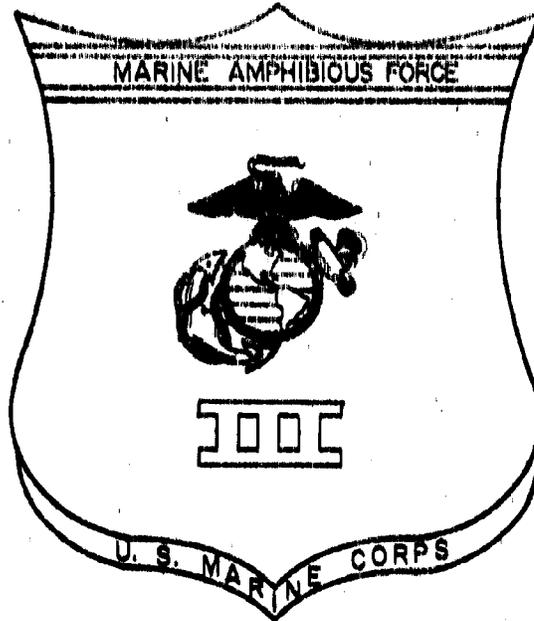


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**III**

# MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE



# COMMAND DIARY

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III Marine Amphibious Force  
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From: Commanding General  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force Pacific

Subj: III MAF Command Diary

Ref: (a) MCO 3480.1

Encl: (1) - III MAF Command Diary  
(2) - First MAF Command Diary  
(3) - Third MarDiv Command Diary

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(a) - 3d Marines Command Diary  
(b) - 4th Marines Command Diary  
(c) - 3d Reconnaissance Bn Command Diary *7 May - 2 Jun 65*  
(d) - 1st Bn, 12th Marines Command Diary  
(e) - 3d Engr Bn (-) (Rein) (Fwd) Command Diary

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revisions*

(f) - G-3 Journal  
(g) - G-4 Journal  
(h) - G-2 Daily SitReps  
(i) - Daily Battle and Non Battle Casualty Reports

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) enclosures (1) through (3) are submitted.

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From: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code DGH)

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31 MAY STRENGTHS BY AREA

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted</u>
DANANG	759	8485
CHU LAI	373	6226
HUE PHU BAI	80	1534
TAD IN-COUNTRY	19	121
TOTAL	1231	16336
		<u>1231</u>
		17567

REPORTS SUBMITTED

1. Weekly Strength Reports to COMUSMACV as of each Thursday (2400); due Saigon 0900 Saturdays.
2. Monthly Strength Report as of 30th by Third Working Day. Showing Units/ Location, Off & Enl and Aggregate Strengths.
3. Set Up Monitor file for Personnel Status Reports/Aviation Status Reports requested by CG FMFPAC msg 292318Z May 1965.
4. Task Organization Chart made shows all Task Organizations down to Co and Det level. Also, Off & Enl Strengths both USMC & USN. Separated by area, i.e. DaNang, Chu Lai, Hue Phu Bai.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA SHEET

III Marine Amphibious Force

William Robert COLLINS

Major General, United States Marine Corps

Commanding

Command Diary, 6 May through 31 May 1965

Submitted from the Command Post

located at

Da Nang Air Base, Republic of Viet Nam

Subordinate Units

Commanders

Third Marine Division (-) (Rein) (Fwd)	William R. COLLINS MajGen USMC
First Marine Aircraft Wing (Adv)	Paul J. FONTANA MajGen USMC to 24 May 1965 Keith B. MCCUTCHEON BGen USMC
Force Logistics Support Group	Robert J. ODDY Colonel USMC to 25 May 1965 Mauro J. PADALINO LtCol USMC
Force Engineer Group (attached to 3d MarDiv (Fwd) 20 May 1965)	William G. BAITES Major USMC to 13 May 1965 Bernard A. KAASMAN Major USMC
Det, 1st Force Reconnaissance Co, FMF	David WHITTINGHAM Capt USMC
Det J, 1st Radio Battalion, FMF	Russell W. RAIDER Capt USMC

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PART II

CHRONOLOGICAL SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 3 May Advance party of III MEF arrived DA NANG: Maj General COLLINS, Col H. HAY, and Capt H. BAER.
- 6 May III Marine Expeditionary Force was established at DA NANG Air Base, Republic of Vietnam, on 6 May 1965, Major General William R. COLLINS, USMC Commanding. MGen COLLINS was also designated Naval Component Commander for COMUSMACV. The 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigade was deactivated as an operating unit, and III MEF responsibility included the DA NANG and HUE PHU BAI TAOR's. Initially the III MEF skeleton staff was augmented by the deactivated 9th MEB staff since active operations were in progress. The Third Marine Division (-) (Rein) (Forward) was established and assumed command of its assigned units in RVN.
- 7 May III Marine Expeditionary Force redesignated III Marine Amphibious Force. Six aircraft chocks of III MAF personnel/equipment arrived from Okinawa. The remaining elements will phase in as facilities are readied. Third Marine Amphibious Brigade composed of RL1-4 and HMM-161 conducted unopposed landing at CHU LAI H-Hour 0800H. This landing was supported by III MAF air units; VMFA 531, HMM 162, and HMM 163 from DA NANG.
- 8 May General WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV visited III MAF Command Post and installations. General WESTMORELAND and CG III MAF visited the CTF 76 Flagship and received briefing from CTF 76 and CG 3d MAB on CHU LAI operation.
- 9 May BGen CARL, CG 3d MAB, visited III MAF Hq for conference concerning the CHU LAI operation.
- 10 May In order to coordinate the construction efforts of the Naval Mobile Construction Battalions (NCB) in RVN, the 30th Naval Construction Regiment was established under the operational control of NCG.
- 11 May MGen FONTANA arrived from MCAS, IWAKUNI, Japan and the First Marine Aircraft Wing (Advanced) was established at DA NANG Air Base, Republic of Vietnam. Three companies of 2d Bn, 3d Marines searched and cleared the LE MY complex approximately 8 miles NW of DA NANG Air Base. Over 400 Vietnamese civilians were liberated from VC control. This village proved to be a text book example of civic action in operation. III MAF Combat Information Bureau established.

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- 12 May Effective 121200H the CHU LAI Amphibious Operation terminated and Command of Landing Force elements, and TAOR responsibility passed to III MAF. Brigade units were reassigned to their parent organization. BGen CARL CG of 3d MAB reassigned as III MAF Deputy Commander. RIIT-4 was redesignated 4th Marines (-) (Rein) and assigned to 3d MarDiv (Fwd). Aviation elements ashore were assigned to 1st MAW (Adv).
- 13 May MGen COLLINS visited III MAF units at the HUE PHU BAI enclave for tour and briefing.
- 14 May BGen THI, I CORPS COMMANDER, hosted a briefing for MGen COLLINS, BGen CARL and approx 150 officers from III MAF, DIVISION and WING. The presentation was given in English by members of Gen THI's staff and included discussion of ARVN I CORPS area terrain and climate, VC terrorist activities, VC tactics of dispersion and assembly, VC mines and traps, ambush tactics, raids, and underground activities.
- 15 May BGen KARCH departed DA NANG for duty as CG THIRD MARINE DIVISION (REAR), VMFA 531, VMGJ-1 (-), 1st LAAM Bn, and MASS-2 chopped from MAG-16 (-) to FIRST MAW (ADV).
- 16 May MGen STILLWELL, Chief of Staff COMUSMACV, visited III MAF Command Post and installations. MACS-9 established an AN/UPS-1 Gap Filler Radar at HUE PHU BAI, becoming the first Marine Air Control Squadron operations in RVN.
- 17 May LtGen VICTOR KRULAK, CG FMFPAC, arrived 0800H; held conference, attended briefing, inspected the units, and observed airfield construction at CHU LAI.
- 18 May LtGen KRULAK, MGen COLLINS, and MGen FONTANA visited the units at HUE PHU BAI and Wing and Division units at DA NANG. Visit highlight was a trip to the village of IE MY to observe the Civil Affairs program in action. VADM BLACKBURN, COMSEVENTHFLT, arrived DA NANG and held a conference with LtGen KRULAK, MGen COLLINS, and MGen FONTANA at III MAF Headquarters.
- 19 May LtGen KRULAK and party departed DA NANG for SAIGON.
- 20 May Force Engineer Group was deactivated, 3d Engineer Battalion (-) (Rein) reassigned to 3d MARDIV, 30th NCR assigned operational control CG III MAF/NCC.
- 21 May AMBASSADOR TAYLOR called on CG III MAF. LtGen THROCKMORTON visited III MAF units at DA NANG, CHU LAI and HUE PHU BAI. CG III MAF departed for SAIGON to attend COMUSMACV Executive Council meeting 22 May.

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- 22 May MGen FONTANA departed DA NANG Air Base for FIRST MAW (Rear).
- 23 May A significant example of information obtained from indigenous personnel indicates the civic action program is now producing results. A village reported the presence of a grenade booby trap near the LVT POL dump. The grenade was found and destroyed.
- 24 May BGen K. B. MCCUTCHEON, Assistant Commander FIRST MAW arrived DA NANG Air Base and assumed Command FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (Advanced). BGen CARL departed DA NANG, reassigned CTF 79.
- 25 May Significant civic action operations this date include: Medical treatment of approximately 50 Vietnamese in the 2/3 IE MY Dispensary, 3/4 medical contact team treated approximately 250 people in the town of PHU BAI, return of a two year old girl from the U. S. Naval Hospital, SAIGON, where 1/3 sponsored her for a successful operation to correct a cleft palate.
- 26 May Gen WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV, visited III MAF Command Post and was accompanied by MGen COLLINS on a visit to the CHU LAI based units. RADM MILLER, CTF 71, visited III MAF Hq in the afternoon.
- 27 May BGen YOUNGDALE, J-2 COMUSMACV, visited III MAF Hq, remained overnight and inspected CHU LAI SATS site 28 May. Operational control of the Logistic Support units at HUE PHU BAI and CHU LAI passed to FLSC.
- 28 May RADM WARD visited III MAF Command Post, accompanied by BGen MCCUTCHEON on a command visit to CHU LAI.
- 29 May COMUSMACV appointed CG III MAF Special Area coordinator for the DA NANG Complex to include the City of DA NANG, DA NANG Air Base, China Beach and surrounding troop installations. Specifically he is responsible for coordination of the following functions: Physical security, maintenance of law and order, recreation and Welfare, Motor vehicle and traffic regulations, pass and liberty regulations, safety, and liaison with local military and civic leaders concerning matters pertaining to U. S. personnel.
- 30 May MGen WALT incoming CG III MAF arrived DA NANG 301845H. BGen DEPUY, J-3 COMUSMACV, visited III MAF units at DA NANG, HUE PHU BAI and CHU LAI.
- 31 May MGen WALT received briefings from the III MAF Staff sections and visited FLSC and NCC facilities.

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III MAF Supporting Documents-----May 1965

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1. III MAF Msge, 060900 May 65, Assumption of Command
  2. III MAF Msge, 200931 <sup>May 65</sup> May 65, Redesignation/Reassignment of Units
  3. III MAF Msge, 062057, Establishment of III MAF
  4. 9th MEB Msge, 060908 May 65, re Redesignations/OpCon
  5. 9th MEB Msge, 061405 May 65, 9th MEB SITREP #146
  6. Communication-Electronics O Section Diary, May 1965  
w/8 enclosures
  7. Diary, Battalion Surgeon, May 1965
  8. Diary, Combat Information Bureau, 11-31 May 1965  
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  9. *Filed sep →* Diary, Force Logistic Support Group, May 1965
  10. Diary, AC/S, G-4 for May 1965
  11. USMACV ltr, "Letter of Instruction, DANANG Administrative Coordination", N/d
  12. CihCPacFlt Msge, 220514 May 65, "Operation of US Military Ports, Beaches and Depots from CHU LAI to the DMZ"
  13. CinCPAC Msge, 241945 May 65, "Operation of US Military Ports, Beaches, and Depots from CHU LAI to DMZ"
  14. "Concept of Logistic Support", 16 May 1965
  15. MACV Msge, 060120 May 65, "POL Support CHU LAI"
  16. III MAF Msge, 260240 May 65, "POL Support CHU LAI"
  17. MAG-16 Msge, 290520 May 65, "Class V Expenditure Report"
  18. III MAF Msge, 310328 May 65, "463-L Materials Handling System"
  19. III MAF Msge, 270510 May 65, "Establishment of Logistic Support Units"

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TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV(FWD)  
FEG  
FLSG  
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MCB - TEN

INFO: CG FMFPAC  
ADM INO THIRD MARDIV  
CG FMAW (ADV)

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REDESIGNATION/REASSIGNMENT OF UNITS

1. EFFECTIVE 201200H THE PRESENT FORCE ENGR GP CONSISTING OF A DET H&SCO 3D ENGR BN, CO A (-)(REIN) 3D ENGR BN, AND CO C (-) (REIN) 7TH ENGR BN IS REDESIGNATED AS THE 3D ENGR BN (-) (REIN) ~~(FWD)~~ AND ASSIGNED TO THE 3D MARDIV(FWD)
2. EFFECTIVE 201200H THE FORCE ENGINEER GROUP IS COMPRISED OF HQ 30TH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION REGIMENT; MCB-10; AIR DET MCB-3; AIR DET MCB-9; AND UPON ARRIVAL AND CHOP TO III MAF, MCB-3(-) AND MCB-9(-). CAPT H. F. LIBERTY, <sup>CO 30TH NCR</sup> IS APPOINTED <sup>COMMANDER</sup> FORCE ENGINEER <sup>GROUP</sup> ~~OFFICER~~ VICE COL W. M. GRAHAM REASSIGNED AS 3D MARDIV ENGR OFF.
3. EFFECTIVE 201200H REASSIGN 2D PLT, MP CO, HQ BN, 3D MARDIV FROM FLSG TO 3D MARDIV FWD.

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RUMKHL/CINCPACFLT  
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ESTABLISHMENT OF III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE (C)

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, MARINE CORPS FORCES DEPLOYED TO SVN WILL NOT BE IDENTIFIED AS A MARINE EXPEDITIONARY FORCE BUT RATHER AS III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE. SIMILAR ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE IN STANDARD ORGANIZATIONAL TITLES OF OTHER MARINE CORPS ORGANIZATIONS DEPLOYED TO SVN BY SUBSTITUTING THE WORD "AMPHIBIOUS" FOR THE WORD "EXPEDITIONARY" WHERE APPEARING. HENCE THE THIRD AND NINTH MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADES BECOME THE THIRD AND NINTH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADES.

2. APPROPRIATE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW.

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RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT  
RUHPG/CG FMFPAC  
RUMGEUL/COMSEVENTHFLT  
RUAUBAE/CG THIRD MARDIV  
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7/TH MEB SITREP NR 146 061000Z

2. 3D MARINES

A. CONDUCTED PATROLS THROUGHOUT TAOR WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.

B. CO K (REIN), 3D BN, 9TH MAR, DEPARTED 061000H FOR CHU LAI.

MISSION TO ESTABLISH A DEFENSIVE PERIMETER ON THE BEACH AT (BT 542002) TO PROTECT COMM FACILITIES INSTALLED IN PREPARATION FOR THE LANDING OF 3D MEB.

3. MAG 16 (-)

A. COORDINATED CAS EFFORT BETWEEN UH34D CARRYING 1ST ARVN DIV ONN

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EAGLE STRIKE VIC (YD 410362). F4B PREP LZ, UH-1B ESCORTED H-34 AND ARVN LANDED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. HELO LIFTED ELEMENTS 9TH MEB TO CHU LAI AREA.

C. AN F4B STRIKE ON AA TRY AT YD 160878 SCORED DIRECT HITS. EIGHT MK-32 AND FOUR MK-31 EXPENDED ON TARGET.

5. CHU'S 1481, 1482 AND 1481 WITH SHORE PARTY PERSONNEL AND EQUIP DEPARTED DA NANG 081000H.

6. COMPLETED OFF LOADING OF CLASS I END PX SUPPLIES FOR 9TH MEB FROM USNS MUSKINGUM AT 1500H.

7. COMMENCED OFF LOADING VEHICLES FOR MAG 16 (-) AND CLASS V A FOR 9TH MEB AT 1530H FROM LS. 491.

8. MIUS-11 ASHORE AND OPERATIONAL.

9. THIS IS LAST SITREP OF 9TH MEB. IN THE PAST EIGHT WEEKS THIS COMMAND HAS PROGRESSED FROM A SKELETONIZED HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT ELEMENTS TWO BATTALION LANDING TEAMS, TWO HELO SQUADRONS AND A HAWK BN WITH A DEFENSIVE MISSION TO A FIGHTING FORCE EXPLOITING THE FULL COMBAT POWER OF THE MARINE CORPS AIR-GROUND TEAM. ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN VIETNAM ARE NOW ABSORBED BY THE III MEF AND THE 9TH MEB IS DISESTABLISHED.

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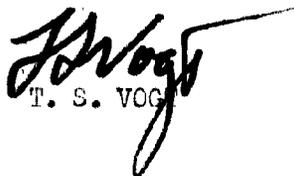
From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3

Subj: Command Diary

Ref: (a) Asst Chief of Staff G-3 MEMO dtd 26 May 1965

Encl: (1) Diary for III MAF CEO Section May 1965

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is submitted.
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DIARY FOR III MAF GEO SECTION - MAY 1965

- 3 May - III MEF GEO section advance party consisting of Captain D. T. HOWE and MGySgt H. S. RICHARDSON arrived at Da Nang.
- 5 May - Arrival Da Nang of additional communication center personnel to augment Ninth MEB communication center. Total of one officer and thirty-five enlisted. Arrival Da Nang of Major T. S. VOGT, GEO, III MAF and First Lieutenant R. G. HOWE, Ass't GEO.
- 5 May - External communications at this time consisted of the FMF Mobile Command to NAVCOMSTAPHIL and the Third MarDiv/ Ninth MAB liaison net. Many problems were encountered with CINCPACFLT comm contingency package 3 and 4. These were mostly due to faulty gear and inadequate spares on hand.
- 5 May - Internal communications primarily wire and radio relay. Ninth MAB headquarters tied in with Third Marines and MAG - 16. Much of the teletype equipment faulty and difficulty in keeping circuits up increasing. Message backlog running as high as five to seven hundred incoming messages and one to two hundred outgoing messages. Message traffic increased from two to three hundred to one thousand to twelve hundred messages per day. This attributed to the arrival of III MAF forward echelon.
- 6 - 12 May - Communication center continued to operate under large backlog. Equipment continued to break down and it became increasingly difficult to repair machines due to lack of spare parts. A total of two officers and forty-six enlisted were operating the comm center. During this period it was observed that present location of communication center in Ninth MEB headquarters building was unsatisfactory due to lack of space and facilities necessary to handle the increased traffic load.
- 10 May - Began changeover to new communication center.
- 11 May - Communication center changeover completed and all operations now in new location. The mobile command circuit could not be moved to new communication center due to lack of sufficient air-conditioning and lack of MSQ-42 van.
- 13 May - Five officers and forty-five enlisted arrived Da Nang from Communication Platoon, 7th Communication Bn., FMF.
- 14 May - Sent date-time-group 142348Z MAY requesting that messages dealing with welfare reports, individual problems, internal personnel problems, and other purely Divisional matters which are not the interest or responsibility of MAF headquarters be sent to Third MarDiv (ADV) with no info copy to MAF.

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- 15 May - GEO visited NCC site on May 15th and discussed communication arrangements and locations with Lieutenant Colonel RITTER and Captain SALLIS.
- 15 May - Received DCA PAC 120223Z (NOTAL). This message approved the permanent establishment of WETWASH circuit which had been previously authorized on a temporary basis. This was answer to our CG III MAF 071306Z.
- 15 May - Spiral four cable being laid from Air Force ( 1964 Communications Group ) to MAF communications center. This line to connect MAF with MACV for KW - 26 circuit (Via Phu Lam utilizing tropo scatter. This circuit was requested by CG III MAF 070234Z NOV 64 for use when 37-64 Contingency Plan was implemented.
- 16 May - At 1000 discontinued supplying electrical power for command center. This is due to lack of operating generators which are needed for the operation of the III MAF communications center.
- 16 May - Arrangements made for KW - 7 covered circuit with General KRULAK's plane for his WESTPAC visit 14 - 21 May.
- 171130 - Received General KRULAK's memo requesting III MAF's communication electronics position. Prepared a brief along with radio, wire, and radio relay diagrams. See enclosure (1)✓
- 18 May - Five personnel along with partial amount of equipment arrived by air from Third MarDiv (rear) for establishing communications for NCC.
- 19 May - Sent message ( CG III MAF 190925Z ) to all major commands identifying units CG III MAF provides comm/crypto guard for.
- 19 May - GEO departed for Saigon for communication-electronics conference at MACV J-6.
- 19 May - Major BEDWELL, assistant GEO FMFPAC arrived this command.
- 19 May - MSQ-42 van was installed on Saigon circuit at 2130<sup>H</sup>
- 19 May - GEO returned from conference in Saigon. Prepared memorandum for ~~release~~ 110/TSV/lg over 20 May 1965. See enclosure (2)✓  
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- 20 May - Released message CG III MAF 200240Z requesting use of KW - 7's on WETWASH circuit and switching to 60 wpm operation.
- 20 May - Released CG III MAF 201300Z to NAVCOMSTAPHIL which was a request for parts to repair communication contingency package 3 and 4 ASAP.
- 20 May - Reviewed message releasing signatures. All signatures not authorized by Chief of Staff memo were retracted.
- 21 May - First Lieutenant R. G. HOWE ( III MAF Frequency Coordinator ) departed for MACV J-6 to attend a frequency conference. See enclosure (3)
- 21 May - Lieutenant Colonel SPEED ( MACV J-6 ) and Captain SLINGO ( MACV - J-6 ) visited III MAF CEO. A discussion was held on channel allocation between Da Nang, Phu Bai and Chu Lai for radar. The Saigon circuit and WETWASH circuit were also discussed.
- 21 May - Saigon circuit activated - Provides entry into DCS system at 100 wpm and is KW - 26 secured.
- 21 May - This command has been working on the eventual installation of autodin within the III MAF and the Third Force Service Regiment, Okinawa. The first system to be installed will be the out of country system, to Okinawa ( 3rd FSR ). The Da Nang terminal will be at the Air Force communication central ( Da Nang ) mounted in a M - 109 van. This AUTODIN system goes to Phu Bai DCS major relay station (Saigon) by tropo scatter radio relay and then to Okinawa by STARCOM radio. This will be a O68 transceiver. FLSG will cut the cards and use courier to the Air Force communication central ( Da Nang ). The intra III MAF system will be O67 transceivers installed at Chu Lai, Phu Bai and FLSG ( Da Nang ). We intend to use our present radio - relay system for communication facilities. A memorandum for release was submitted to Chief of Staff on this project 110/TSV/1g over 21 May 1965. See enclosure (4).
- 22 May - MAF CEO departed for Okinawa to attend conference on ATDU-100A with Major BEDWELL.  
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- 23 May - Received call from Lieutenant Colonel STEWENS ( CEO Office, FMFPAC ) ref III MAF 201304Z. He and Colonel PAYNE (FMFPAC, CEO) spoke about ATDU-100A. They were concerned over whether we could justify that package and if enough progress had been made to warrant asking for in country clearance of personnel. Referred call to CEO office, Okinawa.
- 23 May - Remainder of Communications Support Co., FMF arrived by ship from Okinawa. Total of six officers and ninety men.

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- 23 May - Obtained two hundred telephone poles from COMUSMACV J-6, primarily for the Chu Lai area and III MAF Headquarters. The poles were located in Saigon and we had to provide transportation.
- 24 May - Communication officer/Communication chief meeting held at 1300. See enclosure (5)
- 24 May - III MAF CEO and Assistant CEO FMFPAC returned from ATCU-100A conference. Meeting then held in CEO office with Major HART, Major BEDWELL, and Lieutenant HIGGINS (Navy) on same subject.
- 24 May - At 1900 Sgt COLLINS, 39th Signal Battalion G-4 shop, was called by III MAF Assistant CEO and arrangements were made for us to pick-up one hundred telephone poles at Tan Son Nhut airfield on the 25th of May.
- 24 May - Message prepared concurring with FMFPAC requesting contingency package 100A - date-time-group 260742Z.
- 24 May - Major BEDWELL - Assistant CEO FMFPAC here for purpose of discussing our external communication needs. In CG III MAF 260742Z he stated package 3 and 4 and WETWASH circuit still inoperable and he recommends immediate deployment of ATCU-100A to III MAF.
- 25 May - Marine Corps aircraft sent to Saigon to pick up one hundred telephone poles. Poles were not there and aircraft returned without them. Trouble occurred on MACV end.
- 25 May - Duplex PONY LOOP to I CORPS authorized by COMUSMACV 240815Z, activated in order to handle III MAF traffic received at I CORPS.
- 26 May - First Lieutenant HOWE departed for Saigon to insure delivery of telephone poles.
- 26 May - Captain STOCKER ( 39th Signal Battalion ) called and said MRC-80 would arrive at Quang Nai at 1000. *MRC-80 IS INTERIM COMM TO DANANG FROM CHU LAI.*
- 27 May - Arranged with FLSG and NCC to have one hundred telephone poles shipped to Chu Lai on first available shipping.
- 27 May - Major BEDWELL, assistant CEO FMFPAC, began three day inspection tour of III MAF, Division and Wing cryptocenters.
- 27 May - Received report of deadlined combat essential communication-electronic equipment from Wing and Division. Report was incomplete but will be up to date when units submit bi-monthly reports on June the 2nd.

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- 28 May - CG III MAF 280122Z to COMUSMACV outlined our immediate and minimum requirements for circuits for III MAF, Third MarDiv and FMAW, and from Chu Lai and Phu Bai to Da Nang.
- 28 May - Reference CG III MAF 281236Z MAY. This message covers period 6 - 28 May on status of III MAF external communications. Its purpose is to review all the messages concerning external communication facilities for CG III MAF, The present status of communication and reiterate the urgent requirement for dependable multiple channels to NAVCOMSTAPHIL in order to prevent delay and minimize service request of high precedence messages. See enclosure (6)
- 30 May - Submitted memorandum to Chief of Staffoon secure voice system for SEA. See enclosure (7)
- 31 May - Communication officer/Communication chief meeting held at 1300. See enclosure (8)
- 31 May - Received copy of Third MarDiv's annex C to operation order 321-65.
- 31 May - Briefed Major General WALT on III MAF communications, communication problems and their possible solutions.
- 31 May - III MAF crypto inspection completed with post inspection conference held in CEO office. Results were satisfactory.

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 18 May 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Commanding General  
 To: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific  
 Subj: III MAF Comm-Elect Matters (U)  
 Ref: (a) Force CEO's memo to CG, FMFPAC 10/dec, Subj: Background info on  
 Comm-Elect matters for WestPac Trip 14-21 May 1965  
 Encl: (1) Organizational Breakdown of CommSptCo, FMF (Rein)  
 (2) External comm from III MAF  
 (3) III MAF internal comm-links to Major Units

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to discuss the background information provided in reference (a).
2. In reply to reference (a):
  - a. Paragraph 2.a.(1) - The organizational breakdown shown in reference (a) for Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force is the Table of Organization. The Company is working at Manning Level strength and augmented by 3rd Marine Division as shown in enclosure (1).
  - b. Paragraph 2.a.(3) - Communication Support Company Fleet Marine Force is really augmented by Communication Company, 3rd Marine Division plus 5 Officers and 45 Enlisted from Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion, the total of 15 Officers and 315 Enlisted. The buildup of Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force is as shown in enclosure (1). The total of 9 Officers and 181 Enlisted at the present time are providing Communication-Electronics facilities for III Marine Amphibious Force and 3rd Marine Division Headquarters and comm/crypto guard for all III Marine Amphibious Force units. The remainder of the Company arrives by seatail about 25 May. This is all the Communication-Electronics personnel presently scheduled. However, the 3rd Marine Division is considering bringing it's Communication Company down to Danang as soon as possible so it can be self dependent.
  - c. Due to present crowded conditions, there is not adequate space for Communication Company (Rein), 7th Communication Battalion at Danang Airfield. This is why it was requested they be sent to Okinawa.

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d. The plan for use of Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force, Communication Company, 3rd Marine Division and Communication Company (Rein), 7th Communication Battalion is as follows:

(1) 3rd Marine Division Communication Company - Deploy to Danang as soon as possible to provide Communication-Electronics facilities for 3rd Marine Division. This is less the Communication Center platoon now needed at Camp Courtney, Okinawa to provide Communication crypto/guard for Marine Corps units there.

(2) Communication Company, 7th Communication Battalion - When the III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters displaces to new Command Post intend to deploy this unit to Danang and install a complete and adequate Communication-Electronics system before staff moves in. This way, communications are NOT disrupted.

(3) Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force - When III Marine Amphibious Force Headquarters moves to new Command Post Communication Support Company will close down and return augmentation to parent units. Will Company return to Okinawa and provide Communication-Electronics facilities for units and camps there. Upon Communication Support Company return to Okinawa, Communication Center Platoon of Division Communication Company would deploy to Danang thereby giving the Division its complete Communication-Electronics capabilities.

e. Paragraph 2.b. (Employment of radio relay between Danang and Chu Lai);

(1) The III Marine Amphibious Force has established radio relay circuits to Chu Lai and to Phu Bai. Both are solid circuits. See enclosure (2) for location and circuits.

(2) The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing is duplicating radio relay to Chu Lai and Phu Bai to Wing units, thereby paralleling existing nets. This will give us desired redundancy.

(3) All radio relay sites are within our realstate. The plan is to eventually back up these radio relays with AN/TSC-15's as standby. The communications to 3rd Marines is wire, backed up by AN/TRC-27 radio relay. With all equipment employed as planned, the units will have adequate flexibility. The radio relay, wire and AN/TSC-15 overall plan will be forwarded when established.

f. Paragraph 2.c. (Allocation of a KY-9 (MARSEC) to Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force)

(1) Heartily endorse use of this item earliest. In addition we are requesting that Speech Security Devices KY-3 (Reference Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force 150912Z/MAY) be made available for use on our voice tactical radio nets.

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**g. Paragraph 2.d. (Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force External Circuits)**

(1) We now have ample external communications as follows:

(a) Duplex TT W/KW-26's via under-water cable to COMNAVSTAPHIL.

(b) Duplex TT W/KW-26's via radio to COMNAVSTAPHIL.

(c) Duplex TT W/KW-26's to STARCOM relay station at Phu Lam.

(Note: This Net not up. Awaiting delivery of Common MATSYM from Saigon). This is primarily for use with COMUSMACV but also has external communication to Clark, Philippines and Okinawa. Therefore can be used as an overload.

(2) CINCPACFLT Communication Contingency Packages 3 and 4 have been in use since 1962 with no record of a major overhaul. These packages are for the NAVCOMSTAPHIL radio and metallic shots. The equipment is continually breaking down and at best is unreliable. This problem was not as serious when 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade existed since they handled only 200 to 300 messages a day. When III Marine Amphibious Force landed the traffic jumped to average of 1000 per day, thereby causing a backlog with every breakdown. Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force has recommended these packages be replaced earliest (Reference Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force 170225Z/MAY).

(3) The III Marine Amphibious Force Communication Center has experienced no difficulties or delays delivering outgoing messages. A backlog of incoming messages has occurred several times because NAVCOMSTAPHIL has been delivering traffic to I Corps, Air Field (DaNang) and Saigon in addition to our normal traffic via our circuits. We have received up to 500 messages by hand delivery in one day. When this occurs, we double our watch and work the backlog down to a manageable level.

**h. Paragraph 2.c. (III Marine Amphibious Force Frequency Requirements);**

(1) Most frequencies in use are on a temporary basis. It is obvious that J-6, COMUSMACV was unprepared for assignment of such a magnitude of frequencies as required for a Marine Amphibious Force. There is now a III Marine Amphibious Force frequency coordinator in the Communication-Electronics Officer's office and we are consolidating a list of all frequencies, listing location where they are used and type omission. When completed, this list will be forwarded to MACV J-6 requesting permanent assignment.

(2) It is desirable to retain the Marine Amphibious Force/3rd Marine Division (Rear) Liaison Net radio net as this is used to pass all requisitions from Force Logistics Support Group to Force Service Regiment. The direct route is faster and DCS channels are not tied up for this purpose.

**i. Paragraph 3 (3rd Marine Division (Rear) Okinawa):** See paragraph 2.d. above for plan to provide Communication-Electronics facilities.

**J. Paragraph 4 (1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Rear) shortage of communication personnel) (Comment of 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (Advance)):**

(1) The communication support for the Wing Headquarters is provided by the Communication Section of Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, Marine Wing Headquarters Group. The total of 10 officers and 192 enlisted are from the Table of Organization. The manning level at the present time is 10 officers and 169 enlisted. A portion of the manning level is committed to support the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Advance at Danang this presently includes 4 officers and 46 enlisted. Additional communication equipment and communication personnel are being moved to Danang in the immediate future in order to satisfy primarily radio relay requirements and radio requirement being generated by MAC-12 at Chu Lai and the AN/UPS-1 detachment from MACS-9 at Hue Phu Bai.

(2) The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Communication Center was consolidated with the Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Communication Center on 9 May. This combined facility is handling between 1000-1200 messages per day and expected to average approximately 40,000 messages per month. The manning level for this combined communication center has been set at 4 officers and 40 enlisted. These people must be provided from overall 1st Marine Aircraft Wing resources.

(a) The additional 20 people requested as a cadre for Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni will help relieve the strain on the Wing Communication personnel resources in that the Wing will furnish 20 people to augment Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni in lieu of the present 40.

FMFPAC assistance in this area is needed and appreciated.

(b) The 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Rear response also requested a cadre of 10 communication personnel from Marine Corps Air Facility Futema where a similar situation exists that tax the resources of the Wing. Additional assistance is required to relieve the situation at Marine Corps Air Facility Futema.

**k. In response to Lieutenant General KNOLAK's notes;**

(1) The out-of-country communication is now satisfactory. The local problem is equipment. Please refer to sub-paragraph 2.g. above.

(2) The augmentation of Communication Company (Rein), 7th Communication Battalion, fills our immediate needs. However, with the anticipation of the III Marine Amphibious Force remaining in Vietnam for a long period and steady increase in our area of operation, a Communication Battalion will be needed in the near future. Possibly, Communication Company (Rein), 7th Communication Battalion and Communication Support Company, Fleet Marine Force could be the nucleus for this Communication Battalion. The requirement for a Communication Battalion in WESTPAC was stated by III Marine Amphibious Force representative at the FMFPAC Communication-Electronics conference during the period 12-15 April 1965.

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REGAN FULLER  
Chief of Staff

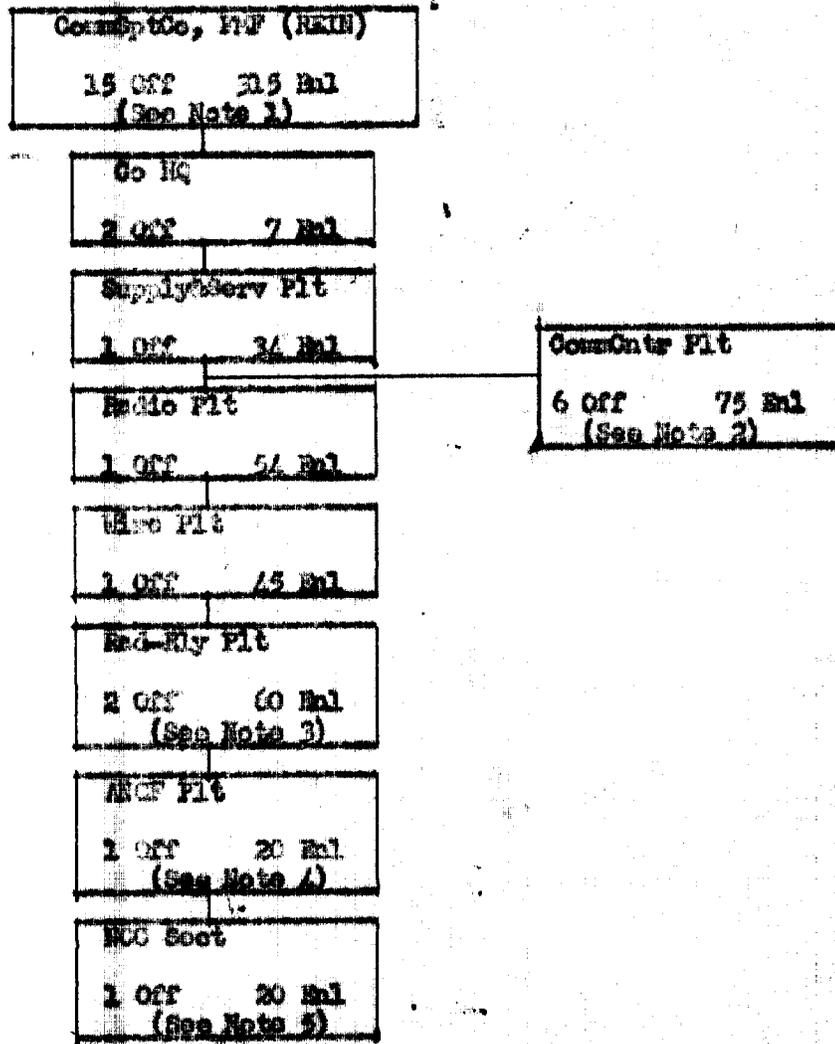
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**ORGANIZATIONAL BREAKDOWN OF COMSPT CO, FMF (REIN)**

1. The Communication-Electronics personnel for the Ninth Marine Amphibious Brigade consisted of 2 officers and 68 enlisted personnel.
2. The Communication-Electronics personnel for III Marine Amphibious Force/Third Marine Division during period 5-12 May was 4 officers and 136 enlisted personnel.
3. The present count of Communication-Electronics personnel for III Marine Amphibious Force/Third Marine Division is 9 officers and 161 enlisted.
4. On or about 25 May the remainder of Communication Support Company, RIF (Rein) will arrive by sealtail. At that time the total personnel as presently planned will be as shown below:

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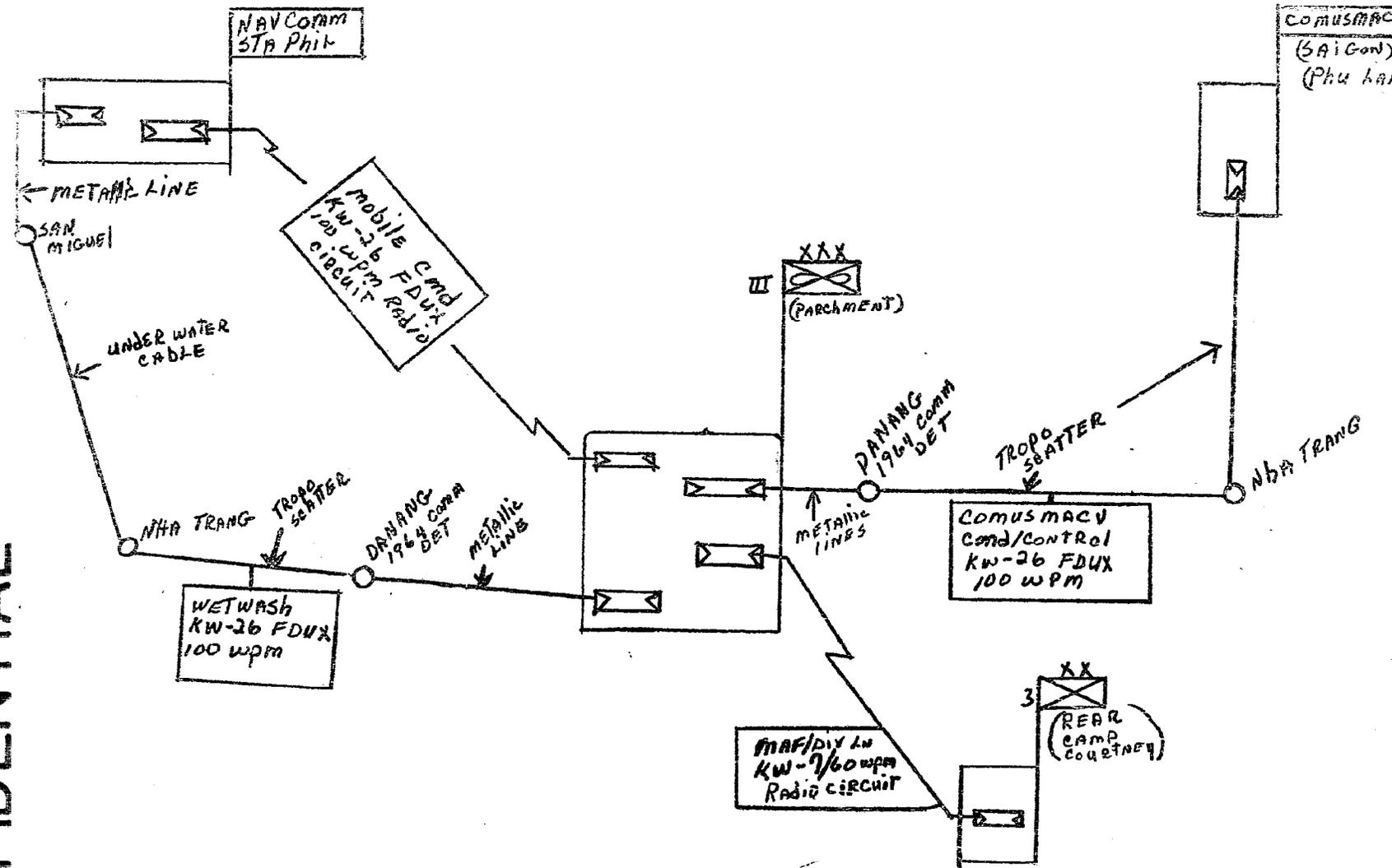
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- NOTE 1: ComsptCo, FMF was approximately 45 enlisted short in M/I when alerted to deploy to DANANG. The deficiencies made up from 3d Marine Division resources. 15 officers and 315 enlisted is estimated. Actual count will not be firm until arrival of rear echelon about 25 May.
- NOTE 2: These figures include the 5 officers and 45 enlisted received on 13 May from ComCo, 7th ComBn.
- NOTE 3: Includes 15 enlisted augmentation from ComCo., 3d Marine Division.
- NOTE 4: The ANGF Plt comes from ComCo., 3d Marine Division to operate Division ESCO. ComsptCo, FMF is not authorized an ANGF Plt in their T/O.
- NOTE 5: These personnel are coming from ComsptCo, FMF resources. This requirement is above and beyond that authorized in T/O and Mission.

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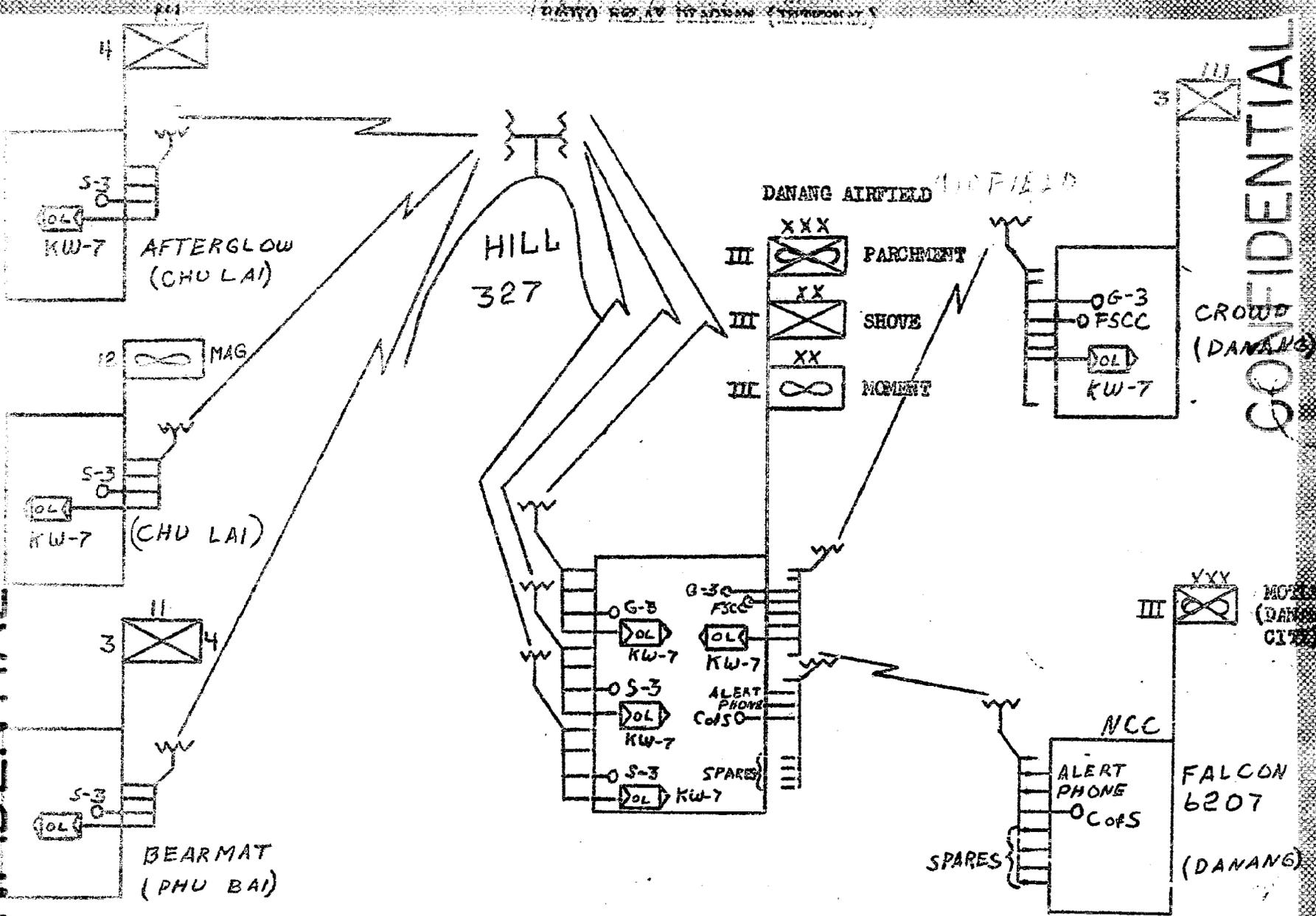
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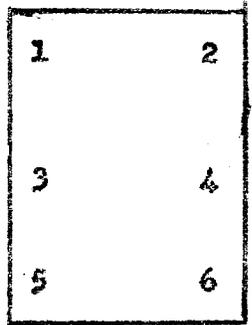
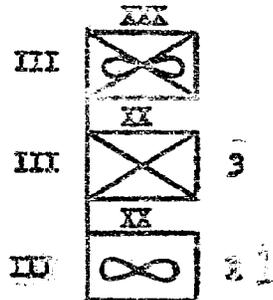
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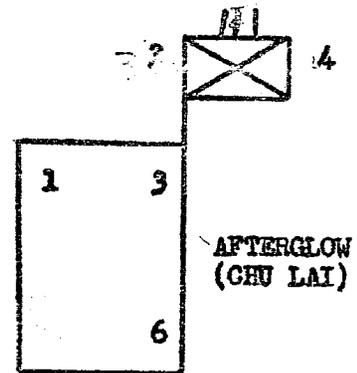
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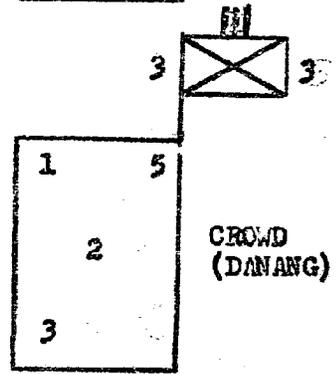


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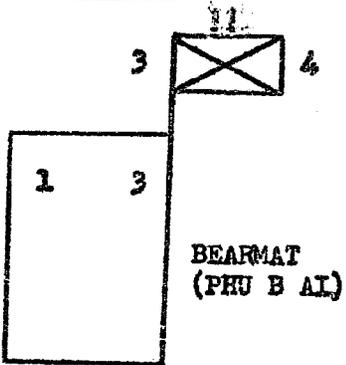
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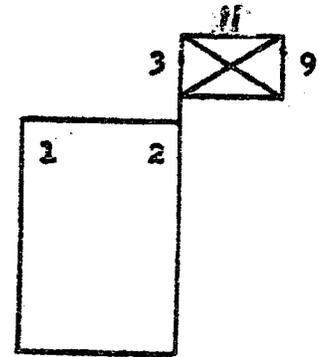
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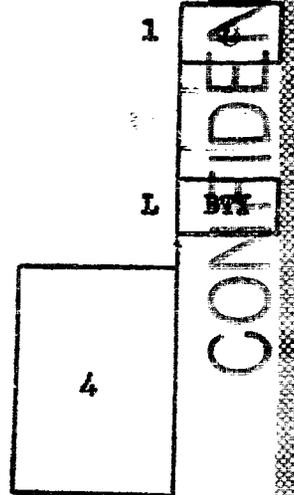
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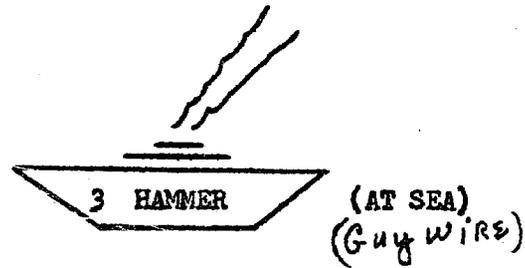
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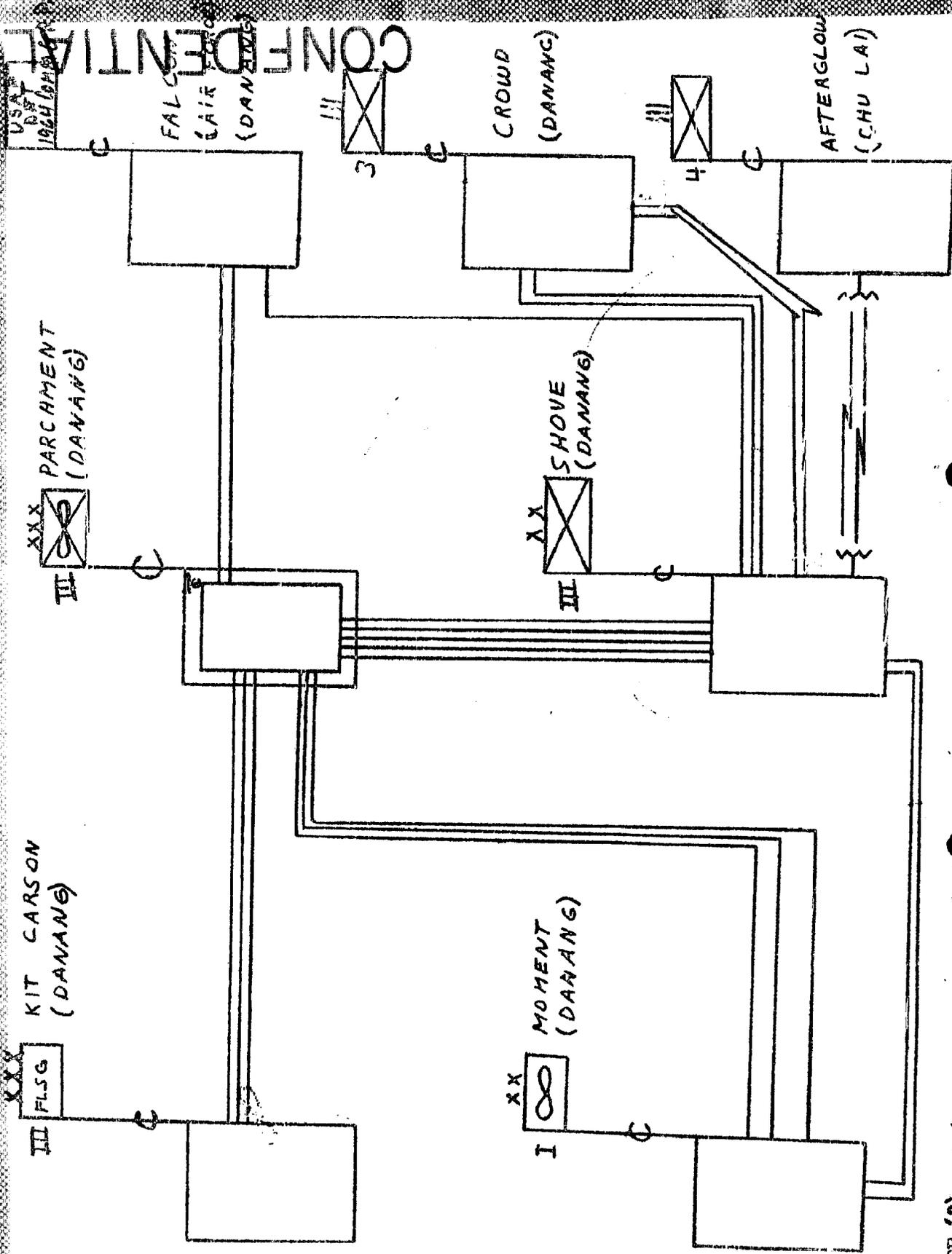
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 20 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Conference with MAGV J6 (Comm-Elect) on 19 May 1965

1. The subject conference was held in Saigon and the following subjects were discussed:

- a. Telephone Directory - J-6 requested I bring 10 copies of directory with me. I delivered them and requested they conduct a search for the 20 copies that were air mailed about two weeks ago.
- b. 26 Pair Cable - Requested J-6 to obtain 10,000 feet of this for III Marine Amphibious Force. Ask they provide point of entry for requisition and FSN information. Also determine if funds are involved. This cable is not in the Marine Corps System. Need the cable for radio and radio-relay routes and trunk lines to switching centrals. Am waiting for information.
- c. Communication to CHU LAI and PHU BAI - J-6 stated they would consider installing a tropo-scatter system between CHU LAI and DANANG. Also, would allocate some channels from the existing MAGV system between PHU BAI and DANANG. I will submit requirements for the complex and from that, they will determine equipment requirements. This will greatly aid us since we would not be tying up tactical equipment and personnel for administrative matters. This tropo system would handle AUTODIN, Flight clearances, weather reports, telephone lines, etc.

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d. 100 Pair Cable - J-6, MACV is planning on laying a 200 pair cable from Communication Central (DANANG) to III Marine Amphibious Force area. Communication Central (DANANG) is on the other side of the air strip. This 200 pair will not be in until September. I asked Colonel KIMBALL (J-6) if he could expedite installation. He is investigating possibility of laying a 100 pair cable around the field now. This is dependent upon availability of cable and funds. He stated I would be advised.

e. Telephone Poles - I found out that MACV has 1700 aluminum telephone poles in storage at SAIGON. Asked if we could have 400. Stated we desperately needed some at Chu Lai. Also needed wires to overhead lines to 3rd Marines (which are cut every night) and from my equipment site to the III Marine Amphibious Force/3rd Marine Division Headquarters area. I understand we will get the poles and stated we would airlift from Saigon to Danang. ~~Items~~ are expendable, so no funds are involved. Asked that they be made available ASAP.

f. Frequency - Stated I have assigned a frequency coordinator (First Lieutenant HONE). He has visited all Marine Amphibious Force units and has obtained the frequencies, <sup>their</sup> use and type emission of each unit. This will be consolidated into a report to MACV requesting permanent assignments. First Lieutenant HONE will attend a frequency coordination conference at J-6 (Saigon) on 21 May 1966.

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Enclosure (2)

HEADQUARTERS  
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25 May 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: 1stLt R. G. HOWE  
 To: Communication-Electronics Officer, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Frequency Conference at MACV J-6; report of

1. The following topics were discussed at a frequency conference held at MACV J-6 on 21 May 1965.

a. Out of country clearance - MACV frequency coordinator stated that requests for this type clearance went back to Washington D. C. and that it would take approximately six months to obtain clearance. He also stated that ARVN were very hesitant in authorizing out of country circuits.

b. Clearance of VHF (FM) frequencies - All requests for frequencies for radio sets AN/PRC 6, 8, 9, 10 and AN/GRC 3,5,7 and 10 must be submitted to and cleared by local Corps Advisor. I Corps advisor stated to group that III Marine Amphibious Force was not doing this and that they (III Marine Amphibious Force) should be given a written order to do so. I again reiterated our position in the matter and stated that we would go to MACV frequency coordinator who could go to RVN to clear our frequencies. It was then suggested by I Corps advisor to set up Area committees consisting of all services in the area along with the host government to solve frequency problems. However, this committee would not be in the position to clear frequencies and I seriously doubt it would be of much value because of this fact. It was stated to conference members that the ARVN control all frequencies and they are rather reluctant to give them up.

c. VHF 38.1 - Majority of Army Advisors and MACV Frequency Coordinator stated that ARVN did not want 38.1 in the overlap band. They also objected to 38.0 and 38.2. The only member attending conference to object was III Marine Amphibious Force representative. A vote was taken and it was agreed by majority to do away with this. MACV Frequency coordinator told representatives to go back to areas and recheck the situation. He said he would then put out message on this problem dropping the frequency in the overlap band. This of course would not be in our best interests as we rely heavily on the overlap band and there are just not enough frequencies available to drop three of them.

d. UHF -318.6 - It was announced that this would be the ARVNS primary Air-Ground frequency.

Enclosure (3)

e. Classification of Frequency requests - It was requested that all requests for frequencies be classified confidential vice Secret as MACV can't go to ARVN with anything classified Secret or above.

f. Post Conference meeting with MACV Frequency Coordinator - A number of topics were discussed with the following results. MACV Frequency Coordinator agreed to clear all frequencies with the exception of VHF for us. He still maintains his earlier position on VHF frequencies. He stated he is in the process of clearing approximately 150 frequencies for us and will send them by message. He requested that I bring my files down to J-6 and we would go over all our frequencies. This will also serve as an opportunity to get some more HF frequencies which we are critically short of in view of continuing build-up.

Respectfully Submitted

R. G. HOWE  
1stLt USMC

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 21 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
 To: Chief of Staff, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: AUTODIN

Encl: (1) Summary of AUTODIN messages  
 (2) Memo of AUTODIN meeting, 1964th Comm Gp, Saigon on 19 May 1965

1. Purpose of this memorandum is to summarize the events leading to the installation of Autodin within the III Marine Amphibious Force and to 3rd Force Service Regiment, Okinawa.
2. Autodin is a series of mysterious boxes that produce a punched card that can be put in a 067 or 068 series transceiver. When hooked up to a communication system (i.e. radio, radio-relay, wire) the 067 can transmit 5 cards per minute and the 068, 10 to 12 cards per minute. These cards are requisitions to be sent from Force Logistics Support Group to 3rd Force Service Regiment and from Chu Lai and Phu Bai to Force Logistics Support Group.
3. Enclosure (1) is a resumé of messages received during the period 13-16 May. Enclosure (2) is a memorandum of a meeting on Autodin at the 1964th Communication Group, Saigon.
4. The first system to be installed will be the out-of-country system to Okinawa (3rd Force Service Regiment). The Danang terminal will be at the Air Force Communication Central (Danang) mounted in a M-109 Van. This Autodin system goes to Phu Lam DCS Major Relay Station (Saigon) by tropo-scatter radio relay and then to Okinawa by STARCOM radio. This will be a 068 transceiver. Force Logistics Support Group will cut the cards and use courier to the Air Force Communication Central (Danang).
5. The inter III Marine Amphibious Force system will be 067 transceivers installed at Chu Lai, Phu Bai and Force Logistics Support Group (Danang). We intend to use our present Radio-Relay system for communication facilities.
6. By inquiry and statements made in enclosures (1) and (2), it is surmised that Force Logistics Support Group will have the maintenance personnel to maintain the Autodin system. I do know communication-electronics personnel under my cognizance do not have this capability.

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7. Therefore, it is recommended that Force Logistics Support Group be responsible for operating and maintaining the Autodin and the Communication-Electronics Officer be responsible for providing the communications for transmittal. This is for the inter system only.

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SUMMARY OF AUTODIN MESSAGES  
(ALL MESSAGES REFERENCED ARE CONFIDENTIAL)

CG FMFPAC 132320Z To PACAFCOMMAREA Wheeler AFB, Info CG III MAF and others: Subject - Data Transceivers (u): FMFPAC requested that 3 IBM 067 telegraph signal units and 3 IBM 066 printing data transceivers be prepared for pickup by Marine Corps aircraft for delivery to Danang. (Note - This was our first indication that a new evolution was being introduced --- No prior Info received).

PACAFCOMMAREA Wheeler AFB 140150Z to 1961 Comm Gp Clark AFB and others, Info CG III MAF and others: Subject - Autodin support Marine Corps Danang; PACAFCOMMAREA Wheeler AFB directed 1961 Comm Gp Clark AFB to prepare two (2) 066's and one (1) 067 for immediate shipment to Danang. Also directed 1964 Comm Gp Tan Son Nhut to prepare two (2) 067's for immediate shipment to Danang. (Note - FMFPAC asked for three (3) 066's and three (3) 067's - this message indicates that we will be short one (1) 066). This message also provided info to FMFPAC concerning the pick-up of the equipment, i.e., phone numbers and contacts at Clark and Tan Son Nhut.

CG FMFPAC 150229Z to CG III MAF, Info CMC and others: Subject - Data Transceiver (u): FMFPAC requested that III MAF arrange for pick-up of subject equipment and to info all concerned.

CG FMFPAC 151846Z to CMC, CG III MAF, and others. Info to DCA Pac, PACAFCOMMAREA Wheeler AFB, and others: Subject - Data Transceivers (u): FMFPAC outlined the data transmission requirements necessary to provide logistical support to Marine units deployed RVN. Message included a statement that "Lack of data transmission equipment is causing a daily backlog of between 200 and 500 priority two and five requisitions". Further, CG FMFPAC said "our plan is to tie the supply requisition activities in Chu Lai and Phu Bai to the mobile data processing plt at Danang and to tie the LSG at Danang into the Third FSR on Okinawa which is the primary logistic support source for III MAF units". Other facts outlined in msg are as follows: operators for equipment are available from Third MarDiv data processing personnel; cost of leasing equipment approximately \$600.00 per month; equipment is to be housed in M-109 Vans --- CG First MAW was directed to ship two of these vans to III MAF FLSG on first available air transportation; CG Third MarDiv was directed to ship two 026 punch units to III MAF FLSG on first available air transportation. Final sub paragraph of msg read, "request technical assistance from Army and Air Force 1964 Comm Gp to install and maintain subject equipment".

AdminO FMFPAC 152152Z to CINCPACFLT, Info to CMC, III MAF and others: Subject - DCS Autodin Support (u): FMFPAC submitted Autodin circuit requirements to CINCPACFLT --- specified type and grade of service required as full duplex teletype operating on a continuous basis in support of operational logistical requirements Viet Nam. Further stated that equipment would be positioned at Danang, Chu Lai, and Phu Bai on a priority basis. Also listed contact personnel: Major R. L. MARTIN Jr. FMFPAC, Hawaii phone 39-511; Major T. S. VOGT III MAF, Parchment 10 Danang.

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AdminO FMFPAC 162116Z (Readdressal of PACAFCOMMAREA Wheeler AFB to Det 5 1964 Comm Gp Danang) Info III MAF and others: Subject - None This message discussed the allocation of equipment and operating personnel. Further stated that, " this Headquarters is investigating maintenance personnel situation. Request SEASIA Comm region investigate possibility of short term TDY of personnel from 1961 Comm Gp to Danang to support IBM maintenance requirement. Request Det 5 1964 Comm Gp coordinate with CG III MAF to resolve any problems of location, equipment or support. Advise this Headquarters, info FMFPAC if further assistance required".

CG First MAW (Rear) 161432Z To CG III MAF and CG First MAW (Adv): Subject - Data Transceivers - M109 Vans: First MAW stated that M-109 vans were too large for C-130 aircraft so they loaded the two vans (requested by FMFPAC) aboard the Washoe County with MAG-12 equipment. One of the vans is slated to be off loaded at Danang and the other at Chu Lai.

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Memo of Meeting 19 May 1965

Subject: AUTODIN Terminal at Danang

STATEMENT OF PROBLEMS:

1. Install 066/068 AUTODIN terminal at Danang operated by Det 5, 1964th Comm Gp on circuit to Phulam.
2. Install 066/067 transceivers at Phu Bai, Chu Bai and 1401 computer terminal at Danang all locations to be operated by FIGS III MAF.

DISCUSSION:

1. 2 each 066/068 transceiver terminal are available at Danang but have not been installed because of lack of space. The Marine Corps has provided an M-109 van to house this equipment so the circuit may be installed. US Army Signal Corp (STRATCOM at Phulam) has installation responsibility for this equipment. Phulam has terminal available for unsecured operation. Secured operation is not required yet and can not be used until equipment is available at Phulam and Danang. Initial traffic volume is expected to average 300-500 cards per day.
2. two 067 signal units are to be shipped from 1964th Comm Gp, Tan Son Nhut, to Danang for ICT to FLSG III MAF. Also two 066 transceivers and one 067 signal unit are to be transferred to FLSG III MAF from Clark AB, Phil. The 066/067 transceiver/signal units will be operated by FLSG III MAF from Phu Bai and Chu Bai to the 1401 computer located at Danang on a shared terminal basis. The 067 signal units at Tan Son Nhut are in questionable condition since adequate maintenance had not been available. Condition of the units to come from Clark is not known.

SOLUTION:

1. Major Swan Det 5, 1964th Comm Gp Commander will have power and signal lines extended to the M-109 van. Capt Wheeler 1964th Comm Gp will arrange to have installation personnel of STRATCOM proceed on TDY to Danang to install the two 066/068 transceiver/signal units. They will proceed after Major Swan notified Capt Wheeler that the van is ready for equipment to be installed. Both terminals should be installed so that one is a spare which can be easily patched to the signal lines. Tropo circuit has been allocated and will be checked out prior to installation. Anticipated operation date is 20 May 1965.
2. Col Olson EMPPAC will check to see if US Army depot at Camp Zama, Japan can be used to overhaul and/or inspect the 066's and 067's whose condition is not known or is known to be marginal. If this capability can be used,

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the 067's from Tan Son Nhut and any equipment from Clark (to be identified later) will be transferred to the Marines and they will proceed with over haul and arrange to have equipment installed. If capability is not available at Camp Zama the equipment will be transferred or held depending upon what further overhaul capability can be found. Since only two 066 transceivers have been identified for ICT and three are needed, FLSG III MAF will initiate request to obtain one more. The 066 transceivers already at Danang should not be considered for transfer since the terminal to Phulam is considered the most important. 100% backup must be retained for this terminal. Operational date is dependent upon availability of service-able equipment.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Colonel Olson	G-4 FEF PAC
Colonel Bradley	GR 1964th Comm Gp
Major Vogt	CEO III MAF
Major Gray	MACV
Lt Col Daniels	CEO 1st MAF
Lt Col Moffatt	1964th Comm Gp
Major Sunn	Det 5, 1964th Comm Gp
Major Painter	1964th Comm Gp (IC)
Capt Turbeville	FLSG III MAF
Capt Wheeler	1964th Comm Gp (TCU)

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HEADQUARTERS  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
c/o FPO San Francisco, California 96601

110/TSV/lg  
26 May 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Chief of Staff, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: AUTODIN

Ref: (a) CEO Memo for record dtd 21 May 1965

1. In response to Chief of Staff comments returned with reference (a), an informal conference was held today with the assistant Chief of Staff G-4, the Force Logistics Support Group representative, Captain TURBEVILLE and the undersigned. Purpose was to ascertain the areas of responsibility concerning the operation and maintenance of the forthcoming III Marine Amphibious AUTODIN system. Colonel NICKERSON and Captain TURBEVILLE concur with the recommendations contained in paragraph (7) of reference (a) which are that Force Logistics Support Group is responsible for installation and maintenance of AUTODIN and are under the cognizance of the III Marine Amphibious Force G-4. The III Marine Amphibious Force Communication-Electronics Officer is responsible for the communication link between AUTODIN installations only.

2. Concerning the arrival of the equipment components and the target date for the commencement of AUTODIN operations within the III Marine Amphibious Force; Captain TURBEVILLE is making arrangements to pick up the system components at Clark Air Force Base and Tan Son Nhut. Two M-109 Vans are aboard the WASHOE COUNTY which is now at Chu Lai. Estimated time of arrival Danang 28-29 May. One O66 unit arrived here from Camp Drake, Japan on 26 May. Captain TURBEVILLE stated that he was informed by a Mr. CASEY (IBM Representative working out of Saigon) that the two O67 units coming from Tan Son Nhut will require overhaul and checkout and therefore will have to be delivered to Camp Zama, Japan subsequent to their arrival at Danang in order to have this work performed. In addition, Captain TURBEVILLE also reported that the Force Logistics Support Group IBM 1401 computer was deadlined for malfunction. Without this computer the AUTODIN system will not provide the service for which it is intended. A Mr. BAKER (IBM Representative working out of Clark Air Force Base) is due to arrive at Danang on 27 May for the purpose of analyzing the computer malfunction. In view of the above, Captain TURBEVILLE estimated that the III Marine Amphibious Force AUTODIN system would not be operational until the last week in June 1965.

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3. The Air Force is holding up their end of the overall project. Detachment Five 1964th Communication Group has nearly completed the installation of the main AUTODIN terminal which will serve the Danang area. This terminal will act as a transmitting/receiving relay agency to the Defense Communication System at Saigon, then to the AUTODIN terminal at Force Service Regiment in Okinawa.

4. At the conclusion of the aforementioned conference, the Assistant Chief of Staff G-4 assigned Captain TURBEVILLE the responsibility for the installation and future operations of the III Marine Amphibious Force AUTODIN system. The III Marine Amphibious Force Communication-Electronics Officer will provide the telecommunications to support the AUTODIN point-to-point requirements.

5. Based upon the above, and in order to eliminate duplication of effort or no action due to cloudy areas of responsibility, it is recommended that the III Marine Amphibious Force G-4 have cognizance for all future action for AUTODIN.

T. S. VOGT

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**COMMUNICATION OFFICERS/COMMUNICATION CHIEF'S MEETING OF 24 MAY 1965**

1. COMMUNICATION COMPANY, THIRD MARINE DIVISION WILL ARRIVE APPROXIMATELY 5 JUNE 1965.
2. MESSAGE PREPARED REQUESTING CONTINGENCY PACKAGE 100A ON 24 MAY 1965.
3. SCHEDULE PUBLISHED FOR CRYPTOCENTER INSPECTION TO BE CONDUCTED BY FMFPAC REPRESENTATIVES.
4. INFORMAL COMMENTS WERE REQUESTED ON PERFORMANCE OF GENERATOR SET PU - 482.
5. CNO, THIRD MARINE DIV (ADV) MENTIONED PUBLICATION OF ANNEX C (FREQUENCIES AND CALL SIGNS BY 1 JUNE 1965.
6. COMMUNICATION OFFICER, 3D MAR MENTIONED FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
  - (1). COMMUNICATION SUPPORT FOR 1/3 BEYOND HILL 327.
  - (2). RECON BN, (COMM GUARD ASSUMED BY 1/12).
  - (3). LESSONS LEARNED.
  - (4). CHANGE OF FREQUENCIES ASSIGNED THE TAR NET.
  - (5). NEW FAMILY OF RADIO EQUIPMENT.
7. ASS'T COMMUNICATION OFFICER, 4TH MAR DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
  - (1). PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED ON MAINTAINING CONTACT ON DIV TAC #2, TAR NET.
  - (2). RECOMMENDED FREQUENCY CHANGE ON TAR NET.
8. ASS'T CEO, 1ST MAW DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
  - (1). PARALLEL RADIO RELAY (AN/MRC - 62) TO MAG -12 CHU LAY.
  - (2). TAR NET (FREQUENCY CHANGE).

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9. PLSG COMMUNICATION OFFICER DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- (1). MODULES FOR AN/PRC - 41/47 PARTIAL RECEIPT OF.
- (2). WAS ASKED TO CHECK STOCK LEVELS OF DRY CELL BATTERIES.
- (3). AVAILABILITY OF MAINTENANCE FLOAT ITEMS.

10. GEO, III MAF CLOSED MEETING WITH THE FOLLOWING REMARKS:

- (1). TOLD COMMO OF 4TH MARINES TO INVITE COMMO'S OF MCB - 10, 1/4, 2/4, AND 3/3.
- (2). RETENTION OF SUFFICIENT RADIO SETS AN/GRC - 9'S TO ENTER NCF NETS.
- (3). AVAILABILITY OF AN/PRC - 25 AND VRC - 12.

Enclosure (5)

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DRAFTER 110/TSV  
SECT CEO PHONE PARCHMENT 10

CCN: 158

IMMEDIATE 281236ZFROM: CG III MAF  
TO: CG FMFPAC  
INFO: CINCPACFLT  
NAVCOM STA PHIL

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STATUS EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS (U)

- A. MY 071306Z
- B. MY 090730 (NOTAL)
- C. ADMIN CINCPACFLT 110231Z
- D. DCA PAC 120223Z (NOTAL)
- E. ADMIN CINCPACFLT 140841Z (NOTAL)
- F. ADMIN FMFPAC 152117Z (NOTAL)
- G. MY 170225 (NOTAL)
- H. NAVCOMMSTAPHIL 180344 (NOTAL)
- I. MY 191415Z (NOTAL)
- J. MY 200240Z (NOTAL)
- K. MY 201300Z (NOTAL)
- L. CINCPACFLT 230127Z
- M. NAVSHIPREPFAC SUBIC 240805Z (NOTAL)
- N. COMUSMACV 240815Z (NOTAL)
- O. MY 241742Z (NOTAL)
- P. CG FMFPAC 242301Z (NOTAL)
- Q. MY 260742Z (NOTAL)
- R. CG FMFPAC 262209Z (NOTAL)

1. THIS MSG COVERS PD 6-28 MAY. PURPOSE OF MSG IS TO REVIEW ALL THE MSGS CONCERNING EXTERNAL COMM FACILITIES FOR CG III MAF, PRESENT STATUS OF COMM AND REITERATE THE URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR DEPENDABLE MULTIPLE CHANNELS TO NAVCOMMSTAPHIL IN ORDER TO PREVENT DELAY AND MINIMIZE SVC REQUEST OF HIGH PRECEDENCE MSGS.

2. SUMMARY OF REFERENCES FOL (SUB-PAR LTR SAME AS REFS ABOVE):

A. CG III MAF STATED CINCPACFLT COMM CONTINGINEY PKGS 3 AND 4 (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS PKGS 3 AND 4) WERE ON VERGE BREAKDOWN, AND OVERDUE FOR MAJOR OVERHAUL. ALSO REQUESTED ANOTHER DUPLEX CKT TO NAVCOMMSTAPHIL VIA WETWASH UNDERSEA CABLE

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B. CG III MAF STATED THAT PKGS 3 AND 4 OUT DUE TO FAILURE XMTRS. REITERATED REQUEST FOR WETWASH CKT AND STATED THAT I CORPS ADVISORY COMM CNTR (DANANG) SENDING TRFC FOR III MAF.

C. CINCPACFLT CONCURRED IN OUR REQUEST FOR WETWASH CKT.

D. DCA PAC APPROVED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WETWASH CKT.

E. ADMIN CINCPACFLT RCMD REHAB OF PKGS 3 AND 4 ON A ONE AT A TIME BASIS AT NAVSHIPREPFAC YOKOSUKA.

F. ADMINO FMFPAC RCMD REHAB OF PKGS 3 AND 4 BE HELD IN OBEYANCE UNTIL THE WETWASH CKT BECAME OPERATIONAL.

G. CG III MAF RCMD THAT DUE TO URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR EXTERNAL CKTS RCMD CINCPACFLT SEND TI TEAM TO DANANG TO INSPECT PKGS 3 AND 4. THOSE ITEMS THAT COULD NOT BE REHAB ON SITE BE REPLACED.

H. FMFPAC REP REPORTS:

- (1) WETWASH CKT OPERATING FROM ZERO TO FORTY PERCENT RELIABILITY.
- (2) PKGS 3 AND 4 HAVE HISTORY OF SEVENTY FIVE PER CENT RELIABILITY.
- (3) DELAY IN MSG TRFC IS BETWEEN DANANG AND NAVCOMMSTAPHIL.
- (4) INDICATIONS ARE TO REPLACE PKGS 3 AND 4 WITH CINCPACFLT ATCU

100A COMM PKG (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS ATCU 100A).

I. FMFPAC REP STATES CG FMFPAC (LTGEN KRULAK) AGREED TO REQUESTING ATCU 100A. ALSO, CG FMFPAC DIRECTED REP TO DISCUSS WITH III MAF CEO HIS OVERALL NEEDS.

J. CG III MAF REQUESTED NAVCOMMSTAPHIL TO GO TO CRYPTO DEVICE KW-7 IN LIEU KW-26 AND CHANGE SPEED FROM 100 WPM TO 60 WPM ON WETWASH CKT TO IMPROVE RELIABILITY.

K. CG III MAF REQUESTED REPAIR PARTS TO FIX PKGS 3 AND 4.

L. CINCPACFLT DIRECTED HIS REP, LT HIGGINS, USN TO PROCEED DANANG TO:

- (1) DETERMINE PRECISE COMM REQUIREMENTS OF III MAF.
- (2) ASCERTAIN PERSONNEL AND EQUIP AUGMENTATION RQD.

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(3) DETERMINE DCS RESPONSIBILITY FOR POINT-TO-POINT SERVICE.

M. NAVSHIPREFFAC SUBIC REPORTED TO CG III MAF THAT PARTS REQUESTED FOR PKGS 3 AND 4 WOULD BE SHIPPED BY MOST EXPENDITIOUS MEANS AND THAT PARTS WERE NOT AVAIL LOCALLY.

N. COMUSMACV APPROVED DUPLEX PONY CKT BETWEEN III MAF AND I CORPS.  
(DANANG)

O. FMFPAC REP REPORTS FROM III MAF HQ THAT PKGS 3 AND 4 MOST UNSAT AND UNDER PRESENT SITUATION MSG BACKLOG WILL CONTINUE. HE RCMD:

1. TWO CKTS VIA TROPO SYSTEM FROM DANANG TO PHU LAI.

2. REPLACE PKGS 3 AND 4 WITH ATCU-100A IMMEDIATELY. REITERATED URGENT RQMT FOR ATCU 100A AND STATED CINCPACFLT REP LT HIGGINS PROVIDING CINCPACFLT ESSENTIALLY SAME INFO.

P. CG FMFPAC STATES PACFLT HAS NO TI TEAMS TO INSPECT PKGS 3 AND 4 CONSIDERS FURTHER ACTION TO REHAB AND/OR REPLACE THIS PKG BE HELD IN OBEYANCE PENDING RESULTS OF REPORTS SUBMITTED BY FMFPAC AND CINCPACFLT REPS.

Q. FMFPAC REP III MAF HQ STATES PKGS 3 AND 4 AND WETWASH CKT STILL INOPERABLE. STILL RECOMMENDS IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF ATCU 100A TO III MAF.

R. CG FMFPAC REQUESTS CG III MAF TO FURNISH OUTGOING MSG TRFC BACKLOG ON A 12 HOURLY BASIS COMMENCING ASAP. ALSO REQUESTS BACKLOG TREND STATISTICS FOR PAST TWO WEEKS. STATES FMFPAC EXPERIENCING MANY EXCESSIVE DELAYS OF HIGH PRIORITY TRFC FROM III MAF. THAT THESE REPORTS WILL AID IN DETERMINING WHERE PROBLEM LIES AND PROVIDE RATIONALE TO SPT REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE.

3. HISTORY OF ESTABLISHMENT OF III MAF EXTERNAL COMM CKTS:

A. NINTH MAB RELIED ON FMF MOBILE CMD CKT USING PKGS 3 AND 4 AND AVERAGED 200 TO 300 MSGS DAILY. THIS GAVE 100 PERCENT BACKUP OF EQUIP AND NUMBER MSGS PRECLUDED BACKLOG WITH FEW HOURS DOWNTIME EXPERIENCED DAILY.

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B. UPON ACTIVATION III MAF AT DANANG ON 6 MAY MSG TRFC IMMEDIATELY EXPANDED TO OVER 1000 MSGS DAILY. PKGS 3 AND 4 AS ONE CKT BECAME SATURATED THEREFORE ON 7 MAY REQUESTED ESTABLISHMENT OF WETWASH CKT. PLANNED TO USE ONE HALF OF PKGS 3 AND 4 FOR THIS PURPOSE. THIS LEFT NO BACKUP.

C. REQUESTED COMUSMACV TO PROVIDE DUPLEX TO SAIGON AREA FOR POINT-TO-POINT CKT WHICH WOULD ALSO PROVIDE ANOTHER OUTSIDE MEANS TO HANDLE TRFC OVERFLOW. DCA PHU LAI CKT WAS APPROVED ON 12 MAY.

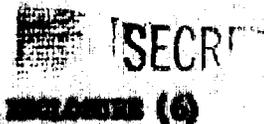
D. CONSTANTLY RECEIVING TRFC FROM I CORPS ADVISORY COMM CNTR (DANANG), A TRIBUTARY OF DCA PHU LAM. THEREFORE REQUESTED AUTHORITY FROM COMUSMACV TO ESTABLISH A METALLIC DUPLEX PONY LOOP FROM III MAF TO I CORPS. THIS WAS APPROVED BY COMUSMACV ON 24 MAY.

#### 4. STATUS OF EXTERNAL COMM CKTS:

A. FMF MOBILE RADIO CMD TO NAVCOMMSTAPHIL - PKGS 3 AND 4 ALMOST COMPLETELY DOWN. ONLY ONE KW-26 AND ONE TT OF SYSTEM WORKING. ALL OTHER EQUIP DEADLINED AWAITING PARTS. NO PARTS ORDERED HAVE BEEN RCVD. AM USING TACTICAL SSB RADIO AND GGC-3 AND TGC-14 FOR TT'S. THESE TACTICAL TT'S WILL NOT STAY OPERATIONAL AT 100 WPM. THEREFORE MUST BE REPLACED FREQUENTLY. RELIABILITY OF CKT ABOUT 35 PERCENT.

B. WETWASH METALLIC CKT TO NAVCOMMSTAPHIL - THE LEG OF THIS CKT WITHIN RVN IS VIA TROPO-SCATTER SYSTEMS. AM USING AN/MSQ-42 (KW-26'S) AND TACTICAL TT EQUIPMENT AT 100 WPM. THIS SYSTEM HAS A RELIABILITY OF ZERO. HAVE HAD III MAF EQUIPMENT CHECKED BY EXPERENCED PERSONNEL OF AIR FORCE 1964TH COMM GRP AND BY CINCPACFLT REP LT HIGGINS. ALL STATE III MAF EQUIP OPERATIONAL. PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE PRIMARILY IN MACV TROPO-SYSTEM. ON 20 MAY REQUESTED NAVCOMMSTAPHIL TO CHANGE TO KW-7 AND 60 WPM ON THIS CKT. TO DATE NO ANSWER RCVD.

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C. III MAF TO DCA PHU LAM CKT - DUPLEX, USING AN/MSQ-42 (KW-26) AND TACTICAL TT'S AT 100 WPM. ABOUT 60 PERCENT UP TIME EXPERIENCED. HOWEVER OF TOTAL MSGS SENT VIA THIS CKT AM RECEIVING SVC REQUEST FOR ABOUT 50 PERCENT. SUSPECT EXCESSIVE GARBLE DUE TO LONG HAUL TROPO-SYSTEMS AND NUMEROUS SWITCHING CENTRALS INVOLVED.

D. DUPLEX PONY LOOP TO I CORPS (DANANG) USING KW-7 AND TACTICAL TT'S ABOUT 90 PERCENT RELIABLE. HOWEVER, I CORPS UTILIZING SAME TROPO-SYSTEM TO DCA PHU LAM SO SAME PROBLEM OF EXCESSIVE GARBLE EXISTS. WHEN I CORPS HAS BACKLOG THEY WILL EXCEPT IMMEDIATE AND FLASH PRECEDENCE ONLY.

5. BACKLOG. AM EXPERIENCING A CONTINUAL BACKLOG OF 100 TO 700 MSGS. AMT BACKLOG VARIES DUE TO TWO FACTORS:

A. CONDITION OF CKTS. IT ALL CKTS ARE IN SOLID, TRFC PASSES RAPIDLY AND WITH EVEN FLOW. WHEN ONE OR MORE CKTS DOWN (WHICH IS USUALLY THE CASE), A BACKLOG MOUNTS AT SMOE MAJOR RELAY STATION.

B. DELIVERY OF TAPES FROM DCA PHU LAM: WHEN DCA PHU LAM CANNOT UNLOAD TRFC OVER I CORPS AND III MAF CKTS, THEY PUT TAPES IN PAPER BAGS AND DELIVER VIA AIR COURIER. DELIVERY CANNOT BE PREDICTED BY III MAF. RECEIVE FROM 100 TO 700 TAPES AT ONE TIME BY THIS METHOD. TAPES MUST BE PROCESSED THROUGH GGC-3 TO PRODUCE DITTO MAT FOR REPRO. DELAY CANNOT BE PREVENTED BY III MAF DUE TO TOTAL TIME ELAPSED FROM RECEIPT OF MSG AT PHU LAM TO RUN OFF OF COPIES AT III MAF. ALSO HIGH RATE SVCS COMPOUND PROBLEM. OF 500 TAPES RCVD 280400H FROM DCA PHU LAM, 135 TAPES WERE REQUEST FOR SVC. YET OUTGOING TAPES FROM III MAF ARE CLEAN AND CLEAR TAPES.

6. CONCLUSION. PRESENT SITUATION WILL CONTINUE UNTIL III MAF IS PROVIDED EQUIP WITH CAPABILITY OF MULTIPLE POINT TO POINT RADIO CHANNELIZATION TO NAVCOMMSTAPHIL.

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7. RCMD. THAT ATCU 100A CONTINGENCY PKG BE PROVIDED IMMEDIATELY.  
CKTS REQUIRED ARE AS STATED IN REF 0 WHICH REFLECTS CG III MF APPROVAL.

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III Marine Amphibious Force  
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30 May 1965

MEMORANDUM

From: Communication-Electronics Officer  
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Secure Voice System for SEA (U)

Encl: (1) Statement of Understanding  
(2) Map of SEA showing subject system  
(3) Copies of Individuals Orders involved in subject system

1. On 27 May 1965 received a visit by Major D. L. FAGUE, U. S. Army and Mr. GOODE (GS-13) concerning installation of a Secure Voice System for the Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force.
2. Enclosure (1) provides a brief description of the Secure Voice System. Enclosure (2) shows installation points within SEA, and enclosure (3) is copies of orders of individuals involved in the installation of the system.
3. This system is similar to the KY-9 Speech Security System asked for by Fleet Marine Force Pacific to net with Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force. It will give the Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force the capability to have secure voice telephone net to all points indicated in enclosure (2).
4. Additional information given verbally:
  - a. Total of 49 subscribers in Pacific Area.
  - b. There will be one common user trunk at Air Force Switching Central, Danang which will be shared by Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force, I Corps Advisor and Air Force CMC.
  - c. Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force placed on list at request of COMUSMACV.
  - d. Department of Army desires equipment in by 1 August 1965 but Major FAGUE stated it would be four to six months.
  - e. There will be one repair facility at Air Force Switch, Danang to service all subscribers.

T. S. VOGT

Enclosure (7)

LT Haines

CHIEF

Communication Officer / Communication Meeting of 31 May 1965

1. The CEO III MAF opened the meeting with the following remarks:
  - (a). A briefing was conducted for MGen WALT on the III MAF COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.
  - (b). Physical separation of the III MAF and the Division Command posts was discussed.
  - (c). Two headquarters of the magnitude of III MAF and the Third Marine Division (adv) operating a combined communication center presents many problems and is very difficult.
  - (d). Gen WALT, based upon recommendations submitted by staff sections, will submit to CMC, via CG FMFPAC, recommended T/O - T/E for MAF Headquarters.
  - (e). Distribution of General messages is the responsibility of the units having access to III MAF/DIVISION communication system.
  - (f). The introduction of Communication Company, Seventh Communication Battalion into RVN to install command post for III MAF.
  - (g). Based upon the above, Communication Support Company, FMF can then be phased back to Okinawa.
  - (h). That this meeting would be the last one on the MAF level. However, Third Marine Division will continue to conduct these meetings for Division units. CEO III MAF will send a representative to these meetings.
  - (i). The III MAF CEO will act as a "buffer" between Division/Wing, I Corps, and MACV.
  - (j). The status of external MAF Communications is still marginal, after numerous calls and messages to higher headquarters.
  - (k). That Gen WALT has a direct interest in the communication system and problems encountered therein.

CEO, Third MarDiv Comments:

1. New Comm-Elect annex published on 31 May, effective 010800H June.
2. Some FM frequencies have been duplicated at Chu Lai and Phu Bai.
3. Pyrotechnics will change upon receipt of MACV instructions.
4. Comm Co, HqBn will arrive Da Nang within the next 10 days.
5. Numerical codes and authentication not being used to extent desired.
6. Maintenance float items to be moved from Okinawa to Da Nang.

Enclosure (8)

7. Recommend changes to T/O - T/E. Particularly generators within the Infantry Battalions.

8. 3/9 will be relieved by 1/9. This will be the last transplacement Bn.

Major Hart

1. EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FOR DIV/MAF Headquarters.

2. RPS material outside the DA NANG area. Courier service not available.

3. Burning of Crypto Material that is checked out from another unit is not permitted.

3rdMar

1. No problems

2. 2/3 has generator problems.

3. 3/4 not receiving admin traffic from 1stMarBrig.

4thMar

1. Communication personnel losses for Hq 4th, 1/4 and 2/4 will be app. 50% during the summer.

2. Wire tapping of the FSCC Hot line in 3/3 area.

FLSG

1. Repair parts are being received.

2. Transportation of poles to Chu Lai being arranged.

Closing Remarks

1. Impress upon Staff that passing of classified info by telephone is prohibited.

Enclosure (8)

HEADQUARTERS BATTALION DISPENSARY  
 3rd Marine Division FMF (FORWARD)  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 o/o FPO San Francisco, California

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 06 JUNE 1965

From: Battalion Surgeon  
 To: G-3 Section, III Marine Amphibious Force

Subj: Command Diary for Headquarters Battalion Dispensary for  
 the period 01 MAY thru 31 MAY 1965; submission of

1. Personnel attached this section during the period of this report are listed below:

CONSTANTINE, P. A.	LT	(MC)	USNR
BURKE, D. P.	LT	(MC)	USNR
SIMMONS, C. F.	HM2		USN
GRIGSBY, G. E.	HN		USNR
BLESSING, J. A.	HN		USN

(a) Doctor BURKE reported aboard as replacement for Doctor Constantine on 22 MAY 1965. Doctor Constantine returned to the Headquarters Battalion Dispensary (REAR).

2. The Battalion Aid Station, originally located in a CP tent, has been sustaining a Sick Call of approximately 30 men per day. Primary illnesses have been diarrhea, gastric upset, skin rashes, venereal diseases and heat exhaustion. Supplies, inadequate at the first of the month, are now being received more readily and in greater quantity. The Headquarters Battalion Aid Station was moved from a CP tent to a room in the III Marine Amphibious Force Annex building at the middle of the month. This move has enhanced the capabilities for more adequate treatment of patients but has restricted our space for working and for storage.

3. There are no Supporting Documents submitted with this report.



D. P. BURKE  
 LT (MC) USNR

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Civil Affairs Command Diary

On 7 May 1965 the III Marine Amphibious Force Civil Affairs Officer arrived in DaNang. Staff visits were made in the Chu Lai area and DaNang area to get information on the terrain, people, location of homelife and Civic Action Activities of the Units.

A concept for Civic Action activities by the III Marine Amphibious Force was proposed. In addition an order establishing a Civil Affairs Reporting System and a Civic Action Project Order are being prepared and will be ~~used~~ <sup>ISSUED</sup> in the next few days.

Various conferences were attended with the Mayor and officials of the city of DaNang.

29 May

CG appointed Special Area Coordinator for the DaNang Complex to include the city of DaNang, Danang Air Base, China Beach and surrounding troop installations. Specifically he is responsible for coordination of the following functions:

- a. Physical Security.
- b. Maintenance of law and order including establishment of Joint Police and Courtesy Patrols.
- c. Recreation and welfare.
- d. Motor vehicle and traffic regulations.
- e. Pass and liberty regulations.
- f. Safety.
- g. Liaison with local military and civic leaders concerning matters pertaining to United States Personnel.

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COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU  
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
FLEET MARINE FORCE  
FPO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.  
96601

CIB/WRD/bem  
2 Jun 1965

From: Officer in Charge  
To: Assistant Chief of Staff G-3, III Marine Amphibious Force  
Subj: Command Diary; submission of  
Ref: (a) Your memo dtd 26May65 same subject  
(b) CG FMFPac msg 270520Z Apr 65 (SECRET)  
Encl: (1) COMUSMACV msg P180325Z  
(2) Force Bulletin 5720 dtd 25May65  
(3) Force Bulletin 5721 dtd 25May65  
(4) Memo from CIB to MAF C/S: request for administrative support

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with the request contained in reference (a). Reference (b) is the authority for establishing the Combat Information Bureau.

2. BACKGROUND: With the establishment of the Combat Information Bureau in the Da Nang complex on 11 May 1965, the CIB functioned for several days in a tent adjacent to III MAF Headquarters. With the numerous civilian press representatives unable to obtain access to various military units, the CIB moved to the Old Naval Ammunition Depot, Da Nang, commonly referred to as the "White Elephant" on Bach Dang Street. To further facilitate the newsmen, CIB officers moved to the Da Nang Press Center. Personal contact with the newsmen enhanced our potential to release Marine news to all wire services and their respective correspondents. LtCol. William R. Duncan was assigned by Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, as the MACV representative within the Da Nang area and sole agent for the release and distribution of all military news. (Encl: 1) CWO T. W. Turner was assigned as Assistant officer in charge for CIB, and WO J. T. Smith was assigned as Operations Officer. Their assignment was to establish liaison with the press and military units to help the newsmen obtain factual story material with a minimum delay.

3. OPERATION: Since the CIB became operational 11 May 1965, 36 different newsmen have been quartered, sent to various units for news copy, given daily briefings on current action and presented the following day's general intentions with time and location for newsmen to appear.

a. A special American Broadcasting Company (ABC) team from New York arrived May 23 for about two weeks with intentions on Marine activities. They were sent to different units to obtain a complete picture of Marine operations, including the construction of the Chu Lai airstrip.

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b. A special team from the French National TV arrived May 27 for coverage of Marine units, Air Force units and Republic of Vietnam Air Force. CWO Turner, temporarily serving as I Corps PIO, arranged for Air Force coverage. Marine activities were conducted by WO Smith, which included construction of the Chu Lai airstrip, a day and night with the 4th Marine Regiment, general news film coverage of Marines guarding the Da Nang airfield, and general film coverage of the LAAM Bn. on Hill 327.

c. Mr. John C. Drumman, representing the Belgian Radio and TV, arrived May 28 for special radio reporting and interviews with various Marine units, as well as a special interview with LtCol. Clement, commanding 2/3.

d. Look Magazine sent a two-man special team for particular coverage of Marine units in the field, specifically one-man within a Marine squad. Coverage was completed in nine days.

e. Two (2) Force Bulletins (Encls: 3 and 4) were published outlining the CIB program. It is our intention to incorporate these and subsequent bulletins in a Force Order constituting a III MAF SOP for Information matters.

f. The CIB operations officer is assigned the additional responsibility of compiling action reports on the Marine TAORs three times daily. This information is screened for security matter which could prove detrimental to operational functions. These periodic reports are then passed to the MACV Information Office in Saigon. They are also given to correspondents in the Da Nang area at the Press Center. This system has met with favorable response from the press, in that it allows them to file copy several times daily.

4. NEWS RELEASES: From the first release made by the CIB on 22 May to the end of the month, a total of 23 releases were disseminated; eight of these were originated by reporters of the CIB. The balance were submitted by the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing and the 3rd Marine Division. One radio news interview was released to GMC for possible dissemination to "Monitor" on NBC.

5. FHTNC RELEASES: During the same period, 68 Fleet Home Town News Center stories were received from the two Marine ISO offices and mailed to the FHTNC. Fifty-one of these were accompanied by photographs. Nine FHTNC radio interviews were completed.

6. DISTRIBUTION: Most of the news releases mailed by the CIB go to some 40 media, including all Marine Corps post and station newspapers and such military markets as Navy Times, Leatherneck, Gazette, etc. In addition, copies are made available to civilian newsmen at the Da Nang Press Center, 10 copies are sent to MACVIO in Saigon for dissemination there, and eight copies are sent to the Marine Press Liaison Office, Tokyo for further dissemination. Except for very minor stories, our distribution reaches about 60 media, including three wire services, AP, UPI and Reuters.

7. RADIO: The CIB has recently gone into production of radio tape recordings. It is expected that full production should be reached in the next 15 days and that approximately 50 recordings will be made each week.

8. ADMINISTRATION: The CIB team arrived at III MAF on 11 May 1965. Two members of the CIB were sent to Okinawa and Japan to obtain the necessary office supplies. Meanwhile, the CIB was established in a tent outside III MAF Headquarters and began operations. The offices in Da Nang are now furnished with field desks and typewriters in sufficient number to conduct our present administrative tasks.

a. The CIB currently lacks reproduction capability, but is being serviced temporarily by the 3rd Marine Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. A supply request was submitted to the 1st Advisory Group, I Corps, for office furniture and a mimeograph machine. This is in line with MACV authorization for logistical support. A request for expendable administrative supplies on a 30-day basis was also submitted to I Corps.

b. Two (2) O141 personnel were requested from III MAF to support the CIB and LtCol. Duncan, the MACV representative. (Encl: 4)

c. Because of technical difficulties and the need for limited amounts of equipment for "in-the-field" tape recordings, all CIB radio recordings, i.e., news, FHTNC, special events must be recorded on one tape, unedited. The CIB has requested Division of Information at Headquarters Marine Corps to handle final production and dissemination.

9. TRANSPORTATION: Transportation demands on this section are heavy and varied. Many correspondents arrive unable to drive. Administrative runs to III MAF Headquarters keeps one jeep in operation throughout the day. Visits to outlying units on Marine Corps assignments and with civilian correspondents are also demanding of vehicles. This section at present has one Marine Corps jeep assigned. MACV, has authorized three civilian jeeps. The civilian jeeps are paid for by MACV by contract through a local rental agency. It was recommended by CIB that this contract be continued until a more feasible plan with tri-service support can be instituted. It is the opinion of the officer in charge CIB/MACV that four jeeps or more are required to effectively carry out our mission.

10. PHOTOGRAPHY: III MAF CIB has no photographic reproduction capability. The 3rd Marine Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Wing cannot effectively support our heavy demands. The CIB officer in charge has requested this capability from CMC via FMFPac.

11. PRESS BILLETING: The Riverside Hotel in Da Nang is presently billeting civilian press representatives in this area. This is a MACV function. The MACV representative is assisted by one Air Force staff sergeant.

12. PLANS: It is the intention of the CIB to continue to improve relationship with the press by making our services available to them at any time of the day or night. Liaison between unit commanders and CIB is being established to coordinate the movement of correspondents more effectively within the Marine complex.

a. One of our immediate objectives is to channel all Marine Corps information programs, including news photography, through this office. We plan to do this by publication of Force Bulletins and establishing areas of responsibility.

b. All Marine Corps information personnel will be registered with this office. Unit commanders will be encouraged to check credentials of ISO personnel and Marine photographers to ensure that they are accredited by the MAF CIB.

c. One of the primary objectives of the CIB is to ensure that a strong Fleet Home Town News Program is carried out by all units. This program will be monitored by the CIB.

d. The overall objective of the CIB is to serve the Marine Corps and present its story to the world in the best possible light with the facts available to us.

*Wm. R. Duncan*  
Wm. R. DUNCAN

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FM COMUSMACV  
TO RUMFUAQ/CG III MAF

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RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT; RUHLKM/CINCPACAF; RUHLHS/CINCUSARPAC; HUMFUL/COMSEVZMTHFLT;  
RUHPG/CG FMFPAC; RUECW/CHINFO; RUMSVD/SA I CORPS ++++++

SUBJ: REPRESENTATIVE, MACV OFFICE OF INFORMATION, DANANG

REF A. CONF 14 MAY 65 BTW MACV OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND LTCOL'S DUNCAN AND  
WILLIAMS, USMC

B. MACOI 9726 DTG 280140 MAR 65

1. IN VIEW OF DEVELOPMENT OF U. S. MILITARY SITUATION IN DANANG AREA AND  
ESTABLISHMENT OF III MAF COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU WITH SIGNIFICANT  
INFORMATION POTENTIAL, REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE IN FOLLOWING PROPOSALS:

A. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS PRESCRIBED IN REF B BE TRANSFERRED TO OIC III  
MAF COMBAT INFORMATION BUREAU AS ADDITIONAL DUTY.

B. CIB ACTING AS SUB-OFFICE OF MACOI, TO BE SOLE RELEASING AUTHORITY  
FOR ALL NEWS MATTERS PERTAINING TO U. S. MILITARY FORCES IN RVN I CORPS AREA  
SUBJECT TO GUIDANCE THIS HQ.

2. SUBJECT YOUR CONCURRENCE WITH FOREGOING, MACV WILL PRO VIDE NECESSARY  
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL, LOGISTICAL AND FISCAL SUPPORT TO PERFORM ADDITIONAL  
FUNCTIONS AS REQUIRED.

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III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco, 96601

ForceBul 5720  
CIB/WRD/bcm  
25 May 1965

FORCE BULLETIN 5720

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Combat Information Bureau; change in location

Ref: (a) COMUSMACV msg 180325Z May 1965

1. Purpose. To notify interested organizations and staff sections of a change in the location of the Combat Information Bureau and related matters.

2. General. The Combat Information Bureau (CIB) has been previously located at the III MAF headquarters. In order to better perform its mission, the CIB has been relocated to the city of Danang, with offices in the building commonly known as the "White Elephant" at 52 Bach Dang Street, on the river front.

3. Communications. The CIB may be reached by telephone through the PARCHEMENT or SHOVE switchboards at MOTLEY 28. The CIB will maintain a watch at the III MAF headquarters during the night hours, manned by an officer or staff noncommissioned officer designated as an "Official Spokesman". His telephone number is PARCHEMENT 41. The Official Spokesmen will hold Top Secret security clearance and are competent to advise or assist in all routine or emergency matters falling within the purview of the Informational Services Officer.

4. Action. In accordance with reference (a), the Officer in Charge, III Marine Amphibious Force Combat Information Bureau acts in the capacity of area representative of the Office of Information, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam. He is responsible for release of all military news generated by the U. S. Armed Forces in the Republic of Vietnam I Corps area, subject to the guidance of the Information Officer, COMUSMACV. All matters pertaining to the release of news or the accommodation of correspondents will be referred to the Officer in Charge, III MAF CIB, or his designated representative as set forth above.

*Regan Fuller*  
REGAN FULLER  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: "B"

Plus 20 copies to CIB

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ForceBul 5721  
CIB/WRD/bom  
25 May 1965

FORCE BULLETIN 5721

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Release procedures for military-generated news material

Ref: (a) MCO P5720.44

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for the proper handling, clearance and release of military news material generated by organizations within the III Marine Amphibious Force. The procedures outlined herein are not applicable to the activities of civilian correspondents covering the operational activities of this Force.
2. General. The Officer in Charge, Combat Information Bureau (CIB) of the III Marine Amphibious Force is designated Information Control Officer. He will perform the duties prescribed in paragraphs 7002.2 and 7002.3 of reference (a), and will be further guided by appropriate directives of COMUSMACV.
3. News Releases. News releases and news photographs originated within this command will be submitted to the Force Combat Information Bureau for approval, release and distribution.
  - a. Pending the establishment of a Force photographic lab, news photographs will be submitted to the CIB in appropriate column widths and in a quantity totaling the desired distribution, plus ten.
  - b. News releases, including captions, will be submitted in one copy only and will carry the release number of the originating organization. If found to be acceptable, the CIB will gain MACV clearance, reproduce and disseminate the release. Originating organization, writer and photographer will be given story and photo credit.
  - c. Originating organizations may submit a desired distribution list with each separate release, they may supply the CIB with a standard distribution list to apply to all of their releases, or they may combine the two methods. Insofar as possible, the desired distribution will be honored. Final determination of distribution will be made by the CIB, which will also provide the necessary copies to higher headquarters, regardless of branch of service concerned (E.g.: The Chief of Information, U. S. Navy in the case of Seabee material).
4. Fleet Home Town News. FHTNC releases originating in the Danang area are presently more salable than any such material since the end of the war in Korea. Therefore, organizations of this Force are encouraged to pursue a vigorous home town news program.

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25 May 1965

a. Roster stories will be submitted to the CIB with the forms arranged in alphabetical order by states and by cities within states. They will be accompanied by a master story.

b. Individual stories will be submitted with the full news story written legibly on the form.

c. All forms should be screened by originating organization to eliminate humorous entries, and to ensure legibility.

d. FHTNC releases will be submitted to the CIB accompanied by appropriate letter(s) of transmittal, on the basis of one letter per package. Packages will be pre-addressed to the Fleet Home Town News Center.

e. Those releases, accompanied by photographs, will be submitted with one negative and two contact prints, jacketed and captioned.

f. FHTNC forms (NAVEXOS 4365) are available through normal supply channels. The CIB can provide limited numbers of the forms on an emergency basis.

5. Cancellation: 25 November 1965

*Regan Fuller*  
REGAN FULLER  
Chief of Staff

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10  
5010-104

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, III MAF

DATE: 22 May 1965

FROM : Officer in Charge, Combat Information Bureau, III MAF

SUBJECT: Administrative support; request for

1. Since the establishment of the CIB and the additional responsibilities of becoming MACV representative in the Danang area, I have found that the administrative workload has increased thereby detracting from our primary mission.
2. The administrative requirements of this office are currently keeping two 4312 personnel occupied on a full time basis.
3. It is requested that two 0141 personnel be assigned to this section. I believe it would be to the advantage of the Marine Corps to assign Marines.

/s/ WM. R. DUNCAN  
WM. R. DUNCAN

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 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO, San Francisco, 96601

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 5440  
 4 June 1965

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4  
 To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3

Subj: Command Diary

Ref: (a) Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3 Memo of 26May65, Subj: Command Diary

1. This summary of G-4 operations is submitted in accordance with reference (a) for the period of 1 May 1965 through 31 May 1965.

2. Narrative Summary.

a. The G-4 continued preparations for displacement of additional III MAF units from Okinawa to Danang RVN. On 6 May, III MAF Headquarters was established at Danang. Elements of the G-4 Section, 9th MEB, were absorbed by the III MAF Headquarters and G-4 operations continued uninterrupted. The last elements of III MAF G-4 Section arrived at Danang on 23 May.

b. An austere Naval Component Command staff was established, and planning for the operation of the port of Danang and establishment of a logistic base at Danang was begun. CINCPAC message 241945Z April, directed that military logistics operations at ports and beaches for the support of U. S. Forces and attached Third Country Forces in the Danang/Chu Lai area would be accomplished using Navy resources. To accomplish this task, CINCPAC directed that provision be made for operations of base supply depots for common item support. CINCPACFLT message 220514Z May, amplifies CINCPAC message 241945Z April, but restricts the scope of common item support to that which is currently provided by Headquarters Support Activity, Saigon. All other logistic support is a service responsibility. This directive does not provide for improving III MAF logistics situation.

c. On 10 May COMCBPAC established the 30th Naval Construction Regiment Staff to direct the activities of the three NMCB Battalions which will eventually be in Vietnam. The 30th NCR was directed to report to CG III MAF for operational control.

d. Of primary concern was the logistic support for the 3d MAB landing at Chu Lai and the subsequent construction of SATS airfield.

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G-4 coordinated arrangements for the delivery of bulk POL to Chu Lai. Additional engineer equipment was dispatched to Chu Lai on 30 May to assist in the construction of the SATS. This reduced the engineer capability in the Danang area severely. The construction of the SATS at Chu Lai continues to have first priority.

e. A logistic support concept was developed by G-4 III MAF on 16 May to provide guidance for all III MAF Forces. In this critical area, the concept of logistic support has been undergoing a series of changes in its evolution. CINCPAC and CINCPACFLT have issued a series of directives in message form spelling out details of logistic support to be provided to U. S. Forces and attached third country forces by the Naval Component Commander. This development is touched on in paragraph 2b above. CINCPAC message 221945Z April and CINCPACFLT message 220514Z May refer.

f. Request was made and approved for 12 ice making machines to support all III MAF Forces in RVN. It is anticipated these machines will arrive during first part of June.

g. Surgical and casualty evacuation teams were embarked aboard the LPH IWO JIMA conducting operations offshore at Chu Lai in support of RL-4. This provides an emergency evacuation capability in the operating area.

h. Issue of 30,000 new light weight utility uniforms was completed during this reporting period. Evaluation report to desirability and wear to be submitted in September.

i. Class III. COMUSMACV message 060120Z May, requested III MAF to submit POL requirements for Chu Lai for one month periods. Our message 260240Z May provided status of storage capacities at Chu Lai and forecasts POL requirements for operational commitments. On 8 May orders for petroleum products through December 1965 were submitted to COMUSMACV as required by MACV Directive 701-5.

(1) CINCPACFLT authorized two amphibious assault fuel bottom lay systems from Subic for use at Danang and to reconstitute LCU(F) 1451 which installed a bottom lay system at Chu Lai. This provides for bottom lay systems at Danang, Chu Lai and one system in reserve aboard LCU(F) 1451.

j. Class IV. Requirements for class IV materials in particular barbed wire, concertina and stakes remain in short supply. Needs still exist for these materials to bolster our defense of assigned TAORS. Offloading and use of LFORM materials has eased the requirements, but still does not satisfy requirements or provide any back up for future deployment.

k. Class V. III MAF position paper is being prepared in regards to MACV proposed integrated class V supply system. Present ammunition supply at Chu Lai is 40 DOA, Phu Bai 30 DOA computed at CA rates. Danang has 19 DOA computed at current daily usage rates. A few select items are in short supply but have been requisitioned to correct deficiencies.

l. Class V(A). Expenditure rates for period 21-27 May for Danang based units are contained in MAG-16 (-) message 290520Z May.

m. CG III MAF message 310328Z May, expressed a negligible effect on III MAF embarkation plans in respect to use of the 463-L material handling system.

n. On 27 May CG III MAF requested 3d MarDiv to pass operational control of the Logistic Support Units at Hue/Phu Bai and Chu Lai to the FLSG. CG III MAF message 270510Z May refers.

*N. R. Nickerson*  
N. R. NICKERSON

HEADQUARTERS  
 UNITED STATES MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
 Office of the Commander  
 APO San Francisco 96268

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SUBJECT: Letter of Instruction, Danang Administrative Coordination

TO: Commanding General  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 APO US Forces 96337

1. Reference:

- a. JCS Publication Number 2, Unified Action Armed Forces (UNAAF).
- b. MACV Directive 10-4, Organization and Functions, Area Administrative Coordination.
- c. MACV Directive 701-7, Responsibilities of Area Logistics Coordinators.

2. The Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force, is appointed Special Area Coordinator for the Danang Complex, to include the city of Danang, Danang Air Base, China Beach and surrounding troop installations. He is responsible for establishing and coordinating administrative and control procedures for selected administrative functions pertaining to all United States personnel in this area. In this capacity he reports directly to COMUSMACV.

3. Authority is assigned to require consultation between the forces involved but not the authority to compel agreement. When essential agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be referred to this head-

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shared facilities. Specifically, he is responsible for coordination of the following functions.

- a. Physical security.
- b. Maintenance of law and order including establishment of joint police and courtesy patrols.
- c. Recreation and welfare.
- d. Pass and liberty regulations.
- e. Motor vehicle and traffic regulations.
- f. Safety.
- g. Liaison with local military and civic leaders concerning matters pertaining to United States personnel.

5. The Senior Advisor, I Corps, retains the responsibility as Area Coordinator for the Corps Tactical Zone less those US matters listed in paragraph 4 above for the Danang Complex. The Senior Advisor, I Corps, remains Installation Coordinator for the city of Danang, reporting to the Special Area Coordinator.

6. The Commanding Officer, 25d Air Base Group, retains responsibility as Installation Coordinator, Danang Air Base, reporting to the Special Area Coordinator.

7. The Special Area Coordinator is delegated authority to publish directives, as required, which affect the relationship of units or commands within his area with other service units or commands, with Armed Forces of other nationalities, or with the civilian population.

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8. There is no intent to modify the existing relationship concerning the advisory effort to RVNAF. The Senior Advisor, I Corps, continues advisory functions under direction of COMUSMACV.

W. O. WESTMORELAND  
General, United States Army  
Commanding

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 FM CINCPACFLT  
 TO: COMSERVPAC  
 CG FMFPAC  
 INFO: COMUSMACV  
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 CG III MAF  
 COMSEVENTHFLT  
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S E C R E T

OPERATION OF U. S. MILITARY PORTS, BEACHES, AND DEPOTS FROM CHU LAI TO THE DMZ (U)

- A. CINCPAC 241945Z APR PASEP CINCPAC 110427Z PASEP
- C. CINCPACFLT 250147Z APR NOTAL
- D. COMSERVPAC 010343Z NOTAL

1. THE MISSION ASSIGNED CINCPACFLT BY REFS A AND B IS TO CONDUCT MILITARY ONTAGUPIC OPERATIONS AT PORTS AND BEACHES FOR THE SUPPORT OF U. S. FORCES AND ATTACHED THIRD COUNTRY FORCES IN THE DANANG/CHU LAI AREA.

2. REF C IS HEREBY SUPERSEDED.

3. FOR COMSERVPAC

A. THE ORGANIZATION AND CONCEPT SET FORTH IN REF D, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS, AND MODIFICATION TO MEET THE SPECIFIC TASKING SET FOTHER BELOW, IS CONCURRED IN. IMPLEMENTATION OF REF D, WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF TASKING CONTAINED HEREIN, AND WITHIN CAPABILITIES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO YOU, IS APPROVED. PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL CAPABILITIES, ESTABLISHED AND APPROVED AS REQUIREMENTS. WILL BE ARRANGED BY CWIYIJET.1

B. YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES ARE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING TASKS.  
 IN IMPLEMENTATION THEREOF PROVIDE CINCPACFLT WITH STATED REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO CARRY THEM OUT IDENTIFYING THOSE PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES ALREADY AVAILABLE TO YOU. FURTHER, IDENTIFY THOSE PERSONNEL  
~~ELEMENTS TO WHICH~~ (encl (12))

BILLETTS TO WHICH YOU RECOMMEND MARINE PERSONNEL IN YOUR AREA. 2-93 BILLETTS TO WHICH YOU RECOMMEND U.S. OR INDIGENOUS CIVILIAN PERSONNEL BE ASSIGNED. THE ASSIGNMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL WHETHER U.S. OR SERVICES WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH INTER-SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENTS. THE ASSIGNMENT OF THIRD COUNTRY MILITARY PERSONNEL WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY COMUSMACV. IN FURTHER DEVELOPING YOUR CONCEPT AND IN IDENTIFYING YOUR PERSONNEL AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS KEEP IN MIND THE DESIRES OF CINCPACFLT TO CARRY OUT THESE FUNCTIONS IN THE MOST ECONOMICAL MANNER POSSIBLE CONSISTANT WITH AN KIEPLED SYSTEM OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO THE FORCES FOR WHICH LOGISTICALLY RESPONSIBLE.

(1) ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A SECONDARY WATER TERMINAL AT DANANG, EXPANDING OPERATIONS TO THAT OF A SECONDARY PORT AS FACILITATE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE AND AS REQUIREMENT DICTATE.

(2) CONDUCT LOGISTIC OVER THE SHORE OPERATIONS AT CHU LAI AND HUE PHU BAI, AND AT SUCH OTHER PORT IN THE AREA AS MAY BE NECESSARY IN SUPPORT OF U.S. AND ATTACHED THIRD COUNTRY FORCES. DEVELOPMENT OF MINOR PORT AT ONE OR MORE LOCATIONS WITHIN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY MAY BE INDICATED.

(3) COORDINATE THE ATTAINMENT OF NECESSARY PORT CLEARANCE FOR U.S. AND CHARTERED VESSEL AND THE MOVEMENT OF THESE VESSELS WITHIN PORTS FOR WHICH RESPONSIBLE.

(4) ASSUME CUSTODY AND CONTROL OVER ASSIGNED SERVICE CRAFT.

(5) PROVIDE FOR THE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF VESSELS AND CFT AT DANANG, CHU HUE/PHU BAI, AND AT SUCH OTHER PORTS AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

(6) PROVIDE FOR THE RECEIPT AND SHIPMENT OF AIR CARGO EMPLOYING INTER-SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.

(7) PROVIDE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING CARGO WITH PRANSIT AND TERMINAL STORAGE AREAS AND SHIP, CRAFT OR AIR TERMINAL, AND FOR CARGO COORDINATION.

(8) PROVIDE IN-TRANSIT AND TERMINAL STORAGE CAPABILITY AND PORT CLEARANCE OF CARGO TO BASE SUPPLY DEPOT FROM TERMINAL AREAS.

(9) ESTABLISH AND OPERATE A BASE SUPPLY DEPOT AT DANANG AND AT SUCH OTHER LOCATIONS AS CINCPACFLT MAY LATER DIRECT. THE BASE SUPPLY DEPOTS WILL RECEIVE, STORE, MAINTAIN, CONTROL AND ISSUE COMMON ITEMS OF SUPPLY (GENERALLY THOSE NOW PROVIDED THROUGH HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT ACTIVITY SAIGON) RECEIVED THROUGH THE U.S. SUPPLY PIPELINE FOR ALL U.S. AND ATTACHED THIRD COUNTRY FORCES BETWEEN CHU LAI AND THE DMZ. SUCH COMMON ITEMS OF SUPPLY WILL BE ACQUIRED THROUGH IN-COUNTRY SUPPLY SYSTEM AS DIRECTED BY COMUSMACV. ALL AES OF SUQTLUEILL BE CONSIDERED SERVICE PECULIAR AND WILL BE ACQUIRED BY EACH SERVICE THROUGH ITS SERVICE CHANNELS. SHIP OFFLOADING AND IN-TRANSIT SERVICE TO RESPECTIVE SERVICE ELEMENTS FOR ITEMS PECULIAR WILL BE PROVIDED.

(10) PROVIDE OR ARRANGE AS REQUIRED INTRA-COASTAL RESUPPLY SHIPPING FROM DANANG TO OTHER PORTS IN THE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

(11) ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY PORT AND HARBOR SECURITY AND COMMUNICATIONS AT DANANG AND AT SUCH OTHER MINOR PORTS AS MAY BE DEVELOPED.

(12) III MAF AND THE NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER TO COMUSMACV IDENTIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF MILITARY NECESSITY FOR THE SUPPORT OF U.S. AND ATTACHED THIRD COUNTRY FORCES. (THIS IS AN ADDITION TO PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY USOM OF CPT.)

(13) HOCHMCA /BS; CONTRACTS WILL BE ADMINISTERED AND COORDINATED AS DIRECTED BY COMUSMACV.

(14) PROVIDE OWN ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT, APPLICATION SUPPORT AND SERVICES, MAINTENANCE SUPPORT. BZZTHING WCA MESSING SUPPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

- (16) MEDICAL SERVICES/SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH CG III MAF  
 (17) INDUSTRIAL RELATION SERVICES WILL BE PROVIDED AS DIRECTED BY COM-

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4. FOR CG FMPPAC

ANY MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES WILL BE PROVIDED TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN FUNCTIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS NAVY/MARINE LOGISTIC UNDERTAKING THE DETAILS OF THIS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPERATE CORRESPONDENCE.

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B THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC TASKS ARE ASSIGNED.

UJAWYPPRAE POL TERMINALS FOR THE RECEIPT STORAGE AND ISSUE OF BULK POL AND COMMON ITEMS OF PACKAGED POL. INCLUDING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF TANKAGE AND PIPELINES TO COMPLEMENT IN COUNTRY COMMERCIAL POL RESOURCES AND IN SUPPORT OF U.S. AND ATTACHED THIRD COUNTRY FORCES

(2) PROVIDE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE TO U.S. AND ATTACHED THIRD COUNTRY FORCES WITHIN ORGANIC CAPABILITY OF THE MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE AND AS ARRANGED BY INNER-SERVICE SUPPORT AGREEMENTS IN AMPLIFICATION OF THE TASKS ASSIGNED IN PARAS 3AND4 ABOVE. THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIVE GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED:

A. THE ACTIVITY ESTABLISHED IN COUNTRY TO CARRY OUT THE TASKS ASSIGNED CONSERVPAC WILL BE ADMINISTRATIVELY ASSIGNED TO CONSERVPAC AND UNDER THE OPCON OF THE NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER TO COMUSMACV

B. NAVY EXCHANGE SERVICES IN DANANG WILL BE PROVIDED BY HEADQUARTERS SUPPORT ACTIVITY SAIGON

C. ACQUISITION OF MATERIAL WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROU THE ESTABLISHED IN COUNTRY SUPPLY SYSTEMS FOR SUBSISTENC GENERAL SUPPLIES EXCHANGE SUPPLIES SPECIAL SERVICES SUPPLIES AND CLOTHING ALL OTHER CATEGORIES OF MATERIAL WILL BE COSIDERED FRECUILIAR ACD AC

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QUISITION THEREOF IS A SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY

D. STORAGE OF MATERIAL. EXCEPT THAT MATERIAL HDC IN THE NAVY

OPERATED SUPPLY AND IN-TRANS COMPLEX IS A SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY

F. THE MOVEMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL TO EFFECT DELIVERY TO AND FROM THE PORT HOLDING AREA (INCLUDING AERIAL PORT) IS A SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY

EXCEPT FOR THAT MAINTENANCE ARRANGED WITH THE NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER BY EXECUTION OF A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE ISSA MAINTEDANCE REQUESTED BY ISSA WILL BE LIMITED TO THE DEPLOYED ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACKKZVLY OF CYBZU MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE. GJ

G. DISPOSITION OF MATERIAL THRU RETROGRADE MOVIMENT WILL BE A RESPON- SIBILITY OF THE SHIPPING SERVICE UNIT SUCH TIME A IT IS DELIVERED TO THE NAVY SUPPLY ACTIVITY WHICH WILL IN TURN PLACE IT ON OCEAN OR AIR TRANSPORTATION.

H. HOSPITALIZATION IS A SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN ORGANIC CAPABILITY RQMS IN EXCESS OF CAPABILITY WILL BE COORDINATED THRU COMUSMACV

I. ACQUISITION OR CONSTRUCTION OF FACILITIES WILL IJFAS OQIOA XCRIBED BY COMUSMACV SINCE RQMS ARE A SERVICE RESPONSIBITLY.

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THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICE RELATION WITH COMUSMACV WILL PREVAIL FOR SATISFACTION OF THESE RQMS.

J. MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF FACILITIES ARE SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS ACQUISITIONS.

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CAPABILITY EXISTS THE NCC WILL OF NECESSITY BE CONDUCTING A COMPLEMENTARY  
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OPERATION O U.S. MILITARY PORTS, BEACHES, AND DEPOTS FROM CHU LAI TO DMZ (U)

A. CONFERENCE AT CINCPAC HQTRS ATTENDED BY ADM SHARP, VADM CLAREY, LGEN WOOLNOUGH, AND LGEN KRULAK ON 8 APR

B. DEPLOYMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE AT CINCPAC HQTRS 9-10 APR

C. COMUSMACV MAC J41 10733/050108Z NOTAL

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1. AS A RESULT OF REF A, CINCPAC DIRECTED THAT MILITARY LOGISTICS OPERATIONS AT PORTS AND BEACHES FOR THE SUPPORT OF U.S.

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 AND ATTACHED THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES IN THE DANANG-CHU LAM AREA  
 SHALL BE ACCOMPLISHED USING NAVY RESOURCES.  
 DETAILS OF THIS TASKING ARE PROVIDED BELOW;

A. CONDUCT U.S. MILITARY PORT OPERATIONS TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF REQUIRED MILITARY PORT AND BEACH FACILITIES.

B. ESTABLISH AND OPERATE NECESSARY BASE SUPPLY DEPOTS AT WATER TERMINALS. THE BASE SUPPLY DEPOT (S) WILL RECEIVE, STORE, MAINTAIN, CONTROL, AND ISSUE COMMON-ITEMS RECEIVED THROUGH THE U.S. SUPPLY PIPELINE FOR ALL U.S. FORCES AND FOR ATTACHED THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES IN THE GEOGRAPHIC AREA DEFINED IN PARA 1.A. ABOVE; AND WILL PROVIDE INTRANSIT SERVICE TO RESPECTIVE SERVICE ELEMENTS IN THE AREA FOR ITEMS PECULIAR. SUPPLY SUPPORT FOR ITEMS PECULIAR REMAIN IN SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY.

C. RESPONSIBILITY FOR EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WILL BE LIMITED TO NORMAL FIELD MAINTENANCE OF ITEMS COMMON TO MEF EQUIPMENT.

D. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TASKS PROVISION WILL BE MADE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) LOADING AND UNLOADING OF SHIPS.
- (2) INTRANSIT STORAGE FOR BOTH INCOMING AND OUTGOING CARGO.

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(3) PORT CLEARANCE TO BASE SUPPLY DEPOT AREAS(S)A.

(4) OPERATION OF BASE SUPPLY DEPOT (S) FOR COMMON-ITEM SUPPORT.

(5) CARRY OUT PORT AND HARBOR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS OF MILITARY NECESSITY REQUIRED TO SUPPORT U.S. AND ATTACHED THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES IN THE ASSIGNED AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

E. CINCPACFLT WILL PROVIDE THE RESOURCES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE FUNCTIONS ENUMERATED IN PARA 1.D. ABOVE, I.E. FUNDS, PERSONNEL, AND EQUIPMENT. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WILL PROVIDED FROM NAVY/MARINE SOURCES, EXCEPT FOR SUCH AUGMENTATION AS MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM INDIGENOUS SOURCES, THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES, AND OBTAINED FROM OTHER U.S. SERVICES THROUGH ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ISSA'S.

2. THE FOLLOWING INFO IS SUBMITTED IN CLARIFICATION OF THE TASKING OUTLINED ABOVE.

A. THE CURRENT OPERATION OF THE PORT OF DANANG IS PRIMARILY CONDUCTED BY RVN AGENCIES, I.E., COMMERCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL (INCLUDING ARVN I CORPS). ABOVE TASKING ENVISIONS NO INTERFERENCE WITH CURRENT PORT OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH CIVILIAN, COMMERCIAL AND RVNAF ENTERPRISES. THESE PORT OPERATIONS WILL REMAIN UNDER

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 CONTROL OF AGENCIES PRESENTLY CONTROLLING SUCH OPERATIONS, INCLUDING  
 AS OUTLINED IN PARA 1, ABOVE, APPLIES TO ONLY REPEAT ONCS US AND  
 ATTACHED THIRD-COUNTRY FORCES.

3. THERE IS NO INTENT TO CHANGE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CURRENT  
 PORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY USMC, NAVY.  
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORT IMPROVEMENT IS LIMITED TO THOSE PROJECTS OF  
 MILITARY NECESSITY REQUIRED TO SUPPORT US AND ATTACHED THIRD-  
 COUNTRY FORCES AND WHICH ARE IN ADDITION TO IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE  
 BY USMC AND USN.

3. THIS USE OF NAVY ASSETS TO OPERATE THE BUNKER FIELDS, WITH  
 MINOR EXCEPTION, IS CONSISTENT WITH THE SEVERAL CINCPAC OPLANS, AND  
 THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED SITUATION IN RVN. IN ALL THE FOREGOING  
 SITUATIONS, SIZEABLE U.S. MARINE FORCES ARE COMMITTED TO THE  
 PORTION OF RVN CONTIGUOUS TO THE PORTS AND OPERATIONAL BEACHES FROM  
 CHU LAI TO DMZ.

4. THE REMAINING PORTS AND BEACHES IN RVN, EXCEPT SAIGON, AND  
 IN THAILAND WILL BE OPERATED USING ARMY RESOURCES. PORT AND DEPOT  
 OPERATIONS IN SAIGON WILL CONTINUE UNDER REDSUPPORT UNTIL SUCH  
 TIME AS RESPONSIBILITY IS TRANSFERRED TO THE U.S. ARMY LOG  
 COMMAND. ARMY RESPONSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATION OF

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PORTS AND BEACHES WILL BE THE SAME AS OUTLINED HEREIN FOR NAVY.

5. CINCPAC OPLANS WHICH ARE IN CONFLICT WITH THE ABOVE WILL  
 BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.  
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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4  
To: Commanding General

Subj: Concept of Logistic Support

Encl: (1) Concept of Logistical Support  
(2) III MAF Logistic Organization Chart  
(3) Base Development Board

1. Enclosures (1) thru (3) are a conceptual treatment of logistic support furnished by III MAF/ NCC in I Corps area of responsibility. The provisions set forth herein have been effected or are presently in a planning category.

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CONCEPT OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

Ref: (a) COMSERVPAC 010343Z to CINCPACFLT  
 (b) CINCPACFLT to COMSEVENTHFLT 040239Z  
 (c) ADMINO FMFPAC to CG III MEF 010353Z  
 (d) CINCPAC 241945Z April

1. Purpose. To cover how the III MAF/NCC will discharge assigned logistic responsibilities in I Corps area of responsibility.

2. Background. The underlying principles governing provision of logistic support on a continuing basis to all U.S. Units in I Corps area of responsibility are:

a. The amphibious and redeployment character of Marine Corps support must be preserved.

b. Logistic support missions should not be assigned to III MAF which will significantly degrade its amphibious capability.

c. All long term, non-mobil, strictly garrison type support will be performed by the Naval Component Commander/Naval Support Activity. See reference (a). CINCPACFLT will provide funding and overall logistic support IAW reference (d) utilizing ISSAs where appropriate.

3. Discussion.

a. Effective 061800H May 1965 the III MAF assumed command of all Marine Forces in Danang area. At this time the 9th MEB ceased to exist and all its functions were absorbed by the III MAF.

b. The III MAF/NCC will be organized to discharge this responsibility as indicated in Enclosure (2).

c. A Base Development Board will be generally organized along lines indicated in Enclosure (3). This board, under the cognizance of NCC, is charged with the determination of all Base Development requirements, the coordination of conflicting requirements and the recommendation of priorities for overall base development programs in the I Corps area of responsibilities.

d. The Naval Support Activity (NSA) element of the NCC will provide Class I, III, IIIA and V support for all U. S. and 3d Country Forces, including advisory groups, in the I Corps area of responsibility. The foregoing does not include Marine Corps peculiar ammunition. Class II, IIA, IV, IVA and VA support will be the responsibility of the individual service involved. Currently, support is provided thru following:

(1) Class I - HSAS

(2) Class III and IIIA - COMUSMACV and Seventh Fleet

(3) Class V - COMUSMACV thru ARVN dumps. (MC peculiar items through FSR)

e. The Force Logistic Support Group (FLSG) will be the source of supply for all classes, except II(A) and IV(A), for all components of III MAF. Supplies not available from NSA will be requisitioned from 3d Force Service Regiment. Such Class IV materials as is available in-country will be locally procured. Maximum use of MSTs point to point supply and oportune fleet lifts will be utilized. Requirements will be levied on CONSTATFE or COMSEVENTHFLT.

f. In the provision of support for Marine Forces in the Phu Bai-Danang - Chu Lai area it is anticipated that the FLSG Danang will be the hub of logistical support provided to the outlying forces in Phu Bai and Chu Lai. In the provision of support from the Danang area to Phu Bai and Chu Lai, primary reliance will be placed on sea shuttle with maximum use of in-country over-the-road commercial delivery permitted by the tactical situation. A capability for emergency resupply by air will be maintained at all times.

g. III MAF will be responsible for third and limited fourth echelon maintenance for Marine units in area. Naval Support Activity will provide this support for all other U. S. and in-country forces in area.

h. All Naval forces committed to semi-permanent lodgements such as at Chu Lai, will land with 30 days all classes or as close to 30 days as permitted by available shipping. If unable to provide in initial lift, buildup to 30 day level will commence as soon as availability of shipping permits. All other services use supply levels established in MACV Directive No 700-1.

i. Maintenance of rapid deployability dictates that units retain and segregate mount-out blocks of second echelon parts and will only use in case of military necessity. If used they will be replenished ASAP on a high priority requisition. Mount-out blocks of third echelon parts in custody of FLSG elements will be likewise segregated, stored and if used will be rapidly replenished by priority 2 requisitioning. ISSA's will be negotiated where appropriate.

j. POL requirements will primarily be provided by commercial in-country sources. Backup POL will be provided by 7th fleet.

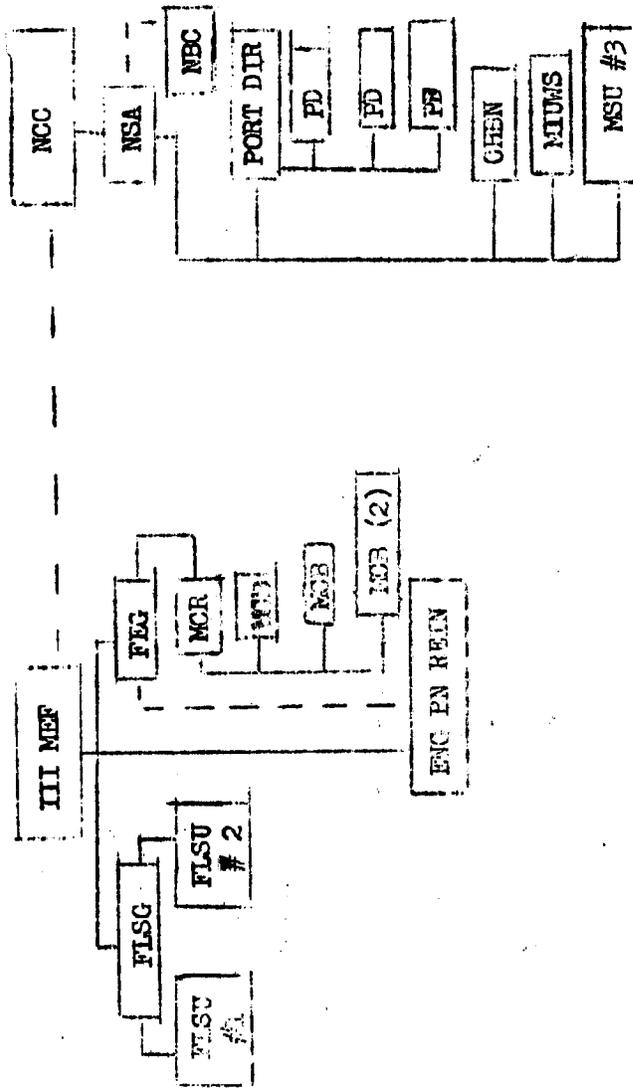
k. Units rotated into Vietnam will carry mount-out and T/E equipment. Units rotated out will retain T/E equipment and mount-out less any critical items required by the incoming unit.

l. Emergency logistic support for Naval forces has been made available from TF 73 for supply of Class I, III, IIIA and non-STORM stocks of Class VA. (Ref (C)).

m. Medical Support. Expeditionary medical facilities, with deployed units, and COMUSMACV resources, will be used to maximum extent feasible. NCC will request additional afloat facilities from Naval sources as necessary. To support offensive operations, an Advance Base Hospital (minimum of 200 beds) should be established in the Danang Area. It is envisioned that this hospital be staffed by Navy personnel and the hospital be under the administrative and operational control of the NCC.

Enclosure (2)

III MAF LOGISTIC ORGANIZATION CHART



Command

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BASE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

NCC	CHAIRMAN
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CINCPACREP PHIL  
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USS TOMBIGBEE  
USS GENESSEE  
USS PETALUMA

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- A. CTF 73 131418Z
- B. COMUSMACV 060120Z
- C. CG FLSG, III MAF LTR 2000 DTD 18MAY65 NOTAL
- D. CTF 79 030728Z NOTAL

1. REF A REQUESTS III MAF ADVISE WHEN TAPDS WILL BE INSTALLED AT CHU LAI AND AMOUNT OF POL REQUIRED FOR INITIAL FILL.
2. REF B REQUESTS III MAF SUBMIT POL RQMTS FOR ONE MONTH PERIODS COMMENCING D+20.
3. REF C PROVIDED COMUSMACV WITH ALL POL RQMTS FOR III MAF AT DANANG, CHU LAI AND PHU DAI FOR THE PERIOD 15 MAY - 31 DEC 65.
4. REF D INDICATED STORAGE CAPACITY AT CHU LAI WOULD BE ALLOCATED APPROX 60 PERCENT JP-4, 10 PERCENT MOGAS AND 10 PERCENT DIESEL.
5. THREE TAPDS WITH 50,000 CAPACITY EACH ARE TO BE INSTALLED AT CHU LAI. IN ADDITION, TWO AMES WITH 420,000 CAPACITY EACH ARE TO BE INSTALLED. TOTAL CAPACITY CHU LAI 1,020,000 GALS.

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6. INSTALLATION STATUS REPORT AS REQUESTED REF A AND B ARE AS FOLLOWS:

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATES FOR THREE TANKS ARE ONE ON 26 MAY, ONE ON 12 JUNE, AND ONE ON 24 JUNE.

B. ONE AAFS PARTIALLY INSTALLED AS OF 25 MAY, WITH PRESENT CAPACITY OF 400,000 GALS. ESTIMATED COMPLETION ON 26 MAY. SECOND AAFS TO BE INSTALLED BY 29 MAY.

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7. FORECASTED POL REQTS FOR CHU LAI AS REQUESTED REF A AND B, ARE LISTED BELOW. THESE WERE REPORTED IN REF C AND WILL BE UPDATED AS OPERATIONAL REQMS AND EXPENDITURE RAT'S DICTATE.

<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>QUANTITY REQUIRED THROUGH JUNE</u>	<u>QUANTITY REQUIRED 1 JUL - 31 DEC</u>
JP-4	1,600,000	10,800,000
115/145	110,000	720,000
MOGAS	130,000	900,000
DIESEL	80,000	540,000

8. THE ALLOCATION OF STORAGE CAPACITY AS LISTED REF D IS MODIFIED AND WILL BE MAINTAINED AS LISTED BELOW:

JP-4	850,000 GALS
115/145	50,000 GALS
MOGAS	80,000 GALS
DIESEL	40,000 GALS

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- A. CG FWPAC 080200Z
- B. ADMTO 3RD MARDIV 270950Z
- C. CG FIRST MAW (REAR) 160501Z

1. REF A ADVISED CG III MAF, CG THIRD MARDIV AND CG FIRST MAW THAT THE RAIL CONFIGURATION OF THE 108 X 88 INCH 463-L PALLETS WILL PRECLUDE THE USE OF THE 54 X 80 INCH (463-L) PALLETS IN ALL PACAF AIRCRAFT UNDER ALL CIRCUMSTANCES. REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS ON THE EFFECT OF THIS INCOMPATIBILITY ON EMBARKATION PLANS.
2. THE 463-L CONFIGURATION IN PACAF AIRCRAFT AND THE LOSS OF THE HALF PALLET WILL HAVE A NEGLIGIBLE EFFECT ON III MAF CURRENT EMBARKATION PLANS AS CURRENT EMBARKATION PLANNING IS NOT BASED ON THE HALF SIZE PALLET.
3. THE FEASIBILITY OF USING THE FULL SIZE PALLET WAS DETERMINED DURING OPERATION REFLEX ONE AND THE OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OF ONE BLT IN MARCH.
4. REF B AND C PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PREPARATION AND PALLETIZATION OF AIRLIFTED SUPPLIES AND MOVEMENT OF AIRLIFTED SUPPLIES TO ENPLANING POINTS.

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... SUBMIT TASK ORGANIZATION AND PERSONNEL STRUCTURE  
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A. ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL AND TECHNICAL DIRECTION WILL BE EXERCISED OVER DEPARTMENTS ORGANIC TO LSUs THROUGH NORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIN OF COMMAND.

B. THE SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE LSUs WILL PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMY AND MARINE AND NAVY FORCES.

C. REQUESTS FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE FLSP OR LAFB AS APPROPRIATE. FASTER ACTION ON REQUESTIONS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TO FLSP OR LAFB WILL BE PROMOTED THROUGH NORMAL ADMINISTRATIVE CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR EXPEDITED DIRECTIVES.

D. ONE OF EACH LSU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE LSA IN COORDINATION WITH THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE RESPECTIVE TAOR IN WHICH LOCATED.

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