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Personal for LtGen. KRULAK from LtGen. WALT  
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Personal for Gen. GREENE from LtGen. WALT  
Subj: Extension of TAD for LtCol. KEEVER

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26. CG III MAF 090650Z Dec66 (Unclas)  
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- ~~28. CG III MAF 100454Z Dec66 (Unclas)  
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Subj: AN LO Incident Involving ARVN 3/3 Bn on 10Dec66
34. CG III MAF 200234Z Dec66 (SECRET) *Op-4*  
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Subj: RVN Billet for LtCol. KEEVER
35. CG III MAF 201100Z Dec66 (SECRET) *Group-4*  
Personal for Gen. WESTMORELAND from LtGen. WALT  
Subj: Prepared anytime after 21Dec to give Briefing
36. CG III MAF 240644Z Dec66 (UNCLAS)  
Personal for MajGen. NICKERSON, MajGen. ROBERTSHAW, MajGen. KYLE,  
RAdm WESCHLER, BGen. HERBOLD and Commodore MARSCHALL from LtGen. WALT  
Subj: Christmas Message
37. CG III MAF 252356Z Dec66 (UNCLAS)  
Personal for LtGen. KRULAK from LtGen. WALT, Info MajGen. NICKERSON  
Subj: Recommendation for Award; case of Sgt DO SINH 399051, Popular Forces

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT, INFO MGEN NICKERSON  
1. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT SGT DO SINH 399051, POPULAR FORCES,  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM BE AWARDED A BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR SERVICE AS SET  
FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

"FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENT  
COMMUNIST (VIET CONG) FORCES WHILE SERVING AS THE SENIOR POPULAR FORCE  
NONCOMMISSIONED OFFICER WITH A COMBINED ACTION PLATOON, COMBINED ACTION  
COMPANY B, FIRST BATTALION, FIFTH MARINES IN THE VICINITY OF DANANG,  
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. ON 25 NOVEMBER 1966 SERGEANT SINH RECEIVED INFORMA-  
TION FROM A SOURCE KNOWN ONLY TO HIMSELF. ACTING ON THIS INFORMATION, AND  
UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF SERGEANT SINH, THE COMBINED ACTION PLATOON  
PROCEEDED TO LE MY. THIS INFORMATION PROVED VALID AND RESULTED IN THE  
CAPTURE OF TWELVE VIET CONG, INCLUDING A POLITICAL TEAM, AN ASSASSIN  
GROUP AND A RECONNAISSANCE TEAM. ON 8 DECEMBER 1966, SERGEANT SINH

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AGAIN RECEIVED VALUABLE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION; AND IMMEDIATELY THE  
COMBINED ACTION PLATOON, UNDER SERGEANT SINH'S GUIDANCE, PROCEEDED TO  
THE HAMLET OF MIEU MA. UPON SURROUNDING THE HAMLET, THE PLATOON WAS  
TAKEN UNDER HEAVY HOSTILE ENEMY FIRE. THE ENSUING FIRE FIGHT RESULTED IN  
FOUR VIET CONG DEAD AND TWELVE VIET CONG SUSPECTS APPREHENDED. WITHOUT  
REGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY, SERGEANT SINH, CONSTANTLY EXPOSED  
HIMSELF TO THE HEAVY ENEMY FIRE IN MANEUVERING HIS UNIT AGAINST THE  
ENEMY. HE SUSTAINED PAINFUL WOUNDS EARLY IN THE ACTION. THIS OPERATION  
AGAIN RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF A CACHE OF ENEMY WEAPONS. BY HIS  
INITIATIVE, BRAVERY AND SELFLESS DEVOTION TO DUTY, SERGEANT SINH  
UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
VIETNAM. SERGEANT SINH IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE COMBAT "V".

2. COMUSMACV RECOMMENDS APPROVAL. U.S. AMBASSADOR TO REPUBLIC OF  
VIETNAM CONCURS.

3. REQUEST REPLY IN TIME FOR PRESENTATION BY CG, FMFPAC.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM LTGEN WALT

1. WILL BE PREPARED ANYTIME AFTER 21 DEC TO GIVE YOU A BRIEFING ON THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:

- A. APPRAISAL OF MILITARY SITUATION IN AREA OF DNZ.
- B. LOGISTICAL CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT A DIVISION SIZE FORCE IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.
- C. CONCEPT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF 9TH AOK DIV (-).
- D. RD PLAN FOR ICTZ.

2. ANTICIPATE TIME REQUIRED TO COVER ALL FOUR SUBJECTS WILL APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS.

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S E C R E T PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GREENE FROM LTGEN WALT  
 SUBJ: RVN BILLET FOR LTCOL KEEVER

1. LTCOL KEEVER HAS BEEN OFFERED HIGH LEVEL POLICY MAKING JOB ON NATIONAL LEVEL IN OFFICE CIVIL OPERATIONS (OCO), THE NEW ORGANIZATION TO CONTROL ALL CIVIL AGENCIES IN REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT IN RVN. I UNDERSTAND THAT MR. WADE LATHRAM, DIRECTOR OCO, WILL CALL ON YOU DURING WEEK OF 19 DEC TO REQUEST TRANSFER OF KEEVER.

2. OCO WANTS KEEVER IN CIVILIAN STATUS BUT DUE TO NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION BY OCO, IF YOU APPROVE, THEY DESIRE HE BE ASSIGNED ASAP PENDING COMPLETION ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS FOR INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT.

3. KEEVER WANTS THE JOB AND I BELIEVE HE COULD DO US A LOT OF GOOD IN THAT POSITION. AMB PORTER RECOGNIZES KEEVER AS AN EXPERT IN CIVIC ACTION WHO CAN GET THINGS DONE AND HE NEEDS THAT KIND OF MAN, ESPECIALLY NOW. REQUEST GUIDANCE AS TO YOUR DESIRES IN THIS MATTER.

VERY RESPECTFULLY, LEW

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PERSONAL FOR GEN WESTMORELAND FROM LTGEN WALT

AN LO INCIDENT INVOLVING ARVN 3/3 BN ON 10DEC66

1. THE FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION OF EARLIER REPORTS OF THE AN LO INCIDENT IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION.

2. AT 100045H AN EST VC BN CONDUCTED A COORDINATED ATK AGAINST AN LO GARRISON AND BRIDGE. GARRISON CONSISTED OF 3/3(-). 2 CO'S OF THE BN WERE POSITIONED AT OTHER OUTPOSTS IN THE AN LO AREA. APPROX 200 82MM FRDS AND 15 57MM RR RDS FELL INSIDE THE GARRISON. THE VC ASSAULTED FROM THE N AND NW WITH APPROX 100 MEN. GRENADES AND SACHEL CHARGES WERE THROWN INTO BUNKERS. VC MISSION APPEARED TO BE OVERRUN GARRISON AND PICK UP WPNS. VC REMAINED IN GARRISON 2 1/2 HRS. FRD CAS WERE 24 KIA (INCL 1 US), 72 WIA (INCL 2 US) AND 12 MIA. 22 M-2 CARB, 34 M-1 CARB, 17 M-1 RIFLE, 15 45 CAL PISTOL, 2 LMG, 7 M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHERS, 3 60MM MORT, 1 81MM MORT TUBE, 2 PR BINO, 37 COMPASSES, 8 PRC-10 RADIOS, 41 FLASHLIGHTS, 3

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SUBMACHINE GUN AND 5 BAR LOST. EN CAS WERE 10 VC KIA, 50 KIA &amp; WIA PROB.

3. CONCURRENT WITH MAIN ATK 2 SWIMMERS DESTROYED AN LO BRIDGE BY DETONATING CHARGES AGAINST THE 3RD NORTHERN SPAN.

4. A SECONDARY ATK WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST PK 17. THE GARRISON RECD MORT FIRE AND LIGHT PROBE.

5. A RELIEF FORCE CONSISTING OF 2/7 APC CLOSED AN LO BRIDGE AT 0445H BUT WAS UNABLE TO CROSS THE BRIDGE TO JOIN WITH 3/3(-) UNTIL 0530H WHEN THEY WERE FERRIED ACROSS.

6. CO 2/7 APC TROOP WAS REPORTED AS EXCEEDINGLY RELUCTANT TO MOVE OUT FROM THE PK 17 AREA AS A RELIEF COLUMN, DESPITE ADVISOR EFFORTS, AND NOT AGGRESSIVE WHEN HE DID MOVE OUT. SA - 1ST ARVN DIVISION HAS RECOMMENDED HIS RELIEF. AMONG THE ADDITIONAL PROBLEM AREAS NOTED WERE:

A. NO PATROLS DURING THE 5 NIGHTS PRECEDING THE ATTACK.

B. RADIOS NOT ADEQUATELY PROTECTED.

C. INADEQUATE PERIMETER DEFENSES.

D. INADEQUATE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL ON WATCH.

7. VC ATTACK WAS EXCEEDINGLY WELL PLANNED AND EXECUTED. INTELLIGENCE WAS METICULOUS, E.G. VC SEARCHED FOR BN CDR BY NAME; ONLY ONE MORTAR SHELL FELL OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND; PRIORITY OF ATTACK APPEARED TO BE TO

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 BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY CP, BY OFFICERS, AND BY ADVISORS. ATTACK  
 COORDINATED WITH DIVERSION AT PK-17 WHICH WAS CONTINUED UNTIL MAIN  
 ATTACK AT AN LO CONCLUDED, WHEN PK-17 ACTION ALSO TERMINATED.  
 GEN. LAM HOLDS VIEW THAT ACTION WAS "INSIDE" JOB.  
 8. CORRECTIVE ACTION UNDERTAKEN BY ARVN INCLUDES REQUIREMENT FOR  
 MINIMUM 50 PERCENT ALERT THROUGHOUT I CORPS; ALSO A REQUIREMENT TO  
 INCREASE PATROLS AND TO VARY AMBUSH LOCATIONS; INCREASED ALERT DURING  
 UPCOMING VC REVOLUTIONARY DAY 19 DEC AND NAT'L LIBERATION FRONT ORGN  
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PERSONAL FOR GEN WESTMORELAND FROM LTGEN WALI

1. AT APPROX 140300H, FIRST PLAT N/3/5 SUSTAINED COORDINATED ATTACK AGAINST PLAT BASE PSN IN THE VIC OF HILL 71. (BT 458839) BY VC FORCE EST APPROX PLAT STRENGTH SUPPORTED BY MORTAR. VC FORCE WEARING DARK GREEN UNIF APPROACHED BY HVLY BRUSHED HILLSIDE FM THE WEST PENETRATING FM THE NORTHWEST ALONG TRAIL CONNECTING PSN WITH OP 400 YDS TO NORTHWEST.

2. ATTACKED UNIT WITHOUT PRIOR DETECTION USING 57MM RECOILESS AND GRENS. MG BUNKER AT POINT OF ENTRY IMMED. PUT OUT OF ACTION. AT SAME TIME 57MM RDS HIT COMM TENT DAMAGING ALL RADIOS. ATTACK CONTINUED ABOUT TEN MIN WITH EST 20 RDS 60 MM MTR, 20 RDS 57MM RECOILESS RIFLE, 30 GRENS AND SEVERAL HUNDRED RDS SA OR AV, 10-15 DUD GRENS PLUS 57MM RECOILESS RDS LATER FOUND THROUGHOUT PSN. ATTACK FORCE PENETRATED ABOUT 1/3 OF THE PSN.

3. PERIMETER PSNS WERE MANNED. EXTERNAL SUPPORT FIRES UNABLE TO BE

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CALLED DUE TO RADIO DESTRUCTION AT OUTSET. HOWEVER, ABOUT 208 RDS OF ARTY ILLUM LATER PROVIDED WHEN ATTACK SITUATION BECAME APPARENT FM BN CP. COMM WITH PLAT BASE WERE NOT EST UNTIL ABOUT 0630 WHEN PLAT SENT FM 1/3/5 TO REIN BY LVT'S. DETAILS OF SITUATION ON PSN NOT KNOWN TO HIGHER HQS UNTIL 0630.

4. HILL 71 PSN IS ONE TO WHICH N CO ELEM RECENTLY PULLED BACK OUT OF THE VILLAGE OF PHANH MY TRUNG (1) (BT 446023) AS AN ALTERNATE TO MORE VULNERABLE PSN INSIDE VILLAGE. INQUIRY CONTINUING AS TO ADEQUACY OF AMBUSH AND LISTENING POST PRECAUTIONS PRIOR TO ATTACK.

5. NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE AS TO ENEMY CAS ALTHOUGH BLOODY CLOTHING FOUND IN THE SUBSEQUENT SEARCH 140630H. ALSO FOUND ONE TSMG MAG, ONE M3A1 MAG, ONE US CARBINE MAG, 15 DUD CHI COM GRENS AND CONSIDERABLE 5MM BRASS CARTRIDGES. TOTAL FRDLY FORCES ON HILL 71 AT TIME OF ATTACK WERE 38 MARINES. TEN PF'S AND FIVE MARINES ON THE NW OBS POST. TOTAL FRDLY CAS TEN USMC KIA, ONE USMC DOW, 14 USMC WIA, THREE PRC 25 RADIOS DAMAGED, ONE M-60 MACHINE GUN MISSING.

6. STAFF SGT D.W. WILCOX, USMC, ACTING PLATOON CMDR FIRST PLAT IN ABSENCE LT LINDELOOM THEN ACTING AS CO XO. CONDITION SSGT WILCOX ABOARD USS REPOSE PRECLUDES DETAILED QUESTION AT THIS TIME. COMPLETE INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY. WILL FWD ADDITIONAL INFO AS DEVELOPED. INVESTIGATION

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT

1. 140300H M/3/5 PLATOON POSITION (BS 450039) ATTACKED BY ESTIMATED VC PLATOON. ENEMY ACTION WELL PLANNED AND EXECUTED WITH OPENING RD 57MM RR DIRECT HIT ON MG BUNKER AND ONE RD 57MM RR KNOCKED OUT RADIOS IN COMM TENT. GRENADES ACCOUNT FOR THIRD RADIO. VC WORE DARK GREEN UTILITIES AND WERE WELL EQUIPPED. POSITION NOT OVERRUN BUT VC ADVANCE REACHED PLT CP. PLAT FROM CO I SENT TO REINFORCE. ARTY FIRED ILLUMINATION BUT COULD NOT ADJUST H.E. WITHOUT COMMUNICATIONS AND PROX VC AND FRIENDLIES. CG 1ST DIV INTERVIEWED MARINES ON POSITION. ON USS REPOSE AND IN 1ST MED BN. SSGT ACTING PLATOON CDR NOT AVAILABLE UNDER ANESTHETIC FOLLOWING SURGERY.

2. PLAT HAD ARRIVED ON POSITION 131500H WITH MISSION OF EXPANDING AN EXISTING SQUAD OUTPOST. PERIMETER POSITIONS WERE MANNED. AFTERMATH GIVES IMPRESSION OF BEING CAUGHT OFF GUARD. DETAILED INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS BY CG TF XRAY.

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3. VC CASUALTIES UNKNOWN BUT FOUND MANY BLOOD TRAILS. VC EQUIP CAPTURED: ONE SMG MAG, ONE M3A1 MAG, ONE CARBINE MAG, 15 CHI COM GRENADES

4. COM CAS USMC: 11 KIA, 14 WIA

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PERSONAL FOR CG THIRD MARDIV FROM BGEN ELWOOD

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 050945Z PERSONAL

1. THE C-130 AIRLIFT REQUESTED IN REF A. WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON 5 DEC. THE FIRST DAY WEATHER PERMITTED AIR MOVEMENT INTO KHE SANH, AS FOLLOWS:

A. 2 C-130 LIFTS FROM PHU BAI TO KHE SANH

B. 1 C-130 LIFT FROM DONG HA TO KHE SANH

C. 6 C-130 LIFTS FROM DANANG TO KHE SANH

2. CARGO LOADED ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT WAS IN PRIORITY ESTABLISHED BY YOUR REPRESENTATIVES AND INCLUDED FROM DANANG THE EQUIPMENT OFFERED BY 30TH MCR TO PROVIDE FOR A WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM AS REQ IN PARA 3, REF A.

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 COMMENDATION

I HAVE THIS DATE COMMENDED COMBINED ACTION PLATOON B 1-5 FOR THE  
 FOLLOWING ACTION : QUOTE

1. ON 25 NOVEMBER 1966, ACTION ON INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED BY HOA LAC VILLAGE CHIEF, COMBINED ACTION PLATOON B 1-5 EFFECTED THE CAPTURE OF A GROUP OF FIFTEEN VIET CONG, INCLUDING A VIET CONG HAMLET CHIEF, A VIET CONG POLITICAL TEAM AND A VIET CONG RECONNAISSANCE UNIT.
2. AT 1210 ON 8 DECEMBER 1966, COMBINED ACTION PLATOON B 1-5 RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM A GROUP ESTIMATED AS SIX VIET CONG. FIRE WAS RETURNED AND IN THE ENSUING BRISK FIRE FIGHT, FOUR VIET CONG WERE KILLED AT A COST OF FOUR VIETNAMESE POPULAR FORCES MEMBERS AND TWO

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 US MARINES WOUNDED IN ACTION . THE ACTION UNCOVERED AN EXTENSIVE CAVE COMPLEX, WHICH WAS DESTROYED AND RESULTED IN THE CAPTURE OF ONE FIVE POUND SHAPE CHARGE, SIX CHICOM GRENADES, THREE M-26 GRENADES, ONE 45 CALIBER PISTOL, ONE CARBINE, AND ONE FRENCH AUTOMATIC WEAPON.  
 3. THE AGGRESSIVE SPIRIT AND DECISIVE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF COMBINED ACTION PLATOON B 1-5 THROUGHOUT THESE ACTIONS REFLECTS A HIGH DEGREE OF TEAMWORK AND SOUND LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT YOUR PLATOON AND IS A TRIBUTE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMBINED ACTION CONCEPT.

4. I COMMEND COMBINED ACTION PLATOON B 1-5 FOR ITS FINE DISPLAY OF PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND DETERMINATION. A HEARTY "WELL DONE" TO ALL. UNQUOTE

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PERSONAL FOR GEN GREENE FROM LTGEN WALT

SUBJ: EXTENSION OF TAD FOR LTCOL KEEVER .

REF: (A) HQMC TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY ORDERS ISSUED TO LTCOL

CHARLES J. KEEVER

1. IT IS ESTIMATED IT WILL TAKE 3 WEEKS FOR LTCOL KEEVER TO ACCOMPLISH ASSIGNED TASKS PURSUANT TO CMC INSTRUCTIONS. IT IS REQUESTED PAR 12 OF REF (A) BE MODIFIED TO READ 37 DAYS VICE 16 DAYS AND THAT CLEARANCE BE OBTAINED FOR LTCOL KEEVER TO REMAIN IN RVN THROUGH 31 DEC 1966.

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PERSONAL FROM GEN WALT TO GEN KRULAK  
 EQUIP FOR CAC

- A. MY LTR 3E/REL OVER 5000/3 SER 0106366 OF 17 AUG 66  
 B. MY LTR 4C/RDJ OVER 4441/1 SER 0139766 OF 25 SEP 66  
 C. CG THIRD MARDIV 210940Z SEP 66  
 D. CG THIRD MARDIV 190737Z OCT 66  
 E. MY 240050Z OCT 66  
 F. MY 131250Z NOV 66  
 G. CG FMFPAC 150203Z NOV 66  
 H. CG FMFPAC LTR 4C/830DL 01180066 OF 3 NOV 66  
 I. MY 031420Z DEC 66

1. ENCL (3) TO REF A CONTAINED A PROPOSED T/E FOR THE CAC UNITS.  
 2. REF B IN RESPONSE TO REF C REQUESTED CG THIRD MARDIV REVIEW ENCL (3) TO REF A AND ADVISE THIS HQ OF SPECIFIC ITEMS LISTED THEREIN FOR WHICH INTERIM REQUISITIONING AUTH WAS NECESSARY. PENDING APPROVAL

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OF CAC T/E TO PRECLUDE IMPAIRING TACTICAL CAPABILITY OF INF UNITS.  
 3. THIRD MARDIV REVIEW WAS REPORTED BY REF D AND RESULTED IN III MAF MSG TO FMFPAC, REF E, REQUESTING INTERIM AUTH TO REQUISITION ITEMS LISTED IN ENCL (3) WITH EXCEPTION OF AN/PRC 25 RADIOS. REF E FURTHER REQUESTED INTERIM AUTH TO REQUISITION INDIV WPNS AND EQUIP IN NORMAL PER INDIV AMTS FOR CAC PERSONNEL.

4. REF F REITERATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF E.  
 5. REF G REQUESTED CMC AUTH TO REQUISITION ITEMS OF EQUIP FOR CAC UNITS ON AN INTERIM BASIS AND REITERATED CG FMFPAC LTR ORIGINALLY REQUESTING APPROVAL OF CAC T/O AND T/E CONTAINED IN REF H.

6. REF I REQUESTED CG FMFPAC TAKE ACTION ON THIRD MARDIV REQ TO ENBAW BLT 1/4 W/O CERTAIN ITEMS OF T/E EQUIP WHICH IS ON TEMP LOAN TO A CAC UNIT WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT REPLACEMENT ITEMS FOR T/E SHORTAGES RESULTING FROM CAC ISSUE WOULD BE MADE UP UPON ARRIVAL BLT 1/4 OKINAWA.

7. I CONSIDER THE MATERIAL READINESS OF OUR CAC UNITS AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY. MANY OF THESE UNITS HAVE FOUGHT ENGAGEMENTS WITH THE VC AND ARE NOW BEGINNING TO HAVE AN IMPORTANT INFLUENCE ON THE OVERALL TACTICAL POSTURE OF III MAF. THE EMPLOYMENT OF CAC UNITS TO THEIR FULL CAPABILITY IN ECONOMY OF FORCE OPERATIONS WILL PERMIT GREATER EFFORT

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AGAINST THE VC MAIN FORCES AND NVA UNITS BY OUR HEAVY COMBAT UNITS.  
I FEEL THAT WE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THIS PROGRAM VIABLE  
AND DYNAMIC TO THE END THAT ITS FULL EFFECT MAY BE BROUGHT TO BEAR  
AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. I HAVE ASSIGNED THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO THIS  
PROGRAM BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT IT WILL HAVE A DECISIVE EFFECT ON THE  
MORAL OF THE LOCAL PEOPLE AS WELL AS AN IMPACT ON INTERNATIONAL  
CONSENSUS SINCE IT IS A DIRECT AND OUTWARD MANIFESTATION OF OUR DETER-  
MINATION TO JOIN WITH THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN A COMBINED  
EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE IDENTITY OF THEIR NATION.

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SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS

- 1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR TELEPHONIC INQUIRY OF 30 NOVEMBER INTO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE EFFORTS OF III MAF IN THE AREA OF SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS, THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED.
- 2. III MAF SMALL UNITS OPERATIONS FOR PAST SIX MONTHS ARE:

JUNE 11343  
 JULY 13258  
 AUG 10655  
 SEP 10375  
 OCT 10685  
 NOV 11605

- 3. OPERATION HASTINGS WHICH REACHED ITS PEAK IN LATE JULY, POSITIONED SIX BATTALIONS IN NORTHERN ICTZ, WITH RESULTANT REDUCTION ON TOTAL NUMBER OF BATTALIONS AVAILABLE FOR SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE IN ICTZ.

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- 4. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN EARLY AUGUST OF THIS YEAR WE BEGAN TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON BATTALION DAYS OF OPERATION. AS DISCUSSED DURING YOUR VISIT TO III MAF IN EARLY SEPTEMBER, AN EMPHASIS ON EFFORTS TO INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BATTALION DAYS WOULD RESULT IN A DRAWDOWN IN THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS REPORTED. THIS, IN FACT, OCCURRED, DESPITE A CONTINUING MAJOR EFFORT IN SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS.
- 5. III MAF CONSIDERS THAT EFFORTS IN BOTH LARGE AND SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING THE GOAL OF OUR FORCES IN VIETNAM. THEY ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE A DETRIMENT TO EACH OTHER.
- 6. IN SUMMARY, TWO THINGS CAUSED OUR DOWNING FROM OUR PEAK OF 13,258 SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS ATTAINED IN JULY. ONE WAS OPERATION HASTINGS, WHICH BECAME PRACTICE, AND THE OTHER WAS THE BATTALION DAYS EMPHASIS REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE. DESPITE THIS HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT OUR SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE EMPHASIS THEY REQUIRE. PERTINENT TO THIS IS THE CONTINUING UPWARD TREND OF SUCH ACTIONS AS REFLECTED IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

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