

92. CG FIRST MAW 260001Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: A6A SUPPORT OF KHE SANH
93. CG FIRST MAW 260429Z MAR68 (U)  
 Subj: Air/Ground Relationships
94. CMC 281352Z MAR68 (TS) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Control of Marine Air in RVN  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE from MCCUTCHEON to LTGENS KRULAK & CUSHMAN  
 AND MGEN ANDERSON
95. CMC 291455Z MAR68 (C) MCEO *gp-4*  
 Subj: Quotes AERO SPACE DAILY Article re Air Control  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE CHAPMAN to KRULAK & CUSHMAN
96. CG FMFPAC 300019Z MAR68 (TS) *gp-4*  
 Subj: CONTROL OF MARINE AIR IN RVN  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR CUSHMAN INFO ANDERSON FROM KRULAK  
 (CinCPac 301942Z Mar68 under tab 116)
97. CG FMFPAC 302042Z MAR68 (TS MCEO) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Quotes msg from Director of Joint Staff to Chief  
 of Staff, MACV  
 Requests input NLT 0700 EST 1Apr.  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE KRULAK to CUSHMAN, info CHAPMAN & ANDERSON
98. CG FMFPAC 302125Z MAR68 (TS MCEO) *gp-3*  
 Subj: Transmits ARMY MSG TRAFFIC  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE KRULAK to CUSHMAN & ANDERSON
99. CG FIRST MAW 300450Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Submits requested info to CMC & FMFAC
100. CG FIRST MAW 310617Z MAR68 (TS MCEO) *group 4*  
 Subj: Submits requested info to CMC & FMFPAC  
 (COMUSMACV 311530Z <sup>Mar</sup> under Tab 146.)

80. CTE 70.2.1.1 200242Z MAR68 (S) *group-4*  
 Subj: RTCC March 68 (U)
81. CG FMAW 210818Z MAR68 (U)  
 Subj: TACC/DASC Assignments
82. CG 3D MARDIV 211040Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Air Support of Khe Sanh
83. CG FMAW 220020Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Closing of Chu Lai DASC
84. CG AMERICAL DIV 221102Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Closing of Chu Lai DASC
85. CG FMAW 231433Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 Subj: Single Management of Strike and RECON Assets, status of  
 as of 24Mar
86. COMUSMACV 221845Z MAR68 (C) *group-4*  
 Subj: Air Traffic Control and Air Field Improvements
87. CG FIRST MAW 230242Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Chu Lai DASC
88. 7AF 230821Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Interdiction in SVN
89. 7AF 240500Z MAR68 (S) *gp-3*  
 Subj: Supression of Enemy Artillery Attacking Khe Sanh
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90. CG FMFPAC 270158Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-3*  
 Subj: Air Control
91. CMC 271309Z MAR68 (TS MCEO) *group-4*  
 Subj: Control of Marine Air in RVN (U)

69. COMUSMACV 150905Z MAR68 (C) *group 4*  
 Subj: Preplanned Requests for Close Air Support (U)
70. CG FIRST MAW 170131Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Single Management of Strike and Recon Assets  
 Requests to CG FMAW for fragging
71. 7AF TACC TAN SON NHUT 171440Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Single Management  
 New billets for aviators
72. CG III MAF 180724Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE to MOMYER info ~~CUSHMAN~~ *Westmoreland*  
 Subj: Location of I DASC -- Passes WESTMORELAND's concurrence  
 in DASC location at FMAW
73. CG FMAW 181411Z MAR68 (S) MCEO *gp-3*  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MGen ANDERSON to KRULAK & CUSHMAN  
 Subj: Single Management of Strike and Recon Assets;  
 STATUS OF ON 17MAR
74. COMUSMACV 190154Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Location I DASC; STATUS OF ACTION ON DIRECTIVES
75. CG FIRST MAW 171707Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Artillery Advisories (Sav-A-Plane)
76. CG III MAF 180550Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Preplanned Requests for Air Support
77. CG FMAW 181444Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*  
 Subj: Utilization of Marine A-6A Aircraft
78. COMUSMACV 191410Z MAR68 (S) *gp-3*  
 Subj: Single Management of Strike and Reconnaissance Assets
79. CG III MAF 191422Z MAR68 (S) *group 4*  
 Subj: PersAug for Single Mgmt of Strike and RCN Assets (U)

54. SSO MACV 040058Z Mar68(S) *gp - not shown*  
 CINCPAC's final position with respect to the Air Control  
 Problem  
 (CG 1st Air Cav 041310Z Mar68 under tab 158)
55. CG FMFPAC 052226Z MAR68 (S - MCEO) *Group - 4*  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE from KRULAK to CUSHMAN and ANDERSON
56. CG FMFPAC 060001Z MAR68 (S-MCEO) *Group - 4*  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE from KRULAK to CUSHMAN and ANDERSON
57. 7TH AIR FORCE 081210Z Mar68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Fraggin of III MAF Reconnaissance Forces (U)
58. 7TH AIR FORCE 090130Z Mar68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Control of Marine Air Resources in RVN (U)
59. 7TH AIR FORCE 090820Z Mar68 (C) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Fragging of III MAF Reconnaissance Forces (U)
60. DASC VICOR 101055Z Mar68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Activation of DASC V (U)
61. DASC VICTOR 110525Z MAR68 (S) *gp - ?*  
 Subj: Communications Coordination
62. I DASC DANANG AB RVN 110900Z Mar68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Expanded Operations of I DASC
63. CG III MAF 130528Z Mar68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Plan for Location of Senior III MAF DASC
64. CG FIRST MAW 130537Z Mar68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Fragging of III MAF Reconnaissance Forces
65. 7TH AIR FORCE 140530Z MAR68 (C) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Reconnaissance Reporting
66. 7TH AIR FORCE 141245Z MAR68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Location of I DASC  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE from MOMYER to CUSHMAN info WESTMORELAND
67. CG III MAF 150520Z MAR68 (S) *gp - 4*  
 Subj: Personnel Augmentation for Single Management of Strike  
 and Reconnaissance Assets
68. CG III MAF 150856Z Mar68 (S) *Group - 4*  
 Subj: Pers Aug for Single Mgmt Strike and RCN Assets

146. COMUSMACV 311530Z MAR68 (TS) *gp-4*

Subj: Comparison between levels of fixed wing attack support provided to Marine divisions before and after implementation of single management. ✓

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 DE RUHHFMA 6176 09 12044  
 ZNY TTTT  
 O 312044Z MAR 68  
 FM ADMINO FMFPAC  
 TO RUMWAA/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUMWAA/CG FIRST MAW

EXCLUSIVE

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 INFO GEN CHAPMAN AND MGEN ANDERSON FROM MGEN  
 THARIN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

A. CG FMFPAC 302042Z/MAR68(TS)

1. ADD TO PARAGRAPH I REFERENCE A AN ADDITIONAL  
 SUBPARAGRAPH F. QUOTE

F. WHAT IS THE NORMAL DIFFERENCE IN TIME REQUIRED  
 FOR IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES PRIOR TO 21 MARCH  
 AND AFTER IN RESPONDING TO MARDIV DASC REQUEST?

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 P 311556Z MAR 68  
 FM CG III MAF  
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 ANDERSON FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 CONTROL OF MARINE AIR IN RVN (S)

A. CMC MSG 281352Z MAR68 (TS)

B. CG FMFPAC MSG 300019Z MAR68 (TS)

1. REF B REQUESTED ANSWERS TO SPECIFIC QUESTIONS CONTAINED  
 IN REF A.

2. ANSWERS FOLLOW:

A. ANS TO PARA 1 A (1) THROUGH (4)

(1) PCV CAME INTO BEING ON 10MAR68. ITS ONLY CURRENT  
 CMD/CONTROL RELATIONSHIP WITH FIRST ARVN DIV IS ONE OF  
 COOPERATION AND COORDINATION. THIS IS TRUE IN AIR SUPPORT  
 MATTERS AS WELL.

(2) COOPERATION AND COORDINATION HAVE BEEN AND ARE  
 THE ONLY RELATIONSHIP.

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(3) AMERICAL HAS BEEN UNDER OPCON OF III MAF SINCE  
 20APR67. PRIOR TO 21MAR68 AMERICAL SUBMITTED ITS REQUESTS  
 FOR AIR SUPPORT DIRECTLY TO TASE. SINCE 21MAR, AMERICAL  
 SUBMITS REQUESTS THROUGH III MAF.

(4) COOPERATION AND CONTROL HAS BEEN AND IS THE ONLY  
 RELATIONSHIP.

B. ANS TO PARA 1 B (3)

(3) AMERICAL DIV REQUESTED PREPLANNED STRIKES AS  
 FOLLOWS: AMERICAL TO TASE, TASE TO TACC, TACC FRAG TO  
 AMERICAL TOC AND COPY TO I DASC AND TFW

C. ANS TO PARA 1 D

(1) 1ST ARVN DIV FOLLOWS: DIV TO I CORPS TOC, TOC  
 TO TASE, TASE TO TACC, TACC FRAG TO I CORPS TOC/I DASC/TFW

(2) SAME AS 1ST ARVN DIV

(3) AMERICAL TO III MAF, MAF TO TASE, TASE TO TACC,  
 TACC FRAG TO AMERICAL TOC, I DASC AND TFW/1ST MAW

(4) 1ST AIR CAV TO PCV, PCV TO III MAF, III MAF TO  
 TASE, TASE TO TACC, TACC FRAG TO I DASC, V DASC, DIV TOC,  
 TFW/1ST MAW

(5) OMITTED

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D. ANS TO PARA 1 E

(1) THRU (4): IMMEDIATE AIR REQUEST PROCEDURE SAME FOR ALL: DIV TO I DASC, I DASC THEN DIVERTS AIRBORNE A/C OR SCRAMBLES A/C ON HOT PAD. IF NO AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE WITHIN I DASC AREA, I DASC THEN GOES TO TACC FOR OTHER RESOURCES. EXCEPTION ARE DIVS UNDER PCV WHERE ANOTHER STEP IS ADDED (DIV TO V DASC, V DASC TO I DASC). ALTHOUGH COMUSMACV LETTER OF 7MAR68 RE SINGLE MANAGEMENT GIVES DASC VICTOR DIVERT AUTHORITY OVER PREPLANNED MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO PROVCORPS V, DUE TO COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES THIS AUTHORITY HAS BEEN RETAINED BY I DASC. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE LTR OF 7MAR DELEGATES DIVERT AUTHORITY TO I DASC AND DASC V, WHICH ARE 7TH AIR FORCE AIR CONTROL AGENCIES, AND III MAF HAS NOT EXERCISED ANY CONTROL IN THIS DECISION-MAKING AREA.

E. ANS TO PARA 2: THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NORMAL PROCESSING TIMES FOR PREPLANNED STRIKES. THESE TIMES ARE NOT DOCUMENTED BUT ARE BASED ON THE BEST ESTIMATES OF THE COMMAND OR AGENCY INVOLVED. IT SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND THAT THESE FIGURES ARE MAXIMUM PROCESSING TIMES ANDT THERE ARE NUMEROUS GAPS IN THE VARIOUS STEPS. FURTHER, THE PROCESSING TIME FROM BATTALION

PAGE FOUR RUMSAK 3718 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO TO DIVISION IS THE SAME UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM AS PREVAILED UNDER THE MARINE SYSTEM. THE ONLY ADDED TIME PRIOR TO REACHING THE III MAF LEVEL IS IN THE CASE OF THE 3D MARDIV WHERE THEIR REQUESTS MUST PASS THROUGH THE PCV ECHELON. THE PRINCIPAL PROBLEM IS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONSRRAINT THAT IS IMPOSED UPON III MAF THAT IT MUST HAVE THE REQUESTS FOR COMBAT SKY SPOTS BY 1430 THE DAY PREVIOUS TO THE DAY SKY SPOTS ARE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE AT 1900. OF COURSE, III MAF TRANSMITS THE PREPLANNED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT TARGET REUESTS TO TASE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TRANSMITTAL OF THE COMBAT SKY SPOTS. HOWEVER, THE PREPLANNED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT STRIKES DO NOT COMMENCE UNTIL 0700 THE SECOND DAY FOLLOWING SUBMISSION.

UNITS	TIME
BN TO REG	1.0
REG TO DIV	2.5
DIV TO PCV	2.5
PCV TO III MAF	3.5
MAF TO TASE	4.0
TASE TO TACC	5.5
TACC TO FIRST MAW	5.5

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F. THE APPROXIMATE NORMAL TIME LISTED ABOVE REFLECTS TIME  
CONSUMED AT EACH LEVEL. PROCESSING OVERLAPS AND TIME USED  
DEPENDS ON THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS PROCESSED, PERSONNEL AND  
COMMUNICATIONS.

G. THE AIR SUPPORT REQUEST SYSTEM IMPOSES A SCHEDULE THAT  
REQUIRES III MAF TO HAVE DIVISION PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT  
REQUIREMENTS 28 TO 29 HOURS PRIOR TO EARLIEST POSSIBLE TARGET  
TIME. CONSEQUENTLY, BATTALIONS AND REGIMENTS MUST SUBMIT  
THEIR REQUEST SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE TO ALLOW THE DIVISION  
TO CONSOLIDATE REQUESTS.

H. ORAL WARNING ORDERS ARE ISSUED BY TACC PRIOR TO HARD-  
COPY FRAGS. THE FIRST MAW RECEIVES THE ORAL WARNING ORDER  
FOR TPQ MISSIONS AT 1400 FOR STRIKES THAT COMMENCE AT 1900  
THE SAME DAY AND AT 1700 FOR CAS MISSIONS COMMENCING AT 0700  
THE FOLLOWING DAY. SINCE INAUGURATION OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT  
SYSTEM, FREQUENTLY THE FIRST FLIGHTS ARE FLOWN PRIOR TO  
RECEIPT OF THE HARD-COPY FRAGS.

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(PERSONAL FOR)

FM RUMKAW  
DE RUMKAW 064W 001000  
ZNY 88888  
P 311000Z MAR 68  
FM CG FIRST MAW  
TO RUMKAW/CG FMFPAC  
RUMKAW/CG III MAF  
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SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO  
FOR FMFPAC (P-027)  
PERSONAL FOR LGEN KRULAK AND LGEN GUSKIAH FROM MAJGEN  
ANDERSON  
SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON ASSETS, STATUS AS OF  
31 MARCH 1968  
1. DEVELOPING THE SYSTEM:  
A. MANY MINOR PROBLEMS ARE BEING WORKED OUT. AF PEOPLE IN  
DASC ARE COOPERATING AND TRYING.  
B. WE ARE STILL CONTROLLING TO A LARGE DEGREE SUPPORT TO  
MARDIVS AND NORTH ICFZ, BY USE OF ADD-ONS AND SCRAMBLES, WITH  
TACIT APPROVAL OF I DASC AND TACC.  
C. AF STILL NOT GEARED TO TAKE OVER BUT ARE PROGRESSING, AND  
LEARNING.  
D. 7TH AF TRIED TO FRAG GROUPS DIRECT, STOPPED BY MESSAGE.

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NO FURTHER EFFORT THIS WEEK.

E. STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH A-G RUNNING RT 9 INTO LAOS.  
ON THE NIGHT OF 25-26 MARCH MARINE A-G AIRCRAFT ON ROAD RECCE  
MISSIONS IN KHE SANH AREA WERE DIVERTED TO TALLY HO AREA BY TACC.  
APPARENTLY, THE DIVERTS WERE DIRECTED DUE TO RULES OF ENGAGEMENT  
IN LAOS THAT REQUIRE FAC APPROVAL PRIOR TO ATTACKING A MOVING  
TARGET. CG 1ST MAW MESSAGE 260001Z MAR 1968 BROUGHT THIS TO THE  
ATTENTION OF 7TH AIR FORCE TACC AND REQUESTED THE ROE BE CHANGED.  
IN ADDITION, IT WAS REQUESTED THAT THE A-G'S BE FRAGGED FOR  
ARMED RECCE MISSIONS IN-COUNTRY IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH WHILE  
A CHANGE TO THE ROE WAS PENDING. AS OF THIS DATE (31 MARCH) THIS  
HAS NOT BEEN DONE. ALL EVENT A-G SYSTEMS SORTIES NORMALLY  
SCHEDULED FOR KHE SANH ARE FRAGGED TO TALLY HO.  
F. A MESSAGE FROM I DASC (270439Z) STATES THAT FREE WORLD  
FORCES ARE NOT SUBMITTING SKY SPOT BACKUP TARGETS FOR THEIR PRE-  
PLANNED MISSIONS. THE MESSAGE FURTHER STATES THAT ON 26 MARCH  
SEVENTEEN FAC DIRECTED TARGETS WERE NOT STRUCK BECAUSE OF BAD  
WEATHER. IT WAS REQUESTED THAT 7TH AF FRAG COMBAT SKY SPOT  
BACK-UP MISSIONS TO INSURE TWENTY TO THIRTY MINUTES BETWEEN MSQ  
MISSIONS.

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9. ON 23 MARCH 1967 G-100 AIRCRAFT ON THE BOMB RESUPPLY MISSIONS WERE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL HOURS DUE TO 1ST ACD ARTILLERY FIRE IN THE NINE SAWN CORRIDOR. DASC V WAS UNABLE TO COORDINATE THIS FIRE SINCE A TACP FROM 1ST ACD AT CA LU WAS NOT UP ON THE AIR. SITUATION WAS FINALLY RESOLVED BY ALL ARTILLERY FIRES IN THE CORRIDOR BEING CANCELLED.

2. GENERAL OBSERVATIONS:

A. MARINE AIR CONTROL SYSTEM - THERE IS A REAL VALUE TO THE MARINE CORPS IN PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE MARINE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEM. WE ARE ABLE TO CONTINUOUSLY MONITOR THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE NEW SYSTEM TO DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ON-CALL OR IMMEDIATE TYPE AND, FURTHER, IT PROVIDES REDUNDANCY OR COMMUNICATIONS. IN FORECOMING OPERATIONS WE WILL INSURE THESE ADVANTAGES ARE EXPLOITED TO PROTECT MARINES SUBMERGED DEEP WITHIN ARMY/AF COMMANDS.

B. SCRAMBLES - ONE POTENTIAL SANDSAG HAS BEEN UNCOVERED. ADM SHARP IN HIS APPROVING THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT STATES QUOTE BY MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT I DASC HAVE ALERT AIR-CRAFT ASSIGNED FOR EMERGENCY USE TO INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO SCRAMBLE THESE AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATELY KEEPING THE TACC APPROPRIATELY

PAGE FOUR RUNWAY 034V S E C R E T

INFORMED UNQUOTE. IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT THE "DIRECTIVE AUTHORITY" FOR SCRAMBLE PURPOSES PROPERLY RESIDES IN III MAF, AND THAT III MAF DELEGATES TO I DASC - OR INSTRUCTS I DASC AS NECESSARY, WHO KEEPS TACC INFORMED. UNLESS NO PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN AS YET IN THIS AREA, IT MAY BE PRUDENT TO DETERMINE ON A LOW KEY BASIS IF IT WERE NOT, IN FACT, ADM SHARPS'S INTENTION THAT CG III MAF BE EMPOWERED TO DIRECT SCRAMBLES FROM THOSE RESOURCES RESPONSIVE TO HIS REQUIREMENTS.

C. 7TH AF SURGE TECHNIQUE. CURRENT PROCEDURES USED BY THE COMMANDER 7TH AIR FORCE FOR MANAGING STRIKE AIRCRAFT RESOURCES ARE BASED ON THE GENERATION OF A SORTIE RATE OF 1.1 FOR IN-COUNTRY AIRCRAFT. STRICT ADHERENCE TO FRAGGING, AGAINST THIS SORTIE RATE ON A DAILY BASIS DOES NOT PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY NECESSARY TO MEET "SLAM" AIR OPERATIONS (SUCH AS NIAGARA, HEADSHED AND NIAGARA) AND STILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE AIR SUPPORT FOR GROUND COMMANDERS OPERATING IN OTHER AREAS.

DURING 5 MONTH PERIOD OF OBSERVING 7TH AF OPERATIONS 1ST MAW LIAISON OFFICER HAS NOT WITNESSED A SURGE OF THEIR STRIKE AIRCRAFT ASSETS. IT APPEARS THAT COMMITMENT OF AIR RESOURCES TO SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMES OUT OF THE PREPLANNED SORTIES NORMALLY.

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 ALLOCATED TO THE GROUND COMMANDERS.  
 OUT-OF-COUNTRY ASSETS HAVE BEEN USED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS SUCH AS NIAGARA, BUT ONLY AS A SECOND OR THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET. THESE ARE NORMALLY SCHEDULED IN FLIGHTS OF 24 TO 28 STRIKE AIRCRAFT PLUS FLAK SUPPRESSION AND OTHER SUPPORT AIRCRAFT INCLUDING MIG COVER. WHEN DIVERTED THEIR EFFECTIVENESS IS QUESTIONABLE SINCE THEY HAVE LIMITED TIME ON STATION AND FREQUENTLY PRESENT A CONTROL PROBLEM. THE CONTROL PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY CRITICAL WHEN TPQ OR COMBAT SKY SPOT IS REQUIRED.  
 D. STATISTICAL DATA FROM DAILY OPERATIONS ARE ENTERED CONTINUALLY INTO ADP RECORDS AT 7TH AF HQ. THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING FOR THE VARIOUS SEGMENTS OF TACTICAL SUPPORT AIR OPERATIONS IS NOT FULLY APPLICABLE TO MARINE CORPS PROCEDURES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE AIR FORCE PROVIDES ESSENTIALLY FOR TWO CATEGORIES OF TACTICAL AIR-TO-GROUND SORTIES - PREPLANNED AND IMMEDIATE. THE MARINE CORPS SYSTEM PROVIDES FOR THE SAME CATEGORIES OF TACTICAL AIR SORTIES, BUT ALSO USES "ADD-ONS" FOR RESPONSIVENESS TO UNPREDICTED REQUIREMENTS THAT CAN BE MET BY OTHER THAN IMMEDIATES (WHICH ARE SATISFIED BY EITHER DIVERTS OR SCRAMBLES). MARINE CORPS ADD-ONS IN THE PAST HAVE ENTERED THE

PAGE SIX RUMHAW 064W S E C R E T  
 7TH AF STATISTICAL ENVIRONMENT AS "IMMEDIATES". THIS TENDS TO GIVE AN INACCURATE MEASUREMENT REGARDING THE AVERAGE RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ADD-ONS MAY NOT BE REQUIRED OR SCHEDULED TO BE ON STATION FOR SEVERAL HOURS FOLLOWING THE REQUEST. YET, FOR IMMEDIATES, THE ELAPSED TIME BY WHICH EFFECTIVENESS OF RESPONSE IS MEASURED BEGINS WHEN THE DASC RECEIVES A REQUEST AND ENDS WHEN THE SCRAMBLES OR DIVERTED AIRCRAFT REPORT TO THE COGNIZANT FAC. THUS, THE ELAPSED TIMES FOR ADD-ONS WHEN AVERAGED INTO RESPONSE TIMES FOR IMMEDIATES ROUTINELY WOULD WEIGHT THOSE RESPONSE TIMES TO A MUCH HIGHER ORDER. THE AIR FORCE HAS RECOGNIZED THIS, AND IS CONSIDERING HOW TO ENTER "ADD-ON" MISSIONS INTO THE DATA BASE IN DIFFERENTIATION FROM IMMEDIATES.

E. THE CONTENTS OF SEVERAL CHARTS WHICH 1 DASC HAS BEEN USING FOR ROUTINE BRIEFING SHOW FOR EACH SUBORDINATE GROUND UNIT, THE "ALLOCATED" AIR SUPPORT SORTIES AND THE "APPROVED" AIR SUPPORT SORTIES. THERE WOULD BE LITTLE VARIATION BETWEEN THE ALLOCATED AND APPROVED SORTIES ("APPROVED" IS SYNONYMOUS TO "PROVIDE" IN THIS CONTEXT). A MORE MEANINGFUL DISPLAY WOULD TO SHOW THE TOTAL REQUESTS FOR AIR SUPPORT AS SUBMITTED BY  
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DE RUMHAW 072W 091100Z  
ZNY SSSSS  
P 311000Z MAR 68  
FM CG FIRST MAW  
TO RUNKM/CG FMFPAC  
RUMWAA/CG III MAF  
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**S E C R E T** MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF TWO  
SUBORDINATE GROUND COMMANDERS ALONG WITH THOSE ACTUALLY ALLOCATED  
AND PROVIDED. THIS WOULD GIVE AN INDICATION AS TO THE VALIDITY  
OF THE ALLOCATIONS IN RELATION TO THE TOTAL REQUESTS, AS WELL AS  
THE PERFORMANCE IN ACTUAL SORTIES PROVIDED IN RELATIONSHIP TO  
THE TOTAL REQUESTS. THIS CHANGE INFORMALLY WAS SUGGESTED TO I  
DASC AND MAY BE IN THE WORKS. THE AIR REQUEST SYSTEM FOR ALL OF  
III MAF IS BEING REVIEWED IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE TO DATE.  
F. IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THAT RESPONSE TIME IS NOT  
EXCLUSIVELY DETERMINED BY THE PERFORMANCE OF THE UNIT PROVIDING  
THE AIRCRAFT. DIFFICULTIES IN COMMUNICATIONS IN THE CONTROL  
SYSTEM. SHORTCOMINGS ON THE PART OF FACS, AND OTHER MATTERS MAY  
CAUSE EXTENSION OF "NORMAL" RESPONSE TIME. THIS APPLIES BOTH  
TO DIVERTS AND SCRAMBLES. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, THE ONLY  
REAL SCRAMBLE CAPABILITY PERTINENT TO THE ICTZ RESIDES IN THE

PAGE TWO RUMHAW 072W **S E C R E T**  
1ST MAW. THE 366TH TFW HAS A MINIMUM FRAG FOR ALERT AIRCRAFT  
ON THE AIR TO GROUND PAD, AND THE AIR FORCE SYSTEM DOES NOT  
PROVIDE FOR RECONSTITUTION OF THE SCRAMBLE CAPABILITY EXCEPT  
UPON RETURN AND RECYCLING OF THE SCRAMBLED AIRCRAFT. IN ADDITION  
THE "SHOPPING LIST" OF ORDNANCE IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. ON THE  
OTHER HAND, THE 1ST MAW MAINTAINS A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF  
AIRCRAFT ON SCRAMBLE ALERT WITH A RELATIVELY WIDE VARIETY OF  
ORDNANCE. FURTHERMORE, OUR PROCEDURE IS TO RECONSTITUTE THE  
AIR-TO-GROUND HOT PAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT WAITING FOR  
THE SCRAMBLED AIRCRAFT TO RETURN AND RECYCLE. TO SCRAMBLE USAF  
AIRCRAFT FROM OTHER CORPS AREAS IS A TIME CONSUMING PROCESS  
WHICH ESSENTIALLY IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS.  
THE CONCLUSION TO BE DRAWN FROM THESE FACTS IS THAT NO MATTER  
WHAT THE SCRAMBLE RESPONSE TIME AVERAGE OF MARINE CORPS AIRCRAFT  
MAY BE IN THIS CORPS AREA, IT IS BETTER THAN CAN BE PROVIDED  
BE THE USAF. IN EFFECT, THE USAF CANNOT PLAY IN THE LOCAL  
SCRAMBLE FIELD BECAUSE THEY HAVE NO CHIPS TO ANTE UP.  
3. THE DAILY REPORTS ARE PROVING HARD TO VALIDATE AND CROSS  
CHECK. I BELIEVE THE FORMAT NEEDS REVISION AND REVIEW.

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FOR

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MAR CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1  
 FOR FMFPAC F-018

1. FOLLOWING SPECIAL REPORT SUBMITTED
  - A. PERIOD COVERED FROM 1900H 29 MARCH TO 1900H 30 MARCH.
  - B. NUMBER OF SORTIES PROVIDED BY SERVICE: (DOES NOT INCLUDE NIAGARA/  
KHE SANH)
    1. USMC 73
    2. USAF 22
    3. USN 28
  - C. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED SUPPORT SORTIES: (DOES NOT INCLUDE NIAGARA/  
KHE SANH)

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1. DESIRED 186
2. REQUESTED 118
3. FURNISHED 16
- D. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED:
  1. WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME 2
  2. WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME 1
  3. WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME 1
  4. MORE THAN 30 MINUTES FROM SCHEDULED TIME 12
- E. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED WITH:
  1. REQUESTED ORDNANCE 2
  2. ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTES FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE 15
  3. A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE 1
  4. AN UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE 0
- F. NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED:
  1. WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL 10
  2. WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL 7
  3. WITHIN 45 MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL 5
  4. MORE THAN 45 MINUTES AFTER ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL 0
- G. NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED WITH:
  1. REQUESTED ORDNANCE ABOARD 13

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2. AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE 4
3. A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE 0
4. AN UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE 0
- H. NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHEN NEEDED AIR SUPPORT WAS NOT FURNISHED BECAUSE OF:
  1. INABILITY TO CONTACT FAC 0
  2. FAC UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH DASC'S TO DIVERT OR SCRAMBLE SUITABLE STRIKE AIRCRAFT 0
  3. OTHER REASONS (SPECIFY IN PART II) 0
- I. NUMBER OF SORTIES CONTROLLED BY:
  1. MARINE TACP, TACA 18
  2. AF FAC, AF TACP 0
  3. MARINE TPG 105
- J. NUMBER OF MISSIONS CANCELLED/DIVERTED:
  1. BY GROUND COMMANDER REQUESTING 3
  2. BY HIGHER GROUND HQ 0
  3. BY DASC (NOT MARINE) 5
  4. BY OTHER (SPECIFY IN PART II) 3
- K. SORTIES FLOWN
  1. NUMBER OF SORTIES FRAGGED 170

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2. NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED 44
- L. EMPLOYMENT OF SORTIES
  1. MARINE AIRCRAFT FRAGGED IN COUNTRY 152
  2. MARINE AIRCRAFT FRAGGED OUT OF COUNTRY 18
  3. MARINE AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED OUT OF ICTZ 47
- M. SCRAMBLE BREAKDOWN
  1. NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED BY I DASC, DASC INSTIGATION 2
  2. NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED BY MARINE SYSTEM 42
  3. NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED OUT OF ICTZ 0
  4. NUMBER OF SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF MARINE DIVISION 10
  5. NUMBER OF SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF OTHER FORCES 34
- N. DIVERT BREAKDOWN:
  1. NUMBER OF FRAGGED MISSIONS DIVERTED 6
  2. NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY GROUND COMMANDER REQUEST 0
  3. NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY I DASC, DASC-VISTOR 0
  4. NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY TADC 6
  5. NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY TACC 0
- O. ADD ON BREAKDOWN
  1. NUMBER OF ADD ONS 8
  2. NUMBER OF ADD ONS REQUESTED BY IDASC, DASC-VICTOR 0

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3. NUMBER OF ADD ONS REQUESTED BY IADC 6
4. NUMBER OF ADD ONS REQUESTED BY GROUND COMMANDER 8
2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
  - A. BACKLASHES - ERRORS IN DROPS NONE
  - B. COMMUNICATION DELAYS DIFFICULTIES NONE
  - C. LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS - 3RD MAR DIV: SPL OPN IN PROGRESS REQUIRING SIXTY-SIX A/C PER DAY IN ADDITION TO NORMAL ALLOCATION OF 23 A/C TO PCV.
  - D. OTHER PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED DURING PERIOD - ITEM J.3. TWO SORTIES FAILED TO REPORT TO DASC. ONE ADDITIONAL SORTIE REPORTED WITH INSUFFICIENT FUEL FOR TPQ. ALL THREE WERE USAF A/C SORTIES.
3. THIS DAILY REPORT IS SUSPENDED FOR SHORT PERIOD PENDING EVALUATION. FOR CG 1ST MAR DIV AND 3RD MAR DIV: REQ CONTINUE REPORTING USING PRESENT FORMAT.
4. TO ASSIST EVALUATION, REQUEST REP III MAF, 1ST MAR DIV AND 3RD MAR DIV MEET AT THIS HQ 1400H 1 APRIL 1968.

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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC (CODE AA-1)  
 FOR FMFPAC F-011

- 1. FOLLOWING SPECIAL REPORT SUBMITTED:
  - A. PERIOD COVERED 231900H TO 291900H.
  - B. NUMBER OF SORTIES PROVIDED BY SERVICE: (NOT COUNTING NIAGARA/KHE SANH)
    - (1) USMC - 44
    - (2) USAF - 9
    - (3) USN - 9
  - C. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED SORTIES: (NOT COUNTING NIAGARA (KHE SANH)
    - (1) DESIRED - 123

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- (2) REQUESTED - 77
- (3) FURNISHED - 12
- D. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED:
  - (1) WITHIN FIVE MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME - 1
  - (2) WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME - 0
  - (3) WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME - 1
  - (4) MORE THAN THIRTY MINUTES FROM SCHEDULED TIME - 10
- E. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED WITH:
  - (1) REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 6
  - (2) ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 5
  - (3) A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 1
  - (4) AN UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 0
- F. NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED:
  - (1) WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL - 9
  - (2) WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL - 1
  - (3) WITHIN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL - 0

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- (4) MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL - 0
  - G. NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED WITH:
    - (1) REQUESTED ORDNANCE ABOARD - 10
    - (2) AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 0
    - (3) A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 0
    - (4) AN UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE - 0
  - H. NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHEN NEEDED AIR SUPPORT WAS NOT FURNISHED BECAUSE OF:
    - (1) INABILITY TO CONTACT FAC - 0
    - (2) FAC UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH DASC'S TO DIVERT OR SCRAMBLE SUITABLE STRIKE AIRCRAFT - 0
    - (3) OTHER REASONS - 1
  - I. NUMBER OF SORTIES CONTROLLED BY:
    - (1) MARINE TACP, TACA - 15
    - (2) AF FAC, AF TACP - 0
    - (3) MARINE TPQ - 58
    - (4) OTHER - 0
  - J. NUMBER OF MISSIONS CANCELLED/DIVERTED:

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- (1) BY GROUND COMMANDER REQUESTING - 6
- (2) BY HIGHER GROUND HQ - 0
- (3) BY DASC (NOT MARINE) - 4
- (4) BY OTHER - 0
- K. SORTIES FLOWN:
  - (1) NUMBER OF SORTIES FRAGGED - 162
  - (2) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED - 50
- L. EMPLOYMENT OF SORTIES:
  - (1) MARINE AIRCRAFT FRAGGED IN COUNTRY - 146
  - (2) MARINE AIRCRAFT FRAGGED OUT OF COUNTRY - 16
  - (3) MARINE AIRCRAFT EMPLOYED OUT OF ICFZ - 35
- M. SCRAMBLE BREAKDOWN:
  - (1) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED BY 1 DASC, DASCV INSTIGATION - 20
  - (2) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED BY MARINE SYSTEM - 30
  - (3) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED OUT OF ICFZ - 0
  - (4) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED IN SUPPORT OF MARINE DIVISION - 30
  - (5) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED IN SUPPORT OF OTHER FORCES - 20

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N. DIVERT BREAKDOWN:

- (1) NUMBER OF FRAGGED MISSIONS DIVERTED - 17
- (2) NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY GROUND COMMANDER REQUEST - 15
- (3) NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY I DASC, DASC VICTOR - 2
- (4) NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY TADC - 2
- (5) NUMBER OF MISSIONS DIVERTED BY TACC - 0
- 0. ADD ON BREAKDOWN
  - (1) NUMBER OF ADD-ONS - 1
  - (2) NUMBER OF ADD-ONS REQUESTED BY I DASC, DASC VICTOR - 0
  - (3) NUMBER OF ADD-ONS REQUESTED BY TADC - 0
  - (4) NUMBER OF ADD-ONS REQUESTED BY GROUND COMMANDER - 1
- 2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
  - 1. BACKLASHES - NONE
  - 2. COMM DELAYS/DIFFICULTIES - NONE
  - 3. LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS - 3RD MARDIV: DURING PERIOD SPECIAL OPERATION IN PROGRESS REQUIRING SIXTY-SIX A/C PER DAY IN ADDITION TO NORMAL ALLOCATION OF 23 A/C TO PCV.
  - 4. OTHER PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED - SIGNIFICANTLY LARGE AMOUNT OF SCRAMBLES (24) WENT TO SUPPORT KHE SANH. THIS WAS IN RESPONSE

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 021W **SECRET** SPECAT  
 TO 3RD MARINE COMPLAINT THAT A NUMBER OF THE PRE-PLANNED MISSIONS FOR KHE SANH WERE BEING UTILIZED BY AIR FORCE ABCCC IN AREAS OTHER THAN THOSE REQUIRED. ITEM H-3 DIVERTED BY AF MSQ TO PCV TARGET.  
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O 302125Z MAR 68

FM CG FMFPAC

TO CG III MAF

CG FIRST MAW

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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN CUSHMAN  
AND MGEN ANDERSON FROM LIGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS  
EYES ONLY SECTION 1 OF 2

1. HERE IS AN INTERESTING EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES:

A. FROM WHEELER TO WESTY.

QUOTE:

DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS

1. YOU RECALL THAT DURING OUR MEETING AT CLARK, I INFORMED YOU THAT THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS HAD TAKEN ISSUE WITH YOUR PROPOSED PLAN FOR SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE AIR ASSETS AND WAS BRINGING HIS RECLAMA TO THE JCS. ONE OF THE BASIC ARGUMENTS USED BY THE MARINES IS THAT THEY CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE CONTROL OF THEIR AIR ASSETS SINCE IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART

PAGE 2 RUHKM 6035 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO OF THEIR LIMITED FIREPOWER AND SINCE THEY HAVE NO WAY OF REPLACING THAT FIREPOWER. THEY SPECIFICALLY POINT OUT THEIR LIMITATIONS IN ARTILLERY AND GUNSHIPS. THE MARINES ALSO MAKE THE POINT THAT THE NEW SYSTEM IS LESS RESPONSIVE TO MARINE REQUIREMENTS (BY 24 HOURS IN THE CASE OF PREPLANNED MISSIONS) THAT IT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL RESOURCES; AND THAT BECAUSE OF ALL OF THESE SHORTCOMINGS, III MAF COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS WILL BE REDUCED USING THE NEW SYSTEM.

2. AT THE TIME OF OUR CONVERSATION, I RECALL THAT YOU MENTIONED THAT CONSIDERABLE SUPPORT IN THE WAY OF ARTILLERY AND HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN FURNISHED TO THE MARINES. IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD PROVIDE FOR ME A COMPLETE LISTING OF THE SUPPORT (WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO FIRE SUPPORT BUT ALSO INCLUDING OTHER COMBAT SUPPORT AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT) WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE MARINES BY OTHER SERVICES. I WOULD NOT INCLUDE ANY OF THE NORMAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT OR THE MEDICS PROVIDED BY THE NAVY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE ANY INFORMATION WHICH YOU FEEL MIGHT BE USEFUL ON THE RELATIVE RESPONSIVENESS AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS OF EACH SYSTEM.

3. ALSO, I WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER THE CG, III MAF, HAS HAD OCCASION YET TO MAKE USE OF THE "ESCAPE" CLAUSE INSERTED

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 IN YOUR DIRECTIVE BY CINCPAC, TO THE EFFECT THAT YOU DESIRE TO  
 BE INFORMED DIRECTLY IN THE EVENT OF DISSATISFACTION WITH EMPLOYMENT  
 OF MARINE CORPS AIR ASSETS. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, WHAT DATE  
 WAS THE CHANGE INSTITUTED?

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE THIS INFORMATION ASAP FOR USE IN IMPENDING  
 DISCUSSIONS ON THIS MATTER IN THE TANK.  
 UNQUOTE.

B. AND ONE FROM WESTY TO WHEELER.

QUOTE:

FM GENERAL WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV  
 TO GENERAL WHEELER CJCS

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T O P S E C R E T MAC 04266 EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO  
 SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE AIR  
 ASSETS

REF: JCS 271612Z MAR 68 (TS)

1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE ON THIS SUBJECT,  
 I ASSURE YOU THAT ALL MARINE CONCERNS WERE CAREFULLY  
 CONSIDERED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PLAN. ALL OF THE  
 ISSUES YOU HAVE IDENTIFIED WERE BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION

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PAGE 4 RUNKM 6035 T O P S E C R E T SPEAAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
 BY LTG CUSHMAN AND LTG KRULAK IN SEVERAL MESSAGES.  
 THESE POINTS WERE CONSIDERED BY ME PRIOR TO MY RECOMMENDATION  
 TO CINCPAC. IT IS MY OPINION THAT AFTER THE SYSTEM HAS  
 BEEN EXERCISED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME, THE ADVANTAGES FROM A  
 THEATER VIEWPOINT WILL BE APPARENT. ALSO, I MUST EMPHA-  
 SIZE THAT THROUGHOUT THE PLANNING OF THE MECHANICS OF  
 THIS SYSTEM, UTMOST CONSIDERATION WAS GIVEN TO THE MARINE  
 METHOD OF OPERATION, AS WELL AS THEIR RECOGNIZED ORGAN-  
 IZATIONAL DEFICIENCIES IN ARTILLERY AND GUNSHIPS.

2. (U) THE INFORMATION YOU REQUESTED IS PROVIDED  
 IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:

3. (S) IN ORDER TO BEST PORTRAY THE EXTERNAL  
 SUPPORT FURNISHED TO MARINE OPERATIONS, ONLY THOSE  
 UNITS WHICH WERE PLACED UNDER OPCON OF CG, III MAF  
 PRIOR TO 15 DECEMBER SHOULD BE LISTED. ADDITIONAL  
 FORCES DEPLOYED SINCE THAT DATE SUPPORT THE BUILD UP  
 OF ARMY COMBAT FORCES IN I CTZ.

A. COMBAT SUPPORT TO USMC UNITS PRIOR TO 15 DEC 67.

(1) ARTILLERY

1/40 ARTY BN (105 SP)

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2794 ARTY BN (8" AND 175MM COMP)

874 ARTY BN (8" AND 175MM COMP)

1744 AW BN (AWSP TWIN 40MM)

G BTY 65TH ARTY (QUAD 50 CAL)

F BTY 26TH ARTY (TGT ACQUISITION)

G BTY 29TH ARTY (SEARCHLIGHT)

239TH DET COUNTER MORTAR RADAR

240TH DET COUNTER MORTAR RADAR

245TH DET COUNTER MORTAR RADAR

250TH DET COUNTER MORTAR RADAR

(2) ENGINEER

19TH ENGR BN (C)

39TH ENGR BN (C)

137TH ENGR CO LT EQUIP

(3) SIGNAL

37TH SIGNAL BN

B. ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT.

(1) IN RESPONSE TO CG, III MAF REQUEST TO INCREASE HIS VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE AND AIR STRIKE CONTROL CAPABILITY, 12 ARMY 0-1 AIRCRAFT, 4 AIR FORCE 0-1 AIRCRAFT AND

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2 AIR FORCE 0-2 AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN PROVIDED SINCE LAST FALL. THESE CONTINUE IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF USMC FORCES.

(2) ONE ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (-AHC) WAS LOANED TO III MAF DURING THE PERIOD 27 SEP TO 15 NOV 67 TO PROVIDE DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE MARINE DIVISIONS WHEN MARINE CH 46 HELICOPTERS WERE UNDERGOING OVERHAUL.

(3) THE CURRENT LISTING OF NON ORGANIC USA AVIATION UNITS DEPLOYED IN I CTZ UNDER OPCON OF CG, III MAF BUT NOT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF THE MARINES IS AS FOLLOWS:

TWO RECON AIRPLANE COMPAINES (RAC)

SIX ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANIES (ANC)

TWO ASSAULT SUPPORT HELICOPTER COMPAINES (ASHC)

ONE SURVEY AIRPALNE COMPANY (SAC)

C. LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

(1) THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT EXTERNAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED MARINE FORCES IN I CORPS, ASIDE FROM NORMAL NAVY/MARINE SUPPORT IS COMMON USER AIR LIFT AND AERIAL RESUPPLY. THE NUMBER OF C-130 AND C-123 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF MARINE OPERATIONS VARIES DAILY AND IS DEPENDENT UPON THE TACTICAL SITUATION. ESTIMATED AVERAGE IS 25

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 CG FIRST MAW  
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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO FINAL SECTION OF 2.  
 SORTIES PER DAY. 80 U.S. ARMY AERIAL RESUPPLY RIGGERS ALSO  
 SUPPORT THESE OPERATIONS.

(2) THERE IS ONE SMOKE GENERATOR PLATOON OF  
 27 MEN ON TDY FROM KOREA IN SUPPORT OF III MAF.

(3) ONE LIGHT TRUCK COMPANY, ONE MEDIUM  
 TRUCK COMPANY AND ONE POL TANKER SQUAD FROM 1ST LOG  
 COMMAND WERE TRANSFERRED TO III MAF OPCON IN NOVEMBER  
 1967 TO SUPPORT DYE MARKER REQUIREMENTS; HOWEVER, THEY  
 ARE NOW UNDER USASUPTICOMD DANANG CONTROL AND ARE SUP-  
 PORTING USARV UNITS IN THE AREA. EARLY IN 1968 NAVY/MARINE  
 LOGISTIC UNITS IN I CORPS WERE AUGMENTED WITH ARMY SERVICE  
 SUPPORT FORCES. THEY SUPPORT THE BUILDUP OF ARMY COMBAT  
 FORCES IN NORTHERN I CTZ AND ANY SUPPORT PROVIDED THE  
 MARINES IS INCIDENTAL TO THEIR PRIMARY TASK.

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 4. (S) RELATIVE RESPONSIVENESS.

A. RESPONSIVENESS, IN TERMS OF TIME, IS PRIMARILY  
 GEARED TO IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT CAPABILITY. IN THE NEW  
 SYSTEM, III MAF IS ALLOCATED A BLOC OF MARINE  
 GROUND ALERT SORTIES DAILY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR  
 ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS. IN ADDITION, I DASC AND DASC V  
 RESPECTIVELY, CAN DEVERT TO SUPPORT IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS  
 (MARINE AND AF FLIGHTS). IN MOST CASES, AIR DIVERTS ARE MORE  
 TIMELY THAN GROUND ALERT SCRAMBLES. ALSO, 7AF TACC CAN  
 RESPOND WITH ADDITIONAL GROUND ALERT SCRAMBLES AND/OR  
 ADDITIONAL DEVERTS FROM OTHER AREAS. THE ABCC CAN BE  
 BOUGHT TO BEAR, AS NECESSARY IN SPECIAL SITUATIONS, TO  
 FUNNEL AIR SUPPORT FROM ALL SOURCES ON A REAL TIME BASIS.  
 IN OTHER WORDS, THE SYSTEM IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE,  
 IMMEDIATE MARINE AIR SUPPORT, PLUS ADDITIONAL VOLUME  
 FROM OTHER SOURCES AS THE SITUATION DEMANDS.

B. CONCERNING THE TIME ELEMENT INVOLVED IN  
 PROCESSING PRE-PLANNED REQUEST; THE NEW SYSTEM DOES  
 INCREASE BY SOME 8-10 HOURS, THE LEAD TIME REQUIRED  
 FROM INITIAL REQUEST TO TOT, AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS

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 SYSTEM. THE FACT THAT PROCESSING OF PREJAPLANED REQUESTS  
 REQUIRES MORE LEAD TIME IS NOT NECESSARILY A DISADVANTAGE;  
 THESE STRIKES WILL BE BEER PLANNED, AUTHENTICATED AND  
 CONTROLLED, WITH THE WEIGHT OF EFFORT PROPERLY PLACED.

5. (S) RELATIVE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

A. AS IS TRUE IN ANY CENTRALIZED SYSTEM OF  
 MANAGEMENT, ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS ARE  
 REQUIRED (30 VOICE, 1 TELETYPE). HOWEVER, THIS ADDITIONAL  
 CIRCUITRY ALSO PROVIDES MORE AND BETTER ESSENTIAL INFOR-  
 MATION AT THE INTERVENING LEVELS OF COMMAND. THE  
 CIRCUITRY FROM I DASC AND DASC V TO THE DIVISIONS AND TO  
 TASE AND TACC ENCHANCES THE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY AT  
 PCV AND III MAF LEVELS AS WELL. THESE CIRCUITS HAVE BEEN  
 PROVIDED WITHIN THEATER RESOURCES.

B. ADDITIONAL FLOOR SPACE AND ADDITIONAL  
 PERSONNEL SPACES HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE  
 CAPACITY AT EACH LEVEL TO PROCESS AND COORDINATE  
 SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. ADDITIVE MARINE FLOOR SPACE  
 REQUIREMENTS TOTAL 4700 SQUARE FEET; ADDITIVE PERSONNEL  
 REQUIREMENTS, 20 OFFICERS AND 12 ENLISTED.

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6. (S) ESCAPE CLAUSE.

A. TO DATE, CG III MAF HAS NOT COMMUNICATED  
 DIRECTLY TO COMUSMACV AND FUNDAMENTAL FLAWS IN THE  
 NEW SYSTEM, THE LETTER STATED THAT AT THE 30 DAY POINT,  
 THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM WOULD  
 BE EVALUATED TO ASSURE THAT ANY DEFICIENCIES ARE COM-  
 PLETELY AIRED AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS TAKEN.

7. (S) DATE CHANGE CONSTITUTED.

A. THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM WAS IMPLEMENTED  
 IN TOTO 210001 MAR 68. THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN FULLY OPERA-  
 TIONAL SINCE THAT DATE. EXCEPT FOR RELATIVELY MINOR  
 PROBLEMS WITH THE MECHANICS OF THE SYSTEM IN THE INITIAL  
 STAGES, THE SYSTEM HAS WORKED EFFECTIVELY.

8. (S) AS A FINAL OBSERVATION, I WOULD LIKE TO  
 EMPHASIZE THAT WITH ARMY AND MARINE CORPS UNITS CONDUCTING  
 INTEGRATED OPERATIONS IN THE SAME AREA, THE CONTINUATION  
 OF DUAL AIR STRIKE SUPPORT SYSTEMS WAS OPERATIONALLY  
 UNACCEPTABLE. WITHIN THE THEATRE THE AIR TASK ORGANI-  
 ZATION MUST BE KEYED TO THE TACTICAL ORGANIZATION OF  
 THE GROUND FORCES WHICH IT SUPPORTS.

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UNQUOTE.

2. I HAVE STUDIED ANDY'S 300450Z AS THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF THE CLOSE BOOK-KEEPING SYSTEM. IT COVERS THE PICTURE WELL, EXCEPT FOR THREE AREAS, WHERE I WOULD ESTIMATE THAT CMC IS GOING TO NEED MORE HELP:

A. UNDER PARA 1.C., CONCERNING PREPLANNED SORTIES, THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME REFLECTION OF HOW FAR IN ADVANCE THE REQUESTS HAD TO BE IN THE HANDS OF 7TH AF.

B. UNDER PARA 1.N(2) IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER THE MISSIONS TO BE DIVERTED WERE CHOSEN SPECIFICALLY BY THE GROUND COMMANDER, OR WHETHER HE SIMPLY REQUESTED IMMEDIATE MISSIONS WHICH RESULTED IN DIVERTING ACTION BY A DASC.

C. UNDER PARA 2. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS; LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS. WHAT WE ARE GOING TO NEED, AND BADLY, IS THE STATEMENT - WHEN APPROPRIATE - FROM A BATTALION COMMANDER OR DIVISION COMMANDER THAT, BECAUSE HIS PREPLANNED MISSIONS WERE DIVERTED, OR BECAUSE THE IMMEDIATE REQUEST FAILED TO MATERIALIZE PROPERLY, THAT CASUALTIES WERE SUFFERED. BEST REGARDS.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF

FOR: CG.

Although not required by  
 Gen Kula's msg 302125Z,  
 I thought it best that  
 we review the bidding re  
 the Army support alleged  
 by Gen Westmoreland as  
 being supplied to the  
 Marines in III MAF. I was  
 certain of errors and likely  
 adverse implications. Accord-  
 ingly, I had the staff review  
 the message and the attached  
 memo as the result. It might  
 be helpful to Gen Kula, so  
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I would recommend that  
you sign the memo and  
give it to him.

V. Lopez  
S.

## MEMORANDUM FOR LGEN KRULAK

Subj: Review of Support provided to III MAF from Army Resources

Ref: (a) CG FMFPAC 302125Z Mar68 (TS/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE-MCEO)

1. A careful review of the second message quoted in reference (a) has disclosed certain inaccuracies which I believe should be called to your attention. In succeeding paras, I address these, keyed against the para number of the basic message as quoted in reference (a):

2. Paragraph 3A (1) Artillery

a. The listing is incorrect, since it incorrectly identifies one unit and omits another two units:

(1) F Btry 26th Arty (Tgt Acquisition) should read C/2/26th Arty (Tgt Acquisition).

(2) Two C/M Radar Detachments are omitted:

233rd Det C/M Radar

235th Det C/M Radar

b. The implication is that prior to 15Dec67, all Army arty units under OPCON of CG III MAF (other than those organic to Americal Div) were providing combat support to USMC units, only. Such is not true, since elements of certain of the listed units were reinforcing Americal Div. In addition, the provision of Arty support was and is a 2-way street, since the USMC Prov 155 How Btry (4-155 Hows) was OPCON to the Americal Div from Oct67-Feb68. The 5th 155 Gun Btry (Rein) is now OPCON to the 1st CavDiv (AM) (6-155 Guns and 2-8").

c. A second incorrect implication is that all of the listed units continue to furnish combat support to USMC units, exclusively. Again, such an implication is erroneous, since the following are OPCON to CG 1st Cav Div (AM):

A/1/40th Arty Bn (105-SP)

Plt/1/44th AW Bn (8-Twin 40's)

Section/G/65th Arty (2-Quad 50's)

Section/G/29th Arty (4-Sch Lights)

3. Para 3A (2) Engineer

a. 19th Engr Bn (C). Only two companies are in ICTZ with mission of repairing, maintaining and upgrading Rt #1 from II Corps Border to MO DUC. This work supports III MAF but not USMC units, since user of the road is U.S. Army for logistic and tactical support of Americal Div

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troops in the area.

b. 39th Engr Bn (C). Primary mission is direct support of Americal Div, with additional responsibility of repairing, maintaining and upgrading Rt #1 from CHU LAI to MO DUC. Again, Rt #1 work supports III MAF but not USMC units, since user of the road is U.S. Army for logistic and tactical support of Americal Div troops in the area.

c. 137th Engr Co Lt Equipment. This company is attached to and supports 19th Engr Bn units operating in Northern ICTZ. Remarks under 19th Engr Bn apply to this company.

d. The provision of engineer support is also a two-way street:

(1) 9th Engr Bn (USMC) has as its primary mission the repairing, maintaining, and upgrading of Rt #1 from SONG CAU LAU to CHU LAI. The principle use of this road is to support U.S. Army logistic and tactical movements. One company has provided vertical construction to Americal Div in the CHU LAI area since TF Oregon joined III MAF. A second company is in direct support of the 101st Abn Div at PHU BAI pending the arrival of the Army 27th Engr Bn.

(2) 11th Engr Bn (USMC) has had two companies committed to construct a log Spt Area in the vicinity of CA LU to support 1st Cav Div (AM) in Opn PEGASUS.

#### 4. Para 3A (3) Signal

a. 37th Signal Bn was not OPCON to III MAF prior to 15Dec67, nor has it ever been under III MAF OPCON.

(1) 37th Signal Bn is a unit of 21st Signal Group, NHA TRANG, which in turn is a part of the 1st Signal Brigade (STRATCOM) LONG BINH.

b. The primary mission of the 37th Signal Bn is to provide Army Area Communication Services to Army units in ICTZ. This effort was carried out throughout ICTZ prior to activation of Evoc Corps Vietnam, and is restricted to the area from DANANG to the II Corps Border at present.

c. The 37th Signal Bn operates radio relay, tropospheric scatter systems, established and operates area communication centers, and operates the DANANG long distance switchboard. It operates tropospheric scatter terminal in support of the Defense Communications System in ICTZ. Thus in the course of carrying out these missions it has and does provide support to Marine units of III MAF. It provides the communication services for the Military Advisory Teams and supports the efforts of CORDS. As a practical matter the unit commanders maintain close liaison with this headquarters and have always been responsive to requests for support. It is estimated that of their total effort, 15 percent was in direct support of Marine units of III MAF prior to 15Dec67. This primarily consisted of Marine Corps

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utilization of communication channels of systems established and operated by the 37th Signal Battalion.

5. Para 3B Army Aviation Support

a. O-1 and O-2 acft. An obvious error here is listing Air Force O-1 and O-2 acft under Army aviation. The other error is claiming that all O-1 and O-2 acft are in direct support of USMC forces. Such air resources are in general support of CG III MAF in his capacity as overall U.S. Commander in ICTZ. As such, these aircraft are employed in support of all forces in ICBZ, US, FVMAF, and Vietnamese.

b. The one Assault Helicopter Company loaned to III MAF while our CH-46's were undergoing modification was not employed exclusively to support our Marine Divisions. As you know, First MAW helicopters are fraggged to support all US, Vietnamese, and Third Country Forces on an as required basis. The U.S. Army Helicopter Company was similarly employed.

c. The listing of non-organic USA aviation units in ICTZ under OPCON of CG III MAF but not in direct support of USMC units leaves the implication that somehow these units do in fact support USMC units. As a matter of interest, all of the listed units are in the same OPCON relationship to CG III MAF as is any brigade or battalion of any of the U.S. Army Divisions, i.e., under the direct OPCON of a commander subordinate to CG III MAF. Their listing here is nothing more than a smoke screen.

6. Para 3C Logistic Support. The statement here is factual and fair. Again, there is a lack of recognition of USMC support furnished to Army units. It is recognized, however, that all US Army augmentation requested by III MAF was furnished, thus there is little cause for rebuttal with regard to logistic support.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 INFO GEN CHAPMAN AND MGEN ANDERSON. MARINE  
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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A QUOTE OF A MESSAGE FROM THE  
 DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT STAFF TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF,  
 MACV.

QUOTE:

1. CONFIRMING MY TELECON 1900 EST 29 MARCH, REQUEST THE  
 FOLLOWING INFORMATION BE PROVIDED BY 0700 EST 1 APRIL.

A. FOR PERIOD 1 MARCH THROUGH 29 MARCH THE SORTIES  
 ALLOCATED TO EACH OF THE 1ST AND 3RD MAR DIVS DASCs.  
 BREAK DOWN BY DAYS.

B. FROM 21 MAR TO 30 MAR THE SORTIES ALLOCATED

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 TO EACH OF THE 1ST AND 3RD MAR DIVS DASCs. BREAK  
 DOWN BY DAYS.

C. FOR EACH TIME PERIOD IN A AND B ABOVE ANY UNUSUAL  
 CIRCUMSTANCES AND SITUATIONS WHICH MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED  
 TO ABNORMAL SORTIE REQUIREMENTS OR SORTIE ALLOCATIONS EG:  
 WEATHER, ACTIONS IN OTHER AREAS.

D. HAS CURRENT SYSTEM CAUSED AND REDUCTION IN SORTIES ALLOCATED  
 TO MARINE DIV DASC? PROVIDE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING.

E. PROVIDE ANY INSTANCES SINCE 20 MAR 68 WHEN ALL AIR  
 SUPPORT REQUESTED WAS NOT AVAILABLE TO MARINE FORCES.

UNQUOTE.

2. THE MACV ANSWER, OF COURSE, WILL COME FROM 7TH  
 AIR FORCE, AND IS CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO GIVE US THE  
 BENEFIT OF ANY DOUBTS.

3. PLEASE PREPARE AND SEND TO CMC AND ME WHAT YOU  
 CALCULATE TO BE THE CORRECT ANSWER TO THE JCS  
 QUESTIONS. NOTE THE SHORT DEADLINE. BEST REGARDS.

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 ANDERSON FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.  
 CONTROL OF MARINE AIR IN RVN (S)

A. CMC 281352Z/MAR 68

1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED I PROVIDE ANSWERS TO  
 QUESTIONS FOR INPUT TO HQMC CAMPAIGN TO REGAIN CONTROL  
 OF MARINE AIR IN RVN.
2. THE ANSWERS WILL HELP CLARIFY THE PRECISE RELATIONSHIPS  
 AND EXISTING AIR REQUEST CHAIN DURING THE  
 ESTABLISHMENT OF MACV  
 FORWARD AND THE DATES THE CHANGES TOOK PLACE.
3. TO AFFIRM MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION, I  
 WOULD LIKE YOU TO PROVIDE ME WITH THE ANSWERS TO  
 QUESTIONS 1.A (1) THROUGH (4), 1.B, (3),  
 1.D AND E, AND THAT PART OF PARA 2  
 WHICH COVERS THE BN THROUGH MAF LEVELS. BEST  
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SPECAT-EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN KRULAK AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN

1. THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE APPEARED IN AERO SPACE DAILY ON 28 MARCH 1968. "MARINES BATTALING AIR FORCE IN VIET NAM ROLES AND MISSIONS DISPUTE"

"THE EXPLOSIVE MILITARY ROLES AND MISSIONS ISSUE HAS COME UP AGAIN AND THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE BEEN ASKED TO RULE WHETHER THE AIR FORCE WILL CONTROL MARINE AIRCRAFT IN VIET NAM."

"A MARINE BID TO OVERTURN A DECISION MADE EARLIER THIS MONTH BY US PACIFIC COMMANDER ADM U S GRANT SHARP WAS TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO JCS LAST MONDAY. THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THE MARINE CORPS HAS HAD TO FIGHT WHAT IT CONSIDERS A TAKEOVER BY THE AIR FORCE WHICH MARINES FEEL WILL HURT THE WAR EFFORT. AIR FORCE GEN WILLIAM M MOMYER, COMMANDER OF THE 7TH AIR FORCE AND MAIN PROPONENT OF AIR

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA 3420 C O N F I D E N T I A L M C E O SPECAT-EXCLUSIVE FORCE CONTROL IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM, WAS TURN D DOWN BY SHARP A YEAR AGO.

HE TRIED AGAIN SEVERAL MONTHS LATER AND WON APPROVAL FROM BOTH GEN WILLIAM C WESTMORELAND US COMMANDER IN VIETNAM, AND SHARP. BUT THE MARINES PERSUADED SHARP TO CHANGE HIS MIND. THIS TIME MOMYER, RECENTLY PROMOTED TO FULL GENERAL, AGAIN WON OVER THE TOP THEATRE COMMANDERS AND THE MARINES DECIDED TO FIGHT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL, IN JCS. THE CORPS' POSITION PAPER FOR PRESENTATION TO THE JCS WAS PREPARED LAST WEEK BY LT GEN VICTOR H KRULAK COMMANDING GENERAL OF FLEET MARINE FORCE PACIFIC.

THE 7TH AIR FORCE HAS NOT YET TAKEN OVER FULL OPERATION OF THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING BECAUSE OF A LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT. FOR THE TIME BEING, MARINE FLIGHTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT WITH MINIMUM DIRECTION UNTIL THE AIR FORCE CAN PROVIDE ENOUGH MEN AND EQUIPMENT.

THE MARINES ARE FURIOUS, VIEWING THIS AS A VIOLATION OF THE ROLES AND MISSIONS SET OUT IN THE ARMED FORCES UNIFICATION ACT WHICH SUPPOSEDLY GUARANTEED MARINE AIR-GROUND TEAMS. MARINES PROFESSED TO BE UPSET, NOT ONLY BECAUSE THEIR PRIDE IS SUFFERING, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT MAY MEAN LIVES. THE MARINES SAY THEIR CLO'E-KNIT GROUND SUPPORT SYSTEM, WORKED OUT SINCE THEY ORIGINATED IT IN

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PAGE THREE RUEBHOA 3420 C O N F I D E N T I A L MCEO SPECAT-EXCLUSIVE  
 NICARAGUA IN THE 1920S, HAS A QUICKER RESPONSE IN EMERGENCIES THAN  
 THE AIR FORCE, WHICH CHANNELS REQUEST THROUGH SEVERAL LEVELS OF  
 COMMAND.  
 SOME MARINES ALSO FEEL THE CORPS IS BEING USED AS A GUINEAPIG  
 IN THE AIR FORCE QUEST FOR CONTROL OF ALL MILITARY AIRCRAFT. THEY  
 CLAIM THE AIR FORCE TOOK OVER MARINE RECONNAISSANCE UNITS BUT THAT  
 THE ARMY, WHICH FLIES THE MAJORITY OF VIETNAM SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS  
 WITH ITS OV-1 MOHAWKS, WAS LEFT ALONE. HOWEVER, MARINES BELIEVE THE  
 ARMY SHOULD BE WARY BECAUSE, THEY SAY, THE AIR FORCE STILL AIMS TO  
 ACQUIRE CONTROL OF THE NEW LOCKHEED AH-56A ADVANCED AERIAL FIRE  
 SUPPORT SYSTEM. THE AIR FORCE HAS BID AT LEAST TWICE PREVIOUSLY FOR  
 THE AAFSS IN DIRECT REQUESTS FROM AIR FORCE SECRETARY HAROLD BROWN  
 TO THEN DOD SECRETARY MCNAMARA.  
 THE TRANSFER OF THE 16,000 MAN 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FOLLOWS  
 A REORGANIZATION OF GROUND FORCES IN THE NORTHER I CORPS AREA.  
 UNDER IT, WESTMORELAND INSTALLED AN ARMY GENERAL IN WHAT HAD BEEN  
 EXCLUSIVELY MARINE TERRITORY.  
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LTGENS. KRULAK  
 AND CUSHMAN AND MAJGEN. ANDERSON FROM MC CUTCHEON

SUBJ: CONTROL OF MARINE AIR IN RVN (S)

1. AS PART OF OUR CAMPAIGN TO REGAIN CONTROL WOULD APPRECIATE  
 ANSWERS TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. WHAT WAS COMMAND/CONTROL RELATIONSHIP PRIOR TO  
 1 MAR AND WHAT IS IT NOW OF

- (1) PROV CORPS VIETNAM TO 1ST ARVN DIV
- (2) III MAF TO 2D ARVN DIV
- (3) III MAF TO AMERICAL DIV
- (4) III MAF TO I CORPS (ARVN)
- (5) MACV TO RVNAF
- (6) 7TH AF TO VNAF

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B. WHAT WAS CHAIN FOR REQUEST OF PREPLANNED AIR STRIKES  
 BEFORE 1 MARCH FOR EACH OF FOLLOWING:

- (1) 1ST ARVN DIV
- (2) 2D ARVN DIV
- (3) AMERICAL DIV
- (4) 1ST AIR CAV WHEN IT WAS IN I CORPS
- (5) 1ST AIR CAV WHEN IT WAS IN II CORPS

C. SAME FOR IMMEDIATE AIR REQUESTS

D. WHAT IS CHAIN FOR REQUEST OF PREPLANNED AIR STRIKES  
 NOW FOR UNITS LISTED IN PARA "B" ABOVE

E. SAME FOR IMMEDIATE AIR REQUESTS

2. TO THE EXTENT THAT YOU CAN DOCUMENT IT, WHAT IS APPROXIMATE  
 NORMAL TIME FOR PROCESSING PREPLANNED STRIKES FROM BN  
 TO REG, REG TO DIV, DIV TO CORPS, CORPS TO III MAF, MAF TO  
 TASE, TASE TO TACC, AND TACC TO FIRST MAW? WHAT I AM TRYING  
 TO ESTABLISH IS, IF 7TH AF CUTS FRAG ABOUT NOON, WHEN DID  
 LOWER ECHELONS MESSAGE REQUEST AND WHEN DID IT HAVE TO BE  
 LAUNCHED UP HILL. LOOKS LIKE IT MUST BE IN DIVISION EVENING  
 BEFORE WHICH IS ABOUT 4 HOURS EARLIER THAN OUR TACC WOULD NEED  
 IF OUR SYSTEM WERE IN EFFECT. GP-4

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UNCLAS E F T O  
AIR/GROUND RELATIONSHIPS  
 (ATTN G-2 (AIR))

- A. MEETING AT PCV HQ, 1500-1700H, 19MARG68
- B. MACV DIRECTIVE 95-13
- 1. AT REF A, SEVERAL TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST WERE DISCUSSED. VERIFICATION OF THE FOLLOWING OPINIS IS REQUESTED:
  - A. ORDNANCE JETTISON AREA IN ASHAU VALLEY: FIRST MAW TAOC (VICESQUAD) MAY UTILIZE ASHAU AS ORDNANCE JETTISON AREAARGER RECEIVING CLEARANCE FOM DASC V. DASC V WILL GRANT CLEARANCE UPON DETERMINATION THAT NO FRIENDLY UNITS ARE IN AREA.
  - B. TARGET CLEARANCE: CLEARANCE FOR TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN AREAS CONTROLLED BY USMC DASCs WILL BE REQUESTED OF THE

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PAGE TWO RUMHAW 050W UNCLAS E F T O  
 APPROPRIATE DASC. CLEARANCE FOR TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN  
 OTHER AREAS OF PCV WILL BE REQUESTED OF DASC V. DASC V AND  
 USMC DASCs WILL PROVIDE CLEARANCE AFTER VERIFICATION WITH  
 APPROPRIATE UNITS.

2. LACK OF TIME DURING REFERENCE A PRECLUDED FULL DISCUSSION  
 OF THE PROBLEM ASSOCIATED WITH ARTILLERY ADVISORIES (SAV-A-PLAUE).  
 IT IS THE UNDERSTANDING OF THIS HQ THAT A METHOD HAD BEEN  
 DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE ALL SAV-A-PLANES ABOVE 7000 FT IN THE PCV  
 AREA TO THE CRC (PANAMA), TAOC (VICE SQUAD) AND HUE APP CONTROL.  
 THE PROCEDURE, UTILIZED IN THOSE AREAS SERVICED BY USMC DASCs,  
 IS CENTRAL COLLECTION BY THE DASC AND TRANSMITTAL TO LOCAL  
 TERMINAL ATC FACILITIES AND TAOC (VICE SQUAD). TAOC THEN  
 TRANSMITS TO CRC (PANAMA). IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS HQ BE  
 ADVISED OF PROCEDURE TO BE UTILIZED FOR REMAINDER OF PCV AREA.

3. IT IS THE FURTHER UNDERSTANDING OF THIS HQ THAT THE METHOD  
 OF DISSEMINATION SAV-A-PLANES BELOW 7000 FT WAS STILL IN THE  
 FORMATIVE STAGE. TO ASSIST IN THIS AREA, THE FOLLOWIN ; PERTIUEENT  
 INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

A. HUE APP CONTROL MUST RECEIVE ALL SAV-A-PLANE INFO IN  
 THE CORRIDOR FROM HUE TO THE DONG HA/QUANG TRI COMPLEX. HUE

PAGE THREE RUMHAW 050W UNCLAS E F T O  
 APP CONTROL MUST RECEIVE ALL SAV-A-PLANES WITHIN A 5NM RADIUS  
 OF THE AIRFIELD. HUE APC MUST RECEIVE ALL SAV-A-PLANES ABOVE  
 5000 FT IN THE CORRIDOR FROM HUE TO KHE SANH. HUE MUST  
 RECEIVE ALL SAV-A-PLANES ABOVE 3000 FT IN THE CORRIDOR FROM  
 THE DONG HA/QUANG TRI COMPLEX TO KHE SANH. THESE REQUIREMENTS  
 IAW PARA 4 OF REF B.

B. THIS HQ REQUIRES A LISTING OF ALL AGENCIES WHICH WILL  
 PROVIDE SAV-A-PLANES BELOW 7000 FT, THEIR CURRENT OPERATION ;  
 AREA, AND UHF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY FREQUENCIES. THIS LISTING  
 WILL BE FURTHER TRANSMITTED TO ALL AIRCREWS REQUIRED TO OVERFLY  
 PCV TAOC

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**S E C R E T**

FOR FMFPAC F-001

AGA SUPPORT OF KHE SANH

1. MARINE AGA AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN PROVIDING CONTINUOUS NIGHT TIME ARMED RECCE COVERAGE OF KHE SANH AREA AND LOC'S TO THE WEST UNTIL NIGHT OF 25-26 MARCH WHEN TACC DIVERTED AIRCRAFT TO TALLY HO AREA DUE TO STRINGENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLICABLE IN LAOS. PRESENT ROE REQUIRE FAC CLEARANCE TO ATTACK MOVING TARGETS DETECTED BY AGA.

THIS PROCEDURE COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE DUE TO FLEETIN ; NATURE OF TARGETS

2. CG THIRD MARDIV HAS STATED REQUIREMENT FOR AGA COVERAGE ON LOC'S

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LEADING TO KHE SANH AT NIGHT AND DURING BAD WEATHER. THIS PROTECTION HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO PREVENT INGRESS OF TANKS/VEHICLES ON ROUTE NINE.

3. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION BE TAKEN TO MOLIFY ROE TO PERMIT AGA ATTACK ON MOVING TARGETS AS ACQUIRED. IN INTERIM AGA SHOULD BE FRAGGED FOR ARMED RECCE MISSION IN LOCAL KHE SANH (IN-COUNTRY) AREA TO PROVIDE SUPPORT STATED AS A REQUIREMENT BE THE ROUND COMMANDER.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN KRULAK AND CUSHMAN AND MAJGEN ANDERSON FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN.

SUBJ: CONTROL OF MARINE AIR IN RVN (U)

1. I FORMALLY ENTERED THE SUBJECT OF MACV'S NEW PLAN FOR SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF TACTICAL AIR RESOURCES IN THE JCS YESTERDAY.

MC CUTCHEON BRIEFED ON AMPLIFYING DETAILS AND WILL SEND YOU A COPY OF THE SCRIPT.

2. WHEELER AND JOHNSON WERE OUT OF TOWN. MC CONNELL, HAINES, MOORER AND I WERE PRESENT. THE REACTION WAS ABOUT WHAT I EXPECTED FOR THIS STAGE OF THE GAME. MOORER IS WITH US. HAINES MAY BE ON OUR SIDE PERSONALLY BUT OFFICIALLY HE HAS TO BE AGAINST, AT LEAST FOR NOW. MC CONNELL OF COURSE HAS WHAT HE HAS LONG WANTED AND HE WASNT ABOUT TO VOTE WITH THE CHAIRMAN GONE. I AGREED TO AWAIT THE

PAGE TWO RUEBHO 2206 TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
 CHAIRMAN'S RETURN AND WILL GET MC CUTCHEON TO PITCH TO HIM AS SOON AS I CAN CORNER HIM.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, THE MORE I THINK ABOUT THE WHOLE SUBJECT THE MORE CONVINCED I AM THAT "RESPONSIVENESS" IS THE REAL GUT ISSUE AND THE KEYSTONE OF OUR POSITION. THE TECHNICAL, LEGAL, DOCTRINAL AND OTHER REASONS WILL ALL BE USED WHEN THEY WILL HELP BUT THE STRONGEST SINGLE FACTOR IS RESPONSE.

4. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP DETAILED, ACCURATE BOOK ON THIS AND MAKE IT A MATTER OF RECORD WHAT YOU ASKED FOR, WHEN; WHAT YOU GOT, WHEN. WE NEED AN AUDIT TRAIL THAT WILL STAND UP UNDER ANY SCRUTINY.

5. ALSO I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF PARAGRAPH EIGHT OF WESTY'S LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL DATED 7 MARCH AND REPORT TO COMUSMACV, INFO CINCPAC, "DISSATISFRATION WITH EMPLOYMENT OF MARINE CORPS AIR ASSETS," ANY TIME YOU HAVE A DESTINATION BETWEEN MINOR TRANSITORY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH GETTING THE NEW SYSTEM OFF THE GROUND AND CHRONIC BUILT-IN PROBLEMS THAT WE JUST CAN'T LIVE WITH. RESPONSE IS ONE. IF IT IS GOING TO REQUIRE DIVISIONS TO SUBMIT PREPLANNED REQUESTS TO YOU TUESDAY EVENING FOR FRAGGING BY 7TH AF WEDNESDAY FOR EXECUTION THURSDAY,

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 THAT IS NOT RESPONSIVE. IN OUR SYSTEM DIVISIONS CAN GO TO THE MAF  
 TACC LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON FOR TH RDAY STRIKE ON ROUTINE BASIS  
 AND EVEN LATER IF THEY HAVE TOO. ANOTHER PROFITABLE AREA TO  
 ANALYZE IS THEIR USE OF DIVERTS AND THE IMPACT OF THAT ON WHAT  
 TARGETS WERE NOT HIT BECAUSE OF THE DIVERT PLUS HOW WELL THE STRIKE  
 DID ON THE NEW TARGET. I HAVE IN MIND SUCH THINGS AS, HOW LONG  
 DID IT TAKE TO BRIEF THE STRIKE LEADER IN THE AIR, WHAT WAS HIS  
 FUEL STATE, DID HE HAVE ENOUGH TO EXECUTE THE MISSION, DID HE HAVE  
 PROPER ORDNANACE, ETC.

6. ON THE MATTER OF A NEW DASC IN I CORPS. WE DO NOT AGREE THAT  
 IF A NEW DASC IS REQUIRED THAT IT SHOULD BE IN THE WING COMPOUND  
 COLOCATED WITH THE TACC. IT SHOULD BE AT MAF. ALL OTHER  
 DASC'S ARE COLLOCATED AT GROUND COMMANDERS HEADQUARTERS WHERE THEY  
 CAN GET CURRENT, REAL TIME READ OUTS ON THE GROUND SITUATION. I  
 KNOW YOU COULD PROVABLY PASS THIS INFO FROM MAF TO WINGS BUT THERE  
 IS NOT SUBSTITUE FOR COLLOCATION. UNLESS YOU HAVE SOME REAL COGENT  
 REASONS THAT WE ARE NOT AWARE OF YOU SHOULD PRESS TO LOCATE IT AT  
 MAF AND NOT BEATE THE ISSUE WITH THE AIR FORCE OR MACV. THEY COULD  
 USE THIS AS AN EXAMPLE OF MARINE STUBBORNESS AND HELP JUSTIFY THEIR

PAGE FOUR RUEBHOA2206 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
 NEW PLAN.

7. MEAN WHILE STAY IN THERE AND DO WHAT YOU KNOW IS RIGHT. WE  
 HAVE THE STIC AND TROTLE IN HAND HERE AND WILL PRESS ON FULL  
 BORE. REGARDS.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN AND  
MGEN ANDERSON FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS  
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AIR CONTROL (U)

1. THE SUMMARY UPDATES OF 18 AND 23 MARCH ON THE MARINE STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT CONTROL SITUATION IN I CTZ HAVE BEEN MOST USEFUL.
2. WE ALL SHARE SIMILAR APPREHENSIONS CONCERNING THE IMPACT THE CURRENT PROCEDURES WILL HAVE ON OUR ABILITY TO SUPPORT OUR MARINES ON THE GROUND. IN THIS RESPECT, YOU HAVE ALREADY ENCOUNTERED MANY TROUBLESOME AREAS. THE BEST THING WE CAN DO NOW IS TO DOCUMENT THEM CAREFULLY WITH DISTILLED, QUANTIFIED DATA. I PREDICT WE WILL HAVE AMPLE CAUSE TO BE VOCAL, BUT OUR CASE WILL HAVE TO BE SOLID, BASED ON PAINSTAKING

PAGE 2 RUMHAW 5127 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE OFR MCEO RECORD KEEPING THAT CAN WITHSTAND AN ANALYTICAL AND HYPERCRITICAL ATTEMPT TO TEAR IT APART.

3. NOW, WE NEED TO FOCUS ON SEVERAL CRITICAL AREAS, PRIMARILY:

A. PRE-PLANNED. - TIMES REQUESTS MUST BE SUBMITTED, AND THE NUMBERS AND MISSIONS OF AIRCRAFT REQUESTED VERSUS WHAT IS ACTUALLY PROVIDED.

B. THE TYPE ORDNANCE REQUESTED FOR EACH MISSION VERSUS WHAT WAS ACTUALLY PLACED ON TARGET.

C. AN ANALYSIS OF PREPLANNED MISSIONS THAT BECAME DIVERIS, INCLUDING THE CONTROL AGENCY THAT DIVERTED THEM, THE APPROPRIATENESS OF THEIR ORDNANCE LOADS FOR THE DIVERT TARGETS, THE TIME THEY WERE ON STATION PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF ORDNANCE, THE NUMBER WHICH HAD TO DUMP THEIR ORDNANCE DUE TO BINGO FUEL OR OTHER REASONS, THE AIRFIELD WHERE THEY WERE FINALLY RECOVERED, THE NUMBER OF MARINE AIRCRAFT DIVERTED TO SUPPORT FORCES OTHER THAN MARINES AND, FINALLY, EFFECT OF THE DIVERTS ON OUR GROUND OPERATIONS.

D. AN ANALYSIS OF RESPONSE TIMES TO IMMEDIATE

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 REQUESTS COMPARED WITH EXPERIENCE UNDER OUR OWN SYSTEM,  
 INCLUDING WHETHER DIVERTS OR SCRAMBLES WERE  
 USED, RESPONSE TIME FROM INITIATION BY A GROUND  
 COMMANDER OR FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER TO RECEIPT OF  
 THE APPROVED REQUEST BY THE COGNIZANT DASC, RESPONSE  
 TIME FROM RECEIPT OF THE APPROVED REQUEST BY THE DASC  
 TO TRANSMISSION OF THE DIVERSION OR SCRAMBLE ORDER,  
 AND RESPONSE TIME FROM RECEIPT OF THE DIVERSION OR  
 SCRAMBLE ORDER TO DELIVERY OF ORDNANCE IN THE TARGET  
 AREA.

E. THE NUMBER AND EFFECTIVENESS OF OTHER THAN MARINE  
 AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO SUPPORT MARINES.

F. HARD FACTS RELATING TO THE BUILT-IN DEFICIENCIES OF THE 7TH  
 AIR FORCE SYSTEM ITSELF, INCLUDING LIMITATIONS OF THE AIR FORCE  
 DASC'S, WHETHER THE RIGHT PEOPLE TALK TO OUR AIRCRAFT,  
 WHETHER THE AIR FORCE SYSTEM CREATES SPECIFIC FLIGHT  
 HAZARDS FOR MARINE PILOTS, AND GROUND TROOPS; SPECIFICS  
 ON DEGRADATION OF RESPONSE TIME INHERENT IN THE SYSTEM  
 DUE TO ADD-ON COMMUNICATION LAYERS; AND WHETHER THE  
 AIR FORCE PEOPLE MANNING THE SYSTEM COMPREHEND FULLY

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 THE INDIVIDUAL TOTAL CAPABILITIES OF EACH MARINE AIRCRAFT.

4. NORM, YOUR REPORTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN MOST TIMELY,  
 AND THEIR CONTINUANCE ON A WEEKLY BASIS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE CMC  
 EFFORT NOW GOING ON IN WASHINGTON AS WELL AS MY EROSIIVE EFFORTS  
 ON SHARP. PLEASE INCLUDE AS MUCH OF THE FOREGOING AS CAN BE  
 ACQUIRED AND SUCH OTHER QUANTIFIED INFORMATION AS YOU  
 MIGHT CONSIDER SIGNIFICANT. I REALIZE IT IS HARD WORK,  
 BUT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO OUR SURVIVAL.

5. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, AND APART FROM THE UNHAPPY  
 FACT THAT THE RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER HAS LOST CONTROL OF A  
 VITAL PART OF HIS COMBATANT TEAM, THE CROP OF THE MATTER  
 IS THE AMOUNT OF ACTUAL DEGRADATION OF AIR SUPPORT UNDER THE  
 NEW AIR CONTROL SYSTEM THAT HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED BY  
 THE MARINE ON THE GROUND. TO DOCUMENT COMPLETELY  
 OUR CASE, THE GROUND COMMANDERS' EXPERIENCES WITH  
 RESPECT TO THE ADEQUACY OF AIR SUPPORT RECEIVED UNDER  
 THE NEW PROCEDURES MUST BE KNOWN. BOB, YOUR VIEWS  
 AND PERTINENT COMMENTS OF DIVISION AND LOWER COMMANDERS WOULD  
 CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY. ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT ARE FACTS ON  
 DEGRADATION IN FIRE SUPPORT CONTROL AND COORDINATION

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THAT HAS OCCURRED DUE TO THE SHIFT OF CONTROL FROM  
THE DIVISION DASC'S TO THE CORPS DASC. ALSO  
HELPFUL WOULD BE INSTANCES CITED BY DIVISION  
COMMANDERS WHICH PINPOINT SHORTCOMINGS IN THE AIR  
FORCE CONTROL SYSTEM WHICH HAVE DEGRADED THE RESPONSIVENESS OR  
QUALITY OF THE AIR SUPPORT RECEIVED. REPORTS OF THESE INSTANCES  
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PERIODICALLY. I WILL COMBINE THEM  
WITH NORM'S AERONAUTICAL REPORTS TO COMPLETE THE PICTURE. WARM  
REGARDS.

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~~SUXECT: SUPPRESSION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY ATTACKIN V KHE SANH~~

~~REFERENCES: A. CG PROV V MSG 220605Z (S) (NMIAL) MAR 68~~

~~B. CV III MAF MSG 221616Z (S) MAR 68~~

~~1. HCECONNAISSANCE FOC AREAS LISTED IN REFERENVEY HAS BEEN INITIATED. 7TH AIR FMRCE OBJECTIVE NUMBECS ASSIGNED TO THESE AREAS ARE S03(400CL) 16627 AND S03(400C) 16628.~~

~~WM DUE HQ LIMITED PROCESSIN V CAPABILITIES, CAMOUFLUVE DETECTION ICOVERAGE FOR LARGE AREAS IS NOT FEASIBLE. THEREFORE, THE INITIAL COVERAGE, SCHEDULED FOR 23 MAR 68, QILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY AN RX-57 KMISSION NUMBER P00 YANKEE) USIN V A HIGH ACUITY CAMERA. SUSPECT AREAS DETERMINED FCOM THIS MISSION WILL BE FURTHER EXPLOITED WITH CAMOUFLAGE DETECTION FILMN~~

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~~3. FOLLOQAON RECONNAISSAMCE WILL XE SCHEDULED UTILIYING BLUCK AND WHITE PHOTOVRAPHY. CAMOUFLAGE DETECTION COVERUVE WILL XE FLOWN OF SELECTED AREASHOR STRIPS WITHIN THE LARGE AREAS.~~

~~4. PHCTO DISTCIBUTION FOR ALL SORTIES IS AS FOLLOWSC~~

~~AM PRINTS, DUPE NEGATIVE AND TRACE TO III MAFM~~

~~BM DUPE PMSITIVE UND TRACE TO CICV~~

~~C. DUPE POSITIVE AND TRACE TO NIAGARA CONTROL, 7TH AIR FORCE~~

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RUMSAP/35 TFW PHAN RANG AB RVN  
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S E C R E T TACP  
SUBJ: INTERDICTION IN SVN (U)

1. (S) STRONG EVIDENCE IS AVAILABLE THAT THE ENEMY HAS DEVELOPED AND IS MAKING FULL USE OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION FROM LAOS INTO SVN TO MOVE LARGE VOLUMES OF SUPPLIES AND FORCES ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT. OF SPECIAL INTEREST ARE SEGMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING ROUTES:  
A. ROUTE 922 INTO RVN, THENCE ALONG ROUTE 548 AND 547 TO WITHIN 3 KM OF THE CUMBERLAND FIRE SUPPORT BASE.  
B. ROUTE 923 INTO RVN, THENCE AS ABOVE.  
C. ROUTE 165F INTO RVN, THENCE ALONG NEW ROAD SEGMENT TO QL 14.  
D. ROUTE (TRAIL) 968 INTO RVN, THENCE ALONG 513 TO QL 14.  
E. ROUTE 110E INTO RKG, THENCE ALONG NEW SEGMENT TO 512 (YB749217-802237).  
F. ROUTE 110E INTO RKG, THENCE INTO RVN (YB713169 - YA741976).  
THE TIME HAS COME WHEN IT IS NECESSARY TO INITIATE AN INTERDICTION CAMPAIGN WITHIN YOUR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY IN SVN. REQUEST YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO CONTACT THE NECESSARY AGENCIES TO OBTAIN AND APPROVE AREAS ALONG THESE ROUTES WHERE STRIKES CAN BE PUT IN

PAGE 3 RUMSAR 1154 S E C R E T  
UNDER FAC CONTROL WITHOUT FURTHER CLEARANCE. PLEASE ADVISE AT EARLIEST DATE OF SELECTED AREAS

SO IMMEDIATE ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO FRAG SORTIES INTO SELECTED AREAS.

2. (S) FOR 20 TASS AND 21 TASS: REQUEST YOU TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO COVER THE ABOVE MENTIONED TARGET AREAS AT LEAST ONCE DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS TO VERIFY LUCRATIVE TARGETS. IF HEAVY TRAFFIC IS NOTED ACTIONS TO OBTAIN IMMEDIATE APPROVAL FOR STRIKES SHOULD BE INITIATED THRU APPROPRIATE DASC. FAC AIRCRAFT WILL REQUIRE FLARE CAPABILITY AND STAR LIGHT SCOPES. GP-4  
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FM CG FIRST MAW  
TO RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIVISION, CHU LAI  
INFO RUMWAA/CG III MAF  
RUMSBJ/CDR SEVENTH AF TSN RVN  
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ZEN/MACG ONE EIGHT

BT  
C O N F I D E N T I A L  
CHU LAI DASC

A. CG AMERICAL DIV 221102Z MAR 68  
1. IAW REF A CHU LAI DASC WILL REMAIN IN PLACE APPROX 5 DAYS  
IN SUPPORT AMERICAL DIV.  
REQ ADVISE WHEN NO LONGER REQUIRED.  
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P R 221845Z MAR 68  
BFM COMUSMACV SAIGON  
TO ZEN/CDR 7AF SAIGON  
RUMSAK/CG III MAF DA NANG  
INFO RUMSAV/CG USARV LONG BINH  
RUMSAV/CG 1ST MAW DA NANG  
ZEN834 AIR DIV DOR TAN SON NHUT  
ZEN/CG PROV CORPS V PHU BAI  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L 08144  
SUBJ: AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS (U)  
REF: A. COMUSMACV 07001, J322, DTG 110842Z MAR 68 (C) (NOTAL)  
B. 7AF DTG 150600Z MAR 68 (C) (NOTAL)  
THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS  
PART ONE FOR ALL

1. (C) REF A CONCURS IN REQUIRMENT FOR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AND AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENT IN NORTHERN I CTZ AND REQUESTS 7AF AND USARV TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT. REF B REQUESTS MACV ASSISTANCE IN AREAS OF SITE CONSTRUCTION, VOICE COMMUNICATION AN AIR SAFETY.

PAGE 2 RUMSAW 3234C C O N F I D E N T I A L

2. (U) RADAR SITE CONSTRUCTION IS PROCEEDING ON A HIGH PRIORITY BASIS.  
3. (U) COMMUNICATION CIRCUITS ARE BEING PROCESSED BY MACJ6 IN COORDINATION WITH CG, III MAF.

PART TWO FOR CG, III MAF  
REQUEST THAT YOU INVESTIGATE HELICOPTER LANDING PAD CONSTRUCTION AT QUANG TRI AND HUE-PHU BAI IN ORDER TO SEGREGATE HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING OPERATIONS. MACV TECHNICAL BULLETIN 415-2-1, 15 JUL 67, AND MACV DIRECTIVE 95-9, 15 FEB 68 PERTAIN. GP-4  
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P 231433Z MAR 68  
FM CG FIRST MAW  
TO RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
RUMWAA/CG III MAF

**MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY**

**S E C R E T** PERSONAL FOR LGEN KRULAK AND LGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN ANDERSON. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR FMFPAC F-249

SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON ASSETS, STATUS AS OF 24 MARCH

A. CG FMAW 181411Z MAR 68

1. TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE DOMINATED THIS SUBJECT DURING THE WEEK:

A. LOCATION OF I DASC - FOLLOWING GEN WESTMORLAND'S VISIT LAST SUNDAY, I FELT THAT OUR THREE PHASE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ESSENTIALLY ACCEPTED. (SEE PARA 2 REF A) HOWEVER AFTER GEN ABRAMS VISIT AND BRIEF ON THURSDAY IT APPEARED VERY LITTLE OF OUR PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE. I DASC WILL BE EXPANDED AT THE PRESENT LOCATION. IN THE FUTURE WHEN THE FACILITIES ARE PROVIDED IT WILL MOVE TO III MAF HQ COMPOUND. THE SYSTEM WILL WORK THERE

PAGE TWO RUMHAW 126W **S E C R E T**

BUT IT MAY HAVE THE GREAT DISADVANTAGE OF MAKING THE AF AGENCY AT III MAF THE DOMINANT AIR INFLUENCE UNLESS WE GUARD AGAINST IT.

B. PERSONNEL- WE HAVE FURNISHED TWO NA'A TO THE TACC SAIGON TO ACT AS IN-COUNTRY FRAGGERS. THIS GIVES US A TOTAL OF FOUR THERE NOW. WE HAVE ALSO FURNISHED 7 PEOPLE EACH TO I DASC AND DASC VICTOR: 2 LTCOLS NA, 6 CAPT/LT WATCH OFFICERS 6708/9, AND 6 NCO 6700 MOS. I FEEL THESE ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE.

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS. THE ENTIRE WEEK CAN BE SUMMARIZED BY THE TERM "INITIAL CONFUSION". THIS HAD TO BE EXPECTED IN VIEW OF THE URGE TO IMPLEMENT WITHOUT PROPER AND PRIOR PLANNING. THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS ARE FURNISHED FOR ILLUSTRATION:

A. ON THE NIGHT OF 21-22 MARCH I DASC SCRAMBLED THREE FLIGHTS OF A4/F4 AIRCRAFT FOR WHAT WAS TERMED AN IMMEDIATE MISSION. THE AIRCRAFT WERE UNABLE TO FIND THEIR IAC(A) AND FLARE AIRCRAFT IN LAOS AND HAD TO RETURN TO BASE AT BINGO FUEL. ONE SECTION MANAGED TO DIVERT TO TPQ WHILE THE OTHER TWO SECTIONS WERE FORCED TO JETTISON THEIR ORDANANCE.

B. ON 22 MAR TADC WAS INFORMED BY I DASC THAT SEVERAL SORTIES SCHEDULED FOR FIRST MARDIV AND BEEN CANCELLED BY THE

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 "USER". UPON CHECKING WITH FIRST MARDIV AIR OFFICER IT WAS  
 LEARNED THAT NO SORTIES HAD BEEN CANCELLED AND THAT THEY  
 DESIRED ALL THE AIRCRAFT THEY COULD GET. INFORMATION HAD  
 EVIDENTLY BEEN FORWARDED FROM AF TACC. NO EXPLANATION IS  
 AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY.  
 C. THE ASA'S HAVE ALSO HAD TROUBLE GETTING CLEARANCE FROM  
 ABCCC TO ATTACK MOVING TARGETS ON ROUTE 9 WEST OF KHE SANH  
 IN LAOS UNDER THE PRESENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. THIS WAS BROUGHT  
 TO THE ATTENTION OF THE TACC AND IT WAS LEARNED THAT A CHANGE  
 TO THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT TO PROVIDE FOR ATTACK OF MOVERS BY  
 ASA AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN PREPARED AND HAD BEEN SUBMITTED TO CDR  
 7TH AF FOR DECISION.  
 D. EARLY IN THE PERIOD FMAW EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTY IN  
 OBTAINING CLEARANCE INTO A SHAU VALLEY. LATER IN THE WEEK,  
 HOWEVER, A SYSTEM WAS DEVELOPED WHEREBY DASC V AT PHU BAI  
 WAS ABLE TO GRANT CLEARANCE.  
 E. ON THE NIGHT 18-19 MARCH SEVERAL ASA AIRCRAFT WERE  
 DIVERTED BY THE ABCCC IN THE KHE SANH AREA DUE TO BAD WEATHER.  
 SINCE THE ASA CAN OPERATE PROFITABLY IN BAD WEATHER THE TACC  
 WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF THIS AND REQUESTED TO BRIEF ABCCC

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PAGE FOUR RUMHAW 126W S E C R E T  
 CONTROLLERS ON ASA CAPABILITIES.

F. WHEN WE CLOSED THE DASC AT CHU LAI BECAUSE IT'S PERSONNEL  
 WERE NEEDED FOR ASSIGNMENT TO THE ENLARGE AIR FORCE DASCs,  
 THE AMERICAL DIVISION IMMEDIATELY ASKED US TO RECONSIDER OR  
 GIVE THEM TIME TO ESTABLISH SOME MEANS TO REPLACE OUR CONTROL.  
 THEY PUT THEIR REQUEST ON THE WIRE, INFO 7TH AF, GIVING 5 DAYS  
 FOR THE AF TO PUT THEIR SYSTEM IN. THIS COULD BE INTERESTING.  
 WE IN THE MEANTIME REACTIVATED CHU LAI DASC.  
 3. FINALLY THER IS A RELATED SUBJECT. AS A RESULT OF THE  
 FORMATION OF MACV FWD, THE SATURATION OF HUE-PHU BAI TERMINAL  
 APPROACH CONTROL FACILITIES BECAME AN ISSUE. ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE  
 DECLINED IN INTEREST WHEN PCV REPLACED MACV FWD THE CONDITION  
 STILL EXISTED. TO ALLEVIATE, A CONFERENCE WAS HELD AND THE ARMY  
 AND AIR FORCE OFFERED SOME PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO ASSIST.  
 ALTHOUGH THIS ASSISTANCE IS ON A TEMPORARY BASIS THE OPPORTUNITY  
 IS PRESENT FOR US TO CONSIDER A POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF SOME OF  
 OUR AIR CONTROL ASSETS FROM NORTHERN ICTZ. IT APPEARS TO ME  
 SINCE OUR MATCU RESOURCES ARE AT BEST LIMITED THIS MIGHT BE A  
 PRUDENT STEP TO TAKE. IN THE FULFILLING OF OUR AIR BASE  
 RESPONSIBILITY THE ARMY AND AF ARE ATTEMPTING TO PLACE US

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IN THE HOUSEKEEPING. LANDLORD ROOM AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY.  
WE OF COURSE ARE NOT STRUCTURED OR MANNED TO BE A MAJOR LOGISTICAL  
AND SUPPORT ORGANIZATION. AS THE POPULATION AND CONTROL OF THE  
ARMY INCREASES NORTH OF AI VAN I BELIEVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION  
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF OUR ASSETS DEVOTED  
TO THE SUPPORT OF THE NORTHERN AIRFIELDS. WE SHOULD ATTEMPT  
TO REALIGN TO SITES NOT NOW COVERED, SUCH AS MARBLE MOUNTAIN;  
REFURBISH AND REESTABLISH A MOUNT OUT CAPABILITY; AND REDUCE  
TO SOME EXTENT THE STRETCH WE HAVE ON OUR CURRENT PERSONNEL  
ASSETS.

REQUEST ANY COMMENTS/GUIDANCE.

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(0 221102Z MAR 63)  
FM CG AMERICAL DIV (ML)  
TO RUMHAW/ TO CG 1ST MAW DNG  
INFO RUMWAA/CG III MAF DNG  
RUMSAR/CG 7TH AF SGN  
RUMHPB/CO 20TH TASS DNG  
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S E C R E T AVDF-GC 069  
SUBJECT: CLOSING OF CHU LAI DASC

REFERENCE: FIRST MAW 220320Z MAR 63 (S), SUBJECT AS ABOVE.  
1. (S) REFERENCE MESSAGE RECEIVED AT 221130H MAR 63 PROVIDES INITIAL INFORMATION THAT CHU LAI DASC CEASES OPERATION EFFECTIVE 220900 MAR 63.  
2. (S) CHU LAI DASC HAS FOR A PERIOD OF MANY MONTHS PROVIDED NECESSARY ARTY CLEARANCE AND AIR WARNING SERVICE THROUGHOUT AMERICAL DIV AND 2D ARVN AREA OF OPERATIONS. THIS SERVICE BEING REQUIRED TO INSURE SAFE FLIGHT THROUGH ARTILLERY DANGER AREAS BY ALL MARINE, USAF, ARMY AND CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT TRANSITING THIS AREA. IN ADDITION TACTICAL AIRCRAFT PROVIDING AIR STRIKES AND SKYSPOTS IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS RELY ON THE MARINE DASC SAV-A-PLANE SYSTEM FOR

PAGE TWO RUMHIC 6385A S E C R E T  
AIR CLEARANCES AND WARNINGS.

3. (S) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR A SUBSTITUTE SYSTEM TO ASSUME THIS VITAL FUNCTION TIME IS REQUIRED TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS WITH 7TH AIR FORCE FOR COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT AND TRAINED PERSONNEL TO OPERATE A REPLACEMENT DASC.  
4. (S) REQUEST THAT ACTION BE TAKEN TO DELAY DEPARTURE OF MASS THREE DASC PERSONNEL CONCERNED (3 OFFICERS AND 12 ENLISTED MEN) FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY 5 DAYS OR UNTIL USAF SYSTEM IS FUNCTIONAL.

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RUMHIC/AMERICAN DIVISION  
RUMHAW/MASS THREE  
RUMHVP/I DASC DANANG  
RUMHAW/V DASC PHU BAI  
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**S E C R E T**

CLOSING OF CHU LAI DASC.

1. IN VIEW OF ESTABLISHMENT OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT IN I CORPS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CONTROL BY I DASC REQUIREMENT NO LONGER EXISTS FOR CARSTAIRS DASC AT CHU LAI.
  2. EFFECTIVE 220900H CHU LAI DASC, CALL SIGN CARSTAIRS, WILL CEASE OPERATION. DASC ASSETS TO BE UTILIZED AS DIRECTED BY CO MACG 18.
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TO RUMHMA/CG PCV  
INFO ZEN/CG III MAF  
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ZEN/TWO SIX MARINES  
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AIR SUPT OF KHE SANH

1. RPTS FR 26TH MAR INDICATES THAT UPON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS THEY HAVE HAD A GREATER DEMAND FOR STRIKE ACFT FOR CLOSE-IN TGTS IN DIRECT SUPT OF KHE SANH COMBAT BASE THAN ARE IMMEDIATELY AVAIL TO THEM VIA THE KHE SANH DASC. UPON THESE OCCASIONS THEY HAVE MADE REQUESTS TO ABCCC FOR MORE ACFT, BUT WITHOUT SUCCESS. ABCCC APPEARED RELUCTANT TO DIVERT PREPLANNED STRIKE ACFT TO THIS CLOSE-IN MISSION IN DIRECT SUPT OF TRPS. REQ BE ADVISED OF TH AF POLICY IN DIVERTING AIR FR ABCCC TO KHE SANH DASC.
2. NEW SUBJ: DUE TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN KHE SANH WK DUR THE HRS OF DARKNESS AND THE INCREASE IN ACTY ALONG RT "9" EVIDENCED BY THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF MOBILE 37/57 AA POSITIONS THAT WERE UNDOUBT-EDLY INTRODUCED DUR DARKNESS, IT IS REQ THAT RT "9" FR KHE SANH WEST INTO LAOS DUR THE HRS OF DARKNESS, BE KEPT UNDER FLARE ILLUMINATION W/ATK ACFT WORKING UNDER THE FLARES TO STOP THE VEHICULAR MOVEMENT. THE BOLD AND UNINTERRUPTED FLOW OF EN SUPPLIES INTO KHE DANH WIFE AND THE TRANSIT AND POSITIONING OF 37/57 MOBILE GUN POSITIONS MUST CEASE. THE FLARE/ATK ACFT PACKAGE IS REQ AS AN AUGMENTATION TO OUR CURR INTERDICTION EFFORTS.

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UNCLAS E F T O  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-031)  
 TACC/DASC ASSIGNMENTS

- A. CG III MAF 191422Z (S)
  - 1. IAW REF A FOL PERS NOMs
  - A. TACC SAIGON
    - MAJ MAYOCK, R. S. 059635/7521
    - MAJ ZIEGLER, H. H. 064523/7521
  - B. DASC DANANG
    - LTCOL ANDERSON, W. C. 060365/7563
    - 1/LT MEAD, C. A. 095463/6709
    - 1/LT GORMON, R. I. 093925/6709
    - 1/LT DELMAURO, D. G. 0100175/6703

- PAGE TWO RUMHAW 031W UNCLAS E F T O
- SGT BROWN, E. E. 2061334/6741
  - CPL RINEBOLT, J. P. 2173492/6741
  - CPL FANELLO, J. F. 2157117/6741
  - C. DASC VICTOR, HUE-PHU BAI
    - LTCOL MILLER, R. E. 051590/7501
    - 1/LT BERNS, R. A. G. 094150/6703
    - 1/LT KIRKPATRICK, D. S. 094913/6703
    - 1/LT CATHCART, J. A. 095504/6703
    - SGT BRYANT, G. B. 2253363/6741
    - SGT SIMONE, V. P. 2221500/6741
    - CPL BERBERT, C. E. JR. 2160252/6742
  - 2. ALL PERS ORDERED TAD IN EXCESS OF 30 DAYS.
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 RTCC MARCH 68 (U)

1. FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS COMPLETED FOR UPCOMING RTCC. HOTEL RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT CHAO PHYA FOR 26-29 MAR. MAOTHAJ CONFERENCE FACILITIES TO BE UTILIZED. 7AF REPS PLANNING ARRIVAL BANGKOK TO COINCIDE WITH CTF-77 ARRIVAL. REQUEST LIST OF CTF 77 ATTENDEES AND ETA BANGKOK FOR PLANNING PURPOSES WHEN FIRM. INFO REQUIRED PRIOR TO 26 MAR. LIST OF AF ATTENDEES WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN FIRM.
2. 7AF AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED AS FOLLOWS: 7AF ACTION OFFICE FOLLOWS EACH IILM:
  - A. DISCUSS TACTICS FOR COORDINATED 7AF/TF-77 STRIKES AGAINST NVN MIG AIRFIELDS AND BIA THUONG AND VINH AND GIA LAM (ATTACK FIGHTER DIV)
  - B. DISCUSS POSSIBLE STRIKES AGAINST GGI AND KEY RADAR (BARLOCK)

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- C. DISCUSS EMPLOYMENT OF STANDARD ARM (ATTACK FIGHTER DIV/ELECTRONIC WARFARE DIV)
- D. DISCUSS THE FEASIBILITY OF COORDINATED AF/NAVY/MARINE RADAR/SYSTEMS STRIKES IN NVN INCLUDING RADAR SYSTEM STRIKES OF THE COMBAT LANCER AIRCRAFT (ATTACK FIGHTER DIV/ELECTRONIC WARFARE DIV/TARGETING DIV)
- E. DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATING USE OF VHF JAMMING EQUIPMENT (ELECTRONIC WARFARE DIV)
- F. DISCUSS ANY NEW WEAPONS/TACTICS/TARGETS CONCERNING OPERATIONS DURING SOUTH-EAST MONSOON IN ATTAINING CINCPAC S1 MONSOON OBJECTIVES (ATTACK FIGHTER DIV/TARGETING DIV)
- G. REVIEW COORDINATED 7AF/TF-77 SAR PROCEDURES IN ROUTE PACKAGE VIB (COMMAND CENTER)
- H. DETERMINE AECM/PLCM DATA TO BE INCLUDED ON STRIKE PLANNING MESSAGES OR FRAG ORDERS TO ENABLE 7AF AND TF-77 TO TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE OPERATIONS (ELINT DIV)

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- 1. DISCUSS CURRENT PROCEDURES FOR MIG ANALYSIS WITH RESPECT TO RECONNAISSANCE AND ELECTRONIC WARFARE OPERATIONS. (RECCE DIV)

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- J. COORDINATE 7AF MARK 10 IFF/SIF PROCEDURES FOR AIRCRAFT OPERATING NORTH OF 17-30.00 (COMMAND CENTER)
- K. DISCUSS ROLLING THUNDER ALPHA STRIKES AND RESULTS TO BE CONTRIBUTED BY THE NAVY FOR THE 7AF WEEKLY AIR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY - RAIS. (TARGETING DIV)
- L. DISCUSS CURRENT OPERATIONAL USE OF THE TALOS MISSILE OVER NVN. (ATTACK FIGHTER DIV)
- M. DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS FOR LOW LEVEL BUMPY ACTION RECONNAISSANCE AND, IF POSSIBLE, DETERMINE RECONNAISSANCE TARGET SYSTEMS PRIORITIES. (TARGETING DIV)
- 10. DEVELOP STANDARD IMMEDIATE PHOTO INTERPRETATION REPORT (IPIR) FOR RT TARGETS, I.E., RAILROAD YARDS, SIDINGS, TRANSHIPMENT POINTS, VULNERABLE RAIL SEGMENTS, BRIDGES AND BYPASSES. (TARGETING DIV)

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RUMHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
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**S E C R E T**

PERS AUG FOR SINGLE MGMT OF STRIKE AND RCN ASSETS (U)

- A. 7AF TACC 171440Z MAR 68 (S) (NOTAL)
- B. CG III MAF 150520Z MAR 68 (S) (NOTAL)
- 1. REF A IDENTIFIES ADDITIONAL PERS AUGMENTATION FOR TACC, I DASC, AND DASC VICTOR. ACCORINGLY REQUEST YOU PROVIDE FOL PERS AS INDICATED:
  - A. ADDITIONAL AUG FOR TACC, SAIGON: ONE NA CAPT/MAJ IN A FRAG BILLET; SHOULD BE IN-COUNTRY QUALIFIED.
  - B. AUG FOR I DASC, DANANG: ONE NA LTCOL, AS ASST DEPUTY DIRECTOR; THREE NA CAPT/MAJ AS FIGHTER DUTY OFF, IN THEATER QUALIFIED; THREE ENL NOS 7041.
  - C. AUG FOR DASC VICTOR, HUE-PHU BAI: THREE NA CAPT/MAF AS

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FIGHTER DUTY OFF IN THEATER QUALIFIED; THREE ENL 7041.  
2. REQ PERS REPORT BY 21 MAR 68 TAD IN EXCESS 30 DAYS TO UNITS INDICATED. ALL PERSONNEL MUST HAVE AS A MINIMUM SECRET CLEARANCE. PROVIDE THIS HQ WITH LIST OF AUG PERS ASAP.  
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TO ZEN/DEPCOMUSMACV AIR  
RUMSAK/CG III MAF DA NANG  
INFO ZEN/CDR 7AF  
RUMSAV/CG FMAR DA NANG  
RUHKA/CINCPAC

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SECRET 07852 FROM: MACCOG  
SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE

ASSETS (U)  
REF: A. COMUSMACV LTR TO DEP CDA FOR AIR OPS,  
8 MAR 68, SUBJ AS ABOVE (S)  
B. COMUSMACV LTR TO CG, III MAF, 7 MAR 68  
SUBJ AS ABOVE (S)  
C. COMUSMACV MACCOG MSG 07399  
DTG 150905Z (C)(NOTAL)  
1. (C) THE SYSTEM OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND  
RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS, DETAILS OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCES  
A AND B, WILL BE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVE 210001H MAR 68.

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1. (C) FOR DEPCOMUSMACV/AIR: YOU WILL EXERCISE THE  
RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED TO YOU BY REFERENCE A EFFECTIVE 210001H  
MAR 68. YOU WILL FRAG AND PROVIDE OPERATIONAL DIRECTION FOR ALL  
STRIKES RESPONSIVE TO PREPLANNED REQUESTS WITH TOT'S EFFECTIVE  
211900H MAR 68.  
3. (S) FOR CG III MAF: PLANNING ALLOCATIONS AS DISCUSSE  
IN PARA 2, REFERENCE C, WILL BE PROVIDED BY MACV JASE (J3 AIR)  
PRIOR TO 202000H MAR. REQUESTS FOR ALL PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT FOR  
US/FV FORCE IN I CTZ TO BE EXECUTED SUBSEQUENT TO 211900H MAR  
WILL BE FORWARDED TO MACV J3 AIR ON 21 MAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN REFERENCE C.

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SECRET  
FOR FMFPAC F-056  
UTILIZATION OF MARINE AGA AIRCRAFT~~

- ~~A. CG FMAW 011740Z MAR 68~~
- B. AG TARGETING/EMPLOYMENT PLAN CONF OF 14MARG68
- 1. REF A STATED 7TH AF WOULD BE ADVISED WHEN AGA ROLLING THUNDER STRIKES COULD BE RESUMED. REF B ADDRESSED TARGETING AND TACTICS IN HIGH THREAT AREAS.
- 2. PRIOR TO RESUMPTION AG RT MISSION IN RP V AND VI SUGGEST DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING ADDITIONAL ECM AND IRON HAND SUPPORT BE CONDUCTED AT FORTHCOMING RTCC CONF 27-29 MARCH 68. PROPOSE AG COMMENCE RT OPNS ON OR ABOUT 1 APRIL 1968 AT RATE OF TWO SORTIES NIGHTLY RP V

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AND VI AND ONE SORTIE PER NIGHT RP II, III AND IV AS DESCRIBED REF B.

- 3. REQ 7TH AF REPS RTCC CONF BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS DETAILS ECM/IRON HAND SUPPORT AND WORK OUT COORDINATION PROCEDURES WITH FMAW REPS.
- 4. UPON RESUMPTION MARINE AG RT STRIKES REQ FOL NIGHTLY FRAG:
  - SIX SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF KHE SANH INTO SL/TH
  - SIX SORTIES TALLY HO, RP I
  - TWO SORTIES RT, RP V, VI
  - ONE SORTIE RT PER NIGHT II, III, IV

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RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV  
RUMHGK/CG SECOND ROK MARBDE  
INFO RUMSBJ/CMDR SEVENTH AF  
RUMSMA/COMUSMACV  
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RUMHMB/CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV  
RUMSBH/CG ONE ZERO FIRST ABN DIV  
RUMHVH/I DASC DNG  
RUMHMB/DASC V PHU BAI

**C O N F I D E N T I A L** SECTION ONE OF TWO  
SUBJ: PREPLANNED REQUESTS FOR AIR SUPPORT

REF: A. COMUSMACV LRT MACJOO, 7 MAR 68, SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT  
OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS (S)  
B. MACV DIR 95-4, 28 JUNE 66 (C)

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C. MACV DIR 95-11, 21 JUNE 66 (C)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A ON 21 MARCH 68 CG III MAF WILL IMPLEMENT THE PREPLANNED AIR STRIKE REQUEST PROCEDURES OUTLINED IN REFERENCES A AND B THROUGHOUT III MAF AND THE 2D ROK MARBDE.
2. REFERENCE B DESCRIBES THE PRESENT JOINT AIR GROUND OPERATION SYSTEM (JAGOS). REFERENCE C IS THE BASIC DIRECTIVE FOR US AIR OPERATIONS IN RVN. BOTH REFS B AND C ARE BEING REVISED TO REFLECT THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT DECISION CONTAINED IN REF A.
3. THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION AND GUIDANCE FOR REQUESTING PREPLANNED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT IN ICTZ UNDER THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. AS LITTLE CHANGE AS POSSIBLE IS BEING MADE TO THE PRESENT ARMY REQUEST SYSTEM. HOWEVER, TO INTEGREGATE MARINE CORPS COMMANDS AND TO CONSOLIDATE ALL REQUESTS AT THE III MAF LEVEL FOR SUBMISSION TO MACV-TASE AS REQUIRED, A FEW MINOR ADJUSTMENTS ARE NECESSARY.
4. ALLOCATIONS
  - A. ALLOCATIONS OF FLIGHTS OF STRIKE AIRCRAFT WILL BE PROVIDED TO EACH III MAF MAJOR COMMAND FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS WILL BE BASED ON THE EXPECTED AVAILABILITY OF FLIGHTS AS

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 PROVIDED BY MACV-TASE (J-3 AIR).

B. TWO PLANNING ALLOCATIONS WILL BE TELEPHONED ENCODED TO THE  
 G-3 (AIR)/DIVISION AIR OFFICER OF EACH MAJOR III MAF COMMAND PRIOR TO  
 2100 HOURS DAILY. THESE ALLOCATIONS ARE FOR:

(1) COMBAT SKY SPOT, RADAR-CONTROLLED (IPQ-10/MSQ-77) STRIKES FOR  
 EXECUTION DURING PERIOD 1900 HOURS THE FOLLOWING NIGHT TO 0600 HOURS  
 THE NEXT MORNING.

(2) STRIKES TO BE EXECUTED UNDER VISUAL OR RADAR CONTROL  
 DURING PERIOD 0600 HOURS TO 1900 HOURS THE DAY AFTER REQUESTS ARE  
 SUBMITTED.

C. EACH MAJOR COMMAND WILL FURTHER SUBALLOCATE TO ALL GROUND  
 TACTICAL UNITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIORITIES THAT HAVE BEEN  
 ESTABLISHED. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ALLOCATION FREQUENTLY MAY BE  
 INSUFFICIENT TO MEET ALL VALID REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, IT IS  
 REQUESTED THAT III MAF G-3 (AIR) BE INFORMED DAILY OF THE TOTAL  
 NUMBER OF VALID REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR SUPPORT FOR WHICH TACTICAL  
 UNITS WOULD SUBMIT REQUESTS IF UNLIMITED STRIKE SUPPORT WERE  
 AVAILABLE.

5. PREPLANNED REQUESTS

A. ALL PREPLANNED REQUESTS ARE FORWARDED OVER GROUND FORCES

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COMMUNICATION CHANNELS. THEY MOVE PROGRESSIVELY UPWARD THROUGH  
 EACH LEVEL OF COMMAND UNTIL THEY REACH MACV J3 AIR. AT EACH  
 INTERMEDIATE LEVEL OF COMMAND, ALL REQUESTS WILL BE EVALUATED  
 COORDINATED WITH OTHER FIRE SUPPORT MEANS, ASSIGNED A NUMERICAL  
 PRIORITY, AND FORWARDED TO THE NEXT HIGHER LEVEL.

B. REQUESTS ARE FORWARDED BY TELEPHONE IN CLEAR TEXT EXCEPT  
 THAT TARGET COORDINATES AND DESIRED TIME ON TARGET (TOT) ARE  
 ENCODED (SEE PARA (6) BELOW).

C. REQUESTS FOR RADAR-CONTROLLED STRIKES (SKYSPOTS) AND IPQ-10 FOR  
 EXECUTION BETWEEN 1900 HOURS ON DATE OF REQUEST AND 0600 HOURS  
 THE NEXT MORNING WILL BE SUBMITTED III MAF G-3 AIR NOT LATE THAN  
 0900 HOURS DAILY.

D. REQUESTS FOR STRIKES TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN 0600 HOURS AND  
 1900 HOURS THE FOLLOWING DAY, EITHER FAC/TACA OR RADAR-CONTROLLED  
 WILL BE SUBMITTED TO III MAF G-3 AIR NOT LATER THAN 1000 HOURS  
 DAILY.

E. REQUESTS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO FORWARD WITH OTHER PREPLANNED  
 REQUESTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. IF CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL, THEY MUST  
 BE FORWARDED THROUGH IMMEDIATE AIR REQUEST CHANNELS AT APPROPRIATE  
 TIME. REQUESTS FOR ANY TYPE OF AIR COVER WILL INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE

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 TARGET ON WHICH FLIGHT MAY EXPEND ORDNANCE BEFORE RETURNING TO BASE.  
 F. ALL REQUESTS MUST HAVE POLITICAL CLEARANCE AS WELL AS  
 TACTICAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION.

G. PREPLANNED REQUESTS WILL BE FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
 THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE AND IN THE SEQUENCE LISTED. CERTAIN ITEMS  
 AS INDICATED ARE REQUIRED FOR ONLY ONE TYPE OF REQUEST--FAC OR  
 SKY SPOT/SKYSPOOT BACK UP MISSIONS.

(1) REQUEST NO-BF-15-3. THE BF IDENTIFIES UNIT  
 WHICH ORIGINATED REQUEST; 15 REPRESENTS DATE REQUEST SUBMITTED;  
 3 INDICATES THIRD REQUEST OF ORIGINATING COMMAND FOR THAT DATE.

(A) ON ANY REQUESTED STRIKE WHICH FALLS IN OR NORTH OF THE  
 DMZ OR WEST OF RVN-LAOS BORDER, ADD TH TO REQUEST NUMBER TO DESIG-  
 NATE OUT-OF-COUNTRY STRIKE.

(B) ALL US/FW GROUND TACTICAL UNITS IN ICIZ WILL BE  
 ASSIGNED A UNIT DESIGNATOR. MAJOR III MAF COMMANDS WILL ESTABLISH  
 UNIFORM TWO LETTER DESIGNATORS FOR ALL SUBORDINATE UNITS TO INCLUDE  
 MANEUVER BATTALION LEVEL. THE FOLLOWING LETTER ASSIGNMENTS ARE  
 DIRECTED FOR THIS PURPOSE: B(BRAVO) 1ST AIR CAV DIV, M(MIKE)  
 III MAF, N(NOVEMBER) FIRST MARDIV, O(OSCAR) AMERICAL DIV, P(PAPA)  
 PCV, Q(QUEBEC) NOT ASSIGNED, R(ROMEO) 2D ROKMAR BDE, S(SIERRA)

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 101ST ABN DIV, T(TANGO) THIRD MARDIV.

(C) REQUEST COPY OF DESIGNATOR ASSIGNMENTS BE FORWARDED  
 TO THIS HQ ASAP.

(2) PRIORITY-EACH MAJOR COMMAND WILL ASSIGN A PRIORITY

(1 THROUGH TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS OF EACH TYPE) TO ALL SKYSPOOT  
 AND FAC REQUESTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO III MAF.

(3) TARGET COORDINATES-TARGET LOCATION WILL BE ENCODED BY  
 ORIGINATING COMMAND PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF REQUEST. FOUR DIGITS  
 ARE ADEQUATE FOR STRIKES TO BE EXECUTED UNDER VISUAL CONTROL;  
 EIGHT DIGITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY TARGET TO BE STRUCK UNDER RADAR  
 CONTROL, I. E., SKYSPOOT TPQ-10(NIGHT) OR SKYSPOOT TPQ-10 BACK UP (DAY).

(4) TARGET DESCRIPTION-SEE PARA 5 BELOW

(5) DESIRED TOT(TIME ON TARGET)-THIS MUST BE ENCODED

(6) LATEST ACCEPTABLE TOT-MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY CONSISTENT  
 WITH TACTICAL PLAN SHOULD BE PERMITTED. HARD TOTS SHOULD BE RE-  
 QUESTED ONLY FOR HIGHEST PRIORITY MISSIONS WHICH MUST BE COORDI-  
 NATED WITH FIRE AND MANEUVER OF GROUND FORCES. ACCEPTABLE TIME  
 FRAME IS TRANSMITTED AS PLUS (OR MINUS) SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MINUTES  
 OR HOURS FROM DESIRED TOT.

(7) FAC (REQUIRED FOR FAC REQUESTS ONLY)- CALL SIGN OF FAC

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L FINAL SECTION OF TWO  
 WHO WILL CONTROL STRIKE OR CONTROL AGENCY. SUCH AS MARINE DASC,  
 WHICH WILL DESIGNATE FAC OR TACA WHO WILL DIRECT STRIKE.  
 (8) FREQUENCY (REQUIRED FOR TAC REQUESTS ONLY)-FREQUENCY  
 ON WHICH FAC OR OTHER CONTROL AGENCY CAN BE CONTACTED BY FLIGHT

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- (9) RENDEZVOUS (REQUIRED FOR FAC REQUESTS ONLY)- DESIGNATED  
 HEADING AND DISTANCE IN NAUTICAL MILES FROM SPECIFIED TACAN STATION:  
 E. G., 295/23/CHANNEL 69.
- (10) HEADING (REQUIRED FOR TPQ-10 SKYSPOT AND TPQ-10 SKYSPOT BACKUP  
 REQUESTS ONLY)-DESIRED DIRECTION OF ATTACK IN DRGEES AND ACCEPTABLE  
 TOLERANCE, E. G., 280 PLUS OR MINUS 10. DO NOT REQUEST A HEADING  
 THAT WOULD CAUSE AIRCRAFT TO OVERFLY FRIENDLY TROOPS OR POPULATED  
 AREAS ON BOMB RUN.
- (11) RECIPROCAL (REQUIRED FOR SKYSPOT AND SKYSPOT BACKUP RE-  
 QUEST ONLY. IS RECIPROCAL OF RUN IN HEADING AUTHORIZED? YES OR NO.
- (12) FRIENDLIES (REQUIRED FOR SKYSPOT TPQ-10 AND SKYSPOT TPQ-10  
 BACKUP REQUESTS ONLY) DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FROM TARGET TO  
 NEAREST FIRENDLY TROOPS OR POPULATED AREA; EXAMPLE, 25 KILOMETERS  
 NORTHWEST.
- (13) RECOMMENDED ORDNANCE. INCLUDE FUSING IF APPROPRIATE. IF  
 ANY SPECIFIC MUNITION IS UNACCEPTABLE INDICATE HERE.
- (14) IN SUPPORT-SPECIFY NAMED OPERATION TAOR OR AO SUPPORTED BY  
 REQUESTED STRIKE.
- (15) REMARKS-INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION AS COORDINATION EFFECTED WITH

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 OTHER COMMANDS IF STRIKE IS OUTSIDE TAOR OR AO OF REQUESTING UNIT,  
 NUMBER OF FLIGHTS IF MULTIPLE STRIKES ARE DESIRED, AND ANY OTHER  
 SPECIAL REQUESTS OR PERTINENT INFORMATION.  
 (16) DESIRED RESULTS-SPECIFY A (DESTROY), B (INTERDICT), C (NEUTRA-  
 LIZE), OR D (HARASS) AS DESIRED.  
 H. AFTER RECEIPT OF PREPLANNED REQUEST, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS  
 WILL BE TAKEN BY III MAF G-3 AIR: (1) EN-CODED PARTS OF REQUEST ARE  
 DE-CODED. (2) TARGET LOCATION IS PLOTTED ON AIR OPERATIONS MAP TO  
 ENSURE THAT TARGET IS IN TAOR OR AO OF REQUESTING UNIT.  
 (3) DE-CODING OF TARGET COORDINATES FOR ALL SKY SPOT TPQ-10 AND  
 SKYSPOT BACKUP TPQ-10 STRIKES IS CHECKED BY A SECOND PERSON.  
 (4) COORDINATES OF SKY SPOT AND SKY SPOT BACKUP TARGETS ARE  
 RE-ENCODED IN DIFFERENT CODE GROUPS WHICH ARE TELEPHONED TO MAJOR  
 COMMANDS FOR VERIFICATION OF TARGET LOCATION BY COMMAND THAT  
 SUBMITTED REQUEST. III MAF G-3 AIR WILL BE NOTIFIED OF  
 VERIFICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
 (5) ALL PREPLANNED REQUESTS ARE GIVEN A III MAF ORDER OF  
 PRIORITY AND PHONED TO MACV-TASC (J-3 AIR) FOR FURTHER PROCESSING.  
 ALL REQUESTS THAT CAN BE APPROVED BY MACV-TASE ARE PASSED  
 TO 7AF TACC STRIKE PLANS TO BE FRAGGED.

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 (6) MAJOR III MAF COMMANDS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY 1600 HOURS OF THOSE  
 LOW PRIORITY REQUESTS THAT ARE DISAPPROVED DUE TO THE LACK OF  
 FLIGHTS TO FULFILL THEM.

6. (D) TARGET DESCRIPTION/TYPE MISSION  
 (A) CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MAY BE PREPLANNED TO ATTACK A WIDE VARIETY  
 OF GROUND TARGETS AND TO PERFORM OTHER TYPES OF MISSIONS THAT WILL  
 FACILITATE THE OPERATIONS OF GROUND FORCES OR PROVIDE PROTECTION.  
 (B) DESCRIPTIONS OF GROUND TARGETS MUST BE AS EXPLICIT AS POSSIBLE  
 AND INCLUDE COMMENTS ON THE TYPE AND DENSITY OF VEGETATION IN THE  
 TARGET AREA WHEN APPLICABLE. THE DESCRIPTION MUST PROVIDE  
 SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO FACILITATE THE TERMINATION OF THE MOST APPRO-  
 PRIATE ORDNANCE LOAD TO ACCOMPLISH DESIRED RESULTS.  
 (C) OTHER TYPES OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS AS DEFINED BELOW  
 MAY BE REQUESTED ON A PREPLANNED BASIS. MOST OF THESE ARE NON-  
 STANDARD TERMS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED FOR USE IN SOUTHEAST  
 ASIA TO ENSURE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE JOINT AIR-  
 GROUND OPERATIONS SYSTEM. THEY INCLUDE:  
 (1) CONVOY COVER: COLUMN COVER AS DEFINED IN JCS PUB 1.  
 (2) LANDING ZONE (LZ) COVER: COVER OF AN AIRMOBILE FORCE BY  
 AIRCRAFT IN RADIO CONTACT THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR ITS PROTECTION

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 BY RECONNAISSANCE AND/OR ATTACK OF AIR OR GROUND TARGETS WHICH  
 THREATEN FRIENDLY FORCES.

(3) LANDING ZONE PREPARATION (LZ PREP): FIRE DELIVERED ON  
 A SPECIFIC AREA TO NEUTRALIZE PRE-POSITIONED ENEMY/MINES/BOOBY  
 TRAPS AND TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN ATTACK  
 BY AN AIRMOBILE FORCE.

(4) LANDING ZONE (LZ) CONSTRUCTION: FIRE DELIVERED TO CLEAR  
 TERRAIN OF OBSTACLES, THEREBY CONSTRUCTING SITES TO ACCOMODATE THE  
 LANDING OF HELIBORNE FORCES. (NOTE: PRESENT CAPABILITY TO  
 CONSTRUCT HELICOPTER LZ'S IS LIMITED, THEREFORE EVERY EFFORT SHOULD  
 BE MADE TO SELECT SITES WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE VEGETATION CON-  
 SISTENT WITH TACTICAL PLANS).

(5) PRE-STRIKE: FIRE DELIVERED ON A SPECIFIC TARGET AREA TO  
 ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF AIMED ENEMY FIRE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN  
 ASSAULT BY GROUND FORCE.

(6) DROP ZONE (DZ) COVER: SAME AS LZ COVER EXCEPT APPLICABLE  
 TO OPERATIONS OF AN AIRBORNE ASSAULT FORCE.

(7) DROP ZONE PREPARATION (DZ PREP): SAME AS LZ PREP EXCEPT  
 APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS OF AN AIRBORNE ASSAULT FORCE.

D. LANDING ZONE COVER SHOULD BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE HELICOPTER

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E. REQUEST FOR ANY TYPE OF AIR COVER WILL INCLUDE AN ALTERNATE  
 TARGET ON WHICH FLIGHT MAY EXPEND BEFORE RETURNING TO BASE.

7. KAC JULIET NOVEMBER WILL BE USED IN PROCESSING EN-CODED  
 PARTS OF AIR REQUESTS.

8. PREPLANNED REQUESTS FOR AIR SUPPORT WILL BE PHONED TO III MAF  
 G-3 AIR AT III MAF 475, 476, 477, OR 478.

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~~A. 1ST MAW OP ORDER 305-57~~  
B. MAW DIRECTIVE 95-13 OF 24 FEB 68

1. TABLE TO APPENDIX 2 TO ANNEX I OF REF A. OUTLINES THE PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY 1ST MAW UNITS TO DISSEMINATE SAV-A-PLANES. THESE PROCEDURES ARE

IN ACCORDANCE WITH M.C. DOCTRINE, AND HAVE PROVEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE IN PAST. REFERENCE B DIRECTS A SIMILAR SYSTEM TO BE IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT

RVN. A CONFERENCE BETWEEN 1ST MAW REPRESENTATIVES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF

1ST AIR CAV WAS HELD ON 1 MAR 68 AT III MAF HQ RELATIVE TO PARTICIPATION

Y  
1ST AIR CAV IN THIS WARNING SYSTEM. RESULTS OF THIS MEETING WERE NOT SATISFACTORY.

2. NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ARE BEING RECEIVED BY THIS HQ RELATIVE TO THE HAZARDS TO FLIGHT SAFETY THAT ARE CREATED BY THE PRESENT SITUATION. TO

PRECLUDE LOSS OF VALUABLE 1ST MAW ASSETS, ALL MARINE AIRCRAFT WILL BE DETOURED AROUND THIS AREA.

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3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT III MAF INITIATE ACTION TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

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**S E C R E T** 07756 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTG CUSHMAN  
FROM GEN WESTMORELAND INFO GEN ABRAMS AND GEN MOMYER  
REF: YOUR SECRET MESSAGE 180724Z MAR. 68, SUBJ: LOCATION OF  
I DASC.

DURING MY VISIT WITH YOU SUNDAY, I DID BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF  
I DASC. BECAUSE OF THE BRIEFNESS OF THE DISCUSSION, THERE WAS  
APPARENTLY A MISUNDERSTANDING. I UNDERSTAND THAT I DASC HAS BEEN  
ESTABLISHED IN THE I CORPS COMPOUND, WITH SPACE HAVING BEEN MADE  
AVAILABLE BY LTG LAM. HOWEVER, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS SHOULD BE

AN INTERIM LOCATION PENDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HARDENED SITE. THE  
IDEAL LOCATION FOR THE HARDENED SITE WOULD BE ADJACENT TO YOUR TOC.  
THIS COLLOCATION WILL BRING ABOUT THE GROUND-AIR TEAM THAT IS SO  
IMPORTANT AND SIMPLIFY COMMUNICATIONS BY FACILITATING COORDINATION  
AND REDUCING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT. THIS ARRANGEMENT  
WILL GIVE YOU THE MEANS AT YOUR HQ TO CONTROL THE AIR EFFORT IN

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SUPPORT OF TROOPS UNDER YOUR OPERATIONAL CONTROL.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE PERMANENT SITE SHOULD BE AT THE IDEAL  
LOCATION, WHICH LOCATION WOULD BE NEXT TO YOUR TOC, IF AN AREA CAN  
BE PROVIDED. WE SHOULD NOT ACCEPT A SECOND-BEST ARRANGEMENT  
UNLESS IT BECOMES ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND I'M NOT CONVINCED THAT  
WE'VE REACHED THAT POINT.

GENERAL ABRAMS INFORMS ME THAT HE HAD A TALK WITH LAM  
ON THE MATTER AND WILL GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THAT DISCUSSION WHEN  
HE VISITS YOU THIS WEEK. WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY DRAGGING OF HEELS ON  
THIS MATTER. I MAKE THIS COMMENT BECAUSE I AM INFOMED THAT CER-  
TAIN ACTIONS CONCERNING PERSONNEL AND COMMUNICATIONS PRESCRIBED  
BY MY DIRECTIVE HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPLIED WITH.

GENERAL ABRAMS WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU THE LOCATION OF I DASC IN  
DETAIL. UPON HIS RETURN, I WILL ASK HIM TO PROVIDE ME A PROGRESS  
REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED DIRECTIVES.

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**SECRET SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS. PERSONAL FOR LTGEN  
KRULAK AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJGEN ANDERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
FOR FMFPAC F-62  
SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON ASSETS, STATUS AS OF  
17 MARCH**

1. AS REQUESTED, A SUMMARY OF EVENTS UP TO NOW AND MY OPINIONS ARE FORWARDED ON SUBJECT
2. 6 MAR - BOB KELLER WENT TO SAIGON TO ASSIST IN PREPARING THE MACV DIRECTIVE. HE CAME BACK THE 7TH WITH A PROPOSED DIRECTIVE WHICH CONTAINED NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES OVER THE ORIGINAL, SINCE THAT OPTION WAS NOT OPEN. HOWEVER, SLIGHTLY MORE PALATABLE LANGUAGE WAS PROPOSED IN SOME PLACES, AND A FIX OR TWO MADE ON CERTAIN WIRING DIAGRAMS. WE WERE TO CALL BACK CONCURRENCE. NEVERTHELESS, THAT EVENING BLOOD AND KERWIN INDUCED WESTMORELAND TO PUBLISH THE ORIGINAL 7TH AF PROPOSAL

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VIRTUALLY IN ITS ORIGINAL FORM AS MODIFIED BY ADM SHARP. THERE WAS REALLY NOTHING SIGNIFICANT WE COULD HAVE DONE TO THE DIRECTIVE, BUT THE IGNORING OF EVEN OUR RELATIVELY MINOR PROPOSALS INDICATED WHAT WAS TO BE EXPECTED. FINALLY, ON THE EVENING OF 9 MARCH WITH THE PERSONAL HELP OF ABRAMS A COPY OF THE DIRECTIVE WAS OBTAINED. IT WAS TO BE IMPLEMENTED ON 10 MARCH.

9 MAR - AT APPROXIMATELY 1030H 7AF RELEASED ITS INTERIM INSTRUCTIONS ON PROCEDURES TO HANDLE MARINE STRIKE SORTIES AND INCORPORATE THEM INTO 7TH AF DAILY FRAG (7TH AF 090130Z). THEY REQUESTED SPECIFIC INFO ON AIRCRAFT, FLIGHT SCHEDULES, SORTIE RATES ETC. THESE WERE FURNISHED. HOWEVER, SINCE THERE WERE NO REQUIREMENTS TO FRAG AGAINST, WE WERE TOLD TO CONTINUE OUR OPERATIONS AND CROSS-TELL WITH I DASC WHO IN TURN WOULD KEEP THE TAGC INFORMED. THE RECCE ASSETS WERE HANDLE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY. 7TH AF DIRECTOR OF COMBAT RECCE VISITED US ON 10 MARCH TO COORDINATE EMPLOYMENT OF OUR ASSETS WITH THEIRS. ALTHOUGH THE ARMY'S 245 SAC IS UNDER OUR OPCON, BOTH IT AND THE EW ASSETS OF VMCJ WERE IGNORED.  
10 MAR - COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES FOR FRAGGING FMAW AND FOR

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 REPORTING VMCJ-1'S PERFORMANCE TO 7TH AF WERE DISCUSSED WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

- A. ALL CURRENT PHOTO/IR RECCE MISSIONS WOULD BE REEVALUATED BY 7TH AF AND REASSIGNED TO FMAW BY MESSAGE.
- B. FUTURE SUCH MISSION REQUESTS WILL GO TO III MAF G-2 AIR, THEN TO TASE (TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT ELEMENT), THEN TO 7TH AF TACC FOR INCLUSION IN THE FMAW FRAG.
- C. FMAW WILL BE FRAGGED DAILY BY MESSAGE.
- D. FMAW WILL REPORT DAILY TO 7TH AF BY PHONE AND FOLLOW UP MESSAGES, VMCJ-1'S PERFORMANCE.

CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR THE RF4B WOULD BE:

- A. ONCE AIRCRAFT IS AIRBORNE IT IS UNDER THE DASC CONTROLLING THE TARGET AREA. THE DASC HAS AUTHORITY TO DIVERT THE AIRCRAFT TO ANY OTHER TARGET IN ITS AREA.
- B. ANY AIRCRAFT CAN BE DIVERTED TO ANY TARGET BY TASE THRU THE DASC.

11 MAR - BOTH I DASC AND DASC V AT PCV ANNOUNCED BY MESSAGE THAT THEY WERE FUNCTIONING AND HAD ASSUMED OPERATIONS AND CONTROL. I DASC STATED THE PURPOSE OF THE EXPANSION OF CONTROL WAS TO QUOTE FURNISH MORE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED AIR SUPPORT THROUGHTOUT

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I CORPS UNQUOTE. DASC VICTOR WAS MORE MODEST, THEY MERELY ANNOUNCED ASSUMPTION OF CONTROL FOR PCV AREA. ALSO ON 11 MAR I HAD THE FIRST OF TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH GEN BOLT, 7TH AF DIRECTOR TACC. THE SECOND OCCURED THE EVENING OF 16 MAR. TWO PRINCIPAL FACETS WERE DISCUSSED. FIRST, THE LOCATION OF THE SENIOR DASC IN I CORPS. SECOND, PHASING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MACV DIRECTIVE. AS REGARDS THE LOCATION OF THE DASC, AS YOU ARE AWARE, FOR REASONS PREVIOUSLY CITED, OUR POSITION WAS TO ESTABLISH THE SENIOR DASC IN THE FMAW COMPOUND. AFTER CONSIDERABLE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. ON THE 11TH, BOLT APPEARED TO AGREE WITH OUR RATIONALE. HOWEVER, ON THE 16TH HE REFLECTED MOMER'S POSITION THAT IT SHOULD EITHER REMAIN AT ITS PRESENT LOCATION AT I CORPS HQS OR BE PLACED AT III MAF HQS. AS TO THE PHASING OF THE IMPLEMENTING OF THE DIRECTIVE, I PROPOSED AND BOLT APPEARED TO AGREE THAT IN VIEW OF THE URGENCY TO IMPLEMENT WE WOULD HAVE TO BUILD ON EXISTING FACILITIES. I THEREFORE, SUGGESTED A THREE PHASE IMPLEMENTATION. PHASE I - USE EXISTING I DASC AND FMAW TACC FACILITIES, IMPROVING THE CROSS-TELL CAPABILITY WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING I DASC WITH REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR TRANSMISSION TO SAIGON

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PHASE 2 - INCORPORATE THE U. S. PORTION OF PRESENT I DASC INTO THE G-3 BUILDING AT FMAW, SINCE ITS EXPANDING FUNCTION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF MORE SPACE AND AN IMPROVED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.

PHASE 3 - AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF FMAW PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A NEW HARDENED SITE FOR ITS SENIOR AIR CONTROL CAPABILITY, WHICH WILL BE DESIGNED TO HOUSE A TADC AND THE III MAF DASC, MOVE INTO AND COMMENCE OPERATIONS FROM THIS FINAL SITE. AS OF NOW, THE FINAL DASC LOCATION IS UNCERTAIN AND THE IMPLEMENTATION IS PROCEEDING IN PHASE 1. THE ONLY OTHER MAJOR UNDETERMINED AREA IS IN THE NUMBER AND RANK STRUCTURE OF THE PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR AUGMENTATION OF THE TACC AND TASE AT SAIGON AND THE TWO DASC IN I CORPS. THIS SHOULD SHORTLY BE RESOLVED.

3. SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION. IT IS MY OPINION THAT IN THE HASTE TO IMPLEMENT THE DECISION, MANY DETAILS WERE OVERLOOKED. THE IMPLEMENTATION WAS PREMATURE, AND FACILITIES WERE NOT READY. PERSONNEL REQUIRED HAD NOT BEEN ASSIGNED, THE SYSTEM - OR RATHER MODUS OPERANDI - HAD NOT BEEN

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DEFINED CLEARLY OR IN ENOUGH DETAIL. THERE WERE NO TESTS OF THE SYSTEM, THERE WERE NO CPX OF COMMUNICATIONS. AND AS A RESULT, THE CONTROL AGENCIES WERE UNABLE TO ASSUME REQUISITE FUNCTIONS UPON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE MACV DIRECTIVE. THE DECISION ON SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF AIR ASSETS COMPLETELY IGNORES THE LARGEST GROUPMENT OF AIRCRAFT IN RVN. I FORSEE A VERY LARGE AND DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN THE COORDINATION OF OUR HELICOPTER OPERATIONS WITHIN THIS SYSTEM, AND WITH ARMY AIRCRAFT. USARV HAS APPROX 2900 AIRCRAFT IN COUNTRY. THE NUMBER IN I CORPS ALTHOUGH VARIABLE, ALWAYS IS SIZEABLE. WHILE THE 7TH AF, WITH MACV BLESSING, CHOOSES TO IGNORE THEM, WE DO NOT HAVE THAT LUXURY. THEY ARE AND WILL REMAIN A PROBLEM. HOWEVER, WE ARE SORTING THIS OUT, AND ACTUALLY RECEIVING MORE COOPERATION THAN EXPECTED.

4. MY INTENTIONS ARE TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE AND ASSETS AS REQUESTED AND REQUIRED, TO MAKE THE ACTUAL TRANSITION AS SMOOTH AS POSSIBLE. BUT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS 7TH AF/MACV CAN FORMULATE, MAN AND PUT INTO BEING A MODUS OPERANDI FOR I CORPS, THE WING WILL CONTINUE TO DO WHAT IS NEEDED TO OPERATE AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SUPPORT. I  
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**SECRET SECTION TWO OF TWO SECTIONS PERSONAL FOR LTGEN  
KRULAK AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJGEN ANDERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
SEE NO OTHER WAY TO GO, WITHOUT CAUSING UNLUE RISK TO OUR  
GROUND MARINES CURRENTLY IN CRITICAL CONTACT. REGARDLESS  
OF THE DIRECTIVE, MACV AND 7TH AF ARE NOT READY OR ABLE AS YET  
TO IMPLEMENT FULLY ITS PROVISIONS.  
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SECRET PERSONAL FOR GEN MOMYER INFO GEN WESTMORELAND  
FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
LOCATION OF I DASC

1. DURING GEN WESTMORELAND'S VISIT TO I CORPS YESTERDAY,  
THE PHYSICAL LIMITATION OF THE DASC AT I CORPS HEADQUARTERS  
BECAME A SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION. IN VIEW OF THE NEED FOR  
ADDED SPACE AND OPERATIVE COMMUNICATIONS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY  
AIR CONTROL HE AGREED WITH ME THAT CO-LOCATION WITH MY TADC  
PROVIDED AN ACCEPTABLE AND SPEEDY INTERIM SOLUTION.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE THEREFORE, YOUR EARLY INPUT INTO  
REMODELING AND COMMUNICATION PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS  
ADDED INTERIM FACILITY. CONTACT POINT LTCOL OSSERMAN,  
DANANG 6125. WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS (U)

REFERENCE:

A. CG III MAF 150520Z MAR 68.

1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO MACCOC DIRECTIVE 8 MARCH 1968, SAME SUBJECT, TACC REQUIRES TWO ADDITIONAL MARINE AVIATORS CAPT/MAJOR IN A FRAG BILLET. THEY SHOULD BE IN COUNTRY QUALIFIED. AT PRESENT THERE IS JUST ONE MARINE OFFICER IN A TACC BILLET, FOR TALLY HO - RPI AREA. A MINIMUM OF TWO IS REQUIRED FOR IM COUNTRY FRAG POSITIONS.

2. (S) THE REQUIREMENT AT I DASC CALLS FOR ONE BILLET AS ASSISTANT DEPUTY DIRECTOR (LT COL MARINE AVIATOR) ONE BILLET FOR FIGHTER DUTY OFFICER ON 24 HOUR SHIFT (CAPT/MAJOR AVIATOR IN THEATER QUALIFIED) AND ONE ENLISTED BILLET FOR AN OPERATIONS SPECIALIST ON 24 HOUR SHIFT. THE DASC VICTOR REQUIREMENT CALLS FOR ONE BILLET FOR FIGHTER DUTY OFFICER ON 24 HOUR SHIFT (CAPT/MAJOR AVIATOR IN THEATER QUALIFIED)

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AND ONE BILLET FOR ENLISTED OPERATIONS SPECIALIST ON 24 HOUR SHIFT. TOTAL PERSONNEL REQUIREMENT FOR OTHER BILLETS ARE NOT YET FIRM BUT WILL CONFORM TO THE 10 TOTAL POSITIONS IN THE SYSTEM.

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SEVEN MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSEST

SEVENTH AF TACC 141025Z MAR 68

FM CG FMAW 101343Z MAR 68

REF A CONTAINED CHANGE TO GROUND ALERT FRAG. REQ ALL RUTURE  
MESSAGES BE ADDRESSED TO CG FMAW, IAW REF B THIS HQ WILL FRAG  
MISSIONS TO ORGANIC AIRCRAFT GROUPS AS APPROPRIATE.

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SUBJ: PREPLANNED REQUESTS FOR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT (U)

REF: A. LTR, HQ MACV, MACJOD, 7 MAR 68, SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSES (S)

B. MACV FIRECTIVE 95-4, 28 JUN 66 (C)

C. MACV DIRECTIVE 95-11, 21 JUN 66 (C)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES PROCEDURES AND GUIDANCE FOR REQUESTING PREPLANNED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT UNDER THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ESTABLISHED BY REFERENCE A. IT SUPPLEMENTS REFERENCES B AND C WHICH WILL BE REVISED.

2. (C) ALLOCATIONS.

A. ALLOCATIONS OF FLIGHTS OF STRIKE AIRCRAFT ARE PROVIDED TO MAJOR COMMANDS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES. TOTAL ALLOCATIONS ARE BASED ON THE EXPECTED AVAILABILITY OF FLIGHTS PLUS A SMALL NUMBER

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B. TWO PLANNING ALLOCATIONS ARE TELEPHONED ENCODED TO DEPUTY G3 AIR, III MAF, BY MACV TASE (J3 AIR) PRIOR TO 2000 HOURS DAILY. THESE ALLOCATIONS ARE FOR:

(1) RADAR-CONTROLLED (TPQ-10/MSG-77) STRIKES FOR EXECUTION DURING PERIOD 1900 HOURS THE FOLLOWING NIGHT TO 0600 HOURS THE NEXT MORNING.

(2) STRIKES TO BE EXECUTED UNDER VISUAL OR RADAR CONTROL DURING PERIOD 0600 HOURS TO 1900 HOURS THE DAY AFTER REQUESTS ARE SUBMITTED.

C. THESE ALLOCATIONS ARE FOR SUBALLOCATION BY III MAF TO ALL US/FW GROUND TACTICAL UNITS REPORTING DIRECTLY TO CG, III MAF IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY CG III MAF.

D. SEPARATE ALLOCATIONS ARE MADE BY J3 AIR TO I CORPS.

E. THE DAILY PLANNING ALLOCATIONS TO III MAF REPRESENT THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS OF EACH TYPE THAT J3 AIR WILL ACCEPT BY TELEPHONE. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ALLOCATIONS FREQUENTLY MAY BE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET ALL VALID REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT J3 AIR BE INFORMED DAILY OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF VALID REQUIREMENTS FOR AIR SUPPORT FOR WHICH TACTICAL UNITS UNDER III MAF WOULD

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 SUBMIT REQUESTS IF UNLIMITED STRIKE SUPPORT WERE AVAILABLE.

3. (U) PREPLANNED REQUESTS.

A. ALL PREPLANNED REQUESTS ARE FORWARDED OVER GROUND FORCES COMMUNICATION CHANNELS. THEY MOVE PROGRESSIVELY UPWARD THROUGH EACH LEVEL OF COMMAND UNTIL THEY REACH MACV J3 AIR. AT EACH INTER-MEDIATE LEVEL OF COMMAND, ALL REQUESTS WILL BE EVALUATED, COORDINATED WITH OTHER FIRE SUPPORT MEANS, ASSIGNED A NUMERICAL PRIORITY, AND FORWARDED TO THE NEXT HIGHER LEVEL.

B. REQUESTS ARE FORWARDED BY TELEPHONE IN CLEAR TEXT EXCEPT THAT TARGET COORDINATES AND DESIRED TIME ON TARGET (TOT) ARE EN-CODED (SEE PARA 6 BELOW).

C. REQUESTS FOR RADAR-CONTROLLED STRIKES (SKYSPOTS) FOR EXECUTION BETWEEN 1900 HOURS ON DATE OF REQUEST AND 0600 HOURS THE NEXT MORNING WILL BE SUBMITTED TO J3 AIR NOT LATER THAN 1100 HOURS DAILY.

D. REQUESTS FOR STRIKES TO BE EXECUTED BETWEEN 0600 HOURS AND 1900 HOURS THE FOLLOWING DAY, EITHER FAC/TACA OR RADAR-CONTROLLED, WILL BE SUBMITTED TO J3 AIR NOT LATER THAN 1300 HOURS DAILY.

E. REQUESTS RECEIVED TOO LATE TO FORWARD WITH OTHER PRE-PLANNED REQUESTS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY J3 AIR. IF CONSIDERE

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 ESSENTIAL, THEY MUST BE FORWARDED THROUGH IMMEDIATE AIR REQUEST CHANNELS AT APPROPRIATE TIME.

F. ALL REQUESTS MUST HAVE POLITICAL CLEARANCE AS WELL AS TACTICAL APPROVAL PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO J3 AIR.

G. PREPLANNED REQUESTS WILL BE FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE AND IN THE SEQUENCE LISTED. CERTAIN ITEMS AS INDICATED ARE REQUIRED FOR ONLY ONE TYPE OF REQUEST--FAC OR SKYSPOT/SKYSPOT BACKUP MISSIONS.

(1) REQUEST NO.-- BF-15-3. THE BF IDENTIFIES UNIT WHICH ORIGINATED REQUEST; 15 REPRESENTS DATE REQUEST SUBMITTED; 3 INDICATES THIRD REQUEST OF ORIGINATING COMMAND FOR THAT DATE.

(A) ON ANY REQUESTED STRIKE WHICH FALL IN OR NORTH OF DMZ OR WEST OR RVN-LAOS BORDER, ADD TH TO REQUEST NUMBER TO DESIGNATE OUT-OF-COUNTRY STRIKE.

(B) THE THREE US ARMY DIVISIONS PRESENTLY IN I CTZ HAVE SERVED RECENTLY UNDER THREE DIFFERENT MAJOR COMMANDS AND US DIFFERENT SYSTEMS TO IDENTIFY ORIGINATOR OF AN AIR REQUEST. AMERICAN DIV REQUEST NUMBERS START WITH (OSCAR) FOLLOWED BY LETTER INDICATING BRIGADE ONLY. 1ST CAV DIV REQUEST NUMBERS START WITH B (BRAVO) FOLLOWED BY LETTER TO IDENTIFY THE BRIGADE OR BATTAL

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 LION ORIGINATING REQUEST. 101ST ABN DIV REQUEST NUMBERS START WITH 101 FOLLOWED BY TWO LETTERS WHICH IDENTIFY BRIGADE AND BATTALION.

(C) RECOMMEND III MAF ESTABLISH A UNIFORM SYSTEM FOR ALL US/FW GROUND TACTICAL UNIT IN I. CTZ TO INCLUDE MANEUVER BATTALION LEVEL. LETTERS M THROUGH T ARE ASSIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE; HOWEVER, 1ST CAV DIV MAY CONTINUE TO USE B (BRAVO) IF DESIRED. REQUEST THAT A COPY OF III MAF UNIT DESIGNATION SYSTEM BE FORWARDED TO HQ MACV, ATTN: COC-TASE, APO 96222.

(2) PRIORITY--III MAF WILL ASSIGN A III MAF PRIORITY (1 THROUGH TOTAL NUMBER OF REQUESTS OF EACH TYPE) TO ALL SKYSPOT AND FAC REQUESTS PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO J3 AIR.

(3) TARGET COORDINATES--TARGET LOCATION WILL BE ENCODED BY ORIGINATING COMMAND PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF REQUEST. FOUR DIGITS ARE ADEQUATE FOR STRIKES TO BE EXECUTED UNDER VISUAL CONTROL; EIGHT DIGITS ARE REQUIRED FOR ANY TARGET TO BE STRUCK UNDER RADAR CONTROL, I.E., SKYSPOT (NIGHT) OR SKYSPOT BACKUP (DAY).

(4) TARGET DESCRIPTION--SEE PARA 5 BELOW.

(5) DESIRED TOT (TIME ON TARGET)-- THIS MUST BE ENCODED.

(6) LATEST ACCEPTABLE TOT-- MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY CONSISTENT

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 WITH TACTICAL PLAN SHOULD BE PERMITTED. HARD TOTS SHOULD BE REQUESTED ONLY FOR HIGHEST PRIORITY MISSIONS WHICH MUST BE COORDINATED WITH FIRE AND MANEUVER OF GROUND FORCES. ACCEPTABLE TIME FRAME IS TRANSMITTED AS PLUS (OR MINUS) SPECIFIED NUMBER OF MINUTES OR HOURS FROM DESIRED TOT.

(7) FAC (REQUIRED FOR FAC REQUESTS ONLY)-- CALL SIGN OF FAC WHO WILL CONTROL STRIKE OR CONTROL AGENCY, SUCH AS MARINE DASC, WHICH WILL DESIGNATE FAC OR TACA WHO WILL DIRECT STRIKE.

(8) FREQUENCY (REQUIRED FOR FAC REQUESTS ONLY)-- FREQUENCY ON WHICH FAC OR OTHER CONTROL AGENCY CAN BE CONTACTED BY FLIGHT LEADER.

(9) RENDEZVOUS (REQUIRED FOR FAC REQUESTS ONLY)-- DESIGNATED HEADING AND DISTANCE IN NAUTICAL MILES FROM SPECIFIED TACAN STATION; E.G., 295/23/CHANNEL 69.

(10) HEADING (REQUIRED FOR SKYSPOT AND SKYSPOT BACKUP REQUESTS ONLY)-- DESIRED DIRECTION OF ATTACK IN DEGREES AND ACCEPTABLE TOLERANCE, E.G., 280 PLUS OR MINUS 10. DO NOT REQUEST A HEADING THAT WOULD CAUSE AIRCRAFT TO OVERFLY FRIENDLY TROOPS OR POPULATED AREAS ON BOMB RUN.

(11) RECIPROCAL (REQUIRED FOR SKYSPOT AND SKYSPOT BACKUP REQUESTS)  
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QUESTS ONLY)--IS RECIPROCAL OF RUN-IN HEADING AUTHORIZED? YES  
OR NO.

(12) FRIENDLIES (REQUIRED FOR SKYSPOT AND SKYSPOT BACKUP RE-  
QUESTS ONLY) -- DISTANCE AND DIRECTION FOR TARGET TO NEAREST  
FRIENDLY TROOPS OR POPULATED AREA, E. G. 2.5 KILOMETERS NW.

(13) BORDER-- BORDER INFORMATION NAO APPLICABLE TO III MAF;  
PERTAINS TO CAMBODIAN BORDER ONLY.

(14) RECOMMENDED ORDNANCE--INCLUDE FUSING IF APPROPRIATE.  
IF ANY SPECIFIC MUNITION IS UNACCEPTABLE, INDICATE HERE.

(15) IN SUPPORT--SPECIFY NAMED OPERATION, TAOR, OR AO  
SUPPORTED BY REQUESTED STRIKE.

(16) REMARKS--INCLUDE SUCH INFORMATION AS COORDINATION  
EFFEVED WITH OTHER COMMANDS IF STRIKE IS OUTSIDE TAOR OR AO OF  
REQUESTING UNIT, NUMBER OF FLIGHTS IF MULTIPLE STRIKES ARE DESIRED.

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 IN THE TARGET AREA WHEN APPLICABLE. THE DESCRIPTION MUST PROVIDE SUFFICIENT DETAIL TO FACILITATE DETERMINATION OF THE MOST APPROPRIATE ORDNANCE LOAD TO ACCOMPLISH DESRED RESULTS.

C OTHER TYPES OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS AS DEFINED BELOW MAY BE REQUESTED ON A PREPLANNED BASIS. MOST OF THESE ARE NONSTANDARD TERMS THAT HAVE BEEN PRESCRIBED FOR USE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO INSURE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING THROUGHOUT THE JOINT AIR-GROUND OPERATIONS SYSTEM. THEY INCLUDE:

- (1) CONVOY COVER: COLUMN COVER AS DEFINED IN JCS PUB 1.
- (2) LANDING ZONE (LZ) COVER: COVER OF AN AIRMOBILE FORCE BY AIRCRAFT IN RADIO CONTACT THEREWITH, PROVIDING FOR ITS PROTECTION BY RECONNAISSANCE AND/OR ATTACK OF AIR OR GROUND TARGETS WHICH THREATEN FRIENDLY FORCES.
- (3) LANDING ZONE PREPARATION (LZ PREP): FIRE DELIVERED ON A SPECIFIC AREA TO NEUTRALIZE PREPOSITIONED ENEMY MINES/BOOBY TRAPS AND TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN ATTACK BY AN AIRMOBILE FORCE.
- (4) LANDING ZONE (LZ) CONSTRUCTION: FIRE DELIVERED TO CLEAR TERRAIN OF OBSTACLES, THEREBY CONSTRUCTING SITES TO ACCOMMODATE THE LANDING OF HELIBORNE FORCES. (NOTE: PRESENT CAPABILITY TO

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 CONSTRUCT HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE IS LIMITED; THEREFORE, EVERY EFFORT SHUD BE MADE TO SELECT SITES WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE VEGETATION CONSISTENT WITH TACTICAL PLANS.)

- (5) PRESTRIKE: FIRE DELIVERED ON A SPECIFIC TARGET AREA TO ELIMINATE THE THREAT OF AIMED ENEMY FIRE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO AN ASSAULT BY GROUND FORCES.
  - (6) DROP ZONE (DZ) COVER: SAME AS LZ COVER EXCEPT APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS OF AN AIRBORNE ASSAULT FORCE.
  - (7) DROP ZONE PREPARATION (DZ PREP): SAME AS LZ PREPARATION EXCEPT APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS OF AN AIRBORNE ASSAULT FORCE.
- D. LANDING ZONE COVER SHUD BE CONSTRUED TO INCLUDE HELICOPTER ESCORT.
6. (C) KAC-JN (JULIET NOVEMBER) WILL BE USED IN PROCESSING ENCODED PARTS OF AIR REQUESTS. GP-4.
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**S E C R E T**

PERS AUG FOR SINGLE MGMT STRIKE AND RCN ASSETS  
A. ~~CG III MAF 150856Z MAR 68 (S) NOTAL~~  
FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

1. REF A REQUIRES PERS AUGMENTATION FOR MACV (TASE) PENDING  
ESTABLISHMENT PERMANENT MACV JTD BILLETS.  
2. ACCORDINGLY, ADDEES REQUESTED PROVIDE FOLLOWING PERS AS INDICATED:

1ST MARDIV 1 MAJ 0302  
1 E-6 8711 OR 0369  
3RD MARDIV 1 MAJ 0302  
1 CAPT 0202

3. REQ PERS REPT ON OR ABOUT 18 MAR 1968 TO HQ MACV (TASE) TAD  
IN EXCESS 30 DAYS.

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P 150520Z MAR 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

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RUMSBJ/CDR SEVENTH AF

INFO RUMHHQA/CINCPAC

RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMHMA/CG PROF CORPS VIETNAM

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PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION FOR SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON-  
NAISSANCE ASSETS.

A. COMUSMACV LTR TO CG III MAF (MACJ00) OF 7 MARCH 1968)

B. 7AF 091030Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A IS THE IMPLEMENTING DIRECTIVE FOR SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF TACTICAL AIR RESOURCES. PARA 4 REF A DIRECTS AUGMENTATION OF MACV (TASE) AND CERTAIN AIR CONTROL AGENCIES WITH MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL.
2. THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL WILL REPORT TO MACV (TASE) ABOUT 18 MARCH 1968 IN TDY STATUS PENDING FORMALIZATION AS MACV JTD BILLETS: 2 MAJORS, INFANTRY

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1 CAPTAIN, GROUND INTELLIGENCE

1 E-6, OPERATIONS, INFANTRY

3. PARA 4B, REF A REQUIRES AUGMENTATION OF TACC, I DASC, AND DASC VICTOR. REF B REQUESTS ONE MARINE CAPT/MAJ WITH FIGHTER EXPERIENCE IN RVN FOR IN-COUNTRY FRAG TEAM AND STATES THAT TWO WOULD BE DESIRABLE. TWO MARINE AVIATORS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING AT TACC IN FRAG BILLETS.
4. REQUEST TOTAL ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO FILL AIR CONTROL/SUPPORT CENTER BILLETS BY GRADE AND QUALIFICATION DESIRED.

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**FOR**

S E C R E T / C / DELIVERY FIRST DUTY HOUR  
PERSONAL FOR GEN CUSHMAN FROM MOMYER. INFO: GEN  
WESTMORELAND. I HAVE DISCUSSED WITH GEN WESTMORELAND  
THE LOCATION OF I DASC. AS YOU KNOW, I DASC HAS BEEN  
LOCATED WITH I CORPS FOR MORE THAN FOUR YEARS. AS  
A RESULT, IT HAS BECOME THE RIGHT HAND OF THE ARVN  
CORPS COMMANDER IN OBTAINING AIR SUPPORT FOR HIS  
TROOPS. AT THIS TIME IT WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE TO  
DISTURB THIS RELATIONSHIP AND PERHAPS CREATE THE  
WRONG IMPRESSION AFTER SO MANY YEARS THAT WE WERE  
DRAWING AWAY FROM ARVN RATHER THAN MOVING CLOSER  
TOGETHER. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS WHICH DICTATED THE  
NEED FOR EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW SYSTEM  
MADE IT NECESSARY TO USE THE EXISTING FACILITIES AT  
I DASC. AS A CONSEQUENCE, GEN WESTMORELAND HAS MADE

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THE DECISION TO TEMPORARILY KEEP I DASC IN ITS CURRENT  
LOCATION IN ORDER TO GET THE SYSTEM FULLY IMPLEMENTED  
AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. THE ULTIMATE LOCATION OF I DASC,  
HOWEVER, SHOULD BE IN YOUR COC. WHEN SO LOCATED IT WOULD  
PROVIDE A SIDE - BY - SIDE WORKING RELATIONSHIP OF ALL THE  
AIR AND GROUND ELEMENTS WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR GOOD  
TEAMWORK. IT IS GEN WESTMORELAND'S DESIRE THAT YOUR  
HARDENED COC SHOULD PROVIDE SPACE FOR THE MOVEMENT  
OF I DASC AT A LATER DATE. I HAVE ASKED COL FOGLE TO  
WORK WITH YOUR CHIEF OF STAFF ON SPACE REQUIREMENTS  
IN THE HARDENED COC. I AM MOST PLEASED WITH THE WAY  
YOUR PEOPLE AND MINE HAVE GOTTEN ON WITH THE JOB  
OF GETTING THE NEW SYSTEM GOING.

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SUBJ: ~~RECONNAISSANCE REPORTING (U)~~

THIS CONFIRMS TELECON BETWEEN CAPT PRICE J-2 I MAW AND MAJ VOLLRATH HQ 7AF DOCRI, 12 MAR 68. REFERENCE 7JUBZP0Z MAR 68.

1. THE DAILY SUMMARY INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REFERENCE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM PILOT CLAIMS FOR TARGETS ASSIGNED TO EACH MISSION. THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT HQ 7AF DOCRI BE FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFO:

- A. THE TARGET ASSIGNED TO EACH MISSION USING THE ASSIGNED TARGET NUMBERS.
- B. THE TAKE-OFF AND LANDING TIMES OF EACH MISSION.
- C. THE PILOT'S CLAIM FOR EACH TARGET. THIS SHOULD BE ESTIMATE OF THE PERCENTAGE OF EACH TARGET COVERED. IF NOT 100 PERCENT. THEY INDICATE THE REASON, I.E., 80 PERCENT-WEATHER, 60 PERCENT-ARTILLERY, 30 PERCENT TYPE MALFUNCTION, NO ATTEMPT-WEATHER. FROM THIS

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INFORMATION A DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE AS TO WHETHER THE MISSION WAS SUCCESSFUL OR UNSUCCESSFUL. A MINIMUM OF ONE TARGET MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED SUCCESSFULLY TO CREDIT THE MISSION AS BEING SUCCESSFUL. TARGET SUCCESS IS ATTAINED WHEN AT LEAST 75 PERCENT OF THE REQUIRED PHOTO OR SLAR COVERAGE IS OBTAINED OR 65 PERCENT OF THE REQUIRED IR COVERAGE. PINPOINT TARGETS REQUIRE 100 PERCENT COVERAGE.

- D. SCHEDULE DEVIATIONS I.E., ABORTS, CANCELLATIONS, ECT, ARE ALSO REQUESTED WITH BRIEF EXPLANATION.
- 2. THE ABOVE DATA ON ALL SVN RECONNAISSANCE FORCES IS BRIEFED TO THE COMMANDER ON A DAILY AND WEEKLY BASIS. THEREFORE, X IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THIS INFORMATION BE ACCURATE AND COMPLETE.
- 3. DUE TO LIMITED COMMUNICATION FACILITIES BETWEEN THE I MAW AND HQ 7AF DOCRI, THE ABOVE INFORMATION MAY BE PROVIDED BY THREE TELECON REPORTS PER DAY. IT WILL BE SATISFACTORY IF THESE ARRIVE AT DOCRI BY 1200H, 1520H, AND 0600H.
- 4. PLEASE ADVISE IF THESE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT CLEAR OR IF THE CONTENT AND TIMING OF THE REPORTS IS UNSATISFACTORY.

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FRAGGING OF III MAF RECONNAISSANCE FORCES (U)

- A. YOUR 081210Z MAR 68
  - B. YOUR 090820Z MAR 68
  - C. CG III MAF 110622Z MAR 68 (NOTAL)
  - 1. INFORMATION REQ IN REF A CONCERNING
    - A. SENSOR CONFIGURATIONS
    - B. PERTINENT A/C PERFORMANCE FACTORS
    - C. NUMBER AND TYPE OF AVAIL A/C
    - D. OUTSTANDING RECON REQUESTS
    - E. TARGET LOCATIONS
    - F. TELEPHONE COMM/TELETYPE ADDRESS
- DELIVERED IN PERSON TO 7AF REPS DURING VISIT DISCUSSED IN

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PARA 2 REF B.

- 2. INFO CONCERNING
    - A. EF-08/EA-6A PERFORMANCE FACTORS
    - B. MISSION PROFILES
    - C. ECM EQUIPEMNT/CHARACTERISTICS
- NOW BEING MAILED TO 7AF DOCR-E AS AGREED 7AF REP/EWO FMAW.
- 3. REPORTING IAW REF A AS MODIFIED DURING LIAISON VISIT COMMENCED PERIOD 0001 TO 2400 11 MARCH 1968.
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~~PLAN FOR LOCATION OF SENIOR III MAF DASC~~  
~~AS MACV DIRECTIVE (MACJ00) OF 7 MAR 68~~

1. IAW REF A, THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON ASSETS CONCEPT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. IN VIEW OF URGENCY TO IMPLEMENT IT IS APPARENT WE MUST BUILD ON EXISTING FACILITIES. TO ACCOMPLISH AS SMOOTH A TRANSITION AS POSSIBLE, A THREE PHASED IMPLEMENTATION IS PROPOSED.  
PHASE I: PRESENT TO 1 APR 68. USE EXISTING I DASC AND FMAW TADC FACILITIES, IMPROVING THE CROSS-TELL CAPABILITY WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING I DASC WITH REQUIRED INFORMATION FOR TRANSMISSION TO SAIGON TACC.  
PHASE II: 1 APR 68-1 JUN 68. INCORPORATE THE U.S. PORTION OF PRESENT I DASC INTO THE G-3 BUILDING AT FMAW, SINCE ITS

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EXPANDING FUNCTION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF MORE SPACE AND AN IMPROVED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. DURING THIS PHASE, THE HARDENED SITE TO HOUSE THE SENIOR DASC SHOULD BE COMPLETED.

PHASE III: APPROX 1 JUN 68. RELOCATE THE REMAINDER OF I DASC INTO THE NEW HARDENED SITE AND PROCEED WITH OPERATIONS.  
3. UPON SEPARATION FROM PRESENT I DASC SITE ON 1 APR DASC WILL BE KNOWN AS III MAF DASC. I DASC WILL REMAIN WITH I CORPS IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. NUMBER U. S. PERSONNEL REMAINING WITH I DASC WOULD BE MINIMAL.  
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RUMMWAA/III MAF DANANG AB RVN~~  
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ZEN/III DASC BIEN HOA RVN  
ZEN/IV DASC CAN THO RVN  
ZEN/DASC ALPHA NHA TRANG RVN  
ZEN/DASC VICTOR PHU BAI RVN  
ZEN/834 AIR DIVISION TSN AB RVN  
ZEN/460 TRW TSN AB RVN  
RUMHAW/1ST MARINE AIR WING DANANG AB RVN  
ZEN/3 TFW BIEN HOA AB RVN  
ZEN/12 TFW CAM RANH BAY AB RVN  
ZEN/31 TFW TUY HOA AB RVN  
ZEN/35 TFW PHAN RANG AB RVN  
ZEN/37 TFW PHU CAT AB RVN  
ZEN/366 TFW DANANG AB RVN (MESSENGER)  
ZEN/483 TR OOP CARRIER WING DANANG AB RVN (MESSENGER)

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 ZEN/311 ACS PHAN RANG AB RVN  
 ZEN/PROJECT TIGER HOUND DANANG AB RVN (MESSENGER)  
 ZEN/AMERICAL ALO CHU LAI AB RVN  
 RUMHLA/1ST MAR DIV DANANG AB RVN  
 ZEN/2ND ROK BRIGADE ALO HOI AN RVN  
 ZEN/19 TASS BIEN HOA AB RVN  
 ZEN/20 TASS DANANG AB RVN (MESSENGER)  
 ZEN/21 TASS NHA TRANG AB RVN  
 ZEN/22 TASS CAN THO AB RVN  
 ZEN/504 TASS BIEN HOA AB RVN  
 ZEN/2ND ARVN DIV ALO QUANG NGAI RVN

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 S E C R E T/I DASC MAR 68, SUBJECT: EXPANDED OPERATIONS OF I DASC.  
 I DASC HAS ASSUMED EXPANDED OPERATIONS AS THE SENIOR DASC IN I CORPS  
 AS OF 2400H, 10 MARCH 1968. THE PURPOSE OF THIS EXPANSION IS TO  
 FURNISH MORE EQUITABLY DISTRIBUTED AIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT I CORPS.  
 PREPLANNED REQUESTS IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION, 2ND ROK MARINE  
 BRIGADE AND AMERICAL DIVISION WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH III MAF G-3.  
 IMMEDIATE REQUESTS IN SUPPORT OF 1ST MARINE DIVISION, 2ND ROK MARINE  
 BRIGADE, AMERICAL DIVISION AND 2ND ARVN DIVISION WILL BE PASSED

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 DIRECTLY THROUGH I DASC. NEW COMMUNICATIONS ARE NOW BEING INSTALLED  
 AND WILL BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THEREBY SUPPLE-  
 MENTING THE LIMITED FACILITIES NOW IN OPERATION. ALL UNITS ARE  
 INFORMED OF STANDARD OPERATIONAL FREQUENCIES HERETOFORE UTILIZED  
 BY I DASC. THE CALL SIGN FOR I DASC REMAINS WOODENQUEST IN THE  
 DIRECT AIR REQUEST NET. REQUEST 7AF IACC NOTIFY APPROPRIATE CRC AND  
 MSQ SITES. FURTHER REQUEST III MAF NOTIFY APPROPRIATE TPQ-10 SITES.  
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FM DASC VICTOR  
TO RUMHVP/3RD MAR DIV DONG HA  
RUMHVP/26TH MAR REGT KHE SANH  
INFO RUMMWAA/III MAF & I DASC  
RUMSAL/7AF TACC

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1. (C) AS DIRECTED BY MAOV LTR, SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS, DASC VICTOR HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT TO UNITS UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF PROVISIONAL CORPS VIETNAM (PROV CORPS V).

2. (S) THE DIRECT AIR REQUEST NET (DARN) HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE COORDINATION BETWEEN OPS/CON UNITS AND DASC VICTOR FOR TAC-

TICAL AIR SUPPORT. DARN FREQUENCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- HF PRIMARY DAY 8087.5 UPPER
- HF PRIMARY DAY 8086. LOWER
- HF SECONDARY NIGHT 4844.5 UPPER
- HF SECONDARY NIGHT 4843 LOWER

CAL SIGNS AS FOLLOWS:

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| DASC VICTOR          | TEABALL         |
| 1ST AIR CAV DIV (AM) | TEABALL 1-10    |
| ASSIGNED UNITS       | TEABALL 11---19 |
| 101ST AIR BN DIV     | TEABALL 20      |
| ASSIGNED UNITS       | TEABALL 21---29 |
| 3RD MAR DIV          | TEABALL 30      |
| ASSIGNED UNITS       | TEABALL 31---39 |
- DIVISIONAL MANEUVERING UNITS OPERATING IN SEPARATE LOCATIONS WILL BE ASSIGNED INDIVIDUAL CALL SIGNS.

3. (S) PRIMARY STRIKE AIRCRAFT CONTACT FREQUENCY IS 232.6 UHF. COMMON VHF FREQUENCY IS 138.6. TWO ADDITIONAL DISCRETE VHF FREQUENCIES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUIRE.

4. (C) LONG LINE COMMUNICATIONS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED FOR DIRECT COORDINATION AND A BACK-UP CAPABILITY FOR THE DIRECT AIR REQUIRE NET

THESE LINES AND HF RADIO TERMINALS SHOULD BE LOCATED IN THE AGENCY RESPONSIBLE FOR REQUESTING TACTICAL AIR SUPPOR. 3RD MARINE DIV, DONG HA, LONG LINE CIRCUIT SPM-3. 26TH MARINE RGT, KHE SANH, LONG LINE CIRCUIT ZBH-1.

5. (U) FOR COORDINATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER CONTACT COL JOHN WAYS, III MAF LIAISON OFFICER, PHONE PHU BAI 2606 TOC 32, OR COL PAUL HENDERSON, DIRECTOR DASC VICTOR, PHONE 2610, 2763, PROV CORPS V, PHU BAI.

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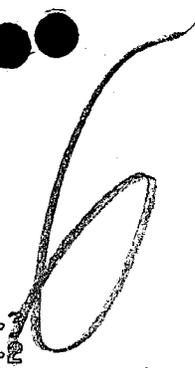
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- RUMMAA/III MAF DANANG
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- RUMNVB/I I DASC FLEIKU
- RUMNVB/DASC ALAPHA OKA TRANG
- RUMSDH/ISC BEIN HOA
- RUMSMT/IV DASC CAN THO
- RUMSBJ/834 AIR DIV TAN SON NHUT
- RUMSBJ/460 TRU TAN SON NHUT
- RUMHAW/1ST MARINE AIR WING DANANG
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- RUMSJ 5/19 TASS BEIN HOA
- RUMHPB/29 TASS DANANG
- RUMNTB/21 TASS NHA TRANG
- RUMSMT/22 TASS CAN THO
- RUMHVP/3 MAR DIV ALO DONG HA
- ZEN/101ST ABN DIV ALO GIA LE
- RUMWAA/1ST CAV ALO CAMP EVANS

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 S E C R E T 00209  
 SUBJ : ACTIVATION OF DASC V (U)

1. (S) DASC VICTOR BECAME OPERATIONAL THIS DATE AS OF 0800 HRS. DASC VICTOR WAS ORGANIZED TO PROVIDE MORE RESPONSIVE SUPPORT TO THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED PROVISIONAL CORPS VIETNAM (PCV) IN NORTHERN I CORPS. OP CON UNITS TO PCV WILL BE THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIV, 1ST CAV DIV AND 3RD MARINE DIVISION. ALL PREPLANNED REQUESTS FOR AIR SUPPORT FROM THESE UNITS WILL COME THROUGH THE PCV. REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT WILL BE HANDLED THROUGH DASC VICTOR. PRESENT COMMUNICATIONS LINES ARE LIMITED BUT IMPROVING. AFFECTED OP CON UNITS HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF ALL PRESENT OPERATING RADIO FREQUENCIES. THE CALL SIGN FOR THE DASC VICTOR DIRECT AIR REQUEST NET IS TEA BALL.

2. (S) REQUEST 7AF TAGC NOTIFY APPROPRIATE CRC AND MSQ SITES. FURTHER REQUEST III MAF NOTIFY APPROPRIATE TPQ-10 SITES.

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RUMSAL C/I MAW JNANG AB RVN  
RUMSO/I DASC DANANG RVN~~

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

SUBJ: FRAGGIV OF III MAF RECONNUSSANCE FORCES (U).

1. IT IS NO FEASIBLE FOR THIS HEADQUARTERS TO PUBPSH A DEFINITIVE KAG ORDER FOR III F RECONNAISSANCE OQRATIONS UNTIL WEURE IN RECEIPT OF TY INFORMATION REQUESTED IN OUR MESSAGE 08/1210Z MAR 68; SAME SUBJECT.

2. REPRESENTATIS OF 7AF FAMILIAC WITH RECONNAISSANC SOPERATIONS WILL VSIT YOUR HEADQUARZRS, 10 MAR 68, TO DISCUSS PROCEDUJS FOR OBTAINING XUR RECONNAISSANCE JQUIREMENTS, PREPJATION OF FRAG OJERS, AND FOR MOCTORING MISSION ACVPLISHMENTS. IN HE INTERIM, REQUST YOU CONTINUE RKONNAISSANCE OPERATVNS IN ACCORDANCE QITH EXISTING DIRECPON AND PROVIDE INFM COPIES OF YOUR

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RECONNAISSANCE PLANS ON A DAPY BASIS TO 7AF DOCR), TAN SON NGT RVN.

3. FURTHER, REQUEST YOU SUBMIT A DAILY SUMMARY OF YOUR RECM OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 0001H 0 2400H TO 7AF BCR. REPORT DESCED BY 0600H FOLLING DAY. FOLLOWIV INFORMATION REQUESTED: (A) SORTIES SCHEDULED, (B) SORTIES FLOWN (C) TARGETS ATEMPTED, (D) TARGETS CLAIMED, (E) TARGETS LOY FOR WX, ARTILLE, OR MALFUNCTIMS, (F) NUMBER JD-ON SORTIES, (G) CANX SORTIES AF REASONS, AND H) SORTES SCHEKLED FOR FOLLOCG DAY. INFORMATIM REQUIRED TO PROV

E DEPCOMUSMACV FG AIR OPS WITH DATA COVERING TOTAL REVNNAISSANCE EFFORT

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SECRET TACD.

SUBJECT: CONTROL OF MARINE AIR RESOURCE IN RVN (U)  
THIS MESSAGE IN IV PARTS.

PART I

WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UPPER AND LOWER I CORPS ON 10 MARCH IT IS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO HANDLE MARINE STRIKE SORTIES AND TO INCORPORATE THEM IN THE 7AF DAILY FRAG.

PART II

IT WILL REQUIRE THE BEST EFFORTS OF ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED TO ACHIEVE A SMOOTH TRANSITION. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE REQUIREMENT TO CONSOLIDATE AIR RESOURCES, THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER HAS FORWARDED A COPY OF THE TACC DAILY FRAG ORDER ALONG WITH A BRIEF EXPLANATORY MESSAGE (TACPS 08/0711Z MAR). IF

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FURTHER EXPLANATION DESIRED TACC IS PREPARED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO BRIEF OR ANSWER QUERIES ON IMMEDIATE AND/OR PRE-PLAN REQUEST/ RESPONSE PROCEDURES.

PART III

TO PROVIDE CLEAR EFFECTIVE DAILY FRAGMENTARY ORDERS AND IMMEDIATE SCRAMBLE DIRECTIONS 7AF TACC REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:

A. WEEKLY FLYING SCHEDULE BY UNIT TO INCLUDE: NUMBER, TYPE AND CALL SIGN OF AIRCRAFT IN EACH FLIGHT; DESIRED TOT'S; LIST OF ORDNANCE AVAILABLE; LOAD CAPACITY OF EACH TYPE AIRCRAFT BY TYPE ORDNANCE; RANGE WITH AVERAGE LOAD; TYPICAL LOAD MIXES BOTH SOFT (FOR CLOSE, LOW LEVEL SUPPORT) AND HARD (HIGH ANGLE BOMB OR COMBAT SKYSPOT); FUZING AVAILABLE BY TYPE.

B. ALERT POSTURE TO INCLUDE: NUMBER AND TYPE IN EACH FLIGHT BY LOCATION; NORMAL ORDNANCE LOADS AND CALLSIGNS. NORMAL TURN AROUND TIME.

PART IV

TO BEGIN OPERATIONS ON THE SCHEDULED DATE WILL REQUIRE RESPONSE BY RETURN MESSAGE, BUT NOT LATER THAN 1200H 10 MAR. SUCCEEDING SCHEDULES WILL NORMALLY BE SUBMITTED ON A WEEKLY BASIS. DAILY CHANGES WILL BE ACCEPTED AS REQUIRED. I MAW PARTICIPATION ON THE

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IN-COUNTRY FRAG TEAM IS REQUESTED. ONE MARINE CAPTAIN/MAJOR WITH FIGHTER EXPERIENC IN RVN IS JUDGED NECESSARY, TWO WOULD BE DESIRABL ON PCS OR EXTENDED TDY TO HQ 7AF, TSN.

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SUBJ: FRAGGIN OF III MAF RECONNAISSANCE FORCES (U)

1. 7AF DOCR NEEDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MLT 1000Z 9 MAR 68 TO DEVELOP PROPER FRAG ORDERS FOR III MAF RECON FORCES 10 MAR 68:

- A. NUMBER AND TYPE AVAILABLE AIRCRAFT.
- B. OPERATING LOCATION.
- C. SENSOR CONFIGURATIONS
- D. PERTINENT AIRCRAFT PERFORMANCE FACTORS.
- E. TELETYPE ADDRESS OF UNITS TO RECEIVE FRAGMENTARY ORDERS.
- F. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE TO UNITS EXERCISING DIRECT COMMAND AND CONTROL.
- G. NUMBER OF OUTSTANDING RECON REQUESTS BY TYPE OF TARGET OR COVERAGE, PRI ORITY, AND LOCATION, I.E., RP-1, DMZ, NIAGARA, I

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CORPS.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, A DAILY REPORT IS NECESSARY TO ARRIVE NLT 0400Z PROVIDING SORTIES THAT CAN BE GENERATED BY AIRCRAFT TYPE FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. FOR FRAG PURPOSES THE DAY WILL BE 0800H-08 00H. MISSION NUMBERS, CALL SIGNS AND TAKEOFF TIMES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED. THE FIRST DAILY REPORT SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE INITIAL REPORT.

3. MARINE RECON SORTIES WILL BE USED INSOFAR AS POSSIBLE IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS AND PROVISIONAL CORPS VICTOR REQUIREMENTS. RECONNAISSANCE REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH MACV DIR 95-11.

4. THE FRAG ORDER PUBLISHED BY 7AF DOCR WILL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING:

- A. MISSION NUMBERS.
- B. MISSION CALL SIGN.
- C. TYPE AIRCRAFT.
- D. SCHEDULE TAKEOFF TIME.
- E. ALERT PERIODS IF APPROPRIATE.
- F. RECON PRODUCTS COURIER SCHEDULE.
- F. NEWLY ASSIGNED TARGETS.

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5. III MAF RECON FORCES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ARTILLERY COORDINATION, TARGET GROUPING FOR EFFECTIVE SORTIE UTILIZATION, AND ASSIGNMENT OF AIRCRAFT TO MISSIONS. DETAILS FOR MONITORING TARGET AND MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT WILL BE WORKED OUT BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH III MAF AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. 7AF POINT OF CONTACT IS LTCOL BEITZEL, DOCR I, TSN 4223/4420. REPORTS SHOULD BE SENT TO 7AF DOCR, TAN SON NHUT AB, RVN.

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

1. BY NOW YOU HAVE THE PAPERS REFLECTING SHARP'S DECISION TO SUPPORT WESTMORELAND AND MOMYER IN THEIR DESIRE TO TAKE OVER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF YOUR TACTICAL AIR RESOURCES. THE PAPERS ARE SELF-EXPLANATORY, AND NEED NO ELABORATION FROM ME.
2. YOUR OBVIOUS AND FIRST REACTION WILL CERTAINLY BE TO ASSURE WESTY THAT YOU ARE PROFESSIONALS, FIRST AND LAST, AND THAT EVEN A POOR DECISION WILL HAVE YOUR ENERGETIC AND UNRESERVED SUPPORT.
3. BEYOND THAT, I AM SURE YOU WILL, FROM THE START, ASSEMBLE AN HONEST RECORD OF THE AIR FORCE STEWARDSHIP OF OUR ORGANIC RESOURCES. AMONG OTHER THINGS, YOU SHOULD:

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- A. DOCUMENT EACH MISSION AND NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT REQUESTED VERSUS WHAT IS ACTUALLY PROVIDED.
  - B. DOCUMENT THE TYPE ORDNANCE REQUESTED FOR EACH MISSION VERSUS WHAT WAS PLACED ON TARGET.
  - C. IDENTIFY THOSE IMMEDIATE AIR REQUESTS WHICH WERE MET BY DIVERTS, AND NOTE THE ADEQUACY OF THE DIVERTED AIRCRAFT FOR THE TASK.
  - D. RECORD ALL OF THE INCRITICAL ELEMENTS CONSTITUTING THE TOTAL RESPONSE TIMES, FROM THE REQUEST TO THE DELIVERY OF AIR SUPPORT. I SEE THIS AS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT BEING DONE NOW FOR THE ANALYSIS OF OUR OWN AIR CONTROL SYSTEM.
  - E. COMPLAINTS IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE IS IN ISSUE, WHERE YOU ARE SURE YOU ARE CORRECT AND CAN DOCUMENT YOUR POSITION.
4. TO FILL OUT YOUR BACKGROUND, CMC HAS TAKEN UP THE CASE WITH THE JCS, TABLING A FINE MEMO YESTERDAY WHICH UNDERSCORES THESE POINTS:
- A. OUR AIR IS AN INSEPARABLE PART OF OUR COMBAT SYSTEM, SERVING THE SAME PURPOSE - ALBEIT BETTER - AS

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DOES THE ARMY'S ORGANIC AIR.

B. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DEFICIENCY IN OUR SYSTEM.

C. SHARP HAS APPROVED TRANSFER OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF 1ST MAW TACTICAL AIR ASSETS TO MOMYER. THIS CONTRAVENES A JCS DIRECTIVE, AND IS THEREFORE IN EXCESS OF SHARP'S AUTHORITY.

D. ANY CHANGES SHOULD BE MADE BY THE JCS, FOLLOWING STUDY OF THE PROPOSITION.

5. I HAVE PUT SHARP ON NOTICE THAT HE COULD BE IN FOR TROUBLE, STRESSING THESE POINTS:

A. HE HAS MADE A MAJOR ORGANIZATIONAL DECISION WHICH AFFECTS ADVERSELY THE MARINES' FIGHTING POWER AT A CRITICAL HOUR IN THE BATTLE.

B. HE HAS DONE IT ON THE BASIS OF HEARING ONE SIDE OF THE STORY. (HE HAS NOT LISTENED TO OUR SIDE; INDEED, HAS REFUSED TO HEAR IT, TELLING ME THAT HE ALREADY KNOWS OUR SIDE AND, ANYHOW, THAT WESTY IS A BIG COMMANDER, AND SHOULD HAVE WHAT HE WANTS.)

C. WE HAVE YET TO HEAR ANY SPECIFICATION OF FAILURE ON OUR PART FROM WESTY OR FROM THE AIR FORCE. I STILL HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF WHAT THEY THINK IS WRONG.

D. WE ARE GOING TO TRY TO MAKE IT WORK; KEEPING A

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6. THAT IS WHERE WE STAND. ALL THE BEST.

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SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS  
1. WE NOW HOLD OFFICIALLY WESTMORELAND'S LETTER TO SHARP OF 26 FEBRUARY ON SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS IN RVN AND SHARP'S RESPONSE THERETO DATED 2 MARCH. I REALIZE THAT YOU HOLD THE SUBSTANCE OF WESTMORELAND'S 26 FEBRUARY LETTER BUT I AM RETRANSMITTING IT TO INSURE THAT YOU HAVE THE FULL DOCUMENT. CHARTS WILL BE CORRECTED VIA COMMAND CENTER TELECON.

QUOTE  
SUBJECT: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS (U)

TO: ADMIRAL U. S. GRANT SHARP

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COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC  
FPO 96553

1. (U) REFERENCE: SECRET MESSAGE MAC 02365, 191239Z FEB 68.

2. (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY INSTRUCTIONS, GENERAL MOMYER VISITED III MAF ON 20 FEBRUARY 1968 AND BRIEFED LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN ON HIS PLAN FOR CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF THE AIR ASSETS IN THE FIRST CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, LESS HELICOPTERS AND TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT. A FOLLOWUP BRIEFING WAS CONDUCTED BY MEMBERS OF GENERAL MOMYER'S STAFF ON 22 FEBRUARY 1968 TO BRIEF IN GREATER DETAIL THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF AIR ASSETS, AS THEY PERTAIN TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVISIONAL CORPS, VIETNAM, UNDER THE TACTICAL CONTROL OF LTG CUSHMAN. IN THIS CAPACITY, LTG CUSHMAN WOULD BE SERVING AT THE FIELD ARMY LEVEL.

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3. (U) LTG CUSHMAN'S SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED IN THE PREPARATION OF THE DIRECTIVE I WOULD SEND HIM. THIS DIRECTIVE IS INCLOSED, TOGETHER WITH AN ATTACHMENT DESCRIBING THE AIR CONTROL AND COORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS TO BE IMPLEMENTED.

4. (S) YOUR AGREEMENT IS REQUESTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AS I DESIRE TO REORGANIZE ON AN URGENT BASIS IN ORDER TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL WHEN THE BATTLE OF I CORPS NORTH REACHES ITS MAXIMUM INTENSITY AND

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UPON THE ACTIVATION OF PROVISIONAL CORPS, VIETNAM.

5. (U) I AM SENDING IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS MAJOR GENERAL BLOOD AS MACV AND SEVENTH AIR FORCE REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS THIS ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF.

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AS

W. C. WESTMORELAND  
GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY  
COMMANDING

SUBJECT: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF FIGHTER BOMBER AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS (U)

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL  
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE  
FPO 96602

1. (S) BECAUSE OF THE INCREASED DEPLOYMENT OF ARMY FORCES TO I CORPS AREA, THE CONCENTRATION OF AIR EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF ALL GROUND FORCES BEING DEPLOYED, AND THE OVERRIDING REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN THE FLEXIBILITY TO CONCENTRATE THIS EFFORT AS DIRECTED BY THE ENEMY THREAT, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE TO ACHIEVE A SINGLE MANAGER FOR CONTROL OF TACTICAL AIR RESOURCES. CONSEQUENTLY, I HAVE DECIDED TO CHARGE MY DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR AIR OPERATIONS WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COORDINATING AND DIRECTING THE AIR EFFORT THROUGHOUT

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VIETNAM, TO INCLUDE I CORPS AND THE EXTENDED BATTLE AREA. HE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SEEING TO IT THAT THE AIR EFFORT IS APPLIED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER IN FURTHERVANCE OF THE MACV MISSION.

2. (S) YOU WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO MY DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR AIR OPERATIONS THE FOLLOWING AIR ASSETS FOR MISSION DIRECTION:

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- A. STRIKE AIRCRAFT.
- B. RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT.
- C. TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEM AS REQUIRED.

3. (S) MY DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR AIR OPERATIONS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FRAGGING AND OPERATIONAL DIRECTION OF THESE AIR ASSETS WITH ALL OTHER AVAILABLE ASSETS NOW UNDER HIS CONTROL TO MEET THE DAILY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF FORCES IN I CTZ. CONSISTENT WITH THE TACTICAL SITUATION, MARINE AIRCRAFT WILL BE FRAGGED THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE DASC TO SUPPORT MARINE GROUND UNITS. IN THE JOINING TOGETHER OF THE TWO TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEMS TO INSURE CONTINUITY OF CONTROL OF AIR OPERATIONS, THE INTEGRITY OF THE MARINE TACTICAL CONTROL SYSTEM SHALL BE PRESERVED. MARINE HELICOPTERS AND AIRLIFT ASSETS WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THIS DIRECTIVE.

4. (S) I EXPECT YOU TO PROVIDE MY DEPUTY COMMANDER FOR AIR OPERATIONS WITH THE FOLLOWING:

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A. G2 AND G3 AIR REPRESENTATION IN THE MACV TASE TO ESTABLISH PRIORITY OF EFFORT BETWEEN MAJOR COMMANDS. ALSO, PERSONNEL TO AUGMENT THE TACC AND APPROPRIATE DASCs (TOTAL PERSONNEL INVOLVED SHOULD NOT EXCEED TEN).

B. DAILY STATUS REPORT OF AVAILABILITY OF AIRCRAFT FOR FRAGGING IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR ESTABLISHED PRIORITIES.

C. MISSION REPORTS.

D. SUCH OFFICERS AS YOU SEE NECESSARY FOR PLANNING SPECIAL ALLIED OR COMBINED AIR OPERATIONS.

5. (S) THE INCLOSURE REFLECTS THE ORGANIZATION OF FORCES IN I CTZ AND DESCRIBES AIR CONTROL AND COORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS. ADDITIONALLY, A DESCRIPTION OF THE REPORTING PROCEDURES IS INCLUDED.

W. C. WESTMORELAND  
GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY  
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PART I

ORGANIZATION AND COMMAND RELATIONS

1. US/ARVN FORCES IN NORTHERN I CORPS ARE ORGANIZED IN A PROVISIONAL CORPS (DESIGNATED PROVISIONAL CORPS BRAVO FOR PRESENT PURPOSE) UNDER COMMAND/CONTROL OF A US CORPS COMMANDER (US ARMY). INCLUDED ARE

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THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS: 101ST AIRBORNE, 1ST AIR CAVALRY, 3D MARINE, 1ST ARVN. THE CORPS COMMANDER IS RESPONSIBLE TO CG III MAF, WHO IS OVERALL US COMMANDER IN I CORPS. RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CG III MAF AND CG I CORPS (ARVN) REMAINS UNCHANGED. (SEE CHART PG 4)

2. CG III MAF/CG 1ST CORPS (ARVN) EXERCISE DIRECT COMMAND/CONTROL OVER REMAINING US/ARVN/FWMAF IN I CORPS, FUNCTIONING IN EFFECT AS CORPS COMMANDER FOR THESE UNITS (1ST MARINE DIVISION, AMERICAL DIVISION, 2D ARVN DIVISION, 2D ROK MARINE BRIGADE).

3. THE DA NANG DASC (I DASC), APPROPRIATELY EXPANDED AND WITH MARINE PERSONNEL INCLUDED, WILL SERVE AS OVERALL COORDINATING AGENCY FOR ALL AIR SUPPORT IN I CTZ. A COMBINED DASC (DESIGNATED DASC BRAVO) WILL BE FORMED TO COORDINATE AIR SUPPORT OF PROVISIONAL CORPS B AND WILL FUNCTION UNDER THE OVERALL COORDINATING AUTHORITY OF I DASC WHILE HAVING CERTAIN AUTHORIZATIONS FOR CONTROL AND COORDINATION AS SUBSEQUENTLY DESCRIBED. EACH MARINE DIVISION WILL RETAIN ITS DASC, WHICH WILL BE SUBORDINATE TO I DASC (1ST MAR DIV) OR DASC B (3D MAR DIV).

4. IN INTEGRATING MARINE AVIATION INTO THE OVERALL CONTROL ORGANIZATION, THE CAPABILITIES OF THE MARINE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEM WILL BE FULLY EXPLOITED. COORDINATION OF EFFORT WILL BE

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ACHIEVED BY THE ASSIGNMENT OF MARINE PERSONNEL TO THE MACV TASE,  
 7TH AIR FORCE TACC, I DASC AND DASC BRAVO FOR ASSISTANCE IN  
 TASKING AND COORDINATING AIR ACTIVITIES:

5. OPERATIONAL DIRECTION OF TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT (STRIKE/RECCE) IN  
 I CTZ WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH TACC (SAIGON). THIS AGENCY WILL:
  - A. CONTROL ALL STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN I CTZ.
  - B. ISSUE DAILY FRAG ORDERS FOR PRE-PLANNED MISSIONS BASED ON  
 REQUIREMENTS PROVIDED BY MACV TASE.
  - C. CONTROL AIR DEFENSE OPERATIONS THROUGH THE 7AF TACC AND  
 TACC (NS).
  - D. CONTROL SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS THROUGH THE JOINT SEARCH  
 AND RESCUE CENTER (JSARC) AND REGIONAL CONTROL CENTER AT DA NANG.

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- E. CONTROL ALL SCRAMBLES EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY SCRAMBLES, WHICH  
 MAY BE ORDERED BY I DASC AND DASC B FOR AIR UNITS LOCATED IN I CTZ.
6. I DASC WILL BE JOINTLY MANNED BY AF, VNAF AND 1ST MAW PERSONNEL  
 AND IS DESIGNATED AS THE PRIMARY DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CENTER (DASC) FOR  
 SUPPORT OF CG III MAF. HE WILL EXERCISE DIVERT AUTHORITY OVER ALL  
 PRE-PLANNED MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO I CORPS. A JOINTLY MANNED DASC  
 BRAVO WILL BE ESTABLISHED AND DESIGNATED AS A SUBORDINATE DASC TO  
 PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE CG, PROVISIONAL CORPS BRAVO OPERATING IN THE  
 NORTHERN SECTOR OF I CORPS. DASC BRAVO WILL EXERCISE DIVERT AUTHORITY  
 OVER PRE-PLANNED MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO PROVISIONAL CORPS BRAVO. AT  
 LEVELS BELOW I DASC AND DASC BRAVO, THE APPROPRIATE USAF/MARINE  
 CONTROL AND COORDINATION AGENCIES WILL FUNCTION IN THE NORMAL MANNER.
7. THE CHART ON PAGE 5A SHOWS THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF I CORPS  
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PART II

PRE-PLANNED REQUESTS

1. PRE-PLANNED REQUESTS ORIGINATE AT THE LOWER LEVELS OF COMMAND, COMMENCING AT BATTALION LEVEL FOR US ORGANIZATIONS AND AT PROVINCE LEVEL FOR ARVN FORCES. REQUESTS ARE SENT UP THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WITH EACH LEVEL CONSOLIDATING THE REQUESTS AND ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES ON THE REQUESTED TARGETS. SPECIFICALLY, THE REQUESTS WOULD

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BE DISPATCHED AS DEPICTED UPON THE ATTACHED CHART. (SEE CHART PG 5)

2. IN THE CASE OF PROVISIONAL CORPS B THE REQUESTS WOULD BE CONSOLIDATED WITHIN THE CORPS TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER (CTOC) AND SENT FORWARD TO THE CG III MAF/I ARVN CORPS CTOC FOR OVERALL CONSOLIDATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES FOR THE ENTIRE I CTZ. THE REQUESTS ARE THEN SUBMITTED TO THE MACV TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT ELEMENT (TASE) FOR THE ALLOCATION OF STRIKES. WITHIN THE TASE WOULD BE MARINE REPRESENTATIVES (G-2 AND G-3 AIR), WHO WOULD PARTICIPATE IN OVERALL PLANNING AND SPECIFICALLY MONITOR THE REQUESTS THAT ORIGINATED FROM MARINE UNITS.

3. ONCE THE TARGETS ARE APPROVED AND ALLOCATED THE TASE WOULD SUBMIT THEM TO THE TACTICAL AIR CONTROL CENTER (TACC), WHO WOULD ASSIGN THE TARGETS TO APPROPRIATE UNITS, ESTABLISH ORDNANCE LOADS, AND TIME OVER TARGETS (TOIS). MARINE OFFICERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DAILY FRAG ORDER. WITHIN THE TACC EVERY EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO HAVE MARINE AIRCRAFT SUPPORT MARINE UNITS. THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE DAILY FRAG ORDER IS COVERED IN PART III.

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DAILY FRAG ORDER

1. THE DAILY FRAG ORDER WILL BE PREPARED BY THE TACC. THE FRAG ORDER WILL CONTAIN INFORMATION ON CONTROL AGENCIES, TIMING, TARGETS, CALL SIGNS AND ORDNANCE AND ANY PERTINENT INSTRUCTIONS PERTAINING TO MISSIONS ACCOMPLISHMENT. MARINE OFFICERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE TACC TO PARTICIPATE IN FRAG PREPARATION.

2. AS A NORMAL PRACTICE, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FRAG MARINE AIRCRAFT AGAINST MARINE REQUESTS. UNDER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS OR AS THE SITUATION DICTATES MARINE/USAF/ARVN AIRCRAFT CAN BE DIVERTED TO ANY UNIT WITHIN CG III MAF/I ARVN CORPS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE IMMEDIATE REQUEST SYSTEM.

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3. UPON COMPLETION THE DAILY FRAG ORDER WILL BE DISPATCHED FIRST IN THE FORM OF A WARNING ORDER TO ALL PERTINENT AGENCIES BY VOICE AND THEN BY MESSAGE.

4. PERTINENT PORTIONS OF THE DAILY FRAG ORDERS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR STRIKE/RECCE AIRCRAFT CONTROL, TO INCLUDE WINGS, GROPS, SEPARATE USAF SQUADRONS, CRC/CRP/TAOC SITES, ABCCC, TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SQUADRONS (TASS) AND MSQ/TPQ SITES. THE FRAG ORDER FOR ALL MARINE UNITS WOULD BE FORWARDED TO THE 1ST MAW TADC. I DASC WOULD RECEIVE THE ENTIRE FRAG FOR I CTZ AND

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 DASC B THE FRAG FOR CORPS B AREA. EACH DASC WOULD IN TURN TRANSMIT TO THEIR SUBORDINATE CONTROL AGENCIES THOSE PORTIONS OF THE FRAG THAT AFFECT OPERATIONS WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. (SEE CHART PG 7)

**PART IV**

**IMMEDIATE REQUESTS**

1. REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT MAY BE RELAYED FROM THE LOWEST UNIT AWARE OF THE NEED.
2. A DIVERT OF A PREPLANNED MISSION NORMALLY PROVIDES FASTEST RESPONSE. DIVISION TACP/MARDASC CONTINUE TO HAVE AUTHORITY TO DIVERT AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS FRAGGED TO THEM.
3. IF THERE ARE NO AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FOR DIVERT WITHIN THE DIVISION AREA, DIVISION TACP/MARDASC WILL RELAY/CONFIRM REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE AIR TO I DASC/DASC BRAVO.
4. I DASC, IN COORDINATION WITH THE ADJACENT FSCC, HAS DIVERT AUTHORITY FOR ALL AIRCRAFT FRAGGED INTO THE ICTZ. DASC B, IN COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT FSCC, HAS DIVERT AUTHORITY FOR AIRCRAFT FRAGGED TO PROVISIONAL CORPS B. IF NONE AVAILABLE DASC B WILL REQUEST I DASC FOR DIVERT FROM OTHER AREAS. IF I DASC HAS NONE AVAILABLE, DASC B WILL GO DIRECTLY TO TACC SAIGON FOR DIVERT OR SCRAMBLE. IN

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 MOST CASES THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT AIRCRAFT AIRBORNE ON MISSIONS  
 OF LOWER PRIORITY TO PROVIDE AMPLE RESOURCES FOR DIVERTS. THESE  
 WILL NORMALLY PROVIDE MORE RAPID RESPONSE THAN SCRAMBLE AIRCRAFT.  
 WHEN REQUIREMENTS CAN NOT BE MET BY DIVERTS FROM OTHER AREAS, ALERT  
 AIRCRAFT WILL BE SCRAMBLED.  
 5. MACV-TASE REPRESENTATIVE WILL COORDINATE ON TACC SCRAMBLES AND  
 INTER-CORPS DIVERTS. (SEE CHART PG 10)

PART V

CONTROL AND COORDINATION PROCEDURES

1. CRC/CRP/TAOC/ABCCC. THE FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENT WILL PERMIT  
 MAXIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE AGENCIES AND EQUIPMENT IN CONTROLLING  
 THE INCREASED AIR ACTIVITIES IN I CTZ:

- A. PANAMA CRC (USAF) IS DESIGNATED AS THE SENIOR AIRSPACE  
 CONTROLLING AGENCY FOR AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT IN I CTZ.
  - B. WATERBOY CRP (USAF) WILL CONTROL AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT IN THE  
 NORTHERN PORTION OF I CTZ (AREA TO BE SPECIFIED) UNDER THE OVERALL  
 DIRECTION OF PANAMA.
  - C. VICE SQUAD TAOC/CRP (USMC) WILL CONTROL AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT  
 IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF I CTZ (AREA TO BE SPECIFIED) UNDER THE  
 OVERALL DIRECTION OF PANAMA.
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P 052226Z MAR 68  
FM CG FMFPAC  
TO DDKE/CG III MAF  
DDKN/CG FIRST MAW  
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D. ABCCC WILL BE EMPLOYED AS A CONTROLLING AGENCY FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS WHEN REQUIRED. WHEN SO EMPLOYED, IT WILL SERVE IN EFFECT AS AN AIRBORNE DASC WITH FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES TO BE AS PRESCRIBED BY TACC SAIGON.

2. MSQ/TPQ-10. MSQ AND TPQ-10 PROCEDURES WILL REMAIN ESSENTIALLY THE SAME. SITES WILL BE FRAGED EACH DAY FOR PRE-PLANNED STRIKES BY TACC, BASED UPON PRE-PLANNED REQUESTS AND ANTICIPATED WEATHER CONDITIONS. AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT WILL CONTINUE TO BE PASSED TO THE MSQ/TPQ CONTROLLERS THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE CRC/CRP/TAOC/ABCCC. IMMEDIATE STRIKES WILL BE HANDLED IN A SIMILAR MANNER AS PRE-PLANNED WITH AIRCRAFT RECEIVING TARGET INFORMATION AND CONTROLLING AGENCY AFTER BECOMING AIRBORNE. MSQ/TPQ WILL RECEIVE TARGET LOCATION

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3. COORDINATION OF NAVAL GUNFIRE AND GROUND ARTILLERY. A COMPARABLE AND COMPATIBLE SYSTEM EXISTS BETWEEN THE US ARMY/USAF AND THE MARINES. NAVAL GUNFIRE AND GROUND ARTILLERY WOULD BE CONTROLLED AND COORDINATED BETWEEN THE FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION CENTER (FSCC) AND THE DASC AT DIVISION LEVEL AND ABOVE, AND BETWEEN THE FSCC OR FSC (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATOR) AND THE TACP/ALO AT SUBORDINATE LEVELS. AT EACH LEVEL THE INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED UP AND DOWN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND, WITH THE DASC/TACP INFORMING APPROPRIATE CRC/CRP/TAOC/ABCCC AND FAC AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE AREA WITH THE INTENT THAT ALL AIRCRAFT WILL BE INFORMED AS TO LOCATION, DIRECTION AND ALTITUDE OF FIRE TO SUPPRESS FIRE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF STRIKES. COORDINATION WILL BE EFFECTED BETWEEN THE FSCC/DASC AND FSC/TACP DEPENDENT UPON THE OPERATING LEVEL. WITH RESPECT TO PRE-PLANNED GROUND OR NAVAL GUNFIRE, SUCH INFORMATION WILL BE CONTAINED WITHIN DAILY FRAG ORDERS ISSUED TO ALL APPROPRIATE AGENCIES.

4. CONTROL COMMUNICATIONS. SEVENTH AF IN COOPERATION WITH III MAF WILL IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS FOR RESPONSIVE

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5. AIRLIFT. NOT AFFECTED BY THIS ARRANGEMENT. REQUESTS FOR AIRLIFT WILL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT PROCEDURES.

6. STRIKE/RECCE CONTROL PROCEDURES. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE INDICATED IN THE LAUNCH AND AIRBORNE CONTROL PROCEDURES FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF AIRCREWS. UNIT OPERATIONS CENTERS (TUOC/TADC) WILL BE INFORMED DIRECTLY BY THE TACC, APPROPRIATE DASC OR THE DAILY FRAG ORDER AS TO THE TIME OF LAUNCH, CONTROLLING AGENCIES AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, TARGET TYPE AND LOCATION. AFTER LAUNCH AIRCRAFT WILL CONTACT THE LOCAL CONTROLLING AGENCY (CRC/CRP/TAOC) FOR FLIGHT FOLLOWING AND MONITORING INTO THE TARGET AREA. INITIAL AND SUBSEQUENT AGENCIES HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO PASS DIVERT INFORMATION WHEN REQUIRED. CRC/CRP/TAOC WILL PASS AIRCRAFT TO THE DESIGNATED STRIKE CONTROL AGENCY, WHICH CAN BE EITHER A FAC FOR VISUAL STRIKES OR A MSQ/TPQ SITE FOR RADAR DROP.

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PART VI

REPORT PROCEDURES.

1. TIMELY INTELLIGENCE, OPERATIONS DATA, AND MISSION RESULTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE FORCES AND TO FACILITATE SOUND DECISIONS WITH RESPECT TO TARGET BASE ADJUSTMENTS AND STRIKE/RE-STRIKE TIMING.

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2. ACCORDINGLY,

A. DASCS WILL REPORT TO 7AF TACC BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS IN AS NEAR TO REAL TIME AS PRACTICAL BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT PROVIDED BY FACS.

B. DASCS AND STRIKE/RECONNAISSANCE UNITS WILL PROVIDE: "HOT" REPORTS OF INCIDENTS/EVENTS NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AERIAL OPERATIONS WHEN SUCH ACTIVITIES OCCUR IN ASSIGNED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY; AERIAL OBSERVATION REPORTS AND INTELLIGENCE SUMMARIES (DISUM) DAILY, OR MORE FREQUENTLY AS REQUIRED AND GROUND FIRE INCIDENTS AS SET FORTH IN COMUSMACV DIRECTIVE 381-34.

C. STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE UNITS WILL PROVIDE OPERATIONAL REPORTS (OPREPS) 1 THRU 5 AS SPECIFIED IN ENCLOSURE 7 (OPERATIONAL REPORTS) TO CINCPACINST 005440.1E, OR MACAF MANUAL 55-3 (COMMANDERS OPERATIONAL REPORTS) AS APPLICABLE.

D. STAFF INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, OR RECONNAISSANCE UNITS AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE, WILL PROVIDE IPIRS, CPIRS, SUPIRS AND OTHER APPLICABLE SENSOR, OR IMAGINARY INTERPRETATION REPORTS FOR ALL RECONNAISSANCE PERFORMED.

3. REPORTS ENUMERATED IN SUB PARA B-D ABOVE, WILL BE

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TRANSMITTED ELECTRICALLY BY IMMEDIATE OR FLASH PRECEDENCE AS APPROPRIATE, AND WILL INCLUDE DERCOMUSMACV/AIR (7AF - TACC) AS AN ACTION ADDRESSEE UNQUOTE

2. SHARP IN HIS 2 MARCH LETTER APPROVED WESTMORELAND'S RECOMMENDATION IN SUBSTANCE. TEXT FOLLOWS.  
QUOTE:

FROM: COMMANDER IN CHIEF PACIFIC  
TO: COMMANDER, U. S. MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM  
SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS (U)  
REF: (A) MACJOO LTR, DATED 26 FEB 1968

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1. THE ENCLOSURE TO SUBJECT LETTER HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND I AM IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPOSED MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS OF SUBJECT ASSETS IN I CORPS. MY MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT I DASC HAVE ALERT AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED FOR EMERGENCY USE TO INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO SCRAMBLE THESE AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATELY KEEPING THE TACC APPROPRIATELY INFORMED. THIS IS ALONG WITH CERTAIN OTHER CHANGES DESIRED WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ADD TO PARAGRAPH 1 OF ENCLOSURE (1):

"... THE MACV MISSION. AND THAPKIT 1 Z: APPORTIONED

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EQUITABLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SITUATION AND ON A TIMELY BASIS TO ALL UNITS IN I CORPS."

B. ADD TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF ENCLOSURE (1):

"IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT MARINE CORPS AIR ASSETS WILL BE EMPLOYED UNDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS IN A MANNER DIFFERENT FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY INTENDED BY THE CG III MAF, I DESIRE TO BE INFORMED DIRECTLY BY CG III MAF ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN THE SYSTEM OR IN EVENT OF HIS DISSATISFACTION WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF MARINE CORPS AIR ASSETS. CINCPAC WILL BE MADE AN INFORMATION ADDRESSEE ON ANY COMMUNICATION TO COMUSMACV IN EITHER CASE."

C. CHANGE SUBPARAGRAPH 5E OF PART I TO ENCLOSURE (1) TO READ:  
"E. CONTROL ALL SCRAMBLES EXCEPT FOR EMERGENCY SCRAMBLES WHICH MAY BE ORDERED BY I DASC AND DASC B FOR AIR UNITS LOCATED IN I CTZ."

REASON: TO AFFIRM THE SCRAMBLE AUTHORITY OF I DASC.

D. CHANGE THE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 6 TO PART I OF ENCLOSURE (1) TO READ:

"I DASC HE WILL EXERCISE DIVERT AUTHORITY OVER ALL PRE-PLANNED MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO I CORPS AND WILL COORDINATE IN EACH CASE WITH TACC (SAIGON) THOSE SCRAMBLE SORTIES ALLOCATED PNO  
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 ANDERSON FROM LTGEN KRULAK MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FINAL SECTION OF 4  
 FOR TROOPS IN CONTACT."

REASON: TO ENSURE THAT TACC (SAIGON) IS KEPT INFORMED.  
 E. CHANGE SECOND SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 2 OF PART III TO  
 ENCLOSURE (1) TO READ:  
 "UNDER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS, MARINE/USAF/VNAF AIR-  
 CRAFT...WITHIN CG III MAF....."

REASON: ACCURACY.

F. PART IV, PARAGRAPH 4, CHANGE AS FOLLOWS:

"...IF NONE AVAILABLE DASC B WILL REQUEST I DASC FOR  
 DIVERT FROM OTHER AREAS. I DASC WILL DIVERT OR SCRAMBLE ALERT  
 AIRCRAFT AS FEASIBLE. IF I DASC HAS NONE AVAILABLE, IT  
 WILL GO DIRECTLY TO TACC SAIGON FOR DIVERT OR SCRAOELE."

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G. CHANGE CHART LABELLED IMMEDIATE AIR REQUESTS STRIKE/ RECCE PART IV, PAGE 10, ENCLOSURE (1) AS FOLLOWS:

"(1) ADD A DOTTED LINE BETWEEN BOX LABELLED I DASC AND LINE CONNECTING TUOC, HARTADG AND ORG TITLE DOTTED LINE, "SCRAMBLE (AS ALLOCATED)."

(2) DELETE LINE FROM DASC BRAVO TO TACC, ADDING IT BETWEEN DASC B AND I DASC."

REASON: TO REFLECT I DASC SCRAMBLE AUTHORITY AND COMMUNICATION CHANNELS.

2. SUBJECT TO INCORPORATION OF THE CHANGES IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE, I CONCUR IN THE REORGANIZATION PROPOSED.

U.S.G. SHARP

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GP-4  
BT

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 TO SSO MACV (FWD)  
 AFSSO 7TH AF

CG III MAF  
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 03035 EYES ONLY  
 MACV FWD PASS TO GEN ABRAMS FOR INFO, 7TH AF PASS TO GEN MONYER  
 FOR INFO, III MAF PASS TO LTG CUSHMAN FOR INFO, PER GEN  
 WESTMORELAND'S INSTRUCTIONS

QUOTE

P R 030735Z ZFF6  
 FM ADM SHARP, CINCPAC, HAWAII  
 TO GEN WHEELER, CJCS, WASH DC  
 GEN WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV  
 INFO GEN RYAN, CINCPACAF, HAWAII  
 GEN BEACH, CINCUSARPAC, HAWAII  
 ADM HYLAND, CINCPACFLT, HAWAII  
 ZEM/GEN KRULAK, CG FMFPAC, HAWAII  
 ZEM

S E C R E T EYES ONLY

SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE  
 ASSETS IN I CTZ (U)

1. ACTION HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON WESTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF AIR ASSETS IN I CTZ. IN RECOGNITION OF THE NECESSITY FOR MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF TOTAL AIR ASSETS AND FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN LIGHT OF THE NEW GROUND FORCE ARRANGEMENTS, I HAVE APPROVED GENERALLY WESTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS. MY CHANGES TO HIS PROPOSED INSTRUCTION SERVE TO PROVIDE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ON SCRAMBLE AUTHORITY FOR I DASC AND TO ASSURE THAT ALL CONCERNED ARE INFORMED PROMPTLY SHOULD ANY DIFFICULTIES ARISE IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW MANAGEMENT CONCEPT.
  2. THE NOW-APPROVED NEW SYSTEM FOR I CTZ WILL, WHEN OPERATIONAL, ASSIST IN ASSURING MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF RESOURCES. I AM SURE ALL CONCERNED WILL BEND EVERY EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT FULLY THE NEW SYSTEM.
  3. MGEN BLOOD IS HAND-CARRYING TO SAIGON MY LETTER OF APPROVAL. HIS PRESENCE HERE WAS MOST HELPFUL.
- WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
 ZWRP

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