

- 59 ~~24.~~ ~~CG FMAN 070810Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 60 ~~25.~~ ~~MSG KERWIN 081205Z JUL68 (S)~~
~~SECY KERWIN TO ANDERSON~~
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- 61 ~~26.~~ ~~CG FMAN 081116Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
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- 62 27. GEN HARRELL 082035Z JUL68 (U)
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- 63 28. LTC BERGE 082144Z JUL68 (U)
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- 64 29. 29. COL DUQUEMIN 082209Z JUL68 (21)
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- 65 30. CG THIRD MARDIV 090042Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
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HELICOPTERBORNE TROOP DEPLOYMENTS - CONGRASS TO FMAW
- 66 ~~31.~~ ~~MSG KERWIN 090043Z JUL68 (S)~~
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- 67 32. LTG BERGE 091753Z JUL68 (U)
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- 68 33. CG MARCORB QUANT 092120Z JUL68 (U)
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- 69 34. CG THIRD MARDIV 090046Z JUL68 (C) *gang-4*
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- 70 35. ADMNO FMFPAC 100102Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
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- 71 ~~36.~~ ~~CG FMAN 100150Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
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- 72 37. CG FMAN 101130Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
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- 73 38. ADMIN FMFPAC 102216Z JUL68(S)
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- 74 39. TOWNSEND 102230Z JUL68 (21)
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- 45 10. CG FMFPAC 030211Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
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- 46 11. CG FMFPAC 030359Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *group-4*
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- 47 12. MGEN KERWIN 030824Z JUL68 (C) *group - not shown*
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- 48 13. MILDREN 031045Z JUL68 (U)
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- ~~49~~ 14. ~~CG FMAW 031206Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
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- 50 15. COMUSMACV 020850Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
ABRAMS TO WHEELER & ALL
PACIFICATION IN SVN DURING MAY 1968 (U)
- 51 16. CG PCV 032328Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
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LUNCH ON 7 JUL
- 52 17. CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV 041323Z JUL68 *gp-4*
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- ~~53~~ 18. ~~CG FMAW 041610Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
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- 54 19. CG FMFPAC 042345Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
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- ~~55~~ 20. ~~CG FMAW 051530Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 56 21. CG FMFPAC 052015Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CHAPMAN INFO TOMPKINS & QUILTER
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- ~~57~~ 22. ~~CG FMAW 061100Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 58 23. CG PCV 070511Z JUL68 (S) *Group-4*
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CONGRATS ON SMOOTH PULL-OUT OF KHE SANH

- 30 ~~45~~. EWELL, CG 9TH INF DIV 300030Z JUN68 (U)
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ATTEND CHANGE OF CMD 3/5TH CAV
- 31 ~~46~~. CG THIRD MARDIV 301440Z JUN68 (S) *gp-4*
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- ~~32~~ ~~47~~. ~~CG FIRST MAF 301730Z JUN68 (S MCFB)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 33 ~~48~~. CG THIRD MARDIV 010054Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
BLT ROTATION
- 34 ~~49~~. LTG PEERS 010320Z JUL68 (U)
PEERS TO ROSSON
WO APPOINTMENT TO CAPTAIN
- 35 ~~50~~. MG KERWIN 010346Z JUL68 (U)
APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY
- 36 ~~51~~. MG KERWIN ~~010958Z~~ 010958Z JUL68 (C) *group - not shown*
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- ~~37~~ ~~52~~. ~~CG FMFM 011036Z JUL68 (S MCFB)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 38 ~~53~~. CG FMFPAC 012007Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
BUSE TO TOMPKINS
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- 39 ~~54~~. CG FIRST MARDIV 020110Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
YOUNGDALE TO ANDERSON
SLF
- ~~40~~ ~~55~~. ~~CG FMFM 020655Z JUL68 (S MCFB)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 41 ~~56~~. CG AMERICAL DIV 020820Z JUL68 (S) *group-4*
GETTYS TO ROSSON
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- 42 ~~57~~. COMSEVENTHFLT 020832Z JUL68 (U)
BRINGLE TO GLICK
ATTENDANCE AT FOREIGN AWARDS CEREMONY
- 43 ~~58~~. GEN ABRAMS 021019Z JUL68 (C) *group-4*
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CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS
- 44 ~~59~~. CMC 021130Z JUL68 (C) *group-4*
CHAPMAN TO TOMPKINS
CROSS OF GALLANTRY FOR CPL MARGARITIS

0 102230Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM TOWNSEND S9S WASHINGTON
TO ROSSON III NAF RVN
ZEM

UNCLAS E F T O WTC 10100 EYES ONLY

1. SFC MOSES W. PADILLA IS AVAILABLE AND WILL BE ASSIGNED AS YOUR COOK. HIS ORDERS REQUIRE HIM TO REPORT NOT LATER THAN 03 AUG.
2. OPC IS GETTING NAMES OF THOSE MORE TALISTED MEN FOR INTERVIEW AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL, WHO ARE CAPABLE OF STEERING, TENDING BAR, AND PERFORMING GENERAL HOUSEHOLD DUTIES.
3. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: PRIORITY FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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PP RUMUGRA
 DE RUHFMMA 1628 1922216
 ZNY SSSSS
 P 192216Z JUL 68
 FM ADMINSO FMFPAC
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DNG
 BT

SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN TOMPKINS FROM
 MGEN THARIN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 EMPLOYMENT OF SLF'S (U)

A. CG III MAF DNG 080738Z/JUL68

1. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN GEN BUSE'S
 POSITION ON REFERENCE A AND HE CONCURS WITH
 YOUR APPROACH AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE PRACTICE OF
 DESIGNATING SLF BATTALIONS FROM THE FIRST AND THIRD
 MARINE DIVISIONS. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS THE FACT THAT
 THIS PERIODIC TOUR OF DUTY WITH THE FLEET RENEWS THE
 AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE EXPERTISE OF EACH BLT SO ASSIGNED.

2. SPECIFICALLY, GEN BUSE'S POSITION IS:

A. THAT WE CONTINUE TO PURSUE RESUMPTION OF THE
 INTRA-THEATER BLT ROTATION PROGRAM WITH REHABILITATION
 AND TRAINING ON OKINAWA.

B. THAT NO BATTALION BE REDESIGNATED, E.G., 2/7 AND

PAGE 2 RUHFMMA1628 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN
 2/4 AS BATTALIONS OF THE 26TH MARINES.

C. THAT SLF A (BLT 2/4) COMMENCE REEMBARKATION AS
 SCHEDULED ON OR ABOUT 22 JULY 1968 AND ADHERE TO THE
 SLF SCHEDULE AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE, SUBJECT TO
 MODIFICATION OF THE SCHEDULE TO SHOW OKINAWA VICE
 SUBIC IN SEPTEMBER. BEST REGARDS.

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RR RUMUGRA RUMHVP RUMLMPA
 DE RUHFMA 1481 192010Z
 ZNY CCCCC
 R 102102Z JUL 68

~~FM ADMIRAL FMBAC~~
~~TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF~~
 INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUMLMPA/CG FORLOGCMD
 BT

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

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN TOMPKINS INFO MGEN DAVIS AND BGEN OLSEN
 FROM MGEN THARIN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

~~CUA VIET FUEL LOSSES~~

A. CG III MAF 05225SZ/JULY (C)

1. THE PLAN MADE AND ACTIONS TAKEN, AS EXPRESSED IN REF A, TO REDUCE CLASS III AND V LOSSES DUE TO ENEMY ACTION IN THE DONG HA, CUA VIET AND QUANG TRI SUPPORT COMPLEX ARE FINE.
2. I HAVE REVIEWED THE IDEAS ON FUEL BLADDER PROTECTION SENT BY WIRENOTE TO THE MAF ENGINEER. I BELIEVE THE NSAI MAT CHALET ROOF TYPE SHELTER IDEA HAS MERIT AS AN EXPEDIENT, AND WOULD BE REASONABLY EASY TO BUILD. RECOMMEND THIS BE TRIED AT AN EARLY DATE. WOULD APPRECIATE AN INFORMAL EVALUATION REPORT IF THE IDEA IS USED. THE PRECAST CONCRETE ARCH IDEA APPEARS TO

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 1481 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCOB
 BE A LONGER TERM SOLUTION. I AM ADVISED THAT THIS SYSTEM IS A LOGICAL CANDIDATE FOR THE TACTICAL SUPPORT FUNCTIONAL COMPONENT (TSFC) PROGRAM THOUGH NO REQUIREMENT TO CONSTITUTE IT AS A COMPONENT HAS YET BEEN MADE. RECOMMEND YOU DISCUSS WITH RADN BARTLETT. BEST REGARDS.

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 DE RUMHVP 2131D 191004G
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 090046Z JUL 68
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO RUMUGRA/CG IIX MAF
 INFO RUMHMA/CG PCV
 BT

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

PERSONAL TO GEN ROSSON FROM NGEN DAVIS

QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE

1. AS YOU KNOWN, THE 3D DIV HAS BEEN BUILDING THE QTCB SINCE LATE FEBRUARY AFTER APPROVAL OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN JANUARY. WHILE CONSTRUCTION WAS UNDERSTANDABLY DELAYED DUE TO MORE URGENT DEMANDS ON TRANSPORTATION AFTER THE TET OFFENSIVE, WE HAVE LOST A GOOD SHARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION SEASON WITH VERY LITTLE HAVING BEEN BUILT TO DATE.

2. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT A RECENT DECISION HAS BEEN MADE TO GET THE QTCB DEVELOPMENT MOVING BY FUNDING THE HIGH PRIORITY ITEMS THROUGH THE IFSC PROGRAM PENDING RECEIPT OF MCON FUNDS.

3. IN ORDER THAT MY UNITS MAY BE UP OUT OF THE MUD BY THE COMING MONSOON SEASON I ASK YOU TO ENCOURAGE THE APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION AGENCIES TO PROCEED WITH ALL HASTE AND TO CONTINUE TO PRESS FOR THE REQUIRED FUNDING SUPPORT.

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 PTTEZYUW RUEBJMA3399 1912040-EEEE--RUMUGRA.
 ZNY EEEEE
 P R 092120Z JUL 68
 FM CG MARCORB QUANT
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 INFO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUEBHOA/CMC
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 UNCLAS E F T O
 FOR MGEN TOMPKINS
 A. CMC SPDLTR DFA3R-AHD OF 5JUL68 NOTAL
 1. REF A ADV FITNESS RPT CASE OF COL F. I. FENTON 015170
 FOR PRD 28NOV67-30APR68 NOT RECD. COL FENTON STATES WAS
 SUBMITTED. ROR BY SEL BD NOW IN SESSION. PLEASE EXPEDITE.
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O 817:30 YH PP-4

FM LTC BRIDGE CHIEF CGR JOSEPH JACOB

TO LTC ROSSON CG III NAF

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UNCLAS E F T O WIC 10255 EYES ONLY

WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THE PAPERWORK HERE FOR THE MOVEMENT OF YOUR HQ FROM TAMPA. WE REQUESTED A DELIVERY DATE OF 28 AUGUST. IN HARRING ANY UNFORESEEN PROBLEM THE SHIPMENT SHOULD ARRIVE AS YOU DESIRE.

WE ALSO ISSUED YOUR ORDERS TODAY ASSIGNING YOU TO OJCS EFFECTIVE 1 AUGUST WITH A REPORTING DATE OF 3 SEPTEMBER. YOUR REASSIGNMENT WILL APPEAR IN PARAGRAPH 3, LAGO 133, DATED 9 JULY 1968. TAG IS DISPATCHING THE ORDER BY FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGE.

IF I CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

WARM REGARDS.

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 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO RUMHMA CG 3073
 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF
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S E C R E T

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN SYLWELA, INFO LTGEN ROSSON AND MAJGEN QUILLER

1. SINCE LATE MAY THIS DIVISION HAS CONDUCTED AN EXTENSIVE NUMBER OF SHORT-NOTICE HELICOPTERBORNE TROOP DEPLOYMENTS IN RESPONSE TO DETECTED ENEMY PRESENCE. EXAMPLES OF THE DEPLOYMENTS ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. 22-24 MAY: TWELVE COMPANIES ESTABLISHED A CORDON IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE IN EXPLOITATION OF AN INITIAL CONTACT. HELICOPTERS WERE USED TO POSITION ELEMENTS FOR COORDINATE GROUND ACTION.

B. 18 MAY: TEN USMC COS PLUS ARVN FORCES MOVED BY HELO AND OVERLAND TO A CORDON IN THE ROUTE 1/THUONG NEMIA AREA.

C. 28 MAY: ELEVEN USMC COS DEPLOYED PRINCIPALLY BY HELO

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 IN ATTACK AND BLOCKING PSES INTO HOCHS CREEK/NNH MA/ ROX AN A JEA.

D. 2-19 JUN: TWO REGTS (SEVEN BNS) CONDUCTED A SERIES OF SHORT NOTICE HELICOPTER ASSAULTS ON SELECTED OBJECTIVES IN THE SOUTH SCOTLAND AO.

2. IN ADDITION THERE HAS BEEN A CONTINUOUS REDISPOSITION, MOSTLY BY HELICOPTER, OF COMPANIES AND BNS WITH THE GOALS OF:

A. MEETING SPECIAL SECURITY COMMITMENTS (E.G. CONVOY, QUANG TRI BASE).

B. CONDUCTING SPECIAL OPNS AS NECESSARY (E.G. OPN WITH ARVN NORTH OF CAM LO, DELTA-5/XIA VALLEY OPN, 3D MARINES IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE).

C. ROTATING UNITS THROUGH REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

D. REALIGNING BNS WITH THEIR PARENT REGT.

3. THE SUPPORT OF THE 1ST MAF HELICOPTERS HAS BEEN OF THE HIGHEST ORDER OVER THIS PERIOD AND HAS PROVIDED EVIDENCE OF THE FULL EXTENT OF AIR/GROUND CAPABILITIES. IT HAS BEEN ONLY THROUGH HELICOPTERS FLEXIBILITY IN DIVERTING FROM OTHER MISSIONS AND MUSTERING ALL AVAILABLE HELOS THAT THE LIMITED INFANTRY ASSETS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ACHIEVE MOBILITY NECESSARY TO COVER

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THE SIZEABLE DIV AO.

4. THE NEED TO LESSEN REQUIREMENT FOR UNECONOMICAL A10 PRECIPITATE SHIFTING OF FORCES IS MANIFEST. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE IS THE REDUCTION OF LEVEL OF COMMITMENT FOR 1ST MAW HELICOPTERS. BOTH TOTAL HELO FLIGHT REQUIREMENTS AND UNSCHEDULED COMMITMENTS MUST BE REDUCED TO PERMIT GREATER AND MORE EFFICIENT MAINTENANCE WHILE MEETING THE NEEDS OF ALL WING SUPPORTED UNITS. TO ACHIEVE THESE GOALS, REQUEST ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL FORCES TO 3D MARDIV. ONE REGT HQ AND TWO BNS OR THEIR EQUIVALENT IN ADDITION TO CURRENT TWELVE INF BNS ON HAND WOULD PERMIT DESIRED POSTURE.

5. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE INCREASE IN 3D MARDIV FORCES ACHIEVED BY OBTAINING 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH) WILL BE LARGELY OFFSET BY THE EXTENSION IN DIV AO ANTICIPATED IN LATE AUG. THUS THE STATED REQUIREMENT FOR FORCES EXISTS NOW AND INTO THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. THE FORTHCOMING MONSOON SEASON WILL ALSO ADVERSELY EFFECT HELO AND GROUND MOBILITY. THIS LIMITATION CAN ONLY BE OVERCOME BY SUFFICIENT FORCES DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE AO ALREADY WITHIN GROUND OPERATING RANGE OF POTENTIAL ENEMY INTRUSION.

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TO CG III, MAP (LT GEN ROSSON)

ZEM

UNCLAS E F T O EYES ONLY JCS/J-5 07538 JULY 68

REF: YOUR 031340Z

1. (U) AN APPROPRIATE DISPLAY OF WEAPONS WILL BE ARRANGED IN OR NEAR FRONT OFFICE HOPEFULLY PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL.

2. (U) J-3 HAS DISPLAY OF NINE WEAPONS IMMEDIATELY OUTSIDE THE ENTRANCE TO THAT DIRECTORATE. DISPLAY IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING WEAPONS:

- 7.62 SUBMACHINEGUN (CHICOM TYPE 50 MODIFIED)
- 40 MM ANTI TANK GRENADE LAUNCHER (SOVIET RPG CHICOM TYPE 56)
- 7.62 MM LIGHT MACHINE GUN (SOVIET RPD CHICOM TYPE 56)
- 7.62 MM CARBINE (SOVIET SKS CHICOM TYPE 56)
- 7.62 MM RIFLE SOVIET M 1891/30 CHICOM TYPE UNK
- 7.62 COMPANY MACHINEGUN (SOVIET RP-46 CHICOM TYPE 58)
- 60 MM MORTAR US DESIGN, (CHICOM TYPE 31)
- 7.62 MM ASSAULT RIFLE, (SOVIET AK-47)
- 7.62 SUBMACHINEGUN MODIFIED, (CHICOM TYPE 50 MODIFIED)
- 7.62 MM PISTOL, HAND PRODUCED IN RVN BY VC

3. (U) SUGGEST IF POSSIBLE FIVE MORE WEAPONS BE SENT TO PERMIT A DISPLAY COMPARABLE TO J-3'S PLUS PLACEMENT OF A FEW WEAPONS WITHIN THE DIRECTORATE CONFERENCE ROOM OR YOUR OFFICE IF YOU SO DESIRE. THE RPG 7 WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION IF NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRESENT SHIPMENT.

4. (U) I WILL FORWARD SHORTLY MISCELLANEOUS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

5. (U) ARMY HAS INDICATED YOUR ARRIVAL DATE IN WASHINGTON AREA IS 20 AUGUST. WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.

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LTC BERNE, CHIEF GOB DCSPER WASH
TO LTJAG, ROSSON CG III MAF

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UNCLAS E F T O WDC 10023 EYES ONLY

I AM TRYING TO WORK OUT A DEAL HERE WHERE I CAN SIGN THE
REQUEST TO HAVE YOUR RHG DELIVERED ON THE 28TH OF AUGUST. THE
ONLY HANG UP IS THE POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT FOR YOUR PERSONAL
SIGNATURE ON THE SHIPMENT REQUEST. I SHOULD HAVE IT RESOLVED
IN THE NEXT 24 TO 48 HOURS.

IF WE DO HAVE TO HAVE YOUR SIGNATURE, I'LL MAIL THE PAPERS
TO YOU. AT ANY RATE, I'LL LET YOU KNOW THE OUTCOME IN A DAY OR
TWO.

WARM REGARDS.

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TO LTG ROSSON CG III MAF
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UNCLAS E F T O SFN 1073 EYES ONLY

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS.
NATURALLY, WE ARE DELIGHTED. MY REPLY IS DELAYED BECAUSE I HAVE
JUST RETURNED FROM THE 1 JULY ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND CEREMONIES
IN IZMIR. NOW HARRIET AND I ARE INVOLVED IN PACKING FOR SHIP-
MENT AND STORAGE AND WILL BE ON OUR WAY IN ANOTHER 10 DAYS.
HARRIET JOINS ME IN WARM REGARDS.

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TO LIG ROSSON CG III MAP
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UNCLAS E F T O SFN 1073 EYES ONLY

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS.
NATURALLY, WE ARE DELIGHTED. MY REPLY IS DELAYED BECAUSE I HAVE
JUST RETURNED FROM THE 1 JULY ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND CEREMONIES
IN IZMIR. NOW HARRIET AND I ARE INVOLVED IN PACKING FOR SHIP-
MENT AND STORAGE AND WILL BE ON OUR WAY IN ANOTHER 10 DAYS.
HARRIET JOINS ME IN WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY. DELIVER DURING
DUTY HOURS

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 INFO RUMHAW/CG 1ST MAW LN
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 BT

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PERSONAL FOR: MSG DAVIS FROM: MSG SELWELL INFO: LTG ROSSON AND
 NG QUALTER

MY SEVERAL VISITS TO KHE SANH AND SURROUNDING AREAS HAVE PERMITTED
 CLOSE OBSERVATION OF THE WORK OF THE 3D MARINE DIV AND SUPPORTING
 ELEMENTS OF THE I MAF IN FINALIZING THE INACTIVATION OF THAT COMBAT
 BASE AND OUT MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES AND PERSONNEL. IT WAS A
 EXCEPTIONALLY WELL PLANNED, ORGANIZED AND CONDUCTED OPERATION IN
 SHORT, A HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL JOB. THE THOROUGHNESS WITH WHICH
 SEVERAL PHASES- RANGING FROM EVACUATION OF EVERYTHING REUSABLE
 DEMOLITION OR BURING OF IMPEDEMENTS OF POTENTIAL USE TO THE ENEMY,
 BURYING OF RESIDUE AND OVERALL LEVELING OF THE BASE WERE CARRIED OUT
 MEET THE MOST STRINGENT CRITERIA. PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF YOUR

PAGE 2 RUMMA 587 S E C R E T

ACCOMPLISHMENT WILL CONSTITUTE IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE THAT THE SHIFT
 TO A MOBILE POSTURE IN WESTERN QUANG TRI WAS DELIBERATELY AND
 METHODICALLY EXECUTED

SO MANY UNITS ORGANIC TO OR IN SUPPORT OF YOUR DIVISION DESERVE
 CREDIT FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE ROLES IN THE UNDERTAKING THAT IT IS
 DIFFICULT TO SINGLE OUT ANY GROUP FOR SPECIAL PRAISE. BUT, APART
 FROM THE COMMAND GROUPS OF TF HOTEL AND THE 1ST MARINES, I WAS
 IMPRESSED BY THE HARD, SUSTAINED EFFORTS OF THE WORK PARTIES OF THE
 M9, DOZER OPERATORS, LONG HAUL TRACK DRIVERS, CARGO HELICOPTER
 CREWS AND EOD PERSONNEL.

I CONGRATULATE THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND ASSOCIATED ELEMENTS OF THE
 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING FOR A TRULY OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE.

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 THE CHAPMAN INFO MAJGEN TONKINS AND MAJGEN
 GUNTER FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS.

CH-46 PHASE II MODIFICATION PROGRAM (PROJECT SIGMA) (U)

A. ADMINSO FMFPAC 192953Z/APR 68 (PAGE P)
 B. ADMINSO COMNAVAIR PAC 311953Z/JUL 68 (PAGE P)
 1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE
 ON THE CH-46 PHASE II MODIFICATION PROGRAM (PROJECT
 SIGMA) AS VIEWED FROM HERE.
 2. MONDAY AFTERNOON I RECEIVED A BRIEFING FROM THE
 NAVAIRSYSCOM-BOEING VERTOL TEAM WHICH WAS RETURNING
 FROM A WESTPAC SVING IN CONNECTION WITH THIS PROGRAM.
 THE ESSENCE OF THE BRIEFING AS PRESENTED HERE CALLED FOR

PAGE 2 RUHHFM2672 CONFIDENTIAL SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE MORG
 A MAJOR EFFORT ON OKINAWA WITH A RESULTANT DRAWDOWN
 OF UP TO TWENTY-TWO F-4U AIRCRAFT THROUGHOUT
 A TYPICAL PERIOD OF ABOUT NINE MONTHS. CONSIDERING
 SHIPPING AND SUPPORT PROBLEMS, BOTH OF THOSE FIGURES
 MAY WELL BE OPTIMISTIC.

3. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, FOLLOWING THE INITIAL BRIEF-
 INGS ON THE MGE II PROGRAM, WE STATED THE FOLLOWING
 POSITION IN REF A:

A. MILITARY PARTICIPATION SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MIN-
 IMUM ESSENTIAL SERVICES.

B. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ACFT SHOULD BE MODIFIED
 IN CONJUNCTION WITH PAR AND DAMAGE REPAIR AT FAWRA
 AND THE MARY'S.

C. REDUCTION IN FIRST MAW CH-46 ASSETS MUST BE
 KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM DURING THE MGE EFFORT.

D. F-4U ACFT SHOULD BE MODIFIED PRIOR TO
 DEPLOYMENT.

SUBSEQUENTLY, PLANNING CHANGES HAVE
 BEEN ENACTED TO INCLUDE CONTRACTOR SUPPORT OF ALL
 THREE PHASES OF THE BASIC WORK PLAN AND PROGRAM COM-

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PAGE 4 RUHHTMA3672 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 O D E
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PAGE 5 RUHHTMA3672 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 O D E
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	CG					DELIVER ONLY TO MGEN TOMPKINS
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	DCG AIR					<p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p>MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY</p> <p><i>Am prepared to discuss</i></p> <p><i>Hoopy</i></p>
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FM CG FMFPAC
TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN TOMPKINS
FROM LTGEN BUSE. DELIVER ONLY TO MGEN TOMPKINS.
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. ONE OF THE MANY THINGS WHICH HAS ABSORBED MY
INTEREST RECENTLY ARE OUR PRESS RELATIONS IN III MAF AND
WHY, PERIODICALLY, THEY RUN THE FULL SPECTRUM FROM
UNACCEPTABLE TO VERY FINE. REALIZING THE NATURE OF THE
WAR, COUPLED WITH THE VARYING DESIRES AND INTERESTS
OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE PRESS MAKES THE SITUATION
DIFFICULT AT BEST. I STILL FEEL WE HAVE MISSED OPPORTUNI-
TIES IN THE PAST FOR IMPROVEMENT AND ARE NOT DOING
EVERYTHING NOW WHICH WE SHOULD.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, HERE ARE SOME OF THE ALLEGATIONS/
COMPLAINTS/COMMENTS WHICH HAVE SEEPED UP TO ME
FROM VARIOUS SOURCES. AT THIS TIME, IT WOULD SERVE NO
MEANINGFUL PURPOSE TO DIVULGE THE SOURCES AND I

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA0626S CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN
WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD APPROACH THE PROBLEM
IN THAT LIGHT.

A. THERE IS ALMOST A TOTAL LACK OF COMMAND SUPPORT
- III MAF WIFE - FOR THE ISO EFFORT - PRIMARILY IN
COOPERATION AND TRANSPORTATION.

B. AT III MAF THERE IS VERY LITTLE COMMAND ATTENTION
GIVEN TO THE CIB.

C. ALTHOUGH THE CIB HAS 9 VEHICLES INCLUDING A
RED SEDAN AND 2 LIGHT PICKUP TRUCKS, IT IS ALMOST
IMPOSSIBLE TO GET TRANSPORTATION AND EVEN IF ANY,
REPORTERS HAVE RIDDEN IN THE RED SEDAN.

D. IN THE CIB CERTAIN MARINES BAIT THE REPORTERS AND
DO IT OPENLY.

E. THE CIB HAS DIFFERENT PRICES FOR FOOD AND
LIQUOR - ONE FOR CERTAIN MARINES AND ONE FOR OTHER
FOLK.

F. EVERY DAY AT 1600Z THE CIB OPERATIONS COME TO A
HOLD OR NEAR HALT FOR COMPULSORY VEHICLE CHECKS.

G. AT THE CIB MOST VISITING MEMBERS HAVE TO GET THE
WORK HORRIBLES AND THEY ARE NOT WITH US IN THE LINE.

*CMD SPT BE
COORD/TRANSPORTATION*

*CMD ATTENTION TO
CIB.*

TRANSPORTATION

BAIT REPORTERS

VARIABLE PRICES

VOLLEYBALL

ACCOMMODATIONS

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PAGE 3 RUKHMA6626 C O N F I D E N T I A L. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MOFO
CERTAIN MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES GETTING
THE BEST ACCOMMODATIONS.

1. NUMEROUS COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE CIP BY NEWSMEN
HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO MAOV.

2. THERE ARE OTHER COMPLAINTS AND ALLEGATIONS BUT THE
ABOVE SETS THE GENERAL TONE - THE CIP AND WHAT IT DOES
AND FAILS TO DO - MOSTLY WHAT IT FAILS TO DO.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF IN A LOW KEY YOU WOULD
LOOK INTO THE SITUATION AND GIVE ME YOUR REACTIONS
TO THESE MATTERS AND OTHERS YOU MIGHT UNCOVER,
INCLUDING WHAT I CAN DO HERE OR DURING THIS NEXT WEEK
IN WASHINGTON TO HELP. BEST REGARDS

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3	CG					<p>AIRCRAFT PARKING AND REVETMENTS</p> <p>REMARKS</p> <p>CG - The G-4 section was given action on this matter when [unclear] came in. The action officer went on emergency for a day or so later and he directed the G-4 to provide me with an update of action taken and/or completed ASAP</p> <p>FOR</p> <p>OK</p> <p># 52</p> <p>52</p> <p>"#3" 4 Burned 6 Nov 68"</p>
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DE RUMMB 50920 186133Z
ZNY OOOCCO 24 1323Z JUL 68
FM CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV CAMP EVANS RVN
TO RUMUGRA/ CG III MAF DA NANG RVN
RUMHNA/ CG PCV PHU BAI RVN
BTC O N F I D E N T I A L AVLACL 2F12612 FOR LTO ROSSEN
III MAF; AND MG STILWELL PCV FROM MG TOLSON
SUBJ: AIRCRAFT PARKING AND REVENEMENTSREF: CONFIDENTIAL MSG AVLACL 2F15518, SUBJECT AS ABOVE, DTL 3 JUN 68.
1. REFERENCE MESSAGE OUTLINED MY EFFORTS OVER THE PAST FOUR MONTHS
TO OBTAIN ADEQUATE PARKING SPACE AND REVENEMENTS FOR CH-54 HELICOPTERS
AND OV-1 AIRCRAFT. INCLUDED IN THIS MESSAGE WAS A REQUEST THAT
ACTION BE INITIATED TO:

- A. OBTAIN PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT OF THE PARKING AND REVENEMENT
FACILITIES AT DA NANG AFB FOR SIX-CH-54 HELICOPTERS.
 - B. CONSTRUCT REVENEMENTS AT HUE/PHU BAI AIRFIELD FOR SIX OV-1
AIRCRAFT IN ASSIGNED PARKING AREA.
2. UNDER THE TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT FOR PARKING AND REVENEMENT OF
CH-54 HELICOPTERS AT DA NANG AFB, THE CREW COMPANY IS SUBJECT TO
IMMEDIATE EVICTION IF 7TH AIR FORCE NEEDS THE REVENEMENTS. THE

PAGE 2 RUMMB 50920 C O N F I D E N T I A L
OV-1 AIRCRAFT AT HUE/ PHU BAI AIRFIELD ARE IN OPEN PARKING AREAS
WITHOUT PROTECTIVE REVENEMENTS. BOTH SITUATIONS ARE UNSOUND.4. PRIOR TO MY DEPARTURE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING A SOLUTION TO THESE TWO PROBLEM AREAS. AM RELUCTANT
TO PASS ON THESE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS TO MY SUCCESSOR.GP-4
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 TO RUMHMA/CG PROVISIONAL CORPS VIETNAM
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FOR A GEN ROSSON FROM BRINGLE
 1. IF YOUR SCHEDULE PERMITS, I WOULD BE HONORED BY YOUR
 PRESENCE FOR LUNCH ABOARD MY FLAGSHIP ON 7 JUL AT 1200.
 I HAVE ALSO INVITED MGEN YOUNGDALE AND R ADM LACY, MY AMPHIBIOUS
 FORCE COMMANDER, TO BE PRESENT.
 BEST REGARDS.
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1. (U) This is the fifth in the 1968 series of monthly assessments of pacification.

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2. (CNF) SUMMARY:

a. Beginning the night of 4-5 May the enemy struck in Saigon and in 41 provinces with the most severe damage and disruption occurring in the Saigon/Gia Dinh area. Analysis of Hamlet Evaluation System (HES) data (security and development) reveals that population under GVN control increased by 0.2% or 63,800 individuals from April to May. Those living in contested areas increased by 0.1% and population under VC control decreased by 0.3%. Unlike the Tet offensive which had a profound, nationwide impact on pacification, the May attacks slowed but did not significantly disrupt the program.

b. While the increased tempo of military operations has slowed the pacification effort, some progress has been made on 1968 goals in all corps zones. Basic emphasis is being placed on upgrading of territorial security forces, attack on the VC infrastructure, hamlet regression, economic and administrative revival, people's self-defense and refugee care and resettlement.

c. As of 30 May nearly 51% of eligible Tet evacuees had received cash resettlement allowances, 55% had received cement and 58% roofing. A recent decision to provide cash in lieu of commodities to evacuees in remote areas will accelerate this aspect of the recovery program. The new government is taking positive interest in Recovery.

d. Attack on the VC infrastructure (VCI) continues to progress, mainly as a result of the interest of local forces and improvement in utilization of National Police Field Forces. The neutralization of 1,271 VCI in May brings the total for the first five months of CY 68 to 4,917.

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3. (CNF) HAMLET EVALUATION SYSTEM RESULTS:

a. Comparison of May with April HES data reveals that the favorable recovery trend experienced since Tet has slowed. This is due primarily to regression in III CTZ and, in particular, in Gia Dinh Province. Table 1 reflects trends of population control nationwide:

TABLE 1

Trends in Population Control (Thousands)

(Security and Development Factors)

12,000	11581.5					
10,000	(67.2%)	10257.9	10471.1	10628.8	10692.6	
8,000		(59.8%)	(61.0%)	(61.9%)	(62.1%)	
6,000		(22.0%)	(20.7%)	(20.2%)	(20.3%)	
4,000	(16.4%)	3776.0	3553.2	3460.6	3509.2	
2,000	2834.2	3117.1	3136.7	3066.3	3042.6	
	2817.2	(18.2%)	(18.3%)	(17.9%)	(17.6%)	
	(16.3%)					
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May

———— GVN Controlled - - - - - Contested
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Table 2 reflects status of population control by Corps as of December 1967, 31 March (the month best reflecting the impact of the VC Tet offensive), and 31 May 1968.

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TABLE 2

Population Control (Thousands)

(Security and Development)

31 Dec 67

31 Mar 68

31 May 68

GVN CONTROLLED

I CTZ	1853.5	56.6%	1591.6	49.1%	1577.6	49.2%
II CTZ	2130.2	74.8%	1996.4	70.1%	2071.9	72.5%
III CTZ	4326.3	81.4%	3936.1	75.0%	3999.8	74.9%
IV CTZ	3204.8	55.6%	2947.1	50.6%	3043.3	52.1%
RVN	11514.8	66.9%	10471.1	61.0%	10692.6	<u>62.1%</u>

CONTESTED

I CTZ	625.3	19.1%	785.2	24.2%	803.6	25.1%
II CTZ	491.4	17.2%	600.0	21.1%	542.1	19.0%
III CTZ	707.1	13.3%	1022.7	19.5%	1056.4	19.8%
IV CTZ	1008.6	17.5%	1145.3	19.7%	1107.1	19.0%
RVN	2832.4	16.5%	3553.2	20.7%	3509.2	<u>20.3%</u>

VC CONTROLLED

I CTZ	793.9	24.3%	867.4	26.7%	824.1	25.7%
II CTZ	228.2	8.0%	253.2	8.9%	243.5	8.5%
III CTZ	283.2	5.3%	286.3	5.5%	285.3	5.3%
IV CTZ	1555.8	27.0%	1729.8	29.7%	1689.8	28.9%
RVN	2861.1	16.6%	3136.7	18.3%	3042.6	<u>17.6%</u>

Depicted below is the shift of hamlets between the various HES categories indicating trends in progression and regression. The categories are based upon security and development factors. The base line "Total Moved" shows the number of hamlets that exhibited a shift

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during the month of May. Reading up or down within a column, progression or regression is shown in terms of hamlets and percentage of the "Total Moved" base line figure. Note that of the 519 hamlets that moved, 282 progressed while 237 regressed:

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TABLE 3

Monthly Hamlet Movement

30 Apr 68 to 31 May 68

UP P R O G R E S S I O N (282)	A	A	A	A	A
	3 (5.0%)				
		B	B	B	B
		73 (44.5%)	1 (.7%)		1 (2.6%)
			C	C	C
		133 (65.5%)	5 (11.0%)	7 (18.4%)	
			D	D	
			29 (63.0%)	19 (50.0%)	
				E	
				11 (29.0%)	

TOTAL MOVED (519)	A	B	C	D	E	VC
	8	60	164	203	46	38

DOWN W R E S S I O N (237)	B					
	8 (100%)					
		C				
		56 (93.5%)				
			D	D	D	
		1 (1.5%)	88 (53.5%)			
		E	E	E	E	
				51 (25.0%)		
	VC	VC	VC	VC	VC	
			3 (2.0%)	18 (8.8%)	12 (26.0%)	

NO CHANGE	A	B	C	D	E	VC
	176	1278	2925	2268	401	3949

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<p>Hamlets exhibiting a shift: 519</p> <p>Hamlets that progressed: 282 (54.5% of Total Moved)</p> <p>Hamlets that regressed: 237 (45.5% of Total Moved)</p> <p>b. An analysis of hamlets that moved reveals that of the 282 hamlets that progressed, 164 or 58% were in IV Corps. Progression in other Corps were I CTZ 33 (11%), II CTZ 48 (17%) and III CTZ 37 (13%). Of the 237 hamlets that regressed, 90 or 38% were in III CTZ, 44 (18%) in I CTZ, 47 (20%) in II CTZ and 56 (24%) in IV CTZ.</p> <p>4. (CNE) <u>OVERALL SITUATION OF PACIFICATION:</u></p> <p>a. Inadequate territorial security remains the single most significant problem in pacification. Based upon analysis of the Hamlet Evaluation System (<u>security factors only</u>), the favorable recovery trend experienced since Tet has levelled off. In May, 61.4% of RVN population was in GVN controlled category, down 0.6% from April. This was due primarily to regression in Gia Dinh Province, III CTZ. IV Corps gained almost 62,000 population, maintaining the April momentum of steady improvement. Both I and II Corps added to GVN controlled population (10,000 and 22,700 respectively). In III Corps, there was a decline of 142,000 as compared to an April gain of 216,000. While continued VC pressure in many areas of the country has served its purpose of lowering public morale and decreasing confidence in GVN, it has also resulted in increasing antagonism towards the VC. In those areas where province and district officials show by their actions and continuous personal presence a genuine concern for the welfare of the people, the allegiance of the populace to</p>			
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GVN has increased in proportion. The opposite situation exists where such representation was perfunctory or non-existent.

b. The overall security situation in IV Corps continues to show moderate improvement. Friendly military operations continued at a high level and an increasing number of these operations are targeted on known VC elements with the result that the enemy has been prevented from gaining the initiative in most provinces. In some areas the VC have, however, used the tactic of attacking during daylight and attempting to hold populated areas so as to cause friendly forces to inflict extensive property damage while dislodging them. Throughout the Delta low level harassment by small VC elements continued and included interdiction of LOCs, attacks on RD groups, and assassinations and abductions of civilians. Most major roads have remained open with traffic at about 60-70% of the pre-Tet levels. Fear of VC interdiction continues to keep civilian traffic at a low level. Despite the fact that attacks against RD teams doubled in May, 210 of the 224 RD teams in IV Corps remained within the boundary of their assigned hamlets at night. The balance withdraw due to security conditions in the hamlets to which they are assigned.

c. In III Corps, security deteriorated during May, reflecting the enemy May offensive and continued pressure in the Saigon area. The fact that VC/NVA main force elements have largely left the countryside to attack the cities has not appreciably improved security in the countryside where mortar and rocket harassment of hamlets continues. Long Khanh, Bien Hoa, and Phuoc Tuy (and the autonomous city of Vung Tau) were the only provinces where the

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provincial town was not a target during this period. VC attacks against RD cadre increased drastically during the month, and the number of hamlets that the RD cadre abandoned at night approaches 65%. The VC have also concentrated on attacking outposts that harbor RD cadre at night and newly placed RD teams that have little security.

d. The security situation in II CTZ was characterized by enemy introduction of new forces in western Kontum, an increase in attacks by fire, interdiction of LOCs and attempts to disrupt RD efforts. Show the flag operations and the continuing concern of province and district officials with problems of the countryside have done much to bolster morale and enlist the allegiance of the population in much of the Corps area. Only in the marginally secure western and southern highland provinces have the VC been able to diminish the forward movement of the pacification program. The coastal provinces proceeded with pacification at a steady rate, primarily due to the success of US, RCK and ARVN operations in their respective TAORs, increased aggressiveness of RF/PF and intensified prosecution of the attack on the VCI. In these areas the GVN has been able to turn attention to RD projects, New Life Development and the care of other than Tet refugees.

e. In I Corps, military operations by friendly forces prevented large scale attacks against cities, accounting for large number of KIA and denying key base areas and supply routes to the enemy. VC/NVA activities increased throughout the Corps, consisting of main force operations in the north and harassing attacks against district headquarters and isolated outposts in the south. Acts of terrorism

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increased 100% over April and attacks against RD teams rose to a new high during the month. Many RD teams did not remain in their hamlets overnight due to lack of security as a substantial portion of RF/PF forces were placed in static defense of cities and towns and ARVN battalions diverted from RD support. Although there was deterioration in security throughout the rural plains during the first 20 days of May as the enemy exerted maximum pressure, the last 10 days of the month saw marked improvement as a result of allied military operations.

f. National security resume follows:

TABLE 4

Selected National Security Indicators

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
Incidents of Terrorism	821	710	1,271
Assassinations and abductions of civilians	1,676	1,115	1,350
Status of Roads* (%)			
Green	46.1	48.2	46.3
Amber	46.1	45.4	49.5
Red	7.8	6.4	4.2
Status of Waterways* (%) in III & IV CTZ			
Green	15.1	35.2	45.5
Amber	77.5	56.8	53.2
Red	7.4	8.0	1.3

*These are those roads and waterways declared militarily essential.

Status green indicates LOC open during daylight, amber open with military escort, red closed.

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a. On 31 May there were 43 ARVN battalions in direct support of Revolutionary Development. RF total operations and operations at night showed little change from April. Casualties - both friendly and enemy - and weapons captured and lost were up sharply, reflecting the increased tempo of operations. PF total operations, operations at night and friendly and enemy casualties were all substantially higher than April figures. Except for those areas where the VC/NVA are concentrating their attacks on population centers and provincial capitals, the RF/PF have been able to maintain about the same level of security as that experienced in April.

b. The status of RF/PF deficiencies reported for May remains essentially unchanged from that of March and April. Major deficiencies which continue to exist are inadequate firepower, resupply, in-place training, RF officer and RF/PF NCO combat unit strength, RF combat unit total strength, operational radios on hand, improper force dispositions and mission assignments. A separate airgram will follow with specific Territorial Forces Evaluation System (TFES) results.

c. A two-pronged attack has been initiated to eliminate the deficiencies listed in para 5b above. First and of particular significance is the series of recent visits by the Vice Chief of the Joint General Staff, LTG Nguyen Van La, to each of the four Corps Tactical Zones and several subordinate Division Tactical Areas. This is the first time an ARVN officer of this stature has taken such an unprecedented stand on behalf of the RF and PF. He specifically

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emphasized the need for ARVN division commanders and province chiefs to look to the needs of RF and PF, even giving them priority over ARVN units. Secondly, a program has been approved to pull together all actions in the RF/PF improvement field. Status of some of the major subprograms is as follows:

(1) JGS was allocated a total of 1053 RF companies for FY68 by MACV. As of 31 May, 1037 companies had been activated. Total allocations for PF platoons was 4561. As of 31 May, 4500 platoons had been activated. JGS is confident the remaining companies and platoons will be activated by the end of FY68. Total assigned strengths as of 31 May are: RF - 184,050; PF - 159,859.

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(2) Recent actions to increase the firepower of RF/PF units provided for the issue of additional M2 carbines and BARs as an immediate measure, pending issue of M16 rifles. Of the current authorization for M2 carbines (52 per RF Co, 15 per PF Plt), 74% of the total requirement was at A&DSL Companies or had been issued to troops at the end of May. M2 carbines will be substituted for an 11,000 BAR short fall, and the M2 substitution should complete the BAR requirement by August. Pending MACV staff review of priorities, issue of M16s should begin to RF units in August. Otherwise, RF/PF units continue to be critically short of M79 grenade launchers. As of 31 May, 18% of the authorized M79s were in the hands of the troops. Full issue of M16 rifles and M79 grenade launchers will be completed the first half of FY70.

(3) RF Company Group Headquarters act as span of control headquarters for up to five RF companies or an equivalent number of

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PF platoons during operations. Sixty-four were allocated by MACV, and 33 were activated countrywide by JGS as of 31 May.

(4) Mobile Advisory Teams (MATs), Mobile Advisory Logistical Teams (MALTs) and Engineer and S-1 Advisors are the direct application of US advisors to RF and PF units. There were 170 in the field as of 31 May. 253 are programmed by the end of September. Another 101 MATs are contemplated by December 1968. To aid the logistic systems, all seven MALTs were deployed to Area Logistical Commands (ALC) by 31 May, and the MALTs are currently involved in assisting logistics flow from the ALCs through A&DSL Companies to RF/PF units. Assignment to provinces of both Engineer and S-1 advisors numbered 23 by the end of May.

(5) As of 31 May, material for 17,325 Popular Forces housing units had been delivered or committed for delivery, and 2,250 houses had been built or were under construction. Transportation problems have eased and deliveries improved, except in the Delta where it remains a problem. The availability of construction materials has also shown improvement.

(6) To give the village and district chief an additional tool for the development of Ap Doi Moi, PF platoons are undergoing RD training. These platoons will be utilized to augment the pacification effort as security permits. The training is being conducted in three categories: (1) RD training for newly activated platoons; (2) RD refresher training for old platoons; and (3) in-place training. Newly activated PF platoons (347) will be trained at the PF training centers in three 10-week training increments, and the schedule extends from May 68 through mid-January 69. Refresher training (380

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platoons) will be conducted at the PF training centers and three phases are planned from May through November. In-place or on-site training (380) will be conducted in five 6-week periods, May 1968 through December 1968. The training objective is to have 1047 platoons RD trained by mid-January 1969.

6. (CNF) VIET CONG INFRASTRUCTURE AND CHIEU HOI:

a. PHOENIX:

(1) Despite continued lack of national level GVN implementing directives, local PHOENIX/PHUNG HOANG activities kept moving ahead. Anti-VCI operations continue to increase mainly as a result of the interest and energy of the local forces, the efforts of the PHOENIX coordinators and DIOCC advisors, and pressure at Saigon level from US advisors and some interested GVN officials. This was most notable in Gia Dinh Province, in III Corps, where the number of VCI captured, killed and rallied rose from a total of 22 in April to 144 during May. Reports show that National Police participation in apprehensions continues to rise - approximately 65% in May compared to 57% in April.

(2) Although there was a small decrease in May neutralizations to a total of 1271, the trend since February to neutralize more district and province level VCI continues: Feb - 77; Mar - 91; Apr - 156; May - 201. The number of captures rose from 997 to 1028 while both killed and rallied fell off. In addition, 159 were reported by name but did not meet the criteria for classification as VCI as defined for the PHOENIX program and therefore were not included in the total neutralized. From 1 Jan to 31 May, 4,917 VCI have been neutralized. Data for the first 5 months of CY68 are as follows:

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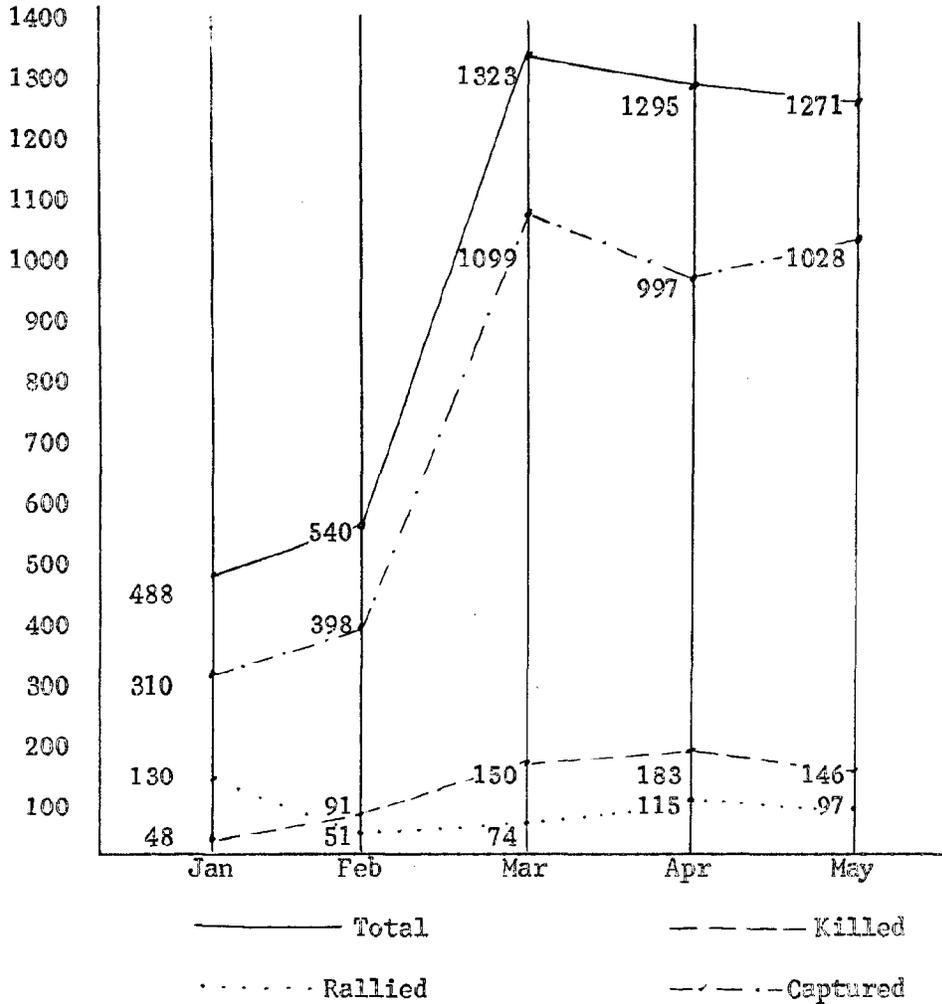
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TABLE 4

Neutralization of the Infrastructure



(3) The following table depicts VC infrastructure neutralizations by level for the month of May:

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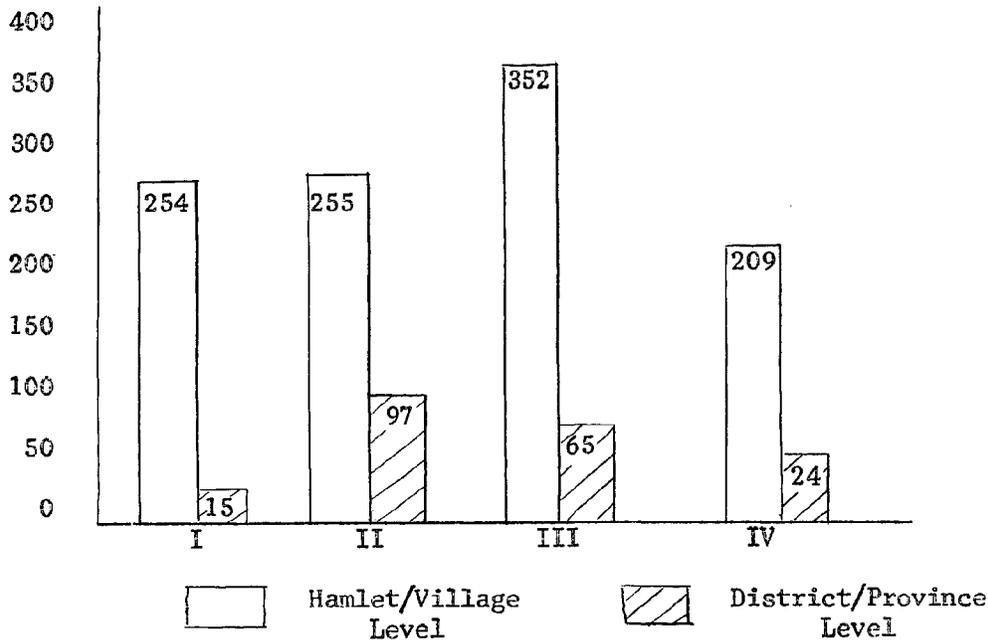
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Neutralization by Level - May

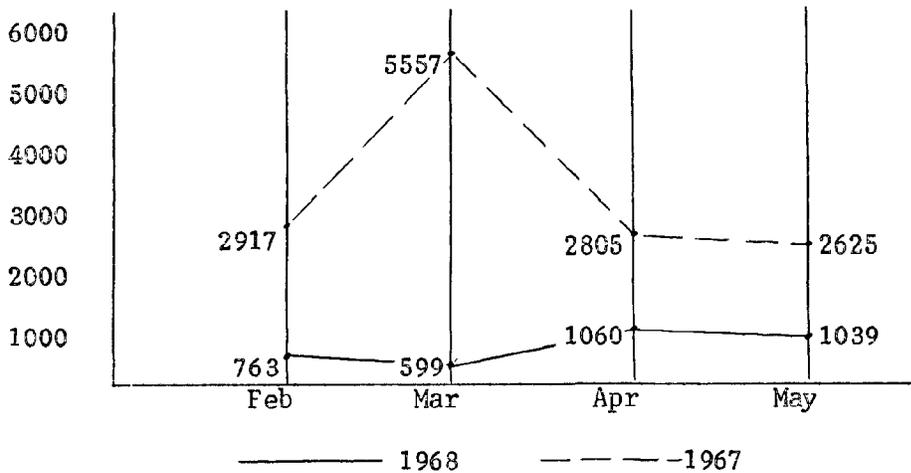


b. Chieu Hoi:

(1) Chieu Hoi returnee figures for the first five months of CY68 are reflected in the following table:

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Chieu Hoi Returnees



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(2) There was a sharp upturn in May in Armed Propaganda Team (APT) recruitment. End-May saw a total of 3,256 men enrolled as compared to 2,971 for end-April. IV Corps is conducting a pilot training course for APT at Corps level, and II Corps plans a similar program.

(3) Emphasis by US units on recruitment of Kit Carson Scouts (KCS) during May has brought the total number of Scouts presently employed to 684, an increase of 196 over the end of April total of 488.

7. (CNF) PEOPLE'S SELF-DEFENSE:

a. Civil defense has moved forward at the local level. In a number of cities throughout the country (such as Danang, Quang Tri, Sadeq, and Can Tho), groups have been formed which include hamlet militia, student groups, civil servants, and workers groups. Precise number of persons involved nationwide in civil defense is not known, but it is believed to be in the range of 175,000. However, very few arms have been issued. The major problems continue to be reluctance to issue arms to groups already trained and formed and formation of a national self-defense structure to provide policy and guidance.

b. On 3 May Vice President Ky was designated as head of the People's Self Defense Committee. During May little happened on policy level and the Vice President returned the job to the Government in June. The Standing Committee, with the support of MACV/CORDS, opened a training program for the purpose of training 24-man neighborhood self-defense cadre from the Saigon/Gia Dinh area. A total of 1719 Vietnamese attended this 10-day course, which culminated in

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a speech by Vice President Ky to the graduates on 23 May. The 24-man cadres returned to their neighborhoods without pay, arms, or visible structural organization. In June steps were taken to revive the operation.

8. (CNF) REFUGEES AND RECOVERY:

a. Refugees:

(1) As of 31 May, there were 597,129 evacuees receiving GVN support who had been generated as a result of the Tet and post-Tet VC offensives, 387,241 of whom were in camps and 209,888 out of camp. In addition to evacuees, GVN was providing for the needs of 1,077,240 regular refugees for a nationwide total of 1,654,369 displaced persons. During the month, 110,371 evacuees were assisted in returning to their homes or were provided building materials to commence construction of a new home. Many of those still carried as evacuees have received partial assistance but are still without the cement and roofing allowance. Movement of these commodities to rural areas has been difficult, and in order to alleviate this situation, the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and Relief has issued instructions which permit additional grants of cash in lieu of building materials in remote districts.

(2) The following table depicts the refugee situation during the first 5 months of 1968:

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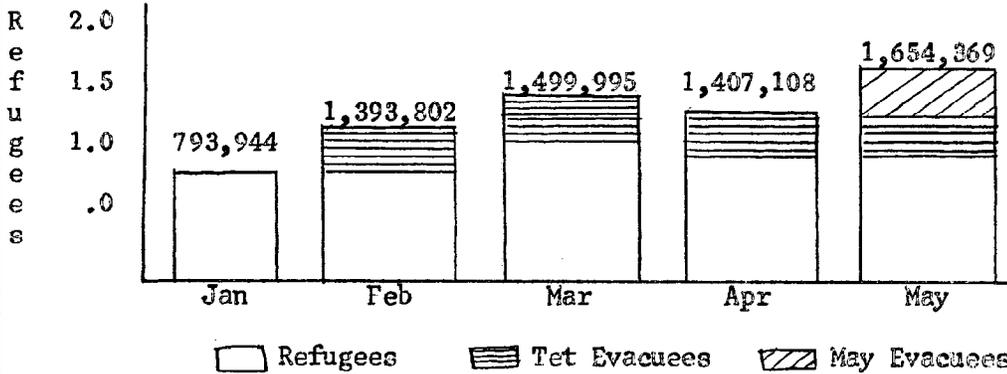
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TABLE 8

Refugee & Evacuee Situation

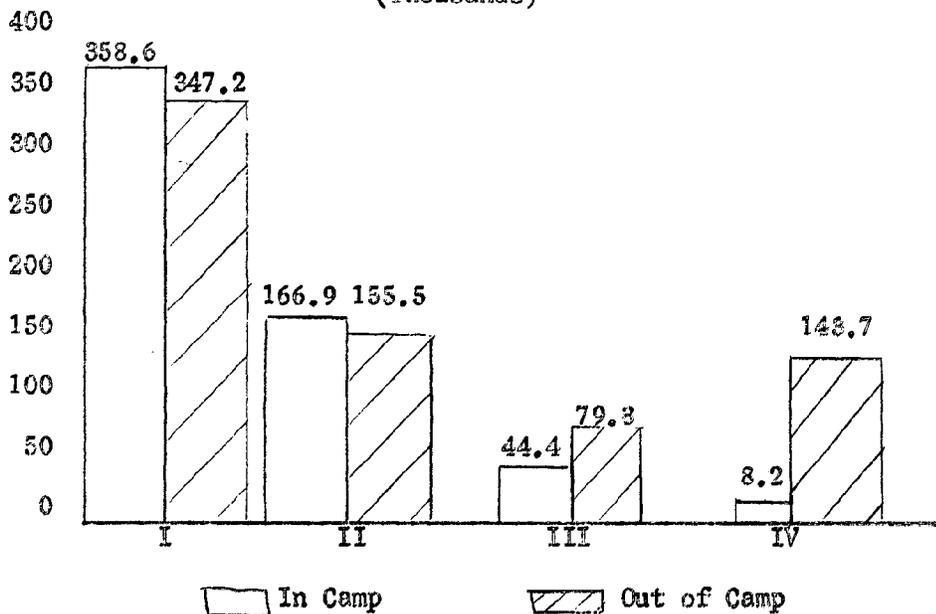
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(3) Table 9 reflects the total number of evacuees and refugees in camp and out of camp by Corps for the month of May:

TABLE 9

Refugees and Evacuees in/out of Camp
(Thousands)



(4) The appointment of a new cabinet by GVN has resulted in the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Social Welfare and

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Refugees being combined into the Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and Relief.

(5) To date there has been \$VN 3,173,659,000 made available to Recovery from all sources, including 510 million piasters donated by private organizations and individuals (in addition to 738.3 million piasters equivalent of funds and commodities donated by 24 foreign countries, the Red Cross, UNICEF, Vatican and WHO). Of this amount, \$VN1, 891,155 has been allocated to provinces, leaving a balance of \$VN1,282,504,000 unallocated at end-May. In addition to the 714 million allocated to them by the Central Recovery Committee (CRC), the province chiefs and mayors also have available a total of 1014.5 million piasters from the Minister of Social Welfare and Refugees for refugee relief and resettlement. An additional 40.8 million piasters is available in imprest funds controlled by US advisory teams and US/FWMAF units and 30.0 million piasters are allocated to CTZ Deputies for CORDS. An additional allocation of 600 million piasters was made available to the CRC under control of the Prime Minister from US program generated piasters. This has been increased to 1.6 billion, of which 714 million has been allocated to the Minister of Defense for relief of military dependents, and 10 million has been allocated to pay a portion of barge transportation costs for shipment of supplies to the Delta.

b. Recovery:

(1) Recovery was progressing fairly well when the new attacks began on 5 May. Prices were approaching pre-Tet levels, LOCs were open throughout most of the country and traffic was

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increasing as commercial life resumed. As a result of the attacks, damage to houses was sustained in 16 provinces and Saigon, and additional refugees were generated in seven provinces and Saigon. The overwhelming majority of attacks, damage and evacuee generation occurred in Saigon and Gia Dinh. Less severely affected were Quang Nam, Hau Nghia, and Chau Doc. Assessment of damages in the Saigon/Gia Dinh area as a result of the continuing May attacks is not complete, but damage to houses and small neighborhood businesses is expected to approach those of the Tet attacks. Preliminary estimates are that 17,500 homes were destroyed and 175,000 people made homeless. MACV, in coordination with other elements of the US Mission, submitted a proposal to the GVN that an ARVN and US engineer task force clear rubble, lay out housing sites and erect, or assist in erection of housing for most of the new refugees in districts six and eight of Saigon, and the Tan Binh District of Gia Dinh where the heaviest damage occurred. President Thieu approved this concept on 17 May and clearing began 20 May with completion scheduled for 1 June. Continuous harassing attacks have delayed clearing. On 31 May, clearing was about 60% complete in District 6 and 55% in District 8. Erection of prefabricated housing began 31 May in District 8 and the week of 3 June in District 6.

(2) An Industrial Reconstruction Loan Fund with a capital of one billion piasters was established by GVN to aid businessmen who suffered Tet losses. USAID is negotiating with GVN to establish a 10 million dollar fund, to be used on a loan basis, as a means for businessmen to re-equip. The GVN is also developing a war risk insurance plan for factories.

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c. Economic Revival:

(1) May saw continued progress in economic revival in I and II CTZ. On the whole, markets in urban centers operated freely and there did not appear to be any shortage of basic commodities or abnormal fluctuations in wages or prices. Movement of commercial traffic, though subject to minor delays and harassment moved freely. The continuing shipment of foodstuffs and construction materials was an important factor in avoiding critical shortages and keeping prices normal.

(2) The May VC attacks in III CTZ halted industrial activities which had started to get underway after being disrupted by the Tet offensive. While the effect of the renewed offensive on industrial and commercial enterprises has probably, except in Gia Dinh, remained small as compared to the destruction created by the Tet offensive, its psychological impact will tend to perpetuate the low level of industrial activity that has prevailed since Tet. Wholesalers, mainly in Gia Dinh, are reluctant to build up inventories and this attitude has had serious impact on industrial complexes located in III CTZ. Several large plants have closed down and others work at a fraction of their capacity. As in I Corps, GVN success in preventing [REDACTED]

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food shortages was a major factor in preventing rising prices. Although some shortages occurred where insecurity of LOC interrupted normal movement, price rises were localized and subsided as soon as the immediate cause was removed.

(3) Economic life in IV CTZ showed slight improvement, with shipments to the Delta and intra and inter provincial traffic increasing. Most major roads are open, although subject to interdiction by the VC. Road traffic remains about 60-70% of pre-Tet levels. Because of insecurity of the Mang Thit Canal, inter-provincial water traffic must take the northern route to Saigon, increasing both delivery time and the need for additional barges. The TNS rice program in the Delta is considered a success with test yields living up to expectations. Estimates are that 22,000 hectares were planted. As the result of an agreement between USAID and the Agricultural Development Bank, funds have been made available for production loans to farmers who will produce TNS. Although several provinces report shipping more rice to Saigon than in the previous two years, shipments from lower Delta provinces continue to lag due to actual or presumed insecurity of roads and waterways. The following table depicts rice shipments from the Delta to Saigon for the first 5 months of 1968 in comparison with the same period in 1967:

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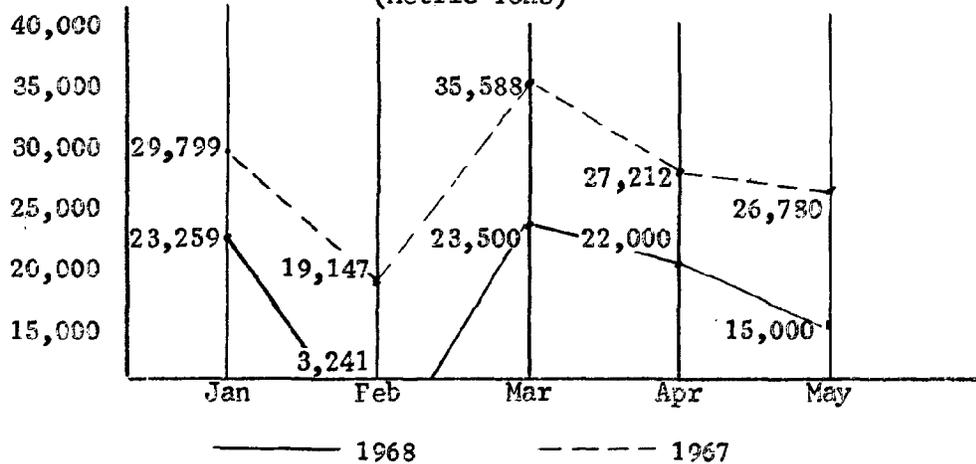
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TABLE 10

Rice Shipments - Delta to Saigon
(Metric Tons)9. (CNF) OTHER PROGRAMS:a. RD Cadre:

(1) In an effort to simplify the pacification process and concentrate on security for the rural areas, MORD recently standardized the types of developed hamlets - all to be called Ap Doi Moi - reduced the number of tasks and objectives to be accomplished initially.

The RD Cadre Group, permanently assigned to a village, will undertake the first five security related criteria and nine development tasks in a hamlet prior to moving on to a second hamlet.

(2) The ability of RD Cadre teams to remain overnight in their assigned hamlets is contingent upon security and varies widely from Corps to Corps and province to province. In I CTZ the majority of the teams remain overnight with the exception of Quang Nam, where approximately 75% of the teams withdraw to secure areas. In II Corps, most teams remain in their hamlets. Increased emphasis in III CTZ on security of populated areas has resulted in some instances in

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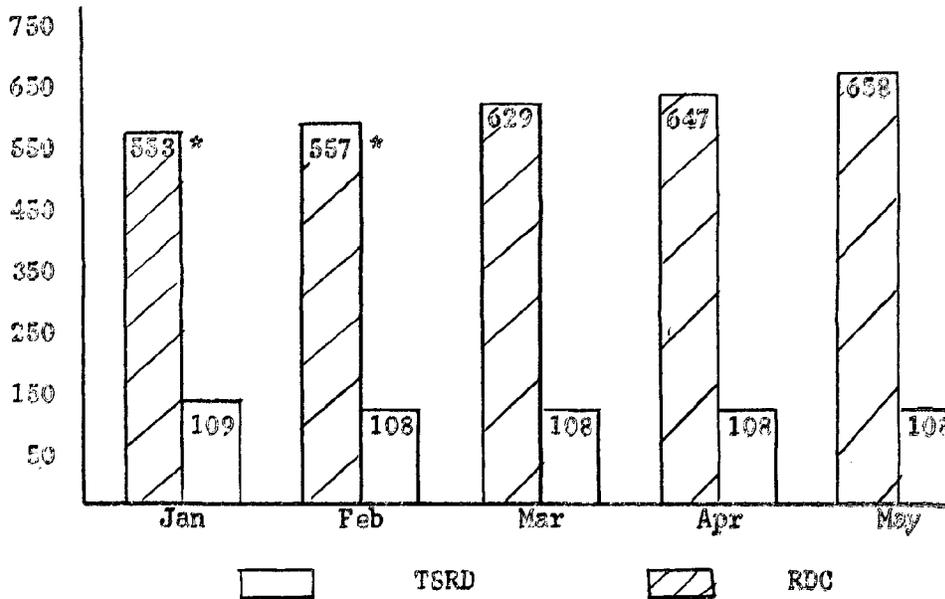
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withdrawal of security forces from the countryside. As a result, many teams leave their hamlets at night. Attacks against RD Cadre groups increased substantially in IV CTZ in May, following a nationwide trend, with consequent erosion of security and confidence in a number of RD areas. In terms of HES data, for 1968 RD-programmed hamlet population, I CTZ shows an increase of 14.8 thousand in the relatively secure category, II CTZ an increase of 49.2 thousand, III CTZ a decrease of 42.9 thousand, and IV CTZ an increase of 42.3 thousand. Most of the change is the result of shifts in the contested category to the secure category. Nationwide, 207 VC incidents were directed against RDC and TSRD teams - the highest number ever reported for a one month period.

(3) Status of RD and TSRD Groups at end-May was as follows:

TABLE 11:

Status of RD and TSRD Groups



*These figures do not include Thua Thien Province.

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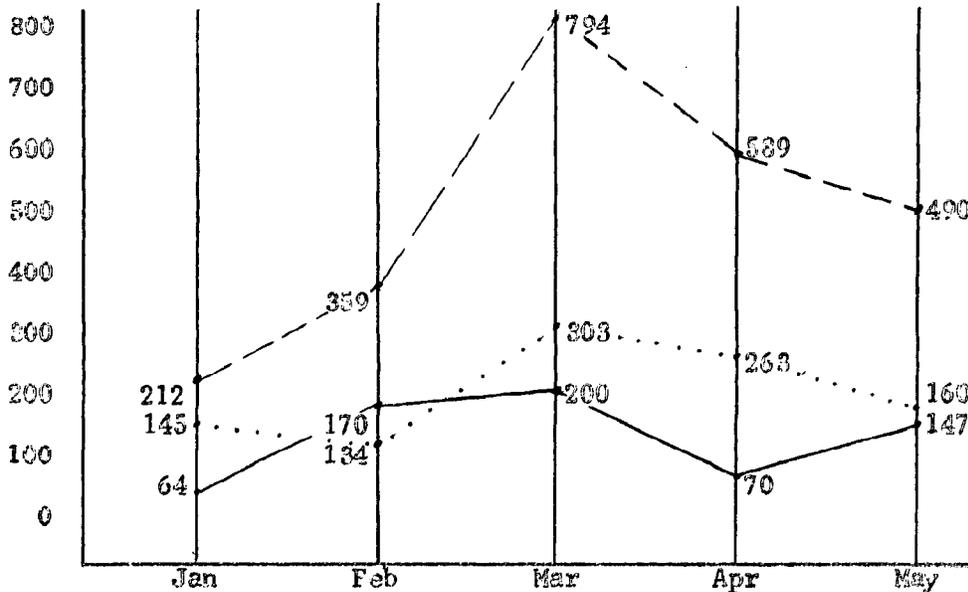
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(3) RD Cadre losses from all causes dropped from 922 in April to 797 in May. Losses for CY68 are reflected in the following table:

TABLE 12

RD Cadre Losses



———— Killed/Captured - - - - - Deserted Other

(4) The following table reflects RD Cadre strength distribution between the field, control personnel, and training at Vung Tau:

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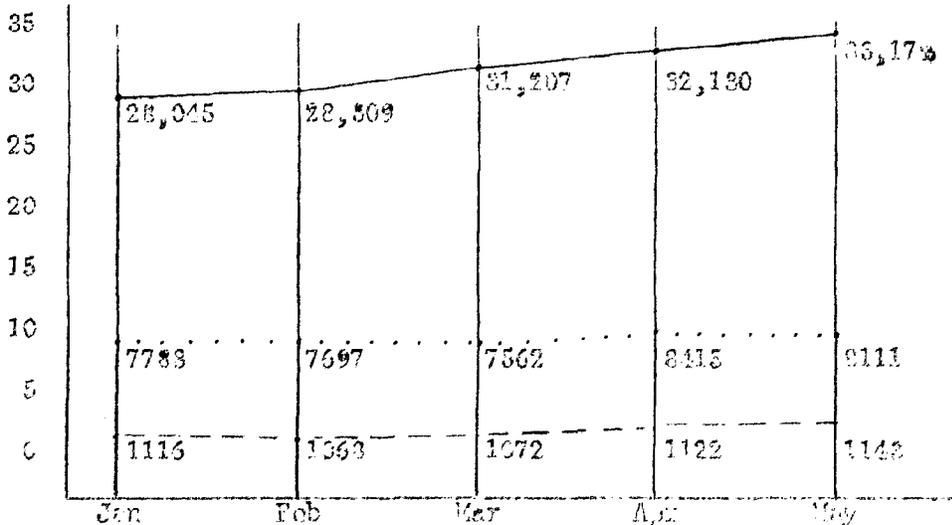
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TABLE 18

Distribution of RD Cadre Strength



————— In Field - - - - Control Swatting

b. National Police:

(1) The goal to raise the proportion of National Police at district level, which had shown some improvement in April, received a set-back as a result of the May VC attacks. Police in most provinces have again resumed the defensive posture typical of the Tet offensive period.

(2) NFFP activities for the month of May were highlighted by their defense of Saigon as a part of the combined US-ARVN-National Police effort in the Saigon/Cia Dinh area. Because no heavy fighting was extremely bitter and the VC refused to surrender until they had exhausted all means to resist. National Police and NFFP suffered 230 casualties in the defense of Saigon.

(3) Of the 71 NFFP companies operational at end-May, only 6 were improperly employed. Operations against the infrastructure continue to improve as the number of targets assigned the NFFP by

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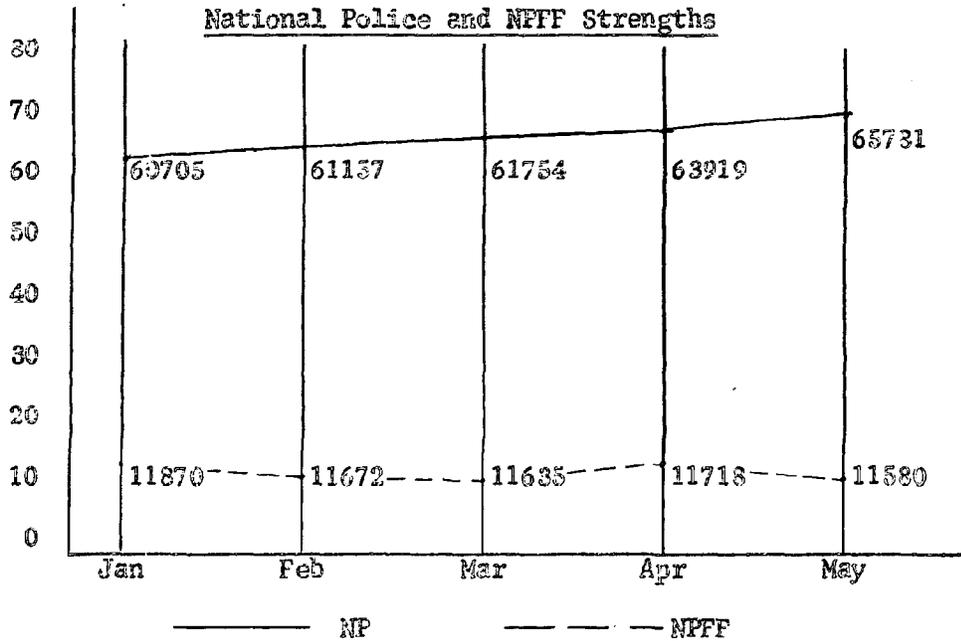
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the Special Branch increases. National Police participation in infrastructure apprehensions continues to rise - approximately 65% in May as compared to 57% in April.

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(4) National Police and NFFF strengths for CY68 are as follows:

TABLE 14



(5) The May statistical summary for Corrections and Detention shows a total prisoner and detainee population in Vietnam of 43,952. To this can be added persons confined in Prisoner of War camps (14,200) and airmen, soldiers, sailors and marines confined in ARVN military prisons (2100). This is the largest total population under confinement in the history of the war. These statistics are the best available from Vietnamese sources and are not to be considered completely reliable. The National Police, for example, are still attempting to confirm the numbers of personnel confined in their facilities.

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There are four programs in progress to deal with the increasing numbers of detainees/civilian prisoners/PWs: (a) One is an extraction program to remove dangerous VC from mainland confinement facilities to the maximum security facility at Con Son Island National Prison. Three thousand five hundred forty four (3,544) prisoners/detainees have been evacuated by air and sea to Con Son Island in 1968. (b) Two are construction programs to enable the GVN to cope with the increased prisoner and detainee populations under the Directorate of Corrections and the National Police. (1) The Corrections Program is building a 4,000-man permanent prison on Con Son Island and a 500-man permanent prison addition to Tan Hiep National Prison. A 3,000-man emergency tent camp is being built on Con Son Island to supplement the facilities of the National Center there. Spaces for 2,000 were completed in May. In addition, there are smaller efforts to rehabilitate old prison facilities throughout Vietnam. (2) On the detention side of the ledger, the National Police have their own construction program. They hope to have the first facility come on line in July at An Tue in II CTZ. It will provide space for 500 detainees initially. Construction has begun at Con Tho on an 1,000-man facility. Other detention centers are in the process of planning with an eventual total detention goal of 8,500 spaces for 1968. (c) MACV and the GVN are cooperating in the expansion of PW facilities. The PW population problem is being taken care of by five mainland camps with space for 9,000 prisoners and an end-July completion of Phu Quoc Island PW camp complex giving it an emergency capacity of 20,000. Utilization of the capacities of the mainland camps has been

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restricted to not over 600 prisoners per camp to reduce their attractiveness to VC attack. At the present time the PW population is in excess of 15,000.

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c. New Life Development:

(1) Civic Action efforts by US/FWMAF and RVNAF during the month of May continued to emphasize support of the refugee and recovery programs. Approximately 30% of total man-hours were expended for refugee assistance. Lack of security and the requirement for

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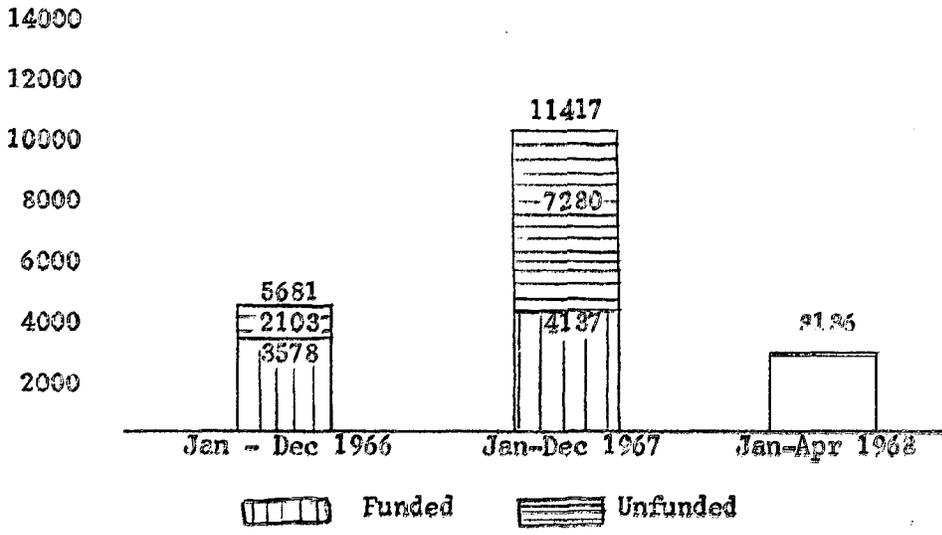
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building commodities for construction/reconstruction of refugee housing are reasons for the inability of US units to increase civic action activities. Reports indicate that RVNAF and in particular RF/PF show an increasing interest in civic action projects.

(2) There has been an upswing in Self-Help activity during the month. To a large extent, this comes as a result of increased interest and activity by GVN provincial officials, who have been more active in Self-Help promotion drives. Where the program is lagging, it is almost exclusively due to ~~priority allocation~~ of commodities to Tet reconstruction. The following table depicts self-help project completions for 1966, 1967 and 1968. In 1968, there is no distinction between funded and un-funded projects:

TABLE 16

Self Help Completed Projects (Thousands)



d. MORD Budget Expenditures: Returns for the month of May on expenditures of MORD-budgeted funds were not available as of this writing. Corps rates of expenditure of these funds during the

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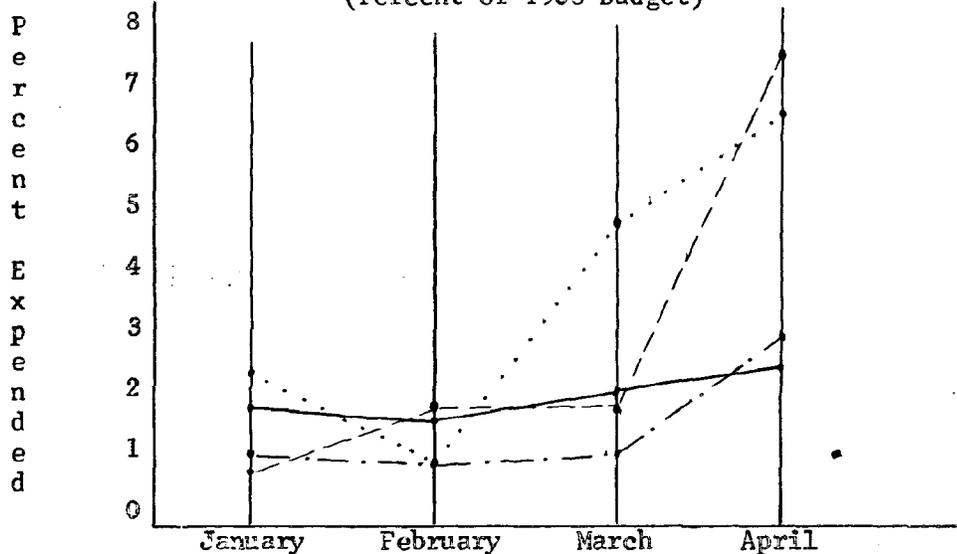
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period January-April have been affected by their respective security situations and by commitment of the logistics system to recovery as a first priority. III CTZ has been the consistently high performer although, of course, running below the previous year's rate. Actually, performance after March marks the inception of meaningful trends since poor performance through the month following Tet is the rule. It can be seen in the chart that all Corps peaked somewhat, II Corps very sharply, in April.

TABLE 16

MORD Budget Expenditures by Corps
(Percent of 1968 Budget)



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I CTZ	1.7	1.6	2.0	2.3
II CTZ	0.7	1.7	1.7	7.1
III CTZ	2.1	0.8	4.5	6.3
IV CTZ	0.9	0.8	0.9	2.8

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2. THIS CHANGE RESULTS FROM A RECENT ANALYSIS OF AWARDS MADE UNDER THE EXISTING POLICY. IT WAS NOTED THAT IN MANY INSTANCES A VERY LIBERAL INTERPRETATION OF EXISTING CRITERIA HAD BEEN MADE. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE GENERAL OFFICER WAS DECORATED FOR VALOR NINE TIMES IN A 12-MONTH PERIOD OF TIME. DA HAS COMMENTED THAT THE CONTROL OF AWARDS FOR GENERAL OFFICERS IN USARV APPEARED TO NEED TIGHTENING.
3. CG USARV HAS INDICATED THAT ONLY IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD A GENERAL OFFICER RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE DURING A TOUR OF DUTY IN VN. THIS SHOULD NOT BE INTERPRETED TO PRECLUDE RECOGNITION OF EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT IN SPECIFIC CASES. AWARDS FOR VALOR SHOULD BE LIMITED AND SHOULD BE BASED ON ACTIONS WHICH CLEARLY MEET THE STRINGENT CRITERIA FOR THESE DECORATIONS.
4. CG USARV ALSO DESIRES THAT NOT MORE THAN ONE MAJOR AWARD BE PRESENTED TO GENERAL OFFICERS DURING CHANGE OF COMMAND OR OTHER CEREMONIES IN FRONT OF TROOPS. THIS POLICY WOULD ALSO BE APPROPRIATE FOR FIELD GRADE OFFICER CEREMONIES.

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 FM CG RUM/PA

TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMV/P/CG THIRD MARE IV (R 217)
 RUMM/PA/CG FORLOGONE (E 222)

BY
 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NGEN TOMPKINS,
 INFO NGEN DAVIS AND NGEN OLSON FROM LI GEN BUZE.
 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. THE CONSISTENT SUCCESS OF ENEMY EFFORTS AGAINST
 THE CUA VIET INSTALLATION, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO
 CLASS V AND THE FUEL RECEIVING FARM, ARE OF INCREASING
 CONCERN TO ME, AS I KNOW THEY ARE TO YOU. I KNOW THAT
 YOU ARE WORKING ON MINIMIZING THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF
 THE TARGET, BUT AS LONG AS WE ARE LOCKED INTO THE
 REQUIREMENT FOR A RECEIVING STATION IN THE CUA VIET AREA
 WE CAN ANTICIPATE CONTINUED ATTRACTION OF OUR FUEL FARM
 EQUIPMENT AND PRODUCTS.
 2. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ENQUIRE INTO WHAT

PAGE 2 RUMHMA 6351 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NGEN O
 IDEAS YOU MAY HAVE WITH RESPECT TO REDUCING OUR
 VULNERABILITY, EITHER VIA MINIMIZING TANKAGE (IF FEASIBLE),
 FURTHER DISPERSION, OR BY BEEFING UP REVENIENTS AND
 PROVIDING OVERHEAD COVER. IN THE LATTER CONNECTION,
 MY STAFF HAS SOME IDEAS WHICH WILL BE PASSED ALONG TO
 YOUR ENGINEER VIA WAREHOSE IN A FURTHER SUGGESTIVE MANNER.
 PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THERE IS ANYTHING WE CAN
 DO HERE TO ASSIST IN THIS MATTER. WARM REGARDS,

CGM
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DE RUMHMA 2323 1852211
ZNY SSSSS
R 232211Z JUL 68
FM CG FMFPAC
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
INFO RUEBHOA/CMC
RUWUGRA/CG III MAF
RUMWP/CG THIRD MARDIV
RUMPLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN QUILTER, INFO GEN
CHAMMAN, MGEN THOMPSON, MGEN DAVIS AND MGEN YOUNG-
LAGE FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY.

SPECIAL REPORT (U)

- A. CG FIRST MAW 33173Z/JUNGS (S)
- B. CG FIRST MAW 23222Z/AHT 88 (S)

1. REFERENCE A RECOMMENDED TERMINATION OF THE SPECIAL
REPORT ESTABLISHED BY REFERENCE B, WHEN IT WAS NO
LONGER REQUIRED. I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND
ACKNOWLEDGE FULLY THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WORKLOAD INVOLVED.
2. HOWEVER, FOR THE INTERIM, IT IS REQUESTED THAT

S/S
Never seen now a copy
Please check

DONE
attached
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THE DAILY SPECIAL REPORT ESTABLISHED BY REFERENCE B
BE CONTINUED. IT PROVIDES VITAL
STATISTICAL DATA WHICH IS NOT AVAILABLE EITHER
HERE AT HQ FMFPAC OR HMC, AND WHICH IS
OF IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE IN DOCUMENTING
OPERATIONS UNDER THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. WHEN
THE DATA CONTAINED IN THE REPORT IS NO LONGER AB-
SOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR OUR EFFORTS TO RETURN OPCON
OF FIRST MAW FIXED WING ATTACK AND RECON ASSETS TO
THE MARINE CORPS, THE REPORT WILL BE TERMINATED
IMMEDIATELY.
BEST REGARDS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FROM GEN CHAMIAN TO MAJGEN TOMPKINS
 AWARD BY REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: CASE OF THE LATE CPL
 SOTIRIOS M. MARGARITIS 2205400 USMC(U)
 1. CG, 1ST MAREV LTR OF 17 SEP 67 TO CPL MARGARITIS FATHER
 STATED "YOUR SON ONE OF 20 MARINES RECOMMENDED FOR CROSS
 OF GALLANTRY, FROM 3RD BATTALION, 7TH MARINES FOR THEIR
 PARTICIPATION IN JOINT OPERATIONS WITH RVN FORCES. THE
 REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM APPROVED THE AWARD FOR ONLY 14,
 REGRETTABLY, SOTIRIOS NOT INCLUDED."
 2. RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS AN EXTRAORDINARY REQUEST, I
 WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL APPROACH TO LIGEN LAB
 TO EFFECT A POSTHUMOUS AWARD OF THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF
 GALLANTRY WITH BRONZE STAR TO CPL MARGARITIS.
 WARM REGARDS.

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(13 June - 19 June 67)
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receive award -

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	CG					REMARKS (G- We have a strong order out on this matter - will have G-2 prepare a "reminder" to all commands, if you concur. J. Paspy 9
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 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 LTG ROSSON CG PCV/ACG III MAF
 LTG PEERS ACG I FFV
 LTG WEYAND CG II FFV
 INFO GEN MOMYER CDR 7TH AF
 ADM VETH COMNAVFORV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CTZ
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 2823 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CONTROL, TURN-IN, DISPOSAL OF CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS (U)

1. (C) BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS, IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED; HOWEVER, AVAIL-
 LABLE DATA INDICATES THAT APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE WEAPONS
 THAT WERE REPORTED AS EVACUATED TO CMEC WERE ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY
 CMEC. WITHIN THE ARMY COMMAND, ONLY 25 PERCENT OF THE WEAPONS REP-
 ORTED TURNED IN TO 1ST LOGISTICS COMMAND COLLECTION POINTS WERE AC-
 TUALY RECEIVED BY THOSE AGENCIES. THE PROCEDURES FOR EVACUATION
 AND COLLECTION OF CAPTURED WEAPONS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 5 OF MACV
 DIRECTIVE 381-24 ARE STILL NOT BEING FOLLOWED.

2. (U) POSITIVE CONTROL OF CAPTURED WEAPONS MUST BE MAINTAINED.
 YOUR INTEREST WILL ACCELERATE IMPROVEMENT.

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SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
 DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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 FM COMSEVENTHFLT
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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FOR BOEN GLICK INFO RADM BARDSHAR, RADM COUSINS, CAPT'S FLANAGAN
 AND BARROW FROM VADM BRINGLE
 FOREIGN AWARDS CEREMONY

1. IF OPERATIONALLY POSSIBLE, DESIRE YOUR ATTENDANCE AT AN AWARDS CEREMONY TO BE HELD 10 JUL ABOARD CONSTELLATION AT YANKEE STATION IN ORDER TO BE PERSONALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE GVN FOR YOUR EFFORTS WHILE SERVING AS CTF 79.
 2. REQUEST ADVISE ALCON IF YOU WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND. REQUEST YOU ADVISE CTG 77.0 OF TRANS ROUTS BETWEEN DANANG AND YANKEE STATION.
 3. WARM REGARDS.
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 MANEUVER TO INFLECT MAXIMUM CASUALTIES ON THE VC NVA DIV AND TO
 PREEMPT ANY PLANS THE ENEMY MAY HAVE FOR AREAS IN THE SOUTHERN
 PORTION OF AMERICAL AO. A TASK FORCE CONSISTING OF FOUR AMERICAN BATTALIONS
 AND ONE ARVN BATTALION WILL BE EMPLOYED ON THIS OPERATION UNDER
 COMMAND OF BG COOKSEY. OPERATION TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO TERMINATE
 ON 18 AUGUST. AGAIN A BATTALION WILL BE DESIGNATED AS A RESERVE
 BATTALION SHOULD THE NEED ARISE.

3. (C) COORDINATION IS BEING MADE WITH 2D ARVN DIV FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION
 IN THE PLANNED OPERATIONS.

4 (C) IT IS REQUESTED THAT ONE MARINE BATTALION WITH SUPPORTING
 LIGHT ARTILLERY BE MADE AVAILABLE TO AMERICAL DIVISION FOR PARTICIPATION
 IN PHASE I OF THE PLANNED OPERATIONS. COORDINATION IS BEING
 MADE WITH FIRST MAR DIV FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNED OPERATIONS.

5. (C) IT IS REQUESTED THAT SLP BRAVO BE DEPLOYED INTO AN OFFSHORE
 POSITION VICINITY QUANG NGAI-LUC PHO AO TO BE READY TO COUNTER ANY
 THREAT TO THESE AREA WHICH MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF INTENSIVE COMBAT
 OPERATION DURING PHASE I

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN ANDERSON FROM
 NGEN YOUNGDALE

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 301440Z JUN 68
 B. CG III MAF 241030Z JUN 68

1. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE CONTENT OF REF
 AS OBVIOUSLY THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION
 OF THE SLFS MERIT DETAILED ANALYSIS AND CONSIDERABLE STUDY.

HOWEVER, MY INITIAL VIEWS FOLLOW:

2. IN THE LONG TERM I WHOLEHEARTEDLY CONCUR IN THE PHILOSOPHY
 THAT COMMAND AS OPPOSED TO OPCON IS DESIREABLE IN THE COMBAT
 ENVIRONMENT AND THAT BNS AND REGTS SHOULD BE KEPT WITH THEIR
 PARENT ORGANIZATIONS WHENEVER THE TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS. I
 AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS IS THE DESIRE OF EVERY COMMANDER IN
 COMBAT.

3. THE FACT REMAINS THAT THE PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF BATTALIONS
 AMONG REGIMENTS AND REGIMENTS BETWEEN DIVISIONS HAS BEEN BROUGHT

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 ABOUT ESSENTIALLY BY THE ENEMY SITUATION. INDEED THE DEPLOYMENT OF
 FIRST MARINES TO THIRD MARDIV AND 27TH MARINES TO FIRST MARDIV
 WERE THE RESULT OF EN SITUATION OBTAINING.

4. FURTHER, I BELIEVE THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ROTATING BATTALIONS
 FROM THE DIVISIONS TO THE SLFS HAS SOME INHERENT POSITIVE VALUES.
 FIRST, SUCH ROTATION CONTRIBUTES TO BETTER MORALE. SECOND, ON A
 SIX MONTH ROTATION SCHEDULE, MORE MARINES WILL RECEIVE SOME TRAINING
 IN OR APPLICATION OF AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE DOCTRINE BY ROTATING
 DIVISION BATTALIONS THAN IF ROTATION IS RESTRICTED TO THE THREE
 BATTALIONS OF THE 26TH MARINES. CONSIDERING THE OVERALL TOUR LENGTH
 AND INTRA UNIT ROTATION THE GAIN IS SMALL. NEVERTHELESS I BELIEVE IT IS
 SIGNIFICANT.

5. RETENTION OF 26TH MARINES HEADQUARTERS IN COUNTRY WITH ONLY ONE
 BATTALION UNDER ITS COMMAND, I.E., A ONE OVER ONE RELATIONSHIP,
 PLUS THE CONSTANT PREOCCUPATION WITH BATTALION ROTATION, WILL
 REDUCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REGIMENT AND M.D. STATES AGAINST THE
 PROPOSAL. MOREOVER, PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS MERIT SEPARATE STUDY
 IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED BASE AND THE DIVERSITY OF UNITS WHICH MAKE
 UP THE 8LT.

6. ON BALANCE THEN, SO LONG AS THE PRESENT ENEMY SITUATION OBTAINS,

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I RECOMMEND AGAINST RESTRICTING S/F ASSIGNMENTS TO BNS FROM 26TH
MARINES.

7. HOWEVER, IF THE DECISION IS TAKEN TO BEGIN THE EXCLUSIVE USE
OF 26TH MAR BNS FOR THIS PURPOSE, I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE
INITIAL BATTALION BE 2/26. THIS RECOMMENDATION IS PREDICATED ON
THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

A. BASED ON THE ENEMY SITUATION IN MID MAY CG III MAR ALLOCATED
26TH MARINES (-) TO FIRST MARDIV. THE ENEMY SITUATION HAS NOT
CHANGED PERCEPTIBLY.

B. THE 26TH MAR WITH TWO BNS WERE PROVIDED FOR SUSTAINED
OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. PRESENT PLANS ARE ON COMPLETION OF THE
CURRENT OFFENSIVE IN HAPPY VALLEY TO COMMIT 26TH MAR IN THE WESTERN
REACHES OF ELEPHANT VALLEY, IN THE RUONG RUONG AREA. NO OTHER
FORCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TASK.

C. THE PENDING MOVE NORTH OF 2ND MVA DIVISION MAKES THE SITU-
ATION MORE CRITICAL. THE THREAT TO DA NANANG VITAL AREA WILL
GREATLY INCREASE WHEN THE MOVE TAKES PLACE WITH A CONCOMITANT IN-
CREASE IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR MANEUVER FORCES.

D. COMUSMACV HAS CONCURRED IN PROPOSAL REF 2 HEREDY 3RD MARDIV
COMMENCES TO FORM A NEW BLY 15 JULY FOR EMBARKATION END AUGUST.

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FORMATION OF A BLY FROM 1/26 OR 3/26 WHILE OPERATING ELEMENTS OF
THE BNS ARE FULLY COMMITTED IN FIRST MARDIV AO AND THE ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE REAR ECHELONS AND ADCON RESC WITH THIRD MARDIV CAUSE THIS
TO BE A HIGHLY IMPRACTICAL COURSE OF ACTION.

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 FROM LYGEN BUSE

1. I HAVE ADVISED THE COMMANDANT THAT YOU AND LEROY
 GREY WILL ATTEND THE AUSTRALIAN CHIEF OF THE GENERAL
 STAFF EXERCISE AT BUNIKOON. THE EXERCISE BEGINS ON
 11 AUGUST AND TERMINATES THE EVENING OF 15 AUGUST.
 WITH YOU MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION ON THE WORKING
 OF THE 12TH TRANSPORTATION FROM THE GANDARA AIRPORT
 TO THE EXERCISE, AND ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE EXERCISE
 WILL BE PROVIDED BY YOUR HOSTS. I WILL HAVE GREY MAKE
 THE OTHER TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS AND SUCCESSFULLY
 HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS FROM HOPE.

2. I HAVE ADVISED LYGEN DAILY THAT YOU AND GREY WILL BE
 COOKING, AND HAVE SENT ALONG AN ORDER OF THE
 IDENTIFICATION HIGH LIGHTING A CRISIS SITUATION OF WAR AND
 OPERATIONS IN 1963: PEACE AND EMERGENCY SITUATION IN

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 A1Z. LATE FALL 1967 THROUGH EARLY 1968: REINFORCEMENT
 OF 10Z; COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS; THE MAJOR OPERATIONS
 IN 10Z DURING 1968; AND CLOSING REMARKS WITH A LOOK
 AT THE FUTURE.

3. THE PREPARATION OF THE PRESENTATION IS WELL UNDER
 WAY AND I EXPECT TO SEND IT AND THE ASSOCIATED TRAINING
 AIDS TO YOU FOR REVIEW IN EARLY JULY.

4. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS
 INCLUDE WINTER SERVICE "A" FOR WORKING HOLES, BLUE
 DRESS FOR THE EVENING MEALS, AND EVENING DRESS FOR
 DINNER THE LAST NIGHT. IN ADDITION, A CIVILIAN SUIT IS
 NEEDED. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED GREY AT
 HIS LEAVE ADDRESS IN CONUS. INsofar AS TRAVEL ARRANGE-
 MENTS ARE CONCERNED, I HAD YOU HAVE GREY JOIN YOU IN
 CANAUB, SO THAT A FINAL REVIEW CAN BE MADE OF THE
 PRESENTED PROGRAM PRIOR TO YOUR PROCEEDING ON TO
 AUSTRALIA. BEST REGARDS.

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TO BC ANDERSON C/S III MA

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC #751 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ALLEGATIONS MADE BY MAJOR LAVELL MERRIT, USA, SR. ADV.
DONG DA TRAINING CENTER(U)

1. THE MATTERS PRESENTED IN YOUR MESSAGE OF 29 JUNE 1968 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO MACV INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR INVESTIGATION.
2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE IG OFFICE WILL SOON CONTACT YOUR FORCE INSPECTOR FOR NECESSARY ASSISTANCE.

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TO CG III MAF

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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 2755 INTL

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MSG TO LTC ROSSON PER THE INSTRUCTIONS
OF MC KERWIN.

QUOTE

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FM MC KERWIN C/S MACV

TO LTR ROSSON CG PCV

MF DAVIS CG 3D MAN DIV

MG TOLSON CG 1ST ABN CAV DIV

MS PARSANTI CG 101ST ABN DIV

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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 2770 E.O.

WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY
AND TAKING YOUR TIME ON MY RECENT TRIP. EACH OF YOU
ASSISTED ME IN GETTING A GOOD PICTURE IN PREPARATION FOR
MY NEW JOB. MANY THANKS.

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TO LTC ROSSON CG PCV

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UNCLAS E F T O MHT 005 EYES ONLY

1. C/3 HOWARD S. OKADA, #3350194, OUR ADMINISTRATIVE TECHNICIAN WARRANT OFFICER IN THE FRONT OFFICE, HAS APPLIED FOR DIRECT APPOINTMENT TO CAPTAIN, AGC. GEORGE AND I HAVE BOTH STRONGLY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL OF HIS APPLICATION. KNOWING YOUR HIGH REGARD FOR OKADA AND THE IMPACT OF YOUR ENDORSEMENT, I FELT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AND MAY DESIRE TO SEND A BACK CHANNEL TO FURTHER HIS APPOINTMENT. APPLICATION WAS FORWARDED ON 30 MAY TO US ARMY RESERVE COM-

POMENTS PERSONNEL CENTER, CPC AT FT BEN HARRISON, INDIANA.

2. YOUR MOST THOUGHTFUL CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE RECEIVED AND GREATLY APPRECIATED. YOU HAD A BIG, STRONG HAND IN MAKING IT POSSIBLE, FOR WHICH I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MOST GRATEFUL. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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 A. CG 3D MARL IV 581432Z JUN 68
 UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT GET REFERENCE A PREPARED IN TIME
 TO HAVE LT GEN CUSHMAN CONSIDER IT. HOWEVER, I WOULD
 APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST IN HELPING TO RESOLVE THE SUBJECT
 PROBLEM PRIOR TO 15 JULY.
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