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FOR MGEN FIELDS FROM MGEN ROSSON

SUBJ: PLATOON, CO B, 504TH MP BN (U)

REF: A. CG, III MAF MESSAGE DTG 516114Z AUG 66 (U)

B. CG, II MAF MESSAGE DTG 301500Z AUG 66 (C)

1. (C) APPRECIATE PROBLEMS IF US ARMY MP PLATOON IS REMOVED FROM I CTZ. HOWEVER, III MAF MP RESOURCES HAVE INCREASE WITH BUILD-UP OF USMC FORCES IN I CTZ. BY COMPARISON, BUILD-UP OF US FORCES IN II CTZ HAS NOT BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY ANY INCREASE IN MP UNITS SINCE SEP 1965.

2. (C) ON BALANCE, NEED FOR ADDITIONAL MPS IN II CTZ REQUIRES EARLY RETURN OF THE MP PLATOON TO PARENT UNIT. HOWEVER, SINCE PERIOD PRIOR TO FORTHCOMING NATIONAL ELECTION IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE IN I CTZ, AND TO ALLOW TIME TO READJUST YOUR FORCES, MACV WILL DEFER MOVEMENT OF MP PLATOON UNTIL 15 SEP.

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PERSONAL FOR LGEN WALT, RGEN ROBERTSHAW, RADM WARD AND RADM WSCHEE
 FROM VADM KYLAND
 SUPPORT FOR BIG LOOK OPERATIONS (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 010044Z SEP 66

1. THE BIG LOOK EC-121 AIRCRAFT OF VQ-1 WHICH HAVE BEEN OPERATING
 FROM DANANG PROVIDE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL SUPPORT TO THE ROLLING
 THUNDER TACTICAL AIRSTRIKES IN NVN WHICH ARE CONDUCTED FROM THE CVA'S
 AT YANKEE STATION. FOR MANY MONTHS THESE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED

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LITERALLY ON A SHOESTRING. THE FLIGHT CREWS HAVE AVERAGED UPWARDS
 OF 200 HOURS PER MONTH AND AT THE SAME TIME HAVE BEEN FORCED TO
 ACCEPT BARELY TOLERABLE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE
 BEEN PROVIDED ON THE EAST SIDE OF DANANG AIRFIELD. THE VQ-1
 DETACHMENT HAS GROWN FROM ONE TO TWO AIRCRAFT AND IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
 THE DIRECT SUPPORT VITALLY NEEDED BY THE CVA TACTICAL AIR FORCES
 IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE DETACHMENT BE INCREASED TO THREE AIRCRAFT
 IN DECEMBER AND TO FOUR AIRCRAFT IN FEBRUARY 57.

2. THE PROLONGED SHOESTRING OPERATION HAS REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT
 IS INTOLERABLE. CONCURRENTLY THE EXPANSION OF AIR FORCE OPERATIONS ON
 THE EAST SIDE OF THE FIELD HAVE PUT A STEADY SQUEEZE ON THE DETACHMENT.
 THE SUPPORT PROVIDED HAS BEEN REDUCED, AND THE PRESENT MINIMAL LINE
 AND HANGAR WORKING SPACES ARE THREATENED BY REPEATED AIR FORCE
 REQUESTS FOR VQ-1 TO MOVE OUT.

3. BIG LOOK AIRCRAFT MUST OPERATE FROM DANANG, SINCE THEIR MISSION
 IS SO INTIMATELY INVOLVED WITH OTHERS SENSITIVE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED
 FROM AND AT DANANG. THE NEED FOR THEIR SUPPORT TO THE FLEET IS EXPECTED
 TO CONTINUE AS LONG AS WE ARE INVOLVED IN OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN.
 OF ALL THE ACTIVITIES ASHORE IN SEASIA WHICH SUPPORT THE SEVENTH FLEET
 THE VQ-1 DETACHMENT AT DANANG IS BY FAR THE MOST IMPORTANT AND I

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BELIEVE THE ONE IN THE MOST DIRE NEED OF ASSISTANCE.

4. IT HAS RECENTLY BEEN REVEALED TO BE THAT APPARENTLY THROUGH OVER SIGHT THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT PLANS FOR DANANG TO PROVIDE FOR THE VQ-1 DETACHMENT. IT WOULD APPEAR LOGICAL TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SPACE ON THE WEST SIDE IN THE NAVY/MARINE FAMILY. THE SUPPORT REQUIRED IS NOT VERY LARGE.

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT ALL AGENS DO WHAT THEY CAN TO HELP WITH THIS MOST URGENT FLEET REQUIREMENT FOR SUPPORT AT DANANG. SHOULD THERE BE FORMAL OR INFORMAL STEPS WHICH MUST BE TAKEN TO GET THINGS ON THE TRACK WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN HIGHLIGHTING THEM.

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T-39 AIRCRAFT (U)

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE REFLECTS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BY OSD FOR PROCUREMENT OF T-39 S. RESPONSE ON A TRIAL PRESENTATION TO UNDERSECNAV BALDWIN, ASST SECNAV BAYRD AND OSD PERSONNEL POINTS TO POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS IF OSD REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE MET. NO KNOWLEDGE AT THIS STAFF, AS OF NOW, WHAT ADDITIONAL INFO IS NEEDED.

2. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

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PERSONAL FOR MAJ GEN'S FIELDS, ROBERTSHAW, KYLE AND COL AXTELL
 PERSONAL FOR LTGEN WALT FROM LTGEN KRULAK.

1. HERE ARE SOME EXCERPTS FROM A WASHINGTON STAR ARTICLE BY RICHARD FRYKLUND. FULL TEXT LATER BY AIRMAIL.
 "UNDERGROUND WAR IN VIETNAM: MARINES VS ARMY."
2. QUOTE THE MARINE CORPS IS MAKING STEADY GAINS IN ITS TWO FRONT WAR IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES AGAINST AN EXPANDING COMMUNIST FORCE AND AGAINST AMERICAN ARMY OFFICERS WHO INSIST THAT THE MARINES ARE DOING IT ALL WRONG. THE ARMY OFFICERS GRIPE IS THAT THE MARINES ARE TOO DEFENSIVE MINDED, TOO BEACH BOUND. THEY OUGHT TO GET MORE AGGRESSIVE AND CHASE THE COMMUNISTS THROUGH THE REMOTE WOODS LIKE THE ARMY DOES.
3. THE MARINES SAY THE ARMY SPENDS TOO MUCH ENERGY THRASHING THROUGH THE JUNGLE WHILE IT OUGHT TO BE GIVING MORE PROTECTION TO THE PEOPLE IN TOWNS.
4. WESTMORELAND'S HQ'S HERE SAYS THAT BOTH ARGUMENTS ARE

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 ASSIGNMENT OF LEGAL OFFICER (U)
 A. YOUR 111000Z (C)

1. I GO ALONG WITH YOUR PROPOSAL IN REF A,
 AND WILL PROVIDE A SECOND LAWYER TO YOUR STAFF
 IMMEDIATELY.

2. MY ACTION STEMS FROM THE FACT YOU ARE THERE AND
 KNOW BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE THE NATURE OF YOUR
 STAFF NEEDS, AS WELL AS FROM MY BASIC CONVICTION
 THAT THE COMMANDER ON THE SPOT DESERVES THE
 MAXIMUM SUPPORT THAT HIS SUPERIORS CAN GIVE HIM. THE
 ACTION IS NOT TAKEN BECAUSE OF A BELIEF THAT IT
 WOULD BE FAIRER TO COL NEVILLE, TO WHOM THE
 MARINE CORPS HAS BEEN FAIR ALREADY,

LUNN PERMITTING HIM TO SERVE IN THE COMBAT ZONE. WARM
 REGARDS.

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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. THE COMMANDANT ADVISES ME THAT, RIGHT NOW, THE MARINE CORPS IS EXTENDED BEYOND ITS ELASTIC LIMIT OF PERSONNEL, IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY PROPERLY TO SUPPORT OUR CURRENT DEPLOYMENT, EVEN DESPITE SOME STRETCHING OF THE GROUND RULES. FOR INSTANCE, WE HAVE ALREADY SENT MEN BACK TO VIETNAM FOR A SECOND TOUR WITH ONLY SIX MONTHS IN COMBAT.

2. WHILE OUR ROTATION BASE IS GROWING SLOWLY, THROUGH THE NORMAL ACQUISITION PROCESS, THIS ALONE IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM, AND CERTAINLY IS NOT GOING TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR MUCH ADDITION IN THE WAY OF NEW UNITS.

3. IT IS ALWAYS POSSIBLE THAT THERE MAY BE A CHANGE IN POLICY THAT BRINGS RESERVES TO THE COLORS, OR GENERATES SOME OTHER PARTIAL FORM OF MOBILIZATION. HOWEVER, THAT IS IN THE VAGUE FUTURE, WHILE WE LIVE IN THE HERE AND NOW, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO GET ALL WE CAN OUT OF THE RESOURCES AT HAND. IN THIS REGARD, THE COMMANDANT HAS ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS AS TO WHAT CAN BE DONE, WITHIN OUR PRESENT MEANS. TO BETTER THE SITUATION, I HAVE SOME IDEAS AS TO WHAT WE MIGHT DO TO EASE THE STRAIN, AND WANT TO INCORPORATE YOURS, TOO, IN A RESPONSE WHICH GIVES THE COMMANDANT ALL POSSIBLE HELP.

4. I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR PRACTICAL VIEW, AS SEEN FROM THE CUTTING EDGE OF OUR EFFORT, WOULD TREND TOWARD MORE MEN, NOT FEWER, AND I BELIEVE THAT MORE MEN ARE ACTUALLY REQUIRED TO DO THE JOB RIGHT NOW. BUT THE QUESTION WE NEED TO CONTEMPLATE SERIOUSLY NOW IS WHETHER WE ARE GETTING THE MOST OUT OF THE PEOPLE AVAILABLE. IF NOT, IN ANY INSTANCE, HOWEVER SMALL, WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT. FOR INSTANCE, IS THERE ANY UNIT THAT, BECAUSE OF THE RVN ENVIRONMENT, IS NOT ABLE TO PULL ITS WHOLE WEIGHT; AND COULD THIS BE REDUCED IN STRENGTH? IS THERE ANY UNIT THAT ISN'T NEEDED AT ALL? FOR INSTANCE, THE AIR DELIVERY CAPABILITY IN VIETNAM APPEARS ADEQUATE, BUT WE HAVE A DUPLICATE PLATOON IN OKINAWA.

5. TAKE A LOOK AT THE PROBLEM FROM THE ABOVE VIEWPOINT. TELL ME WHETHER ANY OF US IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, FROM CMC ON DOWN, CAN DO TO ABSEASE MORE OF THIS STRAIN UNTIL - HOPE - FULLY - THERE IS SOME FORM OF RELIEF. GIVE ME YOUR IDEAS BY MESSAGE AS SOON AS YOU CAN. WARM REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN WALT FROM LTGEN KRULAK

A. CG III MAF 141516Z

1. I UNDERSTAND AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE SUPPLY OFFICER SITUATION, AND I AM AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS GENERATED BY THE EVACUATION OF YOUR FORMER SUPPLY OFFICER AS STATED IN REFERENCE A.
2. BASICALLY, THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE ARE JUST SHORT HANDED, AND I HAVE ASKED CMC FOR HELP. IN THE MEANTIME SEVERAL SOLUTIONS TO MEET YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR A SUPPLY OFFICER WERE UNDER CONSIDERATION PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFERENCE A. UPON RECEIPT THEREOF, I SOUGHT TO FIND SOME REASONABLE WAY OF GIVING YOU COL FAIRBURN, AS YOU ASKED.
3. FAIRBURN HAS BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR THE FIRST MAW, TO REPORT IN OCT. HE HAS A WIDE RANGE OF EXPERIENCE IN AVIATION SUPPLY. HE

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IS INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH SEVERAL CURRENT AVIATION SUPPLY PROBLEM AREA, WHICH INCLUDE THOSE ASSOCIATED WITH THE A6A/26A AIRCRAFT, HAVING RECENTLY COMPLETE A TOUR OF DUTY WITH THE SECOND MAW. UNFORTUNATELY, THE LACK OF DEPTH OF COLONELS IN THE AVIATION SUPPLY FIELD DOES NOT PROVIDE THE SAME FLEXIBILITY OF ASSIGNMENT THAT EXISTS IN GROUND SUPPLY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT TO TAKE HIM AWAY FROM FIRST MAW.

4. TO GET A COLONEL TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, IT WAS MY INTENTION TO REASIGN COL WEIR FROM FLC, LEAVING THAT UNIT SHORT, FOR THE TIME BEING. I DO NOT KNOW HIM AND, SUBSEQUENT TO OUR CONVERSATION ON THE SUBJECT, I QUERRIED GEORGE AXTELL ON THE MATTER OF HIS SUITABILITY. HIS RESPONSE IS THAT WEIR IS PERFORMING PASSABLY AT FLC, BUT HE RECOMMENDS AGAINST HIS ASSIGNMENT AS III MAF SUPPLY OFFICER, BASED ON HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE JOB, AND HIS CONVICTION THAT WEIR WOULD NOT FULFILL THEM ADEQUATELY.
5. I GO ALONG WITH THIS AND, IN ORDER TO GIVE YOU SOME IMMEDIATE RELIEF, AM TRANSFERRING LTCOL (COL SELECTEE) HILL FROM THIRD MARDIV TO YOUR HQ AT ONCE. WARM REGARDS.

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 WALT, MAJ GENERALS FIELDS, ROBERTSHAW, KYLE, BRIGGEN
 RYAN AND COL AXTELL.

AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE. (U)

A. FMFPACO 1650. IAL

1. HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED A NUMBER OF RECOMMEN-
 DATIONS FOR AWARDS IN WHICH A LARGE PROPORTION OF THE
 YMVVICES UPON WHICH THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE BASED
 WAS NOT PERFORMED WHILE PARTICIPATING IN COMBAT
 OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, BUT IN OKINAWA, JAPAN
 AND ON THE WEST COAST. AS MY DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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 TO MAKE AWARDS -AND THAT OF CINCPACFLT TOO- EXTENDS ONLY TO ACTS
 AND SERVICES RENDERED BY PERSONNEL WHILE PARTICIPATING IN COMBAT
 OPERATIONS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA THESE RECOMMENDATIONS MUST
 PERFORM BE READDRESSSED AND FORWARDED TO THE SECRETARY OF
 THE NAVY FOR APPROVAL.

2. I BRING THIS INFORMATION TO YOUR ATTENTION, AS, IN SOME
 INSTANCES WHERE THE CHARACTER OF SERVICE WARRANTS, YOU MAY ELECT
 TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS BASED SOLELY UPON THE SERVICES
 RENDERED IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE PROCESSING
 OF THE AWARDS. WARM REGARDS.

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1. AFTER MY LAST TRIP TO RVN ONE TOPIC WHICH I FORGOT TO MENTION TO YOU WAS AN INTERESTING DISCUSSION I HAD WITH AMBASSADOR LODGE.

2. DURING THE SESSION, I ASKED HIM HOW HE FELT ABOUT AN HOA, NOW THAT HE HAD SEEN IT. HE SAID THAT HE WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AND, FROM A POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC VIEWPOINT, FELT THAT IT COULD BE SUPPORTED. HE POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, THAT THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IS WHETHER WE CAN AFFORD THE MILITARY FORCE TO KEEP THE ROAD OPEN. I TOLD HIM THAT THE ROAD IS NOW OPEN AND USABLE, THAT THE BIG PRICE HAS BEEN PAID, THAT IT IS A FINE SYMBOL OF PROGRESS IN OPENING THE HINTERLAND.

MY IMPRESSION IS THAT THE AMBASSADOR MAY HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE VALUE OF AN HOA DOES NOT JUSTIFY THE EXPENSE OF SECURING IT. IN SPEAKING OF INDICES OF PROGRESS, HE SAID THREE IMPORTANT THINGS:

FIRST THAT OPERATIONS WHICH LEAVE NO VIETNAMESE MILITARY OR POLICE PRESENCE BEHIND HAVE NO DURABILITY AND NO GREAT USEFULNESS.

SECOND, THAT THE GUERRILLA IS THE MOST FORMIDABLE ENEMY IN VIETNAM AND THAT MORE MUST BE DONE TO WIPE HIM OUT.

THIRD, THAT ROADS ARE AN ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL TO BRINGING PEACE. HE SAID IF HE COULD DRIVE HIS CAR ALL THE WAY FROM QUANG TRI TO CAN THO WITHOUT INCIDENT, HE WOULD REGARD IT AS A FIRM MEASURE OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE. I SAID IF HE COULD DO THAT, HE MIGHT JUST AS WELL TURN AROUND AND DRIVE TO TAN SON NHUT AND GO HOME, BECAUSE HIS JOB WOULD LARGELY BE OVER. I THEN ADDED THAT WHILE A YEAR AGO HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN SAFE OUTSIDE THE DANANG AIRFIELD FENCE, TODAY HE CAN DRIVE FROM HUE TO QUANG NGAI - 115 MILES.

3. WHILE FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE AMBASSADOR'S PERCEPTIVENESS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE VERY THINGS YOU ARE DOING, I HAVE SINCE BEEN TROUBLED BY REPORTS THAT THE ENEMY HAS MADE SOME INROADS INTO YOUR ROAD CLEARANCE EFFORTS, SUCH AS THE CUTTING OF HIGHWAY ONE AT (BT 118489), OR DROPPING THE BRIDGE AT BS 59627, AND I WONDER IF THIS PORTENDS A GROWING PATTERN, OF WHICH WE CAN EXPECT MORE IN THE FUTURE.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 43427
 PERSONAL FOR LTG WALT FROM GEN WESTMORELAND
 SUBJ: CLASS I STOCKAGE ARVN

1. (U) YOUR CONCERN OVER THE ACUTE SHORTAGE OF RICE FOR RVNAF IS SHARED HERE. THIS SHORTAGE IS NOT RESTRICTED TO I CORPS, BUT AFFECTS ALL RVNAF UNITS IN GVN. COORDINATED ACTIONS OF USAID AND GVN OFFICIALS ARE UNDERWAY IN AN EFFORT TO ALLEVIATE THIS GENERAL CONDITION.

2. (C) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE RICE YOU HAVE REQUESTED, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE DIRECT DISCHARGE OF 2000 TONS OF RICE FROM THE "INVICTA" ONTO LSTS AT SAIGON FOR TRANSSHIPMENT TO DANANG (1000 TONS LST 809) AND NHA TRANG (1000 TONS LST 500). SAIGON PORT OFFICIALS EXPECT TO BEGIN THIS TRANSFER ON 28 SEP 66.

3. (C) THE CHIEF QM, RVNAF, WAS ADVISED ON 27 SEP BY THE DEPOT CO, 11TH QM FIELD DEPOT AT DANANG, THAT PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE I ALC, 25 TO 90 DAYS SUPPLY OF RICE HAS BEEN ISSUED TO USING.

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 UNITS. SINCE THIS RICE IS NOT REFLECTED ON DEPOT STOCK RECORDS AFTER ISSUE, BUT IS IN ADDITION TO THE 363 TONS IN I ALC DEPOTS. THE 1000 TONS TO BE TRANSSHIPPED ABOARD LST 809 IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE BEFORE OTHER RICE STOCKS ARE EXHAUSTED.

4. (C) THE OCQM, JGS/CLC AND MINISTER OF DEFENSE ADVISE THAT CONTINUED EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE FAVORABLE RESOLUTION OF RICE SUPPLY PROBLEMS. IN ADDITION, U.S. ADVISORY PERSONNEL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH USAID, ARE ATTEMPTING TO SECURE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY APPROVAL FOR TRANSFER OF RICE AT DESTINATION PORTS ON A CONTINUING BASIS. INFORMAL INFORMATION INDICATES DELIVERY OF THE ADDITIONAL 3000 TONS OF RICE, REQUESTED IN YOUR 25 SEP MSG, WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RVNAF, AT DANANG, BY DIRECT TRANSFER FROM THE "AUDREY" O/A 30 SEP. YOU WILL BE INFORMED AS SOON AS FIRM DATE BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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