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SUBJ: CIVIL DISTURBANCES

1. DANANG.  
A. DANANG WAS QUIET THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT AND ALL DAY ON 1 APRIL. NO INCIDENTS.  
B. SPEAKERS AT THE DEMONSTRATION WHICH STARTED AT 311600H MADE STATEMENTS WITH ANTI-AMERICAN OVERTONES AS FOLLOWS: U.S. STAY OUT OF VN AFFAIRS; AMERICANS MAKE TROUBLE FOR VN; AND VIETNAM FOR THE VIETNAMESE. THIS WAS THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION WITH STRONG ANTI-U.S. CONNOTATIONS. IT WAS WELL ORGANIZED, ORDERLY, AND (AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.  
C. A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST REPORTS THAT THERE WERE 3 "HIGH RANKING" VC PRESENT AT THE DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT BILLET ON 31 MARCH. OTHER REPORTS INDICATE THAT SMALL NUMBERS OF VC HAVE INFILTRATED IN TO DANANG FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLOITING PRESENT UNREST. A VC MEETING WAS REPORTEDLY HELD IN DANANG LAST NIGHT WITH ATTENDEES INDICATING THAT A BUS-LOAD OF STUDENTS FROM HUE WOULD ARRIVE IN DANANG ON 2 APRIL TO ORGANIZE A DEMONSTRATION.  
D. HILL.

2. GENERAL PHAM XUAN CHIEF (SECRETARY OF THE OFFICIAL STAFF) MET WITH GENERAL THI TWICE ON 31 MARCH. REPORTERLY THE GENERAL OFFERED THE POSITION OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND DECLINED. ADDITIONAL REPORTS INDICATED THAT CHIEF HAS NO OFFICIAL ASSIGNMENT AND IS AT THE DISCRETION OF THIEU.  
3. A SOURCE AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE CORPS REPORTED THAT THE MARINE CORPS IS AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE CORPS REPORTEDLY REMAINING IN THE MARINE CORPS BILLET. THE MARINE CORPS IS AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE CORPS REPORTEDLY REMAINING IN THE MARINE CORPS BILLET. THE MARINE CORPS IS AT THE OFFICE OF THE MARINE CORPS REPORTEDLY REMAINING IN THE MARINE CORPS BILLET.

C. AT ABOUT 1035 GENERAL CHIEU ACCOMPANIED THE CROWD TO STRIKE HEADQUARTERS. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER CHIEU WAS USED TO ACHIEVE THIS END OR WHETHER CHIEU THOUGHT THIS WAS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

D. AT 1230 GENERAL CHIEU WAS MOVED BY CLYDE FROM STRIKE FORCES HEADQUARTERS TO HUE RADIO STATION AND, ACCORDING TO SOURCES, MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: HIS PURPOSE IN COMING TO HUE WAS TO COUNSEL GENERAL THI ON HIS HEALTH. HE AGREES WITH THE PEOPLE ON THE FORMATION OF A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; HE AGREES THAT THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PEOPLE; AND HE THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR THEIR INTEREST IN THE GOVERNMENT. (IT MAY BE THAT GENERAL CHIEU FOUND HIMSELF IN A POSITION THAT REQUIRED HIM TO TAKE CERTAIN MOVES TO PACIFY THE STRIKE FORCES RATHER THAN CREATING FURTHER UNREST.) AT THE CONCLUSION OF CHIEU'S SPEECH AN UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER TOLD THE PEOPLE TO GO HOME AND THAT THE DAYS ACTIVITIES WERE SUCCESSFUL.

E. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT THE CG FIRST ARVN DIVISION WAS IN SAIGON AND THE PROVINCE CHIEF/MAYOR OF HUE WAS IN DANANG WHILE THE FOREGOING TRANSPIRED.

3. HOI AN. A SMALL SCOOTER PARADE WAS CONDUCTED IN HOI AN AT 1100 TODAY. LOUD SPEAKER TRUCKS INFORMED THE PEOPLE THAT GENET U'S KY AND THIEU FAILED TO SET UP A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND SHOULD NOW STEP DOWN. THEY FURTHER CALLED FOR GENERAL STRIKES ON 2 AND 3 APRIL.

A. ACTIONS TAKEN AND PLANNED.

A. CONTIUED UNLOADING AT DANANG. PLAN TO CEASE AT 020700H. WILL START AGAIN AS SOON AS SITUATION CLARIFIES.

B. STILL NOT UNLOADING AT HUE.

C. SENT LETTER TO MAY GEN CHUAN REQUESTING THAT VIETNAMESE SENTRY GUARD U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN DOWNTOWN DANANG TO MINIMIZE THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT BETWEEN DEMONSTRATORS AND U.S. SENTRY. THE LETTER WILL BE MAINTAINED BUT MOVED TO LESS CONSPICUOUS POSITIONS. MAY GEN CHUAN AGREED TO THIS WHEN WE DISCUSSED THE MATTER THIS MORNING. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT FIVE VIETNAMESE SENTRIES WILL BE POSTED IN THE DOCK AREA EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 2 APRIL AND THAT AT 060000H A MEETING WILL BE HELD BY THE CO OF THE DANANG COMBISON TO DETERMINE WHO WILL RUN THE OTHER POSTS (POLICE, ARVN, NVA, etc.).

D. A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE HUE HEADQUARTERS TO ASSIST THE U.S. CONSUL IN ADVISING U.S. CITIZENS TO AVOID INVOLVEMENT IN UNREST.

E. MET WITH THE VC IN ALL THREE ZONES (DOWNTOWN, DOCK, AND OUTSIDE).



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GRIII CIVIL DISTURBANCES.  
1. PARADE.

A. FROM 0700 TO 1130 THERE WAS A BUDDIST CEREMONY IN  
DOWNTOWN DANANG CONSISTING OF AN ORDERLY PARADE OF ABOUT 2500  
PEOPLE INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND ARVN SOLDIERS. THERE  
WERE NO INCIDENTS.

B. THE MAP, NSA AND POK ALL WERE MORTAL VN WORK FORCE  
ABOARD.

C. ACTIVITY IN DANANG WAS NORMAL ON COMPLETION OF  
CEREMONY.

D. NOT.

E. FROM 0800 TO 1130 THERE WAS A DEMONSTRATION IN HUE  
WHICH WAS REPORTED Y ANOTHER BUDDIST CEREMONY. IT IS ESTIMATED  
THAT OVER 5000 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED INCLUDING ABOUT 1000  
CHILDREN AND WOMEN. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARVN  
WERE INVOLVED. MYSTICISM THE TWO OTHER WERE PRESENT ON  
THE DAY OF THE DEMONSTRATION. NO INCIDENTS.

F. NO INCIDENTS.

G. NO INCIDENTS.

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3. HOIANA. ABOUT 3500 PERSONS PARTICIPATED IN A DEMONSTRATION WHICH PASSED THE MACV COMPOUND WITHOUT INCIDENT.

B. REPORTEDLY A 48 HOUR GENERAL STRIKE STARTED THIS MORNING.

4. QUANG NGAI. APPROXIMATELY 200 BUDDHIST CONDUCTED A ROCK PUNYIN. IN MEMORY OF QUACH THI TRUNG.

5. TAM KY. APPROXIMATELY 800 PERSONS CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION UNDER THE THEME OF PUTTING CIVILIANS BACK IN GOVERNMENT.

6. ACTIONS TAKEN AND PLANNED.

A. INITIATED PARTIAL UNLOADING IN DANANG AT 021500H AND FULL UNLOADING OPERATIONS AT 021630H. INTEND TO CONTINUE WITH FULL UNLOADING UNTIL SITUATION DICTATES A CHANGE.

B. STILL FEEL IT IS UNWISE TO UNLOAD SHIPS AT HUE.

C. AS OF 021500H NO VN SENTRIES HAVE BEEN POSTED ON U.S. INSTALLATIONS IN DANANG AS REQUESTED IN MY LETTER TO GENERAL CHAN OF 1 APRIL. DANANG GARRISON CLAIMS THEY DO NOT HAVE 1 E TROOPS. 1 CORPS CHIEF OF STAFF IS LOOKING INTO THE PROBLEM. WE ARE REMINDING THEM OF THE NECESSITY FOR SUCH A MOVE.

D. ON 1 APRIL AMBASSADOR LODGE DESIGNATED THOMAS J. CONCORAN, FIRST SECRETARY OF THE EMBASSY, TO ASSUME CHARGE OF CONSULAR OFFICE AT HUE AND TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION OVER THE POLAD FUNCTIONS AT DANANG. THE STATED PURPOSE OF THIS MOVE IS TO ENSURE THAT ALL ELEMENTS OF THE U.S. MISSION IN THE HUE-DANANG AREA WILL CONTINUE TO SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE.

I HOSTED A MORNING LUNCHEON ON 2 APRIL WITH CONCORAN, MY POLAD, CHIEF OF STAFF, DEPUTY SENIOR ADVISOR, AND LOCAL RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS OF USMC, JUSPAD AND SCAS IN ATTENDANCE. EXCHANGE OF VIEWS APPARENTLY VERY USEFUL TO ALL PRESENT. I AM NOT AWARE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MOTIVATED CONCORAN'S DESIGNATION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING MOST CLOSELY WITH VYH AND POLAD THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD OF INTEREST AND I HAVE GREAT CONFIDENCE IN VYH.

A. MORE CONTACT WITH VYH IN OPERATION CHARGE WILL ALLOW THIS SITUATION BECAUSE HE LANDED IN THE 1ST CORPS AREA. THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO FIGHT OUTSIDE THE AREA. WE WOULD LIKE TO BE MORE FREQUENTLY IN CONTACT.

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SUBJ: CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST.

1. DABANG.

A. SOME 400 NATIONAL POLICE ASSEMBLED AT NATIONAL POLICE  
HEADQUARTERS IN DABANG AND PROCEEDED TO THE MAIN SQUARE  
(SITE OF PREVIOUS RALLIES AND DEMONSTRATIONS) WHERE THEY  
CONDUCTED A SMALL PEACEFUL RALLY. APPROXIMATELY 800 CIVILIANS  
WERE PRESENT BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE PARTICIPANTS. POLICE  
SPEAKERS SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION.  
THE SPEAKERS MADE THE POINT THAT THE STRUGGLE WAS NOT ANTI-AMERICAN.  
THE ACTIVITY WAS WELL ORGANIZED AND THERE WERE NO REPORTED  
INCIDENTS.

B. LATER ABOUT 400 POLICE PARADED IN DOWNTOWN DABANG. NO  
ANTI-U.S. SENTIMENTS DISPLAYED.

C. AT 1510, U.S. SOURCES REPORT THAT A 1047 C-47 WHICH  
DEPARTED EARLY THIS MORNING FROM PHNOM PENH SAIGON WAS TAKEN OFF  
AT THE OLD BENT AIRFIELD. THE POLICE WHO INVOLED IN THE FIELD WAS  
ALSO. SAIGON INFORMED THAT ALL AIRCRAFT, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN  
REPORTED, WERE NOT CRUISED AS OF AIRFIELD.

D. THERE WAS NO OTHER REPORTED ACTIVITY IN DABANG.  
E. POLICE THROCKED ONLY WITH IN. POLICE VAN HAN THE POLICE OF  
INVESTIGATION IN THE REVER'S BODY. FOLLOWING TO ATTRACTED  
POLICE TO THE REVER'S BODY.

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22) HAS THEN ASSURED HE HE FEEL SAME WAY. I SAID IT CLEAR FROM STUDENTS ACTIONS DURING INCIDENT AT MARINE HOTEL. THAT ELEMENTS OF STRUGGLE WENT ON CREATING ANTI-AMERICAN ATMOSPHERE FAR BEYOND ANYTHING ATTEMPTED DURING PAST STRUGGLES.

(S) MAN THEN REQUESTED I SEND HIM SHORT LETTER STATING  
EVENT MARCH 30 AT MARINE HOTEL SIMPLE ACCIDENT AND IN NO WAY  
INTENTIONAL. THIS WOULD SATISFY STUDENTS WHO AGED "WITHOUT  
THINKING" IN PRESENTING 48 ULTIMATUM AND NOW WOULD BE SATISFIED  
WITH ALMOST ANYTHING WHICH WOULD SHOW RESPONSE BY U. S. GOV.  
MAN ASSURED HE WOULD MERELY SHOW LETTER TO STUDENTS, THEN  
RETURN IT TO ME.

(4) I S ID THAT STUDENTS HAD ALREADY PROVED THROUGH ACTIONS AND STATEMENTS DESIRE TO CREATE ANTI-AMERICAN ATMOSPHERE. I SAW NO VALUE IN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT.

1. (S) MAN BECAME DISTRAUGHT AND ASKED IF I WOULD TALK TO DUI  
2. FROM MIAG, RECTOR HIS UNIVERSITY, TO OBTAIN CLEAR UNDERSTANDING  
3. OF SITUATION. I REPLIED THAT HE (MAN) HAD BEEN VERY CLEAR AND  
4. COMPREHENSIVE. I WOULD INFORM ENDRASEY OF HIS REQUEST, BUT I  
5. PERSONALLY, FELT THERE WAS LITTLE VALUE IN DEALING WITH BY ENIS,  
6. WHO OBVIOUSLY WEN LEADERS OF "STUDENT".

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ON 2 APRIL TO BREAK UP A DEMONSTRATION IN WHICH ONE STUDENT WAS KILLED. THE STRUGGLE FORCES ANNOUNCED "WE NOW HAVE A MARTIN".

C. LATE REPORTS INDICATE THAT STUDENT SPEAKERS ATTENDING A SMALL GATHERING MADE VERY STRONG ANTI-U.S. SPEECHES, TEXT IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. NOIRAN.

A. GENERAL STRIKE CONTINUED BUT SINCE IT WAS SUNDAY THE SUCCESS OF THE STRIKE COULD NOT BE EVALUATED.

B. APPROXIMATELY 1000 PERSONS GATHERED IN NOI AN FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A VEHICLE DEMONSTRATION. THERE WERE NO ANTI-U.S. BANNERS OBSERVED. NO INCIDENTS.

A. QUANG TRI. FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO PERSONS PARTICIPATED IN WHAT WAS REPORTED AS A BUDDHIST RELIGIOUS CEREMONY. 200 NATIONAL POLICE AND 300 ARVN IN UNIFORM WERE REPORTED AS PARTICIPANTS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION.

5. LATE REPORT. THE FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS OF AN ANNOUNCER ON DANANG RADIO AT APPROXIMATELY 000000H.

A. MY THINKS STRUGGLE FORCES ARE COMMUNIST.

B. LAST NIGHT, TEAR-GAS WAS USED TO DISPERSE PEOPLE CONDUCTING A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE SAIGON RADIO STATION.

C. MY HAS ORGANIZED HIS MEN AGAINST BUDDHIST TRICH TAN

GROUP.

D. MY SAYS DANANG IS OCCUPIED BY COMMUNIST. MY STATED THAT THE MAYOR OF DANANG IS GOING TO MEET THE COMMUNIST IN A SECRET PLACE IN DANANG TONIGHT. MY ADDITIONALLY STATED THAT THE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF DANANG PAID ALL DEMONSTRATORS 30P TO ATTEND DEMONSTRATIONS. MY IS DETERMINED TO GO TO DANANG TONIGHT, AND LEAVE WITH TROOPS.

E. THE BUDDHIST PRIESTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN SAIGON TO COME TO DANANG.

F. MY HAS ORGANIZED HIS POLICEMEN TO ARREST PEOPLE SO CHANGE DEMONSTRATIONS IN DANANG. AND THE ORGANIZERS ARE NOW BEING ARRESTED IN SAIGON. IN SECRET.

G. MY SAYS THE GOVERNMENT OF DANANG IS WORKING WITH HIS TROOPS, AND MY SAYS IS DANGEROUS.

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SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL SITUATION.

1. COMUSMACV REQUESTED ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING  
CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST AS OF 031600H. FOLLOWING REPLY FROM 111  
MAF QUOTED:

ASSESSMENT OF LOCAL SITUATION

A. REF A REQUESTED ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING  
EFFECTS OF CURRENT POLITICAL UNREST ON U.S. AND GVN MILITARY EFFORT.

B. U.S. MILITARY EFFORT

(1) NO IMPACT ON UNILATERAL OPERATIONS. CURRENT AND PLANNED  
MAJOR OPERATIONS (TORANGE/VIRGINIA) ARE PROGRESSING ON SCHEDULE.  
ALL SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH SAME  
INTENSITY AND EFFECTIVENESS AS BEFORE UNREST.

(2) COORDINATED OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR AND  
ON 16 DIA HAVE BEEN RETARDED. ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN NO  
OVERT REFUSAL TO PARTICIPATE, COMMITMENT OF ARVN FORCES HAS BEEN  
DELAYED OR DECISION PROCRASTINATED. COORDINATED OPERATIONAL  
PLANNING IN 12 DIA IS NORMAL WITH DECISIONS AND COMMITMENTS FOR  
IMMINENT OPERATIONS CONTINUING.

(3) LOGISTICAL ACTIVITY HAS BEEN HINDERED AS FOLLOWS:

(a) CONSTRUCTION. CONTRACTOR LOST APPROXIMATELY  
TWO TO FOUR DAYS OF VIETNAMESE LABOR. APPROX 1,500 U.S. MAR HAVE  
EMPLOYED INEFFICIENTLY TO TRANSPORT CARGO AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT.  
ENGINEERS REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH CONSTRUCTION WORK.  
CONSIDERABLE LOSS OF MOMENTUM AND DELAY IN REPAIRS IF RESULTS  
IN OVER DAY PRODUCTION LOSS AND CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN  
REPAIR EFFORT.

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(C) UNLOADING OF SHIPS IN DANANG HAS BEEN CURTAILED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO MINIMIZE CONTACT BETWEEN U S PERSONNEL AND DEMONSTRATORS. LOSS IN TONNAGE ESTIMATED AT APPROX 3700 MT.

(C) UNLOADING AT NHA HAS BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE 31 MARCH BECAUSE CARGO TRUCKS MUST TRAVEL NEAR HUE UNIVERSITY. LOSS IN TONNAGE ESTIMATED AT 1000 MT.

(C) RAIL DELIVERY. RAIL AND ROAD DID NOT ACCOMPLISH TRUCK DELIVERIES ON 23, 24, 25 AND 31 MARCH. TWO MILITARY COLUMNS WERE REQUIRED FOR PHU BAI DURING THE ABOVE PERIOD. MILITARY TRUCKS ALSO USED FOR INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION TO DANANG AND NHA TRANG AF. DRUMMED POL WAS AIRLIFTED TO PHU BAI ON TWO OCCASIONS. SIGNIFICANTLY, COMMERCIAL TANKER DELIVERY THROUGH SHIP TO SHORE LINES CONTINUED DURING ABOVE PERIOD.

(C) GENERAL LOGISTICAL COMMENT. CONTINUED INTERRUPTIONS IN TRANSPORTING SUPPLIES/EQUIPMENT WOULD CAUSE AN OVERALL REDUCTION IN III MAF STOCK LEVELS, ALTHOUGH STOCK STATUS NOT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED TO DATE. CONTINUED LOSS OF OFF-LOADING TIME NEAR V-X COULD REQUIRE EMPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL UNITS FOR CONVOY OPERATIONS AND SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN AIRLIFT OF HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS (INCLUDING POL).

#### C. GVN OPERATIONS

(C) (1) DIA. THE DETERIORATION OF THE POLITICAL SITUATION DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS HAS HAD AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE GVN MILITARY EFFORT. COMMAND INFLUENCE AND CONTROL OVER FIRST DIVISION UNITS, IS COMBAT PRESENTLY, MARGINAL. IT IS DOUBTFUL IF MILITARY UNITS OF THE FIRST DIVISION WOULD RESPOND TO ORDERS TO SUPPRESS THE POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS PRESENTLY IN PROCESS. MILITARY UNITS CAN BE EXPECTED TO REACT DEFENSIVELY AGAINST THE VC AND TO ACT OFFENSIVELY WITH REDUCED AGGRESSIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY. THE POLITICAL TURBULENCE HAS CAUSED A DIVISION IN THE MILITARY RANKS. INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY THE I CORPS COMMANDER AND THE FIRST DIVISION COMMANDER FORBIDDING AND DISCOURAGING OVERY MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE BEEN LOOSELY IGNORED IN THE NHA AREA. ON 24 MARCH 1968, THE FIRST DIVISION COMMUNIST CHAIRMAN ISSUED WRITTEN ORDERS CALLING THE MILITARY PERSONNEL AROUND THE NHA AREA TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN AND SUPPORT THE POLITICAL DEMONSTRATIONS. IN APRIL 1968, AN ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO RECALL THE MILITARY PERSONNEL FROM VARIOUS AREAS OF THE NHA AREA TO THE NHA AREA. THE MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE NHA AREA HAVE LITTLE OR NO CONTACT WITH THE VC. THE VC ARE NOT ACTIVE FORCES



AND MOST OF THE PROVINCIAL CIVIL GOVERNMENT WORKERS. QUANG TRI HAS HAD DEMONSTRATIONS OF A MODERATE NATURE TO DATE. SOME OF THESE IN 11 DTA IS CAUSED BY THE FACT THAT THE FIRST DIV COMMANDER HAS RARELY BEEN PRESENT IN HIS COMMAND DURING THE PERIOD. ALSO BECAUSE THE THIRD ARVN REGIMENT NEAR HIS IS UNDER STRONG BUDDHIST INFLUENCE RATHER THAN FORTHRIGHT LEADERSHIP. FORCES IN THE NORTH (FIRST AND SECOND REGIMENTS) DO NOT APPEAR TO BE IMPLICATED AND ARE PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR OPERATIONS SOUTH AND EAST OF QUANG TRI CITY COMMENCING 4 APRIL. 2. QUANG TRI SPECIAL SECTION. ARVN OPERATIONS ARE LIMITED TO THOSE DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN LOCAL SECURITY. THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS HAS BEEN STYMIED BY POLITICAL MEASURES. COMMANDERS APPEAR FLUCTUANT TO MAKE DECISIONS. 112 DTA. GENERAL POLITICAL UNREST HAS NOT PERMEATED 12 DTA TO ANY EXTENT. SOME DEMONSTRATIONS HAVE OCCURED BUT THEY HAVE NOT AFFECTED WAR EFFORT. A MAJOR OPERATION IS BEING PLANNED WEST OF QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD FOR 4 APRIL. SECOND DIVISION COMMANDER PLANNING FOR COORDINATED OPERATION WITH FIRST MARINE DIVISION NEAR DATANGHAN PENINSULA. STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BY SECOND DIV TO PROTECT QUANG NGAI RADIO STATION. QUANG NGAI DISTRICT CHIEF SOMEWHAT DISORIENTED AT POLITICAL SITUATION. SOME CONFLICT EXISTS BETWEEN 1 CORPS COMMANDER AND QUANG NGAI DISTRICT CHIEF. THIS HAS A LOWN DOWN THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. IN QUANG TIN THE SITUATION IS UNCLEAR BUT LITTLE POLITICAL UNREST HAS OCCURED AND THERE HAVE BEEN NO ANTI-AMERICAN OVERTONES.

#### D. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) CONTINUE TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO MINIMIZE CONTACT BETWEEN US PERSONNEL AND DEMONSTRATORS.
- (2) CONTINUE VILLAGE CURFEW PHASE OPERATIONS AS PRESENTLY PLANNED AND IN REACTION TO VC ATTACK, IF ANY.
- (3) CONTINUE TO REQUEST ARVN PARTICIPATION IN COORDINATED OPERATIONS WHERE INDICATED WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO COORDINATED PROTECTION OF THE RICE HARVEST.
- (4) CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN COORDINATED OPERATIONS AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES WHEN REQUESTED BY ARVN.
- (5) CONTINUE TO REQUEST ARVN AUTHORITIES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS TO PROTECT U.S. INSTALLATIONS.
- (6) US PERMANENTLY TO PROTECT U.S. MILITARY INSTALLATIONS FROM BOMB AND MISSILE ATTACK FROM SPACELIFT BALLS AND OTHER FORCE.

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**SUBJ: CIVIL DISTURBANCES**

**1. DANANG**

A. DANANG RADIO ANNOUNCED THROUGH THE LATE EVENING OF 3 APRIL THAT IF KY WOULD DISPATCH TROOPS TO THIS ARE. THAT THEY WOULD MEET WITH RESISTANCE. ANNOUNCERS CALLED FOR ALL STRUGGLE FORCES TO BE ALERT AND USE FORCE IF NECESSARY TO REPEL ANY GOVERNMENT ENFORCEMENT IN DANANG. BROADCASTS ALSO MENTIONED THAT SAIGON POLICE HAD USED TEAR GAS TO BREAK UP STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS RECENTLY IN SAIGON.

B. ALTHOUGH TENSION PERSISTED, THE NIGHT PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

C. SOURCES REPORT THAT AIR VIETNAM OPERATIONS HAVE CLOSED. ALL PLANES HAVE BEEN GROUNDED. NO TELEGRAPH SERVICE IS AVAILABLE. BUT MAIL CAN STILL BE DELIVERED.

D. DURING THE DAY RADIO DANANG ANNOUNCED THAT DEMONSTRATORS OF DANANG WANT TO SPEAK TO THE SOLDIERS SENT BY KY. SOLDIERS SHOULD FIGHT COMMUNIST, AND SOLDIERS SHOULD NOT BE EMPLOYED TO FIGHT THE PEOPLE. THE MAYOR CALLED FOR A MEETING OF ALL THE CITIZENS OF DANANG AT 1600 TODAY AT CITY HALL. APPROXIMATELY 1000 PERSONS SHOWED UP. FROM 20 TO 30 SOLDIERS AND POLICE CHIEF PRESENT. MAYOR BROADCAST HIS PRESS CONFERENCE BEFORE I'M SURE YOU WERE THROUGH OTHER PLACES TO THE CROWD.

E. IN THE EARLY EVENING GROUPS OF ARMED MEN WERE SEEN WALKING FROM THE SOUTH. OTHER GROUPS WERE DISTRIBUTING LEAFLETS. AT 1700 THERE MAY BE MORE. SEE BROADCAST EARLY AT 1700.

F. AT 1800 IN THE EVENING, FROM 1000 TO 1200 MANY THINGS STARTING TO BE HEARD. FROM 1200 TO 1400 MANY THINGS STARTING TO BE HEARD.

G. AT 1400 IN THE EVENING, FROM 1000 TO 1200 MANY THINGS STARTING TO BE HEARD. FROM 1200 TO 1400 MANY THINGS STARTING TO BE HEARD.

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H. MALSEN CHUAN AWARE OF AND WATCHING VNQDD GROUPS  
IN DAN PHU. SAYS THEY ARE ORGANIZED GROUPS AND HAVE OFFICERS  
WITH THEM. CHUAN SAYS HE DOES NOT EXPECT TROUBLE.

2. TIME.

3. THE RADIO ADVISED ALL STUDENTS AND CIVILIANS  
TO STAY IN THEIR HOMES, AND THAT POSSIBLE ACTIVITY WOULD BE  
CARRIED OUT AROUND DAN PHU BUT PROTECTION MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN  
IN ALL AREAS.

4. ABOUT 4000 PERSONS HAD AN ORDERLY DEMONSTRATION 7  
LATE AFTERNOON. OF THOSE PARTICIPATING, ABOUT 95 PERCENT WERE HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THE REMAINING COLLEGE STUDENTS. THERE WAS  
ANTI-OWN BUT NOT ANTI-AMERICAN.

5. ACTIONS TAKEN.

6. DISCONTINUED ALL UNLAWFUL AT DAN PHU.

7. AT 0420PM ISSUED ORDER CONTAINING ALL IN TOWN TO  
REPORT TO DUTY STATIONS AND IDENTIFIED ALL PARTICIPATING  
STUDENTS.

8. AT 0430PM ISSUED ORDER CONTAINING ALL IN TOWN TO  
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WIKAK FROM LT GEN VALT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 051800H  
1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1100H WORD WAS RECEIVED FROM 1 TUC  
THAT 1 COMPANY (17) OF 7-01 TANK OF FIRST ARVN DIV WAS MOVING  
FROM PH-17 TO HUE. THERE THEY WERE REPORTED TO HAVE JOINED  
1ST BATTAL 1ST REGIMENT AND MOVED TO A POSITION JUST SOUTH OF HUE.  
2. THE FACT THAT 7 CORPS HAD NOT ORDERED THIS MOVE; THAT IT  
HAD BEEN ORDERED BY GENERAL NGUYEN, CG FIRST ARVN DIV.  
3. A REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM COL BOSTON, FIRST  
ARVN DIV, THAT GEN NGUYEN HAD HELD A MEETING OF ALL BN COMMANDERS  
AND MAJOR THIS MORNING. THEY WERE AND AGREED TO SUPPORT THE  
MOVEMENT. THE REPORT INDICATED THAT GEN NGUYEN HAD COME ON  
THE RADIO AT HUE THIS AFTERNOON AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE SUPPORTED  
THE MOVEMENT. AS DID GEN CHAN (THIS LATTER STATEMENT WAS  
NOT BEEN CONFIRMED). EARLIER REPORTS INDICATED GEN NGUYEN  
HAD HAD A FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL KY-1  
THE ARVN GOVERNMENT INDICATED THAT HUE WAS LIBERATED FROM THE  
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND THAT THE MISSION OF THE TROOPS WAS TO  
GO TO DEFEND HUE AGAINST THE VC, WHO WERE AGAINST THE CENTRAL  
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AS I DIRECTED COL DOSTON TO COMMENCE THE PHASE I EVACUATION, PICK UP PLANTS ARE DONG HAI, QUANG TRI STADIUM, AND HUE CITADEL. EVACUATION POINT IN PHU BAI AIRFIELD. I DIRECTED GEN KYLE AND GEN MCINTOSH TO CONDUCT THE EVACUATION ASAP. HOPEFULLY BEFORE DARK TONIGHT. COL SHERMAN, AT PHU BAI IS EVACUATION COORDINATOR. HE WILL GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR PHASE II AND III AND I HAVE TOLD BOTH DOSTON AND SHERMAN TO GET IN TOUCH WITH MR. COCHRAN, STATE DEPT REP AT HUE, TO COORDINATE CIVILIAN EVACUATION IF NECESSARY. IT NOT THIS MAY TAKE PLACE TOMORROW. THERE HAS BEEN NO EXCESSIVE ACTIVITY IN DANANG. THE 2 BATTALIONS OF THE MARINES ARE WELL POSITIONED NEAR MAIN GATE OF DANANG AIRFIELD. NO WORD ON APPOINTMENT OF NEW MAYOR OTHER THAN THAT THE FLEET SAILOR EDWIN FULLER TO THE EFFECT THAT HE IS A LIEUTENANT IN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. NO MENTION OF HIS NAME. THE POLICE IS STILL OUT OF TOTAL REG. EMPLOYMENT. WE HAVE ALREADY BEEN ADVISED ON CLOSING UNLOADING BUT HAVE REMOVED THE REMAINS OF THE REPLACEMENT DRAFT ON SMALL BOAT TO THE SHORE AND ON WAY TO DIVISION. WE HAVE THE THE OUTGOING PERIODS REMOVED IN BRICK LADGES. ALSO, HAVE CONTINUED THE EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN POPULATION OUTSIDE OF DANANG AREA. A LARGE NUMBER OF GREATER



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# ACTUAL REPORT OF REVENUE

1. BEN KY DEPARTED FOR SAIGON VIA AIR VIETNAM AIRCRAFT AT 1735H. AFTER HE HAD HIS SPEECH ON RADIO. WHEN KY LEFT IT IS BELIEVED THAT HE DID NOT KNOW ABOUT GEN DIQUAN STAND IN FAVOR OF STRUGGLE COMMITTEE. GEN VIEN REMAINED BEHIND IN DANANG. HE IS STILL ON OR ABOUT THE AIRCRAFT. GEN CO. ALSO IS STILL HERE HAVING SPENT MOST OF HIS TIME WITH GEN DIQUAN AT 1 CORPS HQ.

2. A THIRD MARINE BATTALION FROM SAIGON COMMENCED ARRIVING ABOUT 1900H. IT WAS CLOSED ON AIRBASE BY EARLY EVENING. 5 TANKS WERE FLOWN IN FROM SAIGON DURING THE NIGHT AND 9 OTHERS ARE DUE IN BY MORNING. WHEN THE TANKS ARRIVE THE FORCE IS SUPPOSED TO MOVE INTO DANANG TO TAKE OVER. HOWEVER THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME RELUCTANCE ON THE PART OF GEN VIEN TO LAUNCH THE MOVEMENT INTO THE CITY.

THE PHASE 1 EVACUATION OF TACTICAL ADVISORS COMMENCED AT DELISSON. THE ADVISORS FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND REGIMENTS WERE BROUGHT INTO CAMPUS FOR THE 12TH INF. BATT. WEATHERED IN. THE ADVISORS FROM THE THIRD REGIMENT (LESS ONE BATTALION THAT WAS IN THE FIELD) WERE EVACUATED TO GENERAL. THE DIVISION ADVISORS WERE AT MACV COMPOUND, HUE.

ORGANIZED OF UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHO WAS AT THE FIRST DIVISION COMMANDERS MEETING YESTERDAY MORNING, AN UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE FIRST AND SECOND REGIMENT HAD DEFECTED TO SIROUHA DEL P.

SEN 192TH AIRBORNE AT ABOUT 2000H HAD A CHANGE OF HEART ON EVACUATING THE ADVISORS FROM THE FIRST AND SECOND REGIMENTS. INITIALLY HE INTENDED TO PUT THEM RIGHT BACK WITH THEIR LOGS, THEN HE SETTLED FOR KEEPING THEM AT HANDS UNTIL THE SITUATION CLARIFIES. THAT IS WHY IT STANDS NOW. AS BY RECOMMENDATION THE DIVISION ADVISORS WERE PLACED AT RACE COMPOUND ONE, IN CASE FIRST DIVISION SHOWS ANY INTEREST IN RETURNING TO THE FIELD.

1. The first step in the process of the investigation is the identification of the problem. This is done by the investigator who is assigned to the case. The investigator will then gather information about the problem and the people involved. This information will be used to determine the cause of the problem and the best way to solve it.

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GREENE AND LIGER KNOWN FROM 1500N WALT MARINE CORPS EVEN ONLY  
SITUATION REPORT AS OF 051000H  
IN NORTHERN PROVINCES AND NUB  
AS GEN KNOWN (1ST FIRST ARVN DIVISION) SAW COL BOSTON (SA) AT  
050000H AND, MADE THESE POINTS:  
(1) HE HAD HEARD KY'S SPEECH AND CONSIDERED THAT POLITICAL  
SITUATION HAD BEEN SOLVED.  
(2) HE HAD DIRECTED NORMAL OPS BE RESUMED AT PHU DAT AIRFIELD  
(3) HE HAD NEVER BEEN BOTHERED, ONLY AIR VIETNAM OPS WERE  
DISRUPTED.  
(4) HE HAD DIRECTED THE TROOPS HE ORDERED INTO BUE TO RETURN TO  
THEIR NORMAL POSITIONS.  
(5) HE WILL HAVE ARVN TROOPS PROTECT U. S. INSTALLATIONS.  
(6) HE WILL HAVE STUDENTS REPLACE BARRIERS NEAR NAOY COMPOUND WHICH  
WAS BREACHED YESTERDAY.  
(7) HE ORDERED U. S. ADVISORS RETURN TO FIRST ARVN DIVISION ON ASAP.  
(8) HE HAD RECOMMENDED RETURN OF THE ADVISORS ONCE THE CONDITIONS  
WERE MET.  
(9) THE LARGEST DEMONSTRATION YET TOOK PLACE TODAY IN BUE WITH AN  
APPROXIMATE 12,000 PARTICIPANTS. IT WAS SUPPOSED  
TO BE 1700. APPARENTLY CO. BOSTON OF 1ST ARVN DIVISION, BARRIERS WERE  
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2. DANANG

A. 5 MARINE BNS AND 7 TANKS ARE IN THE UNAP SECTION OF THE AIR BASE.

B. AT 1700Z RADIO DANANG BROADCAST THAT MARTIAL LAW WAS IN EFFECT AND DEMO STRIKE WOULD BE SUPPRESSED.

C. MR. GORDON, DE SAN (COUNCIL OF MAYOR OF DANANG) PHONED SGEN PLATTEN AND SAID HE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT VIETNAMESE MARINES WILL ATTEMPT STRIKE MOVEMENT IN DANANG; THAT STRUGGLE MOVEMENT WAS NOT DOWNGRADED; THAT ARVN WAS WITH THE STRUGGLE MOVEMENT AND WOULD "JOIN THE BATTLE" IF DANANG WAS ATTACKED BY MARINES; THAT HE DID NOT WANT BLOODSHED; AND THAT HE WANTED C/S III HQ TO INTERVENE. PLATTEN ASKED MR. GORDON THE MATTER WAS GIVE FOR RESOLUTION BY HQ. AND REPORTED THE CALL TO C/S I CORPS WITH REQUEST IT BE PASSED TO CHIEF. UNDERSTAND C/S I DID REPORT THE MATTER TO CHIEF AND SUBSEQUENTLY ASKED THAT NOT TO OVERLY INTERFERE.

D. WITNESSES IN DANANG IN CASE OF RISING TENSION. THERE ARE WITNESSES IN THE CITY. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL PROTESTS ON THE AIR BASE RELATED TO THE VIETNAMESE MARINE STRIKE BUT NO FURTHER ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN YET. AMONGST ARE AMERICAN, AUSTRALIAN, AND OTHERS.

E. THE CITY OF DANANG IS UNDER TIGHT SECURITY. ALL VEHICLES AND PERSONS ENTERING THE CITY ARE CHECKED.





SECRET

A PRISONER OF CHUAN. I HOPE YOU TOLD GENERAL WESTMORELAND THAT I AM NOT A PRISONER. I TOLD HIM HE WAS, LA TUNG SEEMED TO BE SOME SORT OF SARCASM. CHUAN THEN SPoke UP AND SAID "THEY SAY I HAVE COME OVER TO THE STRONGER COMMITTEE" CO SAID THAT WAS NOT SO EITHER. CO SAID HE HAD TALKED TO ME AND TOLD HIM HE WASN'T A PRISONER BUT THAT HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE HIM. HE SAID, EVEN HIS WIFE WOULDN'T BELIEVE HIM. I THEN ASKED CO IF HE WOULD COME TO MY OFFICE OR QUARTERS AND TALKING TO GEN WESTMORELAND ON THE PHONE. WITHOUT ANY HESITATION HE SAID HE'D GO ANYTIME. CHUAN IMMEDIATELY ORDERED HIM TO GO TO CLEAR THE MATTER UP. I THEN INVITED CO TO DINNER. HE ACCEPTED AND ASKED ME TO INCLUDE A USARV OFFICER SO THE VIETNS WOULD UNDERSTAND HE WAS NOT A PRISONER.

6. ON ARRIVAL AT MY QUARTERS I GOT WESTMORELAND ON THE PHONE. I RELATED WHAT HAD TRANSPIRED AND TOLD HIM I WAS CONFUSED BY EVERYTHING BETWEEN CHUAN AND CO WAS IN ORDER AND ABOVE BOARD. CO SPENT ABOUT 30 MINUTES ON THE PHONE WITH WESTMORELAND TRYING AS HE PUT IT, TO CONVINCE WESTMORELAND HE WAS NOT A PRISONER AND THAT THINGS WERE IN GOOD HANDS UNDER CHUAN IN 1 CORPS, IF CHUAN WAS GIVEN THE NECESSARY BACKING.

7. WHEN COL SCOTT, USARV, ARRIVED, CO ASKED HIM TO CALL LGSN BOWEN AND TELL HIM CO WAS NOT A PRISONER, THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH CHUAN, AND FELT CHUAN HAD EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL AND WAS DOING ALL HE COULD TO ALLEVIATE THE PROBLEM.

8. DURING DINNER WE GOT WORD VIEN AND LOAN WERE THROUGH FROM SAIGON TO ANANG, WHEN I TOLD CO THIS HE SAID VIEN IS A GOOD MAN AND I WILL TALK TO HIM.

9. AFTER DINNER I TOOK CO TO 1 CORPS HQ WHERE HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO THE ASH BASE TO TALK TO VIEN, LOAN AND LCOL HUNG (LOCAL VIET BASE COMMANDER).

10. CONCURRENTLY COL LA BERGE WHAT ADVISED RETURNED TO MY HQ AND LOAN AND HUNG HAD ASKED HIM TO GET THEM 15 GOOD G-12 BLOCNS OF EXPLOSIVE WITH 30 MINUTE DELAY DETONATORS. WITH ASKED WHY THEY WANTED THEM LOAN STATED "FOR THE COUNTRY". HE CONCERNED LA BERGE AND ONE COULD GET HURT.

11. MY C/S IMMEDIATELY REPORTED THIS INCIDENT TO WESTMORELAND.

12. ON MY RETURN I CALLED WESTMORELAND AND ASKED HIM IF HE HAD ANY INSTRUCTIONS. HE SAID NO. VIEN IS EXHAUSTED BY CONFLICT AND THAT THERE WERE FLOODING & CONCENTRATIONS OF REFUGEES TO



**SECRET**

STARK HOSTILITIES BETWEEN VN MARINES ON THE ONE HAND AND STRENGTH FORCES AND/OR ARVN ON THE OTHER GENERAL WESTMORELAND GOT EXCITED. HE SAID HE THOUGHT WE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE. SITUATION WAS CRITICAL AND COULD BE BLOODY. I THEN PROPOSED THAT I CONTACT LOAN, HUNG AND VIETNAMESE MARINES. HE APPROVED.

1. I THEN DIRECTED SA ADV FOR VN MARINES TO CONTACT PRIVATELY HIS COUNTERPART COL YEN AND ADVISE HIM OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A FAKE ATTACK. THIS WAS DONE. YEN RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) HE WOULD NOT OPEN FIRE IF THERE WERE EXPLOSIVES ON THE AIRFIELD OR PERIMETERS;
- (2) HE WOULD NOT OPEN FIRE IF FIRED C-4;
- (3) HIS TROOPS WOULD DEFEND THEMSELVES IF ATTACKED;
- (4) HE DID NOT WANT TO START A FIGHT; AND
- (5) HE WOULD COMMIT HIS TROOPS ONLY IF ORDERED TO DO SO BY HIS COMMANDANT ON THE JOB.

2. SA IMMEDIATELY BY ROAD AND COL LA BERGE MET WITH COL LOAN TO ASCERTAIN HIS VIEWS ON CURRENT SITUATION AND, IF POSSIBLE, DETERMINE HIS INTENDED ACTION. COL LOAN STATED THE FOLLOWING:

(1) MARINES SENT OUT AT CHUNG'S REQUEST, BUT WERE RESPONSIVE TO CHUNG'S REQUEST;

(2) HE WOULD NOT PRECIPITATE ACTION. TROOPS HAD ORDERS NOT TO FIRE UNLESS THEY WOULD IDENTIFY ATTACKER SHOTS AT USINERS, UNLESS, POLAR COULD TALK WELL BEING SHOT.

(3) HIS OWN VIEW WAS THAT PRELIMINARY ACTION WAS NECESSARY BUT, HE GAVE IMPRESSION THAT HE WAS REQUESTING IF GOVERNMENT FOR CLEAR POLICY OF HOW TO GO FOR A NEGOTIATION BETWEEN BUDHISTS AND GOVERNMENT WHICH WAS TO OPEN IN 1960.

SECRET

ALL SUCH INFORMATION HAS TAKEN PLACE IN CAIRO TODAY.  
REMARKS WERE MADE BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY WITHIN 24 HOURS.  
A CHINESE WAS TAKEN DURING THE NIGHT, HONOLULU WERE BANNED.  
WENT IN AND 24 CH. WAS BEEN IN POSITION IN TON. HE AD 20 IN  
REMARKS WERE STATING THAT SYDNEY WOULD BE CALLED BY TO  
THE WORLD THAT THAT PLAIN HAD TRANSFERRED BANKS AND TROOPS TO  
ATLACK BARRING. AT SYDNEY, ONLY 24 HOURS I COULD BE IN ANOTHER  
ATLACK TO NEIGHBOR TOWN. I COULD NOT LEARNED THAT VIEW  
WAS NOT IMMEDIATELY TO BE TAKEN. I COULD NOT SEE HIM AND  
WAS NOT TO SEE CO. I COULD NOT BE TO SEE HIM AND  
WAS NOT TO SEE HIM.



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**SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT AS OF 072000H**

1. FIRST ARVN DIVISION ADVISORS RETURNED TO THEIR UNITS AT 1700H  
2. SITUATION IN DANANG BOILED UP THIS AFTERNOON IN FOLLOWING  
SEQUENCE. UNAF SET A RED ALERT. THIS WORD GOT OUT TO CITY AND ALARMED  
THE STRIKE GROUP WHO BELIEVED OR PROFESSED TO BELIEVE UNAF WAS  
GOING TO BOMB THE CITY. BROADCAST TRUCKS ROARED THE STREETS URGING  
THE PEOPLE TO PREPARE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES AND CALLING ON PEOPLE  
TO STOP ALL AMERICANS FROM LEAVING THE CITY. (THIS WAS INTERPRETED  
AS A PLOT TO HOLD AMERICANS AS HOSTAGES AGAINST AIR ATTACK). AT  
THE SAME TIME MORE ROAD BLOCKS APPEARED THROUGHOUT THE CITY,  
PARTICULARLY ON THE APPROACHES TO THE AIR BASE. THESE WERE MANNED  
BY ARVN AND BY CIVILIANS. THE SENTRIES ON THE ROAD BLOCKS WERE  
NOMINANT AND TURNED BACK ALL VEHICLES. TWO PROBES, ONE BY AMERICAN  
CONSUL AND THE OTHER BY AN MF VEHICLE, WERE DENIED PASSAGE.  
THE CONSUL LOGGED A PROTEST AND WAS ADVISED THAT A PASS FROM  
THE DANANG GARRISON COMMANDER WAS REQUIRED TO PASS THE BLOCK.  
CONSUL TOOK MATTER UP WITH GARRISON COMMANDER AND GEN CHUAN. LATER  
HE WAS PROVIDED FREE PASSAGE, AS WAS THE MF VEHICLE. BY LATE  
AFTERNOON THE CITY HAD QUIETED DOWN BUT THERE IS TENSION IN THE AIR.  
ROAD BLOCKS ARE MANNED. GEN CHUAN IS OPPOSED TO ANY MOVEMENT BY  
U.S. VEHICLES OR PATROLS OUTSIDE AIR BASE AREAS AS A PRECAUTIONARY  
MEASURE AGAINST INCIDENTS.

FOR TODAY WE HEARD REPORTS THAT ONE BATTALION OF THE VN  
ARMY WAS TO RETURN TO SAIGON LAIDLY BY U.S. AIRCRAFT. LATER WE  
HEARD THAT THE COMBINED STRIKE GROUP HAD CANCELLED. THE AIRBORN ARE IN  
SAIGON AND THE STRIKE GROUPS ARE IN THE CITY. AT THIS HOUR THEY APPEAR RELAXED  
AND RELAYED FOR THE NIGHT. WE HAVE MAINTAINED PRIVATE CONTACT  
WITH THE GARRISON AND ADVISORS WHO KEEP NO RECORD OF ACTIVITY.  
THEY HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO REMAIN CALM AND PATIENT.

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4. IN HUE, A RADIO BROADCAST IN ENGLISH STATING THAT AMERICANS DO NOT WANT THE VN TO HAVE AN ELECTED NATIONAL ASSEMBLY; THE U.S. IS FIGHTING TO FURTHER THEIR OWN INTERESTS; THE PEOPLE THANKED U.S. FOR THEIR AID IN FIGHTING AGAINST COMMUNISTS BUT THEY (THE PEOPLE) DO NOT LIKE WORDS "POPPET" OR "POPULAR" GOVERNMENT. BROADCAST CONTINUED STATING THAT THE STUDENTS HAVE FORMED A MILITIA WHICH WILL BE TRAINED BY THE ARMY TO PROCEED TO DANANG AND FREE THAT CITY. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN HUE SUBSEQUENT TO RETURN OF FIRST ARVN DIVISION FORCES TO THEIR NORMAL POSITIONS NORTH OF THE CITY, WHICH WAS COMPLETED THIS MORNING.

5. REVIEW OF SITUATION AFTER A LONG MEETING WITH GEN CHUAN AND GEN CO THIS MORNING BY VIEW OF SITUATION WHICH I HAVE REPORTED TO GEN WESTMORELAND IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE MAIN FORCES AT WORK ARE FIRST, THE BUDDHIST WHO REMAIN ACTIVE ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOW CLAIMING TO HAVE ENDED STRUGGLE EFFORTS. THEY REMAIN BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORTING STUDENTS WHO ARE ACTIVISTS. FOLLOWING THESE TWO ARE MANY VARIED SEGMENTS OF DANANG POPULATION, MANY OF WHOM BECAME INVOLVED AFTER DEROGATORY STATEMENTS BY GEN KY REGARDING DANANG CITY.

B. VIET CONG ARE UNQUESTIONABLY INVOLVED TO SOME EXTENT ALTHOUGH DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY. GEN CHUAN ASSERTED SEVERAL DAYS AGO THAT HE HAD INDICATIONS OF VC INVOLVEMENT AT LEADERSHIP LEVEL AND THAT VC ARE TRYING TO INFLUENCE DEMONSTRATIONS.

C. COL LOAN, CHIEF OF NSC AND CIO, IS AT AIRBASE AND REPORTS DIRECTLY TO GEN KY. HE IS IN STRONG DISAGREEMENT WITH CHUAN AND CO'S ASSESSMENT AND ADVOCATES USE OF FORCE TO CLEAN UP DANANG. HE IS REPORTING THAT CO IS CHUAN'S FAVORITE, AND CHUAN IS ON THE SIDE OF "STUDENTS". IN MY BEST JUDGEMENT THIS IS ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE. HE HAD TALKED WITH LOAN LAST EVENING AND FOUND HIM TO BE FAVORING STUDENT ACTION. LOAN IS ALMOST CERTAINLY KEEPING KY OFF BALANCE BY REPORTING CHUAN'S OPINION AS CO AND CHUAN.

D. GEN LOAN'S OWN (OR) INDIVIDUAL VIEWS OF SITUATION AND HIS REPORTING TO GEN KY ARE BY NO MEANS AN INDICATION THAT THE STUDENTS ARE THE MAIN FORCE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION. THEY ARE A MAJOR FACTOR TO THE PROBLEM AND ON BALANCE OUT THAT THE STUDENTS ARE THE MAIN FORCE IN THE CURRENT SITUATION. IN MY BEST JUDGEMENT THE MAIN FORCE IS THE STUDENTS WHO ARE INVOLVING IN THE CURRENT SITUATION.



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OF MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND TANKS TO DANANG. THEY BELIEVE ONLY SOLUTION SHORT OF BLOODY BATTLE BETWEEN OUR FORCES IS RETURN OF MARINES AND TANKS TO SAIGON AND THEY (CHUAN AND CO) BEING ALLOWED TIME TO REGAIN CONTROL. THEY FEEL THAT THEY CAN GET SITUATION BACK UNDER CONTROL IN 2 TO 4 DAYS IF KY BACKS THEM AND STOPS LISTENING TO LOAN.

E. IN THE MINDS OF GENERAL CO AND CHUAN THE PRESENCE OF CO WITH CHUAN AT I CORPS HQ IS OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE. BOTH FEEL THAT FOR MANY MONTHS THE KEY LEADERS IN SAIGON HAVE NEITHER APPRECIATED NOR UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEMS AND FORCES IN ACTION IN I CORPS AREA. GEN CO HAS MADE A SERIOUS EFFORT TO DO SO. HE HAS LONG HELD KY'S CONFIDENCE. IF HE REMAINS IN DANANG HE CAN PRESENT AN ACCURATE PICTURE TO GENERAL KI. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT CO WILL BE RECALLED TO SAIGON. BOTH VIOLENTLY DISAGREE WITH THIS PROPOSAL.

F. CHUAN HAS BEEN PUT IN AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION. IF THE SAIGON TROOPS ARE NOT PLACED UNDER THE CONTROL OF CHUAN, THEN HE CANNOT INFLUENCE THE SITUATION. IF CO REMAINS, CO COULD BE PLACED IN OVERALL COMMAND OF THE VIET MARINES, AND CHUAN'S POSITION STILL ASSURED. HE WILL NOT TOLERATE RECEIVING INSTRUCTIONS AND ORDERS FROM COLONEL LOAN. HE WAS NOTICEABLY IRRITATED THIS MORNING WHEN LOAN TELEPHONED HIM IN MY PRESENCE AND ATTEMPTED TO GIVE HIM INSTRUCTIONS. NEITHER CO NOR CHUAN HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET LOAN TO MEET WITH THEM IN SPITE OF SEVERAL ATTEMPTS.

G. CHUAN HAS CLEARLY STATED BY HIS EVERY ACTION AND WORDS THAT HE WILL DO ANYTHING POSSIBLE TO SERVE THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. HE IS DOING HIS UTMOST TO SUPPORT KY AND RATIONALIZE CERTAIN KY DECISIONS THAT HAVE CAUSED UNREST IN THE I CORPS AREA. CHUAN HAS BEEN AFRAID THAT SOME BODIES ARE FULLY RESPONSIBLE TO HIM FOR THE CURRENT SITUATION. HE DIFFIDENTLY, AT PRESENT, HAS NO CONCERN ABOUT HIS OWN FUTURE AND HIS INTENTION TO CARRY OUT ORDERS GIVEN HIM BY KY.

H. CHUAN HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT GENERAL KI HAS BEEN IN SAIGON FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS. HE HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT KI IS A

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WHILAN FROM LT GEN WALT HARRIS CORPS EYES ONLY.  
SITUATION REPORT AS OF 081800H.

1. DANGER WAS COMPARATIVELY QUIET DURING THE NIGHT. OUR MP  
AUTHORIZED PATROL MOVED FREELY IN THE CITY.
2. VNAP COMMANDER OF RADAR SITE AT MONKEY MOUNTAIN WAS DIRECTED  
BY MAJ NERN, CO VNAP 41ST WING, TO BE PREPARED TO CUT OFF ARVN  
RADIO ON MONKEY MT. NERN EXPECTED RETALIATION AND MOVED HIS  
DEPTENDENTS.
3. AT 0730 COL HANSEN DEPUTY SA I CORPS REPORTED THAT 100  
PEOPLE AT I CORPS SEEMED VERY DEJECTED.
4. AT 0745 GEN CO INFORMED HANSEN THAT VIEN HAD JUST INFORMED  
HIM THAT THE MARINES WERE NOT GOING TO BE MOVED TO SAIGON. CO  
OFFICIALLY REQUESTED IMMEDIATE U. S. AIR TRANSPORTATION  
RIN TO SAIGON. SAID SITUATION WAS VERY SERIOUS.
5. AT 0751 I INFORMED WESTHORELAND OF THE REQUEST. STRONGLY  
RECOMMENDING APPROVAL, AND STATED THAT I FELT THE SITUATION WAS  
VERY SERIOUS. WESTHORELAND PASSED REQUEST TO AMBASSADOR.
6. AT 0811 WESTHORELAND DIRECTED ME TO FURNISH AIRCRAFT FOR  
CO.
7. AT 0822 I REPORTED TO WESTHORELAND THAT THERE HAD BEEN A  
MEETING DURING THE NIGHT BETWEEN COL LAY (0705 VM HIGHER  
COMPS), YEN, LOAN AND HUNG TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF  
SITUATION AT BANANG. THEY HAD DECIDED THAT OBJECTIVE WAS I CORPS  
AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF THIS AT ATTOLE. I ASKED WHY  
I CORPS WAS BEING MOVED AND WESTHORELAND REPLIED I WOULD  
HAVE TO ASK HUNG. HUNG SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHY FIGHTING VC.  
I ASKED WHY HE WAS MOVED AND WESTHORELAND REPLIED HE HAD NO IDEA  
WHY I CORPS WAS MOVED. I SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE THEM AT THE  
LAST MINUTE. HUNG SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHY I CORPS WAS MOVED. I HAD AN  
OCCASIONAL CONVERSATION WITH HUNG. HUNG SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHY  
I CORPS WAS MOVED. I SHOULD BE PREPARED TO EVACUATE THEM AT THE  
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8. AT 0920 CO ORDERED CHUAN TO GO TO SAIGON TO PLACE THE TRUE FACTS TO THE HEADS OF GVN, STATING THAT THE SITUATION WAS TOO SERIOUS FOR HIM TO LINGER.

9. AT 0925 REPORTED 30'S POSITION TO WESTMORELAND RECOMMENDING HE FURNISH AIRCRAFT FOR CHUAN. WESTMORELAND SAID GVN, WHOM HE WAS WITH, WOULD WELCOME CHUAN. ALSO STATED THAT A MARINE BATTALION WOULD BE WITHDRAWN TODAY.

10. AT 0930 CHUAN LEFT FOR SAIGON IN III BAF C-123.

ABOUT THIS TIME I TOLD CO OF THE PLAN TO MOVE ONE BATTALION SOUTH. CO TOLD ME HE HAD TWO REASONS FOR STAYING UP HERE. FIRST, HE HAD MADE A COMMITMENT THAT MARINES WOULD BE REMOVED AND HE FELT HE SHOULD STAY PUT TO CARRY IT OUT. SECOND, HE FELT IF HE LEFT HE WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO COME BACK.

11. FROM 0930 TO 1130 ARMED VNAF AIRCRAFT REPEATEDLY BUZZED I CORPS HQ AT VERY LOW ALTITUDES. ALSO BUZZED VN NAVAL BASE. AT BOTH LOCATIONS PERSONNEL ON GROUND MANEUVERED MACHINE GUNS BUT DID NOT FIRE. AS SOON AS I LEARNED OF THIS I REQUESTED C/S MACV TO GET VNAF TO CHASE. POINTING OUT THAT WE COULD EXPECT PEOPLE IN DANGER TO HOLD AMERICANS IN THE CITY LIKE THEY DID ON APRIL 7.

12. A USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE REPORTED ABOUT 1000 THAT I CORPS HAD ANNOUNCED

FOR THE STRUGGLE GROUP. GEN CO DENIED THIS.

13. AT 1110 C/S MACV ADVISED ME THAT ONE VN MARINE BATTALION WOULD BE MOVED TO SAIGON IN US AIRCRAFT AND THE OTHER WOULD STAY IN I CORPS TO FIGHT VC. I WAS DIRECTED TO INFORM I CORPS TO MAKE A PLAN FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF 2 BATTALIONS WITH III VAF SUPPORT. AT 1130 THIS WAS PASSED TO C/S I CORPS BY C/S III VAF. MACV STATED FOREGOING PLAN CAME FROM VIETNAM.

14. AT 1200 MACV COC REPORTED THAT JCS HAD ASKED THAT AIRLIFT FOR MARINE BATTALION BE DELAYED PENDING FINAL DECISION.

15. AT 1205 CO PHOENIX SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED A CALL FROM KY. HE REQUESTED WE SUPPORT HIM WITH AIRCRAFT TO MOVE BATTALION TO SAIGON.

16. AT 1200 PARKER REQUESTED I ADVISE COC WHO STILL HAD NO WORD OF BATTALION MOVEMENT AND THOUGHT US AIRCRAFT WERE ON THE WAY.

17. AT 1205 I TOLD COC STILL NO WORD BUT WOULD HAVE ANSWERS.

18. AT 1210 I TOLD PARKER WE WERE IN SAIGON TO TELL COC THAT ONLY ONE BATTALION WOULD BE MOVED TO SAIGON. ALSO TO TELL COC THAT WE WERE ON THE WAY TO SAIGON IN THE AIRCRAFT, AND TO

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TELL CO TO PHONE KY. I GAVE WESTMORELAND CO'S NUMBER BUT HE  
DECLINED STATING IT WAS EASIER FOR ME TO CALL. I PHONED CO WHO  
REQUESTED HELD TRANSPORTATION TO AIRFIELD ON MARINE SIDE. SEMI  
BEN MCCUTCHEON TO PICK UP CO.

19. ABOUT 1715 CO LEFT I CORPS IN A MERCEDES BEFORE MCCUTCHEON  
ARRIVED. ABOUT 10 MINUTES AFTER HE DEPARTED A COMPANY OF 11TH  
RANGERS ARRIVED AT I CORPS MANIFESTLY DISAPPOINTED THAT CO HAD  
GOTTEN AWAY.

20. AT 1740 CO PHONED BDA. CALL WAS BROKEN OFF FOR KY.

21. AT 1750 C/S MACV REQUESTED THAT I COME UP WITH A RECOMMENDATION  
ON EVACUATION.

22. AT 1800 CO CALLED ME. SAID HE WAS AT AIR BASE WITH NUNG  
AND WAS WORKING ON PLANS TO GET INTRON BACK TO SAIGON. HE SAID  
HE WAS GOING TO SAIGON WITH THE INTRON. HE ASKED IF I HAD  
ANY INFORMATION ON THE INTRON. I REPLIED THAT THE INTRON WAS  
NOT IN SAIGON. HE SAID HE WAS GOING TO SAIGON TO GET THE INTRON  
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EXCLUSIVE FOR THE OFFICE AND LIAISON KAMLAN FROM LITEN VALT  
MARINE CORPS LITEN VALT  
SOUTH SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1815Z.  
1. AT 1800 WESTMORELAND INFORMED US THAT THE SITUATION  
WAS IN CHARGE AT 1 CORPS HEADQUARTERS (LITEN VALT) IN LITEN VALT  
THAT THE SITUATION WAS IN CHARGE AT 1 CORPS HEADQUARTERS (LITEN VALT) IN LITEN VALT  
AT THE AIR BASE; THAT THERE WOULD BE NO MOVEMENTS IN THE  
MIDNIGHTS (LITEN VALT) THAT HE HAD BEEN ASSURED THERE WOULD BE NO  
ATTACK ON DANANG TONIGHT; THAT I SHOULD GIVE THEM CAVALRY SUPPORT  
BUT NOT ENCOURAGEMENT; PLUS A GOOD DEAL OF OTHER GENERALIZED  
GUIDANCE.  
2. AT 1827 WHEN REQUESTED TO USE ONE C-130 TO TAKE CG 12 DANANG.  
PERMISSION WAS GRANTED BY 7TH AIR FORCE OR MACV. CG DEPARTED SOON  
THEREAFTER.  
3. AT 1845 I RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM WESTMORELAND INFORMING ME,  
INTER ALIA, THAT GUNAN HAS ASKED TO BE BELIEVED OF INDIA CORPS  
AND THE COMMITTEE HAS APPROVED; THAT LITEN VALT 1 AT DIRM VOLT  
TAKEN OVER AS CG INDIA CORPS ON OR ABOUT 18 APRIL; THAT THE COMMITTEE  
THINKS CG 12 IS A HOSTAGE AND THEIR REQUEST FOR C-130'S WAS RUSS  
TO GET HIM TRANSPORTATION; THAT GUN WILL COME TO DANANG IN THE  
MORNING TO TAKE COMMAND OF ALL FORCES IN 1012; THAT TWO RANGER  
BATTALIONS WILL BE FLOWN IN TO REINFORCE MARINES; THAT IT IS  
POSSIBLE JGS WILL DETACH SECOND DIVISION FROM INDIA CORPS TO 11  
CORPS; THAT THE AMBASSADOR HAS DECIDED THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE  
EVACUATION OF US CITIZENS BUT WOULD LIKE MY CONCURRENCE AND THAT  
CG MY FOLLO (WHICH HE GOT); AND THAT THE STRATEGY OF THE GUN  
IS TO PUT PRESSURE ON THE STRUGGLE FORCES IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY  
WITH "PERHAPS WE CAN HELP".  
4. DANANG WAS VERY QUIET DURING THE NIGHT. WE STARTED NOTIFYING  
FAMILIES AROUND 2000 BY PHONE AND BY CP OF THE EVAC PLAN. AT 1735  
NOTIFIED LOAN AND THANK WE WOULD START EVACUATION OF DANANG AT  
2000 AND WANTED NO INCIDENT.  
5. AT 0745 ARMED FORCES DANANG BECAME WARNING OF IMPENDING EVACUATION.  
THE FIRST HELOS LANDED AS PLANNED. IN FOUR HOURS WE HAD  
EVACUATED 227 CIVILIANS AND 434 MILITARY PERSONNEL BY HELICOPTER AND  
WENT WITHOUT INCIDENT. FAMILIES PILED UP IN STATION HOSPITAL  
WENT IN THE CAR. MARINES LITEN VALT OUT ABOUT 1000.  
WHEN I RECEIVED WORD THAT HE HAD THROU, SOME INJURY AND  
THAT CG 12 WERE MOVING FROM NOT AL TO DANANG. 1111  
THAT THE SITUATION WAS IN CHARGE AT 1 CORPS HEADQUARTERS (LITEN VALT) IN LITEN VALT

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7. AT 0945H RECEIVED WORD THAT THE REINFORCING RANGER BNS WERE NOT COMING UP FROM SAIGON.  
8. VNAF A/C DROPPED BOMBS VIC BRIDGE ON HIGHWAY 1 JUST SOUTH OF DANANG VIC 998730 AND STRAFED APC COLUMN VIC 444649.  
REQUESTED VNAF TO CEASE AND DESIST. SENT G-3 III MAF AND SA ONES TO MEET WITH COL YEU. TOLD HIM 155MM HOW WITHIN RANGE OF AIR BASE WAS UNACCEPTABLE RAN THIRD MARDIV VEHICLES SOUTH ON HIGHWAY 1 AND BLOCKED BRIDGE TO HALT MOVEMENT TO NORTH. G-3 INVITED YEU TO III MAF C- FOR DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM. YEU REFUSED.  
AT 1200H GUNNERS WITH 155 HOW BROKE OUT AMMO. AT 1219 THEY STARTED FUELING ROUNDS. COL YEU WAS INFORMED THAT IF HE FIRED ON THE AIRBASE HE WOULD ENDANGER U.S. LIVES AND INSTALLATIONS AND HE WOULD FIRE ON HIS HOWITZERS. WE ACTUALLY HAD PIECES LAYED BUT INTENDED TO FIRE 400 METERS AWAY FROM HOWITZERS.  
9. AT 1320 ARVN BECAME VERY UPSET AT TRUCK BLOCKING BRIDGE AND DIRECTED TWO 155 HOW AT TRUCK. NINTH MARINES DIRECTED 2 PTOS AT HOWITZERS. AT 1405 ARVN ELEVATED TURRETS.  
10. IT WAS REPORTED THAT DINH SPENT SEVERAL HOURS IN HUE MEETING WITH BUDDHIST LEADERS.  
11. ABOUT 1600 YEU SHOWED UP AT III MAF C- ABOUT 1700 DINH SHOWED UP AND YEU HELD A 20 MINUTES DISCUSSION IN PRESENCE OF C/S. BOTH LEADERS AGREED AS ALL DISCUSSION WAS IN VIETNAMESE.  
12. DURING THE NIGHT WE COULD HEAR THE SOUND OF MORTAR FIRES. ALL FOUR 155MM APC TROOP AND ALL MOVED SOUTH TO COMBAT POSITIONS.  
13. AT 0100H WE WERE TOLD THAT THE 155MM APC TROOP HAD MOVED SOUTH TO COMBAT POSITIONS.

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1. O A F T. REPORT OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AND 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION FROM 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION ON THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1000H.

1. DANANG WAS VERY QUIET THROUGH THE NIGHT. PATROLS CIRCULATED FREELY. NO INCIDENTS.

2. CONTRARY TO REPORTS RECEIVED YESTERDAY, AS WELL AS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ORDERS ISSUED BY COL YEN, DANANG REMAINS THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AT 0100H AND 1200H AT DANANG (ABOUT THREE KM SOUTH OF WHERE THEY WERE WHEN FIRED AT BY VC ON THE 19TH). BOTH UNITS, WHO WERE MOST PASSIVE THROUGHOUT THE DAY, WERE UNDER CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE BY OUR HQ. BY THE END OF THE PERIOD THEY HAD NOT MOVED.

3. AT 0800H LTEN DINH DROVE FROM THE AIRBASE TO I CORPS HQ TO TAKE COMMAND OF I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. I CALLED ON DINH IN HIS OFFICE AT 0915 ACCOMPANIED BY SAM THOMSEN AND MY G-5. I WAS MOST INTERESTED TO SEE COL YEN PRESENT. HE LOOKED FAR MORE COMPOSED THAN HE DID YESTERDAY AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR ONE HOUR TALK IN MY OFFICE. PRIOR TO MY ARRIVAL GEN DINH MET BRIEFLY WITH THE I CORPS STAFF AND VARIOUS RANKING OFFICERS. THE MAIN POINT OF HIS ADDRESS TO THESE OFFICERS: INFORMED THAT HE HAD ASSUMED COMMAND OF I CORPS; ORDERED ALL ARVN TROOPS BACK TO THEIR UNITS AND TO PREPARE TO DEFEND THE CITY FROM VC ATTACKS. ALL UNITS WILL BE INSPECTED (VISTED) BY DINH PERSONALLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE. I INVITED DINH TO DINNER TONIGHT AT MY QUARTERS. HE ACCEPTED WITH ALACRITY.

4. 1415. DIRECTED THE RETURN INTO DANANG OF SUFFICIENT MILITARY PERSONNEL TO ENSURE OCCUPANCY (AND THUS SECURITY) OF MILITARY BILLETTS. U.S. PERSONNEL STILL REQUIRED TO REMAIN OFF THE STREETS. DANANG AND SURROUNDING AREA WAS QUIET. THE MAJORITY OF THE ROADBLOCKS AND CHECK POINTS WERE DESERTED. THE STRUGGLE FORCES HEADQUARTERS (COMFAC) HAS BEEN VACATED. THE CITY WAS QUIET AND COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WAS AFFORDED ALL U.S. MILITARY VEHICLES.

5. AT ABOUT 1300H DINH TOLD THE DEPUTY CG I CORPS HE WOULD SEND FIVE C-123 AIRCRAFT TO MOVE ONE OF HIS REGIMENT FROM DANANG TO QUANG NGAI. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT HE HAD THE AUTHORITY FROM JCS TO MOVE ANY OR ALL MARINE BATTALIONS. ONE BATTALION LEFT FOR QUANG NGAI AT 1610H; LAST ONE AT 1630H. BATTALION C-401 TROOPS CLOSED AT QUANG NGAI AT 1715. ALL AIRPORTS REPORTS INDICATE CITY OF DANANG QUIET AND FREE OF HOSTILITIES FOR ALL VEHICLES. NO REPORTS OF ANY VIOLENCE OR HOSTILITIES. VIOLENCE FORCES OR APPEARS

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FROM LITERARY. GARDEN CORPS LIVES ONLY.  
SUBJ: SITUATION REPORT OF 11 APR 68  
1. LITERARY, CG, 7070AC, AND 7070AC'S AIDE JOINED C/S, PLATT,  
DEPUTY SA, WAS BEEN PRESENT AT MY QUARTERS FOR DINNER. DINH MOST  
AFFABLE. SAID HE WELCOMED HIS FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX. DINH'S  
FREQUENTLY REPEATED APPROACH TO US AND IS TO RESTORE ORDER AND  
DISCIPLINE TO 1 CORPS. REFUSE TO DISCUSS POLITICS, AND REFUSE  
TO DISCUSS PUNISHMENT FOR THOSE WHO ERRED-AT LEAST AT PRESENT. HE  
REPEATEDLY SAYS HE WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS THROUGH PERSONAL LEADERSHIP.  
HE DEMONSTRATED THE LATTER BY DRIVING THROUGH DANANG IN THE LATE  
AFTERNOON OF THE 10TH.  
2. THIS MORNING AT A MEETING WITH BILL ROSSER AND PLATT, DINH  
SEEMED LEFT COCKY. HE BARNESSTLY REQUESTED ROSSER'S AND MY  
ASSISTANCE IN GETTING LOAN AND THE TWO REMAINING MARINE BATTALIONS  
OUT OF DANANG ASAP. THIS IN SPITE OF HIS STATEMENTS LAST NIGHT  
THAT HE CONTROLLED THEIR MOVEMENT AND HE INTENDED TO KEEP TWO AT  
THE AIR BASE FOR SEVERAL DAYS THEN REDUCE TO ONE. IT ALSO CAME OUT  
THAT HE HAD LEFT IN HIS OFFICE RATHER THAN DOWNTOWN AS HE HAD  
ANNOUNCED AT DUFFEN. EVIDENTLY HIS ESTIMATE OF STROGUE FORCE  
POTENCY WENT UP DURING THE NIGHT. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST THAT THE  
TWO 105 HOW AND APC TROOP WHICH WERE STILL IN THE BASE  
POSITIONS BE WITHDRAWN, DINH DRAMATICALLY SAID THE REASON THEY HAD  
NOT MOVED WAS A MISTAKE ON HIS PART AND HE ISSUED ORDERS TO HIS  
C/S THAT THEY BE MOVED WITHIN THE HOUR. THE FACT THAT BOTH UNITS  
WERE IN THE SAME POSITIONS OF SIGNIFICALITY IS INDICATIVE THAT DINH  
C/S HAS NOT YET HAVE THE SITUATION FULLY IN HAND.  
3. DANANG WAS QUIET DURING THE DAY. IN THE MORNING MOST MARKET  
STALLS WERE OPEN. SHOPPERS WERE RETURNING TO MAIN STREETS  
AND SOME STALLS. BUT SOMEONE REMAINED IN PLACE FOR MOVEMENT  
UNUSUAL. AND SOME POLICE. THE THE NIGHT TIME WERE THE  
MARCHED BY THE DOWNTOWN. AND SOME STALLS. WITH THEIR  
EYES OF COMPARISON. UNUSUAL CONTRAST IN POWER AND OVER  
4. REASON FOR THE OF THE RECENTLY VETERAN TROOP. TO THEIR

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1. BOUGHT AND RECEIVED GEN NHUAN'S ASSURANCES THAT WE COULD COMMENCE  
MOVING AT 0600 TOMORROW AND THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE SECURITY. INTEND  
TO START TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

2. BREAKDOWN OF CIVILIANS EVACUATED FROM DURING IS AS FOLLOWS:  
AMERICAN-179; PHILIPPINE-15; KOREAN-10; CANADIAN-4; AUSTRALIAN-4;  
GERMAN-4; RUSS-2; BRITISH-1; AND VIETNAMESE-3.  
3. USED ANTI-STRUCK FORCE DEMONSTRATIONS TOOK PLACE IN QUANG  
TRUNG, TAN KY.

4. COMBAT GROUP ANNOUNCED THAT REMAINING TWO VN BATTALIONS  
WILL BE MOVED AIRLIFT WITHIN FROM HANOI TO SAIGON. ALTHOUGH OUR  
SOURCE STATED THE VN COMMANDERS OF SECURITY BEAR CLANDESTINE  
MOVEMENT AS PLANNING A NEW STRATEGIC FACTOR IN A POST  
WAR SITUATION.

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8. AT 1615H BEGANN UNLOADING AT MUSEUM PIER.

9. AT 1645H ABOUT 1500 PEOPLE ATTENDED A RALLY IN DOWNTOWN DANANG. THIS INCLUDED 200 NATIONAL POLICE. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED BANNERS STATING "DOWN WITH THE PRESENT POLITICS".

10. HUE

11. FROM 0900 TO 1145, 6000 PERSONS ATTENDED AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION IN HUE, SPONSORED BY THE STRUGGLE FORCES. MAIN PURPOSE WAS TO PROTEST THE FORMING OF A NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IN SAIGON INDICATING IT IS AN ILLEGAL MOVE. REPORTEDLY THE DEMONSTRATORS PRESENTED THEIR DEMAND AT THE PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS. THERE WERE NO REPORTED INCIDENTS.

12. POSTPONED UNLOADING IN HUE UNTIL 13 APRIL.

13. SOME 2000 DEMONSTRATIONS WERE CONDUCTED SIMULTANEOUSLY IN SAIGON. UNDER THE BANNERS OF THE VNCF, 1000 PERSONS DEMONSTRATED AGAINST THE STRUGGLE FORCES. ANOTHER 200 PERSONS CONDUCTED A DEMONSTRATION UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE CIRCULAR COUNCIL. THERE WERE NO REPORTED INCIDENTS.

14. SEVERAL DEMONSTRATION EVENTS CONTINUE THE RETURN TO DEMOCRACY. DEMONSTRATION AT DANANG CITY FOR 2000. RESPECTFULLY LHM