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- ~~6. CG III MAF 070650Z Feb 67 (UNCLAS)
Personal for LtGen Krulak from LtGen Walt
Subj: Full name of BGen Truong CG 1stARVN~~
 - ~~7. CG III MAF 100820Z Feb 67 (CONFIDENTIAL)
Personal for VAdm Hyland from LtGen Walt
Subj: Invitation to lunch 13 Feb 67~~
 8. CG III MAF 110316Z Feb 67 (SECRET) *gp-4*
Personal for Gen Westmoreland from LtGen Walt
Subj: Forces for SA HUYNH and Operation Lewis
 9. CG III MAF 110322Z Feb 67 (UNCLAS)
Personal for LtGen Krulak from LtGen Walt
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 10. CG III MAF 110310Z Feb 67 (SECRET) *gp-4*
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 - ~~11. CG III MAF 130830Z Feb 67 (CONFIDENTIAL)
Personal for VAdm Hyland from LtGen Walt
Subj: Invitation for Adm Hyland and three staff officers to attend
Briefing, Moun and dinner~~

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- ~~42. CG III MAF 140930Z Feb 67 (UNCLAS)
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- ~~43. CG III MAF 150948Z Feb 67 (UNCLAS)
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Subj: Message breakdown and corrective action~~
14. CG III MAF 170146Z Feb 67 (CONFIDENTIAL) *gp-4*
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15. CG III MAF 170310Z Feb 67 (SECRET) *gp-4*
Personal for MajGen Kyle from LtGen Walt
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- ~~46. CG III MAF 170522Z Feb 67 (CONFIDENTIAL)
Personal for LtGen Krulak, Info MajGen Kyle from LtGen Walt
Subj: Approval for Hong Kong visit~~
- ~~17. CG III MAF 170314Z Feb 67 (UNCLASSIFIED)
Personal for Gen Westmoreland from LtGen Walt
Subj: Gen Westmoreland visit for an award presentation ceremony~~
- ~~18. CG III MAF 180904Z Feb 67 (SECRET)
Personal for BGen Kim from LtGen Walt
Subj: Invitation to Awards Ceremony~~
19. CG III MAF 210220Z Feb 67 (SECRET) *gp-4*
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Subj: Operation Lien Ket 81 (ARVN)
20. CG III MAF 211056Z Feb 67 (CONFIDENTIAL) *group-4*
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Subj: Visit of Dr. G. W. Johnson
21. CG III MAF 220018Z Feb 67 (CONFIDENTIAL) *gp-4*
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Subj: Death of Dr. Fall
22. CG III MAF 220740Z Feb 67 (UNCLASSIFIED)
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MajGen's Nickerson and Kyle
Subj: Recommendations for Individual Awards

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Personal for Gen Greene and LtGen Krulak from LtGen Walt
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S E C R E T PERSONAL FROM LTGEN WALT TO GEN WESTMORELAND

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO BE EMPHASIZED AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND HERE IN III MAF. HIGHLIGHTS OF PROGRAM LISTED BELOW.
2. THE TET CAMPAIGN WAS INITIATED WITH A JOINT US/ARVN TARGETING CONFERENCE AT THE III MAF PSYOP SUPPORT CENTER (PSC). AN INTERGATED TARGET LIST WAS ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED AT THE PSC FOR ARVN, U.S. AND FMAF. ALL LEAFLET AND LOUDSPEAKER AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS WERE SCHEDULED AND COORDINATED THROUGH THE PSC. THIS COORDINATED EFFORT PROVIDED MOST EFFECTIVE COVERAGE OF I CORPS AND OF 363 TARGETS SELECTED 332 HAVE BEEN COVERED AND THE REST WILL BE HIT PRIOR END OF THE TET CAMPAIGN ON 28 FEB.
3. I HAVE DIRECTED MY COMMANDERS TO IMPLEMENT OPERATION "HOME FRONT" WHICH IS DESIGNED TO EXPAND AND INTENSIFY THE FACE-TO-FACE PSYOP PROGRAMS OF MARINE UNITS. IT WILL ENCOMPASS EACH HAMLET/VILLAGE WITHIN THEIR AREA OF OPERATION AND ALL AVAILABLE MEDIA WILL BE UTILIZED INCLUDING: HAND DISTRIBUTION OF LEAFLETS, USE OF RETURNEES

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 ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS, VIS PERSONNEL, AUDIO/VISUAL AND LOUDSPEAKER TEAMS OF THE 244TH, SPECIAL FESTIVALS, ETC..

4. USE OF PSYOP IN SUPPORT OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS IS INCREASING AND I RECENTLY AUGMENTED THE 244TH PSYOP COMPANY WITH 14 MARINES WHICH HAS INCREASED THE COMPANY'S CAPABILITY APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT.

5. OPERATION "FOUR WINDS" UTILIZES AIRCRAFT ON ROUTINE, ADMIN, LOGISTIC FLIGHTS, ETC. FOR LEAFLET DROPS OVER RANDOM TARGETS THROUGHOUT I CORPS. WHICH INCREASES LEAFLET OPERATIONS AT NO COST IN A/C.

6. U.S., FMAF AND ARVN VICTORIES, RALLIERS, VC INITIATED INCIDENTS ARE EXPLOITED BY MEANS OF LEAFLETS, POSTERS, AIR/GROUND BROADCASTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. THE PSYOP EXPLOITATION TEAM (POET) OF THE 244TH PSYOP COMPANY IS USED EXTENSIVELY TO PROVIDE QUICK REACTION EXPLOITATION. TAPED MESSAGES HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND AERIAL BROADCAST MADE WITHIN ONE HOUR; LEAFLETS HAVE BEEN PRODUCED AND DROPPED IN 17 HOURS.

7. THE DANANG ARMED PROPAGANDA PLATOON HAS BEEN PLACED UNDER THE OPCON OF 10TH POLVAR BN AND 244TH PSYOP CO. BY GENERAL LAM. THE PLATOON HAS COMPLETED INTENSIVE TRAINING BY 10TH BN AND 244TH AND

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ARE BEING EMPLOYED FOR FACE-TO-FACE PSYOP, CONDUCTING SURVEYS OF HAMLETS AND EDITING AND TESTING OF LEAFLETS.

8. III MAF PSYOP CONFERENCES HELD MONTHLY CONTINUE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MEANS OF DISSEMINATING INFORMATION, DISCUSSING TECHNIQUES, IDEAS AND PROBLEM AREAS. ATTENDEES INCLUDE REFS DOWN TO BN LEVEL. LAST CONFERENCE HELD ON 24 FEB.

9. III MAF PSYOP NEWSLETTER PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL MEANS OF COMMUNICATING IDEAS, TECHNIQUES, AND DIRECTION FOR THE CONDUCT OF PSYOP IN THIS COMMAND. LAST EDITION 12 FEB 67.

10. III MAF MONTHLY PSYOP ORIENTATION COURSE ESTABLISHED JAN 67 IS DESIGNED TO FAMILIARIZE BN, REGT PSYOP PERSONNEL WITH CAPABILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF 244TH PSYOP CO., THE CMIEU HOI PROGRAM, ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS, LEAFLET DEVELOPMENT AND PSYOP INTELLIGENCE AND PLANNING. TWO CLASSES HAVE GRADUATED TO DATE WITH A TOTAL OF 23 STUDENTS.

11. EMPLOYMENT OF RETURNEES WITH INFANTRY UNITS AS KIT CARSON SCOUTS HAS PROVEN TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE FOR PSYOP, TACTICAL OPNS AND INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. IS NOW ASSIGNED FIRST MARDIV 8 IN TRAINING. 15 RETURNEES NOW BEING PROCESSED BY THIRD MARDIV FOR KCS. PROGRAM WILL BE EXPANDED AS RAPIDLY AS SUITABLE RETURNEES BECOME

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AVAILABLE. KIT CARSON SOP PUBLISHED 17 FEB. I AM FORWARDING A COPY UNDER SEPERATE COVER.

12. WEEKLY MEETING BEING HELD BY MY PSYOP OFFICER, I CORPS PSYWAR OFFICER, REFS FROM III MAF PSC, I CORPS PROPAGANDA COORDINATION CENTER (PCC) AND ADVISORY GROUP FOR PURPOSE OF PLANNING AND COORDINATING PSYOP OF ALL CONCERNED. THIS IN ADDITION TO DAILY LIAISON MAINTAINED AT WORKING LEVEL. THESE MEETINGS MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND IMPROVED EFFECTIVENESS OF PSYOP AS RESULT OF COORDINATION DEMONSTRATED DURING TET CAMPAIGN.

13. EVERY EFFORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO IMPROVE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND EXPAND THE PSYOP PROGRAM IN ICIZ.

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PERSONAL FOR GEN GREENE AND LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN VALT

1. THE REMAINS OF DR. BERNARD FALL ARE NOW IN CUSTODY U. S. EMBASSY, SAIGON. UNDERSTAND PLAN IS TO EVACUATE BODY VIA FIRST AVAILABLE AIR TRANS 26 FEB TO DOVER AFB DELAWARE FOR BURIAL SOMEWHERE ON EAST COAST.

2. PERSONAL EFFECTS DELIVERED BY COURIER TO SAIGON YESTERDAY; THOSE FROM 3D MARDIV TO TON SAN NUT MORTUARY AND THOSE FROM DANANG CIB TO MR FRANCOIS FULLY AT REQUEST OF MRS FALL THROUGH CAPTAIN LEONARD OF JUSPAO. INVENTORIES WITH EFFECTS AND ON FILE WITH ORIGINATORS.

3. A MEMORIAL SERVICE WAS HELD AT HQS III MAF YESTERDAY WITH A GOOD ATTENDANCE AND A III MAF RABBI OFFICIATING.

4. THIS, WITH MY 221510Z NOTAL WRAPS UP THE UNTIMELY DEATH OF DR. FALL UNTIL SUBMISSION OF 3D MARDIV INVESTIGATION.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN NALT.
 VISIT OF MR. SILKWOOD

1. EMPHASIS WAS LAID ON THOROUGH BRIEFINGS. THE HIGH POINT OF HIS INTEREST AT III MAF HQ'S WAS THE G-3 PRESENTATION ON STRENGTHS AND NON-EFFECTIVES. HE STATED THAT HE WAS AT THIS TIME WRITING A STUDY ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT HE HAD CONFIRMED HIS BELIEF THAT SOME RELIEF SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO COMPENSATE FOR THE NON-EFFECTIVES. HE VISITED ALL OF THE SUBORDINATE UNITS AND APPEARED TO CONTINUE TO "DO HIS HOMEWORK." THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS APPEARED IN THE COURSE OF HIS VISITS:

2. AREAS OF INTEREST IN AVIATION:
 A. WAS IMPRESSED BY MAGNITUDE OF FMAW OPNS, AND EXTENT OF LOGISTIC EFFORT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT FMAW IN WIDELY DISPERSED LOCATIONS.
 B. NOTED THAT FMAW USES COMMON ITEM SUPPORT FROM NSA.
 C. ASKED RECALL POSTURE OF FMAW DURING POST VN AND WHAT UNITS

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WOULD PROBABLY GO TO KUSHI VAN, IF CONSTRUCTED. FMFPAC STUDY ON POST VN POSTURE USED AS BASIS FOR REPLIES.

D. TPQ ACCURACY AND CEP. ANS: 100 FT AT 25MI; 150 FT AT 50MI.

E. ASKED IF A/C REPLACEMENT POOL ADEQUATE. ANS: WESTPAC COSA POOL EXPLAINED. ADEQUATE TO FMAW NEEDS.

F. ASKED IF THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF GETTING SYSTEM 360 COMPUTER: ANS: YES, IN FORSEEABLE FUTURE.

G. ARE FLIGHT TACTICS MODIFIED DUE TO ENEMY GROUND FIRE? ANS: YES, BY FLYING HIGH AS POSSIBLE. AVOIDING PLOTTED GROUND FIRE AREAS. USING ARMED HELOS FOR SUPPRESSION.

H. ASKED ABOUT NUMBER OF A/C IN VMF, VMA. HOURS FLOWN PER MO. BY F-4 PILOT (30). HOW LONG TO EXECUTE SCRAMBLE, ETC. ANS: CONDITION ONE, 2 MIN; CONDITION TWO, 5 MIN; CONDITION THREE; 15 MIN.

3. AREAS OF INTEREST SHOWN CONCERNING GROUND FORCES:

A. CAC PROGRAM. ASKED INDIVIDUAL MARINE IN CAC L-5 WHAT HE LIKED BEST ABOUT HIS JOB. ANS: ORGANIZING, TRAINING, AND WATCHING PROGRESS OF PF. QUESTION: HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO ON PATROL? ANS: EVERY NIGHT.

B. CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF 155(SP), 155 HOW (SP), AND 8

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INCH HOW (SP). TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS GIVEN. ASKED HOW OFTEN GUNS ARE EMPLOYED. ANS: EVERY DAY. QUESTION: HOW MANY ROUNDS BEFORE TUBES WEAR OUT? ANS: 155 GUN, 3-500 RDS; HOW, 18,000 RDS. QUESTION: WHY DOESN'T MARINE CORPS WANT ARMY'S LIGHT WEIGHT 105? ANS: BY COL RANDALL, ESCORT. WEAPON DOES NOT MEET MARINE CORPS STANDARDS FOR STABILITY, MINIMUM RANGE, AND DEFLECTION. C. EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN "NON-EFFECTIVES." ASKED 3D MARDIV TO GIVE DAILY AVERAGES ON THE NON-EFFECTIVES.

ANS:	OFF	ENL
R & R	21	384
EMERGENCY LEAVE	1	40
30 DAY SPECIAL LEAVE	1	190
TAD	4	6
HOSPITAL	5	163
BRIG	0	37
TOTAL	32	820

NOTE: DOES NOT INCLUDE R & R IN COUNTRY; TRANSIENTS UNASSIGNED, OR FORCE NON T/O BILLETS.

D. EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SOURCES OF INTELLIGENCE AND SENSORS, SIZE OF ROUGH RIDER CONVOYS, AND STRENGTH OF RIFLE COMPANIES.

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4. AREAS OF INTEREST ON SUPPLY AND LOGISTICS:

A. SHOWED GREAT INTEREST IN FLC, MISSION, FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATION, STRENGTH, DEPLOYMENT, AND COMMAND STRUCTURE OF FLC. ALL ANSWERED WITH COPIES OF CHARTS.

B. PARTICULAR INTEREST IN DATA PROCESSING PROGRAMS (AMAZED AT 360); BULK FUEL INSTALLATIONS; SUPPORT FOR SPECIALIZED UNITS; LSU ASSIGNED SLF, AND WAREHOUSING.

C. INTEREST THROUGHOUT APPEARED STRAIGHT FORWARD AND FACTUAL.

5. HE DEPARTED, MOST APPRECIATIVE OF THE TREATMENT ACCORDED HIM AND IMPRESSED BY THE SCOPE AND MAGNITUDE OF THE III MAF OPERATIONS.

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 A. CG FMFPAC 162014Z FEB 67

1. FOLLOWING ACTION TAKEN TO EXPLOIT 2ND ROK BDE'S VICTORY ON 15 FEB.
 A. 380 THOUSAND LEAFLETS AND SAFE CONDUCT PASSES WERE DROPPED AND ONE HOUR OF AERIAL BROADCAST MADE ON TWO SORTIES FLOWN ON MORNING 16 FEB BY 5TH ACS AIRCRAFT IN BRIGADE'S LOCAL AREA. THESE LEAFLETS MAINTAINED BY PSYOP LIAISON TEAM AT TASK-FORCE X-RAY TO PROVIDE QUICK REACTION EXPLOITATION OF VICTORY WITH THE THEME THAT VC CANNOT WIN BECAUSE OF ARVN AND FREE WORLD MIGHT. THEY URGE VC TO RALLY TO GVN WITH WEAPONS. ADDITIONAL SORTIES FLOWN 17 AND 20 FEB IN SURROUNDING AREA.

B. 300,000 LEAFLETS WITH PICTURES OF VC BODIES AND WEAPONS DROPPED ON 21 FEB. ADDITIONAL LEAFLETS BEING PRODUCED FOR SUBSEQUENT DROPS.
 2. WILLIAM TOUHY L.A. TIMES - WASH POST NEWS SERVICE AND JOHN SCHNEIDER UPI PHOTOGRAPHER VISITED SITE FEB 15 AND BOTH FILED. PS&S CARRIED FRONT PAGE HEADLINES AND STORY ON 17 FEB. JOHN BERTHELSON NEWSWEEK.

Cf. haswell. EY

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 MAGAZINE VISITED ROKMC ON 16 FEB FOR STORY OF SUBJECT ENGAGEMENT.
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OFFICER, BUT THAT THE TRAP OF THE VIET CONG BN HAD BEEN SEALED
BY HIS RAW COURAGE, DETERMINATION, AND PHYSICAL ENDURANCE. CAPTAIN
LAIN SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS ENTIRE COMPANY AND WAS
INSTRUMENTAL IN THE KILLING OF MORE THAN 256 VIET CONG AND THE
DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMY BN. CAPTAIN LAIN'S GALLANT ACTIONS
WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED
STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.
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 NICKERSON AND KYLE
 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL AWARDS.

A. FMFPACC 1650. IA

1. 2DLT ALAN R. MCLEAN, DOUBLE AMPUTEE FROM OPN STONE, WILL
 DEPART CLARK AFB ON FLT 034Y AT 0900H, 23FEB FOR YOKOTA. AFTER
 ONE HOUR REFUELING STOPS AT YOKOTA AND ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA,
 HE WILL BE TAKEN TO ANDREWS AFB AND THEN TO USNH, PHILA FOR
 TREATMENT.

2. 1/CPLS SAMUEL L. KING 2134066, DOUBLE AMPUTEE, AND DAVID
 E. WHITE, 2153689, SINGLE AMPUTEE, BOTH FROM OPN STONE, WILL
 DEPART CLARK AFB ON FLT 534 AT 1130H 22FEB TO YOKOTA. AFTER
 1 1/2 HOUR REFUELING STOP WILL DEPART FOR TRAVIS, AFB AND THEN

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 TO USNH, OAK KNOLL FOR TREATMENT.

3. DUE TO CRITICAL CONDITION OF ALL THREE MEN, RECOMMEND
 ALL RECEIVE BELOW RECOMMENDED AWARDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
 FOR MORALE PURPOSES.

4. REF A. REFERS.

A. 2DLT ALAN ROBB MCLEAN, 095202, USMC

B. CO B, 1ST BN, 26TH MAR

C. BRONZE STAR MEDAL

D. SEE E.

E. FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH OPNS AGAINST THE
 ENEMY WHILE SERVING WITH CO B, 1ST BN, 26TH MAR IN THE REPUBLIC
 OF VIETNAM. ON 15FEB67 AN ENEMY (VIER CONG) FORCE NUMBERING
 APPROXIMATELY 130 WAS LOCATED EAST OF CO C, 1ST BN, 26TH MAR, AN
 ADJACENT UNIT. LT MC CLEAN VOLUNTEERED TO LEAD A REINFORCED SQUAD
 TO A BLOCKING POSITION TO ASSIST THE ADJACENT UNIT. HE ORGANIZED
 AND MOVED THE UNIT TO THE POSITION IN A MINIMUM OF TIME WITHOUT
 CASUALTIES. SEVERAL HOURS LATER HE WAS TASKED TO CONSOLIDATE HIS
 UNIT WITH TWO OTHER SQUADS IN OTHER AREAS. AGAIN, THIS WAS
 SKILLFULLY ACCOMPLISHED IN MINIMUM TIME AND CONTRIBUTED TO
 THE COMPANY'S MISSION OF ESTABLISHING A BLOCK TO THE NORTH. AS

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 A RESULT OF HIS PERSONAL DIRECTION, EXEMPLARY PROFESSIONALISM, AND UNTIRING LEADERSHIP THROUGHOUT THE HOURS OF DARKNESS THE ENEMY WAS UNABLE TO BREAK THE BLOCKING POSITION. THE NEXT MORNING, WHILE RECEIVING CONTINUOUS SNIPER FIRE, HE CONSTANTLY MOVED AMONG HIS MEN DIRECTING THE SWEEP TOWARDS THE ENEMY. AS HE WAS MOVING TO A BETTER VANTAGE POINT, HE STEPPED ON AN ENEMY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE RESULTING IN THE INSTANTANEOUS LOSS OF BOTH LEGS. EVEN THOUGH CRITICALLY WOUNDED AND WHILE RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT HE CONTINUED TO ENCOURAGE AND INSTRUCT HIS MEN. WHILE BEING PLACED IN THE MEDICAL EVACUATION HELICOPTER HE WAS STILL INSTRUCTING AND ENCOURAGING HIS MEN. THROUGH HIS UTTER DISREGARD FOR PAIN AND TRIBULATION, HIS TIMELY AND RESSOURCEFUL LEADERSHIP PROVIDED CONTINUITY AT A MOMENT WHEN IT WAS MOST PRECIOUS, THUS ENCOURAGING AND INSPIRING HIS MEN TO CONTINUE THE MISSION. HIS DEVOTION TO DUTY, VALOR, EXEMPLARY LEADERSHIP, AND GALLANT ACTIONS THROUGHOUT WERE AN INSPIRATION TO THOSE WITH WHOM HE SERVED AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.
 5. REF A. REFERS.

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 A. LCPL SAMUEL LAURENCE KING, 2184066, USMC
 B. CO B, 1STBN, 1STMAR
 C. SILVER STAR
 D. SEE E.
 E. FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION WHILE SERVING AS COMPANY RADIO OPERATOR, CO B, 1STBN, 1STMAR IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. DURING OPERATION STONE ON 19FEB67, LCPL KING DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL COURAGE, DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND PHYSICAL ENDURANCE. WHILE TRAVERSING A DISTANCE IN EXCESS OF 5000 METERS THROUGH HEAVILY MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED TERRAIN TO CUT OFF A MAIN FORCE VIET CONG BN'S LAST ROUTE OF ESCAPE, LCPL KING WAS CRITICALLY WOUNDED BY AN ENEMY MINE. ALTHOUGH HE RECOGNIZED THE SEVERITY OF HIS WOUNDS AND DISPITE THE INTENSE PAIN, LCPL KING STEADFASTLY REFUSED TO RELINQUISH HIS DUTY AS COMPANY RADIO OPERATOR AND CONTINUED TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES CALWLY AND EFFICIENTLY. NOT UNTIL HE HAD EFFECTED THE FINAL COMMUNICATION OF HIS COMPANY COMMANDER DID LCPL KING SUMMON MEDICAL EVACUATION AND RELINQUISH HIS ASSIGNED DUTY. HIS COURAGEOUS ACTIONS AND UNYIELDING DEVOTION TO DUTY WERE AN INSPIRATION TO ALL AND WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN ACCOMPLISHING

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 THE MISSION OF HIS COMPANY. HIS GALLANT CONDUCT WAS IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE.

G. REF A. REFERS.

A. LCPL DAVID EUGENE WHITE, 2153689, USMC

B. CO B, 1ST BN, 1ST MAR

C. BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT DISTINGUISHING DEVICE

D. SEE E.

E. FOR HEROIC ACHIEVEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS AGAINST THE ENEMY WHILE SERVING WITH CO B, 1ST BN, 1ST MAR ON 15 FEB 67, IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. DURING OPERATION STONE, A FRIENDLY BLOCKING FORCE WAS SET IN AGAINST THE ENEMY. WHILE THE BLOCKING FORCE WAS MOVING INTO POSITION LCPL WHITE PLACED HIS 60MM GUN SECTION IN ACTION TO BRING MAXIMUM FIRE UPON THE TRAPPED ENEMY'S MAIN FORCE. HE CONTINUALLY EXPOSED HIMSELF TO INTENSE ENEMY FIRE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF THE ENEMY POSITION AND TO MAINTAIN A STEADY REPLENISHMENT OF AMMUNITION FOR THE GUN CREW. LCPL WHITE WAS STRUCK DOWN BY THE ENEMY'S FIRE AND ONLY AFTER BECOMING SERIOUSLY WOUNDED DID HE RELAX HIS EFFORTS TO QUELL THE ENEMY'S FIRE. HIS DEVOTION

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TO DUTY, COURAGE IN THE FACE OF THE ENEMY, AND DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN PERSONAL SAFETY SERVED AS AN INSPIRATION TO ALL THAT OBSERVED HIM. LCPL WHITE'S INITIATIVE AND COURAGEOUS ACTION WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE. LCPL WHITE IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE COMBAT "V".

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1. YOUR 211918Z FEB INFORMATION INITIALLY PASSED TO GEN WESTMORELAND BY PERSONAL PHONE CALL BEFORE IDENTITY OF DR. FALL AS VICTIM WAS DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED. COMUSMACV DIRECTED WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF ANY FURTHER DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION INCIDENT UNTIL IT WAS FURTHER VERIFIED. OFFICIAL INFORMATION TO COMMAND CENTERS WAS RELEASED TO COC MACV AT 211531Z AND TO FMFPAC AT 211655Z AS SOON AS CONFIRMING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM CG 3D MARDIV REGARDING THE IDENTITY OF DR. FALL. CONCUR THAT ONE HOUR 24 MINUTES LAPSE BETWEEN TRANSMISSION TO COC MACV AND YOUR COMD. CENTER IS EXCESSIVE. CORRECTIVE ACTION BEING TAKE.

2. NO FURTHER INFORMATION YET AVAILABLE BEYOND MY 211655Z. WEATHER GROUNDED HELO OPS SHORTLY AFTER EVACUATION OF WOUNDED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT
 VISIT OF DR. G.W. JOHNSON

1. IN THE COURSE OF DR JOHNSON'S VISIT HE DISPLAYED GREAT INTEREST IN APPLYING THE CONSIDERABLE RESOURCES OF THE NAVY LABORATORIES TO ANY REAL, SHORT RANGE PROBLEMS WE MIGHT ENCOUNTER OUT HERE. FOR EXAMPLE HE THINKS HIS PEOPLE MIGHT APPLY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TOWARD REDUCING OUR MINE/BOOBY TRAP CASUALTIES.

2. HE PROPOSES THAT IF WE STATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY, HE IS PREPARED TO SEND A COUPLE OF HIS PERSONNEL OUT HERE FOR THESE PURPOSES. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THEY WOULD BE HERE TO HELP AND THAT WE COULD SEND THEM HOME WHENEVER THEIR USEFULNESS WAS AT AN END.

3. I WOULD BE PLEASE TO ACCEPT THIS TALENT UNDER THE FOREGOING PROVISIONS. BEST REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL GREENE AND LTJEN KRULAK FROM LT GEN WALT
 OPERATION LIEN KET 81 (ARVN).

1. LIEN KET 81, A S&O OPERATION IN COORDINATION WITH
 FIRST MARDIV (OPERATION RIO GRANDE) AND 2ND ROKMC BDE (OPERATION
 GIANT DRAGON) COMMENCED ON 17 FEB 67. PARTICIPATING FORCES ARE 1
 USMC BN V/7TH MARINES CONTROL HQ, 2 ROKMC BNS, 6 ARVN BNS (1 INF
 2 RGR, 3 ABN BN), AND CIDG FORCES. THE OPERATION IS TAKING PLACE
 IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE. OPERATIONS ON 17 AND 18 FEB WERE WITHOUT
 A MAJOR CONTACT.

2. AT 190640H VIC BS 491792 THE 7TH ABN BN WAS ATTACKED BY
~~2 VC BNS~~. THIS CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL 191825H WHEN THE VC BROKE
 CONTACT AND WITHDREW TO THE CENTER OF THE ENCIRCLED OPERATIONS
 AREA VIC BN 489765. DURING THIS ACTION THE THREE ABN BNS

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MANEUVERED AGAINST AND MADE CONTACT WITH THE VC. THE ABN TASK FORCE
 ESTABLISHED POSITIONS IN A SEMI-CIRCLE TO THE NE OF THE VC POSITION
 THE SONG TRA KHUIC RIVER BLOCKED VC WITHDRAWAL TO THE SW. 47 AIR
 STRIKES WERE FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE ABN TASK FORCE. ON 20 FEB
 OPERATIONS OF THE ABN TASK FORCE WERE LIMITED TO POLICING THE
 BATTLE AREA.

3. INDICATIONS ARE THAT ENEMY UNITS IN CONTACT IN LIEN KIET 81
 WERE ELEMENTS OF THE 4TH BN/1ST VC REGT, 1ST AND 3RD BNS/21ST
 VC REGT AND ELEMENTS OF THE SUPPORT BATTALIONS OF THE 2ND NVA DIV.
 THE RESULTS OF THIS CONTACT WERE: ENEMY KIA (CONF) 613, KIA (PROB)
 152, KBA (PROB) 192, PU 67 CREW SERVED WEAPONS CAPTURED 43,
 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED 147. TOTAL FRIENDLY CASUALTIES LIEN
 KET 81: 47 KIA, 176 WIA, 2 MIA.

4. THE 40TH AND 60TH BNS 1ST VC REGT WERE INVOLVED IN ATTACK ON
 ROKMC 10TH CO ON 16 FEB IN WHICH THEY SUFFERED SEVERE LOSSES,
 INCLUDING 246 KILLED AND 60 PROBABLES. THESE LOSSES IN MEN AND
 EQUIPMENT, WILL SERIOUSLY IMPAIR THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
 2ND NVA DIV. FINAL FIGURES MAY WELL BE HIGHER.

5. ARVN TROOPS DURING ACTION 19 FEB DID A SUPERB JOB. FIGHTING
 DURING A 2 HOUR PERIOD INVOLVED SAVAGE HAND TO HAND COMBAT.

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OVERALL ACTIVITY INCLUDED MANEUVER OF TROOPS IN CONTACT AND CLOSE
 COORDINATION OF SUPPORTING ARMS ALL OF WHICH WAS DONE WITH
 PROFESSIONAL SKILL. 1ST BN FIFTH MARINES WAS MOVED TO ASSIST BUT
 WAS NOT INVOLVED IN MAIN PORTIONS OF THE ACTION. THIS WAS AN
 ARVN CONCEIVED ACTION, EXECUTED WITH PROFESSIONALISM. IT SHOULD
 DO MUCH TO SILENCE THOSE WHO ARE ALL TOO PRONE TO CRITICIZE
 COMBAT ABILITIES OF ARVN FORCES.

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 LOG SUPPORT 3RD MARDIV

A. THIRD MARDIV 14060Z
 B. THIRD MARDIV LOGSUM JAN 67
 C. FORLOGCMD 140430Z

1. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER CURRENT LOG SUPPORT AS EXPRESSED IN REFS A AND B. I HAVE FOLLOWED THE PROBLEM OVER A PERIOD OF TIME, AS HAVE MY STAFF AND CG FLC. WHILE WE HAVE NO QUICK SOLUTIONS, I BELIEVE THAT SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN BOTH HERE AND AT FLC TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION IN YOUR AREA.

2. SOME OF THESE ACTIONS ARE:
 A. REORGANIZATION OF FLC TO PROVIDE COMPLETE LOG SUPPORT GROUP IN YOUR AREA OF OPERATIONS. THIS WAS DONE ADMINISTRATIVELY ON 15 FEB BY REF C. THIS WILL MEAN ESTABLISHMENT OF A STOCK ACCT WITH A MOBILE DPI AT PHU BAI ABOUT 1 MARCH, AN ADDITIONAL 200-300 MEN OVER NEXT 30-60 DAYS AND AUTHORIZATION FOR FIRST

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 TIME OF A FULL T/AE FOR FLC UNITS IN YOUR AREA. EVENTUALLY FLC WILL GET ABOUT 1000 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AND A HEALTHY SHARE WILL COME NORTH.

B. REEVALUATION OF CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES WITHIN FLC TO PUT MCON PROJECTS IN NORTH AT TOP OF LIST AND WELL WITHIN THE LIMITED FUNDING AVAILABLE. THIS MEANS CURTAILMENT OF PROJECTS FOR DANANG AND CHU LAI SO AS TO ENABLE EARLY COMPLETION OF THOSE IN SUPPORT YOUR DIVISION. REAL ESTATE AND BLDG LAYOUT FOR DONG HA LOGISTIC AREAS HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND STEPS TAKEN TO PREPARE FOR CONSTRUCTION.

C. WITH REGARD TO LUMBER I HAVE RECENTLY CERTIFIED A BALANCE OF PAYMENT EXCEPTION FOR URGENT EXPENDITURE OF OVER \$100,000 FOR LUMBER FROM WESTPAC SOURCES. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO LARGE QUANTITIES ON ORDER FROM 3RD FSR AND CONUS BY FLC.

D. WE HAVE RECENTLY TAKEN ACTION TO REALLOCATE GENERATORS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL OF THESE CRITICAL ITEMS FOR THE THIRD DIVISION. WE HAVE ALSO STRONGLY URGED NSA TO EITHER PROVIDE COMMERCIAL POWER FOR THE PHU BAI AREA OR INSTALL MCON MUSE ELECTRIC POWER. THIS HAS BEEN A LONG NEGOTIATION BUT I BELIEVE WE'LL FINALLY GET ACTION.

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E. THIS HQ AND FLC HAVE MADE SEVERAL SUBMISSION ON WHE TO FMFPAC. THESE HAVE FINALLY BORNE FRUIT AND CMC HAS MADE 40 RTF'S AVAILABLE FOR SHIPMENT FROM WEST COAST. PAC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AIR SHIPMENT FOR AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

F. TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING OF CARGO HAS BEEN REORGANIZED AND III MAF AND FLC TAC PEOPLE HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN A GOOD HANDLE ON OFFERING, STAGING AND SHIPPING PROCEDURES. RESOURCES TO MOVE GEAR ARE STILL LIMITED AND THE WEATHER HAS BEEN AGAINST US, BUT WITH FAVORABLE WEATHER, IMPROVED PROCEDURES, AND DILIGENT EFFORT, THE DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS SHOULD BE REDUCED.

G. SUPPLY SUPPORT HAS BEEN AN OVERALL PROBLEM. TOTAL III MAF PLUS ROKMC HAS GROWN ALMOST 45 PERCENT IN SIZE SINCE LAST 31 AUGUST. LOGISTIC FORCES HAVE NOT EXPANDED PROPORTIONATELY. WE HAVE EXTENDED OPERATIONS TO NEW AREAS IN INCREASING TEMPO. A GREAT DEAL OF GEAR HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND FLC HAS HAD A PROBLEM HANDLING, ACCOUNTING AND EFFECTING DISTRIBUTION. FMFPAC HAS EXERTED HEAVY PRESSURE TO GET THE BEST POSSIBLE CONTROL OF THIS MATERIAL BECAUSE OF OVERALL MONEY PROBLEMS. YOU WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE A 50 MAN WORKING PARTY TO HELP IN THIS PROJECT AND I AM TOLD BY FLC THAT YOUR PEOPLE HAVE BEEN OF GREAT ASSISTANCE.

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THE PILE OF UNACCOUNTED-FOR ITEMS HAS BEEN CLEARED OFF THE DANANG PIERS AND IS STEADILY DIMINISHING IN SIZE AT RED BEACH. IN THIS REGARD THE NEW IBM 360 AT FLC SHOULD HELP DECREASE THE MAGNITUDE OF THE SUPPLY PROBLEM. OVER 70,000 REQNS ARE BEING RECEIVED PER MONTH; OUR PRESENT MACHINES WERE NEVER DESIGNED TO HANDLE THIS VOLUME.

3. WITH REGARD TO CAC EQUIPMENT. FMFPAC IS EXPEDITING THE PROGRAM AND HAS TAKEN IT OUT OF OUR HANDS. I HAVE BEEN ASSURED PAC IS TRYING HARD TO GET US THESE SUPPLIES.

4. IN SUMMARY I AGREE THAT WE HAVE SERIOUS LOGISTICS PROBLEMS IN YOUR AREA BUT I BELIEVE THAT MY STAFF AND FLC ARE WORKING HARD TO OVERCOME THEM. I ASSURE YOU THAT I HAVE DIRECTED MY STAFF AND FLC TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ALL OUT EFFORT TO YOUR LOGISTIC SUPPORT WITHIN THE LIMIT OF OUR RESOURCES AND COMPATIBLE WITH OUR OTHER OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT

1. YR PERSONAL OF 15043Z FEB67 REFERS.
2. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT THE ENEMY PLANNED TO USE AND DID USE THE TET CEASE FIRE TO COVER A MAJOR RESUPPLY AND REPLACEMENT EFFORT. RESUPPLY APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN HIS PRIMARY CONCERN, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE AREA IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. I WON'T DETAIL THE EVIDENCE, SINCE I KNOW YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE EXTENT OF THOSE OPERATIONS.
3. WITHIN I CORPS, THE ENEMY'S EFFORTS APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN FAR LESS AMBITIOUS. EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF THE ENTIRE ZONE FAILED TO REVEAL ANY LARGE SCALE MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES AND/OR TROOPS, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN TOTAL NR ENEMY SIGHTED. INFILTRATION ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN NORTHWESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO DISCERNIBLE INCREASE OVER THE PREVIOUS SEVERAL DAYS. THERE WAS ONE SIGNIFICANT SIGHTING OF 150-200 ENEMY BY A RECON PATROL NORTH OF KHE SANH. ARTY FIRE

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ON THIS THREAT TO THE SAFETY OF THE PATROL PRODUCED 19 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, INCLUDING TWO RATHER LARGE ONES.

4. WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THAT THE ENEMY USED THE TET CEASE FIRE TO INCREASE HIS MINING ACTIVITIES. ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE ENEMY WAS LARGELY PREOCCUPIED WITH BUILDING MORALE, PROSELYTING AND RECRUITING ACTIVITIES.
5. IT HAS SINCE BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE ONTOS INCIDENT INVOLVED A 250 POUND BOMB RIGGED AS A MINE, VICE FOUR 152MM ROUNDS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED.

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PERSONAL FROM LTGEN WALT TO LTGEN KRULAK,
 LOGISTIC SUPPORT REQUIREMENT FOR III MAF

- A. CG III MAG 090732Z JAN
- B. CG FMFPAC 120003Z JAN
- C. CG III MAF 261418Z JAN
- D. ADMINO FMFPAC 280335Z JAN
- E. CG III MAF 290940Z JAN
- F. CONSEVENTHFLT 021000Z FEB

1. REFERENCE A STATED THE REQUIREMENT FOR A LOGISTIC SUPPORT SHIP WITH A HELICOPTER PLATFORM AND PROVIDED THE RATIONALE FOR ITS EMPLOYMENT.
2. REFERENCE B RECEIVED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS ON 24 JANUARY CONCURED WITH CONCEPT EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE A AND REQUESTED CERTAIN DEFINITIVE REQUIREMENTS.
3. REFERENCE C PROVIDED THOSE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMMEDIATE

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OPERATION (DESOTO) AND PROVIDED A CONCEPT FOR USE OF THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT SHIP IN PROPOSED OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI.

4. REFERENCE D PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING POSSIBLE SHIP AVAILABILITY, POINTED OUT CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS OF EACH TYPE AND REQUESTED III MAF INDICATE TYPE OF SHIPPING DESIRED.
5. REFERENCE E IN RESPONSE, RESTATED RATIONALE FOR LPH OR LPD REQUIREMENT, AND REQUESTED ALL POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ASSIGNMENT OF LPH OR LPD. REFERENCE E FURTHER STATED ORDER OF PREFERENCE OF OTHER SHIPS FOR CURRENT OPERATION IF LPH/LPD NOT AVAILABLE.
6. CONSEVENTHFLT BY REFERENCE F PROVIDED AN 1156 CLASS LST AND A 542 CLASS LST AND REQUESTED COMNAVSUPACT DANANG PROVIDE AOG FOR BULK CLASS III THROUGH AABFS IF REQUIRED.
7. THE EFFORTS OF CONSEVENTHFLT ARE APPRECIATED. HOWEVER THE SHIPS ASSIGNED FAIL TO PROVIDE THE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS STATED BY III MAF IN REFERENCE C AND AS ENVISIONED BY CONSEVENTHFLT IN REFERENCE F AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. WESTCHESTER COUNTY (LST 1167) DOES NOT, REPEAT, NOT HAVE CAPABILITY TO CARRY BULK JP FUEL.
 - B. SAN JOAQUIN (LST 1122) HAS BEEN MODIFIED TO EXTENT THAT BOV

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 RAMP DOORS ARE INOPERABLE AND LARGE PORTION OF TANK DECK IS NOT AVAILABLE.

C. AOG TO BE PROVIDED BY NAVSUPPORT DANANG CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE ONLY AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER ESSENTIAL REFUELING OPERATIONS.
 D. WINDHAM COUNTY (LST 1170) SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE WESTCHESTER COUNTY ON 17 FEB BUT REPORTS UNABLE TO HANDLE OR STORE JP4/AV GAS WITH SAFETY.

8. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE MINIMUM LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR OPERATION DESOTO, III MAF HAS BEEN FORCED TO DO WITH A JERRY-RIGGED HELO REFUELING SYSTEM UTILIZING MARRIAGE AT SEA OF LST 1167 AND LCU CONTAINING TWO TEN THOUSAND GALLON FUEL CELLS WITH THE ESSENTIAL AABFS ELEMENTS TO PUMP FUEL INTO HELOS. THIS SYSTEM IS DANGEROUS, LIMITED IN CAPACITY AND COMPLETELY INOPERABLE IN ANY BUT CALM SEAS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT AN INCREASE IN THE TEMPO OF OPERATIONS ASHORE CANNOT BE PROPERLY SUPPORTED LOGISTICALLY WITH THE SHIP ASSETS PRESENTLY AT HAND.

9. THE APPARENT ANSWER TO THE PROBLEMS ENUMERATED ABOVE IS THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN LPD TO SUPPORT NEEDED OPERATIONS. THIS REQUIREMENT WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MINIMAL PORT/BEACH FACILITIES CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING ARE SUPPORT ARE DEVELOPED.

10. THE SEVENTH FLEET EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE INDICATES THAT LPDS

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 OGDEN AND DULUTH ARE DUE TO ARRIVE IN WESTPAC IN LATE FEBRUARY WITH THE DULUTH SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE VANCOUVER ON THE PRESENT SLF. IT IS REQUESTED THAT EVERY EFFORT BE EXPANDED TO SECURE THE USE OF THE SECOND LPD TO SUPPORT I CORPS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, IF A DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT NO EXISTING WESTPAC LPD ASSETS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO FILL THIS NEED IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT STRONG REPRESENTATION BE MADE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF LPDS IN WESTPAC.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN WALT.

1. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CAPTAIN WILLIAM B. KIRBY, USMC, BE AWARDED THE NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION:

FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE WHILE ATTACHED TO MARINE OBSERVATION SQUADRON TWO AND SERVING AS HELICOPTER PILOT FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, DURING OPERATIONS AGAINST INSURGENT COMMUNIST GUERRILLA FORCES (VIET CONG) IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET NAM FROM 28 OCTOBER 1966 TO 8 FEBRUARY 1967. CAPTAIN KIRBY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR SAFELY TRANSPORTING THE COMMANDING GENERAL THROUGHOUT THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. IN ADDITION, HE ALSO PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION FOR MANY DISTINGUISHED CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS AS WELL AS SENIOR COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS OF THE III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE. IN ORDER TO PERFORM HIS DUTIES PROPERLY, CAPTAIN KIRBY WAS REQUIRED TO

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DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF FRIENDLY INSTALLATIONS AND PROBABLE ENEMY DISPOSITIONS THROUGHOUT AN AREA IN EXCESS OF 10,000 SQUARE MILES. IT WAS ALSO NECESSARY THAT HE BE PREPARED TO LAUNCH HIS AIRCRAFT AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE AND TO FLY DURING VARIOUS BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS, OFTEN UNDER THE THREAT OF ENEMY FIRE. CAPTAIN KIRBY CONSISTENTLY DISCHARGED HIS MANIFOLD RESPONSIBILITIES IN A SUPERIOR MANNER. HIS SOUND JUDGMENT, EXCEPTIONAL FLYING ABILITY, AND PROFESSIONAL ATTITUDE WERE OF IMMEASURABLE VALUE TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL IN MEETING HIS MANY COMMITMENTS. BY HIS EXCEPTIONAL SKILL AND STEADFAST DEVOTION TO DUTY, CAPTAIN KIRBY UPHOLD THE FINEST TRADITIONS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE. CAPTAIN KIRBY IS AUTHORIZED TO WEAR THE COMBAT "V".

2. REQUEST REPLY IN TIME TO PERMIT PRESENTATION OF AWARD BY 13 FEB 67. REGARDS, LEV.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM LTGEN WALT
 FORCES FOR SA HUYNH AND OPN LEWIS

A. CG III MAF 110308Z FEB 67

1. DURING YOUR 2FEB VISIT TO THIS Hqs YOU EXPRESSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT AN ARMY BRIGADE MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ME FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 45 DAYS FOR THE SLF OPS IN THE SA HUYNH AREA. SINCE YOUR VISIT, YOU HAVE APPROVED OP LEWIS AND DETAILED PLANS FOR ITS EXECUTION ARE UNDERWAY.

2. I HAVE DISPATCHED REF A TO YOUR Hqs THIS DATE TO ADVISE OF MY REQUIREMENTS FOR ADDITIONAL FORCES TO SPT OPS IN SA HUYNH AND OP LEWIS AREAS. YOUR PERSONAL CONSIDERATION OF MY REQ WILL BE APPRECIATED.

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