

- 1 ~~24.~~ CTF SEVEN SIX 290906Z MAR68 (C) *Group-4*
BEHRENS to VAN RYZIN
VISIT INVITATION
- 2 ~~25.~~ CMC 291455Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
CHAPMAN to KRULAK & CUSHMAN
QUOTES AERO SPACE DAILY ARTICLE ON AIR CONTROL
- 3 ~~26.~~ COMUSMACV 291600Z MAR68 (S) *Group-4*
WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN
AIR CAV CAPABILITY FOR MARINE DIVISIONS IN SVN (U)
Answers CG III MAF 250038Z MAR68 Same Subject
- 4 ~~27.~~ CG FIRST MAW 300450Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
SUBMITS REQUESTED INFO TO CMC AND FMFPAC
- 5 ~~28.~~ CMC 301940Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
WESTMORELAND to KRULAK & CUSHMAN
QUOTES ltr re PRESS RELATIONS IN DANANG
- 6 ~~29.~~ CG THIRD MARDIV 301508Z MAR68 (C) *Group-4*
TOMPKINS TO KRULAK info CUSHMAN
Proposes NAVY CROSS for Col LOWNDS
- 7 ~~30.~~ CG FMFPAC 302127Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *Group-4*
KRULAK to CUSHMAN
MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS -- SPLIT TOURS -- VISIT IN JUNE
- 8 ~~31.~~ CG SECOND ROKMC BDE 310700Z MAR68 (u)
KIM to CUSHMAN
BRIGADE R&R CENTER AT CHINA BEACH
- 9 ~~32.~~ CG FIRST MAW 311000Z MAR68 (S) *Group-4*
ANDERSON to KRULAK & CUSHMAN
SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON ASSETS, STATUS AS OF
31MAR68
- 10 ~~33.~~ COMUSMACV 311114Z MAR68 (u)
WESTMORELAND TOTOMPKINS, INFO CUSHMAN, ROSSON
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
- 11 ~~34.~~ COMUSMACV 311115Z MAR68 (u)
WESTMORELAND TO COL TOAN, INFO GEN VIEN, GEN LAN, & CUSHMAN
CONGRATULATORY MSG
- 12 ~~35.~~ COMUSMACV 311116Z MAR68 (u)
WESTMORELAND FOR TROUNG, TOMPKINS, INFO VIEN, CUSHMAN, & ROSSON
CONGRATULATORY MSG
- 13 ~~36.~~ COMUSMACV 290847Z MAR68 (u)
WESTMORELAND TO SA I CTZ III MAF, AND OTHERS
CONGRATULATORY MSG

- 23 ~~12.~~ CG FIRST MAW 231433Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ANDERSON to KRULAK & CUSHMAN
STATUS OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT AS OF 24MAR
- 24 ~~13.~~ GEN WESTMORELAND 231458Z MAR68 (U)
APPRECIATION FOR CONGRATS
WESTMORELAND to CUSHMAN
- 25 ~~14.~~ COMUSMACV 230100Z MAR68 (U)
WESTMORELAND to KIM info CHAE & CUSHMAN
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
- 26 ~~15.~~ CG THIRD MARDIV 240845Z MAR68 (S) *gp - not shown*
TOMPKINS to CUSHMAN
DYE MARKER BUNKER ASSET DISTRIBUTION
- 27 ~~16.~~ MGEN KERWIN 251044Z MAR68 (C) *gp - not shown*
KERWIN to TABER, CUSHMAN, WEYAND, & OTHERS
EVALUATION OF RVNAF OFFICERS
- 28 ~~17.~~ COMUSMACV 251008Z MAR68 (C) *group-4*
WESTMORELAND to CUSHMAN & ROSSON
LIMITATIONS ON PRESS PERSONNEL IN ICTZ
- 29 ~~18.~~ COMUSMACV 260102Z MAR68 (U)
WESTMORELAND to TOMPKINS info CUSHMAN & ROSSON
CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
- 30 ~~19.~~ CG THIRD MARDIV 261435Z MAR68 (C) MCEO *gp-4*
TOMPKINS TO CUSHMAN
DYE MARKER MATERIAL
- 31 ~~20.~~ CG FMFPAC 270158Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *group-3*
KRULAK to CUSHMAN & MGEN ANDERSON
CONSTANT STUDY OF NEW AIR CONTROL SYSTEM
- 32 ~~21.~~ GEN WESTMORELAND 271150Z MAR68 (U)
WESTMORELAND to CUSHMAN
APPROVAL OF VISIT REQUEST
- 33 ~~22.~~ CG FIRST MAW 272350Z MAR68 (C) *group-4*
MGEN ANDERSON TO TOMPKINS & ROBERTSON info CHAPMAN, KRULAK,
CUSHMAN, MCCUTCHEON
SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF FIXED WING AIR ASSETS
- 34 ~~23.~~ CG PROV CORPS V 270535Z MAR68 (S) *group-4*
ROSSON to TOMPKINS info CUSHMAN
ARG/SLE EMPLOYMENT

- 3.11 COMUSMACV 191020Z MAR68 (U)
 WESTMORELAND to TOMPKINS info CUSHMAN, ROSSON
 CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
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- 3.12 CG FMFPAC 192147Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 KRULAK to CUSHMAN, TOMPKINS, ANDERSON, BOUKER, & All MC GOs in RVN
 Misc. Information -- Present Situation
- 3.13 GEN ABRAMS 200231Z MAR68 (S) *gp - not shown*
 ABRAMS to CUSHMAN info ROSSON
 Sets visit on 21MAR68
- 3.14 CG FMFPAC 200436Z MAR68 (U)
 KRULAK to DAVIS
 "Welcome Aboard"
- 3.15 MGEN KERWIN 200959Z MAR68 (C) *gp - not shown*
 KERWIN to MOMYER, CUSHMAN, and others
 WESTMORELAND out-of-country
- 3.16 COMSEVENTHFLT 211140Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
 BRINGLE to CUSHMAN
 Requests visit ~~on~~ 24-26Mar; whenever convenient
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17. MGEN KERWIN 220253Z MAR68 (C NORFORN) *gp - not shown*
 KERWIN to PALMER, CUSHMAN, & Others
 Subj: Evaluation of RVNAF Officers (C)
18. COMSEVENTHFLT 221240Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
 BRINGLE to CUSHMAN
 Accepts visit on 24Mar68
19. CTF 76 221540Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
 RAdm BEHRENS to CUSHMAN info ROSSON
 ARG/SLF SCHEDULES
20. COMUSMACV 230044Z MAR68 (U)
 WESTMORELAND to BGen KIM, LGen CHAE, & CUSHMAN
 CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
21. COMUSMACV 230045Z MAR68 (U)
 WESTMORELAND to KOSTER, info CUSHMAN
 CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
22. COMUSMACV 230046Z MAR68 (U)
 WESTMORELAND to KOSTER, info CUSHMAN
 CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

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~~14.1~~ GEN WESTMORELAND 150921Z MAR68 (C) *gp - not shown*
 WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN
 SMOKE GENERATOR PLATOON

~~14.2~~ ~~CMC 151855Z MAR68 (S)~~
~~(ALL COPIES IN SAFE)~~

~~14.3~~ CG FMFA C 160117Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
 KRULAK TO CUSHMAN
 Experience and ability of junior officers -- Split Tours)

~~14.4~~ ~~COMUSMACV 161405Z MAR68 (U)~~
~~WESTMORELAND TO KOSTER INFO CUSHMAN~~
~~Concrete on MISCANTINE contact~~

~~14.5~~ CMC 161626Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
 CHAPMAN TO KRULAK & CUSHMAN
 Situation on Tours of Colonels

~~14.6~~ ~~COMUSMACV 170311Z MAR68 (U)~~
~~WESTMORELAND to TOMPKINS, info CUSHMAN, ROSSON~~
~~CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE - G-1 Link Energy~~

~~14.7~~ ~~COMUSMACV 171411Z MAR68 (S)~~
~~(All copies in safe)~~

~~14.8~~ CG FMAW 181411Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-3*
 MGen ANDERSON to KRULAK & CUSHMAN
 Single Management of Strike and Recon Assets;
 STATUS AS OF 17MAR
 (In 2 parts)

~~14.9~~ COMUSMACV 190154Z MAR68 (S) *group-4*
 WESTMORELAND to CUSHMAN info ABRAMS & MOMYER
 LOCATION AT I DASC -- STATUS OF ACTION OF DIRECTIVES

~~14.10~~ COMUSMACV 190741Z MAR68 (U)
 WESTMORELAND to MOMYER, CUSHMAN, ROSSON, VETH, AND OTHERS
 Commander's Daily Summary

39. CMC 141912Z MAR68 (U)
Passes CMC 151901Z MAR68 msg to Gen BESSON
Mar Corps M16A 1 Barrel and Sight Assembly Modernization
Program

DECLAS FR ARMY STDPT
DAMH-HSR-D#
DATE:

26. COMUSMACV 101432Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN INFO RADM VETH & GEN TOMPKINS
PACVS FOR CUA VIET RIVER (Disapproval)
27. CG FMFPAC 111807Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
KRULAK TO CUSHMAN & MGEN ANDERSON
UPI NEWS Article ny WALSH -- Turn over of NICTZ Air Control
28. CG THIRD MARDIV 120253Z MAR68 (C) *gp - not shown*
TOMPKINS TO CUSHMAN
Denotes mistakes in "Single Management" Document
29. COMUSMACV 120347Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN
Approval of Army AUGMENTATION
30. CMC 121236Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
CHAPMAN to KRULAK & Cushman
Helo flexibility -- AirCav Squadrons
31. CG FMFPAC 122022Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
KRULAK to CUSHMAN
Changes to Colonel Slate
32. GEN WESTMORELAND 131105Z MAR68 ⁴(~~8~~) *gp-3*
+ WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN INFO MOMYER & ROSSON
MUSCLE SHOALS Revamp
33. PSA CORDS THUA THIEN 131200Z MAR68 ⁴(~~8~~) *gp-3*
AC/S CORDS for MGEN FORSYTHE
Shortage of Transportation and Commo Equipment in Thua Thien
Province.
34. CG FMFPAC 140131Z MAR68 (C) *gp-4*
Col GOULD, FMFPAC FEO, TO VAN RYZIN
AERO FUEL DELIVERY TO KHE SANH
35. USS REPOSE 140324Z MAR68 (~~U~~)
TO CUSHMAN, ANDERSON, AND OTHERS
OUT-OF-COUNTRY MEDEVAC HELOS -- Appreciation for
36. CG FMFPAC 140508Z MAR68 (S) *group-4*
KRULAK to CUSHMAN
PROV MAG TO OPERATE QUANG TRI AIR FIELD; CONCURRENCE
37. GEN WESTMORELAND 141227Z MAR68 (S) *group-4*
WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN
DAILY REPORT ON KHE SANH SITUATION
38. 7TH AF TSN 141245Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
MOMYER to CUSHMAN
Location of I DASC

- ~~13. CMC 072135Z MAR68 (S MCEO)
(SEALED ENVELOPE IN SAFE)~~
14. CG THIRD MARDIV 080110Z MAR68 (S) *gp-not shown*
TOMPKINS TO CUSHMAN
PRE-EMPTION OF B-52 ARC LIGHTS AT KHE SANH
15. GEN ABRAMS 080114Z MAR68 (S) *gp-not shown*
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
Sets meeting on 10 Mar
16. CG THIRD MARDIV 080318Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
TOMPKINS TO CUSHMAN
REVISIONS TO CG THIRD MARDIV 070513Z MAR68
Subj: Comments on situation in NICTZ
17. CG 34d MARDIV 080608Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
TOMPKINS TO CUSHMAN
Additional Info on BUNKERS at KHE SANH
18. COMUSMACV 081603Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
WESTMORELAND TO CUSHMAN
INFO ADAMS, MOMYER, TOMPKINS
AIR SUPPORT AT KHE SANH
ANSWER CG III MAF 080650Z MAR68
19. CG FMFPAC 0900427 MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
KRULAK to CHAPMAN & CUSHMAN
SHORT TOURS...SENIOR OFFICERS
20. GEN WESTMORELAND 090431Z MAR68 (C) *gp-not shown*
WESTMORELAND TO ABRAMS, CUSHMAN, & ROSSON
Requests meeting of addresses on 10Mar
- ~~21. GEN WESTMORELAND 090713Z MAR68 (S)
(ALL COPIES SEALED ENVELOPE SAFE)~~
22. GEN ABRAMS 090904Z MAR68 (S) *gp-not shown*
ABRAMS to WESTMORELAND INFO CUSHMAN, ROSSON
Sets meeting time for 10MAR
23. COMUSMACV 091035Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
WESTMORELAND TO COL LADD, INFO ABRAMS, CUSHMAN
Congratulatory Message
24. CG USARV LONG BINH RVN 091142Z MAR68 (S) *gp-1*
COVER AND DECEPTION EQUIPMENT
25. CG FMFPAC 0920427MAR68 (C) MCEO *gp-4*
UPI Story by Bob Miller [Re "Single Management"]

1. CG FMFPAC 052226Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
KRULAK to CUSHMAN & ANDERSON (MGEN)
Transmits final info re Air Contraol
(MACV's ltr and CINCPAC corrections)
2. CG FMFPAC 060001Z MAR68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
KRULAK TO CUSHMAN & ANDERSON (MGEN)
Suggestions re transition to new concept
(Includes CMC's ltr to JCS)
3. CG FMAW 060030Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
ANDERSON to KRULAK INFO CUSHMAN
PROVISIONAL MAG
4. GEN WESTMORELAND 060037Z MAR68 (C) *gp - not shown*
WESTY TO ABRAMS & CUSHMAN
Requests comments on proposed news release
Subj: Announces establishment of PROV CORPS
5. CG FMFPAC 060252Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
KRULAK TO CUSHMAN
Passes WHEELER msg to WESTMORELAND
re Press Release "Marine Leadership Under Fire in Vietnam)
6. CG 1ST AIRCAV DIV 060535Z MAR68 (S) *gp-4*
TOLSON to cushman
Requests employment of 2 companies NPFF -- to be attached to 1st ACD
7. COMUSMACV 061240Z MAR68 (U)
COMUSMACV Statement to Press re "Marine Leadership; ICTZ"
8. ADMINO FMFPAC 061954Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
THARIN to CUSHMAN
Quotes further news articles concerning command situation in NICTZ
9. CG 3RD MARDIV 070513Z MAR68 (C MCEO) *gp - not shown*
TOMPKINS TO CUSHMAN
Comments on situation in NICTZ
10. GEN ABRAMS 070620Z MAR68 (C) *gp - not shown*
ABRAMS to WESTMORELAND info CUSHMAN
Concurs in Press Release
11. GEN ABRAMS 071000Z MAR68 (S) *gp-1*
ABRAMS to WESTMORELAND info CUSHMAN
Proposed B-52 Targets
12. COMNAVFORV 071112Z Mar68 (C) *gp-4*
RADM VETH TO WESTMORELAND INFO CUSHMAN & TOMPKINS
AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (PACV) FOR CUA VIET RIVER

- EXCLUSIVE -

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- * 14. CG FMFPAC 041959Z MAR 68 (C) *Group-4*
FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM LGEN KRULAK - MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
LOS ANGELES TIMES ARTICLE BY WILLIAM TUOHY
15. CG THIRD MARDIV 050950Z MAR 68 (C) *ap-4*
FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
AIR CUSHION VEHICLE FOR THE QUA VIET RIVER
16. CG FMFPAC 052033Z MAR 68 (C) *JP-4*
FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM LGEN KRULAK - MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
WESTY'S RESPONSE TO GEN CUSHMAN ON THE TUOHY ARTICLE
17. CG FMFPAC 060002Z MAR 68 (C) *Group-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LGEN CUSHMAN FROM LGEN KRULAK - MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
RESPONSE TO WESTMORELAND'S MESSAGE TO LGEN KRULAK ON THE TUOHY ARTICLE

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1. DCG USARV LONG BINH 020005Z MAR 68 (S) *Op-4*
FOR SCOT, INFO GEN WESTMORELAND, GEN ABRAMS, LGEN CUSHMAN FROM PALMER
LOGISTIC SUPPORT ARMY FORCES NORTHERN ICGZ
2. CTG 79.4 020100Z MAR 68 (S) *Op-4*
OFFICERS EYES ONLY
SUSPECTED SABOTAGE UH34 HELOS (S)
3. GEN ABRAMS 020330Z MAR 68 (G) *Group - not shown*
EYES ONLY
ALLEGED LOOTING IN HUE
4. CMC 021448Z MAR 68 (S) *Op-4*
FOR LGEN KRULAK INFO LGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN - MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
ADDITIONAL TAC AIR SQDN
5. ADM SHARP, CINCPAC 022131Z MAR 68 (C) *Op-4*
EYES ONLY
FORTHCOMING SEACORD MEETING
- ~~6. COMSEVENTHFLT 030241Z MAR 68
EYES ONLY
ADM SHARP VISIT~~
7. THIRD MARDIV 031450Z MAR 68 (S) *Group-4*
FOR
AIR STRIKES KHE SANH AREA
- ~~8. GEN WESTMORELAND 031613Z MAR 68 (C)
EYES ONLY
HAPPY CINCPAC CAN ATTEND SEACORD MEETING~~
9. MACV 040058Z MAR 68 (S) *Group - not shown*
EYES ONLY
SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS IN I CTZ (U)
10. COMNAVFORV SGN 040730Z MAR 68 (C) *Group-4*
FOR CAPT SMITH INFO LGEN CUSHMAN FROM RADM VETH
TRANSFER UNITS OF MRF TO PERFUME/CUA VIET RIVERS
- ~~11. GEN WESTMORELAND 041248Z MAR 68 (C)
EYES ONLY
TIME ARRIVAL DANANG ADMIRAL SHARP~~
- * 12. GEN ABRAMS 050127Z MAR 68 (C) *Group-4*
EYES ONLY
CAPTURED ENEMY SOLDIERS
- ~~13. CG FMFPAC 050213Z MAR 68 (C)
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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 FM COMUSMACV
 TO RUMHVV/SA 1ST INF DIV ARVN
 RUMHVP/CG 3D MARDIV
 INFO ZEN/CHIEF JGS
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 RUMHMA/CG PROVCORPSV

FOR

BT
 UNCLAS 09095
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR BG TRUONG, MG TOMPLINS, INFO GEN
 VIEN, LTG CUSHMAN, LTG ROSSON.
 SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAG
 RESOLUTE ATTACK BY 3/1, 1/2 ARVN INF, WITH ELEMENTS OF 2/4
 USMC AND 3/5 CAV (US), NORTH OF DONG HA ON 30 MARCH PARTICULARLY
 NOTEWORTHY. CONGRATULATIONS FOR THIS SIGNIFICANT DEFEAT OF ENEMY
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 FM COMUSMACV
 TO RUMIVN/CG 2D INF DIV ARVN
 INFO ZEN/CHIEF JCS
 RUNSAK/SA & CTZ CG III MAF
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FOR

UNCLAS 09294
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR COL. TOAN, INFO GEN VUEN, LTG LAH,
 LIG CUSHMAN
 SDD: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE:
 ELEMENTS OF 1/6 INF CARVED OUT OUTSTANDING JOB IN ACTION 8 KM
 SW OF TAM KY ON 30 MARCH. USE OF TAC AIR PREDOMINANTLY NOTE-
 WORTHY. CONGRATULATIONS TO 1/6 AND TO ALL AGENCIES INVOLVED.
 BT

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SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
FOR FMFPAC(F-027)
PERSONAL FOR LGEN KRULAK AND LGEN CUSHMAN 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. HARDIYS AND NORTH ICTZ, 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-6 RUNNING RT 9 INTO LAOS. ON THE NIGHT OF 25-26 MARCH MARINE A-6 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-6'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 EIGHT A-6 SYSTEMS SORTIES NORMALLY SCHEDULED FOR KHE SANH ARE FRAGGED TO TALLY HO.
- F. A MESSAGE FROM I DASC (270430Z) 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 MSG MISSIONS.

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 G. ON 28 MARCH 1967 G-158 AIRCRAFT ON SEA BANE RESUPPLY MISSIONS WERE DELAYED FOR SEVERAL HOURS DUE TO 1ST ACD ARTILLERY FIRE IN THE KHE SANH 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 FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS WE WILL INSURE THESE ADVANTAGES ARE EXPLOITED TO PROTECT MARINES SUB-MERGED DEEP WITHIN ARMY/AF COMMANDS.

B. SCRAMBLES - ONE POTENTIAL SANDSAG HAS BEEN UNCOVERED. ADM SHARP IN HIS APPROVING THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT STATES QUOTE MY MAJOR CONCERN IS THAT 2 DASC HAVE ALERT AIR-CRAFT ASSIGNED FOR EMERGENCY USE TO INCLUDE AUTHORITY TO SCRAMBLE THESE AIRCRAFT IMMEDIATELY KEEPING THE TACC APPROPRIATELY

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 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 1 DASC - OR INSTRUCTS 1 DASC AS NECESSARY, WHO KEEPS TACC INFORMED. WHILE 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 BRAGGING, AGAINST THIS SORTIE RATE ON A DAILY BASIS DOES NOT PROVIDE THE FLEXIBILITY NECESSARY TO MEET "SLAM" AIR OPERATIONS (SUCH AS NEUTRALISE, 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

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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 I 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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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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SUBJ: BRIGADE R AND R CENTER AT CHINA BEACH.
 (EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM B/GEN NIM YUN SANG)
 (A) YOUR MESSAGE R271250Z MAR 68
 1. PROVISION OF REFERENCE (A) FOR AN R&R CENTER AT CHINA BEACH FOR MEMBERS OF THE 2ND RON MARINE BRIGADE ARE ACCEPTABLE TO ME. MY REPRESENTATIVE LT COL. NIM, WILL CONTACT YOUR G-1 ON 3 APRIL TO COORDINATE ACTIVITIES AND FACILITY REQUIREMENTS.
 2. PLEASE EXCEPT MY SINCERE THANKS FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER.
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FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

A. CG III MAF 291026Z/MAR68

B. MCO P5310.6

C. CG III MAF 291014Z/MAR68

1. THE PLAN THAT YOU HAVE OUTLINED IN REFERENCE A IS AN EXCELLENT APPROACH TO MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS VALIDATION. IT TIES IN WELL WITH THE SCHEDULE THAT I HAVE ESTABLISHED FOR CONDUCTING THE MANPOWER SURVEYS THAT THE COMMANDANT REQUIRES OF ME (REFERENCE B).
2. MY MANPOWER UTILIZATION TEAM WILL VISIT YOUR HEADQUARTERS IN JUNE, AND THE DATA PRODUCED BY YOUR PRELIMINARY ACTIONS WILL BE INVALUABLE TO THEIR EFFORT.
3. THE PRECISE SCHEDULE AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE

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... TEAM WILL BE FURNISHED TO YOUR HEAD-
 QUARTERS SHORTLY ALONG WITH OTHER
 DETAILS. THE SURVEY METHOD WILL BE ONE DEVELOPED
 DURING SURVEYS OF COMMANDS IN HAWAII, JAPAN AND
 ON OKINAWA, AS FURTHER
 REFINED IN THE SURVEY PLANNED FOR THIRD FSR IN
 LATE APRIL. THAT SURVEY WILL COMPLETE OUR
 EFFORT ON OKINAWA AND WILL BE FOLLOWED IN MAY
 BY A VISIT TO FLC. I HAVE NO PRESENT INTENTION OF
 SURVEYING EITHER OF THE DIVISIONS OF THE WING.
 4. THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THAT YOU MENTION
 YOU MAY REQUEST FOR ANALYSES AND SYNTHESIS OF
 YOUR DATA WILL BE FURNISHED WHEN
 NEEDED - CONSISTENT, OF COURSE, WITH OUR CAPA-
 BILITY.
 5. I APPLAUD YOUR CONSIDERATION OF A SMALL IN-
 VESTMENT IN A PERMANENT MANPOWER UTILIZATION
 SECTION. IF
 IT IS KEPT LEAN WITH A FIRM SENSE OF PURPOSE IT WILL
 PAY BIG DIVIDENDS.

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PAGE 3 RUHFMAS037 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

6. I HAVE REVIEWED YOUR SPLIT-TOUR PLAN (REFER-
 ENCE C). THE TIMING LOOKS GOOD AND WE WILL PRO-
 CEED ACCORDINGLY. ON THE PRO-
 PORTION OF SPLIT-TOURS, I HAD IN MIND
 ABOUT FIFTY PERCENT ACROSS THE BOARD BILLET APPLICATION,
 WHICH WE CAN DISCUSS FURTHER DURING MY VISIT.
 WARM REGARDS.

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

SUBJ: RECOMMENDATION FOR AWARD
 FOR LTGEN KRULAK FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
 INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN, III MAF

1. THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO SUPPORT A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE NAVY CROSS TO COLONEL DAVID LOWNDS (015530) CO 26TH MARINES (REIN) NOW AT KHE SANH. IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THIS MATTER, CG III MAF HAS AUTHORIZED DIRECT COMMUNICATION.

2. COL LOWNDS TOOK COMMAND AT KHE SANH ON 10 AUGUST 1967. AT THAT TIME THE GARRISON CONSISTED OF TWO BATTALIONS (1/26 AND 3/26), WITHIN A WEEK HIS FORCE WAS REDUCED TO ONE BATTALION (1/26). ALTHOUGH CURTAILED IN MANEUVER STRENGTH HE ESTABLISHED COMBAT OUTPOSTS ON HILLS 881-S, 861 AND 950 AND INSTITUTED AN AGGRESSIVE PATROL SCHEDULE THAT WAS CARRIED OUT FAITHFULLY AND WELL DESPITE SOME OF THE MOST DIFFICULT TERRAIN TO BE FOUND IN SOUTH VIET NAM- TERRAIN THAT IS MOUNTAINOUS IN LARGE PART, DOUBLE AND TRIPLE CANOPY JUNGLE, ELEPHANT GRASS AND ALL BUT IMPENETRABLE STANDS OF BAMBOO THICKET. BEGINNING IN DECEMBER 1967 KHE SANH COMBAT BASE WAS REINFORCED BY ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS: 3/26, ON 13 DECEMBER, 2/26 ON 15 JANUARY, AND 1/9 ON 22 JANUARY. ON 20 JANUARY 1968 THE ENEMY MADE HIS FIRST SERIOUS ATTACK ON KSCB, WITH THE MAIN EFFORT DIRECTED AT HILL 861-A. FROM THAT DAY TO THE PRESENT KSCB HAS BEEN UNDER CONSTANT ENEMY FIRE AND ATTACKS. ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRING INTO THE BASE INCLUDES: 130MM GUNS, 120MM GUNS, 152MM GUN/HOWS, 140MM ROCKETS, 122MM ROCKETS AND VARIOUS SMALLER PIECES. THE ENEMY COMPRISES THE 325 C DIV AND THE 304 DIV. BOTH ARE EXCELLENT NVA DIVISIONS, WELL TRAINED AND LED, COMPLETELY EQUIPPED WITH THE NEWEST WEAPONS AND APPARENTLY ADEQUATELY SUPPLIED. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS OCCASIONS WHEN KSCB HAS BEEN HIT WITH 650-750 RDS OF MIXED HEAVY ARTILLERY AND ROCKET FIRE IN A MATTER OF COMPARATIVELY FEW HOURS. DURING ONE DAY THE BASE SUSTAINED A BOMBARDMENT OF OVER 1000 ROUNDS OF MIXED FIRE.

INVITING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE PERIOD COMMENCING 20 JANUARY, TO MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE COL LOWNDS DAILY INSPECTS THE ENTIRE PERIMETER, TALKS TO HIS MEN, ENCOURAGES THEM AND GOES EVERYWHERE REGARDLESS OF CIRCUMSTANCES. UNTIL I SPECIFICALLY ORDERED HIM NOT TO DO SO, HE REGULARLY VISITED THE HILL POSITIONS BY HELICOPTER. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERRAIN WAS SO EXTENSIVE, GAINED BY PERSONAL

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PAGE THREE RUMHVP 6597D C O N F I D E N T I A L
 RECONNAISSANCE OVER A PERIOD OF MONTHS, THAT I FELT WE COULD ILL AFFORD TO RISK HIS LOSS AT ONE OF THE HILL POSITIONS WHICH ARE THE MOST EXPOSED AND SUSCEPTIBLE TO ENEMY ACTION. FOR THE LAST SIX MONTHS THE KSCB ITSELF HAS BEEN THE MAIN TARGET FOR ENEMY INCOMING AND MANY TIMES COL LOWNDS HAS BEEN CAUGHT IN IT WHILE MOVING THROUGH THE AREA. THUS FAR HE HAS REMAINED UNSCATHED, BUT IT IS A SOURCE OF WONDER TO ME THAT HE HAS ESCAPED BEING HIT. FROM MY PERSONAL OBSERVATION ON VISITS TO KHE SANH HIS CONSTANT AND COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR HIS OWN SAFETY IN ORDER TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE IS REMARKABLE TO BEHOLD.

ASIDE FROM THE PHYSICAL DANGERS OF BEING IN THE IMPACT CENTER OF THE ENEMY'S MOST CONCENTRATED ARTILLERY/ROCKET EFFORTE IN THIS WAR, COL LOWNDS HAS CARRIED ON HIS SHOULDERS A CRUSHING RESPONSIBILITY. HIS COMMAND AVERAGES AROUND 6,500 MEN, INCLUDING AN ARVN RANGER BATTALION. THE DEFENSE OF KSCB AND THE WELFARE OF THOSE MEN RESTS DIRECTLY ON COL LOWNDS. WHEN THE CLOUDS AND FOG MAKE AIR RE - SUPPLY IMPOSSIBLE AND REDUCES OR PRECLUDES AIR SUPPORT COL LOWNDS REMAINS UNSHAKABLE. HIS CALMNESS, COOL JUDGEMENT, FORTITUDE, CHEERFULNESS, ENTHUSIASM, COURAGE, AND POISE ARE EXTRAORDINARY. ENDOWED WITH SUPERB MORAL AND PHYSICAL COURAGE AND AT THE CENTER OF A SCENE WATCHED BY THE WORLD, COL LOWNDS DISCHARGES HIS GREAT RESPONSIBILITIES IN A MANNER SO OUTSTANDING AS TO EVOKE THE UNQUAL-

PAGE FOUR RUMHVP 6597D C O N F I D E N T I A L
 IFIED ADMIRATION OF ALL WHO OBSERVE HIM. IN EVERY WAY COL LOWNDS IS A CREDIT TO HIS COUNTRY, TO OUR CORPS AND TO HIMSELF.

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PERSONAL FOR LGEN KRULAK AND LGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN,
FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER RECEIVED LAST WEEK
FROM A RESPECTED REPORTER IN VIETNAM. I RECOGNIZE THIS
REPRESENTS BUT ONE REPORTER'S IMPRESSIONS AND I AM IN NO
POSITION TO JUDGE THE TRUTH IN HIS COMMENTS. HOWEVER, IF
THERE IS ANY TRUTH IN WHAT HE SAYS, WE MUST DO EVERYTHING
IN OUR POWER TO OVERCOME CAUSE FOR SUCH COMMENTS.
" THERE HAS (IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS) BEEN A MARKED
FALLING OFF OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MARINE TOP LEADERSHIP
IN VIETNAM AND THE PRESS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CORPS
WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO CHAT WITH AND DISCUSS
THE SITUATION WITH PROMINENT JOURNALISTS AND TRY TO GET THEIR
VIEWS CLEARLY ACROSS. I REALIZE THAT GENERAL OFFICERS AND
STAFF COLONELS HAVE MORE TO DO WITH THEIR TIME THAN CONTINUALLY

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BRIEF REPORTERS. ON THE OTHER HAND, MUCH OF WHAT THE PUBLIC
READS AND THINKS ABOUT THE WAR COMES THROUGH THE FILTER OF
JOURNALISM AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MARINE LEADERSHIP WOULD
WELCOME THE CHANCE TO GET THEIR VIEW ACROSS, RATHER THAN
REGARD IT AS AN UNWORTHY CHORE. I THINK THAT THE WHOLE MARINE
INFORMATION SET-UP SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PROVIDING CORRESPONDENTS
ACCESS TO KEY AREAS RATHER THAN TRYING TO GET RID OF THEM AS
DISRUPTIVE NUISANCES. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE MARINE COMMAND
(IN I CORPS) SHOULD NOT REGARD THE PRESS AS AN UNNECESSARY
EVIL, WHICH IS THE IMPRESSION ONE GOT IN DANANG IN THE PAST.
AS A CORRESPONDENT WHO HAS BEEN MORE THAN WILLING TO BE
SYMPATHETIC TO MARINE AND ONE WHO BELIEVES THAT THE GRUNT IS
HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND EXCELLENT INFANTRYMEN SECOND TO NONE,
I HATE TO SEE A SITUATION WHERE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN
CORRESPONDENTS AND MARINES IS DISRUPTED OR JEOPARDIZED."
" I MAY BE OUT OF DATE IN THIS JUDGEMENT BECAUSE ABOUT THE
TIME I LEFT DANANG (ABOUT 1 MARCH) THERE DID SEEM TO BE A
POSITIVE EFFORT ON THE PART OF INFORMATION OFFICERS
AND III MAF TO GET TOGETHER MORE FREQUENTLY."

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 FOR FMFPAC F-011

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 - A. PERIOD COVERED 281900H 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
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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 ICTZ - 35
- M. SCRAMBLE BREAKDOWN:
 - (1) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED BY I DASC, DASCV INSTIGATION - 20
 - (2) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED BY MARINE SYSTEM - 30
 - (3) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED OUT OF ICTZ - 2
 - (4) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED IN SUPPORT OF MARINE DIVISION - 30
 - (5) NUMBER OF SORTIES SCRAMBLED IN SUPPORT OF OTHER FORCES - 22

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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
- O. 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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S E C R E T 08894
FOR LTG CUSHMAN FROM GEN WESTMORELAND
SUBJ: AIR CAV CAPABILITY FOR MARINE DIVISIONS IN SVN (U)
REF: A. MACV 05971 DTG 290417Z FEB 68
B. CG III MAF 250038Z

1. (U) YOUR DETAILED REPLY TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REF A IS APPRECIATED.
2. (S) COMMENTS IN REF B MAKE IT CLEAR THAT MARINE CORPS UNITS IN SVN HAVE A CAPABILITY SIMILAR TO THAT OF ARMY AIR CAVALRY SQUADRONS. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION OF MARINE CAPABILITIES IN THIS AREA DEPENDS ON AN INCREASE IN YOUR HELICOPTER INVENTORY. I NOTE THAT NO SUCH INCREASE HAS BEEN APPROVED AND PROGRAMMED YET. SHOULD YOU DETERMINE THAT ADDITIONAL MARINE AIR UNITS OF THIS TYPE CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU IN FY68 OR 69 FOR THIS PURPOSE, I WILL SUPPORT THROUGH JOINT CHANNELS YOUR REQUEST FOR THEM.
3. (S) YOUR PROPOSED ACTIONS TO IMPROVE THE AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE

PAGE 2 UUMSA 4331C **S E C R E T**
STRIKE CAPABILITY OF MARINE CORPS UNIT APPEAR SOUND. THE EXCHANGE DUTY PROGRAM FOR ARMY AIR CAV AND MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL OF LIGHT HELICOPTER/RECONNAISSANCE UNITS CAN BE PARTICULARLY VALUABLE AND SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS PRACTICAL. I WILL BE VERY INTERESTED IN ANY NEW TACTICAL CONCEPTS AND TECHNIQUES WHICH MAY DERIVE FROM CLOSER PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THESE TWO HIGHLY QUALIFIED GROUPS OF COMBAT SPECIALISTS.

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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 CLOVE-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 FLYS 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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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR MGEN VANRYZIN FROM RADM BEHRENS

VISIT INVITATION (U)

1. PLAN TO BE IN DANA G WITH FLAGSHIP 4 APRIL. IF CONVENIENT TO YOUR SKED, WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO HAVE YOU ABOARD FOR LUNCH FOLLOWED BY SHORT BRIEFING AND DISCUSSION OF ICTZ AMPHIB OPJ.
2. MY HELO OR BARGE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR TRANSIT. WARM REGARDS.

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EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJ GEN TOMPKINS INFO LT GEN CUSHMAN
FROM LI GEN ROSSON

SUBJ: ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT U)

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APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS IN REF A. I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF
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MGEN ROBERTSON INFO GEN CHAPMAN LGEN KRULAK LGEN CUSHMAN MGEN
MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN ANDERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF FIXED WING AIR ASSETS

1. THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH THE PREPARATION AND
SUBMISSION OF A DAILY REPORT TO CMC AND CG, FMFPAC ON SELECTED
ASPECTS OF THE PRESENT COMUSMACV SYSTEM FOR THE SINGLE MANAGE-
MENT OF FIXED WING AIR ASSETS. INITIALLY THE REPORT WILL CONSIST
OF TWO PARTS, A DAILY STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AND A NARRATIVE
OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR THE PERIOD WHICH EXPLAINS OR ILLUS-
TRATES SHORTCOMINGS IN AIR SUPPORT PROVIDED. CERTAIN INPUTS

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MUST COME FROM THE FIRST AND THIRD MARINE DIVISIONS, AS OUTLINED
IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW.

2. PART I IS TO BE TABULAR IN FORM, FURNISHING NUMERICAL
ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. PERIOD COVERED, NORMALLY FROM 1900 TO 1900 HOTEL.

B. NUMBER OF SORTIES PROVIDED BY SERVICE:

- 1. USMC
- 2. USAF
- 3. USN

C. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT SORTIES:

- 1. DESIRED
- 2. REQUESTED
- 3. FURNISHED

D. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED:

- 1. WITHIN 5 MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME
- 2. WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME
- 3. WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF SCHEDULED TIME
- 4. MORE THAN 30 MINUTES AFTER SCHEDULED TIME

E. NUMBER OF PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED WITH:

- 1. REQUESTED ORDNANCE.

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- 3. A POOR SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE
- 4. AN UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE
- F. NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED:
 - 1. WITHIN 15 MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL.
 - 2. WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL.
 - 3. WITHIN 45 MINUTES OF ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL.
 - 4. MORE THAN 45 MINUTES AFTER ORIGINATION OF REQUEST AT BN LEVEL.
- G. NUMBER OF IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES WHICH REPORTED WITH:
 - 1. REQUESTED ORDNANCE ABOARD
 - 2. AN ADEQUATE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE
 - 3. A POOR SUBSTITUTE OR REQUESTED ORDNANCE
 - 4. AN UNACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE FOR REQUESTED ORDNANCE
- H. NUMBER OF OCCASIONS WHEN NEEDED AIR SUPPORT WAS NOT FURNISHED BECAUSE OF:
 - 1. INABILITY TO CONTACT FAC
 - 2. FAC UNABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH DASC TO DIVERT OR SCRAMBLE SUITABLE STRIKE AIRCRAFT.
 - 3. OTHER REASONS. (SPECIFY IN PART II)

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- I. NUMBER OF SORTIES CONTROLLED BY:
 - 1. MARINE TACP, TACA
 - 2. AF FAC, AF TACP
 - 3. MARINE IPQ
 - 4. OTHER (SPECIFY IN PART II)
 - J. NUMBER OF MISSIONS CANCELLED/DIVERGED:
 - 1. BY GROUND COMMANDER REQUESTING
 - 2. BY HIGHER GROUND HQ
 - 3. BY DASC (NOT MARINE)
 - 4. BY OTHER (SPECIFY IN PART II)
3. [PART II] WILL BE NARRATIVE IN FORM. IT SHOULD COVER ANY SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OR PROBLEM AREAS IN AIR SUPPORT RELATED TO SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF AIR ASSETS, WHICH TEND TO DEGRADE OUR NORMAL STANDARDS OF COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS IN THE AIR-GROUND TEAM AT ANY GIVEN LEVEL.
4. TO INSURE TIMELY SUBMISSION OF THIS IMPORTANT REPORT TO CMC AND CG FMFPAC, I MUST HAVE YOUR INPUTS BY 2400 COVERING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING AT 1900. INFORMATION FOR PART I CAN BE TELEPHONED VIA THE DASC/TADC CIRCUITS TO BE CONSOLIDATED WITH RELATED INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE MARINE AIR

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5. IN VIEE OF THE USE TO WHICH THIS INFORMATION MAY BE PUT, THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCURATE, FULL, SPECIFIC, AND FACTUAL DETAIL CANNOT BE OVERSTRESSED.

6. ANTICIPATE FIRST REPORT WILL COVER PERIOD 281900 TO 291859 HOTEL MAR68. REQUEST ACTION ADDEES FURNISH THIS HQTRS ANY SIMILAR AVAILABLE INFORMATION FOR PERIOD FROM 10 MAR 68 TO PRESENT.

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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 RUHFMA 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 DIVERTS, 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
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PERSONAL FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPRINS
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SUBJ: DYE MARKER MATERIAL

- A. CG III MAF 200208Z MARCH
- B. CG 3D MARDIV 240845Z MAR 68
- C. CG 3D MARDIV LTR 15/0 05/06 11013, BTD 5 JUN 67
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- N. CG 3D MARDIV 031500Z MAR 68
- O. CG 3D MARDIV 031500Z MAR 68
- P. CG 3D MARDIV 080600Z MAR 68. (SPECAT/MCEO)

1. REFERENCE A APPROVED RELEASE OF CERTAIN DYE MARKER ASSETS AT DONG HA TO PCV FOR COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES OF NEW UNITS ARRIVING IN VICINITY. REFERENCE B INVITES YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NET RESULTS INSO FAR AS RHE SANH AND THE HELI. OUTPOST POSITIONS ARE CONCERNED.
2. REFERENCES C THROUGH O ARE REQUESTS FOR BUNKERS FOR RHE SANH COMBAT BASH.
3. REFERENCE P SUMMED UP THIS UNEXPLICABLE AND DISCOURAGING RESPONSE TO LEGITIMATE REQUESTS FOR RHE SANH BUNKERS THAT, AS A CONSEQUENCE, DYE MARKER ASSETS AT DONG HA WERE BEING USED AND WOULD BE REPLACED AS REQUESTED MATERIAL IS FINALLY DELIVERED.
4. UNODR WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPLY RSCB INCLUDING OUTPOST HILL POS. ITIONS WITH URGENTLY REQUIRED BUNKER REPAIR MATERIALS UTILIZING DONG HA DYE MARKER ASSETS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED FOR REPLACEMENT OF BUNKERS IN THE EASTERN DMZ.

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FOR

UNCLAS 08454
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR IIG TOMPKINS, INFO LTG CUSHMAN,
 LTG ROSSON
 SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
 AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING BY ELEMENT OF CO A, 1ST INF, 4 KM NW
 OF KHE SANH ON 24 MARCH, ACHIEVED EXCELLENT RESULTS. CONGRATULATIONS
 TO PATROL AND TO SUPPORTING ARTY AND GUNSHIPS FOR NOTEWORTHY CTION
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O 251008Z MAR 58 ZFF-S,
FM COMUSMACV
TO HNMSEA/CG III MAF
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~~██████████~~ L 03390. FOR LTJ GUSHMAN AND
LTJ ROSSON FROM GEN WESTMORELAND.

1. (C) DOD HAS APPROVED SUGGESTION THAT, BASED ON THE LIMITED
TRANSPORTATION, MESSING, BILLETING, AND OTHER FACILITIES AVAILABLE IN
THE PROV CORPS V AREA, YOU MAY LIMIT THE NUMBER OF NEWSMEN IN
CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING:

RHE SANH: 15

YONG PILES 10

CON TRIERS 12

VIA LINKS 7

CAMP EVANS: 25

CAMP CARROLL: 25

NO PROV CORPS V: AS DESIRED BY CG

2. (U) THESE FIGURES PROVIDED MACV BY MACV P&D, BUT
PRESUME THEY ARE STILL ACCURATE.

PAGE 2 HUMSA 3534C C O N F I D E N T I A L

3. (C) ALLOCATIONS OF SPACES TO NEWSMEN SHOULD BE BASED ON
SYSTEM NOW IN OPERATION AT RHE SANH SO THAT WIRE SERVICES AND
US TV NETS MAY BE CONTINUOUSLY REPRESENTED IF THEY SO DESIRE.

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DCG AIR						REMARKS
C/S	1.		3/25/68		Q	<p><i>OG - We don't have any, unless you know of some particular individual</i></p> <p><i>NO, about.</i></p> <p><i>B-3 for registration</i></p>
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 TO BG TABER C/S USARV
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 LTG WEYAND CG II FFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
 MG PEERS CG I FFV
 RADM VETH COMNAVFORV
 BG SMITH AFAG
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN MAC 04100 EYES ONLY
 SUBJ: EVALUATION OF RVNAF OFFICERS

REFERENCE MY MAC 03915, SAME SUBJECT, GENERAL WESTMORELAND IS MOST APPRECIATIVE OF YOUR PROMPT RESPONSES AND NOW WANTS TO DISCUSS WITH GENERAL VIEN THE IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF INEFFECTIVE COMMANDERS OF RVNAF BATTALIONS TO INCLUDE REGIONAL FORCE BATTALIONS. NAVY AND AIR FORCE COMMANDERS EQUIVALENT TO ARMY BATTALION LEVEL SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT TO ME BY NOON, SATURDAY, 30 MARCH, THE NAMES AND UNIT DESIGNATIONS OF THOSE COMMANDERS YOU CONSIDER SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY RELIEVED. IN MAKING THIS EVALUATION, PARTICULAR CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO DEMONSTRATED PERFORMANCE IN COMMAND DURING THE RECENT TET OFFENSIVE. IN RENDERING THE REPORT, PROVIDE ONLY THE NAME, RANK AND UNIT DESIGNATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL CONCERNED. NO REASONS OR OTHER QUALIFYING STATEMENTS ARE REQUIRED.

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I
O 240345Z MAR 68
FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T

PERSONAL FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
DYE MARKER BUNKER ASSET DISTRIBUTION

- A. CG PCV MSG 110234Z MAR68
- B. CG III MAF MSG 200203Z MAR68
- C. CG 3RD MARDIV MSG 030608Z MAR68

1. IN REF A PCV REQUESTED FROM III MAF AN EVALUATION OF THE AVAILABILITY OF DYE MARKER BUNKER MATERIAL IN DONG HA NEEDED TO PROVIDE HARDENED COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES GENERATED BY THE ARRIVAL OF NEW UNITS IN NICIZ.
2. III MAF, WITH COMUSMACV CURRANCE, MADE AVAILABLE THIRTY-THREE 8X12, TWO 18X24, AND ONE 12X18 BUNKERS TO PCV. HOWEVER, BY REF B FINAL APPROVAL FOR ISSUE WAS RETAINED BY III MAF. THE MATERIAL APPROVED FOR ISSUE WERE THE TOTAL BUNKER ASSETS AVAILABLE NOT EAR-MARKED FOR USE AS OP'S BETWEEN A-4 AND THE COAST AND REPAIR OF DAMAGED BUNKERS (FIFTY 18X24).
3. DURING THE NIGHT OF 23/24 MAR FOLLOWING A SERIES OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BUT NO WRITTEN DIRECTIVE, YOUR STAFF APPROVED ISSUE OF ALL THE ASSETS PROVIDED PCV TO THE 1ST AIR CAV FOR USE AT CA LU. WHERE THERE ARE NOW TWENTY TWO 18X24 AND TWO 18X12 DYEMARKER BUNKERS COMPLETELY INSTALLED.
4. I RELATED TO YOU ON 8 MAR (REF) THAT I HAVE BEEN USING DYE MARKER BUNKER MATERIAL FOR CRITICAL REQUIREMENTS IN THE DIVISION AOR. I WISH TO REPORT THAT THE BUNKER MATERIAL SITUATION IN THE THIRD DIVISION AO IS CRITICAL. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL BUNKER COMPONENTS AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, THERE IS NO BUNKER MATERIAL AVAILABLE TO CONTINUE RESUPPLY OF CRITICALLY NEEDED ITEMS TO THE HILL OUT POST POSITIONS AT KHE SANH WHICH WERE BEING LIFTED BY HELO FROM DONG HA.
5. THE PARA 2 ACTION ABOVE, WHILE PROVIDING MATERIAL EVENTUALLY NEEDED FOR CA LU AIRFIELD, DOES NOT IN MY JUDGMENT, FACE THE HARD FACT THAT WITHOUT CONTINUED BUNKERING OF OUTPOSTS AT KSCB HAVE GREATLY DECREASED CHANCE OF SURVIVING THE CURRENT ARTILLERY FIRES WHICH THUS FAR HAVE NOT ABATED.

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FOR

UNCLAS 08150
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR BG KIM, INFO LTG CHAE, LTG CUSHMAN.
 SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY VESSAGE
 PROFESSIONALISM OF YOUR TROOPS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED IN SUCCESSFUL
 ACTION BY 7TH CO, 2D BN, ON 21 MARCH SSW OF HOI AN. CONGRATULA-
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FM GEN WESTMORELAND, COMUSMACV
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF DANANG
ZEM

UNCLAS E F T O MAC 04023 EYES ONLY

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CONGRATULATIONS. REST ASSURED
THAT WHEREVER I AM, IN WHATEVER JOB, MY SUPPORT FOR YOU AND
YOUR FORCES HERE IN VIETNAM WILL BE UNSTINTING.

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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

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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 PRESPECTIVE.

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 AGA'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 AGA 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 AGA AIRCRAFT WERE DIVERTED BY THE ABCCC IN THE KHE SANH AREA DUE TO BAD WEATHER. SINCE THE AGA CAN OPERATE PROFITABLY IN BAD WEATHER THE TACC WAS CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF THIS AND REQUESTED TO BRIEF ABCCC

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 CONTROLLERS ON AGA 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 OT 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 ICIZ. 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 ROLE 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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FOR

UNCLAS 08152
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR MG KOSTER, INFO LTG CUSHMAN
 SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
 HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TBUI/6 INF AND F TROOP, 17TH CAV
 FOR THEIR DEFEAT OF ENEMY FORCES 7 KM S OF HOI AN ON 21 MARCH.
 TOTAL OF 112 ENEMY CASUALTIES WITH 12 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 14 C/S
 WEAPONS SEIZED INDICATE WELL-PLANNED AND EXECUTED BLOW TO
 ENEMY. KEEP IT UP!
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VV MFB450ZVA 255V ASA124
 PP RUMMWAA
 DE RUMSMA 3244C 0830103
 ZNR UUUUU
 P 230045Z MAR 68 ZFFG
 FM COMUSMACV
 TO RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV
 INFO RUMMWAA/CG III MAF
 BT

FOR

UNCLAS 08151
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR MG KOSTER, NFO LTG CUSHMAN
 SUBJECT: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
 CONTACTS BY 1/1 ARMED CAV AND 1/20 INF BETWEEN TAM KY AND
 HOI AN ON 20 MARCH WERE OUTSTANDING. DESTRUCTION OF 13 ENEMY
 SAMPANS AND 86 ENEMY CASUALTIES DESERVING OF CONGRATU-
 LATIONS TO ALL.
 BT

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DATE	SIGNATURE	FROM COMUSMACV	
		SERIAL 230044Z MAR 68	COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
		SUBJECT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE	
		DATE	SIGNATURE
3/23	<i>DH Wagon</i>		
3/23	<i>C/S Das</i>		
3/23	<i>lp</i>		
3/23	<i>gn</i>		
S/S	COPIES 2,3,4 OF 6 COPIES		
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	COPY 6 OF 6 COPIES		

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UVV MFA 1890ZVA 256TV ASA 123
 PP RUMWAA
 DE RUMSMA 3243C 0830100
 ZNR UUUUU
 P 230044Z MAR 68 ZFF-6
 FM COMUSMACV
 TO RUMHOK/CG 2D ROK MARINE BDE
 INFO ZEN/CDR ROKFV
 RUMWAA/CG III MAF
 BT

FOR

UNCLAS 08150
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR BG KIM, INFO LTG CHAE, LTG CUSHMAN.
 SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
 PROFESSIONALISM OF YOUR TROOPS AGAIN DEMONSTRATED IN SUCCESSFUL
 ACTION BY TM CO, 2D BN, ON 21 MARCH 55W OF HOI AN. CONGRATULA-
 TIONS
 BT

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	ROUTE	ACTION	DATE IN	DATE OUT	INITIAL	FROM
CG	2		3/23/68		lo	CTF 76
DCG	3		3/23/68		JW	SERIAL 221540Z MAR 68 COPY # 1 OF 3 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT ARG/SLF SCHEDULES
C/S	1		3/23/68		A	REMARKS For C6 - have sent to G-3 for comment & rec. at this point in time, however, if Reagan goes as planned I believe this move would be more disruptive than helpful. <i>Sherry</i> 90 y3 - we need to continue offensive pressure full bore & continuously.
DC/S			3/27/68		DK	
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			230930	3/24	DHW	LEGEND A - ACTION/COGNIZANCE C - COMMENTS I - INFORMATION
S/C						

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P 221540Z MAR 68
 FM CTF 76
 TO CG III MAF
 INFO CG PCV
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LGEN CUSHMAN INFO LGEN
 ROSSON FROM RADM BENRENS.

ARG/SLF SCHEDULES

A. YOUR 200718Z MAR 68 NOTAL

1. RECOGNIZE CRITICAL SITUATION IN NORTHERN I CTZ WHICH MILITATES AGAINST AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT BLT'S 2/4 AND 3/1 AS INDICATED REF ALFA. ALSO RECOGNIZE CRITICALITY OF LOC'S, WHICH THESE BLT'S HAVE PROTECTED AND WHICH THIS COMMAND SO BUSY IN SUPPLEMENTING AND SUPPORTING.
2. HOWEVER, ALL AVAILABLE INTELL INFO NOW INDICATES A REDUCTION IN ENEMY ACTIVITY AND A (AT LEAST TEMPORARY) THREAT REMISSION. BEST OVERALL STRATEGY WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE WISDOM OF TAKING EVERY STEP TO REGAIN INITIATIVE, UPSET STATIC ENEMY POSITS, AND PUT ENEMY OFF BALLANCE BEFORE OUR PLANNED EARLY APRIL MAJOR OFFENSIVE.
3. THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND MINOR FORCE REDISPOSITIONS IN ORDER TO FREE BLT 3/1 FOR BACKLOADING TO ARG/SLF BRAVO IN NEXT FEW DAYS. FORTY-EIGHT HOURS LATER SLF BRAVO COULD BE RELANDED IN PROFITABLE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WITH ADVANTAGES OF INITIATIVE, SURPRISE AND EXCELLENT LIKELIHOOD OF CATCHING ENEMY UNAWARES ALONG VITAL LOC (SUCH AS NORTH SIDE CUA VIET).
4. SIMILARLY, ARG/SLF ALFA WILL BE READY TO RECEIVE BLT 2/4 ABOUT 27 MAR WITH NEW SURPRISE AMPHIBIOUS ATTACK TO FOLLOW SHORTLY THEREAFTER, POSSIBLY DISCONCERTING ENEMY JUST BEFORE OUR OFFENSIVE O/A 1 APR.
5. BELIEVE THESE AMPHIBIOUS OFFENSIVES COMPATIBLE WITH INTENT OF COMUSMACV AS DEMONSTRATED IN "RESOLVED TO WIN." DESPITE FULL APPRECIATION OF NEED FOR EVERY SOLDIER IN I CTZ, DO NOT SEE HOW THESE ALTERNATE 48 HOUR GAPS IN PRESENCE OF 3/1 AND 2/4 IN-COUNTRY COULD FAIL TO PROVIDE BOTH STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL ADVANTAGES IF THEIR AMPHIBIOUS CAPABILITY IS IMAGINATIVELY USED. THERE ARE MANY PAST LESSONS OF WW II AND SINCE TO SUPPORT THIS, PLUS 50 AMPHIB LANDINGS IN SVN TO DATE WHICH ALWAYS HAVE HARASSED NVA/VC.
6. FURTHER, DO NOT SEE ALTERNATE BACKLOADS WITH NEW LANDINGS 48 HOURS LATER AS POLITICALLY SENSITIVE WITH RESPECT TO NUMBER OF IN-COUNTRY TROOPS.
7. FOR LGEN ROSSON: REGRET OTHER COMMITMENTS HAVE PREVENTED MY PAYING RESPECTS SINCE YOUR ARRIVAL NORTHERN I CTZ. ON ENCOURAGEMENT OF CHAMP BLOUIN, LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU SOON.
8. WARM REGARDS.

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 BT

III MAF 2100/2 (REV. 11-66)

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CG	2		3/23/68		ly	SERIAL 221240Z MAR	COPY # 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG	3		3/23/68		JK	SUBJECT	FOR
DCG AIR	4		3/24/68		#	REMARKS	<p><i>W/ to S/S Put on my board</i></p> <p><i>Done S/D</i></p> <p>FOR 9</p>
C/S	1.		3/23/68		A		
DC/S							
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
G-1							
G-2							
G-3							
G-4							
CEO							
S/S			230930		DHW		
S/C							

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PT005463
 PTTCZYUW RUHHMOD1541 0820000-CCCC-RUMMWAA.
 ZNY CCCCC
 DE RUMGUL 1407 08210
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 221240Z GAR 68 ZYO RUMGCS
 FM COMSEVENTHFLT
 TO OUMMWAA/CG, III MAF
 BT

FOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM BRINGLE
 A. YOUR 220708Z MAR 68
 1. WILL ARRIVE YOUR HELO PAD 0930 24 MAR; LOOK FORWARD TO VISIT. MY ASST C/S FOR OPERATIONS WILL ACCOMPANY.
 2. BEST REGARDS.
 GP-4
 BT

III MAF 2100/1 (REV. 11-66)

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	ROUTE	ACTION	DATE IN	DATE OUT	INITIAL	FROM
CG						FROM MC KERWIN C/S MACV SERIAL 230252 MAR 68 COPY # OF 4 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG						SUBJECT EVAL RVNAF OFFICERS
DCG AIR						REMARKS EYES ONLY <i>#2d if banded</i> <i>6 Nov 68</i> Copy #4 out 230825 H Mar 68 Mm <i>JC Sullivan</i> <i>returned 241805 24W</i> LEGEND A- ACTION / COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
C/S						
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
CEO						
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CG	2		3/22/68		lp	MG KERWIN C/S MACV SERIAL 220253Z MAR 68
DCG	3		3/23/68		W	COPY # 1 OF 4 COPIES RECEIVED SUBJECT EVAL RVNAF OFFICERS
DCG AIR	4		3/24/68		Hand seen ✓	REMARKS
C/S	1.		3/22/68		@	YES ONLY
DC/S						<p>Your personal appraisal together with name Andro and US admission should be collected, I believe.</p> <p>✓ Yes - ASAP</p> <p>JS Home C-3 see me ASAP</p> <p>9.</p>
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3		Copy to G-3 230820 H/10, r 68 DM				
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			221340		DKW	LEGEND
S/C						A - ACTION/COGNIZANCE
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0220253Z ZYH ZFF-1
 FM MG KERWIN C/S MACV
 TO LTG PALMER DEPCG USARV
 LTG CUSHMAN III MAF
 LTG WEYAND IFFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
 MG PEERS IIFFV
 RADM VETH COMNAVFORV
 BG SMITH AFADV GP
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN MAC 03915 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF RVNAF OFFICERS (CNF)

1. (CNF) AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS RAISED WITH GENERAL WESTMORELAND THE QUESTION OF THE PERFORMANCE OF RVNAF OFFICERS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PASSING TO GVN THE MACV RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE WORTH OF KEY RVNAF COMMANDERS, PARTICULARLY IN THE LIGHT OF RVNAF OFFICER PERFORMANCE DURING THE RECENT OFFENSIVE. ACCORDINGLY, WE HAVE AN URGENT REQUIREMENT TO UPDATE OUR LIST OF GOOD AND BAD RVNAF COMMANDERS SO THAT GENERAL WESTMORELAND HAS THE INFORMATION FOR AMBASSADOR BUNKER.

2. (CNF) REQUEST YOU TRANSMIT TO ME BY NOON, SUNDAY, 24 MARCH, A LIST OF RVNAF OFFICERS WITHIN YOUR RESPECTIVE PURVIEWS IN THREE PARTS, AS FOLLOWS:

PART I - NAME, RANK AND ASSIGNMENT OF THOSE COMMANDERS DOWN TO INCLUDE REGIMENTAL LEVEL WHOM YOU CONSIDER TO BE PARTICULARLY OUTSTANDING.

PART II - NAME, RANK AND ASSIGNMENT OF THOSE COMMANDERS DOWN TO INCLUDE REGIMENTAL LEVEL WHOM YOU CONSIDER TO BE DEFICIENT IN COMMAND, SPECIFYING AS BRIEFLY AS YOU CAN, WHY THE INDIVIDUAL IS DEFICIENT.

PART III - NAME, RANK AND ASSIGNMENT OF THOSE COMMANDERS WHOM YOU CONSIDER SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM COMMAND AT ONCE.

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CG	2		3/22/68		lp	SERIAL 211140Z MAR	COPY #2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG	3		3/22/68		GM	SUBJECT	FOR
DCG AIR	4			23	A	REMARKS	
C/S	1.		3/22/68		Q		
DC/S							
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
G-1							
G-2		COPY					
G-3		COPY					
G-4							
CEO							
S/S			220745		SHS DKW		
S/C							

FOR

OK Be glad to have him all AM's. 1000 Sun 0830 Mon + Tues. for briefs. Can see him in office just prior. b

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		SERIAL 211140Z MAR	COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
SUBJECT		FOR	
		DATE	SIGNATURE
3/22	DHW Cagur		
3/22	C/S Bas seen DWW		
3/22	<i>[Signature]</i>		
3/23	<i>[Signature]</i>		
3/23	DGG Cui.		
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 ZNY CCCCC
 DE RUGUL 1325 081140
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 211140Z MAR 68 ZYO RUGGS
 FM COMSEVENTHFLT
 TO RUMWAA/CG III MAF
 BT

FOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM BRINGLE
 1. MY FLAGSHIP WILL BE ON NGFS OFF I CORPS 24-26 MAR. IF CON-
 VENIENT I WOULD LIKE TO MELO IN FOR A SHORT CALL AND ATTEND
 YOUR MORNING BRIEFING ON DATE YOU SUGGEST.
 BEST REGARDS.
 GP-4
 BT

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	ROUTE	ACTION	DATE IN	DATE OUT	INITIAL	FROM MGEN KERWIN
CG	2		3/21/68		<i>[initials]</i>	SERIAL 200959Z MAR 68 1, 2, AND 4 OF 4 COPY# OF COPIES RECEIVED
DCG	3		3/21/68		<i>[initials]</i>	SUBJECT MAC 03841 EYES ONLY
DCG AIR	4		3/22/68		<i>[initials]</i>	REMARKS. <i>[Handwritten: 1 msg sent at 1659 Howie. and he was off at 1700.]</i>
C/S	1.		3/20/68		<i>[initials]</i>	
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			201945	3/22	<i>[initials]</i>	
S/C						

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0200959Z ZYH ZFF-1
 FM MG KERWIN, C/S, MACV
 TO GEN MOMYER, CDR 7AF
 LTG CUSHMAN, CG III MAF
 LTG WEYAND, CG II FFV
 MG ECKHARDT, SA IV CORPS
 MG PEERS, ACTG CG I FFV
 RADM VETH, COMNAVFORV
 BG TABER, C/S USARV (*Gen Palmer must also be out of ctry*)
 ZEM
 C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 03841 EYES ONLY
 (C) COMUSMACV WILL BE OUT-OF-COUNTRY EFFECTIVE
 201700 MAR UNTIL 241800 MAR. PLEASE ADDRESS BACK CHANNELS
 TO DEPCOMUSMACV ACCORDINGLY.

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	ROUTE	ACTION	DATE IN	DATE OUT	INITIAL	FROM
CG						CG FMFPAC
DCG						SERIAL 200436Z MAR COPY# OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT PASS TO MGEN DAVIS
C/S						REMARKS FOR Copy #4 to Mgen Davis 211515H Mar 68 #3 burned 6 Nov 68 LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			202000		stb	
S/C						

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	ROUTE	ACTION	DATE IN	DATE OUT	INITIAL	FROM	
CG	2		3/22/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	CG FMFPAC	
DCG	3		3/22/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	SERIAL 200436Z MAR COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED	
DCG AIR	4		3/23/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	SUBJECT PASS TO MGEN DAVIS	
C/S	1		3/21/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	REMARKS	
DC/S						<p><i>S/S - See to it that Gen Davis receives a copy of this FOR</i></p>	
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
G-1							
G-2							
G-3							
G-4							
CEO							
Copy delivered to MGEN DAVIS upon arrival. DFW.							
S/S			202000 3/22		<i>[Signature]</i>		LEGEND
S/C						A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE	
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DATE	SIGNATURE	FROM CG FMFPAC	
		SERIAL 00436Z MAR	COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
3/22	<i>[Signature]</i>	SUBJECT PASS TO MGEN DAVIS	
3/22	<i>C/S + S/S have seen</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE
3/22	<i>DCG has seen.</i>		
3/23/68	<i>MG Anderson Hanson</i>		
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 DE RUHHEMA 3917 0800436
 ZNY EEEEE
 R 200436Z MAR 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUMWAA/CG III MAF
 BT

FOR

UNCLAS E F T O

1. PLEASE PASS TO MGEN DAVIS: WELCOME TO FMFPAC.
 CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT AND ON THE
 GREAT OPPORTUNITIES WHICH IT OFFERS FOR MEANINGFUL
 SERVICE TO THE MARINE CORPS AND OUR COUNTRY.
 BT

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CG	2		3/20/68		<i>lp</i>	GEN ABRAMS DEFCOMUSMACV SERIAL 200231Z MR8 COPY# OF 4 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG	3		3/20/68		<i>lm</i>	SUBJECT VISIT 21 MARCH 68
DCG AIR	4		3/22/68		<i>lm</i>	REMARKS
C/S	1		3/20/68		<i>Q</i>	EYES ONLY
DC/S			3/20/68		<i>lm</i>	
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			201200		<i>blw.</i>	
S/C						

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0200231Z ZYH ZFF-3
FM GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF

INFO LTG ROSSON CG PCV

ZEM

~~SECRET~~ MAC 03814 EYES ONLY

I PLAN TO VISIT III MAF 21 MARCH 68. WEATHER PERMITTING I WOULD ARRIVE DONG HA BY FIXED WING ABOUT 1030. I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT 3RD MAR DIV, 1ST CAV DIV AND 101 AIRBORNE FOR BRIEFINGS ON THEIR CURRENT OPERATIONS AND PLANS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO, FOLLOWED BY

A VISIT TO THE 8TH RRU AND THEN BRIEFINGS BY PROV CORPS V. I WOULD LIKE TO WIND UP THE DAY ABOUT 1730BM THE LAST HOUR AND A HALF WOULD BE AT DANANG WITH OVERALL BRIEFING BY III MAF ON THE I CTZ SITUATION INCLUDING THE STATUS AND TRENDS OF THE LOGISTICAL SITUATION ESPECIALLY IN NORTHERN I CTZ. THE BRIEFING SHOULD ALSO COVER THE PROGRESS AND STATUS OF THE III MAF DASC.

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CG	2		3/20/68		JP	SERIAL 192147Z MAR 68	COPY # 1 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG	3		3/21/68		JN	SUBJECT EXCLUSIVE FOR	
DCG AIR						REMARKS	
C/S	1.		3/20/68		Q	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">EXCLUSIVE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY</p> <p>LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION</p>	
DC/S			3/21/68		R		
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
G-1							
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G-4							
CEO							
S/S			201125		JW		
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		30814ZZ MAR 68	COPY# 1 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
3/20	DH Wagner	SUBJECT EXCLUSIVE FOR	
3/20	<i>[Signature]</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE
3/20	C/S Das sen DHW.		
3/21	<i>[Signature]</i>		
3/21	D.H. Fan		
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 ZNY SSSSS
 P 192147Z MAR 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUMWAA/CG III MAF
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUMKAW/CG FIRST MAF
 ZEN/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMHFL/CG FORLOGCMD
 ZEN/CG NINTH MAB
 BT

EXCLUSIVE

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN, MGENS TOMPKINS, ANDERSON, BOUKER, ROBERTSON, BGENS OLSON & CHIP FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

1. ALL OF YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH TRAVAIL DAILY TO KEEP YOU OCCUPIED, AND I HAVE NO DESIRE TO ADD FURTHER TO YOUR BURDENS. NEVERTHELESS, I BELIEVE THAT YOU OUGHT TO HAVE MY READING ON A FEW IMPORTANT MATTERS.
2. THE UNITED STATES' GOLD SITUATION IS NOT JUST SERIOUS; IT IS GRAVE, AND HAS A DIRECT RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR AFFAIRS. LARGELY THROUGH THE MANEUVERINGS OF THE FRENCH WE

PAGE 2 RUMHFMA3796 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO WERE PLACED, LAST WEEK, IN A TOTALLY UNTENABLE POSITION. OUR GOLD, AT THE ARTIFICIAL \$35 PER OUNCE PRICE, WAS A BARGAIN, AND EVERYONE WANTED IT. THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO CRASH THROUGH A MEASURE REMOVING THE MANDATORY 25 PERCENT GOLD SUPPORT FOR OUR CURRENCY IN ORDER TO GET SOME GOLD TO MEET DEMANDS. SO NOW OUR MONEY NO LONGER HAS A GOLD REQUIREMENT BEHIND IT.

3. BUT THAT WAS ONLY A STOP GAP. THE GOLD CONTINUED TO DISAPPEAR, TO THE POINT WHERE WE HAD TO GO AS A SUPPLICANT TO THE OTHER PRINCIPAL GOLD COUNTRIES--ENGLAND, BELGIUM, ITALY, NETHERLANDS, WEST GERMANY AND SWITZERLAND, AND PREVAIL ON THEM TO STOP SELLING GOLD. THIS, OF COURSE, MEANT A SACRIFICE FOR THEM; ONE WHICH THEY WERE ONLY PREPARED TO MAKE IF WE WOULD DO SOMETHING TO BOLSTER OUR OWN FINANCIAL SITUATION, PARTICULARLY TO CUT OUR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DEFICIT.
4. WE AGREED TO TAKE SOME STRONG STEPS. THEY ARE NOT YET IDENTIFIED, BUT I RECKON WE WILL SEE A BIG TAX RISE (ELECTION YEAR NOTWITHSTANDING, WHICH GIVES YOU AN IDEA OF THE DEPTH OF OUR TROUBLE), DOMESTIC FEDERAL

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SPENDING CUT-BACKS (AND THAT CAN INCLUDE MILITARY
SPENDING), SHARP CURTAILMENTS ON OFF-SHORE DOLLAR
EXPENDITURES (SUCH AS OUR AIRCRAFT REWORK AND VEHICLE
REBUILD IN JAPAN), POSSIBLY TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM EUROPE,
AND PERHAPS HARD LOOKS AT THE DOLLAR COSTS OF RUNNING
THE VIETNAM WAR. ONE THING IS SURE;--WE EITHER SHOW
WE MEAN BUSINESS, OR THE OTHER GOLD COUNTRIES WILL
ABANDON US AND SELL THEIR GOLD ON THE OPEN MARKET.

5. AS A RELATED MATTER, I HAVE HEARD NOTHING CONCERNING HOW THE
TROOP INCREASE REQUESTS ARE FARING. HOWEVER, I SHOULD BE KEENLY-
SURPRISED IF THE GOLD PROBLEM HAS NOT AFFECTED THE
DELIBERATIONS--AT THE VERY LEAST TO THE EXTENT OF SLOWING THEM
DOWN. AS SOON AS I LEARN SOMETHING MORE ON THAT SUB-
JECT, I WILL BE IN TOUCH.

6. NEW SUBJECT. ONE OF THE REALLY DEADLY STORIES GOING
AROUND AMONG THE HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALDOM IS THAT REV-
OLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT IN RVN HAS SUFFERED IRREPARABLE. BOB, ANY-
THING YOU CAN DO TO GET THE HONEST FACTS ACROSS WILL
BE ALL TO THE GOOD.

7. NEW SUBJECT. NONE OF YOU NEED PENNY LECTURES ON THE

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MARINES' PERSONNEL SITUATION:--SHORT EVERYWHERE. IN THIS
REGARD, I DOUBT IF EVER THERE HAS BEEN A TIME WHEN FIRST TERM
REENLISTMENTS MEANT SO MUCH. MAKE SURE THAT EVERY
OFFICER AND NCO APPRECIATES THE FACT AND RECOGNIZES
IT AS HIS OWN PERSONAL PROBLEM.

8. NEW SUBJECT. TODAY I SPENT THREE HOURS REFUTING, ON
THE RECORD, THE NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WRITTEN BY MR. TUOHY,
CRITICISING MARINE GENERALSHIP IN VIETNAM. I WILL SEND
BOB A COPY OF THE TAPE TOMORROW. IT IS MY HOPE TO SEE
SOME OF IT IN PRINT. BEST REGARDS TO ALL.

GP-4
BT

*Should make
interesting listening.*

*Hopefully in
our next JORDS
minutes we can also
be more specific
encouraging
J. P. J.*

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*Maybe Spent's can
also count in this
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TO RUMSAK/CG 3D MAR DIV

INFO RUMSAK/CG III MAF

ZEN/CG PROVCORPSV

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XUNCLAS 07805

FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR MG TOMPKINS, INFO LTG CUSHMAN,
LTG ROSSON.

SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

ATTACK ON DUG-IN ENEMY FORCE 6 KM N OF DONG HA ON 18 MARCH
INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES ON ENEMY. CONGRATULATIONS TO E/2/4
MARINES AND SUPPORTING AIR FOR EXCELLENT PERFORMANCE.

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 FM COMUSMACV
 TO ZEN/CDR 7AF SAIGON
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 UUMSJC/CG I I FFOR CEV LONG BINH
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 INFO ZEN/DCG USARV LONG BINH
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 UUMSEM/CG PROV CORPSV
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UNCLAS 07784 FROM: MACCOC3
 FOR GEN COMYER, LTG CUSHMAN, LTG WEYAND, MG ECKHART, MG PEERS;
 INFO LTG PALMER, LTG ROSSON, RADM VETH; FROM GEN WESTMORELAND
 SUBJ: COMMANDER'S DAILY SUMMARY (U)

1. WE ARE UNDER CONTINUING PRESSURE FROM NATIONAL COMMAND
 AUTHORITIES FOR MORE DESCRIPTIVE AND ANALYTICAL REPORTING OF COMBAT
 OPERATIONS. THE REQUIREMENT IS FOR BETTER NARRATIVE REPORTING WITH
 EMPHASIS ON TRENDS AND THE MOST GRAPHIC PORTRAYAL OF THE SITUATION
 RATHER THAN THE PRESENTATION OF ADDITIONAL STATISTICS.

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2. THE BEST DEVICE FOR SATISFYING THIS REQUIREMENT APPEARS TO
 BE THE DAILY MACV TELECONS WHICH ALLOW US CONSIDERABLE LATITUDE IN
 PREPARATION INASMUCH AS THERE IS NO FIXED FORMAT ESTABLISHED BY
 HIGHER HEADQUARTERS. THE TELECONS ARE PREPARED IN THE MACV COMMAND
 CENTER, BASED PRIMARILY ON SPOT REPORTS RECEIVED FROM YOUR HEAD-
 QUARTERS AND ARE DESPATCHED AT 0600H AND 1800H DAILY TO NMCC AND
 CINCPAC. NMCC USES THE INFORMATION IN THE TELECON TO BRIEF THE
 CHAIRMAN, JCS AND TO PREPARE MEMORANDA FOR THE WHITE HOUSE.

3. USE OF THE CURRENT MACV TELECONS AS A MEANS TO CONVEY THE
 INTENDED NARRATIVE INFORMATION WILL NECESSITATE SOME REVISION IN
 FORMAT AND CONTENT. THE PRIMARY CHANGE REQUIRED WILL BE THE IN-
 CLUSION IN THE EVENING TELECON OF A COMMANDER'S NARRATIVE SUMMARY
 FOR EACH OF THE CORPS AREAS AND FOR AIR OPERATIONS. ESSENTIALLY, IT
 IS INTENDED THAT THIS SUMMARY BE A CONCISE NARRATIVE REPORT SIMILAR
 IN CONTENT AND SCOPE TO YOUR FONECON REPORTS TO ME. ANALYTICAL COM-
 MENTS ARE SOLICITED. THE SUMMARY WILL NOT SUPERSEDE ANY CURRENT
 REPORTING REQUIREMENT; THEREFORE, SUCH ROUTINE ITEMS AS SMALL UNIT
 CONTACTS, DAILY CASUALTIES, AND INCOMING ROUNDS NEED NOT BE INCLUDED
 UNLESS REQUIRED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CLARITY OR ADDING
 EMPHASIS TO AN ACCOUNT OF A SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT.

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4. ACCORDINGLY, EFFECTIVE 21 MARCH, ADDRESSEES WILL SUBMIT TO THE MACV COMMAND CENTER A CONCISE NARRATIVE OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR THE PREVIOUS 24 HOUR PERIOD FROM 1201H TO 1200H. THE SUMMARY WILL BE TRANSMITTED OVER THE COC DEDICATED TELETYPE CIRCUIT SO AS TO REACH THE MACV COMMAND CENTER NLT 1500H DAILY. THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUMMARY WILL NORMALLY BE LIMITED TO CONFIDENTIAL BUT MAY BE ADJUSTED BY ADDRESSEES TO SECRET, IF REQUIRED.

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~~GEN VESTMORELAND~~ 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 INFORMED THAT CERTAIN 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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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SECRET SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS. PERSONAL FOR LIGEN
KRULAK AND LIGEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJGEN ANDERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
FOR FMFPAC F-052

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 TACC 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 VMJ 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 TRRGET AREA. HE 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 BGEN 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 1 - 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

I don't share this view - Bolt only agreed that the DASC should go first to the present site at F Corp as a matter of expediency - that the DASC should eventually go to the new site. In my mind (Gen Bolt) was never convinced that the DASC should go to the new site without standing the advantages advanced by the rule.

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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
KRUAK 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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REF A: CG III MAF 050113Z MAR 68

REF B: CG FMFPAC 090442Z MAR 68

1. I APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS, REFERENCES A AND B, FROM WHERE YOU SIT AS TO THE SITUATION ON THE TOURS OF COLONELS IN RVN.

2. AS BRUTE STATED, THE TOUR HUMP OF COLONELS IS STILL WITH US AND THE DAMPING PROCESS IS SLOW AND DIFFICULT. I AM AWARE OF THE CONTINUING DEMANDS FOR MORE MARINES IN RVN BUT I ALSO AM AWARE THAT OUR PERSONNEL PLANNERS MUST MONITOR AGAINST KNOWN T/O'S AND MANNING LEVELS. THE COLONELS SLATE FOR WEST PAC WAS PLANNED BASED UPON III MAF MANNING LEVELS AND THE MOVES PURPOSELY PLANNED TO DRAW DOWN COLONELS TO THE MANNING LEVEL. I AGREE, AS NO DOUBT BOB DOES IN YOUR PLAN, BRUTE, TO SEND OUT A SPECIAL TEAM TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IN ORDER TO DO THE JOB. THE REAL NEED ACCURATELY MEASURED AND REFLECTED IN MANNING LEVELS IS NECESSARY TO PLANNING. WILL AWAIT YOUR RESULTS.

3. IT IS MY POLICY THAT MARINES SERVE A FULL TOUR IN RVN. INCLUDING COLONELS AND THAT SHORT TOURS WILL NOT OCCUR IN CASES OF OVER-RIDING NECESSITY. THE UNDERLAP WILL HAVE TO BE ABSORBED AT THIS END.

4. IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT WE DO HAVE CERTAIN PROBLEMS CONCERNING OUR COLONEL POPULATION WHEN VIEWED AGAINST BILLET REQUIREMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MARINE CORPS, WORLDWIDE, INCLUDING WEST PAC. WE ARE STRETCHED TIGHTLY. THE PINCH IS MOST EVIDENT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS WHEN THE CORPS IS AT THE HEIGHT OF ITS PERSONNEL MOVES. THIS IS THE TIME WHEN COLONELS RETIRE BOTH STATUTORILY AND VOLUNTARILY. BY 30 JUNE 1968, 58 COLONELS MUST RETIRE. 46 OTHERS HAVE REQUESTED RETIREMENT OR HAVE INDICATED INTENT.

5. I HAVE REVIEWED THE LIST OF COLONELS IN YOUR MESSAGE, BOB, AND HAVE APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

A. MONTH AND DATES OF RETURN WHEN APPROPRIATE, AS INDICATED:

ROBICHAUD - WD 1 JUN MICHAUX - JUL
SCHICK - WD 1 JUN FLAIT - TO TLS BY 29 JUL
SMITH - JUN TOPE - WD 1 JUN

B. IN ALL OTHER CASES, NORMAL TOUR APPLIES. ORDERS WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED WILL BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.
BEST REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

1. THERE APPEARS TO BE AN ABERRATION IN THE WAY WE DETAIL OFFICERS TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. I HAVE IN MIND THE SITUATION CREATED WITHIN YOUR PRINCIPAL STAFF SECTIONS WHERE THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE OFFICERS PARTICULARLY THOSE OF JUNIOR RANK REPORT DIRECTLY FROM CONUS TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR DUTY WITHOUT THE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT IN-COUNTRY EXPERIENCE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BECAUSE OF THE PACE AND PRESS OF BUSINESS, THE ONE OR TWO SENIOR OFFICERS IN THESE SECTIONS ARE GENERALLY SO BUSY THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE TIME TO GIVE THE COMPREHENSIVE INDOCTRINATION AND INSTRUCTION NORMALLY DUE A NEWCOMER. A NATURAL RESULT IS FOR THE SENIORS SIMPLY TO ASSUME MORE OF THE BURDEN BECAUSE IT IS THE QUICKEST WAY TO GET THE JOB DONE WHILE THE JUNIOR

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THIS IS A CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGE. PLEASE EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

- 1. MAY WELL CONTRIBUTE LESS THAN HIS POTENTIAL.
- 2. JUDICIOUS USE OF SPLIT TOURS APPEARS TO BE THE ANSWER. SPLIT TOURS MUST BE APPLIED CAREFULLY BECAUSE EACH ONE EXACTS SOME COST ON CONTINUITY BUT, AS WE NOTED IN DISCUSSIONS ON BARROW'S ASSIGNMENT, THE OFFICER FRESH FROM AN IN-COUNTRY COMMAND OR STAFF ASSIGNMENT WITH ONE OF THE DIVISIONS, THE WING OR FLC BRINGS THE SELF-CONFIDENCE, TECHNICAL UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICAL FEEL FOR TIME AND SPACE FACTORS THAT ARE INVALUABLE IN THE TOP STAFF CHARGED WITH DIRECTION OF THE WHOLE COMBAT EFFORT.
- 3. A BONUS PRODUCT OF THIS ADJUSTMENT WILL BE TO BROAD BOTH COMBAT AND STAFF EXPERIENCE ACROSS A WIDER SPECTRUM OF OUR OFFICERS, WHICH IS TO THE LONG-TERM ADVANTAGE OF ALL CONCERNED. IN THE PROCESS WE MAY STAVE OFF A CORONARY OR TWO BY GIVING OUR SENIOR STAFF OFFICERS BETTER QUALIFIED ASSISTANTS.
- 4. THE ELEMENTS OF MY SOLUTION ARE TO FIRST DETERMINE, THROUGH JOINT EVALI TION BY REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO HEADQUARTERS, THE GENERAL PROPORTION OF SPLIT AND FULL TOUR

PAGE 3 RUHKTMA 3117 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO ASSIGNMENTS OF OFFICERS, BY RANK AND MOS, CAT WILL GIVE YOU THE OPOGMUM BLEND OF CONTINUITY AND OPERATIONAL CURRENCY IN YOUR STAFF. THE NEXT IS TO DEVELOP A PERSONNEL INPUT SCHEDULE THAT WILL GIVE YOU THE DESIRED BLEND AS RAPIDLY AS FEASIBLE.

5. MY G-1 WILL ARRIVE AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS ON 21MAR68 TO DISCUSS THIS AND OFFER PERSONNEL POLICY MATTERS OF CURRENT INTEREST. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR GEN F S BESSON JR

MAR CORPS MISA 1 BARREL AND SIGHT ASSEMBLY MODERNIZATION PROGRAM

A. MARCORPS MIPR 00017-8-82071 TO US ARMY WEAPON CMD

1. INFO INFORMALLY RECEIVED THIS HQS INDICATE SPECIFICATIONS CITED REF A HAS BEEN CHANGED TO EXTENT THAT PETS STILL REMAIN IN CHAMBER BODY AND NECK AREA AFTER CHROMING. ALL 1200 ROCK ISLAND USED CHROMED (RUC) BARREL AND SIGHT ASSEMBLIES DELIVERED TO MESS, BARSTON UNDERSTOOD TO BE SUBJECT TO THIS SPECIFICATION DEVIATION. NO DIVIATION HAS BEEN PROPOSED BY WECOM OR AUTHORIZED BY MARCORPS.
2. ALL 1200 RUC BARREL AND SIGHT ASSYS DELIVERED TO BARSTON BEING RETURNED TO WECO, ROCK ISLAND AT ARMY EXPENSE, PER CG, USAWECOM MSG 140500Z MAR 68
3. RECOGNIZE ADHERENCE TO ORIGINAL SPECIFICATION MAY RESULT IN HIGH

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REJECT RATE PARTICULARLY IN INITIAL ASSYS RETURNED FROM RUM WHICH WERE SUBJECTED TO LONGEST USAGE. HOWEVER, UNLESS SPECIFICATION CHANGE OFF OBG AUTHORIZED BY THIS HQS AND MODERNIZED ASSYS MUST CONFORM TO ORIGINAL SPECIFICATIONS.

4. IN VIEW PROBABLE HIGH REJECTION RATE COUPLED WITH URGENT REQUIREMENT MARINE SEA COMMITTED FORCES, REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS ACTION TO RESOLVE SPECIFICATION CHANGE AND ACCELERATION TO MAXIMUM POSSIBLE PROCESSING OF RETURNED BARREL AND SIGHT ASSEMBLIES.
5. PLEASE ADVISE.

NGEN P R TYLER SENDS.

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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
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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
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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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C/S						REMARKS <i>Copy #2 to G-3 J Chelvin out 15 Mar 68</i>
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DCG AIR	<i>3</i>					REMARKS
C/S	<i>1</i>		<i>3/15/68</i>		<i>Q</i>	<i>CG - will comply</i> <i>V. Long</i> <i>G.</i>
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
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G-3	<i>4</i>	<i>A</i>				
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			<i>142210</i>		<i>SB</i>	
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0 141227Z ZYH ZFF-1
 FM GENERAL WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
 TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 ZEM

~~SECRET~~ MAC 03549 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: DAILY REPORT ON KHE SANH SITUATION (U)
 REF: A. MAC MSG 050601 DTG 050530Z FEB 68 (S)
 B. MAC MSG 131303 DTG 131229Z FEB 68 (S)

1. (S) REFERENCE A MODIFIED BY REFERENCE B ESTABLISHED REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR DAILY KHE SANH/DMZ SITUATION WITH TIME FRAME AS OF 0900H AND SUBMISSION TO MACV, COC, NOT LATER THAN 1300H DAILY. GENERAL WHEELER HAS INFORMED ME THAT THE REPORT IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO HIM AND OTHERS IN WASHINGTON.
 2. (S) WITH INCREASING ATTENTION NOW FOCUSING ON THE A SHAU VALLEY, INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION IN THAT AREA IS ALSO DESIRED; SPECIFICALLY, A DAILY SUMMARY OF THE GROUND/AIR RECONNAISSANCE AND STRIKE OPERATIONS AND SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN A SHAU. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR INCLUDING THIS INFORMATION IN THE DAILY REPORT COMMENCING NOT LATER THAN 17 MARCH.

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DCG	3		3/14/68		Q	SUBJECT EXCLUSIVE FOR	
DCG AIR	4			15	lp	REMARKS	
C/S	1.		3/14/68		Q		
DC/S							
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DC/S AIR							
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DE RUHKM 2726 074 05 08
Z NY SSSSS
P 14 05 08Z MAR 68
FM CG FMFPAC
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
INFO RUMWAA/CG III MAF
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN ANDERSON INFO
LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK
A. CG FIRST MAW 060330Z/MAR68 (S).

1. I CONCUR IN THE NEED YOU HAVE OUTLINED IN REF A
FOR A PROVISIONAL MAG TO OPERATE THE QUANG TRI
AIRFIELD AND WILL INFORM HQMC WHAT WE PLAN TO DO
IN THIS REGARD.

2. ANTICIPATE PROMPT CMC CONCURRENCE SINCE I WILL TELL HIM
THAT IT WILL NOT INVOLVE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL OR
MATERIAL. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. BEST REGARDS.

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CG	2					SERIAL 47 MAR	COPY # 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG	3					SUBJECT PERSONAL FOR	
DCG AIR	42		3/16/68		Wk	REMARKS	
C/S	1.		3/15/68		Q	<p>PERSONAL FOR</p> <p>G-3 (air) what is the background on this event?</p>	
DC/S							
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
G-1							
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G-4							
CEO							
S/S			R/2005		DAW		
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		DATE	SIGNATURE
3/15	DH Wagner		
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3/15	C/S has seen DHW		
3/16/64	D CG Cui has seen DHW		
S/S	COPIES 2,3,4 OF 6 COPIES		
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RR RUMWAA
 ZNR UUUUU ZOV RUMSMA
 -T-CG III MAF-FOR LTGEN R.E. CUSHMAN, MAJGEN NORMAN ANDRSON
 KMC94 94624
 RR RUMSMA
 ZNR UUUUU
 RTIUZ YUW RUMFCMU0810 0740000-UUUU--RUMSMA.
 ZNR UUUUU
 DE RUMFCR 085C 0740623
 ZNR UUUUU
 R 140324Z MAR 68 ZYO RUMFCR SMG 101/074
 FM USS REPOSE
 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
 RUMHAW/TWO TWO CSF
 INFO RUMHAW/TADC FIRST MAW
 RUMSMA/CG III MAF
 RUMSALC/MAG-ONE SIX

(PERSONAL FOR)

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 UNCLAS
 PERSONAL FOR LTGEN R.E. CUSHMAN, MAJGEN NORMAN ANDERSON,
 COMMANDING OFFICER MAG-16, OFFICER-IN-CHARGE TADC FIRST
 MAW, AND OFFICER-IN-CHARGE TWO TWO CSF
 OUT OF COUNTRY MEDEVAC HELOS
 A. REPOSE 121440Z MAR 68 NOTAL
 1. OOC MEDEVAC REQUESTED BY REF A COMPLETED IN OUTSTANDING
 MANNER BY INJURE ONE ZERO FROM 140753H UNTIL 140841H.
 2. MUCH APPRECIATE THIS COMMENDABLE EXAMPLE OF HELO SUPPORT
 FOR GREVIOUSLY WOUNDED MARINE EVACUEES.
 3. REQUEST EXPRESS REPOSE APPRECIATION TO PERSONNEL
 RESPONSIBLE.

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	ROUTE	ACTION	DATE IN	DATE OUT	INITIAL	FROM	CC FVEPAC
CG						SERIAL 1401317 MAR 68	COPY# OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG						SUBJECT AERIAL FUEL DELIVERY TO KHE SANH	
DCG AIR						REMARKS Copy #2 to DCG 141545H Mar 68 Jm In 141705H Mar 68 Jm # 344 burned 5 Nov 68 FOR Out 141705H Mar 68 Copy #3 Jm DAF In 150700H Mar 68 Jm 142200H Mar 68 mar 68	
C/S							
DC/S							
DC/S DM							
DC/S AIR							
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G-4					<i>J. O. Frost</i>		
CEO							
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S/C							

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CG						CG FMEPAC
DCG			3/4/68		Was Seen (initials)	SERIAL 140131Z MAR 68 COPY # 2 OF 6 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT AERIAL FUEL DELIVERY TO KHE SANH REMARKS <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">FOR</div> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-style: italic;">G-4</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-style: italic;">See what can be worked out</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-style: italic;">Out 141710H Mar 68 Copy # 3 TM</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-style: italic;">out JM</p>
C/S						
DC/S						
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
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G-2						
G-3						
G-4		A	X			
CEO						
S/S			141545		DKW	
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ZNY CCCCC
P 140151Z MAR 68
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
WIRE NOTE FOR MAJ. GEN. W J VAN RYZIN DEP CG III MAF
FROM COL W R GOULD FORCE ENGINEER,
AERO FUEL DELIVERY TO KHE SANH

1. THOUGH IT IS OUT SIDE OF MY PROVINCE BUT KNOWING THE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR SPEED AND VOLUME OF FUEL DELIVERY TO KHE SANH, I HAVE LEARNED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WHICH POSSIBLY COULD HELP DAVID LOWDES AND HIS STALWARTS.
2. I HAVE LEARNED THAT THE SEVENTH AIR FORCE HAS AERIAL FUEL DELIVERY SYSTEMS WHICH FIT THE C-130 AND C-123 AIR-CRAFT AND CARRY SIX THOUSAND AND FOUR THOUSAND GALLON BLADDERS RESPECTIVELY. THEY UNLOAD THEMSELVES IN FIVE TO SEVEN MINUTES INTO BLADDERS HOPEFULLY WAITING ON THE GROUND. THEY ARE PRE-LOADED ON STANDARD EIGHTY EIGHT INCH BY ONE HUNDRED EIGHT INCH AIRCRAFT PALLET'S (MODEL FOUR SIX THREE LIMA). THE AIRCRAFT BLADDERS ARE UNDERCOVERED WITH A

PAGE 2 RUMHMA2704 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**
QUOTE BALLISTIC SHIELD UNQUOTE WHICH PURPORTEDLY REDUCES THE EFFECT OF ACK ACK.

3. I OFFER THIS FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH AND THE STRONG RECOMMENDATION THAT (A) USE THE NINE ALREADY INSTALLED C-123 AIR FORCE SYSTEMS, OR (B) BORROW SOME OF THE NOT NOW USED TWENTY FIVE C-130 SYSTEMS FOR USE IN OUR KC-130.
4. NOTE OF CAUTION. THE COUPLING ON THE AIRCRAFT EJECTOR NOSE MUST BE COMPATIBLE WITH THE COUPLING ON THE GROUND RECEIVING NOSE. I AM NOT AT ALL SURE OF THIS COMPATABILITY BETWEEN THE AIR FORCE AND OUR TACTICAL FUEL SYSTEMS. THIS SYSTEM IS BUILT BY AIR-LOG CORPORATION OF PASADENA. VERY RESPECTFULLY RAY.

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DCG AIR						REMARKS
C/S	1.		3/15/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>15 Mar</i> <i>C- of directed</i> <i>to ensure delivery</i>
DC/S			3/15/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>9</i>
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						<i>FOR</i>
CEO						<i>Copy to G-4 15M00H DAW</i>
						<i>CORDS HAS COPY</i>
S/S			<i>3/5/68</i>		<i>DAW</i>	
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3/15	<i>C/S RAA sem DHW</i>	DATE	SIGNATURE
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 O 131200Z MAR 68
 FM PSA CORDS THUA THIEN RVN
 TO RUMWAA/DEPCORDS III MAF DNG RVN
 INFO RUMSMA/AC OF S CORDS SAIGON RVN
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COMM NOTE:
 MESSAGE BELIEVED TO BE
 INCOMPLETE. SERVICE ACTION
 HAS BEEN TAKEN:

S E C R E T CITE 0030
 AC OF S CORDS FOR MAJ GEN FORSYTHE
 SUBJ: SHORTAGE OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMO EQUIPMENT IN THUA THIEN
 PROVINCE

- REF:
1. ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT MINIMUM REQUIRED TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRICT ADVISORY TEAMS BE FURNISHED IMMEDIATELY.
 2. ARRIVAL AND REDEPLOYMENT OF FREE WORLD AND ARVN FORCES WITH ASSIGNMENT OF NEW TAORS HAS CREATED UNPRECEDENTED DEMAND FOR LIASON AND FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION. FAILURE TO PROVIDE EQUIPMENT WILL HAMPER MILITARY OPERATIONS AND RESTRICT USE OF SUPPORTING FIRE.
 3. FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MINIMUM ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED, AND IMPORTANCE OF WHICH WAS STRESSED IN REFERENCED MESSAGE:

PAGE 2 RUMHVH 063A **S E C R E T**

- A. TRUCK, QUARTER-TON 12 EA
 - B. RADIO PRC 25 7 EA
 - C. ANGRC 125 2 EA
 - D. ANPRC 74 1 EA
4. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED IN REFERENCED MESSAGE, ADDED EMPHASIS NOW IS DEEMED JUSTIFIED BY OPERATIONAL PLANS OF MILITARY UNITS IN THIS PROVINCE

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DCG						COPY# OF COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT MAC 03484 EYES ONLY
C/S						REMARKS
DC/S						# 4 burned 5 Nov 68
DC/S DM						Out - Copy #2 - to Dye Marker File Dm
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3		X			<i>W. Johnson</i>	Out 161315H Mar 68 Copy Dm In 250930H Mar 68 Dm
G-4						
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DCG	3		3/15/68		W	1,2, AND 4 OF 4 COPY# OF COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT Mac 03484 EYES ONLY
C/S	1.		3/13/68		Q	REMARKS To D/C. The CG asked for our recommendations. I suggest that this question be made a part of the ongoing study in the 3- section concerning our posture on 1 Sept 68. D/C's comments are good. I beg Q-3 See D/C's & my comments. LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
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I agree. I will handle & report to G-3 & cannot in this.

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 FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
 TO LTG CUSHMAN, CG III MAF
 INFO GEN MONYER CMDR 7AF
 LTG ROSSON, CG, PCV
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1. (S) THE TIME HAS ARRIVED TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE MUSCLE SHOALS OPERATION AND HOW TO MAKE BEST USE OF ASSETS WHEN THE SOUTHWEST MONSOON REDUCES THE UTILITY OF OPERATIONS IN THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE. WE SHOULD CONSIDER SHIFTING A PORTION OF THE MUSCLE SHOALS SENSORS, ORBITING AIRCRAFT AND ASSOCIATED SOG SPIKE TEAMS TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND PERHAPS THUA THIEN PROVINCE. I HAVE ALREADY ASKED GEN MOMYER TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF EMPLOYING MUSCLE SHOALS ASSETS IN THESE AREAS.

2. (S) WE SHOULD ALSO ADJUST OUR DYE MARKER PLANS AND SCHEDULES IN LIGHT OF THE SITUATION. WE HAVE A MONTH TO STUDY AND PLAN BEFORE INITIATING SUCH ADJUSTMENTS. I DESIRE TO PROCEED AS FOLLOWS:

~~A. THE STUDY WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THE 3RD MAR DIV IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE IN COOPERATION WITH THE 1ST ARVN DIV AND THE 7TH AF. THE STUDY WILL BE COMPLETED BY 1 APRIL 1968.~~
 WILL STUDY DYE MARKER PLANS IN LIGHT OF THE SITUATION, THE STATE OR MODIFY PLAN IN LIGHT OF NEW CIRCUMSTANCES, AND ARRANGE APPROPRIATE PROJECT MANAGEMENT. THE STUDY WILL SEEK THE BEST DEFENSE WITH MINIMUM TROOP RESOURCES, CAPITALIZING ON TECHNICAL HARDWARE AVAILABLE. IT WILL REVIEW DESIRES OF CG 3RD MAR DIV AND CG 1ST ARVN DIV AND DEVELOP A REALISTIC SCHEDULE FOR DYE MARKER COMPLETION, CONSIDERING THE ENEMY SITUATION, PLANNED OPERATIONS AND DURATION OF CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

B. THE STUDY WILL ALSO RECOMMEND ASSISTANCE DESIRED FROM MUSCLE SHOALS SENSOR SYSTEMS AND SOG SPIKE TEAMS DURING SOUTHWEST MONSOON PERIOD. IT WILL CONSIDER, IN PARTICULAR, THE DESIRABILITY OF USING AIR MONITORED SENSORS IN THE DNZ AREA AND ACROSS THE OBSTACLE TRACE UNTIL LINE SENSORS ARE INSTALLED.

C. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MUSCLE SHOALS STAFF, SOG, AND THE SEABEES CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY. IN ADDITION, SEVENTH AF WILL COORDINATE CLOSELY IN ORDER TO BE READY TO PROVIDE MUSCLE SHOALS SUPPORT AS DETERMINED DESIRABLE.

D. THIS STUDY WILL SUPPLEMENT THAT WHICH I ASSIGNED ON 10 MARCH CONCERNING POSTURE DESIRED IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE ON 1 SEP. I DESIRE THIS SUPPLEMENT TO BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR OUR REVIEW NLT 6 APRIL 1968.

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DCG AIR						SUBJECT CHANGES TO COLONEL SLATE (U)
C/S	1.		3/13/68		a	REMARKS
DC/S			3/17/68		M	<p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p>CG -</p> <p>We are now preparing a "thank you" and agreement with rationale behind Barrows quit tour, but are requesting that either Case, Sanant, or Moroney be ordered to III MAF vice Meyer. Meyer is a Reserve Colonel and I believe we need more horse power in the 3 sections.</p> <p>LEGEND A - ACTION/COGNIZANCE C - COMMENTS I - INFORMATION</p> <p><i>OK</i> <i>J. Regan</i> <i>90</i></p>
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN
KRILAK

CHANGES TO COLONEL SLATE (U)

A. YOUR 11295Z/MAR 68

B. MY 25041Z/FEB 68

1. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WILL BE REFLECTED IN A
FORTHCOMING UPDATE TO REFERENCE B:

NAME	CHANGE
WHITE, W.K. 9936	TO III MAF HQ VICE 3D MARDIV DURING MAR 68
JOENS, R.N. 9936	TO III MAF HQ VICE 3D MARDIV DURING JUL 68
CLARKE, T.N. 9936	TO 3D MARDIV VICE III MAF HQ DURING JUL 68
ROSE, M. 9936	TO III MAF HQ IN JUL VICE JUN

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 2305 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR

FOSSUM, E. L. 9936 DETACH DURING JUL VICE MAY
2. ON THE REQUEST FOR BOB BARROW, I BELIEVE THAT HE
SHOULD SPEND HALF OF HIS TOUR WITH A DIVISION. HE HAS
HAD NOTHING IN THE WAY OF COMMAND SINCE HE WAS A
CAPTAIN, AND I FEEL WE OWE IT TO THE USMC TO POLISH
HIM. IN ANY CASE, SIX MONTHS WITH THE TROOPS WILL
MAKE HIM A BETTER MAN ON YOUR STAFF.

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DCG AIR						SUBJECT EXCLUSIVE FOR
C/S						REMARKS <i>#2 d-3 blanked 5 days</i>
DC/S						<p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p>MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY</p>
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3		<i>Copy #2 of 3</i>			<i>G-3</i>	
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DCG AIR						REMARKS EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY CG - for reply is due at MACV on 25 Mar. The Army has requested additional info be provided on our last ops - our 3-section has been directed to obtain this info and upon receipt a reply will be prepared. Let me see reply. I have prints relating to this. Please notify me. LEGEND A - ACTION COGNIZANCE C - COMMENTS I - INFORMATION Q-3 of above CONFIDENTIAL
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RUMHFMMA -T-RUMNWAA
R 121256Z MARG6
FM CMC
TO RUMHFMMA/CG FNEPAC
RUMNWAA/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LTGENS KRULAK AND CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN

- A. (C) CG III MAF 010308Z MARG6
- B. (S) CMC 021447Z MARG6

- 1. (U) THIS RESPONDS TO REF A AND AMPLIFIES MY REMARKS IN REF B.
- 2. (C) WESTY REPOSED SAME THING MONTHS AGO TO MC CUTCMEON WHEN HE WAS CG FNAV. THE TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY OF THE AIR CAV SQUADRONS IS WELL RECOGNIZED AND WARRANTS CLOSER EXAMINATION.
- 3. (C) FACT IS WE HAVE SAME CAPABILITY NOW IF WE CHOOSE TO USE OUR ASSETS IN THAT MANNER. ONLY FIELD COMMANDER CAN WIEGH THE BALANCE BETWEEN HOLDING HELOS ON THE GROUND AS PART OF RAPID REACTION FORCE VERSUS GETTING OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE ASSETS. A MAJOR FACTOR IS OUR LIMITED NUMBERS OF LIGHT HELOS. WE NEED MORE AND WE NEED THEM NOW. HOWEVER, AS YOU WELL KNOW, HELICOPTERS ARE A LONG LEAD TIME ITEM AND WE HAVE NONE IN THE BARN. IN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH WESTY IT

PAGE TWO RUCINOA4813 : C O N F I D E N T I A L. MCEO
MIGHT BE WELL TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF BORROWING SOME LIGHT HELOS FROM ARMY ASSETS. ADDITIONAL HELO ASSETS WOULD ENABLE US TO EXPLOIT POST STRIKE STINGRAY OBSERVATIONS AS WELL AS IMPROVE THE REACTION TIME ON OTHER OPERATIONS.

4. (C) OUT TOTAL AUTHORIZED LIGHT HELO ASSETS ARE THREE UH1 AND THREE UH0. TWO OF EACH WILL BE IN III MAF WITH EVENTUAL TOTAL OF 72 UH-1E AND 36 OV-10. THIS IS NOT ENOUGH TO MEET ALL OF OUR REQUIREMENTS. WE ARE WORKING ON A PROPOSAL TO EXPAND OUR LIGHT HELO ASSETS TO INCLUDE TWO 24 PLANE UH-1E SQUADRONS PER WING, ONE UH0 WITH 18-20 OV-10, AND ONE OR TWO RMA WITH 24 COBRAS EACH. THIS WILL ALL TAKE TIME AND IT WILL TAKE MORE PILOTS AND MORE ENLISTED AND MANY MORE DOLLARS.

5. (U) SUGGEST YOU AT LEAST TALK TO THE ARMY REGARDING THEIR ORGANIZATION AND BORE INTO OPERATING TECHNIQUES TO FIND OUT JUST HOW MANY AIRCRAFT THEY HAVE IN AND DACKING UP EACH AIR SQUADRON TO INCLUDE MAINTENANCE FLOAT. ALSO FIND OUT WHEN THEIR LOSS RATE IS. MY UNDERSTAING IS THAT THEIR ACCIDENT/LOSS RATE IS PRETTY HIGH.

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DCG AIR						REMARKS
C/S	1		3/14/68		<i>[initials]</i>	FOR
DC/S			3/15/68		<i>[initials]</i>	
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
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G-4						
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S/S			141530		<i>[initials]</i>	
S/C					<i>[initials]</i>	

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P 120347Z MAR 68 ZFF-6 ZFG
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TO CG III MAF DANANG
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FOR

S E C R E T 07057 MACJ12 TO LTG CUSHMAN, FROM
GEN WESTMORELAND
SUBJ: AUGMENTATION, US ARMY (U)
REF: CG III MAF MSG DTG 101306Z MAR 68 (S)
(S) YOUR REQUEST FOR AUGMENTATION OF 19 ADDITIONAL US ARMY
PERSONNEL HAS BEEN EVALUATED IN THE LIGHT OF REFERENCE AND IS
APPROVED. THE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN PASSED TO DCG, USARV FOR PER-
SONNEL FILL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN YOUR
HEADQUARTERS AND HQ, USARV IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED IN THIS
MATTER
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DCG	3		3/13/68		JM	SUBJECT SINGLE MANAGEMENT
DCG AIR	4		3/14/68		JM	REMARKS
C/S	1.		3/14/68		@	EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN
DC/S						<p>Chart referred to attached.</p> <p>UP Dane</p> <p>Wow!</p> <p>I spotted it, too.</p> <p>b.</p>
DC/S DM						
DC/S AIR						
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
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S/S			1135 3/12/68		JM	LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
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FM CG THIRD MARSIV
TO CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE EYES ONLY
PERSONAL FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS

1. REFERENCE COMMUSMACV LETTER TO YOU DATED 7 MAR 68
SINGLE MANAGEMENT ETC. IN THE CHART ON PAGE 4 I RESENT
BEING IDENTIFIED AS 3D ARVN DIV. SLOPPY.
2. I KNOW I'M OUT OF CHANNELS
3. WARM REGARDS.

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DCG	2		3/13/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	SERIAL 11807Z MAR 68 COPY # 1 OF 3 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR	7			12	<i>[Signature]</i>	SUBJECT UPI NEWS ARTICLE
C/S	1		3/12/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	REMARKS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY <i>[Signature]</i> COL FASTER 120930H
DC/S			3/12/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	
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DC/S AIR						
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ZNY CCCCC
P 111807Z MAR 68
FM CG FMFPAC
TO RUMHWA/CG III MAF
RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW (P001)
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
SUBJ: UPI NEWS ARTICLE

1. THE FOLLOWING EXERPT FROM A UPI NEWS ARTICLE BY JACK WALSH, DATED LINED SAIGON 8 MARCH, IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. QUOTE--IN THE AIR WAR, U.S. PLANES FLEW 100 MISSIONS INTO NORTH VIETNAM THURSDAY--THE MOST SINCE FEBRUARY 4--AND SAIGON HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED THE AIR FORCE HAD TAKEN CONTROL OF THE AMERICAN AIR EFFORT FROM THE MARINES IN SOUTH VIETNAM'S NORTHERN QUARTER, INCLUDING THE KHE SANH FRONT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT GIVING THE AIR FORCE CONTROL IN THE NORTHERN TIER OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PROVINCES FOLLOWED. BY A FEW HOURS THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE PUTTING DEFENSE OF THE AREA UNDER THE COMMAND OF A U.S. ARMY GENERAL, TAKING THIS RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM THE MARINES. THE U.S. COMMAND SAID THE AIR FORCE WAS GIVEN THE JOB OF

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 2048 C O N F I D E N T I A L MCEO
SCHEDULING AND DIRECTING AIR SUPPORT STR. NSRIDMY THE MARINES AND ARMY TROOPS IN A MOVE TOWARD "CLOSER COORDINATION FOR MORE EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES". SOME MARINES WERE REPORTED UNHAPPY OVER THE SHIFT.

THE SHAKEUP PLACED GEN WILLIAM B. ROSSON, 49, A BARREL-CHESTED VETERAN OF THIS WAR, KOREA STRATEGY AND WORLD WAR II, IN COMMAND OF THE KHE SANH CAMPAIGN AND OTHER HOT SPOTS IN THE TWO NORTHERN-MOST PROVINCES OF SOUTH VIETNAM. UNQUOTE.

2. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM HQMC REVEALS THAT OASD (PA) HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH AN ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING CONTROL OF AIR OPERATIONS MADE BY MACV AND SUSPECTS ARTICLE IS AN ATTEMPT BY UPI TO LEAD AN OFFICIAL FLAVOR TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE A LEAK.

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DC/S			3/11/68		BN	
DC/S DM						
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S/C						

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EXCLUSIVE FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN INFO RADM
VETH AND MGEN TOMPKINS

SUBJ: PACVS FOR CUA VIET RIVER (U)

REF: A. CG, III MAF SPECAT DTG 061330Z MAR 68 (C)

B. COMNAVFORV SPECAT DTG 071112Z MAR 68 (C)

1. (C) REF A REQUESTED IMMEDIATE DEPLOYMENT OF ONE OR MORE
PACV TO NORTHERN I CTZ. REF B PROVIDED COMMENT ON THE PRESENT STATUS
OF THE PACV EVALUATION PROGRAM AND OPINION THAT THE CRAFT IS CURRENTLY
UNSATISFACTORY FOR COMBAT.

2. (C) THE RESULTS OF THE PACV EVALUATION TO DATE ARE SUCH THAT
I DO NOT BELIEVE THE CRAFT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR MISSION AND WOULD
VERY LIKELY PROVE A LIABILITY. THEREFORE, I DO NOT CONCUR IN THE
DEPLOYMENT OF PACVS TO I CTZ.

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DCG AIR	4			12	JML	SUBJECT MCEO
C/S	1		3/10/68		A	REMARKS
DC/S			3/12/68		JML	MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
DC/S DM						CG - still haven't been able to locate any "Air Force Announce - <u>ment of Lake Mer</u> "
DC/S AIR						?! But there wasn't any. Spike is not that gaudy. Stupid, he ain't!
G-1						
G-2						
G-3						
G-4						
CEO						
S/S			100800 3/12		JML	LEGEND A - ACTION/COGNIZANCE C - COMMENTS I - INFORMATION to agree!
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		SUBJECT MCEO	
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 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. ~~ALLOWING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO USE THIS INFORMATION. QUOTE-~~

DANANG, SOUTH VIETNAM
 UPI-~~THE U.S. AIR FORCE~~
 ANNOUNCED FRIDAY IT WAS TAKEN
 FROM THE U.S. MARINES CONTROL
 OF AMERICAN AIR SUPPORT IN
 SOUTH VIETNAM'S THREATENED
 NORTHERN QUARTER.
 THE MOVE ANGERED MANY
 MARINES, FROM GENERALS TO MEN
 IN THE TRENCHES.
 UNTIL LAST WEEK, THE 1ST
 MARINE AIR WING CONTROLLED THE

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 1820 **C O N F I D E N T I A L** MCEO

SCHEDULING AND DIRECTING OF AIR
 STRIKES IN SUPPORT OF MARINES
 AND ARMY TROOPS IN THE FIVE
 NORTHERN PROVINCES. IF THE
 MARINE WING NEEDED HELP FROM
 THE AIR FORCE, A REQUEST WAS
 MADE THROUGH CHANNELS.
 NOW, IN THE NAME OF "CLOSER
 COORDINATION FOR MORE EFFECTIVE
 USE OF RESOURCES," THE AIR FORCE
 HAS TAKEN OVER.
 MANY MARINES COMPLAINED
 FRIDAY THE MOVE HURT THE CORPS'
 "TEAM" EFFORT AT A CRUCIAL
 PERIOD IN THE WAR.
 "WHY, OH WHY, DID THEY HAVE
 TO DO THIS TO US AT THIS TIME?"
 ONE MARINE AIR COMMANDER
 ASKED. "WE ARE NOSE DEEP IN
 PROBLEMS OF FIGHTING THE REDS

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 AND NOW WE HAVE TO TAKE ON THE
 AIR FORCE TOO. THIS IS TOO
 MUCH."

AIR FORCE OFFICERS IN THE
 NORTHERN PROVINCES WELCOMED
 THE ANNOUNCEMENT, SAYING IT
 WOULD BRING UNDER ONE COORDINA-
 TED COMMAND AIR ACTIVITIES IN
 THE NORTHERN PROVINCES.

"THE MARINES HAVE DIFFERENT
 WAYS OF DOING THINGS THAN WE
 DO," A SENIOR AIR FORCE OFFICER
 SAID. "SOME MAY BE BETTER
 WAYS, OTHERS WORSE, BUT NOW ALL
 ARE UNDER ONE SYSTEM WITH
 INCREASED EFFICIENCY AND EFFEC-
 TIVENESS."

THE MARINES CONTEND THEIR AIR
 WING IS AN INTEGRATED PART OF
 THE MARINE AIR-GROUND TEAM

PAGE 4 RUHHFMA 1820 C O N F I D E N T I A L M C E O
 THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED OVER
 THE YEARS INTO THE MOST
 EFFECTIVE COMBAT GROUP EVER
 FIELDIED BY AMERICANS.

THERE IS ALSO THE GREAT FEAR
 THE THE MOVE IS SIMPLY AND AIR
 FORCE POWER PLAY DESIGNED TO
 BREAK UP THE MARINE CORPS AND
 RELEGATE IT TO EMBASSY GUARD
 DUTY ASSIGNMENTS.

"EVERY MARINE IS TRAINED
 FROM THE DAY HE IS ISSUED HIS
 RIFLE TO DEPEND UPON THE MARINE
 AIR WING," A MUD-SPLATTERED
 BATTALION COMMANDER SAID. "THE
 CLOSE AIR SUPPORT DELIVERED BY
 OUR PLANES IS AN ESSENTIAL PART
 OF OUR COMBAT EFFECTIVENESSS.

"NOW WE ARE FACED WITH THE
 TRAGIC ASPECT OF HAVING THIS

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 MARINE AIR-GROUND TEAM BROKEN
 ASUNDER SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE
 AMBITIONS OF THE AIR FORCE
 BRASS."

UPI REPORTER NAT GIBSON AT
 KHE SANH SAID THE COMMENTS
 FROM THE EMBATTLED MARINES AT
 THE MOUNTAIN BASTION WERE
 "LOUD, ANGRY AND UNPRINTABLE."
 EVEN COOLER HEADED SENIOR
 OFFICERS WHO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT
 THERE WERE SOME MERITS TO THE
 PLAN, QUESTIONED THE TIMING OF
 THE ANNOUNCEMENT.

"THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO
 ATTEMPT A RADICAL CHANGEOVER IN
 TACTICS," A SQUADRON COMMAN-
 DER SAID.

"EVERYONE KNOWS THE BIG
 COMMUNIST PUSH IS ABOUT TO

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 1820 C O N F I D E N T I A L MCEO
 BEGIN AND WHY PICK THIS TIME TO
 TRY A NEW EXPERIMENT IN THE AIR
 WAR?

THE MARINES CLAIM THE
 TAKEOVER WILL CAUSE MORE HARM
 THAN GOOD AND POINT TO THE
 KOREAN WAR AS AN EXAMPLE.

"THEY PUT THE MARINE AIR
 WING UNDER THE FIFTH AIR FORCE
 IN KOREA," ONE VETERAN MARINE
 SAID. "THE RESULT WAS CHAOS. IT
 TOOK ME 24 HOURS TO GET AN
 AIRSTRIKE ON A VISIBLE NORTH
 KOREAN ANTIAIRCRAFT AND ARTILLE-
 RY SIGHT.

"THE BEST WE COULD EVER
 EXPECT WAS 40 MINUTES IN
 GETTING BOMBERS TO GIVE US CLOSE
 AIR SUPPORT. HELL, EVERYTIME ONE
 OF THOSE SILVER AIR FORCE PLANES
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 C O N F I D E N T I A L FINAL SECTION OF TWO MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 CAME OVER, MY MEN DUCKED
 BACK IN THEIR HOLES DISGUSTED."

UNQUOTE
 2. I BELIEVE THE AIR FORCE ERRED IN MAKING A PUBLIC
 ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH COULD ONLY BE ABRASIVE, AND
 COULD HAVE NO BENEFICIAL EFFECT. OUR POSTURE,
 HOWEVER, SHOULD BE TO REMAIN SILENT. NOW THAT THE
 WORD IS OUT, THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WILL TAKE THE AIR
 FORCE TO TASK.

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DCG						SERIAL 091142Z MAR COPY # / OF 3 COPIES RECEIVED
DCG AIR						SUBJECT COVER AND DECEPTION EQUIPMENT (C)
C/S	1.		3/13/68		<i>OK</i>	REMARKS EXCLUSIVE NO FORN <i>Return to # 5/5</i> <i>"#2 burned 5 Nov 68"</i> LEGEND A- ACTION/COGNIZANCE C- COMMENTS I- INFORMATION
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CEO						
S/S			131325		<i>DHW</i>	
S/C						

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SUBJ: COVER AND DECEPTION EQUIPMENT (C)

REF: A. DA SECRET LIMDIS EXCLUSIVE KIRMESS (C) NOFORN 850507, DTG 062241Z FEB 68, SUBJ AS ABOVE.

B. USARPAC SPECAT EXCLUSIVE KIRMESS (C) NOFORN GPDP-PL 5800, DTG 090036Z FEB 68, SUBJ AS ABOVE.

C. USARV SECRET LIMDIS EXCLUSIVE KIRMESS (C) NOFORN AVHGC-0 200128, DTG 120951Z FEB 68, SUBJ AS ABOVE.

D. USARV SECRET NOFORN SPECAT AVHGC-0 70224, DTG 140854Z MAR 67, SUBJ AS ABOVE (NOTAL).

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE REPLIES TO REFERENCE ALFA AND BRAVO AND FOLLOWS UP ON REFERENCE CHARLIE.

2. (S) IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS IN PARA 2B AND 2C REF ALFA PERTAINING TO HELICOPTER LOAD CAMOUFLAGE KIT AND EXPENDABLE DECOY LANDING ZONE LIGHTS, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

A. HELICOPTER LOAD CAMOUFLAGE KIT.

(1) OPTIMUM DIMENSIONS: THIS ITEM SHOULD HAVE SUFFICIENT RIGIDITY AND AERODYNAMIC SHAPE TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF CAMOUFLAGED LOAD. FOR EXAMPLE, THE HOWITZER IN ACTUAL CONFIGURATION STREAMLINES ADEQUATELY; HOWEVER, IF THIS CONFIGURATION IS ALTERED CONSIDERABLY BY CAMOUFLAGE KIT, DEGRADATION OF THE HOWITZER'S STREAMLINING CHARACTERISTICS MAY RESULT. THE BEST OVERALL DIMENSIONS OF HELICOPTER LOAD CAMOUFLAGE KITS ARE THOSE WHICH ARE MINIMUM REQUIRED TO BREAK SILHOUETTES OF THE LOADS TO BE CAMOUFLAGED.

(2) BEST CONFIGURATION FOR LOAD CAPACITY AND AERODYNAMICS: EXPERIENCED PILOTS INDICATE THAT HOWITZERS ARE MORE STREAMLINED THAN SLUNG HELICOPTERS OR CONEX CONTAINERS. BOX SHAPED LOADS DIMINISH THE EASE WITH WHICH THEY CAN BE TRANSPORTED. CONFIGURATION SHOULD BE ADJUSTABLE DEPENDENT UPON LOAD SIZE AND SHAPE. THE OPTIMUM CONFIGURATION APPEARS TO BE THAT OF A TETRAHEDRON FIGURE.

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(3) MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE WEIGHT: THIS SHOULD BE THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL WEIGHT REQUIRED TO CONCEAL THE LOAD BEING CARRIED. PREFERABLY, THE WEIGHT SHOULD NOT EXCEED 200 POUNDS.

(4) ALTHOUGH HELICOPTER LOAD CAMOUFLAGE KITS WOULD BE USEFUL IN CONCEALING THE IDENTITY OF CERTAIN COMBAT LOADS, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT FOR THESE KITS IN USARV AT THIS TIME.

B. EXPENDABLE DECOY LANDING ZONE LIGHTS: THE LIGHT SET MARKER EMERGENCY, AIRFIELD RUNWAY, PORTABLE, BATTERY OPERATED, FSN 6230-542-6680, IS SUITABLE ON A LIMITED BASIS AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR EXPENDABLE DECOY LANDING ZONE LIGHTS. SINCE THE ACTUAL EMERGENCY MARKER LIGHTS ARE IN THE STANDARD INVENTORY, THESE CAN BE PROCURED THROUGH NORMAL SUPPLY CHANNELS ON A LIMITED BASIS. THUS, NO IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR DECOY LIGHTS AS A C&D DEVICE.

3. (S) REFERENCE CHARLIE STATED THAT USARV WAS CURRENTLY REVIEWING ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR C&D EQUIPMENT. THIS REVIEW REVEALED THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

A. VISUAL SIMULATORS:

- (1) 105MM HOWITZER, TOWED - 12 EACH.
- (2) 155MM HOWITZER, TOWED - 6 EACH.
- (3) 155MM HOWITZER, SP - 6 EACH.
- (4) 8 INCH HOWITZER, SP - 8 EACH.

B. SOUND SIMULATORS (NEEDED IN TEST QUANTITIES ONLY):

- (1) SIMULATOR, GUNFIRE .30 CAL (FSN 1080-650-0199).
- (2) SIMULATOR, TANK GUNFIRE, M4A1 (FSN 6920-964-9112).
- (3) SIMULATOR, PROJECTOR AIRBURST (FSN 1730-028-6005-1-366).
- (4) SIMULATOR, SMALL ARMS FIRE, FLASH, NOISE (FSN 6820-964-9282).

4. (S) USARV'S PROGRAMMED C&D EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ARE CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN THOSE STATED IN REFERENCE DELTA. THESE REDUCED QUANTITIES OF EQUIPMENT ARE BASED ON CURRENT TACTICAL COVER AND DECEPTION PLANS.

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FOR

~~SECRET~~ 06860
 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR COL LADD, INFO GEN ABRAMS, LTG
 CUSHMAN.

SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE (U)
 (S) CONGRATULATIONS TO 5TH SPECIAL FORCES AND DELTA FOR YOUR OUT-
 STANDING OPERATION ALONG HWY 547 ON 7-8 MARCH. THIS TYPE OF PRO-
 FESIONALISM IS INDICATIVE OF WHAT I CAN EXPECT FROM YOUR TEAM AT
 ALL TIMES. THE RESULTS OF THIS OPERATION HAVE CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY
 TO OUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION AND RENDERED THE HIGHWAY UNUSABLE TO
 THE ENEMY AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING. AGAIN, MY CONGRATULATIONS
 TO ALL FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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TO GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
ZEWALT ROSSON CG 09V
ZCZC

SEE C R E I PNE 061 EYES ONLY
REF MAC 03275

WE RECOMMEND YOU ARRIVE PHU PAI 1000 HOURS 10 MARCH
HAVE LUNCH, CUSHMAN ROSSON AND I WILL BE HERE. AFTER LUNCH STAFF WILL
PRESENT OUTLINE COUNTER OFFENSIVE PLAN FOR NORTHERN I CTZ DEVELOPED
BY STAFF OFFICERS OF III MAF AND MACV FWD UNDER SUPERVISION OF ROSSON.
THIS WILL PROVIDE A GOOD BASIS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS YOU MAY
WISH TO MAKE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY
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 FM GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
 TO GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV FWD
 LTC CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 LTG ROSSON AT MACV FWD
 ZEM

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MAC 03235 EYES ONLY
 APROPOS OF FUTURE PLANS IN I CORPS NORTH, I WOULD LIKE TO
 MEET WITH TWO THREE OF YOU AT HQ, III MAF, TOMORROW, IF
 CONVENIENT. I SHALL ARRIVE AT 1030 HOURS, GO INTO CONFERENCE,
 HAVE LUNCH, AND DEPART AFTER LUNCH OR CONTINUE OUR SESSION IF
 NECESSARY. CHAISSON WILL ACCOMPANY ME. IF THERE IS A MORE
 CONVENIENT TIME FOR ME TO ARRIVE OR IF WU/PMU BAI IS CONSIDERED
 A BETTER SITE, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU--ABE AND BOB--WOULD GET TO-
 GETHER AND ADVISE ME. MY SCHEDULE WIDE OPEN ON SUNDAY
 TO ACCOMMODATE THIS CONFERENCE. BEST REGARDS

CSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN
AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE
CORPS EYES ONLY

- A. CG FMFPAC SPDLTR 1/WTC OVER 1321 OF 21NOV67 (U)
- B. CG III MAF 360110Z/MAR58 (C)

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE MY THOUGHTS IN EXTENSION OF REFERENCE A AND ON BOB'S DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING SHORT TOURS.
2. OUR INTRODUCTION OF FORCES INTO VIETNAM DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER OF 1965 CREATED A HUMP FOR THE MAY - SEPTEMBER PERIOD. WE HAVE SUFFERED FROM IT EVER SINCE, AND ARE NOW GOING INTO THE THIRD REPLACEMENT CYCLE WHERE MORE THAN SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF THE SENIOR OFFICERS WILL TURN OVER WITHIN A

PAGE 2 RUHFMA1642 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOUR-MONTH SPAN. AS IS OBVIOUS, RELATIVELY LITTLE
PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IN IRONING OUT THE HUMP,
MAINLY BECAUSE ANY HUMP-DAMPING PROCESS MUST
INCLUDE SHORT TOURING AND, FOR THE REASONS IMPLICIT IN
BOB'S MESSAGE, THIS PROCEDURE IS UNPOPULAR.

3. A MAJOR OBJECTIVE IS TO ENSURE THAT THE MASS SUMMER
TURNOVER, INCLUDING HUMP-DAMPING, DOES NOT
UNCOVER KEY ASSIGNMENTS. THERE HAS TO BE ASSURANCE
OF THE AVAILABILITY OF A RELIEF FOR EVERY KEY POSITION,
EITHER FROM ON-BOARD BACKUP, LATERAL REASSIGNMENT OR
FROM NEW INPUT. AFTER REVIEWING THE AVAILABILITY OF
REPLACEMENTS FOR THE JOBS BEING VACATED BY THE OFFICERS
LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF BOB'S MESSAGE, IT IS MY PERSONAL
VIEW THAT THESE PARTICULAR BILLETS CAN BE COVERED - ALBEIT NOT
IDEALLY - DURING THE TRANSFER PERIOD, PROVIDED
THAT WESTPAC INPUT ADHERES TO THE SCHEDULE THAT WAS
WORKED OUT BETWEEN HQMC AND FMFPAC REPRESENTATIVES
IN LATE JANUARY.

4. HOWEVER, IT SEEMS TO ME THAT BOB'S PROBLEM IS NOT
JUST THE SUMMER HUMP, OR JUST THE ADVERSE EFFECTS OF

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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA1642 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 SHORT TOURING. I THINK IT GOES MUCH DEEPER, CENTERING
 ON THE CONTINUING DEMAND FOR ADDITIONAL MANPOWER AT
 III MAF AND OUR MAJOR HEADQUARTERS. THE RECENT
 EMERGENCY CALL FOR 26 OFFICERS AND 61 ENLISTED MARINES
 TO AUGMENT THE III MAF STAFF REFLECTS THAT NEED, AND
 EXPLAINS BOB'S UNDERSTANDABLE DESIRE TO RETAIN AND
 EMPLOY THE OVERAGES WHICH NOW EXIST IN SENIOR
 OFFICERS IN WESTPAC. THERE IS PROBABLY MORE WORK THAN
 THERE ARE EITHER AUTHORIZED BILLETS OR PEOPLE TO HANDLE.
 FOR EXAMPLE, THE RECENT ABDUCTION OF OUG TACTICAL
 FIXED WING AIR BY 7TH AF WILL MEAN EVEN MORE STAFF
 OVERHEAD, BUT IT IS AN INVESTMENT THAT WILL HAVE TO BE
 MADE IF WE ARE TO REPRESENT OUR AIR SUPPORT
 REQUIREMENTS WHERE THE AIR ALLOCATION
 DECISIONS WILL BE MADE. WHAT IS REALLY NEEDED IS
 NOT JUST A REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF SHORT-TOURING BUT
 A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF OVERALL NEED IN BOTH III MAF
 HEADQUARTERS AND THE OTHER UNITS OF THE DEPLOYED
 COMMANDS. FOR THIS PURPOSE, I AM SENDING A TEAM
 OUT TO LOOK CAREFULLY INTO ALL OF THE AREAS OF

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PAGE 4 RUHHFMA1642 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 EXTRAORDINARY REQUIREMENTS AND TO COME UP WITH A
 VALIDATED RECOMMENDATION FOR PROPER NUMBERS TO DO
 THE JOB.

5. RETURNING TO THE PROBLEM OF DETAILING SENIOR
 OFFICERS, I REALIZE THAT IT WILL NEVER BE POSSIBLE TO
 PLAN AND EXECUTE AN IDEAL SLATE. TODAY IT IS ESPECIALLY
 TROUBLESOME WITH SO MANY COLONELS RETIRING FOR ONE
 REASON OR ANOTHER. THE CY-68 LOSS-GAIN SCHEDULE FOR
 COLONELS WHICH I FORWARDED TO III MAF, FLC, THE WING
 AND THE DIVISIONS WAS INTENDED TO AVOID A TOTAL
 PLANNING VACUUM, WHILE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PLAN
 WAS IN FOR MODIFICATIONS DUE TO FACTORS OVER WHICH
 THE MARINE CORPS HAS NO CONTROL.

6. UNLESS AVAILABILITY IN COLONELS IMPROVES ENOUGH TO
 SUSTAIN A FULL PIPELINE, I SUGGEST THAT CHAPPY MAY WISH
 TO CONSIDER HANGING OUT "GONE TO WAR" SIGNS AT SOME
 OUT-OF-RVN BILLETS, JUST ASKING THE REMAINDER TO
 WORK HARDER. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS IS AN ACTION I TOOK
 YESTERDAY WHICH ELIMINATES 16 OFFICERS, 230 MEN AND 73
 CIVILIANS FROM A PROPOSED T/O FOR CAMP BUTLER. ALSO

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PAGE 5 RUHFMA1542 C O N F I D E N T I A L. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 THERE IS THE PROSPECT OF DOW GRADING BILLET RANKS
 OUTSIDE OF RVN AND DECLARING THE NECESSITY FOR
 UNDERLAP IN RELIEF OF THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE NUMBER OF
 THE COLONEL BILLETS OUTSIDE OF RVN. IN THIS RESPECT, I
 RECKON THAT WE ALL AGREE THAT THE CONTACT RELIEF SHOULD
 TAKE PLACE IN WESTPAC RATHER THAN ELSEWHERE.

7. FINALLY, DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF EVERYONE, I AM
 CERTAIN THAT OCCASIONAL INSTANCES OF WESTPAC UNDERLAP
 ARE INEVITABLE. THE DEMONSTRATED COMPETENCE OF OUR
 UP AND COMING LIEUTENANT COLONELS GIVES ME CONFIDENCE
 THAT THE BULK OF THEM ARE QUALIFIED TO STAND IN
 TEMPORARILY AS PRINCIPALS WHEN AN UNAVOIDABLE NEED
 ARISES. WARM REGARDS.

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 FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN INFO GEN ABRAMS, GEN
 MOMYER AND MGEN TOMPKINS FROM GENERAL
 WESTMORELAND

SUBJ: AIR SUPPORT KHE SANH (S)
 REF: A. CG, III MAF DTG 080640Z MAR 68
 B. COMUSMACV DTG 252347Z FEB 68
 C. COMUSMACV DTG 280700Z FEB 68

1. (S) I APPRECIATE FULLY YOUR CONCERN OVER THE WEIGHT OF AIR EFFORT AT KHE SANH AND THE PRIORITIES FOR ARC LIGHT STRIKES.
2. (S) MY MESSAGE AT REF B DID STATE THAT KHE SANH WOULD BE ACCORDED TOP PRIORITY FOR ARC LIGHT STRIKES, AND THERE HAVE BEEN 2200 B-52 SORTIES IN THE KHE SANH AREA SINCE 22

PAGE 2 RUMSAW 0377U ~~SECRET~~ SPEKAT EXCLUSIVE
 JANUARY, IN LINE WITH THAT DECISION. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT, AND IS NOT MY INTENTION TO ACCORD KHE SANH TOP PRIORITY TO THE ABSOLUTED EXCLUSION OF DAY TO DAY JUDGEMENT AS TO THE BEST USE OF THE B-52 FORCE IN FURTHERANCE OF OVERALL TACTICAL OBJECTIVES. IT IS NOT MY DESIRE, IN THE PRESENT SITUATION, TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENT WHICH CAN BE INTERPRETED AS ABSOLUTE, AND COMPLETELY INFLEXIBLE. I THEREFORE CANCEL THAT PORTION OF REFERENCE B, RELATING TO ARC LIGHT STRIKES SINCE IT IS OPEN TO MISINTERPRETATION, YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT KHE SANH WILL CONTINUE TO BE CONSIDERED HIGH PRIORITY IN THE UTILIZATION OF THE ARC LIGHT FORCE. HOWEVER, IT MUST BE WEIGHED ALONG WITH OTHER PRIORITY TARGET RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED BY FIELD COMMANDERS, AND AS DETERMINED BY MY BEST JUDGEMENT.

3. (S) OF THE SEVEN ARC LIGHT STRIKES FLOWN TODAY IN THE NORTHERN AREA, FIVE HAVE STRUCK NEAR KHE SANH AND TWO HAVE BEEN DIVERTED TO THE THUA THIEN AREA. BECAUSE OF YOUR STATED CONCERN THE EIGHTH AND FINAL STRIKE WILL ALSO GO TO THE KHE SANH AREA.
4. (S) FOR TOMORROW, ALL EIGHT STRIKES HAVE A PRIMARY TARGET AT KHE SANH AND AN ALTERNATE IN THUA THIEN. THIS

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PROCEDURE WAS ESTABLISHED, PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF YOUR MESSAGE (REF A), SO THAT I COULD MAKE A DECISION AS TO WHICH TARGET AREA WOULD BE HIT, APPROXIMATELY THREE HOURS PRIOR TO EACH STRIKE. THIS IS THE TYPE OF FLEXIBILITY WHICH I MUST RETAIN IN THE PRESENT SITUATION.

5. (S) ALTHOUGH THE TARGETS WHICH YOU SUBMITTED LAST EVENING WERE CLASSIFIED AS EMERGENCY TARGETS, THIS WAS ACCEPTED BY MY STAFF TO MEAN THAT THEY WERE DESIRED WITHIN THREE KILOMETERS OF FRIENDLY TROOPS, AND NOT AS AN OVERRIDING PRIORITY REQUEST. THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH REF C.

6 (S) 7TH AF RECORDS REFLECT 112 USAF TACTICAL STRIKE SORTIES IN NIAGARA ON 6 MARCH; 149 SORTIES ON 7 MARCH, AND 103 AS OF 081600H MARCH. DURING 7-8 MARCH THE WEATHER IN RPI, THE EXTENDED BATTLE AREA, HAS BEEN EQUALLY FAVORABLE. IT IS REASONABLE THAT THIS AREA WAS CONSIDERED AS WELL AS KHE SANH IN THE DETERMINATION OF UTILIZATION OF AIR STRIKE RESOURCES. EXCELLENT RESULTS HAVE ACCRUED FROM THE EFFORT IN RPI TO INCLUDE LOCATION OF TWO ACTIVE SAM SITES. GP-4
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1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION I THINK YOU SHOULD KNOW THE COMPLETE HISTORY OF BUNKERS FOR KHE SANH. THE REMARKS I MADE IN MY MSG 070513Z MAR 68 ARE ALL TRUE AND WERE OFFERED SO THAT THEY COULD BE INCORPORATED IN YOUR REPLY TO THE TUOHY ARTICLE. BUT THE FULL STORY IS RATHER DIM AND IS KNOWN TO ONLY A FEW.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF BUNKERS THAT HAVE BEEN BUILT AT KHE SANH:

UNIT	SIZE	WHEN BUILT
26TH MAR	(1) 8° X 12°	JUL 67
26TH MAR	(5) 8° X 8°	JUL 67
MATCU-62	(1) 10° X 48°	FEB 68
MATCU-62	(1) 10° X 24°	FEB 68
"C" MED	(1) 12° X 24°	JAN 68

3. THE FOLLOWING BUNKERS ARE CURRENTLY UNDER CONSTRUCTION:

UNIT	SIZE	EDC

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26TH MAR	(3) 18° X 24°	10MAR
MATCU-62	(1) 10° X 48°	16MAR

4. A TOTAL OF 111 BUNKERS HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED FOR KHE SANH AS FOLLOWS:

8X8	8X12	10X24	20X32
87	8	6	10

OF THIS TOTAL, ONLY ONE 8°X12° AND FIVE 8°X8° HAVE BEEN DELIVERED AND CONSTRUCTED FROM THIS TOTAL. THE MATCU-62 BUNKERS WERE FLOWN IN BY THE WING SPECIFICALLY FOR THAT UNIT.

5. HISTORICALLY, THE REQUESTS FOR ISFC BUNKERS DATE BACK TO 5 JUN 1967 AT WHICH TIME ABFC REQUEST NR34 WAS SUBMITTED TO CG, III MAF FOR THREE 20°X32° BUNKERS, TWO 10°X24° BUNKERS EIGHT 8°/12° BUNKERS AND TWENTY 8°X8° BUNKERS. A SUBSEQUENT REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED TO CG, III MAF ON 20 AUGUST 1967 REQUESTING SIXTY-SEVEN 8°X8°, FOUR 10°X24° AND SEVEN 20°X32° BUNKERS.

6. ON 28 JANUARY 1968 CG, 3D MARDIV REQUESTED SHIPMENT OF CERTAIN BUNKERS PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED ON A COMBAT ESSENTIAL PRIORITY TO 26TH MARINES. THIS WAS FORTY-FIVE 8°X8° BUNKERS. ON 3 FEBRUARY 1968, ANOTHER REQUEST WAS FORWARDED TO CG, III MAF BY MESSAGE WHICH MODIFIED THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN THE MESSAGE OF 28 JANUARY AND FURTHER STATED A SCHEDULE FOR SHIPMENT OF THE BUNKERS INTO KHE SANH. THE SCHEDULE WAS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SHIPMENT OF FORTY-FIVE 8°X8° BUNKERS AT THE RATE OF FIVE BUNKERS PER DAY.

B. FIRST FOLLOWING SHIPMENT-SIX 8°X12° BUNKERS.

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- C. SECOND SHIPMENT-THREE 8'X12' AND TWO 10'X24' BUNKERS.
- D. THIRD SHIPMENT-TWO 10'X24' BUNKERS AND ONE 20'X32' BUNKER.
- 3E. FOURTH SHIPMENT-TWO 20'X32' BUNKERS.

NONE OF THE ABOVE BUNKERS HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT THE SANK TO DATE
 7. ON 28 FEBRUARY 1968, CG, III MAF LTR 15/1RS/11013.1 TO 3D NCB
 REQUESTED SHIPMENT OF THOSE BUNKERS STATED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS 5.B
 THROUGH 6.E FOR THE 26TH MARINES, MARKED FOR ISSUE TO THE 3D ENGINEER
 BATTALION. THIS WAS AN ELAPSED TIME OF TWENTY-FIVE DAYS FROM THE TIME
 OF OUR LAST REQUEST ON 3 FEBRUARY.

8. THE FOREGOING PRESENTS AN INEXPLICABLE AND DISCOURAGING PICTURE
 OF RESPONSE TO OUR LEGITIMATE REQUESTS. ACCORDINGLY FROM TIME TO TIME
 IN THE PAST SIX WEEKS I HAVE UTILIZED DYE MARKER ASSETS FOR CRITICAL
 REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE FIV AOR. THESE ASSETS WILL BE REPLACED AS
 REQUISITIONED MATERIAL IS FINALLY DELIVERED.

9. WARM REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS
1. MY 070513Z MAR 68 REFERS. REVISE AIR FIGURES IN PARA 7 TO READ
8453 TONS, 8527 TONS, 20307 TONS, 47759 TONS.
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BY GEN ABRAMS DEP COMUSMACV RWD

TO SIG CUSHMAN CG III MAT

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PRESENTLY I PLAN TO LEAVE HERE AND RETURN TO SAIGON 10 MARCH
68. I WOULD LEAVE

HERE ABOUT 0900 AND FLY TO DA NANG. THERE I
WOULD CHANGE TO A T-39 AND PROCEED TO SAIGON. I WOULD LIKE TO
PLAN ON SEEING YOU TO WIND UP ANY UNFINISHED ENDS WE MAY HAVE.
WE COULD PROBABLY DO THIS AT THE LOUNGE AT THE AIRFIELD.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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FM CG TRIND LARIV
TO CG III MAF
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S E C R E T EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS

1. UNDERSTAND THAT MACV HAS PRE-EMPTED ALL FOUR ARC LIGHTS FROM NOON TODAY UNTIL MIDNIGHT.
2. DENUDING KHE SANH AT THIS TIME IS A MATTER OF GRAVEST CONCERN TO ME.
3. REQUEST THAT YOU EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO SALVAGE SOME ARC LIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WHO SIT ALONE AT END OF THE LINE. FURTHER THAT COMUSMACV ADHERE TO HIS POLICY STATED IN HIS MESSAGE TO YOU DTG 252347Z FEB68 QUOTE WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCORD KHE SANH TOP PRIORITY FOR ARC LIGHT STRIKES END QUOTE.
4. I AM CONVINCED THAT IT IS ONLY THE UNREMITTING AND FULL EFFORT OF THE B-52'S THAT HAS IMPAIRED THE ENEMY ATTACK POSTURE. TPO'S, DAS, AND ARTY SUCH AS IT IS ARE IMPORTANT ADJUNCTS, BUT IT IS THE ARC LIGHTS THAT HURT THE ENEMY MOST.
5. KHE SANH MUST REPEAT MUST HAVE TOP PRIORITY FOR ARC LIGHT STRIKES AS GENERAL WESTMORELAND HIMSELF HAS PROMISED

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DCG AIR	4		3/9/68		<i>[Signature]</i>	REMARKS	
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 INFO CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN WESTMORELAND
 INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN AND MGEN TOMPKINS FROM RADM VETH
 AIR CUSHION VEHICLES (PACV) FOR CUA VIET RIVER (U)

- A. CG III MAF 061330Z MAR 68
1. REF ALFA REQUESTED THAT ONE OR MORE PACV BE IMMEDIATELY DEPLOYED, ON AN INTERIM BASIS, TO NORTHERN I. CORPS AND PLACED UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III MAF.
 2. LAST FALL I CONSIDERED DEPLOYING PACV TO I. CORPS IN VIEW OF THE LUCRATIVE OPERATING AREA IN THE VICINITY OF TAM MY. THE HIGH DEGREE OF DEMONSTRATED UNRELIABILITY EXPERIENCED THUS FAR, HOWEVER, HAS CAUSED ME TO HAVE CONSIDERABLE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE POTENTIAL WORTH OF THE PACV IN A RIVERINE SITUATION.
 3. ALTHOUGH THE SPEED AND MOBILITY OF THE PACV MAKE IT A GOOD VEHICLE FOR DENYING THE ENEMY THE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH AMBUSH SITES AND BARRICADES, IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO KEEP THE PACV OPERATIONAL LONG ENOUGH TO CONDUCT A FAIR EVALUATION. THE PACV IN MY OPINION IS CURRENTLY UNSATISFACTORY FOR COMBAT.
 4. MY TENTATIVE PLANS ARE TO CONTINUE EVALUATION OF THE PACV UNTIL ABOUT THE FIRST OF APRIL. IF WE CANNOT OBTAIN SOME SATISFACTORY RESULTS BY THAT TIME I INTEND TO RETURN THE PACV TO CONUS AS UNACCEPTABLE FOR COMBAT IN RVN.
 5. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON OUR CONTINUED EVALUATION DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS WITH ACCOMPANYING RECOMMENDATIONS.

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 LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 ZEN/SG TOLSON CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV (COURIER)
 ZEN/SG CLAY CG 101ST ABN DIV (COURIER)
 ZEN/CO DELTA FORCE (COURIER)
 ZEN

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED B-52 TARGET (U)

1. ON 6 MARCH GEN TRUONG, CG 1ST ARVN DIV, ASKED MY JR TO SEE IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PLACE B-52 STRIKES ON ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN AREAS OUTLINED BY COORDINATES:

A. AREA 1.

YD 5615 REPEAT YD 5615

YD 5413 REPEAT YD 5413

YD 6111 REPEAT YD 6111

YD 5815 REPEAT YD 5815

B. AREA 2.

YD 6118 REPEAT YD 6118

YD 6217 REPEAT YD 6217

YD 6015 REPEAT YD 6015

YD 5916 REPEAT YD 5916

2. GEN TRUONG STATES THAT HE HAS FAC REPORTS OF ENEMY TROOP SIGHTINGS IN THESE AREAS; THAT THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF HEAVY TRAIL ACTIVITY, AND THAT HE KNOWS, FROM PREVIOUS OPERATIONS IN THE AREAS, THAT THE ENEMY HAS ESTABLISHED INSTALLATIONS HERE. MORE SPECIFICALLY, IN AREA 2, HE CLAIMS THAT THERE WAS A HOSPITAL AND A STORAGE AREA WHEN HE LAST OPERATED THERE. HE BELIEVES THE ENEMY HAS MOVED INTO THE SAME AREA AGAIN.

3. THIS MORNING I WAS BRIEFED BY 8TH RRU ON THEIR HOLDINGS IN THESE AREAS. INTERESTINGLY ENOUGH INTEL

IGENCE REPORTS (SPAR'S) INDICATE HIGH ACTIVITY IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA AS DESCRIBED BY TRUONG. THE AREA OF GREATEST DENSITY IS CONTAINED INSIDE THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES:

YD 5816 REPEAT YD 5816

YD 6118 REPEAT YD 6118

YD 6413 REPEAT YD 6413

YD 6111 REPEAT YD 6111

TARGET BOXES INSIDE THESE COORDINATES ARE SET FORTH BY PRIORITY FOR STRIKE. SEE PARA 6 BELOW. (110)

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4. OUR INTELLIGENCE HERE INDICATES A GROWING CONCENTRATION OF FORCES IN THIS AREA. SOME ARE PROBABLY UNITS WHICH HAVE WITHDRAWN FROM THE BATTLE OF MUZ; OTHERS MAY HAVE MOVED FROM THE A SHAU VALLEY ALONG ROUTE 547 AND INTO THE AREA. INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE FORWARD ELEMENT OF MRTH WAS LOCATED INSIDE THESE COORDINATES ON 4 MARCH. A NUMBER OF U/I ELEMENTS WERE ALSO LOCATED IN THE BOX. THE 7TH BN OF THE 90TH REGT WAS LOCATED, ON 5 MARCH, JUST OUTSIDE OF THE BOX II (YD 6318). JUST SOUTH OF THE BOX, ON THE NIGHT 6-7 MARCH A DELTA TEAM OBSERVED AT LEAST 15 TRUCKS MOVING EAST ON ROUTE 547 AT YD 522039. A DELTA TEAM WAS SHOT OUT OF A LANDING ZONE AT YD 6088 ON 5 MARCH. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF REPORTS OF VEHICLE MOVEMENT OVER ROUTE 547. IT APPEARS THAT THESE VEHICLES ARE PROBABLY MOVING INTO THE GENERAL AREA IN WHICH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS (SPAR'S) REFLECT A HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.

5. DURING YOUR LAST VISIT YOU INDICATED A DESIRE TO USE TAC AIR AT KHE SANH WHEN WEATHER PERMITTED SO AS TO EMPLOY R-52'S ELSEWHERE WHEN WEATHER FORECASTS FOR TONIGHT AND TOMORROW ARE FAVORABLE FOR THE KHE SANH AREA. THIS TARGET APPEARS TO MERIT A HEAVY STRIKE BY R-52'S. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT A MAXIMUM R-52 EFFORT AGAINST THE TARGET AREA DESCRIBED IN 3 ABOVE BE MADE IMMEDIATELY WITH CONCURRENT

SECONDARY TARGETS PLOTTED AROUND KHE SANH FOR ATTACK BY -52'S. SHOULD WEATHER PRECLUDE EFFECTIVE USE OF TAC AIR AT KHE SANH, WE CAN DIVERT FROM THIS NEW TARGET AREA INTO PREPLANNED TARGETS AT KHE SANH.

6. TARGETS LISTED IN ORDER OF THEIR PRIORITY ARE:
 MAP SERIES L-7814, SHEET 6441 I. NUMBER 1 - YD 614158, 623163, 612181, 604175; NUMBER 2 - YD 586154, 614158, 604175, 595170;
 NUMBER 3 - YD 627120, 63512, 624142, 616137; NUMBER 4 - YD 618115, 627120, 616137, 607131; NUMBER 5 - YD 624142, 633147, 623163, 614158;
 NUMBER 6 - YD 616137, 62 142, 614158, 606154; NUMBER 7 - YD 635125, 623163, 624142; NUMBER 8 - YD 599126, 607131, 597149, 588143;
 NUMBER 9 - YD 607131, 616137, 606154, 597149; NUMBER 10 - YD 609109, 618115, 607131, 599126 NUMBER 11 - YD 597149, 606154, 595170, 587164;
 AND NUMBER 12 - YD 588143, 597149, 587164, 575159.

7. FOR CUSHMAN: REQUEST NECESSARY CLEARANCE ACTION BE EXPEDITED AND FORWARDED TO MACV ASAP FOR STRIKES IN TARGET AREA DESCRIBED IN 3 ABOVE. NOTIFY COMUSMACV WHEN CLEARANCE HAS BEEN OBTAINED IN INFO THIS HEADQUARTERS. REQUEST YOU ALSO CONSIDER INSERTING APPROPRIATE RECON ELEMENT FOR 3DA.

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SSO NOTE DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO GEN WESTMORELAND IF HE IS AVAILABLE
 DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO GEN CUSHMAN

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CONCUR WITH PROPOSED RELEASE WITH FOLLOWING EXCEPTION: PARA 4
CHANGE TO READ: QUOTE THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL EXERCISE
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 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN TOMPKINS

1. OBVIOUS THAT TUOHY IS FRONT MAN FOR SAIGON CABAL. FURTHER, SOMEONE HAS NOT DONE HIS HOMEWORK VERY WELL.
 2. YOU KNOW FULL WELL THE ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN EMPHASIS ON DYEMARKER SINCE JAN 1967 AS WELL AS THE CHANGES IN CONCEPT. BUT THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE DIVISION AIDED BY SEABEES AND ENGINEERS HAVE COMPLETED THE FOLLOWING DYEMARKER WORK FOR QUOTE POSITIONAL WARFARE WITH STATIC BASES END QUOTE:

270 BUNKERS 18' X 24'

64 BUNKERS 8' X 12'0A

30 BUNKERS 10' X 24'

4 BUNKERS 12' X 18'

51,216 METERS OF BARBED WIRE

105,304 M-14 AND M-16 MINES

1,598,239 SANDBAGS (DOES NOT INCLUDE DIVISION ISSUES).

THREE OF THE POSITIONS (A-2, A-3, A-4) WERE BUILT UNDER SHELLFIRE AND ARE THE MOST ADVANCED POSTS ANYWHERE IN RVN.

3. ADDITIONALLY, AND SEPERATE FROM DYEMARKER, WE HAVE CONSTRUCTED BUNKERS OF SIMILIAR TYPE AND SIZE AT CARROLL, CUA VIET, DONG HA, AND KHE SANH. AT DONG HA WE ALSO HAVE TWO REINFORCED STEEL AND CONCRETE BUNKERS THAT I BELIEVE ARE NOT DUPLICATED ANYWHERE ELSE IN COUNTRY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

4. INSOFAR AS KHE SANH IS CONCERNED, I WOULD POINT OUT THAT IT NEVER WAS A PART OF THE DYEMARKER BARRIER PLAN; THAT IT FIGURED IN THE DEFILE PLAN ONLY AND WAS AUTHORIZED A TOTAL OF ONLY FIVE REPEAT FIVE BUNKERS IN THAT PLAN, IN SPITE OF THIS WE HAVE ERECTED BUNKERS AT KHE SANH THAT UTILIZE DYEMARKER MATERIAL. IF KHE SANH IS NOW TO BE REGARDED AS A STRATEGIC BASE QUOTE THEN SAIGON FAILED TO RECOGNIZE THE FACT AT ANY TIME IN 1967. ONLY AFTER GENERAL WESTMORELAND PERSONNALLY DIRECTED IT, COULD WE GET STEEL PLANKING FROM DYEMARKER ASSETS FOR FIGHTING HOLE COVERS AT CON THIEN. YOU WILL RECALL THE CONVERSATION EARLY IN DECEMBER AT C-2 WITH BGEN RAMUSSEN PRESENT. BASED ON THIS WE ASKED FOR AND FINALLY RECEIVED PERMISSION TO UTILIZE SIMILIAR STEEL PLANKING FOR FIGHTING HOLE COVERS AT KHE SANH.

5. I AM UNABLE TO COMMENT ON QUOTE VAST TIME CONSUMING AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS THAT DO NOT RESULT IN CONTACT END QUOTE. BUT I WOULD NOTE THE THE 3D BATTALION, 1ST MARINES HAS IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS ENGAGED IN THREE LANDINGS AND NOT LACKED FOR CONTACT IN ANY ONE OF THE THREE. FOR FORAYS INTO THE DMZ BY UNDERSTRENGTH UNITS, THIS AGAIN IS MYSTERIOUS AND MAY WELL BE FOLKLORE. BE THAT AS IT MAY, ON 3 MAR 1968 THE 3D BATTALION, 3D MARINES ON A SWEEP JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ ACCOUNTED FOR 153 KIA AND 1 POW AT A COST TO THEMSELVES OF 2 KIA AND 11 WIA(E).

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6. I KNOW OF NOT A SINGLE INSTANCE WHERE WE HAVE DISREGARDED INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY UNITS WHETHER PRESENTED BY SAIGON OR A LOCAL LOW-LEVEL AGENT. ADMITTEDLY, ON 13 DEC 1967, I DISAGREED WITH YOU AS TO THE RELATIVE THREAT TO KHE SANH VERSUS THE LANCASTER ARJ

BATTALION IN QUESTION, HOWEVER, WENT TO KHE SANH AS YOU DIRECTED AND I SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TWO MORE ON MY OWN INITIATIVE AND WITH YOUR APPROVAL. OTHER THAN THIS SINGLE INCIDENT WHICH TOOK PLACE IN FAMILY, I CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT TOUCHY IS TALKING ABOUT.

7. AS FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS LAUNCHED WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FORCES AND SUPPORT, I CAN SPEAK ONLY FROM 28 NOV 1967. WE HAVE ALWAYS HUSBANDED OUR SLENDER PERSONNEL RESOURCE VERY CAREFULLY, BEING CHARGED WITH A LARGE AREA AND AN INESCAPABLE COMMITMENT TO THE SLAVERY OF DYEMARKER. BUT IN SUPPORT OF SUCH ADVENTURES AS WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN, BOTHE DEFENSIVELY AND OFFENSIVELY, THE FOLLOWING FIGURES MAY BE INTERESTING IN DETERMINING THE ADQUACY OF OUR SUPPORT:

	ARTY (RDS)	NGF (RDS)	AIR (TONS)
NOV 1967	162,181	15,455	8,878 8,453
DEC 1967	184,617	16,059	8,527
JAN 1968	188,370	22,057	20,188 20,307
FEB 1968	199,286	47,248	41,693 47,759

8. I WILL LEAVE IT TO NORMAN ANDERSON TO COMMENT ON THE HELICOPTERS WHICH ARE DOING SUCH A FINE JOB HELPING TO KEEP KHE SANH IN OPERATION. AND IT SHOULD BE RECALLED THAT IT WAS MARINE HELICOPTERS THAT SNATCHED THE SURVIVORS OUT OF LANG VEI AT SORE COST TO PILOTS AND AIRCRAFT. I AM UNQUALIFIED TO SPEAK ON THE HUE OPERATION.

9. I FEEL CONSTRAINED TO INVITE YOUR ATTENTION TO A CLIPPING I RECEIVED ON 3 MARCH. IT IS WRITTEN BY JOSPEPH B. TREATSER AND IS COPYRIGHT 1968 BY THE NEW YORK TIMES. THE DATELINE IS DA NANG. THE ARTICLE DISCUSSED THE FIRST AIR CAV DIVISION AND QUOTES MGEN JOHN

J. TOLSON AS SAYING QUOTE I HOPE FOR THE TIME BEING WE DON'T HAVE TO GO TO KHE SANH END QUOTE. WHAT A TIGER. I AM SURE THAT HE NEVER WANTS TO GO. IT WASN'T UNTIL THEY CAME NORTH THAT THEY MET THE WAR. #9(2)

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10. I HAVE LONG HELD THAT RECOURSE TO STATISTICS IS THE LAST RESORT OF A SICK MIND. BUT IT IS THE FASHION THESE DAYS AND I HAVE INDULGED A BIT HEREIN. FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH THE FOLLOWING MAY BE OF INTEREST BECAUSE IT REFLECTS THE WAY OF LIFE IN NORTHERN I CTZ: IN NOV 1967 AND DEC 1967 WE HAD OPPOSING US 324-B DIV, 8TH BN 29TH, 27TH IND BN, 270TH IND REGT, AND RECON ELEMENTS OF 95-C REGIMENT. IN JAN AND FEB 1968 WE FACED 324-B DIV, 320 DIV, 304 DIV, 325-C DIV, 27TH IND BN, AND 270TH IND BN. IN THE EASTERN DMZ THERE REMAIN APPROX 100 ARTY PIECES, INCLUDING 130 M/M GUNS. WE KNOW THAT 152 M/M GUN/HOW ARE INCLUDED IN ARTY SUPPORTING 320 DIV. AT KHE SANH THERE ARE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF ARTY PIECES OF ALL CALIBERS INCLUDING 130 M/M, 122 M/M, 152 M/M. OUR CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

CATEGORY	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	TOTAL
KIA	44	69	154	184	451
WIA(E)	377	296	621	686	1,980
WIA(M)	161	179	314	650	1,304
MISSING	0	0	1	0	1
MIA	0	0	12	24	36
DOW	5	7	11	27	50
	587	551	1113	1572	3,822

DURING THE FOREGOING PERIOD

ENEMY KIA(C)	6,222
CREW SERVED WPNS	263
POW(NVA)	114
POW(VC)	11

\$INCLUDED ARE THE BODIES OF 10 KIA WEST OF CALU BEING RECOVERED 6/7 MARCH AND THOSE BELONGING TO 1/26 AMBUSHED AT KHE SANH MOST RECENTLY

11. WARM REGARDS.

MGEN TOMPKINS SENDS

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1. THE FOLLOWING NEWSPAPER ARTICLES ARE TRANSMITTED
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE:

SAN DIEGO UNION--TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1968
THE HEADLINE--ARTICLE CRITICAL OF MARINE LEADERS IN VIET
STIRS DISPUTE

BY-- L EDGAR PRINA MILITARY AFFAIRS EDITOR OF UNION
COMLEY NEWS SERVICES--WASHINGTON

A NEWS PAPER ARTICLE CRITICAL OF MARINE LEADERSHIP IN
VIETNAM HAS MADE THE LEATHERNECKS FIGHTING MAD AND HAS
RESULTED IN A PENTAGON REQUEST TO GENERAL WILLIAM C WEST-
MORELAND'S HEADQUARTERS THAT IT CLARIFY PUBLICLY THE
COMMAND RELATIONS IN THE NORTHERN I CORPS AREA.

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UNDER HEADLINE IN SUNDAY WASHINGTON POST READING
"MARINE'S LEADERS DISAPPOINT U.S. COMMAND, "SAIGON
DATELINE STORY BY WILLIAM TUOHY OF LOS ANGELES TIMES LED
OFF WITH THIS STATEMENT.

"CHANGES IN U.S. MILITARY COMMAND STRUCTURE SEEM TO
PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT DOWNGRADING OF THE TOP MARINE
LEADERSHIP IN VIETNAM."

THE UNIFORM REACTION OF MARINES HERE WAS A STRING OF
COLORFUL BUT UNPRINTABLE EXPLETIVES.

SUB HEAD--BACKED BY WHEELER

THEY WERE BACKED UP BY THE OFFICE OF GENERAL EARL G.
WHEELER CHAIRMAN OF JOINT CHIEF OF STAFF. AN ARMY COLONEL
AN AID TO WHEELER TERMS THE BURDEN OF THE STORY "NONSENSE."

THE COLONEL CONCEDED HOWEVER, THAT THE RECENT ASSIGN-
MENT OF HIGH RANKING ARMY OFFICERS TO I CORPS HAD NOT BEEN
ADEQUATELY EXPLAINED TO THE PRESS IN SAIGON AND THAT THIS MAY
HAVE HELPED SPARK THE KIND OF STORY IN QUESTION. HE SAID
HE HAD SENT A DISPATCH EARLIER MONDAY URGING U.S. HEADQUARTERS
IN SAIGON TO BRIEF THE PRESS ON WHY WESTMORELAND FIRST SENT
HIS DEPUTY, ARMY GENERAL CREIGHTON W ABRAMS, TO PHU BAI AS

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COMMAND OF "MAC-V FORWARD" AND THEN A WEEK OR TWO LATER
ARMY LIEUTENANT GENERAL WILLIAM B ROSSON TO TAKE OVER FOR
ABRAMS.

MAC-V IS THE ABBREVIATION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND
VIETNAM, THE TITLE FOR WESTMORELAND HEADQUARTERS.

SUB TITLE -- SPECULATION TOLD
THE ASSIGNMENT OF ABRAM IMMEDIATELY LEAD TO THE CONCLUSION
THAT HE WOULD SUPPLANT LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT E CUSHMAN JR.
THE SENIOR MARINE IN VIETNAM OVER ALL COMMAND OF 83,000 MARINES
AND 35,000 ARMYMEN IN THE FIVE NORTHERN MOST PROVINCES THAT
MAKE UP THE I CORPS.

THE FEELING HERE IS THAT WESTMORELAND SENSES THE
TREMENDOUS PUBLIC AND PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST IN THE FATE OF
THE 5,000 MAN MARINE STRONGHOLD IN KHE SANH AND WHAT IS
BELIEVED AN IMPENDING ENEMY ATTEMPT TO OVERRUN IT WANTED
ONE OF HIS HIGHEST RANKING SUBORDINATES CLOSE BY TO SEE THAT
THINGS WENT RIGHT.

WHEELERS AIDE SAID THAT IT DIDN'T WORK, FOR A VARIETY
OF REASONS."

SOME REPORTS ASSERT THAT MARINES MADE KNOWN THEIR

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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UNHAPPINESS OF THEIR ASSIGNMENT OF ABRAM TO LOOK OVER
CUSHMAN'S SHOULDER.

AT ANY RATE WESTMORELAND DECIDED TO SEND ROSSON A THREE-
STAR GENERAL TO TAKE OVER THE FOUR STAR ABRAM'S JOB.

SUB HEAD- VIEW GIVEN

"AS I UNDERSTAND IT NOW." WHEELERS AIDE SAID, "CUSHMAN
IS THE RANKING GUY UP THERE: HE'S SORT OF A FIELD ARMY COMMANDER.
ROSSON WILL SERVE AS SOMETHING AS AN ACTING CORPS COMMANDER
WHILE A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ARMY TROOPS REMAIN IN THE I
CORPS. HE WILL SERVE UNDER CUSHMAN TACTICALLY."

INCLUDED IN A LONG LIST OF INDICEMENTS THE TUOHY STORY
ALLEGES THAT THE MARINE LEADERSHIP WAS, "SINGULARLY
UNIMPRESSIVE: HAD FAILED TO ACCEPT INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY
UNITS WHICH WESTMORELAND'S STAFF HAD SUPPLIED: CONDUCTED
"RASH AND COSTLY ASSAULTS ON ENTRENCHED ENEMY POSITION OF
LIMITED VALUE" AND FAILED TO EMPLOY HELICOPTERS PROPERLY.
UNQUOTE.

THE NEW YORK POST, TUESDAY
MARCH 5, 1963. ARMY-MARINE TEAM ALONG THE
DMZ BY KEYES BEACH DATELINE SAIGON

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PAGE 5RUHHFMA1180 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 GEN WILLIAM C WESTMORELAND IS TAKING TACTICAL COMMAND OF TROOPS
 IN THE CRITICAL I CORPS AREA AWAY FROM THE MARINES AND GIVING IT TO
 THE ARMY. ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE JUSTIFIED ON THE GROUNDS OF MILITARY
 NECESSITY THE MOVE MAY BRING INTO THE OPEN LONG-SIMMERING ARMY-
 MARINE DIFFERENCE.

FIRST CORPS, WHICH EMBRACES THE SOUTH VIETNAM'S FIVE NORTHERN
 MOST PROVINCES, HAD BEEN AN EXCLUSIVE MARCOR PRESERVE SINCE THE FIRST
 MARINE COMBAT TROOPS LANDED IN VIETNAM THREE YEARS AGO, THIS MONTH.
 ARMY LT GEN W B ROSSON WILL ASSUME TACTICAL COMMAND OF ALL COMBAT
 TROOPS, V, INCLUDING MARINES, IN THE TWO NORTHERN MOST PROVINCES
 FACING THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE WHERE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE MASSED
 AN ESTIMATED FOUR DIVISIONS. HIS COMMDN WILL INCLUDE KHE SANH, MANNED
 BY 6000 TO 7000 MARINES. MARINE LTGEN ROBERT E CUSHMAN JR.,
 COMMANDER OF MARINE THIRD AMPHIBIOUS CORPS WILL TAKE OVER THE SOUTHERN
 HALF OF FIRST CORPS. THIS AMOUNTS TO SUBDIVIDING FIRST CORPS, A MOVE
 FORCAST MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AGO WHEN ARMY GEN CREIGHTON W ABRAMS
 WESTMORELAND'S RIGHT-HAND MAN ESTABLISHED AN ADVANCE COMMAND POST AT
 PHU BAI, HOME OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION.
 SOME OBSERVERS READ STRATEGIC RATHER THAN TACTICAL SIGNIFICANCE

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PAGE 6RUHHFMA1180 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 INTO THE COMMAND REORGANIZATION. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT WITH
 GREATLY INCREASED ARMY STRENGTH IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES THE FIRST
 MARINE DIVISION MIGHT BE LEFT FREE FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

BY THIS THESE SOURCES HINTED AT THE POSSIBILITY IF NOT THE
 PROBABILITY OF A MARINE INVASION OF NORTH VIETNAM JUST ABOVE THE
 DMZ. SUCH A MANEUVER WOULD NOT ONLY RELIEVE PRESSURE ON THE DMZ
 BUT POSE A THREAT THERE TO THE NORTH VIETNAMESE IN THEIR REAR.
 ROSSON WILL BE COMMANDING MORE THAN 30,000 MARINES PLUS THE
 FIRST CAVALRY (AIR MOBILE) DIVISION, ELEMENTS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE
 BRIGADE AND SUCH OTHER TROOPS AS MAY MOVE INTO HIS TACTICAL ZONE.

CUSHMAN WILL BE LEFT WITH THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION AND THE
 AMERICAN DIVISION A FOUR BRIGADE CATCH-ALL UNIT NUMBERING 25,000
 MEN. HE WILL ALSO RETAIN HIS POSITION AS SENIOR ADVISOR TO SOUTH
 VIETNAM TROOPS IN FIRST CORPS. ROSSON, A HIGHLY REGARDED VETERAN
 OF 27 YEARS SERVICE WITH A DISTINGUISHED COMBAT RECORD IN EUROPE
 DURING WW II, IS AN OLD HAND IN VIETNAM. HE SERVED WITH THE US
 MILITARY ADVISORY GROUP IN 1953-54 DURING THE FRENCH-INDO-CHINA
 WAR. THREE YEARS AGO HE RETURNED TO VIETNAM AS WESTMORELAND'S
 CHIEF OF STAFF.

IN PART, ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL ARMY SOURCES, THE REORGANIZATION

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WAS AIMED AT MARINE LTGEN VICTOR H KRULAK, COMMANDER OF THE FLEET
MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC.

KRULAK HAS BEEN ACCUSED BY US ARMY SOURCES OF TRYING TO RUN
THE MARINES IN THE FIRST CORPS FROM HIS HONOLULU HEADQUARTERS.
WITHOUT PROPER REGARD FOR WESTMORELANDS OVERALL COMMAND OF ALL US
FORCES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

WHILE CUSHMAN AS DID HIS PREDECESSOR MARINE LTGEN LOU WALT,
REPORTS DIRECTLY TO WESTMORELAND. HE ALSO REPORTS TO KRULAK.
WESTMORELAND STAFFERS SUSPECT RIGHTLY OR WRONGLY THAT ON OCCASION
THE MARINES HAVE TOLD KRULAK ONE THING AND WESTMORELAND ANOTHER.
UNQUOTE.

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 DEPCOMUSMACV FWD FOR GEN ABRAMS. III MAF FOR ISO PASS TO ADMIRAL
 SHARP AND GENERAL CUSHMAN.
 SUBJ: COMUSMACV STATEMENT TO PRESS
 THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC STATEMENT WAS RELEASED BY COMUSMACV
 AFTER BACKGROUNDER GIVEN 8 MAR 68: QUOTE 'IT HAS DISTRESSED ME
 GREATLY TO LEARN THAT SOME NEWS ARTICLES HAVE INTERPRETED THE
 CHANGING COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN THE I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE
 AS A REFLECTION AGAINST THE U.S. MARINE CORPS AND THE THIRD MARINE
 AMPHIBIOUS FORCE.
 'CONTRARY TO THESE SPECULATIVE NEWS STORIES, I WISH TO

PAGE 2 RUMSMA 0837C UNCLAS
 MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE BASED ON
 TACTICAL AND MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS AND HAVE NOTHING TO DO
 WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MARINES, WHICH IS, AN ALWAYS HAS
 BEEN, EXCELLENT. ONE OF THE PRINCIPLES OF MILITARY MANAGEMENT IS
 THAT THE SPAN OF CONTROL OF COMMANDERS MUST BE KEPT WITHIN NORMAL
 BOUNDS. THERE IS A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF SUBORDINATE UNITS THAT
 ANY ONE COMMANDER CAN CONTROL EFFICIENTLY.
 'I WISH TO STATE EMPHATICALLY THAT I HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION
 FOR THE U.S. MARINE CONTINGENT IN VIETNAM, FROM ITS COMMANDER
 DOWN TO THE LOWEST PRIVATE.' UNQUOTE.
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SUBJECT: EMPLOYMENT OF NPFF WIHT I ACE (U)
 1. (C) REQUEST TWO (2) COMPANIES OF NATIONAL POLICE FIELD FORCES BE ATTACHED TO THE I ACD FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE JEB STUART AO.
 2. (S) SINCE THE I ACE AREA OF OPERATION SI HIGHLY POPULATED, NATIONAL POLICE FIELD FORCES SHOULD ESTABLISH CHECKPOINTS ON ROUTES OF COMMUNICATION, ASSIST IN CORDON AND SEARCH OF HAMLETS AND ESTABLISH OTHER POPULATION AND RESOURCES CONTROL MEASURES WITHIN THE DIVISION AO. ELIMINATION OF THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE AND SMALL NVA AND VC UNITS OPERATING AT HAMLET LEVEL IS ESSENTIAL, IF THIS AREA AND ROUTES OF COMMUNICATION ARE TO BECOME SECURE.

PAGE TWO RUMWAA 8547 S E C R E T
 3 (S) NPFF WER SUCCESSFULLY EMPLOYED IN THESE ROLES WITH THE I ACD IN THE PERSHING AL. NPFF UNITS WER ATTACHED TO THE DIVISION, COLLOCATED AT DIVISION LANDING ZONES, AND OPERATED IN CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS COORDINATION WITH COMBAT ELEMENTS OF THE I ACE.
 4. (S) IF APPROVED, ONE COMPANY WILL BE EMPLOYED WITH IACD UNITS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND ONE COMPANY IN THE THUA THIEN PROVINCE. NPFF OPERATIONS WILL BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH PROVINCE OFFICIALS AND DISTRICT LEVEL SPECIAL BRANCH POLICE
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CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES
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SUBJ: MARINE LEADERSHIP UNDER FIRE IN VIETNAM, "PRESS STORY
FILED IN SAIGON . 2 MARCH, BY WILLIAM TUOHY OF THE LOS ANGELES
TIMES. (REPRODUCED IN WASHINGTON POST, 3 MARCH, 1968)

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE SENT TO GEN WESTMORELAND BY
GEN WHEELER CONC SUBJ ARTICLE.

"1. THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS HAS CALLED THE
SUBJECT NEWS STORY TO MY ATTENTION, CALLING IT "WRETCHED" AND
FURTHER EXPRESSING THE VIEW THAT HE DID NOT SEE HOW ANYTHING
BUT ILL CAN RESULT" I SHARE HIS VIEW FULLY.

"2. I RECOGNIZE THAT WITH SOME 636 REPORTERS LOOSE ABOUT THE
LANDSCAPE, THERE WILL ALWAYS BE SOME AMONG THEM WHO WILL
UNDERTAKE EXERCISES IN UNFOUNDED AND DELETERIOUS SPECULATION.
WHEN APPROPRIATE (AND I BELIEVE THE TUOHY PIECE REPRODUCED BELOW

PAGE 2 PAC 1022 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCL FRO M C E O
IS AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION), THE OFFENDING STORY MUST PUBLICLY
AND UNEQUIVOCALLY LABELLED FOR WHAT IT IS: HARMFUL FICTION
UNRELIEVED BY EVEN A CASUAL REFERENCE TO THE FACTS OF THE
CASE. (ARTICLE FOLLOWS) PAR 3

"4. THE MERE FACT THAT, THROUGH YOUR ACTION, GENERAL
CUSHMAN NOW COMMANDS A PROVISIONAL FIELD ARMY, CONSISTING
OF BOTH ARMY AND MARINE CORPS ELEMENTS, SHOULD CONVEY TO AN
IMPARTIAL OBSERVER THE DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE WHICH YOU HAVE
PLACED IN HIM. PERHAPS SIDLE SHOULD ATTEMPT TO CLARIFY
THIS MATTER AT LEAST WITH THOSE NEWSMEN WHO CHOOSE TO WRITE
ABOUT YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND REALIGNMENT AND, IN SOME INSTANCES,
DRAWING UNFOUNDED CONCLUSIONS THEREFROM. IN ANY EVENT, I
BELEIVE THAT WHATEVER YOU CAN DO TO, IN CHAPPY'S WORDS,
"STAMP OUT THIS INCIPIENT CONTROVERSY NOW" WOULD BE WELL
WARRENTED. WARM REGARDS."

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 TO GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV FWD
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REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS OR CONCURRENCE ON FOLLOWING
 ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO RELEASE TO PRESS
 AT APPROXIMATELY 1700 HOURS TODAY.

QUOTE:

"GENERAL WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND, COMMANDER OF THE
 US MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, ANNOUNCED TODAY
 THE FORMATION OF A NEW HEADQUARTERS TO ASSIST IN THE
 COMMAND AND CONTROL OF US UNITS IN THE NORTHERN PART
 OF THE FIRST CORPS TACTICAL ZONE.

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL BE COMMANDED BY LIEUTENANT
 GENERAL WILLIAM B. ROSSON AND WILL BE DESIGNATED AS
 PROVISIONAL CORPS VIETNAM. IT WILL NO DOUBT BE MORE
 WIDELY KNOWN TO MILITARY PERSONNEL BY ITS SHORT TITLE
 OF "PROV CORPS."

THE HEADQUARTERS STAFF WILL CONSIST MAINLY OF ARMY AND
 MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL, THOUGH IT ALSO WILL CONTAIN SOME
 NAVY AND AIR FORCE OFFICERS. //

THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL EXERCISE COMMAND OVER ALL US
 MILITARY GROUND UNITS IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES OF QUANG
 TRI AND THUA THIEN. //

THE PROVISIONAL CORPS WILL BE SUBORDINATE TO MARINE
 LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, COMMANDING
 GENERAL OF THE THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE IN DANANG,
 WHO HAS SEVERAL OTHER SENIOR TACTICAL UNITS REPORTING
 TO HIM. IT WILL SERVE AS A TACTICAL ECHELON BETWEEN
 GENERAL CUSHMAN AND THE COMMANDERS OF THE US ARMY AND
 MARINE DIVISIONS IN THE AREA. GENERAL CUSHMAN'S AREA
 RESPONSIBILITIES WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. //

GENERAL ROSSON WILL ALSO HAVE COORDINATING FUNCTIONS
 WITH THE HIGHLY REGARDED FIRST VIETNAMESE DIVISION WHICH
 IS DEPLOYED IN THE AREA.

MOST OF THE PERSONNEL IN THE NEW HEADQUARTERS WILL COME
 FROM THE MACV FORWARD HEADQUARTERS WHICH WAS ESTABLISHED
 IN THE AREA SEVERAL WEEKS AGO UNDER GENERAL CREIGHTON
 W. ABRAMS. GENERAL ABRAMS, WHO IS GENERAL WESTMORELAND'S
 DEPUTY, HAS EFFECTED COORDINATION AMONG THE ARMY, NAVY,
 MARINE, AND AIR FORCE UNITS IN THE AREA. SINCE HIS ASSIGNED
 TASK IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE, HE WILL NOW RETURN TO HIS
 NORMAL DUTIES IN SAIGON AND THE FORWARD HEADQUARTERS
 WILL CEASE TO EXIST.

END QUOTE.

YOU AND CUSHMAN SHOULD SEE GEN LAM TODAY AND EXPLAIN
 THIS MATTER. I WILL INFORM GEN VIEN.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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PROVISIONAL MAG
A. CMC 112025Z JAN68
B. MARCORPERSMAN

PERSONAL MGEN ANDERSON FOR LGEN KRULAK INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN
1. I HAVE CAUSED A STUDY TO BE MADE TO REDUCE THE SPAN OF CONTROL OF MAG-36. I RECOMMEND FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL MAG DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. THIS MAG WOULD OPERATE QUANG TRI AIRFIELD AND ITS THREE TACTICAL SQUADRONS. PHU BAI, KHE SANH AND DONG HA WOULD REMAIN UNDER CONTROL OF MAG-36.
2. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY AVAILABLE AT QUANG TRI ARE SUFFICIENT FOR FORMATION OF A PROVISIONAL MAG. THE PROVISIONAL MAG WOULD BE COMPOSED OF A H&MS(-), TWO HMM AND ONE VMO. IT WOULD PERFORM THE NORMAL COMMAND AND CONTROL MISSION ASSIGNED

PAGE TWO RUMSAV 002W SECRET
HELICOPTER MAG. THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY MAG-36 AT PHU BAI:
A. INTERMEDIATE LEVEL MAINTENANCE
B. GROUP LEVEL SUPPLY
C. THIRD ECHELON REPAIR OF MOTOR TRANS AND ENGINEER EQUIP
D. FISCAL AND DISBURSING SERVICES.
3. I PROPOSE UNITS BE DESIGNATED PROV MAG-6 AND PROV H&MS-6. THIS HQ CAN INITIATE CORRESPONDENCE FOR RUC FOR PROPOSED UNITS IF DESIRED. REF A ASSIGNED RUC 05024 RPT 05024 TO SUB UNIT ONE H&MS-36, MAG-36 WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY ACTIVATED. REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF NAME AND ADDITIONAL RUC FOR PROV MAG WOULD REQUIRE WAIVER OF PARA 16104.3.B RPT 16104.3.B OF REF B.
4. IF APPROVED I PROPOSE TO ACTIVATE THIS PROV MAG BY 15 MARCH OR ASAP THEREAFTER. WARMEST REGARDS.
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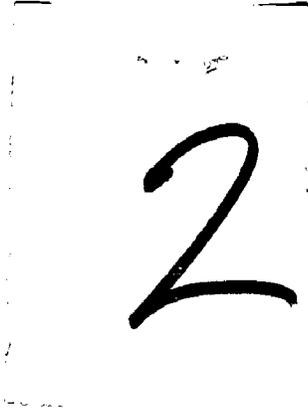
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SECRET. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN AND MAJGEN ANDERSON FROM LTGEN KRULAK MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

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:

PAGE 2 YNA 0989 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO

- 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 DEVERTED 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 CONTROVENES 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

PAGE 2 YNA 0989 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO CLOSE RECORD OF THE AIR FORCE PERFORMANCE IN CONTRAST TO OUR OWN SYSTEM, AND LAYING THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY MEANINGFUL SHORTFALL RIGHT AT HIS DOOR.

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

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1. IN RESPONSE TO WESTMORELAND'S MESSAGE TO ME ON
THE TUOHY ARTICLE, I HAVE JUST SENT HIM THE FOLLOWING:
QUOTE:

1. WARM THANKS FOR YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE TO MY
MESSAGE ON THE TUOHY ARTICLE. I APPRECIATE YOUR
CHARACTERIZATION OF HIS OFFENSIVE IDEAS AS IRRESPONSIBLE
AND DISTORTED, AND I AM SURE THAT THE MARINES WHO
ARE RISKING THEIR LIVES IN ORDER THAT TUOHY AND HIS
CIVILIZATION MAY ENDURE, WOULD THANK YOU TOO, WERE
THEY TO KNOW OF YOUR UNQUALIFIED DISCLAIMER.

2. AND THAT CAUSES ME TO RECOMMEND THAT YOU MAKE
THESE VIEWS KNOWN TO THE PRESS AT LARGE, SO THAT NOT
ONLY OUR OWN FIGHTING MEN, BUT THOSE READERS IN THE
U. S., WHOSE RESOLVE MUST CERTAINLY HAVE BEEN SHAKEN
BY TUOHY'S DISGRACEFUL AND UNTRUTHFUL ACCOUNT, MAY
ALSO KNOW THE FACTS. BEST REGARDS.

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ANDERSON FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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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

PAGE 2 PAC 0951 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCL FOR M C E O
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

PAGE 3 PAC 0951 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCL FOR M C E O. UPON THE ACTIVATION OF PROVISIONAL CORPS, VIETNAM.

would appear to require incorporation of all our comments. I have indicated to agreement.

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.

1 INCL
AS

W. C. WESTMORELAND
GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY
COMMANDING

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

TO: COMMANDING GENERAL
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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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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.

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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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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 BT

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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 AND IS FURNISHED FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES.

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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 (TOTS). 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 NSQ/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 FSOC, HAS DIVERT AUTHORITY FOR ALL AIRCRAFT FRAGGED INTO THE ICTZ. DASC B, IN COORDINATION WITH ADJACENT FSOC, 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
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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 DEP COMUSMACV/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 ZI 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 DEVERT 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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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN AND MAJGEN
 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 AVAILBLE 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 AVAILBLE, IT
 WILL GO DIRECTLY TO TACC SAIGON FOR DIVERT OR SCRAOELE."

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PAGE 2 PAC0961 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCL FOR M C E O

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, MARTADC AND CRC. 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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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN
CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF WESTY'S RESPONSE TO ME ON
THE TUOHY ARTICLE.

QUOTE:
VWESTMORELANDS SENDS TO LTG KRULAK
YOUR MESSAGE 040336Z MAR 68 RELATING THE LOS ANGELES TIMES
ARTICLE BY BILL TUOHY HAS BEEN RECEIVED. I'M DISTRESSED TO SEE SUCH
DISTORTED REPORTING AND DEPLORE SUCH IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM. I
REJECT ANY ALLEGATION THAT (MANY TOP STAFFERS) IN MY HEADQUARTERS
HAVE MADE KNOWN TO THE PRESS OF ANY OF THE IRRESPONSIBLE IDEAS RE-
FLECTED IN THE ARTICLE, I CHARGE THIS WHOLE MATTER OFF TO SPECUL-
ATION REPORTING BASED ON CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AND THE ABIDING
PREOCCUPATION OF THE PRESS TO DEVELOP CONTROVERSY AND ATTEMPT
TO BRING ABOUT FRICTION. I AM PLANNING A BACK GROUND SESSION WITH
THE PRESS TOMORROW AT WHICH TIME FUTURE COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN
I CTZ WILL BE DISCUSSED. TUOHY WILL BE INVITED.
BEST REGARDS.

UNQUOTE.
2. I PLAN TO GO BACK TO WESTY WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT
HE MAKE HIS VIEWS KNOWN PUBLICLY, RATHER THAN
JUST IN A BACKGROUND SESSION. BEST REGARDS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: AIR CUSHION VEHICLE FOR THE QUA VIET RIVER
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM NGEN TOMPKINS

1. AS A MATTER OF URGENCY I RECOMMEND THAT AN AIR CUSHION VEHICLE BE OBTAINED FOR USE ON THE QUA VIET RIVER. THE ENEMY HAS RESORTED TO THE VIET MINE TECHNIQUE OF BAMBOO UNDERWATER BARRIERS HUNG WITH EXPLOSIVES, AS WELL AS INCREASED MINING.

2. THE AIR CUSHION VEHICLE WITH ITS SEARCHLIGHT, MACHINE GUNS, VERY HIGH SPEED, AND COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE FROM THE CHANNEL NAVIGATION ORDINARILY REQUIRED IN THE QUA VIET WOULD GIVE AN INVALUABLE ASSET FOR THE TASK OF KEEPING THAT VITAL LOC OPEN. I HAVE RIDDEN IN THESE CRAFT AND KNOW THEIR CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS.

3. WE ARE CURRENTLY DEVOTING FROM OUR SCANTY RESOURCES THE FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT OF TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND AN AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION TO KEEP THE QUA VIET OPEN. I HAVE NOTHING MORE TO CONTRIBUTE IF ANYWHERE IN RVN, THE PHILIPPINES, ETC. THERE IS AN AIR CUSHION VEHICLE, LET THE NAVY ORDER IT TO QUA VIET AT ONCE. THEY WILL NEVER GET A BETTER RETURN FOR THEIR INVESTMENT. THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 1 OF 2
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGENKRULAK.
 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF MY 040336Z/MAR TO
 WESTMORELAND ON THE TUOHY NEWS ARTICLE:

QUOTE:

1. I HAVE JUST READ THE FOLLOWING LOS ANGELES
 TIMES ARTICLE BY WILLIAM TUOHY, DATED LINED SAIGON,
 MARCH 2.

QUOTE:

CHANGES IN THE U. S. MILITARY STRUCTURE SEEM TO
 PRESAGE A SIGNIFICANT DOWNGRADING OF THE TOP
 MARINE LEADERSHIP IN VIETNAM. IN THE VIEW OF MANY
 OBSERVERS, THE PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF AN ARMY
 THREE STAR GENERAL TO THE I CORPS AREA REFLECTS
 THE ARMY'S GROWING DOMINANCE IN A REGION ONCE

PAGE 2 YNA 0630 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 KNOWN AS MARINE LAND. THOUGH NO U. S. OFFICIAL
 WILL ADMIT IT PUBLICLY, IT IS AN OPEN SECRET THAT
 MANY TOP STAFFERS IN GEN. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND'S
 SAIGON HIGH COMMAND ARE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC
 WITH THE CONDUCT BY MARINE GENERALS OF THE WAR
 IN THE FIVE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES WHICH COM-
 PRISE THE CRITICAL I CORPS BATTLEFRONT.

ROSSON IN CHARGE

THE NEW CHANGE OF COMMAND ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY,
 PLACES A THREE-STAR ARMY GENERAL, LT. GEN.

WILLIAM B. ROSSON, IN I CORPS AS COMMANDER OF
 "MAC-V FORWARD" MAC-V BEING THE DESIGNATION FOR
 THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND, VIETNAM, THE
 OFFICIAL TITLE FOR WESTMORELAND'S HEADQUARTERS.
 HERETOFORE, A U. S. MARINE THREE-STAR GENERAL
 HELD FULL SWAY OVER ALL U. S. TROOPS IN THE I
 CORPS AREA, AND TECHNICALLY, THAT RESPONSIBILITY
 IS STILL HELD BY GEN. ROBERT E. CUSHMAN, JR. THE
 SENIOR MARINE IN VIETNAM. BUT RECENTLY, GEN.
 CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS, A FOUR-STAR ARMY COMMANDER

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AND WESTMORELAND'S CHIEF DEPUTY, ESTABLISHED THE "MAC-V FORWARD" COMMAND AT PHU BAI, THE BIG MARINE BASE BETWEEN DANANG AND HUE. (NOW ABRAMS HAS TURNED OVER PERSONAL COMMAND TO GEN. ROSSON.) THE 80,000 MAN MARINE FORCE IN I CORPS HAS RECENTLY BEEN BEEFED UP WITH SOME 30,000 ARMY TROOPS. BUT IT IS THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ARMY THREE-STAR GENERAL IN A SUPERVISORY CAPACITY TO I CORPS THAT FOCUSES ATTENTION ON THE QUALITY OF MARINE LEADERSHIP.

CRITICISMS CITED

THE CHIEF CRITICISM LEVELED AGAINST THE TOP MARINE COMMANDERS IS THAT, THEY HAVE NOT SUFFICIENTLY PREPARED THEIR TROOPS FOR THE KIND OF WAR WHICH HAS EVOLVED ALONG THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE, THAT IS, POSITIONAL WARFARE WITH STATIC DEFENSE BASES. IN THE VIEW OF ALMOST EVERY OBSERVER WHO HAS VISITED I CORPS, THE MARINES WERE ILL-PREPARED FOR THE ARTILLERY ATTACKS TO WHICH THEY WERE SUBJECTED AT THE NORTHERNMOST OUT-

PAGE 4 YNA 0680 C O N F I D E N T I A L S P E C I A L E X C L U S I V E M C E O
POSTS OF CON THIEU, GIO LINH, AND DONG HA.

FURTHER, CRITICS SAY, DESPITE MONTH OF OPPORTUNITY, THE STRATEGIC MARINE BASE AT KHE SANH WAS NOT PREPARED TO WITHSTAND AN ENEMY ARTILLERY SIEGE UNTIL IT ACTUALLY BEGAN TWO MONTHS AGO. THE CRITICISM OF THE MARINES IS INVARIABLY DIRECTED AT THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP. THE BATTALION AND COMPANY GRADE OFFICERS ARE FIRST-RATE, AND THE VALIANT PERFORMANCE OF THE INFANTRYMAN, OR "GRUNT" IN MARINE SLANG, IS SECOND TO NONE IN VIETNAM. FOR A MILITARY BRANCH THAT HAS MADE ITS REPUTATION ON DASH, ENTERPRISE, STYLE AND IMAGINATION, THE TOP MARINE LEADERSHIP IN VIETNAM HAS BEEN SINGULARLY UNIMPRESSIVE, SAY THE CRITICS WHO ARE GROWING IN NUMBER.

THE OTHER CRITICISMS OF THE MARINE LEADERSHIP AND TACTICS ARE MANY: WAST, TIME CONSUMING AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS THAT DO NOT RESULT IN CONTACT; FORAYS INTO THE DMZ BY UNDERSTRENGTH UNITS; FAILURE TO ACCEPT INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY-

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UNITS SUPPLIED BY MAC-V FROM ITS MANY SOURCES;
 RASH AND COSTLY ASSAULTS ON ENTRENCHED ENEMY
 POSITIONS OF LIMITED VALUE; OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS
 LAUNCHED WITHOUT SUFFICIENT FORCES AND SUPPORT,
 AND FAILURE TO EMPLOY HELICOPTERS PROPERLY.
 SOME OF THE WEAKNESSES IN THE MARINES' STRATEGY
 AND TACTICS ARE NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING. THE
 MARINES' STRUCTURE WAS DESIGNED FOR HIT-AND-RUN
 ASSAULTS, THEIR HELICOPTERS FOR SHIP-TO-SHORE
 OPERATIONS, AND MUCH OF THEIR EQUIPMENT FOR THE
 SHORT-TIME PULL. IN VIETNAM, THEY FIND THEMSELVES
 FIGHTING THE LONG HAUL IN A RUGGED AREA WHERE
 THE HEAVIER ARMY DIVISIONS COULD BE MORE EFFECT-
 IVELY EMPLOYED.
 THE RECENT BATTLE FOR HUE, IN THE VIEW OF MANY
 OBSERVERS, EXEMPLIFIED THE DEFICIENCIES IN THE
 MARINE TOP LEADERSHIP. UNDERSTRENGTHS BATTALIONS
 WERE THROWN HASTILY INTO THE BATTLE AND NOT
 PROPERLY RESUPPLIED WITH MEN AND AMMUNITION.
 NO SERIOUS EFFORT WAS MADE DURING THE CRITICAL

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PAGE 6 YNA 06809 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 PERIOD TO KEEP OPEN THE SEVEN-MILE ROAD LINK
 BETWEEN PHU BAI AND HUE, WHICH THE ENEMY INTER-
 DICTED ALMOST AT WILL, TURNING BACK BIG CONVOYS.
 THE CHAIN OF COMMAND FROM BATTALION TO DIVISION
 WAS CONFUSED AND LITTLE COORDINATION BETWEEN
 THE MARINES AND THE VIETNAMESE FORCES WAS IN
 EVIDENCE. THERE WAS LITTLE FIRM INSTRUCTION TO
 TROOPS ON HOW TO COMPORT THEMSELVES IN DEVAS-
 ATED URBAN AREA. HENCE LOOTING WAS COMMON.
 AND THE PERFORMANCE OF MARINE HELICOPTERS,
 WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO PROVIDE RESUPPLY AND
 MEDICAL EVACUATION, WAS SPOTTY AND UNDEPENDABLE.
 THE MARINE GENERAL IN COMMAND OF THE AIR WING
 ORDERED HELICOPTERS NOT TO FLY LESS THAN A 500-
 FOOT CEILING. LOW CEILINGS WERE COMMON DURING
 THE 25 DAY BATTLE FOR HUE. MARINE INFANTRYMEN
 THEMSELVES OFTEN EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AND
 ANGER WITH THE FAILURE OF THEIR OWN HELICOPTERS
 TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION. SEVERAL
 MARINE INFANTRYMEN RESCUED WOUNDED BUDDIES
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION 2 OF 2
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

UNDER FIRE ONLY TO HAVE THEM LIE WAITING FOR
HOURS AT THE HELICOPTER PAD FOR MARINE HELI-
COPTERS TO ARRIVE.

AS MARINES LAY WOUNDED, VAINLY WAITING FOR ONE
OF THE DOZENS OF MARINE HELICOPTERS GROUNDED
PHU BAI ONLY TEN MINUTES AWAY, U.S. ARMY "HUEY"
HELICOPTERS ARRIVED AT HUE ON ROUTINE MISSIONS.
UNQUOTE

2. I AM SURE THAT YOU WOULD BE SADDENED AND OFFENDED TO READ
SUCH AN ARTICLE AT ANY TIME. COMING AT THIS MOMENT,
WHEN WE NEED THE MAXIMUM OF SOLIDARITY AND
MUTUAL CONFIDENCE, I REGARD THE ARTICLE NOT JUST
AN AFFRONT TO THE MARINES FIGHTING IN VIETNAM

PAGE 2 YNA 0693 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCOO
BUT AS AN ALLEGATION OF INTERNAL EROSION IN OUR
MULTI-SERVICE FIGHTING FORCE THAT CAN ONLY
BENEFIT THE ENEMY.

3. AND, WHILE THE ARTICLE IS REPLETE WITH IN-
ACCURACIES, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AND THE MOST
LAMENTABLE PASSAGE IS THE OPENING KEYNOTE, "
QUOTE IT IS AN OPEN SECRET THAT MANY TOP STAFFERS IN
GEN. WILLIAM C. WESTMORELAND'S SAIGON HIGH
COMMAND ARE LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC WITH THE
CONDUCT BY MARINE GENERALS OF THE WAR IN THE
FIVE NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES---" UNQUOTE. WHEREAFTER
THE REPEATED REFERENCES TO "CRITICISMS" AND
"CRITICS" ARE INELUDIBLY IDENTIFIED WITH THOSE
SAME HIGH LEVEL PEOPLE, IN THE EYES OF THE
READER.

4. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT A NEWSMAN SHOULD BE
PERMITTED TO INDICT MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF FOR
MAKING PROSIVE, CONFIDENCE - SHAKING COMMENTS
REGARDING YOUR OPERATIONAL SUBORDINATES. PATENTLY, GRAVE
CRITICISMS SUCH AS THOSE REGATED IN THE ARTICLE

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PAGE 3 YVNA 2600 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAL EXCLUSIVE MCEO SHOULD NEVER BE PLACED IN THE ENEMY'S HANDS, AND FOR A REPORTER EVEN TO IMPLY THAT THEY HAVE COME TO HIM VIA HIGH LEVEL PERSONS IS A DISSERVICE TO ALL OFFICERS SERVING IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

5. CONSEQUENTLY, AND IN THE FACE OF ALL OF YOUR OTHER BURDENS, I URGE THAT YOU TAKE THE TIME TO SET MR. TUOHY STRAIGHT, BY GIVING HIM YOUR OWN VIEWS REGARDING THE PERFORMANCE OF YOUR SUB-ORDINATES IN I CTZ, AND BY EXPLAINING THE TRUE POSTURE OF MACV (FORWARD) AND PROV CORPS VIETNAM IN THE SCHEME OF THINGS. WARM REGARDS. UNQUOTE.

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FM GENERAL ABRAMS, DEPCOMUS
TO LTG KUSHMAN, CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 223 EYES ONLY

1. DURING THE PAST WEEKS BOTH U.S. AND ARVN UNITS HAVE CAPTURED A LARGE NUMBER OF ENEMY SOLDIERS. THESE PW'S HAVE KNOWLEDGE WHICH IS VITAL TO US IN DEVELOPING THE ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE. WE HAVE NOT PROMPTLY AND FULLY EXPLOITED THESE PW'S FOR THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN IMPRESSING ON GENERAL LAM THE NECESSITY FOR MAKING A SPECIAL EFFORT TO EXPLOIT THIS SOURCE. SINCE U.S. FORCES ARE DEFICIENT IN THIS MATTER, COMMAND ATTENTION IS LIKELIKE REQUIRED TO CORRECT OUR OWN DEFICIENCIES.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR CAPT SMITH
INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM RADM VETH.

TRANSFER UNITS OF MRF TO PERFUME/CHA-NHET RIVERS.

1. IT APPEARS FROM HERE THAT SUPPLY OPERATIONS IN SUBJECT RIVERS
HAVE UNDERGONE RAPID IMPROVEMENT DUE LARGELY TO YOUR
ORGANIZATIONAL EFFORT PLUS COOPERATIVE SUPPORT OF ARTILLERY,
AIR AND GROUND FORCES. IN ORDER TO MEET URGENT REQUEST FROM MACV
FWD AND III MAF MACV HAS RECENTLY DIRECTED US TO TRANSFER UNITS
OF MRF TO I CORPS. THIS TRANSFER WILL FRAGMENT AND GREATLY
DISRUPT MRF OPERATIONS IN DELTA, WILL CREATE COMPLICATED SUPPORT
PROBLEMS AND I DOUBT WILL SERVE THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY ARE
BEING SENT ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RECENT RESTRICTIONS ON
ASPB'S AS A RESULT OF FIVE SINKINGS/SWAMPINGS IN LAST MONTH.
THEY COULD NOT MAKE IT THROUGH SURFLODE FROM SHIP CARRIER.
FURTHER MORE GUNS NEXT TO USELESS AGAINST FORTIFIED BUNKERS.

2. UNLESS YOU HAVE OVERRIDING REQUIREMENT FOR UNITS OF MRF
RECOMMEND YOU ATTEMPT AT THAT END TO GET MACH FWD AND
III MAF DANANG TO CANCEL URGENT REQUIREMENTS FOR UNITS OF MRF.
OF COURSE IF YOU REALLY NEED THEM WE SHALL MAKE EVERY EFFORT
TO GET THEM THERE BUT SERIOUSLY DOUBT THEY WILL SOLVE THE
BASIC PROBLEM WHICH AS I SEE IT IS BEACH OR BANK SECURITY
TO PREVENT AMBUSH. YOU APPARENTLY HAVE DONE A FINE JOB
OF THWARTING THE MINING THREAT WITH ASSETS AVAILABLE.
KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. BEST REGARDS.

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 AFSSO 7TH AF

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 FOR INFO, III MAF PASS TO LTG CUSHMAN FOR INFO, PER GEN
 WESTMORELAND'S INSTRUCTIONS

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 TO GEN WHEELER, CJCS, WASH DC
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 GEN BEACH, CINCPACFLT, HAWAII
 ADM NYLAND, CINCPACFLT, HAWAII
 ZEM/LGEN KRULAK, CG FMFPAC, HAWAII
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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.

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AIR STRIKES KHE SANH AREA

A. CG III MAF MSG 020244Z MAR 68.

PASS TO LTGEN CUSHMAN

1. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AMPLIFY THE CONTENTS OF REF "A" AND ARE CONSIDERED MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

A. THE ABILITY TO SURGE ACFT AVAILABILITY AS OUTLINED PARA 3.E., REF "A" MUST BE GIVEN HIGHEST PRIORITY AND REALIZED BY ALL CONTROL AGENCIES (TADC, KHE SANH DASC, AND ABCOG) IN ORDER THAT THE SURGE IS PROMPT AND IMMEDIATE IN RESPONSE TO KSCB CMDR.

B. THE ATK ACFT SORTIE AVAILABILITY CONTAINED PARA 3.A AND 3.B. MUST BE AUGMENTED W/SUF AGA AMTI SYSTEMS ACFT AND OV-1SLAR EQUIPPED ACFT AND ANY OTHER TYPE WPNS SYSTEMS W/TH CAPABILITY TO ATK AND DESTROY MOVING TGT'S AT NIGHT AND DUR DAYLIGHT HRS OF INCLEMENT WEATHER. THE EMERGENCY RESUP CAPABILITY DUR DARKNESS AND INCLEMENT WEATHER MUST BE HALTED. IT IS RECOM THAT CG III MAF GIVE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO PROVIDING AVAIL AGA AMTI AND OV-1 SLAR ACFT IN SUPT OF KHE SANH.

C. KHE SANH IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT UPON KHE SANH ASRT FOR ALL WEATHER AIR SUPT. DONG HA ASRT AND MILKY USAF MSQ ARE AVAIL FOR EMERGENCY BACKUP W/REDUCED CAPABILITY BECAUSE OF INCREASED RANGE. BOTH BACKUP RADAR BOMBING SYSTEMS ARE DEPENDENT, BECAUSE OF RANGE, UPON BEACON-EQUIPPED ACFT. TO COVER THE CONTINGENCY OF KHE SANH ASRT BEING A COMBAT CASUALTY RECOM THAT 1ST MAF INITIATE A SYSTEM WHICH PROVIDES FOR DONG HA ASRT TO ASSUME PERIODIC TPQ COVERAGE OF KHE SANH TO PERMIT FULL EVALUATION OF DONG HA CAPABILITIES, PROVIDE MAINT TIME FOR KHE SANH ASRT, AND PERMIT TRNG FOR EASY TRANSITION OF ASRT RESPONSIBILITIES. IT IS ALSO RECOM THAT AGA ACFT CONDUCT SUF OFFSET BOMBING ATKS TO ENSURE CAPABILITY USING GRUMMAN BEACON AS BACKUP FOR KHE SANH ASRT. IN ADDITION, RECOM THAT MILKY MSQ CONDUCT FULL EVALUATION W/TAC ACFT SAME AS ABOVE W/ABCC PASSING 26TH MAR TGIS AND THAT 7TH AF EXPEDITE INSTALLATION OF MSQ PROGRAMMED FOR DONG HA.

D. THIS HQ HAS INITIATED ACTION THRU THE I CORPS VASCC TO PROVIDE FIVE (5) OBS/COVEY ACFT ON-STA CONTINUOUSLY DUR DAYLIGHT HRS TO COVER

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KHE SANH. IT IS REALIZED HOWEVER THAT THIS MAY BE INFUF DUR PEAK PRDS OF OPNS W/GOOD WEATHER. IT IS THEREFORE RECOM THAT TWO (2) ADDITIONAL COVEY ACFT BE ON CALL FOR DIVERT OR SCRAMBLE TO COVER THIS CONTINGENCY.

E. REGARDING LOGISTICAL SUPT ACFT, IT IS RECOM THAT AIR LANDED RESUP BE EMPLOYED WHENEVER FEASIBLE. THIS TYPE DELIVERY FACILITATES MORE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING AND STORAGE AND REQUIRES LESS MATERIAL HANDLING EQUIP.

F. CONSIDERING THE ENEMY'S PROPENSITY TO WORK AND ATK AT NIGHT, IT IS RECON THAT A C-47 GUNSHIP PLUS A KC-130/C-117/C-47 FLARE SHIP BE ON STA CONTINUOUSLY DUR THE HRS OF DARKNESS.

G. THE REQUIREMENT FOR IMMEDIATE IMAGERY PI READOUT OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY TO IDENTIFY TGT'S AND ADDITIONALLY TO ANALYZE TRENCH LINE AND BUNKER COMPLEXES FOR TARGETING AT THE MOST STRATEGIC AND VULNERABLE POSITION REMAINS A CONTINUAL REQUIREMENT. THIS HQ WILL PROCESS AND HOLD K-28 PHOTOGRAPHY AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSS AND PASS TARGETING INFO TO 26TH MAR FSCC. IT IS RECOM THAT III MAF CONTINUE TO EXPEDITE SPOT RPTS OF LUCRATIVE TGT'S DEPICTED FR 1ST MAW AND 7TH AF PHOTOGRAPHY.

2. SUBJ TO FOREGOING COMMENTS CONCUR W/REF "A" AND BELIEVE THAT THIS IS THE EPIITOMY OF INTER-SERVICE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION TO COMBAT THE DIFFICULT BUT CONQUERABLE TASK BEFORE US.

3. MAJ GEN TOMPKINS SENDS.

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FM ADM SHARP, CINCPAC, HAWAII
 TO GEN WESTMORELAND, COMMACV, SAIGON
 INFO VADM BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT
 L GEN CUSHMAN, CG III MAF DANANG
 RADM COUSINS, CTF-77
 ZEM

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

1. I WILL ATTEND THE FORTHCOMING SEACOORD MEETING IN CAM RANH BAY, AND HAVE PROMULGATED TRIP ITINERARY BY FRONT CHANNEL.
2. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO THE MEETING WILL ARRIVE TAN SON NHUT AT 0830, WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH. THIS WILL GIVE US AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS SEACOORD AGENDA AND OTHER MATTERS, AND TO TALK WITH MOMYER AND VETH DURING MORNING IF THEY ARE AVAILABLE. WOULD DEPART AT 1200 LOCAL, EAT LUNCH ABOARD AIRCRAFT AND ARRIVE DANANG AT 1300.
3. WHILE IN I CORPS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE CUSHMAN AND ABE IF HE IS STILL THERE. DWIGHT BEACH THINKS HE MIGHT BE BACK IN SAIGON BY THEN. IF THIS IS SO THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT WHATSOEVER FOR HIM TO REMAIN UP NORTH TO SEE ME. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT WITH ROSSON IF RPT IF CONVENIENT.
4. I WILL ASK COUSINS TO COME TO DANANG FOR A SHORT CHAT UPON MY ARRIVAL. UNDERSTAND BRINGLE WILL BE IN YOKOSUKA. WILL RETURN DANANG AND PROCEED TO CAM RANH BAY TO ARRIVE AT 0945 LOCAL, 7 MARCH.
5. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU THINK ANY ADJUSTMENTS NECESSARY. ENTIRE SCHEDULE IS DESIGNED TO MINIMIZE DISRUPTION, PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU, AND SEE PEOPLE IN I CTZ. I WILL TRAVEL IN BLUE EAGLE AND HAVE ONLY A FEW STAFF ASSISTANTS WITH ME.

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S E C R E T - S P E C I A L - E X C L U S I V E FOR LTGEN KRULAK INFO
LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
1. CONCUR YOUR 012131Z MAR. ALSO NOTE JCS TO CINCPAC AND
COMUSMACV 020229Z MAR, AS PROVIDING IN EFFECT AN
OPPORTUNITY TO STATE TO HIGHEST AUTHORITY IMMEDIATE
HELICOPTER AND TAC AIR NEEDS. SUGGEST YOU INCLUDE IN YOUR
INPUT THE 72 HUEY'S, 24 HUEY COBRAS, AND ADDITIONAL TRANSPORT
HELOS, AS WELL AS SUCH ADDITIONAL TAC AIR SQDN AS YOU BELIEVE
NECESSARY TO SUPPORT III MAF, INCLUDING RLT - 27.
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FM GEN ABRAMS DEPCOMUSMACV

TO GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV

INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF

BG LA HUE CG TASK FORCE X-RAY / ZEN

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REF: A. MACV 02693, DTG 260507Z FEB 68.

B. CG III MAF MSG DTG 281216Z FEB 68.

1. I HAVE HAD MY SJA LOOK INTO THE ALLEGED LOOTING IN HUE AND THE MATTER OF THE ALLEGED AP PHOTO OF INDIVIDUAL WITH PAINTING UNDER ARM. THE SUBSTANCE OF HIS FINDINGS IS IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS.

2. THROUGH MACOI A CHECK WAS MADE WITH AP BUREAU CHIEF, ROBERT TUKMAN, AND AP PHOTO CHIEF, HORST FAAS, ON 27 FEB. NEITHER HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF PICTURE DESCRIBED IN REFERENCE A. THEY STATE ONLY KNOWN SIMILAR PICTURE WAS TAKEN PRIOR TO TET, SOUTH OF DA NANG, OF A 1ST AIR CAV SOLDIER CARRYING A RELIGIOUS PICTURE OF MOTHER MARY. ON 28 FEB A CHECK WAS MADE WITH JOHN LENGEL, WHO WAS AP HEAD IN HUE UNTIL 26 FEB. HE KNOWS OF NO PICTURE AS DESCRIBED. ON 27 AND 28 FEB, ROBERT D. OHMAN, NEW AP HEAD IN HUE, MADE DISCREET INQUIRY AMONG PRESS CORPS IN HUE REGARDING THE PICTURE. ALL WHO WERE CONTACTED DENIED KNOWLEDGE OF SUCH A PICTURE.

3. THE MATTER OF THE US SOLDIER AT THE HUE STADIUM, RELATED BY LTC VAN WINKLE AND SET OUT FULLY IN REFERENCE B, WAS INVESTIGATED AS A POSSIBLE SOURCE OF THE ALLEGED PHOTOGRAPH. IDENTIFICATION ATTEMPTS WERE FRUITLESS, AND NO INFORMATION WAS FOUND REGARDING A POSSIBLE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE INDIVIDUAL INVOLVED.

4. ON 8 FEB COLONEL KHOA, THUA THIEN PROVINCE CHIEF, STATED THAT THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL COMPLAINT OF LOOTING BY US PERSONNEL IN HUE.

5. FROM INTERVIEW WITH COMMANDERS, NEWSMEN, AND CORDS PERSONNEL, IT APPEARS THAT PROBABLY SOME SMALL ARTICLES WERE LOOTED BY THE MARINES DESPITE EFFORTS BY COMMANDERS; HOWEVER, THESE REPORTED INCIDENTS WERE IN EXTREME CONTRAST TO EXTENSIVE AND SYSTEMATIC LOOTING BY ARVN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS. AT THIS TIME, INVESTIGATION HAS FAILED TO PRODUCE SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE UPON WHICH TO BASE PROSECUTION FOR ANY INSTANCE OF LOOTING BY US PERSONNEL. ALLEGATIONS MADE BY CORDS REPRESENTATIVE OF MARINE LOOTING ARE CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY CAPTAIN B. A. ALLEN, USMC, AN ATTORNEY FROM THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION LEGAL OFFICE, WHO WAS APPOINTED INVESTIGATING OFFICER AT THE REQUEST OF CG, TSK FORCE X-RAY. HIS INVESTIGATION BEGAN 25 FEBRUARY AND IS STILL IN PROGRESS. CAPTAIN ALLEN STATES THAT PHOTOS, AS YET UNDEVELOPED, WERE TAKEN OF ARVN LOOTING OF LARGE ITEMS, UTILIZING TRUCKS, CAPTAIN ALLEN IS CONDUCTING HIS INVESTIGATION IN COORDINATION WITH THE SJA, MACV FORWARD. # 3(1)

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6. COL STANLEY WUGHES, CO, 1ST MARINES, TOOK POSITIVE MEASURES TO DETER LOOTING AS EARLY AS 4 FEB. THROUGH BATTALION COS, OFFICERS, AND NCOs, WORD WAS PASSED THAT LOOTING AND PILLAGE WOULD NOT BE TOLERATED. PERIODIC SHAKEDOWNS WERE HELD. ALL MOVES WERE ON FOOT WHICH DISCOURAGES LOOTING. SOME ITEMS WERE REMOVED FROM DAMAGED BUILDINGS OR SAFE KEEPING AND SENT TO THE 1ST MARINE CP. INCLUDED WERE SOME MICROSCOPES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF HUE AND AN AKAI TAPE RECORDER FROM A CORDS BUILDING. THESE ITEMS WERE RETURNED TO THE PROPER OWNERS. IT WAS ALSO REPORTED THAT A SAND BAG FULL OF PIASTERS AND SOME ITEMS OF JEWELRY WERE TURNED INTO THE REGIMENTAL CP BY CO, 2D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, AND ARE BEING HELD PENDING DETERMINATION OF OWNERSHIP. FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS BY CORDS, ALL CORDS AREAS WERE PLACED OFF LIMITS TO MARINES BY ORDER DATED 12 FEB 68. AREAS WERE DEFINED BY ADDRESS, GRID COORDINATES AND BY OVERLAY.

7. COMPLAINTS WERE MADE BY CORDS OF THE COMMANDEERING OF VEHICLES AND CANNIBALIZATION OF VEHICLES BY MARINES. CO, 1ST MARINES, AUTHORIZED COMMANDEERING OF VEHICLES AS IT BECAME NECESSARY TO TRANSPORT CASUALTIES. IN VIEW OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION AND LACK OF MARINE VEHICLES AT THE TIME, THIS ACTION APPEARS JUSTIFIED ON GROUNDS OF MILITARY NECESSITY. CAPTAIN ALLEN IS INVESTIGATING THESE COMPLAINTS FURTHER.

8. AN UNIDENTIFIED SWISS CORRESPONDENT MADE A COMPLAINT THAT MARINES WERE SHOOTING DOGS, CATS, AND PIGS. THIS IS TRUE. CO, 1ST MARINES ORDERED THIS BECAUSE THESE ANIMALS WERE EATING BODIES, ~~BOTH US AND VN.~~ THESE WERE BODIES WHICH COULD NOT BE IMMEDIATELY RETRIEVED BECAUSE OF THE TACTICAL SITUATION.

9. ALL MARINE BATTALION AND COMPANY COMMANDERS WHO WERE INTERVIEWED REPORTED THAT ARVN AND CIVILIANS ENGAGED IN LOOTING FOLLOWED ON THE HEELS OF THEIR UNITS AS THE CITY WAS TAKEN. MANY INSTANCES WERE CITED WHERE RESIDENCES AND THEIR CONTENTS WERE INITIALLY FOUND FAIRLY INTACT BUT WERE FOUND TO HAVE BEEN RANSACKED AND LOOTED WHEN MARINE UNITS RETURNED TWO AND THREE DAYS LATER. CO, 2D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES CITED THE FACULTY HOUSING AREA OF HUE UNIVERSITY AND A CORDS HOUSE AS EXAMPLES OF THIS. MARINES DID USE BLANKETS AND BEDDING AND DID BREAK WINDOWS IN UNIVERSITY HOUSING TO AVOID FRAGMENTATION FROM INCOMING ROUNDS.

10. MARINE COMMANDERS APPEAR TO HAVE TAKEN REASONABLE MEASURES TO PREVENT LOOTING AND NEEDLESS DESTRUCTION. EACH ALLEGATION IS BEING INVESTIGATED AND, IF SUBSTANTIATED, EXPEDITIOUS DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAS BEEN ASSURED.

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- A. MY 211231Z FEB 68 NOTAL
- B. MY 241430Z FEB 68 NOTAL

1. SHIPBOARD INVESTIGATION BY NISRA AGENTS INTO INCIDENTS DESCRIBED IN REF A HAS BEEN COMPLETED. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM THIS INVESTIGATION INDICATES NO LIKELY SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED. NO FURTHER SHIPBOARD INVESTIGATION APPEARS WARRANTED.
2. SQUADRON HAS CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN FULLY OPERATIONAL STATUS. NO INCIDENTS OF SUSPECTED TAMPERING HAVE OCCURRED SINCE 21 FEB 1968.
3. SQUADRON IS CONTINUING SECURILY MEASURES AND INCREASED VIGILANCE IN MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION PROCEDURES.
4. UNLESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MERITS FURTHER INVESTIGATION, THIS CONSTITUTES FINAL REPORT.

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S E C R E T AVHSD 200170 FROM PALMER TO
 2001 FOR ACTION: INFO TO GEN WESTMORELAND, GEN ABRAMS, LTJG
 CUSHMAN.

SUBJ: LOGISTIC SUPPORT ARMY FORCES NORTHERN I CTZ (U)
 2. (U) REFERENCES:

- 1. COMNAV/SUPACT MSG DTG 211400Z FEB 68.
- SUBJ: SUPPORT OF INCREASED ARMY FORCES I CTZ. THIS MESSAGE ESTABLISHED NAVY'S SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CLASS I, CLASS III PKG AND CLASS I AND IV COMMON SUPPLIES.
- 2. CG 1XX MAF MSG DTG 230750Z FEB 68. SUBJ: LOG-ISTICS CONFERENCE OF 21 FEB 68. THIS MESSAGE IS A RESUME OF THE CONFERENCE AND AMONG OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSES THE SUPPORT TO

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 BY PROVIDED BY FLC AND USASUPCOM DA NANG.

- 2. (S) WITH THE CONTINUED BUILD UP IN ARMY FORCES IN NORTHERN I CTZ, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE ARMY MUST ASSUME ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACT AGGRESSIVELY TO SUPPORT THESE FORCES.
- 3. (S) IS IS DESIRED THAT YOUR ASSUME THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS AS RAPIDLY AS RESOURCES BECOME AVAILABLE:
 - A. RETAIL DISTRIBUTION OF ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLY TO ARMY UNITS IN NORTHERN I CTZ.
 - B. AUGMENT EXISTING FSA'S WHERE NECESSARY.
 - C. ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL FSA'S AS REQUIRED.
 - D. SUPPORT THAT PORTION OF THE LOGS OPERATION FROM THE BEACH SUPPORT AREA TO ARMY SUPPORT FACILITIES IN NORTHERN I CTZ.
 - E. REVISE OR INITIATE ISSA'S AS REQUIRED TO FORMALIZE SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SERVICES.
 - F. PROVIDE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, AS CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED, TO OTHER ARMY UNITS IN I CTZ.
 - G. OPERATE AND MAINTAIN PLO PIPELINE AND TERMINALS IN NORTHERN I CTZ WHEN FACILITIES ARE COMPLETED.
 - H. WITHDRAW UNIT AND INDIVIDUAL REINFORCEMENTS PRESENTLY PROVIDED TO NAVY AND MARINE ACTIVITIES ON A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE

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 SCHEDULE:

- 4. (U) IT IS FURTHER DESIRED THAT YOUR FURNISH ASAP A TIME PHASED PLAN TO ACCOMPLISH THIS MISSION

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN
 INFO GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN KRULAK. MARINE CORPS
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A. CG III MAF 010308Z/MAR68 (C)

1. IF I DIDN'T KNOW WESTY SO WELL, I WOULD CONCLUDE, FROM REF A, THAT HE WAS ACTUALLY ADVANCING A NEW IDEA, AIMED AT IMPROVEMENT. THE FACT IS, WE HAVE BEEN OVER THE GROUND WITH HIM REPEATEDLY IN THE PAST.
2. WESTY KNOWS YOUR LIGHT HELICOPTER SITUATION. THE LAST TIME I WAS IN SAIGON HE LAMENTED YOUR SHORTAGE OF HUEYS, SAYING THAT YOUR INFANTRY FORCES JUST DON'T HAVE THE TRUE TACTICAL MOBILITY OF THE AIR CAVALRY. HE KNOWS, MOREOVER, THAT WE CANNOT LAY HANDS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF HUEYS IN A SHORT TIME, ANY MORE THAN THE ARMY CAN.

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3. I AGREED WITH HIM DURING OUR CONVERSATION WHEN HE SAID THAT WE NEED MORE LIGHT HELICOPTERS. NOW, IN HIS MOST RECENT LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS HE HAS INCLUDED YOUR STATED NEED FOR 72 MORE HUEYS. HE MAY NOT KNOW THIS.

4. USING THE FOREGOING AS BACKGROUND, MY SUGGESTION IS THAT YOU GET THE FOLLOWING POINTS OVER TO WESTY, IN WORDS YOU REGARD AS MOST APPROPRIATE:

A. THE TECHNIQUE HE DESCRIBES AS "RECONNAISSANCE AND REACTION OPERATIONS" IS A FINE IDEA. IT IS SOMETHING THAT III MAF HAS PRACTISED SINCE 1966, AND WITH SUCCESS, (IT WOULD BE WELL TO GIVE HIM SOME SPECIFIC EXAMPLES).

B. THE PRECISE CAPABILITY DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS 2A, B, AND C IS POSSESSED RIGHT NOW BY III MAF UNITS. THE FIRE POWER OF IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE ORGANIC, REPEAT ORGANIC, FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FAR EXCEEDS THE FIRE POWER OF 17 UH1B/C GUNSHIPS. FURTHERMORE, DEPENDING ON THE DISTANCES INVOLVED, THIS FIRE POWER CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR QUICKER, WITH LESS VULNERABILITY, AND WITH A GREATER LOITER TIME THAN

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SLOW MOVING ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT.

C. THE AIRLIFTED RIFLE PLATOON PROCEDURE (PARAGRAPH
2C) IS STANDARD; CALLED THE SPARROW HAWK AND IS AN
INHERENT CAPABILITY, UTILIZED BY III MAF THROUGHOUT THE
WAR TO DATE. IN FACT, THE SYSTEM
IN USE TODAY TRANSCENDS THE ONE DESCRIBED BY
WESTY IN THAT WE ALREADY HAVE POSITIONED FAST REACTION
FORCES AT OUR MAJOR BASES - DANANG, PHU BAI, DONG HA.
THIS PLACEMENT PERMITS MORE RAPID REACTION THAN THE
CREATION OF A SEPARATE FORCE AT A CENTRAL LOCATION.

D. IN SHORT, WE HAVE SUCH A FORCE AS HE DESCRIBES.
HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE ANYWHERE NEAR THE LIGHT HELICOPTER
RESOURCES NECESSARY TO MAKE IT OPTIMALLY EFFECTIVE.
WE HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS FACT, AND HAVE ASKED FOR 72
MORE UH1E OR EQUIVALENT. IF HE CAN GET THEM, ALONG
WITH THE PEOPLE AND PARTS TO MAKE THEM GO, WE WILL BE
MOST GRATEFUL. BEST REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AVDAAO F03-0102 FM MG TOLSON TO LIG GUSKMAN
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR FIXED WING PARKING SPACE (U)
1. (U) REFERENCES: A. COMNAVFORV CLASS MSG, DTD 070056Z
FEB 68, SUBJECT AS ABOVE.
B. 1 ACD CLASS MSG, DTD 250715 JAN
68, SUBJECT AS ABOVE.
2. (C) FOR THE PERIOD SINCE 22 JANUARY 1968, THE OPERAT-
ING AND MAINTENANCE BASE FOR SIX OV-1 (MOHAWK) AND TWO U-6
(BEAVER) AIRCRAFT OF THE 1ST AIR CAV DIV HAS BEEN HUE/PHU BAI

PAGE TWO RUMMWAA 8414 C O N F I D E N T I A L
AIRBASE. INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME CONCERNING FORTH-
COMING OPERATIONS INDICATES THAT THESE AIRCRAFT MUST BE LOCATED
AT HUE/PHU BAI OR, ALTERNATIVELY, QUANG TRI AIRBASE TO BE
RESPONSIVE TACTICALLY.

3. (C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A, DIRECT LIAISON WITH
COMNAVFORV FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACE AT HUE/PHU BAI WILL
BE ACCOMPLISHED ASAP. IN ADDITION TO PARKING SPACE FOR THE AIR-
CRAFT, AN AREA EQUIVALENT TO 200 METERS BY 100 METERS FOR MAINT-
ENANCE AND OPERATING FACILITIES AND QUARTERING PERSONNEL IS RE-
QUIRED.

4. (C) UNTIL SUCH TIME AS CONSTRUCTION IS COMPLETE, IT IS
NECESSARY THAT SPACE CONTINUE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE AIR-
CRAFT AT HUE/PHU BAI OR QUANG TRI AIRBASE IN ORDER THAT THEY BE
TACTICALLY RESPONSIVE.

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 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN IRULAK INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM BGEN
 MCLAUGHLIN.

A. CG FMFPAC 28193Z FEB 68

1. RELIEF OF CAPT IVAN J. CAHILL, RAA, WAS EFFECTED AT
 011400Z MAR. DELAY WAS CAUSED BY REMOTE POSITION OF HIS
 COMPANY.

2. CAPT CAHILL REASSIGNED AS ASST S-3, 2D BATTALION, 3D
 MARINES.

3. DISCREET APPROACH WAS EMPHASIZED.

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 FM GEN ABRAHAM DEPCOMUSMACV
 TO LTC CUSHMAN 32 III MAF
 INFO GEN WESTMORELAND COMUSMACV
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SECRET PHE 196 EYES ONLY

1. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF
 IN THE MORNING OF 2 MARCH FOR A THOROUGH BRIEFING ON
 THE BACKGROUND OF III MAF MESSAGE DTG 290200Z FEB 68
 WHICH RECOMMENDS DELAY IN FURTHER DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES
 TO THE NORTHERN I CTZ UNTIL AFTER 10 MARCH.

2. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE PRECARIOUS STATE OF
 LOGISTIC SUPPORT, I AM EQUALLY IMPRESSED BY THE
 URGENCY OF DEVELOPING FORCES IN THE NORTHERN I CTZ
 WITHOUT DELAY.

3. DURING THE BRIEFING, I WANT TO REVIEW IN DETAIL
 THE BASIS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DELAY.

4. ADVISE ME OF THE TIME OF BRIEFING.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATE TO LTC CUSHMAN
 DELIVER DUTY HOURS TO GEN WESTMORELAND

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