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16. GEN WESTMORELAND 221212Z FEB 68 (S) *Op - not shown*
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SUBJ: PACIFICATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING 1967 (U)

1. (U) THIS YEAR-END REPORT IS THE ELEVENTH IN A SERIES OF ASSESSMENTS OF PACIFICATION. IT IS BASED UPON FIELD REPORTING AND ANALYSIS DONE IN SAIGON.

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2. (C) SUMMARY: THE END OF 1967 LENDS ITSELF TO A BROADER LOOK AT THE RESULTS OF OUR PACIFICATION EFFORTS. A QUICK READING OF EVENTS INDICATES THAT MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THROUGH LESS THAN WE WOULD HAVE HOPED. POPULATION IN SECURE AREAS INCREASED FROM 62PCT TO 67PCT (APPROXIMATELY 1.3 MILLION PEOPLE); SECURE HAMLETS INCREASED BY 638 FROM 4702 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR TO 5340 AT THE END OF DECEMBER; 27,178 HOI CHANH (INCLUDING 17,671 MILITARY RETURNEES, OR THE EQUIVALENT OF TWO ENEMY DIVISIONS) RALLIED TO THE GVN, COMPARED TO 20,240 IN 1966; AS A RESULT OF THE MANILA COMMITMENT (OCTOBER 1966), THE NUMBER OF ARVN BATTALIONS ASSIGNED TO DIRECT SUPPORT OF RD WENT FROM ZERO TO 55 BATTALIONS BY THE END OF THE YEAR; 93PCT OF ALL ARVN BATTALIONS AND 84PCT OF ALL RF COMPANIES WERE GIVEN SPECIAL RD TRAINING BY MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS; SUCCESSFUL VILLAGE AND HAMLET ELECTIONS WERE HELD IN MORE THAN 5000 HAMLETS AND 1000 VILLAGES; POSITIVE ACTION BEGAN AGAINST CORRUPTION, LEADING TO THE RELIEF OF AT LEAST SIX PROVINCE CHIEFS AND 13 POLICE CHIEFS FOR MALFEASANCE OR INEFFICIENCY; THE CENTRAL REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL (CRDC) WAS REINSTITUTED AS THE TOP-LEVEL GVN

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 COORDINATION MECHANISM; AN INTEGRATED US ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL OPERATIONS AND REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT REACHING FROM SAIGON TO DISTRICT LEVEL WAS SET UP UNDER COMUSMACV; COMBINED CAMPAIGN PLAN FOR 1968 (AB143), CONTAINING FULLY INTEGRATED TREATMENT OF PACIFICATION, WAS APPROVED ON 11 NOVEMBER 1967; COLLECTION AND USE OF LAND TAXES WAS RETURNED TO VILLAGE CONTROL BY DECREE 041/57, 18 OCTOBER; RF/PF WERE GIVEN PROPER RECOGNITION AS A RESULT OF THE FIRST STEP IN RVNAF REORGANIZATION WHICH ESTABLISHED GENERAL THANG AS VICE CHIEF OF THE JGS IN CHARGE OF TERRITORIAL SECURITY; AND THE RICE PADDY PRICE TO THE FARMER WAS APPROXIMATELY DOUBLED, MARKING A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT IN TERMS OF TRADE IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTRY SIDE.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GVN HAS YET TO INVEST ITSELF WITH THE IMAGE OF SOCIAL REVOLUTION AND A DYNAMIC ALTERNATIVE TO THE NLF. ALTHOUGH BADLY MAULED IN 1967, THE ENEMY RETAINED A CONSIDERABLE CAPABILITY TO DISRUPT THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. ON A SECURITY RATING BASIS ALONE, ONLY 268 ADDITIONAL HAMLETS WERE UPGRADED TO THE RELATIVELY SECURE CATEGORY BETWEEN 31 JAN AND 31 DEC 67. SINCE MANY MORE HAMLETS WORKED BY RD TEAMS WERE UPGRADED TO SECURE STATUS DURING THE YEAR, IT APPEARS THERE WAS A REGRESSION OF SECURITY IN A

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 CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF PREVIOUSLY SECURE HAMLETS. WHILE ARVN SUPPORT OF PACIFICATION INCREASED GREATLY, ARVN BATTALIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF RD WERE EMPLOYED LARGELY IN STATIC DEFENSIVE ROLES WHICH LIMITED THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. THE INFRASTRUCTURE, THROUGH WEAKENED, REMAINS INTACT AND EFFECTIVE IN LARGE AREAS. CORRUPTION, EXACERBATED BY THE INFLATION AND POLITICAL TURMOIL OF RECENT YEARS, REMAINED A PERVASIVE AND CORROSIVE PROBLEM.

SHORTLY AFTER CORDS WAS FORMED, IT MADE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF PACIFICATION IN VIETNAM AS OF 31 MAY 1967. EIGHT PRIORITY ACTION PROGRAMS WERE DEVELOPED TO GUIDE FUTURE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES:

- (1) IMPROVE 1963 PACIFICATION PLANNING
- (2) ACCELERATE THE CHIEU HOI PROGRAM
- (3) MOUNT AN ATTACK ON THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE
- (4) EXPAND AND IMPROVE RVNAF SUPPORT TO PACIFICATION
- (5) EXPAND AND SUPPLEMENT RD TEAM EFFORT
- (6) INCREASE CAPABILITY TO HANDLE REFUGEES
- (7) REVAMP POLICE AND PFF
- (8) PRESS REHABILITATION AND EXPANSION OF DETENTION FACILITIES TO EXPEDITE ACTION, PROGRAM MANAGERS AND AN OVERALL PROJECT MANAGER WERE DESIGNATED WITHIN MACV. A SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONAL

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 ARRANGEMENT WAS ESTABLISHED AT EACH CORPS. THE TOTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS CODE-NAMED PROJECT TAKEOFF. SUBPROGRAMS WITHIN EACH TAKEOFF PROGRAM SET FORTH DETAILED GOALS AND TASKS. TAKEOFF PROGRAMS HAVE COMPRISED THE PRIMARY GUIDANCE FOR CORDS ACTIVITIES SINCE 1 JULY 1967.

IN SUM, MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, BUT MUCH REMAINS TO BE DONE. NONETHELESS THE GREATER RESOURCES, GREATER EXPERIENCE AND IMPROVED ORGANIZATION GENERATED DURING 1967 PROVIDES A SOLID BASE FROM WHICH TO ACHIEVE GREATER RESULTS IN 1968.

3. (C) IMPACT OF THE MAIN COMPONENTS OF THE PACIFICATION EFFORT:

A. ATTACK ON THE INFRASTRUCTURE: THIS ACTION PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHED ITS PRIMARY ORGANIZATIONAL OBJECTIVES, SET AN EXAMPLE FOR AND PROMOTED INVOLVEMENT OF GVN AGENCIES AT ALL LEVELS, AND, BUILDING ON EXISTING INTELLIGENCE AND ACTION PROGRAMS, MOVED GRADUALLY INTO ITS OPERATIONAL PHASE. LESS PROGRESS WAS MADE IN THE BROAD AREA OF ARREST, CONTROL, EXPLOITATION, JUDICIAL PROCESSING AND DETENTION OF VC CIVIL DETAINEES.

(1) CORPS AND PROVINCE ICX COORDINATORS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED, AND ICX COMMITTEES FORMED AT BOTH LEVELS. MANY OF
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 CUSHMAN, MG ECKHARDT FROM AME KOMER, SECTION II OF XIV.
 THESE COMMITTEES ARE SUPPLEMENTED BY FUNCTIONAL SUB-COMMITTEES OR
 WORKING GROUPS OR INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO ACCOM-
 PLISH SPECIFIC ICEX TASKS ON BEHALF OF THEIR COMMITTEES. THE
 FULL, AUTHORIZED COMPLEMENT OF 126 MACV MILITARY PERSONNEL -
 62 OFFICERS AND 64 ENLISTED MEN, ARMY AND NAVY - HAS BEEN TRAINED

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 AND DISPATCHED TO FULL TIME DUTIES AT CORPS, PROVINCE AND DIS-
 TRICT.

(2) WHILE THE US STRUCTURE WAS BEING ORGANIZED, CON-
 siderable effort was put into persuading the GVN TO ADOPT THE PRO-
 GRAM. A MAJOR OBSTACLE WAS THE RELUCTANCE OF THE NATIONAL POLICE
 TO ACCEPT THE DOICC (NOW DIOCC) PRINCIPLE.
 THROUGH A SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE GVN OFFICIALS,
 THEIR FEARS WERE OVERCOME, AND IN DECEMBER THE PRIME MINISTER
 ASSIGNED THE NATIONAL POLICE THE MAJOR RESPONSIBILITY FOR ELIM-
 INATION OF THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE. THIS INSTRUCTION ESTABLISHED A
 GVN "PHOENIX" STRUCTURE OF COORDINATING COMMITTEES PARALLELING
 THE US ICEX STRUCTURE AT NATIONAL, CORPS, PROVINCE AND DISTRICT
 LEVELS.

(3) AS A RESULT OF ICEX ACTIVITIES THERE HAS BEEN
 A SHARP REVIVAL OF THE PROVINCIAL INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING
 COMMITTEES, TOGETHER WITH THEIR PERMANENT OFFICES. SOME PROVINCES
 HAVE ORGANIZED PROVINCIAL INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING CENTERS (PIC-
 C), WHERE VC INFRASTRUCTURE INFORMATION IS COLLATED. THESE HAVE
 BECOME THE PROVINCIAL REPOSITORY FOR THIS INFORMATION. IN OTHER
 PROVINCES, WHERE THE PROVINCIAL INTERROGATION CENTER JKPIC IS

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FUNCTIONING EFFECTIVELY, THE PIC HAS BECOME THE REPOSITORY FOR
INFRASTRUCTURE FILES.

(4) ALONG WITH THE GROWTH OF THE ICEX STRUCTURE
THERE WAS A TANGIBLE INCREASE IN COORDINATED JOINT OR COMBINED
OPERATIONS, AND A RISING WILLINGNESS FOR ONE AGENCY TO GENERATE
ACTION ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ANOTHER AGENCY. IN QUANG TRI, A
JOINT FORCE OF US MARINES, US NAVY, ARVN, NATIONAL POLICE, MSS, AND
PRU MOUNTED AN OPERATION THAT COMPLETELY ELIMINATED VC CONTROL OF A
HAMLET. IN TUYEN DUC THE PSSPPSB, PFF, RF, AND PRU CONDUCTED A CORDON
AND ARREST OPERATION OF A HAMLET THAT NETTED 11 OUT OF 17 VCI ON
THEIR TARGET LIST. IN QUANG NAM 62 MEMBERS OF THE HOI AN CITY VC
INFRASTRUCTURE WERE IMPRISONED AS A RESULT OF A COORDINATED OPERA-
TION BY GVN FORCES AND US ADVISORS. THE SECRETARY-TREASURER OF THE
FINANCE-ECONOMY SECTION OF THE CITY VC COMMITTEE WAS CAPTURED, IN
ADDITION TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE HOI AN NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT.

(5) THE ICEX/SIDE STUDY GROUP DRAFTED AN EXECUTIVE
DECREE SIGNED BY THE CHIEF OF STATE ENABLING THE CREATION OF FOUR
NEW MILITARY FIELD COURTS. THIS DOUBLES THE NUMBER OF MILITARY FIELD
COURTS. THE STAFF FOR THE FIRST OF THESE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED, AND
OFFICE SPACE FOUND IN SAIGON. A PLAN TO CONSTRUCT 8000 DETAINEE/

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PRISON SPACES ON A CRASH BASIS BY 30 JUNE 1968 WAS APPROVED. THIS
PLAN PROVIDES TENTATIVELY, SUBJECT TO SECURITY AND SITE AVAILABILITY,
FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND EXPANSION OF EXISTING FACILITIES AS
FOLLOWS:

TABLE ONE

PRISON ADDITIONS	CAPACITY
CON SON ISLAND	2,000
TAN HIEP, III CORPS	1,500
DETENTION FACILITIES	CAPACITY
HAU NGHIA, III CORPS	500
PHUOC TUY, III CORPS	500
BINH DUONG, III CORPS	500
PHONG DINH, IV CORPS	1,500
KIEN HUA, IV CORPS	500
DINH TUONG, IV CORPS	500
VINH LONG, IV CORPS	500
TOTAL:	8,000

(6) DISTRICT INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONS COORDINATING
CENTERS AND PROVINCIAL INTERROGATION CENTERS:

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	ACT IVATED	PROGRAMMED
I CORPS	20	20
II CORPS	19	20
III CORPS	47	53
IV CORPS	17	22
TOTALS	103	115

	NUMBER OF PICS	CAPACITY (PERSONS)
I CORPS	6	156
II CORPS	9	200
III CORPS	10	260
IV CORPS	13	298
TOTAL	38	914

B. EXPAND AND IMPROVE TERRITORIAL SECURITY: THE HAMLET EVALUATION SYSTEM (HES) WAS IMPLEMENTED IN JANUARY 1967 TO PROVIDE A RELIABLE, AUTOMATED FILE OF PACIFICATION STATISTICS. FOR THE 11 MONTHS ENDING 31 DEC 67, HES DATA INDICATES THAT THE PERCENTAGE OF RVN POPULATION LIVING IN RELATIVELY SECURE AREAS INCREASED BY 4.8 PERCENT TO A DECEMBER TOTAL OF 66.9 PERCENT OF THE OVERALL POPULA-

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TION. THIS PERCENTAGE IS ALSO THE HIGH FOR THE YEAR, WHICH MANIFESTS THE STEADILY IMPROVING TREND OF POPULATION LIVING IN SECURE AREAS. THE PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION LIVING IN CONTESTED AREAS DECLINED BY 2.0 PERCENT TO A YEAR-END TOTAL OF 16.5 PERCENT OF OVERALL RVN POPULATION. THE PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION CONTROLLED BY THE VC DECLINED BY 2.8 PERCENT TO A YEAR-END TOTAL OF 16.6 PERCENT OF OVERALL POPULATION. THE HES INDICATES THE YEAR-END TOTAL POPULATION OF RVN IS 17.2 MILLION PEOPLE. THE REPORTING AGENTS (US DISTRICT ADVISORS) HAVE ADDED 873 FORMERLY UNLISTED HAMLETS TO THE SYSTEM. THESE ADDITIONS NKOUNT FOR ABOUT 500,000 OF AN OVERALL RVN POPULATION INCREASE OF 807,000 SINCE JANUARY, WITH REFINEMENTS IN REPORTING ACCURACY ACCOUNTING FOR THE BALANCE. EVEN THOUGH HALF OF THESE ADDED HAMLETS WERE VC-CONTROLLED, THE OVERALL TOTAL OF VC HAMLETS DECREASED BY 341 (316,000 POPULATION) DUE LARGELY TO ABDANDONMENT, AND TO UP-GRADING OF FORMER VC HAMLETS IN BINH DINH, PHU YEN AND PLEIKU PROVINCES. BETWEEN JANUARY-DECEMBER 1967, 348 VC HAMLETS WERE ABANDONED, AND 145 HAMLETS FORMERLY RATED AS GVN CONTROLLED WERE RE-EVALUATED AS VC.

(1) ALL FOUR CORPS AREAS SHOW AN INCREASE FOR THE YEAR IN PERCENTAGE OF POPULTION LIVING IN THE RELATIVELY SECURE

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 AREAS. THE LARGEST INCREASE WAS IN I CORPS WITH AN 8.1 PERCENT
 GAIN, FOLLOWED BY II CORPS WITH A 6.8 PERCENT INCREASE. IV CORPS
 WITH A GAIN OF 4.7 PERCENT, AND A III CORPS GAIN OF 3.2 PERCENT.
 ALL FOUR CORPS SHOWED LARGE INCREASES IN THE B HAMLET CATEGORIES.
 THE DECREASE IN POPULATION PERCENTAGE RATED AS VC-CONTROLLED WAS

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 LARGEST IN II CORPS (DOWN 6.7 PERCENT), FOLLOWED BY I CORPS (DOWN
 5.6 PERCENT), IV CORPS (DOWN 1.6 PERCENT) AND III CORPS (DOWN 1.2
 PERCENT). SINCE II CORPS INCLUDES SAIGON, IT REMAINS THE MOST
 SECURE, WITH 81.4 PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION LIVING IN SECURE AREAS.
 OTHER SECURE TOTALS ARE II CORPS (74.8 PERCENT), I CORPS (56.6 PER-
 CENT) AND IV CORPS (55.6 PERCENT). AN GIANG PROVINCE, IN IV CORPS,
 IS THE ONLY PROVINCE IN RVN HAVING 100 PERCENT OF ITS POPULATION
 LIVING INSECURE AREAS. DURING THE YEAR AN GIANG SHOWED IMPROVE-
 MENT BY UP-GRADING 166,000 CATEGORY C POPULATION TO A AND B
 CATEGORIES.

(2) THE FOLLOWING TABLES SHOW THE RESULTS OF THE
 HAMLET EVALUATION SYSTEM (HES) AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1967:
 NOTE: CHANGES IN HAMLET STATUS FROM 31 JANUARY 1967 ARE SHOWN
 BY + OR- NUMBERS IN EACH CATEGORY.

TABLE FOUR
 POPULATION STATUS (SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT)

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SECURE	A	B	C	NONHAM	SUBTOT	PERCENT
I CORPS	76.6	628.6	664.2	484.1	1853.5	56.6
	848.4	8360.1	830.0	8104.9	8543.4	

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II CORPS	217.9	703.0	903.9	305.5	2130.2	74.8
	48.5	8111.2	8166.9	120.6	8109.0	
III CORPS	29.1	757.9	1293.8	2235.5	4326.3	81.4
	820.2	8277.7	8.7	815.1	8313.7	
IV CORPS	371.4	1381.9	1417.3	34.3	3204.8	55.6
	8289.8	8205.8	40.8	97.8	8357.2	
TOTAL RVN	695.0	3481.3	4279.1	3059.4	11514.8	66.9
	8310.0	8954.9	8156.8	98.3	81323.3	
CONTESTED	D	E	OTHER	NONHAM	SUBTOT	PERCENT
I CORPS	412.3	66.0	3.6	143.4	625.3	19.1
	81.3	34.8	83.6	871.6	841.6	
II CORPS	325.5	78.4	37.2	50.3	491.4	17.2
	34.8	19.6	837.2	3.7	20.9	
III CORPS	564.2	48.2	11.3	83.4	707.1	13.3
	26.5	25.1	811.3	38.8	79.2	
IV CORPS	855.7	126.0	16.3	10.7	1088.6	17.5
	45.0	105.0	816.3	8.4	142.1	
TOTAL RVN	2157.7	318.6	68.3	287.8	2832.4	16.5
	105.1	184.6	868.3	820.8	200.6	
VC	HAMLET	NONHAM	SUBTOT	PERCENT	TOTAL	

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I CORPS	761.4	32.5	793.9	24.3	3272.7
	9.2	5.3	14.6		8570.4
II CORPS	217.5	10.7	228.2	3.0	2849.8
	207.9	1.7	209.6		121.5
III CORPS	245.7	37.6	283.2	5.3	5316.6
	2.3	45.5	47.7		8186.8
IV CORPS	1523.9	31.9	1555.8	27.0	5769.2
	43.3	1.0	44.3		8170.8
TOTAL RVN	2748.5	112.6	2861.1	16.6	17208.3
	262.7	53.4	316.2		8806.6

TABLE FIVE

SECURE	A	B	C	SUBTOT	PERCENT
I CORPS	27	268	538	833	33.8
	89	8111	816	8136	
II CORPS	54	500	1022	1576	50.7
	40	845	8209	8214	
III CORPS	6	305	653	964	45.0

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	851	829	882	
IV CORPS	144	736	1087	1967
				39.3

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	8104	878	824	8206	
TOTAL RVN	231	1809	3300	5340	42.0
	875	8285	8278	8638	

	D	E	OTHER	SUBTOT	PCT	SUBTOT	PCT	TOTAL
ICORPS	433	68	196	697	28.2	938	38.0	2468
	53	48	8196	895		156		875
II CORPS	544	140	350	1034	33.3	499	16.1	3109
	43	2	8350	8305		350		8169
II CORPS	444	74	199	717	33.5	461	21.5	2142
	833	17	8199	8215		8101		8398
IV CORPS	809	163	80	1052	21.0	1984	39.7	5003
	22	97	880	39		864		8231
TOTAL RVN	2230	445	825	3500	27.5	3882	30.5	12722
	85	164	8825	8576		341		8873

TABLE SIX
POPULATION STATUS (SECURITY ONLY)
(THOUSANDS)

SECURE	A	B	C	NONHAM	SUBTOT	PERCENT
I CORPS	334.4	511.8	591.2	484.1	1921.5	58.7

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	8250.1	855.0	884.2	8104.9	8494.1	
II CORPS	450.8	552.5	852.2	305.5	2161.0	75.8
	13.2	325.0	8373.1	120.6	84.3	
III CORPS	291.8	951.0	1023.5	2235.5	4501.9	84.7
	826.4	8110.3	8148.3	815.1	8300.1	
IV CORPS	565.1	1191.6	1331.9	34.3	3122.9	54.1
	8313.2	100.4	829.5	97.8	8144.5	
TOTAL RVN	1642.1	3206.9	3798.8	3059.4	11707.3	68.0
	8576.5	170.2	8635.1	98.3	8943.1	
CONTESTED	D	E	OTHER	NONHAM	SUBTOT	PERCENT
I CORPS	357.7	52.7	3.6	143.4	557.3	17.0
	839.9	22.3	83.6	871.6	890.8	
II CORPS	307.0	66.1	37.2	50.3	460.6	16.2
	839.1	811.2	837.2	3.7	883.8	
III CORPS	395.0	41.8	11.3	83.4	531.5	10.0
	6.0	32.0	811.3	38.8	65.6	
IV CORPS	935.4	128.1	16.3	10.7	1090.5	18.9
	8166.4	103.8	816.3	8.4	870.6	
TOTAL RVN	1995.1	288.7	68.3	287.8	2640.0	15.3
	8239.4	148.9	868.3	820.8	8179.6	

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VC	HAMLET	NONHAM	SUBTOT	PERCENT	TOTAL
I CORPS	761.4	32.5	793.9	24.3	3272.7
	-9.2	-5.3	-14.6		&570.4
II CORPS	217.5	10.7	228.2	8.0	2849.8
	-207.9	-1.7	-209.6		-121.5

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III CORPS	245.7	37.6	283.2	5.3	5316.6
	-2.3	-45.5	-47.7		&186.8
IV CORPS	1523.9	31.9	1555.8	27.0	5769.2
	-43.3	-1.0	-44.3		&170.8
TOTAL RVN	2748.5	112.6	2861.1	16.6	17208.3
	-262.7	-53.4	-316.2		&806.6

TABLE SEVEN

HAMLET STATUS (SECURITY ONLY)

	A	B	C	SUBTOT	PERCENT
I CORPS	111	270	527	908	36.8
	&56	&25	&2	&79	
II CORPS	186	569	959	1704	54.8
	-115	-107	&307	&85	
III CORPS	114	340	565	1019	47.6
	-20	-14	&90	&56	
IV CORPS	269	718	1028	2015	40.3
	&126	-95	&17	&48	
TOTAL RVN	682	1897	3069	5646	44.4
	&47	-191	&412	&268	
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	D	E	OTHER	SUBTOT	PCT	SUBTOT	PCT	TOTAL
I CORPS	369	57	196	622	25.2	938	38.0	2468
	-15	-29	&296	&152		-156		&75
II CORPS	441	115	350	985	29.1	499	16.1	3109
	&48	&36	&350	&434		-35		&169
IIICORPS	410	53	199	662	30.9	461	21.5	2142
	&74	-32	&199	&241		&101		&398
IV CORPS	777	147	80	1004	20.1	1984	39.7	5003
	&118	-79	&80	&119		&64		&231
TOTAL RVN 1997	372	372	825	3194	25.1	3882	30.5	12722
	&225	-104	&825	&946		-341		&873

TABLE EIGHT

SECURE, CONTESTED AND VC CONTROLLED POPULATION TOTAL RVN 31 DEC 67
POPULATION (THOUSANDS)

	SECURE	VC	CONTESTED
SECURITY ONLY	11707.3	2861.1	2640.0
SECURITY & DEVELOPMENT	11514.8	2861.1	2832.4

PERCENT OF TOTAL, 31 DEC 67

	SECURE	VC	CONTESTED
SECURITY ONLY	68.0	16.6	15.3

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SECURITY & DEVELOPMENT 66.9 16.6 16.5
PERCENT OF TOTAL, 31 JAN 67

	SECURE	VC	CONTESTED
SECURITY ONLY	65.6	19.4	15.0
SECURITY & DEVELOPMENT	62.1	19.4	18.5

(3) THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS (LESS ANTI-AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS) IN 1967 WAS LESS THAN IN 1966, ALTHOUGH THEY INCREASED IN I CORPS. ON THE OTHER HAND, ASSASSINATIONS MORE THAN DOUBLED OVER THE PREVIOUS YEAR, AND ABDUCTIONS INCREASED BY MORE THAN 40PCT. THE INCREASE WAS GREATEST IN I CORPS. THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY CAUSES LITTLE LOSS TO THE ENEMY AND HAS FAR-REACHING PSYCHOLOGICAL REPRECUSIONS ON THE POPULATION.

THE LAST QUARTER OF 1967 WAS WITNESS TO A PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY, ESPECIALLY IN IV CORPS AND IN THE SAIGON/GIA DINH AREA. WE HERE ASSESS SECURITY BY CORPS:

(A) THROUGHOUT 1967, SECURITY REMAINED THE PRIMARY PROBLEM IN I CTZ. COMPARED TO A YEAR AGO, THE MILITARY SITUATION IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY, ESPECIALLY WITH THE INCREASE OF FREE WORLD FORCES. THE ENEMY'S EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH SECURE INFILTRATION ROUTES

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 THROUGH THE DMZ WERE REPULSED WITH SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES IN BOTH MEN AND MATERIEL. IN THE LATE SPRING OF 1967, THE ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE KHE SANH AREA OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE. REACTION ON THE PART OF FREE WORLD FORCES RESULTED IN THEIR DIS-PERSAL TO THE NORTH AND WEST, AND THEY HAVE FAILED TO INJECT MAJOR UNITS INTO THE AREA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY HAS BEEN LESS ABLE TO CONDUCT LARGE SCALE OPERATIONS, THERE WERE TWICE AS MANY INCIDENTS IN 1967 AS IN 1966. THE ENEMY ACHIEVED ITS GREATEST PROPAGANDA SUCCESSES FROM THE FOLLOWING EVENTS: PENETRATION OF ALL PROVINCIAL CAPITALS; OVERRUNNING FOUR DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS AND THREE PROVINCIAL JAILS; ROCKET ATTACKS ON THE DANANG AIR BASE ON 27 FEBRUARY AND 15 JULY; AND STRATEGIC CONTROL OF THE A SHAU VALLEY. THE ENEMY HAS APPLIED STEADY PRESURE ON RD TEAMS AND ISOLATED OUTPOSTS THROUGH THE CORPS. SUCH ATTACKS HAVE BEEN MINIMIZED BY THE CONTINUOUS PRESENCE OF FRIENDLY GROUND FORCES AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPORTING ARMS. IN ALL CASES THE ENEMY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF IN STRENGTH WITHIN THE COASTAL AREAS AND HAS BEEN FORCED TO WITHDRAW INTO THE HIGHLANDS. VC/NVA FORCES HAVE BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT BY STEADY INTERDICTION OF THEIR SUPPLY ROUTES. AS A RESULT OF OUR 1967 EFFORT, THE ENEMY STARTS 1968 WITH LESS CON-

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 TROL OF THE SITUATION THAN ONE YEAR AGO. HE HAS INCREASED HIS USE OF TERRORISM TO MAKE HIS PRESENCE FELT. THE RESULT HAS BEEN A GENERALLY INCREASING TREND OF TERRORIST INCIDENTS. THE VC ASSASSINATED 1, 27 CIVILIANS DURING 1967 AND ABDUCTED ANOTHER 1,794 PERSONS. THE MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR ASSASSINATIONS AND ABDUCTIONS RESPECTIVELY WAS 77.1 AND 97.3 FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1967, COMPARED TO 112.7 AND 184.5 THE SECOND SIX MONTHS. SIMILARLY, THE RATE OF ROAD MINING ROSE. THIS INCREASING USE OF SMALL SCALE TERRORISM PROBABLY CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE IN 1968 AS THE VC ARE LESS ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS BY CONVENTIONAL MILITARY MEANS. RD TEAMS AND HAMLET SECURITY CONTINUE TO BE A PROBLEM, BUT OF DIMINISHING MAGNITUDE. THE PRINCIPAL FACTORS WERE THE INCREASING AGGRESSIVENESS OF RD DIRECT SUPPORT ARVN BATTALIONS, ADDITIONAL PWMAF, GREATER EXPERIENCE OF RD TEAMS, AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING AND COORDINATION OF THE RD CAMPAIGN CONCEPT. ON THE OTHER HAND, VIGOROUS ENEMY ATTACKS AGAINST RD AREAS IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN DURING THE EARLY PART OF THE YEAR AND IN QUANG NGAI MORE RECENTLY, RETARDED PROGRESS. THE RF/PF FORCES HAVE MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS DURING 1967 IN SUPPORT OF RD. INCREASED PARTICIPATION BY RD COMPANIES AND PF PLATOONS HAS HELPED INSTILL GREATER CONFIDENCE IN THE POPULATION. NO ONLY HAVE THE NUMBER OF
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 OPERATIONS INCREASED, BUT ALSO THEIR EFFICIENCY, AS ATTESTED TO BY
 THE NUMBER OF ENEMY KILLED. RF/PF UNITS PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN IN-
 SURING THE SUCCESS OF THE NATIONAL ELECTIONS BY PROVIDING CLOSE SE-
 CURITY FOR POLLING PLACES.

TABLE NINE

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 I. CORPS SECURITY RESUME

	1967	1966
VC INCIDENTS (TOTAL LESS AA)	9,017	9,432
TERRORISM INCIDENTS	9248	NO RECCRD
VC/NVA COMBAT STRENGTH	38,195	31,150
ASSASSINATIONS, ABDUCTIONS OF CIVILIANS	3,648	1,045
VC INCIDENTS AGAINST RDC	504	NO RECORD
STATUS OF ROADS - GREEN (PCT)	76.0	42.9 (JUL 67)
(SEE FOOTNOTE 1) AMBER (PCT)	24.0	51.7 (JUL 67)
RED (PCT)	0	5.4 (JUL 67)
HES NUMBER OF HAMLETS IN SECURE (ABC)	908	829
CATEGORY (SECURITY ONLY)		(JAN 67)
HES PERCENT OF POPULATION IN SECURE	58.7	52.8
CATEGORY (SECURITY ONLY)		(JAN 67)
RF STRENGTH	19,873&&	18,166&&&
PF STRENGTH	23,620&&	24,119&&&

& FIGURES AVAILABLE FROM 1 MAY 1967 ONLY
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 (D) SECURITY IN III CORPS AT THE END OF DECEMBER PRE A

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SENTED THE SAME VARIED PICTURE IT HAS SHOWN ALL YEAR. SEVEN OF THE PROVINCES REPORTED THEIR SECURITY AS DECIDELY UNFAVORABLE, WHILE THE REMAINDER REPORTED A MIXED SITUATION OF ADEQUATE SECURITY BUT AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. EVERY PROVINCE BUT ONE REPORTED AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, ALTHOUGH INCIDENTS IN II CORPS REMAINED CONSIDERABLY BELOW THOSE OF THE OTHER THREE CORPS AREAS. ENEMY OBJECTIVE DURING THE YEAR WERE TO MAINTAIN AN EFFECTIVE PRESENCE IN THE POPULATED COASTAL PROVINCES, DRAW AS MANY US AND FREE WORLD FORCES AS POSSIBLE TO THE HIGHLANDS, AND WIN A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY THERE IF POSSIBLE. IN THIS REGARD THEY INCREASED THEIR PRESSURE IN THE HIGHLANDS AND BUILT UP THEIR TROOP STRENGTH THERE. BUT SPOILING ATTACKS BY US AND ARVN FORCES KEPT THEM OFF GUARD UNTIL THE BATTLE AT BAK TO IN EARLY NOVEMBER, WHEN US AND ARVN FORCES INFLICTED HEAVY LOSSES ON FOUR NVA REGIMENTS. IN THE COASTAL PROVINCES ENEMY ACTIVITY REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL FOR THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF THE YEAR, CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF HARASSMENT AND TERRORIST TYPE ACTIVITIES. IN THE FOURTH QUARTER A NUMBER OF LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS BEGAN WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF DISRUPTING RD, INTERDICTION LOGS AND OBTAINING FOOD SUPPLIES. OVERALL ENEMY STRENGTH IN II CTZ AT THE END OF THE YEAR WAS ESTIMATED AT JUST SHORT OF 60,000 TROOPS,

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ABOUT 20,000 OF WHOM WERE NVA REGULARS. THERE WERE DEFINITE INDICATIONS DURING THE YEAR OF A DECREASE IN BOTH THEIR STRENGTH AND THEIR QUALITY. THE ESTIMATED RECRUITMENT OF THE VC DROPPED BY ALMOST ONE-HALF DURING THE YEAR. MOREOVER, ESTIMATED ENEMY LOSSES OF 29,000 MEN KIA EXCEEDED THE ENEMY INFILTRATION (ESTIMATED AT ABOUT 24,000 MEN). THESE FACTORS, COMBINED WITH HEAVY LOSSES OF ARMS AND SUPPLIES, HAVE WEAKENED THE ENEMY IN II CORPS. NEVERTHELESS, THE ENEMY'S 1968 WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN OBJECTIVES ARE THE SAME AS IN 1967.

TABLE TEN
II CORPS SECURITY RESUME

	1967	1966
VC INCIDENTS (TOTAL LESS AA)	3,612	4,375
TERRORISM INCIDENTS	1,312	NC RECORD
VC/NVA COMBAT STRENGTH	28,484	38,607
ASSASSINATIONS, ABDUCTION OF CIVILIANS	2,265	1,999
VC INCIDENTS AGAINST RDC	335	NC RECORD
STATUS OF ROADS - GREEN (PCT)	60.3	48.3 (JUL 67)
AMBER (PCT)	39.0	40.0 (JUL 67)
RED (PCT)	0.7	11.7 (JUL 67)
HES NUMBER OF HAMLETS IN SECURE (ABC) CATEGORY	1,704	1,619

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(SECURITY ONLY)HES PERCENT OF POPULATION IN SECURE
CATEGORY (SECURITY ONLY)

75.8

72.6

(JAN 67)

RF STRENGTH

36,270&&

36,257&&&

(JAN 67)

PF STRENGTH

35,434&&

36,423&&&

& FIGURES AVAILABLE FROM 1 MAY 1967 ONLY

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(C) ALTHOUGH 1967 SAW A DECLINE IN VC ABILITY TO MOUNT LARGE SCALE ATTACKS AGAINST MILITARY TARGETS IN III CORPS, THERE HAS BEEN A CONCURRENT INCREASE IN SMALL UNIT ACTIONS AND TERRORISM. THERE WERE 1598 VC INITIATED INCIDENTS (LESS ANTI-AIRCRAFT) IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 1967, A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM THE QUARTERLY AVERAGE OF 1636. TERRORIST INCIDENTS HOWEVER, ROSE SIGNIFICANTLY DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR, AND ASSASSINATIONS AND ABDUCTIONS WERE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN IN 1966. THE ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT UPON THE PEOPLE HAS BEEN OUT OF PROPORTION TO ACTUAL ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND HAS SPARKED WIDESPREAD CRITICISM OF GVN INABILITY TO MAINTAIN SECURITY. THE MOST SPECTACULAR EVENTS WERE IN DINH LONG AND PHUOC LONG PROVINCES, WHICH - WHILE VICTORIES FROM A MILITARY STANDPOINT - DEMON-

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STARTED VC/NVA ABILITY TO ATTACK IN MULTI-BATTALION STRENGTH AT POINTS OF THEIR CHOOSING. SECURITY OF RD AND TRUCNG SON CADRE TEAMS IS ALSO A CONTINUING PROBLEM. THE SEVERITY OF ATTACKS AGAINST THESE TEAMS INCREASED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, AND A PRIME OBJECTIVE OF THE 1968 CAMPAIGN PLAN IS TO IMPROVE RD TEAM SECURITY THROUGH COMBINED OPERATIONS. ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE THE END OF 1967 FINDS MANY MORE ROADS IN III CTZ OPEN FOR MILITARY OPERATIONS AND FOR SUPPORT OF THE RESURGENCE OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITY. FOR EXAMPLE, HIGHWAY NB1 FROM XUAN LOC TO THE II CORPS BOUNDARY, AND HIGHWAY NB13 FROM BEN CAT TO HON QUAN, BINH LONG PROVINCE, HAVE BOTH BEEN OPENED DURING THE YEAR. OPENING OF THESE ROUTES HAS CREATED A SHIFT ON THE PART OF THE PCPU- LATION FROM PREOCCUPATION WITH THE MECHANICS OF SURVIVAL TO HOW TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE AND TRAVEL.

TABLE ELEVEN

III CORPS SECURITY RESUME

	1967	1966
VC INCIDENTS (TOTAL LESS AA)	6,546	7,915
TERRORISM INCIDENTS	789&	NO RECORD
VC/NVA COMBAT STRENGTH	30,282	38,823
ASSASSINATION, ABDUCTION OF CIVILIANS	1,237	606

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VC INCIDENTS AGAINST RDC

STATUS OF ROADS - GREEN (PCT)

AMBER (PCT)

RED (PCT)

228

73.3

26.7

0

NO RECORD

60.6 (JUL 67)

28.4 (JUL 67)

11.0 (JUL 67)

(JUL 67)

X

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STATUS OF WATERWAYS - GREEN (PCT)

(SEE FOOTNOTE 1)

AMBER (PCT)

RED (PCT)

61.3

34.3

4.4

31.1

60.0

8.9

HES NUMBER OF HAMLETS IN SECURE (ABC) CATEGORY 1,019

963

(SECURITY ONLY)

(JAN 67)

HES PERCENT OF POPULATION IN SECURE CATEGORY 84.7

81.9

(SECURITY ONLY)

(JAN 67)

RF STRENGTH

38,278&&

38,365&&&

PF STRENGTH

26,373&&

27,841&&&

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T(D) DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1967, THE SECURITY

SITUATION IN IV CORPS WAS UNDRAMATIC.

PACIFICATION ELEMENTS OFTEN

MOVED INTO PHASE I HAMLETS IN THE WAKE OF DEPARTING VC GUERRILLAS WHO

WITHDREW WITHOUT A CONTEST, PROMISING TO RETURN WHEN THE "GVN MOVED

ON AGAIN AS THEY ALWAYS DO". USUALLY TET IN THE DELTA IS ASSIDUOUSLY

OBSERVED BY BOTH SIDES, AND 1967 WAS A CLASSIC YEAR IN THIS REGARD.

ENEMY ACTIVITY SLOWED WHILE THE RATE OF HOI CHANH ACCESSIONS SOARED

UNDER THE PRESSURE OF RD BATTALION OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF PHASE I

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 PACIFICATION AND THE LONGING OF VC TO REJOIN THEIR FAMILIES. MODERATE-TO-LOW LEVEL HARASSMENT, TERRORISM, AND LOC INTERDICTION WERE MAINTAINED BY THE ENEMY, BUT LITTLE OR NO COUNTER-PACIFICATION EFFORTS WERE APPARENT. IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT, FROM THE START OF THE YEAR, THE VC PERSISTENTLY PUT BLOCKS IN CERTAIN PARTS OF HIGHWAY 4 EVEN

DURING THE SLOW TET PERIOD. EARLIER IN THE YEAR, BECAUSE THESE BLOCKS WERE CONSISTENTLY - USUALLY WEEK AFTER WEEK - PLACED IN THE SAME LOCATIONS, THEY WERE TREATED AS ROUTINE LOCAL HARASSMENT. AS THE YEAR WORE ON, HOWEVER, CONCERN OVER THIS ACTIVITY ROSE AS THE EXTENT OF THE PATTERN WAS SURFACED BY INTENSIFIED EFFORTS AT INTERDICTION. IN THE LATTER PART OF OCTOBER (THE INCEPTION OF THE VC "WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN"), THERE WAS A MARKED UPTURN IN VC ATTACKS ON TOWNS, RD HAMLETS, AND OUTPOSTS, PARALLELED BY A GREATLY INCREASED INTERDICTION OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AND KEY PROVINCIAL ROADS. THIS ACTIVITY GREW THROUGHOUT NOVEMBER AND WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A FIFTEEN WL EXECUTED

VC NIGHT ATTACKS. DESPITE THE MOOD OF UNCERTAINTY GENERATED BY THESE VC EFFORTS, THERE WAS AT NO TIME ANY QUESTION OF THE ABILITY OF GVN FORCES TO MAINTAIN THEIR ASCENDANCY OVER THE LONG RUN IN AREAS UNDER GVN CONTROL. THE "WINTER-SPRING CAMPAIGN" APPARENTLY WAS AIMED AT DEMONSTRATING VC STRENGTH, DESTROYING PACIFICATION MOMENTUM, NULLIFY-

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 ING GAINS GENERATED BY THE LOCAL ELECTIONS AND CONTROLLED ISOLATION OF THE LOWER DELTA. THE CAMPAIGN SERVES BOTH LOCAL PRAGMATIC AND SWEEPING POLITICAL ENDS. WITH THE RICE HARVEST UNDERWAY, CONTROLLED INTERDICTION OF NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ROADS CAN HOLD RICE IN THE DISTRICT AND PERMIT THE MOVEMENT OF MANUFACTURED GOODS (TAXABLE BY THE VC) FROM SAIGON INTO PROVINCIAL CAPITALS. HARASSMENT AND TERRORISM BOLDLY APPLIED REAWAKEN THE POPULATION TO THE RIGORS OF WAR. ANTI-US PROPAGANDA BY THE VC IS DESIGNED TO UNDERLINE THE COMMON FLIGHT OF ALL VIETNAMESE, AND, SNEERING AT THE "PUPPET GOVERNMENT", PURPORTS TO SHOW THE VIET CONG AS THE ONLY REAL FORCE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE, MORE PARTICULARLY OF THE RURAL PEOPLE. THE DELTA VC HAVE OBTAINED MANY NEW WEAPONS AND MUCH AMMUNITION - OF SOVIET AND CHINESE ORIGIN. THESE HAVE PROBABLY COME INTO THE DELTA FOR THE MOST PART VIA CAMBODIA AND THE SEA. IN DECEMBER, THE MOMENTUM GENERATED BY THE VC FALTERED IN THE DELTA. THEIR PROPAGANDA IN IV CTZ STILL DEPICTS THEIR ROLE AS THE PEOPLE'S DEFENDER AND SLAPS AT THE AMERICANS. LATTERLY IN DECEMBER, SIGNS APPEARED OF A CONCENTED DRIVE ON AMERICAN ADVISORS. GVN AND US FORCES NOT IN THE DELTA ARE STRONG AND ABLE TO PREVENT ANY LASTING VC GAINS, PROBABLY EVEN IN POST-RD HAMLETS. THE MOST TROUBLING ASPECTS OF THE DELTA SITUATION

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 ARE THE SERIOUS CCNDITION OF LAND ROUTES OF COMMUNICATIONS, THE NUMBER
 OF GVN LOCAL FORCES TIED UP IN STATIC POSITIONS IN THE AFTERMATH OF
 HEIGHTENED VC ACTIVITY, AND THE IMPUNITY WITH WHICH VC CEN CONCEN-
 TRATE, MOVE OVER FAMILIAR ROUTES, AND STRIKE AND TPEIR ACCUSTOMED
 TARGETS. RD CADRE AND RF/PF CONTINUED TO ACQUIT THEMSELVES WELL,
 WITH A FEW ISOLATED EXCEPTIONS IN ACTION AGAINST VC GUERRILLAS AND
 SMALL LOCAL FORCE UNITS.

TABLE TWELVE
 IV CORPS SECURITY RESUME

VC INCIDENTS (LTAL LESS AA)	1967	180YY
TERRORISM INCIDENTS	6,747	7,788
VC COMBAT STRENGTH	1,215 &	NO RECORD
ESSASSINATIONS, ABDUCTION OF CIVILIANS	18,195	20,085
VC INCIDENTS AGAINST RDC	1,823	1,545
STATUS OF ROADS - GREEN (PCT)	259	NO RECORD
	23.1	11.7 (JUL 67)
AMBER (PCT)	76.9	88.3 (JUL 67)
RED (PCT)	0	0 (JUL 67)
STATUS OF WATERWAYS - GREEN (PCT)	38.7	0.0 (JUL 67)
AMBER (PCT)	51.4	84.58 (JUL 67)

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 RED (PCT)

9.9 15.5 (JUL 67)

HES NUMBER OF HAMLETS IN SECURE (ABC) CATEGORY
 (SECURITY ONLY)
 HES PERCENT OF POPULATION IN SECURE CATEGORY
 (SECURITY ONLY)

2,015 1,967
 (JAN 67)
 54.1 53.2
 (JAN 67)

RF STRENGTY
 PF STRENGTH

1967 1966
 53,675&& 53,062&&&
 60,690&& 68,996&&&

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FOOTNOTE 1
 LOCS (NATION-WIDE)
 ROADS - GREEN
 AMBER
 RED

	JAN	DEC
GREEN	35PCT	60.9PCT (1707.5 KM)
AMBER	47PCT	38.8PCT (1287.5 KM)
RED	18PCT	.3PCT (10.0 KM)
	MAR	DEC
WATHERWAYS - GREEN	14PCT	47.5PCT (275 KM)
AMBER	62PCT	44.7PCT ("59 KM)
RED	24PCT	7.8PCT (45 KM)

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RAJLS - GREEN

28PCT

31PCT (384.9 KM)

AMBER

17PCT

6.5PCT JKIPMI KM)

RED

56PCT

62.5PCT (774.6KM)

C. EXPAND AND SUPPLEMENT RD GROUPS AND ASSOCIATED PROGRAMS:

(1) RD CADRE:

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(A) FROM THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY TO THE END OF

THE YEAR THE RD CADRE GREW FROM 361 TO 555 RD TEAMS. BY DECEMBER,

THERE WERE 29,120 RD CADRE IN THE FIELD AND OVER 7,844 IN TRAINING

AT VUNG TAU, THE GREATEST ADVANCE WAS IN QUALITY. CADRE ACTIVITIES

IN PHASE II HAMLETS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY A PROFESSIONALISM THAT

WAS ABSENT DURING MOST OF PHASE I. THE REASON FOR THE IMPROVED

CADRE PERFORMANCE IS TO BE FOUND IN A COMPLEX OF FACTORS AT EACH

LEVEL OF GVN AUTHORITY. GENERAL THANG'S FORCE, HONESTY AND COMMIT-

MENT PROVED SHARP WEAPONS WHEN APPLIED TO NODES OF POWER IN COMMAND

CHANNELS RUNNING FROM SAIGON TO RD HAMLET. HE CURRICULA AT VUNG

TAU WERE HONED. FAILURES REGISTERED IN PHASE I GENERATED A GROWING

FUND OF EXPERIENCE. THE CORDS ORGANIZATION BROUGHT AN INTEGRATED

ADVISORY EFFORT TO BEAR ON RD TEAMS AND FOSTERED A MORE FINELY

MESHED PROVINCIAL INTERSERVICE APPROACH TO RD. CIVIL-MILITARY INTER-

ACTION IMPROVED AS A FUNCTION OF EXPERIENCE, MOUNTING VC PRESSURE,

RD MOBILE TRAINING FOR RVNAF UNITS, AND EXPANSION OF RD TEAM COMMUNI-

CATIONS RESOURCES.

(B) CIVIL-MILITARY (C/M) TEAMS WERE LOCKED TO

EARLY IN THE PERIOD AS AN EFFECTIVE MEDIUM FOR QUANTITATIVE AUGMEN-

TATION OF THE RD TEAM EFFORT. THE STRENGTH OF THESE TEAMS ROSE TO

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THIRTY-FIVE AND THEN DECLINED AS 1967 TASKS WERE COMPLETED AND ATTENTION SHIFTED TO 1968. A NUMBER OF C/M TEAMS ARE PROGRAMMED INTO CORPS 1968 PACIFICATION PLANS. THE MOST ATTRACTIVE FEATURE OF THE C/M TEAMS IS THEIR INCORPORATION OF PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL SERVICE CADRE. THUS, PARTICIPATION IN HAMLET CONSTRUCTION COULD LEAVE A VALUABLE RESIDUUM OF INTEREST AMONG CIVIL OFFICIALS, IN POST RD DEVELOPMENT. LIKE THE C/M TEAMS, THE QUARTER EONE EXPERIMENT IN BINH THUAN IS NOT WIDELY EMULATED, ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS A MODEL OF THE KIND OF SELF-ENERGIZING PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT THAT COULD BE A SIGNIFICANT ANTIDOTE TO HAMLET REGRESSION.

(C) RD CADRE LEADERSHIP, NOTORIOUSLY WEAK AT THE OUTSET OF 1967, STRENGTHENED STEADILY AS THE YEAR UNROLLED. THE PRIME FACTORS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW MUSCLE ARE EXPERIENCE, THE ATTRITION OF INCOMPETENTS, IMPROVED GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE FROM PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS, AND THE GROWTH IN AWARENESS OF PACIFICATION AS A COMPLEX OF CIVIL AND MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP. THE NEW LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE AT THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER WHICH PRODUCED 784 GRADUATES IN DECEMBER WILL LEND IMPETUS TO THIS TREND. STRENGTHENING OF CADRE LEADERSHIP IS BASICALLY FIXED IN THE PATTERN OF DEVELOPMENT OF RD TEAM PERFORMANCE. THEREFORE, IT

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REMAINS AS IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN, CONTINGENT UPON INCREASED INTERACTION BETWEEN ALL PACIFICATION ELEMENTS. THE EFFORT TO STIMULATE INTEREST IN THE RD PROGRAM AMONG GVN OFFICIALS HAS FOSTERED A VASTLY WIDENED PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE ROLE OF RD CADRE, OF THE NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, AND OF THE FACT THAT PACIFICATION IS A TOTAL INVOLVEMENT RATHER THAN THE WORKING OF A SINGLE "MIRACLE ELEMENT" SUPPORTED BY PERIPHERAL ACTIVITIES.

(D) THE PROJECTED COURSE FOR PROVINCIAL AND DISTRICT CHIEFS AND RD CADRE LEADERS, A KEY FACET OF THIS EFFORT TO INTENSIFY INTEREST, FAILED TO MATERIALIZE IN LATE DECEMBER AS HOPED. IT IS REASONABLE TO EXPECT THAT GENERAL THIEU WILL GIVE HIS APPROVAL TO THE UNDERTAKING, PROBABLY EARLY IN 1968. US OVERTURES TO SEEK REMOVAL OF CORRUPT OR INCAPABLE GVN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN RD ELICITED LITTLE RESPONSE.

BUT THE LAST QUARTER OF 1967 SAW THE FIRST CLEAR EVIDENCE OF SERIOUS GVN RESPONSE TO US GESTURES OF THIS KIND.

(E) WIDESPREAD COMPLACENCY ABOUT HAMLET SELF-DEFENSE FORCES WAS TRANSFORMED RAPIDLY INTO ADVISORY CONCERN BY PROJECT TAKEOFF'S CLEARLY STATED EMPHASIS. THE FORMATION AND TRAINING OF RDPG IN THE YEAR'S LATTER HALF WAS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE -

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PARALLELED BY THE UPGRADING OF APT - OF THE CHANGE THAT CAN BE
WROUGHT LOCALLY BY APPROPRIATE MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS. ARMING THE
GROUPS REMAINED A NETTLESOME PROBLEM THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD ALTHOUGH
A SURPRISING NUMBER WERE EQUIPPED FROM LOCAL RESOURCES. A JCS DI-
RECTIVE OF 6 DECEMBER SET FORTH A WORKABLE METHODOLOGY FOR ARMS
ISSUE AND THE NECESSARY DETAILED GUIDANCE IS CURRENTLY UNDER PREPAR-
ATION. MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE CONCEPT WAS "BOUGHT" BY GENERAL THANG
AFTER, AND BECAUSE THE GROUPS MATERIALIZED IN THE AP DCI MOI.

TABLE THIRTEEN
NUMBER OF CADRE TEAMS

	31 DEC 67	31 DEC 66	PCT INCREASE DEC 66 - DEC 67
I CORPS	129	97	33
II CORPS	169	118	37
III CORPS	83	51	63
IV CORPS	181	95	91

IN ADDITION TO RD CADRE, THERE WERE 128 TSRD MONTAGNARD TEAMS AS OF
31 DECEMBER. THERE ARE ALSO 30 CIVIL-MILITARY TEAMS, 26 OF THEM IN
II CORPS.

(2) RD CADRE DESERTIONS WERE A PRINCIPAL PROBLEM FOR

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THE PROGRAM DURING THE YEAR. THE DESERTIONS FOR 1967 WERE 166.8 PER
THOUSAND. TOTAL CADRE LOSSES ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

TABLE FOURTEEN
RD CADRE LOSSES

	1967	1966
KIA	720	593
CAPTURED	122	75
RESIGNED	1127	849
DISCHARGED AND RETIRED	1856	686
DESERTED	4020	4
TOTAL	7845	2203

& ACCURATE DESERTION FIGURES FOR 1966 ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

(3) THE STATIC CENSUS GRIEVANCE PROGRAM WAS RELATIVELY
TROUBLE-FREE DURING THE YEAR AND WAS PROBABLY THE MOST SUCCESSFUL OF
THE RD PROGRAMS. AT THE END OF THE YEAR THERE WERE 5,502 CENSUS
GRIEVANCE CADRES OF A CEILING OF 7917 SET FOR 1 JANUARY 1968. THE
NUMBER OF HOI CHANH INDUCED TO RALLY BY RD AND CG ARE:

RD & TSRD	923
CENSUS GRIEVANCE	1681
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TOTAL 2624

D. ACCELERATE THE CHIEU HOI PROGRAM:

(1) ALTHOUGH THE 1967 RETURNEE RATE EXCEEDED THAT FOR 1966, IT DID NOT COME UP TO EXPECTATIONS. GVN INACTION CONTRIBUTED HEAVILY TO THE PROGRAM'S PERFORMANCE WITH NEARLY 11,000 RALLIERS

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AT THE END OF MARCH, CERTAIN NEW CHALLENGES WERE INJECTED INTO THE SITUATION THAT SIMPLY COULD NOT BE MET DESPITE HEAVY ADVISORY EFFORT. CENTERS WERE NOT ONLY STRAINED BUT TAXED WILL BEYOND CAPACITY. NO EFFECTIVE MEANS WERE FOUND TO GOAD THE GVN INTO HASTENING NEW CONSTRUCTION. VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION, RESETTLEMENT ID CARDS, AND SOCIAL REINTEGRATION BECAME PROBLEMS OF THE FIRST RANK, OARGELY IGNORED BY GVN AND GROWING BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF CHIEU HOI ADVISORS PREOCCUPIED WITH SIMPLE CARE AND FEEDING. NOT ONLY DID THE HEAVY INFLUX OF THE FIRST THREE MONTHS GENERATE SEVERE INTERNAL STRAINS, BUT IT ELICITED STRONG VC COUNTERPRESSURES THAT WERE NEVER RELAXED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. DEFECTION BECAME, AND REMAINED, DIFFICULT. STRINGENT CONTROLS WERE APPLIED TO WEAPONS. HAD MICH AND THE PROVINCE CHIEFS SEEN FIT TO MAKE AGGRESSIVE USE OF PROGRAM RESOURCES, THE IMPETUS OF THE TET CAMPAIGN MIGHT HAVE BEEN SUSTAINED. THE MAJOR 1967 LESSON IS THAT TIME AND SUCCESS SHIFTED THE CENTRAL PROBLEM FROM RECEPTION TO REESTABLISHMENT WHERE GVN CAPABILITY WAS MOST DEFICIENT. (THE REFUGEE PROGRAM EXHIBITS A PARALLEL SHIFT.)

(2) NEW CONSTRUCTION NEVER MOVED APPRECIABLY UNTIL THE SECOND HALF. BY THE END OF NOVEMBER, 16 OF 53 PROGRAMMED PROJECTS

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 WERE COMPLETED, AND BY THE END OF DECEMBER, 20. DURING THE YEAR, ABOUT 5,450 HOI CHANH RECEIVED A COURSE OF VOCATIONAL TRAINING. THE EFFORT TO AMALGAMATE NEW CONSTRUCTION AND VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION IN A TRAINING PACKAGE AT CERTAIN CENTERS WITH EDUCATION CONSULTANT REPRESENTATIVES IN THE ROLE OF INSTRUCTORS/TECHNICAL SUPERVISORS, HELD PROMISE BUT DOGGED WON IN GVN INDIFFERENCE AND TEMPORIZING.; ALTHOUGH THE EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANTS LTD. (EDCON) EMPLOYEES BROUGHT A VALUABLE FUND OF CONSTRUCTION SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE INTO THE PROGRAM, A SHORTAGE OF TOOLS HELD THE TRAINING TO AN EXTREMELY NARROW SPECTRUM AND HINDERED WORK PROGRESS. THE FIRST SHIPMENTS OF AMERICAN TOOLS WERE RECEIVED IN COUNTRY IN NOVEMBER.

(3) THE PROJECT TAKEOFF SUBPROGRAMS TARGETED ON UTILIZATION OF RALLIERS ENJOYED A NOTABLE SUCCESS IN SPITE OF A MULTITUDE OF NAGGING PROBLEMS. ABOUT 1100 HOI CHANH UNDERWENT RUC TRAINING AT VUNG TAU. THESE MEN WITH RARE EXCEPTIONS HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE EAGER, COMPETENT RD CADRE. IN NOVEMBER JGS AND MACV DIRECTIVES RELATIVE TO THE ARMING THE APT WENT TO THE FIELD. THE ISSUANCE OF ARMS UNDER THEIR PROVISIONS BEGAN DURING THE SAME MONTH. ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAM (APT) TRAINING ACHIEVED AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS BY NOVEMBER, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO NATIONAL PROGRAM.

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 THE EMPLOYMENT OF HOI CHANH AS KIT CARSON SCOUTS INCREASED SHARPLY DURING THE LATTER PART OF THE YEAR. THE USE OF AIC FUNDS TO PAY KIT CARSON SCOUTS DURING THE REMAINDER OF FY 68 WAS APPROVED BY MACV IN LATE DECEMBER.

LONG-RUN SUCCESS OF THIS PROMISING UNDERTAKING IS CONTINGENT UPON DEVELOPMENT OF AN ADEQUATE SYSTEM OF ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS, WHICH WILL BE DEALT WITH DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1968. THE GVN CHIEU HOI FIELD STAFF FINISHED THE YEAR IN BETTER SHAPE THAN AT THE OUTSET, BUT STILL TOO WEAK TO EFFECT A GENERAL RESOLUTION OF THE PROGRAM'S PERSISTENT PROBLEMS EARLY IN 1968. ADVISORY PRESSURE AND MINISTERIAL INTEREST PROMISE IMPROVEMENT, BUT THE PROCESS OF WEEDING OUT THE INEFFECTIVE AND GETTING APTABLE MEN TO REPLACE THEM WILL PROBABLY BE A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS.

(4) THE OVERALL INCREASE IN CHIEU HOI FIGURES IS ILLUSTRATED IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

TABLE FIFTEEN

	1967	1966
I CORPS	2512	1734

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II CORPS	7168	9068
III CORPS	8054	3713
IV CORPS	9444	5727
TOTAL	27,178	20,242

(5) IN SPITE OF THE DECLINE IN RETURNEE RATES, CHIEU HOI RESULTS IN 1967 EXCEEDED THOSE OF 1966. THE FOLLOWING TABLE SHOWS HOW:

TABLE SIXTEEN			
1 JAN - 31 DEC 1966	1 JAN - 31 DEC 1967	PERCENT CHANGE	
I CORPS	1,734	2,512	44.9
II CORPS	9,068	7,168	(20.9)
III CORPS	3,713	8,054	117.0
IV CORPS	5,727	9,444	64.9
TOTAL	20,242	27,178	34.2

(6) THE CAPACITY OF CHIEU HOI CENTERS GREW, BUT NOT AS MUCH AS WE WOULD HAVE LIKED:

TABLE SEVENTEEN			
31 DEC 67	CAPACITY 1 JAN 67	PERCENT INCREASE	
I CORPS	765	310	147

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II CORPS	2,020	1,020	102
III CORPS	1,945	785	148
IV CORPS	1,880	1,010	86

TOTAL PROGRAMMED NEW CAPACITY WAS 7,505. ADDED CAPACITY TOTALLED 6,610 REPRESENTING 88PCG OF PROGRAM COMPLETION.

(7) THE NUMBERS OF HOI CHANH IN APTS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

TABLE EIGHTEEN			
1 JAN 67	31 DEC 67	WEAPONS (AS OF 30 NOV)	
I CORPS	1,324	378	216
(NATIONAL TOTAL)			
II CORPS		549	316
III CORPS		707	299
IV CORPS		173	36
SAIGON		857	530
TOTAL	1,324	2,664	1,397

E. IMPROVE THE REFUGEE EFFORT:

(1) THE REFUGEE PROGRAM AT THE END OF JUNE WAS FACED WITH A COMPLEX OF SERIOUS PROBLEMS. FIELD STAFF STRENGTH STOOD AT LESS THAN HALF THE AUTHORIZED LEVEL; NEW RESETTLEMENT CONSTRUCTION BT

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LAGGED SERIOUSLY, AND TEMPORARY RESETTLEMENT CENTERS WERE OVERCROWDED WHILE NEW REFUGEES WERE SUPPORTED IN AD-INTERIM CAMPS OR STRAGGLED BACK TO THEIR HAMLETS OF ORIGIN. SECURE LAND FOR REFUGEE REESTABLISHMENT WAS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY IN I CORPS, AND ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF TEMPORARILY RESETTLE REFUGEES DID NOT MEET THE

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STANDARDS ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES.

(2) THE FACTORS INVOLVED IN THE MID-YEAR REFUGEE SITUATION WERE THE KCK OF PROGRAM PRIORITY, WEAK GVN REFUGEE FIELD ADMINISTRATORS, THE ABSENCE OF THE JOB OPPORTUNITIES, AND LACK OF SECURE LAND FOR REESTABLISHMENT OF REFUGEES. PROJECT TAKEOFF TURNED MANAGEMENT ATTENTION TO THESE AREAS OF WEAKNESS AND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY WAS ABLE TO ESTABLISH A HIGHER PRIORITY FOR THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. INCREASED US AND GVN EMPHASIS ON THE PROGRAM MANIFESTED ITSELF IN IMPROVED PERFORMANCE BY FIELD STAFF, WITH SEVERAL GVN REFUGEE OFFICIALS REMOVED FOR INEFFECTIVENESS. CORDS INITIATIVES SPURRED AID/W TO EXPEDITE RECRUITMENT FOR REFUGEE ADVISORS, WITH A SPECIFIC EFFORT AIMED AT END-OF-TOUR PACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS.

(3) DURING THE SECOND HALF OF 1967, CORDS REFUGEE FIELD ADVISOR STRENGTH WAS DOUBLED. WORK WAS STARTED ON WRITING REFUGEE RELIEF AND RESETTLEMENT INTO AB 143, THE 1968 COMBINED CAMPAIGN PLAN. THE LATTER REQUIRES BOTH GVN AND US/FWMAF TO PROVIDE IN THEIR OPERATIONAL PLANNING FOR THE SECURITY AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF REFUGEES. AN EXISTING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION PROJECT WAS EXPANDED TWO FOLD TO TRAIN 36 SCR MOBILE TEAMS OVER A YEAR'S PERIOD. BY THE END OF DECEMBER, 34 OF THE VERY EFFECTIVE GVN MOBILE TEAMS HAD BEEN

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FIELD. REORGANIZATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR REFUGEES
(SCR) INTO THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND REFUGEES (MSWR) UNDER
DR. QUE IN OCTOBER PROMISED LONG-RUN GAINS THROUGH IMPROVED PROGRAM
IMPLEMENTATION.

(4) LITTLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN INTERGRATING EFFECTIVE
PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS INTO THE REFUGEE PROGRAM. WHILE JUSPAC
FUNDING IS CITED AS A LIMITING FACTOR, THE MAJOR DETERRENT TO IM-
PORTANT GAINS WAS PREOCCUPATION WITH DISQUIETING OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS.
IN FACT, THE REFUGEE PROGRAM AT THE INCEPTION OF TAKEOFF WAS SUCH
THAT INTENSE MANAGEMENT INTEREST IN PRIORITY UPGRADING WAS THE ONLY
APPROPRIATE COURSE. INDETERMINATE LOGISTICAL GAINS ARE ATTRIBUTED
TO THE OCTOBER SCR-CENTRAL PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY AUTHORITY (CPSA)
AGREEMENT, AND IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE MSWR REORGANIZATION WILL, OVER
THE NEXT QUARTER, IMPROVE PROGRAM PERFORMANCE. NONETHELESS, SECURE
LAND AND EFFECTIVE PROVINCIAL PROVIDED THE CRITICAL INADE-
QUACIES DURING 1967.

(5) VC ATTACKS ON REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS HAVE SHARPENED
THE SECURITY PROBLEM IN RECENT MONTHS. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN
VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION AND COTTAGE INDUSTRIES. US/GVN INTERZONAL
RESETTLEMENT PLANNING IS NOW IN PROCESS. VOLUNTARY AGENCY PARTICI-

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PATION GROWTH WAS STEADY - THREE AGENCIES AND ABOUT 100 PEOPLE -
DURING THE LATTER SIX MONTHS. THE THREE US CIVIL AFFAIRS COMPANIES
WERE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY IN I
CORPS. OTHER US/FWMAF MILITARY UNITS WERE ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR
SIGNIFICANT CIVIC ACTION SUPPORT DURING THE YEAR.

(6) CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS WAS MADE IN REFUGEE REESTAB-
LISHMENT, AND, IN FACT, MORE REFUGES WERE RESETTLED THAN GENERATED,
RESULTING IN A DECLINE IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF REFUGEES REQUIRING CARE
BY 16,000 DURING THE YEAR. THE INFLOW OF NEW REFUGEES WAS APPROXI-
MATELY HALVED IN 1967 OVER 1966.

TABLE NINETEEN
REFUGEE INFLOW AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT

	1966	1967
REFUGEE INFLOW	893,738	436,108
REFUGEES RE-ESTABLISHED	868,133	452,120
TEMPORARY REFUGEES 31 DEC & 1 JAN 64 - 31 DEC 66	809,956	793,944

(7) REFUGEES NOT REESTABLISHED ARE CLASSIFIED AS TEM-
PORARY REFUGEES. THESE PEOPLE ARE THE OBJECT OF GVN PROGRAMS OF
TEMPORARY CARE AND EVENTUAL RESETTLEMENT:

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TABL TWNTY

TEMPORARY REFUGEES, 31 DEC 67

	IN CAMP	OUT OF CAMP	TOTAL
I CORPS	199,263	203,679	402,942
II CORPS	75,524	115,640	191,164
III CORPS	13,820	68,231	82,051
IV CORPS	8,501	109,286	117,787
TOTAL	297,108	496,836	793,944

F. EXPAND POLICE EFFORT:

(1) EFFORTS TO UPGRADE THE NATIONAL POLICE NET WITH VARYING SUCCESS. NW CONSTRUCTION AND XPAKSION OF EXISTING POLICE FACILITI MADE A POOR SHOWING IN QOYUN AS THEY HAVE DONE FAIRLY REGULARLY IN THE PAST. DURING THE SECCND HALF OF THE YEAR 13 PROVINCIAL POLICE CHIEFS WERE REPLACED FOR INEFFICIENCY OR CORRUPT PRACTICES, OR BOTH. THE INTERNAL SECURITY BUREAU HAS BEEN EXPANDED FROM A 30-MAN SAIGON-BASED FORCE TO A NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF OVER 500 MEN. CERTAIN MOVES, SUCH AS THE ASSIGNMNT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORS AND TH PRCVISION OF CERTAIN COMMODITY SUPPORT TO TRAINING CENTERS, PROMIS MEASURABLE RETURNS IN THE COMING YEAR.

(2) RESOURCES DENIAL POLICY AND ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES,

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STILL IN PROCESS OF APPLICATION, PROMIS A MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM WITH A SUBSTANTIAL DIMINUTION OF THE DELTERIOUS ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SIDE EFFECTS OF RESOURCES CONTROL. THE OLD BLOC HAS BEEN REDUCED TO A SERVICE WITHIN THE DIRECTORATE OF UNIFORMED POLICE AND, IN ACCORD WITH AB 143, MAJOR ATTENTION HAS SHIFTED FROM THE MOVEMENT OF FOODSTUFFS TO MOVEMENT OF WAR-RELATED MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT. AN END TO THE ABUSES PREPETRATED ON COMMERCIAL CARRIERS IN THE NAME OF RESOURCES CNTRL WILL LCSSEN CONSTRAINTS ON TH MOVEMENT OF LEGITIMATE CARGO AND HELP RAISE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE PUBLIC ESTEEM.

(3) THROUGH AUGUST AN SEPTEMBER NEW DETENTION FACILITY CONSTRUCTION STALLED FOR LACK OF FUNDS. MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND SALARY INCREASES FOR DETENTION STAFF WAS REFUSED BY THE DGBFA. NCNEITHELESS, PLANNING FOR EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL DETENTION PLANT WAS UNDERTAKEN BY THE ICX/SIDE STUDE GROUP. OCTOBER WAS MARKED BY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FOUR ADDITIONAL FIELD COURTS, BRINING THE TOTAL TO EIGHT, OR TWO PER CTZ. IN NOVEMBER, US EFFORTS TO GET NEW CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY BORE THEIR FIRST FRUIT WITH A FLURRY OF ACCEPTED BIDS AND NEW INVITATIONS.

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WORK COMPLETED DURING DECEMBER INCREASED THE II CTZ PRISON CAPACITY BY 2,500 SPACES. IN BINH DINH, ONE DETENTION CENTER WAS COMPLETED AND ANOTHER IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

DURING 1967 THE INTERIOR MINISTRY FAILED TO JAR RECRUITMENT OF DETENTION EMPLOYEES OUT OF PRESENT STATE OF NEAR-BALANCE WITH

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ATTRITION, ALTHOUGH MOVES TO INCLUDE DRAFT DEFERMENTS AND SALARY INCREASES REPORTEDLY ARE BEING READIED NOW BY GVN. WE WILL PRESS TO SEE THAT THESE MOVES MATERIALIZE.

(4) IN AUGUST, A NEW NPFF SPO REDIRECTING POLICE FIELD FORCES INTO AN ANTI-INFRASTRUCTURE ROLE WAS PUBLISHED. THE ID CARD PROGRAM STALLED WHEN THE CARDS WERE FOUND TO BE UNSUITABLE AND REMAINED MOTIONLESS "FOR WANT OF A NAIL" THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR. IN AUGUST IT WAS ASSUMED THAT THE NATIONAL POLICE YEAR END FORCE LEVEL GOAL OF 74,000 COULD NOT BE ATTAINED, WITH RECRUITMENT BARELY OFFSETTING ATTRITION. DURING OCTOBER, NATIONAL POLICE SALARIES AND EMOLUMENTS WERE INCREASED IN RESPONSE TO US INITIATIVES. WHILE THESE CONSERVATIVE RAISES WERE EXPECTED TO HAVE ONLY MPNCR IMPACT, THEIR COINCIDENCE WITH THE NATIONAL MOBILIZATION DECREE INCREASED RECRUITMENT SHARPLY (ROUGHLY TENFOLD) IN NOVEMBER. BY THE END OF THE YEAR, NATIONAL POLICE STRENGTH STOOD AT 73,371 MZN, AN EXCELLENT SHOWING. DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, NPFF, WITH 69 COMPANIES OPERATIONAL, CONTINUED TO REDEPLOY AGAINST THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE. TARGETING OF POLICE FIELD FORCES ON VCI WAS STILL INCOMPLETE AT THE END OF THE YEAR, BUT THE REDIRECTION EFFORT, WHERE ACCOMPLISHED, PRODUCED ENCOURAGING RESULTS. COMPLETE SUCCESS IN THIS UNDERTAKING

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AWAITS A WELL-DEVELOPED GVN "PHOENIX" STRUCTURE THAT WILL ROUTINELY
DRAW ON THE DATA BASE AND INPUT SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES
THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO NPFF UNITS.

G. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS,
AGRICULTURE, SELF-HELP AND PSYOPS:

(1) GENERAL: DURING 1967 THE BULK OF NLD PROGRAMS
GENERALLY WERE CARRIED OUT AS ENVISIONED DESPITE SEVERE LIMITATIONS,
SUCH AS FREQUENTLY INADEQUATE GVN PARTICIPATION AND SUPERVISION,
NUMEROUS DIFFICULTIES IN BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION AND CONSTRUCTION, AND
GVN PREOCCUPATION WITH THE ELECTIONS. DESPITE THESE HANDICAPS, THERE
WERE SUBSTANTIAL SUCCESSES. IN I CORPS THE MAJOR PROGRESS WAS MADE
IN THE SELF HELP AREA. IN III CORPS 523 HECTARES OF IR-8 RICE WERE
PLANTED IN THE VO DAT AREA BINH TUY PROVINCE. THIS WAS THE FIRST
LARGE-SCALE EXPERIMENT WITH NEW SEED VARIETIES THAT MAY REVOLUTIONIZE
VIETNAMESE AGRICULTURE. THE CROP IN VO DAT WILL BE HARVESTED IN MED-
FEBRUARY. TENTATIVE RESULTS OF PILOT PLOTS ELSEWHERE IN THE COUNTRY
WERE REPORTED IN LAST MONTH'S AIRGRAM. IN IV CORPS A SHORTAGE OF
CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, SUCH AS GRAVEL AND ROCK, PRODUCED A CONCENTRATED
EFFORT TO EXPAND THE OUTPUT OF NUI SAP QUARRY. ACQUISITION OF
REAL ESTATE IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE AND FULL SCALE PRODUCTION UNDER AN

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RMK CONTRACT SHOULD COMMENCE ON 1 JUNE.

(2) STATISTICAL INDICATORS AND ASSESSMENTS BY FUNCTIONAL
AREAS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TABLE TWENTY-ONE
REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT BUDGETS
AND EXPENDITURES BY CTZ

	1967 BUDGET \$VN	31 NOV 67	PCT EXPENDED 31 DEC 67--	31 DEC 66
I	341,465,000	71	79	72
II	489,229,000	64	73	71
III	540,369,000	67	77	78
IV	817,292,000	61	70	76
TOTAL	2,188,355,000	65	73	75
- ESTIMATED				

TABLE TWENTY-TWO
FINANCIAL STATUS BY ACTIVITY
1967

ACTIVITY	BUDGET \$VN	PCT EXPENDED 31 DEC 67--	31 DEC 66
VILLAGE/HAMLET ADMINISTRATION	31,933,000	56	NA
SELF-HELP HAMLET DEVELOPMENT	244,288,000	87	91

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TRANSPORTATION	189,599,000	46	NA
WAREHOUSES	53,714,000	48	45
RURAL EDUCATION	478,046,000	98	97
RURAL HEALTH	173,530,000	82	19
ROADS AND BRIDGES	457,830,000	65	63
RURAL ELECTRIFICATION	82,031,000	42	18
AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION	51,601,000	91	87
ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	101,795,000	75	82
AGRICULTURE AFFAIRS AND EXTENSION	105,641,000	79	77
FISHERIES	44,773,000	83	76
HIGHLANDER AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY	15,124,000	73	INCLUDED IN AGR I AFF & EX
- ESTIMATED			

FUNDS OBLIGATED X 31 DECEMBER MAY BE "EXPENDED" DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE FOLLOWING CALENDAR YEAR. EXPENDITURES CUMULATIVE TO 31 DECEMBER (AS IN THE TABLES ABOVE), THEREFORE ARE NOT THE TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE BUDGET YEAR, WHICH DOES NOT END UNTIL 31 MARCH.

(3) VILLAGE AND HAMLET ADMINISTRATION: THE GOAL

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ADOPTED BY THE PROVINCES WAS TO GIVE ORIENTATION TRAINING TO 22,900 NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS BY THE END OF 1967. AS OF 31 DECEMBER, 15,500 OFFICIALS HAD ACTUALLY RECEIVED THE TRAINING. IMPROVED TRAINING TECHNIQUES WERE OBSERVABLE IN A MAJORITY OF PROVINCES AS A RESULT OF INSTRUCTOR TRAINING, MATERIALS DEVELOPMENT, AND LEADERSHIP FROM GVN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS TO THE FOUR GOVERNMENT DELEGATES. ALTHOUGH IT IS TOO EARLY TO REPORT CONCLUSIVELY, THE SIGNS OF THE TRAININGS'S IMPACT ON LOCAL OPERATIONS APPEAR FAVORABLE.

(4) SELF-HELP HAMLET DEVELOPMENT:

TABLE TWENTY-THREE

SELF HELP PROJECTS	PROGRAMMED	COMPLETED	NO PROJECTS="
	1967	1967	1966
FUNDED	4783	4137	3578
UNFUNDED	5000	7280	2103
TOTAL	9783	11,417	5681

- PROVINCIAL REPORTS - SOURCE

THE INCREASE IN UNFUNDED SELF HELP PROJECTS IS PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGING AS THESE PROJECTS HAVE NO FIASER INPUT FROM THE GOVERNMENT AND HENCE REQUIRE GREATEST LOCAL INITIATIVE AND

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SUPPORT. THE PEOPLE'S CONTRIBUTION IN CASH, LABOR AND CONSTRUCTION
MATERIALS INCREASED BY 150PCT INDICATING STRONG POPULAR SUPPORT.
(5) TRANSPORTATION:

TABLE TWENTY-FOUR

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	PROGRAMMED	DUE IN	IN COUNTRY	DELIVERED
PICKUP	17 (FY66)	3&	54	54
5-TON S&P	100 (FY66)	-	100	100
PICKUP	10 (FY67)	10&&	0	0
5-TON S&P	68 (FY67)	68	73	0
1/4 TON	50 (FY 68)	50&&&	0	0
PICKUP	100 (FY68)	100	0	0
5-TON S&P	100 (FY68)	100	0	0

& 3 COVERED PICKUPS RECEIVED- BELONGED TO CPSA.

& REMAINDER FY67 PROCUREMENT DUE IN JANUARY 1968.

&& FY68 PROCUREMENT DUE IN FIRST QUARTER 1968.

AN INCREASE IN DRIVERS' SALARIES TO VN\$4500 PER MONTH
EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1968 WILL HELP EASE THE RECRUITMENT
PROBLEM WHICH HAS PLAGUED THIS ACTIVITY DURING 1967.

(6) WAREHOUSES:

TABLE TWENTY-FIVE

1967 CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

NUMBER PROGRAMMED	NUMBER STARTED	NUMBER COMPLETED	PER CENT COMPLETED
DISTRICT WAREHOUSES 72	71	71	98

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 PROVINCIAL WAREHOUSES 24 24 23 96
 EFFECTIVE 1 JANUARY 1968, THE SALARIES OF DISTRICT
 WAREHOUSE KEEPERS WERE INCREASED FROM \$VN 3200 TO \$VN 3500 AND
 SALARIES OF PROVINCIAL WAREHOUSE KEEPERS FROM \$VN 3500 TO \$VN 4000.

(7) RURAL EDUCATION:

(A) CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION:

PROGRAMMED 1967 CONSTRUCTED 1967&
 NUMBER OF CLASSROOMS 2266 1571
 & APPROXIMATELY 500 CLASSROOMS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. MORD AND
 USAID/ED-SOURCE.

(B) TEACHER TRAINING:

PROGRAMMED 67 1967 COMPLETED 67& 1968
 2959 2963

& MORD-SOURCE.

FUNDS FOR CLASSROOM CONSTRUCTION HAD BEEN ALMOST
 COMPLETELY OBLIGATED BY 31 DECEMBER 1967, EVEN THOUGH ACTUAL CON-
 STRUCTION WILL CONTINUE WELL INTO CY-68. THE GOAL FOR TEACHER
 TRAINED HAD BEEN EXCEEDED BY 30 NOVEMBER 1967.

(8) RURAL HEALTH:

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(A) MATERNITY/DISPENSARY (MD) CONSTRUCTION:

1967 1967 UNDER
 PROGRAMMED COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION
 NUMBER OF FACILITIES 325 120 180
 & MORD AND USAID/PH-SOURCE

(B) THE 1967 RURAL HEALTH PROGRAM GOT OFF TO A
 SLOW START BUT IS MOVING AT LAST. ONLY ABOUT 20PCT OF THE COMPLETED
 MDS WERE IN OPERATION AT YEAR END. USAID/PH ADVISORS ANTICIPATE THAT
 80 OF THE MDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION WILL BE FINISHED BY 31 MARCH 1968.
 AS THE PROGRAM WAS NEW IN CONCEPT, THERE ARE NO COMPARABLE 1966 DATA.

(9) PROVINCIAL ROADS AND BRIDGES:

TABLE TWENTY-SIX

	1967&	1966&
BRIDGES PROGRAMMED FOR CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION:		
A. ABOVE VNS 1 MILLION	33	6
B. UNDER VNS 1 MILLION	31	71
BRIDGES UNDER CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION COMPLETED:		
A. UNDER VNS 1 MILLION	30	51
B. ABOVE VNS 1 MILLION	15	3
ROADS PROGRAMMED FOR CONSTRUCTION/ RENOVATION (KM):		

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A. REPAIR	566	519
B. NEW CONSTRUCTION	216	325
ROADS COMPLETED (KM):		
A. REPAIRED	360	380
B. NEW CONSTRUCTION	138	192

& MORD-SOURCE.

THE ABOVE DATA SHOWING STATUS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 1967 INCLUDE ESTIMATES FOR DECEMBER BASED ON FIRM INFORMATION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH NOVEMBER 1967.

(10) RURAL ELECTRIFICATION: THE 1967 PROGRAM AIMED AT THE CONSTRUCTION OF GENERATOR SITES TO PROVIDE LIGHTING AND POWER TO 38 HAMLETS. AT YEAR END, ONE SITE WAS 100PCT OPERATIONAL AND GENERATORS WERE IN PLACE AT TWO OTHER SITES AND WERE 20PCT CONNECTED. POWERHOUSES HAD BEEN COMPLETED AT 23 SITES, WITH EIGHT MORE BEING 75PCT COMPLETE; AT 24 LOCATIONS ALL MATERIALS, INCLUDING GENERATORS AND HARDWARE, WERE IN PLACE AND TWO ADDITIONAL SITES HAD 50PCT OF THIS EQUIPMENT, THERE WERE SIX CONSTRUCTION CREWS WORKING IN THE FIELD ON 13 SITES.

(11) RURAL AGRICULTURE:

TABLE TWENTY-SEVEN

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PROGRAMMED 1967 COMPLETED 1967&& COMPLETED 1966

AGRICULTURAL IRRIGATION&

NO. DAMS:

ABOVE VNS 1 MIL.	12	10	14
UNDER VNS 1 MIL.	30	30	48

KM OF CANALS

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY&

PIGS DISTRIBUTED	15,534	10,600	11,735
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POULTRY DISTRIBUTED	38,586	24,800	60,938
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FARMERS TRAINED	31,010	28,000	13,703
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AGRICULTURAL AFFAIRS&

FARMER TRAINING

SESSIONS	939	940	371
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NO. FARMERS TRAINED	42,255	42,300	16,721
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DEMONSTRATIONS HELD	928	1,020	NOT AVAIL
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PLANTING MATERIAL DISTRIBUTED VNS	31,360,000	25,000,000	14,139,017
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FISHERIES&

MARKETS/LANDING STAGES	19	13	31
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 FINGERLINGS DISTRIBU-

TED VNS	10,973,000	10,800,000	12,550,000
BOAT MOTORS DISTRIBU-			
TED	333	325	NOT AVAILABLE
FISHERMEN TRAINED	9,865	7,400	5,541

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 & MORD-SOURCE.

&& ALL 1967 DATA INCLUDE AN ESTIMATE FOR MONTH OF DECEMBER.

(12) AGRICULTURE-GENERAL:

(A) EFFECTIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE MINISTRY
 OF AGRICULTURE (MOA) AND MORD WAS ACHIEVED IN 1967.

(BL USAID AGRICULTURE DIVISION AND THE MOA HAVE
 INSTITUTED A MASSIVE TRAINING PROGRAM AT ALL LEVELS. TRAINING AT
 VUNG TAU OF THE AGRICULTURAL MEMBERS OF RD CADRE TEAMS WILL BE IM-
 PROVED AND REINFORCED WITH FURTHER TRAINING BY SERVICE CHIEFS IN
 THE PROVINCES.

(C) PROGRAMS WERE READJUSTED IN 1967 TO BEGIN
 COVERING ALL SECURE HAMLETS RATHER THAN JUST AP DOI MOI.
 MOST PROGRAMMED ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN PLACED ON A REPAYABLE
 LOAN BASIS.

(13) ETHNIC MINORITY AFFAIRS:

(A) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION WAS THE PROMULGA-
 TION BY THE GVN OF A HIGHLANDER "BILL OF RIGHTS" AND LAND LAW. IF
 EFFECTIVELY IMPLEMENTED, THIS MAY PROVE TO BE A TURNING POINT IN
 HIGHLANDER-LOWLANDER RELATIONS.

(B) THE SPECIAL COMMISSARIAT FOR HIGHLANDER

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 AFFAIRS WAS RAISED TO THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, AND RENAMED THE
 MINISTRY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF ETHNIC MINORITIES.
 (C) THE FIRST STAGE OF THE HIGHLANDER LANGUAGE
 TEXTBOOKS PROGRAM WAS COMPLETED. THIRTY-THOUSAND TEXTBOOKS IN THE
 FOUR MAJOR DIALECTS WERE PRINTED, DISTRIBUTED AND ARE PRESENTLY
 BEING USED BY HIGHLANDER SCHOOL CHILDREN. FOUR TRAINING COURSES IN
 THE USE OF THESE TEXTS WERE GIVEN FOR A TOTAL OF 400 HIGHLAND
 TEACHERS.
 (14) SEABEES: DURING 1967, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT
 ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE EIGHT SEABEE TEAMS IN COUNTRY WERE:
 (A) CONSTRUCTION OF 16 DISPENSARIES AND TREAT-
 MENT OF 24,000 PATIENTS.
 (B) TRAINING OF 570 VIETNAMESE IN CONSTRUCTION-
 RELATED SKILLS.
 (C) CONSTRUCTION OF 72.1 MILES OF ROADS.
 (D) CONSTRUCTION OF 917 FEET OF BRIDGES.
 (15) MILITARY SUPPORT FOR PACIFICATION: VNS 120 MILLION
 WERE DISBURSED FROM THE FUND FOR MILITARY SUPPORT FOR PACIFICATION,
 WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF CY 67. THESE
 FUNDS WERE USED FOR HIGH IMPACT PACIFICATION PROJECTS FOR WHICH THERE

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 WERE NO FUNDS, OR INADEQUATE FUNDS, AVAILABLE THROUGH NORMAL GVN
 CHANNELS.

(16) US/ FVMAF CIVIC ACTION: THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT
 PROJECTS WERE ACCOMPLISHED:

- (A) CONSTRUCTION OF 341 AND REPAIR OF 302 SCHOOLS;
 IN COOPERATION WITH RVNAF, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 435 AND
 REPAIR OF AN ADDITIONAL 306 SCHOOLS.
- (B) CONSTRUCTION OF 141 AND REPAIR OF 306 DIS-
 PENSARIES; IN COOPERATION WITH RVNAF, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL
 152 AND REPAIR OF AN ADDITIONAL 33 DISPENSARIES.
- (C) CONSTRUCTION OF 25 AND REPAIR OF 64 HOSPITALS;
 IN COOPERATION WITH RVNAF, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 26 AND
 REPAIR OF AN ADDITIONAL 22 HOSPITALS.
- (D) CONSTRUCTION OF 413 AND REPAIR OF 436 BRIDGES;
 IN COOPERATION WITH RVNAF, CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITIONAL 370 AND
 REPAIR OF AN ADDITIONAL 77 BRIDGES.
- (E) PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION IN CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS
 WAS BETWEEN 80 AND 90 PCT IN 1967, INDICATING THAT THE PROJECTS
 WERE LARGELY IN LINE WITH THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE.
- (F) COORDINATION AND LIAISON BETWEEN US/FVMAF AND

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 GVN OFFICIALS AT DISTRICT AND PROVINCE LEVEL HAVE BEEN REGULARIZED
 SO THAT US/FWMAF UNITS ARE NOW OBTAINING OFFICIAL APPROVAL BEFORE
 UNDERTAKING CIVIC ACTION ACTIVITIES.

H. BUDGET PERFORMANCE:

TABLE TWENTY-EIGHT.

BUDGET PROGRAM	1967 BUDGET (VN\$)	PERCENT && EXPENDED 1967	PERCENT EXPENDED 1966
CHIEU HOI	950,000,000	85	31
VIS	42,577,384	83.6	97.1
REFUGEES:			
TEMPORARY RELIEF	532,9000,000	49	59
RESETTLEMENT	760,000,000	36	71
SPECIAL FUND	295,760,634	71	--
TOTAL	1,588,680,634	47	68
MORD			
I CORPS	341,465,000	79	72
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 TOTAL 2,188,355,000 73 75

& ESTIMATED

1. IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS OF RVNAF UNITS IN SUPPORT OF
 PACIFICATION:

(1) WITHIN THE RVNAF ACTION PROGRAM THERE WERE TWO
 BROAD AIMS: TO INCREASE DIRECT SUPPORT OF PACIFICATION BY GVN ARMED
 FORCES AND TO UPGRADE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF RVNAF UNITS IN THE
 PACIFICATION ROLE. THIS PROGRAM NECESSARILY INVOLVED IMPROVEMENT OF
 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, ORIENTATION IN THE PACIFICATION CONCEPT,
 INTENSIFICATION OF THE ADVISORY EFFORT, AND ACHIEVEMENT OF A SUB-
 STANTIALLY BETTER LEVEL OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, PARTICULARLY IN THE
 TROOP CARE AREA. ANY CHANGE IN RVNAF ENTAILS A RELATIVELY
 LONG-TERM EFFORT: GVN ARMED FORCES ARE THE GREATEST REPOSITORY OF
 REAL NATIONAL POWER, WELL ENTRENCHED AND CONSERVATIVE. YET, NOTABLE
 PROGRESS WAS MADE DURING THE LATTER HALF OF 1967, PARTICULARLY IN
 TRAINING. DESPITE THE ABSENCE OF REAL ENTHUSIASM BY RVNAF COM-
 MANDERS, RD MOBILE TRAINING IMPARTED A FELL FOR PACIFICATION AS A
 CIVIL-MILITARY SYSTEM OF ACTIVITIES. MORE EFFECTIVE PACIFICATION
 TACTICS AND TECHNIQUES, IMPROVED INTERACTION BETWEEN PACIFICATION
 ELEMENTS, AND INCREASED UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TROOPS AND HAMLET
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 PEOPLE RESULTED.

(2) IN 1967, 93 PERCENT OF ARVN BATTALIONS AND 84 PER-
 CENT OF RF COMPANIES RECEIVED RD MOBILE TRAINING. FIFTY-SEVEN PER
 CENT OF PF PLATOONS RECEIVED "NEW" MIP TRAINING. THE HARDEST TASK
 IN THE RVNAF ACTION PROGRAM PROVED TO BE DISPELLING THE LOGISTICAL

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 APATHY OF RVNAF COMMANDERS AND THEIR STAFFS. GVN PLANNING AND EXECU-
 TION CONSISTENTLY SLIGHT THE DETAILS OF MATERIAL SUPPORT AND MORE
 PARTICULARLY, OF TROOP AND DEPENDENT CARE. HOWEVER, FIRM PRESSURE
 HAS ELICITED FORWARD MOVEMENT IN SOME AREAS. FREE OPERATIONAL RATIONS
 ARE NOW BEING ISSUED TO ARVN AND 57 PERCENT OF THE 1967 GOAL OF 2,267
 UNIT MESSES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED. THE VERY EXTENSIVE 1967 ENDEAVOR
 TO DEVELOP A WORTHWHILE RVNAF COMMISSARY SYSTEM HAS REGISTERED CON-
 siderable SUCCESS, QUALIFIED BY RATHER LISTLESS
 DISTRIBUTION AND WAREHOUSING. SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH
 OF US FOOD ITEMS REQUISITIONED BEGAN ENTERING THE COUNTRY IN SEPTEMBER.
 ABOUT SIX MILLION DOLLARS' WORTH HAD ARRIVED BY THE END OF DE-
 CEMBER, WITH SALES REACHING THE ONE MILLION MARK DURING THE SAME
 PERIOD. US FOOD IMPORTS ARE MEANT TO UPGRADE TROOP AND DEPENDENT
 DIETS AND PROVIDE A SUBSIDY TO COVER OPERATING COSTS AND LIMITED IN-
 VESTMENT IN NEW ASSETS FROM PROFITS GENERATED. IT APPEARS THAT THE
 ARVN WEAPONS MODERNIZATION PROGRAM MAY GENERATE A SPINOFF OF INTEN-
 SIFIED AGGRESSIVENESS, JUDGING BY THE PERFORMANCE OF 1ST DIVISION
 ELEMENTS ARMED WITH THE M-16 RIFLE. THE DCSLOG AUTOMATED EQUIPMENT
 STATUS REPORTING SYSTEM REMAINS PROJECTED FOR SPRING 1968.
 (3) MUCH ATTENTION HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE SECURITY,

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 MAINTENANCE, AND UTILIZATION OF LOCS. THE ATTITUDE OF GVN CIVIL
 AUTHORITIES AND RVNAF HAS SHIFTED FROM COMPLACENCY TO CONCERN
 IN VIEW OF PRESENT VC EFFORTS AGAINST NATIONAL
 HIGHWAYS. THERE ARE 19 MOBILE ADVISORY TEAMS (MATS) DEPLOYED IN IV
 CTZ AND 24 IN III CTZ. IN II CTZ THERE ARE 12 COMBINED MILITARY IM-
 PROVEMENT TEAMS AND 12 COMBINED MILITARY TRAINING TEAMS, BOTH LOCAL
 MEASURES AIMED AT UPGRADING RF/PF PERFORMANCE. FIELD REPORTS INDIC-
 CATE THAT SOME PROBLEMS IN PROPER UTILIZATION, LOGISTICAL SUPPORT,
 AND MORALE ATTENDED THE INITIAL DEPLOYMENT OF MAT IN IV CTZ. THE
 CONCEPT IS PROVING ITSELF, HOWEVER. MOST OF THE PROBLEMS THAT AROSE
 WHEN THE TEAMS WERE FIELDIED GREW OUT OF THE TRANSITION FROM AMERICAN
 TROOP UNIT ASSIGNMENTS TO RELATIVELY UNSTRUCTURED ADVISORY ROLES.
 (4) THE AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF NIGHT OPERATIONS
 DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH DECEMBER 1967 WERE: ARVN, ABOUT
 7,400 WITH 264 CONTACT (1.5 PERCENT); RF, ABOUT 20,600 WITH 282
 CONTACTS (1.4 PERCENT); PF, ABOUT 36,700 WITH 433 CONTACTS (1.2
 PERCENT). THE FIGURES INDICATE AN AVERAGE OF 10 NIGHT OPERATIONS
 PER PF PLATOON PER MONTH, WITH ONE CONTACT.
 (5) THERE WAS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS IN EXPANSION OF
 PACIFICATION-SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS DURING THE PERIOD JULY THROUGH

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 DECEMBER. BASICALLY, MACCORDS NOW AN INTEGRATED
 CIVIL-MILITARY TELEPHONE AND TELETYPE NETWORK EXTENDING FROM SAIGON
 TO ALL CORPS HEADQUARTERS. WITH EXTENDED SERVICE INTEGRAL TO EACH
 CORPS HEADQUARTERS. THE NUMBER OF PROVINCES SERVED BY SECURE TELE-
 TYPE ROSE FROM 22 IN JULY TO 38 BY 31 DECEMBER. EXPANSION AND IM-
 PROVEMENT OF PACIFICATION-SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS MADE EXCELLENT PRO-
 GRESS. PROCUREMENT OF MAP-FUNDED AUGMENTATION EQUIPMENT IS UNDERWAY.
 USAID EQUIPMENT AND O&M FUNDING WILL BE PHASED OUT OVER THE NEXT 18-
 24 MONTHS. PROBLEMS IN PROVINCE-LEVEL CCORDS COMMUNICATIONS CURRENTLY
 CENTER AROUND TESTS AND MODIFICATIONS BEING APPLIED TO THE AN/PRC-74
 RADIO.

J. IMPROVE PACIFICATION PLANNING:

(1) THIS PROGRAM, THROUGH NOT UNMARKED BY SERIOUS SET-
 BACKS, DEVELOPED ALONG THE LINES ENVISIONED IN PROJECT TAKEOFF.
 THAT IT SHOULD HAVE DONE SO THROUGH A PERIOD HIGHLIGHTED BY NATIONAL
 ELECTIONS AND EXTENSIVE GVN REORGANIZATION IS REMARKABLE. AS 143-
 THE COMBINED CAMPAIGN PLAN FOR 1968-CONTAINED THE FIRST FULLY INTE-
 GRATED TREATMENT OF PACIFICATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A TOTAL
 CAMPAIGN. FROM THE TIME PLANNING BEGAN IN AUGUST, EFFORTS TO MAIN-
 TAIN A TOTALLY COORDINATED CONFIGURATION WERE REPEATEDLY FRUSTRATED

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BY THE CHRONIC INABILITY OF THE MINISTRIES TO MAKE DECISIONS OR TO COORDINATE EVEN MINIMALLY WITH ONE ANOTHER. US PRESSURE RESULTED IN ESTABLISHMENT, IN NOVEMBER, OF A CENTRAL RD COUNCIL AND COUNCILS AT CORPS AND PROVINCE, BUT FEW OF THEM WERE FUNCTIONING SATISFACTORILY BY THE END OF THE YEAR.

(2) IN SEPTEMBER, MORD 1968 PLANNING GUIDELINES WERE PUBLISHED. CLOSE US-GVN COORDINATION PRIOR TO PUBLICATION KEPT THE GUIDELINES IN CONSONANCE WITH AB 143. CORPS DEPCORDS BEGAN WORK ON REGIONAL ANNEXES TO THE AID CAP (COUNTRY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CAP)) SECTOR PLANS. DURING OCTOBER, AB 143 WAS PUBLISHED AND A MAJOR MACCORDS EFFORT WENT INTO REVIEW AND REVISION OF THE AID CAP TO INSURE COMPATIBILITY WITH PACIFICATION PLANS. THERE WAS A MARKED LACK OF GVN RESPONSE TO MACCORDS PLANNING OVERTURES AT THIS TIME DUE TO PREOCCUPATION WITH FORMATION OF A NEW GOVERNMENT. NOVEMBER SAW AB 143 SIGNED AND THE AID CAP RECONCILED AGAINST PACIFICATION PLANS. THE CULMINATION OF THE 1968 PLANNING EFFORT WAS THE PRODUCTION OF PROVINCE PACIFICATION PLANS WHICH ARE BEING REVIEWED AT THE PRESENT TIME. THESE PLANS ARE GENERALLY THE PRODUCT OF UNPRECEDENTED US-GVN COORDINATION AND ARE CHARACTERIZED BY AMBITIOUS BUT REALISTIC GOALS. A SYSTEM OF PACIFICATION PRIORITIES, COUPLED WITH

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INCLUSION OF TIME-PHASED GOALS, ARE OTHER SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF 1968 PACIFICATION AND CAMPAIGN PLANS. THE CONSENSUS OF FIELD COMMANDERS MARKS AB143 AS AN ENCOURAGING SUCCESS.

4. (C) STATUS OF PACIFICATION RESOURCES:

TABLE TWENTY-NINE

	1967	1966
UNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT:		
ARVN BATTALIONS	55	
RF COMPANIES	208	
PF PLATOONS	568	
GROUPS:		
RD CADRE (END OF 1967 INCLUDES 38 20-MAN TEAMS IN AN GIANG)	555	361
TRUONG SON	108	171
CIVIL/ MILITARY	30	
QUARTER ZONE TEAM	2	
STATIC CENSUS GRIEVANCE CADRE	5,502	5,131
NATIONAL POLICE	73,371	61,250

5. (C) INDICATOR TRENDS:

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 FOR: ADM SHARP, INFO GEN WHEELER, LTG ROSSCN, LTG WEYAND, LTG
 CUSHMAN, MG ECKHARDT FROM AMB KOMER. FINAL SECTION OF XIV.
 TABLE THIRTY

CHIEU HOI

REFUGEES:

GAINS

NOT RESETTLED (CUMULATIVE)

1967 1966
 27,178 20,242

46,108 893,738
 793,944 809,956

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VC INCIDENTS (TOTAL LESS AA)

TERRORISM (INCLUDING RDC)

CIVIL CASUALTIES (ASSASSINATIONS AND

ABDUCTIONS) AS A RESULT OF TERRORISM

& DOES NOT INCLUDE FIGURES PRIOR TO MAY 1967; FIGURES NOT AVAILABLE
 PRIOR TO THAT TIME.

6. (C) ENEMY REACTION TO THE PACIFICATION OFFENSIVE:

A. THE VC'S DOCTRINAL REACTION TO PACIFICATION IN 1967 CAN
 BE SUMMARIZED BY A QUOTE FROM COSVN'S GUIDELINE FOR DISRUPTION OF THE
 RVN PACIFICATION PROGRAM:

"IMPROVE LEADERSHIP, STRENGTHEN FORCES AND ASSIGN CADRE TO
 PACIFICATION AREAS. DISTRICTS AND PROVINCES SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE
 ACTIVITY OF VILLAGES AND HAMLETS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TIMELY
 GUIDANCE. LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE SHOULD BE SUITED TO EACH KIND OF
 PACIFICATION AREA (THE GREATER PART OF PACIFICATION AREAS INCLUDE
 WEAK AREAS UNDER MIXED CONTROL. THE REST ARE TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED
 AREAS AND LIBERATED AREAS). TAKE PARTICULAR CARE OF LOWLAND AREAS
 IN THE COUNTRYSIDE BECAUSE THESE AREAS ARE MAIN OBJECTIVES FOR
 ENEMY PACIFICATION".

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 B. VC PLANS FOR 1967-68 INCLUDE INFILTRATING FALSE RALLIERS INTO THE CHIEU HOI PROGRAMS, PREVENTING REFUGEES AND DESERTERS FROM LEAVING VC-DOMINATED AREAS, INCREASING ATTACKS AGAINST SVN REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, USING THE SO-CALLED DEATH DEFYING OR SUICIDE GROUPS TO KIDNAP OR ASSASSINATE GVN CADRES, AND PENETRATING REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AREAS. THE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE FOR THESE PLANS APPEARS TO BE GENERAL UPRISING AGAINST GVN WHICH HAS BEEN MENTIONED IN MANY CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

C. THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, THERE APPEARED TO BE SEVERAL KEY FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE REDUCTION OF VC RANKS AND THE POPULATION BASE IN VC AREAS. MANY OF THE ENEMY SURRENDERED, RALLIED OR DESERTED TO ESCAPE ALLIED BOMBS, ARTILLERY, OR GROUND OPERATIONS; MANY OF THE REFUGEES AND HOI CHANH INDICATED THAT IT WAS NOT UNTIL THIS PERIOD OF THE INSURGENCY THAT THE OPPORTUNITY TO RALLY PRESENTED ITSELF. THIS WAS MADE POSSIBLE BY VC PREOCCUPATION WITH OPERATIONS AND SWEEPS CONDUCTED BY FRIENDLY FORCES. IN ADDITION, CIVILIANS LEFT VC AREAS IN ORDER TO AVOID HEAVY VC TAX LEVIES AND POSSIBLE RECRUITMENT INTO VC RANKS. IN-COUNTRY RECRUITMENT, HAMPERED BY A LOSS OF POPULATION CONTROL, WAS MAINTAINED AT ABOUT 3500 PER MONTH DURING 1967 ONLY. THROUGH INCREASED USE OF FORCED CONSCRIPTION COUPLED WITH A RELAXA-

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 TION OF STANDARDS.

7. (C) ECONOMIC EFFECTS OF PACIFICATION: SINCE THE END OF THE DELTA RICE HARVEST SEASON IN LATE FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH OF 1967, IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY APPARENT THAT, IN THE DELTA AT LEAST, AGRICULTURAL REAL INCOME HAS BEGUN TO RISE. PADDY PRICES ROSE ALMOST 100PCT OVER 1966. A MARKED INCREASE IN COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION IS CONSTANTLY ENLARGING THE MARKET FOR OTHER FOOD CROPS WITH THE RESULT THAT FARMERS ARE GETTING HIGHER CASH PAYMENTS FOR PORK, FISH, AND POULTRY AS WELL AS RICE AND VEGETABLES. DURING 1967 SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WAS MADE IN INTRODUCING IR-8 RICE SEED. THIS RICE VARIETY, WHICH HAS A YIELD OF POSSIBLY 5 TIMES THAT OF LOCAL VIETNAMESE VARIETIES, WILL BE PLANTED ON 100,000 HECTARES DURING 1968, IF PRESENT GVN PLANS ARE SUCCESSFUL. AT THE SAME TIME SUFFICIENT AMOUNTS OF HARD CONSUMER GOODS ARE AVAILABLE AND THE PRICES OF THESE COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN HELD AT A FAIRLY STABLE LEVEL. IN EFFECT, WHILE RURAL PURCHASING POWER HAS BEEN GOING UP, PRICES OF CITY SUPPLIED GOODS HAVE NOT. THUS WE ARE WITNESSING A GRADUAL SHIFT IN THE TERMS OF TRADE IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTRYSIDE. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT AND BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT. HAPPILY, IT IS A CONSEQUENCE OF POLICIES AND MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE GVN (WITH US ENCOURAGEMENT) WHICH

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 WERE DESIGNED TO PRODUCE THIS RESULT. ONE ASPECT WHICH COULD HAVE
 A PROFOUND EFFECT ON COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPERATIONS IS THE "FLESHING
 OUT" OR EXTENSION OF THE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM FOR GOODS COMING FROM
 THE SAIGON METROPOLITAN AREA. THESE GOODS, SEEKING THE NEW CASH
 LIQUIDITY IN THE COUNTRYSIDE, ARE NOW SELLING IN MANY REMOTE LOCA-
 TIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME. WATER PUMPS, TEXTILES, FERTILIZER, TV
 SETS, TRANSISTOR RADIOS, LAMBRETTA TAXIS, AND MOTORBIKES ARE FILTER-
 ING OUT OF SAIGON TO DISTRICT TOWNS AND VILLAGES. RURAL VIETNAMESE
 APPEAR TO BE GETTING AN ACQUISITIVE URGE. LOCKED AT IN ANOTHER SENSE
 AN ECONOMIC REVIVAL IS TAKING PLACE WHICH WILL PROVIDE A SOLID
 UNDERPINNING FOR THE PACIFICATION AND "NATION BUILDING" PROCESS.

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S E C R E T 03528 MACJ03

FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND TO GENERAL CUSHMAN

SUBJ: ACTIVATION OF HEADQUARTERS MACV FORWARD (U)

REF: A. CG III MAF MSG DTG 020166Z FEB 68.

NO. COMUSMACV MSG DTG 010820Z FEB. 68.

1. (C) WE HAVE KEPT IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH REPRESENTATIVES AT HQ MACV FORWARD AS WELL AS THE III MAF STAFF AND HAD ALREADY EFFECTED A PHASE DOWN IN THE ORIGINAL MOVEMENT SCHEDULE OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. AT THE PRESENT TIME ONLY MINIMUM ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL WILL BE DEPLOYED SUCH AS A MP UNIT AND A R&U UNIT. ESSENTIAL CARGO WILL CONTINUE TO BE SHIPPED.

2. (S) CG USARV IS BEING TASKED TO PREPARE AN ENGINEER BATTALION (COMBAT) FOR MOVEMENT TO I CORPS AS SOON AS THE TACTICAL SITUATION IS STABILIZED. THIS UNIT MUST MOVE BY HIGHWAY 1. REQUEST YOU NOTIFY CG USARV WHEN ACTUAL MOVEMENT IS DESIRED.

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3. (S) REGARDING PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 3 OF REFERENCE B, CHANGE DATE OF "5 FEBRUARY 1968" TO READ "TO BE ANNOUNCED."

4. (U) WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE SITUATION AND THE ACTIVATION OF HQ MACV FORWARD WILL BE EXECUTED SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE CONDUCT OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS. GP-4.

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SECRET/DI. PERSONAL FOR GEN CUSHMAN AND GEN ANDERSON, FROM GEN KEEGAN. IN CONTINUING RESPONSE TO ENEMY SITUATION ORIENTATION AT CAMP CARROL AND ENVIRONS HAVE HAD MY STAFF CONDUCT INTENSIVE EXAMINATION OF AVAILABLE RECONNAISSANCE MATERIALS ENCOMPASSED BY UTM COORDS XD8075/YD2075/XD8053/YD2053. AS RESULT OF DETAILED PHOTO INTERPRETER AND TARGET ANALYSIS, SOME 144 TARGET NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED, NONE OF WHICH HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY STRUCK. EIGHTY OF THESE TARGETS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED EXCLUSIVELY FOR DEFENSE AGAINST THE THREAT TO CAMP CARROLL. A MACHINE PRINTOUT OF THESE TARGETS WAS FORWARDED TO YOU BY T-39 COURIER AT 1730H, THIS DATE, WITH ADDITIONAL COPIES TO MACV AND 7AF TACC. BELIEVE IMMEDIATE AIR STRIKES AGAINST THESE TARGETS WOULD BE VERY PROFITABLE.

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B. III MAF MSG, DTG: 0330116 (S)

2. (S) BASED ON THE CONTENT OF REFERENCE 1B AND OVERALL
SITUATION IN COUNTRY, I WILL NOT ARRIVE AT PHU BAI ON 5
FEBRUARY. I WILL ADVISE YOU OF MY PLANS AT A LATER DATE.
BEST REGARDS.

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SUBJECT: ARC LIGHT STRIKES

DURING THE PAST TWO DAYS TWO B-52 STRIKES SCHEDULED AGAINST HIGH PRIORITY TARGETS IN THE CURRENT THREAT AREA NORTH OF CAMP CARROLL HAVE HAD TO BE DIVERTED TO PRE- PLANNED ALTERNATE TARGETS IN QUANG NAM. THESE STRIKES WERE DIVERTED JUST PRIOR TO BOMB RELEASE DUE TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT FRIENDLY FORCES WERE IN THE TARGET AREA. LOSS OF THIS TREMENDOUS OFFENSIVE POWER IN THE CAMP CARROLL AREA IS SERIOUS IN VIEW OF THE ENEMY'S OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY AGAINST OUR FORCES THERE. THE LAST MOMENT DIVERT OF THESE SORTIES INDICATES A LACK OF TIMELY COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN III MAF AND THIRD MAR DIV.

REQUEST YOU REVIEW YOUR PRESENT PROCEDURES TO INSURE THAT FRIENDLY CLEARANCES ARE MAINTAINED IN THOSE AREAS WHICH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CLEARED FOR ARC LIGHT STRIKES. THIS MISUSE OF THE B-52 AIRCRAFT WHICH HAS RESULTED FROM THESE FAULTY PROCEDURES IS A MATTER OF DEEP CONCERN TO ME

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///// S P E C A T S E C R E T /////

FOR LTEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS - PLEASE DELIVER AT ONCE

1. ELEMENTS OF ALLTHREE BATTALIONS OF 803 REGT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED RESULT OF OPERATION SALINE VICINITY OF NAPOLEON AREA. BREWER REPORTS POWS BELONGING TO 812 REGT RESULT QUANG TRI CITY FIGHTING.

2. ACCORDINGLY HAVE HAD 3DBN 3D MAR TO SEND COMPANY STRENGTH PATROL FROM A3 TO SOUTH BORDER DMZ. FOMR FIRST TIME NO ENEMY COFTACT NO ENEMY REACTION. TODAY MOVED TANKS FROM A3 TO RT 561 WITH NO ENEMY REACTION.

3. MY ANALYSIS OF ABOVE LEADS ME TO BELIEVE THAT POSSIBLY ONLY 270 IND REGT TOGETHER WITH SOME ELMS 803 ARE NOW TO NORTH OF EASTERN DMZ AT PRESENT TIME ALONG WITH PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED ENEMY ARTY. LAST MONTH ELMS 270 IND REGT TOOK SEVERAL SEVERE BLOWS SOUTH OF DMZ ALONG FLAT EAST COASTAL AREA. FOLLOWING WHICH 270 RETIRED NORTH AND 803 TOOK OVER. 90 REGT UNDOUBTEDLY NORTH OF KHE SANH AND 27 IND BN CONCENTRATED SOUTH CAM LO AND EAST VIC ROUTE 9 6

PAGE TWO RUMHVP /// S P E C A T S E C R E T ///

4. IF ANY VALIDITY TO ABOVE AND I BELIEVE THERE IS THEN WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO SEIZE INITIATIVE. I HAVE NOTHING WITH WHICH TO EXPLOIT UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. BUT IF AIR CAV OR ANYONE WILL TAKE OVER A3 I WILL FIGHT BN UP TO BEN HAI VIC KINH MAN YD765175 WHICH I BELIEVE IS KEYSTONE OF ENEMY DEFENSIVE SYSTEM ORGANIZED IN DEPTH FORWARD EDGE VTUC YD180750.

5. ALTERNATELY AND THIS OFFERS GREATED RETURN IF AIR CAV CAN PRODUCE PRIGADE THEN I RECOMMEND THEY STRIKE WEST PIVOTING ON CON THIEN TO HIT 320 DIV ON LEFT FLANK DRIVING EAST ON GENERAL AXIS CON THIEN - HELICOPTER VALLEY - MUTTERS RIDGE.

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

CRITICOMM CIRCUIT DDNC1952 (CRS DANANG TO 3RD MARDIV)
FROM MAJGEN TOMPKINS FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN

1. I VIEW WITH CONCERN THE LACK OF CRITICOMM SUPPORT BEING
PROVIDED THIS DIVISION. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED TRAFFIC SINCE
031715H OVER THIS VITAL NET. EFFORTS TO ISOLATE AND CORRECT
THIS SITUATION HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

2. REQ YOUR ASSISTANCE.

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DC/S DM							
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TO CG, III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM BRINGLE

DANANG SITUATION

1. AM FOLLOWING THE DANANG SITUATION WITH KEEN INTEREST, PARTICULARLY SINCE ARRIVAL OF PROVIDENCE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY AND THE INITIATION OF NGFS FROM THE FLAGSHIP.

AM ANXIOUS TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE.

2. TO THIS END, IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF I COULD RECEIVE ITEMS OF MAJOR INTELLIGENCE ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LOCAL SITUATION. BEST REGARDS.

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DCG	3				<i>W</i>	SUBJECT Refugees
DCG AIR	4		9 Feb 68		<i>W</i>	REMARKS 3 COPIES OF 071328Z FEB 1968 <i>OG- I am sending a G-5 29th Oct and CROSS' rep. on the U-21 this AM Wesley</i> <i>#2 & 3 burned 4 Nov 68</i> LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
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FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO CG III MAF

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LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJGEN TOMPKINS

REFERENCE MEETING TODAY W/GEN WEST MORELAND REGARDING POSSIBLE PROBLEM WITH REFUGEES. IT IS NO LONGER A THEORETICAL PROBLEM. WITNESS THE FOLLOWING FROM B-2 REP AT KHE SANH. QUOTE PROBLEM EXISTS IN KHE SANH WHICH STEMS FROM

AN INFUX OF REFUGEES AND CIDG PAREN CIVILIAN IRREGULAR DEFENSE GROUP PAREN PERSONNEL INTO THE AREA. APPROXIMATELY 200 CIDG CAME IN OF WHICH 34 WERE WOUNDED AND NOW BEING TREATED ABOARD THE BASE, OTHERS ARE IN IMME

DIATE VICINITY OF BASE. THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 3000 REFUGEES WHO HAVE COME TO THE BASE BUT HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO ENTER. APPARENTLY NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE WITH RESPECT TO CARING FOR THEM, E.G. GIVING THEM FOOD AND WATER. THERE ARE ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO BE AN INDETERMINATE NUMBER OF "ELEPHANT PEOPLE" WITH THEM (PROBABLY REFERRING TO LACTIANS). THERE ARE ONLY TWO INTERPRETERS AVAILABLE TO HANDLE THIS GROUP AND THEY ARE BEING SWAMPED. REALIZE THIS IS A G-3 PROBLEM BUT APPARENTLY THERE IS VERY LITTLE GUIDANCE HERE ON WHAT TO DO. AS FAR AS IT CAN BE DETERMINED, THEY ARE BEING KEPT OFF THE BASE WITHIN A QUARTER OF A MILE, AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE TO PROVIDE THEM SECURITY. END QUOTE. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE. PERHAPS YOUR G-3 WOULD TAKE FOR ACTION.

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C/S						REMARKS CEO DELIVERED COPY TO G-2 PRIOR TO ROUTING TO SIS
DC/S						NO FORN EXCLUSIVE
DC/S DM						EXCLUSIVE
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 INFO RUMSVA/CG USAFV LONG BINH
 RUMSBJ/CDR 7TH AF SAIGON
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SECRET 03968 FROM: MACCOCII
 SUBJ: UNIT DEPLOYMENT (U)

1. (S) CG, II FFORCEV WILL PREPARE TO DEPLOY TO QUANG TRI BY AIR ONE AIRBORNE BATTALION TF FROM 101ST ABN DIV. TF WILL INCLUDE ONE ARTILLERY BTRY (DS) AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SUPPORT ELEMENTS. SUPPORT WILL INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF ONE COMMAND AND CONTROL SHIP BUT WILL NOT INCLUDE ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER ASSETS. THE BN TF WILL BE PREPARED TO INITIATE AIR MOVEMENT ON 9 FEBRUARY AND CLOSE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE.
2. (S) OPCON PASSES TO CG, III MAF UPON CROSSING I FFORCEV/ III MAF BOUNDARY.
3. (S) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, II FFORCEV WILL BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY AN ADDITIONAL AIRBORNE BATTALION TF AND AN AIRBORNE BR-

PAGE 2 RUMSMA 0965B SECRET
 GAGE HEADQUARTERS PLUS ESSENTIAL SUPPORT ELEMENTS, TO A DESIGNATED LOCATION I CTZ, UPON THE COMPLETION OF THE MOVEMENT OF THE INITIAL BATTALION TF. THE REMAINING BATTALION TASK FORCE OF THE BRIGADE WILL BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY TO I CTZ, UPON CLOSING OF THE SECOND INCREMENT. ALL INCREMENTS PLAN TO CLOSE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE UPON INITIATION OF MOVE.

4. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT TO MACCOCII BY TELEPHONE MACV 2114 OR EAC 381.

5. (U) DIRLAUTH. GP-4

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DCG AIR						<p style="text-align: center;">FOR</p> <p><i>CB - I have ISO and CBT Faw working on this one. The pilot plane load has already approved as changing.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Hejaj</i> <i>July</i></p>
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TO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN
KRULAK.1. THE FOLLOWING AP 127/128 RELEASE IS QUOTED FOR
INFORMATION. I HAVE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY
FOR ELABORATION OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED THEREIN:
QUOTE:

127

LANG VEI SURVER KHE SANH, VIETNAM (AP)- BARRIERS WERE UP AT KHE
SANH TODAY AGAINST NEARLY 200 IRREGULAR DEFENDERS OF LANG
VEI WHO ESCAPED TO THIS U.S. MARINE BASE AFTER THE FALL OF THAT
SPECIAL FORCES CAMP. ACCORDED NO HERO'S WELCOME, THE MONTAGNARD
AND VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN SOLDIERS WERE STRIPPED OF WEAPONS AND
TURNED OUT INTO THE COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED COUNTRYSIDE TO FEND FOR
THEMSELVES. SOME WERE WOUNDED, SOME WERE WITHOUT SHOES. ONLY A FEW
HAD FOOD AND BLANKETS.PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 1187 C O N F I D E N T I A L
SYMPATHETIC MARINES PASSED OUT CANNED RATIONS TO THE SURVIVORS,
BUT COULD DO LITTLE ELSE.ABOUT 2,000 LAOTIAN CIVILIANS, SOME SOLDIERS FROM AN
AMERICAN-SUPPORTED LAOTIAN BATTALION AND LOCAL BROU TRIBESMEN ALSO
ARE CAUGHT LIKE TABLE TENNIS BALLS BETWEEN A NORTH
VIETNAMESE FORCE AND THE MARINE BASE.FOR THE MOMENT THEY WERE THE WAR'S FORGOTTEN PAWNS.
MARINE OFFICIALS HAD TRIED FOR NVYS TO GET THE REFUGEES
OUT OF WHAT PROMISES TO BE THE BLOODIEST BATTLE ZONE IN
THIS COUNTRY, BUT WITHOUT AVAIL.ONE INFORMED SOURCE SAID A HIGH VIETNAMESE OFFICIAL REFUSED TO
PERMIT THE REFUGEES TO BE EVACUATED, SAYING THE MONTAGNARDS
AND LAOTIANS ARE NOT VIETNAMESE AND THUS NONE OF HIS AFFAIR.
THE CASE OF THE LANG VEI SURVIVORS STILL WAS NOT ENTIRELY
CLEAR, BUT APPEARED TO INVOLVE A QUESTION OF JURISDICTION BETWEEN
U.S. SPECIAL FORCES AND MARINE AUTHORITIES.

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KHE SANH-- ADD LANG VEI SURVIVORS (127)
WHEN THE FIRST STRAGGLERS TURNED UP WEDNESDAY THEY ASKED TO
BE LET INSIDE THE BASE, WHICH INCLUDES A SECRET SPECIAL FORCES

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CAMP.

A MARINE OFFICER SAID HE WAS TOLD BY AN AMERICAN GREEN BERET
STANDING ATOP A BUNKER: "THEY'RE NOT OUR PROBLEM."
THE MARINE REFUSED TO BRING IN THE SURVIVORS, WHO ARE KNOWN
TO BE RIDDLED WITH VIET CONG EVEN THOUGH THEY WORK FOR THE
SPECIAL FORCES.

THE MARINES STRIPPED THE MEN OF THEIR RIFLES, AMMUNITION AND
GRENADES.

MARINE OFFICERS SUGGESTED THAT THE IRREGULARS TAKE REFUGE
IN AN OLD, ABANDONED MONTAGNARD VILLAGE OUTSIDE THE MARINE
LINES.

THE VILLAGE IS ON THE MAIN ROUTE OF ADVANCE FOR THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE REGULARS WHO USED TANKS TO OVERRUN THE LANG VEI
CAMP WEDNESDAY.

A MARINE OFFICER, TURNING BACK A GROUP OF 30, SAID "THE SPECIAL
FORCES DOESN'T WANT THEM. WHAT INFURIATES ME IS THAT THE
WOUNDED ARE TURNED OUT TOO."

UNQUOTE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN PROVIDE ME WHICH
MIGHT SHED MORE LIGHT ON THE

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FOREGOING. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MC AND NAVY EYES ONLY LIMDIS
DOCUMENTATION OF 1ST AIR CAV MOVE (U)

A. YOUR 210205Z JAN 68

1. REPORT FOR 21 JAN TO 6 FEB.

2. APPROX 72 OFFICER HOURS SPENT IN MEETINGS.

3. NOIHERN ICTZ DAILY THROUGHPUT AVE 1,616 S/T. BACKLOG 6 FEB WAS 14,784 S/T. BACKLOG ATTRIBUTED TO LACK OF SECURITY ON RIVERS AND DEGRADATION OF HUE RAMP OPS.

4. MSIS REPORTS 35 LST LOADS ATTRIBUTED TO ARMY MOVE.

5. JP-4 USAGE IN NICTZ HAS INCREASED APPROX 7 MGAL/DAY AT TAN MY/ PHU BAI AND 19 MAGAL/DAY AT DONG HA/QUANG TRI.

6. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DISTINGUISH IMPACT OF 1ST AIR CAV FROM OTHER INCREASED ARMY MOVES IN NICTZ, RECOMMEND THAT REQUIREMENT FOR THIS REPORT BE CANCELLED.

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DCG AIR						REMARKS 2/12 For CG - I have G-4 working on this. Hope to have an answer to Mr. 16 query ASAP. Shopy 9
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 FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO GEN CUSHMAN III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 01959 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: EQUIPPING OF RVNAF FORCES IN I CORPS

1. (C) DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY, EXPEDITED ACTION WAS TAKEN TO OBTAIN M16 RIFLES FOR ALL ARVN COMBAT ELEMENTS IN I CORPS. THESE WERE ISSUED TO THE 1ST ALC IN DANANG EARMARKED FOR THE ARVN 210 ORDINANCE SERVICE CENTER FOR ISSUE TO THE ARVN 2ND DIVISION. HOWEVER, A VISIT TO THE 2ND DIVISION ON 10 FEB 68 DISCLOSES THAT SOME BATTALIONS DO NOT YET HAVE THE M16 IN HANDS OF TROOPS.

2. (C) ALL OF US HAVE AN INTEREST IN MAKING SURE THAT ARVN UNITS ARE AT MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS. THIS MAY MEAN ASSISTING THE RVNAF LOGISTICS SYSTEM, AT LEAST IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF ISSUING NEW ITEMS TO ARVN UNITS.

3. (C) I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING AN IMMEDIATE CHECK THAT ALL ARVN MANEUVER ELEMENTS IN I CORPS NOW HAVE THE M16 RIFLE IN HANDS OF TROOPS, WITH SUFFICIENT AMMUNITION.

4. (C) ADDITIONALLY, ON 11 FEBRUARY, EIGHT 106MM MOUNTS AND 500 ROUNDS EACH OF HEAT AND HEAT 106MM WERE AIR-LIFTED TO PHU BAI AND TURNED OVER TO THE G-4 OF THE ARVN 1ST DIVISION FOR USE BY DMZ RGT 1ST DIV. (I WANT YOU TO INSURE THAT THESE ITEMS ARE ON SITE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THAT THEY ARE MANNED BY TRAINED PERSONNEL, AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO KEEP THEM SUPPLIED WITH AMMUNITION EVEN IF YOU HAVE TO DESIGNATE ONE OF YOUR ELEMENTS TO ASSUME THE SUPPLY MISSION.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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C/S						REMARKS EXCLUSIVE NO FORN <i>#1 of 3 L.M. Burgess to PAL 011115 mar 68</i> <i>#2 of 3 copies R. Pricey Capt.</i> <i>#3 Burned 4 Oct 68</i> LEGEND A- ACTION /COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
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DCG						SERIAL 120925Z FEB COPY # / OF 3 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT COVER AND DECEPTION EQUIPMENT (C)
C/S	1		2/19/68		Q	REMARKS
DC/S						<p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p>NO FORN</p> <p><i>I believe that is for G-2 action who for mess? Q</i></p> <p>19 FEB '68</p> <p>TO: C/S</p> <p>KIRMESS is a code code TITLE RELATED TO COVER + DECEPTION.</p> <p>UR DAVE</p> <p>G-2 shop is "cold" on the subject in depth - but I think its in their bailiwick. DAW</p> <p>LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION</p> <p>SECRET</p>
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G-3		A.			Capt. Williams (RAT)	
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<p><u>For Staff Secretary:</u> 20 Feb</p> <p>Not G-2 Action. Requires special access. This is G-3 Action I am told. C/Asst G-2</p>						
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DCG						SUBJECT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CUSHMAN
DCG AIR						REMARKS CG - Perhaps we can't do this properly
C/S	1				<i>[Signature]</i>	EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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S E C R E T

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK.
 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

1. I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED, SINCE MY VISIT, WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE POST-TET CONDITION OF THE ARVN. CAN YOU GIVE ME A FEEL FOR WHETHER THE TET BATTLES HAVE GRAVELY AFFECTED THE ARVN'S FIGHTING CAPABILITY IN ICTZ? HOW ABOUT THEIR STRENGTH? DESERTIONS? IN OTHER WORDS, DO WE HAVE A NEW AND UNFAVORABLE SITUATION AS A RESULT OF THE MULTIPLE SHOCK RECEIVED DURING THE TET PERIOD?
2. WHEN THE NVN SENT SEVERAL IL-14 TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT DOWN TO THE ASHAU VALLEY THEY HAD TO HAVE SOME VERY IMPORTANT MISSION. DOES ANYBODY HAVE AN IDEA WHAT THEY WERE DELIVERING?
3. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE REDS WILL INITIATE THE BATTLE OF THE DMZ UNLESS THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THEY HAVE A

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA1712 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF VICTORY. THIS IS UNLIKE THE BATTLE OF THE CITIES, WHERE THEIR EFFORTS WERE IN SOME RESPECTS SUICIDAL, FOCUSED ON PROPAGANDA AND POLITICS. IF THIS IS SO, IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO AVOID A WAITING POSTURE IN THE DMZ AREA BUT, EITHER THERE OR ELSEWHERE, TO DO SOMETHING THAT WOULD SEIZE THE ENEMY'S ATTENTION, HEIGHTEN HIS CONCERN, DRAIN HIS RESOURCES AND, OVERALL, MAKE IT IMPRACTICABLE FOR HIM TO PREPARE THE DMZ BATTLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS OWN DESIRES. DO YOU SEE IT THIS WAY? WHAT IS THERE THAT MIGHT BE DONE, IF RULES WERE CHANGED OR MEANS AUGMENTED?

4. IN THIS MORNING'S PAPER THERE WAS AN ARTICLE BY JACK FOISIE; DATELINE DANANG. BRIEFLY IT SAID THAT HIGH RANKING MARINES ARE "DEEPLY DISTURBED" AND "RANKLED" CONCERNING GENERAL ABRAMS' COMING TO I CORPS AS "OVERALL NORTHERN COMMANDER". IT PUT THE WHOLE THING IN AN INACCURATE AND UNFAVORABLE LIGHT. WOULD IT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA, WITH WESTY'S CONCURRENCE, FOR YOU AND ABRAMS TO HAVE THE PRESS IN AND DESCRIBE MACV FORWARD IN THE CORRECT TERMS? WARM REGARDS. GP-4

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DCG						SERIAL 130705Z FEB 68 COPY #1 OF 3 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR	3		14 Feb 68		<i>[initials]</i>	SUBJECT AIR SUPPORT FOR KHE SANH
C/S	1				Q	REMARKS <i>A-3 for action, G</i>
DC/S						FLASH
DC/S DM						EXCLUSIVE
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3		A				<i>copy to 131555Z Feb</i>
G-4						
CEO						<i>Keep me informed of progress. C.</i>
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
AIR SUPPORT FOR KHE SANH1. AT MY REQUEST CO 26TH MAR HAS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING ESTIMATE IN
CONNECTION WITH CLOSE AIR SUPPORT FOR KHE SANH. QUOTE:1. FOLLOWING CONSIDERED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORT OF KHE SANH
COMBAT BASE:

A. MINIMUM OF FIVE FLIGHTS FIXED WING PER HOUR ON CONTINUING BASIS.

B. MINIMUM OF FOUR AIRCRAFT ON STRIP ALERT.

C. MINIMUM OF SIX AIR OBSERVERS ON STATION. THIS HQ WILL REQUEST
FOUR FAC AIRCRAFT FROM 7TH AF REPRESENTATIVE KHE SANH. URGENTLY REQUIRE
POSITIONING OF TWO USMC OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT AT KHE SANH TO PROVIDE
IMMEDIATE SURVEILLANCE CAPABILITY DURING PERIODS OF VISIBILITY.2. ORDNANCE LOADS MUST BE DETERMINED BASED ON METHOD OF EMPLOYMENT,
AND HAVE PROVEN SATISFACTORY DURING PAST WEEKS. CURRENT TANK THREAT
REQUIRES MINIMUM OF TWO FLIGHTS OF 5-INCH ZUNI ROCKETS BE AVAILABLE
THROUGHOUT THE DAY FOR IMMEDIATE USE.

PAGE 2 RUMHVP 484D SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

3. HELICOPTER SUPPORT HAS BEEN ADEQUATE CONSIDERING CONSTRAINTS
IMPOSED BY WEATHER AND HOSTILE FIRE. MINIMUM DAILY REQUIREMENTS FOR
RESUPPLY AIRCRAFT REMAIN AS FOLLOWS:

A. 4 CH-46

B. 4 UH1E

C. 2 UH34

4. RECOMMEND EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL TPQ-10 ASRT TEAM FOR FOLLOWING
REASONS:

A. MASS-3 ASRT TEAM CURRENTLY OPERATING AT MAXIMUM CAPACITY.

B. PRIORITY TARGETS CONTINUE TO BACK UP DURING PERIOD OF HEAVY
ENEMY ACTIVITY.C. RATE OF OPERATION AND PERSONNEL SHORTAGE DOES NOT ALLOW
SUFFICIENT TIME FOR ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE.D. DIFFICULTIES INHERENT WITH ARTILLERY RESUPPLY CAUSES RELIANCE
ON AIR ORDNANCE ABOVE NORMAL REQUIREMENTS.E. SUDDEN RELIANCE ON ARTILLERY ALONE WOULD JEOPARDIZE DEFENSE
OF KSCB.F. AIR FORCE PRIORITY COMMITMENTS OUTSIDE OF KHE SANH AO
PRECLUDE USE OF MSQ-77 (MILEY) AS BACKUP. END QUOTE:2. I CONCUR WITH FOREGOING. I KNOW THAT YOUR STAFF IS HARD AT WORK
ON THIS PROBLEM. THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONFIRM PREVIOUS VERBAL DISCUSSIONS
ON THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN III MAF AND 3RD MARDIV STAFF OFFICERS. CG
1ST MAF HAS INFO COPY OF THE MESSAGE. QUOTEL HEREIN.

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DCG	3					SUBJECT AIR SUPPORT OF KHE SANH
DCG AIR	4		14 Feb 68		<i>[Signature]</i>	REMARKS
C/S	1				<i>Q</i>	
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2		COPY				
G-3		COPY				
G-4						
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INFO RUMSAK/CG III MAF DA NANG

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S E C R E T SPECAT 04583 FROM: MACCOC FOR GEN MOMYER

INFO GEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN WESTMORELAND

SUBJ: ~~AIR SUPPORT OF KHE SANH (U)~~

REF: DTG 120152Z FEB 68 III MAF

1. (S) CONCUR WITH GENERAL CUSHMAN THAT IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT TACTICAL AIR STRIKE ACTIVITY IN THE KHE SANH DMZ AREA BE MAINTAINED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, COMMENSURATE WITH PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT.

2. (S) THE WEATHER FORECAST FOR THE NEXT 5 OR 6 DAYS INDICATES A SUBSTANTIAL POSSIBILITY FOR MAXIMUM AIR STRIKES. REQUEST YOU ASSURE ALL EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION.

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CG						SERIAL 141200Z COPY # 1, 2, AND 4 OF 4 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG						SUBJECT RESUPPLY OF KHE SANH
DCG AIR						REMARKS
C/S	1					3 COPIES OF 141200Z FEB 68
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						<i>on</i> 3 3 Burned 4 Nov 68
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						<i>copy 1.</i>
CEO						
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DCG AIR						REMARKS
C/S						3 COPIES OF 141200Z FEB 68
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DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
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G-2						
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0141200Z ZYH ZFF-1
 FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV FORWARD
 LGEN CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 GEN MONYER CDR 7TH AF
 ZEN.

SECRET MAC 7216Z EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: RESUPPLY OF KHE SAEN

PRESENT WEATHER FORECAST FOR 15 AND 16 FEB IS FAVORABLE
 FOR KHE SAEN. SUGGEST YOU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO HEAVY AIR
 RESUPPLY EFFORT SUPPORTED BY GUNSHIPS AND TACTICAL AIR.

I DO NOT WISH TO INTERCEDE IN SELECTION OF TYPE OF
 RESUPPLY AIRCRAFT BUT POINT OUT THE OBVIOUS ADVANTAGES OF
 G-130S IF RISK CAN BE REDUCED TO ACCEPTABLE LEVEL THROUGH
 SUCCESSFUL FLAM SUPPRESSION.

CSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS
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CG						SERIAL 141208Z FEB	CONTROL SHEET COPY # OF COPIES RECEIVED
DCG						SUBJECT ETA MCEN W. J. VAN RYZIN	
DCG AIR						REMARKS Received Copy #1, #2, #3, #5, #6.	
C/S						<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">FOR</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em;">#3, 4 & 5 Burned 4 Nov 68</p>	
DC/S							
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
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G-4							
CEO							
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DCG						SUBJECT ETA MGEN W. J. VAN RYZIN	
DCG AIR						REMARKS	
C/S	1				<i>Q</i>	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">FOR</div>	
DC/S							
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
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G-3							
G-4							
CEO							
S/S			15 Feb		<i>SH</i>		
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INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PERSONAL GEN CHAPMAN TO GEN WESTMORELAND

A. COMUSMACV 132343Z FEB 68 (C)

APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING OUR CONCERN FOR MEDICAL CONDITION

OF NGEN MURRAY. NGEN WILLIAM J. VAN RYZIN ENROUTE ETA

SAIGON 151310 LOCAL ABOARD BRANIFF 241 MACFLT. CG III MAF

HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AIR TRANSPORTATION SAIGON

TO DANANG.

WARM REGARDS (U)

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DCG						SERIAL 141431Z FEB COPY # 1 OF 3 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT EXCLUSIVE FOR
C/S	1				<i>[Signature]</i>	REMARKS
DC/S						<p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p><i>I want to consider these after our log ops - must solve until then.</i></p> <p><i>2d3 Burned 4/6/68</i> <i>[Signature]</i></p>
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DC/S AIR						
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G-4						
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
1. WHILE REALIZING THE AVAILABILITY OF FORCES IS LESS THAN OPTIMUM,
I WOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION:

A. OPERATION FLANKER: SIMULTANEOUSLY BY HELIBORNE COUPE DE
MAINE SEIZE AND OCCUPY HILL 635 (XD 845485) HILL 632 (XD 828482)
AND HILL 600 (XD 815415). UPON SECURING OF HILLS IMMEDIATELY
LAND COMBAT ELEMENTS OF AIR CAV BRIGADE OR MARINE REGIMENT IN
METZGER VALLEY (CENTER XD 835475) BETWEEN HILLS AND DONG TRI MTN
(XD 855455). FORCE SO POSITIONED COMPLETELY AND DECISIVELY
CHANGES SITUATION AT KHE SANH. AT PRESENT WE ARE FORCED TO AWAIT
ATTACK AT TIME OF ENEMY'S CHOICE. WE AS RECONNOITERED OUR
POSITIONS AND HAS MORE THAN ADEQUATE OBSERVATION AND INFORMATION AS
TO OUR STRENGTH AND DISPOSITIONS. THE UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE OF A
BRIGADE SITUATED ATHWART ONE OF MAIN AXES OF ATTACK ON KSCB CHANGES

PAGE 2 RUMHVP 1393D SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

ENTIRE SITUATION AND ENEMY IS NONLONGER IN POSITION OF CALLING THE
TUNE. IT IS IN METZGER VALLEY THAT I WOULD LAND ANY COUNTERATTACK
FORCE THAT MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ME. BUT I RECOMMEND MOST STRONGLY
THAT THIS FORCE BE SENT NOW AND NOT WAIT FOR THE ENEMY TO ATTACK.
OFFERS REAL OPPORTUNITY TO SNATCH THE INITIATIVE WHICH UP TO NOW HAS
BEEN ALMOST COMPLETELY WITH THE ENEMY. WE SHOULD ACT RATHER THAN
REACT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

B. OPERATION SPOILER: THIS OPERATION INVOLVES A REGIMENT
THAT WOULD BE AIR LANDED AT KSCB. THEY WOULD BE MOVED COVERTLY
TO OUR FORWARD POSITIONS ON THE SW. UNDER COVER OF THE USUAL
MORNING FOG THEY WOULD ATTACK AS FOLLOWS: ONE BN PLUS ONE COMPANY
TO SECURE AND DEFEND HILL MASS ENCOMPASSING BM 471 (XD 346394) AND
RUNNING SE-NW TO VIC SC 837400. THE REGT LESS ONE BATTALION AND
ONE COMPANY TO SECURE AND DEFEND THE HILL MASS ENCOMPASSING BM 639
(XD 802409) AND RUNNING SE-NW FROM XD 822401 TO XD 790416. BN
NOW CENTERED VIC XD 831417 WOULD TAKE OVER PORTION OF RIDGE FROM
552 (XD 821401). OBJECTIVE FOR ASSAULT WOULD BE BOXED BY STANDING
BARRAGE ON THREE SIDES WHILE DEEPER FIRES, TPQS AND ARC LIGHTS
INTERDICTED AND NEUTRALIZED ENEMY SUPPORT REINFORCEMENT COUNTER-
ATTACK. THIS OPERATION GIVES US DEPTH SADLY LACKING AT PRESENT,

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 DENIES ENEMY PRIME ATTACH POSITION, GIVES CONTROL OF ROUTE 9
 APPROACHES FROM WEST AT LEAST AS FAR AS XD 820373, DOMINATES KHE
 SANH VILLE AS WELL AS OPD FRENCH FORT NW OF THAT VILLE, AND
 THURONG VAN XD 353386. BY SO DOING WE SEIZE THE INITIATIVE,
 SECURE TERRAIN WE HAVE ALWAYS NEEDED BUT NEVER HAD STRENGTH TO
 SECURE AND HOLD. ENEMY MUST BE READY TO ATTACK AT ANY MOMENT
 AND WE WOULD SERIOUSLY DISRUPT HIM BY LAYING ON THIS OPERATION.
 2. IN THE CASE OF BOTH OF THE FOREGOING OPERATIONS, IT IS WELL
 TO REMEMBER THAT A THREAT TO BE EFFECTIVE MUST BE CREDIBLE. ONE
 BATTALION WILL NOT GIVE THE ENEMY PAUSE. ON THE OTHER HAND HE
 CANNOT IGNORE A REGIMENT/BRIGADE THAT COMES TO STAY. IN THAT
 CASE INSTEAD OF FOUR BATTALIONS HE IS SUDDENLY FACED WITH NOT
 LESS THAN SEVEN BATTALIONS. IT BECOMES AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT
 BALL GAME FOR CHARLIE.

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DCG AIR						SUBJECT
C/S	1				<i>[Signature]</i>	REMARKS Personal from me to Gen Tompkins
DC/S						#243 Burned 4 Nov 68
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A. SID WHITE, ONE OF THE MOST EXPERIENCED AND
OBJECTIVE OF THE NEW YORK TIMES REPORTERS IN COUNTRY IS
AT KHE SANH AND SENT MEMO TO SAIGON BUREAU AND THENCE
TO NEW YORK STATING IN ESSENCE THAT:

1) THERE IS A LACK OF DEFENSIVE PREPARATIONS SIMILAR
TO DIEN BIEN PHU.

2) BUNKERS IN MOST INSTANCES NOT CAPABLE OF WITH-
STANDING DIRECT 105 HIT.

3) MARINES HAVE THE SAME "GOOD OLD WESTERN
NONCHALANCE AND ARROGANCE" TOWARDS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE
THAT STOOD GIAP IN SUCH GOOD STEAD AT DIEN BIEN PHU.

B. THE TIMES PLANS TO WRITE A STORY ALONG THESE LINES
ASAP.

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INFO GEN ABRAMS MACV FWD
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1. THE REPORTED PRESENCE OF ENEMY ARMOR IN THE NORTHERN I CORPS AREA HAS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON YOUR COMBAT POSTURE, OFFENSIVE AS WELL AS DEFENSIVE. IN THE COURSE OF YOUR REVIEW OF THE SITUATION, REQUEST YOU GIVE FULL CONSIDERATION TO ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTI-TANK MATERIELS, WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS. REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE MINES, AIR MUNITIONS, AIR AND GROUND ROCKETS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL AND CREW SERVED WEAPONS. THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENTS TO BASIC LOADS, STOCKS AT SUPPLY POINTS AND REPOSITIONING OF WEAPONS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT.

2. CERTAIN CROSS-SERVICING ACTIONS HAVE AND CAN BE TAKEN TO MEET URGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR ANTI-TANK MATERIELS. IN-COUNTRY ASSETS ARE LIMITED, HOWEVER, AND PROMPT SUPPORT THROUGH YOUR SERVICE CHANNELS MUST BE EFFECTED.

3. KEEP ME ADVISED OF YOUR STATUS REGARDING THE ABOVE AND OF ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH YOU MAY REQUIRE FROM ME.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 04676 FROM MACJ12

FOR ADM SHARP FROM GEN WESTMORELAND

SUBJ: ASSISTANT WING COMMANDER (U)

REF: COMUSMACV MSG 01907 DTG 180118Z JAN 68 (C)

1. (C) REFERENCE MESSAGE, WHICH RESULTED FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH CMC, OUTLINED THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SECOND ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER IN EACH OF THE USMC DIVISIONS IN RVN. AT A LATER DATE CG III MAF DISCUSSED WITH CMC THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING A SECOND ASSISTANT WING COMMANDER FOR THE FIRST MARINE AIR WING. CMC CONCURRED IN THIS RECOMMENDATION.

2. (C) THIS ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT STEMS FROM THE DEMANDING OPERATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES OF CG, 1ST MAW, WHO

PAGE 2 RUMSMA 1931B C O N F I D E N T I A L

CONCURRENTLY FUNCTIONS AS DEPUTY COMMANDER, III MAF FOR AIR. IN ORDER TO MORE EFFECTIVELY CONTROL AND INTERATE AVIATION SUPPORT ACTIVITIES IN THE VITAL NORTHERN I CTZ - DMZ - DYE MARKER AREA, CG, 1ST MAW IS ESTABLISHING A FORWARD HEADQUARTERS AT QUANG TRI AS SOON AS FACILITIES CAN BE PROVIDED. THIS FORWARD ELEMENT WILL REEQUIRE FULL TIME ASSIGNMENT OF AN AVIATION BRIGADIER GENERAL.

3. (C) THIS REQUIREMENT IS CONSIDERED EQUAL IN IMPORTANCE AND PRIORITY TO THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SUPPORTING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A SECOND ASSISTANT WING COMMANDER POSITION FOR 1ST MAW.

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DCG AIR						REMARKS
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EXCLUSIVE**MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY****SECRET**

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK.
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. RLT-27 WAS IN GOOD SHAPE WHEN THE CURRENT FLAP BROKE. HOWEVER, A LOT OF SHUFFLING HAS TAKEN PLACE SINCE THEN, BECAUSE OF THE PERSONNEL CRITERIA. I SUPPOSE THAT AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF THE OUTFIT HAS HAD TO BE MOVED AROUND. WITH RESPECT TO RLT-27 (-), IN PENDLETON, THE NON-DEPLOYABLES WERE LARGELY REPLACED BY MEN DRAWN FROM EQUALLY WELL TRAINED UNITS IN THE REMAINDER OF THE DIVISION. IN THE CASE OF BLT 1-27, THE NON-DEPLOYABLES WILL BE REPLACED AT DANANG WITH A PACKAGE, BEING ASSEMBLED NOW, FROM RESOURCES IN THE PACIFIC. EXCEPT FOR THESE NEW MEN, BLT 1-27 IS A WELL TRAINED OUTFIT.
2. ALL TOLD, I BELIEVE YOU WILL BE WELL ADVISED TO MOVE

PAGE 2 YVNA 2186 **SECRET** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
RLT-27 INTO THE BATTLE SLOWLY, AND TO GET A FEEL FOR ITS TEAM COMPETENCE BEFORE IT HAS TO HIT THE BIG LEAGUE. YOUR 141626Z SEEMS TO BE HEADED IN THAT DIRECTION.
3. I AM LOOKING INTO SQUEEZING SOME TANKS INTO THE RLT-27 SEA TAIL.
4. NEW SUBJECT. I SPOKE TO YOU ABOUT DAVID DUNCAN, AND THE WAVES WHICH HE MADE ON RETURN TO CONUS. HIS COMMENTS IN HIGH PLACES HAVE GIVEN RISE TO A FEW MORE INQUIRIES. WHEN YOU RESPOND TO MY 122201Z I WILL APPRECIATE ALSO YOUR COMMENTS ON ADEQUACY OF TACTICAL WIRE AT KHE SANH AND PROBLEMS CONCERNING PATROLLING.
BEST REGARDS.

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 TO LTG CUSHMAN, CG III F
 INFO GEN ABRAMS, MACV (FWD)
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 02128 EYES ONLY
 SUBJ: KHE SANH

1. (S) I KEEP GETTING RECURRING REPORTS THAT THE MARINES ARE NOT DIGGING IN AT KHE SANH. MOST OF THESE REPORTS ARE FROM THE PRESS AND I AM SURE THAT THERE IS THE USUAL EXAGGERATION BUT I WANT TO BE SURE THAT YOU ARE AWARE OF THIS.

2. (S) I CANNOT OVEREMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF YOUR POSITION AT KHE SANH AND THAT THIS REQUIRES STRONG AND CONSTANT COMMAND ATTENTION. THE CHAIN OF COMMAND MUST CONSTANTLY EMPHASIZE THIS IMPORTANT MATTER TO INSURE THAT TROOPS ARE GIVEN THE MAXIMUM PROTECTION AND CAPABILITY TO FIGHT UNDER STRENUOUS CONDITIONS.

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FM CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV CAMP EVANS RVN

TO ZEN/CG III MAF DA NANG RVN

INFO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DONG HA RVN

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SECRET AVDACG F02-15615 FROM MG TOLSON FOR LTG CUSHMAN

1. (S) IT IS MY OPINION THAT AN ATTACK ON QUANG TRI CITY BY A MINIMUM OF FIVE NVA REGIMENTS IS IMMINENT. THIS MORNING HAVE INITIATED ACTION WITH MRM BREWER AND COLONEL RATTAN, CO, 1ST BRIGADE TO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY DAILY JOINT COORDINATING MEETING OF THE FOUR DIFFERENT HEADQUARTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF QUANG TRI, CITY I, D., US 3D MARINE REGIMENT, US 1ST BRIGADE, 1ST AIR CAV DIV, PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS, AND 1ST ARVN REGIMENT. ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY GIVE TO FORMALLY ESTABLISH THE OPERATION OF THE COORDINATION GROUP I BELIEVE WILL ENHANCE THE DEFENSE OF THE CITY.

2. (S) AFTER CLOSE REVIEW OF OUR DEFENSE POSTURE I BELIEVE WE STILL HAVE A VULNERABLE APPROACH FROM THE WEST IN THE 3D MARINE REGIMENT AO TOWARDS THE BRIDGE AT COORDINATES YD328519. IF AVAILABLE, AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL COMPANY COULD BE USED AT VICINITY OF YD 3152.

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S E C R E T MAC 02160 EYES ONLY
PROJECT LEAP FROG

THE RECENT FACT FINDING VISITS BY MACV REPRESENTATIVES ACCOMPANIED BY ARVN OFFICERS TO KEY OFFICERS OF ARVN CORPS AND DIVISIONS WERE HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE. FROM THEIR SEVERAL REPORTS WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PULL TOGETHER BROAD AND VALID APPRAISALS WHICH WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE BASED SOLELY ON NORMAL REPORTING. THIS HEADQUARTERS NOW NEEDS A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT ENEMY SITUATION AND INFORMED OPINION AS TO ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND PLANS FOR THE FUTURE. WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT KEY ARVN OFFICERS ARE IN AN EXCELLENT POSITION TO MAKE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN THESE AREAS AND WE PLAN TO EXPLOIT THIS CAPABILITY. ACCORDINGLY, ON 16 FEB THE SAME OFFICERS INsofar AS POSSIBLE WILL BE DISPATCHED TO VISIT THE SAME ARVN OFFICERS AS PREVIOUSLY. IN THE MEANTIME, ANY PREPARATIONS ADDRESSEES CAN MAKE TOWARD THE INTERESTS EXPRESSED ABOVE WILL BE HELPFUL. REGARDS

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 YSHKOL/LTG ROSSON SA II CTZ
 YSHKOS/LTG WEYAND SA III CTZ
 YMRIVDC/MG ECKHARDT SA IV CTZ
 INFO YMLKQ/COL BEESON DSA I CTZ
 YSHKOR/COL BARNES DSA II CTZ
 YSHKOS/COL PETERS DSA III CTZ
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SUBJECT: PROJECT LEAP FROG (U)

REF: A. COMUSMACV MSG 050908Z FEB 68 (S).

1. (U) PROJECT LEAP FROG VISITS WILL BE MADE TO EACH CTZ ON 16 AND 17 FEB AS PRESCRIBED BY REF (A).

2. (U) MACV LEAP FROG TEAMS FOR THESE VISITS ARE AS FOLLOWS: A. I CTZ FRIDAY, 16 FEB: COL M. PASTA; AND (ARVN) COL THIEP DEP J-2; CAPT LUYEN (ARVN). SATURDAY 17 FEB: COL M. PASTA, AND (ARVN) MAJ LONG OPS CICV; CAPT LUYEN SPECIAL ATTACHE FOREIGN LIAISON. B. II CTZ FRIDAY 16 FEB: COL C. LIEWER; LTC JOYCE AND (ARVN) MAJ LONG OPS CICV; MAJ BINH (ARVN). SATURDAY 17 FEB: COL C. LIEWER; LTC JOYCE AND (ARVN) COL THIEP DEP J-2; MAJ BINH OPS DIV ARVN. C. III CTZ FRIDAY 16 FEB AND SATURDAY 17 FEB: COL PONDER AND CAPT TAYLOR. NO ARVN REPS. D. IV CTZ FRIDAY 16 FEB AND SATURDAY 17 FEB: COL G. ZACHARIAS AND CPT HUSTON. SATURDAY ONLY ARVN REP, LTC TE.

3. ITINERARY (READ IN COLUMN 4)

	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
I CTZ TEAM	DEPART SAIGON-0830	DEPART SAIGON-0830
COL PASTA	1ST ARVN DIV, HUE 1000	
	1ST CORPS, DANANG	AS REQUIRED
	2D ARVN DIV QUANG NAI	
	RETURN SAIGON 1700	RETURN SAIGON 1700
II CTZ TEAM	DEPART SAIGON-0800	DEPART SAIGON-0830
COL LIEWER	BAN ME THOUT-1100	VISIT
	PLEIKU-1330	AS
	QUI NHON-1500	REQUIRED
	BA GI-AS REQUIRED	RETURN SAIGON-1700
	RETURN SAIGON-1800	
III CTZ TEAM	DEPART SAIGON-0800	DEPART SAIGON-0830
COL PONDER	III CTZ HQ, BIEN HOA	
	RETURN SAIGON-1700	RETURN SAIGON-1700
IV CTZ TEAM	DEPART TSN-0830	DEPART TSN-0830
COL ZACHARIAS	BAC LIEU 0930-1130	SADEC 0900-1130
	CAN THO 1200-1400	MY TO 1200-1430
	RETURN SAIGON-1445	RETURN SAIGON-1500 #33(1)

4. (C) EEI: TEAMS WILL BRING THE FOLLOWING MAJOR QUESTIONS:
- A. DID THE ENEMY ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THERE WOULD BE A GENERAL UPRISING OR WAS THIS MERE PROPAGANDA TO INCREASE MORALE?
 - B. DID THE ENEMY BUILD UP HIS UNITS' STRENGTH WITH LOCAL PLATOONS, GUERRILLAS OR FRESH RECRUITS PRIOR TO THE ATTACK?
 - C. WHAT SPECIFIC ENEMY UNITS OR FORCES SUFFERED THE KIA IN YOUR AREA?
 - E. IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF FORCED RECRUITING TO MAKE UP ENEMY LOSSES?
 - F. WHAT IS THE ENEMY'S CURRENT POSTURE? IS IT OFFENSIVE OR DEFENSIVE? IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE THAT THE ENEMY IS DIGGING FORTIFICATIONS IN HIS DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND MAJOR TOWNS OR CITIES?
 - G. DO YOU BELIEVE ENEMY IN YOUR AREA IS RETURNING TO BASE AREAS OR REMAINING IN TARGET AREAS?
 - H. HAS THE ENEMY EXHAUSTED HIS STORES OF AMMUNITION? DO YOU CONSIDER HE HAS ANY REMAINING CAPABILITY OF ATTACK, PARTICULARLY ATTACK BY FIRE FROM HIS PRESENT STORES WITHOUT RESUPPLY?
 - I. IS THERE ANY EVIDENCE OF RESUPPLY ACTIVITIES? WHAT TYPES OF SUPPLIES ARE BEING MOVED? WHERE ARE THEY COMING FROM? BY WHAT ROUTES AND AT WHAT TIMES OF DAY ARE THEY BEING MOVED? WHERE ARE THEY STORED?
 - J. IN YOUR OPINION WHAT IS THE ENEMY PLAN NOW? WILL THE ENEMY ATTEMPT ANOTHER COORDINATED COUNTRY-WIDE ATTACK, IF SO, WHEN? WHAT DO YOU EXPECT THE TIMING MIGHT BE IF HE WERE CAPABLE OF DOING SO? ARE THERE ANY OTHER PARTICULARLY LIKELY TIMES OR DATES THAT HE MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AS HE DID OF TET?
 - K. WHAT IS THE ATTITUDE OF THE POPULATION TO THE PAST ENEMY OFFENSIVE AND THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE ENEMY ATTACKS? GP4
5. (D) ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FOR TEAMS AS REQUIRED WITHIN CTZ AREA. GP3

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REF: HQ III MAF MESSAGE DTG 120930Z FEB 68

1. (U) ERRONEOUS TITLE WAS DUE TO CLERICAL ERROR IN THIS
HEADQUARTERS AND IS BEING RECTIFIED.2. (C) ESTABLISHMENT OF A POSITION FOR DEPUTY FOR ARMY
MATTERS IS STILL CONTEMPLATED. HOWEVER MANNING OF THE POSITION
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1. FOLLOWING INFO FROM 7AF HAS RECENTLY COME UN-OFFICIALLY INTO THIS HEADQUARTERS:

OPERATION COMBAT SHAKER IS A CLASSIFIED JCS-DIRECTED PROJECT DESIGNED TO DISSIPATE WARM FOG IN SEA. CHLORIDE SALTS WILL BE DISPENSED FROM C-123 AIRCRAFT FLYING IMMEDIATELY ABOVE THE TOP OF THE FOG LAYER. TEST AREAS CLEARED UNDER TEST CONDITIONS WERE LARGE ENOUGH AND PERSISTED LONG ENOUGH TO WARRANT CONSIDERATION FOR TACTICAL APPLICATION. APPLICATIONS FOR THIS TECHNIQUE INCLUDE CLEARING OF FIELDS FOR AIRCRAFT RECOVERY AND IMPROVING VISIBILITY

PAGE 2 YNA 2351 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO FOR AIRSTRIKES; ANTICIPATE ONE TO TWO TESTS UNDER CONDITIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE THAT MAY BE EXPECTED VICINITY KHE SANH. IF TESTS SHOW SUCCESS, SUBSEQUENT FLIGHTS COULD BE MADE OVER KHE SANH AS NECESSARY. THE CHLORIDE USED IN THIS TECHNIQUE IS CORROSIVE TO A DEGREE SIMILAR TO THAT USED FOR REMOVING ICE AND SNOW FROM ROADS IN THE U. S. THEREFORE, AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT COMING IN CONTACT WITH THE MATERIAL SHOULD BE MONITORED FOR CORROSION CONTROL AND DISPENSING AIRCRAFT MAY REQUIRE FREQUENT WASHING.

2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE 834TH AIRDIV WILL BE TASKED WITH THE MISSION AND THE 366TH TFW TASKED FOR STORAGE OF CHEMICALS AND OTHER SUPPORT.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM
 LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO GIVE YOU A
 RUNDOWN ON MATTERS OF GENERAL INTEREST, AND TO
 ADDRESS THE REQUESTS FOR ADD-ONS IN YOUR 150614Z(S)
 2. I HAVE BEEN TO PENDLETON TO OBSERVE THE AIR MOVE-
 MENT OF RLI-27 (-) AND TO APPRAISE ITS OVERALL CAPABILITY
 FOLLOWING THE MIXMASTER NEEDED TO PREPARE THE
 OUTFIT FOR DEPLOYMENT. HERE ARE MY OBSERVATIONS, AS
 THEY AFFECT YOU:

A. AS INDIVIDUALS, THE TROOPS ARE WELL TRAINED AND,
 OF COURSE, THEY ARE WELL MOTIVATED.

B. BEFORE THE MIXMASTER THE UNITS WERE FULLY TRAINED
 AND READY TO PERFORM AS A TEAM IN ANY SITUATION. HOWEVER, THE
 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA CAUSED FAR MORE INTER-UNIT SHUFFLING
 THAN I HAD EXPECTED. CONSEQUENTLY, I REGARD THEIR

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 TEAM CAPABILITY TO HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY, ALTHOUGH ONLY
 TEMPORARILY, DEGRADED. THEY WILL HAVE TO HAVE TIME
 TO SHAKE DOWN; FOR THE LEADERS TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE OF
 THEIR SUBORDINATES. OBVIOUSLY, THEY WILL HAVE NO
 OPPORTUNITY EVEN TO BEGIN THIS DURING THE SHORT AIR
 MOVEMENT.

C. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT APPLY, IN THE SAME
 DEGREE, IN THE CASE OF BLT 1-27. THAT UNIT WAS MUCH
 MORE DEPLOYABLE, WITH ITS MAJOR NON-DEPLOYABLE ITEM BEING
 SEVENTEEN YEAR OLDS. IT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PERFORM
 PRETTY EFFECTIVELY AND WITH ONLY A MINIMAL SHAKE-DOWN,
 BECAUSE ITS TRAINING HAS BEEN THOROUGH AND ITS TEAM
 CHARACTER MORE STABLE.

D. ALL OF THE DEPLOYED UNITS ARE IN SUPERIOR MATERIAL
 CONDITION; THE GEAR IS ALL THERE, AND IN GOOD SHAPE;
 THEY HAVE THEIR TROPICAL UTILITIES, NYLON BOOTS, GREEN
 UNDERWEAR, FLAK JACKETS, PLUS AMMUNITION. THEY ARE
 BRINGING THEIR MOUNT OUT, AND MOUNT OUT AUGMENTATION.

E. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE PART OF 5TH MARDIV
 THAT REMAINS AT PENDLETON IS ESSENTIALLY NON-DEPLOYABLE

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 UNDER CURRENT RULES. AS AN EXAMPLE THERE ARE NO
 DEPLOYABLE Ø3'S - NOT ONE; NO DEPLOYABLE PFC'S OR
 PRIVATES OF ANY MOS; ONLY 124 DEPLOYABLE Ø8'S, ETC.
 3. NOW, AS TO YOUR ADD-ON REQUEST, HERE ARE THE FACTS;
 CERTAINLY NOT AS I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THEM, BUT AS THEY ARE.
 5TH MARDIV, AS REFLECTED ABOVE, IS DRY. TAKING EACH ITEM,
 HERE IS THE STATUS:

A. ENGINEERS, ONTOS, LVT'S AND MOTOR TRANSPORT-
 THE MOST WE CAN PRODUCE IS WHAT IS NOW ON THE WAY; -
 A PLATOON OF EACH, INSTEAD OF A COMPANY. FORTUNATELY,
 THEY ARE IN EXCELLENT SHAPE, AND ARE BRINGING THEIR SPARE
 PARTS WITH THEM.

B. TANKS. - BY SCRAPING THE BARREL AND MAKING A FEW
 SUBSTITUTIONS WE CAN PROVIDE A T/O COMPANY, AND WILL
 DO SO. IT WILL DEPART CONUS 21 FEBRUARY IN USS
 THOMASTON (LSD 28). IT WILL BE A SCRAMBLE TO GET THE
 VRC-44 RADIOS INSTALLED, BUT I THINK THEY WILL
 MAKE IT.

C. THE ARTILLERY YOU ARE GETTING (ONE 105 MM BN PLUS
 ONE 4.2 INCH BATTERY) IS JUST ALL THERE IS THAT IS

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 DEPLOYABLE.

4. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, IN TERMS OF
 CRITERIA CHANGES, OR THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESERVE CALL-UP -
 EITHER GENERAL OR SELECTIVE. THESE QUESTIONS, OF COURSE,
 ARE CENTRAL TO THE ISSUE OF PROVIDING ADDITIONAL FORCES.
 I WILL KEEP CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION, AND ADVISE
 YOU. BEST REGARDS.

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 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM
 LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

1. A NINE HOUR RIDE BACK FROM THE WEST COAST HAS GIVEN ME AN UNDISTURBED OPPORTUNITY TO REFLECT ON WHAT THE ENEMY MAY BE UP TO. LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I THINK; NOT BECAUSE OF ITS EARTH-SHAKING NOVELTY, BUT BECAUSE, WHERE IT IS CONGRUENT WITH YOUR OWN ESTIMATE, YOU MAY FIND IN IT SOME SENSE OF CONFIRMATION.
2. I AM NOW CONVINCED, AS WE RECKONED WHEN I WAS WITH YOU LAST WEEK, THAT THE CITIES BATTLE HAS BEEN A STRATEGIC JOLT TO THE ENEMY. THIS EFFORT, WITH ALL ITS STEALTH, SURPRISE AND SHOCK, WAS CENTRAL TO HIS STRATEGY. WHILE HE IS TRYING TO HAIR IT OVER WITH JUBILATION ABOUT HUE, HE KNOWS THAT IT DID NOT WORK. WITH EVERYTHING GOING FOR THEM IT STILL DID

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 NOT WORK, EVEN USING MAIN AND LOCAL FORCES; - AND THEY KNOW THAT IT WILL HAVE EVEN LESS CHANCE OF WORKING USING NVA. SO, EXCEPT FOR FACE SAVING, HE PROBABLY WILL NOT TRY AGAIN TO FIFTH-COLUMN THE CITIES BY INFILTRATION. IF HE GOES AFTER THEM AGAIN IT WILL HAVE TO BE BY DIRECT ATTACK.

3. HE IS MINDFUL THAT THE U.S. PUBLIC DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS SETBACK, PREFERRING TO BELIEVE THE GALBRAITHS, CRONKITES, MANSFIELDS AND HUNTLEY-BRINKLEY, WHO FEEL THAT IT WAS WE WHO TOOK THE KNOCK, NOT THE ENEMY. THIS BEING THE CASE, I ESTIMATE THAT HE IS LOOKING FOR A WAY TO DEAL US A QUICK BLOW WHICH, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE U.S. PUBLIC TEMPER, MIGHT DRIVE US TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE UNDER UNFAVORABLE CIRCUMSTANCES. AND I BELIEVE HE HAS SETTLED AGAIN ON HIS OLD SCHEME TO KNOCK OVER THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES.

4. I ESTIMATE HE WILL TRY TO DO THIS IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:

(A. BUILD UP HIS A SHAU VALLEY SUPPLY BASE.

Has done.

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 AND THE ROCKET EAST THERE FROM TOWARD HUE AND QUANG TRI.

B. HANG ON FOR DEAR LIFE IN HUE, PAYING A BIG PRICE, IF NECESSARY, TO REPLENISH SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL.

C. INVEST QUANG TRI; SURROUND AND CUT OFF THE CITY; ATTACK AND DEFEAT ARVN AND U.S. FORCES PROTECTING THE AREA. WHEN THIS IS DONE, MOVE INTO THE CITY AND LIBERATE IT. MAKE A LARGE PROPAGANDA SPLASH.

D. ATTACK IN THE DMZ, WITH THE PURPOSE OF GIVING US A BLOOD BATH AND OVERRUNNING A MAJOR LOCALITY - KHE SANH, CON THIEN, CAMP CARROLL OR DONG HA - THE LATTER TWO OF WHICH MIGHT WELL BE ATTACKED FROM THE SOUTH, CONSIDERING THE STRENGTH THE ENEMY NOW HAS IN THE BA LONG VALLEY.

5. WITH RESPECT TO THE DMZ ATTACK, I BELIEVE IT WILL HAVE MOST OF THESE CHARACTERISTICS:

A. DETAILED AND SCRUPULOUS RECONNAISSANCE, TO LOCATE AND, WHERE POSSIBLE, REGISTER ON OUR WEAPONS POSITIONS, OUR COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES

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 AND OUR FLAMMABLE SUPPLIES.

B. CLANDESTINE DIGGING OF WEAPONS EMPLACEMENTS AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO OUR POSITIONS; TUNNELING UNDER OUR POSITIONS.

C. A VIOLENT PREPARATION, UTILIZING POOR WEATHER AND DARK OF THE MOON. I BELIEVE HE WILL BREAK OUT NEW WEAPONS FOR THIS PURPOSE, PROBABLY FROG MISSILES, FIRING FROM POSITION AREAS DEEP IN NVN.

D. FIGHTER COVER FOR HIS FROG MISSILES AND SOMEHOW, (I DON'T KNOW HOW), HE MAY GENERATE A FIGHTER THREAT TO OUR NIAGARA/ARC LIGHT EFFORT.

E. CONCURRENT ROCKET ATTACKS ON OUR AIRFIELDS, SABOTAGE OF THAI AIRFIELDS, AND MAYBE- JUST MAYBE- ST6X ATTACKS ON OUR SHIPS IN THE TONKIN GULF.

F. MASS GROUND ATTACKS ON OUR DMZ INSTALLATIONS, UNDER COVER OF THEIR PREPARATION, EMBODYING SAPPERS AND SUCCESSIVE WAVES OF INFANTRY, PROBABLY WITH ARMOR ACCOMPANIMENT, WHERE THE TERRAIN PERMITS. THEY WILL HOPE THAT THEIR PREPARATION WILL BE ABLE TO DESTROY OUR COMMUNICATIONS, SO THAT COMMANDERS

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 SUCH AS YOURSELF, WHO ARE ABLE TO INFLUENCE THE ACTION, WILL NOT KNOW ENOUGH OF THE SCORE TO REACT PROPERLY. THEY WILL EMPLACE AS MANY AA WEAPONS AS THEY CAN NEARBY TO IMPEDE AERIAL RESUPPLY, EVACUATION, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND TACTICAL AIR OBSERVATION. FINALLY, ONCE THEY START, THEY WILL NOT HESITATE TO SACRIFICE LARGE NUMBERS OF MEN TO ESTABLISH FOOT - HOLDS SO CLOSE TO OUR FORCES AS TO IMPEDE OUR USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS.

6. ALL OF THE ABOVE SOUNDS GRIM, UNTIL ONE RECALLS THAT THIS IS JUST WHAT ONE MAN THINKS THE ENEMY WILL TRY TO DO, NOT WHAT THEY, IN FACT CAN DO AND WILL DO. NEVERTHELESS, IT DOES SUGGEST MANY PURDENT ACTIONS, WHICH I AM SURE YOU ARE ALREADY TAKING, SUCH AS:

A. BURYING TELEPHONE WIRE AND PARALLELING ALL KEY WIRE CIRCUITS USING DIFFERENT ROUTES; REMOTING RADIOS, PARALLELING RADIO CIRCUITS AND CREATING SOPs FOR THE ALTERNATIVE EMERGENCY USE OF OPERATIONAL, FIRE SUPPORT AND LOGISTIC RADIO CIRCUITS TO REPLACE

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 ANY RENDERED INOPERATIVE.

B. DIGGING DEEP EVERYWHERE - DIGGING IN AMMUNITION IN MULTIPLE DISPERSED BUNKERS; PROVIDING COVERED ROUTES FROM BUNKERS TO WEAPONS POSITIONS. DIGGING IN, AND OTHERWISE PROTECTING WEAPONS, TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT.

C. ENSURING THAT EVERY INSTALLATION WITH OVERHEAD COVER IS PROPERLY ENGINEERED, SO THAT NEAR MISSES WILL NOT CAUSE THE OVERHEAD TO COLLAPSE.

D. EXPLOITING TO THE MAXIMUM THE CAPABILITIES OF THE AIRBORNE DASC, TAO AND ON-STATION CAS, ALONG WITH DEVELOPMENT OF SUBSTITUTE PROCEDURES TO PROCURE AND CONTROL NIGHT CAS IF ASRT FACILITIES ARE KNOCKED OUT.

E. BEING OVER-GENEROUS WITH THE DEPLOYMENT OF WIRE AND MINES, PARTICULARLY THE SOWING OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF GRAVEL ALONG LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH.

F. DIGGING ALTERNATE COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES TO MEET THE EVENTUALITY OF DIRECT HITS.

G. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT MEDEVAC HELICOPTERS

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 MAY BE PRECLUDED FROM LANDING, AND DIGGING ADEQUATE
 MEDICAL BUNKERS TO PERMIT UNINTERRUPTED TREATMENT.
 H. DEVELOPING FAMILIES OF COUNTERATTACK PLANS
 FOR RESTORATION OF KEY POSITIONS.

7. I AM SURE THAT, IN YOUR MIND, AND IN THOSE OF YOUR
 STAFF AND COMMANDERS, THE ABOVE THOUGHTS ARE PRETTY
 ELEMENTARY. HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONLY ONE OF THEM THAT
 BRINGS SOMETHING INTO BETTER PERSPECTIVE, THE MESSAGE
 WILL HAVE BEEN WORTH WRITING. BEST REGARDS.

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FM GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV MACV FWD
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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I HAVE RECEIVED A SUPURIOUS REPORT THAT THERE IS NO
PATROLLING AT KHE SANH BECAUSE GENERAL WESTMORELAND
SAID THEY INTERFERED WITH B-52 STRIKES. INFORMATION AVAILABLE
TO ME INDICATES THAT IN THE PAST 10 DAYS SOME FORTY LOCAL
PATROLS OF SQUAD AND PLATOON SIZE WERE CONDUCTED IN THE
KHE SANH AREA. IN FACT IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT SUCH
A PATROL FROM THE 37TH ARVN RANGER BATTALION KILLED SOME
ENEMY AND CAPTURED A RECOILLESS RIFLE ON 13 FEBRUARY.

IN ANY EVENT GENERAL WESTMORELAND HAS NOT PROHIBITED
PATROLLING AND REPORTS WE RECEIVE INDICATE THAT
PATROLLING IS BEING DONE.

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S E C R E T

PERSONAL FOR LTGENS KRULAK AND CUSHMAN AND MAJGEN ANDERSON FROM
 MC CUTCHEON

COVERED REVETMENTS

1. THE SUBJECT OF COVERED REVETMENTS HAS COME UP IN MESSAGE TRAFFIC RECENTLY AND I NOTE THAT CINCPAC HAS ASKED HIS COMPONENT COMMANDERS AND MACV TO SUBMIT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE CMC SENT A MEMO TO THE SECNAV ON 19 FEB ON THIS SAME SUBJECT. THE MEMO IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

*1.(S) THE DESIRABILITY OF OVERHEAD PROTECTION FOR ALL RVN-BASED AIRCRAFT IS RECOGNIZED. THE MARINE CORPS CONCURS THAT THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY COVERED REVETMENTS WOULD REDUCE DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT FROM ENEMY ROCKET, MORTAR, SURFACE-TO-SURFACE MISSILE, ARTILLERY OR AIR ATTACKS. THERE WOULD BE SOME DRAWBACKS INVOLVED IN OPERATING FROM

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SUCH SEMI-ENCLOSED STRUCTURES. ADDITIONAL TOW VEHICLES, UTILITIES AND RAMP SPACE WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED. HOWEVER, THE PROTECTION AFFORDED SOME OF OUR MORE VALUABLE AIRCRAFT WOULD NO DOUBT OUTWEIGH THE COST AND EFFORT INVOLVED IN PROVIDING COVERED REVETMENTS AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

*2.(S) FIRST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO EA-6A AND RF-4B ASSETS. FOLLOWED BY THE A-6A'S AND F-4B'S. OVERHEAD PROTECTION FOR HELICOPTERS WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE DUE TO THEIR HEIGHT AND LARGE ROTOR DIAMETER. HOWEVER, IF SUCH PROTECTION BECOMES AVAILABLE, PRIORITY ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE CH-53A, FOLLOWED BY THE CH-46, UH-1E, AND UH-34. A DECISION TO CONSTRUCT OVERHEAD COVER ON REVETMENTS FOR A-4'S AND HELICOPTERS CAN BE DEFERRED UNTIL SOME EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN ACCUMULATED FROM OPERATING WITH THE HIGHER PRIORITY AIRCRAFT LISTED ABOVE.

*3.(A) A MORE IMMEDIATE APPLICATION OF OVERHEAD TYPE CONSTRUCTION IN VIETNAM COULD BE IN THE 1ST MAW AVIONICS, 'ICE CUBE' AND MAINTENANCE VAN COMPLEXES. THESE SEMI-PERMANENT STRUCTURES CONTAIN DELICATE TEST AND CHECK-OUT EQUIPMENTS AND OVERHEAD PROTECTION FOR THIS TYPE INSTALLATION EQUIPMENTS, AND OVERHEAD PROTECTION FOR THIS TYPE INSTALLATION SHOULD PROVE TO BE A MORE REALISTIC ENGINEERING ACCOMP-

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 LISHMENT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

48, (5) AS A FIRST INCREMENT TO THIS CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, IT IS
 RECOMMENDED THAT PROVISIONS FOR COVERED REVELEMENTS FOR FIVE EA-6A'S,
 NINE RF-4B'S, AND TWELVE A-6A'S AT DANANG, TWELVE A-6A'S AT CHU
 LAI AND SAGE VANS AT BOTH BASES BE MADE AS SOON AS SUITABLE MATERIALS
 CAN BE PROCURED, RECOMMENDATION FOR OVERHEAD PROTECTION FOR THE
 REMAINING AIRCRAFT OF THE 1ST MAW WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE.*

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FOR FMFPAC F-045

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN HRULAK INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN ANDERSON
FMAW AIR CONTROL SYSTEM AUGMENTATION

A. WESTERN PACIFIC NAVAL AVIATOR STUDY REPORT BY FMFPAC (S)

B. MACG-18 DET SER 03B34767 DTD 13DEC67 (C)

C. MACS-4 LTR SER 01B31167 DTD 7NOV67 (C)

D. CMC MSG 221906Z JAN68 (S)

1. INCREASING TEMPO OF OPERATIONS IN ICTZ AND THREAT TO KHE SANH HAVE PLACED ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON FMAW AIR CONTROL ASSETS WHICH WERE ALREADY OVER TAXED.

2. THE TWO MARINE AIR SUPPORT SQUADRONS IN FMAW NOW ARE OPERATING FIVE DASCs, SIX ASRTs, AND AN AIRBORNE DASC IN STANDBY STATUS WITH PERSONNEL STRENGTH PROVIDED TO OPERATE TWO DASCs AND SIX ASRTs. WHEN ACTIVATED, AIRBORNE DASC IS

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MANNED BY PERSONNEL WITHDRAWN FROM OPERATING DASCs. OPERATION NIAGARA DICTATED RELOCATION OF ASRT FROM CHU LAI TO KHE SANH AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FIFTH DASC AT KHE SANH FROM AVAILABLE ASSETS WITHIN WING. CURRENTLY, I AM PLANNING ESTABLISHMENT OF SATELLITE AIR TRAFFIC RADAR SITE IN KHE SANH AREA TO ENHANCE TACTICAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CAPABILITIES. RADAR SITE WOULD BE MANNED AND MAINTAINED BY AIR CONTROLLERS AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL FROM MACS-4.

3. THE ABOVE INCREASE IN AIR CONTROL CAPABILITY CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO ADEQUATELY CONTROL TACTICAL AIR IN I CORPS.

4. MACS-4 HQ AND TAOC ARE LOCATED AT DANANG WITH DETACHMENT TO BE MOVED TO KHE SANH. DASCs LOCATED CHU LAI, DANANG, PHU BAI, DONG HA, AND KHE SANH WITH SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS AT CHU LAI AND DANANG. THIS DISPERSION OF ASSETS PLUS REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS TO PERFORM NECESSARY PERSONNEL, OPERATIONS, SUPPLY, AND MAINTENANCE FUNCTIONS FURTHER COMPOUNDS PROBLEM. PERSONNEL AND AIR CONTROL EQUIPMENT RESOURCES EXTENDED TO MAXIMUM CAPABILITY WITH NO REMAINING BACKUP ASSETS. DASCs PROCESSED 3295 MISSIONS DURING JANUARY 1968 WITH ASRTs CONTROLLING 3202 MISSIONS ON 4407 TARGETS DROPPING 9093 TONS OF

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ORDNANCE. TAOC PROVIDED TACTICAL AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TO 11,131
ACFT WHICH INCLUDED 3,232 RADAR HANDOFFS TO ASRT AND 2,652
RADAR HANDOFFS TO GCA DURING THIS SAME PERIOD.

5. PERSONNEL CURRENTLY STANDING SIX HOUR WATCH SCHEDULE WITH
TWELVE HOUR RELIEF BETWEEN WATCHES. CREW BRIEFING AND
ORIENTATION PRIOR TO SCHEDULED WATCH PLUS OPERATIONAL REPORTS
AFTER WATCH AND COLLATERAL DUTIES RESULTS IN MINIMUM EIGHT
HOUR DUTY PERIOD. DEMANDING TASKS PERFORMED BY AIR CONTROL
PERSONNEL IN TAOC, DASC AND ASRT COMBINED WITH ABOVE WORK
SCHEDULE OVER PROLONGED PERIOD OF TIME CONDUCTIVE TO HUMAN
ERROR WHICH COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS DAMAGE TO EQUIPMENT AND/OR
LOSS OF LIFE. TEMPO OF OPERATIONS DO NOT PERMIT PERSONNEL
NONPRODUCTIVE HOURS SIMILAR TO PILOT STAND DOWN TIME PRESCRIBED
BY REFERENCE A. IMPERATIVE THAT PERSONNEL, PARTICULARLY CONTROLLERS,
BE ALERT AND RESPONSIVE WHEN ON DUTY.

6. IN VIEW OF PRECEDING AND IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE PERSONNEL
SHORTAGES REQUEST EARLIEST APPROVAL OF REQUESTED INCREASE IN
MANNING LEVEL OF MASS AND MACS CONTAINED IN REFERENCES B AND
C RESPECTIVELY. REQUEST THAT REQUIRED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL
BE PROVIDED FROM SOURCES OUTSIDE THIS COMMAND. CRITICAL
PERSONNEL SHORTAGES EXIST IN FOLLOWING MOS:

MOS	TOTAL	E5	E4	E3	E2/1	03	02/1
1341	5	1	1	2	1		
2851	10	3	3	3	1		
6741	12	3	5	2	2		
6708	37					12	25
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7. NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT: PRESENT DEPLOYMENT OF THE SIX
OPERATIONAL TP3-10 IN ICTZ CONSIDERED OPTIMUM COVERAGE OF AREAS
OF CONCERN. SYSTEMS A-7 AND A-12 ARE LOCATED AT DONG HA; SYSTEM
A-3 AT PHU BAI, SYSTEMS A-6, A-14 AND A-9 AT DANANG AND SYSTEM
A-17 WAS RECENTLY RELOCATED TO KHE SANH. SYSTEM A-14 IS DESIGNATED
MAINTENANCE FLOAT ITEM USED TO SUPPORT THE OTHER SYSTEMS AND IS
NOT OPERABLE. AVAILABLE ASSETS HAVE BEEN POSITIONED TO PROVIDE
ALL WEATHER ORDNANCE DELIVERY CAPABILITY TO VITAL OR CRITICAL
AREAS. IN EVENT OF LOSS OF SYSTEM A-7 AT KHE SANH IT IS INTENDED
RELOCATE SYSTEM A-9 FROM DANANG TO KHE SANH AREA. REFERENCE C
STATES SYSTEM A-3 SHOULD ARRIVE AT FMAW 8-15 MARCH FROM REBUILD
WITH SYSTEM A-2 DUE EARLY MAY. IN ORDER TO RETAIN CAPABILITY TO
REPLACE KHE SANH ASRT IN EVENT OF BATTLE DAMAGE AND ALSO MAIN-
TAIN ALL WEATHER BOMBING CAPABILITY IN DANANG VITAL AREA RECOMMEND
RETAIN SYSTEM A-6 IN FMAW UNTIL RECEIPT SYSTEM A-2. BEST REGARDS

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My to this effect has gone out to Subordinate Units. 2/20

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TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MA

INFO GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 122 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ENEMY USE OF CS TYPE CHEMICAL AGENTS (U)

THE ENEMY HAS RECENTLY EMPLOYED A CHEMICAL AGENT SIMILAR TO CS AT BAN ME THOUT, LANG VEI, AND MORE RECENTLY AT HUE. IT WOULD APPEAR PRUDENT THAT COMMANDERS MAKE ADEQUATE AND TIMELY PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENSE AGAINST THE ENEMY'S USE OF CS TYPE CHEMICAL AGENTS.

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RUMWAA/CG III MAF DANANG
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FOR GENERAL MONYER AND LTG CUSHMAN FROM
GENERAL WESTMORELAND

SUBJ: OPERATION NIAGARA REPORTING (U)

REF: A. CG, III MAF DTG 140314Z FEB 68 (S)
B. DEPCOMUSMACV FOR AIR DTG 110315Z FEB 68 (S)
C. CG, III MAF DTG 240548Z JAN 68 (S)

1. (S) AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE, THE CURRENT PRIMARY INTEREST OF THIS COMMAND IS TO INSURE THAT THE FULL WEIGHT OF TACTICAL AIR POWER IS EMPLOYED IN CRITICAL AREAS OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE, PARTICULARLY IN THE KHE SANH COMBAT AREA. OPREP REPORTS PROCEDURES SHOULD BE DESIGNED TO BEST DISPLAY THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THIS OBJECTIVE.

2. (S) THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF NIAGARA WERE

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ESTABLISHED AND DEFINED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS TO IDENTIFY THE AREA IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WHERE IN MASSIVE TACTICAL AIR MUST BE EMPLOYED TO COUNTER ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND INITIATIVES. ALTHOUGH FOCUSED ON THE KHE SANH THREAT, IT IS NOT GEOGRAPHICALLY LIMITED TO THAT COMBAT AREA.

3. (S) IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE POINTS RAISED IN REF A WERE DISCUSSED AT A RECENT DANANG CONFERENCE, 17 FEB, WITH MG BLOOD AND MG ANDERSON IN ATTENDANCE. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT, AS A RESULT OF CONFERENCE DISCUSSIONS AND STAFF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THIS HEADQUARTERS AND 7AF, DEPCOMUSMACV FOR AIR NIAGARA REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF B WILL BE MODIFIED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY LATITUDE IN REPORTING OF MARINE SORTIES IN ZONE CHARLIE (REF C) WITHIN THE NIAGARA AREA TO PERMIT SPECIFIC SORTIES TO BE IDENTIFIED AS NIAGARA OR OTHER CODE NAME OPERATION SUPPORT, AS THE CASE MAY BE. THIS ACTION SHOULD PROVIDE A MORE DEFINITIVE PICTURE AS TO AIR SUPPORT RENDERED OTHER CODE NAME OPERATIONS IN THAT GEOGRAPHICAL AREA.

FOR 7AF

4. (S) REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROVIDE 7AF STRIKE RESULTS FOR IN-COUNTRY NIAGARA TARGETS TO III MAF AS REQUESTED

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 RADM KINNEY
 NGFS ICTZ

A. YOUR 181554Z FEB 68

I. I SHARE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED, IN REF ALFA AND THE ACUTENESS
 OF THE THREAT IN ICTZ, UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE NO DESTROYERS
 AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT. HOPE THAT CANBERRAS ASSIGNMENT WILL
 EASE THE SITUATION SOME. WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT BUILD UP NGFS
 AS YOU REQUESTED, WHEN ASSETS PERMIT. HOPEFULLY OUR DESTROYERS
 SENT TO THE SEA OF JAPAN WILL RETURN BEFORE TOO LONG.

WARM REGARDS SHELDON

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FM BRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV - MACV (FWD)
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III M
INFO GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
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I RECOGNIZE THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BYNALL CONCERNED TO REDUCE THE SIEGE OF HUE AND THAT THE WEATHER HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE IMPACT ON WHAT HAS BEEN PLANNED. HOWEVER I CONSIDER THE MEASURES SO FAR TAKEN TO BE INADEQUATE AND NOT IN CONSONANCE WITH THE URGENCY OF THE PROBLEM OR THE RESOURCES YOU COMMAND. I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE BRING TO BEAR EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL IN FIREPOWER AND SUPPORT TO ELIMINATE THE ENEMY FORCES IN HUE.

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I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING BE ACCOMPLISHED IMMEDIATELY:

- A. EXCLUSIVE PRIORIT OF 8 INCH FIRES BE TO US AND VIETNAMESE FORCES WITHIN THE CITY.
 - B. PRIORITY OF AIR SUPPORT BE TO THE FORCES WITHIN HUE WITH NECESSARY HEAVY ORDNANCE, FUZE DELAY AND ABUNDANT NAPALM.
 - C. NECESSARY GUNSHIPS AND ARA BE PROVIDED ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO FORCES WITHIN HUE FROM US MARINE AND US ARMY RESOURCES AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER AREAS.
 - D. IF POSSIBLE, DETACH TO ARVN FORCES IN HUE TANKS AND ONTOS AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. IN THE MEANTIME, I DESIRE EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO GET TWO ONTOS INTO HUE ASAP FOR USE BY THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS.
 - E. PROVIDE WITHOUT DELAY AN ANGLICO TEAM TO VIETNAMESE MARINES WITHIN HUE.
 - F. INSURE THAT ARVN AND VIETNAMESE MARINES HAVE ADEQUATE SUPPLY OF 7.62 MM AND M-16 AMMUNITION.
 - G. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO GET THE ARVN RANGER BATTALIONS INTO THEIR DESIGNATED AREA EAST OF HUE ASAP.
- ALERT TAC AIR - GUNSHIPS - ARA TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ADVANTAGE OF ANY BREAK IN THE WEATHER TO ATTACK TARGETS WITHIN HUE ON CALL. IN MY VIEW THIS REQUIRES SOME TAC AIR ON STANDBY WITH APPROPRIATE MUNITIONS AND FUSING TO SUPPORT BOTH VIETNAMESE AND US UNITS.

BG TRUONG SHOULD COORDINATE ALL OUTSIDE SUPPORTORENDER AND WE SHOULD BE RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUESTS.

I REQUEST A REPLY ASAP ON MEASURES TAKEN TO SOLVE THE ABOVE.

IN ACCOMPLISHING ALL THE ABOVE I DIRECT THAT THE RESOURCES OWNED BY THE US, ALL OF THEM, BE UNSTINTINGLY COMMITTED TO

THE SUPPORT OF THE VIETNAMESE FORCES OF ALL TYPES CUTTING OUT ALL THE RED TAPE AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES THAT IN ANY WAY HINDER THE CONDUCT OF THE BATTLE. THIS IS ONE BATTLE AND ANYTHING ANYONE HAS THAT IS USEFUL SHOULD BE COMMITTED TO ITS EARLY AND FINAL CONCLUSION.

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DELIVER FIRST DUTY HOUR TO GEN WESTMORELAND

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FM GENERAL ABRAMS DEP COMUSMACV MACV FORWARD
TO LT GENERAL CUSHMAN C-III MAF
INFO _____ COL BEESON SA I CORPS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 130 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: ASSESSMENT OF COMBAT READINESS OF ARVN

I DESIRE THAT YOU MAKE A COMPLETE EVALUATION OF THE
CAPABILITIES OF ARVN, RF AND PF IN I CTZ AS A MATTER OF
PRIORITY AND PROVIDE ME MLT 23 FEB WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT
OF WHEN GEN LAM CAN TAKE THE OFFENSIVE.

I WOULD LIKE YOUR EVALUATION TO INCLUDE ALL OF THE
ESSENTIALS CONTRIBUTING TO COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS. YOU
SHOULD CONSIDER PRESENT FOR DUTY STRENGTH, REPLACEMENT
PICTURE, OPERATIONAL WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT AND STATUS
OF MAINTENANCE THEREOF, LOGISTICS, APPROPRIATENESS OF
MISSION OF UNITS, TRAINING AND MORALE. IDENTIFY IN YOUR

ASSESSMENT THE SHORTFALL AREAS IN WHICH US ASSISTANCE AND
SUPPORT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL. AN OVERALL EVALUATION OF
THE COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH REGIMENT IS DESIRED.

I DESIRE THAT YOU COMPLETE THIS EVALUATION AND PRESENT
A SHORT WRITTEN REPORT TOGETHER WITH A BRIEFING TO ME
MLT 23 FEBRUARY.

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1. HAVE PRESSED GEN. LOAN HARD TO PROVIDE ADDED POLICE
 ASSETS FOR HUE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR SPECAT EXCLUSIVE DTG.
 200252Z FEB 68.

2. LOAN SAYS LAM HIT HIM ON THIS LAST SATURDAY. HE HAS
 REVIEWED HIS DEPLOYMENTS COUNTRYWIDE BUT CONCLUDES IT
 PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND EVEN ONE ADDED PFF COMPANY FOR
 HUE. ONLY EFFECTIVE PFF RESERVE IS FULLY COMMITTED IN SIAGON,
 PARTLY IN DEFENSE OF NUMEROUS KEY INSTALLATIONS FOR WHICH JGS
 HAS REQUIRED POLICE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY. LOAN SAYS
 HE COULD SEND THREE PFF COMPANIES IF ARVN WOULD ASSUME THIS
 DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITY, BUT DOESN'T SEE A PRAYER.

3. LOAN ALSO POINTS OUT THAT I CORPS HAS MORE PFF THAN
 HE DOES IN SAIGON AREA, INCLUDING TWO COMPANIES IN HUE AND AN
 ADDED COMPANY SENT FROM DANANG. BEST WAY TO HELP YOU IS TO
 URGE FIRST PRIORITY FOR REPLACEMENTS BE GIVEN I CORPS. AM
 DOING SO.

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I HAVE HAD A TALK WITH JACK TOLSON AND YESTERDAY 20 FEBRUARY HE REVIEWED THE CIVILIAN SITUATION IN QUANG TRI WITH BREWER AND RATTAN. TOLSON TELLS ME THAT BREWER AND RATTAN FEEL THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE PEOPLE IN QUANG TRI CITY IS PROBABLY BETTER THAN IN ANY OTHER CITY. THE ENEMY WERE DEFEATED IN TRYING TO TAKE THE CITY AND THE PEOPLE KNOW IT. JACK HIMSELF WAS A WITNESS TO THE BIG VICTORY PARADE. THE RF AND PF HELD AND THE ARVN FOUGHT. WHAT THEY ARE FOCUSED ON NOW ARE THE VILLAGES OUT OF QUANG TRI WHERE THEY BELIEVE THERE MAY BE GROUPS OF DISILLUSIONED NVA WHO MAY SURRENDER IF WORKED ON BY PSYOPS AND ENCOURAGED BY THE PEOPLE. THEY FEEL THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE STUCK WITH THE WINNER.

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 GEN CHAPMAN CMC WASH
 GEN BEACH CINCUSARPAC HAWAII
 GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV MACV FWD
 LTG KRULAK CG FMFPAC HAWAII
 LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF DANANG
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AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE BEEN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR SOME TIME TO ESTABLISH A TACTICAL HEADQUARTERS NORTH OF THE AI VAN PASS (I CORPS NORTH) TO CONTROL THE SEVERAL TACTICAL UNITS THAT

ARE BEING DEPLOYED TO THAT AREA. A NUMBER OF WEEKS AGO, COMMUNICATIONS WERE INSTALLED AND WORK WAS STARTED TO PROVIDE FACILITIES. ON 3 FEB A PROVISIONAL STAFF FROM MACV WAS SENT TO HUE/ PHU BAI TO ESTABLISH ITSELF, AND ON 12 FEB, I SENT GENERAL ABRAMS TO MACV FORWARD TO SERVE AS MY COMMAND REPRESENTATIVE IN THAT CRITICAL AREA. I PLAN TO REDESIGNATE MACV FORWARD AS PROVISIONAL CORPS, VIETNAM (PROVCORPSV), DURING MARCH. GEN ABRAMS IS NOW ORGANIZING THE STAFF AND PROCEDURES COMPATIBLE WITH THIS DECISION. ALSO, I HAVE SELECTED LTG BILL ROSSON TO COMMAND PROVCORPSV AND HAVE SENT HIM ON R&R PRELIMINARY TO HIS DETACHMENT FROM I FFV. HIS DEPUTY, MG PEERS, WILL COMMAND I FFV DURING ROSSON'S ABSENCE.

AS A RESULT OF THIS ARRANGEMENT, III MAF WILL BE OPERATING AT THE FIELD ARMY LEVEL WITH PROVCORPSV UNDER ITS OP CON. SINCE MORE THAN 50 PERCENT OF LTG CUSHMAN'S TACTICAL COMMAND WILL CONSIST OF ARMY TROOPS, I HAVE AUGMENTED HIS STAFF WITH A NUMBER OF ARMY OFFICERS. THE LATEST AUGMENTATION IS BG FLANAGAN, WHO WILL SERVE AS CUSHMAN'S DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS. FLANAGAN'S PRESENT ASSIGNMENT AS DIRECTOR OR TRAINING FOR RVNAF WILL BE ASSUMED TEMPORARILY BY A COLONEL.

IN VIEW OF THE SERVICE MIX OF PROVCORPSV, I BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE THAT THE HEADQUARTERS COMMAND AND STAFF ORGANIZATION BE JOINT IN CHARACTER. LIKEWISE, THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT III MAF HAS FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ARMY UNITS SUGGESTS A SEEDING OF THE COMMAND GROUP AND STAFF WITH SELECTED ARMY OFFICERS.

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ZEN/CO 2D BDE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION LZ JANE RVN

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LTJ CUSHMAN. COMUS MACV FUD FOR GEN ABRAMS.

SUBJECT: IMMEDIATE ARC LIGHT REQUEST (U)

1. (U) REF MSGS THIS HQ

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B. F02-18717 DTG 180430Z FEB 68

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C. F02-19765 DTG 191450 Z FEB 68

2. (S) NUMEROUS USUALLY RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS RECEIVED DAILY AT THIS HEADQUARTERS CONTINUE TO INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF A MAJOR CONTROL HEADQUARTERS AND UNIDENTIFIED UNITS IN THE TARGET AREA. THE PRESENCE OF THIS HEADQUARTERS IS FURTHER VERIFIED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST ARVN DIVISION WHO STATES HIS INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THE PRESENCE OF A MAJOR CONTROL HEADQUARTERS IN THE TARGET AREA AND THAT THE AREA IS ALSO USED AS AN ASSEMBLY AREA AND LOGISTICS BASE FOR ENEMY FORCES OPERATING IN THE HUE CITY AREA.

3. (S) STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS TARGET BE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR IMMEDIATE ATTACK.

4. (S) TOT: ASAP NLT 230700H FEB 68.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN ANDERSON INFO
 LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK.

FIRST MAW AIR CONTROL SYSTEM AUGMENTATION (U).

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D. CG FMFPAC LTR 1/JAL SER 028-68 DTD 6JAN68 (C)

1. REF A REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN CRITICAL MACS/
 MASS PERSONNEL SHORTAGES. I RECOGNIZE THE NEED, AND AM DOING ALL
 POSSIBLE TO REACT.

2. REF B DIRECTED THE TRANSFER OF THE RESIDUAL
 MACS-6 PERSONNEL TO YOUR COMMAND ON IMAR AND
 REQUIRES THAT A ROSTER BE PROVIDED TO YOU BY 23FEB.
 ALTHOUGH NOT PRECISELY KNOWN YET, IT IS ESTIMATED
 THAT MACS-6 DEPLOYABLES WILL BE APPROXIMATELY

PAGE 2 YNA 3487 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
 AS FOLLOWS IN THE MOS'S ADDRESSED BY REF A:
 OFFICERS:

MOS	0-3	0-2/1	TOTAL
6708	-	-	-
6709	3	7	10
TOTAL	3	7	10

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MOS	E7	E6	E5	E4	E3	E2/1	TOTAL
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3. FOURTEEN OF THE 6708 (AIR SUPPORT CONTROL OFFICER)
 BILLETTS IN YOUR M/L ARE INTENDED TO BE FILLED BY NA'S.
 RECORDS HERE SHOW ONLY FOUR AVIATORS IN SUCH ASSIGNMENTS,
 WITH 24 NA/NFO'S WHO HOLD ADDITIONAL 6708 MOS PERFORMING OTHER
 DUTIES. YOU MAY HAVE TO REDISTRIBUTE SOME OF
 THOSE SKILLS. MEANWHILE I HAVE PROVIDED TEMPORARY
 ASSISTANCE BY DELAYING THE RETURN OF MASS-3A PER-
 SONNEL TO CG NINTH MAB. THIS PROVIDES AN ADDITIONAL 14

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OFFICEERS MOS 6708.

4. THE ADDITION OF AN ASRT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A
PRIORITY INCREASE TO THE PROGRAM 5 CEILING, HOW-
EVER THERE IS NO RECORD OF RECEIPT AT THIS HEAD-
QUARTERS OF THE TWO M/L INCREASE REQUESTS RE-
FERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH SIX OF REF A. RECOMMEND
RESUBMIT AS OUTLINED IN REF C EXPEDITING A
COPY TO THIS HEADQUARTERS SO THAT IT MAY BE PRESSED WITH
HQMC.

5. THE ONLY OTHER POTENTIAL MEANS OF IMMEDIATE
ASSISTANCE IS TO AUTHORIZE YOU TO RETAIN SELECTED
MACS-4 PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE MACS-4/MACS-8
EXCHANGE DIRECTED IN REF D. I WILL NEED TO KNOW
WHAT SKILLS AND FOR HOW LONG. BEST REGARDS.

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 POSSIBLE SABOTAGE (S)

A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR MSG 211231Z FEB 68
 1. PURPOSE THIS MSG TO ADVISE OF SERIES POSSIBLE ACTS OF
 SABOTAGE OCCURRING ABOARD IWO JIMA COMMENCING 13 FEB 68
 DURING CURRENT DEPLOYMENT ARG/SLF ALFA OFF DMZ.
 EMPHASIZE THIS IS AN ALERTING MSG ONLY, ADDITIONAL DETAILS
 OF WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO ALCON AS THEY DEVELOP IN
 CONSONANCE WITH NISO INVESTIGATION COMMENCED ABOARD
 BY AGENTS DILKES AND COOK OF DANANG OFFICE, ON 21 FEB 68,
 IN COMPLIANCE WITH VERBAL AND JOINT REQUEST CO IWO JIMA AND
 CO MARMEHELRON THREE SIX THREE. LATTER SQUADRON EMBARKED
 FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY 10/11 FEB 68 AS REPLACEMENT
 FOR MARMEHELRON 361 PREVIOUSLY EMBARKED SINCE NOV 67.

2. EVENT NO / DATE AND TIME/ INCIDENT / CONSEQUENCES

A. 160900H FEB WIRE SAFETY SEAL NO DAMAGE OCCURED
 ON COVER OVER ACTUATING WORST THAT COULD
 SWITCH FOR HANGAR DECK HAVE HAPPENED
 HIGH-CAPACITY FOAM STATION WOULD HAVE BEEN
 NR2 (LOCATED STARBOARD MESS ON HANGAR
 SIDE HANGAR DECK AMID- DECK AND TEMPORARY
 SHIPS) WAS BROKEN AND LOSS OF FOAM AT THAT
 SWITCH ACTUATED FOR NO STATION IN EVENT OF
 APPARENT PURPOSE BY ACTUAL FIRE.
 PERSON(S) UNKNOWN.

ACTUAL DISCHARGE OF FOAM THROUGH OVERHEAD NOZZLES WAS PREVENTED

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BY TIMELY ACTION OF PETTY OFFICER INGENERATING STATION ONE DECK BELOW, WHO CLOSED CUT-OFF VALVE.

B. 170800H FEB AFTER HAVING BEEN NO DAMAGE OCCURED AND POSITIVELY CHECKED IN SPILLAGE WAS CLEANED UP CLOSED POSITION BY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

RESPONSIBLE PETTY OFFICER THE NIGHT BEFORE, MAIN FUEL RISER VALVE AND FILTER VENT VALVE FOR FLIGHT DECK AUTOMOTIVE GASOLINE (MOGAS) STATION NR9 WERE BOTH DISCOVERED OPEN AFTER A "FUEL LEAK" WAS REPORTED TO PRIFLY, AND GAS OBSERVED SPILLING OVER STARBOARD SIDE.

THIS FUEL STATION HAD BEEN UNUSED SINCE OCT. 67 AND HAD BEEN COVERED WITH CANVAS FOR SECURITY. SPILL OCCURRED WHEN LINE PRESSURIZED AT 170800H WHILE USING ADJACENT STATION.

C. 13FEB TO 21FEB FIVE INCIDENTS TO ALL WERE DISCOVERD ON SQUADRON ACFT INVOLVING ROUTINE PRE-FLIGHT EITHER TAMPERING WITH INSPECTIONS, BUT ALL THROTTLE CONTROLS: INTROD- COULD HAVE BEEN CAT- UCTION OF FOREIGN OBJECT ASTROPHIC IN FLIGHT. INTO TRANSMISSION DECK AND TAMPERING WITH SECURITY OF ROTOR HEAD ASSEMBLIES.

DETAILS THESE INCIDENTS, PLUS THOSE OCCURRING PRIOR EMBARKATION IWO JIMA ARE SUMMARIZED IN DETAIL BY REF A WHICH SHOULD BE READ IN CONTEXT WITH THIS MSG FOR COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION. RELATION TO INCIDENTS 2A/2B UNKNOWN.

3. SUMMARY:

A. IWO JIMA HISTORY IS UNEVENTFUL PRIOR INCIDENTS REPORTED HEREIN.

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B. MORALE GOOD AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE CONSIDERED EXCELLENT.

C. FOAM SWITCH INCIDENT REQUIRED LITTLE OR NO SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE BEYOND THAT OF MAJORITY OF AIR DEPT PERSONNEL, ALTHOUGH ANY SAFETY-WIRED SWITCH BOX IS TEMPTING BAIT TO SOME EXPERIMENTERS.

D. GASOLINE VALVE INCIDENT REQUIRED SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OF SYSTEM.

E. ACFT TAMPERINGS REQUIRED SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OF UH-34 ACFT.

F. NO SUSPECTS AT PRESENT.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. CONTINUE STRICTEST INTERNAL SECURITY MEASURES.

B. CONTINUE INVESTIGATION WITH ONI REPS NO ON BOARD.

5. ACTION REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

SIX. CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR (COMPHIBRON 3) IS AWARE OF FORGOING AND CONCURS WITH THIS MSG.

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SUSPECTED SABOTAGE HMM 363 UH34/D HELOS (S)
A. USS IWO JIMA 211230Z FEB 68

1. PAST EIGHT DAYS HAVE REVEALED FIVE INCIDENTS THAT ARE STRONGLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL IN INDICATING THAT PERSON OR PERSONS UNKNOWN HAVE COMMITTED ACTS OF SABOTAGE TO UH34D HELOS EMBARKED WITH SLF ALFA ABOARD IWO JIMA. THREE INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT MNAF ON 3FEB68, PRIOR TO HMM 363 EMBARKATION 10-11 FEB 68.

2. SUMMARIZATION OF THESE INCIDENTS ARE AS FOLLS:

DATE	LOCATION	A/C	TIME	INCIDENT
3FEB	MNAF	YZ16	0700	THROTTLE BOX ASSEMBLY TAMPERED WITH
3FEB	MNAF	YZ20	0803	DO DO DO
3FEB	MNAF	YZ16	2345	DO DO DO
13FEB	IWO	YZ9	0730	DO DO DO
14FEB	IWO	YZ10	0800	DO DO DO
19FEB	IWO	YZ22	0730	METAL PIPE FOUND IN TRANSMISSION DECK
21FEB	IWO	YZ9	0800	THROTTLE BOX ASSEMBLY TAMPERED WITH
21FEB	IWO	YZ12	1400	TRUNION BOLTS AND NUTS BACKED OFF AND COTTERS REMOVED

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3. A. THROTTLE BOX INCIDENTS CONSISTED OF VARYING TYPES OF TAMPERING INCLUDING DISCONNECTING THROTTLE CABLE LINKAGE (1 INCIDENT); REMOVAL OF SELF-LOCKING NUTS ON LEVER PIVOT BOLT (2 INCIDENTS); LOOSENING OF SELF-LOCKING NUTS TO EXTENT THAT THEY COULD BE EXPECTED TO WORK OFF IN FLIGHT (3 INCIDENTS). IN ONE INCIDENT OF REMOVAL OF LOCKING NUT, REPAIRS WERE EFFECTED AFTER DISCOVERY AND COMPLETED WORK WAS INSPECTED BY MAINT OFFICER, QUALITY AND CONTROL AND SECTION CHIEF. PRIOR TO SUBSEQUENT FLIGHT IN AFTERNOON SAME DAY, CO-PILOT CHECKED NUT AND FOUND SECURE. UNSKED FLIGHT LATER THAT NIGHT ON EMERG MISSION AT 032200H RESULTED IN A/C BEING DOWN IN HOT ZONE AS RESULT SAME NUT BEING OFF. CREW UNABLE TO POSITIVELY STATE THEY HAD CHECKED NUT PRIOR TO EMERG MISSION TAKE OFF.

B. THE THREE FT LENGTH METAL PIPE FOUND IN TRANSMISSION DECK BY CO PILOT HAD BEEN PLACED IN TRANSMISSION AREA IN SUCH A MANNER THAT FOULING OF CONTROLS COULD POSSIBLY OCCUR. CREW DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF PIPE.

C. ON ROTOR HEAD, ON THE TRUNION FOL WAS DISCOVERED BY PILOT ON PRE-FLIGHT AT 211500H: ONE BOLT THROUGH THE FORK AND TRUNION OF ONE OF THE DAMPERS ON THE MAIN ROTOR HEAD WAS MISSING ITS CASTELLATED STEEL NUT. THE OTHER THREE BOLTS HAD THE NUTS BACKED OFF THREE FULL TURNS. ALL FOUR COTTER KEYS WERE MISSING. ONE WASHER WAS STILL STUCK UP AGAINST THE BASE OF THE FORK ASSEMBLY EVEN THOUGH THE NUT HAD BEEN BACKED OFF (INDICATING NUT LOOSENING PROBABLY DONE SUBSEQUENTLY TO LAST FLIGHT WHICH TERMINATED AT 210930H).

4. SQDRN CO, LTCOL F. ALLGOOD, USMC, SUSPECTED SABOTAGE FOL INITIAL 3 INCIDENTS ON 3FEB68 AND SO NOTIFIED NISRA DANANG. RESULTS INCONCLUSIVE AT THAT TIME AND TENTATIVE FINDINGS ATTRIBUTED THEN-INCIDENTS TO POSSIBLE MAINT NEGLIGENCE. SQDRN CO DID NOT CONCUR AND CONTINUED TO SUSPECT SABOTAGE.

5. MOST RECENT INCIDENTS OCCURRING ABOARD IWO CAUSED SQDR TO AGAIN REQ NISRA ASSISTANCE. TWO AGENTS FLEW ABOARD 21 FEB 68 AND ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING.

6. HAVE A MINIMUM NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT TO ACCOMPLISH REQD MISSIONS FOR 22FEB68 THOROUGHLY INSPECTED AND PLACED UNDER 24 HOUR GUARD UNTIL LAUNCH.

7. AS RELATED SUBJ THIS MSG SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH USS IWO JIMA MSG REF ALFA, WHICH EMPHASIZES SHIPBOARD ASPECTS OF FOREGOING.

8. IN VIEW THESE CRITICAL DEVELOPMENTS, POSSIBILITY OF COMPLETE STANDOWN MAY BE REQUIRED TO ENSURE FLIGHT SAFETY. WILL ADVISE PROGRESS. COL MEYERS SENDS.

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~~SECRET~~ SPECAT, EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN,

INFO GENERAL MONYER,

FROM GENERAL WESTMORELAND 05337

1. (S) I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON THE PLAN WHICH GENERAL MONYER PRESENTED TO YOU IN RESPONSE TO MY INSTRUCTIONS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I AM SEEKING A SOLUTION THAT WILL SIMPLIFY AND IMPROVE THE PROCEDURES FOR PROVIDING AIR SUPPORT TO THE TROOPS UNDER YOUR CONTROL.

2. (S) IT IS MY INTENTION THAT YOU SERVE AT THE FIELD ARMY COMMANDER LEVEL WITH TACTICAL CONTROL OF BOTH THE PROVISIONAL CORPS AND III MAF. IN THIS CAPACITY YOU WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO ALLOCATE, AT YOUR DISCRETION, THE TACTICAL AIR ASSETS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR FORCES, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATIONS THAT I MIGHT INVOKE AS THE SITUATION DICTATES. YOU WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COORDINATION OF SUPPORTING FIRES IN YOUR AREA, IN KEEPING

PAGE 2 RUMSAN 0232U ~~SECRET~~ SPECAT
WITH CURRENTLY APPROVED DOCTRINE.

3. (S) I AM KEENLY AWARE OF THE DEPENDENCE WHICH THE MARINE CORPS PLACES ON ITS INTEGRAL FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT IN LIEU OF GUNSHIPS. IN KEEPING WITH THIS, I WOULD DESIRE THAT UNDER THE PROPOSED PLAN, MARINE AIRCRAFT SUPPORT MARINE TROOPS TO THE EXTENT REQUIRED, AS THE NORMAL RULE. THIS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENTS DICTATED BY THE TACTICAL SITUATION.

4. (S) IF AT ANY TIME YOU FIND THAT THE AIR SUPPORT YOU WERE RECEIVING WAS NOT SATISFACTORY, YOU COULD ADVISE ME IMMEDIATELY. ON THE OTHER HAND, I WOULD EXPECT THAT MY DEPUTY FOR AIR WOULD HAVE GENERAL DIRECTION OF ALL ROUTINE MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING, FRAGGING AND CONTROLLING AIR SUPPORT.

WARM REGARDS.

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FROM RADM KINNEY

A. MY 201210Z FEB 68

1. IN CONSONANCE WITH OUR MUTUAL DESIRE TO BUILD UP NGFS ICTZ/DMZ
MY FLAGSHIP NEWPORT NEWS AND HOEL FIVE INCH/FIVE FOUR DDG PROCEEDING
TU 70.8.9 ETA DMZ 222330H.

2. FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES EXPECT TO MAINTAIN 6-7 DD°VVO'S
PLUS EIGHT INCH CRUISER IN TU 70.8.9 DURING YOUR
HEAVY COMBAT SITUATION. CANBERRA ALSO IN NGFS UNTIL 28 FEB.

3. COMSEVENTHFLT HAS GIVEN HIS BLESSING TO THIS AND GRANTED
REDUCTION OTHER CRUDES MISSIONS TO MAKE POSSIBLE ABOVE NGFS.
SUPPORTING YOUR TROOPS IS OUR GREATEST PRIVILEGE.

WARM REGARDS. SHELDON

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SUBJ: GENERAL WHEELER'S VISIT

1. LATEST INFORMATION IS THAT GENERAL WHEELER'S ARRIVAL IS ABOUT 231000 FEB AT SAIGON WITH A FIRM DEPARTURE AT 251600 FEB.

2. IF SECURITY DICTATES, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO BILLET THE PARTY AT USARV WITH MEETINGS CONDUCTED THERE.

3. FOLLOWING THE CHAIRMANS ARRIVAL AND INITIAL DISCUSSION WITH GENERAL WESTMORELAND, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT EXPANDED DISCUSSIONS WILL BE HELD WITH AMBASSADOR KOMER, GENERAL MOMYER AND LTG PALMER AND OTHERS AS CALLED. NO FIRM SCHEDULE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

4. GENERAL WHEELER, ACCOMPANIED BY GENERAL WESTMORELAND WILL DEPART SAIGON FOR DANANG ABOUT 240900 FEB TO MEET WITH GENERAL ABRAMS, LTG CUSHMAN AND MG PEERS, DEPARTING ABOUT 241400 FEB FOR SAIGON. WHICH MEMEBERS OF THE CHAIRMAN'S PARTY WILL ACCOMPANY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED. YOU WILL BE ADVISED ASAP.

5. FOLLOWING THE RETURN FROM DANANG, AND A CALL ON GENERAL VIEN FROM 1600 TO 1630, FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ARE PLANNED WITH GENERAL WESTMORELAND, LTG WEYAND, MG ECKHARDT AND OTHERS AS CALLED TO MACV. NO FIRM SCHEDULE. YOU WILL BE ADVISED.

6. SUNDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 25 WILL BE OCCUPIED FROM 0800 - 1130 WITH WRAP-UP BRIEFING BY THE MACV STAFF AS OUTLINED IN THE FRONT CHANNEL. THE EXTENT OF THESE BRIEFINGS WILL DEPEND ON THE PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMANDERS. THE BRIEFINGS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A LUNCHEON WITH THE MISSION COUNCIL AND CALL ON PRESIDENT THIEU.

7. FOR GEN MOMYER, LTG PALMER, LTG WEYAND AND MG ECKHARDT. WHEN NOTIFIED OF YOUR FIRM DISCUSSION TIMES, YOU MAY BRING A FEW KEY STAFF AS BACK-UP IF DESIRED.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV SAIGON
TO GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMAC MACV (FWD)
INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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~~SECRET~~ MAC 02511 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: PSYOP AGAINST NVA IN VILLAGES OUT OF QUANG TRI
REFERENCE: PHB 131 DTG 210435Z

INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE CONFIRMS BREWER'S AND
RATTAN'S APPRAISAL OF ATTITUDE OF PEOPLE IN QUANG TRI AND
HIGH REGARD IN WHICH RVNAF FORCES ARE HELD IN THAT CITY.
III MAF/I CORPS HAS COORDINATED PSYOP PROGRAM IN BEING IN
ALL OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE BUT REAPPRAISAL CURRENTLY IN
PROGRESS. REVIEW WILL DETERMINE IF PROGRAM ADEQUATE TO
FULLY EXPLOIT OPPORTUNITIES AGAINST NVA REFERENCE MESSAGE
CITES. THE PSYOP OFFICER OF III MAF BELIEVES HIS RESOURCES
CAN HANDLE. ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM MACV ON REQUEST.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER OPENING DUTY HOURS
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CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN
 KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

1. HERE ARE THE SUBSTANCE OF TWO PRESS STORIES:

1. QUOTE:

"LOS ANGELES TIMES, 12 FEB 1968. HEAD: MARINES ALONG DMZ DISTURBED
 AT REPORT OF TAKEOVER BY ARMY, BY JACK FOISIE, DANANG---THE
 REPORTED IMPENDING ARMY HIGH COMMAND TAKEOVER FROM THE
 U. S. MARINES OF THE FIGHTING ALONG THE DMZ--UNCONFIRMED
 OFFICIALLY--HAS DEEPLY DISTURBED HIGH-RANKING MARINES,
 PARA WHATEVER OFFICIAL EXPLANATION MAY EVENTUALLY BE VOICED FOR
 THIS MOVE IT RANKLES THE MARINES THAT THE ARRIVAL OF FOUR-STAR
 ARMY GEN. CREIGHTON ABRAMS FROM SAIGON WILL BE INTERPRETED
 GENERALLY AS A BELIEF BY THE PENTAGON STAFF THAT THE MARINES
 ARE NOT DOING THE JOB. PARA IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT
 ABRAMS, WHO IS GEN. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND'S DEPUTY,
 HAS ALREADY TAKEN UP HIS JOB AS OVERALL NORTHERN COMMANDER WITH

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 HEADQUARTERS AT PHU BAI, SOUTH OF HUE, WHICH HAS BEEN THE MAIN
 BASE FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION, PARA ANY ADVERSE JUDGMENT
 WOULD NOT REFLECT UPON THE MARINE COMBAT UNITS, BUT UPON
 MARINE GENERALSHIP..." UNQUOTE.

2. QUOTE "CHICAGO DAILY NEW, 19 FEB 1968, HEAD: MARINES YEILD
 VITAL VIET AREA TO ARMY, BY KEYES BEECH. DANANG--U.S. MARINE
 CORPS CONTROL OF SVN'S FIVE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES, FORMALLY
 KNOWN AS THE 1ST CORPS AREA AND SCENE OF THE BITTEREST FIGHTING
 OF THE WAR, HAS COME TO AN END. PARA ARMY GEN. CREIGHTON W.
 ABRAMS, RIGHT-HAND MAN TO GEN. W.C. WESTMORELAND, TOP U.S.
 COMMANDER IN SVN, HAS SET UP ADVANCE HEADQUARTERS AT PHU BAI
 45 MILES NORTH OF HERE, WITH A STAFF OF 200, PARA MILITARY
 SOURCES SAID THE MOVE WAS DICTATED BY THE FACT THAT THE 1ST CORPS
 HAS BECOME THE MAJOR BATTLEGROUND OF THE WAR..." UNQUOTE

2. URGE YOU MANAGE TO GET ABRAMS OR WESTY TO PUT THE
 MATTER STRAIGHT WITH THE PRESS. BEST REGARDS.

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SECRET EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS

1. GEN ABRAMS WAS HERE FOR ABOUT ONE HOUR TODAY. AFTER USUAL BRIEFING IN FSIC HE CAME ALONE TO MY OFFICE. ASKED HOW I VISUALIZED ENEMY ATTACK; WHEN I THOUGHT ATTACK WOULD COME; DID I THINK A SPOILING ATTACK WOULD BE USEFUL. IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER I HAVE SENT HIM A MESSAGE AMPLIFYING WHAT I TOLD HIM EARLIER AND MY BELIF THAT A SPOILING ATTACK WOULD BE OF THE GREATEST VALUE. FURTHER IF AIMED AT 320 DIV POSSIBLY COULD BE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED BY SUPPLIES ON HAND PROVIDED SUCH ATTACK WAS PRECISELY DEFINED AND EXECUTED. YOU ARE AN ADDRESSED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED MESSAGE.

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 TO MACV (FWD)
 CG III MAF
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SECRET EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN ABRAMS AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS

1. IF I MIGHT ADD ONE FURTHER THOUGHT TO OUR CONVERSTATION EARLIER TODAY, I AM FULLY AWARE OF THE CRITICAL FACTOR OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT WHEN CONSIDERING EVEN A LIMITED OFFENSIVE SUCH AS WE DISCUSSED. BUT AGAIN WE ARE REACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ENEMY'S PLAN. HE HAS CUT ROUTE 1 AND IS DOING HIS BEST TO STOP TRAFFIC ON THE CUA VIET WHILE WE ARE FULLY PREOCCUPIED WITH CLEARING HUE AS WELL AS THE THREAT TO QUANG TRI. HE CAN REASONABLY EXPECT TO BE RELATIVELY FREE FROM ANY INTERFERENCE EXCEPT BY AIR WHICH IS AFFECTED BY WEATHER WHILE CARRYING OUT HIS PLANS. TRUE TO FORM WE WILL TIDY UP THE LOC'S AND IN DUE COURSE MOUNT AN OPERATION SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE. BUT I AM CONVINCED THAT A SPOILING ATTACK NOW COULD CHANGE THE WHOLE COURSE OF EVENTS. TWO AIR CAV BRIGADES CUTTING INTO THE EAST FLANK OF 320 DIV, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE NOT ONLY A TACTICAL SURPRISE OF THE FIRST

PAGE TWO RUMHVP 3277D SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ORDER BUT ALSO POSSIBLY A STRATEGICAL SUPRISE. I DO NOT THINK THAT THE ENEMY GIVES US THE CAPABILITY OF ATTACKING NOW IN MULTI-BRIGADE STRENGTH. I BELIVE THAT SUPPLIES NOW ON HAND IN THIS AREA WOULD PERMIT SUCH AN ATTACK PROVIDED THAT THE OBJECTIVE IS CLEARLY DEFINED AS A SUDDEN SHARP ATTACK TO SPOIL 320 DIV PRESENT POZURE. HE IS SMUGLY CONFIDENT THAT HE CAN ATTACK AT THE PLACES HE CHOOSES AND AT THE TIME HE CHOOSES; THAT LOGISTICALLY WE CANNOT MOUNT AN ATTACK; THAT OUR FORCES ARE NOW FULLY ENGAGED EITHER IN MAINTAINING THE STATUS QUO OR RESTORING IT. WE HAVE AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO CATCH HIM OFF BALANCE IF WE DARE TO RISK IT.

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TO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF

ZZ 231330Z FEB 68

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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FROM COL LOWNDS TO MAJ GEN TOMPHINS

1. THE FOLLOWING RECAP IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. A TOTAL OF 1307 ARTY, RKT AND MORTAR ROUNDS WERE RECEIVED AT KSCB AND OUTLYING FACILITIES RESULTING IN 8 KIA, 19 WIA (MED-EVACED) AND 19 WIA (MINOR). CONSIDERING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ROUNDS FIRED I CONSIDER THE CASUALTY RATE EXTREMELY LOW.
2. RUNWAY COND FAIR, WITH ONE LARGE CRATER MIDFIELD 12' INBOARD FROM EDGE, 25 CRATERS ROCK FILLED, RAMP 10 CRATERS ALL FIELD REPAIRED. WEST TAXIWAY TO CARGO RAMP IS CLOSED. RUNWAY WAS CLOSED FIVE TIMES FOR SHORT PERIODS DUE TO SHRAPNEL. LOST TWO TAFDS FUEL PUMPS DUE TO ENEMY ACTION. TACAN WAS DOWN FOR A 30 MIN PERIOD. BOTH GCA'S ARE OPERATIONAL. TOWER HAS BEEN MOVED UNDER GROUND DUE TO RECEIVING DIRECT HITS. FOUR FUEL HOSES FOR TAFDS DESTROYED, PLUS 1 BAG PUNCTURED RESULTING IN LOSS OF 3000 GALLONS OF AVGAS. ALL CRASH TRUCKS ARE DOWN FOR FIGHTER REPAIRS OR IN NEED OF WATER

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TRC-97 COMM ARE OPERATIONAL BUT ANTENNAS AND FEED HORN ASSYS HAVE EXTENSIVE SHRAPNEL DAMAGE. DUE TO BOTH WEATHER AND HIGH DENSITY OF INCOMING ONLY A LIMITED AMOUNT OF AIR TRAFFIC WAS RECEIVED HERE AT KSCB.

3. WE HAVE 1500 GALLONS OF POTABLE WATER ON HAND AND 2000 GALLONS OF NON POTABLE. PUMP IS OPERATIONAL AT A REDUCED RATE. EQUIPMENT AT THIS TIME THERE IS NO REPORT OF DAMAGED TRACTORS OR FORK LIFTS, HOWEVER ALL TRACTORS ARE DOWN AND 3 OF 7 FORKLIFTS ARE OPERATIONAL. NO ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY PIECES ARE DOWN DUE TO TODAY'S ACTION. RECEIVED 9 AIR DROPS TODAY MOSTLY CLASS I WITH SOME CLASS III. DROP ZONE IS ALL CLEARED.

4. SUPPLY CLASS I GOOD SHAPE. CLASS III, HAVE NO CAPACITY FOR 3/4" HOSES, PUMP. NO HANDS PUMPS AVAILABLE IN LSU. HOWEVER SOME UNITS HAVE THEM. CLASS V. A FIRE BROKE OUT IN ASP NR 3 WHERE 1100 RDS OF 90MM, 560 RDS OF 106MM BEEHIVE AND SOME 57MM RECOILESS RNFE AMMO. ALL THE 90MM, 57MM AND 500RDS OF BEEHIVE 106MM WAS DESTROYED. 59 AVIATION ORDNAGE IS IN GOOD SHAPE. ASRT AND DASC BOTH IN GOOD WORKING CONDITION. CTR REQUIRES A PART KNOWN AS A AZIMUTH ASSEMBLY.

6. AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE OF KHE SANH HAS INDICATED UNLESS FIRES

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ARE SUPPRESSED THE AIR FORCE WILL NOT FLY IN ANY AIRCRAFT. WE ARE USING ALL ASSETS AVAILABLE TO SUPPRESS THESE FIRES. THEY HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY ME TO SEND THIRD MARDIV A MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT.

7. THERE HAS BEEN A INCREASED INTEREST IN HILL 950 ALL DAY. THEY HAVE RECEIVED MORTAR ROUNDS, AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF A BUILD UP NORTH OF THAT POSITION. I AM KEEPING A CLOSE WATCH ON IT.

8. ONLY RESUPPLY TO THE HILLS CONDUCTED TODAY WAS 1600LBS OF CONCERTINA TO HILL 881. HILL 850 HAS 5 GALLONS OF WATER REMAINING PATROL SENT OUT FOR WATER RESUPPLY ENCOUNTERED ENEMY AND WAS TURNED BACK.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM VETH INFO LTIGEN
 CUSHMAN, RADM OSBORN AND CAPT SPORE FROM RADM COMBS

CONFIRMING TELCON PLAN TO VISIT RVN ARRIVING SAIGON MORNING
 OF 13 MARCH LOCAL TIME. CONSIDER VISIT MOST IMPORTANT IN VIEW
 OF DYNAMIC LOGISTIC SUPPORT PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH CURRENT
 TEMPO OF OPERATIONS AND BUILD-UP OF FORCES TO BE SUPPORTED IN ALL
 CORPS AREAS. WILL HAVE MINIMUM PARTY COMPOSED OF MYSELF, CAPTS
 DOKIER AND SCHOGGEN AND LT HOWELL (FLAG LT).

PROPOSE TO REMAIN SAIGON THRU 16 MARCH. DURING STAY
 CONSIDER DISCUSSIONS WITH COMNAVFORV, NAVSUPPACT SAIGON, CG FIRST
 LOG CMD, MACV J-4 AND OICC PLUS VISITS TO DUTYING DETACHMENTS
 AND NAVAL TASK FORCE COMMANDERS TO BE DESIRABLE.

PROPOSE TO DEPART SAIGON MORNING OF 17 MARCH WITH STOPS AT CAM
 RANH BAY AND QUI NHON ENROUTE DANANG. WOULD REMAIN AT DANANG FOR
 BRIEFINGS AND MAXIMUM COVERAGE OF I CTZ PERMISSABLE BY THE
 EXISTING SITUATION. PLAN TO DEPART DANANG MORNING OF 21 MARCH.

CLEARANCE REQUEST SUBMITTED. CINCPACFLT STRONGLY SUPPORTS MY
 TRIP. REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT FROM YOUR END TO GET COMUSMACV APPROVAL.
 WARM REGARDS.

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 MAG ONE FIVE
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 POSSIBLE SABOTAGE (SIERRA)

A. MY 211230Z FEB 68

B. CTG 79.4 211231Z FEB 68

C. CTG 79.4 241430Z FEB 68

1. THIS UPDATES INITIAL REPORTS REFS A AND B CONCERNING POSSIBLE SABOTAGE INCIDENTS THIS VESSEL.

2. INVESTIGATION ABOARD BY ONI AGENTS DILKES AND COOK OF DANANG OFFICE TERMINATED THIS DATE WITH APPROXIMATELY 66 SHIP AND MARCORPS PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED SINCE COMMENCEMENT 21 FEB.

3. NO EVIDENCE UNCOVERED WHICH INDICATES ANY RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FOAM STATION ACTUATION AND MOGAS STATION VALVE OPENINGS REPORTED REF A, OR TO ACFT INCIDENTS SUMMARIZED REF B. NO SUSPECTS, NO DEVELOPMENTS AND NO ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS OF ANY NATURE.

4. AS REPORTED REF C, THOROUGH INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONDUCTED ALL ASPECTS MMN 363 ACFT OPS WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS, AND NO ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS.

5. INTENTIONS:

A. CONTINUE MAX INTERNAL SECURITY.

B. MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON NISRA DANANG FOR ADDITIONAL DEVELOPMENTS.

6. ACTION REQD BY HIGHER AUTH: NONE.

7. THIS IS FINAL REPORT UNLESS FINAL ANALYSIS OF DATA BY NISRA DANANG WARRANTS REOPENING.

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MAJGEN ANDERSON
FOR FMFPAC F-051**

FMAW AIR CONTROL SYSTEM AUGMENTATION

- A. MY 191411Z FEB 68 (S)
- B. YR 220002Z FEB 68 (S)
- C. CG NINTH MAB 220300Z FEB 68 (S)
- D. YR 150705Z FEB 68

- 1. REF A REQ ASSISTANCE IN MEETING MACS/MASS PERS SHORTAGES.
- 2. REF B REQ ADDITIONAL INFO, AND SUGGESTED A REDISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN PERS ASSETS.
- 3. THE FOL INFO IS SUBMITTED AND REFERS TO SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS OF REF B:

A. PAR 3.

MASS-3A DETACHMENT IN-COUNTRY CONSISTS OF AN ASRT ONLY WITH

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THREE OFF (6708) AND 11 ENLISTED. MANNING LEVEL IS FOUR OFF AND 15 ENL. REMAINING OF (6708) ARE STILL ON OKINAWA AND ARE TREATED IN PAR 2.C. OF REF C. FMAW NA/NFO ASSETS MOS 6708 WHO ARE NOT ASG AIR CONTROL DUTIES ARE DIST AS FOL:

2A ACQUIRED MOS 6708 AT ALO/FAC SCHOOL

4 LTCOL - NO BILLET REQUIREMENT

8 MAJ/CAPT/LI MEMBERS OF TACTICAL SQD AND COULD BE REASG IF REQUIRED.

B. PAR 2.

REF C CONTAINS ROSTER OF RESIDUAL DEPLOYABLE MACS-6 PERS AND RECOMMENDED A LIMITED ASG TO FMAW. THIS WOULD FILL SHORTAGES IN MOS 6741 AND 6709 AS ADDRESSED IN REF A. THE MOST PRESSING SHORTAGE, HOWEVER, EXISTS IN MOS 6708 (AIR SUPPORT CONTROL). THE 12 OFF 6708 LISTED IN PAR 2C OF REF C PLUS PRESENT ASSETS WOULD PROVIDE PARTIAL RELIEF IN THIS AREA.

C. PAR 4.

REQUESTS FOR MANNING LEVEL INCREASE FOR MACS-4 AND MASS 2,3 WILL BE RESUBMITTED ASAP.

D. PAR 5.

THE RETENTION OF THE FOL MACS-4 PERS IN-COUNTRY UNTIL THEIR

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 RTD WOULD ASSIST IN ALLEVIATING CRITICAL SHORTAGES DETRIMENTAL TO
 CURRENT OPERATIONS.

(1) OPERATIONS SECTION

MOS/RANK/TOTAL	MOS/RANK/TOTAL
6702/MAJ 2	6741/GYSGT 3
6702/CAPT 1	6741/SSGT 2
6709/MAJ 1	6741/SGT 4
6709/CAPT 2	6741/CPL 3
6709/LT 3	6741/LCPL 3

(2) COMMUNICATIONS/ELECTRONICS SECTION

MOS/RANK/TOTAL	MOS/RANK/TOTAL
2502/MAJ 1	2511/CPL 1
	2511/PFC 1
	2532/CPL 2
	2532/LCPL 1
	2831/SGT 1
	2851/CPL 3
	5979/MSGT 1
	5979/GYSGT 1

4. REQ ALL DEPLOYABLE MACS-6 PERS BE TR TO FMAW AS DIR IN REF D, AS

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ALL EXCEPT 4 PERS IN MOS 1141, 1341, 2541 ARE REQUIRED TO FILL EXISTING
 SHORTAGES.

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 CG FMFPAC
 CG III MAF
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 CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTF SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
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 MARINE AIR GROUP ONE FIVE
 MARINE AIR GROUP ONE SIX
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S E C R E T FOR OFFICERS EYES ONLY
 SUSPECTED SABOTAGE UH-34 HELOS

A. MY 211231Z FEB 68

1. IN ACCORD PARA EIGHT, REF A, FOL IS UPDATE REPT ON
 RESULTS INVESTIGATION POSSIBLE SABOTAGE TO UH-34 HELOS OF
 HMM 363 ABOARD IWO JIMA.

2. TWO NISRA AGENTS FROM DANANG HAVE BEEN ABOARD IWO SINCE
 21 FEB CONDUCTING SUBJ INVESTIGATION. TOTAL OF 66 PERS
 INTERVIEWED, INCLUDING ALL PERTINENT FLIGHT AND MAINT PERS;
 ALL SQUADRON MEDICAL RECORDS WERE EVALUATED AND ALL AIR CREW
 AND MAINT PER SRB'S WERE REVIEWED FOR POSSIBLE INDICATIONS
 LIKELY SUSPECTS.

3. INVESTIGATION TO DATE HAS FAILED TO DISCLOSE
 ANY PERSON OR PERSONS INVOLVED IN SUSPECTED SABOTAGE.

4. CLOSE SCRUTINY OF SQ SFN MAINT, QUALITY CONTROL AND
 SUPERVISORY PRACTICES INDICATES FULL COMPLIANCE ALL CURRENT
 AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

5. INCIDENT HAS SERVED TO INCREASE SECURITY AWARENESS OF ALL
 HANDS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO FURTHER INCIDENTS THAT WOULD INDICATE
 SABOTAGE OR POSSIBLE SABOTAGE SINCE DISCOVERY OF
 LOOSENED TRUNION BOLTS ON ROTOR HEAD ON 21 FEB 68.

6. SQUADRON WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN FULLY OPERATIONAL STATUS ON
 22 FEB AND ON 23 FEB RESUMED FULL OPERATIONAL SKEDS. FOLLOWING
 ANY MAINT WORK, ALL AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN UNDER INCREASED SECURITY
 MEASURES.

7. UNODIR, WILL CONTINUE FULL OPERATIONS UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES,
 MAINTAINING CLOSE LIASON WITH NISRA, DANANG FOR ANY FURTHER
 DEVELOPMENTS.

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FOR~~SECRET~~ AVHGD 200153 FROM PALMER FOR WESTMORELAND, CUSHMAN AND JONES.

1. (S) REFERENCE: MSG CG III MAF, 181524Z FEB 68.
2. (S) REFERENCED MSG ADVISED OF PROPOSAL TO UTILIZE HELICOPTERS IN OFF-LOADING SHIPS NEAR THON MY THUY TO ESTABLISH LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREA ON BEACH UNTIL CAUSEWAY IS INSTALLED.
3. (S) THE PROPOSAL IS FEASIBLE; HOWEVER, THIS METHOD OF OFF-LOADING CARGO IS INEFFICIENT AND WOULD DIVERT HELICOPTERS FROM OTHER HIGH PRIORITY MISSIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE SAME WEATHER CONDITIONS WHICH MILITATE AGAINST OVER THE BEACH OPERATIONS WOULD MAKE HELICOPTER SHIP TO SHORE OPERATIONS UNDEPENDABLE AND EXTREMELY HAZARDOUS. THE USE OF HELICOPTERS, PARTICULARLY THE CH-47, FOR THIS PURPOSE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED EXCEPT AS A LAST RESORT AND ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER MEANS OF SUPPORTING

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4. (S) I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT ALL EFFORTS BE APPLIED TO OPENING AND IMPROVING EXISTING HIGHWAYS, PORTS AND AIRFIELDS. THE MAGNITUDE OF OPERATIONS AND THE SIZE OF THE US FORCE BEING DEVELOPED IN NORTHERN I CTZ DICTATE SUPPORT BY CONVENTIONAL LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS

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// S P E C A T - EXCLUSIVE// FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS
AERIAL RESUPPLY KHE SANH

A. FM 101-10-1

1. PARA 5-54 OF REF A CALCULATES 53.111 POUNDS PER MAN PER DAY REQUIRED IN EUROPEAN THEATRE, INCLUDING ALL CL III PLUS CL IIIA AVGAS AND AVLUBE. FIGURE FOR MOTOR GASOLINE HIGH TOTALLING 9,700 LBS/MAN/DAY. I CONCLUDE THAT WE CAN SAFELY COMPUTE SUSTAINING REQUIREMENTS KHE SANH AT 53.111 LBS/MAN/DAY WHICH INCLUDE SUFFICIENT CL III AND IIIA. SIMILAR TABLES SHOW 51.043 LBS/MAN/DAY FOR PACIFIC THEATRE AND INCOMPLETE DATA FOR FAR THEATRE. DUE TO CERTAIN CL IV REQUIREMENTS I CONSIDER EUROPEAN THEATRE MORE ADAPTABLE TO KHE SANH SITUATION. BASED ON 53.111 LBS/MAN/DAY NET DEFICIT FOR FEB TO INCLUDE 23 FEB IS 737 S/T VICE 1237 S/T WHICH IS BASED ON 60 LBS/MAN/DAY AND BELIEVE WE SHOULD STAY WITH 60 LBS/MAN/DAY AE MINIMUM TARGET FIGURE TO COMPENSATE FOR LOSSES DUE ENEMY ACTION.

2. THE FOREGOING IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND TO PROVIDE ANSWER SHOULD YOU BE CHALLENGED BY LEAVENWORTH GRADUATE ON 60 LBS/MAN/DAY FIGURE.

3. REGARDS.

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FM GENERAL WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV, SAIGON
 TO LT GEN CUSHMAN, CG, I MAF, DANANG
 INFO: GEN ABRAMS, DEPCOMUSMACV FWD
 MGEN TOMPKINS, CG, 3D MAR DIV
 ZEM

~~SECRET~~ MAC 02679 EYES ONLY

REF: CG, III MAF 251532Z FEB 68 (S)

1. I CONCUR COMPLETELY WITH YOUR PROPOSALS.
 WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCORD KHE SANH TOP PRIORITY FOR ARC
 LIGHT STRIKES. REQUEST YOU SUBMIT THE CLOSE-IN TARGETS
 THAT YOU DESIRE STRUCK.

2. I AM DIRECTING BY SEPARATE MESSAGE THAT GENERAL
 MOMYER LAUNCH MAXIMUM AIR ATTACK ON KHE SANH TARGETS
 TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF POSSIBLE BREAK IN WEATHER.
 THIS, OF COURSE, WILL INCLUDE YOUR AIR ASSETS. ASHAU
 WILL ALSO BE HIT.

3. I DESIRE THAT YOU AND GEN ABRAMS ACCELERATE
 YOUR PLANNING TO TAKE THE OFFENSIVE IN NORTHWEST QUANG
 TRI PROVINCE. I APPRECIATE THE IMPACT OF WEATHER AND
 LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, BUT CONSIDER THAT EVERYTHING SHOULD
 BE IN HAND SO THAT WE CAN TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF AN
 UNUSUAL BREAK IN THE WEATHER. I WILL BE PREPARED TO
 REVIEW THESE PLANS AT EARLIEST DATE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO ALL ADDRESSEES
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TO RUMSAK/CG III MAF DNG

INFO ZEN/DEPCOMUSMACV FWD

RUMSAL/CDR 7TH AF

ZEN/CG 3D MAR DIV

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~~SECRET~~ 05657 FM: MACCOC

FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN, INFOR GEN ABRAMS AND GEN

NOMYER FROM GEN WESTMORELAND

SUBJ: AIR STRIKES, KHE SANH (C)

1. (S) WEATHER FORECAST FOR 26 FEB INDICATES HIGH POSSIBILITY OF OPERATIONAL WEATHER IN NORTHWEST I CTZ.
2. (S) DESIRE MAXIMUM AIR EFFORT BE MADE IN KHE SANH AND ASHAU VALLEY AREAS WITH TOP PRIORITY TO KHE SANH.
3. (S) THESE AIR ATTACKS WILL TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER AIR TARGETS AND WILL BE SUSTAINED AT MAXIMUM OPERATIONAL CAPACITY. GP-4.

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FROM COL LOWNDS TO MAJGEN TOMPKINS

3B 1/26 HAD A DIAMOND SHAPE PATROL ROUTE WHICH WAS SCHEDULED FOR TWO HOURS AND WAS WITHIN VISUAL SIGHT OF THE PERIMETER (400 MAX METERS FROM PERIMETER). PATROL WAS AT A POINT WHICH WAS FURTHEST FROM THE PERIMETER WHEN THEY SIGHTED 3NVA IN THE OPEN AND PLATOON PURSUED ENEMY OUT TO ABOUT 600-700 METERS FROM PERIMETER WHEN AMBUSHED BY A MINIMUM OF COMPANY SIZE FORCE WITH MANY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS INCLUDING 50CAL. THEY CALLED FOR 81MM MORTAR FIRE, ARTILLERY FIRE, IN ADDITION 106RR, TANKS AND ONTOS WERE FIRED. AO DIRECTED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DURING THEIR CONSOLIDATION. PLATOON LEADER WAS ORDERED TO CONSOLIDATE AND WHILE WITHDRAWING WAS HIT BY SA AND DIED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. IN ADDITION PLATOON SGT, ONE SQUAD LEADER AND OTHER LEADERS WERE BELIEVED HIT IN FIRST STAGE OF AMBUSH. B1 WAS DISPATCHED FROM PERIMETER TO COVER WITHDRAWAL OF B3 HOWEVER WAS INFORMED NOT TO GET IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH

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ENEMY. B1 WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY SMALL ARMS AND HEAVY MORTAR FIRE. REMAINS OF BRAVO 3 WITHDREW AIDED BY COVERING FIRE OF BRAVO 1, HOWEVER IT WAS DIFFICULT TO DELIVER EFFECTIVE SUPPORTING FIRES DUE TO EXCELLENT POSITIONS UTILIZED BY ENEMY (SPIDER TRAPS AND TRENCHES). ACTION

RESULTED IN 1 KIA (PLATOON LEADER BRAVO 3) 13 WIA (MED EVACED), 8 WIA MINOR AND 25 MIA. DUE TO DIFFICULTY IN INTERVIEWING MEMBERS OF BRAVO 3 IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE STATUS OF 25 MIA'S. HOWEVER IT IS SURMISED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER WERE HIT IN THE INITIAL AMBUSH. NATURALLY IT IS MY DESIRE TO RECOVER THE 25 MIA'S BUT AM SURE IT WOULD TAKE A MINIMUM OF TWO COMPANIES AND PROBABLY A BATTALION WHICH AS YOU KNOW I CAN NOT AFFORD TO USE AT THIS TIME. THE PRESS WAS IN THE GENERAL LOCALITY AT THE TIME AND HAVE A KEEN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER. UP TO THIS POINT I HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION WHICH INDICATES WE HAVE SOME MIA'S. I HAVE COMMITTED ANOTHER PLATOON AND A COM HQ TO FILL THE VOID LEFT BY TODAY'S CASUALTIES. THIS LEAVES ME WITH ONE PLATOON IN RESERVE AND A REACTION FORCE (COOKS AND BAKERS ETC) APPROX 300.

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TO CG III MAF
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
LGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
O 2512229Z FEB 68
FM TWENTY SIXTH MAR COC
TO CG THIRD MARDIV COC

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CO 26TH MAR TO CG 3RD MARDIV
REINFORCEMENT FOR KHE SANH COMBAT BASE

1. OVER THE PAST WEEK WE SAW THE ENEMY DIG TRENCHES, BUILD
FORTIFICATIONS AND CLOSE TO WITHIN 100 METERS OF THE PERIMETER.
I HAVE UTOWIZED ALL OF MY ASSETS IN AN EM

BAVER TO STOP THIS

CLOSING IN OF THE ENEMY. HOWEVER A POINT HAS BEEN REACHED WHERE
THE ONLY METHOD I CAN SEE TO STOP THE DIGGING, FORTIFYING AND
PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM GETTING CLOSER VANTAGE POINTS TO KSCB IS TO
GO OUT AND CLOSE WITH THE ENEMY FROM THESE AREAS TO SPOIL HIS
ATTACKING POSTURE. HOWEVER ALL OF MY BNS ARE COMMITTED TO THE
OF KSCBAND ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR EITHER
A SPOILING OR COUNTERATTACK. IN VEIW OF THE ABOVE IT IS REQUESTED
THAT ADDITIONAL TROOPS BE PROVIDED TO CONDUCT SPOILING/COUNTER-
ATTACKS ON THE ENEMY AND DRIVE HIM AWAY FROM THE KHE SANH COMBAT
BASE.

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DCG AIR					REMARKS
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DC/S		2/27/68		<i>m</i>	<i>Personal sent</i>
DC/S DM					<i>to let MAROIN #X-Ray</i>
DC/S AIR					<i>✓ copy</i>
G-1					<i>Ph</i>
G-2					<i>#243 burned</i>
G-3					<i>5/10/68</i>
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P 231046Z FEB 68

FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO CG III MAF

P 231450Z FEB 68

FM TWENTY SIXTH MAR

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

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S E C R E T

FROM COL LOUNDS TO MAJGEN THOMPkins.

REF CG TWENTY SIXTH MAR MESSAGE 231330Z FEB 68

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF EQUIPMENT DAMAGED DURING 9 DAYS ALL BY RKT AND MORTAR ATTACK ON KSCB.

(A)	1 WATER TRAILER	DAMAGED
	1 RADIATOR (PC)	DAMAGED
	2 TRAILERS	ALL DAMAGED U/SHRAPNEL IN OPERABLE
	1 AMBULANCE	" "
	5 MULES	" "
	2 MIGHTY MITES	" "
	2 M-16	DAMAGED
	1 106RR	DAMAGED BUT OPERATIONAL
	2 TP/21	DAMAGED
	2 TA/25	DAMAGED
	1 MITE FIRING SE	DAMAGED
	3 EMERSION BURNERS & GI CANS	DAMAGED
	13 GP TENTS	DAMAGED

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DCG AIR						SUBJECT
C/S	1.		2/24/68			PRESS STORIES INFERRING MARINE INCOMP.
DC/S			2/21/68			REMARKS
DC/S DM						EYES ONLY
DC/S AIR						In CG - If he
G-1						hasn't seen any of
G-2						these stories his PIO
G-3						(Sick) has not kept
G-4						him informed. Although
CEO						I believe you must
						accept his rationale
						I think our ISO
						should send Davis
						to Sick and request
						that they be passed to
						you
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27 Feb 68
Notified you to
Sick

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FM GENERAL WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV, SAIGON
TO LT GEN CUSHMAN, CG, II AF
ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 02707 EYES ONLY

1. FULLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER PRESS STORIES WHICH INFER MARINE INCOMPETENCE AS RESULT OF ESTABLISHMENT OF MACV FORWARD, ALTHOUGH I PERSONALLY HAVE NOT YET SEEN ANY SUCH STORIES.

2. THERE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE BACKGROUNDING HERE WITH THE VARIOUS NEWS BUREAU CHIEFS TO POINT OUT THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MACV FORWARD CARRIED NO STIGMA WHATSOEVER WITH RESPECT TO THE MARINES, THAT IT WAS MERELY A NORMAL MILITARY PRACTICE OF ESTABLISHING A FORWARD HEADQUARTERS NEAR THE SCENE OF IMPENDING CRITICAL COMBAT, AND THAT IT WAS ONLY TEMPORARY.

3. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH GENERAL SIDLE AND WE AGREE THAT A STATEMENT BY ME TO THE PRESS AT THIS TIME WOULD APPEAR TO BE DEFENSIVE AND WOULD SERVE PRIMARILY TO HIGHLIGHT THE MATTER. MOREOVER, THE ARRIVAL OF GENERAL ROSSON IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND THE COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS WHICH RESULT SHOULD CLEARLY PUT THE MATTER IN PERSPECTIVE. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE SIT TIGHT AND LET THE SITUATION CLARIFY ITSELF. BEST REGARDS.

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 FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
 TO GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV (FWD)
 INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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BARRY ZORTHIAN TELLS ME THAT THE PRESS REPORTS THAT
 U.S. TROOPS HAVE BEEN LOOTING IN HUE. APPARENTLY AP HAS
 A PICTURE OF A MAN WITH A PAINTING UNDER HIS ARM. THE ONLY
 WAY THIS PRACTICE CAN BE STOPPED IS TO HOLD OFFICERS AND
 NCO'S RESPONSIBLE. PLEASE GIVE YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS
 MATTER.

SSQ NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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DCG AIR	4		2/28/68			REMARKS For CG - Have requested from Shurtson to come over at 0800 to discuss this matter. V. Rynn #2 learned J. S. Douglas
C/S	1		2/27/68			
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FM GENERAL ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
INFO GENERAL WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
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~~SECRET~~ PHB 171 EYES ONLY

1. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFORT WE ARE MAKING TO CLEAR THE ENEMY INTERDICTING QL 1 FROM DANANG TO PHU LOC, AND THE PROGRESS IN RESTORING THIS VITAL LINK OF OUR LOGISTICAL LIFELINE. THE ENGINEER ASSETS TO RESTORE THIS ROAD ARE AVAILABLE, HOWEVER WE HAVE NOT BROUGHT SUFFICIENT COMBAT FORCE TO BEAR TO RESTORE AND TO KEEP THE ROAD OPEN.

2. ONE ARMORED SQUADRON (-) AND AN ARTILLERY BATTALION ARE AWAITING MOVEMENT IN DANANG TO THE NORTHERN I CTZ. THESE UNITS SHOULD BE EMPLOYED AS RESERVES OR TO THICKEN THE DEFENSE OF DANANG WHILE AWAITING MOVEMENT. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, ADDITIONAL RESOURCES YOU COMMAND IN DANANG AREA SHOULD BE MOVED NOW AT LEAST TEMPORARILY TO THICKEN THE FORCES CURRENTLY PROVIDING SECURITY TO ENGINEER WORK PARTIES AND TO ELIMINATE ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA, HY VAN/PHU LOC. GP4.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO GEN CUSHMAN
DELIVER FIRST DUTY HOURS TO GEN WESTMORELAND

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DCG AIR						SUBJECT ALLEGED USMC LOOTING IN HUE
C/S	1		2/28		<i>Q</i>	REMARKS
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 RUMSAW -I- COMUSMACV FWD
 O 270904Z FEB 68
 FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY
 TO ZEN/CG III MAF
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 INFO RUMSAW/COMUSMACV FWD
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CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN
 AND MGEN ROBERTSON FROM BGEN LAHUE
 SUBJ: ALLEGED USMC LOOTING IN HUE

A. CG III MAF 262348Z

1. ACCUSATIONS OF LOOTING BY MARINES IN HUE WERE MADE BY UNKNOWN PERSONS RELATIVELY EARLY IN THE OPERATION. THESE WERE VERY GENERAL IN NATURE AND NO SPECIFICS AS TO TIME, PLACE, OR ARTICLES MISAPPROPRIATED COULD BE OBTAINED. AT THIS TIME CO 1ST MARINES CONTACTED ALL BATTALION CO'S AND THROUGH THE OFFICERS AND NCO'S IN EACH BATTALION WORD WAS PASSED THAT LOOTING, PILFERING, OR STEALING WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO PREVENT THIS AND PROPER CONDUCT OF MARINES HAS BEEN EMPHAIZED THROUGHOUT.
 2. NO KNOWN INSTANCES OF LOOTING HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME. ALLEGATIONS MADE BY COORDS REPRESENTATIVES OF MARINES LOOTING IN

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 0656A CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
 HUE ARE CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY CAPTAIN B. A. ALLEN, USMC, A QUALIFIED JUDGE ADVOCATE FROM THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION LEGAL OFFICE WHO WAS ASSIGNED AS THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER AT THE REQUEST OF CG, TASK FORCE XRAY. THESE ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE BY MR. J. R. BULLINGTON OF COORDS IN A LETTER TO MR. KOREN. THE INVESTIGATION COMMENCED ON 25 FEBRUARY AND IS INCOMPLETE AT THIS TIME.

3. ON 21 FEB 68 LTCOL ARCHIE VAN WINKLE, COMMANDED A ROUGH RIDER CONVOY FROM PHU BAI TO HUE AND RETURN. DURING UNLOADING AT THE HUE CITY STADIUM IN THE LATE AFTERNOON VAN WINKLE STOPPED A U. S. INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS CARRYING A PAINTING UNDER HIS ARM. THE PAINTING WAS AN OIL PAINTING APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 FEET BY 4 FEET AND WAS OF A REDDISH TINT. THE EXACT SUBJECT WAS NOT VIEWED. THE INDIVIDUAL WAS ASKED WHERE HE GOT THE PAINTING AND STATED THAT HE WAS A USA SOLDIER THAT HE AND FIVE OR SIX OTHERS WERE STATIONED IN HUE AND HAD BEEN LIVING IN A HOUSE IN THE CITY. THEY HAD BEEN TRAPPED WHEN THE NVA ATTACKED AND HAD ONLY ON 20 FEB BEEN ABLE TO GET BACK TO THEIR HOUSE WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED. THEY WERE BEING SENT BACK TO SAIGON AND WERE TAKING THEIR PERSONAL BELONGINGS WITH THEM. THE PAINTING HAD BEEN BOUGHT BY THE SOLDIER

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 AND WAS PART OF HIS PERSONAL PROPERTY WHICH HE WAS TAKING TO
 SAIGON WITH HIM. THE OTHER THREE SOLDIERS WITH HIM ATTESTED TO
 HIS STORY. HE AND THE OTHER THREE PERSONNEL RETURNED TO PHU BAI
 WITH VAN WINKLE'S CONVOY WHERE THEY OBTAINED TRANSPORTATION TO
 SAIGON. NAMES OF SOLDIERS ARE NOT KNOWN. HUE CITY STADIUM HAS
 BEEN USED BY 1ST MARINES AS LSA AND IS FREQUENTED BY MANY OF THE
 PRESS WHO OBTAIN TRANSPORTATION FROM THIS AREA. ALTHOUGH IT
 CANNOT BE DETERMINED THAT THE PHOTO REFERRED TO BY ZORTHIAN IS
 THE SAME AS THE INCIDENT DESCRIBED BY VAN WINKLE IT IS POSSIBLE.
 4. EVERY EFFORT IS TAKEN TO DISCOURAGE AND PREVENT LOOTING AND
 TO INSURE THAT MARINES CONDUCT THEM SELVES PROPERLY AT ALL TIMES
 THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP OF THOSE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY,
 AND THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ADVERSE ACTIONS COMMITTED BY
 THEIR SUBORDINATES. IF INVESTIGATION REVEALS POSITIVE RESULTS
 APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINARY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN EXPEDITIOUSLY.
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C/S	1		2/28			REMARKS Passed to Lt Mar Div and TFX - Bay to include in their investigation 9
DC/S				2/27/68	DM	
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FM MG KERWIN C/S MACV
TO BG ANDERSON C/S III MA
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1. PETER BALSIGER, A SWISS NEWSMAN (ZURICH BLICW) WHO HAS BEEN IN COUNTRY A NUMBER OF TIMES AND HAS PROVED TO BE RELIABLE CALLED ON GENERAL SIDLE THIS MORNING. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THE COMMAND SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE LOOTING BY U.S. MARINES DURING THE HUE FIGHTING. HE ALSO CLAIMED HE HAD WITNESSED QUOTE NUMEROUS UNQUOTE REACHES OF DISCIPLINE WHICH WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE SWISS ARMY.

2. HE GAVE THE FOLLOWING ALLEGED EYE-WITNESS EXAMPLES.

A. ONE MARINE TRIED TO SELL HIM WHAT APPEARED TO BE A BRAND NEW LONGINES WATCH WITH A JEWELLED CASE.

B. HE SAW ANOTHER MARINE TAKE TWO CAMERAS AND A COMPLETE SET OF PHOTO FLASH EQUIPMENT FROM A PARTIALLY DESTROYED STORE. ANOTHER MARINE THEN TOOK A SLIDE PROJECTOR FROM THE SAME STORE.

C. A MARINE IN A FOX HOLE HAD TWO SIZEABLE STATUES OF CHRIST WHICH HE OBVIOUSLY DID NOT BRING FROM THE U.S. WITH HIM.

D. A MORTAR SQUAD LOCATED IN THE EAST END OF THE HUE STADIUM SENT OUT A FORAGING PARTY AND RETURNED WITH SEVERAL LIVE CHICKENS WHILE BALSIGER WAS PRESENT.

E. WHILE AT THE NORTHERN END OF THE NORTHERN BRIDGE OVER THE PERFUME RIVER, HE SAW A MARINE WITH A SVN GENERAL'S UNIFORM. HE ALSO ACCUSED THE MARINES OF AMUSING THEMSELVES BY SHOOTING AT DOGS, CATS AND CHICKENS. SEVERAL DOGS WERE WOUNDED AND WERE HOWLING.

F. HE CAME UPON ONE GROUP OF MARINES ABOUT FOUR BLOCKS EAST OF THE PALACE MANNING A STRONG POINT. THEY WERE DRINKING WHISKEY, COGNAC AND BEER AND COOKING CHICKENS. THEY WERE AT LEAST 10 METERS FROM ANY OF THEIR COMBAT GEAR AND NO ONE WAS ON WATCH.

3. BALSIGER SAID THAT MOST OF THE MARINES HE OBSERVED WERE MEMBERS OF THE D AND L COMPANIES OF 1/5 MARINES.

4. HE ALSO SAID THAT ONE CHRISTIAN PIETRI, A FRENCH PHOTOGRAPHER, TOOK PHOTOS OF THE MARINES LOOTING.

5. AS STATED ABOVE, THIS INFORMATION IS THE ALLEGATION OF ONE REPORTER ONLY. IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS ALLEGATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AND ITS SENSITIVITY I SEND IT TO YOU FOR SUCH USE AS YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

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C/S	1				REMARKS
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G-2					C/S
G-3					Any additional routing? DR Dave
G-4					CG -
CEO					Answered last night.
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 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF DANANG
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I JUST HAD A LONG CONFERENCE WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER, DURING WHICH HE INFORMED ME OF A LONG DISCUSSION WITH MR. BULLINGTON, WHO IS APPARENTLY ON THE ADVISORY STAFF IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. BULLINGTON INFORMS THE AMBASSADOR THAT THERE WAS LOOTING BY THE MARINES IN HUE CITY. BULLINGTON WAS IN THE CITY AT THE TIME THE VC ENTERED AND WAS HIDDEN BY A GROUP OF PRIESTS. HE STATES THAT H CO, 2D BN, 5TH MARINES, WAS INVOLVED IN LOOTING THE OFFICE OF THE DUPLYT MANAGER OF THE POWER PLANT AND THE HEAD OF THE POWER STATION. IT IS ALLEGED THAT THEY TOOK WHISKEY, PIASTERS, AND DOLLARS AND VANDALIZED THE OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF THE POWER COMPANY. THE AMBASSADOR FURTHER STATES THAT COL KELLY, SENIOR ADVISOR TO THUA THIEN PROVINCE, HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MATTER. I WOULD ASK YOU TO HAVE YOUR IG CONTACT BULLINGTON AND KELLY AS A FIRST STEP IN MAKING A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION OF THIS ALLEGATION. WE ARE OBLIGATED TO GET TO THE FACTS OF THIS MATTER IN ORDER TO TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION. PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS THIS DATE
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DC/S			2/29/68		JMC	EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY #1 & 2 burned 5 Nov 68
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EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJ GEN ROBERTSON INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM
 LTGEN KRULAY - MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

TRAINING FOR ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY OFFICER

1. IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT CAPT IVAN J. CAHILL ROYAL AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY OFFICER ATTACHED TO YOUR COMMAND FOR OJT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF A COMPANY IN THE 2ND BATTALION, THIRD MARINES. I REALIZE THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR SUCH ASSIGNMENT IN PEACETIME. HOWEVER, THE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT IS QUITE DIFFERENT, BASICALLY BECAUSE THE FOREIGN OFFICER HAS NO DISCIPLINARY OR ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY, AND HE CANNOT BE BROUGHT TO ACCOUNT UNDER THE UCMJ FOR DERELICTIONS IN COMBAT WHICH MIGHT AFFECT U. S. LIVES.

2. YOU ARE DIRECTED TO REMOVE CAPT CAHILL IMMEDIATELY FROM ANY COMMAND POSITION. THIS REMOVAL MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 4624 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO MANNER WHICH WILL CAUSE NO ADVERSE REACTION ON HIS PART, ON THE PART OF THE TROOPS INVOLVED OR ON THE PART OF HIS GOVERNMENT. HIS TRAINING COULD BEST BE OBTAINED IN THE COMBAT ENVIRONMENT BY PLACING HIM ON A BATTALION STAFF.

3. PLEASE ADVISE AS TO HIS ULTIMATE ASSIGNMENT.

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S E C R E T 05970 FOR GEN ABRAMS,
 GEN MOMYER, LTG CUSHMAN FROM GEN WESTMORELAND
 SUBJ: AIR STRIKES KHE SANH AREA (U)

1. (S) REPORTS INDICATE THAT ENEMY FORTIFICATIONS, INCLUDING TUNNELLING, HAVE BEEN OBSERVED CLOSE-IN TO THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE.

2. (S) IT IS IMPREATIVE THAT ANY OPPORTUNITY BE TAKEN OF WEATHER BREAKS TO OBTAIN FAC COVERAGE AND DIRECTED TACTICAL AIR STRIKES AGAINST THESE FORTIFICATIONS. I AM CONFIDENT THAT WE HAVE THE WEAPONS (CS, WP, NAPALM, CBU AND FIRECRACKER) AND THE DELIVERY CAPABILITY TO INFLICT HEAVY DAMAGE ON THE ENEMY IN THEIR FORTIFICATIONS. I DESIRE TO BE ASSURED THAT OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE IS GEARED TO THE MOST RAPID EXPLOITATION OF THE SITUATION.

PAGE 2 RUMSAW 3750B **S E C R E T**

3. (S) REQUEST THAT CDR 7AF AND CG, III MAF TAKE IMMEDIATE JOINT ACTION TO REVIEW THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION AND DEVELOP A PLAN THAT WILL PROVIDE FULL SUPPORT TO THE KHE SANH BASE COMMANDER BY ALL TACTICAL AIR ELEMENTS OF III MAF AND 7AF.

4. (S) THIS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT DELAY AND WITH THE OVERRIDING GOAL OF GETTING MAXIMUM TACTICAL AIR ON THESE TARGETS THAT THREATEN THE KHE SANH BASE.

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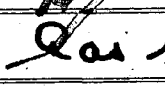
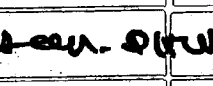

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CG. FOR
G-3 and 15 JAW
have joint action.
Recommend this be
passed to Gen Kaulak
for info, perhaps Gen
Chapman as well
Very
Yes -
let's go ASAP 7.
at 1st blush
I am for it.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L 05971 FROM MACJ322
SUBJ: AIR CAVALRY CAPABILITY FOR MARINE DIVISIONS IN SVN (U)
FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR LTG CUSHMAN, INFO GEN
ABRAMS

1. (C) PERHAPS THE MOST DIFFICULT TASK IN OUR COUNTERINSUR-
GENCY EFFORT IN SVN IS LOCATING THE ENEMY AND REACTING IMMEDIATELY
ONCE WE HAVE FOUND HIM. I REALIZE FULLY THAT THE TWO MARINE RE-
CONNAISSANCE BATTALIONS HAVE ACHIEVED CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS IN THIS
AREA, PARTICULARLY IN THEIR STINGRAY OPERATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME
I FEEL THAT THE PROVEN CAPABILITY OF THESE UNITS SHOULD BE MORE
FULLY EXPLOITED THROUGH EMPLOYMENT IN THE TYPE RECONNAISSANCE AND
REACTION OPERATIONS NOW BEING CONDUCTED BY ARMY AIR CAVALRY SQUADRONS.
2. (U) THE ARMY AIR CAVALRY SQUADRON HAS THREE AIR CAVALRY
TROOPS, EACH OF WHICH HAS ORGANIC AIRCRAFT AND IS CAPABLE OF ACCOM-
PLISHING THE FOLLOWING TASKS:

PAGE 2 UUMSA 3747B C O N F I D E N T I A L

A. CONDUCT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OVER A WIDE AREA (10 LOH
AIRCRAFT).

B. MOUNT AN IMMEDIATE AERIAL ATTACK ON DEVELOPED TARGETS
(10 UH-1B/C GUNSHIPS).

C. EXPLOIT THE OPPORTUNITY FURTHER BY LIFTING A RIFLE
PLATOON INTO THE AREA TO FIX THE ENEMY OR TO CONDUCT POST-STRIKE
GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AS APPROPRIATE.

3. (C) BECAUSE OF THE EXPANDED ENEMY THREAT AND THE DISSECTED
NATURE OF TERRAIN IN YOUR AREA, I ASK THAT YOU INVESTIGATE ON A
PRIORITY BASIS THE FEASIBILITY OF ORGANIZING A MARINE CORPS FORCE
IN I CTZ WITH A CAPABILITY EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF ONE ARMY AIR
CAVALRY SQUADRON. AS YOU KNOW, UNITS OF THIS TYPE ARE DEPLOYED IN
I CTZ WITH THE 1ST CAV AND AMERICAL DIVISIONS. THESE UNITS CAN
PROVIDE YOUR STAFF WITH INFORMATION NEEDED TO MAKE A DETAILED
ANALYSIS OF THE ORGANIZATION, MISSION AND EQUIPAGE OF THE UNIT.

4. (7) FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMEN-
DATIONS, I INTEND TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENT THROUGH APPROPRIATE
CHANNELS.

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