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TO 3RD MAF (USN 414J)
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PERSONAL FOR MGEN WALT FROM BGEN DEPUY

1. I MENTIONED TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND THE INFORMATION YOU GAVE ME REGARDING THE RECRUITMENT OF 1000 PAT PERSONNEL IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND THE STATEMENT OF THE DISTRICT CHIEF INVOLVED THAT HE COULD RECRUIT PATS BUT COULD NOT RECRUIT POPULAR FORCES.

2. GENERAL WESTMORELAND ASKED ME TO GET THE FULL SET OF FACTS ON THIS MATTER INCLUDING THE FACT THAT THEY ARE NOW BEING ORGANIZED INTO COMPANIES AND THAT THE DISTRICT CHIEF HAS INDICATED HE WILL, PERHAPS, FORM THEM INTO A BATTALION IN THE FUTURE.

3. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST IS WHETHER OR NOT THE PAT PERSONNEL ARE OF DRAFT AGE AND WHETHER OR NOT SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN RECRUITED FROM THE POPULAR FORCES OR THE REGIONAL FORCES. ALSO OF INTEREST IS HOW MUCH FARTHER DOES THE DISTRICT CHIEF PLAN TO GO AND ARE THERE OTHER SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE.

4. THIS IS NOT A WITCH HUNT BUT IS RATHER A REFLECTION OF GENERAL WESTMORELAND'S CONCERN THAT THE POPULAR FORCES PROGRAM IS RAPIDLY GOING DOWN THE DRAIN IN THE FACE OF PAT RECRUITING. IT MAY BE THAT THE BEST SOLUTION IS TO DISSOLVE THE POPULAR FORCES AND TURN COMPLETELY TO PATS, ALTHOUGH WE ARE BY NO MEANS CONVINCED OF THIS. THE LEADER

SHIP TRAINING IN THE PUYS NVY OR MAY NOT BE ADEQUATE AND THE ADVISORY EFFORT WILL BE VERY, VAJY THIN. WHEREAS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL MACV ADVISORY SYSTEM AT WORK WITH THE POPULAR FORCES. X IN SHORT, WE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE DETAILS OF THIS ONE CASE AND ANY OTHER SIMILAR INFORMATION YOU MAY HAVE, PLUS YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF WE COULD HAVE THIS WITHIN THE NEXT THREE OR FOUR DAYS.

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~~PERSONAL FOR SENIORS ONLY AND NIGHTCHECK FROM HQ/II MAF~~

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT EVERYONE IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WANTS TO SEE FOR HIMSELF JUST WHAT IS GOING ON, AND CONSEQUENTLY WE OFTEN FIND OFFICERS OF HIGH RANK TURNING UP IN SOME PRETTY HOT AND HAZARDOUS PLACES. NOBODY HAS LICENSE TO KICK COMMANDERS FOR DOING THIS, SO LONG AS THEY GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE REAL NEED FOR THEIR ACTIONS, AS WEIGHED AGAINST THE LOSS TO THE COMMAND AND CONSEQUENT GAIN TO THE ENEMY IF THEY ARE CAPTURED. I MENTION ALL THIS BECAUSE I HAVE SEEN SOME CASES WHERE THE STAKES INVOLVED WOULD WARRANT HAZARDING THE PERSON OF A SENIOR OFFICER WHOSE CAPTURE WOULD

PAGE TWO RUADGL 006A **C O N F I D E N T I A L**

BE A GREAT PROPAGANDA TRIUMPH FOR THE ENEMY. I ASK YOU, FOR THE OVERALL GOOD, TO MAKE SURE THAT THE CONSCIENTIOUS MEASUREMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE BE APPLIED TO YOU AND YOUR PRINCIPAL SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AT ALL TIMES IF WE DO NOT DO SO WE ARE GOING TO REGRET IT. 2. THE SITUATION WITH STAFF OFFICERS IS AN EVEN GREATER SOURCE OF CONCERN. THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF MAF, DIVISION AND WING STAFFS NEED TO HAVE A GILT-EDGED REASON FOR FLYING INTO QUESTIONABLE LANDING ZONES OR MILLING AROUND IN TERRITORY THAT IS NOT SECURE. WHILE A COMMANDER SOMETIMES HAS TO SHOW UP IN A WARM SPOT FOR MORALE PURPOSES, STAFF OFFICERS DO NOT. PLEASE TAKE THIS INJUNCTION TO HEART AND ENSURE THAT YOUR STAFFS ACT WITH REASONABLE PRUDENCE.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN WALT FROM LTGEN KRULAK.
 III MAF COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT TO COMUSMACV.

1. YESTERDAY ADMIRAL SHARP DISCUSSED WITH ME AT SOME LENGTH A PROTEST HE HAS RECEIVED FROM GEN WESTMORELAND RELATIVE TO III MAF SITREP IN WHICH HE COMPLAINS OF ITS LENGTH AND CONSEQUENT IMPINGMENT ON THE OVERLOADED COMMUNICATIONS IN VIETNAM. WE BOTH KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT THE REAL REASON.

2. ADM SHARP DEFENDED US BY SAYING TO WESTY THAT IN HIS VIEW IT WAS A GOOD REPORT AND MOST INFORMATIVE. FURTHER, WHAT IN HIS VIEW, WE DID IT IN THIS DETAIL BECAUSE THE MARINE CORPS WAS AND IS DISSATISFIED WITH THE INADEQUATE REPORTING IN MACV SITREPS OR OTHER REPORTS ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MARINES.

3. HOWEVER, DESPITE THE FOREGOING, HE DIRECTED ME TO ENSURE THAT YOUR III MAF DAILY SITREP TO COMUSMACV COMPLY WITH THE MACV ORDER, AND NOT EXCEED FOUR PAGES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO DISCUSS WAYS AND MEANS AS TO HOW TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, AND AT THE SAME TIME PROVIDE GEN GREENE AND ME, THRU SERVICE CHAIN OF COMMAND, WITH EVERY BIT OF THE INFO YOU ARE NOW PROVIDING, WHILE CONSTANTLY AVOIDING INCREASING THE WORKLOAD OF YOUR STAFF.

4. MY PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS AND I WOULD LIKE YOU TO IMPLEMENT IT, COMMENCING WITH YOUR SITREP NUMBER 231 WHICH WILL REACH ME ON SUNDAY MY TIME;

A. III MAF COMMANDERS DAILY SITUATION REPORT TO COMUSMACV.

(1) THIS SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN FOUR TO FIVE PAGES WHEN IT COMES OUT ON THE TELETYPE PRINTED SINGLE SPACED HARD COPY AT THE OTHER END. I AM SURE YOUR SEC CAN DEVISE AN EQUATION SO THAT YOUR TYPEWRITTEN DRAFT WILL ACCOMMODATE THIS LIMITATION.

(2) CONFINE THIS REPORT PRECISELY TO THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED BY MACV DIRECTIVE 335-5. DO NOT HOWEVER LIMIT TO TO GROUND OPERATIONS, AS I UNDERSTAND YOU HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY PRESSURED AT STAFF LEVEL TO DO. THERE ARE NO WORKDS IN THE DIRECTIVE THAT PROHIBIT REPORTING ON WING ACTIVITIES, WHICH WE MUST DO.

(3) SEND THIS REPORT TO THE SAME ADDRESSES TO WHOM YOU PRESENTLY ADDRESS YOUR SITREP, AND, BY SAME PRECEDENCE AS BEFORE, FOR EACH ADDRESSEE.

(4) USE DISCREET ABBREVIATIONS TO CUT DOWN ON PAGES. THERE IS A LIST OF THESE WHICH MACV APPROVES IN DIRECTIVE 335-2.

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B. III MAF HISTORICAL REPORT.

(1) THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE A NEW REQUIREMENT. ACTUALLY, IT IS NOT, IT IS YOUR OLD SITREP, LESS THE HIGHLIGHTS, WHICH YOU NEED NO LONGER PREPARE. IT ALSO NEED NOT INCLUDE BOX SCORES OR FUTURE PLANS, SINCE THESE WILL BE IN YOUR SITREP TO MACV.

(2) THIS WILL COME ONLY TO PRESENT MARINE ADDEFS. SAME PRECEDENCE AS BEFORE.

C. SEPARATE CIVIC ACTION SECTION OF PRESENT III MAF SITREP.

(1) SEND ONLY TO SAME ADDEFS OF HISTORICAL REPORT. SAME PRECEDENCE.

(2) NOTE THAT MACV DIRECTIVE 535-5 DOES ENCOURAGE A LITTLE CIVIC ACTION IN YOUR SITREP TO HIM.

D. III MAF ADMIN REPORT.

(1) NO CHANGE

E. SPECIAL SITREPS ON MAJOR OPNS, DISASTERS, OR FLAPS.

(1) NO CHANGE

F. III MAF WEEKLY SUMMARY.

(1) NO CHANGE

5. TELEPHONIC REPORTING CODE.

(1) IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THE USEFULNESS OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THIS HQTRS AND III MAF MIGHT BE GREATLY ENHANCED THROUGH THE USE OF A SHORT, SIMPLE LIST OF COMMONLY USED TERMS KEYED TO A LIST OF CODE WORDS, WHICH IS MORE EXPANDED IN NATURE THAN OUR LITTLE WALLET CARDS, YET NOT SO UNWIELDY AS THE KAC-139. AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE I SUGGEST WE USE THE FOLLOWING FOR THIS PURPOSE;

ORGANIZATIONS AND PEOPLE.

CODE WORD.

COMPANY	GINGER	2D AIR DIVISION	LIZARD
PLATOON	HAMMER	GINGPAC	COLLIE
REGIMENT	ELEPHANT	GINGPACFLT	RINGO
BATTALION	COFFEE	MONAMARA	LAUNDRY
SQUADRON	DIAMOND	WHITE HOUSE	TERRER
GROUP	BEEBLE	PACAF	STAIRCASE
DIVISION	SCOOTER	PATROL	POPCORN
MACV	BLUEBILL	JCS	MONKEY
III MAF	CADILLAC	HIGH US OFFICIAL	LUMBER
ARVN	BULL	RF	ACES
PF	QUEEN	I CORPS	ALASKA

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PLACES AND THINGS

WASHINGTON
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 TOWN (S)
 HELICOPTER (S)
 VEHICLES (S)
 BOAT(S)
 BRIDGES
 ARTILLERY
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 TANKS

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 TRAILER
 MUFFLER
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 BULK
 BUTTERFLY
 GARDEN
 ANTIQUE
 MUSIC
 PEARL
 FIBERGLASS
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ATTACK (ED)
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SOUPBONE
 VIOLIN
 KINGDOM
 SHAMROCK
 BAROMETER
 FLOWER
 LINCOLN
 MERCURY
 CANARY

AMBUSH (ED)
 HARASS (ED)
 FIRE (ED) ON
 DESTROY (ED)
 OVERRAN
 REQUEST (ED)
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MANY	RUBY	NO (NONF)	SILVER
FEW	LOBSTER	THIRD COUNTRY	CHEVROLET
FRIENDLY	PEANO	UNKNOWN	SHARK
NORTH VIETNAM (ESE)	PEACOCK	RED CHINESE	PYRAMID
RUSSIAN	JANITOR	VIET CONG	PLYMOUTH
PLUS	DUMPLING	ENEMY	BOTTLE
RECONNAISSANCE	CABBAGE		

6. THE FOREGOING NOTWITHSTANDING, I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT III MAF RIGHT NOW HAS THE BEST SITREP AND OTHER REPORTS-ORAL AND WRITTEN-THAT I HAVE SEEN IN THREE WARS, AND I REGRET THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO ADJUST IT AS OUTLINED ABOVE.

WARM REGARDS

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PERSONNEL FO LGEN KRULAK AND MAJGEN WALT FROM MAJEN FIELDS

A. CG III MAF 200224Z

B. CG FMFPAC 182340Z

1. NEEDLESS TO SAY, CG FIRST MARDIV, WITH HIS HEADQUARTERS, IS PREPARED AND FEELS THE NEED FOR EARLY DEPLOYMENT TO VIETNAM. HOWEVER, I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MUST BE OTHER REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL WHICH PRECENTS SUCH MOVEMENT AT THIS TIME. THEREFORE, IN HEARTILY CONCUR WITH REF A AND AM PREPARED TO ASSIST IN WHATEVER WAY CONSIDERED HELPFUL BY GEN WALT.

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2. IN ADDITION TO LIAISON FORPURPOSE SET FOURTH IN REF A, I PROPOSE THAT CG FIRST MARDIV ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LIAISON SECTION WITH CG III MAF HEADQUARTERS AT AN EARLY DATE. CONSIDER THIS ESSENTIAL IN VIEW OF PLANNED AND IMMINENT DEPLOYMENTS. AM PREPARED AND DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATELY IF AGREED BY YOU AND GEN WALT.

3. ALSO PROPOSE, WITH GEN WALT'S CONCURRENCE, THAT I, WITH CERTIAN MEMBERS OF MY STAFF PAY LIAISON VISIT OF THREE TO FOUR DAYS DURATION TO III MAF FOLLOWING CONFERENCE YOUR HEADQUARTERS, REF B. PROPOSE 28 OR 29 DECEMBER AS ARRIVAL DATE.

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PERSONAL FOR MAJGENS WALT ANB FIELDS FROM LTGEN KRULAK

- A. CG III MAF 192204Z
- B. CG FMFPAC 222227Z
- C. CG III MAF 200224Z
- D. CG FIRST MARDIV 201353Z

1. REF A RECOMMENDED DESTINATION OF RLT-1 AND 3/1 AS CHU LAIN IN JAN, AND IN ADDITION RECOMMENDS DANANG AS DESTINATION OF BLT 2/3 IN FEB AND 3/4 IN MAR.
2. BY REF B, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED AND

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CINCPACFLT WAS NOTIFIED ACCORDINGLY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS, A PROPOSAL WAS SUBMITTED BY REF C REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BRIGADE TYPE HQS AT CHU LAI, BUILT ON THE ADC GROUP AND STAFFED, IN PART, BY AUGMENTATION ELEMENTS FROM THE FIRST MARDIV.

A. CONCUR WITH THE NECESSITY AND DESIRABILITY OF DEVELOPING THE CAPABILITY OF THE ADC GROUP AT CHU LAI TO ASSUME AUTHORITY DIRECTION OF GROUND OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA. ENVISION THAT AIR UNITS WOULD CONTINUE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO CG, FIRST MAW. I BELIEVE THAT THE BULK OF THE PERSONNEL AND MATERIAL RESOURCES FOR THE ENLARGED ADC GROUP ARE TO BE FOUND IN III MAF; HOWEVER AGREE THAT YOU SHOULD RECEIVE SUCH OUTSIDE HELP AS YOU REQUIRE TO MAKE THE BRIGADE-TYPE HQS EFFECTIVE. YOUR PROPOSAL THAT WE PROVIDE AUGMENTATION FROM PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT OF THE FIRST MARDIV HQ MAKE SENSE. HOWEVER IN DOING SO, I DO NOT WISH TO CIRCUMVENT THE DIRECTIVES OR PLANS OF HIGHER AUTHORITY IN REGARD TO PHASING IN THE 1ST DIV HQ AS SUCH, NOR DO I WANT TO PUT 1ST MARDIV IN THE POSITION OF BEING UNABLE TO MEET A CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENT,

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OTHER THAN RVN, IF CALLED ON TO DO SO. WITHIN THIS CONTEXT I WOULD CONCUR WITH THE INPUT OF A SMALL NUMBER OF SELECTED INDIVIDUALS AND EQUIPMENT, AS DETERMINED TO BE ACTUALLY REQUIRED, FROM FIRST MARDIV HQ FOR THE PROPOSED BRIGADE HQ, TO MOVE IN-

COUNTRY WITH ELEMENTS OF RLT-1 HEADQUARTERS.

B. MUTUAL 1ST MARDIV - 3RD MARDIV LIAISON TO ASSIST IN PLANNING DETAILS OF THE MATERIEL REQUIREMENTS AND STAFFING, IS AUTHORIZED, WITHIN THE LIMITED PARAMETERS OUTLINED ABOVE, SUBJECT TO MY APPROVAL OF THE FINAL PRODUCT, BOTH AS TO PEOPLE AND THINGS.

4. REF D PROPOSES A LIAISON VISIT BY 1ST MARDIV REPS AT III MAF, SUBSEQUENT TO THE DEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE IN SESSION AT THIS HQS. THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO SORT OUT THE DETACHMENTS FROM THE FIRST MARDIV WHICH ARRIVED IN COUNTRY AS A PART OF VARIOUS RLT'S, AS WELL AS THOSE WHICH ARE A PART OF THE AUGMENTATION OF RLT-7. THIS IS PARTICULARLY APPLICABLE TO COMMAND AND CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS. ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE TO LEAVE SUFFICIENT ELEMENTS AT CHU LAI WHEN THE 4TH MARINES MOVE TO DANANG TO ENSURE THAT RLT-1 HQ WILL

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BE "FULLY FOUND" WHICH IT IS NOT SO AT THIS TIME. WARM
REGARDS AND MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL.

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BED DOWN DANANG (U)

1. WAS INVITED ATTEND CONFERENCE SAIGON WITH WESTMORELAND AND MEYER TODAY. IN ADDITION, ROSSON, DEPUY AND FIFTEEN STAFF OFFICERS PRESENT. SUBJECT WAS USMC AVIATION FORCE TABS AND USE SOUTH CONCRETE TOUCH DOWN PAD.

2. WESTMORELAND OPENED MEETING WITH SOLILOQUY THEME OF WHICH WAS HE WAS NOT GOING TO LET ROLES AND MISSIONS AND DOCTRINAL ISSUES STAND IN THE WAY OF ACHIEVING WHAT WAS BEST FOR US. PROBLEM WAS TO OPTIMIZE USE OF AIR BASES IN ORDER MAXIMIZE AIR SUPPORT FOR GROUND TROOPS.

3. TWO HOURS DISCUSSION RESULTED IN FOLLOWING:

A. WESTY ACCEPTED TEN USMC SQUADRONS VICE EIGHT PROVIDED MINIMUM TWO SQUADRON EFFORT WAS AVAILABLE FOR OVERALL MACV SUPPORT IN AND OUT COUNTRY AND PROVIDED THIS DOESN'T REDUCE NUMBER USAF SQUADRONS.

B. CONTRACTOR WOULD BE DIRECTED TO KEEP PRESENT MARINE AIR FREIGHT AREA OPEN AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

C. USAF F4C SQUADRON WOULD USE SOUTH TOUCH DOWN PAD AS INTERIM BASE UNTIL PERMANENT BASE WAS AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE.

D. USAF WOULD POSITION 6-8 CH3C HELOS AT DANANG TO PROVIDE III MAF ARTY LIFT CAPABILITY PRIOR TO ARRIVAL CH46.

E. STAFF WOULD STUDY WAYS AND MEANS TO PROGRAM PARALLEL RUNWAY CONSTRUCTION SO PORTION OF IT COULD BE COMPLETED EARLY IN ORDER TO REDUCE LOAD ON EXISTING RUNWAY.

F. USMC SIX JET SQUADRONS PLUS VMJ would BED DOWN ON TWO RAMPS YET TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON WEST SIDE.

G. STAFF WOULD STUDY FEASIBILITY MOVING TEN F5 TO DANANG FOR ONE MONTH TEST AND EVALUATION.

H. STAFF WOULD STUDY HOW TO BED DOWN ASTA UNIT OF 16 MOHAWKS AT DANANG FOR EMPLOYMENT IN TIGER HOUND OPNS.

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 PERSONAL FOR MAJGEN WALT & BGEN HENDERSON FROM LTGEN KRULAK
 LST SHUTTLE (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 051358Z (C)
 B. ADMINO FMFPAC 112107Z (C)
 C. COMUSMACV 231110Z (S)

1. THE FLEET RESPONSE, CONTAINED IN PARA 7A OF REF A, TO MY
 REQUEST FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN LST SHUTTLE FOR MARINE CORPS CARGO
 BETWEEN OKINAWA AND DANANG/CHU LAI REPRESENTS A FINE EXAMPLE OF
 NAVY SUPPORT AND WAS MOST GRATIFYING.

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2. WHILE REF B PROVIDES THE MECHANICS TO UTILIZE THIS SERVICE,
 CONTINUING COMMAND ATTENTION AND COOPERATION IS ESSENTIAL IN
 ENSURING THAT THE MARINE CORPS DERIVES FULL BENEFIT AND FULLY
 UTILIZES THIS SHUTTLE SO THAT WE DO NOT LOSE THIS INVALUABLE
 SUPPORT BY PERFUNCTORY OR INEFFICIENT ACTIONS ON OUR PART.
 IMPORTANCE OF ABOVE IS HIGHLIGHTED BY COMUSMACV POSITION ON LST
 UTILIZATION CONTAINED IN REF C.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK AND MGEN WALT FROM MGEN FIELDS

A. 291393Z

B. YOUR 270606Z (NOTAL)

1. APPRECIATE REF B. PLAN TO ARRIVE BANANG 51115H, DEPARTING 4 JAN.
 2. MY PARTY WILL CONSIST OF THREE INCREMENTS:

A. CG, AIDE, STEWARD, G-3, G-4, SURGEON, CEO, ENG O, CO 1ST SERV
 BN TO CONFER WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF AND VISIT CHU LAI.9

B. CO RLT-1, CO 3/1, CO 1/11, 573 AND S-4 RLT 2 TO VISIT CHU LAI
 AND CONFER WITH BGEN PLATT AND CO 4TH MAR. MY PLANE WILL CONTINUE TO
 CHU LAI WITH THIS GROUP ON 31 DEC.

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C. 1ST MARDIV LIAISON SECTION TAD TO III MAF CONSISTING OF LTCOL
 ROMA T. TAYLOR JR, GYSST RALPH L. LAWLER 9369, ONE DRIVER, AND
 ONE M-422 VEHICLE AS PREVIOUSLY CONFIRMED BY YOUR C/S.

3. FOLLOWING ARE PRINCIPLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR VISIT:

A. PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION ADC GROUP, CHU LAI

B. PROPOSED LOCATIONS CP'S 1ST MARDIV UNITS CHU LAI

C. PLANS TO REJOIN IN COUNTRY 1ST MARDIV BDETS WITH PARENT UNITS

D. DISPOSITION, SUPPLY AND FUNDING OF MEDICAL FACILITIES

E. COMMUNICATIONS PLANS AND REQUIREMENTS

F. STRUCTURE FLSU

G. CANTONMENT CONSTRUCTION, MILCOM PROGRAMS

H. SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

4. I WOULD PARTICULARLY DESIRE TO VISIT 1ST MARINE UNITS AND TOUR
 CHU LAI TAOR. BEST REGARDS, JEFF.

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM SECDEF MCNAMARA (SECDEF 282350Z) TO GEN WESTMORELAND, " I UNDERSTAND THAT AT PRESENT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY FOUR FIVE US SHIPS BEING WORKED IN SOUTH VIETNAMESE PORTS WHILE AN ADDITIONAL SIX TWO ARE IN SOUTH VIETNAM OR IN " HOLDING AREAS " AWAITING UNLOADING. FURTHER, I AM TOLD THAT OVER THREE ZERO OF THESE VESSELS HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA OVER THREE ZERO DAYS. THE PRESIDENT IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AT THE DELAYS IN RECEIPT BY THE TROOPS OF IMPORTANT MILITARY CARGO BUT EVEN MORE CONCERNED THAT THESE SHIPS WILL PROVIDE TARGETS WHICH MAY DRAW THE FIRE OF THE VC OR THE NORTH VIETNAMESE SHOULD WE ESCALATE OUR BOMBING IN THE NORTH. PLEASE DIRECT EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT AT ELIMINATING THE BACKLOG BY THE FIRST OF FEBRUARY. SHOULD YOU NEED ADDITIONAL HELP FROM US, LET ME KNOW."

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