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 PP MMSB
 DE RUMHVP 094 ID 2131330
 ZNY SSSSS
 P 311330Z JUL 68
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO MMSB/CG NINTH MAB
 INFO DDKE/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T

PERSONAL FOR BGEN CHIP FROM MAJGEN DAVIS INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN
 PRACTICE LANDINGS FOR BLT 2/26

1. I PROPOSE THAT WE ATTEMPT TO EMBARK AND PROVIDE ABOUT TWO DAYS
 OF TRAINING FOR BLT 2/26 ON OR ABOUT 3 AUG. ALTHOUGH MANY PROBLEMS
 WILL NEED RESOLUTION, SUCH TRAINING WOULD BE VERY PROFITABLE IF
 WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAND 2/26 SOUTH OF THE DMZ WHEN THE 320TH
 NVA DIVISION COMES SOUTH AGAIN.

2. AT DINNER ABOARD THE USS PRINCETON TONIGHT I ASKED ENOUGH
 QUESTIONS TO BECOME CONVINCED THAT TRAINING AS PROPOSED ABOVE IS
 POSSIBLE OF EXECUTION. AT THE SAME TIME REASONABLE CONTINGENCY PLANS
 FOR LANDING COULD BE PREPARED. AFTER THIS PREPARATION, EMERGENCY OUT-
 LOADING AND LANDING COULD BE EXECUTED ON EXTREMELY SHORT NOTICE
 AND MAKE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EFFORTS ASHORE.

3. I WILL SEND LTCOL OWENS TO THE PRINCETON FOR A PRELIMINARY

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 PLANNING SESSION ON 1 AUG.

4. SHOULD YOU CONCUR, REQUEST YOU ARRANGE WITH YOUR COUNTERPARTS.

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LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 LTG WEYAND CG II FFV
 LTG PEERS CG I FFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
 MG BAKER ACTS CDR 7TH
 RADM VETH COMNAVFORV
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC ONLY

1. FRONT CHANNEL COMUSMACV 21765, DTG 271139Z
 JULY 68 AND MESSAGE MAC 12215, DTG 290625Z
 JULY 68, COMUSMACV NATIONAL GUIDANCE THAT I KNOW YOU
 ARE IMPLEMENTING. I AM CONFIDENT YOUR EFFORTS WILL
 BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. IN EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES TO FIND AND FIX THE ENEMY,
 THE ROLE OF ARMORED CAVALRY UNITS, TANK UNITS AND AIR
 CAVALRY UNITS REQUIRES SPECIAL ATTENTION. IF THE FIRE-
 POWER AND MOBILITY OF THESE UNITS IS TO BE EMPLOYED TO
 THE BEST ADVANTAGE, WE MUST INSURE THAT EVERY ITEM OF
 THEIR EQUIPMENT IS IN A COMBAT READY CONDITION. THERE
 MUST BE SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE,
 USE OF MAINTENANCE CONTACT TEAMS AND ESPECIALLY ON
 SECURING AND INSTALLING SPARE PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES
 NEEDED TO MAKE ALL MATERIEL COMBAT WORTHY AND KEEP
 IT THAT WAY. THIS EMPHASIS SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE
 ACCESSORIAL EQUIPMENT SUCH AS COMMUNICATIONS, WEAPONS,
 AND AMMUNITION. WHERE SPARE PARTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH
 NORMAL CHANNELS, TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION TO FIND THEM
 THROUGH OTHER SOURCES, LATERALLY THROUGH OTHER UNITS
 OR EVEN BY DIRECT CONTACT TO DEPOTS IF NECESSARY.

3. MY OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING THESE UNITS UP TO MAXIMUM
 READINESS SOONEST. I AM READY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IF
 REQUESTED.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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HEADQUARTERS
MARINE AMBIBIOUS FORCE

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT ALLOCATION OF CRITICAL ITEM RESOURCES (U)
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3	CG					<p>REMARKS</p> <p><i>A CG - we've requested JMF Pac to provide MARINE CORPS EYE ONLY knowledge of this matter</i></p> <p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p><i>(CG)</i></p> <p><i>W. Chapin</i></p> <p><i>OK</i></p> <p><i>burned 10-1-1968</i></p> <p><i>10</i></p>
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN DUSE, INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN,
 FROM LTGEN WALT. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

ALLOCATION OF CRITICAL ITEM RESOURCES (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 272702Z JUL 1968 (S)

1. (U) CONCUR WITH YOUR RATIONALE AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS AS
 OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REF A CONCERNING THE ALLOCATION OF CRITICAL
 ITEM RESOURCES.

2. (U) IF THE MACV ALLOCATION COMMITTEE IS ESTABLISHED, III MAF
 SHOULD PROVIDE A SENIOR MARINE OFFICER TO REPRESENT THE BEST
 INTEREST OF THE MARINE CORPS.

3. (U) IF DESIRED AN OFFICER FROM THIS HQ FAMILIAR WITH MARINE
 CORPS ASSETS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS COULD BE
 MADE AVAILABLE ON A TAD BASIS FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS OR LONGER
 IF REQUIRED

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 DE RUMHAW 021W 2130435
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 FM CG FIRST MAW
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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FOR**S E C R E T**

FOR BGEN GLICK

REQUEST FOR PROJECT TRIM SERVICES

1. PROJECT TRIM IS A NAVAL AIR TEST CENTER TEST TEAM LOCATED AT CAM RANH BAY. AIRCRAFT POSSESSED ARE THREE AP2H. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE CONFIGURED WITH LOW LIGHT LEVEL TELEVISION, FORWARD LOOKING INFRA RED WITH REAL TIME IMAGING, NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES, DOWNWARD LOOKING INFRA RED WITH IN-AIRCRAFT PHOTO PROCESSING, LIMITED ACOUSTIC BOUY MONITOR EQUIPMENT, FORWARD AND AFT FIRING GUNS AND A WEAPONS RELEASE SYSTEM TIED IN WITH SENSORS. IN ADDITION THE AIRCRAFT CONTINS UHF, FM AND SSB RADIOS AND A HIGH ACCURACY NAVIGATION SYSTEM. THE PLANE CAN FUNCTION AS A SELF-CONTAINED NIGHT ATTACK SYSTEM AND MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE REAL TIME RECONNAISSANCE/NIGHT FAC/LOCAL AREA AIRBORNE CONTROL FOR GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS AT NIGHT. THE SIZE AND SPEED OF THE AIRCRAFT MAKES IT SOMEWHAT VULNERABLE;

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HOWEVER, PROTECTION DEVICES SUCH AS ENGINE EXHAUST HIDERS, ARMOR PLATE AND FIRE EXTINGUISHERS SHOULD LESSEN THE THREAT.

2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE USE OF THE TRIM AIRCRAFT BE REQUESTED FROM COMNAVFORVN FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS TO SUPPLEMENT THE SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT PLANNED BY FIRST MARDIV. LOCATION OF THE DETACHMENT AT DANANG WOULD BE PREFERRED TO PERMIT CLOSE LIAISON AND COMMON BRIEFING. MAJ GEN QUILTER

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2	CG					REQUEST FOR PROJECT TRIM SERVICES REMARKS 2-3 Get on this FOR CONCUR. Thought we asked a long time ago when Project was first announced. Anyway, ask again. C. J.
4	DCG		8/1		BMD	
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LGEN BUSE AND LGEN CUSHMAN
 FROM LGEN VAN RYZIN

STATUS OF M107 REPLACEMENT FOR THE M53 IN III MAF (C)

A. CMC 251621Z JUL 68 (S)

1. (C) REF A REVIEWED EFFORTS BEING MADE TO OBTAIN THE M107 AS
 A REPLACEMENT FOR M53 AND APPRISED YOU THE PROBABILITY OF JCS
 SOLICITING THE VIEWS OF COMUSMACV CONCERNING INTRODUCTION OF
 ADDITIONAL M107'S INTO RVN.

2. (C) THIS MSG UPDATES REF A AND PROVIDES INFORMATION RELATIVE
 TO ARMY ACTION ON THE MARINE CORPS LOAN REQUEST FOR 26 M107'S.

3. (S) ON 25 JULY, THE ARMY APPROVED THE LOAN REQUEST SUBJECT ONLY
 TO OSD APPROVAL FOR INTRODUCTION OF THE M107'S INTO THE MARCORPS
 INVENTORY IN SEA DURING FY69. OSD APPROVAL STILL APPEARS TO HINGE
 ON THE ASSURANCE FROM COMUSMACV CONCERNING THE AVAILABILITY AND
 ADEQUACY OF 175MM HE AMMUNITION IN RVN.

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3	CG					REMARKS Will ensure that all concerned are advised V. K. S. J.
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 GEN ADRAS COMUSMACV

TO LTC GUSHMAN CG 111BAF
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 LTG WEYAND CG 11 FFV
 LTG PEERS CG 1 FFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
 MG BAKER ACTG CDR 7TH AF
 RADM VETH COMNAVFORV
 ZEM

SECRET MAG 10215 EYES ONLY

1. I WANT YOU TO INCULCATE THE SPIRIT OF MY GUIDANCE IN COMUSMACV 21765 IN ALL US COMMANDERS AND ADVISORS. THE MESSAGE APPLIES ACROSS THE BOARD.
2. IT APPLIES NOT ONLY TO MAJOR US COMMANDS, BUT TO EVERY US COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, AND SERVICE SUPPORT UNIT IN THIS COUNTRY. EVERYONE MUST DO HIS SHARE.
3. NOR DOES IT APPLY TO US UNITS ONLY. EVERY RVNAF AND PACIFICATION ADVISOR WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO HIS UTMOST TO SEE THAT RVNAF PERFORMS IN LIKE MANNER. EVEN RF AND PF MUST PULL THEIR FULL WEIGHT, AS WE CANNOT AFFORD ANOTHER PACIFICATION SETBACK COMPARABLE TO THAT AFTER TET.
4. I WILL BE ASKING GENERAL VIEN AND GENERAL CHAE TO SEND OUT SIMILAR GUIDANCE. WHETHER OR NOT THEY DO SO, HOWEVER, I EXPECT EVERY ADVISOR TO ACT AS IF THEY DID.

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG ROSSON CG III MAP
 LTG WEYAND CG II FFV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 12164 EYES ONLY
 REFERENCE: COMUSMACV 271139Z JUL 67 CENSR

1. IN REFERENCE I URGED ALL COMMANDERS TO USE EVERY RESOURCE TO OBTAIN INTELLIGENCE OF ENEMY LOCATIONS AND OFFENSIVE INTENTIONS.
2. I AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN EXPLOITING THE POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH THE ENEMY PRESENTS SOUTHWEST OF DANANG AND IN THE OUTLYING AREAS OF III CTZ. IN COMPARISON WITH OTHER PARTS OF SOUTH VIETNAM, HE PRESENTS IN THESE TWO AREAS AN INCREASING THREAT AND A GROWING CONCENTRATION OF FORCES. WE MUST HIT THESE CONCENTRATIONS EARLY WITH TAC AIR, AND PARTICULARLY, B-52'S.
3. THE CRITICAL ELEMENT IN SUCCESSFULLY STRIKING THE ENEMY IN HIS PRESENT SITUATION LIES IN ACCURATE AND TIMELY TARGETING. A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN USING ALL INTELLIGENCE RESOURCES MUST BE DEVELOPED TO GET TARGETING DATA IN THESE AREAS. THIS CAMPAIGN MUST BE GIVEN A PRIORITY AT LEAST EQUAL TO ANY OTHER OPERATION IN PROCESS(?)

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 SS.

4. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, YOUR STAFFS MUST BE ESPECIALLY ALERTED TO ACT PROMPTLY IN DIRECTING ALL OF OUR STRIKE RESOURCES AGAINST THESE ENEMY FORMATIONS WHEN LOCATED. SPECIAL CHANNELS AND PROCEDURES AT EVERY ECHELON MAY BE REQUIRED TO GET THE NEEDED SPEED OF REACTION.

5. AS I SEE IT, VICTORY IN THESE TWO STRATEGIC AREAS LIES NOT JUST IN KILLING LARGE NUMBERS OF THE ENEMY WITH LITTLE LOSS TO OURSELVES. WHAT WE MUST TRY TO DO IS TO KILL THE ENEMY IN LARGE NUMBERS BEFORE HE CAN GET CLOSE TO DANANG OR SAIGON. TO DO THIS WE MUST HAVE PRECISE AND TIMELY INTELLIGENCE FOR TARGETING PURPOSES.

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 DE RUHHFMA 4699 209200Z
 ZNY SSSSS
 P 272002Z JUL 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC
 INFO CG III MAF
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN, INFO MGEN TOMPKINS,
 FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 ALLOCATION OF CRITICAL ITEM RESOURCES (U)

A. COMUSMACV 211109Z/JUL68 (S)

1. REF A DISCUSSES THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH EQUIPPING AS
 RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE THE MOBILIZATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAMS FOR
 RVNAF AND PROPOSES THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MACV ALLOCATION COM-
 MITTEE, WITH REPRESENTATION FROM EACH U.S. COMPONENT IN-COUNTRY,
 CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY OF ANALYZING MATERIAL ASSETS WITHIN
 U.S. COMPONENTS, FWMAF AND RVNAF AND DIRECTING ALLOCATION TO
 SELECTED RECIPIENTS.

2. COMUSMACV STAFFED WITH THE COMPONENT COMMANDERS IN-COUNTRY
 THE CONCEPT PROPOSED BY REF A PRIOR TO ITS RELEASE.

CG III MAF RECOMMENDED CONCURRENCE SUBJECT TO THE RESOLUTION
 OF THE SERVICE PROCEDURAL, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDING IMPLICATIONS.

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I SUPPORTED HIS POSITION KNOWING THAT THE PROPOSAL
 WOULD HAVE TO BE EXAMINED AT THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT LEVEL AND
 APPROVED BY THE JCS. REF A IS IN-STAFFING
 AT CINCPAC AND AN INFORMATION COPY HAS BEEN PROVIDED THE JCS
 AND THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS.

3. THE CONCEPT PROPOSED BY REF A IS ONE OF CONCERN TO ME SINCE
 IT ESTABLISHES A PRECEDENT FOR THE REDISTRIBUTION OF USMC ASSETS
 WITHIN A SUB-UNIFIED COMMAND. IF SUCH A CONCEPT WERE PROPOSED
 UNDER A NORMAL SITUATION, THE MARINE CORPS WOULD PROBABLY
 EXERT OPPOSITION AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL;
 HOWEVER, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE, IT APPEARS THAT THE EVENTS ARE
 SUCH, BASED ON SECDEF GUIDANCE AND U.S. COMMITMENTS, THAT THE
 MARINE CORPS MIGHT PROFIT MORE BY SUPPORTING THE CONCEPT AND
 CONTROLLING ITS EXECUTION THAN BY TRYING TO FIGHT AGAINST ITS APPROVAL.
 IN THIS REGARD, THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED:

A. IN SUPPORT OF SECDEF OBJECTIVE OF GRADUALLY SHIFTING THE
 BURDEN OF THE WAR TO GVN FORCES TO PROVIDE RVNAF WITH THE
 MAXIMUM GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE & ASSUMING
 CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR AT PRESENTLY APPROVED
 LEVELS, WE SHOULD LEND SUPPORT TO THIS OBJECTIVE AND TO ANY

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 REASONABLE ACTION WHICH COMUSMACV MAY PROPOSE IN ITS SUPPORT
 SUBJECT TO THE RESTRAINT THAT WE NOT BE REQUIRED TO ERODE
 OUR OWN COMBAT CAPABILITY. WE
 MUST ENSURE THAT COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT IN THE HANDS OF
 COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT TROOPS IS NOT SUBJECT TO ALLOCATION
 ACTION EVEN THOUGH THIS EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE ASSET
 DATA HELD BY MACV ALLOCATION COMMITTEE. OUR JUSTIFICATION FOR
 THIS POSITION IS SUPPORTED BY THE SECDEF GUIDANCE WHICH STATES
 THAT PLANS FOR PROVIDING RVNAF WITH A MAXIMUM GROUND COMBAT
 CAPABILITY SHALL ASSUME U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR AT PRESENTLY
 APPROVED LEVELS. THIS GUIDANCE THEN PROVIDES THE CONTROLLING
 FACTOR OR RESTRAINT WHICH MUST BE WRITTEN INTO THE CHARTER OF THE
 MACV ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

B. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE MARINE CORPS BE ON THE GROUND
 FLOOR WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMITTEE, AND
 THAT WE HAVE REPRESENTATION TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS
 WITHIN ITS APPROVED CHARTER. THE MARINE CORPS SHOULD BE PREPARED
 TO PROVIDE A SENIOR OFFICER ON FULL TIME DUTY, IF NECESSARY, TO
 THE MACV ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE WHO CAN REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS
 IN THE INITIAL COMMITTEE PLANNING AND WHO, MOST IMPORTANTLY, IS

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 READILY AVAILABLE TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE MARINE
 CORPS.

C. IN SUPPORT OF THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF PROVIDING RVNAF WITH
 A MAXIMUM GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY AT AN EXPENSE OF DEVELOPING
 ITS OWN SELF SUFFICIENT LOGISTIC SUPPORT CAPABILITY, IT APPEARS
 THAT THE MARINE CORPS MIGHT ENHANCE ITS IMAGE IN THE ICTZ BY
 EXTENDING LIMITED LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO THOSE RVNAF UNITS LOCATED
 IN ICTZ. IN THIS REGARD, IF DURING THE COURSE OF JCS DISCUSSIONS
 THIS SUBJECT IS SURFACED OR IT APPEARS TO THE MARINE CORPS BEST
 INTEREST TO DISCUSS IT, THE MARINE CORPS SHOULD CONSIDER PROVIDING,
 IF REQUIRED, BACK UP MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY SUPPORT OF THE RVNAF
 UNITS IN ICTZ. THIS PROPOSAL IS NOT ONE WHICH WE SHOULD VOLUNTEER
 SINCE IT WOULD PRESENT A SEVERE CHALLENGE TO OUR LOGISTIC SYSTEM.
 HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF SECDEF'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE RNAF LOGISTIC
 SYSTEM AT A MINIMUM LEVEL IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE GROUND COMBAT
 CAPABILITY AND HIS REQUEST THAT COMUSMACV CONSIDER THE USE OF
 U.S. DIRECT LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR RVNAF, OUR PARTICIPATION
 PROVIDE US WITH AN ACE IN THE HOLE WHICH COULD BE USED TO STRENGTH-
 EN THE DEPT OF THE NAVY'S COMMON ITEM SUPPLY SUPPORT POSITION IN
 RVN.

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 D. BASED ON OUR EXPERIENCE IN THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE SERVICE FUNDED (MASF) PROGRAM WHICH INVOLVED SEVERAL SERVICES, WE FOUND THAT THERE WAS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE CLARIFICATION OF FUNDING AND ACCOUNTABILITY PROBLEMS BY THE JCS EARLY IN THE PROGRAM. IN THE FUNCTIONING OF THE MACV ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE, IT APPEARS THAT WE WOULD HAVE A SIMILAR REQUIREMENT AND SHOULD THEREFORE PRESS FOR A RESOLUTION OF THESE AREAS BY THE JCS PRIOR TO APPROVING THE CONCEPT.

4. IN SUPPORT OF THE COMMENTS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING IS RECOMMENDED:

A. THAT THE MARINE CORPS SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL AND CONCEPT FOR A MACV

ALLOCATION COMMITTEE BASED ON THE RESTRAINT THAT COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT IN THE HANDS OF COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS NOT BE SUBJECT TO ALLOCATION ACTION.

B. THAT THE MARINE CORPS BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE A SENIOR OFFICER TO THE MACV ALLOCATION COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS WITHIN ITS CHARTER.

C. THAT THE MARINE CORPS CONSIDER PROVIDING, IF REQUIRED, AND SERVICE INTERESTS SO DICTATE, BACK UP MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY SUP-

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 PORT FOR RVNAF UNITS IN THE ICTZ.

D. THAT ACCOUNTING AND FUNDING GUIDANCE BE DEVELOPED BY THE JCS PRIOR TO APPROVING THE CONCEPT OF THE MACV ALLOCATION COMMITTEE.

5. REF A HAS BEEN PASSED SEPARATELY BY CINCPAC TO THE PACOM COMPONENT COMMANDERS FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENT, AND CINCPACFLT HAS REQUESTED MY COMMENTS. I PROPOSE TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE COMMENTS IN A SANITIZED FORM SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE. I WILL ALSO CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY RELATE TO THIS PROPOSAL ESPECIALLY AT THE CINCPAC LEVEL.
 BEST REGARDS.

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

OV-10A MISSION EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 040332Z/JUL68 (C)

B. CMC 102154Z/JUL68 (C)

1. PARA 5 OF REFERENCE A DELINEATED MISSION EMPLOYMENT TASKS FOR THE OV-10 IN COMBAT WHICH WERE IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY CMC. REFERENCE B EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING THE POTENTIAL PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE INADVERTENT NEWS RELEASE OF INFORMATION DETRIMENTAL TO THE MARINE CORPS POSITION ON THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE OV-10 AIRCRAFT IN AN ATTACK VICE OBSERVATION ROLE FOR WHICH IT WAS DEPLOYED.

2. ACCORDINGLY, EVERY OPPORTUNITY MUST BE TAKEN TO

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 KEEP THE RECORD STRAIGHT AND REINFORCE THE MARINE COMBAT MISSION CONCEPT FOR THE OV-10 AS ONE OF AERIAL VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE AND TACTICAL AIR CONTROL (AIRBORNE). YOUR SUPPORT IS URGENTLY REQUIRED IN ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING THE PROPER PORTRAYAL OF THE OV-10 IN THIS ROLE.

3. ANY FUTURE RELEASE BY III MAF CONCERNING THE EMPLOYMENT MISSION AND TASKS OF MARINE OV-10 AIRCRAFT SHOULD HI-LIGHT THE COMBAT ROLES ASSIGNED BY REFERENCE A.

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 PTTTCZYIHW RUMUHFA5041 2090930-CCCC--RUMUGRA.
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 270848Z JULY 68
 FM COMUSMACV
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 INFO ZEN/CCN
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MACSOG-PL 3900 FOR BGEN ANDERSON

SUBJ: SOG BRIEF FOR COFS III MAF (U)
 REF: VFRBAL REQUEST OF BGEN ANDERSON, USMC TO LTCOL JOHNSON.
 1. (C) IAW REF IT IS PROPOSED PRESENT 50 MIN BRIEF AT YOUR CONVENIENCE ON 31 JUL; 2 OR 3 AUG, AT CAMP FAY (NEXT TO TIEN SHA). THERE WILL BE FOUR BRIEFERS COVERING THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS.
 2. (C) PLEASE ADVISE THIS HQ PREFERRED AND ALTERNATE DATE AND TIME FOR PRESENTATION. GP-4
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3	CG					<p>REMARKS</p> <p>G-FOR</p> <p>G-4 and Force Engineer are on the problem. Sherry 27 July 68 Phoned you still well this p.m. saying we are moving on this one</p> <p>9</p> <p>Copies 3, 4 & 5 burned 4/20/68</p> <p>56</p>
4	DCG		7/27		Bowel	
1	DCG AIR					
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 DE RUMHMA 853 2081555
 ZNY SSSSS
 O 261541Z JUL 68
 FM CG PCV PHB
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DNG
 INFO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DGH
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S E C R E T 04740

SUBJ: BASE CAMP 1/5 MECH (U)
 REF A PCV DTG 311434Z MAY 68 (S)
 B. COMUSMACV DTG 230940 JUL 68 (S)
 C. 1/5 MECH LTR, 18 JUL 68, SUBJ: 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV
 (MECH) BASE CAMP, W/IT & 2D IND
 TO LTG ROSSON FROM MG STILWELL

- 1 (U) REF A IS PCV POSTURE PLAN FOR 1 SEP 68.
2. (S) MY SENSING IS, AS EVENTS UNFOLD, THAT THE 101ST ACD (-) WILL REMAIN IN THE PCV AO AT LEAST THROUGH SEPT. REF B IS MOST RECENT INDICATION THAT 101ST ACD (-) WILL NOT MOVE SOON. ITS CONTINUED PRESENCE WILL PRECLUDE THE OCCUPANCY OF LZ BETTY/SHARON COMPLEX BY 1/5 MECH.
- 3 (S) IT WILL BE NECESSARY, THERE FORE, TO IMPLEMENT RAPIDLY THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THIS EVENTUALITY WHICH REQUIRES THE CONSTRUCTION

PAGE 2 RUMHMA 853 S E C R E T
 OF A BASE CAMP FOR THE BRIGADE IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 38 AT QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE.

- 4 (U) ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT AUTHORIZATION BE GRANTED TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS BASE CAMP
- 5 (U) REQUEST THAT APPROPRIATE ENGINEER FORCES BE DIRECTED TO COMMENCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF MER AT THIS SITE.
- 6 (U) MINIMUM ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE THOSE OUTLINED IN REF C.

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 DE RUMHVP 9435D 2081200
 ZNY SSSSS
 O 261200Z JUL 68
 FM CG THIRD MAR DIV DGH
 TO RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS V PHB
 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DNG
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FOR**S E C R E T**

PERSONAL FOR LT. GEN ROSSON AND MAJ. GEN STILL WELL

SUBJ: TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF ARC LIGHTS.

A. CG THIRD MAR DIV 200638Z JULY 68

B. MACV DIR 95-14

1. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE A, I WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW THE BROADER ASPECTS OF THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARC LIGHT OF THE PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE ARC LIGHT CAN AND SHOULD BE A MAJOR SUPPORTING ARM FOR GROUND OPERATIONS AS ARE ARTILLERY, TAC AIR, AND NAVAL GUNFIRE. HOWEVER, THE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF THE ARC LIGHT STRIKE, THE LEVEL OF CONTROL AND EXTENSIVE PLANNING REQUIRED, AND THE RECOGNIZED LIMITATION ON TOTAL SORTIES AVAILABLE REQUIRE GREATER SELECTIVITY IN ARC LIGHT EMPLOYMENT AND IN TURN, ON THE TARGETS TO BE ATTACKED. NEVERTHELESS, THIS SUPERB WEAPON SYSTEM SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TO THE GROUND COMMANDER IN ORDER

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THAT ITS TREMENDOUS DESTRUCTIVE POWER CAN BE APPLIED IN CONCERT WITH THE OTHER MAJOR SUPPORTING ARMS TO INFLICT MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION ON THE ENEMY AND CONVERSELY MINIMIZE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AND LOSSES.

2. ALTHOUGH INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED EMPLOYMENT OF ARC LIGHTS IN AN AIR/GROUND OPERATION IS IMPLICIT IN THE STATED OBJECTIVES CONTAINED IN REFERENCE B, SUCH AN EMPLOYMENT CONCEPT DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ALWAYS BEEN REFLECTED IN THE ACTION TAKEN ON TGIS. NOMINATED. THE POTENTIAL POWER OF A WEAPON SYSTEM IS REALIZED THROUGH IMAGINATIVE EMPLOYMENT AND EXPLOITATION OF ITS CAPABILITIES. THE SUCCESS AND NOTEWORTHY RESULTS OF THE TACTICAL APPLICATION OF ARC LIGHTS ARE WELL KNOWN; HOWEVER THIS APPLICATION HAS OCCURRED PRIMARILY IN DEFENSIVE SITUATIONS. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT WE HAVE YET TO CAPITALIZE FULLY ON ITS APPLICATION IN OFFENSIVE ACTION.

3. YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE GREAT SUCCESS OF OPNS SOUTH OF KHE SANK DURING EARLY JUNE IN WHICH ARC LIGHTS WERE CLOSELY INTEGRATED WITH THE TACTICAL SCHEME OF MANEUVER IN SUPPORT OF THE INFANTRY ELEMENTS. THE ARC LIGHT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR OPERATIONS SOUTH OF KHE SANK WAS DEVELOPED WITH THE VALUABLE ASSISTANCE OF MACV AND PCV ARC LIGHT REPRESENTATIVES. THIS HIGHLY POTENT WPN WAS USED NOT ONLY FOR ITS GREAT DESTRUCTION POWER AGAINST ENEMY FORCES/MATERIAL BUT ALSO FOR ITS TREMENDOUS SHOCK POWER.

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AS THE RESULT OF THE ARC LIGHT SUPPORT PROVIDED, THE ENEMY WAS CONFUSED AND DISORGANIZED; IN PARTICULAR HIS COMMAND AND CONTROL WAS DISRUPTED AT A VITAL TIME. THESE STRIKES AIDED MATERIALLY IN THE RAPID AND VIRTUALLY UNOPPOSED INSERTION OF HELICOPTERBORNE INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY ELEMENTS. IN THIS CONFUSED AND DISORGANIZED STATE, THE ENEMY LAUNCHED SEVERAL UNCOORDINATED ATTACKS WHICH WERE REPELLED AND RESULTED IN SOME 696 ENEMY CASUALTIES.

4. USING THE SAME TECHNIQUES, AND ARC LIGHT SUPPORT PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED FOR THE MULTI-REGIMENT OPN IN THE NORTH LANCASTER AO, HOWEVER IT WAS NOT APPROVED. ALTHOUGH THE INSERTION WAS UNOPPOSED, CASUALTIES WERE TAKEN SUBSEQUENT TO THE LANDINGS FROM WELL CONCEALED MORTARS AND BUNKERED DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. EXTENSIVE ARTILLERY FIRES AND IAC AIR WERE EMPLOYED PRIOR TO, DURING AND AFTER THE INSERTION OF THE HELICOPTERBORNE INFANTRY BUT THEY LACKED THE MASS DESTRUCTIVE EFFECT AND SHOCK POWER OF THE ARC LIGHTS. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATED THAT THE ENEMY WAS SURPRISED AND CONFUSED BY THE OPN BUT DUE TO THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY BUNKERS FROM OUR FIRES, HE WAS NOT DISORGANIZED TO THE POINT WHERE HE LOST HIS CAPACITY TO RESIST.

5. THE PRINCIPLES OF MASS AND ECONOMY OF FORCES CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY THE CAREFUL INTEGRATION, BOTH IN TIME AND SPACE, OF ALL WEAPONS

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SYSTEMS TO ACHIEVE A SINGLE TACTICAL PURPOSE. PROPERLY INTEGRATED GROUND MANEUVER AND FIRE HURT THE ENEMY FAR MORE THAN IF EACH IS APPLIED INDEPENDENTLY OF THE OTHER. IN OUR PRESENT OFFENSIVE POSTURE WE NEED TO BRING OUR TOTAL FIRE POWER TO BEAR WHEREEVER APPROPRIATE TO CRUSH AND DESTROY THE ENEMY, TO DISRUPT HIS COMMAND AND CONTROL AND TO PERPETUATE OUR GAINS IN DESTROYING HIS WILL TO FIGHT. IN THE LATTER CASE I REFER TO THE INTERROGATION OF RECENTLY CAPTURED POW'S WHO ALMOST UNANIMOUSLY EXPRESSED DEEP FEARS OF BECOMING VICTIMS OF AN ARC LIGHT.

6. THE DIFFICULTIES IN SELECTING TARGETS FROM A MUCH LARGER NUMBER NOMINATED FOR A SPECIFIC PERIOD, ARE APPRECIATED. NEVERTHELESS IT APPEARS THAT THOSE NOMINATED IN SUPPORT OF A GROUND MANEUVER SUFFER A DISADVANTAGE UNDER THE PRESENT RULES FOR TARGET INTELLIGENCE JUSTIFICATION. THIS IS SO BECAUSE CURRENT SELECTION CRITERIA TEND TO FAVOR THE MORE EASILY DETECTABLE FIXED ENEMY POSITION/INSTALLATIONS. DUE TO OUR EFFORTS TO DATE, THE ENEMY IS BEING DRIVEN TO THE FORESTED AREAS WHERE THE HEAVY CANOPY AFFORDS HIM ADDED PROTECTION FROM OBSERVATION AND RECONNAISSANCE. CONSEQUENTLY, HARD INTELLIGENCE FOR THE BEST TARGETS DIMINISHES INsofar AS THE ARE WITH IN THE TARGET BOXES IS CONCERNED AND GREATER RELIANCE MUST BE PLACED ON A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF ALL INTELLIGENCE DATA TO INCLUDE THE NUMEROUS "INDICATIONS" OF ENEMY ACTIVITY (SUCH AS SENSORS, URS, IR, NOD OBSERVATIONS, AGENT

PAGE 5 RUMHVP 9435D S E C R E T

REPORTS, LONG ESTABLISHED PATTERNS OF ENEMY OPERATIONS IN THE AREA AND HIS COUNTER-RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS) TO IDENTIFY WORTHWHILE TARGETS. AS INTELLIGENCE INDICATES ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AN AREA, I INTEND TO ATTACK THE ENEMY, DESTROY HIS FORCES, POSITIONS AND INSTALLATIONS AFFORDING HIM NO SANCTUARY FOR REST, RESUPPLY OR SECURITY. IN THE ENSUING GROUND OPERATIONS, I BELIEVE THE INTEGRATION OF ARC LIGHTS WITH THE TACTICAL SCHEME TO BE IMPERATIVE WHEN APPROPRIATE TARGETS CAN BE IDENTIFIED.

7. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND THAT THERE BE INCREASED INTEGRATION OF ARC LIGHTS IN GROUND MANEUVER SITUATIONS, THAT ASSOCIATION WITH GROUND MANEUVER BE CONSIDERED A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN ALLOCATING PRIORITIES, AND THAT ALL RELEVANT INTELLIGENCE INDICATIONS BE CONSIDERED IN THE ARC LIGHT SELECTION PROCESS.

MAJ. GEN DAVIS SENDS.

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HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SELECTION FOR PROMOTION
 TO MAJOR GENERAL. I CONSIDER IT ONLY FITTING RECOGNITION OF
 YOUR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE WITH III MAF AND AM CONFIDENT THAT
 OUR ARMED FORCES WILL BE THE GREATEST BENEFICIARY OF THIS
 SELECTION AS YOU GO ON TO NEW CHALLENGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

BEST REGARDS.

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4	CG					REMARKS 95 Hold for Gen. Caseman, Permit G-4 and Force Ordnance Officer to read only. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY 11
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LGEN BUSE AND LGEN CUSHMAN FROM
 LGEN VAN RYZIN

STATUS OF M107 REPLACEMENT FOR THE M53 IN III MAF (C)

A. CG III MAF 060536Z MAR 68 (C)

1. (C) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MSG IS TO REVIEW THE STATUS OF THE GUN,
 175MM, SP, M107 AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE M53 IN III MAF, AND TO APPRISE
 YOU OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE AFFECTING THE WEAPONS PROCUREMENT

2. (C) DURING MARCH 1968 CG III MAF REF A ADVISED THE M53 HAS
 BECOME UNACCEPTABLY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN, THAT REPLACEMENT IS LONG
 OVERDUE, AND STRONGLY URGED THE MARINE CORPS PRESS FOR THE EARLIEST
 REPLACEMENT OF THE M53 WITH THE M107 FOR SEA.

3. (S) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR RAPID REPLACEMENT OF THE M53
 IN SEA, THE U S ARMY WAS REQUESTED IN JUNE TO LOAN THE
 MARINE CORPS 26 M107'S TOGETHER WITH ADEQUATE AMMUNITION TUBES
 AND M107 PECULIAR REPAIR PARTS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING APPROVAL

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA 1712 S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 OF A MARINE CORPS PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST (PCR) FOR 79 M107'S IN FY70
 (26 M107'S REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FOR 18 FIRING TUBES, COMBAT SUPPORT
 AND MAINTENANCE FLOAT REQUIREMENTS). AS THE LOAN IS BELIEVED TO
 HINGE UPON THE APPROVAL OF THE PCR, OASD, (SA) WAS APPROACHED
 INFORMALLY REGARDING THE QUICKEST WAY FOR THE MARINE CORPS TO
 RECEIVE APPROVAL FOR THE PCR. OASD (SA) RECOMMENDED THE SUBMISSION
 OF FY 70 PCR AND THAT THE MARINE CORPS REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO HAVE
 THE LOANED M107'S IN INVENTORY DURING FY69 WITHOUT A PRIOR PROGRAM
 APPROVAL. A REQUEST WAS MADE ON 17 JULY 1968.

4. (S) ON 22 JULY, INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED INDICATING THAT
 OASD (I&L) WHILE APPARENTLY HAVING NO OBJECTION TO THE LOAN OF
 M107'S HAS CONCERN REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF 175MM HE AMMUNITION.
 A MSG IS BEING PROPOSED BY OASD (I&L) FOR COMUSMACV, FROM JCS
 SOLICITING HIS VIEWS REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL
 FIRING TUBES IN RVN. SPECIFIC COMMENTS PROBABLY WILL BE REQUESTED
 CONCERNING SUFFICIENCY OF AMMUNITION ON HAND AND DELIVERIES
 PROJECTED TO SATISFY AN INCREASE IN FIRING WEAPONS IN SEA. OASD (I&L)'S
 DECISION ON THE MARCORPS M107 PCR AND THE REQUEST TO BORROW 26
 M107'S MAY HINGE ON COMUSMACV'S RESPONSE.

5. (S) FOR YOUR INFORMATION THE ALTERNATIVES OF AN INCREASED

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NUMBER OF FIRING TUBES IN RVN WITH A REDUCED AMMUNITION AVAILABLE
SUPPLY RATE (ASR) VERSUS THE PRESENT NUMBER OF TUBES WITH THE
CURRENT ASR PROBABLY WILL BE PREPARED TO COMUSMACV. CONSIDERATIONS
WILL BE REQUIRED FOR A MONTHLY DELIVERY IN RVN OF 58,000 ROUNDS OF
175 MM HE DIVIDED BETWEEN EITHER 74 TUBES NOW IN RVN, OR 92 TUBES
WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE 18 FIRING TUBES FOR THE MARINE CORPS. THIS
TRANSLATES TO A REDUCTION OF THE CURRENT ARMY ASR OF 26.5 RDS/WPN/
DAY TO 21 RDS/WPN/DAY FOR ARMY AND MARINE CORPS IN RVN. AVAILABILITY
OF ASSETS OF 175 MM HE PROJECTILES FOR SEA IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE
INCREMENTALLY FROM THE CUREENT RATE TO 78,000 ROUNDS IN MARCH 1969.
THIS WILL PERMIT AN ASR INCREASE TO APPROXIMATELY 26RDS/WPN/DAY AT
THAT TIME. M53 REQUIRED SUPPLY RATE (RSR) FOR 155MM HE IS 18RDS/WPN/
DAY AND IS BASED UPON LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF TUBES. PROJECTED
TUBE PRODUCTION WILL NOT PERMIT ANY INCREASE IN THAT RSR.

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R 250640Z JUL 68
FM CG NINTH MAB
TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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UNCLAS E F T O
PERSONAL FM BGEN CHIP TO BGEN ANDERSON
1. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SECURE FOUR III MAF PLAQUES FROM LOCAL
SOURCE. I WILL BRING WITH ME ON FORTHCOMING TRIP
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 FM CG NINTH MAB
 TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 ZEN/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

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TRIP
 FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM BGEN CHIP INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN
 A. CG FMFPAC 230015Z JUL 68
 1. IN ACCORDANCE REFERENCE A I WILL DEPART OKI ACCOMPANIED
 B2DSGT MAJ VIA MAC FLT Y205 1315 LOC ARR DANANG 1515 LOC.
PLAN RETURN BY MAC FLT 0755 ON 30TH WHICH WILL INSURE MY PRESENCE
 DURING CMC VISIT.

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 CG MARCORB TWO NINE PALMS
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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 DEPLOYMENT OF 27TH MARINES FROM VIETNAM(S)

A. CG III MAF 241250Z JUN 68 NOTAL

B. CMC 250008Z JUN 68 NOTAL

C. CG FMFPAC 250042Z JUN 68 NOTAL

1. REFERENCE A ESTABLISHED TENTATIVE DATES RLT27 WOULD BE PREPARED FOR AIR/SEA LIFT FROM SVN.

2. REFERENCE B CONCURRED WITH REFERENCE A.

3. REFERENCE C DISCUSSED TENTATIVE PLANS FOR RETURN OF RLT27(-) TO CONUS AND BLT 1/27 TO HAWAII.

4. IT IS PROPOSED THAT RLT27(-) BE AIRLIFTED TO SDIEGO/EL TORO AREA AND BLT 1/27 TO HAWAII. WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES TO BE HELD AT EACH LOCATION. IT IS PLANNED TO INCLUDE IN THE CONUS WELCOME HOME APPROXIMATELY TWO PLANE LOADS OF MARINES FROM OTHER UNITS RETURNING FROM VIETNAM SERVICE AT THE SAME TIME CONUS WELCOME HOME ENVISAGES STREET PARADE IN SDIEGO OF RETURNEES AND WEST COAST AIR-GROUND FMF UNITS WITH SECNAV AS REVIEWING OFFICER. PLAN TO INVITE CIVILIAN DIGNITARIES, BOTH NATIONAL AND LOCAL. HAWAII CEREMONIES AS DIRECTED BY CG FMFPAC.

5. CG FMFPAC DESIGNATED COORDINATOR FOR WELCOME HOME CONUS AND HAWAII. CG MCRDEP SDIEGO WILL COORDINATE SDIEGO CEREMONIES FOR CG FMFPAC. OTHER ADDEES WILL PROVIDE LOGISTIC/ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY CG FMFPAC.

6. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE MADE FOR PROCESSING RETURNEES AT OKINAWA AND WEST COAST. PERSONNEL WHO DEPARTED CONUS/HAWAII WITH RLT-27, WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO RETURN WILL BE RETURNED TO CONUS EXCEPT THOSE WHO HAVE FAMILIES IN HAWAII. THE LATTER WILL BE RETURNED TO HAWAII FOR THE CEREMONIES TO BE HELD THERE. ELIGIBILITY OF PERSONNEL TO BE RETURNED WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

7. PLANS CALL FOR FORMATION OF WEST COAST INFORMATION CENTER TO HANDLE NEWS MEDIA AND VISITORS.

8. CONCEPT-WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES WILL EMPHASIZE AIR-GROUND TEAM VIA PUBLICITY AND PARTICIPATION OF AIR-GROUND UNITS IN THE PARADE. DESIRE MASSED COLORS OF ALL UNITS THAT DEPLOYED WITH RLT-27, TO LEAD PARADE. CONSIDER UTILITY UNIFORM WITH HELMENT, CARTRIDGE BELT AND M-16 RIFLE MOST DESIRABLE FOR RETURNEES. PLAN TO BORROW M16'S FROM CG MARCORB CAMPEN. ENVISAGE PRESENT COMMANDING OFFICER, RLT-27 RETURNING FOR CEREMONY TO PASS REGIMENTAL COLORS TO CG FIFTH MARDIV AND THEN RETURN TO SVN. POSSIBLE COMMANDANT MARINE CORPS RECEPTION FOLLOWING PARADE.

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9. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS SOONEST ON CONCEPT OF WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES, AND PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED BELOW:

- A. INCLUSION IN CEREMONY OF TWO REGULARLY SCHEDULED PLANE LOADS OF NON-RLT27 MARINES RETURNING FROM DUTY IN SVN.
- B. ABILITY TO SUPPORT SPECIAL PROCESSING ARRANGEMENTS ON OKINAWA AND WEST COAST TO EXPEDITE DEPARTURE OF MARINES ON LEAVE ETC. FOLLOWING CEREMONY.
- C. SUPPORTABILITY OF WELCOME HOME CEREMONIES FOR RLT-27 AS EARLY AS MID-AUGUST.

10. YOUR COMMENTS WILL PROVIDE BASIS FOR EARLY CONFERENCE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS, FMFPAC AND OTHER WEST COAST ADDEES THIS MESSAGE. REQUEST YOU RECOMMEND DAYS AND SITE FOR SUCH CONFERENCE.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN TOMPKINS FROM LTGEN BUSE.
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AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 130252JUL 68 (C) MCEO

1. LTGEN DALY HAS JUST RESPONDED TO MY LETTER OF 21 JUNE QUOTE "THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER DATED 21ST JUNE. I AM DELIGHTED TO KNOW THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEND TWO OFFICERS TO ATTEND MY ANNUAL EXERCISE AND TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON U.S. MARINE CORPS OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM.

THE OUTLINE OF THE BRIEFING, WHICH YOU ENCLOSED IN YOUR LETTER, PROMISES WHAT I AM SURE WILL PROVE TO BE A MOST INTERESTING AND INSTRUCTIVE PRESENTATION.

WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING MAJOR-GENERAL TOMPKINS AND COLONEL FREY AND I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT WE

PAGE TWO RUMHFMA 3676 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT M C E O WILL GAIN A GREAT DEAL FROM THEIR VISIT.

SHOULD MAJOR-GENERAL TOMPKINS REQUIRE ANY SPECIAL AIDS FOR HIS PRESENTATION WOULD HE PLEASE LET ME KNOW." UNQUOTE-

2. REF A STATED THAT WE WOULD TAKE CARE OF YOUR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND THE FOLLOWING INTINERARIES ARE PROPOSED; ALL TIMES LOCAL

A. COL FREY TO RVN:

ETD HONO U271 022100- 040300 KADENA
ETD KADENA H02 041300- 041530 DANANG

B. COL FREY RETURN:

ETD CANBERRA TN 432 161515- 161600 SIDNEY
ETD SIDNEY PAA 812 161730- 160805 HONO

C. MGEN TOMPKINS AND PARTY (4) TO CANBERRA:

ETD SAIGON PAA 841 081125- 081235 SINGAPORE
ETD SINGAPORE BA 716 081835- 090615 SIDNEY
ETD SIDNEY TN 429 090715- 090805 CANBERRA

D. MGEN TOMPKINS AND PARTY (3) RETURN:

ETD CANBERRA AN 554 160935- 161210 SIDNEY
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E. FLIGHT CODES: PAA- PAN AMERICAN;

BA- BRITISH OVERSEAS AIRWAYS; IN- TRANS AUSTRALIAN;
 QF- QANTAS; AN- ANSETT-ANA AIRWAYS; VN- AIR VIETNAM.

3. IF YOU AGREE WITH THESE PROPOSED ARRANGEMENTS, I
 WILL HAVE THEM FIRMED UP AND WILL SEND THE NECESSARY
 ORDERS, CLEARANCES AND SO FORTH TO YOU VIA FREY.
 IN THIS CONNECTION I NEED TO KNOW THE NAMES, RANKS,
 ETC OF THE PERSONNEL IN YOUR PARTY.

4. I WILL ALSO ARRANGE HOTEL RESERVATIONS IN
 CANBERRA THE NIGHTS OF 9 AND 10 AUG THROUGH ALUSNA
 CANBERRA; OR, IF YOU PREFER, IN SIDNEY. PLEASE LET
 ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE A PREFERENCE.

5. MIKE KAUFFMAN HAS JUST RETURNED, AND THE SLIDES
 ARE NOW BEING PREPARED IN FINAL FORM AS YOU
 SPECIFIED. THEY WILL BE FINISHED ABOUT 31 JULY AND
 WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOU BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS
 MEANS AVAILABLE. BEST REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FMFPAC MANPOWER CONFERENCE (U)

1. THE MANPOWER CONFERENCE CONDUCTED AT THIS
 HEADQUARTERS, 15 THROUGH 18 JULY, WITH REPRESENTA-
 TION FROM HQMC; ALL MAJOR WESTPAC AND EASIPAC,

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 FMF COMMANDS, WAS COMPLETED ON SCHEDULE WITH
 THE AGREEMENT OF ALL CONFEREES THAT IT WAS A
 MOST PRODUCTIVE AND FULLY WORTHWHILE EFFORT.

2. THE CONFERENCE WAS SCHEDULED WITH THE KNOW-
 LEDGE THAT THE ABSENCE OF THE KEY OFFICERS
 ATTENDING WAS AN ESPECIAL HARDSHIP FOR UNITS
 DURING THESE BUSY SUMMER MONTHS. HOWEVER THE RESULTS
 OF THE CONFERENCE WITH IMPROVED COMMUNICATIONS
 IS JUDGED TO MORE THAN OFFSET THE COST.

3. EACH PARTICIPANT IS RETURNING WITH A NEW
 UNDERSTANDING OF THE OVERALL MANPOWER SITU-
 ATION AND THE OUTLOOK FOR THE FUTURE. THEIR
 PROFESSIONAL APPROACH, INTEREST AND ENTHUSIAM
 WAS MUCH APPRECIATED AND INSURED THE SUCCESS
 OF THE CONFERENCE.

4. IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY HERE ALL
 OF THE USEFUL INFORMATION EXCHANGES THAT
 DEVELOPED IN THE COURSE OF THE FORMAL SESSIONS,
 STUDY GROUPS AND STAFF VISITS. HERE, IN CAP-
 SULE FORM, ARE SOME TOPIC HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

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CONFERENCE:

A. MANNING LEVEL AND THE ALLOCATION OF MAN-POWER. DESPITE HAVING BEEN WITH US FOR A LONG TIME, THE MANNING LEVEL MECHANISM STILL NEEDS TO BE EXPLAINED AND REVIEWED PERIODICALLY. THE COMPREHENSIVE PRESENTATIONS BY HQMC REPRESENTATIVES LEFT CONFEREES COMPLETELY FAMILIAR WITH BOTH THE CONCEPT AND THE MECHANICS OF CONSTRUCTING THIS FOUNDATION DOCUMENT.

IN ADDITION, THE MANPOWER OUTLOOK FOR THE COMING YEAR, INCLUDING A PROJECT 100,000 UPDATE, WAS PRESENTED WITH CLARITY, LEAVING NO ILLUSIONS AS TO THE BIND WE FACE.

B. SEASIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM. A WORKING COMMITTEE WAS FORMED ON THE FIRST DAY CONSISTED OF HQMC, III MAF AND FMFPAC MEMBERS. THEIR PROBLEM WAS TO REVIEW PROGRAM 6 STATUS, MANAGEMENT, DATA BASE, CHANGE PROCEDURES, AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND TO HAMMER OUT IDEAS AND PROCEDURES THAT WILL REDUCE OUT

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PRESENT VULNERABILITY IN THIS VITAL AREA. THE COMMITTEE DEBRIEF WAS PRESENTED ON THE LAST DAY AND IT WAS CLEAR THAT THEY DID AN OUTSTANDING AND MUCH OVERDUE JOB. AT LAST, WE SHOULD HAVE A HANDLE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SEASIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM.

C. PERSONNEL STRENGTH REPORTING. DETAILED DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH ALL WESTPAC REPRESENTATIVES ON CURRENT REPORTS REQUIRED FOR THEIR COMMANDS, THE ULTIMATE USE OF THE INFORMATION AND THE IMPORTANCE OF ACTIONS ON WHICH IT IMPINGES.

D. RETENTION. THE FRESH APPROACH TO THE RETENTION PROBLEM AND CAREER ADVISORY PRESENTED BY THE HQMC REPRESENTATIVE WAS A CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHT WITH ACTIVATION AND CONCEPTS OF THE NEW BRANCH BEING EXPLAINED IN DETAIL. IN ADDITION, ALL FMFPAC PARTICIPANTS WERE REFRESHED ON FMFPAC POLICIES AND THE ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THIS

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HQTRS AND FROM THE WESTPAC CAREER ADVISORY
TEAM.

E. PERSONNEL UTILIZATION. THE NECESSITY TO
GIVE TOP CONTINUING PRIORITY OF ASSIGNMENT TO
THE FOXHOLES, FLIGHTLINES AND COCKPITS WAS A
KEYNOTE THREADED THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE.
THE MESSAGE IS UNDERSTOOD ALONG WITH THE MANY
COMPLICATION FACTORS THAT TEND TO DRAW THESE
STRENGTHS DOWN.

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT WESTPAC COMMANDS FIND
TIME AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE FOR A STAFF DEBRIEF
FROM THEIR G-1 ON THE SPECIFIC SUBJECT OF PRO-
GRAM 6 MANAGEMENT AND THE CURRENT AND PROJEC-
TED MANPOWER AVAILABILITY. THIS BACKGROUND
INFORMATION IS ESSENTIAL TO COMMANDERS AND THE
G-1 AND G-3 IN UNDERSTANDING CURRENT AND FUTURE
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CHAPMAN FROM LIEUTENANT
 GENERAL BUSE, INFO MAJGENS TOMPKINS, YOUNGDALE, AND DAVIS
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1. INFANTRY STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION IN THE 1ST MARDIV HAVE BEEN UNDER RIGOROUS EXAMINATION OVER THE PAST TEN DAYS BOTH AT CARL'S HEADQUARTERS AND MINE. THE PRESENCE OF LCOL COBB FROM 1ST MARDIV G-1 AND LCOL AUSTGEN FROM HQMC CODE DFB DURING THE MANPOWER CONFERENCE JUST CONCLUDED HERE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO A HIGHLY DETAILED, NUTS AND BOLTS REVIEW OF THOSE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT, UTILIZATION, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING PROCEDURES WHERE THERE IS ROOM FOR MISUNDERSTANDING OR MISINTERPRETATION.
2. I CAN SAY AT THIS POINT THAT SOME PROCEDURES AND NOTIONS WERE CORRECTED, BUT I CANNOT TELL YOU JUST HOW MUCH OR HOW SOON

PAGE TWO RUMHFMA 3590 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 IT WILL AFFECT EITHER THE ON ROLLS OR THE EFFECTIVE RIFLE
 COMPANY STRENGTHS IN THE 1ST MARDIV. I CAN HOWEVER, ASSURE
 YOU THAT NEITHER OF THE DIVISIONS ARE ASSIGNING OF-03 SKILLS
 OUTSIDE THE RIFLE AND RECON COMPANIES AND THE ASSOCIATED BAT-
 TALION AND REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS UNLESS:

- A. THERE ARE MEDICAL/PHYSICAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE INDIVIDUAL
OR
 - B. THE REQUIREMENT IS, IN THE OPINION OF THE DIVISION
COMMANDER, OVERRIDING.
 3. THE SPECIAL STRENGTH REPORT DUE ON 22 JULY MAY CONTINUE TO BE DISAPPOINTING DUE, IN PART, TO A TRANSPORTATION BACKLOG THAT WE HAVE JUST BROKEN AT BUTLER. THEREFORE I EXPECT NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE AVERAGE RIFLE COMPANY ON THE ROLLS STRENGTH ON THE NEXT REPORT. THE 29 JULY UPDATE SHOULD SHOW IMPROVEMENT, UNLESS CASUALTIES SURGE.
 4. AS YOU KNOW, THIS IS A PRIME TOPIC ON MY 29-30 JULY VISIT WITH III MAF COMMANDS. MEANWHILE, I CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT WE REMAIN PREPARED, BUT DO NOT INITIATE AN OPERATION KICKER. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
- BEST REGARDS.
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 FOR BOEN ANDERSON FROM COL CODISPOTT
 1. FLAGSHIP PRESENTLY IN YOKOSUKA WITH AN ETD 7 AUG. VADM BRINGLE'S
 DAUGHTER PLANS TO BE MARRIED HERE 27 JUL. SEVENTH FLEET PLANNING/
 SCHEDULING CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD 29 JULY TO 3 AUG WITH MOST ADMI-
 RALS ARRIVING ON 28 JULY.
 2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE VADM BRINGLE REGRETS HE IS UNABLE TO JOIN LGEN
 ROSSON FOR LUNCH BUT APPRECIATES THE KIND OFFER AND HOPES THE
 GENERAL WILL UNDERSTAND. WARM REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR LT GEN ROSSEN AND MAJGEN. STILLWELL
 ARC LIGHT INTELLIGENCE JUSTIFICATION

A. THIRD MARDIV MSG 181340Z JULY 68
 B. CG PROV CORPS V MSG 181542Z JULY 68

1. THE LACK OF SUCCESS IN OBTAINING ARC LIGHTS IS A MATTER OF GREAT CONCERN TO ME. IN REVIEWING RECENT EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ARC LIGHTS, I BELIEVE A LARGE PART OF THE PROBLEM CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE INTELLIGENCE JUSTIFICATION REQUIRED. PRESENTLY THE EMPHASIS IS ON HARD INTELLIGENCE WHICH HAS BEEN ACQUIRED DURING THE SEVERAL DAYS PRECEDING THE SUBMISSION OF THE TARGET NOMINATION. ADDITIONALLY THIS INTELLIGENCE IS RESTRICTED TO THE CONFINES OF THE PROPOSED TARGET BOX.

2. I FEEL THAT THIS APPROACH SEVERELY LIMITS THE PROBABILITY OF OBTAINING APPROVAL OF A TARGET NOMINATION ESPECIALLY WHEN THAT NOMINATION IS IN COMPETITION WITH ALL OTHER NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY OTHER

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COMMANDS. AS IN ANY SELECTION PROCESS, THE COMPETITION BECOMES KEENER AS THE FINAL SELECTION PHASE IS REACHED. FURTHER IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT AS THE NOMINATION MOVES FROM ONE ECHELON TO ANOTHER TOWARD THE FINAL SELECTION, IT IS REVIEWED AND ANALYZED IN AN ATMOSPHERE INCREASINGLY REMOVED FROM THE TARGET LOCATION. IN SO DOING, THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE LOCAL TACTICAL AND ENEMY SITUATIONS BECOME LOST AND THE TARGET NOMINATION IS JUDGED ONLY ON THAT INTELLIGENCE WHICH LIES WITHIN THE TARGET BOX.

3. IN REFERENCE "A" I SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR TWO ARC LIGHTS IN WHICH AN IMMEDIATE AREA INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY WAS INCLUDED IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE CONTAINED WITHIN THE TARGET BOXES. IN REFERENCE "B" THE REQUEST WAS FORWARDED WITHOUT THE INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY, AND THEREFORE SUBSEQUENTLY WAS REVIEWED PRIMARILY ON THE MERITS OF THE SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE CONTAINED WITHIN THE TARGET BOXES.

4. WHILE THE AREA INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY MAY NOT HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN THE REVIEW PROCESS ACCORDING TO PRESENT RULES, I BELIEVE ITS PRESENCE WOULD HAVE PROVIDED THE COMMANDERS CONCERNED, MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION FROM WHICH THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TARGET NOMINATION COULD HAVE BEEN ASSESSED.

5. THEREFORE I RECOMMEND THAT SUCH AN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY BE INCLUDED IN FUTURE SUBMISSIONS WHEN APPROPRIATE IN ORDER THAT THE

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 REVIEWING AUTHORITIES MAY HAVE A MORE COMPLETE BASIS UPON WHICH TO MAKE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE TARGET NOMINATIONS. MAJ. GEN. DAVIS SENDS.

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 P 192045Z JUL 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV (R019)
 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L. FOR MAJGEN DAVIS INFO MAJGEN
 TOMPKINS FROM LTGEN BUSE
 CONDITIONS IN THE ELEVENTH ENGR BN (U)
 A. ELEVENTH ENGR BN 090600Z/JUL 68 (U) (NOTAL)
 B. ELEVENTH ENGR BN 072300Z/JUL 68 (U)
 C. ELEVENTH ENGR BN 100900Z/JUL 68 (U)
 D. REFERENCE A IS A RECLAMA TO A DECISION BY HQMC TO
 SUBSTITUTE TRACTOR ID-18 FOR REQUESTED EIMCO TRACTORS.
 REFERENCE B REQUESTED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
 PERSONNEL HAZARDS EXISTENT IN A NEW FLOOD LIGHT UNIT.
 BOTH REFERENCES A AND B WERE SENT DIRECTLY TO CMC
 WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS AS AN INFO ADDRESSEE. REFERENCE
 C IS AN EXPLANATION OF DELAYED FOLLOW-UP ACTION TAKEN
 BY THE ELEVENTH ENGINEER BATTALION CONCERNING A RED BALL
 TRANSACTION ON AN EIMCO TRACTOR REQUISITION. THE

PAGE 2 RUHMFMA3156 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 REFERENCED MESSAGES COUPLED WITH OTHER CORRESPONDENCE
 CONCERNING THE OPERATIONAL READINESS OF THE ELEVENTH
 ENGINEER BATTALION ARE A MATTER OF CONCERN TO ME.
 2. REQUEST YOU TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO INSURE
 CONDUCT OF PROPER ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES BY
 ELEVENTH ENGINEER BATTALION, INCLUDING COMPLIANCE
 WITH APPLICABLE ORDERS GOVERNING RED BALL AND OTHER
 SUPPLY PROCEDURES.

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FM SSO CARLISLE BKS

TO SSO 111 MAF

UNCLAS E F T O CBK 150 STAFF

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING NOTE TO LTG RUSSEN:

"THANK YOU FOR THE 16 JULY MESSAGE. I WILL DO MY BEST
TO EARN THE CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE IN ME. COL D.A. DAVID"

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FM CG BOATWRIGHT CG 24TH INF DIV
TO LTG P36 09 CG 111 TAF

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UNCLAS E F T O LV 388 EYE ONLY

MANY THANKS FOR THE CONGRATULATIONS. MY WIFE AND I ARE VERY
LADIES HAVE BEEN ED RE/ION FOR ALL THE TREATMENT. ALL THE
LUCILLE NEEDS THE PAY. 100% I AM.

NO NOTE: PRESENCE FOR THE...
NORMAL DUTY...

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 DE RUABQL 1041B 2010745
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R 190745Z JUL 68
 FM CG NINTH MAB
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 BT

UNCLAS E F T O PERSONAL FOR MAJGEN TOMPCINS FM SGEN CHIP
 1. NOT AVAILL ON OKINAWA, IF YOU DESIRE CAN HAVE ONE
 MADE LOCALLY USING ANOTHER MARINE OFFICER'S AS A MODEL.
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PP RUMUGRA
EZ RUMHMA 2839 1992319
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TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN TOMPKINS
FROM LTGEN BUSE
PERIODIC LOGISTIC CONFERENCE (U)

A. CG III MAF 170350Z/JUL 68 (C)

1. YOUR CANDID COMMENTS REGARDING THE PERIODIC LOGISTIC CON-
FERENCES CONTAINED IN REF A ARE APPRECIATED.

2. PAST PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN TO HOLD THESE CONFERENCES ON
OKINAWA AND HERE IN HONOLULU. IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO NOT
BURDEN III MAF WITH THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH HOSTING THE
CONFERENCE AND PROVIDING ACCOMMODATIONS IN ALREADY OVER-
CROWDED FACILITIES, NONE OF THESE CONFERENCES HAVE BEEN HELD
IN RVN.

3. WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHEDULING OF THE CONFERENCES, WE HAVE,
AS A MATTER OF PRACTICE, ALWAYS DONE WHAT WE COULD IN ACCOMO-
DATING THE DESIRES OF THE COMMANDERS CONCERNED. IN THIS REGARD,
NO CONFERENCE WAS HELD DURING THE PERIOD OCT 67 TO APRIL 68 AT

PAGE 2 RUMHMA2839 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF CG III MAF DUE TO THE PREVAILING
TACTICAL SITUATION IN ICTZ. I CONSIDER THE TIMING OF THE PRESENT
CONFERENCE PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF THE
CRITICALITY OF AGENDA ITEMS SUCH AS FY 68-69 MONSOON REQUIREMENTS,
FY69 REBUILD PROGRAM, STATUS OF ENGINEER EQUIPMENT, REPLACEMENT
OF COMM EQUIPMENT COMBAT LOSSES, AND THE STATUS OF UTILITY
EQUIPMENT. WHILE THIS IS ONLY A PARTIAL LISTING, THE NECESSITY
TO SOLVE THESE AND OTHER LOGISTIC PROBLEMS IS VITAL TO OUR
EFFORTS.

4. THE SPECIFIC TIME AND LOCALE FOR THE
CONFERENCE WILL BE COORDINATED WITH CG III MAF AND
IS TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR A MUTUALLY AGREED
UPON TIME AND PLACE DURING THE PERIOD DEC68 - FEB69, DEPENDING
UPON THE SITUATION AT THAT TIME.

BEST REGARDS. GP-4
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 ZNY SSSSS
 O 172318Z JUL 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR MGEN TOMPKINS FR LT GEN BUSE. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 ALLOCATION MATERIAL IN SHORT SUPPLY (U)

A. CG III MAF 160910Z/(17)68 (S)

1. REF A QUOTED MSG RECEIVED FROM GEN ABRAMS, COMUSMACV WHICH ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM OF MATERIALLY SUPPORTING THE RAPID EXPANSION AND MOBILIZATION OF RVNAF AND THE FORMATION OF A MACV ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ANALYZING ASSETS, REQUI

EMENTS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SUPPLY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO U. S. COMPONENTS, FVMAF AND RVNAF AND DIRECTING ALLOCATION TO RECEIPT RVNAF UNIT.

2. I APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN THIS DEVELOPMENT AND YOUR PROMPT ACTION IN BRINGING THIS MATTER TO MY ATTENTION. DURING RECENT MONTHS, THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS CLOSELY MONITORED COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SECDEF, JCS, CINCPAC, AND COMUSMACV WHICH HAVE PROMPTED THE ACTION PROPOSED IN REF A BY COMUSMACV.

PAGE 2 RUHKFMA2833 **S E C R E T** MCEO.

OUR ANALYSIS OF THIS PROBLEM COUPLED WITH THE INFORMATION THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT THE ACTION PROPOSED BY GEN ABRAMS DOES NOT POSE THE THREAT OF LOSING COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT ASSETS IN THE HANDS OF OUR MARINE FORCES IN RVN. THEREFORE, I CONCUR IN YOUR PROPOSED RESPONSE TO REFERENCE A.

3. AS POINTED OUT IN REFERENCE A, THE CONCEPT PROPOSED BY GEN ABRAMS WILL HAVE TO BE EXPLORED WITH CINCPAC AND THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. AT EACH OF THESE LEVELS, THE ACTION WILL BE ANALYZED, AND IF DEVELOPMENTS DO ARISE WHICH APPEAR TO ENDANGER THE USMC POSITION, WE SHALL, AT THAT TIME, PUSH FOR ACTION WHICH WILL GUARD OUR INTEREST. WARM REGARDS. GP-4.

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TO CG III MAF (FOR: LT GEN ROSSON)
ZEM
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JCS 08122 JULY 68

1. (U) WEAPONS ARRIVED TODAY IN GOOD SHAPE. WILL START WORK ON STANDS AND DISPLAY CARDS.
2. (U) LETTER AND INFORMATION NOTE BOOK MAILED TO YOU THIS DATE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.
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O 171207Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO LTG ROSSON ACTG CG III MAF
ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 9663 EYES ONLY

I FEEL THAT THE VISIT OF SECDEF TO YOUR AREA TODAY
WAS HANDLED IN AN EXEMPLARY MANNER. MY APPRECIATION AND
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL.]

THE BRIEFING YOU PERSONALLY PRESENTED I CONSIDER TO
BE OF UNEXCELLED PROFESSIONAL QUALITY. I HOPE YOU WILL
NOW TAKE THE TIME TO GET YOUR NEW CLOTHES.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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SEAD 2QYI 1991135
ZNY CCCCC
O 171130Z JUL 68
FM CG AMERICAL DIV CHL
TO CG III MAF DNG
BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L AVDF-GC
SUBJECT: AMERICAL PLAN CONCEPT (U)
MG GETTYS SENDS TO LTG ROSSEN:

1.(C) USUSALLY RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THE PRESENCE OF TWO REGIMENTAL SIZE UNITS AND TWO DIVISIONAL CONTROL UNITS IN THE PHUOC CHAU VALLEY (CENTER OF MASS AT 9810). IN ADDITION, VR AIRCRAFT AND AIR CAVALRY ELEMENTS HAVE OBSERVED GROUPS OF THIRTY OR MORE ENEMY MOVING THROUGH THE AREA IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS. INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE HAS BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST VR AIRCRAFT ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN PHUOC CHAU VALLEY PROPER AND IN THE HIGH GROUND NORTH OF THE VALLEY AND WEST OF THE SONG TRANH VIC AT8914. LRP MEMBERS AND THE CREW OF THE HELICOPTER IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING ESTIMATED THEY OBSERVED 150-200 ENEMY WHILE RECEIVING INTENSE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE VIC AT8914 DURING AN ATTEMPTED

PAGE TWO UUMSEAD 2161 C O N F I D E N T I A L
INSERTION. AIR STRIKES ON THE TRAIL LEADING FROM AT9306 TO ROUTE 534 AT 8316 HAVE YIELDED NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, INDICATING CACHE AREA SLONG THE TRAIL.

2.(C) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INTELLIGENCE, AND IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT OPERATION POCAHONTAS FOREST HAS RESULTED IN VERY LIGHT CONTACT DESPITE THE ESTREMELY HIGH LEVEL OF FRIENDLY OPERATIONS, IT IS FELT THAT AT THIS TIME AN OPERATION THE PHUOC CHAU VALLEY WOULD BE MOREN PRODUCTIVE THAN THE CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION PRESENTLY SCHEDULED FOR THE ANTENNA VALLEY AREA AND THE HIGH GROUND TO ITS SOUTH.

3.(C) AMERICAL DIVISION IS CURRENTLY DEVELOPING PLANS TO CONDUCT A TWO BATTALION COMBAT ASSAULT INTO THE PHUOC CHAU VALLEY TO DRIVE THE ENEMY FORCES INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS ESTABLISHED NORTH AND EAST OF THE VALLEY ALONG TH HIGH GROUND. IF COOKSEY WOULD BE THE CONTROL- LING HEADQUARTERS, WITH ONE BATTALION OF THE 198TH INF BDE OPCON FOR USE AS THE EASTERN BLOCKING FORCE. AN ARVN TF WILL BE USED AS THE NORTHERN BLOCKING FORCE. CONCURRENT WITH THE PHUOC CHAU VALLEY OPERATION, INTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST THE ANTENNA VALLEY AREA AND WILL CONTINUE IN THE SONG RE VALLEY AREA.

4.(C) SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, A DETAILED BRIEFING ON THE CONCEPT OF OPERATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO YOU AND CG 2D ARVN DIV ON 19 JULY 68, AT YOUR CONVICIENCE. BRIEFING WILL BE GIVEN AT LZ BALDY AND WILL DEFINE IN DETAIL FORCES TO BE EMPLOYED AND EXCEPTED RESULTS.

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O 170559Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM MG KERWIN C/S MACV
TO BG ANDERSON C/S III MAF
ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 9632 EYES ONLY

IN TWO MESSAGES YESTERDAY FROM WASHINGTON THE POINT
WAS RAISED AGAIN THAT IF WE FORESEE ANY OPERATION ENTERING
INTO THE DMZ THE NEGOTIATING GROUP IN PARIS MUST BE AWARE
OF IT ASAP.

AS YOU WILL RECALL GEN ABRAMS DISCUSSED THIS WITH GEN
CUSHMAN BY PHONE SOME TIME AGO REITERATED HIS DESIRE
TO BE INFORMED.

GEN ABRAMS HAS AGAIN MENTIONED THIS SUBJECT SO THIS IS TO
ALERT YOU THAT ALL CONCERNED MUST BE ON TOP OF THIS IN THE
EVENT OPERATION LANCASTER GETS INVOLVED OR IF THERE IS A
POSSIBILITY THAT THEY MIGHT.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY
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O 170218Z ZYH ZFF-3
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO LTG WEYAND CG II FFV
LTG ROSSON CG III MAF
LTG PEERS CG I FFV
MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
INFO GEN MOMYER CDR 7AF
LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
RADM VETH COMUSNAVFORV
ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 9620 EYES ONLY

1. THIS HEADQUARTERS CONDUCTS A WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE UPDATE (WIEU) EACH SATURDAY MORNING. FOLLOWING THIS UPDATE, THE OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK WITHIN EACH CTZ ARE PRESENTED. BASED ON THESE PRESENTATION I THEN DICUSS THE SITUATION WITH THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF MACV AND THE COMPONENT COMMANDERS AND ALLOCATE THE SUPPORT TO YOUR RESPECTIVE OPERATIONS OR FOR MAJOR FORTHCOMING PLANS.
2. THESE SESSIONS HAVE BEEN USEFUL. I NOW PROPOSE TO ENLARGE THESE MEETINGS TO INCLUDE EACH ACTION ADDRESSEE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS G-2 AND G-3 ON A ONCE A MONTH BASIS. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE AT 0800 JULY 20.
3. AFTER THE MACV PRESENTATION YOU WILL BE ASKED TO COMMENT, AND TO OUTLINE YOUR PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING WEEK AND BEYOND AS NECESSARY.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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TO ROSSON III MAF RVN
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UNCLAS E F I O WDC 10491 EYES ONLY
MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND CABLE. YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OVER THE
YEARS PLAYED A LARGE PART IN MY NEW ASSIGNMENT AND IN THE NOMINATION.
FOR THIS BOTH PEGGY AND I ARE GRATEFUL. AFTER MID-AUGUST WE SHALL BE
FAIRLY CLOSE NEIGHBORS AT FORT MYER. BOTH OF US LOOK FORWARD TO THIS.
WITH WARMEST REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN EE ANDERSON.
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY .

.CAPT CAULEY BECAME FATHER OF BABY GIRL 0300, 16 JUL.
8 LBS THIRTEEN OZ. ALL HANDS DOING FINE . APPRECIATE IT IF
YOU WILL NOTIFY CAPT CAULEY . DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
LTGEN CUSHMAN SENDS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGENS
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 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 RIFLE COMPANY STRENGTH (U)

1. THE SHORTAGE OF ON ROLLS STRENGTH IN RIFLE COMPANIES IS CAUSE FOR SERIOUS CONCERN TO ME AS WELL AS TO THE COMMANDANT, PARTICULARLY WHEN WE ARE AT NEARLY 100 PERCENT OF AUTHORIZED IN OCC FLD 03. THE PLAIN FACT IS THAT THIS IS ABOUT THE BEST WE CAN DO; THE MARINE CORPS IS UP AGAINST THE BLOCKS FOR MORE PERSONNEL UNLESS WE DEGRADE THE TWO YEARS IN CONUS BETWEEN RVN TOURS - WHICH I DO NOT INTEND TO RECOMMEND.
2. I FULLY REALIZE THAT THERE ARE REQUIREMENTS TO FILL MANY CATEGORY B BILLETS WITH OCC FLT 03'S AND ALSO THAT THOSE REPLACEMENTS JOINING A UNIT WHEN IT IS

PAGE 2 RUHFMMA 2525 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 COMMITTED TO ACTIVE COMBAT MUST BE TEMPORARILY
 RETAINED AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF BATTALION OR REGIMENT AND THUS
 MAY NOT ACTUALLY JOIN A RIFLE COMPANY FOR SEVERAL DAYS.
 NEVERTHELESS, ALL SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE COUNTED IN THE
 TOTAL STRENGTH FOR WHICH HQMC AND THIS HEADQUARTERS
 ARE RESPONSIBLE. ADDITIONALLY, I AM ALSO SURE THERE
 ARE OTHER VALID REASONS WHY MORE INFANTRYMEN ARE NOT
 ON ROLLS OF RIFLE COMPANIES.

3. WE HAVE ALL HAD A HARD LOOK MANY TIMES AT OUR 03 POSTURE AND WE HAVE TO TAKE STILL ANOTHER. IN THIS REGARD, I'M HAVING THE STAFF HERE LOOK INTO OUR TRANSIENT FACILITY ON OKINAWA AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF FLYING RVN DESTINED 03'S DIRECT FROM THE WEST COAST.
4. IT'S ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS IN GETTING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF MARINES INTO THE RIFLE COMPANIES. I WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER. BEST REGARDS.

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18 July 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Rifle company strengths

1. CG FMFPac addresses on rolls strengths of rifle companies. As of 12 July average on roll enlisted strengths irrespective of MOS were:

1st Division	162 or 77% of auth
3d Division	184 or 87.6% of auth

Inasmuch as we are at nearly 100% of authorized in OCC Field O3 it is quite obvious that all O3 are not assigned to rifle companies. There are perhaps considerable numbers assigned to recon units, scout and sniper platoons and security platoons of infantry headquarters companies.

2. Arbitrarily assigning other than occupational O3 to category B billets could deprive the unit of the speciality billet needed to provide the expertise in combat support and service support areas. Last year we were faced with a similar problem and FMFPac directed reassignment of O3s from Hq III MAF, many from FMAW and from FLC. Eventually most were replaced with category B billets (an assortment of MOSs).

3. CG FMFPac plans to look at the transient facility in Okinawa and is also considering direct flights from CONUS of O3s. The approach seems to be one of getting people to units faster and to eliminate delay enroute to include dead time in processing hanging around aerial parts etc. Such action would create a surge of people and may possibly offset the immediate shortage. In the long run, however, it will not increase on roll strengths, all things equal.

4. An immediate approach seems to be that each division should identify the assignment of every O3 in the division and having done so to take immediate steps to reassign as many O3s to rifle companies as possible. Concurrently, FMAW, FLC and III MAF Hq should review their O3 assets. FMFPac should consider reassignment of O3s to the two divisions and replacing "man for man" with other MOS. There are undoubtedly Marines holding MOSs other than O3 who for one reason or another may not be qualified in that MOS but have been performing in the O3 field.

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Present regulations require that these persons who are to have the MOS changed to 03 will have to undergo training in Okinawa. This may not be necessary inasmuch as these Marines have been performing 03 duties satisfactorily. The requirement for re-training should be waived if it can be determined that the individual is qualified in 03.

5. Recommend that we see what "thoughts" the divisions have. It is possible that a coordinated reply would be in order.

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P. F. PEDERSEN

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From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
 To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Rifle Company Strength

Ref: (a) CG FMFPac msg 160218Z Jul68

1. Another review should be made to determine where O3s are serving in non O3 billets. Most of this burden will fall on the divisions; however, the survey should also encompass III MAF Hq, 1st MAW, FLC and other Marine units of III MAF. Once this survey is completed, a careful review should be made of each non-TO assignment of an O3 to determine if the assignment is valid in light of reference (a). Non valid assignments should be discontinued and the billet abolished or a non-O3 assigned. For those billets found to be valid, a TO change should be recommended so that the authorized III MAF strength in OF O3 will reflect what is actually required.
2. General BUSE speaks of "on rolls strength" of rifle companies being low. I believe the greatest loss to the companies is in the area of noneffectives. These are people on the rolls but who are not available for duty because of hospitalization, administrative reasons, R&R, emergency leave, rear echelon assignment, etc. This is an area which must be closely and continuously monitored by the divisions and infantry battalions.
3. Flying people directly to RVN rather than via Okinawa would save about 2 man days per Marine since this is the average time they spend on Okinawa enroute. We would lose the advantage of a final administrative and medical check out of country. We would also lose the opportunity for the Marine to stow his excess gear. Of course, this gear could be collected when he arrives in country and shipped back to Okinawa for storage. The gain in rifle company strength from such a move would be minimal and may not offset the disadvantages. It would be interesting to see what this pipeline savings would mean in terms of Marines per rifle company in country. I don't have the pipeline figures to make this comparison. There are 96 rifle companies in RVN counting the two SIF battalions.

Very respectfully
 J. E. GLICK

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1
To: Chief of Staff

Subj: Occupational Field 03 enlisted personnel situation

1. In compliance with your instructions and in preparation of the forthcoming CMC and CG FMFPac visits, we have been analyzing the OccFld 03 situation to account for the apparent discrepancy between total on board strength which is acceptable and rifle company effective strength which is not.
2. The analysis is by no means completed, but the following paragraphs discuss the situation as of this date.
3. The primary cause throughout all commands of the discrepancy is apparently the manning of category "B" billets by OccFld 03 personnel. These personnel are, of course, charged against OccFld 03 assets but are not considered in the manning level as OccFld 03 billets. These category "B" billets are themselves, by nature, infantry-oriented -- security, scout/snipers, reconnaissance, etc. We understand that one of the decisions at the recent Manpower Conference in Hawaii was that future manning levels would identify the bulk of these billets as OccFld 03 category "A" billets. While this procedure will probably not produce more infantry ~~marines~~, it will give us a better picture of the manning level versus onboard strength situation.
4. We have identified the OccFld 03 personnel who are assigned to H&S Co III MAF, 1st MAW, and FLC to determine whether any of these Marines could be reassigned to Divisions. Currently, there are about 1,070 infantry Marines among these commands, again primarily assigned to infantry-type duties such as military police. Currently, it appears that if OccFld 03 personnel were transferred from these commands, these billets would have to be filled from other occupational fields.
5. In summary, we have identified the OccFld 03 and the category "B" billets throughout III MAF commands and the infantry personnel filling these billets. The infantry personnel on-hand situation is not as rosy as statistics previously had indicated. There are Marines outside of the Divisions filling non-OccFld 03 billets who could be transferred, but who would require replacements from other OccFlds, perhaps creating a shortage in those fields.

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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM L GEN RUSSON
UFG'S NORTH OF DMZ (S)

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PAPER ON UFG'S NORTH OF DMZ HANDED TO ME BY
DICK STILWELL AS WE DEPARTED EVANS ON 13 JULY:

QUOTE

1. THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED AS CONTRIBUTION TOWARD SOLUTION
OF UFG PROBLEM WHICH HAS PLAGUED EVERYONE FOR PAST MONTH.

2. ON 6 JULY, GENERAL TRUONG AND I WERE AT A-4 (CON THIEN)
FROM 2100-2400 HOURS. PURPOSE WAS TO VIEW UFG'S THROUGH
THE NOD ASSOCIATED WITH THE EXPERIMENTAL MITHRAS FIRE WATCH
EQUIPMENT. THE MOON WAS FULL AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED, ALONG
WITH CAPTAIN TREADWELL (MITHRAS FIRE PROJECT OFFICER). WE
DETECTED AN ESTIMATED 60 UFG'S DURING THIS THREE HOUR PERIOD.
ALL UFG'S HAD GENERALLY SAME CONFIGURATION (THE ONE POINT
ON WHICH VARIOUS OBSERVERS SEEM TO AGREE): GREENISH-WHITE
CIRCULAR SHAPE WITHIN WHICH THERE IS NORMALLY A BRIGHTER
PULSATING PINPOINT OF LIGHT. PREVAILING DIRECTIONS OF
MOVEMENT WERE WEST TO EAST, EAST TO WEST. UFG'S OBSERVED
HERE AT VARYING DISTANCES FROM A-4, VARYING ELEVATIONS ABOVE
HORIZON AND VARIED IN SPEED OF MOVEMENT ACROSS NOD RETICULE.

3. I DREW SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS FROM MY OBSERVATIONS:

A. THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS WERE POWER DRIVEN AIR
VEHICLES EMITTING SOME SORT OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT.

B. THERE WAS NO BASIS FOR DETERMINING WHETHER THE
OBJECTS WERE ROTARY OR FIXED-WING, JET OR PROP.

C. IF THE ACTIVITY WE VIEWED IN A THREE HOUR PERIOD FROM
A SINGLE OP WAS A FAIR SAMPLE, THE TOTAL ACTIVITY IN ROUTE
PACKAGE 1 THROUGHOUT THE HOURS OF DARKNESS COULD BE EXPECTED
TO BE SEVERAL TIMES GREATER. A SORTIE RATE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE
WOULD BE BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES OF THE KNOWN AIR ORDER OF
BATTLE OF NVN. ON THE OTHER HAND, AN INDETERMINATE PROPORTION
OF THE FLIGHTS COULD BE FRIENDLY.

D. MOST PERTINENTLY, THE DI STANCE OF THE UFG'S SIGHTINGS
FROM A-4 COULD NOT BE ESTIMATED. THE LASER RANGE FINDER
INTEGRAL TO THE MITHRAS EQUIPMENT DID NOT FUNCTION WHEN
ELEVATED ABOVE THE HORIZON. SIMILARLY, WHEN THE NOD IS
POINTED ABOVE THE HORIZON IT HAS NO DEPTH PERCEPTION. WE HAVE
A REASONABLE FIX ON DISTANCE TO WHICH NOD CAN DETECT GROUND
FORMS AND MOVEMENT; BUT WE SUSPECTED WE MIGHT BE IN A NEW
BALL GAME WHEN THE NOD IS USED TO SCAN A LUMINOUS SKY.

SIGNIFICANTLY, THOUGH IT WAS BRIGHT MOONLIGHT, NONE OF THE
UFG'S WERE VISIBLE THROUGH THE CO-AXIALLY MOUNTED 20 POWER

4. TO INCREASE THE DATA BASE, I ARRANGED FOR A CONTROLLED EXPERIMENT WEDNESDAY NIGHT (18 JULY) AT CAMP EVANS. WE USED AN IDENTICAL NOD WITH A HU-1 EXECUTING MANEUVERS DIRECTED FROM THE OP. THE FOLLOWING INTERESTING FACTS EMERGED:

A. AT 15 KMS DISTANCE, THE CONTROL AIRCRAFT, LIGHTS AND BEACON OFF, WAS CLEARLY DISTINGUISHABLE AS AN HU-1 THROUGH THE NOD. THE CABIN, SKIDS, TAIL BOOM AND ROTOR SHAFT WERE SHARPLY SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE SKY.

B. AT 25 KMS AND 2500 FT ALTITUDE, THE HU-1'S RED PULSATING BEACON (NOW ON) WAS CLEARLY VISIBLE TO THE UNAIDED EYE.

C. AT 45 KMS, THE HU-1 (WITH RUNNING LIGHTS AND BEACON ALTERNATELY ON), VIEWED THROUGH THE NOD TOOK ON AN APPEARANCE SIMILAR TO UFO'S SEEN AT A-4. HOWEVER, IT WAS FAR BIGGER AND BRIGHTER THAN THE GREAT BULK OF THE OBJECTS TRACKED ON 6 JULY.

D. SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS PRECLUDED MANEUVER OF THE HU-1 AT GREATER THAN 41-50 KMS. HOWEVER, THE NOD EXAMINED FLARE ACTIVITY OVER HILL 639 VIC. KHE SANH, APPROXIMATELY 75 KMS FROM CAMP EVANS. THE ORBITING G-130 FLARESHIP WAS DETECTED AND FOLLOWED AS WERE SEVERAL OTHER AIRCRAFT AT WHAT APPEARED TO BE GREATER RANGE. AGAIN, THEY WERE LARGER THAN MOST UFO SIGHTINGS ON 6 JULY.

5. THE CAMP EVANS EXPERIMENT LEADS TO ONE FIRM CONCLUSION: ALL PREVIOUS REPORTS OF UFO'S EMANATING FROM NOD STATIONS HAVE GROSSLY UNDERESTIMATED RANGE. MY GUESS IS THAT THE CONSTANT MULTIPLIER SHOULD BE 5 OR MORE.

6. ADMIRAL MOORE (CTF 90.4) AND I HAVE EVOLVED OUR OWN THEORY WHICH IS PARTIALLY SUBSTANTIATED BY THE FOREGOING AND WHICH CAN BE FURTHER TESTED. IT IS THIS: THAT MANY OF THE UFO'S BEING TRACKED ARE US NAVAL AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO OR RETURNING FROM NIGHT MISSIONS OVER NVN. WE KNOW NOW THAT THE NOD CAN RANGE OUT TO YANKEE STATION; AND WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT OUR AIRCRAFT HAVE BEACONS ON EAST OF THE SHORE LINE. ASSUMING IT MAY BE DESIRABLE TO CORRELATE NOD SIGHTINGS WITH TF 77 OPERATIONAL SCHEDULES, WE HAVE BEGUN TO TELL TO TF 90.8 THE TIME, AZIMUTH AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT OF EACH UFO DETECTED AT A-1, A-2, A-4 AND DUNG HA.

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TO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV

INFO LTG ROSSON ACG III MAF

UNCLAS E F T O PHB 1031 EYES CLNY

SUBJECT: DSM CASE OF MG BARSANTI CG 101ST ACD

AS YOU KNOW, BARSANTI WILL TURN OVER THE 101ST ACD TO ZAIS ON 19 JULY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT RECOMMENDATION FOR DSM HAS BEEN PROCESSED FAVORABLY THROUGH ALL HEADQUARTERS AND IS NOW AT DA. WOULD HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THIS AWARD AT THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AND THEREFORE REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXPEDITED APPROVAL FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY.

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S E C R E T MAC 9544 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: ALLOCATION OF MATERIAL IN SHORT SUPPLY

1. (C) RVNAF IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN A RAPID MOBILIZATION AND EXPANSION PROGRAM WHICH MACV HAS AIDED AND ENCOURAGED. TRAINING CAMPS ARE FILLED AND UNIT ACTIVATIONS ARE BEING EXPEDITED. MY CONCERN IS THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO FURNISH THE EQUIPMENT TO KEEP ABREAST OF THE REQUIREMENTS BEING GENERATED BY THE EXPANSION. ADDITIONALLY, RVNAF HAS SUBSTANTIAL MATERIEL SHORTAGES WITHIN EXISTING UNITS.

2. (S) THERE ARE SEVERAL SOURCES FOR EQUIPMENT. FIRST, THERE IS THE REGULAR MASF PROGRAM. SECOND, WE HAVE ON AN ADMOC BASIS BORROWED OR TRANSFERRED EQUIPMENT FROM COMPONENTS. THIRD, WE HAVE RECEIVED WORD INFORMALLY THAT EQUIPMENT STOCKPILED IN OKINAWA FOR THE ROK LIGHT DIVISION IS AVAILABLE TO MEET SEA REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING RVNAF MODERNIZATION. FOURTH, THERE ARE SOME ITEMS EXCESS TO U.S. REQUIREMENTS ALTHOUGH THIS SOURCE WILL PROBABLY NOT BE LUCRATIVE FOR CRITICAL MAJOR ITEMS.

3. (C) ALTHOUGH CONUS AGENCIES WILL EXPEDITE AND DIVERT MATERIEL TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, I BELIEVE WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN WITHIN SVN TO MAKE MOST EFFECTIVE SHARING OF TOTAL ASSETS. TO THIS END I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING:

A. FORMATION OF A MACV ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE TO ALLOCATE SCARCE MAJOR ITEMS, INCLUDING AMMUNITION, BETWEEN U.S. COMPONENTS, FVNAF AND RVNAF. THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE CHAIRED BY THE MACV J-4 WITH MEMBERSHIP FROM OTHER MACV STAFF AGENCIES AS APPROPRIATE AND THE COMPONENTS. A WORK GROUP WOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO PREPARE

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B. THE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD ANALYZE ASSETS, REQUIREMENTS, DUES IN, AND ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE SUPPLY INFORMATION FROM ALL U.S. COMPONENTS, FMARF AND TOWAF, AND MAKE ALLOCATIONS TO SUPPORT FOR SELECTED, CRITICAL ITEMS. SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION IS DEPENDENT ON COMPLETE SHARING OF ASSETS DATA ON ITEMS TO BE ALLOCATED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE INITIAL LIST WOULD BE LIMITED TO 25 ITEMS.

C. THE CHAIRMAN, ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE, WOULD HAVE FINAL AUTHORITY ON ALLOCATION DECISIONS EXCEPT THAT THE COMPONENT COMMANDER COULD AT ANY TIME EXERCISE HIS RIGHT OF APPEAL TO COMUSMACV.

4. (U) THE PROPOSAL OUTLINED ABOVE HAS PROCEDURAL, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDING IMPLICATIONS. HOWEVER, THESE ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE INSURMOUNTABLE AND WILL BE EXPLORED WITH CINCPAC PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL.

5. (U) REQUEST YOUR COMMENT OR CONCURRENCE IN THE CONCEPT ON AN EXPEDITED BASIS IN ORDER THAT THE CONCEPT MAY BE FURTHER EXPLORED ASAP WITH CINCPAC, THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS AND OCS. //

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TO LTG GASSON ACD III AF

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THE FOLLOWING MSC TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR INFO

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1. BELOW ARE LISTS REQUESTED.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING FIRST DUTY HOURS.
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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO GEN MONYER CDR 7TH AF
 LTG MILBURN CDR USAFV
 LTG ROSSON ACTG CDR III MAF
 LTG WEYAND CDR II FFV
 LTG PEERS CDR I CFFV
 RADM VETH COMNAVAFV
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SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

REF: A. MACV DIRECTIVE 100-1

B. MAC 7236, 021182Z JUL 68

C. MAC 7258, 03 0032Z JUL 68

D. MAC 7400, 050520Z JUL 68

1. AT THE COMMANDER'S MENTION ON 4 JULY, SOME COMMANDERS REQUESTED FURTHER GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS POLICY OF THIS COMMAND.
2. THE HONOLULU PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE OF MARCH 1968 LAID DOWN THE BASIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS PRINCIPLE IN CONNECTION WITH THE WAR IN VIETNAM -- THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PRESS, CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENT FOR SECURITY. THIS PRINCIPLE WAS AGREED TO AT THAT TIME BY COM, STATE, USAF, USAF-PAC, ARMY, SAIGON AND COMUSMACV. IT HAS NOT CHANGED SINCE.
3. REFERENCE A WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT THIS PRINCIPLE. IT IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVISION, BUT WILL CONTINUE THIS SUPPORT. THE DIRECTIVE ALSO CONTAINS COMPARABLE MATERIAL DESIGNED TO ASSIST COMMANDERS IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS.
4. OPERATING UNDER THE 1968 BASIC PRINCIPLE, I HAVE OBSERVED SEVERAL POINTS IN REFERENCES B, C, AND D. THESE ARE:
 - A. LET OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES (REF B). LET THE PRESS OBTAIN THE FACTS SURROUNDING THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OBTAIN THEM IN PROPER PERSPECTIVE. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS FROM THIS GUIDANCE THAT WE MUST ABSTAIN FROM THE "HARD SELL", PUBLICITY PROMOTION SCHEMES, AND OVER-OPTIMISM.
 - B. ENSURE THAT UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED THE PRESS. DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ANSWER A PRESS QUERY WITH "NO COMMENT." (REF C).
 - C. BOTH GOOD AND BAD NEWS WILL BE RELEASED TO THE PRESS, BUT ONLY AFTER THEIR ACCURACY HAS BEEN ASCERTAINED. (REF D).
5. NOT SPECIFICALLY COVERED IN ANY OF THE REFERENCES IS THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF ANY SOUND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM IS THAT WE SHOULD AFFORD TO REACT TO PRESS CRITICISM OR THAT WE CONSIDER CAREFUL, NON-OBJECTIVE REPORTING BY SUCCESSING TO THE TEMPTATION TO REFUSE TO MEET THE PRESS OR BY LARNING THEM ARBITRARILY FROM OUR AREAS. SUCH ACTION ACT ONLY ENCOURAGES MORE CRITICISM, BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, DENIES THE PRESS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT ON OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

TO SUMMARIZE, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE ESSENTIALLY CONSERVATIVE IN OUR APPROACH TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS, BUT NOT TO THE POINT OF WITHHOLDING INFORMATION FROM THE PRESS WHICH DOES NOT GENUINELY INVOLVE SECURITY

NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONE DELIVERED DURING DUTY H

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7	CG					REMARKS CG - our Force Surgeon is contacting Col. Le Bourdais who will provide you with a report on Lt Myer. <i>W. R. [Signature]</i>
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THIS CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE ASSIGNED A FILE NUMBER AS LISTED BELOW.

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FM SSO MACV
TO CG III MAF
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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 9471 STAFF
PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MSG TO LTG ROSSON PER THE INSTRUCTIONS
OF MG KENAN
QUOTE

O 130128Z ZYH ZFF-1

FM MG KENAN CG FT ORD CALIF
TO BG EARL F. COLE DEPUTY ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR CORDS HQ MACV
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UNCLAS E F T O SFM 1124 EYES ONLY
WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD INQUIRE INTO THE HOSPITALIZATION
AND CONDITION OF LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. MEYER, OF 111734, LAST KNOWN
TO BE IN THE 95TH EVACUATION HOSPITAL. LIEUTENANT MEYER IS THE SON
OF BG MONK MEYER. WOULD APPRECIATE EXPEDITIOUS REPLY. THANKS FOR
YOUR ASSISTANCE. BEST REGARDS.
UNQUOTE

SSO MACV NOTE: BG COLE WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR DELIVERY OF
ORIGINAL MESSAGE. WHEN ADVISED OF THIS AND FACT THAT 95TH
EVAC HOSPITAL IS LOCATED IN DANANG, MG KENAN REQUESTED
MESSAGE BE RELEASED TO LTG ROSSON. DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.
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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO GEN WHEELER CJCS
 INFO ADM SHARP CINCPAC
 LTG ROSSON III MAF
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S E C R E T MAC 9458 ESES ONLY

REF: JCS 07752 DTG 121831Z (TS)

1. (S) REFERENCE MENTIONS NEED TO SHOW ARVN TAKING OVER MORE OF THE WAR AND REQUESTS STATUS OF PLANS FOR ARVN TO OCCUPY ADDITIONAL SPOS POSITIONS ALONG THE DMZ, FREEING MARINE BATTALION AT CON THIEN AND OTHER MARINE UNITS FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS.
2. (S) IN ORDER TO PERF RM ARVN DUEL BLADE TASKS, THE 2ND ARVN REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIVISION, HAS BEEN INCREASED TO FIVE INFANTRY BATTALIONS OF FOUR COMPANIES EACH AND A SUPPORTING SQUADRON OF THREE MECHANIZED INFANTRY TROOPS IS SCHEDULED TO BECOME OPERATIONAL IN AUGUST. 2ND ARVN REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIVISION NOW OCCUPIES A-1, A-2, AND C-1 WITH ONE BATTALION EACH. MARINE UNITS HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO ONE COMPANY EACH AT A-3, A-4, C-2, C-3 AND C-4.
3. (S) CURRENT PLANS FOCUS ON DEVELOPING 1ST ARVN DIVISION CAPABILITY FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS IN DMZ INSTEAD OF OCCUPYING ADDITIONAL STRONG POINTS AT THIS TIME. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING PERIOD 16 TO 26 JULY ONE ARVN REGIMENT OF TWO OR THREE BATTALIONS WILL PARTICIPATE WITH TWO MARINE REGIMENTS IN A COMBAT SWEEP SOUTHWARD FROM DMZ AREA WEST OF CON THIEN. THE 2ND ARVN REGIMENT HAS ALREADY COMPILED AN OUTSTANDING COMBAT RECORD, KILLING ABOUT 2200 ENEMY SINCE TET AT A COST OF ABOUT 260 KIA.
4. (S) ANTICIPATE PHASING ARVN UNITS INTO ADDITIONAL STRONG POINTS LATER WHEN DESIRED LEVEL OF ARVN PARTICIPATION IN MOBILE OPERATIONS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED AND WHEN NEW 1ST ARVN DIVISION UNITS NOW UNDERGOING TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL SEASONING BECOME AVAILABLE.

SSO NOTE: MESSAGE BEING SENT TO BOTH SSO ALCOM AND AFSSO YOKOTA FOR GEN WHEELER. IF ALCOM MAKES DELIVERY NOTIFY AFSSO YOKOTA. PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION. DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN TOMPKINS FROM MAJ
 GEN THARIN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION

1. MAJ KAUFFMAN DEPARTS HONOLULU AT 122050W VIA
 MAC FLIGHT V271 FOR KADENA, ENROUTE TO III MAF.
 HE HAS WITH HIM THE PROPOSED PRESENTATION
 FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF
 EXERCISES AT DUNTRON, INCLUDING THE COMPLETE
 SCRIPT PLUS ALL TRAINING AIDS.
2. WE ARE PREPARED HERE TO MAKE MINOR OR COMPLETE
 REVISION TO THIS PRESENTATION, DEPENDENT ON YOUR
 DESIRES. THERE REMAINS ADEQUATE TIME PRIOR TO THE
 EXERCISES FOR THIS PURPOSE. KAUFFMAN CAN BRING
 CHANGES BACK WITH HIM AND WE CAN DO THE WORK HERE.
3. COL LEROY FREY WILL BRING THE FINISHED VERSION

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 WITH HIM WHEN HE JOINS UP WITH YOU.

4. GEN BUSE'S LETTER TO GEN DALY HAS NOT BEEN
 ANSWERED YET. WHEN A REPLY IS RECEIVED, WE WILL
 ANSWER IT, TELLING GEN DALY THAT WE HAVE ADVISED
 YOU TO COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY WITH HIM REGARDING DETAILED
 ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS EVENT.
 BEST REGARDS.

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 TO LTG ROSSON CG III MAF
 MG STILWELL CG PCV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PCV 531 EYES ONLY

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY MESSAGE AVTACL 241323Z JULY 1967 FOR LTG ROSSON AND MG STILWELL WITH RESPECT TO OBTAINING AUTHORITY TO RE-MAIN THE PARKING SPACE AND REVETMENTS FOR THE SIX CH-54 CRANES AT DA NANG AFB ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

2. ON 12 JULY THE FOLLOWING NOTICE WAS RECEIVED FROM CG, 359TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING, DA NANG AFB: "A REQUIREMENT FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL USAF AIRCRAFT IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AT DA NANG AIR BASE PROMPT THIS REQUEST TO MOVE THE (6) ARMY CRANES OF YOUR ORGANIZATION TO

ANOTHER LOCATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

3. IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS EVENT, A CONTINUOUS EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS TO OBTAIN A LONG TERM SOLUTION FOR THE CRANES. THESE EFFORTS AT MY LEVEL HAVE NOT BEEN PRODUCTIVE. IN THE FACE OF THE AIR FORCE REQUEST, IT WILL TAKE HIGH LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS TO RETAIN THE PARKING AREAS AND REVETMENTS AT DA NANG. IF UNSUCCESSFUL, IT WILL TAKE AN EQUAL HIGH LEVEL EFFORT TO OBTAIN REAL ESTATE, REVETMENT MATERIALS AND ENGINEER EFFORT TO PROVIDE A NEW LOCATION IN NORTHERN I CORPS AREA. ALSO CONSIDERABLE TIME WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE RELOCATING

4. THE INITIAL SOLUTION WHICH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE OFFERED IS RED BEACH. THIS IS UNSOUND BECAUSE OF ITS VULNERABILITY TO ENEMY ATTACK AS HAS BEEN EXPERIENCED IN THE PAST.

5. IN MY OPINION, OUR APPROACH SHOULD BE TO RETAIN THE LOCATION AT DA NANG UNTIL A LONG TERM SOLUTION CAN BE DEVELOPED.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY. DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 9411 EYES ONLY
REF JCS 07757 DTG 121831Z (PASEP)

I NEED YOUR VIEWS ASAP TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR
AN ANSWER TO THE CHAIRMAN.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY: SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
MSG JCS 07757 DTG 121831Z IS PASSED TO YOUR UNDER MAC 9409 STAFF
DTG 130025Z PER COMUSMACV FOR LTG ROSSON
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O 110504Z ZYH ZFF-3
FM MG KERWIN C/S MACV
TO LTG ROSSON ACG III MAF
MG STILWELL ACG PCV
LTG PEERS CG IFFV
LTG WEYAND CG IIFFV
MG ECKHARDT SA IV CTZ
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SECRET MAC 9208 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: ARC LIGHT LTAISON VISIT

REF: MACV DIRECTIVE 95-14, DATED 3 JULY 1968,

SUBJECT: ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS

AN ARC LIGHT TEAM COMPRISED OF OPERATIONS AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONEL WILL VISIT YOUR HEADQUARTERS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THE PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT IS TO BRIEF THE NEW MACV ARC LIGHT DIRECTIVE (REF) AND TO DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT AND NOMINATION OF TARGETS. THIS VISIT WILL ALSO PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF ARC LIGHT INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES AND AFFORD THE VISITING TEAM AN OPPORTUNITY TO SOLICIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE B-52 FORCE. DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT WILL BE COORDINATED WITH YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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