

1. CG III MAF 020354Z Sep ⁶⁵ 282 Personal for Gen CROWLEY
Gp-4 from MGen WALT
Subj: Chu Lai Dredge

~~2. CG III MAF 211217Z Sep 65 Personal for Gen WESTMORELAND
from MGen WALT
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3. CG III MAF 270233Z Sep 65 Personal for Gen WESTMORELAND
Gp-4 Subj: P1 teams (Personal from
Gen WESTMORELAND plus
letter from Hq. 9th
Marines w/end to CG 3D
MarDiv attached).

4. CG III MAF 270805Z Sep 65 Personal for Gen WESTMORELAND
Gp-4 Subj: Postscript to Personal
#2 above.

5. CG III MAF 291204Z Sep 65 Personal for Gen CROWLEY from
Gp-4 Gen WALT
Subj: Real Estate requirements
in Chu Lai area

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REAL ESTATE REQUIREMENTS IN CHU LAI AREA

- A. COMUSMACV 171237Z AUG
- B. CG III MAF/NCG LTR L/WEB/MAF 11000/CL6 ETD LAUG65

1. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVE SITUATION DESCRIBED IN REF A, SERIOUS CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO USE OF THE LAND SOUTH OF CHU LAI BORDER TO MEET IMMEDIATE KNOWN REQUIREMENTS IN LIEU OF THE AREA REQUESTED IN REF B. IT IS NOTED THAT THIS AREA HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR FUTURE EXPANSION AND HAS JGS APPROVAL.

2. THIS WITHDRAWAL OF THE REQUEST IN REF B IS NOT INTENDED TO PREJUDICE A POSSIBLE FUTURE REQUIREMENT IF THE MILITARY SITUATION SO DICTATES.

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FOR GEN WESTMORELAND

A. SSO MACV 230840Z

1. BY REF A, B/GEN DEPUY ASKS THA YOBE PROVIDED WITH AN ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS AND VALUE OF THE PA TEAMS. OUR EXPERIENCE TO DATE HAS NOT BEEN TOO ENCOURAGING. SINCE 23 AUGUST, TWO TEAMS, TOTAL

LING 75 MEN AND UNDER THE COMMAND OF A WARRANT OFFICER QUANG, HAVE BEEN OPERATING IN THE 2ND BATTALION, 9TH MARINES AREA. SPECIFICALLY

LY THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING IN AND AROUND THE TROUBLESOME BAN MEHAMLET COMPLEX. ON 25 SEP, CO 9TH MARINES RECOMMEND THA THESE TWO TEAMS BE WITHDRAWN BECAUSE OF THEIR CONTINUING LACK OF EFFECTIVENESS.

2. CO 9TH MARINES SUPPORTS HIS RECOMMENDATIONS WITH A SERIES OF UNFAVORABLE REPORTS FROM CO 2D BATTALION, 9TH MARINES. SOME OF THE MORE COGENT EXCERPTS FROM THESE REPORTS FOLLOW:

A. 23 AUG 65: "UNFORTUNATELY TODAY THE PATS GOT OFF TO A BAD START BY SHOWING UP SEVERAL HOURS LATE, AND THEN MOVING THROUGH THE REAR COMMAND POST OF A PLATOON WHICH WAS TACTICALLY COMMITTED, AND TAKING WITH THEM MUCH OF THE MARINES GEAR (MOSTLY C-RATIONS AND PERSONAL ITEMS

WHICH HAD BEEN STAGED BEHIND. ALTHOUGH A COMPLAINT WAS MADE, LITTLE WAS RECOVERED. PRESENTLY THEY APPEAR TO BE AN UNORGANIZED, DISINTERESTED GROUP OF TROOPS COMPLETELY LACKING MOTIVATION."

B. 26 AUG 65: "THE POPULAR FORCES PAT WORKED IN THE CAM NE COMPLEX FOR THE SECOND DAY. THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS ARE QUESTIONABLE AND THEIR MOVEMENTS APPEAR UNORGANIZED. IT WAS DISTURBING TO DISCOVER THAT AFTER INFORMING THE CIVIL AFFAIRS OFFICER, WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST 1965, THAT THEY WOULD SPEND THE NIGHT IN DUONG SON (1), THESE TROOPS STAYED IN CAM NE (6). THIS WAS UNBEKNOWN TO ANYONE IN THE AREA AND OF COURSE COULD HAVE BEEN DISASTROUS."

C. 5 SEP 65: "THE POPULAR FORCES PATS WERE ABSENT FROM THE HOA THAI VILLAGE AREA FOR THEIR FOURTH STRAIGHT DAY YESTERDAY. DISTRICT WAS CONTACTED BUT NO INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AS TO THEIR WHEREABOUTS."

3. THE ABOVE ARE REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS. CO 2D BN, 9TH MARINES ALSO REPORTED THE PATS HAD FIRED INTO HIS LINES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS AND THA HE HAD CONTINUING DIFFICULTIES IN DETERMINING THEIR EXACT WHEREABOUTS.

4. I DO NOT WISH TO CONDEMN THE PROGRAM ON THE BASIS OF ONE BATTALION'S EXPERIENCES WITH TWO PAT TEAMS; HOWEVER, THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE TWO PARTICULAR TEAMS MUST BE CONSIDERED UNSATISFACTORY.

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PERSONAL FOR MAJ GEN WALT III MAF FROM B/GEN DEPUY SAIGON

I KNOW THAT THE ROLE OF THE SPECIAL UNITS DISCUSSED BY MR. JORGENSEN AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO YOUR ACTIVITY IS THE SUBJECT OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM GEN WESTMORELAND AS WELL AS MACV MSG, CITE 33270. YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTIVENESS AND VALUE OF THESE TEAMS AFTER SOME EXPERIENCE IN WORKING WITH THEM WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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SECOND ENDORSEMENT on CO, Hq, 9thMar ltr 2/JAB/eej over 5800 dtd 26Sep65

From: Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF,
c/o FPO, San Francisco, California 96601

Subj: Peoples Action Team, performance of

1. Returned.
2. The substance of the basic correspondence was reported by personal message to General Westmoreland on 27 September.
3. Subsequently, it was learned from CO, 9th Marines, that the two PAT teams withdrew from Cam Ne on 27 September, presumably because of hostile fire, although one of their basic missions was defense of the village. It is not expected that the PAT teams will return. This subsequent information was also reported to General Westmoreland by personal message.
4. This correspondence is hereby classified as SECRET NOFORN because of the implicit criticism of a Vietnamese paramilitary organization.

E. H. SIMMONS
By direction

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9th Marines
3d Marine Division (Rein), MAF
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26 September 1965

From: Commanding Officer, 9th Marines
To: Commanding General, 3d Marine Division (FND), (Rein), MAF
Subj: Peoples Action Teams, performance of

1. During recent weeks Peoples Action Teams in the strength of two platoons have been employed within the 9th Marines TAOR. The performance of these teams has been ^{unsatisfactory} ~~deplorable~~. Although nominally under the control of the Quang Nam Province Chief, these teams when operating within this organization's TAOR, have in practice been without effective leadership and direction. A temporary assumption of control of these teams by the Hoa Vang District Chief has not resulted in an discernible improvement.

2. The following specific instances of unsatisfactory performance of the Peoples Action Teams are cited in support of the statements set forth above.

a. On 23 August 1965 two Peoples Action Teams, consisting of seventy-five men and a Warrant Officer (DASG) moved in Hoa Thai village. Their mission was to move into the Cam Ne hamlet complex and conduct a survey of damage. The 2d Battalion, 9th Marines reported to the Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force on the 24th of August stated "Unfortunately today the PATs got off to a bad start by showing up several hours late, and then moving through the rear Command Post of a platoon which was tactically committed, and taking with them much of the Marine gear (mostly C-rations and personal items) which had been staged behind. Although a complaint was made, little was recovered. As to the worth of these people, time will tell. Presently they appear to be an unorganized, disinterested group of troops completely lacking motivation."

b. On 26 August 1965, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines report to Commanding General, 3d Marine Amphibious Force stated. "The Popular Forces PAT worked in the Cam Ne Complex for the second day. Their accomplishments are questionable and their movements appear unorganized. It was disturbing to discover that after informing the Civil Affairs Officer, Wednesday, 25 August 1965 that they would spend the night in Buong Son (1), these troops stayed in Cam Ne (6). This was unbeknown to anyone in the area and of course could have been disastrous."

c. On 23 August 1965, the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines reported, "The Popular Forces PAT's were working in the Cam Ne Area yesterday. Apparently, they don't wish to spend two nights in the same place; as, since moving into this area, their night positions have changed from day to day. This of course means that their movements must be closely watched in order to keep our units informed of these night positions and therefore avoid contact after dark. On several occasions the PAT has fired into our lines. This was inspite of the complete orientation to our positions which was given them on their first day in the area. Their activities will continue to be monitored and it is hoped that no unfortunate incidents will result out of these circumstances."

d. On 5 September 1965, the 2d Battalion report stated: "The Popular Forces PAT's were absent from the Hoa Thai Village area for their fourth straight day yesterday. District was contacted but no information was available as to their whereabouts."

e. Upon repeated occasion the Civil Affairs Officer of the 2d Battalion, 9th Marines attempted to determine the exact location of the PAT's within the Cam Ne hamlet complex by requesting the information from Warrant Officer QUANG. Upon checking the area indicated by QUANG it was noted that no more than a dozen PAT's could be seen at any given time.

3. In view of the overall and continuing lack of effectiveness of the Peoples Action Teams provided for pacification operations within the 9th Marines TAOR, it is recommended that these teams be withdrawn.

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CHU LAI DREDGE

- A. FONCON CAPT WERTH DEP J-4 MACV CAPT HUFF CTG 76.4 THIS DATE.
- 1. REF A INFORMS THAT NEITHER 4 CU YD CLAM BUCKET DREDGE NOR 16 INCH SECTION DREDGE ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHU LAI.
- 2. VIEW WITH DEEP CONCERN OUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT CHU LAI DURING COMING MONSOON SEASON IF LST ARE RESTRICTED BY SAND BAR AT CHANNEL ENTRANCE.
- 3. REQUEST ALL OUT EFFORT TO PROCURE ADEQUATE DREDGE FOR CHU LAI IMMEDIATELY.

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