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A. CG III MAF 268906Z JUL 67

1. REF A REPORTED BASIC TASK ORGANIZATION FOR SUBJECT OPERATION AS TWO ARVN ABN BNS PLUS ONE USMC BN (REINF).

2. CG 1ST ARVN DIV (GEN TROUNG) STATED AT PLANNING CONFERENCE AT 291415H HIS CONCEPT THAT ARVN FORCES SHOULD PARTICIPATE WITH ONE OF TWO ALTERNATIVES. ALTERNATIVE ONE: THAT JGS PROVIDE COMPLETE ARVN ABN DIV (7 BNS) FOR OPERATIONS, LASTING AT LEAST 1 MONTH, INCLUDING THREE ABN BN CURRENTLY OPCON TO CG I CORPS. ALTERNATIVE TWO: PROVIDE ONE COMPANY (BLACK PANTHER) FOR OPN (APPROX STRENGTH 270). THESE ALTERNATIVES WERE ALSO EXPRESSED BY GEN LAN AT CONFERENCE 29 JULY.

3. COMMENT:

A. ALT ONE OBVIOUSLY IMPRACTICAL AT THIS TIME DUE TO SEVERAL

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 REASONS, ONE OF WHICH IS WEATHER (PRESENTLY MARGINALLY GOOD FOR
 ONLY 4 HRS/DAY ON AVERAGE) AND ONE OF WHICH IS THE MAF INABILITY
 TO SUPPORT TOTAL HELO REQUIREMENTS.

B. ALT TWO - ONE COMPANY CONSIDERED TROKEN FORCE COMMITMENT
 FOR PLANNED OPN, BUT WOULD PROVIDE AN EXCELLENT ROU IN DEPTH
 CAPABILITY, OPERATING FROM BASE ESTABLISHED BY MARINE BN.

C. CONCLUSION: CG I CORPS DOES NOT WISH TO RISK ANY
 SIGNIFICANT FORCE IN OPERATION AT THIS TIME (WHICH IS FAIRLY
 CLOSE TO ELECTION).

4. DMZ ACTION OF BLS 2/S ON 29 JUL AND CURRENT INTELLIGENCE
 ESTIMATE IN DMZ FORCE ME TO CONCLUDE I CAN COMMIT ONLY ONE USMC
 BN (REINF) TO ASHAW OPN AT THIS TIME.

5. PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF UNCERTAINTY OF WEATHER AND LACK OF
 FLEXIBILITY TO COMMIT SUFFICIENT RESERVES IN CASE OF DIFFICULTY,
 I CONSIDER THAT ANY SIZE OPERATION WILL BE RISKY AT THIS TIME,
 HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT ONE USMC BN REINF PLUS ONE ARVN CO WILL
 ACTUALLY BE MORE MOBILE, MORE EASILY INSERTED AND EXTRACTED AND
 MORE EASILY SUPPORTED THAN ORIGINAL CONCEPT.

6. THEREFORE IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR VERBAL ORDERS I INTEND TO
 EXECUTE ASHAW RAID WITH ONE USMC BN (REINF) IN CONJUNCTION WITH

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 ONE ARVN BLACK PANTHER COMPANY, D-DAY TENTATIVELY 4 AUG VICE 5
 AUG, EXECUTION WILL DEPEND ON ACTUAL WEATHER.
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I. I AM ALL IN FAVOR OF, AND WILL PRESS FOR, THE VIEWS YOU EXPRESSED IN PAR 8 OF REF A.
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL KRULAK INFO MGENS HOCHMUTH AND ROBERTSON
FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN.
MIGA1 RIFLE

- A. FIRST MARDIV UER 1-0-67 OF 23 MAY 67
 - B. FIRST MARDIV UER 2-0-67 OF 23 MAY 67
 - C. THIRD MARDIV UER ORD 3-67 OF 9 JUN 67
 - D. CG III MAF 290710Z JUN 67
 - E. FIRST MARDIV UER 4-0-67 OF 8 JUL 67
 - F. CG FIRST MARDIV LTR 8:KLB MJC OVER 8025 OF 14 JUL 67 TO CMC
 - G. CG FIRST MARDIV LTR 8:KLB MJC OVER 8025 OF 22 JUL 67 TO CMC
1. THIS COMMAND HAS BEEN CONDUCTING A PROGRAM TO BUILD USER CONFIDENCE IN THE MIGA1 RIFLE AND TO DETERMINE CAUSES OF PROBLEMS. INCLUDED WERE LTI'S OF ALL RIFLES, REPLACEMENT OF DEFECTIVE PARTS, AND COMPILATION

PAGE TWO RUMSDN 2028 **C O N F I D E N T I A L** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE OF MALFUNCTION DATA.

- 2. OUR EXPERIENCE THUS FAR INDICATES A MAJORITY OF MALFUNCTIONS ARE IN EXTRACTION, ALTHOUGH NOT NECESSARILY DUE TO DEFECTIVE PARTS. IN FACT, ONLY ELEVEN EXTRACTORS HAVE BEEN TURNED IN TO THIS HQ AS A RESULT OF A MALFUNCTION WHEREIN A REPLACEMENT EXTRACTOR CORRECTED THE DEFICIENCY. EIGHT OF THE ELEVEN ARE BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.
- 3. WE HAVE, IN THE COURSE OF THE LTI'S, REPLACED A CONSIDERABLE QUANTITY OF EXTRACTORS AND EXTRACTOR SPRINGS, BUT MOST OF THESE WERE REPLACED AS AN INSURANCE MEASURE WHERE EXTRACTION MALFUNCTIONS HAD OCCURRED AND FOR THE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE USER, AND NOT BECAUSE THE EXTRACTOR WAS KNOWN TO BE FAULTY. ELEVEN SUCH REPLACED ITEMS ARE BEING FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.
- 4. AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS STILL BELIEVED THAT SOME IMPROVEMENT IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE EXTRACTOR MAY BE REALIZED BY A REDESIGN OF THE EXTRACTOR ASSEMBLY. THREE UER'S, REFERENCES A, B, AND C, HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED ON THIS SUBJECT. AN EXTRACTOR PROVIDING GREATER GRIPPING SURFACE ON THE RIM OF THE CARTRIDGE AND A MORE DURABLE EXTRACTOR SPRING HAVE BEEN SUGGESTED.
- 5. IN SUMMARY, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT, ALTHOUGH WE BELIEVE THE DESIGN OF THE EXTRACTOR CAN BE IMPROVED, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT DEFECTIVE

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EXTRACTORS OR EXTRACTOR SPRINGS ARE THE CAUSE OF AN INORDINATE AMOUNT
OF OUR EXTRACTION MALFUNCTIONS.

6. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS BELIEVED THAT A SIGNIFICANT MECHANICAL
IMPROVEMENT CAN BE MADE TO THE RIFLE TO CORRECT THE EXTRACTION PROBLEM
THROUGH THE REPLACEMENT OF THE RIFLE BUFFER ASSEMBLY, THIS PLANNED
MODIFICATION WILL REDUCE THE CYCLIC RATE OF FIRE OF THE RIFLE, AND
SHOULD, BECAUSE OF ITS SLOWER ACTION, REDUCE EXTRACTION DIFFICULTIES.

7. IN RESPONSE TO USARV REQUEST, THIS HQ, IN REFERENCE D STATED A
REQUIREMENT FOR 22,229 BUFFERS TO BE PROVIDED ON A NON-REIMBURSABLE
BASIS DURING AUGUST 1967. THIS QUANTITY SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MODIFY
ALL III MAF FIRST INCREMENT RIFLES THAT DO NOT ALREADY HAVE THE
IMPROVED BUFFER. WE HAVE RECENTLY QUERIED USARV ON AN ETA FOR THE
BUFFERS, IN AN ATTEMPT TO EXPEDITE THEIR DELIVERY.

8. IT IS HOPED THAT THE NEW BUFFER ASSEMBLY MAY ALSO HELP TO CORRECT
ANOTHER PROBLEM AREA THAT HAS RECENTLY BECOME OF CONCERN TO THIS
HEADQUARTERS. THIS IS THE INCIDENCE OF EXPANDING PROPELLANT GASES
RUPTURING THE CARTRIDGE CASE AND BLOWING BACK INTO THE RECEIVER
RESULTING IN DAMAGE SUFFICIENT TO RENDER THE WEAPON UNSERVICEABLE.
TWELVE SUCH INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED IN THE FIRST MARDIV WITHIN THE
PAST THIRTY DAYS. IT IS KNOWN ALSO THAT SIX SIMILAR MISHAPS HAVE

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RECENTLY BEEN EXPERIENCED BY THE SLF BN 2/3.

9. TWO OF THESE BLOWBACKS HAVE BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO BULLETS LODGED IN
THE BORE AND WERE THE SUBJECT OF AMMUNITION MALFUNCTION REPORTS.
THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE OTHER OCCURRENCES, HOWEVER, ARE NOT KNOWN.
IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT A POSSIBLE CAUSE MIGHT BE FOUND IN EXCESSIVE
PRESSURE BEING GENERATED BY AMMUNITION, OR THE WEAPON MAY BE CYCLING
TOO FAST AND FIRING BEFORE THE ROUND IS COMPLETELY SEATED IN THE
CHAMBER. IF THIS LATTER POSSIBILITY IS VALID, THE NEW BUFFER, SLOWING
DOWN THE RATE, MAY HELP WITH THIS PROBLEM.

10. NO CASUALTIES HAVE RESULTED FROM THESE OCCURRENCES; HOWEVER,
THE POSSIBILITY OF CASUALTIES, AND THE OBVIOUS ADVERSE EFFECT THAT
SUCH AN INCIDENT WOULD HAVE ON THE USER'S CONFIDENCE IN THE WEAPON,
ARE OF CONCERN TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. REFERENCES E, F AND G ARE THE
FIRST MARDIV'S REPORTS OF THE TEN UNEXPLAINED INCIDENTS. IT IS
CONSIDERED THAT SPECIAL EFFORT IS REQUIRED ON THESE REPORTS TO
DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE MISHAPS SO THAT CORRECTIVE ACTION CAN
BE TAKEN IMMEDIATELY TO AVOID FURTHER SUCH INCIDENTS.

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1. REF A REFERS. SR ADV QUANG DA SPL ZONE INFORMS CURRENT AND
PROGRAMMED TACTICAL ADV EFFORT TO ARVN, QUANG DA SPL ZONE AND
QUANG NAM SECTOR IS ADEQUATE. OPINION PRISON INCIDENT RESULTED
FROM LACK OF ARVN SECURITY ELEMENTS AS OPPOSED TO SHORTAGE OF
APPROPRIATE ADVISORS, ELIMINATION OF SECURITY PROBLEM IS
PRIORITY EFFORT BY ALCON.

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LYGEN CUSHMAN.

PACIFICATION IN HOA HUNG

A. GMS 212247Z JUL

B. FMFPAC 220832Z JUL

C. III MAF 221512Z JUL

1. IN AMPLIFICATION REF (G) AND TO PROVIDE CLEARER ANSWER TO
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN PACIFICATION PROGRESS AND ROCKET LAUNCHING
FOLLOWING POINTS ARE MADE:

A. PERSONAL STUDY AND INSPECTION LEAD ME TO BELIEVE ATTACKERS
MOVED IN, SET UP AND FIRED AFTER DARK ON SAME NIGHT. ADVANCE
RON BY FEW INDIVIDUALS COULD HAVE BEEN MADE IN DAYLIGHT WITHOUT
DETECTION.

B. ATTACKERS COMPLETELY SECURED HAMLETS IN VICINITY LAUNCH
POSING. IMPOSSIBLE FOR OCCUPANTS TO LEAVE WITHOUT BEING KILLED.

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C. THERE ARE NO PHONES, RADIOS OR WARNING DEVICES. THERE
IS REQUIREMENT FOR HIDDEN DEVICE WHICH COULD BE USED WITHOUT
COMPROMISE. MACV AND OTHERS ARE TRYING TO DEVELOP SAME.
2. IN SHORT, DESIRE TO PROVIDE HELP TO MARINES BEARS NO
RELATION TO ABILITY TO DO SO IN PARTICULAR CASE OF 122MM RKT LAUNCH.
THIS IN NO WAY SHOULD AFFECT OUR OBJECTIVES OR PROGRAMS OF
PACIFICATION AS IT IS THE DESIRE TO BE LOYAL WHICH WE WISH TO
FOSTER AND THERE ARE MANY OTHER WAYS IN WHICH RESULTS ARE EVIDENCED.
THESE PEOPLE LAY THEIR LIVES ON THE LINE JUST TO BE SYMPATHETIC
TO US AND WE CANNOT LET THEM DOWN BY PERMITTING THIS ENEMY
ACTION TO INDUCE US TO BACK OFF FROM OUR PROGRAMS.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN'S HOCHMUTH, ANDERSON, ROBERTSON, KNOWLES, AND BGEN HERBOLD FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

1. I AM WELL AWARE THAT THE CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS IN RVN PRESENTS EVERY COMMANDER, AND INDEED EVERY SOLDIER AND MARINE, WITH SOME AMBIGUOUS SITUATIONS. HOWEVER, RECENT SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS TOO FREQUENTLY INDICATE THAT WE STILL HAVE MANY MEN WHO DO NOT UNDERSTAND THE NATURE OF THE CONFLICT IN WHICH WE ARE ENGAGED. WE MUST IMMEDIATELY FIND EFFECTIVE MEANS TO GET THE FOLLOWING FACTS ACROSS TO OUR OFFICERS AND MEN:

A. WE ARE FREQUENTLY CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN AREAS HEAVILY POPULATED BY FRIENDLY NONCOMBATANTS AND BY PEOPLE WE ARE TRYING

PAGE TWO RUMSAK 1561 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE TO PERSUADE TO OUR POINT OF VIEW. WE CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT USING GREAT RESTRAINT AND A HIGH DEGREE OF PROFESSIONAL SKILL IN THE APPLICATION OF OUR MILITARY POWER. IT STANDS TO REASON; WE CANNOT GAIN THE UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION OF A MAN AND, AT THE SAME TIME, DESTROY HIS HOME AND INJURE OR KILL HIS FAMILY.

B. EVERY FRIENDLY OR UNCOMMITTED VIETNAMESE WHO IS INJURED OR WHOSE FAMILY IS INJURED BY OUR FIRES BECOMES OUR POTENTIAL ENEMY. WHERE WE USE OUR FIREPOWER IN POORLY PLANNED MISSIONS OR IN MISSIONS NOT FULLY JUSTIFIED BY THE TACTICAL SITUATION, WE STAND TO MAKE MORE NEW ENEMIES THAN WE DESTROY OLD ONES.

C. THE USE OF UNREGISTERED AND UNOBSERVED H AND I FIRES NEAR POPULATED AREAS IS NEVER JUSTIFIED UNLESS AN ATTACK FROM THE TARGET AREA IS IN PROGRESS.

D. TO ANSWER SNIPER FIRE FROM A HAMLET OR VILLAGE WITH MORTARS, ARTILLERY, OR 90MM GUN FIRE WILL KILL OR INJURE MORE NONCOMBATANTS THAN IT WILL SNIPERS. THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE CLEAR, BUT THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS FOLLOWED.

E. WE DO NOT SERVE THE BEST INTERESTS OF OUR MEN OR OUR MISSION HERE IF WE FAIL TO FIRMLY DISCOURAGE ANY TENDENCY TOWARD

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2. THE NEED FOR GUIDANCE AND TEACHING BY EXAMPLE IS CONSTANT. WE CANNOT RELY UPON TRAINING IN THE U. S. TO DO THE JOB. THE SHOCK OF COMBAT AND THE SO CALLED CULTURAL SHOCK TENDS TO DISSIPATE ANY PREVIOUS INSTRUCTION FOR OUR REPLACEMENTS. THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS MUST BE A CONTINUING ONE, IF WE ARE TO SUCCEED.

3. I WANT EACH OF YOU TO REVIEW YOUR INDOCTRINATION PROCEDURES FOR NEW ARRIVALS AND YOUR SCREENING PROCEDURES FOR SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS TO ASSURE THAT THIS PROBLEM DOES NOT ESCAPE COMMAND ATTENTION AND COMMAND EMPHASIS ON A CONTINUING BASIS AT ALL ECHELONS.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGENS HOCHMUTH, ANDERSON, ROBERTSON AND KNOWLES SECURITY AGAINST ROCKET ATTACKS

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To: Jack

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PAGE TWO RUMSDN 1094 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE AND TRANSPORTING, EMLACING AND FIRING ABOUT FIFTY 122 MM ROCKETS FROM AREA OF MAXIMUM RANGE. THE SITES SELECTED WERE SKILLFULLY CHOSEN IN THAT MORE OBVIOUS AREAS WITH GREATER EASE OF ENTRANCE WERE LARGELY AVOIDED AND CLOSE PROXIMITY TO CIVILIAN ESTABLISHMENTS WAS ACHIEVED. IN SOME CASES INDIVIDUAL ROCKET SITES WERE ALONGSIDE VIETNAMESE DWELLING PLACES. IN A FEW OTHERS THE SITES EMPLOYED WERE IN BARE FIELDS DEVOID OF COVER OR DAYTIME CONCEALMENT.

B. AT 150225H, MARINE OPS IN 5 LOCATIONS REPORTED SIGHTING OF FLASHES. SOME 106MM RR FIRE AND 81MM MORTAR FIRE WERE CONDUCTED IMMEDIATELY FROM OP'S. INTERSECTION OF SIGHTINGS REPORTED WAS COMPLETED AT FDC WITHIN 3 MINUTES AND COUNTER FIRE WAS COMMENCED AT 150230H, TWO MINUTES LATER. SPOOKY ON STATION OBSERVED ORIGINAL FLASHES AND IMMEDIATELY WAS CLEARED AND FIRED IN THOSE POSITIONS.

C. SUPPORTING FIRES CONTINUED UPON ROCKET SITES AND POSSIBLE ROUTES OF WITHDRAWAL. AT FIRST LIGHT INFANTRY ELEMENTS, ACCOMPANIED BY TECHNICAL TEAMS, WERE LIFTED TO AREAS CONTAINING REPORTED SITES. A TOTAL OF 9 SITES HAD BEEN REPORTED, OF WHICH 3 HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AS ACTUAL FIRING SITES. AT THIS TIME EVIDENCE OF ENEMY CASUALTIES AND HASTY

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WITHDRAWAL AT FIRING SITES CONSISTS OF ONE BODY, BLOOD POOLS
AND TRAILS, BLOODY BANDAGES, ABANDONED CARRYING EQUIPMENT,
STRETCHERS, AND SIX UNFIRED ROCKETS.

3. DETAILED GROUND RECONNAISSANCE CONTINUES OF REMAINING ROCKET
FIRING SITES AND OF POSSIBLE ROUTES OF ENTRANCE AND EGRESS.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN
SOMETIME AGO YOU SUGGESTED ASKING FOR MORE HELICOPTERS.
HOWEVER, MACV POLICY AT THIS TIME IS THAT COMPENSATORY
REDUCTIONS ARE REQUIRED. I SUGGEST WE WAIT FALLOUT FROM
RECENT HIGH NOON VISIT AND THEN DETERMINE COURSE OF ACTION.
WARM REGARDS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
GEN GREENE AND LTGEN KRULAK FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN
1. I GAVE THE SAME BRIEFING FOR SECRETARY McNAMARA 9JUL AND GEN
WHEELER 10JUL AS HAD BEEN GIVEN PREVIOUSLY TO GEN WESTMORELAND
(AND DESCRIBED TO BRUTE) AND NEITHER HAD ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENT.
I THEN DESCRIBED THE COUNTERBATTERY ACTION I HAD TAKEN AGAINST
THE ENEMY ARTILLERY IN THE NORTH. AN INTENSIVE AIR/GROUND VISUAL,
PHOTOGRAPHIC AND IR SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST ALL POSITIONS
INDICATED BY SHELL REPS, CRATER ANALYSIS AND PREVIOUS COUNTER-
BATTERY. MANY GUN EMPLACEMENTS WERE DISCOVERED AND WERE THEN
MADE THE TARGETS OF AN INTENSIVE AIR ASSAULT BY BOTH FMAW AND
7TH AIR FORCE. IN ADDITION AIR WAS MAINTAINED ON STATION
CONTINUOUSLY AND AIR OBSERVER AND FACs WERE KEPT ALOFT CONTINUOUSLY
IN HUEYS. RESULTS: ON 6 JULY WE HAD ABOUT 1000 ROUNDS OF INCOMING;
YESTERDAY ONLY 8.

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2. OVERFLIGHT WAS THEN CONDUCTED OF CUA VIET, ROUTE 9 KHE SANH
AREA WITHOUT LANDING AND ON BACK TO DANANG. LUNCH WITH FMAW AND
366 TFW PILOTS AS EATING AND DISCUSSION COMPANIONS, PLUS DEBRIEFS
OF PILOTS WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM ROUTE PKG VI AND FROM CAS
MISSIONS WELL RECEIVED.
3. BRIEFING AT DUC PHO BY MR. KOREN, ARVN CAPT LUYEN THE DISTRICT
CHIEF AND BY CG, TASK FORCE OREGON ALL WELL RECEIVED.
4. ONLY COMMENT BY VISITORS WAS THAT WE WERE DOING FINE JOB AND
HAD WONDERFUL TROOPS. NO FALLOUT YET FROM SAIGON LEVEL DUE
PROBABLY COMUSMACV EMERGENCY LEAVE.
5. WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS FORWARD AND HOPE TO GET WITH GEN
LAM ON RD THIS WEEK. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN WESTMORELAND FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN
 HIGH NOON VISIT

A. YOUR 060730Z JUL 67
 RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY INDICATE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO REF (A) WOULD
 BE PRUDENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED WILL EFFECT SAME.

SUN, 9 JUL 67 GROUP A
 0850-1120 UPDATE BRIEFING BY CG, III MAF; BRIEFING TENT
 3D MARDIV; 1ST ARVN DIV; TOUR 3D
 MARDIV; OVERFLY CUA VIET, PROCEED
 WEST AT 2800 FEET, REMAINING SOUTH
 OF RTE 9 (THE OBSTACLE TRACE; GIO
 LINH AND CON THIEU CAN BE SEEN) OVERFLY
 CAMP CARROLL, ROCKPILE AND RTE 9 TO KHE SANH,
 OVERFLY KHE SANH WITHOUT LANDING AND

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 RETURN TO DANANG BY HELO.
 MON, 10 JUL 1967 GROUP B

0835-1100 SAME ITINERARY AS ABOVE WILL BE FOLLOWED
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EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJOR GENERALS ROBERTSON AND HOCHMUTH FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

HAVE ALL INFANTRY UNIT COMMANDERS TO INCLUDE PLATOON LEADERS INSTRUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING:
ANALYSIS OF SOME RECENT OPERATIONS INDICATES TO ME THAT WE NEED TO EMPHASIZE CERTAIN FUNDAMENTALS OF TACTICS WHEN ENGAGED WITH MAIN FORCE UNITS.

1. MOVEMENT TO CONTACT AND ATTACK

A. EACH UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY ON THE MOVE. SQUADS USE SCOUTS, PLATOONS AND COMPANIES USE SMALL PATROLS, AND FLANKS, FRONT AND REAR MUST BE COVERED. THE FRONT COVERED BY SECURITY UNITS WILL BE AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. CREEP AND CRAWL AS REQUIRED. RCN BY FIRE MAY ALSO BE USED WHEN

PAGE TWO RUMSDN 457 **SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MARINE CORPS EYES** VEGETATION PREVENTS THROUGH COVERAGE BY OTHER MEANS.

B. WHEN SECURITY ELEMENTS FIND THE ENEMY THEY WILL DETERMINE SIZE AND LOCATION.

C. SUPPORTING FIRES WILL THEN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR.

D. THE ATTACK WILL BE PLANNED. FIRE AND MANEUVER ARE BOTH BASIC TO A SUCCESSFUL ATTACK.

E. ONLY THEN, AFTER FIRE SUPERIORITY HAS BEEN ATTAINED, (AND THIS MAY TAKE ANYWHERE FROM ONE-HALF HOUR TO A COUPLE OF DAYS) WILL THE PLANNED ATTACK BE MADE. IT WILL BE PUSHED VIGOROUSLY TO SUCCESS.

2. PROTECTION AGAINST ENEMY INCOMING.

A. MOVE AFTER DARK EVERY NIGHT; MANDATORY FOR CP'S.

B. DISPERSE.

C. DIG IN.

D. BE PREPARED TO DELIVER IMMEDIATE COUNTER BTRY FIRES, INCLUDING WP.

3. VIGILANCE ON DEFENSE--TOO MANY SURPRISE ATTACKS ARE SUCCEEDING!

A. ONE-HALF ALERT AT ALL TIMES IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. MUST BE CHECKED BY UNIT LEADERS.

B. INVESTIGATE SUSPICIOUS ACTIONS OUTSIDE WIRE WITH FIRE AND LIGHT.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN HOOKMUTH, ROBERTSON AND KNOWLES.
1. DURING THIS PERIOD WHEN THE ENEMY IS OFF BALANCE AND RECUPERATING FROM MAJOR DEFEATS, THE ONE VICTORY WHICH HE MIGHT ATTAIN WITH DAMAGE TO US OF THOUSANDS OF TIMES THE EFFORT HE EXPENDS CONTINUES TO BE ROCKET/MORTAR ATTACK AGAINST OUR MAJOR BASES OF PHU BAI, DANANG AND CHI LAI.

2. IT IS DESIRED THAT YOU RE-EXAMINE DEFENSE PLANS. ASSURE THAT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES ARE TARGETED AGAINST THE ROCKET LAUNCHING BELT 8-10 THOUSAND METERS FROM THE INSTALLATION AND AGAINST LIKELY MORTAR SITES, THAT OP'S AND COMMUNICATION ARE ALERT AND FUNCTIONING, THAT COUNTERBATTERY FIRES ARE READY FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY AND THAT GROUND REACTION IS ALERT AND RESPONSIVE.

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S E C R E T NOFORN

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGENS HOCHMUTH, ROBERTSON, KNOWLES, ANDERSON, AND
EGEN HERBOLD FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

1. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT SEVERAL RECENT SERIOUS INCIDENTS OF RAPES AND SHOOTING, AND OTHER LESS SERIOUS, BUT NEVER THE LESS SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS, THAT OUR PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM NEEDS IMMEDIATE EMPHASIS AND COMMAND ATTENTION. EVERY SOUTH VIETNAMESE WHO IS ALIENATED BY MALICIOUS OR EVEN THOUGHTLESS ACTS BY OUR TROOPS PROLONGS THE WAR AND CAUSES US MORE CASUALTIES. WE LOSE INTELLIGENCE AND MAKE VC CONVERTS BY OUR OWN ACTS--AND THIS IS INEXCUSABLE.
2. PLEASE REFER TO FORCE ORDER 3040.1 AND ASSURE THAT THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS ARE CARRIED OUT. PAY PARTICULAR

PAGE TWO RUMSDN 126 **S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE NOFORN
ATTENTION TO NEW REPLACEMENTS AND TO TROOP UNITS WHICH HAVE SHIFTED FROM A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT WHERE THERE WERE FEW FRIENDLY SVT TO THE LOWLAND CULTIVATED AREAS IN WHICH THERE ARE MANY FRIENDLY SVN. ENSURE THAT THE CITIZENRY OF RVN ARE NOT CALLED BY DEROGATORY NAMES WHICH WOULD ALIENATE OUR ARVN AND SVN ALLIES AND FRIENDS.

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INVESTIGATION REVEALS THAT SEARCHES OF AN TAN HAMLET BY NATIONAL POLICE
ASSISTED BY U.S. ARMY MP'S IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES LAID DOWN BY
PROVINCE CHIEF DURING MONTH OF JUNE RESULTED IN CONFISCATION OF
HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN MPC AND GREENBACKS, PORNOGRAPHIC PICTURES,
WHISKEY, CIGARETTES, 930 STICKS MARIJUANA, AND MANY MINOR ITEMS OF
PK TYPE. ON OTHER SIDE OF COIN SOME ARMY ELEMENTS MOVED HERE FROM
WAR ZONE D WHERE NO VIETNAMESE WAS FRIENDLY AND ALL WERE REGARDED AS
POTENTIAL ACTIVE ENEMY. THEIR ATTITUDE IS THUS DISTANT, DISTRUSTFUL
AND NOT FRIENDLY. WE HAVE STARTED THE NECESSARY EDUCATION PROCESS TO
CHANGE THIS. WARM REGARDS.

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