

39. ✓ COMUSMACV 021049Z JAN 70 (U) CITE 065 EYES ONLY  
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
40. ✓ CG AMERICAL DIVISION 031159Z JAN 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FROM MGEN RAMSEY TO LTGEN NICKERSON  
SPOT REPORT ON NVA SAPPER
41. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 157 DTG 041055Z JAN 70 (U) EYES ONLY  
FROM BGEN SMITH TO GEN BROWN, LTGEN MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT,  
LTGEN NICKERSON, LTGEN CORCORAN, LTGEN EWELT, LTGEN ZAIS,  
MGEN WETHERILL  
NON-HOSTILE DEATHS
- ~~42. COMUSMACV CITE 169 DTG 050240Z JAN 70 (U) EYES ONLY  
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO LTGEN NICKERSON  
REF: III MAF DTG 040330Z JAN 70~~
43. ✓ CG 1stMARDIV 061705Z JAN 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN WHEELER  
ATTACK ON FS B ROSS
- ~~44. USDAO HONG KONG 060906Z JAN 70  
FROM USDAO HONG KONG FOR MGEN BOWMAN FROM LTCOL SULLIVAN  
RESERVATIONS~~
- ~~45. COMSEVENTHFLT 062226Z JAN 70 (C)  
FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
MORNING BRIEF (U)~~
46. ✓ COMUSMACV 080227Z JAN 70 (C) CITE 298 EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTGEN MILDREN, LTGEN  
NICKERSON, VADM ZUMWALT, LTGEN ZAIS, LTGEN EWELL, LTGEN  
CORCORAN MGEN MCCOWEN  
BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL (BRDP) VISIT TO RVN (C)
47. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 305 DTG 080425Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTGEN MILDREN, LTGEN  
NICKERSON, VADM ZUMWALT, LTGEN EWELL, LTGEN CORCORAN  
MGEN WETHERILL, INFO LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN MCCOWEN  
VISIT BY BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL (BRDP) (U)
48. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 378 DTG 090813Z JAN 70 (C) *gp-not shown*  
FROM MGEN TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTGEN MILDREN, LTGEN NICKERSON  
BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL
49. ✓ COMNAVFORV 110049Z JAN 70 (C) *gp-4*  
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO RADM ADAMSON AND RADM DILLON  
FM ZUMWALT  
ACTOVE PROGRAM (U)
50. ✓ CG AMERICAL DIVISION 121259Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FROM MGEN RAMSEY TO LTGEN NICKERSON  
MY LAI RPT OF ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD HAMLET WAS SECURED FOR  
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 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

1. A MESSAGE FROM DA TO COMUSMACV ON 25 DEC 69 REFERENCED AN ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN THE WASHINGTON POST OF 20 DEC 69 ALLEGING THAT A SOUTH VIETNAMESE WOMAN STATED AT A NEWS CONFERENCE IN PARIS THAT U.S. TROOPS MURDERED AND MUTILATED 300 CIVILIANS IN THE COASTAL VILLAGE OF BALANG ON 13 JAN 69. ( )
2. THERE ARE THREE PLACES KNOWN TO THIS HEADQUARTERS CONTAINING THE NAME BA LONG OR BA LANG. THE COORDINATES THEREOF ARE YD 450595, BS 780830, AND BS 576357. THERE MAY BE OTHERS.
3. REQUEST ANY INFORMATION THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE TO III MAF CONCERNING OPERATIONS ON THAT DATE IN THE THREE AREAS LISTED, PLUS ANY OTHERS BY THE SAME NAME THAT MAY BE KNOWN TO III MAF.
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SECRET AND 012 EYES ONLY

ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A SPOT REPORT ON THE NVA SAPPER  
 ATTACK AGAINST COMPANY B, 4/3 INFANTRY, ON HILL 285 LAST NIGHT, I WOULD  
 LIKE TO GIVE YOU A FULL RUN-DOWN ON THE ACTION.

COMPANY B/4/3 INFANTRY HAD BEEN COMBAT ASSAULTED ONTO HILL 285

(BS 820 285) DURING THE MORNING OF 2 JANUARY 70 TO SECURE THE HILL  
 SO THAT IT COULD BE USED AS A FIRE SUPPORT BASE FOR A COMBINED MULTIBATTALION  
 OPERATION WITH UNITS OF THE 11TH INF BDE AND 4TH ARVN REGT  
 IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA WEST OF FSB DEBBIE. THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY  
 ORGANIZED ITS DEFENSES, CONSISTING OF THREE-MAN STANDING FIGHTING  
 POSITIONS WITH SAND BAGS AND EARTH BERMS, AND BY DARK HAD COMPLETED  
 ITS PREPARATIONS, TO INCLUDE CLAYMORES IN FRONT OF EACH POSITION  
 AND TRIP FLARES. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD PREVENTED RESUPPLY  
 HELICOPTERS FROM BRINGING ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE MATERIEL SUCH AS SENSORS,  
 SANDBAGS, TRIP FLARES AND MORTAR AMMUNITION. THE COMPANY'S FIELD  
 STRENGTH WAS 118 OFFICERS AND MEN, INCLUDING 8MM MORTAR SECTION WITH  
 3 TUBES. THE WEATHER DURING THE ENTIRE NIGHT WAS A MIXTURE OF RAIN,  
 FOG AND BRISK WINDS. VISIBILITY WAS VERY LIMITED. AT 2345HRS, WITHOUT  
 WARNING, THE COMPANY RECEIVED A HEAVY AND CONTINUOUS VOLUME

OF 82MM MORTAR, RPG, GRENADE AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE MORTAR FIRE  
 CAME FROM A RIDGE TO THE NORTH OF HILL 285. THE GROUND ATTACK BY AN  
 ESTIMATED REINFORCED NVA SAPPER COMPANY OF 40 MEN ATE FROM THE  
 NORTH AND NORTHWEST. THE ENEMY HAD MOVED BY TEALTH IN THREE PLATOON-  
 SIZED ELEMENTS UP THE BRUSH-COVERED DRAWS ON THE WEST SIDE OF HILL  
 287, HAD SILENTLY CUT THE CAYMORE WIRES AND THEN OPENED FIRE WITH  
 AK-50'S, B-40 ROCKETS AND CHICOM HAND GRENADES. THE TWO SOUTHERNMOST  
 ATTACKING GROUPS, INCLUDING THE NVA COMPANY COMMANDER AND HIS THREE-  
 MAN COMMAND GROUP WERE CUT DOWN BY HEAVY VOLUME OF MAYPN -16,  
 AND M-79 FIRE LAD DOWN BY COMPANY B. HE SAPPER SUCCEEDED IN LOBBING  
 A GRENADE INTO ONE FIGHTING POSITION, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING TWO,  
 BEFORE HE WAS CUT OWN BY THE ADJACENT POSITION. THE NORTHERNMOST  
 SAPPER PLATOON SUCCEEDED IN KNOCKING OUT A TREE-MAN FIGHTING  
 POSITION WITH B-40'S AND GRENADES. SIX SAPPERS MOVED INSIDE THE  
 PERIMETER TOWARD THE TOP OF THE HILL, ENGAGING AND KILLING THE  
 ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER AS HE OVED AGAINST THEM. A QUICK REACTION BY  
 A BCOMPAN PLATOON LEADR AND IS RIO ELIMINTED THE NVA FORCE.  
 FOLLOWING THE HEAVY INITIAL ENEMY CONTACT, THE ENEMY STUBBORNLY CON-  
 TINUED THE GROUND ATTACK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PERIMETER, ENGAGING  
 THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH SMALL ARMS AND HAND GRENADES UNTIL 0325  
 HOURS; ONE LARGE SAPPER WITH A BANDAGED HEAD AND TOURNIQUET ON HIS  
 LEG WAS KILLED ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF THE PERIMETER AS HE ATTEMPTED  
 TO EXIT AT THAT HOUR. THROUGHOUT THE FOUR HOUR ACTION THE ENEMY  
 ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER HIS DEAD AND WAS CUT DOWN BY GUNSHIPS, ARTILLERY,  
 AND MORTAR FIRE. A SWEEP OF THE AREA AT FIRST DAYLIGHT REVEALED  
 NUMEROUS DRAG MARKS WHERE BODIES HAD BEEN PULLED DOWN THE  
 WOODED SLOPES.

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THE RESULTS OF THE ACTION WERE 29 NVA KILLED, INCLUDING THE COMPANY COMMANDER AND AT LEAST ONE PLATOON LEADER, AND THE FOLLOWING MATERIEL CAPTURED: 10 AK-50, FOLDING STOCK RIFLES; 1 RPG-2 WITH 2 B-40 ROCKETS; 1 M-16 RIFLE; 70-75 CHICOM GRENADES, MOST OF WHICH WERE THE SMALL PINEAPPLE TYPE; 1 9MM PISTOL; 1 COMPLETE MEDICAL KIT AND 13 FULL AK MAGAZINES. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 7 KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED EVAC.

~~I ESTIMATE THAT ENEMY LOSSES MAY HAVE BEEN AS HIGH AS 40-50~~

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS WAS A FIRST CLASS NVA UNIT, WHICH REACTED IMMEDIATELY TO OUR PRESENCE IN THE AREA. EVERY NVA BODY WAS DRESSED IN NEW KHAKI JACKET AND SHORTS, SILK SCARF AND LEATHER BELT WITH 1 GRENADE AND FIRST AID POUCHES. AVERAGE AGE APPEARED TO BE 18 OR 19. ALL WERE STRONG AND WELL-FED. A DOCUMENT FOUND ON ONE PLATOON LEADER INDICATES THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A SAPPER BATTALION SUPPORTING THE 22ND NVA REGT. THE 402ND BN HAS RECENTLY BEEN REPORTED IN THIS AREA, WITH THE MISSION OF ATTACKING ALLIED UNITS PRIOR TO TET. THIS IS THE THIRD ATTACK OF COMPANY OR LARGER STRENGTH AGAINST AMERICAN AND 2D ARVN DIVISION UNITS WITHIN THE PAST WEEK. THE SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST THE NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION OF CO A, 2/1 INF ON 31 DECEMBER WAS ESTIMATED TO BE OF COMPANY STRENGTH AND WAS EXECUTED

AS A GROUND ACTION WITHOUT USE OF SUPPORTING MORTAR FIRE. IN THIS CASE THE US COMPANY COMMANDER WAS NOT ALERT AND DID NOT COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS. MOVEMENT HAD BEEN REPORTED EARLIER IN THE EVENING AND HE DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS REPORT NOR DID HE REPORT THE INCIDENT TO HIS BN. AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK APPROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT OF HIS MEN WERE ABOVE GROUND SLEEPING OR WATCHING, BUT NOT IN THEIR HOLES. HE HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL MEN WOULD BE BELOW GROUND IN A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION REGARDLESS OF THE ELEMENTS. THE COMPANY COMMANDER WAS RELIEVED AND A FORMAL INVESTIGATION IS BEING MADE.

THE ATTACK BY 4TH LOCAL FORCE BN ELEMENTS AGAINST THE 4TH BN, 6TH ARVN REGT ON 30 DECEMBER WAS PRINCIPALLY A STAND-OFF ATTACK WITH NO ATTEMPT TO ASSAULT THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER.

I HAVE HAD BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALDSON WORKING ALL DAY WITH COMMANDERS AND KEY STAFF OFFICERS CONCERNED IN AN ATTEMPT TO COME UP WITH LESSONS LEARNED REGARDING THESE 3 ATTACKS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POINT IS THAT ALL ATTACKS WERE WELL-PLANNED, WELL-COORDINATED AND WELL-EXECUTED, WHICH MEANS TO ME THAT WE CAN EXPECT MORE SUCH ATTACKS. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE ADVISED MY COMMANDERS OF EACH OF THESE ACTIONS AND HAVE INSTRUCTED THEM TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION PRACTICABLE TO PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS.

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 TO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF TAN SON NHUT  
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH  
 VADM ZUMWALT JR COMNAVFORV SAIGON  
 LTG NICKERSON JR CG III MAF DA NANG  
 LTG CORCORAN CG IFFV NHA TRANG  
 LTG EWELT CG IIFFV LONG BINH  
 LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI  
 MG WETHERILL CG DMAC CAN THO  
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SUBJECT: NON-HOSTILE DEATHS

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO UPDATE THE INFORMATION DISCUSSED WITH COMMANDERS AT THE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE UPDATE ON 27 DECEMBER 1969 CONCERNING THE NUMBER AND CAUSES OF NON-HOSTILE DEATHS.

2. THE DATA FURNISHED BELOW COVERS THE PERIOD 1 OCTOBER THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 1969, AND IS PROVIDED FOR SUCH USE AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR COMMAND INFORMATION PROGRAM.

3. SUMMARY OF NON-HOSTILE DEATHS:

CAUSE OF DEATH	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
VEHICLE ACCIDENT	8	14	15	37
SELF-INFLICTED	7	13	33	53
NON SELF-INFLICTED	33	56	41	130
DISEASE	12	17	6	35
DROWNING	25	7	6	38
AIR ACCIDENT	49	56	31	136
MISCELLANEOUS	4	7	1	12
TOTAL:	138	170	133	441

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4. FINITE BREAKOUT OF NON SELF-INFLICTED DEATHS.

NUMBER	CAUSE OF DEATH
40	ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF WEAPONS.
44	RESULT OF EXPLOSIONS.
8	BUNKER COLLAPSED.
3	ACCIDENTALLY FIRED 152MM ROUND.
2	STRUCK BY REAR ROTOR BLADE.
2	FELL FROM VEHICLE.
6	SHORT ARTY ROUNDS.
2	CONTACTED FRIENDLY MINE.
2	RAN INTO VEHICLE.
1	POWDER CHARGE EXPLODED.
1	FELL UNDER WHEELS OF TRACTOR.
1	HIT BY FORKLIFT.
1	FELL UNDER WHEELS OF APC.
1	FELL RAPPELLING FROM HELICOPTER.
1	RETRIEVING AMMO FROM BURNING TANK.
1	SHOT BY PF PATROL.
1	FELL FROM MAINTENANCE STAND.
1	HIT HEAD ON HELO HATCH.
1	AIRCRAFT EXPLODED.
1	WHILE BURNING TRASH, TRASH BARREL EXPLODED.
1	STABBED BY UNKNOWN ASSAILANT.
1	ENTERED BURNING QUARTERS.
1	EXPIRED WITH MISSILE HOLE IN HEAD.
1	RECEIVED BURNS WHILE BURNING TRASH.
1	STRUCK BY FALLING TREE.
1	HIT WHEN TIRE EXPLODED.
1	ELECTROCUTED.
1	HIT BY TRAIN.
1	RUN OVER BY FORKLIFT.
1	BURNING LOGS SET OFF EXPLOSIONS.

TOTAL: 130

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ATTACK ON FSB ROSS

1. (S) THIS IS A SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION AND ACTIVITIES SURROUNDING THE COORDINATED ENEMY ATTACK ON FSB ROSS DURING EARLY MORNING 6 JAN 70

2. (S) GEN SITUATION

A. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF TOTAL ABSENCE OF LUNAR ILLUM, COM-  
 POUNDED BY OVERCAST, LOW CEILING AND STEADY DRIZZLE ELEMENTS OF THE 409TH SAPPER BN ATTACKED FSB ROSS COMMENCING 060121H. 409TH'S NORMAL AREA OF OPN IS TO SE WELL INTO QUANG TIN PROV, HOWEVER RECENT MOVEMENT TOWARD 7TH MAR TAOR EVIDENCED BY CONTACT WITH AMERICAL AND VRS HAD BEEN NOTED.

B. DURING NIGHT OF 5-6 JAN 70, THERE WERE PRESENT AT FSB ROSS ABOUT 560 PERSONS. THESE INCLUDED H&S CO 1/7, CO A 1/7, CO B (-) 1/7, TWO ARTY BTRIES AND OTHER SMALL DETACHS. NORMALLY NO INFANTRY

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 UNITS REMAIN AT ROSS, HOWEVER, CO A WHICH HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE CUP (ICIPP), WAS THERE IN TRNG AND PREP FOR COMMENCING CUP. B CO (-) WAS THERE WAITING TO COMMENCE OPERATION WITH RF UNIT IN AO TO EAST OF ROSS AT 060400H. THE PLATOON AND SQUAD LEADERS OF CO A WERE AWAY IN CAP SCHOOL.

C. IN RESPONSE TO INCREASED THREAT, THE ACTING CO, 1/7 DEPLOYED CO A INTO CRITICAL PSNS AROUND THE PERIMETER AND CONSTITUTED A REACTION FORCE OUT OF CO B (-). THE BN CO WAS AWAY ON R&R.

3. (S) NARRATIVE SUMMARY

A. AT 060121H JAN 70, A COORDINATED ATTACK BY FIRE AND SAPPERS WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST FSB ROSS. THE ATTACK WAS INITIATED BY HEAVY 82MM MORTAR FIRE INTO THE FSB WITH ALMOST SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS IN THREE PRIMARY POINTS BY APPROX 15-20 SAPPERS. ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY FIELD READOUT OF PW CAPTURED DURING THE ATTACK, 1ST AND 2D COMPANIES TOTALING ABOUT 100 MEN MADE ATTACK WITH OTHER FORCES PROVIDING MORTAR SUPPORT. PW STATED 5 MAN SAPPER CELLS WERE TO EFFECT PENETRATIONS WITH LARGER EXPLOITATION FORCE TO FOLLOW IF PENETRATIONS SUCCESSFUL. THE SAPPERS CAME THROUGH THE WIRE FROM THE NORTH, SOUTHEAST, AND WEST EMPLOYING SATCHEL CHARGES,

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CHICOM AND HOMEMADE GRENADES. MANY RPG ROUNDS WERE FIRED FROM AROUND THE PERIMETER INTO THE FSB TO SUPPORT THE SAPPER ATTACK. THE ATTACK THROUGH THE WIRE ON THE NORTH PROBABLY TARGETTED AGAINST THE COMMAND BUNKER, WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 5 OR LESS SAPPERS WHO DESTROYED ONE PERIMETER POSITION AND SURPRISED TROOPS LIVING IN TENTS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA, BEFORE BEING REPULSED. THIS ENEMY GROUP DAMAGED THE CMR LOCATED IN THIS AREA AND INFLICTED SEVERAL FRNLY CAS. THE SAPPER ATTACK ON THE SOUTHEAST CONSISTED OF 10 ENEMY WHO CUT A PATH THROUGH THE WIRE INTO THE ARTY AREA, PROBABLY TARGETTED AGAINST THE 8" BATTERY. THIS GROUP MOVED ONLY ABOUT 20 METERS INSIDE THE WIRE BEFORE THEY WERE STOPPED PRIOR TO REACHING THE GUN AND AMMO PSNS. A 100MM RR RIFLE WAS DESTROYED AND SEVERAL TRUCKS DAMAGED BEFORE THE DEFENSE KILLED 6 AND CAPTURED ONE. THE ATTACK ON THE WEST WAS CONDUCTED BY 5 OR LESS WHO APPROACHED THE POSITION THROUGH THE RIVER BED. THIS GROUP DID LITTLE DAMAGE BEFORE THEY WERE DESTROYED AND MAY HAVE BEEN DIVERSIONARY.

B. THE SAPPERS WERE APPARENTLY AT OR THRU THE WIRE WHEN THE MORTAR ATTACK COMMENCED. THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF PREPARATION OF LANES THROUGH THE WIRE PRIOR TO DARK ON 5 JANUARY, AS THE WIRE

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IS CLOSELY INSPECTED DAILY. THE ACTING BATTALION COMMANDER HAD PERSONALLY INSPECTED THE PERIMETER WIRE AT ABOUT 051630H JAN. ARTY AND MORTAR FIRES WERE EMPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE ACTION. THE BAD WEATHER PREVENTED THE USE OF FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. FRIENDLY VILLAGES IN THE VICINITY OF ROSS PROHIBITED THE USE OF SHADOW. A BASKETBALL CALLED ON STATION WAS OF LITTLE VALUE DUE TO LOW HEAVY OVERCAST.

4. (S) CONCLUSIONS

A. EACH OF THE SAPPER GROUPS WHO MANAGED TO ENTER THE PERIMETER WERE AN ADVANCE PARTY FOR A LARGER FORCE LOCATED NEARBY. IF THIS INITIAL ATTACK HAD NOT BEEN REPULSED, BACK UP FORCES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE JOINED THE GROUND ATTACK.

B. THE MORTAR FIRE IS BELIEVED TO HAVZ COME FROM AT LEAST TWO LOCATIONS, ONE NORTH AND THE OTHER SOUTH. ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT TO ASCERTAIN IT IS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 250 MORTAR ROUNDS LANDED IN THE PERIMETER. MIXED INTO THIS FIRE WERE NUMEROUS RPG'S AND HAND GRENADES.

C. OF THE THREE POINTS OF ATTACK BY THE SAPPER THE DEFENSE WAS CAUGHT BY SURPRISE IN TWO OF THESE. HOW EVER, THE DEFENSE REACTED RAPIDLY. INDIVIDUAL SAPPERS WERE ABLE IN AT LEAST

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THREE CASES TO THROW SATCHEL CHARGES INTO HUTS.

D. THE MAJORITY OF FRNLY CAS WERE CAUSED BY FRAGMENTATION BELIEVED TO BE PRIMARILY FROM MORTAR RDS.

5. (S) RESULTS

A. THE EN SUFFERED 38 KIA AND 3 CAPT ONE OF WHOM HAS SINCE DIED. INDICATIONS OF OTHER EN CAS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER WERE EVIDENT.

B. FRNLY CAS CONSISTED OF 13 KIA, 31 WIA (EVAC). MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT DAMAGED WERE CMR, TWO TRUCKS MAJOR DAMAGE, 3 SEA HUTS DESTROYED, ONE 100MM RR DAMAGED, SEVERAL SMALL ARMS WPNS DAMAGED, AND SOME TENTS DESTROYED.

6. (S) ACTIONS

A. AT FIRST LIGHT B CO (-) CONDUCTED SWEEP OF AREA AROUND PERIMETER AND PATROLLED LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH AND WITHDRAWAL. INFANTRY UNITS CONTINUE PATROLLING AND SURVEILLANCE OF APPROACHES INFO PSB AND SURROUNDING AREA.

B. POW REPORTED THAT EN FORCES PLANNED WITHDRAW TO PSN VIC BT 014376 AND DIG IN. THREE AIR STRIKES WERE DIRECTED ON THIS TARGET AT 061200, 061205 AND 061347. THREE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED.

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SUBJ: BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL (BRDP) VISIT TO RVN (C)

1. (C) ONE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY BRDP DURING INITIAL BRIEFINGS WAS THAT THEY WANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS DURING THE VIETNAM PORTION OF THE VISIT.
  2. (C) REQUEST THAT YOU MAKE APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BRDP TO MEET WITH SUCH MEMBERS OF YOUR COMMAND, PREFERABLY ON AN INFORMAL, AD HOC BASIS AS PRESENTED BY THE OCCASIONS DURING THEIR TOUR, SHOULD THE PANEL EXPRESS THIS DESIRE.
  3. (C) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PANEL'S PRIMARY INTEREST WILL BE ALL OPERATIONS ACROSS THE BOARD.
  4. (C) AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BRDP VISIT WITH RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS, REQUEST ANY USEFUL OBSERVATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS BE FORWARDED TO COMUSMACV ASAP
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VISIT BY BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL (BRDP) (U)  
A. CINCPAC 010000Z JAN 70

1. (C) ONE KEY QUESTION THAT THE BRDP HAS BEEN ASKING EACH OF THE PACOM CINCS, DURING THE HAWAII PORTION OF THE VISIT OUTLINED IN REF A, INVOLVES THE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF THE PACOM COMMANDER, SUBORDINATE UNIFIED COMMANDERS, AND SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDERS.
2. (C) THE COMMAND RELATIONSHIP THERE ALSO EMERGES IN DIVERSE QUESTIONS ASKED IN OTHER FIELDS-E, G, LOGISTICS, FISCAL, AND PARTICULARLY IN INTELLIGENCE AND COMMAND AND CONTROL.
3. (C) THE QUESTION HAS BEEN ASKED, "WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND OR LIKE TO SEE CHANGED IF YOU WERE SITTING AS A MEMBER OF THIS PANEL?"
4. (C) THE PANEL'S MODUS OPERANDI HAS BEEN TO ASK QUESTIONS DURING THE INITIAL COURTESY CALL, MANY OF WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE COVERED IN SUBSEQUENT BRIEFINGS.
5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS GUIDANCE FROM DEPCOMUSMACV:
  - A. FOR THE BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL, INDOOR BRIEFINGS ARE TO BE MINIMIZED AND OUTDOOR VISITS MAXIMIZED. MOVE THE PEOPLE AROUND.
  - B. LET THEM SEE AS MUCH OF RVNAF FORCES AND U.S. FORCES AS IS FEASIBLE, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THEIR TALKING WITH ENLISTED MEN AND NONCOMS.
  - C. FOR GENERAL MILDREN: PLEASE HAVE THE GROUP LOOK AT AS MANY INSTALLATION AND TROOPS AS POSSIBLE.
  - D. FOR GENERAL NICKERSON: PLEASE HAVE VISITS OUT IN THE FIELD ON THE 13TH AND 14TH IN THE III MAF AND XXIV CORPS AREA INCLUDING VISITS TO ARVN UNITS, AND PARTICULARLY TO MEET GENERAL TRUONG.
  - D. FOR ADMIRAL ZUMWALT: PLEASE HAVE THE GROUP VISIT SHIPYARDS, SHOPS, AND OTHER PLACE WHERE THE VNN CAN BE SEEN IN OPERATION.
  - E. FOR ALL OTHER ADDRESSES: SIMILAR GUIDANCE.
2. REQUEST VISIT SUMMARIES BE FORWARDED ASAP AFTER VISIT. PLEASE INCLUDE ALL MAJOR QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES THERETO.
3. WARM REGARDS

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PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKERSON INFO RADM ADAMSON AND RADM DILLON

FM ZUMWALT

ACTOV PROGRAM (U)

A. COMNAVFORV 041044Z JAN 70

1. (C) REF A ADVISED THAT ORIGINATOR WOULD PROPOSE A DATE FOR BRIEFINGS ON STATUS OF I CTZ TURNOVER AND ACTOV ONCE THE I CTZ TURNOVER COMMITTEE BRIEFING SCHEDULE BECAME FIRM. I WILL BE IN DANANG FOR THE 1ST COASTAL ZONE CHANGE OF COMMAND ON 14 JAN AND, WITH YOUR CONCURRENCE, PROPOSE THAT THE BRIEF BE HELD AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS 141400H JAN IF CONVENIENT.

2. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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SUB : MY LAI (4)

REF: CG, II MAF, DTG, 240114Z

ACOH 10 64, DTG, 240958Z

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO GIVE YOU A SUMMARY OF THE  
ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND MY LAI (4) DURING THE PERIOD THE NAME  
WAS SECURED FOR VISITORS.  
2. DURING THE PERIOD 30 DEC 69 THRU 12 JAN 70, REPRESENTATIVES FROM  
FIVE GROUPS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE AMERICAL DIVISION VISITED MY LAI (4).  
THE FIVE GROUPS REPRESENTED WERE:

- A. LTG WILLIAM R. PLEAS' INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE
- B. SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE, CTFMG
- C. COUNSELLS FOR THE 1LT CALLEY COURT-MARTIAL
- D. USARV MAPPING & INTELLIGENCE MAPPING TEAM
- E. CIVILIAN PRESS

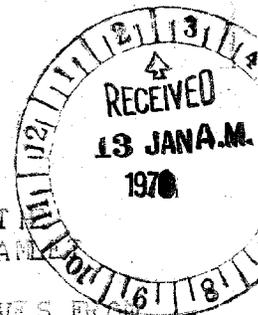
3. AMERICAL DIVISION MADE DETAILED PREPARATIONS TO INSURE THE SAFETY  
OF VISITORS DURING THE GROUND RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS AT MY LAI (4).

A. THE 195TH INF BDE WAS TASKED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MY LAI  
(4) DURING THE PERIOD 300900Z DEC 69 - 111200Z JAN 70. A TASK FORCE,  
COMMANDED BY THE XO, 5TH BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY MOVED INTO MY  
LAI (4) AND CONDUCTED OPERATIONS TO SECURE THE AREA. THE SECURITY  
TASK FORCE CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

CO C, 5TH BN, 46TH INF  
H TROOP, 17TH CAV  
RECON PLAT, 5TH BN, 46TH INF  
PLAT, B CO, 26TH ENGINEER BN

THIS TASK FORCE WAS AUGMENTED BY MINE AND TUNNEL DOGS,  
COMBAT TRACKER TEAMS, NATIONAL POLICEMEN, REGIONAL FORCES, POPULAR  
FORCES, AND D TROOP, 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY.

B. A PERIMETER WAS ESTABLISHED AROUND MY LAI (4) USING WIRE AND  
BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD COVER. A HELICOPTER PAD LARGE ENOUGH FOR ONE UH  
WAS CONSTRUCTED UTILIZING M801 MATTING. NUMEROUS BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD  
COVER WERE BUILT THROUGHOUT MY LAI TO AFFORD PROTECTION FOR VISITORS.  
POPULAR FORCES AND NATIONAL POLICE ESTABLISHED CHECKPOINTS ON THE  
ROADS LEADING IN AND OUT OF MY LAI (4) TO CONTROL CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.  
NO MILITARY TRAFFIC WAS PERMITTED ON THE ROADS IN THE VICINITY OF  
MY LAI (4).



C. A PATHFINDER TEAM WAS PLACED IN MY LAI (4) AT THE QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD TO CONTROL ALL AIR TRAFFIC INTO MY LAI. ALL VISITORS WERE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE HAMLET BY HELICOPTER, AND HELICOPTERS REMAINED IN MY LAI (4) ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO DISCHARGE PASSENGERS. THE HELICOPTERS WERE THEN SENT TO A HOLDING AREA IN QUANG NGAI. VISITORS ENTERING MY LAI WERE CHECKED AGAINST AN ACCESS ROSTER AND THEN ESCORTED TO A BRIEFING TENT. AT THIS LOCATION THEY WERE ISSUED STEEL HELMETS AND FLAK VESTS. THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON THE LOCATION OF SECURITY FORCES IN THE HAMLET AND THE AREAS THAT HAD BEEN CLEARED. PATHS THAT HAD BEEN CLEARED WERE MARKED WITH WHITE TAPE. ALL VISITORS WERE PROCEEDED BY A MINE SWEEP TEAM, A MINE DETECTION DOG TEAM, AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A SECURITY FORCE. AN M577 COMMAND VEHICLE WAS AT THE DISPOSAL OF VISITORS IN THE AREA. AN AIR CAVALRY TEAM PROVIDED AIR COVER WHEN DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WERE PRESENT. DURING THEIR STAY AT MY LAI (4), VISITORS WERE KEPT DISPERSED AND IN SMALL GROUPS.

4. ON 1 JAN 70, LTG PEERS CONDUCTED A LOW LEVEL AIR RECONNAISSANCE, IN A LOH, OF MY LAI (4) WITH CWO HUGH C. THOMPSON JR. US A PASSENGER. CWO THOMPSON, WHO HAD BEEN AN AMERICAN OH23 PILOT IN THE VICINITY OF MY LAI (4) DURING THE ALLEGED MASSACRE, CORRELATED THE TERRAIN TO HIS PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PEER'S COMMITTEE. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THIS LOW LEVEL FLIGHT STAYED WITHIN A SECURE AREA, I FLEW MY COMMAND AND CONTROL HELICOPTER ABOVE GEN PEER'S IN HIS LOH. I FLEW WITH ME MR MACCRATE, ATTORNEY, OF THE GEN PEER'S GROUP. ONLY ONCE DID I HAVE TO INSTRUCT THE LOH PILOT NOT TO PROCEED TOWARD AN UNSECURE AREA.

ON THE MORNING OF 3 JAN 70, LTG PEERS CONDUCTED A THREE HOUR GROUND RECONNAISSANCE OF MY LAI (4) TO GAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED ATROCITY SCENE. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ACCOMPANIED LTG PEER'S DURING HIS VISIT TO MY LAI (4):

- A. MR. ROBERT MACCRATE (NEW YORK ATTORNEY)
- B. MR. JEROME K. WALSH (NEW YORK ATTORNEY)
- C. LTC BILLY STANDBERRY (INTERPRETER) N
- D. MAJ W.F. GABELLA (PIO)
- E. 1LT LELAND R. SMITH (AMCAL INFO OFFICE)
- F. CWO ANDRE C. FEHER (INVESTIGATION)
- G. SP5 ROBERT F. FROMM (PHOTOGRAPHER) N
- H. PFC LASZLO KONDR (AMCAL INFO OFFICE)
- I. SGT PHU (INTERPRETER)
- J. SGT MINH (INTERPRETER)

5. ON 4 JAN 70, CWO HUGH C. THOMPSON OF LTG PEER'S COMMITTEE WAS TAKEN ON A SECOND AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF MY LAI (4) TO CONFIRM PREVIOUS OBSERVATIONS.

6. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE WERE IN MY LAI (4) ON FIVE OCCASSIONS TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED DURING 16-18 MAR 68.

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A. ON 2 JAN 70, LTC S.R. MELNER SPENT APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR IN MY LAI (4) WITH ME.

B. ON 3 JAN 70, THREE INDIVIDUALS- COL KEITH DUBOIS, LTC MELNER, AND MA THOMAS J. MCGREEVY<sup>2</sup> SPENT THREE HOURS IN MY LAI (4).

C. ON 4 JAN 70, NINE PERSONS SPENT SIX HOURS IN MY LAI (4). NINE PERSONS WERE COL DUBOIS, MAJ MCGREEVY, TWO CID INVESTIGATORS, TWO US INTERPRETERS, AND TWO VIETNAMESE.

D. ON 6 JAN 70, THE NINE PERSONS WHO HAD VISITED MY LAI (4) ON 4 JAN 70 RETURNED TO MY LAI (4) ALONG WITH PFC LASZLO KONOR (AMCAL INFORMATION OFFICE). THEY REMAINED AT MY LAI (4) APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS.

E. ON 7 JAN 70, MAJ THOMAS MCGREEVY ACCOMPANIED COUNSEL S FOR THE 1LT CALLEY COURT-MARTIAL TO MY LAI (4). THEY SPENT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS IN THE AREA.

7. COUNSEL S FOR THE 1LT CALLEY COURT-MARTIAL VISITED MY LAI (4) ON 6 JAN 70 AND 7 JAN 70 TO CONDUCT PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION AND VISUAL OBSERVATION.

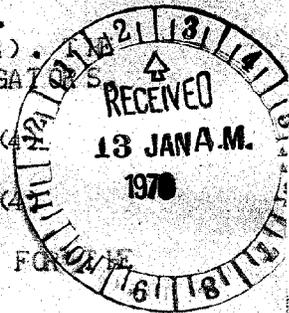
A. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, INCLUDING COUNSEL S, SPENT APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AT MY LAI (4) ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 JAN 70:

- (1) COL HENRY J. COTMAN (DEPUTY SJA, MACV)
- (2) COL DOTUNG (ARVN LIAISON)
- (3) MAJ KENNETH RABY (DEFENSE COUNSEL)
- (4) CPT AUBREY DANIEL (TRIAL COUNSEL)
- (5) CPT ARTHUR G. HAESSIG (AMCAL SJA OFFICE)
- (6) PFC PAULWIN (AMCAL PHOTOGRAPHER)

B. FIVE OF THE ABOVE SIX PERSONS (ALL EXCEPT CPT HAESSIG) SPENT ABOUT EIGHT HOURS AT MY LAI (4) ON 7 JAN 70. MAJ MCGREEVY, SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE, ACCOMPANIED THEM.

8. DURING THE PERIOD 3-6 JAN 70, A USARV MAPPING AND INSPECTION PLANE TABLE MAPPING TEAM PERFORMED FIELD WORK IN THE VICINITY OF MY LAI (4). THE TEAM CONSISTED OF CPT JOHN W. MORNE, CW3 CARL E. HARDIN, AND SIXTEEN EM. THE MAPPING TEAM PREPARED A DETAILED MAP OF THE MY LAI (4) AREA FOR THE SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE.

9. THE CIVILIAN PRESS VISITED MY LAI (4) ON 8 JAN 70. THEY HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED IN THE AREA WHILE INVESTIGATORS WERE STILL IN MY LAI. AT 0730 HOURS, 8 JAN 70, DAVE ROSENZWEIG (AP), MARK GODFREED (AP), ALLAN MAITLAND (REUTERS), VINCE SLAVIN (NEWARK NEWS), AND TOM BENIC (STARS AND STRIPES) WERE ESCORTED INTO MY LAI (4) BY MAJ JOHN PAULI (AMCAL IC). AT 1630 THAT AFTERNOON, DON BARKER (ABC NEWS) AND HENRY JONES (NBC NEWS) WERE ESCORTED THROUGH MY LAI BY MAJ PAULI. BOTH VISITS WERE LIMITED TO ONE HOUR ON THE GROUND, AND INTERVIEWS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS SECURING THE AREA WERE NOT PERMITTED.



17. AMERICAN DIVISION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO SAFEGUARD VISITORS DURING AIR RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN THE VICINITY OF MY LAI (4):

A. LTG PEER'S AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF MY LAI (4) IN AN OHCA WAS ESCORTED BY A SECOND OHCA, TWO A-1H GUNSHIPS, AN ARMED UH-1H WITH AN INFANTRY TEAM ABOARD, AND A SECOND UH-1H PROVIDING COMMAND AND CONTROL.

1. SECURITY FORCES AT MY LAI (4) HAD NEGLIGIBLE ENEMY CONTACT. ON 30 DEC 69 AT 2145 HOURS, C COMPANY, 5TH BN, 46TH INF, OBSERVED 10 VC IN THE VILLAGE AND INVESTIGATED, FINDING TUNNELS AND BUNKERS. AT 0900 HOURS ON 31 DEC 69, C COMPANY, 5TH BN, 46TH INF, CAPTURED 4 VC IN MY LAI. AT 1810 HOURS ON 31 DEC 69, H TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP HAND GRENADE RESULTING IN FIVE WOUNDED. THE FIVE WERE MEDEVACED TO HOSPITALS IN CHU LAI. TWO OF THE MEN RETURNED TO DUTY WITH THE IR UNIT ON 7 JAN 70, AND THREE WERE EVACUATED OUT OF COUNTRY. ON 1 JAN 70 AT 1810 HOURS D TROOP, 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY, DETAINED 2 VC 1.5 KILOMETERS FROM MY LAI. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER H TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE EAST. FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE AREA REVEALED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ACD 033 EYES ONLY FINAL SECT OF THREE  
 12. AMERICAL DIVISION PROVIDED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT FOR THE  
 MY LAI (4) INVESTIGATORS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TGT: 1H1289 AF

FLOWN: 2 JAN 70

FLYING UNIT: 245TH SURVEILLANCE COMPANY (MOHAWK).

SUPPORT PROVIDED: 1 MOSAIC, 3 SETS OF PRINTS, 9X9, VERTICAL.

AREA COVERED: MAP SERIES L7014, SHEET 6739II, MAP SCALE 1:50,000  
 COORDINATES BS7180, 7280, 7278, AND 7178.

B. TGT: 1H1353 AF

FLOWN: 9 JAN 70

FLYING UNIT: SAME AS ABOVE

SUPPORT PROVIDED: ONE SET OF PRINTS, 9X9 VERTICAL.

AREA COVERED: MAP SERIES L7014, SHEET 6739II, MAP SCALE 1:50,000  
 COORDINATES BS7282, 7575, 7582, AND 7275.

13. AMERICAL DIV ASSIGNED HELICOPTERS TO THE VISITORS FOR THEIR  
 TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD 30 DEC 69 - 10 JAN 70 AS FOLLOWS:

30 DEC 69

2UH-1H

31 DEC 69 - 3 JAN 70 3 UH-1H EACH DAY

4 JAN 70 - 5 JAN 70 4 UH-1H EACH DAY

6 JAN 70 - 10 JAN 70 2 UH-1H EACH DAY

14. ON 10 JAN 70, I COORDINATED WITH THE G3, III MAF; CG, 2ND ARVN DIV,  
 AND PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE FOR CONCURRENCE IN WITH-  
 DRAWAL OF FORCES FROM THE IMMEDIATE SECURITY ROLE AT MY LAI (4).  
 CONCURRENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THE AMERICAL HAS REMOVED THE SE-  
 CURITY TASK FORCE FROM MY LAI (4) SO THESE UNITS CAN BE UTILIZED TO PURSUE  
 THE DIVISION'S OFFENSIVE MISSION. H TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY DEPARTED MY LAI  
 (4) AT 1030 HOURS ON 10 JAN 70. THE PERSONNEL FROM B COMPANY, 26TH  
 ENGINEER BN, WERE REMOVED FROM MY LAI (4) AT 1000 HOURS ON 11 JAN 70.  
 THE TASK FORCE HEADQUARTERS, THE PATHFINDERS, AND RECON PLATOON,  
 5TH BN, 46TH INF DEPARTED MY LAI (4) AT ABOUT NOON ON 11 JAN 70.  
 COMPANY C, 5TH BN, 46TH INF LEFT MY LAI (4) AT 1600 HOURS ON 12 JAN 70.  
 ALL SANDBAGS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ALL DUG-IN POSITIONS HAVE BEEN  
 FILLED IN. THE AREA WAS PROPERLY POLICED AND INSPECTED BY BRIGADE  
 HEADQUARTERS.

I AM VERY PROUD OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THIS DIVISION WHO WERE IN-  
 VOLVED IN THIS TASK AND I CONSIDER THAT THEY PERFORMED IN THE  
 USUAL OUTSTANDING MANNER OF AMERICAL STANDARDS. GEN PEERS HAS WRITTEN  
 FIVE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION.  
 WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS. I CONSIDER  
 WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE IN NOT HAVING MORE INCIDENTS AND VERY THANKFUL  
 THAT NO VISITOR BECAME A CASUALTY. I HOPE THIS WILL BE THE END OF VISITORS  
 TO MY LAI (4).

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO RADM ADAMSON AND RADM DILLON  
 FROM ZUMWALT

ACTOV AND ICTZ TURNOVER BRIEFING (U)

A. CG III MAF 120710Z JAN 70

1. (C) UNABLE CONDUCT BRIEFING 15 JAN AS SUGGESTED REF A DUE  
 HEAVY VISITOR SCHEDULE. SUGGEST EARLY AFTERNOON  
 18 JANUARY.

2. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR LGEN NICKERSON FROM ADAMSON

BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL VISIT

1. THERE WERE NO MAJOR QUESTIONS POSED BY THE BDRP DURING THEIR VISIT.  
2. SEVERAL MEMBERS SHOWED INTEREST IN THE MEDICAL SUPPORT RENDERED  
VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS THROUGH IN-PATIENT AND OUT-PATIENT CARE BY THE  
NSA STATION HOSPITAL.

3. BEST REGARDS

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 SUBJECT: JANUARY COMMANDERS' WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE JANUARY COMMANDERS' WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY  
 4 JANUARY 1970, COMMENCING 0900 HOURS. ALL ADDRESSEES ARE  
 INVITED.

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.

4. (C) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS,  
 4 JANUARY 1969.

5. (C) DECLASSIFY EFFECTIVE 25 JANUARY 1969.

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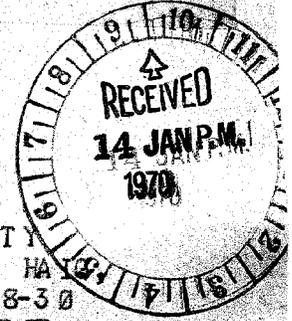
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1. (S) THREE MEMBERS OF H. A. KISSINGER'S NATIONAL SECURITY  
CO NCIL STAFF: DR. LAURENCE E. LYNN, JR., BG ALEXANDER M. HALL  
USA, AND CAPTAIN ROBERT L. SANSOM, USAF, WILL VISIT RVN 18-30  
JANUARY 1970. THE PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT IS TO OBSERVE FIRST  
HAND THE ALLIED MILITARY OPERATION, PACIFICATION AND ENEMY CAP-  
ABILITIES.
2. (D) REQUEST EACH ADDRESSEE GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE TO ENSURE  
THE SUCCESSFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PARTY'S MISSION.
3. (D) DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND PROPOSED ITINERARY WILL FOLLOW  
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BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL VISIT

A. CG III MAF 100824Z JAN 70 (C)

B. CG III MAF 100437Z JAN 70 (C-EYES ONLY)

1. (C) IAW REFS A AND B, FOL INFO FURNISHED:

A. MESSRS JACKSON, POWELL AND HOWARD OF THE BLUE RIBBON  
DEFENSE PANEL VISITED THIS CMD FROM 1545 TO 1700 ON 13 JAN 70.THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS INCLUDING  
OPERATIONS, INTELLIGENCE, SENSORS, EFFICIENCY OF THE RVNAF  
AND MOTIVATION OF PEOPLE. DUE TO THEIR LATE ARRIVAL AND  
INTEREST IN INITIAL ORIENTATION, VISIT TO 1ST MAR WAS CANCELLED.  
THE PANEL APPEARED TO BE INTENSLY INTERESTED IN WHAT THEY OBSERVED  
AND PLEASD WITH THEIR VISIT.B. THE FOLLOWING IS A RESUME OF MAJOR QUESTIONS POSED BY THE  
PANEL AND RESPONSES THERETO:

Q. WHAT ABOUT SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS? ARE THEY STILL BEING

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CONDUCTED?A. MILITARY OPERATIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN SUPPORT OF PACIFI-  
CATION. THE THREE CATEGORIES OF OPERATIONS WERE ELABORATED ON AND  
IT WAS INDICATED THAT NO OPERATIONS EXCEPT RECONNAISSANCE OPS  
HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN MAJOR ENEMY BASE AREAS SINCE MAY 1969.

Q. ARE THE VIETNAMESE ABLE TO TAKE OVER FOR THE MARINES?

A. THEIR LEADERS ARE GOOD, THE ARVN HAVE DEFEATED THE NVA  
OFTEN, AND THEY ARE ABLE TO TAKE OVER. THIS QUESTION WAS  
POSED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ARVN'S SUBSTITUTING FOR MARINES  
REDEPLOYING.

Q. HOW MUCH USE IS MADE OF INTELLIGENCE?

A. MORE USE HAS BEEN MADE OF INTELLIGENCE IN THIS WAR THAN IN  
ANY OTHER. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS HAVE RESULTED IN OPERATIONAL  
SUCCESS ON MANY OCCASIONS. RECENT EXAMPLES WERE PROVIDED.

Q. WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF INTELLIGENCE?

A. THE PEOPLE GIVE US MUCH OF IT AS TO WHERE THE ENEMY IS AND  
INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM RECON UNITS, SERVICE INTEL AGENCIES,  
AGENTS, SENSORS AND VARIOUS GVN SOURCES.

Q. HOW DO YOU ELIMINATE THE VCI IN THE PROVINCE?

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 A. PRIMARILY BY THE USE OF CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATIONS USING  
 MARINES AS THE CORDON AND HAVING GVN FORCES DO SEARCHING  
 AND INTERROGATING. THE TECHNIQUE OF CORDON AND SEARCH OPS  
 WAS ELABORATED ON.

Q. IS THERE ANY USE MADE OF SNSOR DEVICES?

A. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT SENSORS IN USE. SENSORS  
 ARE APPLIED IN THE DAMANG BARRIER TO DETECT ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
 OTHER APPLICATIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

Q. WHAT IS THE AVERAGE AGE OF PAIKOL MEMBERS IN RECON?

A. THEY ARE APPROXIMATELY 19 AND ARE DOING A FINE JOB.

Q. HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN OUT HERE? (ASKED OF A LIEUTENANT)

A. SIXTEEN MONTHS ON MY SECOND TOUR.

Q. WHY HAVE YOU STAYED HERE SO LONG?

A. I FEEL THAT I'M DOING SOMETHING FOR MY COUNTRY BY CONTAINING  
 THE COMMUNISTS HERE IN VIETNAM.

VERY RESPECTFULLY, MAJOR GENERAL WHEELER.

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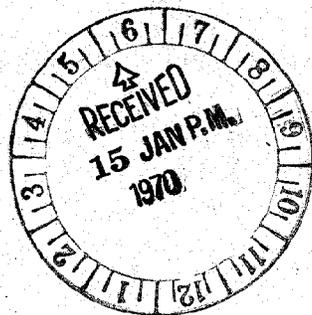
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E. WHAT KIND OF SCHOOLS ARE THERE FOR THE CHILDREN? ANS. THERE ARE GRADE SCHOOLS WHICH CAN AND DO HANDLE ALL THE SMALL CHILDREN BUT THEY ONLY GO FOR ABOUT A HALF DAY BECAUSE MANY WORK IN THE FIELDS IN THE MORNING. THERE IS ONE HIGH SCHOOL BUT THEY NEED ANOTHER AND WE ARE TRYING TO BUILD IT. WE HAVE SOME MATERIALS AND WHENEVER MATERIALS COME IN, THE VILLAGERS DONATE THEIR TIME TO HELP BUILD IT. ALSO THE SCHOOL KIDS HELP.

F. WHO MAKE UP THE PSDF? ANS. THE WOMEN AND CHILDREN LEFT IN THE VILLAGE PLUS A FEW OLD MEN LIKE A 30 YEAR OLD MAN (EVERYONE LAUGHED AT THAT) WHO NO LONGER HAS A MILITARY OBLIGATION IN THE ARVN OR A FEW FARMERS LEFT IN THE VILLAGES TO PLANT AND HARVEST CROPS.

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 TO BG DULACHI C/S III MAF  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 0127 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS BY MEMBERS OF THE DOD BLUE RIBBON  
 PANEL IN XXIV CORPS AO

1. AT THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION HQ., MR JACKSON ASKED THE VIEWS OF  
 THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION ON REDEPLOYMENT OF U. S. FORCES AND WHETHER  
 OR NOT THE 1ST ARVN COULD STAND ALONE WHEN U. S. FORCES ARE GONE.  
 GENERAL TROUNG ANSWERED THAT HE THOUGHT THE REDEPLOYMENT WAS  
 A GOOD THING AND THAT AS IT HAS PROGRESSED, THE ARVN HAVE BEEN  
 ABLE TO CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE AREA. THE RF AND PF WILL DO MORE  
 AND MORE IN PROTECTING THE PEOPLE AND THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION  
 WILL DO MORE AND MORE OF PROVIDING THE SHIELD TO THE NORTH AND  
 WEST. AS LONG AS THE PROCESS IS ORDERLY AND NOT TOO FAST HE SAID  
 THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

2. MR LEWIS COMMENTED THAT OF ALL THE BRIEFINGS THE GROUP HAD  
 RECEIVED, THIS HAD BEEN THE CLEARST, MOST INFORMATIVE, AND THAT  
 IT WAS VERY PROFESSIONAL AND THE GROUP APPRECIATED IT VERY MUCH.

3. AT PHONG DIEN DISTRICT THE GROUP WAS GREETED BY MAJ GEN WRIGHT  
 AND BRIEFED BY CO, 3/187, LTC SHANDLER. FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING THE  
 PANEL MEMBERS ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS OF A 2LT AND ENLISTED MEMBERS  
 OF THE 3/187 WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE VILLAGES OF THE DISTRICT.  
 THESE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WERE:

A. WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE VILLAGERS TOWARD THE U. S.  
 TROOPS? ANS. AT FIRST THEY WERE UNSURE OF US, BUT WHEN WE ACTED  
 NATURALLY WE BECAME GOOD FRIENDS. THE VILLAGERS ARE FRIENDLY,  
 GENEROUS AND HELPFUL.

B. HOW SERIOUS ARE THE PSDF IN DOING THEIR SECURITY JOB?  
 ANS. THEY STAY RIGHT THERE AND AMBUSH WITH US. ONE BOY, 15 WHO  
 GOES OUT EVERY NIGHT LOST HIS FATHER WHO WAS KILLED BY VC AND  
 HE'LL STAY OUT ON AN AMBUSH ALL NIGHT HOPING TO KILL A VC. WE  
 GIVE THEM CLAYMORES AND GRENADES AND THEN HAVE THEM GIVE THEM  
 BACK THE NEXT MORNING.

C. HOW LONG HAVE EACH OF THE ENLISTED MEN THERE BEEN LIVING  
 IN THE VILLAGES? ANS. FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) WEEKS.

D. HOW GOOD ARE THE WEAPONS THEY HAVE AND CAN THEY MAINTAIN  
 THEM? ANS. THEY HAVE M1 RIFLES, CARBINES AND THOMPSON SUBMACHINE  
 GUNS. THEY HAVE LEARNED TO TAKE CARE OF THEM AND KEEP THEM VERY  
 CLEAN, BUT THEY NEED M-16'S TO DO AN EVEN BETTER JOB. SOME ONLY  
 HAVE TWO (2) ROUNDS FOR THEIR M-1'S.

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 FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHB RVN  
 TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF DNG RVN  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INCREASED FIRE SUPPORT (S)

1. (S) BASED ON DEVELOPMENTS SINCE DECEMBER 1969, I HAVE BECOME INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE THREAT WHICH IS BUILDING UP IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE XXIV CORPS AO AS THE ENEMY EXERTS MAXIMUM EFFORT TO IMPROVE HIS TACTICAL AND LOGISTICAL POSTURE IN PREPARATION FOR THE WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN. AGENT REPORTS AND VISUAL AND GROUND RECONNAISSANCE PROVIDE CLEAR INDICATIONS OF CONTINUING MOVEMENT OF ENEMY PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM EASTERN BASE AREA 611 ACROSS THE A SHAU VALLEY TOWARD BASE AREAS IN CENTRAL THUA THIEN, AND FROM THE VIETNAMESE AND LAOTIAN SALIENTS THROUGH THE DA KRONG VALLEY TOWARD BASE AREAS IN CENTRAL QUANG TRI. WITHIN BASE AREA 611, ROUTES 922 AND 9224 HAVE BEEN MADE USEABLE AND ARE CARRYING A HIGH VOLUME OF VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO THE BORDER. ROUTE 616 IN THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT IS ALSO CAPABLE OF CARRYING HEAVY TRAFFIC AND HAS BEEN IN USE FOR ALMOST A MONTH. ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH, 5TH, AND 6TH REGIMENTS AND THE 7TH FRONT ARE RETURNING TO THEIR FORWARD AREAS OF OPERATION; ELEMENTS OF THE 29TH REGIMENT, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE BATTALION, ARE NOW EAST OF THE A SHAU/A LUOI VALLEY.

2. (S) THE SITUATION PORTRAYED IS ONE WHICH SEES DAILY IMPROVEMENT IN THE ENEMY'S OFFENSIVE POSTURE DESPITE OUR APPLICATION OF AVAILABLE TACTICAL AIR AND ARC LIGHT STRIKES. IF HIS ABILITY TO MOUNT HIS PLANNED OFFENSIVE IS TO BE BLUNTED, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT HE BE STRUCK NOW WHILE HE IS IN THE RELATIVELY OPEN WESTERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO. HERE HE IS MORE VULNERABLE TO ALL THE FIREPOWER MEANS AVAILABLE TO THE CORPS AND IS IN AN AREA WHICH ALLOWS EXTENSIVE USE OF THAT FIRE POWER WITH FEW RESTRICTIONS. OTHERWISE, HE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVELOP FULLY THE CENTRAL BASE AREAS WHERE HE HAS THE PROTECTION OF THE CANOPY AND CAN CONSOLIDATE HIS FORCES AND SUPPLIES. ONCE HE IS IN THESE AREAS, THERE IS NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT HIM WITH TROOPS IN CONTACT AT POINTS MORE OF HIS CHOOSING AND IN THE POPULATED AREAS OF THE PIEDMONT AND THE LOWLANDS. CONSIDERING THE PLANNED CONTINUED DRAWDOWN OF FORCES, THE STABILITY WHICH HAS NOW BEEN ATTAINED IN THE POPULATED AREAS, AND THE OVERALL POLITICAL CLIMATE WHICH PREVAILS AT THIS TIME, I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD EMPLOY ALL AVAILABLE LONG RANGE FIRES TO PREVENT, OR AT LEAST DELAY JOINING BATTLE IN THE PIEDMONT. THE OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO TAKE SUCH A HEAVY TOLL OF LIVES, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES THAT THE ENEMY FORCES COULD NEVER ATTAIN A READINESS POSTURE SUFFICIENT TO STAGE AN EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGN.

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2. (S) ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE DIRECTED AN INTENSIVE EFFORT TO CONCENTRATE THE FIREPOWER AVAILABLE TO THE CORPS ON TARGETS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE AO FROM THE DMZ TO THE SOUTHERN BORDER OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE. ALREADY WE HAVE STEPPED UP EMPLOYMENT OF ARTILLERY RAIDS, A PROVEN TECHNIQUE, USING THE HEAVY ARTILLERY OF CORPS ARTILLERY AND THE AIRMOBILE ARTILLERY OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE). BY MOVING OUT OF PRESENTLY OCCUPIED FIREBASES, THE BATTERIES ARE ABLE TO TAKE UNDER FIRE ENEMY AREAS WHICH HAVE HERETOFORE ENJOYED SANCTUARY FROM THE ARTILLERY RANGE FANS. THREE RAIDS ARE CURRENTLY UNDERWAY OR PLANNED WITH 175MM GUNS AT FSB ELLIOTT AND FSB ANNE AND AIRMOBILE 105MM AND 155MM HOWITZERS TO GO INTO FSB SHEPHERD.

FROM THESE AND OTHER POSITIONS, TARGETS ARE BEING ENGAGED OUT TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER, IN THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT, IN THE VICINITY OF KHESANH, EAST OF THE LAOTIAN SALIENT, AND THROUGHOUT THE A SHAU TO INCLUDE THE WAREHOUSE 54 AREA NEAR FSB AIRBORNE. IF CONDITIONS PERMIT, THE 175MM GUNS AT FSB ELLIOTT WILL BE MOVED TO CA LU TO PERMIT DEEPER PENETRATIONS INTO THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT. THIS ACTION WOULD LEAVE VIRTUALLY NO PORTION OF THE CORPS AO IMMUNE FROM LONG RANGE, HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE. MORE RAIDS WILL FOLLOW. AERIAL ROCKET ARTILLERY (ARA) IS BEING EMPLOYED ON THOSE TARGETS WHICH ARE IN DEFILADE FROM THE LONG RANGE GUNS.

4. (S) AT THE SAME TIME WE ARE INCREASING SIGNIFICANTLY OUR REQUESTS FOR TACTICAL AIR SORTIES AND HAVE ASSIGNED PRIORITY OF EFFORT TO THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) IN WHOSE AREA LIE MOST OF THE TARGETS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN.

5. (S) THE SAME AREAS ARE ALSO THE POINT OF FOCUS FOR ARC LIGHT NOMINATIONS. AGAIN, PRIORITY IS BEING PLACED ON TARGETS IN THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT, NORTH AND EAST OF BASE AREA 611, AND THE UPPER A SHAU. BDA ON RECENT TARGETS HAS PROVEN THE WORTH OF STRIKES IN THESE AREAS AND UNCOVERED ADDITIONAL TARGETS LEADING TO FURTHER STRIKE REQUESTS. WE HAVE ALSO SUBMITTED REQUESTS FOR MULTIPLE STRIKES IN EASTERN BASE AREA 611 ON THOSE TARGETS WHICH HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON OPERATIONS WITHIN THE CORPS AREA OF OPERATIONS.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE RECENTLY INCREASED TACTICAL AIR AND ARC LIGHT SUPPORT WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM III MAF; HOWEVER THE CURRENT SITUATION REQUIRES EVEN MORE FIRE SUPPORT.

6. (S) I REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN MOUNTING THIS OFFENSIVE BY FIRE. SPECIFICALLY, I REQUEST:

A. ALLOCATION TO XXIV CORPS OF A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF PREPLANNED I CORPS TACTICAL AIR SORTIES.

B. MAXIMUM ADD-ON SORTIES FROM 1ST MARINE AIR WING ASSETS.

C. ADDITIONAL ARC LIGHT STRIKES, TO INCLUDE STRIKES IN THE LAOTIAN SALIENT.

D. SUPPORT FOR THE SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES WHICH WILL BE REQUIRED.

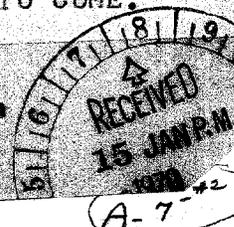
7. (S) I AM CONVINCED THAT ANY EXTRA EFFORT AND AMMUNITION EXPENDED NOW IN THE OPERATIONS I HAVE DESCRIBED WILL PAY MULTIPLE DIVIDENDS IN LIVES AND THE TOTAL EFFORT HERE IN THE MONTHS TO COME. NOTE FOR SIO: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY.

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A. THERE MUST BE FACTUAL INFORMATION WHEN THE U.S. IS ACCUSED BY ANTAGONISTIC NATIONS OF COMMITTING ACTS INTERPRETED AS HOSTILE TOWARD THOSE NATIONS.

B. THE LATEST INFORMATION HAS TO BE AVAILABLE TO HIGHEST U.S. AUTHORITIES SO THAT CURRENT NEWS CAN BE DISCUSSED INTELLIGENTLY WITH THE PRESS.

2. ALL ARE TO BE ALERT TO COMMUNIST EFFORTS TO INVENT/INITIATE HOSTILE ACTIONS OR INCIDENTS WHICH ARE DETRIMENTAL TO THE U.S. THESE INCIDENTS MAY OCCUR AT ANY TIME IN A PLACE AND MANNER CHOSEN BY THE ENEMY. ALL ASPECTS OF U.S. OPERATIONS AND PLANS ARE TO CAREFULLY EXAMINED IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY ANY GAPS OR WEAKNESSES THE ENEMY CAN EXPLOIT.

LIKewise, USE IS TO BE MADE OF ALL POSSIBLE SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MANNER AND MAKE THIS INFORMATION KNOWN.

3. CINCPAC HAS ASSURED THE CHAIRMAN, JCS, THAT CINCPAC WILL HAVE KNOWLEDGE IN FIVE MINUTES OF ANY ACTION IN PACOM THAT WILL BE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE. THIS CALLS FOR A FAST REACTION CAPABILITY.

4. THE FOREGOING IS DEPENDENT UPON ADDRESSEES, THEIR STAFFS, AND PARTICULARLY THE ALERTNESS OF THE RESPECTIVE COMMAND CENTERS AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND TO AID CINCPAC AND COMUSMACV, IN MAKING THIS FIVE MINUTE REPORTING TIME A REALITY.

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1. (C) IN RECENT MONTHS OUR INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITIES HAVE

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2. (S) IN THE FUTURE WHERE MARINES ARE TRANSFERRED, WHO, THROUGH NORMAL MILITARY INVESTIGATIVE CHANNELS, HAVE BEEN FOUND TO SHOW TENDENCIES TOWARD DISSIDENT ACTIVITIES, MESSAGES SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE RECEIVING COMMANDER CITING, QUOTE: NISO... ETC INDICATES THAT .... UNQUOTE, PROVIDING DETAILS CONCERNING PAST ACTION WHICH REQUIRE FUTURE OBSERVATION OR CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT OF THIS MARINE TO A BILLET WHERE HIS ACTIONS WOULD MAKE SUCH ASSIGNMENT UNDESIRABLE. SPECAT/MCEO MEANS SHOULD BE USED FOR SUCH REPORTS.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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 SUBJECT: GUERRILLA STRENGTH (U)

1. (C) FIELD REPORTED GUERRILLA STRENGTH INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS HEADQUARTERS ON 4 JANUARY 1970 INDICATED THE III MAF FIGURES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER WERE AS FOLLOWS:

END OCTOBER: 12,193

END NOVEMBER: 12,473

2. (C) A SUBSEQUENT WORKING LEVEL EXCHANGE BETWEEN MACV AND III MAF ANALYSTS ON 13 JANUARY 1970 INDICATED A RE-EVALUATION OF THESE FIGURES BY III MAF. THESE FIGURES ARE:

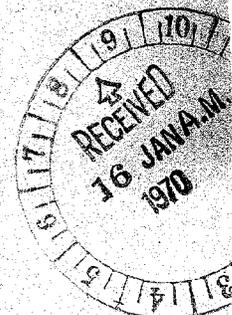
END OCTOBER: 12,355

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3. (U) SINCE THE QUESTION OF GUERRILLA STRENGTH IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME IN OUR ASSESSMENTS AND THEREFORE PERSONALLY MONITORED BY COMUSMACV, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FIGURES QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 2, PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THIS INFORMATION TO COMUSMACV AND CINCPAC FOR OFFICIAL RECORDS.  
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S E C R E T MAC 752 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: SECURITY FOR USAAG AND CORDS COMPOUNDS IN I CTZ (C)  
 REFERENCE: III MAF 110245Z JAN 1970 (S)

1. (S) REFERENCE STATED THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF USMC ELEMENTS IS TO REQUIRE TRANSFER OF NON-COMBAT FUNCTIONS TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND REQUESTED THAT US ARMY ASSUME USAAG AND CORDS SECURITY FUNCTIONS BY 1 MAR 70.

2. (S) REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSFER TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS OF ESSENTIAL NONCOMBAT FUNCTIONS NOW BEING PERFORMED BY USMC PERSONNEL IS RECOGNIZED.

3. (S) PROVISION OF SECURITY FOR USAAG AND CORDS COMPOUNDS:

- A. THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE TO PLAN FOR MAXIMUM USE OF ANY ORGANIC CAPABILITIES AND SOLICIT ASSISTANCE FROM RVNAF. CONSIDERATION IS TO BE GIVEN TO REQUESTING AUGMENTATION BY LOCAL NATIONAL, THIRD COUNTRY NATIONAL, OR COMBINATIONS THEREOF.
- B. REQUESTS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED FOR CHANGES TO CURRENT CORDS AND FAE JDS FOR ESSENTIAL ADDITIONAL SECURITY POSITIONS.
- C. AS NECESSARY, AND PENDING RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZED SPACES AND PERSONNEL, SUBORDINATE COMMANDS MAY BE USED TO ASSIST IN THIS SECURITY FUNCTION.

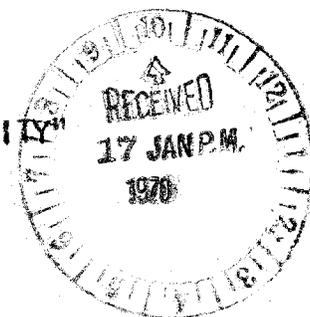
4. (S) MAXIMUM USE IS TO BE MADE OF TRANSFER OF OTHER NON-COMBAT FUNCTIONS BY REASSIGNMENT OF MISSIONS WITHIN SUBORDINATE COMMANDS OR BY DIRECT COORDINATION WITH OTHER COMPONENT COMMANDERS AS APPLICABLE.

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FM MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIVISION

TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

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YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM THE QUANG NGAI DAILY

INTSUM DTG 140825Z JAN 70:

"PARA 12(C) A RALLIER, HUYNH MINH LONG, FROM THE VC PROVINCE STATED THE VC IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE RATED THE US ARMY AND ARVN ABOUT EQUAL AT THIS TIME. SIX MONTHS AGO, THE VC HAD LITTLE FEAR OF THE ARVN. SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THE 2D ARVN DIVISION HAS IMPROVED ITS MORALE, COMMUNICATIONS, WEAPONS, AND THE QUALITY OF ITS COMMANDERS. THE VC ESTIMATE THAT THE 2D ARVN DIVISION HAS BEEN MOST EFFECTIVE IN SON TINH, TU NGHIA, AND MO DUC DISTRICTS. THE MOST RESPECTED UNIT IS THE 4TH REGT OF THE 2D ARVN DIVISION."

I BELIEVE THIS IS ONE TIME THAT YOU CAN ACCEPT THE WORD OF A RALLIER. IF SO, IT IS A GREAT COMPLIMENT TO A GREAT DIVISION AND A REAL STEP FORWARD IN VIETNAMIZATION. THE AMERICAL IS VERY PROUD OF THE 2D ARVN DIVISION AND WE TAKE PRIDE IN ASSISTING THEM SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE.

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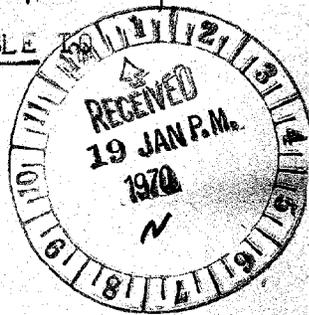
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REF: MESSAGE FROM CG III MAF, DTG 140200Z JAN, SUBJECT AS ABOVE

1. (C) PAYMENT OF AWARDS FOR APPREHENSION OF VCI WAS THE SUBJECT OF CONSIDERABLE STUDY BY THE MACV STAFF. THE BASIS FOR THIS STUDY WAS MACV DIR 381-2, SUBJ: VOLUNTEER INFORMANT PROGRAM (VIP) AND MACV DIR 37-2, SUBJ: ADVISOR PACIFICATION FUNDS (AIK FUNDS). THE POLICY GUIDANCE THAT RESULTED FROM THIS STUDY IS CONTAINED IN MACCORDS-PHX (C) LTR, SUBJ: VCI AWARDS PROGRAM, DTD 2 DEC 69, SENT TO EACH US G TZ SENIOR ADVISOR.

2. (C) THE SAIGON-GIA DINH CITIZENS' INCENTIVE REWARD PROGRAM WAS AN OSA FUNDED PROGRAM WHICH HAS BEEN TERMINATED BY THAT AGENCY. DUE CURRENT SENSITIVITY IN U.S. OF PHOENIX RESULTING FROM SLANTED PRESS COVERAGE, BELIEVE ANY APPROACH WHICH COULD BE TERMED AN INDISCRIMINATE "BOUNTY" PROGRAM SHOULD BE AVOIDED.

3. (C) ADDITIONAL VIP OR AIK FUNDS NOT REPEAT NOT AVAILABLE SUPPORT PROPOSED PROGRAM. VCI AWARDS PROGRAM INITIATED FOR TET PERIOD SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, AND FUNDED FROM FUNDS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE III MAF. GP-4

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 COASTAL GROUPS 11 AND 16 (U)

1. (C) DURING MY VISIT 18 JAN TO I CTZ IT WAS BROUGHT TO OUR ATTENTION THAT COASTAL GROUPS 11 AND 16 WERE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ARVN ASSISTANCE TO NEUTRALIZE OLD MINE FIELDS IN THEIR LOCATIONS AND YOU OFFERED TO HELP IF NECESSARY.
2. (C) CDR KUCERA, THE FIRST COASTAL ZONE ADVISOR, HAS ADVISED ME THAT THE ARVN ENGINEERS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED BY GEN LAM TO CLEAR CG 16 AND THAT VERBAL ASSURANCE FOR THESE ENGINEERS TO CLEAR CG 11 HAS BEEN GIVEN, HOWEVER, NO DATES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. THESE MINE FIELDS ARE DELAYING CONSTRUCTION

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 WORK ESSENTIAL TO CONSOLIDATION OF FACILITIES AT  
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 3. (C) WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MENTIONING THIS MATTER  
 TO GEN LAM, IN APPROPRIATE MANNER KNOWN BEST TO  
 YOU, WITH A VIEW TO EXPEDITING ARVN ASSISTANCE TO  
 CG 11 AND 16.  
 4. (U) MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. WARM  
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1. (S) ON 9 JAN 70, GEN TRUONG SENT A REQUEST TO GEN LAM FOR VARIOUS CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TO SUPPORT 1ST ARVN DIVISION EXPANSION OF FSB BARBARA (HILL 300, YD 328835). THIS NECESSARY CONSTRUCTION BY ARVN IS THE RESULT OF THE GREATER ROLE PROPOSED FOR BARBARA IN COMBATING INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO, PARTICULARLY IN THE VICINITY OF FSB S'ERSKINE AND TURNAGE. I HAVE DIRECTED DEVELOPMENT OF A CAPABILITY FOR THE STATIONING OF US HEAVY ARTILLERY TO PROVIDE COVERAGE NOT PRESENTLY POSSIBLE FROM EXISTING FSB'S, PARTICULARLY EAST OF THE LAOTIAN SALIENT AND IN THE UPPER ASHAU VALLEY. I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THIS DEVELOPMENT.

2. (S) THE UPGRADING OF FSB BARBARA WILL BE A JOINT US/ARVN EFFORT, WITH BOTH ARVN ARTILLERY AND HEAVY US ARTILLERY POSITIONED THERE. US ENGINEER UNITS HAVE UNDERTAKEN CONSTRUCTION OF A PIONEER ROAD TO THE BASE AND HAVE STARTED CONSTRUCTION OF ESSENTIAL FACILITIES FOR US ARTILLERY UNITS. THE SECURITY OF THE COMPLETED BASE WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE ARVN.

3. (S) IN NOVEMBER, I REQUESTED YOUR SUPPORT IN YOUR DISCUSSION WITH GEN LAM IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF FSB T-BONE, WHICH PROVED TO BE MOST EFFECTIVE IN THE PROVISION OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS THROUGH ARVN CHANNELS. I WOULD AGAIN GREATLY APPRECIATE SIMILAR ASSISTANCE WITH GEN LAM CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARVN PORTION OF FSB BARBARA.

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C O N F I D E D D T I A L

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FOR LYGEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
 VISIT OF VIETNAMESE BOY SCOUTS TO A SEVENTH FLEET SHIP ON 22 FEB 1970  
 A. YOUR 171226Z JAN 70

1. A VISIT BY THE VIETNAMESE BOY SCOUTS TO A SEVENTHFLT SHIP OF THE LINE  
 IN DANANG HARBOR AS PROPOSED REF A WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. DUE TO THE  
 UNCERTAINTY OF SHIP SCHEDULES, HOWEVER, AM UNABLE TO DESIGNATE A PART-  
 ICULAR SHIP THIS FAR IN ADVANCE, BUT WILL INSURE THAT THERE IS A SHIP  
 AVAILABLE ON 22 FEB FOR THE EMBARK. REGRET RUPERTUS WILL BE ON TASK  
 FORCE SEVENTH-TNE OPS IN THE SEA OF JAPAN ON 22 FEB AND I WILL BE  
 ABOARD OKLAHOMA CITY IN YOKOSUKA.

2. I WILL PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR A 22 FEB EMBARK ABOARD A DESTROYER.  
 AND WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. WARM REGARDS.

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 FM BG SMITH ACOFS J1 MACV SAIGON  
 TO LTC NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
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UNCLAS E F T O MAC BSI EYES ONLY

1. ON 18 JANUARY COMUSMACV RECEIVED A BRIEFING, SUBJECT: RACIAL TENSIONS IN THE ARMY, BY LTC JAMES S. WHITE, DCSPER, DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D.C. GENERAL ABRAMS ASKED ME TO PASS ALONG HIS REACTION, I.E., THAT HE CONSIDERS THE MESSAGE AND CONTENT OF THE BRIEFING TO BE EXTREMELY WORTHWHILE FOR EVERYONE IN THE MACV CHAIN OF COMMAND.
2. COMUSMACV ASKED ME TO CHECK OUT WITH BG JASKILKA, WHO WAS PRESENT, WHETHER IN HIS JUDGEMENT, THIS BRIEFING WOULD BE HELPFUL TO III MAF. THE REPLY WAS A DEFINITE AFFIRMATIVE, AND BG JASKILKA ADDED THAT LTC WHITE WOULD PROBABLY BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH MARINE COMMANDERS.
3. ACCORDINGLY, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR LTC WHITE TO BE AVAILABLE TO YOUR COMMAND FROM 1600 TO 1800 ON WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY. HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE A 52 MINUTE BRIEFING TO ANY SIZED AUDIENCE THAT YOU WOULD CONSIDER APPROPRIATE PLUS ANSWERING ANY QUESTIONS IN A SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION PERIOD. LTC WHITE CAN BE CONTACTED AT THE DANANG SUPPORT COMMAND STARTING AT 1200 HOURS, 21 JANUARY. HE WILL ARRIVE THERE FROM QUINNON SUPPORT COMMAND AT THAT TIME.
4. I HAVE PERSONALLY HEARD THE BRIEFING TWICE; FIRST IN HAWAII AND WITH COMUSMACV LAST SUNDAY. THE PRESENTATION IS EXTREMELY WELL DONE AND REFLECTS A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH AND PREPARATION.
5. WARM REGARDS.

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 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON  
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 INTO LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI  
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S E C R E T MAC 894 EQES ONLY

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN VIETNAM (U)

REF: MACV MSG 701/1611116Z JAN (TS) E.O.

1. (S) A PRE-BRIEF OF THE ASSESSMENT TO BE PRESENTED AT THE 24 JAN WIEU IS SCHEDULED AT 0915 HOURS 23 JAN IN MACJ3 CONFERENCE ROOM. ADDRESSEES ARE INVITED TO SEND NOT MORE THAN THREE REPRESENTATIVES.
2. (U) REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS QUESTIONS LISTED IN PARA 2 OF REK MSG.  
GP-4.

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 TO BG DULACKI CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF DA NANG  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 904 EYES ONLY

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO OBTAIN INFORMATION, IF ANY IS AVAILABLE, ON HELICOPTER PILOTS WHO MAY HAVE BEEN CONTEMPORARIES OF OR IN THE SAME UNIT AS CAPTAIN STEPHEN P. HANSON. AS YOU MAY HAVE BEEN BRIEFED BY COL FARNELL, CAPT HANSON HAS BEEN MISSING IN ACTION SINCE 3 JUNE 67. HE WAS STATIONED WITH MARINE GROUP 36 AT CHU LAI.
2. CAPTAIN HANSON'S WIFE, CAROL LYN, WILL BE VISITING COMUSMACV TOMORROW MORNING AT ABOUT 0800 HOURS. ACCORDINGLY, ANY INFORMATION WILL HAVE TO BE FORWARDED BY BACK CHANNEL SO AS TO REACH MACV HEADQUARTERS, MY ATTENTION, NOT LATER THAN 0730 HOURS, 22 JAN 70.
3. ANY INFORMATION MUST BE OBTAINED ON AN ETREMELY LOW KEY, CLOSE HOLD BASIS. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL ANNOQNCEMENTS OR GENERAL QUESTIONS; ANY INFORMATION MUST BE OBTAINED BY TRUSTED AGENTS. GENERAL ABRAMS WANTS NO, REPEAT NO PUBLICITY WITH REGARD TO CAPT HANSON OR HIS WIFE.
4. WILL APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN FURNISH - - AS WILL COMUSMACV.
5. WARM REGARDS.



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 COL JONES, INFO LTGEN VAN RYZIN, FROM LTGEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS

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THIS IS A KEYSTONE BLUEJAY MESSAGE  
 SECURITY OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

1. (S) THE SECURITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF HIGHLY DESIRABLE  
 AND PILFERABLE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT IS ESSENTIAL AT ALL TIMES  
 BUT WILL BE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL DURING THE FORTHCOMING RE-  
 DEPLOYMENTS. EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO PREVENT THESE ITEMS  
 FROM FALLING INTO THE HANDS OF UNDESIRABLE ELEMENTS OR IN-  
 DIVIDUALS IN OUR SOCIETY. IN ADDITION TO THE INHERENT DANGER  
 WHICH THESE ITEMS REPRESENT IS THE SUBSEQUENT EMBARRASSMENT  
 WHICH THE DISCLOSURE OF SUCH LOSSES CAN CREATE FOR THIS COMMAND  
 AND THE MARINE CORPS.

2. (S) ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS MUST BE TAKEN TO COVER THOSE  
 PERIODS WHEN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ARE IN MOVEMENT. IN ORDER  
 TO SAFEGUARD TRANSPORTATION AND DELIVERY OF THOSE ITEMS THE  
 FOLLOWING MINIMUM PRECAUTIONS WILL BE EMPLOYED: CLOSE SUPER-  
 VISION DURING PACKING AND CRATING BY RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL;  
 UNMARKED (INDICATION OF CONTENTS) CONTAINERS; PHYSICAL SECURITY  
 THROUGH LOCKED CONEX CONTAINERS, STOREROOMS, OR GUARDS; AND AN  
 UNBROKEN CHAIN OF RECEIPT AND DOCUMENTATION. ALSO, RESPONSIBLE

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PERSONNEL SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO BE ALERT FOR DAMAGED OR  
BROKEN CARGO CONTAINERS AND IMMEDIATELY REPORT SUSPECT CARGO  
TO THE EMBARKATION OR MOVEMENT UNIT COMMANDER.

3. (U) THE NECESSITY FOR THESE STRINGENT REQUIREMENTS IS  
UNFORTUNATE; HOWEVER, I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS MATTER WILL BE  
HANDLED IN A MOST PROFESSIONAL MANNER. WARM REGARDS.

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 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DNG  
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SECRET PHB 169 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: ENEMY CALIBER 50 ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE  
 A. CG, III MAF MSG 200747Z JAN 70

1. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE SUDDEN SURGE OF ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE INCIDENTS WE HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING.
  2. MY COMMANDERS ARE CONTINUING TO STRESS EMPLOYMENT OF ALL AVAILABLE MEANS IN IMMEDIATE AND DECISIVE REACTION TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS AND POSITIONS; FURTHERMORE, GREATER EFFORTS ARE BEING DIRECTED TOWARD DECREASING THE TIME LAPSE BETWEEN TIME OF INCIDENT AND TIME OF ENGAGEMENT. IN ADDITION, TIMELY REPORTING OF AA INCIDENTS AND ACTIONS TAKEN HAS RECEIVED ADDED EMPHASIS AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND.
  3. YOU CAN BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MY FULLEST COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH THIS ENEMY THREAT TO OUR AIR OPERATIONS.
- WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
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TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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UNCLAS E F T O //N07040// PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM  
LTGEN BUSE

PACFLT COMREL FUND

A. CG III MAF 130820Z JAN70

B. FMFPACBUL 7300 OF 15DEC69

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A. RECORDS THIS HQ INDICATE \$950 IN  
SUBJ FUNDS WERE AUTH YOUR COMD FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND  
QUARTERS OF FY-70. OF THIS AUTH \$422.84 HAS BEEN OBLIGATED  
BY YOUR COMD THRU 3JAN70. LEAVING A BALANCE OF \$527.16 WHICH  
IS AUTHORIZED FOR CARRY OVER AND USE IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

2. IN THE EVENT THIS AMOUNT IS INSUFFICIENT FOR YOUR THIRD  
QUARTER PROGRAM. REQ ADVISE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT REQUIRED.  
FOURTH QUARTER REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE REPORTED IAW INSTRUCTIONS  
CONTAINED IN REF B.

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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 1167 EYES ONLY

1. QUOTED BELOW ARE DSM CITATIONS WHICH MAY BE HELPFUL TO YOU:

A. LTJG CUSHMAN, USMC. "FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AS COMMANDING GENERAL, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, SENIOR ADVISOR, I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE AND I CORPS COORDINATOR FOR UNITED STATES/FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES, IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FROM 1 JANUARY 1968 TO 26 MARCH 1969. THROUGHOUT THE CITED PERIOD, GENERAL CUSHMAN PERFORMED HIS MYRIAD, DEMANDING DUTIES WITH SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM. DURING THIS PERIOD WHEN UNITED STATES AND FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES WERE RAPIDLY INCREASING IN SIZE AND COMPLEXITY, HIS UNERRING ABILITY TO MAKE SOUND AND TIMELY DECISIONS, AND COORDINATE THEIR EXECUTION ENABLED HIS COMMAND TO INTEGRATE AND EMPLOY UNITED STATES AND FREE WORLD MILITARY UNITS INTO A COHESIVE, FLEIB FORCE. DRAWING ON HIS EXTENSIVE FIELD EXPERIENCE AND BROAD TACTICAL AND STRATEGIC KNOWLEDGE, HE ANALYZED OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS AND PROVIDED SOUND DIRECTION TO HIS STAFF AND TO SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS THAT PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF SEVENTY-THREE MAJOR COMBAT OPERATIONS. DISPLAYING EXCEPTIONAL SKILL AND TACT, HE WAS UNIQUELY SUCCESSFUL IN DEALING EFFECTIVELY WITH REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND REPUBLIC OF KOREA COMMANDERS AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESSFUL, COORDINATED EFFORTS AMONG ALLIED FORCES IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. UNDER GENERAL CUSHMAN'S FIRM GUIDANCE, THE ORDERLY IMPLEMENTATION OF A SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE ALLOCATION, MISSION DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF ALL FIXED WING TACTICAL AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT MATERIALLY ENHANCED THE EFFICACIOUS UTILIZATION OF EXISTING ASSETS WITHIN HIS COMMAND. BY HIS DYNAMIC LEADERSHIP, EXCEPTIONAL MILITARY SKILL AND UNWAVERING DEVOTION TO DUTY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN'S PERFORMANCE WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND REFLECTS GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE MILITARY SERVICE."

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B. MG WETHERILL, USA. "FOR DISTINGUISHING HIMSELF BY OUTSTANDINGLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY DURING THE PERIOD OF JULY 1968 TO JANUARY 1970, WHILE SERVING AS ASSISTANT DEPUTY TO THE COMMANDER, UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT AND SUBSEQUENTLY AS COMMANDING GENERAL, DELTA MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND AND SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. AS ASSISTANT DEPUTY TO COMUSMACV FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT, GENERAL WETHERILL DEMONSTRATED OUTSTANDING PERCEPTION AND EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY IN DIRECTING THE ENDEAVORS OF AN ADVISORY STRUCTURE OF UNUSUAL BREADTH AND COMPLEXITY. GENERAL WETHERILL, BY HIS JUDICIOUS APPROACH AND CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE PACIFICATION EFFORT, SUPERVISED A CRITICAL PROGRAM FOR IMPROVING THE REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCES WHICH RESULTED IN INCREASED EMPHASIS BY THE VIETNAMESE COMMAND TO INVIGORATE AND STRENGTHEN THE TERRITORIAL SECURITY FORCES. AS COMMANDING GENERAL DMAC AND SENIOR ADVISOR TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL IV CTZ. REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, GENERAL WETHERILL EVIDENCED A SUPERB DISPLAY OF STRONG LEADERSHIP AND INITIATED NUMEROUS COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE GREATER STRATEGIC COOPERATION BETWEEN DIVISION TACTICAL AREAS AND PROVINCES WHICH ENABLED THESE AGENCIES TO PLAN FOR AND EXECUTE OPERATIONS IN AREAS NOT PREVIOUSLY EXPLOITED. DESPITE THE INFUSION OF NORTH VIETNAMESE MAIN FORCE TROOPS INTO THE DELTA, THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS AND AGGRESSIVENESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES DEMONSTRATED GREAT IMPROVEMENT DURING HIS TENURE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, GENERAL WETHERILL UNDERTOOK, TO IMPROVE BORDER SURVEILLANCE AND ANTI-INFILTRATION OPERATIONS, REVAMPED THE TECHNIQUES AND PROCEDURES EMPLOYED TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE, AND MARKEDLY AUGMENTED THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM WHILE SAGACIOUSLY AND EFFICIENTLY EXECUTING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITED STATES' FORCES. GENERAL WETHERILL'S OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS, EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE AND DEVOTION TO THE ADVISORY EFFORT IN TWO DEMANDING DUTY POSITIONS WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MILITARY SERVICE AND REFLECT GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY."

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 FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS  
 TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF  
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SECRET PHB 217 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: TET, 1970

A. YOUR 260810Z JAN 70 (S) (BOM).

B. YOUR 240658Z JAN 70 (S)

1. I CERTAINLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN REGARDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ENEMY'S PRE-TET EFFORTS. MEASURES SIMILAR TO THOSE OUTLINED IN YOUR MESSAGE HAVE BEEN INITIATED TO DETER THE ENEMY. IN ADDITION, GEN TRUONG AND I CONFER DAILY AND CONSIDERABLE JOINT PLANNING BETWEEN US AND ARVN FORCES CONTINUES DAILY TO INSURE FULL COORDINATION.

2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, WE HAVE STEPPED UP OUR HEAVY ARTILLERY AID TO INFLECT MAXIMUM DAMAGE ON THE ENEMY AS HE ATTEMPTS TO PUSH EAST AND WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, WE HAVE INTENSIFIED THE TA AIR AND ARC LIGHT PUNISHMENT OF THE ENEMY IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO. FURTHER, INTENSIFIED DEEP RECONNAISSANCE BY THE FINE FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, OUR OWN GROUND RECON ELEMENTS AND THE AIR CAV ARE MATERIALLY ASSISTING IN PROVIDING HARD INTELLIGENCE ON WHICH WE CAN RAPIDLY REACT.

3. REST ASSURED THAT XXIV CORPS, IN CONCERT WITH 1ST ARVN AND THE TERRITORIAL FORCES, WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE EVERY ACTION TO ENHANCE THE DEFENSE OF THE POPULATION.

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 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS FOR I MEB UNITS(U).

A. CMC 111235Z JUN 69 (C)  
 B. CMC 241325Z SEP 69 (S)

C. CG FMFPAC 130335Z JAN 70 (S)

1. (C) MARINE CORPS POSITION ON RIFLES (MCPR) PROVIDED BY REF (A) WAS DEVELOPED TO PRESERVE STONER WEAPONS OPTION.
2. (S) REF (B) IMPLEMENTED POST VIETNAM RIFLE POSTURE IN FMFPAC WITH EXCEPTION OF RETAINING M16 AS SINGLE RIFLE FOR RVN ORIENTED CONTINGENCY FORCES IN OKINAWA AND JAPAN.
3. (S) THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF REF (C) ARE DISAPPROVED. MAINTAIN FMFPAC POSTURE OUTLINED PAR 2 ABOVE. IF TACTICAL SITUATION REQUIRES DEPLOYMENT OF 1ST MARBRIG WITH SUBSTANTIAL I MEF FORCES, A BLOCK OF TWO THOUSAND RIFLES, CODE E, ARE HLD. MCC BARSTOW FOR EMERGENCY CONTINGENCY ISSUE TO 1ST MARBRIG UPON CMC APPROVAL OF CG FMFPAC REQUEST.
4. (C) THE TWO-RIFLE ADMIN AND LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS STATED IN REF (C) ARE NOTED BUT ARE NOT CONSIDERED OVERRIDING.

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