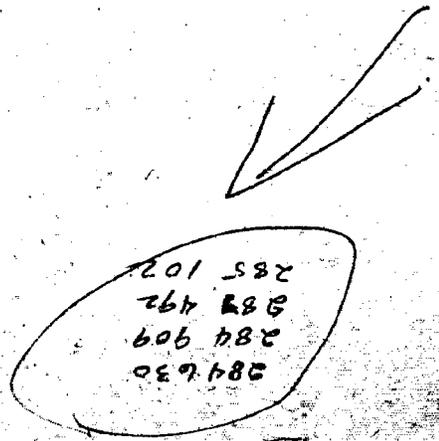


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- Ref: (a) MAP, VIETNAM AMS 1:50,000 Series L701; Sheet numbers to be promulgated separately
 (b) COMUSMACV LOI of 5 May 65
 (c) Force Order 8410.1
 (d) Force Order 08025.1
 (e) Force Order P02000.1
 (f) COMUSMACV CEOI of 15 Jul 65
 (g) COMUSMACV CEI of 14 Nov 63

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A

1. SITUATION. As stated in reference (b), part of this command's mission is to render combat support to RVNAF. This is accomplished through unilateral and coordinated operations and through actions of a mobile reserve. This plan provides basic guidance for the planning of actions of the mobile reserve against the enemy in support of ARVN operations. Generally these operations will be emergency in nature. A separate Annex W will be issued for each operation to be executed under the provisions of this Plan.

a. Enemy Forces. To be issued with Annex W.

b. Friendly Forces

(1) US Forces:

- (a) COMUSMACV is the overall US commander in RVN and exercises operational control over all assigned US Forces in-country.
- (b) Commander, 2d Air Division/MACV Air Force Component Commander, provides Air Force reconnaissance, interdiction, close air support, airlift and anti-air defense in support of III MAF upon request, and as approved by COMUSMACV.
- (c) US Army, Vietnam provides fixed wing visual aerial reconnaissance and limited helicopter support of III MAF upon request, and as approved by COMUSMACV.
- (d) Commander 7th FLT provides naval air, naval gunfire, amphibious shipping, beach and hydrographic reconnaissance upon request, and as approved by COMUSMACV and CINCPAC.

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- (e) CTF 115 (Commander Coastal Surveillance Force) conducts surveillance, visit and search, naval gunfire, psychological warfare, combat support of U. S. and RVN forces, and other operations as directed in order to secure the coastal regions and major rivers as part of the overall effort to defeat the Communist insurgency in Vietnam.
- (2) Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) (See Annex A for ARVN Order of Battle within ICTZ.)
- (a) Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) provides close air support, aerial reconnaissance and limited fixed wing and helicopter support to RVNAF.
 - (b) 1st Division I Corps conducts operations throughout QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN provinces with the Division Headquarters in HUE.
 - (c) 2d Division I Corps conducts operations throughout QUANG TIN and QUANG NGAI provinces with the Division Headquarters in QUANG NGAI.
 - (d) QUANG NAM Special Sector (QNSS) is responsible for RVNAF operations conducted within that province. QNSS headquarters is located in HOI AN.
 - (e) Regional Forces (RF) and Popular Forces (PF) are located throughout the I Corps Tactical Zone (ICTZ). These forces are controlled by the Province Chiefs.
 - (f) Vietnamese Navy (VNN) Junk Forces supports the Vietnamese Army (ARVN) and maintains counter-infiltration screens along the coast. Locations of VNN Junk division headquarters are contained in Annex C.

c. Assumptions

- (1) That the CG I Corps may request III MAF assistance.
 - (2) That COMUSMACV will approve the above request and direct assistance be provided.
 - (3) That, if required, the 2d Air Division will provide the necessary fixed wing air transport to airlift one reinforced infantry battalion to the airfield nearest the objective area.
2. MISSION. III MAF conducts mobile reserve operations anywhere within ICTZ in support of ARVN operations upon request of CG I Corps and as approved by COMUSMACV.

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3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of operations. Annex D.
- b. 3d Marine Division
 - (1) Be prepared to commit up to one reinforced infantry battalion on 12 hours notice to support ARVN operations in IGTZ.
 - (2) Be prepared to conduct, on order, coordinated planning with I Corps units to be designated.
- c. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
 - (1) Be prepared to provide maximum close air support, aerial reconnaissance and helo support, consistent with other currently assigned missions, to support III MAF forces and/or ARVN forces.
- d. Other III MAF Units
 - (1) Be prepared to provide support as requested.
- e. I Corps Advisory Group
 - (1) Keep III MAF informed on the progress of all ARVN operations.
 - (2) Notify III MAF immediately, if it appears as if III MAF assistance may be requested.
 - (3) Inform III MAF of locations of all friendly ARVN, RF, PF, SF, etc., operating in or near the area of operations.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
 - (1) This plan is effective upon receipt for planning within III MAF/I Corps Adv Group only.
 - (2) Direct liaison is authorized among III MAF/I Corps Advisory Group units.
 - (3) Direct liaison is authorized between III MAF forces and ARVN forces, as necessary, upon issuance of Annex W or upon order.
 - (4) Every effort will be made during operations to minimize non-combatant casualties and damage to civil and public property in accordance with the provisions of ref (c) and (d).
 - (5) Where possible during operations, civil police actions such as arrests of suspected VC, checking identification cards, house-to-house searches, etc, will be conducted by National Police, ARVN, RF, PF, or other duly constituted Vietnamese authorities.

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The above does not prohibit US forces from accomplishing the above functions if authorized Vietnamese personnel are not available.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. Normal logistics support procedures will prevail.
- b. Requirements for logistic support beyond the capabilities of III MAF subordinate units will be addressed to this headquarters.
- c. Logistic support for RVNAF will be provided through normal RVNAF logistic channels.
- d. Requests from RVNAF units for logistic support from III MAF will normally be directed to this Headquarters through the I Corps Advisory Group liaison officer to III MAF.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS.

- a. OP Locations
 - (1) USMC - No change.
 - (2) ARVN - Annex B.
 - (3) VNN - Annex C.
- b. Command relationships to be announced but anticipated to be generally in accordance with ref (b).
- c. Communications. In accordance with ref (a) through (g).

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
- B - ARVN Order of Battle, ICTZ
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 106-66

Ref: None

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Headquarters	Maj A. J. PALONIS
Base Defense Command	Col G. W. GARRINGTON
7th Engr Bn (Rein)	LtCol E. L. MEEKER
9th Motor Transport Bn(-)	Maj J. F. JONES
1st Force Recon Co(-)	Maj M. C. GAFFEN
3d Marine Division (Rein)	MajGen L. W. WALT
Hq Bn (Rein)	Maj J. E. WATSON
3d Marines	Col N. R. NICKERSON
4th Marines	Col J. F. McCLANAHAN
7th Marines	Col O. P. PEATROSS
9th Marines	Col J. E. GORMAN
12th Marines (Rein)	Col J. M. CALLENDER
3d Bn, 11th Marines (Rein)	LtCol W. H. PECK
3d Recon Bn (Rein)	LtCol R. R. VAN CLEVE
3d AT Bn (Rein)	LtCol B. A. HEFLIN
3d Engr Bn (Rein)	LtCol W. I. DENNIS
3d Med Bn (Rein)	Cndr A. C. WILSON, USN
3d MT Bn (Rein)	Maj F. J. BAKER
1st AmTrac Bn (Rein)	LtCol W. D. POMEROY
3d Tank Bn (Rein)	LtCol M. L. RAPHAEL
3d 155mmGun Btry	Capt R. H. MOORE
1st 8" How Btry	Maj P. E. WILSON

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2d LAAM Bn

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MAG-12

H&MS-12

MABS-12

MACTU-67

VMA-214

VMA-224

VMA-311

VMA-211

MAG-16

H&MS-16

MABS-16

VMO-2

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Force Logistics Support Unit #1	LtCol W. L. NELSON
Force Logistics Support Unit #2	Maj D. W. RITTER
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1st Div Adv	Col D. A. BISSET Jr.
2d Div Adv	Col B. B. JONES
Quang Nam Special Sector Adv	LtCol G. G. COADY

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Annex B (ARVN Order of Battle) to Operation Plan 106-66

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UNIT	HEADQUARTERS LOCATION	COMMANDER	ADVISOR	ADVISOR TELEPHONE	
				DY/PH	Qrts Ph
I Corps	Da Nang	MGen N.C. THI	Col H.B. ST CLAIR USA	Falcon 6211	Falcon 6169
G-3	-do-	LtCol H. N. LANG	LtCol J.J. OMDISHKO USA	Falcon 6362	Puma 173
1st Division	Hue	BGen N. V. CHUAN	Col D. A. BISSET Jr. USA	Eagle 66	Eagle 106
1st Regt	La Vang	LtCol N. AM	Maj F. A. RUMSEY USA	Wolf 1	Wolf 1
2d Regt	Dong Ha	LtCol T.T. KHIEN	Maj W.M. STEVENSON USA	Wolf 1	Wolf 1
3d Regt	Giap Tu	LtCol L.V. KHUY	Maj J.J. JOHNSON USA	Eagle 34	Eagle 34
2d Division	Quang Ngai	BGen H. Y. LAM	Col B.B. JONES USA	Catbird 38	Catbird 4
4th Regt	Quang Ngai	LtCol N.T. TOAI	Maj A.P. SCHOLL USA	Catbird 7	Catbird 7A
5th Regt	Tuan Muong	Maj P.V. HUNG	Maj J.J. CAULEY Jr USA	Catbird 7	Catbird 7A
6th Regt	Tam Ky	LtCol H.D. THO	Maj J. HYSINGER USA	Catbird 7	Catbird 7A
Quang Tri Sector	Quang Tri	Maj P. B. HOA	LtCol R.W. STORM USA	Wolf 1	Wolf 1
Thud Thien Sector	Hue	LtCol P.V. KHOA	Maj W.L. MARTIN USA	Eagle 15	Eagle 34
Quang Tin Sector	Tam Ky	Maj N.N. NGHIA	Maj J.R. RANDOLPH USA		
Quang Ngai Sector	Quang Ngai	Maj L.B. KHIEU	LtCol J. A. SADLER USA	Catbird 6	Catbird 3
51st Regiment	Dien Ban	LtCol N.T. LAP	Maj S. H. JOPLING USA		

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Annex C (VNN, Coastal Force (Junk Fleet) Order of Battle) to Operation Plan 106-66

Ref: (a) MAPS Indochina and Thailand 1:250,000 Series I509, Sheets NE 48-16, NE 49-13, NE 49-1, ND 49-5
 (b) CTF 115 Operation Order 10-65

1. The primary mission of the VNN Junk Fleet is to prevent infiltration by sea by inshore patrols. The coastal force has in the past assisted in land operations by preventing exfiltration by sea and during river operations by acting as blocking forces and/or waterborne checkpoints.
2. Current locations and patrol areas for VNN Coastal Forces in CTZ follow:

JUNK DIVISION	Hq	Patrol Area	
		From	To
11	BR 520117	BT 235499	BS 798850
12	YD 838318	YD 550520	YD 990210
13	ZD 117102	YD 990210	AT 960917
14	BT 205570	AT 960917	BT 235499
15	BT 520117	BT 235499	BT 571043
16	BS 337738	BS 798850	BS 935131
CD	DANANG	NONE	NONE

3. The VNN ships, junks and patrol craft are marked by a large yellow square with a red X from corner to corner, usually painted on the upper-most flat surface of the vessel. The Vietnamese flag (yellow rectangle with 3 parallel red stripes) only signifies a vessel claims to be of Republic of Vietnam registry. See Ref (b) for further details.

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Annex D (Concept of Operations) to Operation Plan 106-66

Ref: (a) Maps: Vietnam AMS 1:50,000 Series L701 Sheets numbers to be promulgated in Annex W.
 (b) COMUSMACV LOI of 5 May 1965

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION. III MAF conducts mobile reserve action anywhere within I CTZ in support of ARVN operations upon request of the CG I CTZ as approved by COMUSMACV
2. CONCEPT
 - a. This plan provides for III MAF reinforcement or striking force actions to relieve enemy pressure against ARVN forces in I CTZ.
 - b. Upon receipt of a request for assistance from the CG I Corps, and upon subsequent approval by COMUSMACV, III MAF will deploy up to one reinforced infantry battalion as a relief force, or in a subsidiary attack to relieve pressure on I Corps Forces.
 - c. III MAF forces may move to the area of operation by foot, motorized/mechanized column, helolift, fixed wing aircraft, amphibious craft, or by any combination of the above. The exact means of movement will be dependent on the area of operations, the tactical situation, and the means available at that time.
 - d. Information on the specific operations to be conducted under this plan will be contained in a separate Annex W which will be promulgated via the fastest secure means. The warning order for an operation under this plan may be verbal in order to facilitate planning by subordinate units. All oral orders will be confirmed in writing.
 - e. Subordinate units will prepare unilateral preliminary plans prior to issuance of an Annex W, in order to reduce response time to a minimum.
 - f. The sequence of events envisioned under this plan is:
 - (1) III MAF will monitor ARVN operations through liaison with the I Corps Advisory Group.
 - (2) When the situation in an ARVN operation deteriorates to the point that it appears likely that III MAF may be requested for assistance, subordinate commands will be so notified.

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- (3) Subordinate commands will review plans and determine modifications necessary to meet the current situation.
 - (4) Upon receipt of a request for assistance III MAF will:
 - (a) Issue warning order indicating size of forces to be committed.
 - (b) Request approval from COMUSMACV.
 - (c) Request, if required, airlift/sealift forces be made available or placed on standby pending approval from COMUSMACV.
 - (d) Augment liaison with I Corps.
 - (5) Upon approval of COMUSMACV, III MAF will:
 - (a) Issue Annex W.
 - (b) Confirm required airlift/sealift
 - (c) Conduct joint planning with subordinate units and I Corps to develop an operation plan.
- g. Exact command relationships must be determined at the time of the operation; however, for planning purposes they will be in accordance with the provisions of reference (b).

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Annex E (Special Forces) to Operation Order 106-66

Ref: Maps Vietnam AMS 1:50,000 series L701

1. Special Forces installations are generally more remote than other ARVN installations. As such, they are particularly susceptible to VC attack.

2. There are currently 8 Special Forces camps in I Corps with an additional 6 camps in various planning stages. Information on currently established camps is as follows:

CAMP NAME	LOCATION	US ADVISOR	CALL SIGN
a. KHE SANH (1) HLZ (2)	(XD642426) XD 842427 (8 helicopters) XD650420	Capt Waghelstein	Envious 11 Length Runway: 3200 X 66 ft (psp)
b. ASHAU (1) HLZ (2)	(YC490830) YC486837 (6 helicopters) YC496858 (6 Helicopters)	Lt Reed	Envious 12 Length Runway: 4200 X 50 ft (psp)
c. ALUOI (1) HLZ (2)	(YC383996) YC384993 YD378004	Capt Jennings	Envious 13 Length Runway: 3500 X 50 ft (psp)
d. GIA VUC (1) HLZ (2) (3) (4)	(BS378270) BS374270 BS388267 BS377286 BS375243	Capt Hicks	Envious 14 Length Runway: 3432 X 100 ft (psp)
e. KHAMDUC (1) HLZ (2) (3) (4) (5)	(ZC004078) ZC013095 ZC004095 YC988090 ZC006081 ZC001080	Capt Bahsen	Envious 16 Length Runway: 3950 X 98 ft (asphalt) (-200 ft because of washout)
f. BATO (1) HLZ (2) (3) (4)	(BS567322) BS560302 BS557327 BS572330 BS575347	Capt Patton	Envious 17 Length Runway: 1420 X 115 ft (compact earth and laterite)

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CAMP NAME	LOCATION	US ADVISOR	CALL SIGN
g. HA THANH (1) HLZ (2)	(BS386704) BS391707 BS338879	Capt Suhosky	Envious 15 Length Runway: 1250 X 50 ft (dirt)
h. TRA BONG (1) HLZ	(BS338878) BS338879	Capt Fazekas	Envious 18 Length Runway: 1300 X 60 ft (laterite)

Note: Unless otherwise stated HLZs will accomodate a minimum of 6 helicopters.

3. Information on additional camps will be promulgated as the camps are established.

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Annex W (QUICK FIRE) to Operation Plan 106-66

Ref: (a) MAPS VIETNAM 1:50,000 L701; Sheet Number 6657 IV

Time Zone: H

- I. SITUATION. RF camp at HIEP DUC VC (AT 915245) has been overrun by VC Force. ARVN has deployed two battalions into area in an attempt to retake the camp.
 - a. Friendly Forces. 1st Bn, 5th Regiment ARVN and 3d Bn, 5th Regiment ARVN are located in the vicinity of (AT 900230)(AT 940240)(AT 920280)(AT 900250).
 - b. Enemy Forces.
 - (1) During the past twenty days the immediate HIEP DUC area has been noticeably lacking in reported movement. The majority of the movement reports have been in two areas.
 - (a) The first area is centered approximately 16-18 miles to the ESE of the HIEP DUC Outpost that was overrun on 17 November. The second area is approximately ten miles to the NNE of the HIEP DUC area. The latter is the normal operating area of the Chu Dung Battalion (AT 9538) which is a confirmed unit with a strength of approximately 500 personnel. The known supporting arms of this battalion are two 81MM Mortars, four 60MM Mortars, two 57MM recoilless rifles and six machine guns.
 - (b) In the immediate area of HIEP DUC Outpost a possible U/I Battalion has been located in the vicinity (AT 9521) since 11 October.
 - (2) During the months of September and October the 1st VC Regiment was noted moving north, and the last (11 October) reported location of the Regimental CP was (AT 985124). The 45th Battalion of the 1st VC Regiment was reported in the same general area as of 11 October. During the past thirty days a total of eleven SPAR Reports were located within a ten mile radius of the HIEP DUC Outpost.
 - (3) Presently, three separate SPAR reports were received indicating a location within approximately 2-3 miles of the HIEP DUC Outpost. Based on the foregoing it is probable that three VC battalions have located within the immediate vicinity of HIEP DUC. It is

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possible that one or two of these elements are from the 1st VC Regiment which is believed to have undergone a reorganization and resupply phase. However if this force is under a regimental control the possibility exists it may be the 108th Regimental Headquarters. Although the 108th Regiment is an unconfirmed unit, it has reportedly operated with the 1st VC Regiment.

2. MISSION. III MAF reinforces ARVN at HIEP DUC with up to two battalions.

3. EXECUTION.

- a. Concept. When requested by CG, I Corps, III MAF will reinforce the ARVN in the HIEP DUC area by deploying up to two battalions into separate and distinct zones of action for the purpose of assisting ARVN forces to retake the camp and destroy VC forces.
- b. 3d Marine Division.
 - (1) Be prepared to deploy up to one battalion from the CHU LAI TAOR on six hours notice to the HIEP DUC area.
 - (2) Be prepared to deploy up to one battalion from the DANANG TAOR on twelve hours notice to the HIEP DUC area.
 - (3) Be prepared to deploy a regimental headquarters on twelve hour notice to the HIEP DUC area.
- c. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.
 - (1) Be prepared to provide required helo lift for deploying forces.
 - (2) Be prepared to provide air support as required.
 - (3) Be prepared to provide airborne DASC as required.
- d. I Corps Advisory Group. In addition to tasks assigned by basic order, be prepared to provide helo assistance and visual reconnaissance within capabilities.
- e. Coordinating Instructions.
 - (1) When directed, direct liaison authorized between 3d MarDiv and I Corps.

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(2) Annex is effective for planning upon receipt and for execution on order.

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Ref: (a) Map: VIETNAM, 1:50,000, Series L701, Sheets 6657 I, II; 6757
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Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Confirmed and probable enemy units located in and near TAM KY DISTRICT are:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>GENERAL LOCATION</u>
(a) 1st VC Regiment	TIEN PHOUC DISTRICT
60th Bn	Vic BT 1036
80th Bn	Vic BT 1920
90th Bn	Vic BT 1915
400th Arty Bn (Possible 1-105mm How, 6-81mm mortars and 75mm and 57mm RR)	Vic BT 3005 (loc last rptd 5Sep65)
(b) 36th PAVN Regiment (Probable)	Vic BT 0030
1st Bn	Vic BT 0130
2d Bn	Vic BT 0131
3d Bn (Possible)	Unlocated
(c) 5 Separate Battalions	
49th Bn (MF) (Probable)	TIEN PHOUC DISTRICT
70th Bn (MF)	Vic BT 1528
94th Bn (MF) (Probable)	Vic BT 4000
CHU DUNG BN (MF)	Vic AT 9538
195th AA Bn (18-12.7 AA guns)	Vic BT 0023
(d) 7 LF Companies	QUANG TIN PROVINCE

- (2) Total strength of these units is estimated to be 4900. Guerilla forces which could influence friendly operations in the area number approximately 300.

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- (3) No 120mm mortars have been reported in the area, however, the enemy possesses that capability elsewhere in I Corps.
- (4) Five recent agent reports of various degrees of validity indicate that 2 battalions (60th and 90th Battalions) of the 1st VC Regiment may be moving from their present locations to central and SOUTHERN QUANG TIN PROVINCE. Other reports indicate that 3 or 4 local force companies in the area may combine to form a battalion.
- (5) In summary, the enemy has a capability to attack TAM KY CITY and ARVN outposts in the TAM KY DISTRICT with a force of up to 2 Regiments (5 infantry and 1 artillery battalion), 5 separate battalions (4 infantry and 1 AA battalion), 7 local force companies, and a small guerrilla force.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Friendly Forces and critical locations in the TAM KY area:

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| (a) QUANG TIN PROVINCE Hq | (BT 315220) |
| (b) TAM KY DISTRICT Hq | (BT 315220) |
| (c) 6th Regt (-) (Hq 1/6, 3/6) | (BT 315218) |
| (d) 4th Bn, 5th Regt (ARVN) (2 companies) | (BT 315218) |
| (e) 1 APC Platoon | (BT 315218) |
| (f) 1 Plt 155mm How | (BT 290228) |
| (g) 2 Plt 105mm How | (BT 309218) |
| (h) 4th Bn, 5th Regt (ARVN) (Hq and 1 company) | (BT 338238) |
| (i) 1 Plt 105mm How | (BT 337237) |
| (j) Hill 159 (1 company, 2/6) | (BT 277155) |
| (k) 1 Plt 105mm How | (BT 282157) |
| (l) 928th RF Company | TAM KY |
| (m) 722nd RF Company | TAM KY |
| (n) 496th RF Company | TAM KY |
| (o) 931st RF Company | TAM KY |

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(2) Units listed at the above locations may change, however, the location itself will generally contain a rear echelon or some type facility that will remain.

(3) See basic plan for other friendly forces.

2. MISSION

See basic plan.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. See basic plan.

b. Commanding General, 3d Marine Division.

(1) Be prepared to deploy one battalion (Rein) to the TAM KY area on the following reaction time.

(a) 1st company ± 1 hour.

(b) Battalion (-) (Rein) - 6 hours.

(2) Movement may be by motorized/mechanized column or by helo lift.

c. Commanding General, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing.

(1) Be prepared to provide helilift as required.

(2) Be prepared to provide air cover over motorized/mechanized columns if required.

(3) Be prepared to provide air support to ARVN as requested and as directed by 2d Air Division.

d. Commanding Officer, I Corps Advisory Group.

(1) Keep this headquarters fully informed on friendly/enemy situation in the TAM KY area.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) See basic plan.

4. LOGISTICS AND ADMINISTRATION

See basic plan.

SECRET5. **COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS**a. Communications.

- (1) References (e), (f), and (g). (Basic Plan)
- (2) III MAF voice and/or teletype circuits will be established, as directed.

b. Command Posts.

- (1) III MAF (AT 994755).
- (2) 3d MarDiv (AT 955752).
- (3) 1st MAW (AT 994755).
- (4) ARVN. See Annex B, basic plan.
- (5) Tactical units report initial CP locations and changes to respective senior headquarters by PRIORITY message.

c. Command Relationships. To be announced.

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- (b) COMUSMACV LOI dtd 5 May 1965
- (c) Force Order FO2000.1
- (d) COMUSMACV CECI of 15 July 1965
- (e) COMUSMACV CEI of 14 Nov 1963

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Task Organizations

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|------------------------------|-----------------|
| III Marine Amphibious Force | MGen WALT |
| 3d Marine Division | MGen WALT |
| 1st Marine Aircraft Wing | BGen MCCUTCHEON |
| Force Logistic Support Group | Col PADALINO |
| I Corps Advisory Group | Col ST CLAIR |
| Air Base Defense Battalion | LtCol DONAHUE |

1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. See current ISUMS.
- b. Friendly Forces.
 - (1) U. S. Forces. No change.
 - (2) Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF)
 - (a) I Corps. 1st Division, Army, Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) operates throughout Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces; 2d ARVN Division operates throughout Quang Tin and Quang Ngai Provinces; Quang Nam Special Sector is responsible for ARVN operations in Quang Nam Province. Regional Force (RF) and Popular Force (PF) units operate throughout I Corps.
 - (b) Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) conducts close air support missions, helicopter support, and aerial reconnaissance missions throughout I Corps and conducts operations against the DRV/VC.

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- (c) Vietnamese Navy (VNN) supports ARVN operations and maintains counter-infiltration screen along the SVN coast.

3. Attachments. See Annex A.

2. MISSION

III MAF has been granted operational control of selected PF Platoons. These Platoons will be integrated, in a manner consistent with the PF basic mission, into III MAF operations for the two-fold purpose of assisting III MAF operations and improving the effectiveness of the Popular Forces.

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept. Annex B.

b. 3d Marine Division

- (1) Assume operational control of assigned PF units.
- (2) Establish and conduct such training as required to insure the assigned PF units are combat effective.
- (3) Assign USMC personnel directly to PF units as practicable.
- (4) Establish and maintain communications as required to effectively coordinate operations.
- (5) Provide supporting fires to assigned PF units and PF units assigned to the Air Base Defense Battalion.
- (6) Be prepared to support assigned PF units with appropriate reserve/counterattack forces.
- (7) Maintain liaison on a continuing basis with appropriate district Chief and advisor.

c. Air Base Defense Battalion

- (1) Assume operational control of assigned PF units.
- (2) Establish and conduct such training as required to insure the assigned PF units are combat effective.
- (3) Assign USMC personnel directly to PF units as practicable.
- (4) Establish and maintain communications as required to effectively coordinate operations.
- (5) Obtain supporting fires as required by assigned PF.

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- (6) Be prepared to support assigned PF units with appropriate reserve/counterattack forces.
 - (7) Maintain liaison on a continuing basis with appropriate district Chief and advisor.
- d. 1st Marine Aircraft Wing
- (1) Be prepared to provide aviation support including close air support and helicopter support as required by PF assigned OPCON of III MAF and requested by the Marine Corps unit to which assigned.
- e. I Corps Advisory Group
- (1) Assist in USMC/PF coordination as a matter of priority.
- f. Coordinating Instructions
- (1) Enhance at every opportunity the prestige of assigned PF units.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
- a. Administration. No change.
 - b. Logistics. To be issued.
 - c. Reports
- (1) Upon initial contact units with PF attached report:
 - (a) PF location
 - (b) Assigned mission
 - (c) Commander
 - (d) Personnel present for duty
 - (e) Amount and condition of equipment
 - (f) Uniform requirements
 - (2) Submit on weekly basis summary of operations conducted and evaluation of progress.
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS
- a. CP Locations. US - No change. ARVN - Tab A to Annex A.
 - b. Communications. In accordance with reference (c) through (e).

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c. Command Relationships. In accordance with reference (b).

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1. SITUATION. The below listed Popular Force units are attached for operational control only:

(1) Air Base Defense Battalion

(a) Da Nang Platoon 6

(b) Da Nang Platoon 7

(c) Da Nang Platoon 8

(d) Da Nang Platoon 9

(e) Hoa Vang Platoon 037

(f) Hoa Vang Platoon 035

(g) Hoa Vang Platoon 034

(2) 3d Marine Division.

(a) Hoa Vang Platoon 041.

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APPENDIX 1 to Annex A (Popular Front Units) to Operation Plan 305-66

Unit	Location	Command	Present for duty	Pistols	Rifles	Carbines	SMGS	BARS	Shot	
									COMM	Gun
Danang 6	AT 986788	Nguyen Quang DONG	37	2	2	24	3	1		1
Danang 7	AT 986788	Trinh-Quang HAI	37	2	2	24	3	1		1
Danang 8	AT 986788	Nguyen NGO	37	2	2	24	3	1		1
Danang 9	AT 997779	Nguyen-Chan-THANH	36	2	2	24	3	1		1
Hoa Vang-037	BT 008718	Pan LAN	22		2	13	1			1
Hoa Vang-035	BT 031743	Nguyen-Q-BAN	22			17	2			
Hoa Vang-034	AT 984760	Tran-CONG	48	1	1	14	1	1		1
Hoa Vang-041	BT 074705	Huyuh THA	9	2	4	3				

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Annex B (Concept of Operation) to Operation Order 305-66

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1. MISSION. III MAF takes operational control of designated PF platoons to improve the coordination and employment of units in the common effort.
2. CONCEPT.
 - a. In present operations in Vietnam there are two examples of successful cooperation with PF units from which to draw experience factors:
 - (1) In the Hue Phu Bai TAOR local Popular Forces Units have been placed under the operational control of the 3d Bn 4th Marines. The battalion placed a Marine squad with each PF platoon, established communications, supporting fires, and made available reinforcing units. After an initial period of operating together the Marine squad moved into the hamlet and remained with the Popular Forces on a permanent basis. Further, the PF platoons located in proximity to each other were organized into a Combined Action Company with a Marine Lt as Company Commander, and a Vietnamese Officer as Executive Officer.
 - (2) In the Chu Lai TAOR elements of PF platoons have been brought into the battalion area for a period of indoctrination and training. Upon completion of this phase combined USMC/PF operations have been conducted within the framework of the PF mission. When the PF returned to their village communications were established, supporting fires provided, and reinforcing units were made available.
 - b. In view of the importance of providing security for villages the method of placing Marines with Popular Force Units is preferred rather than reducing PF strength in a village for a period of time.

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However, it is recognized that in each case problems will vary, thus examples are presented to serve as a guide and allow commanders concerned latitude.

- c. Commanders will insure the employment within the framework of the assigned PF mission. For clarification the mission of Popular Forces is as follows:

The Popular Force is a national military force composed of rifle platoons and squads that provide the village with organic troops for pacification, defense and security roles.

- d. The overall concept of this order envisions the improvement of the Popular Forces to the point that they will be able to adequately provide continuing security to the rear areas thus releasing US/ARVN combat forces to continue the attack. Any assistance from the PF to the units to which attached is a desirable side effect of the overall goal.

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C	HQ, III MAF/NCC	12
D	H&SBn, III MAF (When Activated)	2
E	THIRD MARINE DIVISION (Includes all units under ADCON, 3dMarDiv except 3dServBn)	20
F	FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING	20
G	NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY	5
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I	SUB UNIT #1, FIRST ANGLICO	0
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