RECEIVED AN INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS BRIEFING. HE ASKED TWO QUESTIONS.

4. AT CHANG NGAI PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS, HE WAS GREETED BY COL NGHIE, PC, AND MR. DILLERY, PSA. HE WAS BRIEFED BY COL NGHIE.

A. WHAT PERCENT OF PERSONNEL IN VC UNITS OPERATING IN YOUR AREA ARE NVA? ANS: APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT IN MAIN FORCE UNITS AND NONE IN LOCAL FORCE UNITS.

B. HOW MUCH AMMUNITION DO THE COASTAL ENEMY UNITS HAVE? DO THEY HAVE ENOUGH? ANS: THE UNITS THAT ARE ARMED WITH THE CHICOM FAMILY OF WEAPONS APPEAR TO HAVE PLENTY OF AMMUNITION, BUT THOSE ARMED WITH OTHER TYPES OF WEAPONS NEVER HAVE ENOUGH AMMUNITION.

C. WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS OF RV/P UNITS? ANS: 95 PER CENT. IS IT DIFFICULT TO RECRUIT FOR RV/P UNITS? ANS: NO.

D. DO YOU HAVE MUCH SELECTED TERRORISM SUCH AS ASSASSINATION OF ELECTED OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS? ANS: NO. THREE CASES IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.

E. DO YOU KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE VC PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS AND THE NAMES OF THE VC PROVINCE OFFICERS?

ANS: COL CHIEN INDICATED THE VC PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS MOVED FREQUENTLY AND HE KNEW ITS GENERAL LOCATION. HE SAID HE KNEW TWO OF THE OFFICIALS NAMES. 5. THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND PROVINCE SENIOR ADVISOR ACCOMPANIED SIR ROBERT THOMPSON TO PHU VINH INFANTRY COMPANY INTENSIFIED REACCLIFICATION PROGRAM (ICIPP) HAMLET WHERE HE WAS MET BY COL WHITTINGTON, CO, 198TH INF BDE, AND LTC WAGNER, CO, 5TH BATTALION, 16TH INFANTRY AND WAS BRIEFED ON THE CONCEPT AND STATUS OF THE ICIPP. HE WALKED AROUND AND LOOKED AT THE ENTIRE HAMLET.

6. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON WAS THEN TAKEN TO THE 11TH INFANTRY BRIGADE WHERE HE HAD LUNCH WITH COL HOFFMAN AND WAS GIVEN A SHORT BRIEFING BY THE BRIGADE STAFF. NO QUESTIONS WERE ASKED AFTER THE BRIEFING.

7. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON WAS MET AT THE NEW LIFE HAMLET EAST OF FSB 411 BY LTC STOTTLE, CO, 3D BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY. HE WAS SHOWN THROUGH THE HAMLET BY COL CHIEN. HE WALKED THROUGH MANY OF THE HOUSES AND OBSERVED THE PEOPLE.

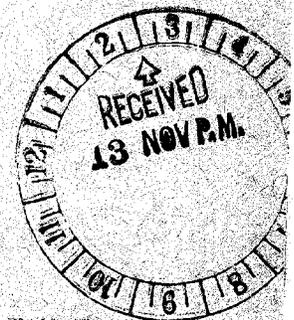
8. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON RETURNED TO THE AMERICAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE DISCUSSED THE VC/VA LOGISTICS SYSTEM WITH MEMBERS OF THE C-2 OB SECTION. HIS PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS THE ORGANIZATION, STRENGTHS AND METHODS OF OPERATION OF TRANSPORTATION UNITS WHICH TRANSPORT SUPPLIES FROM POINT OF ORIGIN TO NVA DIVISIONAL UNITS.

9. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON COMMENTED THAT THE RF/PF UNITS WERE NOW MORE EFFECTIVE NOW THAN HE HAD NOTED ON HIS PREVIOUS TRIPS. HE WAS QUITE IMPRESSED BY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RF AND PF AND STATED THAT HE THINKS THAT THESE UNITS REFLECT THE OVERALL INCREASED STRENGTH OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND THEIR ABILITY TO RESIST THE ENEMY. HE ALSO COMMENTED THAT FOR THE NVA UNITS TO MOVE AROUND THE WAY THEY DO THAT THEY MUST HAVE VERY FLEXIBLE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OR MULTIPLE AND ALTERNATE LINES OF COMMUNICATION.

10. SIR ROBERT THOMPSON EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH HIS VISIT TO THE AMERICAL DIVISION AND DEPARTED CHU LAI AIR BASE AT 1550 HOURS.

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A. YOUR 200539Z NOV 68 (EYES ONLY)

1. BURMA ROAD SPENT A FULL DAY IN THE FIELD IN THE XXIV CORPS
 AO. AS YOU KNOW, I WAS UNABLE TO ACCOMPANY HIM, BUT ON HIS
 DEPARTURE HE COMMENTED TO ED WHEELER THAT HE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED
 HIS VISIT AND WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HE SAW AND
 HEARD IN OUR AREA.

2. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS RESPOND TO SPECIFICS YOU
 MENTION IN REFERENCE A.

→ A. MAJOR AREAS OF INTEREST.

(1) THE PACIFICATION PICTURE, NOT FROM THE STATISTICAL BRIEF,
 BUT FROM VISITS TO THE HAMLETS AND VILLAGES. A COMPARISON OF THE
 PRE-TET PICTURE WITH THE SITUATION TODAY.

(2) AN EVALUATION OF THE ARVN AND THEIR CAPABILITY TO WITH-
 STAND A DIVISION SIZE ATTACK FROM THE DMZ.

(3) THE INTENTIONS OF THE ENEMY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(4) THE RECOVERY OF HUE CITY SINCE TET OF 68 TO INCLUDE HUE
 UNIVERSITY.

B. PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

(1) BURMA ROAD ASKED 3 OR 4 QUESTIONS WHEREVER HE STOPPED
 TO VISIT. MOST OF THE TIME THEY APPEARED TO BE ASKED IN AN
 EFFORT TO SHOW INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT RATHER THAN SEEKING
 INFORMATION. A FEW WERE MORE PURPOSEFUL AND POINTED.

(2) WHAT IS THE ENEMY CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO DO? ANSWER: HE
 IS SEEKING RICE AND FOOD. HE IS ATTEMPTING TO REBUILD HIS
 CADRES AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

(3) SHOULD THE ENEMY ATTEMPT A MAJOR OFFENSIVE ACROSS THE
 DMZ, AT WHAT STRENGTH IS HE CAPABLE OF CROSSING IN, AND FOR
 HOW LONG COULD HE SUSTAIN A PENETRATION? (THIS QUESTION
 WAS ASKED OF COL GIAL AT TSB CARROLL). ANSWER: HE COULD
 ATTACK WITH UP TO A DIVISION. HE COULD NOT SUSTAIN HIS ATTACK FOR
 MORE THAN TEN DAYS.

(4) HAVE YOU ENCOUNTERED A RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF
 AGENCIES AT DISTRICT LEVEL TO SHARE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION?
 (ASKED BY MR. PALMER OF THE PSA). ANSWER: YES, OUR BLOCOS HAVE
 SOME PROBLEMS BUT THEY ARE DIFFERENT AT EACH DISTRICT. THEY RE-
 FLECT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT CHIEF.

(5) IS THERE ANY EFFORT TO ASSIST AND WORK WITH THE
 MONTAGNARDS? (ASKED BY MR. PALMER OF THE ESCORT OFFICER).
 ANSWER: YES, THEY HAVE A MINORITIES GROUP HERE IN HUE. THE
 CHIEF NOI ADVISOR WORKS WITH THEM. THEY HAVE A SCHOOL FOR THE
 MONTAGNARD CHILDREN.



(5) IS THE UNIVERSITY OF HUE FULLY OPERATIONAL? DOCTOR CHAU DISCUSSED THE OPERATION OF THE UNIVERSITY IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AND PROVIDED A GUIDED TOUR OF ALL THE FACILITIES, TO INCLUDE SEVERAL CLASSES IN SESSION. BURMA ROAD EXPRESSED CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE UNIVERSITY.

C. ANY IMPRESSIONS VISITS MAY HAVE TENDERED.

(1) BURMA ROAD CREATED QUITE AN IMPRESSION ON COL THAN, PROVINCE CHIEF, AND DOCTOR CHAU, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY. BOTH KNEW HIS BACKGROUND WELL AND WERE FAMILIAR WITH HIS WILLINGS. COL THAN DISCUSSED HIS THOUGHTS ON THE WAR WITH BURMA ROAD DURING LUNCH.

(2) BURMA ROAD SAID THE MARKED PROGRESS IMPACIFICATION IN THE AREA WAS OBVIOUS. HE APPEARED TO BE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH WHAT HE SAW OF ARVN'S OPERATIONS. HE WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED WITH THE FOUR RECENTLY CAPTURED 120MM MORTARS IN FRONT OF THE FIRST ARVN REGIMENTS CP AT NANCY. HE OBSERVED SEVERAL TIMES THAT HE THOUGHT THERE MIGHT BE TEMPORARY SET-BACKS IN THE PROGRESS OF PARTICIPATION, BUT NO GENERAL REGRESSION.

(3) BURMA ROAD WAS HIGHLY IMPRESSED WITH THE PROGRESS AT HUE UNIVERSITY.

3. OVERALL, I BELIEVE BURMA ROAD AND MR. PALMER FOUND THEIR VISIT INTERESTING AND PRODUCTIVE. HE OBVIOUSLY HAS ESTABLISHED AN EXCELLENT RAPPORT WITH THE VIETNAMESE. BOTH COL THAN AND DOCTOR CHAU WERE VERY INTERESTED IN HIS COMMENTS AND ANXIOUS TO SHOW HIM EVERY COURTESY.

4. BURMA ROAD, IN HIS DISCUSSION WITH ^{Gen. BMS} HE STATED THAT HE WAS ASTONDED AT THE PROGRESS WHICH HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE HIS VISIT MORE THAN YEAR AGO. HE WAS MOST COMPLIMENTARY ON THE SUCCESSES WHICH HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE ELIMINATION OF THE VC INFRA-STRUCTURE, AND WAS IMPRESSED WITH COL THAN AND THE WORK HE IS DOING. ^{slp-}

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 14754 EYES ONLY

1. (C) REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE OF 2 NOV 59 IN WHICH YOU REQUESTED AN ARMY COLONEL TO REPLACE COL CANTON AS G2, TO BE ABOARD PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE 20 DECEMBER.
2. (C) THE BEST QUALIFIED ARMY COLONEL AVAILABLE IS COL OLIVER S. PATTON, NOW G2, XXIV CORPS. SINCE HE IS ALREADY IN THE AREA, ORIENTATION SHOULD BE MINIMAL. THERE IS A PROBLEM, HOWEVER, IN TIMING, BECAUSE PATTON HAS EXTENDED FOR SIX MONTHS, AND HAS AN APPROVED 30 DAY LEAVE BEGINNING 14 DECEMBER. GENERAL ZAIS FEELS STRONGLY HE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO TAKE THIS LEAVE AS SCHEDULED.
3. (U) PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THE TIMING PRESENTS ANY INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS. GP4

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SKED FOR DEPSECDEF PACKARD (C)

1. (C) MY PERSONAL REQUESTS TO CG III MAF, CG I FFV, CG II FFV AND CG DMAC TO PROVIDE TIME FOR MR. PACKARD TO VISIT NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN THEIR CORPS HAVE RESULTED IN VISITS TO NAVAL ACTIVITIES IN II, III, AND IV CORPS. THIS PERMITS US TO SHOW MR. PACKARD EFFECTIVELY WHAT THE NAVY IS DOING TO SUPPORT THE ARMY AND COMUSMACV. IT IS REGRETTED THAT HE WILL NOT LEARN FIRST HAND ABOUT THE NAVY SUPPORT WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY 3RD NCB AND NSAD AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM IN I CTZ.

2. (C) SINCE IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO PROVIDE TIME FOR MR. PACKARD TO VISIT COMNAVSUPACT DANANG, OR COM 3RD NCB, REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE RADMS BONNER AND DILLON A PORTION OF TIME DURING THE III MAF BRIEFING. WITH THE CRUCIAL TRANSITION PERIOD AHEAD, I FEEL IT IMPORTANT THAT MR. PACKARD HEAR THE NSA DANANG AND CB I CORPS STORY DURING THIS VISIT. WARM REGARDS.

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FROM GEN CHAPMAN, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
RIF-AMALGAMATION PLAN (C)

A. CG FMFPAC 240211Z NOV 1969

B. JCS MSG 3964 DTG 142250Z FEB 1966

1. (TS) AFTER REVIEW OF SUBJECT PLAN, MY CONCERN OVER THE FUTURE
INTEGRITY OF OUR AIR-GROUND TEAM, INCLUDING FLC, AND THE LOSS
OF DIRECT MARINE CORPS ACCESS TO COMUSMACV, AS REPORTED IN
REF A, REMAINS.

2. (TS) BY REF B, THE JCS APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF III MAF AS
A UNI-SERVICE FORCE REPORTING DIRECTLY TO COMUSMACV. DEACTIVATION
OF HQ III MAF AS RECOMMENDED IN THE PLAN, REQUIRES JCS APPROVAL
AND RUNS COUNTER TO OUR DESIRE TO KEEP A VIABLE AIR-GROUND TEAM
FUNCTIONING IN RVN UNTIL PHASE SIX REDEPLOYMENTS.

3. (TS) I KNOW FROM REF A THAT AN APPROACH TO SOLVING THIS PROBLEM

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IS BEING DEVELOPED. DOUBLE-HATTING THE MARINES IN THE NEW
JOINT HQ TO PROVIDE A CG AND STAFF FOR III MAF MAY BE AN
ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION AS LONG AS A MARINE LTGEN REMAINS IN
COMMAND. THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE, SMALL III MAF HQ OF THE
SORT YOU DESCRIBED IN YOUR 15SEP LETTER IS AN ACCEPTABLE
ALTERNATIVE. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT A III MAF HQ
BE RETAINED IN SOME WORKABLE FORM.

4. (TS) PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF THE APPROACH BEING TAKEN AND OF
ACTIONS ON THIS MATTER AS THEY UNFOLD, IN ORDER THAT WE CAN
BE CONSISTENT IN OUR DISCUSSIONS AND/OR ACTIONS HERE.

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TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DA NANG
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SUBJECT: PERSONNEL ADJUSTMENTS RELATED TO THE AMALGAMATION
OF III MAF HEADQUARTERS AND XXIV CORPS (U)

- REF: A. CG, III MAF LETTER 26D/ CRS OVER 3000 SER
800122369 DTD 30 OCTOBER 1969 (TS)
- B. CG, III MAF MSG DTG 020534Z NOV 1969 (S)
- C. CG, III MAF MSG DTG 130803Z NOV 1969 (T)



- 1. (TS) REFERENCES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. REFERENCE A IS THE CG, III MAF PLAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF HQ III MAF AND HQ XXIV CORPS AS A JOINT HEADQUARTERS.
 - B. REFERENCE B REQUESTED CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ARMY COLONEL, INTELLIGENCE STAFF OFFICER.
 - C. REFERENCE C STATES THAT RESOLUTION OF CERTAIN PERSONNEL ACTIONS AT III MAF HQ IS CONTINGENT UPON THE PROMULGATION OF THE DATE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A.
- 2. (U) THIS HEADQUARTERS RECOGNIZES THE PERSONNEL PLANNING PROBLEMS STATED IN REFERENCE C.
- 3. (U) COMUSMACV WILL BE BRIEFED AT 1000 HOURS ON 16 NOVEMBER ON THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION PLAN.

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REFERENCES: A. LETTER, HQ MACV, SUBJECT: SERIOUS INCIDENT
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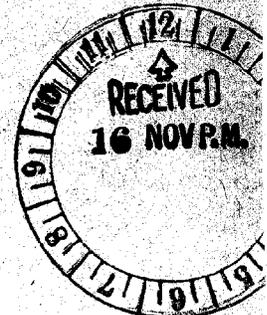
B. ADDRESSEE RESPONSES TO REFERENCE A

1. (C) RESPONSES TO REFERENCE A, INDICATE NO REPEAT NO SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OR DEVELOPMENT OF ANY CENTRALLY DIRECTED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE RACIAL UNREST.
2. (C) HOWEVER, RESPONSES DO INDICATE ACTIVITIES WHICH COULD DEVELOP INTO ORGANIZED DISSIDENT ELEMENTS, ALTHOUGH SUCH ACTIVITIES CURRENTLY APPEAR TO BE FRAGMENTED AND LOCALIZED.
3. (C) IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ANY INDICATION OF RACIAL UNREST OR ACTIVITY BY MILITANT GROUPS BE CLOSELY MONITORED AND PROMPTLY IDENTIFIED.
4. (C) IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANY OF THE FOREGOING TYPES OF ACTIVITY OR INCIDENTS BE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION WITHOUT DELAY THROUGH ANY APPROPRIATE MEANS.

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 TO LTG NIC PERSON CG III MAF DA NANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 14853 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT : RACIAL DISHARMONY (C)

1. (C) I RECENTLY REVIEWED COPIES OF FOUR NISOV INVE TI-
 GATIONS CONCERNING INDICATIONS OF RACIAL DISHARMONY IN THE
 DA NANG AREA, LISTED BELOW, BEFORE THEY WERE SUBMITTED
 TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF. YOU ARE ON DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL OF THE
 REPORTS EXCEPT CONTROL NUMBER 10-28-69N84-DV 08.

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2. (C) IN VIEW OF YOUR RECENT STUDY ON THIS MATTER AND
 THE FORTHCOMING VISIT BY MR. BENNET, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUN-
 ITY TO INSURE THAT YOU ARE PERSONALLY AWARE OF THE ABOVE
 REPORTS. WITH WARM REGARDS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 2347 EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF THREE
 UPON CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT ACTION BY THE 1/5TH MECH BRIGADE
 NEAR THE DMZ I ASKED COL OSTEEN TO PROVIDE A WRAP UP OF THE ACTION.
 I HAD STAYED AHEAD OF THE ACTION AT LONG RANGE SINCE I WAS BED-
 RIDDEN WITH A SEVERELY STRAINED BACK. I ARRIVED ON THE SCENE TOO
 LATE TO PERSONALLY INFLUENCE THE CONDUCT OF THE OPERATION BUT AS
 IT WAS DESCRIBED TO ME I WAS VERY INFLUENCED WITH THE VALOROUS
 DEEDS OF THIS AGGRESSIVE UNIT. HIS REPORT TO ME IS FORWARDED
 TOO YOU AS HEE SENT IT INCLUDING THE LESSONS LEARNED. I AM PROUD
 OF THESE OFFICERS AND MEN AND WISH TO SHARE MY PRIDE WITH YOU.

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 FM COL OSTEEN/CO 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) TR RVN
 TO LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHB RVN
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THE FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES A MAJOR BATTLE BETWEEN NVA FORCES AND ELEMENTS
 OF THE 1ST BRIGADE, 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION (MECH) DURING THE PERIOD
 11-15 NOV 69. WHILE ON RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE OPERATION SIX
 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE DMZ AND SEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF FSB C-2
 TASK FORCE 1-61, COMPOSED OF COMPANIES A, B, C, AND THE SCOUT PLATOON
 OF THE 1ST BATTALION (MECHANIZED), 61ST INFANTRY, AND COMPANY D, 1ST
 BATTALION, 11TH INFANTRY OF THE 1ST BRIGADE, 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION
 (MECHANIZED) MADE CONTACT OVER A THREE DAY PERIOD WITH A FORCE
 ESTIMATED TO BE TWO REINFORCED BATTALIONS OF THE 27TH NVA REGIMENT
 OCCUPYING A STRONGLY DEFENDED BUNKER COMPLEX IN ROUGH, HILLY
 TERRAIN. INITIAL CONTACT WAS MADE ON 110430H NOVEMBER WHEN THE
 NDP OF D 1/11 WAS PROBED BY AN ESTIMATED PLATOON OF NVA. AFTER
 THE COMPANY COUNTERED THE LIGHT PROBE WITH HAND GRENADES, CLAYMORE
 MINES, M 79 FIRE, AND SMALL ARMS FIRE, ALL ENEMY MOVEMENT AROUND THE
 PERIMETER CEASED. AT 0800 THE COMPANY (INCLUDING THE WEAPON PLATOON
 AND 1/2 OF A RIFLE PLATOON) INITIATED PURSUIT OF THE ENEMY. BY
 FOLLOWING THE FRESH TRAILS WEST ALONG A RIDGE LINE, D 1/11 OVERTOOK
 AND ENGAGED THE ENEMY FIXING THEIR POSITION. FROM THE VOLUME
 OF FIRE RETURNED, IT WAS APPARENT THAT THE ENEMY PLATOON HAD LINKED UP
 WITH OTHER ELEMENTS AND THE TOTAL ENEMY FORCE WAS NOW ESTIMATED TO BE OF
 COMPANY SIZE. AT 0730 THE BATTALION COMMANDER JOINED THE UNIT IN
 CONTACT ON THE GROUND AND RAPIDLY MANEUVERED C 1/61 TO REINFORCE D 1/11
 AND B 1/61 TO FLANK THE ENEMY TO THE NORTH.

ONCE THE FLANKING MANEUVER WAS ACCOMPLISHED AND EXTENSIVE SUPPORTING FIRES HAD BEEN EMPLOYED TO INCLUDE TAC AIR, COBRA GUNSHIPS AND ARTILLERY, THE ENEMY POSITIONS WERE AGGRESSIVELY ASSAULTED AND DEFEATED. THE ENEMY WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW WESTWARD, THROUGH ARTILLERY BLOCKING FIRES, ALONG A RIDGE LINE TO A SECOND GROUP OF PREPARED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. THE TAC FORCE CONTINUED THE ATTACK AND THE ENEMY WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW TO STILL A THIRD DEFENSIVE COMPLEX. WHEN THESE POSITIONS WERE TAKEN THE ENEMY CEASED TO OPERATE AS A UNIT AND SCATTERED INDIVIDUALS WERE SEEN FLEEING TO THE WEST. BY 1240H SIGNIFICANT CONTACT WAS BROKEN AND A INITIAL CURSORY CHECK OF THE BATTLEFIELD, WHICH BY THIS TIME STRETCHED TWO KILOMETERS, YIELDED 13 NVA KIA AND 2 POWS. IT APPEARED AND LATER WAS CONFIRMED BY POW INTERROGATION THAT MANY MORE NVA HAD BEEN KILLED AND HAD BEEN HIDDEN IN CAMOUFLAGED POSITIONS IN DRAWS AND BUNKERS DOWN HILL FROM THE RIDGE LINE. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 2 KIA AND 4 MIA.

LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF 11 NOVEMBER, D 1/11 RETURNED TO PSB C-2 FOR A STAND-DOWN AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF FIELD DUTY. PLANS WERE MADE TO HAVE C 1/61 SWEEP THE AREA OF CONTACT FROM THE WEST AND B 1/61 FROM THE EAST, THE FOLLOWING DAY, PAYING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE DRAWS ALONG THE RIDGE LINE. THE MORNING OF 12 NOVEMBER PASSED WITH LIGHT CONTACT RESULTING IN ONE NVA KIA.

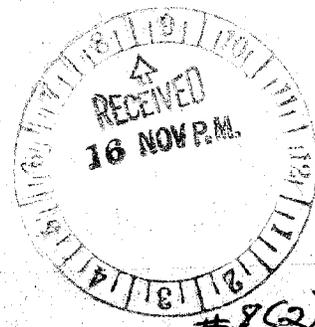
AT 1235H THE FIRST PLATOON OF C 1/61 CAME UNDER HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WHILE SEARCHING A DRAW ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE EAST-WEST RIDGE LINE OF THE PREVIOUS DAYS CONTACT. THE PLATOON SUPPRESSED THE ENEMY FIRE AND CALLED FOR A MEDIVAC HELICOPTER TO EXTRACT THEIR WOUNDED. A HELICOPTER PROVIDING LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO THE BATTALION RESPONDED AND CRASHED AND BURNED WHEN HIT BY AN RPG-2 ROUND.

THE FIRST PLATOON IMMEDIATELY STARTED MOVEMENT TOWARD THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT TO RESCUE THE CREW AND WOUNDED PERSONNEL; IT WAS SOON HIT FROM FOUR SIDES BY INTENSE SMALL ARMS AND RPG FIRE. AT VIRTUALLY THE SAME TIME THE SECOND PLATOON OF C 1/61 WAS ENGAGED WITH ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND RPG FIRE IN A DRAW JUST EAST OF THE FIRST PLATOON.

AT THIS TIME (APPROXIMATELY 1245) THE BATTALION COMMANDER JOINED C 1/61 CP ON THE FINGER TO THE EAST OF THE SECOND PLATOON AND INSTRUCTED B 1/61 TO MOVE RAPIDLY ALONG THE RIDGE PAST THE FINGER WHERE C 1/61 WAS LOCATED AND FLANK THE ENEMY POSITION ALONG THE RIDGE. THE THIRD PLATOON OF C 1/61 LED BY THE COMPANY COMMANDER, ATTEMPTED TO MOVE AROUND THE OPPOSITE FLANK. THIS ELEMENT WAS HIT WITH HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND GRENADES. THE PLATOON HAD TO FALL BACK.

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 THE ENEMY IN THIS POSITION WAS IN A WELL PREPARED AND CONSTRUCTED
 BUNKER COMPLEX WITH BOTH BUNKER FIGHTING POSITIONS AND BOMB
 SHELTERS. THERE WERE WELL PREPARED POSITIONS FROM WHICH THE ENEMY
 INTENDED TO FIGHT WITH BUNKERS SITUATED TO PROVIDE MUTUAL SUPPORT. IT
 WAS NOT AN ENEMY UNIT WITH HASTY FIELD FORTIFICATIONS. IN THIS
 ACTION THE COMPANY COMMANDER WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. THE
 BATTALION COMMANDER, REALIZING THAT HE WAS FACING A MAJOR ENEMY FORCE,
 ALERTED D 1/11 TO PREPARE FOR AN AIR ASSAULT INTO THE AREA OF CONTACT.
 FIFTEEN MINUTES AFTER RECEIVING THE ALERT, THE FIRST ELEMENTS OF
 THE COMPANY WERE LOADING AIRCRAFT AND WERE ON THE GROUND FIVE
 MINUTES LATER. THEIR MISSION WAS TO FLANK THE ENEMY TO THE SOUTH. THE
 ENTIRE COMPANY, IN THEIR INITIAL ASSAULT, HOWEVER, ENCOUNTERED
 HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPON'S FIRE AND RPG FIRE 1000 METERS SOUTH OF
 THE INITIAL CONTACT AND WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW AND EVACUATE THEIR
 WOUNDED. WHEN D 1/11 MADE CONTACT, THE BATTALION COMMANDER COMMITTED
 HIS SCOUT PLATOON BY AIR ASSAULT. THIS MOVE WAS COMPLETED BY 1525H.
 THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, COBRA GUNSHIPS AND TAC AIR WAS UTILIZED TO
 SUPPRESS AND DESTROY ENEMY POSITIONS. WHILE D 1/11 WAS IN CONTACT
 THE BATTALION CP BEGAN RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE HIGH
 RIDGE LINE RUNNING EAST-WEST TO THE REAR OF ITS POSITION. B 1/61
 WAS NOW GIVEN THE MISSION OF SECURING THIS VITAL HIGH GROUND.
 MEANWHILE A OH-6A THAT WAS APPARENTLY MONITORING GUARD FREQUENCY
 FLEW OVER THE DOWNED UH-1H, LANDED AND EXTRACTED TWO WOUNDED PERSONNEL
 AND RETURNED FOR A SECOND LOAD. WHILE ON A SHORT FINAL APPROACH
 THE LOH WAS HIT BY A RPG-2 ROUND CAUSING THE AIRCRAFT TO CRASH AND BURN.
 THE SINGLE PILOT ESCAPED SERIOUS INJURY FROM THE CRASH AND JOINED THE
 1ST PLATOON OF THE COMPANY. AS DARKNESS APPROACHED, THE BATTALION
 COMMANDER ORGANIZED THE BULK OF THE BATTALION INTO TWO SEPARATE GROUPS.
 B COMPANY 1/61, C COMPANY 1/61, D COMPANY 1/11 AND B SCOUTS WERE IN
 ONE POSITION WHILE A COMPANY 1/61 WITH THE MORTAR PLATOONS OF BRAVO
 AND CHARLIE COMPANIES WERE IN THE OTHER POSITION. IN SPITE OF SEVERAL
 ATTACKS TO LINK UP WITH FRIENDLY FORCES, THE FIRST PLATOON OF
 C COMPANY 1/61 WAS STILL TRAPPED IN THEIR ORIGINAL DRAG AND WAS
 EXTREMELY LOW ON AMMUNITION AND WATER. EVERY MAN IN THE PLATOON HAD
 BEEN WOUNDED AT LEAST ONCE AND THREE COULD NOT WALK.
 AT 2405H A RESCUE PATROL OF SEVEN VOLUNTEERS OF D COMPANY 1/11,
 INCLUDING THE COMPANY COMMANDER, CRAWLED AND MANEUVERED 800 METERS
 THROUGH THE ENEMY BUNKER COMPLEX AND LINKED UP WITH THE FIRST
 PLATOON OF C COMPANY 1/61 RECEPTIVE AND PROTECTIVE FIRE WERE INCREASED
 TO PROTECT THE PATROL AND COVER ITS MANEUVER. AFTER PROVIDING EMERGENCY
 FIRST AID TO THE INJURED, THE PATROL EXTRACTED THE PLATOON ALL MEMBERS
 OF THE PATROL AND THE PLATOON CLOSED THE BATTALION PERIMETER BY 0930H HOURS. #9(3)

EARLIER IN THE DAY THE MORTAR PLATOONS OF B COMPANY 1/61 AND C COMPANY 1/61 HAD CONSOLIDATED IN THE B COMPANY 1/61 NDP OF THE PREVIOUS EVENING LOCATED THREE KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF THE CONTACT AREA. SINCE THE UNITS IN CONTACT WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WITHDRAW TO SECURE THE MORTAR POSITIONS, A COMPANY 1/61 WAS AIRLIFTED TO JOIN THE MORTAR PLATOONS, CLOSED AT 2155H AND STARTED DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS. AT 130100H THE PERIMETER REPORTED HEAVY ENEMY OVERMENT AT CLOSE RANGE. A COMPANY 1/61 BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY 60 MM AND 82MM MORTAR FIRE AT 130245H. THE COMPANY WAS ALERTED TO A POSSIBLE SAPPER ATTACK TO FOLLOW THE INDIRECT FIRE ATTACK. COUNTER MORTAR RADAR WAS EMPLOYED AND COUNTER BATTERY FIRE WAS STARTED. THE ENEMY GROUND ATTACK BEGAN AT 1303H WITH HAND GRENADES, SATCHEL CHARGES, SAF AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FROM THE NORTH, NORTHWEST AND WESTERN SIDE OF THE PERIMETER. A COMPANY 1/61 AND THE TWO MORTAR PLATOONS REACTED WITH A HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE. AT 130354H THE COMMANDER OF A COMPANY 1/61 WAS KILLED AND CONTROL OF THE COMPANY PASSED TO THE ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER, SINCE ALL OF THE PLATOON LEADERS WERE FULLY ENGAGED ON THE PERIMETER. AT 130400H THE FORWARD OBSERVER REQUESTED EMERGENCY AMMUNITION RESUPPLY. SIMULTANEOUSLY, UNITS WERE INSTRUCTED TO EXERCISE TIGHT FIRE DISCIPLINE.

AT 130500H THE BATTALION COMMANDER ORDERED HIS TANK COMPANY (A/1/77) TO MOVE FROM PSB A-4 TO REINFORCE A/1/61'S POSITION, SOME 14 KILOMETERS DISTANCE. THE COMPANY MOVED IN DARKNESS THROUGH ROUGH TERRAIN, CROSSED SEVERAL STREAMS AND ASSUMED CONTROL IN THE A/1/61 PERIMETER AT 0615H.

AT 130530H HELICOPTERS STARTED AN EMERGENCY RESUPPLY FOR A/1/61 AND BEGAN TO MEDIVAC THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS PROTECTED THE LOG AND MEDIVAC SHIPS WORKING IN THE AREA OF INTENSE FIRE.

THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT THE COMPANY WAS SUPPORTED BY TAC AIR STRIKES, SPOOKY AND ARTILLERY, ALTERNATING AS THE AIRCRAFT CAME IN AND DEPARTED THE STATION. THE AIR FORCE FAC COORDINATED AND CONTROLLED THE FIRE SUPPORT AND CHECKED FIRE AS NECESSARY FOR AIR CLEARING. ABOUT 30 MINUTES AFTER DAYLIGHT, THE ENEMY BEGAN TO WITHDRAW AND ALL SIGNIFICANT CONTACT ENDED AT 130645H.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 2347 EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF THREE PURSUIT WAS CONTINUED WITH TAC AIR AND ARTILLERY AS THE ENEMY FLED TO THE NORTHWEST. AT FIRST LIGHT THE BATTALION CP, WITH ELEMENTS OF CO D, 1ST BN, 11TH INF RETURNED TO THE HIGH GROUND AND JOINED B CO 1/61. AT THE SAME TIME, CASUALTIES WERE BEING EVACUATED FROM A CO 1/61 PERIMETER UNDER CONTINUOUS MORTAR AND SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE. ALL CONTACT ENDED BY 131000 HRS AND THE BATTALION CONTINUED CONSOLIDATION AND PREPARED TO SWEEP THE BATTLEFIELD.

AT 131100 HOURS THE BATTALION COMMANDER WAS GIVEN THE MISSION OF SECURING A LANDING ZONE TO BE USED BY THE 2ND BN, 581ST INFANTRY FOR AN AIR ASSAULT INTO THE BATTLE AREA TO CONTINUE THE ACTION INITIATED BY THE TF 1/61 INF DURING THE DAY THE 2ND BN, 581ST INF AND A BATTALION OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION WERE AIR LIFTED INTO THE AREA TO ASSIST IN THE MOPPING UP AND TO BLOCK ENEMY ESCAPE. AT PRESENT, THE OPERATION CONTINUES WITH SPORADIC CONTACT.

AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION, FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE 13 MIA AND 58 MIA. ENEMY CASUALTIES WERE 193 MIA WITH 2 POWS. A LARGE QUANTITY OF MUNITIONS, MATERIAL, INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND CREW SERVED WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

SEVERAL NOTABLE POINTS (MOST OF WHICH ARE NOT NEW) ARE EVIDENT IN THIS ACTION:

A. THE COURAGE AND HEROISM OF THE US FIGHTING AV, GROUND SOLDIER AND AIR CREWS IS UNMATCHABLE.

B. THE NVA SOLDIERS PRESENTLY IN THE AREA OF THE DMZ ARE STILL A HARDENED AND SKILLFUL SOLDIER WHOSE UNITS ENDURE TERRIFIC CASUALTIES. IN THE HEAVY FIGHTING IT IS PROBABLE THAT TWO NVA BATTALIONS WERE SEVERELY MAULED. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE PROXIMITY TO THE DMZ, THE ENEMY CAN EVACUATE HIS CASUALTIES AND REBUILD HIS FORCES RATHER QUICKLY.

C. THE TIMELY COMMITMENT OF REACTION FORCES IS A KEY TO VICTORY.

D. THE DESTRUCTION OF THESE NVA FORCES PROBABLY PREEMPTED AN ATTACK UPON THE RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE OF CAM LO. THEIR DESTRUCTION WAS DUE TO AGGRESSIVE MOVEMENT OF TF 1/61 TO GAIN AND MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY.

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E. THE BATTALION COMMANDER OF TF V 6, SKILLFULLY EMPLOYED FIRE AND MANEUVER IN THE CLASSIC SENSE. THIS ENABLED THE BATTALION TO OVERCOME A TENACIOUS AND STRONG ENEMY FORCE.

F. WHEN ADDITIONAL FORCES WERE REQUIRED TO SEAL AND EXPLOIT THE RESULTS OF THIS BATTLE, THEY WERE AVAILABLE WITHIN XXIV CORPS AND PROMPTLY COMMITTED. A BATTALION OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION WAS PICKED UP AT DONG HA AND AIR ASSAULTED NORTH OF THE AREA OF CONTACT TO SEAL OFF ENEMY ESCAPE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, A BATTALION OF THE 1ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AMB) WAS MOVED IN ONE LIFT BY CH-47 AIRCRAFT TO QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE AND THEN PICKED UP AND AIR ASSAULTED INTO THE AREA OF CONTACT. THIS WAS DONE ON SHORT NOTICE, WITH DIRECT COORDINATION OF THE UNITS INVOLVED, AND EXECUTED IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER.

G. UNITS MUST BE PREPARED MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, AND TACTICALLY TO FIGHT SUSTAINED ACTIONS AT ANY TIME AND AT ANY PLACE. ALL UNITS MUST PREPARE FOR AND EXPECT HARD COMBAT. NO LOCATION NEAR THE DMZ CAN BE CONSIDERED SAFE FROM FORCEFUL ENEMY ACTION. THIS WAS THE LARGEST CONTACT WITH THE NVA IN THE LEATHERNECK SQUARE AREA IN OVER SIX MONTHS. ITS TRUE SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT YET KNOWN, HOWEVER, THE ENEMY WAS DEALT A SEVERE BLOW IN HIS EFFORT TO OPERATE SUCCESSFULLY IN THE AREA.

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S E C R E T/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 PERSONAL FOR LTGEN BUSE, LTGEN NICKERSON AND GEN WALT
 FROM GEN CHAPMAN.

CG, III MAF PASS TO GEN WALT.

1. (S) ALTHOUGH I ASSUME YOU HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY CINCPAC/COMUSMACV OF SECDEF VIEWS CONCERNING DISCUSSIONS ON WITHDRAWALS, QUOTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF A SECRET-EYES ONLY MEMO ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY. QUOTE: IN WAKE OF THE PRESIDENT'S NOVEMBER 3 SPEECH, I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THERE BE TIGHT DISCIPLINE THROUGHOUT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON TWO POINTS:

1. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THERE BE NO SPECULATION ON TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, EITHER IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OR OF TIMING. I CANNOT EMPHASIZE THIS POINT TOO STRONGLY. VIOLATIONS OF THIS QUOTE NO SPECULATION UNQUOTE PRINCIPLE SIMPLY CANNOT BE TOLERATED. ALTERNATIVELY, IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT THAT WE STAND FIRM ON THE POINT WE HAVE A PLAN, BUT THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO DISCUSS IT.

2. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS REFRAIN FROM GIVING THE IMPRESSION WE ARE CONSIDERING MAKING ANY ADDITIONAL NEGOTIATING CONCESSIONS IN PARIS OR ELSEWHERE. THIS IS A TIME FOR US TO STAND ON WHAT WE HAVE OFFERED AND LET HANOI GIVE SOME INDICATION IT IS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE IN GENUINE NEGOTIATIONS. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OUR PUBLIC APPEARANCES ON THE VIETNAM ISSUE TO STRESS CANDOR, WE HAVE A GOOD VIETNAMIZATION STORY TO TELL, AND I BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT CAN RIGHTLY BE PROUD OF THE PROGRESS BEING MADE. NONTHELESS, OVERLY-OPTIMISTIC FORECASTS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WILL BE OCCASIONAL TACTICAL SETBACKS IN SOUTH VIETNAM. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD BE PREPARED FOR SUCH EVENTS. TOO, WE SHOULD DISCUSS THE GENERAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT AMONG OUR PEOPLE ON US GOALS AND POLICIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, RATHER THAN HIGHLIGHTING DISSENT. WITH THESE KINDS OF EMPHASES WE CAN TALK TO THE PEOPLE WHERE IT REALLY COUNTS. UNQUOTE.

2. WARM REGARDS,

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO
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- A. DJS 111501Z/NOV69 (TS) (EXCLUSIVE) (NOTAL)
 B. CINCPAC MEMO SER: 00091-69 OF 13NOV 69 (TS)

(SENSITIVE) (NOTAL)
 1. (TS) REF A, OBTAINED FROM A PRIVILEGED SOURCE, ADVISED
 CINCPAC CONCERNING TWO SECDEF MEMOS DATED 10NOV1969;

A. MEMO FOR JCS DIRECTED DEVELOPMENT, NLT 31 JAN
 1970, OF A PLAN FOR A PHASE III RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND
 MODERNIZATION PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) RAISING RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS TO THE
 POINT WHERE GVN CAN MAINTAIN AT LEAST CURRENT LEVELS
 OF SECURITY WHILE U.S. FORCES ARE PHASED DOWN FIRST TO

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 2307 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 A SUPPORT FORCE (I.E., EITHER APPROX 260K OR 190K) BY
 1JULY1971 AND THEN PROGRESSIVELY TO THE LEVEL OF AN
 ADVISORY FORCE (MAAG WITH NO STRENGTH LEVEL PRESCRIBED)
 BY 1JULY1973.

(2) UPDATED EXAMINATION OF U.S. FORCE
 REDEPLOYMENTS.

(3) ASSESSMENT OF GVN CAPABILITY BASED ON
 CURRENT VC/NVA THREAT.

B. MEMO FOR SERVICE SECRETARIES TO REVIEW THEIR
 RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION EFFORTS TO INSURE
 THEY ARE IN ACCORD WITH THE REVISED GUIDANCE PROVIDED
 JCS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREAS OF TRAINING, COMBAT
 SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.

2. (TS) REF B, ADVISED CINCPAC SERVICE COMPONENT
 COMMANDERS OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. THAT CINCPAC EXPECTS TO BE TASKED BY JCS
 BY APPROX 19NOV69 TO DEVELOPE A PLAN FOR PHASE III RVNAF
 IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF RAISING
 RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS TO THE POINT WHERE GVN CAN MAINTAIN
 AT LEAST CURRENT LEVELS OF SECURITY WHILE U.S. FORCES

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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 2307 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
ARE PHASED DOWN.

B. THAT PLAN MUST INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW
OF RVNAF MISSIONS, FORCE STRUCTURE AND FORCE MIX, AS
WELL AS EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

C. THAT PLAN MUST INCLUDE UPDATED EXAMINATION
OF U.S. FORCE REDEPLOYMENTS.

D. THAT PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT
FORCE PACKAGES, INCLUDING MISSIONS AND TYPES OF UNITS
BY SERVICE, AND AN ASSESSMENT OF RISKS.

E. THAT CINCPAC SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDERS WERE
TO REVIEW THE ANTICIPATED TASKING AND TO SUBMIT,
BY COB 15NOV1969, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INCORPORATION
IN A COORDINATED TASKING MESSAGE TO COMUSMACV.

3. (TE) WHILE CINCPAC HAS NOT PASSED REF A TO US OFFICIALLY,
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT RECEIPT OF REF A AT CINCPAC HAS
PROMPTED REF B.

4. (TS) SHOULD NICK BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION
TO COMUSMACV BASED ON REF A, REQUEST YOUR GUIDANCE
CONCERNING DESIRED SCHEDULE FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE
FORCES UNDER THE PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED BY REF A.

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A. CG FMFPAC 180225Z/NOV69 (TS) (EXCLUSIVE)
 B. CMC 190011Z/NOV69 (TS)(EXCLUSIVE)(NOTAL)
 1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED GUIDANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
 CURRENT PLANNING ON THE SUBJECT. BY REF B CMC PRO-
 VIDED THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:

A. DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT, SECRETARY PACKARD
 WILL DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH GENERAL ABRAMS, WHO WILL ADVISE
 CINCPAC/JCS ON A 190K RESIDUAL FORCE ALTERNATIVE ASAP
 AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS. JCS CONSIDER THEY HAVE A
 HANDLE ON A 260K RESIDUAL FORCE ALTERNATIVE AS
 APPROXIMATED IN NSSM-36, BUT VARIOUS BUDGET DRILLS IN
 WASHINGTON ARE REQUIRING EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS RESIDUAL

PAGE TWO RUHNFMA 2599 T O P S E C R E T MCEO
 FORCE LEVELS AND DATES FOR ACCELERATING THE VIETNAMIZATION
 PROGRAM.

B. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR MARINE CORPS
 INPUT IN CONNECTION WITH THE 190K RESIDUAL FORCE
 ALTERNATIVE UNDER CONSIDERATION, OUR PROPOSAL SHOULD
 BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(1) NO MARINES IN EITHER THE 260K OR 190K
 RESIDUAL FORCE OTHER THAN THE .6K ADVISORY AND ANGLICO
 PERSONNEL PROVIDED FOR IN NSSM-36.

(2) PHASING OF REDEPLOYMENTS SUBJECT TO ABE'S
 DESIRES AND NATIONAL APPROVAL.

(3) REDEPLOYMENT PHASING OF MARINE FORCES SHOULD
 PROVIDE FOR BALANCED AIR/GROUND PACKAGES WITH ADEQUATE
 COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.

(4) MINIMUM FORCE FOR ROLLUP AS REQUIRED BY III MAF.
 2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO CINCPAC REQUEST FOR RECOMMEN-
 DATIONS FOR INCORPORATION INTO A CINCPAC TASKING MESSAGE
 TO ABE RELATIVE TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR PHASE
 III RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, AS
 CITED IN REF A, I PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING:

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PAGE THREE RUMHMA 2595 T O P S E C R E T M C E O

A. EMPHASIZE THE REQUIREMENT FOR DETAILED CON-
SIDERATION OF TIME-PHASING CONCERNING INTERRELATED
MATTERS OF RVNAF IMPROVEMENT, THE VC/NVA THREAT AND
U.S. FORCE REDEPLOYMENTS.

B. ADHERENCE, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, TO THE
PRIORITIES OF U.S. FORCE REDEPLOYMENTS AS CONTAINED
IN NSSM-36. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CG III MAF 200654Z NOV 69 (IS) (EXCLUSIVE)

B. CG FMFPAC 192256Z NOV 69 (IS) (EXCLUSIVE)

1. APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOU KEEPING ME INFORMED CONCERNING STATUS OF MACV REDEPLOYMENT PLANS (REF A APPLIES). IN VIEW OF CMC GUIDANCE IN THIS REGARD PROVIDED YOU BY REF B, YOUR BEST JUDGMENT SHOULD PREVAIL IN ENSUING NEGOTIATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.
2. TOM MILLER SHOULD ARRIVE DANANG ON 18 DEC 1969 AND, AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED, YOU MAY USE HIM AS YOU SEE FIT. IF YOU PREFER A GROUND OFFICER AS III MAF G-3, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO TOM FILLING THE ASST DIV CMDR BILLET. AT THE PRESENT TIME, I

PAGE TWO RUHMFMA 2834 **T O P S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCEO
 DON'T CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO REASSIGN LENNY FRIBOURG AS THERE IS AN URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR THE 3D MARDIV TO REORIENT FROM A COMBAT TO A TRAINING ENVIRONMENT. ADDITIONALLY, A LOT OF INGENIOUS LEADERSHIP WILL BE NECESSARY TO COMBAT THE ESCALATING RACIAL PROBLEMS TAKING PLACE THERE. I FEEL LENNY CAN MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN BOTH AREAS.

3. PLAN ALSO TO SEND COLONEL STEPHENSON TO MACV. GEORGE AND LOU ARE WORKING OUT THE TIMING ON THIS.
4. ON THE SUBJECT OF III MAF/XXIV CORPS CONSOLIDATION, I KNOW THAT LOU HAS INFORMED GEORGE OF THE NECESSITY FOR RETENTION OF THE TERM "III MAF" IN WHATEVER TITLE IS FINALLY AGREED UPON CONCERNING THE CONSOLIDATED HEADQUARTERS AS LONG AS A MARINE IS IN COMMAND (E.G., "I CORPS FIELD FORCE VIETNAM/III MAF"). HOWEVER, THE DESIGNATION "JOINT FIELD FORCE VIETNAM/III MAF" I BELIEVE WOULD BE REDUNDANT IN CONVEYING THE JOINT NATURE OF THE HEADQUARTERS. I CONCUR WITH YOU THAT AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE AS "CG I CORPS FIELD FORCE VIETNAM/CG III MAF" THE INTEGRITY OF OUR AIR/GROUND TEAM

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PAGE THREE RUMFMA 2834 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR WCEO
 WILL BE PRESERVED. ALSO, THE STATUS OF III MAF AS
 A UNI-SERVICE COMMAND WILL BE PRESERVED AS
 WILL DIRECT ACCESS TO COMUSMACV. HOWEVER, I AM CON-
 CERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE SHAPE OF THINGS SHOULD YOU BE
 SUCCEEDED BY AN ARMY LTGEN WHILE THE 1ST DIVISION AND
 1ST WING ARE STILL IN-COUNTRY. GEORGE BOWMAN COULD
 ASSUME DUTIES AS CG III MAF BUT WOULD THE NEW ARMY CG
 LOOK WITH FAVOR ON HIS STAFF ALSO SERVING CG III MAF,
 A SUBORDINATE COMMANDER? I WOULD THINK NOT AND THERE-
 FORE IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE FOR YOU TO PLAN FOR THE
 FORMATION OF A STAFF FOR GEORGE SHOULD HE BECOME CG
 III MAF. AN AUSTERE STAFF COULD BE EARMARKED FROM ASSETS
 OF THE 1ST DIVISION AND 1ST WING AND COULD SATELLITE
 ON THE DIVISION OR WING SHOULD ACTIVATION BE NECESSARY.
 WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS ON THIS. WARM REGARDS.

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ARMY ASSUMPTION ON COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CTZ (C)

- ✓ A. COMUSMACV 261158Z/OCT69(S)
- B. COMUSMACV 151330Z/NOV69(TS)
- ✓ C. COMNAVFORV 160809Z/NOV69(S)(PASEP)
- ✓ D. CINCPACFLT 210231Z/NOV69(S)(PASEP)
- ✓ E. CINCPACFLT 210232Z/NOV69(TS)(PASEP)

1. (S) I HAVE BEEN CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN MACV, USARV, AND NAVFORV DISCLOSED IN REFS A THROUGH E CONCERNING ASSUMPTION BY THE ARMY OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CORPS. THIS WAS, OF COURSE, THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN ZUMWALT AND YOUR SELF EARLIER THIS YEAR. AT THAT TIME IT WAS AGREED WITH ADM HYLAND THAT AS MARINE CORPS FORCES REDEPLOYED, THE NAVY

PAGE TWO RUHMFMA 3024 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT WOULD REDUCE PROPORTIONATELY AND PHASE DOWN SUPPORT, BUT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD THE NAVY RELINQUISH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MARINE SUPPORT WHILE MARINES WERE STILL COMMITTED IN VIETNAM.

2. (TS) EXAMINATION ON THE LATEST TRAFFIC ON ARMY ASSUMPTION OF COMMON SUPPORT ROLE APPEARS TO FOLLOW THIS CONCEPT. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT WE ARE DISCUSSING TWO SEPARATE BUT INTER-RELATED SUBJECTS: TURN-OVER OF REPAIR AND UTILITY SUPPORT AT DONG HA AND QUANG TRI, AND THE BROADER BUT MORE BASIC QUESTION OF PHASE DOWN AND TURN OVER TO THE ARMY OF ALL COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT THROUGHOUT I CORPS.

3. (S) FROM HERE I DO NOT SEE ANY MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR YOU ON THE ASSUMPTION BY THE ARMY OF REPAIR AND UTILITY SUPPORT AT DONG HA AND QUANG TRI. IT APPEARS THAT THE NAVY WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE SOME EQUIPMENT ASSETS AND FUNDING BEFORE THE ARMY WILL ASSUME THE SUPPORT ROLE.

4. (TS) I BELIEVE THAT MACV'S GUIDANCE IN REF B IS CLEAR, AND IN ACCORD WITH YOUR VIEWS, ON THE QUESTION OF THE OVERALL PHASE DOWN OF NAVY COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CORPS. CINCPACFLT HAS BROADENED THE SCOPE SOMEWHAT IN REF E BY

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PAGE THREE RUKHFMA 3024 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT
PROPOSING SUB AREAS AND THE GRADUAL TURN-OVER TO THE ARMY IN
THOSE AREAS WHERE YOUR FORCES ARE NOT ENGAGED.

5. (S) WITH REGARD TO THE ABOVE, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
VIEWS/COMMENTS AS IT WILL PERMIT ME TO RESPOND TO CINCPACFLT'S
REQUEST FOR COMMENTS WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT WE HAVE A FIRM
GRASP ON THE PROBLEMS AS YOU VIEW THEM. WARM REGARDS.

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 TO LTG HERMAN NICKERSON CG III MAF
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 SUB ECI (PSA QUANG NBAI U)

1. FSO4 EDWARD C. DILLERY, CURRENT PSA QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, WILL DEPART FOR CONUS O/A 9 DEC 69. I PLAN TO ASSIGN FSRL 3 HENRY B. CUSHING AS HIS REPLACEMENT SUBJECT OF COURSE TO YOUR CONCURRENCE.

2. CUSHING IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THIS HQ AS DEPUTY CHIEF REPORTS AND ANALYSIS DIRECTORATE, MACCORDS. HE ASSUMED THAT POSITION IN JANUARY 1969. HIS PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES NINE YEARS AS ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH, VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY, AND FIVE YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE EXTERNAL RESEARCH STAFF, DEPT OF STATE. HE IS 41 YEARS OLD, HAS AN AB IN AMERICAN LITERATURE, AN MA IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND HAS COMPLETED TWO YEARS OF GRADUATE STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

3. HE IS HIGHLY REGARDED BY MYSELF, MR. COBSON, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THIS HQ, AND HAS PERFORMED HIS DUTIES HERE IN AN OUTSTANDING MANNER. I FEEL CONFIDENT YOU WILL BE MOST SATISFIED WITH HIS PERFORMANCE AS PSA, QUANG NGAI.

4. CUSHING IS AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW, IF DESIRED. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT OVERLAP, YOUR EARLY ACCEPTANCE OF CUSHING WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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FM MSG TOWNSEND C/S MACV SAIGON
TO LTJG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
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1. U) REFERENCE III MAF MESSAGE DTG 210623Z NOV 69.
2. C) COL STEPHENSON IS ACCEPTABLE AS A RELIEF FOR COL DZIALO, PROVIDED HE CAN ARRIVE MACV NLT 5 DECEMBER. IF SO, COL DZIALO CAN BE DETACHED 10 DECEMBER TO BE REASSIGNED TO III MAF HEADQUARTERS.
3. WARM REGARDS.

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FM SSO MACV
TO SSO XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
INFO SSO III MAF DANANG
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MA R. G. SEYMOUR, AIDE TO DEPCOMUSMACV, SENDS FOR
BG W. E. SHEDD, XXIV CORPS COFS, WITH INFO COPY FOR BG
G. E. DOOLEY, III MAF COFS.

1. D) DEPCOMUSMACV DESIRES TO VISIT NORTHERN I CTZ ON
25 NOV 69. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE FOR PREPARATION OF AN
ITINERARY BASED UPON GUIDANCE WHICH FOLLOWS. SUBSEQUENTLY
PLEASE ADVISE ME OF DETAILS VIA THIS CHANNEL NLT 0241800H NOV 69.
2. C) DEPCOMUSMACV WILL ARRIVE DANANG BY T-39 APPROXIMATELY
01212H NOV 69. BECAUSE ARRIVAL TIME IS BASED UPON PROMPT
CONCLUSION OF A PRECEDING CEREMONY AT QUI NHON AND THE
ACCOMPANYING DEPARTURE FROM PHU CAT AB, THIS ARRIVAL
TIME MAY VARY SLIGHTLY. PHU CAT AB WILL BE REQUESTED TO
RELAY ACTUAL TAKE-OFF TIME TO DANANG AB, THUS PROVIDING
45 MINUTES ADVANCE NOTICE OF ARRIVAL.
3. C) UPON ARRIVAL DANANG AB, REQUEST TRANSFER TO U-21
AIRCRAFT FOR ONWARD FLIGHT TO QUANG TRI.
4. C) FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS ARE DESIRED:
 - A. QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE:
 - 1) LIGHT LUNCH WITH 1ST BDE, 5TH MECH.
 - 2) BRIEFING OF SHORT DURATION PRESENTING SYNOPSIS
OF CURRENT OPERATIONS AND DISCUSSION OF PRESENT BASE USAGE.
 - 3) BRIEF PRIVATE MEETING AT QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE
WITH SP4 OWEN B. CARLTON, SSAN 563-70-9100, WHO IS ASSIGNED
TO AN ELEMENT OF 525TH MI LOCATED IN 7TH CIT COMPOUND
TELEPHONE 8-957-021, EXTENSION 119).
 - B. DONG HA:
 - 1) VISIT 1ST ARVN DIVISION FORWARD CP TO OBSERVE
FACILITY AND GAIN INFORMATION ON PRESENT AREA OF OPERATION.
 - 2) BRIEF MEETING WITH CO, 108TH FLD ARTY GP, AT HIS
COMPOUND IF CONVENIENT, OTHERWISE AT 1ST ARVN DIV FWD CP.
5. G) DEPARTURE FOR SAIGON WILL BE BY I-39 FROM DANANG AB
6. U) IN ADDITION TO CONFIRMATION OF REQUESTED VISITS REQUEST
NAMES OF KEY INDIVIDUALS, VW AND US, TO BE MET AT EACH
LOCATION.

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TO SSO MACV

INFO III MAF

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BG SHEDD CS XXIV CORPS SENDS FOR MA R.L. SEYMOUR AIDE TO
DEPCOMUSMACV SGNAND BG DOOLEY C/S III MAF

1. PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR VISIT OF DEPCOMUSMACV TO XXIV CORPS AO
FOLLOWS:

TUES 25 NOV 69

1215	ARR DNG AIR BASE	T-39
1215 - 1300	ENROUTE QUANG TRI/MET BY MG WRIGHT	U-21 CORPS)
1300 - 1400	LUNCH	BG BURKE
1400 - 1440	BRIEFING AND MEETING WITH SELECTED INDIVIDUALS	CONF RM
1440 - 1450	ENROUTE DONG HA/MET BY MG TRUONG	UH-1 CORPS)
1450 - 1520	VISIT 1ST ARVN DIV FWD CP	MG TRUONG/ COL GIAI
1520 - 1525	ENROUTE 108TH ARTY GP/MET BY COL CARTWRIGHT	UH-1 CORPS)
1525 - 1545	VISIT WITH CO, 108TH ARTY GP	COZ CARTWRIGHT
1545 - 1600	ENROUTE QUANG TRI	UH-1 CORPS)
1600 - 1640	ENROUTE DNG AIR BASE	U-21 CORPS)
1640	DPT FOR SGN	T-39

2. MG WRIGHT IS ACTG CG, XXIV CORPS IN ABSENCE OF LTG ZAIS WHO
IS ON LEAVE. GEN WRIGHT WILL ACCOMPANY DEPCOMUSMACV WHILE IN
CORPS AO.

3. SP4 OWEN B. CARLTON, 525TH MI WILL BE PRESENT FOR PRIVATE
MEETING FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING BY THE 1ST BDE 5TH INF (A).
COL ROBERT C. HIXON (P), NEWLY ASSIGNED CO, XXIV CORPS ARTY,
WILL BE PRESENT AT 108TH ARTY GP. LTC OHN W. SECORD WILL BE
TGS ESCORT OFFICER AND MEET YOU IN DANANG.

4. WE ARE FLEXIBLE AND CAN ADJUST TIMES OR PLACES AS DESIRED.
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LTG EWELL CG II FFV/SA III COPRS LONG BINH
MG WETHERILL CG DMAC CAN THO

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SUB ECT: PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

1. PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE 2116/PTHT/BOXD/KD TO ALL ARVN CORPS COMMANDERS AND PROVINCE CHIEFS REQUIRES THE ASSEMBLAGE OF ALL DISTRICT CHIEFS AND VILLAGE CHIEFS FOR A ONE DAY SEMINAR AT THEIR RESPECTIVE PROVINCIAL CAPITALS, ON OR AFTER 25 NOV, DEPENDING ON PROVINCE. SEMINAR TO CONSIST OF BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS ON THE 1970 P&D CAMPAIGN CONDUCTED BY GVN TEAM LEADED BY A MINISTER. THIS IS A MAJOR STEP ON THE PART OF GVN LEADERSHIP TO GET THE PROGRAM MOVING.
2. ADDRESSEE'S DEPCORDS HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY TELEPHONE.
3. ADDRESSEES ARE URGED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION OF LOCAL VN OFFICIALS TO AND FROM THEIR VILLAGES TO PROXINCIAL HEAD-QUARTERS, IF NEEDED.
4. AT TERMINATION OF SEMINAR IN EACH CTZ, REQUEST A SHORT REPORT TO COMUSMACV ON EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH SEMINAR

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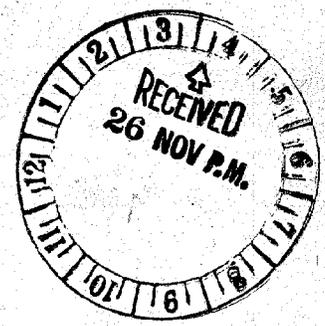
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1. BETWEEN NOW AND 15 DEC 69 I WANT TO SPEND A FULL DAY WITH EACH OF YOUR COMMANDS. THE EXCLUSIVE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT WILL BE TO GET A REALISTIC FEEL FOR THE SITUATION - ENEMY STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, VIETNAMESE PERFORMANCE, PACIFICATION, ATTITUDES OF AMERICAN FORCES AND THEIR PERFORMANCE.
2. MY OFFICE WILL BE IN TOUCH ON TIMES AND DATES BUT YOUR GUIDANCE FOR PLANNING THE DAY IS IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE.

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1. IAW REFERENCE MESSAGE COMUSMACV PLANS TO VISIT III MAF 2-3 DEC. ETA AT DA NANG 1500 HOURS, 2 DEC. RON AND DEPART AT 1200 HOURS, 3 DEC.
2. PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE AT 1700 HOURS, 1 DEC AND 0800 HOURS, 2 DEC OF WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD OF THE PLANNED VISIT. MAKE RECOMMENDATION AT THOSE TIMES WHETHER TRIP SHOULD GO AS PLANNED.
3. ALTERNATE DATES IF PLANNED TRIP IS CANCELLED WILL BE 9-10 DEC OR 13-14 DEC.
4. PLEASE PREPARE ITINERARY AND RETURN.

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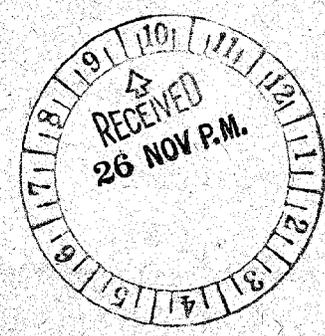
1. C) IN ORDER TO ASSEMBLE THE BEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR PREPARATION OF THE STATIONING LIST IN SUPPORT OF SUB ECI OPLAN, I BELIEVE A MEETING OF WORKING REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS AND USARV WOULD BE MOST USEFUL.
2. C) PURPOSE OF THE MEETINGS WOULD BE TO OBTAIN YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STATIONING OF THE TRANSITIONAL FORCE CONTAINED IN SUBJECT OPLAN FOR YOUR RESPECTIVE CIZS. THIS WILL THEN INSURE THAT OUR SUPPORTING PLANS ARE IN CONSONANCE.
3. U) I PROPOSE THAT TWO OR THREE WORKING LEVEL REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUR HEADQUARTERS MEET AT USARV ON THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:
0800-1200 HOURS, FRI, 28 NOV -- DMAC
1300-1700 HOURS, FRI, 28 NOV -- IFFORCEV
0800-1200 HOURS, SAT, 29 NOV -- IFFORCEV
1300-1700 HOURS, SAT, 29 NOV -- III MAF
4. U) USARV PROJECT OFFICER AND CONTACT IS ZTC HOZMES, PLANS

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A. CG III MAF 240914Z/NOV69 (TS) (EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO) (LINDIS)
 B. CG FMPPAC 192236Z/NOV69 (TS) (EXCLUSIVE) (MCEO)

1. THANKS FOR DOPE IN REF A.

2. PAR 5.A., REF A MENTIONS CMC'S DESIRES TO RETAIN
 A USMC BRIGADE AS PART OF RESIDUAL FORCE AND ALSO
 SUGGESTS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO POSSIBILITY OF
 INCLUSION OF CAPS THEREIN.

3. DESPITE GUIDANCE YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED FROM LEW
 WALT IN ABOVE REGARD AND SINCE HE DEPARTED WASH PRIOR TO RELEASE
 OF REF B, I FEEL WE MUST ADHERE TO THAT PROVIDED BY CHAPPY RELATIVE TO
 THE RESIDUAL FORCE WHICH WAS RELAYED IN REF B (PAR 1.B. (1)).

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I O P S E C R A T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR LTGEN BUSE. INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GEN CHATMAN
 FORCE PLANNING (U).
 REF: (A) CMC 041947Z NOV 69.

1. (TS) THIS IS IN AMPLIFICATION OF REF A AND BASED ON QUICK ANALYSIS OF THE CINCPAC AND COMUSMACV COMMENTS RELATIVE TO A POSSIBLE PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT DURING THE FIRST HALF OF CY 1970. ASSUME THOSE COMMENTS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU.
2. (TS) COMUSMACV'S RATIONALE FAVORING THE "MARINE-HEAVY" OPTION VERSUS THE "ARMY-HEAVY" OPTION IN ESSENCE, REFLECTS HIS PREFERENCE FOR RETAINING ADDITIONAL GROUND COMBAT UNITS AS A TRADE-OFF FOR FOR MARINE TACTICAL AIR. THE FOLLOWING TABLE REFLECTS THE DISPARITY OF GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY LOST UNDER THE TWO OPTIONS IN THE 102,000 MAN PACKAGE (FIGURES BASED ON T/O STRENGTHS):

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LOSSES	MARINE HEAVY	ARMY HEAVY
USMC INF BNS	16	3
USA INF BNS	13 (12)	75 (76)
USA MECH INF BNS	2	4
PERM IN INF BNS	42,257	7,538
105MM HOWS	144	216
155MM HOWS	42	73
8" HOWS/175MM GUNS	36	39
ONE-TIME HELO LIFT	2,994	1,560

3. (TS) WHILE THE TRUE COMBAT POWER OF A MARINE AIR/GROUND TEAM CANNOT BE PRECISELY QUANTIFIED IN TERMS OF AN ARMY DFE FROM THE ABOVE FIGURES GROUND COMBAT STRENGTH REMAINING IN RUN WOULD APPEAR TO BE SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER IF THE MARINE-HEAVY RATHER THAN THE ARMY HEAVY OPTION WERE SELECTED. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS ON THIS BASIS THAT THE FIELD COMMANDER HAS CHOSEN TO SUPPORT THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION, AND IT WOULD APPEAR UNWISE TO ATTACK THAT RATIONALE.

4. (TS) HOWEVER WHILE THE FIELD COMMANDER CAN (AND DID) LIMIT HIS CONSIDERATION SOLELY TO THE IMPACT OF THE VARIOUS ALTERNATIVES ON HIS OWN TACTICAL SITUATION, THE SERVICE

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CHIEFS AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF MUST CONSIDER OVERALL
IMPACTS ON THE SERVICES, THEIR READINESS AND WORLD-WIDE
POSTURE.

5. (TS) THE SUPPORTING PAPERS (BLUE TABS 2-6 IN MATERIAL DESCRIBED
IN PAR 7 REF. A) WERE PREPARED TO DISPLAY THE DISADVANTAGES
AND ADVANTAGES AS WELL AS MANPOWER LOGISTIC AND AIR
IMPLICATIONS TO THE MARINE CORPS OF A REDEPLOYMENT BY
END FY 1970 OF ALL MARINES VICE REDEPLOYMENT OF ONLY RL2-26.
WHILE A SIMILAR ADDRESSAL HAS NOT BEEN MADE TO COVER THE
22,600 MARINE REDEPLOYMENT UNDER THE NEW ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL
TO REMOVE 50,000 U S TROOPS BY MID-MARCH OR MID-APRIL THE
IMPACT PARTICULARLY ON MANPOWER PROGRAMS WOULD REMAIN
EXTREMELY SEVERE. } 2

6. (TS) AT THIS POINT IN TIME CINCPAC'S VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO A
"MARINE-HEAVY VERSUS AN"ARMY-HEAVY" OPTION HAVE NOT BEEN
RECEIVED. THE INITIAL FLINCY DRAFT OF THE PAPER TO BE
CONSIDERED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF ON 28 NOVEMBER
CAREFULLY AVOIDS THESE TERMS OR ANY INDICATION THAT SUCH
OPTIONS EXIST; ACCORDINGLY THERE WOULD APPEAR TO BE NO
REQUIREMENT FOR AN IMMEDIATE ADDRESSAL HERE ON THE ISSUE

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OF THE "MARINE-HEAVY" OPTION. WHEN THE ISSUE DOES ARISE
MY VIEWS ON MARINE-HEAVY 100,000 (OR) 50,000 PACKAGES ARE AS
EXPRESSED IN REF (A).

7. (TS) OUR INITIAL CONCLUSIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. NONE OF THE THREE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE
PRESIDENT AS CONTROLLING THE TEMPO OF U S FORCE
REDEPLOYMENTS, I. E. PROGRESS AT PARIS; THE ENEMY SITUATION;
OR PROGRESS IN RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION--JUSTIFY
AN ADDITIONAL U S FORCE REDEPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME, AND
NONE SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED.

B. A "MARINE-HEAVY" OPTION CALLING FOR REDEPLOYMENT
OF ALL MARINES FROM RVN WOULD POSE MASSIVE PERSONNEL
PROBLEMS AND SERIOUS LOGISTIC PROBLEMS.

C. A "MARINE-HEAVY" OPTION CALLING FOR REDEPLOYMENT
OF 22,600 MARINES BY MID-MARCH OR MID-APRIL WOULD CAUSE
CRITICAL PERSONNEL PROBLEMS UNLESS THE RETURNING PERSONNEL
COULD BE INDIVIDUALLY HAND SELECTED TO MEET MANPOWER CRITERIA.
LOGISTICALLY, THIS OPTION WOULD CAUSE SOME OVERCROWDING, BUT
COULD BE MANAGED.

D. A "MARINE-HEAVY" OPTION CALLING FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF

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22,600 (INCLUDING 5 RLTS'S) WOULD LEAVE A MARINE ELEMENT IN
RVN COMPRISING 32,000 PERSONNEL BUILT AROUND A SINGLE RL. }?

E. SHOULD POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DICTATE A FURTHER
REDEPLOYMENT IN THE FIRST THREE TO SIX MONTHS OF CY 1970;
THE 35,000 ALTERNATIVE PROPOSED BY COMUSMACV PRESENTS THE
LEAST RISK AND CAN BE SUPPORTED LOGISTICALLY AND MANPOWER-WISE.
8. (TS) ACCORDINGLY WE WILL SUPPORT CINCPAC/MACV IN RECOMMENDING
NO REDEPLOYMENT AT THIS TIME; AVOID FOR NOW THE MARINE-HEAVY
VERSUS ARMY-HEAVY ISSUE HERE; AND IF A REDEPLOYMENT SHOULD BE
DIRECTED SUPPORT THE MACV 35,000 PACKAGE WHICH INCLUDES RL-26.
9. (TS) AMONG THE CONCLUSIONS BY COMUSMACV THE FOLLOWING APPEAR
TO BE PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY AND IF IS ANTICIPATED WILL BE
REFLECTED IN JCS VIEWS FORWARDED TO SECDEF:

A. THE OBJECTIVE OF 60,000 U.S. PERSONNEL IN VIETNAM BY
JUNE 1970 IS A REALISTIC GOAL FOR ALL TO SET SIGHTS ON WITH FULL
INTENT OF ACHIEVING IT.

B. THE GREATEST ASSURANCE OF REACHING A REALISTIC GOAL
OF U.S. TROOP NUMBERS IN RVN IN 1971 WILL COME FROM A "CUT
AND TRY" METHOD AT A PACE WHICH DEVELOPS SPEED GRADUALLY AS
VIETNAMESE COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE HAS TO DEVELOP GRADUALLY.

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10. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT RL-26
COULD BE REDEPLOYED IN A PHASE III PROGRAM, AND THAT POSSIBLY
SOME AIR AS DISCUSSED IN PAR 6 REF A COULD BE ADDED. I PREFER
THAT III MAF REDEPLOY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NSSM 36 PHASING.
THIS RETAINS MARINE FORCES IN COMBAT AS LONG AS A WAR IS GOING
ON WHICH IS OF PRIME IMPORTANCE TO THE MARINE CORPS. IF TIME-
FRAME IN ITEM 9 ABOVE IS SET, THIS WOULD MEAN REDEPLOYMENT OF
III MAF IN FIRST HALF CY 1971.

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IF SHORTCOMINGS ARE TO BE CORRECTED, A HARD LOOK AT THE EXISTING STRUCTURE HAS TO BE TAKEN WITH A VIEW TO GENERATING MANPOWER THROUGH REORGANIZATION ACTIONS AND ELIMINATION OF LOWER PRIORITY UNITS AND PROGRAMS.

G. DISRUPTIVE CHANGES ARE TO BE AVOIDED. CHANGES SHOULD NOT BE PROPOSED JUST FOR SAKE OF CHANGE.

3. ASSUMPTIONS:

A. THE TWO LEVELS OF THREAT ARE ALTERNATIVELY:

(1) THE VIET CONG/NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY THREAT WILL CONTINUE AT ITS CURRENT LEVEL THROUGH 1 JUL 73.

(2) OR, THE VC/NVA THREAT HAS DECREASED AND THE TEMPO OF THE WAR HAS SUBSIDED MARKEDLY BY 1 JUL 73.

B. THE US OBJECTIVE IN THE RVN WILL CONTINUE AS CURRENTLY STATED.

C. THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES WILL DECLINE TO TWO DIVISION FORCE EQUIVALENTS BY 1 JULY 73.

D. THE POPULATION OF RVN CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE ELECTED GOVERNMENT; THERE HAVE BEEN NO MAJOR POLITICAL UPEAVALS.

E. RVNAF CAN AND WILL PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE SECURITY FOR US/ PWNAF INSTALLATIONS AND FACILITIES.

F. THE CVN MANPOWER BASE WILL SUSTAIN AN RVNAF FORCE STRUCTURE OF APPROXIMATELY 1,000,000 BUT WILL STILL BE SHORT IN LEADERSHIP AND HARD SKILLS.

G. B-52 SORTIES AND SOME OTHER OUT-OF-COUNTRY AIR SUPPORT SUCH AS THAILAND AND CARRIER BASED SORTIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.

H. THE BASIC GOAL OF NVN AND VC COMMUNISTS REMAINS THE SAME, I.E., THE OVERTHROW OF THE GOVERNMENT IN RVN AND THE IMPOSITION OF A COMMUNIST REGIME.

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4. SITUATION SCENARIO: THE FOLLOWING SCENARIO SUPPORTS ASSUMPTION 3A 2):

THE TEMPO OF THE WAR HAS SUBSIDED MARKEDLY, NVA/VC MAIN FORCE UNITS HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN NUMBERS, BUT SOME STILL REMAIN, PRIMARILY IN THE VICINITY OF TRADITIONAL BASE AREAS IN SVN. THE NVA STILL HAS SOME BASES IN CAMBODIA, AND NVA FILLERS GENERALLY CONTINUE TO BE INTEGRATED INTO A REDUCED VC STRUCTURE. SIGNIFICANT AREAS ARE QUITE SECURE, AND ARVN REGULAR FORCES HAVE BEEN RELIEVED OF PACIFICATION MISSIONS BY TERRITORIAL AND PARA-MILITARY/POLICE FORCES WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS WHERE PROGRESS HAS BEEN SLOW. THE BULK OF THE REGULAR FORCES HAVE MOVED OUT TOWARD THE BORDERS AND REMOTE AREAS. THE GREATER SAIGON AREA IS ESSENTIALLY SECURE, AND DOES NOT REQUIRE PROTECTION BY SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF REGULAR FORCES. THE DISPERSAL OF REGULAR FORCES TO THE PERIPHERY REQUIRES A CAPABILITY TO SHIFT SIZEABLE FORCES RAPIDLY TO THREATENED AREAS. THE CAO DAI AND HOA HAO HAVE RECONCILED THEIR MAJOR DIFFERENCES WITH THE GOVERNMENT, HOWEVER, THE MONTAGNARD PROBLEM STILL REMAINS. KEY WATERWAYS ARE OPEN, AND THE SECURITY OF MAJOR LAND LOC HAS IMPROVED 100 PERCENT. BORDER SURVEILLANCE IS CONDUCTED PRIMARILY BY REGULAR FORCES AUGMENTED BY SOME TERRITORIAL FORCES; NO CIDG UNITS REMAIN. IN SUM, THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL THREATS TO RVN HAVE SUBSIDED TO A DEGREE WHICH HAS PERMITTED THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ESSENTIALLY ALL US FORCES WITHOUT AN UNACCEPTABLE RISK. A US ADVISORY FORCE/WAAG INCLUDING NSA ELEMENTS REMAINS.

5. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: EVALUATE RVNAF FORCE STRUCTURE, POL, PROGRAMS AND POLICIES, AND SUBMIT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS.

A. CONSIDER "TRADE-OFF" -- NOT EXPANSION.

B. PROVIDE RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE.

C. EVALUATE RVNAF TRAINING, LEADERSHIP, MORALE, RESPONSIVENESS, WILL-TO-FIGHT, AND SENSE OF PURPOSE.

D. CONSIDER GENERAL CONCEPTS. FOR EXAMPLE: ARE THERE RVNAF UNITS OR PROGRAMS THAT ARE SIMPLY MIRROR IMAGES OF US UNITS AND PROGRAMS THAT MAY NOT FIT RVNAF REQUIREMENTS?



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6. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ARE TO BE SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSED. THIS LIST IS NOT INTENDED TO LIMIT AREAS FOR STUDY BUT DOES INCLUDE SOME QUESTIONS CURRENTLY UNDER STUDY). PROPOSALS SHOULD BE MADE WITH OVERALL US OBJECTIVES IN MIND. WHILE MANY PROPOSALS WILL DEAL WITH MILITARY ORGANIZATION, PROGRAMS, AND OPERATIONS, ADDRESSEES WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ADVISORY AND CORDS PROGRAMS WHICH CUT ACROSS THE SPECTRUM OF MILITARY, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL OBJECTIVES SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER THOSE PROGRAMS.

- A. HOW CAN COMBAT POWER OF THE INFANTRY DIVISION BE IMPROVED?
- 1) SHOULD AN ADDITIONAL RIFLE COMPANY BE ADDED TO EACH BATTALION?
 - 2) IS AN ADDITIONAL TRUCK COMPANY PER DIVISION NEEDED?
- B. HOW CAN ARTILLERY EFFECTIVENESS BE IMPROVED?
- 1) WOULD ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CALIBRE WEAPON SUCH AS THE 105MM HOWITZER BE JUSTIFIED? CONSIDER EFFECTIVENESS, SIMPLIFIED AMMUNITION PROCEDURE, EASE OF MOVEMENT, AND COST).
 - 2) CAN OR SHOULD DIVISION ARTILLERY UNITS BE TAKEN FROM STATIC MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF TERRITORIAL FORCES? SHOULD BATTERIES FOR STATIC DEFENSE BE ACTIVATED? IF SO, HOW MANY IN EACH CIZZ?
 - 3) SHOULD ARVN HAVE AN 8" CAPABILITY? IF SO TO WHAT EXTENT?
 - 4) HOW CAN METEOROLOGICAL REQUIREMENTS BEST BE MET?
- C. SHOULD ADA AWSP WEAPONS BE PROVIDED TO ARVN? IF SO, WHAT IS THE BEST LEVEL AND USE OF THESE WEAPONS?
- D. SHOULD TERRITORIAL FORCES BE INCREASED, REDUCED, OR RESTRUCTURED?
- E. HOW CAN TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS BEST BE SATISFIED? (NOTE: LONG-LINE COMMUNICATIONS ARE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE STUDY).
- F. WHAT SHOULD BE THE ORGANIZATION FOR BORDER SECURITY?
- G. WHAT IF ANY CHANGES ARE NEEDED IN HOSPITALIZATION/MEDICAL PROCEDURES, FACILITIES, AND EQUIPMENT?
- H. HOW CAN IMPROVEMENTS BE MADE IN RVNAF INTELLIGENCE, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE, AND SECURITY CAPABILITIES? ARE ADDITIONS/ DELETIONS OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT NEEDED?

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I. WHAT SHOULD BE THE RATIO OF ASSAULT HELICOPTER SQUADRONS
 INFANTRY DIVISIONS? TO THE AIRBORNE DIVISION? TO THE MARINE
 DIVISION?

J. WHAT SHOULD THE RVNAF SENSOR PROGRAMS LOOK LIKE?

K. WHAT CHANGES IN RVNAF STRUCTURE MANNING, ORGANIZATION,
 EQUIPMENT, OR FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE COMPLETE
 LOGISTICAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY?

L. HOW MANY TACAIR SORTIES PER DAY SHOULD ARVN MANEUVER BAI-
 TALIONS BE PROVIDED?

M. ARE ANY CHANGES IN CONVENTIONAL NAVAL OPERATIONS NEEDED OR
 RECOMMENDED?

N. SHOULD THE PLANNED LEVEL OF RIVERINE OPERATIONS BE MAIN-
 TAINED OR REDUCED UNDER THE POSTULATED SITUATION?

O. HOW CAN AERIAL OFFSHORE SURVEILLANCE REQUIREMENTS BEST BE
 MET?

P. ARE THERE SHORTAGES OF AIRLIFT? IF SO, ARE THERE OPERATIONAL
 ALTERNATIVES?

Q. TRAINING.

1) HOW CAN QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT IN ARVN, VMMC, AND RAN

BN, RE COS AND PF PLATS BEST BE MADE? CONSIDER:

A) SELECTIVE WITHDRAWAL OF BN SIZED UNITS FROM OPERA-
 TIONAL COMMITMENTS TO PERMIT AN INCREASE IN REFRESHER TRAINING.

B) INCREASING THE LENGTH OF RE/PF REFRESHER TRAINING
 PROGRAMS AND HAVING MAXIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS PARTICIPATE.

C) INTEGRATING VIETNAMESE OFFICERS AND NCO'S INTO US
 PLATOONS AND COMPANIES FOR ON-THE-JOB LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND INTO
 BN AND BRIGADE STAFFS FOR STAFF TRAINING.

D) FORMING COMBINED US/ARVN MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS TO
 CONDUCT ON-THE-SPOT TRAINING DURING PERIODS OF STANDDOWN.

E) UPGRADING QUALITY OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ADVISORY
 DUTIES.

2) ARE THERE OTHER INNOVATIVE TRAINING PROPOSALS WHICH
 WOULD MAXIMIZE EFFECTIVENESS OF RVNAF COMMANDERS, STAFFS, AND
 UNITS?

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7. CRITICAL MISSIONS. EVALUATE RVNAF'S CAPABILITY TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS OR FUNCTIONS NOW AND IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRAMMED OR SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS (PARA 5, & 6 ABOVE) IN CAPABILITY. THE EVALUATION SHOULD CONSIDER THE DEGREE (INCLUDE APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE) TO WHICH APPROPRIATE ELEMENTS OF RVNAF NOW SATISFY THE CURRENT OVERALL ALLIED EFFORT AND THE DEGREE TO WHICH THOSE ELEMENTS COULD SATISFY, WITHIN THE TIME FRAME BEING CONSIDERED, THAT SAME CURRENT TOTAL EFFORT. MISSIONS NOT PERFORMED AND NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PERFORMANCE BY RVNAF SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED. THE STATED MISSIONS MAY BE BROKEN INTO COMPONENTS IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. ADDITION AND EVALUATION OF SIMILAR TYPE MISSIONS OR FUNCTIONS NOT LISTED IS REQUESTED:

- A. INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION
- B. BORDER SURVEILLANCE
- C. COASTAL SURVEILLANCE
- D. RECONNAISSANCE
- E. ENGAGEMENT OF ENEMY FORCES
- F. INTERDICTION
- G. ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT
- H. TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT
- I. OTHER AIR SUPPORT (E.G., VISUAL AND PHOTO RECORD)
- J. TACTICAL MOBILITY
- K. COMMUNICATIONS
- L. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS
- M. POPULATION SECURITY
- N. LOC SECURITY
- O. INLAND WATERWAYS
- P. ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION
- Q. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
- R. MEDICAL SUPPORT
- S. AIR DEFENSE
- T. DEFOLIATION
- U. UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE

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8. REBROADCAST:

A. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO PARAGRAPHS 5 & 6 MLI 4 DEC 69. BECAUSE OF THE TWO DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT THREAT LEVELS ASSUMED, RESPONSES SHOULD BE MADE PRIMARILY IN THE LIGHT OF THE CURRENT LEVEL ASSUMPTION A. (D). WHERE IN THE LIGHT OF THE ALTERNATIVE LEVEL ASSUMPTION A

200 A MODIFIED RESPONSE IS INDICATED, SUCH ADDED RESPONSE SHOULD BE MADE WITH APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION.

B. ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO PARAGRAPH 7 MLI 10 DEC 69.

C. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR MACV PLANNING, THIS MESSAGE IS BEING DISPATCHED BEFORE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF COMUSMACV BEYOND THAT IN CONNECTION WITH HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH COMPONENT COMMANDERS ON 19 NOVEMBER AND WITH ALL ADDRESSEES ON 22 NOVEMBER. YOU WILL BE ADVISED ASAP OF ANY CHANGES HE MAY DIRECT WHEN ADDITIONALLY BRIEFED.

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1. THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT OF PRESS RELEASE BY REUTERS RECEIVED FROM WASHINGTON IS QUOTED IN FULL FOR INFORMATION:

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TROOPS OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION WERE BURNING DOWN SUSPECTED VIET CONG VILLAGES NEAR MY LAI SCENE OF THE ALLEGED U. S. MASSACRE 1968 AS RECENTLY AS LAST MONTH.

"WITHIN A MATTER OF A WEEK AT THE END OF OCTOBER, WE DESTROYED 13 VILLAGES," SAID 2ND LT. NORMAN E. CUTTRELL, 22, A PLATOON LEADER WHO ARRIVED IN VIETNAM LAST MONTH.

ACCORDING TO LTC RUSS WHITZA, THE BURNING BY ZIPPO SQUADS, NAMED AFTER THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER, AND INTENDED TO DENY THE VILLAGES TO THE VIET CONG. IT IS PART OF THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

BEFORE THE VILLAGES ARE RAZED, THE INHABITANTS ARE WARNED 24 HOURS IN ADVANCE BY LEAFLETS AND LOUD SPEAKER BROADCASTS FROM PLANES TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES. THEY ARE PLACED IN NEWLY CONSTRUCTED GOVERNMENT VILLAGES THAT ARE OFTEN ENCLOSED BY BARBED WIRE.

MEMBERS OF LT. CUTTRELL'S PLATOON DESCRIBED IN DETAIL HOW THEY PERFORMED THEIR DESTRUCTION:

FIRST THE ZIPPO SQUAD, SET FIRE TO THE THATCHED DWELLINGS WITH THEIR LIGHTERS, SGT STEVE KOHRT ADDED, "WHEN WE FOUND CANDLES, SOME OF US USED CANDLES. IF WE THINK IT'S REALLY WORSE, WE THROW A GRENADE IN."

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO BURN DOWN A VILLAGE?

"THAT REALLY VARIES, IT DEPENDS ON THE WIND, IT ALSO DEPENDS ON THE SIZE OF THE VILLAGE," HE SAID.

CUTTRELL ADDED, "WHAT WE TRY TO DO IS TO GET ALL OF THE PEOPLE OUT OF THE VILLAGE BEFORE WE START BURNING. BECAUSE OF THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS, OF COURSE, THEY DON'T WANT TO GO. THAT IS THEIR HOME AND EVERYTHING.

"BUT WHAT WE DO IS GET THEM ALL OUT OF THE VILLAGE AND OUT OF SIGHT BEFORE WE BURN IT SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO STAND AND WATCH THEIR HOUSES BURN."

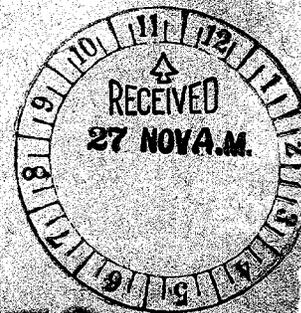
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2. REQUEST FACTS ON THIS CASE BE FURNISHED FOR COMUSMACV AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND NOT LATER THAN 28 NOVEMBER.

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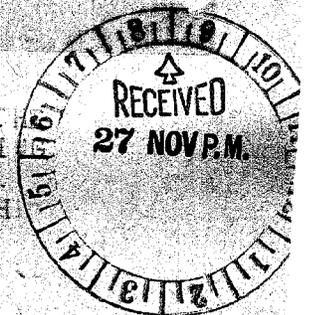
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1. REFERENCE YOUR PHONE CALL AND MESSAGE TO ME REGARDING THE ARTICLE BY MIKE NEALE THAT APPEARED IN THE WASHINGTON EVENING STAR REGARDING THE BURNING OF HAMLETS IN THE MY LAI AREA.
2. I HAVE GATHERED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE 198TH BRIGADE TO INCLUDE LIEUTENANT COTTRELL WHOM MIKE NEALE INTERVIEWED. LIEUTENANT COTTRELL COMMANDS THE 1ST PLATOON, C COMPANY, 5TH BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY.
3. NEALE CAME TO FIRE SUPPORT BASE GATOR ON SUNDAY, 23 NOVEMBER TO GET TROOP REACTION FROM THE MEN IN THE FIELD REGARDING THE REPORTS THEY MAY HAVE READ ABOUT THE MY LAI INCIDENT. HE TALKED TO LIEUTENANT COTTRELL AND MEMBERS OF HIS PLATOON. MANY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PLATOON WERE GOING ON GUARD AT THIS TIME SO THE SAME ONES WERE NOT PRESENT ALL THE TIME.
4. NEALE ASKED THE MEN WHAT THEY THOUGHT OF THE MY LAI STORY. NONE OF THEM HAD SEEN OR HEARD OF IT AT THIS TIME. NEALE READ THEM THE STORY. THEIR REACTION WAS THAT THEY DID NOT REPEAT. "I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANY SUCH THING COULD HAPPEN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. HE THEN ASKED IF THEY HAD BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA. WHEN TOLD THEY HAD, HE ASKED WHAT THEIR MISSION WAS.
5. LIEUTENANT COTTRELL WHO HAD BEEN IN COUNTRY APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH EXPLAINED THAT THEIR MISSION WAS TO PACIFY THREE HAMLETS IN THAT AREA. IN ORDER TO PACIFY THESE HAMLETS PEOPLE LIVING IN MANY OF THE ADJACENT HAMLETS WERE MOVED INTO THE TARGET HAMLETS AND THE ABANDONED HAMLETS WERE BURNED TO DENY THE ENEMY THEIR USE. LIEUTENANT COTTRELL DID USE THE TERM "ZIPPO SQUAD" BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THIS ARGON USED BY OTHER SOLDIERS. LIEUTENANT COTTRELL DID NOT BELIEVE THAT GIVING A CORRESPONDENT INFORMATION REGARDING WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE A ROUTINE MISSION WOULD IN ANY WAY CAUSE DIFFICULTY. HE NEVER REALIZED THAT THE USE OF THE WORD "ZIPPO SQUAD" MIGHT HAVE ANY BAD CONNOTATION.
6. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 11 HAMLETS BURNED, THREE OF WHICH LIEUTENANT COTTRELL WAS INVOLVED IN BURNING. THE SIZE OF EACH HAMLET WAS APPROXIMATELY 30 DWELLINGS EXCEPT TWO HAMLETS CONSISTED OF APPROXIMATELY 60 DWELLINGS EACH. MANY OF THESE DWELLINGS HAD BEEN DESTROYED DURING THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE WAR AND NOT TOO MANY WERE LEFT TO BE DESTROYED. THE NUMBER OF DWELLINGS BURNED IN EACH HAMLET RANGED FROM 3 TO 22 HUTS MADE OF THATCHED GRASS AND BAMBOO. A FEW MASONRY DWELLINGS IN FAIR CONDITION WERE STILL STANDING AND THEY WERE NOT DESTROYED. AT THE TIME OF THE BURNING, THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO CIVILIANS PRESENT IN THE AREA. THE DAY BEFORE ANY HAMLET WAS BURNED A HOYOP HELICOPTER WAS IN THE AREA ANNOUNCING TO THE PEOPLE TO MOVE TO THE TARGET HAMLETS FOR SECURITY. WHEN THE TROOPS MOVED INTO THE AREA, THEY FOUND APPROXIMATELY 10 ELDERLY PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT DEPARTED BECAUSE THEY WERE TOO OLD TO BE ABLE TO WALK TO THE TARGET HAMLETS. THESE PEOPLE AND THEIR BELONGINGS WERE EVACUATED TO THE TARGET HAMLETS BY THE TROOPS ON THE GROUND.



7. PRIOR TO ANY OF THESE ACTIONS, THE ENTIRE PROGRAM HAD BEEN COORDINATED BETWEEN THE BATTALION COMMANDER OF THE 5TH BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY, LTC CLIAN E. WAGNER WHO HAS NOW RETURNED TO THE STATES, AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF SON TICH, CPT KHIEM.

CPT KHIEM REQUESTED THAT HAMLETS IN THE AREA THAT WERE NOT TARGET HAMLETS FOR PACIFICATION BE DESTROYED TO DENY THEM TO THE ENEMY. COE WAGNER AND CPT KHIEM AGREED ON THE 11 HAMLETS IN QUESTION. PRESENT AT THE MEETINGS WHEN LTC WAGNER AND CPT KHIEM WERE MAKING PLANS FOR THE OPERATION WERE MA WAITE, THE SON TICH DISTRICT ADVISOR, AND CPT PHELPS, THE SON TICH LIAISON OFFICER FROM THE 5TH BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY. BOTH MA WAITE AND CPT PHELPS CONFIRM THAT THE DISTRICT CHIEF REQUESTED THESE 11 HAMLETS BE DESTROYED.

8. THE FOLLOWING 11 HAMLETS WERE DESTROYED

1. CHAU SA 4) 672796 25 OCT
2. CHAU SA 3) 673790 26 OCT
3. AN THIN 1) 693805 24 OCT
4. DAP MY 2) 697811 25 OCT
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9. DURING THE BURNING OF HAMLET NUMBER 4, AN RF COMPANY WAS PRESENT AND OPERATING WITH THE 5TH BN, 46TH INF.

10. AT HAMLET NUMBER 5, THREE VC WERE KILLED WHILE RUNNING FROM THE HAMLET.

11. ON 3 NOV DURING THE OPERATION TO BURN HAMLETS 5 THROUGH 11, THE 5TH BN, 46TH INF HIT A BOOBY TRAP KILLING 1 U.S. SOLDIER AND WOUNDING 3 OTHERS.

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DISPOSITON

RETAIN FOR ___ MONTHS

DESTROY AFTER ROUTING

RETURN FOR PERMANENT RETENTION

SECTION	SIGNATURE

Principles only

Weather called to Herb Anderson office at 080807H by Capt. Napayon

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TO LTC ANDERSON AIDE TO COMUSMACV
TO BG BOOLEY CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF
ZEM

SECRET MAC15423 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: MAC 15383

MAC 15323

TELECOM LTC NICKERSON & BG TOWNSEND

1. COMUSMACV WILL VISIT III MAF 9 - 10 DEC. ETA AT DA NANG 1500 HOURS, 9 DEC. RON AND DEPART AT 1500 HOURS, 10 DEC.
2. PLEASE FURNISH THIS OFFICE THE REQUESTED WEATHER NOTIFICATION (MAC 15383) ON 9 AND 10 DEC.
3. ALTERNATE DATE FOR TRIP IS 13 - 14 DEC.
4. PLEASE RETURN ITINERARY.

NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS



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HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

SECRET

III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 8-69)

OPERATION CODE X- ORIGINATOR A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION I- INFORMATION S- SIGNATURE				FROM COMNAVFORV		DATE 30 NOV 1969	
				SERIAL NO/CONTROL DATE 300244Z NOV 69		COPY NO 1 OF 3 COPIES REC'D	
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	DCG	I		12/1	TS		
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P 305244Z NOV 69 ZFF-3
 FM COMNAVFORV
 TO CG III MAF
 INFO COM 3DNCB

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SECRET/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO
 RADN DILLON FROM ZUNWALT
 PROPOSED REDUCTION OF SEABEE BATTALIONS IN ICTZ (S)

A. YOUR 270750Z NOV 69
 B. YOUR 270752Z NOV 69

1. (S) YOUR EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT IN THIS
 MATTER CONTAINED IN REF A MOST GRATEFULLY RECEIVED. I CONCUR
 WITH THE WELL DESERVED WORDS OF PRAISE IN REF B. JACK
 DILLON ALREADY THE WORLD'S MASTER BUILDER WOULD MAKE AN
 OUTSTANDING LAWYER. ARMED WITH YOUR ENDORSEMENT, HE
 PRESENTED THE CASE WELL.

2. (S) I AGREE THAT THIS MOVE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
 NIPPED IN THE BUD AND EXPECT THAT ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS
 WILL RECEIVE FAR MORE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

3. (S) I HAVE FORWARDED JACK DILLON'S PAPER AND YOUR
 ENDORSEMENT TO MACV AS YOU SUGGESTED. AS YOU WILL
 SEE FROM YOUR COPY MY FORWARDING LETTER SUPPORTS YOUR
 POSITION AND ADDS MY OPPOSITION TO REMOVAL OF ANY
 3D NCB ASSETS FROM ICTZ.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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