

OUTGOING MESSAGES

37. CG III MAF 020752ZJul66 (CONFIDENTIAL) *Op-4*
Personal from LtGen. WALT to MGen. FIELDS
Subj: Termination of Operation Oakland
38. CG III MAF 030732ZJul66 (SECRET) *Op - not shown*
Personal for Gen. GREENE and LtGen. KRULAK from LtGen. WALT
Subj: Prime Minister KY's visit on 2 July 1966
39. CG III MAF 060046Z Jul66 (CONFIDENTIAL) *Op - not shown*
Exclusive for BGen MC CHRISTIAN from BGen. PLATT
Subj: Condition YELLOW in I CTZ
40. CG III MAF 130006Z Jul66 (CONFIDENTIAL) *Op-4*
Personal for MGen. FIELDS, ROBERTSHAW, KYLE and Col. AXTELL
Subj: Captives, Detainees and Prisoners of War
- ~~41. CG III MAF 210818ZJul66 (UNCLAS)
Personal for MGen. FIELDS, MGen. ROBERTSHAW, MGen. KYLE, Col. AXTELL
from LtGen. WALT
Subj: Savings Bond Standings~~
42. CG III MAF 231414ZJul66 (CONFIDENTIAL) *Op-4*
Personal for MGen. MACKAY, Commander, Australian Forces Vietnam
from LtGen. WALT
Subj: Arrangement for visit of BGen. ENGLISH to Australia
43. CG III MAF 250228ZJul66 (SECRET) *Op-4*
Personal for MGen. ROBERTSHAW from LtGen. WALT
Subj: Release of Army UHID's
- ~~44. CG III MAF 251320ZJul66 (TOP SECRET)
Personal for LtGen. KRULAK from LtGen. WALT
Subj: Operations in close proximity to DMZ (S)~~
45. CG III MAF 261400ZJul66 (CONFIDENTIAL) *Op-4*
Personal for LtGen. KRULAK Info for MGen. KYLE and Col FIELDS
Subj: Story by UPI Correspondent Kaylor
46. CG III MAF 271312Z Jul66 (SECRET) *Op-4*
Personal for MGEN FIELDS, MGEN KYLE, MGEN ROBERTSHAW AND COL AXTELL
from LTGen WALT
Subj: Awards
47. CG III MAF 280010ZJul66 (SECRET) *Op-4*
Personal for LTGEN KRULAK fr m LTGEN WALT
Subj: Providing security for NSA & 3ONCR
48. CG III MAF 290408ZJul66 (CONFIDENTIAL) *Op-4*
Personal for LTGEN KRULAK from LtGen. WALT
Subj: Assignment of Legal OFFICER.

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49. CG III MAF 311006Z (CONFIDENTIAL) *gr-4*
Personal from LtGen WALT to Gen WESTMORELAND
Subj: Infections

~~50. CG III MAF 311015Z (UNCLAS)
Personal from LtGen WALT to Gen WESTMORELAND
Subj: Non Receipt of U.S. Mail~~

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PERSONAL FOR GEN WESTMORELAND FROM LTJEN WALT
SUBJ: INJECTIONS

1. THIS IS A FOLLOW-UP ON YOUR CONVERSATION WITH LTJCOL BELL ON INJECTIONS DURING OPERATION HASTINGS.
2. I HAD THE FORCE SURGEON LOOK INTO THIS MATTER. EXAMINATION OF PATIENTS AND/OR DISCUSSIONS WITH ATTENDING DOCTORS AT DONG HA, ABOARD THE LPH AND ABOARD REPOSE, INDICATES THAT NEITHER THE NATURE NOR NUMBER OF INJECTIONS WERE UNUSUAL. INFECTIONS RESULTED FROM BROKEN SKIN CAUSED BY BARBED WIRE, GRASS AND OTHER ROUTINE INJURIES. INABILITY TO KEEP THESE WOUNDS FREE OF PERSPIRATION AND TO CLEANSE THEM FREQUENTLY CAUSED INFECTION. INCIDENCE WAS VERY SLIGHT.
3. IN SUMMARY I FEEL THE SKIN LESIONS DEVELOPED ON HASTINGS WERE NORMAL UNDER CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED. VERY RESPECTFULLY, LEW.

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PERSONAL FOR LIGEN KRILAK FROM LIGEN WALT.
ASSIGNMENT OF LEGAL OFFICER.

A. MY 032340Z JUNE
B. YOUR 122135Z JUNE

1. I UNDERSTAND A CAPTAIN WILLIAM B. DRAPER IS BEING ORDERED TO FMFFAC AND THAT HE WILL BE IN EXCESS TO THE PROGRAMMED INPUT SET FORTH IN REF B.

2. I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF CAPTAIN DRAPER COULD BE ASSIGNED TO III MAF. I FEEL SUCH A MOVE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN MY STAFF BY ALLOWING COL NEVILLE TO DEVOTE THE BULK OF HIS EFFORTS TO BEING DEPUTY CHIEF.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT
REF A. YOUR 262209Z

1. WHEN ADM RIVERO WAS BEING BRIEFED AT NSA HE ASKED WHO WAS PROVIDING SECURITY FOR NSA AND 30TH MCR. HE WAS INFORMED THAT 400 SAILORS WERE PERFORMING SECURITY DUTIES FOR NSA AND 400 FOR MCR. HIS INITIAL REACTION WAS TO EXPRESS THE VIEW THAT SAILORS WERE DOING A MARINES JOB. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION, HOWEVER, TOM VESCHLER GOT THE DEFINITE IMPRESSION THAT RIVERO UNDERSTOOD WHY NSA AND MCR, AS WELL AS ALL OTHER REAR-AREA ORGANIZATIONS IN SVN, HAD TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMMEDIATE PROTECTION OF THEIR INSTALLATIONS.

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2. THE COMUSMACV POSITION IN THIS MATTER IS CONTAINED IN MACV SER 001095 OF 10 DEC 65 ENTITLED TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF US FORCES AND DEFENSIVE ACTION. PERTINENT PASSAGES ARE QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

- A. I EXPECT THAT OUR COMBAT BATTALIONS WILL BE USED PRIMARILY TO GO AFTER THE VC AND THAT WE WILL NOT BE FORCED TO EXPEND OUR CAPABILITIES.
- B. I DESIRE THAT ALL SERVICE UNITS AND ALL FORCES OF WHATEVER SERVICE WHO FIND THEMSELVES OPERATING WITHOUT INFANTRY PROTECTION OR WHO MAY FIND THEMSELVES FROM TIME TO TIME OPERATING WITHOUT INFANTRY PROTECTION WILL BE ORGANIZED, TRAINED, AND EXERCISED TO PERFORM THE DEFENSIVE AND SECURITY FUNCTIONS WHICH I HAVE JUST DISCUSSED.

3. TRUST THIS IS OF HELP. RESPECTFULLY, LEW

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PERSONAL FOR MGEN FIELDS, MGEN KYLE, MGEN ROBERTSHAW AND
COL AXTELL FROM LTGEN WALT

SUBJ: AWARDS

1. DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO III MAF CG FMFPAC ENCOURAGED THE PROMPT PRESENTATION OF AWARDS IN THOSE CASES WHERE IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION IS APPROPRIATE.
2. THIS HQ NOW HAS 12 SILVER STAR MEDALS, 12 BRONZE MEDALS AND 12 NAVY COMMENDATION MEDALS WHICH IT WILL ISSUE ON REQUEST. MORE MEDALS CAN BE RAPIDLY OBTAINED FROM MACV TO INCLUDE THE LEGION OF MERIT.
3. IT IS MY DESIRE THAT FULL ADVANTAGE BE TAKEN OF THIS OPPORTUNITY. I FEEL WE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON AWARDS EARNED IN

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4. PLEASE INFO THIS HQ ON ALL MSGS RECOMMENDING AWARDS UNDER THIS SYSTEM.

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PERSONAL TO CDR KRULAK INFO FOR MAJGEN KYLE AND COL FIELDS
FROM GEN WALT

1. IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUERY ON THE STORY BY UPI CORRESPONDENT KAYLOR A VERY RAPID INQUIRY REVEALS FOLLOWING POINTS.
2. COMPANY COMMANDER STATES COMPANY WAS AMBUSHED BUT ONLY HIS POINT WAS HIT AND MOST OF HIS CASUALTIES CAME FROM MORTARS. SEVERAL OF HIS MEN WERE WOUNDED BRINGING OUT HIS CASUALTIES.
3. CORPORAL POWELL RELATES THAT HE DID NOT STATE TO REPORTER THAT WOUNDED WERE LEFT BEHIND. SAYS HE TOLD KAYLOR THAT MORTARS HIT THEM WHILE THEY WERE EVACUATING WOUNDED AND THAT A MORTAR ROUND HIT LZ WITH WOUNDED IN IT. POWELL HIMSELF WAS NOT WOUNDED.
4. PFC BEDNAR A RADIO OPERATOR WHO WAS IN THE POINT, WAS HIT ALONG WITH ANOTHER MARINE NAMED FUKER. AS NVA CLOSED IN THEY HID IN BRUSH AND PLAYED DEAD. BEDNAR STATES NVA JABBED THEM BOTH

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IN BACK WITH KNIFE OR BAYONET. FUKER GRUNTED AND WAS SHOT. BEDNAR WAS STRIPPED OF WATCH AND OTHER EFFECTS. HE REMAINED IN POSITION ALL NIGHT AND WAS EVACUTED NEXT DAY.

5. FOREGOING BASED ON STATEMENTS OF COMPANY COMMANDER AND POWELL WHO ARE STILL ON OPERATION HASTINGS. BEDNAR WAS INTERVIEWED IN HOSPITAL.

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PERSONAL FM LEGEN WALK TO MASON ROBERTSHAW
RELEASE OF ARMY UNIFORMS

1. ON 27 JUNE, A CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM AIR OFFICER I FFORCEV REQUESTING INFORMATION ON NUMBER OF MISSIONS FLOWN AND NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED BY US ARMY GUN SHIPS WHILE ASSIGNED TO MAG-16 AT DONG HA FROM 20 22 JULY. IMPLICATION OF QUESTIONS WAS THAT ARMY HELOS HAD NOT BEEN NEEDED NOR USED. AIR OFFICER I FFORCEV INFORMED US FURTHER THAT SIX HELOS HAD BEEN RELEASED BY 1ST MAW ON 22 JULY.

2. AS YOU KNOW, THE HELOS WERE OBTAINED AT REQUEST OF 1ST MAW BECAUSE OF SHORTAGE OF GUNSHIPS TO SUPPORT OPERATION HASTINGS AND OUR MINIMUM MORAL COMMITMENTS. THEY WERE ORDERED TO REPORT TO DONG HA BY GEN WESTMORELAND AT III MAF REQUEST OVER THE OBJECTIONS OF CG I FFORCEV.

3. THE RELEASE OF THESE HELOS BY THE USMC WITHOUT REFERENCE TO US HQ IS A POTENTIAL SOURCE OF EMBARRASSMENT TO III MAF HQ.

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4. REQUEST THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO PRECLUDE UNILATERAL ACTION BY THE WING DIRECT TO COMMANDS OUTSIDE OF III MAF EXCEPT IN MATTERS SPECIFICALLY COVERED BY POLICY, OR AS AGREED UPON PERSONALLY BETWEEN US.

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PERSONAL FOR WARREN HASKAY, COMMANDER, AUSTRALIAN FORCES VIETNAM,
FROM LTCEN NALT

1. DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT OF BOEN ENGLISH TO AUSTRALIA AND PRELIMINARY VISIT TO YOUR FORCES IN VIETNAM.
2. INFORMATION RECEIVED ON 15 JUNE FROM HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS IN WASHINGTON INDICATED BOEN ENGLISH IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE SYDNEY ON 5 AUGUST FOR A TOUR OF MILITARY INSTALLATIONS PRIOR TO ATTENDING AUSTRALIAN CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF EXERCISE IN CANBERRA 14 TO 19 AUGUST. ACCORDINGLY THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION TO AUSTRALIA TO MEET 5 AUGUST DATE. TENTATIVE RETURN BOOKING ON 25 AUGUST ACCEPTED WITH PLEASURE.
3. WITH REGARD TO YOUR INVITATION VISIT YOUR FORCES PRIOR TO HIS

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DEPARTURE, REGRET THAT WE CANNOT ESTABLISH EXACT DATE AT THIS TIME. BOEN ENGLISH IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING OPERATION HASTINGS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO STATE WHEN THIS OPERATION WILL BE COMPLETE.

4. PLEASE ACCEPT FOR BOEN ENGLISH AND HISSELF OUR THANKS FOR YOUR KINDNESS.

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PERSONAL FOR GEN FIELDS, ROBERTSON, KYLE AND COL AXTELL
CAPTIVES, DETAINEES AND PRISONERS OF WAR

1. CAPTIVES, DETAINEES AND PRISONERS OF WAR IN US CUSTODY HAVE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE VARIOUS GENEVA TREATIES CERTAIN RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES. ONCE AN INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTARILY OR INVOLUNTARILY ENTERS INTO CUSTODY OF US FORCES, WE ASSUME COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PRISONER'S TREATMENT, WELL BEING AND SAFETY. THIS OBLIGATION DOES NOT CEASE WHEN THE CAPTIVE IS TURNED OVER TO A THIRD NATION.
2. RECENT REPORTS OF MALTREATMENT, EXCESS FORCE, ACTS OF DEGRADATION AND ACTS OF MADISM HAVE BEEN CALLED TO MY ATTENTION. SUCH ACTS WILL NOT BE CONDONED. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE RULES OF WAR ARE OBSERVED BOTH TO THE LETTER AND IN SPIRIT.

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3. COMMAND ATTENTION AT ALL ECHELONS IS ESSENTIAL TO ELIMINATE THESE ISOLATED INCIDENTS THAT CAN BRING DISCREDIT BOTH TO OUR COUNTRY AND TO THE MARINE CORPS. WALT SENDE

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EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN MC CHRISTIAN FROM BGEN PLATT

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 5 JULY A MEMBER OF CRD PAID A CALL TO MY OFFICE. HE STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO DETERMINE WHY

CONDITION YELLOW HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN I CTZ TO WHOM CURFEW RESTRICTIONS APPLIED, AND HOW LONG THEY WOULD CONTINUE IN VIEW OF THE UNORTHODOX

EMPLOYMENT OF SUCH PERSONNEL TO OBTAIN INFORMATION NORMALLY AVAILABLE THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS. I DIRECTED THAT THE MATTER BE EXPLORED.

2. UPON INVESTIGATION, IT WAS LEARNED THAT CAPTAIN BERGERON HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO OBTAIN THE INFORMATION IN CONFORMITY WITH CO CO B 519TH MI BN SAIGON MESSAGE, WHICH IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE "FROM: CO CO B 519TH MI BN SAIGON RVN"

TO: CO REGION I CO B 519TH MI BN DANANG RVN

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SUBJECT: CURFEW IN DANANG (U)

1. (C) REFERENCE TELECON TO CO B 519TH MI BN BY MR HOLBROOK YOUR OFFICE RE: RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON MARINES AND OTHER PERSONNEL IN DANANG, RECEIVED IN CO B AT 1215 HOURS AND 1430 HOURS 2 JULY 66.

2. (C) YOU ARE DIRECTED TO DETERMINE THE FOLLOWING:
- A. WHY HAS THIS RESTRICTION OR CURFEW BEEN ESTABLISHED?
 - B. WHAT WERE THE EVENTS WHICH LED TO AN ALERT CONDITION YELLOW?
 - C. SPECIFICALLY WHAT MILITARY GROUPS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS CURFEW? IE: MARINES ARMY ETC. AND THE OPINIONS OF YOUR SOURCES AS TO HOW LONG THE CONDITION YELLOW WILL CONTINUE. UX
 - D. YOU ARE TO REPORT THE ANSWERS TO THE ABOVE BEI EITHER TELLPHONICALLY OR BY IMMEDIATE TWX. UNQUOTE.
3. WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY HAVE RELATIVE TO THIS MATTER.

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PERSONAL FOR GEN GREENE AND LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT
PRIME MINISTER KY, GENERAL CO AND GENERAL VIEN ARRIVED AT III MAF
HEADQUARTERS AT 10:40 JULY 2D FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRESENTING
VIETNAMESE AWARDS TO III MAF PERSONNEL. THE PRIME MINISTER
WAS GIVEN AN HONOR GUARD PRIOR TO THE AWARDS CERMONY. AWARDS
WERE THEN PRESENTED TO 75 MARINES AND TWO ARMY OFFICERS.
FOLLOWING THE AWARDS CEREMONY THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY
WENT TO THE STATION HOSPITAL WHERE THEY VISITED WITH, AND
GAVE OUT PRESENTS TO WELL OVER 200 MARINE AND NAVY PATIENTS.
THE PRIME MINISTER WAS MOST CORDIAL AND TOOK TIME TO THANK MANY

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OF THE MARINES FOR RISKING THEIR LIVES FOR HIS COUNTRY.
A LUNCHEON WAS THEN HELD AT CG III MAF'S QUARTERS WHICH GAVE S AN
OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.
WE DISCUSSED THE AN HOA SITUATION. THE PRIME MINISTER SEEMED THOR-
OUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THE AN HOA INDUSTRIAL
COMPLEX AND EXPRESSED HIS DESIRE TO HAVE IT SECURED AS EARLY
AS POSSIBLE. THIS GAVE ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO TELL HIM THAT MR.
CAN, THE DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE PROJECT, IS BEING
INDUCTED INTO THE ARMED FORCES ON 10 JULY. BOTH THE PRIME
MINISTER AND GENERAL CO WERE VERY MUCH SURPRISED AT THIS. THEY
SAID THEY FELT THAT IT WOULD BE FOOLISH TO TAKE HIM AWAY FROM
HIS ASSIGNEMENT AND PROMISED THAT THEY WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT AS
SOON AS THEY GOT BACK TO SAIGON. GENERAL LAN GAVE GENERAL CO A
NOTE ON THE MATTER SO THAT HE WOULD NOT FORGET. I AM VERY M CH
SURPRISED THAT NO ONE AT MACV OR AT THE AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE HAD
DISCUSSED THIS WITH GENERAL CO. HE ASSURED ME TWO DIFFERENT TIMES
THAT THIS HAD NEVER BEEN BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION. I TOLD THE PRIME
MINISTER THAT I BELIEVE THAT WE COULD HAVE SOME TYPE OF A ROAD
OPEN IN AND OUT OF AN HOA BY THE 15TH OF AUGUST. HE SEEMED
MOST ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY.

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I SPOKE PRIVATELY TO GENERAL KY CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF CHINESE MARINES FROM TAIWAN INTO VIETNAM. HE SAID HE THOUGHT IT WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA, AND HE SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO ENCOURAGE IT FROM HIS END. HE SAID HE KNOWS THAT THE CHINESE MARINES ARE WELL TRAINED AND WELL DISCIPLINED TROOPS THE SAME AS OTHER MARINE UNITS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD SUCH AS THE KOREAN MARINES AND THE VIETNAMESE MARINES. HE ASKED ME IF I WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE THEM IN MY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY. HE SAID HE HAD SENSED SOME RELUCTANCE ON THIS MATTER DOWN SOUTH. I ASSURED HIM THAT I WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THEM IN THE I CORPS AREA AND THAT THEY WOULD BE A REAL ASSET TO OUR COMBAT CAPABILITY. I ALSO SPOKE PRIVATELY TO GENERAL KY CONCERNING OUR PHILOSOPHY THAT EVERYTHING THE UNITED STATES TROOPS DO IN I CORPS IS IN SUPPORT OF HIS GOVERNMENT, AND HIS MILITARY OR CIVILIAN HEAD-QUARTERS. I POINTED OUT TO HIM THAT WITH HIS TWO DIVISIONS BEING COMMANDED BY COLONELS IT MADE IT A LITTLE BIT DIFFICULT FOR MY DIVISION COMMANDERS TO KEEP THE ARVN FORCES IN THE LIME-LIGHT AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE. HOWEVER, I ASSURED HIM THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT OUR FORCES FROM OVERSHADOWING THE ARVN FORCES AND TO PREVENT OUR CIVIC ACTION WORK FROM OVERSHADOWING THE WORK DONE BY THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

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I TOLD HIM IT IS A MATTER OF CONSTANT PRACTICE WITH US TO ALWAYS PLACE OUR CAPABILITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AND ITS SUBORDINATE ORGANIZATIONS. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT THIS WAS IMPORTANT FOR TWO REASONS: TO BUILD UP THE PRESTIGE OF HIS GOVERNMENT ON EVERY LEVEL AND TO ALLOW US TO WITHDRAW SOME DAY WITHOUT LEAVING A VACUUM. THROUGHOUT THEIR STAY THE PRIME MINISTER AND HIS PARTY WERE MOST CORDIAL AND EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION MANY TIMES FOR THE HELP THE MARINES WERE GIVING THEM AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY WERE DOING IT. VERY RESPECTFULLY, L.W. WALT
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