

- ~~42 31. CG FMAN 181245Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 43 32. CG FMFPAC 220218Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
BUSE TO CHAPMAN INFO TOMPKINS, YOUNGDALE, DAVIS,
INFANTRY STRENGTH AND DISTRIBUTION
- 44 33. CG FMFPAC 220221Z JUL68 (C) *Op-4*
FMFPAC MANPOWER CONFERENCE
- ~~45 34. CG FMAN 220950Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 46 35. CG FMFPAC 230105Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *Op-4*
BUSE TO TOMPKINS
AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION
- ~~47 36. CG FMAN 231020Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 48 37. CMC 231853Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Op-4*
DEPLOYMENT OF 27TH MARINES FROM VIETNAM (S)
- 49 38. CG NINTH MAB 240007Z JUL68 (C) *Group-4*
CHIP TO CUSHMAN
TRIP
- ~~50 39. CG FMAN 241150Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 51 40. CG NINTH MAB 250640Z JUL68 (U)
CHIP TO ANDERSON
WILL BRING PLAQUES
- ~~52 41. CG FMAN 251305Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 53 42. CMC 251621Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
VAN RYZIN TO BUSE AND CUSHMAN
STATUS OF M107 REPLACEMENT FOR THE M53 IN III MAF
- 54 43. GEN WESTMORELAND 252331Z JUL68 (U)
WESTMORELAND TO ANDERSON
CONGRATS ON SELECTION
- 55 44. CG THIRD MARDIV 261200Z JUL68 (S) *Op-4*
DAVIS TO ROSSON AND STILWELL
TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF ARC LIGHTS
- 56 45. CG PCV PHB 261541Z JUL68 (S) *Group-4*
STILWELL TO ROSSON
BASE CAMP 1/5 MECH

- 27-18. COL DUQUEMIN 182159Z JUL68 (U)
TO ROSSON
WEAPONS DISPLAY
- 30-19. CG FMFPAC 172318Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
BUSE TO TOMPKINS
ALLOCATION MATERIAL IN SHORT SUPPLY
- 31-20. CG FMFPAC 172319Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
BUSE TO TOMPKINS
LOGISTICS CONFERENCE
- 32-21. CG NINTH MAB 190745Z JUL68 (U)
CHIP TO TOMPKINS
NOT AVAILABLE ON OKI
- 33-22. BG BOATWRIGHT 191934Z JUL68 (U)
TO ROSSON
THANKS FOR CONGRATS
- 34-23. SSO CARLISLE BKS 191950Z JUL68 (U)
TO ROSSON
WILL DO BEST TO EARN CONFIDENCE
- 35-24. CG FMFPAC 192045Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
~~KEM~~ BUSE TO DAVIS INFO TOMPKINS
CONDITIONS IN THE ELEVENTH
- ~~36-25. CMC 200017Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
MUTZGER TO ANDERSON
SCIENCE ADVISOR TO III MAF~~
- 37-26. CG THIRD MARDIV 200638Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
DAVIS TO ROSSON AND STILWELL
ARC LIGHT INTELLIGENCE JUSTIFICATION
- ~~38-27. CG FMAW 210816Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~39-28. CG FMAW 201040Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~40-29. CG FMAW 201122Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 41-30. COMSEVENTHFLT 202328Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
CODISPOTI TO ANDERSON
BRINGLE UNABLE TO JOIN ROSSON FOR LUNCH

- 15 4. MG STILWELL 151500Z JUL68 (U)
STILWELL TO ROSSON
DSM R FOR MG BARSANTI
- ~~16 5. CMC 160035Z JUL68 (C)
SCIENCE ADVISOR FOR III MAF~~
- ~~17 6. CG FMW 150945Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 18 7. CG FMFPAC 160218Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *Group - 4*
BUSE TO TOMPKINS, YOUNGDALE AND DAVIS
RIFLE COMPANY STRENGTH
- 19 8. SSO 101ST ACD 170903Z JUL68 (U)
MSG FOR COL CUSHMAN
- ~~20 9. CG FMW 161315Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 21 10. CMC 162312Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *Group - 4*
CUSHMAN TO ANDERSON
CAPT CAULEY BECAME FATHER
- 22 11. KNOWLTON OSGS WASH 162312Z ~~HE~~ JUL68 (U)
- 23 12. GEN ABRAMS 170218Z J&L68 (S) *Group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
COUNTERINGELLIGENCE UPDATE
- 24 13. MG KERWIN 170559Z JUL68 (S) *Group - not shown*
KERWIN TO ANDERSON
REPORT TO MACV PSSOBILITY OF INSERTS INTO DMZ
- ~~25 14. CG FMW 171044Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 26 15. CG AMERICAL DIV 171130Z JUL68 (C) *Group - 4*
GETTYS TO ROSSON
AMERICAL PLAN CONCEPT
- 27 16. GEN ABRAMS 171207Z JUL68 (C) *Group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ROSSON
CONGRATS ON SECDEF VISIT
- ~~28 17. CG FMFPAC 172138Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
BUSE TO TOMPKINS
CONCURS IN PROPOSED ARG/OPR DEPLOYMENT MGR~~

~~30. ADMINO FMFPAC 102210Z JUL68 (S MCEB)
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~~39. TOWNSEND 102230Z JUL68 (U)
PERSONAL FOR CG
BOOK~~

1 ✓ 40. MG KERWIN 110304Z JUL68 (S) *group - not shown*
KERWIN TO ALL
ARC LIGHT LIAISON VISIT

~~41. CG FMAW 111550Z JUL68 (S MCEB)
ROUTINE INPUT~~

3 ~~42. CG FMAW 121620Z JUL68 (S MCEB)
ROUTINE INPUT~~

4 43. GEN ABRAMS 130036Z JUL68 (C) *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ROSSON
REQUESTS VIEWS ON ARVN DUEL BLADE TS FROM WHEELER

5 44. MG TOLSON 130200Z JUL68 (C) *group - not shown*
TOLSON TO ROSSON AND STILWELL
PARKING SPACE AND REVETMENTS

6 45. ~~_____~~ → 45) 6. ADMINO FMFPAC
130252Z JUL68 *gp-4*
7 46. GEN ABRAMS 131057Z JUL68 (S) *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO WHEELER INFO SHARP & ROSSON
ARVN DUEL BLADE POSITIONS
AUST PRESENTATION

8 ~~47. CG FMAW 131240Z JUL68 (S MCEB)
ROUTINE INPUT~~

9 48. SSO MACV 132059Z JUL68 (U)
ROSSON EROM KENAN
HOSPITALIZATION OF LT C.R. MEYER

10 49. GEN ABRAMS 140737Z JUL68 (C) *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

11 ~~50. MONHELAN 141107Z JUL68 (C)
MONHELAN TO CUSHMAN
SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR FOR III MAF~~

12 ~~1. CG FMAW 141230Z JUL68 (S MCEB)
ROUTINE INPUT~~

13 2. MG STILWELL 141245Z JUL68 (C) *gp - not shown*
MAJOR GENERAL USA PROMOTION LIST
(*copy*)

14 3. GEN ABRAMS 151040Z JUL68 (S) *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
ALLOCATION OF MATERIAL

- ~~38~~ 40. ~~LCEN ROSSON 050318Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~PERSON ON HOUSE ARRANGEMENTS~~
- ~~39~~ 41. ~~LCEN ROSSON 050612Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~PERSONAL ON INVITATION ACCEPTANCE~~
- ~~40~~ 42. ~~LCEN ROSSON 050622Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~PERSONAL CONGRATS TO HARRELL ON FOUR STARS~~
- ~~41~~ 43. ~~LCEN ROSSON 050623Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~QUARTERS AT FORT MEYER~~
- ~~42~~ 44. ~~CG III MAF 060044Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~FOR BRINGLE FROM CLICK~~
~~FOREIGN AWARDS CEREMONY~~
- ~~43~~ 45. ~~CG III MAF 080738Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~EMPLOYMENT OF SIF'S (COS 1)~~
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- ~~44~~ 46. ~~CG III MAF 090350Z JUL68 (S)~~
~~LEGI TO KERWIN~~
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~~ROSSON TO COL DUQUENIN~~
~~WEAPONS DISPLAY~~
- ~~46~~ 48. ~~CG III MAF 111008Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~ROSSON TO TOWNSEND~~
~~HOUSEHOLD STAFF~~
- ~~47~~ 49. ~~CG III MAF 111009Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~ROSSON TO LTC BERGE~~
~~HOUSEHOLD GOODS PERSONAL GEAR~~
- 48 50. CG III MAF 121330Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
ROSSON TO STILWELL, YOUNGDALE, GETTYS, ETC.
IDENTIFICATION OF PW'S & INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION
- 49 51. CG III MAF 131346Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
TOMPKINS TO BUSE
PRESS AND CIB (U)
- ~~50~~ 52. ~~CG III MAF 141118Z JUL68 (U)~~
~~ROSSON TO MEYER~~
~~DISPOSITION OF LT MEYER, WIA~~
- 51 53. CG III MAF 141156Z JUL68 (U)
ROSSON TO STILWELL, DAVID, BARTLETT, OSBORN
QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE
- 52 4. CG III MAF 151125Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
ROSSON TO ABRAMS
PASSES STILWELL'S COMMENTS ON UFO'S
5. CG III MAF 150710Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
ROSSON TO ALL CDRS
ABRAMS PRESS RELATIONS MSG
- 3 8.

28. CG III MAF 300632Z JUN68 (S)
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS
PRAIRIE FIRE AVN SUPPORT
29. CG III MAF 300730Z JUN68 (S MCEO)
CUSHMAN TO BUSE INFO CHAPMAN
PASSES SINGLE MGMT MSG TO ABRAMS
- ~~28 30. CG III MAF 010610Z JUL68 (S)
BGEN ANDERSON TO YOUNGDALE
PASSES DAVIS EXCLUSIVE ON MILIT SLE OPN IN I CORPS~~
- ~~29 31. CG III MAF 011050Z JUL68 (S MCEO)
ANDERSON TO CHIP
ARR/SLE SCHEDULE (U)~~
- ~~30 32. CG III MAF 012346Z JUL68 (C)
BGEN ANDERSON TO RADM COUSINS
LTGEN HUTCHIN ARRIVAL V.S.~~
- ~~31 33. CG III MAF 021500Z JUL68 (U)
ROSSON TO US ARMY RES COMPONENTS PERSONNEL CENTER ORO
RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT WO OKADA~~
- 32 34. CG III MAF 030550Z JUL68 (C) *group-4*
ROSSON TO ALL
DISCREPANCIES IN REPORTING CAPTURED ENEMY WEAPONS
- 33 35. CG III MAF 030551Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
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- ~~34 36. CG III MAF 031340Z JUL68 (U)
ROSSON TO J F WASHINGTON
DISPLAY OF ENEMY WEAPONS~~
- 35 37. CG III MAF 050256Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
TOMPKINS TO BUSE INFO DAVIS AND OLSON
CUA VIET FUEL FARM LOSSES
- 36 38. CG III MAF 050304Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
TOMPKINS TO CHAPMAN
AWARD BY RVN MARGARITIS
- 37 39. CG III MAF 050958Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
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- 1 ~~46~~. COMUSMACV 270848Z JUL68 (C) *gp-4*
FOR GEN ANDERSON
SOG BRIEF
- 2 ~~47~~. CG FMFPAC 27193⁹1Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
OV-10A MISSION EMPLOYMENT
- 3 ~~48~~. CG FMFPAC 272002Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CHAPMAN INFO TOMPKINS
ALLOCATION OF CRITICAL ITEM RESOURCES
- ~~49~~. ~~CG FMFPAC 272009Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~DEPLOYMENT OF RL27 FROM VIETNAM~~
- 5 ~~50~~. GEN ABRAMS 270230⁰Z JUL68 (C) *Group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ROSSON
TARGETTING AND INTELLIGENCE
- ~~61~~. ~~CG FMAW 272431Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~71~~. ~~CG FMAW 280811Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 8 ~~51~~. GEN ABRAMS 290625Z JUL68 (S) *gp - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
INCULCATE THE SPIRIT OF MY GUIDANCE IN COMUSMACV 21765
- 9 ~~4~~. CMC 291755Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
VAN RYZIN TO BUSE AND CUSHMAN
STATUS OF M107 REPLACEMENT FOR THE M53 IN III MAF
- ~~10~~ ~~52~~. ~~CMC 292211Z JUL68 (S) MCEO~~
~~AUG PERS CRITERIA CEREMONIAL RYED RETURN RIT 27 (S)~~
- ~~11~~ ~~53~~. ~~COMSEVENTHFLT 292311Z JUL68 (S)~~
~~ANDERSON FROM CODISBOWT~~
~~ARC/SLE EMPLOYMENT~~
- ~~12~~ ~~54~~. ~~CMC 301242Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~DEPLOYMENT OF RIT 27 FM VN (S)~~
- 13 ~~55~~. CG FMAW 301330Z JUL68 (S) *gp-4*
FOR GLICK
REQUEST FOR PROJECT TRIM SERVICES

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- 14 ~~20~~. CG FMAW310210Z JUL68 (S) *Group-4*
 FOR BGEN GLICK
 REQUEST FOR PROJECT TRIM SERVICES
- 15 ~~20~~. CMC 310852Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
 WALT TO BUSE INFO CUSHMAN
 ALLOCATION OF CRITICAL ITEM RESOURCES
- 16 ~~21~~. GEN ABRAMS 310934Z JUL68 (S) *Group - not shown*
 ABRAMS TO ALL
 INTELLIGENCE - FIND AND FIX THE ENEMY
- 17 ~~22~~. ~~CG FMAW 311035Z JUL68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 18 ~~23~~. CG THIRD MARDIV 311330Z JUL68 (S) *Ap-4*
 DAVIS TO CHIP INFO CUSHMAN
 PRACTICE LANDINGS FOR BLT 2/26

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 AFSC FOR SCT BRIG GEN GILBERT
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PAGE TWO RUMUGRA3214 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS WHITE BIRCH
 HAVE FEAR PROGRESS REPORT FOR PERIOD 21-26JUL (U) COL MUNYON SENDS
 THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS

PART I

1. STATUS OF HAVE FEAR EQUIPMENT. AVERAGE OPERATING TIME PER
 TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IS TEN HOURS. AVERAGE FLASH LAMP TIME IS FIVE
 HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND FLASHES. TOTAL TIME ON NEODYMIUM LASER ROD
 TO DATE IS 106 HOURS. TOTAL TIME ON EMU-19U GENERATOR IS A CON-
 TINUOUS 392 HOURS. ONLY COMPONENTS OF SYSTEM INOPERATIVE ARE
 GATING CIRCUIT OF TELEVISION CAMERA AND LASER RANGE FINDER RE-
 CEIVER. GATING REPAIR CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED IN THE FIELD.
 HOWEVER, ANOTHER RANGE FINDER RECEIVER HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED AND IS
 OPERATIVE. FOUR TECHNICAL PERSONNEL OF THE AIR FORCE WEAPONS
 LABORATORY HAVE MAINTAINED PROTOTYPE EQUIPMENT TO DATE TO INCLUDE
 REPLACE FLASH LAMPS, REPAIR POKEL CELL CIRCUIT IN Q SWITCH LASER,
 REPAIR LASER POWER SUPPLY, REPAIR INVERTER, REPLACE ELECTRONIC
 COMPONENTS IN TELEVISION CAMERA CIRCUIT, REWIRE MOUNT CONTROL
 CIRCUIT, REPAIR VIDEO TAPE RECORDER AND REPAIR SPARE GENERATOR.
 PART II MODUS OPERANDI.

1. EQUIPMENT HAS CAPABILITY OF REMOTE OPERATION FROM BUNKER
 UNDER TOWER, HOWEVER, PROCEDURE HAS BEEN ADOPTED TO MAN

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"LIMDIS"

PAGE THREE RUMUGRA3214 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS WHITE BIRCH TOWER WITH AN OBSERVER ON THE QUESTAR BY DAY AND S-1 NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICE BY NIGHT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE LARGE FIELD OF VIEW OF QUESTAR AND NOD. MAN IN TOWER IS ALSO USED FOR MANUAL FOCUSING OF CELESTRON. ALL OPERATIONS COVERT. PART III TEST RESULTS.

1. OBJECTIVE OF HAVE FEAR IS TO EVALUATE IN A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT TO ACCURATELY LOCATE OPTICS ASSOCIATED WITH ENEMY ARTILLERY AT THREE TO FIVE KILOMETERS IN THE DAYTIME USING RETRO-REFLECTANCE TECHNIQUE. NO ENEMY RETRO RETURNS OBSERVED DURING REPORTING PERIOD. SYSTEM OPERATING PROPERLY AND CONTINUALLY CHECKED DAY AND NIGHT ON REFLECTORS PLACED AT 1650 FEET AND 4500 FEET BY MARINE PATROLS. NO INCOMING MORTAR OR ARTILLERY ROUNDS AT CON THIEN DURING REPORTING PERIOD. IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE ENEMY IS NOT VIEWING CON THIEN WITH OPTICS DURING PERIOD OF TIME HAVE FEAR EQUIPMENT IS SEARCHING AREA. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE TO ACQUIRE ENEMY CAPTURED OPTICS AND HAVE MARINE PATROLS CARRY THE INSTRUMENTS INTO ENEMY TERRITORY TO PROVIDE SOME ASSESSMENT OF HAVE FEAR EQUIPMENT. A NUMBER OF CW IR SOURCES HAVE BEEN DETECTED THROUGH THE S-1 NOD. THESE SOURCES CANNOT BE SEEN WITH NAKED EYE, OR 7X50 BINOCULARS.

PAGE FOUR RUMUGRA3214 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS WHITE BIRCH EXTREMELY BRIGHT SOURCES ONLY CAN BE SEEN IN EXTENDED S-20 NOD. A NUMBER OF TINY LIGHTS AND ACTIVITY CAN FREQUENTLY BE SEEN THROUGH THE S-1 NOD IN VICINITY OF SOURCES. MISSIONS HAVE BEEN FIRED USING MORTAR AND ARTILLERY WITH ACTIVITY CEASING BUT SOURCE CONTINUES. BY PROVIDING ACCURATE AZIMUTH AND RANGE INFORMATION A NUMBER OF FIRST ROUNDS ARE FALLING WITHIN THE 10 MILIRADIAN FIELD OF VIEW OF CELESTRON AS VIEWED ON TELEVISION SCREEN. FILTERED ZENON SEARCH LIGHTS HAVE ALSO BEEN USED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE S-1 NOD TO ILLUMINATE TERRAIN FOR ADJUSTMENT OF FIRE AT NIGHT. ON NIGHT OF 23 JULY MARINE PATROL WAS GIVEN TRUCK REFLECTOR AND ON CALL WAS ASKED TO DISPLAY REFLECTOR IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF HAVE FEAR POSITION. BY USING RETRO TECHNIQUES PATROL WAS FOLLOWED AND ACCURATELY LOCATED IN THEIR AMBUSH POSITION AT 5000 FEET. HAVE FEAR EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN USED CONTINUOUSLY DAY AND NIGHT SEARCHING FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY BEHIND, IN FRONT AND BEYOND MARINE PATROLS OPERATING NEAR DMZ. QUESTAR WITH PHOTO CAPABILITY HAS BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY FOR DAY SEARCH. EXAMPLE IS LOCATION OF UNUSUAL STRUCTURE IN NORTH VIETNAM AT 44,000 FEET RANGE. TARGET HAS BEEN ATTACKED WITH 175MM. INVESTIGATION BEING MADE TO

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"LIMDIS"

PAGE FIVE RUMUGRAS214 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS WHITE BIRCH
ATTACK WITH AIR FORCE F-4/LASER GUIDED 2000 POUND BOMB USING
ILLUMINATION FROM HAVE FEAR EQUIPMENT AT CON TRIEN. ATTEMPTS
ALSO BEING MADE TO PHOTO ALLEGED HELICOPTER AT NIGHT THROUGH
EXTENDED S-20 MOD USING FLARE FROM 105MM TO ILLUMINATE
APPROPRIATE AREA OF DMZ.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM L GEN ROSSON

SUBJ: PROPOSED OPERATION (U)

REF: (A) COMUSMACV 19690 DTG 290211Z JUL 68

1. REFERENCE A PROPOSES A SUSTAINED INTENSIVE AIR CAMPAIGN,
 EMPLOYING ARC LIGHT AND TACAIR IN TALLY HO, RP-1 AND SOUTHERN LAOS
 FOR A 30 DAY PERIOD. STRONGLY CONCUR IN OBJECTIVE OF EFFORT TO
 THWART ENEMY'S PLANS FOR BUILDUP OF FORCES AND SUPPLIES, BOTH
 IN-COUNTRY AND IN ADJACENT OUT OF COUNTRY AREAS. TO FACILITATE
 PLANNING AND ALLOCATION OF EFFORT, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A PLANNING
 CONFERENCE BE HOSTED BY COMUSMACV, WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF AIR AND
 SURFACE (NGF) ELEMENTS - PACFLT, PACAF, SAC AND MACV (7TH AF, III
 MAF).

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 FM CG III MAF
 TO CG PCV
 CG 1ST MARDIV
 CG 101ST AIR CAV DIV
 CG 3RD MARDIV
 CG 1ST MAW
 CG AMERICAL DIV
 CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV (AM)

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

BGEN ANDERSON, C/S III MAF, SENDS FOR MGEN STILWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN ZAIS, MGEN DAVIS, MGEN QUILTER, MGEN GETTYS, AND BGEN IRBY

1. THE FOL RECEIVED FROM GEN ABRAMS AND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFO: QUOTE

REF: COMUSMACV 271139Z JUL 68 GEN SER

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-52S.

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.

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. UNQUOTE

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING OPENING HOURS, PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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FM 131ST AVN BDE

- TO CG PCV OF HOCHMUTZ
- CG 1ST MARDIV DMC
- CG 131ST AIR CAV DIV GP EAGLE
- CG 3RD MARDIV BONS HA
- CG 1ST MAW DMC
- CG AMERICAL DIV
- CG 1ST CAV DIV (AM) GP EVANS

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MGEN ANDERSON, C/S III MAF SENDS FOR MGEN STILWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN ZAIG, MGEN DAVIS, MGEN QUILTER, MGEN GETTYS, AND MGEN IRBY

A. COMUSMACV MSG 071130Z JUL 67 (BASED BY CG III MAF MSG 071117Z JUL 67)

1. A COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE WILL BE CONVENED AT 1000 ON 09 JUL 67 AT PCV HEADQUARTERS. COMMANDERS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC MEASURES THAT THEY PROPOSE TO TAKE IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL ADAMS' GUIDANCE EXPRESSED IN REF A, WITH EMPHASIS ON INTELLIGENCE AND TARGETING.

2. FOR MGEN GETTYS: BE PREPARED TO OUTLINE, IN DETAIL, THE REORIENTATION OF YOUR PRESENT OPERATION ON AN ACCELERATED BASIS. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT THROUGH CMC CIRCUIT.

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 P 270544Z JUL 68
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COMSEVENTHFLT NOT ADEE, PASS TO COL CODISPOTI
 FOR COL CODISPOTI FROM BGEN ANDERSON
 ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 242310Z JUL 68

B. CG III MAF 221512Z JUL 68

1. REF A EXPRESSES DISAGREEMENT WITH REF B WHICH CANCELS SPECOPS FOR 2/4 DURING JULY AND AUGUST BUT WHICH RETAINS 2/4 AS THE SLF BLT FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES UNTIL 1 SEPT WHEN 2/26-WILL BE DESIGNATED AS REPLACEMENT.

2. THINKING HERE HAS BEEN THAT TACTICAL SITUATION WHICH PRECLUDED BACKLOAD OF 2/4 ON 22 JULY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PERTAIN THROUGH AUGUST. STRONG INTELLIGENCE INDICATORS ARE THAT REMAINDER OF JULY AND MONTH OF AUGUST WILL BE PARTICULARLY TENSE PERIOD IN ICIZ, CHARACTERIZED BY ENEMY'S GROWING CAPABILITY TO ATTACK DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, PROVINCIAL CAPITALS, VITAL AREAS AND GOVERNMENT OUTPOSTS AS WELL

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AS MOUNT MAJOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS DURING LATTER PART OF PERIOD. MAXIMUM U.S. PRESENCE IS REQUIRED IN COUNTRY DURING THIS PERIOD.

3. THIS HEADQUARTERS WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT ALL COMMANDS CONCERNED UNDERSTOOD THAT III MAF ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENT FOR 2/4 ASHORE THROUGH BALANCE OF JULY AND MONTH OF AUGUST AND THAT NEW BLT WAS BEING FORMED TO LOADOUT IN LATE AUGUST OR 1 SEPT AS REPLACEMENT. INFORMATION RECEIVED THIS HQTRS THAT INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN FMFPAC AND CINCPACFLT INDICATED PREFERENCE THAT FOLLOW-ON BLT, WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE BLT 2/4 AS SLF ALPHA, BE EMBARKED IAW PRESENT SCHEDULE ON 1 SEPT 68.

4. WE CAN REINSTATE THE BACKLOAD PERIOD OF 13-17 AUG AND SPECOP PERIOD OF 18-31 AUG IN THE ARG/SLF SCHEDULE FOR 2/4; HOWEVER, THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE REEVALUATED PRIOR TO 13 AUG AND A DECISION MADE AS TO FEASIBILITY AND ANOTHER PACKAGE OF MESSAGES REQUIRED. AS WE SEE IT NOW, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE TACTICAL SITUATION WHICH PRECLUDED BACKLOAD ON 22 JULY WILL CHANGE APPRECIABLY BY 13 AUG.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RATIONALE AS BACKGROUND ON REF A.

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6. SORRY NOT TO SEE YOUR NAME ON THE BGEN LIST. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 MARINE AUGMENTATION BILLETS PCV STAFF (C)

- A. CG FMFPAC 122325Z APR 68 (SPECAT C)
- B. CG III MAG 071528Z JUL 68

1. REF A STATED THAT SUBJ BILLETS "SHOULD NOT COME OUT OF THE
 KIDE" OF III MAF HEADQUARTERS OR IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS BUT
 WOULD BE FILLED FROM OKINAWA, HAWAII, AND CONUS COMMAND ASSETS.
 2. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST PERSONNEL REQUIRED BY PAR TWO REF B
 AGAIN BE PROVIDED FROM MCM-RVN ASSETS.
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3	CG					REMARKS EXCLUSIVE FOR
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S					HAS BEEN SENT
	D C/S					
1	D C/S DM					#2 & 3 Burned Sched 6/8
	S/S					
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//////////////////// S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MSG FOLLOWS //////////////////////

DE RUMSAK 2432 2010848

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P 190848Z JUL 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUMHMA/CG PCV CP HOCHMUTH

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV DNG

RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI

INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV DONG HA

RUMHMA/CG 101ST ACD CP EAGLE

RUMHMA/CG 1ST ACD CP EVANS

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGENS STILWELL, YOUNGDALE, AND
GETTYS INFO MGENS DAVIS AND ZAIS AND BGEN IRBY FROM LGEN ROSSON

A. CG III MAF 170748Z JUN 68

1. DURING THE WEEKS AHEAD THE ENEMY MAY ATTEMPT AN ALL OUT
EFFORT FOR A TACTICAL VICTORY OVER ELEMENTS OF U.S., ARVN OR
FREE WORLD FORCES. IF THE ENEMY COULD SUCCESSFULLY OVERRUN
EVEN A SMALL FRIENDLY UNIT OR POSITION IT WOULD BE A GREAT
PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY FOR HIM AND COULD HAVE DAMAGING EFFECT
IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN OTHER AREAS OF THE FREE WORLD ON OUR
EFFORTS IN RVN. THIS IS A PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE PERIOD IN VIEW
OF THE ONGOING PARIS PEACE TALKS.

PAGE TWO RUMSAK 2432 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

2. WE MUST BE CERTAIN THAT OUR SURVEILLANCE EFFORTS AND REACTION
PLANNING ARE THOROUGH IN ORDER THAT WE BE FOREWARNED OF ENEMY
ACTIVITIES AND PREPARED TO RESPOND. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO CONDUCT
PREEMPTIVE OPERATIONS INTO AREAS WHERE IT APPEARS THE ENEMY MAY
BE STAGING FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO AFFORD HIM NO
OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE FOR A DECISIVE ATTACK.

3. YOU SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY ATTENTIVE TO THE CIDG CAMPS AND
OTHER SMALL UNIT OUTPOSTS THAT MIGHT AFFORD THE ENEMY THE
TYPE OF TARGET HE SEEKS.

4. REF A APPLIES.

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S E C R E T EYES ONLY
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LGEN ROSSO EYES ONLY
ALLOCATION OF MATERIAL IN SHORT SUPPLY (U)
A. YR MAC 9544 DIG 151040Z JUL63
1. CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY REF A SUBJ TO
RESOLUTION OF SERVICE PROCEDURAL, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDI
IMPLICATIONS.
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	CG					PERIODIC LOGISTICS CONFERENCES (U)	<p>HAS BEEN SENT EXCLUSIVE FOR</p> <p>"# 2 & 3 Burned 5 Nov 68"</p> <p>9</p>
	DCG						
	DCG AIR						
2	C/S						
	D C/S						
	D C/S DM						
1	S/S		170630K		JL		
	G-1						
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 P 170350Z JUL 68
 FM CG III MAF
 TO RUHKN/CG FMFPAC HAWAII
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LGEN BUSE FROM MGEN TOMPKINS PERIODIC LOGISTICS CONFERENCES (U)

1. I AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE VALUE OF PERIODIC CONFERENCES TO FACILITATE THE PLANNING/COORDINATION OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. BUT SUCH CONFERENCES MUST BE EVALUATED IN TERMS OF CRITICAL PERSONNEL SHORTAGES AND FINANCIAL RESTRAINTS WHICH ARE A CONTINUING PROBLEM IN III MAF.
2. A CASE IN POINT IS THE 12TH LOGISTICS CONFERENCE NOW BEING HELD IN OKINAWA. THIS IS THE SIXTH SUCH CONFERENCE IN THE LAST 18 MONTHS. IT IS BEING ATTENDED BY THE G-4'S AND SUPPLY OFFICERS FROM ALL MAJOR USMC COMMANDS IN III MAF. THE ACTING III MAF SUPPLY OFFICER AND TWO OTHER LOGISTIC OFFICERS FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS ARE ATTENDING.
3. I CERTAINLY ENDORSE NECESSARY CONFERENCES, BUT THE FREQUENCY OF THE LOGISTICAL ONES APPEARS TO REQUIRE SCRUTINY. IF, AFTER WEIGHING ALL REVELANT FACTORS IT IS DETERMINED SUCH

PAGE TWO RUMSAK 2120 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR CONFERENCES SHOULD BE HELD WITH THE CURRENT FREQUENCY, THEN I RECOMMEND THAT AT LEAST EVERY OTHER LOGISTIC CONFERENCE BE HELD IN COUNTRY.
 WARM REGARDS.

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	CG					REMARKS EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY HAS BEEN SENT
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	DCG AIR					
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

OO RUEBHOA RUHNM

DE RUMSAK 2126

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O 170358Z JUL 68

FM CG III MAF

TO RUEBHOA/CMC

INFO RUHNM/CG FMFPAC

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TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LGEN BUSE
FROM MGEN TOMPKINS

FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

A. CG III MAF 151018Z JUN68

B. COMUSMACV 050850Z JUL68

C. CG III MAF 071010Z JUL68

D. COMUSMACV 080147Z JUL68

E. CG III MAF 111448Z JUL68

F. GEN ABRAMS 131057Z JUL68

(NOTE: ABOVE REFS PASSED BY CG III MAF MSG 170356Z JUL68

EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LGEN BUSE - MCEO)

1. THE FOLLOWING "EYES ONLY" MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM THE
CHAIRMAN, JCS, AND FORWARDED TO GEN ROSSON FOR INFORMATION
UPON WHICH TO BASE A REPLY TO GEN WHEELER:
QUOTE

PAGE 2 RUMSAK 2126 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO

O 130025Z ZYH ZFF-1

FM SSO MACV

TO CG III MAF

ZEN

TOP SECRET MAC 9409 STAFF

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MSG TO LTG ROSSON

PER THE INSTRUCTIONS OF GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

QUOTE

P 121831Z ZFF-3

FM GENERAL WHEELER CJCS

TO GENERAL ABRAMS COMUSMACV

INFO ADMIRAL SHARP CINCPAC

ZEN

TOP SECRET EYES ONLY

CITE: JCS 07757 JULY 68.

1. IN HIS MEETING WITH THE JCS ON 10 JULY, GENERAL CUSHMAN,
CG III MAF, WAS ASKED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE ARVN TAKING
OVER POSITIONS ALONG THE STRONG POINT OBSTACLE SYSTEM ALONG THE DMZ.
2. THE FOLLOWING WAS BROUGHT OUT IN DISCUSSION:
 - A. ALTHOUGH THE ARVN ARE MANNING THREE POSITIONS AND ARE

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 DOING A GOOD JOB, WE NEED TO SHOW THE ARVN ARE TAKING OVER MORE OF
 THIS WAR AND THE DMZ IS A GOOD PLACE TO DO THIS.
 B. THE ARVN INDICATE THAT THEY DON'T PLAN TO TAKE OVER THE
 SPOS POSITIONS UNTIL WE PUT IN THE SENSORS AND THE BARRIERS. WE
 WERE NOT AWARE OF SUCH A STIPULATION.
 C. IT IS UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT WHEN THE ARVN MANS THE SPOS,
 THE MARINE BATTALION NOW AT CON THIEN AND MARINE UNITS MANNING OTHER
 STRONG POINTS WOULD BE FREED FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE
 WITH YOUR MOBILE CONCEPT IN ICTZ.
 3. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF YOU COULD LET ME KNOW THE CURRENT
 STATUS OF PLANS FOR THE ARVN TO OCCUPY THE POSITIONS ALONG THE
 SPOS. THERE IS SOME FEELING THAT THEIR TAKEOVER THERE SHOULD NOT
 AWAIT THE COMPLETION OF THE CONSTRUCTION. THIS SUBJECT MAY BE
 RAISED IN THE COURSE OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH YOU ON MONDAY, 12 JULY,
 BUT I WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR VIEWS BEFORE I ARRIVE THERE.
 WE PLAN TO DEPART WASHINGTON 1100Z, 13 JULY, ARRIVING ELMENDORF
 1810Z, 13 JULY, AND KADENA 0232Z, 14 JULY.
 WARM REGARDS.

UNQUOTE

2. IN ORDER FOR YOU TO HAVE THE BACKGROUND ON THIS MATTER,

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 SHOULD IT COME UP IN DISCUSSIONS IN THE JCS, THE FOLLOWING
 INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:
 GEN CUSHMAN'S LATEST POSITION WITH RESPECT TO DUEL
 BLADE MANNING IS CONTAINED IN REF A. THE PERTINENT PARTS
 OF THIS REVISED PLAN, REFERRING TO MANNING OF DUEL BLADE,
 ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 A. THE ARVN DUEL BLADE REGIMENT (COMPOSED OF FIVE
 BNS AND ONE ARMORED CAV REGT) WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY DUEL
 BLADE POSITIONS A1, A2, AND C1. IN ADDITION, ARVN WILL
 RELIEVE U.S. FORCES AND OCCUPY POSITION A3 BY OCT68 AND
 POSITION A4 BY DEC68.
 B. U.S. FORCES CONTINUE TO OCCUPY POSITIONS A3, A4,
 C2, C3, AND C4. FOLLOWING RELIEF BY ARVN FORCES BY DEC68,
 C2, C3, AND C4 WILL CONTINUE TO BE OCCUPIED BY U.S. FORCES.
 U.S. FORCES WILL ALSO OCCUPY THE DEFILE SYSTEM.
 C. A MOBILE RESERVE WILL BE STATIONED AT C1 INITIALLY.
 THIS FORCE WILL BE REPLACED BY THE ARVN ARMORED CAVALRY
 REGIMENT ON/ABOUT 1 SEP68. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OF TWO
 155MM ARTILLERY BATTERIES AND ONE 155MM BATTERY (INITIALLY
 U.S.) WILL BE AT C1.

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PAGE 5 RUMSAK 2126 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEC
 D. AN ARVN RESERVE BATTALION WILL BE STATIONED AT DONG HA OR C1.
 3. AT A III MAF MEETING ON 5 JULY, LTGEN ROSSON ASKED FOR A REAPPRAISAL OF THE PLANS, FOR ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR DUEL BLADE POSITIONS, SUBMITTED BY GEN CUSHMAN ON 15 JUN IN REF A. HE STATED THAT OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, HE AND GEN DAVIS HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER WITH GEN TRUONG, CG FIRST ARVN DIV, AND SUBSEQUENTLY WITH LGEN LAM, CG I CORPS, AND THE CONCLUSION HAD BEEN REACHED THAT A NORTH-SOUTH LINE SHOULD BE DRAWN BETWEEN POSITIONS A2 AND A3, WEST OF HIGHWAY 1, AND ARVN FORCES WOULD HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE AREA EAST OF THE LINE, AND U.S. FORCES WEST OF THE LINE. IF THE ARVN DESIRE TO MAN C4, U.S. WILL MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT FORCES IN THE AREA TO ENSURE SECURITY OF THE CUA VIET FACILITY. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT GEN LAM, SUBSEQUENT TO 1 JULY, REAFFIRMED HIS AGREEMENT WITH THIS POSITION ON TWO OCCASIONS AND INDICATED THAT, HE GEN LAM, SHOULD HAVE III MAF CONCURRENCE IF HE WAS TO PRESENT AN AGREED POSITION TO THE JCS.
 4. BEFORE A REVISED PLAN COULD BE SUBMITTED TO MACV.

PAGE 6 RUMSAK 2126 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEC
 MACV'S RESPONSE TO REF A WAS RECEIVED (REF B). INASMUCH AS THIS MESSAGE DID NOT AGREE WITH GEN ROSSON'S POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE MANNING OF DUEL BLADE, HE TELEPHONED COMUSMACV AND REQUESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM MACV MEET AT III MAF ON 7 JUL, FOLLOWING THIS MEETING, THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE ARVN AND U.S. ALONG A NORTH-SOUTH LINE BETWEEN A2 AND A3 WAS SUBSEQUENTLY SUBMITTED ON 7 JUL BY REF C. IN REPLY, COMUSMACV ISSUED THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE/INSTRUCTIONS TO CG XII MAF BY REF D:
 QUOTE

CONCUR IN PROPOSAL THAT ARVN FOCUS ON DEVELOPING CAPABILITY FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS IN DMZ INSTEAD OF OCCUPYING A3 AND A4 AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, LATER WHEN ARVN FIRST DIVISION HAS DEVELOPED DESIRED CAPABILITY FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS, IT WILL PROBABLY BE DESIRABLE TO EASE THEM IN A3. IN THE LONGER TERM THEY MAY ULTIMATELY RECEIVE TRAINING ON SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT OPERATED AT A4 AND THEREFORE TAKE IT OVER.
 UNQUOTE

5. FOLLOWING THIS GUIDANCE, LGEN ROSSON MET WITH LGEN LAM ON 11 JUL AND AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH

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PAGE 7 RUMSAK 2126 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
COMUSMACV GUIDANCE QUOTED IN PARA 4 ABOVE. THIS AGREEMENT
WAS REPORTED TO COMUSMACV ON 11 JUL BY REF E.
6. UPON RECEIPT OF GEN ABRAM'S REQUEST FOR INFO ON WHICH
TO BASE A REPLY TO GEN WHEELER'S REQUEST OF 13 JUL, GEN ROSSON
TALKED WITH GEN ABRAMS AND INFORMED HIM THAT HE CONSIDERED HIS
MESSAGES, REFS C AND E, AS BEING RESPONSIVE TO GEN WHEELER'S
REQUEST. GEN ABRAMS CONCURRED AND HIS REPLY TO GEN WHEELER IS
CONTAINED IN REF F.
7. IN VIEW OF SENSITIVENESS OF SEVERAL OF MSGS PASEP, REQUEST
SOURCE OF INFO BE CLOSELY HELD.
WARM REGARDS.

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FM CG III MAF
TO SSO PCV
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SECRET EYES ONLY

LGEN ROSSON SENDS TO MGEN STILWELL AND MGEN DAVIS

1. FOL RECEIVED FROM C/S MACV TODAY AND IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND APPROPRIATE ACTION: QUOTE: 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. UNQUOTE. SSO DELIVER IMMEDIATELY.

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	CG					REMARKS EXCLUSIVE FOR HAS BEEN SENT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY <i># 243 Burned 5 Nov 68</i>
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
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	D C/S DM					
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LGEN BUSE FROM
 MGEN TOMPKINS FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF FOUR
 1. THE FOLLOWING ARE REFERENCES CITED IN CG III MAF MSG
 170356Z JUL 68 (EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LGEN
 BUSE - MCEO):

REF A:

QUOTE

P 151018Z JUN 68 ZFF-1
 FM CG III MAF DNG RVN
 TO RUMUMFA/COMUSMACV SGN
 INFO RUMHMA/CG PROV COPRS V PHU BAI

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S E C R E T
 THIS IS A DUEL BLADE MSG
 REVISED DUEL BLADE PLAN

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- A. COMUSMACV 12916 DTG 070741Z MAY 68 (C)
- B. CG III MAF MSG 261602Z MAY 68 (C)
- C. CG III MAF OPOD 13-67 DTD 24 NOV 67
- D. COMUSMACV MSG 03504 DTG 300835Z JAN 68 (TS) (NOTAL)
- E. III MAF STAFF STUDY 2-68: MILITARY POSTURE, NORTHERN I CORPS
 1SEP68 (TS)

F. CG III MAF MSG 300510Z MAR 68 (C) (NOTAL)

G. CG III MAF MSG 101236Z MAR 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. REF A REQUESTS DATE III MAF WILL SUBMIT REVISED DUEL BLADE PLAN.

REF B ESTIMATED REVISED PLAN WOULD BE SUBMITTED BY 15 JUNE 1968.

2. THE PROPOSED CONCEPTUAL DUEL BLADE PLAN FOLLOWS:

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION.

(1) MANEUVER: U.S. FORCES, IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN FORCES, CONDUCTS
 A MOBILE DEFENSE ALONG THE DMZ DUEL BLADE TRACE. U.S. FORCES ALSO
 ESTABLISH COBS IN THE DEFILE SYSTEM FROM WHICH RECONNAISSANCE-IN-
 FORCE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED. SENSORS, REQD-OUT EQUIPMENT &
 SURVEILLANCE DEVICES REQUIRED FOR THE DEFILE SYSTEM WILL BE AS OUT-
 LINED IN III MAF OPOD 13-67, ANNEX J (REF C). IT IS ALSO ENVISIONED
 THAT:

(A) THE ARVN DUEL BLADE REGIMENT (COMPOSED OF 5 BNS AND 1 ARMORED

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 CAV REGT) WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY DUEL BLADE POSITIONS A1, A2
 AND C1. IN ADDITION, ARVN WILL RELIEVE U.S. FORCES AND OCCUPY POS-
 ITION A3 BY OCT 68 AND POSITION A4 BY DEC 68.
 (B) U.S. FORCES CONTINUE TO OCCUPY POSITIONS A3, A4, C2, C3 AND C4.
 FOLLOWING RELIEF BY ARVN FORCES BY DEC 68; C2, C3, AND C4 WILL
 CONTINUE TO BE OCCUPIED BY U.S. FORCES. U.S. FORCES WILL ALSO OCCUPY
 THE DEFILE SYSTEM.
 (C) A US MOBILE RESERVE WILL BE STATIONED AT C1 INITIALLY. THIS FORCE
 WILL BE REPLACED BY THE ARVN ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT ON/ABOUT 1
 SEP 68. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT OF TWO 105MM ARTILLERY BATTERIES AND
 ONE 155MM BATTERY (INITIALLY U.S. WILL BE AT C1.
 (D) AN ARVN RESERVE BATTALION WILL BE STATIONED AT DONG HA OR C1.
 (E) THE VARIOUS DETECTION AND ANTI-INTRUSION DEVICES DISCUSSED IN
 ANNEX B OPOD 13-67, WILL BE INSTALLED AS PLANNED IN THE EVENT A
 DECISION IS MADE TO INSTALL LINEAR OBSTACLE AT SOME FUTURE DATE.
 LINE SENSORS WILL BE USED AS PLANNED IN LOCAL DEFENSE OF A&C
 SITES.
 (2) FIRES:
 (A) ALL ARTILLERY AT C1 WILL BE USED FOR GENERAL SUPPORT OPERATIONS
 CONDUCTED IN THE DUEL BLADE AREA.

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 (B) MAXIMUM USE WILL BE MADE OF AIR AND NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.
 (B) RESPONSIBILITIES.
 (1) U.S. MANEUVER FORCES WILL:
 (A) CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
 (B) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FORCES AS RESERVE AT C1.
 (C) OCCUPY AND OPERATE FROM DUEL BLADE POSITIONS A3,
 A4, C2, C3, C4 AND COB'S AT CP CARROLL, THON SON LAN, AND CA LU.
 BY OCT 68 PREPARE TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY OF A3 TO 1ST ARVN
 DIV DUEL BLADE REGIMENT AND PREPARE TO TRANSFER A4 BY DEC 68.
 (D) PERFORM MAXIMUM SELF-HELP CONSTRUCTION ON FIGHTING,
 LIVING & FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS, PROVIDE SECURITY FORCES FOR ENGINEER
 PERSONNEL DURING INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES AT POSITION A3, A4, C2,
 C3, C4 AND FOR DEFILE COB'S AS REQUIRED.
 (2) U.S. CORPS ARTY WILL:
 (A) PROVIDE ARTILLERY SPT AS REQUIRED IN PCV TAOR
 (B) PREPARE POSITIONS FOR 1 MDT BTRY AND 2 HEAVY BATTERIES AT C1.
 (3) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
 (A) THIS PLAN EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT AND EXECUTION ON
 ORDER.
 (B) INSTALLATION OF LINEAR OBSTACLE IS DEFERRED INDEFINITELY.

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- (C) THE REQUIREMENT FOR SITE A5 IS ELIMINATED.
- (D) THE REQUIREMENT TO RELOCATE SITE C3 IS ELIMINATED.
- (E) THE REQUIREMENT FOR A COB AT LANG RO'OU AND KSCB IS ELIMINATED.
- (F) STRONG POINTS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED TO INCLUDE: PROTECTIVE WIRE, BARRIER MINES, FIGHTING BUNKERS, LIVING BUNKERS, FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS, TOWERS, HELO-PADS, ARTILLERY POSITIONS, WATER AND ELECTRIC POWER SUPPLY, WEAPONS AND COMMUNICATIONS TRENCHES.
- (G) CONCRETE FIGHTING BUNKERS WILL BE INSTALLED AS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED. PRIORITY OF CONSTRUCTION EFFORT WILL BE A1, A4, A3, A2, C2, C1, C3 (AT PRESENT SITE) C4, SECOND GENERATION LIVING AND FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS WILL BE INSTALLED TO SUPPLEMENT FIRST GENERATION & NONE-DUEL BLADE STRUCTURES, TO MEET GROSS FACILITIES REQUIREMENTS, & TO REPLACE FIRST GENERATION BUNKERS AS NECESSARY. PRIORITY OF CONSTRUCTION EFFORT WILL BE A3, A4, A1, A2, C2, C1, C3, C4.
- (H) ALL "A" POSITIONS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ON THE BASIS OF AN ARVN BATTALION WITH FIGHTING BUNKERS FOR THREE COMPANIES (THZA ENVISIONS THE FOURTH COMPANY TO BE ON OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS OR IN RESERVE STATUS).
- (I) CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR U.S. AND ARVN POSITIONS WILL, TO THE EXTENT PRACTICAL, BE ACCOMPLISHED CONCURRENTLY.

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(J) MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE EXERTED TO ACCELERATE THE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE ON SET OF THE MONSOON.

3. RATIONALE:

- A. THE BASIS OF THE DECISION TO FORM THE ARN DUEL BLADE REGIMENT AS EXPRESSED IN REF D IS TO ENABLE THE ARVN, WITH FORCES OF ADEQUATE SIZE, ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT TO MAN EACH OF THE STRONG POINT/PATROL BASES (A SITES) ON A TIME PHASED BASIS.
- B. THIS SAME UTILIZATION OF THE ARVN DUEL BLADE REGT IS STRESSED IN REF E. THE MAJOR BENEFIT TO BE GAINED IN THE REPLACEMENT OF U.S. FORCES AT "A" SITED BY ARVN IS TO GENERATE ADDITIONAL US FORCES FOR EMPLOYMENT AT COB'S AND THROUGHOUT NORTHERN I CORPS TO GAIN MAXIMUM TACTICAL FLEXIBILITY AND ADVANTAGE OF U.S. MOBILITY AND FIRE POWER.
- C. CONSTRUCTION PRIORITIES FOR FIGHTING BUNKERS AND SECOND GENERATION LIVING AND FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS AS DEVELOPED IN THE CONCEPT GIVE PRECEDENCE OF EFFORT TO "A" SITED NOT PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY ARVN BUT SCHEDULED FOR ARVN OCCUPANCY. IN VIEW OF THE INDEFINITE DEFERRAL OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINEAR OBSTACLE, IT IS ENDED THAT PROGRAMMED CONSTRUCTION AT SITES A3 AND A4 BE ACCOMPLISHED AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME.

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D. CONCURRENT WITH THE ABOVE, IT IS INTENTION OF III MAF TO REQUEST THAT IGLOO WHITE SENSORS BE INSTALLED IN THOSE AVENUES OF APPROACH-INFILTRATION BETWEEN "A" SITES. THE EFFECT OF THIS INSTALLATION IS TO CREATE A DETECTION CAPABILITY COMPARABLE TO A LINEAR OBSTACLE BUT WITHOUT THE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY A FIXED OBSTACLE.

E. TIMING OF ARVN OCCUPANCY IS SUCH AS TO DEPLY THE ACR TO C-1, FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF ITS TRAINING DURING AUGUST AS OUTLINE REF 3, AND TO ALLOW ARVN ONE MONTH TO READY A BATTALION TO OCCUPY AS, AT THIS TIME THE FULL 5 BNS OF THE DUEL BLADE REGIMENT AS WELL.

F. III MAF POSITION ON OCCUPANCY OF SITE C4 AS STATED REF 3 IS REEMPHASIZED, I.E.: THE DUAL ROLE OF C4 AS AN INTEGRATED ENTITY IN DUEL BLADE AND AS A KEY FEATURE IN THE SECURITY OF CUA VIET CONTINUES. IT IS CRITICAL TO OPERATIONS IN NICTZ THAT CUA VIET REMAIN OPEN AND OPERATING. III MAF HOLDS TO THE POSITION THAT THIS FACTOR ALONE IS SUFFICIENT TO JUSTIFY CONTINUED OCCUPANCY BY U.S. FORCES.

G. THE PRESENT LOCATION OF SITE C3 PROVIDES SECURITY TO JUNCTION RTE 9, 561 AND CAM LO BRIDGE. THESE FEATURES ARE CRITICAL TO MAINTENANCE OF LOC'S IN NICTZ AND SUPPORT THE DUEL BLADE SYSTEM ITSELF. FOR THESE REASONS A SECURITY FORCE AT THIS LOCATION MUST BE CONTINUED.

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 MGEN TOMPKINS FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION TWO OF FOUR
 TO REMOVE THIS POSITION FROM THE DUEL BLADE CONCEPT WOULD BE TO DENY
 ENTITLEMENT FOR DUEL BLADE FACILITIES & SENSOR/SURVEILLANCE DEVICES
 WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN PROGRAMMED.

4. APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSED CONCEPT IS REQUESTED.
 5. IF APPROVED, REQUEST THAT THE CONCEPT FOR ARVN TIME PHASE
 OCCUPANCY OF A SITES 1 THRU 4 BE PURSUED AT MACV/JCS LEVEL.
 AS A MATTER OF URGENCY AS WILL BE DONE AT III MAF/1 CORPS
 LEVEL. III MAF WILL ISSUE PLANNING DIRECTIVE TO PCV.

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S E C R E T 19317

THIS IS A DUEL BLADE MESSAGE

SUBJ: REVISED DUEL BLADE PLAN (U)

REF: III MAF MSG 151016Z JUN 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (U) REF SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL. III MAF REVISED CONCEPTUAL
 DUEL BLADE PLAN
2. (S) FOLLOWING ASPECTS OF CONCEPT ARE APPROVED:
 - A. DEFERRAL INDEFINITELY OF INSTALLATION OF LINEAR OBSTACLE.
 - B. CONSTRUCTION OF 'A' POSITIONS ON BASIS OF ONE ARVN EAST
 CALIBER EACH.
 - C. ACCELERATION OF CONSTRUCTION TO ACCOMPLISH AS MUCH AS POS-
 SIBLE BEFORE ONSET OF NE MONSOON.
 - D. INSTALLATION OF 10-00 WHEAT SENSORS BETWEEN 'A' SITES; NOW-

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 EVER, REPLACEMENT ON A CONTINUING BASIS WILL DEPEND UPON EFFECTIVENESS REALIZED.

3. (S) CONCERNING ARVN STATIONING, INFORMAL CONTACTS INDICATE ARVN MAY BE WILLING TO MAN A3 AND A4 (AND PERHAPS G2 AND G3) GIVEN SUFFICIENT FORCES FOR PERIODIC ROTATION OF INCUMBENT BATTALIONS OUT OF SEVERE DUEL BLADE ENVIRONMENT AND DIVERSION TO MOBILE OPERATIONS. REQUEST CG III MAF DISCUSS ARVN STATIONING WITH CG ICTZ WITH OBJECTIVE OF SETTING TARGET DATE FOR ARVN OCCUPATION OF A3 AS NEXT STEP TOWARD ULTIMATE ARVN OCCUPATION OF ALL FOUR STRONG POINTS FOLLOWING ASPECTS PERTAIN:

A. 1ST ARVN DIV HAS BEEN AUGMENTED WITH FOUR ADDITIONAL INFANTRY BATTALIONS, ONE ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY BATTALION AND ONE ACR (3 APC TROOPS) FOR USE IN EXPANDING ARVN ROLE IN DUEL BLADE AREA. 1ST ARVN DIV RIFLE COMPANIES HAVE INCREASED 47 PERCENT IN THE PAST YEAR (FROM 36 TO 53) AND MECHANIZED RIFLE TROOPS 150 PERCENT (FROM 2 TO 5). WITH THESE ADDITIONS, 1ST ARVN DIV SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAN CURRENT DUEL BLADE POSITIONS PLUS A3 AND A4 WITH NO DIMINUTION IN DIVISION RESOURCES PREVIOUSLY AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS OUTSIDE OF DUEL BLADE AREA.

B. ROTATION OF BATTALIONS OUT OF DUEL BLADE SHOULD NOT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE 1ST ARVN DIV CAPABILITY OUTSIDE OF DUEL BLADE.

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 SINCE RELIEVED BATTALIONS CAN ASSUME TASKS OF RELIEVING BATTALIONS, ADDITIONAL BATTALIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE DUEL BLADE TRAINED, BUT SUCH TRAINING CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IF ROTATION IS DESIRED:

C. RECORDS HERE INDICATE NUMBER OF 1ST ARVN DIV BATTALIONS AVAILABLE FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS HAS INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE LAST SUMMER WHEN SIX 1ST ARVN DIV BATTALIONS WERE INVOLVED IN ROAD MISSIONS. CURRENTLY TWO BATTALIONS SERVE THIS ROLE, AND PROGRAMMED INCREASE IN RE/PF SHOULD PERMIT THEIR RELEASE BEFORE LONG.

D. IT MAY BE BEST TO DEFER SETTING DATE FOR OCCUPANCY OF A4 UNTIL AFTER 11TH ACR AND 24TH REGIMENT ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN SEPTEMBER.

4. (S) ELIMINATION OF OPERTING BASES AT HIE SANH AND LANG BOUO APPEARS INCONSISTENT WITH PLANS RECENTLY BRIEFED TO COMUSMACV BY CG 3RD MAR DIV. IN ADDITION, THE REVISED CONCEPT CONTAINS NO PROVISION FOR COVERING AREA OF A-5 TO ENSURE FULL LINKAGE OF DPS WITH SPOC. MEMBERS OF MACV STAFF WILL VISIT III MAF TO CLARIFY THESE POINTS. PREPARE TO BRIEF THEM ON SPECIFIC DPS PLANNING IN TERMS OF SENSOR MODULES, READOUT STATIONS, NUMBER OF SENSORS, SCHEDULE FOR INSTALLATION AND COORDINATION BEING EFFECTED WITH VAF.

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 5. (S) PLANS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE LINEAR OBSTACLE AND
 STRONG POINT A-5 WILL BE PREPARED ASAP. THE DECISION TO DO THE
 ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION WILL BE MADE AT A LATER DATE. SUBMIT PLAN FOR
 CONSTRUCTION IN THREE PHASES. PHASE I WILL COMMENCE ON FIVE DAYS
 NOTICE AND BUILD ASAP OBSTACLE AND SUPPORTING OP'S FROM SEA TO
 A-4. PHASE II WILL BUILD ASAP OBSTACLE AND OP'S FROM A-4 TO A-5
 AND MINIMUM COMBAT ESSENTIAL FACILITIES AT A-5. PHASE III WILL
 BRING A-5 UP TO STANDARDS OF OTHER STRONG POINTS AND IMPROVE ACCESS
 ROADS TO ALL-WEATHER STANDARD. PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE CONSTRUCTION AND
 SECURITY FORCES REQUIRED; SCHEDULE FOR BUILDING MAJOR INCREMENTS;
 LOCATIONS OF OBSTACLES, OP'S, A-5, AND ACCESS ROADS, AND PROVISION
 FOR PRESTOCKING ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR PHASE I, INCLUDING
 SENSORS AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES.

6. (S) ADVISE NLT 12 JUL DATES FOLLOWING CAN BE EXPECTED:

- A. RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN LAM.
- B. PLANS FOR IMPLEMENTING REVISED CONCEPT.
- C. REVISED DFS ANNEX.
- D. PLANS FOR CONSTRUCTING OBSTACLES AND A-5. GP-3

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FM CG III MAF DANANG

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THIS A DUEL BLADE MESSAGE

REVISED DUEL BLADE PLAN

A. COMUSMACV 19317 DTG 050600Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 151018Z JUN 68 (NOTAL)

A. REFERENCE A COMMENTS ON THE III MAF REVISED DUEL BLADE PLAN,
 AS SUBMITTED IN REF 3, AND REQUESTS THAT AMPLIFYING INFORMATION
 BE PROVIDED. CERTAIN POINTS RAISED IN REFERENCE A ARE OF
 IMMEDIATE CONCERN AND ARE ADDRESSED HEREIN. OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF
 REFERENCE A WILL BE ADDRESSED IN SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE.

2. CG III MAF HAS DISCUSSED ARVN STATIONING WITH CG MORG ON

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LGEN BUSE FROM
 MGEN TOMPKINS FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION THREE OF FOUR
 TWO OCCASIONS WITHIN THE PAST WEEK. THESE DISCUSSIONS HAVE
 REVEALED THAT CG I CORPS DOES NOT DESIRE TO COMMIT ARVN FORCES
 TO MIES AS AND AA FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

A. GENERALS LAM AND TRUONG PROPOSE TO DEPLOY THREE INFANTRY
 BATTALIONS OF 2ND ARVN REGIMENT AT A1, A2 AND C1 AND TO EMPLOY
 THE REMAINING INFANTRY BATTALIONS IN MOBILE ROLE WITH MARINE
 FORCES IN THE DMS AREA. ON THIS BASIS, ARVN WOULD SHARE IN
 MOBILE POSTURE SO DESIRABLE IN THIS AREA.

B. WERE THE FOREGOING SCHEME TO BE ADOPTED, MARINE FORCES
 WOULD CONTINUE TO OCCUPY A2 AND A4 FOR THE INDEFINITE FUTURE.
 A3 HAS SOPHISTICATED SENSING AND SURVEILLANCE DEVICES WHICH
 MUST BE MAINTAINED AND OPERATED BY U.S. PERSONNEL. EVENTUALLY ARVN
 MIGHT TAKE OVER A3

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 G. GENERAL LAM HAS REQUESTED FIRM III MAP POSITION BY 9
 JULY IN ORDER THAT HE CAN PRESENT AGREED POSITION IN SAIGON ON
 1 JULY. BELIEVE THAT GENERAL LAM'S POSITION IS SOUND AND
 PROPOSE TO CONCUR, POINTING OUT THAT NORTH-SOUTH BOUNDARY
 BETWEEN ARVN AND US FORCES SHOULD BE DRAWN WEST OF ROUTE ONE
 BETWEEN A2 AND A3.

H. WITH RESPECT TO OTHER ASPECTS OF REFERENCE A, THIS HEAD-
 QUARTERS HAS BEEN PROCEEDING UNDER THE GENERAL PREMISE THAT WE
 SHOULD "WALK AWAY FROM THE EARLIER DYE MARKER CONCEPT". UNDER
 THE CURRENT PRECEPT A MOBILE POSTURE IS PLANNED IN LIEU OF A
 PHYSICAL OBSTACLE, AND A5 HAS BEEN DROPPED FROM THE PLAN AS HAVE
 THE COB'S AT KHE SANH AND LANG RUOU. A MOBILE FORCES POSTURE
 HAS BEEN APPROVED FOR THE AREA WEST OF CA LU- LZ STUD. THERE
 ARE FIRES BASED BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 BETWEEN CA LU
 AND KHE SANH. OUTPOSTS WILL BE ESTABLISHED FROM TIME TO TIME IN
 THE KHE SANH AREA. MOBILE OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE ON THE KHE
 SANH PLATEAU. SENSOR READOUT WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM FIREBASES
 AND OUTPOSTS AS A PART OF THE OVERALL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM;
 HOWEVER, FIXED COB'S ARE NOT VISUALIZED WEST OF CA LU; POSITIONS
 WILL BE SUBJECT TO MOVEMENT AS REQUIRED BY THE TACTICAL SITUATION.

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 IN ADDITION TO MOBILE OPERATIONS IN THE KHE SANH AREA, SIMILAR
 OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED IN THE AREA NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF THON
 SON LAM AND WEST OF A4. SENSORS WILL BE UTILIZED IN THESE AREAS
 AS WELL AS IN AREAS TO THE EAST FROM A4 TO THE COAST.

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O P 080147Z JUL 68

FM COMUSMACV

TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DA NANG

INFO RUMHMA/CG PCV PHU BAI

RUMVVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV DONG HA

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B. CG III MAF MSG 071010 JUL. (S) (NOVAL)

1. (S) REF A COMMENTS ON III MAF DUEL BLADE REVISION PROPOSAL TO INCLUDE APPROVAL OF DEFERRAL INDEFINITELY OF INSTALLATION OF DUEL BLADE LINEAR OBSTACLE. REF B INDICATES CG III MAF CONCURRENCE WITH CG I CTZ PROPOSAL THAT 1ST ARVN DIVISION NOT OCCUPY SITES A3 AND A4 AND UNDERTAKE INSTEAD MOBILE OPERATIONS WITH MARINE FORCES IN DMZ AREA. EXPRESSES PREMISE THAT WE SHOULD WALK AWAY FROM EARLIER DYE MARKER CONCEPT AND THEREFORE DROP A5 FROM PLAN, AND STATES III MAF INTENT TO CONDUCT MOBILE OPERATIONS AND SENSOR READOUT THROUGHOUT DEFILES SYSTEM (DFS) WITHOUT RESORT TO FIXED COSS WHEN OF CA LU.

2. (S) CONCUR IN PROPOSAL THAT ARVN FOCUS ON DEVELOPING CAPABILITY FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS IN DMZ INSTEAD OF OCCUPYING A3 AND A4 AT THIS TIME. HOWEVER, LATER WHEN ARVN 1ST DIVISION HAS DEVELOPED DESIRED CAPABILITY FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS, IT WILL PROBABLY BE DESIRABLE TO EASE THEM IN A3. IN THE LONGER TERM THEY MAY ULTIMATELY RECEIVE TRAINING ON SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT OPERATED AT A4 AND THEREFORE TAKE IT OVER.

3. (S) CHANGE TO PRIMARILY MOBILE OPERATIONS IN DMZ AREA AND INDEFINITE DEFERRAL OF DUEL BLADE OBSTACLE APPEAR TO BE ABOUT AS FAR

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AS WE SHOULD WALK AWAY FROM EARLIER DYE MARKER CONCEPT, WE MUST BE PREPARED TO CONSTRUCT THE OBSTACLE WHEN AN OPPORTUNE OCCASION OCCURS, IN THE EVENT AS SHOULD BE INSTALLED AS THE LOGICAL WESTERN ANCHOR FOR THE OBSTACLE SYSTEM STRETCHING ACROSS THE COASTAL PLAIN. ACCORDINGLY, A5 SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN OBSTACLE CONSTRUCTION PLANS REQUESTED IN REF A.

4. (S) CONCUR IN III MAF CONCEPT FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS AND SENSOR READOUT THROUGHOUT DFS. REQUEST REVISED DFS ANNES INDICATE SENSOR MODULES, READOUT STATIONS, ARTILLERY POSITIONS, NUMBER OF SENSORS, SCHEDULE FOR INSTALLATION, AND COORDINATION EFFECTED WITH TAF FOR INITIAL INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT DFS.

OVERLAUGH WITH TAF.

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S E C R E T

THIS IS A DUEL BLADE MSG
 DUEL BLADE PLAN (U)

A. COMUSMACV MSG 19317 DTG 090850Z JUL 68 (PASEP)

B. CG III MAF MSG 071010Z JUL 68

C. COMUSMACV MSG 19584 DTG 080147Z JUL 68

D. CG III MAF MSG 091302Z JUL 68 (PASEP)

1. REF A COMMENTS ON CURRENT STATUS DUEL BLADE PLANNING, PROVIDES DIRECTION FUTURE PLANNING SHOULD FOLLOW AND REQUEST DATES BY WHICH INCREMENTED PLANNING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. REF B RELATES LATEST AGREED POSITION AND RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN CG III MAF AND CG ARVN I CORPS AND DESCRIBES MOBILE CONCEPT OF DUEL BLADE OPERATIONS. REF C EXPRESSES APPROVAL OF MOBILE CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AND CONFIRMS REQUIREMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION PLANS FOR LINEAR OBSTACLE AND SITE A-5, AND REWRITE OF OPS ANNEXES TO DUEL BLADE ORDERS AS EXPRESSED REF A.

2. AS REPORTED REF D CG III MAF AND CG I CORPS MET ON 9 JULY 68
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TO GEN WHEELER CJCS
INFO ADM SHARP CINCPAC
LTG ROSSON III MAF

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S E C R E T MAC 9458 EYES ONLY
REF: JCS 07752 DTG 121851Z (TS)

A. (S) REFERENCE MENTIONS NEED TO SHOW ARVN TAKING OVER MORE OF THE WAR AND REQUESTS STATUS OF PLANS FOR ARVN TO OCCUPY ADDITIONAL STRONG POSITIONS ALONG THE DMZ, FREEING MARINE BATTALION AT CON THIEN AND OTHER MARINE UNITS FOR MOBILE OPERATIONS.

2. (S) IN ORDER TO PERFORM 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.

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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.

R. (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.

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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SEC I OF II
FOR FMFPAC COC
FOLLOWING MSGS CITED IN FONECON 16JUL68.

1. P 130528Z MAR 68
FM CG III MAF
TO COMUSMACV
INFO CDR SIVENTH AF TSN RVN
CG FMAW
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S E C R E T

PLAN FOR LOCATION OF SENIOR III MAF DASC

A. MACV DIRECTIVE (MACJOO OF 7 MAR 68

1. IAW REF A, THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF STRIKE AND RECON
ASSETS CONCEPT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED. IN VIEW OF URGENCY
TO IMPLEMENT IT IS APPARENT WE MUST BUILD ON EXISTING FACIL-
ITIES. TO ACCOMPLISH AS SMOOTH A TRANSITION AS POSSIBLE, A

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THREE PHASED IMPLEMENTATION IS PROPOSED.

PHASE I: PRESENT TO 1APR68. USE EXISTING I DASC AND
FMAW TADC FACILITIES, IMPROVING THE CROSS-TELL CAPABILITY
WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING I DASC WITH REQUIRED INFORMATION
FOR TRANSMISSION TO SAIGON TACC.

PHASE II: 1APR68-1JUN68. INCORPORATE THE U.S. PORTION
OF PRESENT I DASC INTO THE G-3 BUILDING AT FMAW, SINCE ITS
EXPANDING FUNCTION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY OF MORE
SPACE AND AN IMPROVED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM. DURING THIS
PHASE, THE HARDENED SITE TO HOUSE THE SENIOR DASC SHOULD
BE COMPLETED.

PHASE III: APPROX 1JUN68. RELOCATE THE REMAINDER OF
I DASC INTO THE NEW HARDENED SITE AND PROCEED WITH OPERATIONS.

3. UPON SEPARATION FROM PRESENT I DASC SITE ON 1 APR DASC
WILL BE KNOWN AS III MAF DASC. I DASC WILL REMAIN WITH I
CORPS IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION. NUMBER U. S. PERSONNEL
REMAINING WITH I DASC WOULD BE MINIMAL.

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S E C R E T PERSONAL FOR GEN MOMYER INFO GEN WESTMORELAND
 FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN
 LOCATION OF I DASC

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

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

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3. O 141245Z MAR 68

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 FM 7AF TSN AB RVN
 TO CG III MAF DANANG
 INFO COMUSMACV

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

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

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O 190154Z MAR 68
 FM COMUSMACV
 TO CG III MAF DANANG
 INFO CMDR SEVENTH AF TAN SON NHUT

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S E C R E T 07756 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTG CUSHMAN

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 FROM GEN WESTMORELAND INFO GEN ABRAMS AND GEN MOMYER
 REF: YOUR SECRET MESSAGE 180724Z MAR 68, SUBJ: LOCATION OF
 I DASC.

DURING MY VISIT WITH YOU SIUDAY, I DID BRING UP THE SUBJECT OF
 I DASC. BECAUSE OF THE BRIEFNESS OF THE DISCUSSION, THERE WAS
 APPARENTLY A MISUNDERSTANDING. I UNDERSTAND THAT I DASC HAS BEEN
 ESTABLISHED IN THE I CORPS COMPOUND, WITH SPACE HAVING BEEN MADE
 AVAILABLE BY LTG LAM. HOWEVER, IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS SHOULD BE
 AN INTERIM LOCATION PENDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HARDENED SITE. THE
 IDEAL LOCATION FOR THE HARDENED SITE WOULD BE ADJACENT TO YOUR TOC.
 THIS COLLOCATION WILL BRING ABOUT THE GROUND-AIR TEAM THAT IS SO
 IMPORTANT AND SIMPLIFY COMMUNICATIONS BY FACILITATING COORDINATION
 AND REDUCING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR EQUIPMENT. THIS ARRANGEMENT
 WILL GIVE YOU THE MEANS AT YOUR HQ TO CONTROL THE AIR EFFORT IN
 SUPPORT OF TROOPS UNDER YOUR OPERATIONAL CONTROL.

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

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 GENERAL ABRAMS INFORMS ME THAT HE HAD A TALK WITH LAM
 ON THE MATTER AND WILL GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF THAT DISCUSSION WHEN
 HE VISITS YOU THIS WEEK. WE CANNOT ALLOW ANY DRAGGING OF HEELS ON
 THIS MATTER. I MAKE THIS COMMENT BECAUSE I AM INFORMED THAT CER-
 TAIN ACTIONS CONCERNING PERSONNEL AND COMMUNICATIONS PRESCRIBED
 BY MY DIRECTIVE HAVE NOT YET BEEN COMPLIED WITH.
 GENERAL ABRAMS WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU THE LOCATION OF I DASC IN
 DETAIL. UPON HIS RETURN, I WILL ASK HIM TO PROVIDE ME A PROGRESS
 REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PUBLISHED DIRECTIVES.

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S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LGEN BUSE FR MGEN COMPANY
 ALLOCATION MATERIAL IN SHORT SUPPLY (U)

1. FOLLOWING MSG RECEIVED FROM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV QUOTE:
 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 MATERIAL SHORTAGES WITHIN
 EXISTING UNITS.

2. (S) THERE ARE SEVERAL SOURCES FOR EQUIPMENT. FIRST, THERE IS
 THE REGULAR MASF PROGRAM. SECOND, WE HAVE AN ADHOC 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

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 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 MATERIAL
 TO THE EXTEND POSSIBLE, I BELIEVE WE MUST DO ALL WE CAN WITHIN SEA
 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,
 FMMAF 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
 DETAILED DATA. THE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD MEET MONTHLY OR AS
 OFTEN AS NECESSARY.

B. THE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE WOULD ANALYZE ASSETS, REQUIREMENTS,
 QUES IN, AND ALL OTHER APPROPRIATE SUPPLY INFORMATION PERTAINING TO
 U.S. COMPONENTS, FMMAF AND RVNAF, AND DIRECT ALLOCATION TO OCCUPATIONS
 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 10 TO 25 ITEMS.

C. THE CHAIRMAN, ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE, WOULD HAVE FINAL

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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 OSD.
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2. WE PROPOSE TO CONCUR IN THE ABOVE PROPOSAL SUBJECT TO RESOLUTION OF SERVICE PROCEDURAL, ACCOUNTABILITY AND FUNDING IMPLICATIONS.

3. ADVISE. WARM REGARDS.

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TO: SSO PLO
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 SSO 1ST AIR CAV DIV
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FIRST MAW
 SSO AMERICAL DIV
 SSO FIRST CAV DIV
 ZEN/CG FORLOGCMD
 ZEN/CG USASO
 ZEN

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LGEM ROSSON SENDS FOR MGEN STILLWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE,
 MGEN BARSANTI, MGEN DAVIS, MGEN QUILTER, MGEN GETTYS,
 BGEN YOUNG, BGEN IRBY, AND BGEN OLSON.

THE FOLLOWING IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND
 APPROPRIATE ACTION:

NOTE: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

- A. MACV DIRECTIVE 366-1
- B. MAC 7236, 220158Z JUN 68
- C. MAC 7238, 030323Z JUN 68
- D. MAC 7429, 050602Z JUN 68

1. AT THE COMMANDER'S MEETING ON 4 JULY, SOME COMMANDERS
 REQUESTED FURTHER GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS
 POLICY OF THIS COMMAND.

2. THE HONOLULU PUBLIC AFFAIRS CONFERENCE OF MARCH
 1965 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 DOD, STATE,
 USIA, CINCPAC, AMEMB SAIGON AND COMUSMACV. IT HAS
 NOT BEEN CHANGED SINCE.

3. REFERENCE A WAS DESIGNED PRIMARILY TO SUPPORT
 THIS PRINCIPLE. IT IS CURRENTLY UNDER REVISION, BUT
 WILL CONTINUE THIS SUBJECT. THE DIRECTIVE ALSO
 CONTAINS CONSIDERABLE MATERIAL DESIGNED TO ASSIST
 COMMANDERS IN DEALING WITH THE PRESS.

LET OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OBTAIN THEM FROM A PROPER PERSPECTIVE. IT SHOULD BE OBVIOUS FROM THIS GUIDE THAT WE MUST ABSTAIN FROM THE "HARD SELL", PROMOTION SCHEMES, AND OVER-OPTIMISM.

B. ENSURE THAT UNAUTHORIZED INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED THE PRESS. DO NOT BE ATTEMPTED TO ANSWER PRESS QUERY WITH "NO COMMENT". (REF D).

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 BY ANY OF THE ABOVE IS BUT A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF ANY SOUND PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM IS THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO REACT TO PRESS CRITICISM OR WHAT WE CONSIDER UNFAIR, NON-OBJECTIVE REPORTING BY SUCCUMBING TO THE TEMPTATION TO REFUSE TO MEET THE PRESS OR BY BARRING THEM ARBITRARILY FROM OUR AREAS. SUCH ACTION NOT ONLY ENCOURAGES MORE CRITICISM, BUT, MORE IMPORTANT, DENIES THE PRESS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPORT ON OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

6. 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.

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QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE

- A. CG THIRD MARDIV 090046Z JUL68 (NOTAL)
- B. NAVFACENCOM 181810Z SEP67 (NOTAL)
- C. CG III MAF 141154Z JUL 68

1. IN REPLY REF A, I AM PERSONALLY AWARE OF THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION AT QUANG TRI AND AM TAKING ACTION TO INSURE STEADY PROGRESS TOWARD COMPLETION. TO THIS END, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TOTAL OF 170 STRONGBACK TENTS PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED FOR CONSTRUCTION AT QUANG TRI AND PARTIALLY COMPLETED ARE BEING UPGRADED TO SEA HUTS. IN ADDITION, REPROGRAMMING OF MCON PROJECTS C-

PAGE 2 RUMUGRA 1824 UNCLAS FOR
 602 AND C-406 HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND WILL PROVIDE SEA HUT CANTONMENT FACILITIES FOR 691 MEN OF THIRD MARDIV AND 506 MEN OF FORLOGCMD RESPECTIVELY. THIS CONSTRUCTION SHOULD FULLY OCCUPY AVAILABLE LABOR FORCES FOR TWO TO THREE MONTHS AND WOULD PROVIDE HOUSING FOR UP TO APPROX 2500 MEN IF ALL SEA HUTS WERE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

2. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE CONSTRUCTION LISTED ABOVE WILL NOT SATISFY YOUR TOTAL REQUIREMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, MCON PROJECT C-670 FOR 90,000 SF OF MAINTENANCE FACILITIES, FIFTEEN TON ICE PLANT, WATER AND ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS, AND SEPTIC TANKS WAS SUBMITTED FOR REPROGRAMMING ACTION EARLIER THIS YEAR AND IS EXPECTED TO BE FUNDED IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. FURTHER, REPROGRAMMING OF ADDITIONAL SCOPE UNDER MCON PROJECT C-670 CURRENTLY IS PLANNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CANTONMENT FACILITIES FOR 5389 MEN AND 90,480 SF OF ADDITIONAL ADMIN FACILITIES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT MCON FUNDS FOR THIS ADDITIONAL SCOPE WILL BE FORTHCOMING WITHIN TWO TO THREE MONTHS.

3. REF B OUTLINED THE TEN-POINT CRITERIA OF THE TACTICAL

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SUPPORT FUNCTIONAL COMPONENT (TSFC) PROGRAM AND ASSIGNED
CG III MAF AND COMNAVFORV REP DANANG RESPONSIBILITY FOR
DETERMINATION OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WHICH QUALIFY FOR
TSFC FUNDING. THE INTENT OF THE TSFC PROGRAM IS TO FUND
FACILITIES REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF TACTICAL OPERATIONS
WHEN THERE IS NO OTHER APPROPRIATE SOURCE OF FUNDS.
THIS PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED TO AVOID THE PLANNING, DOC-
UMENTATION AND LEVELS OF APPROVAL REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH
MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS UNDER THE MCON PROGRAM. MISUSE
OF THE TSFC PROGRAM CAN RESULT IN IMPOSITION OF TIGHTER CONTROLS
OR WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORITY. ACCORDINGLY, I DO NOT PLAN AT THIS
TIME TO AUTHORIZE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD MARDIV
BASE CAMP AT QUANG TRI UNDER THIS PROGRAM. INSTEAD, I AM TAKING
FOLLOW-UP ACTION AS EVIDENCED BY REF C TO INSURE PROMPT RE-
PROGRAMMING OF FUNDS FOR MCON PROJECT C-678 SO THAT CONSTRUCTION
OF YOUR FACILITIES MAY PROCEED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.
4. IN ORDER TO INSURE PROMPT START OF YOUR TROOP CANTONMENT
FACILITIES, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU REVIEW THE PROJECT
PRIORITIES ASSIGNED ON YOUR CURRENT THIRD MARDIV VERTICAL
CONSTRUCTION PRIORITY LIST WITH A VIEW TOWARD ASSIGNING AN

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INCREASED PRIORITY TO THOSE TROOP HOUSING PROJECTS APPROVED
TO DATE AS INDICATED PARA ONE ABOVE. TROOP HOUSING FOR THIRD
MARDIV PRESENTLY IS ASSIGNED PRIORITY 75 ON THIS LIST, WHICH
WILL NOT GUARANTEE EXPEDITED TREATMENT.
5. WARM REGARDS.
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- A. CG FMFPAC MSG DTG 042345Z JUL68 (EXCLUSIVE)
- B. CG III MAF MSG DTG 090958Z JUL68 (EXCLUSIVE)
- 1. REF A DISCUSSED ALLEGATIONS/COMPLAINTS/COMMENTS ON PRESS RELATIONS AND CIB. REF B WAS AN INTERIM REPLY. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING AROUND QUIETLY AND HAVE FORMED SOME OPINIONS.
- 2. THE STAGE WAS SET WITH THE HISTORY OF THE PRESS CENTER AT DANANG. BECAUSE OF THE EXPENSE, INCONVENIENCE, UNSANITARY CONDITIONS AND DANGER OF SUBSISTING ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY, THE LOCAL PRESS CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED TO GIVE BONA FIDE MEMBERS OF NEWS MEDIA AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE. ALTHOUGH THE COMPOUND WAS RUN AS A MILITARY INSTALLATION, THE PRESS PERCEIVED OF IT AS A HOSTELRY.
- 3. SOME FEW MEMBERS OF THE PRESS EXPECTED, AND REQUESTED, THE SAME

PAGE 2 RUMSAK 1507 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO AMENITIES THEY RECEIVED ABOARD LARGER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. PARTICULARLY THEY DESIRED MILITARY TRANSPORTATION, FREQUENTLY FOR THEIR OWN PERSONAL CONVENIENCE, SUCH AS TRIPS TO THE BEACH FOR A SWIM. WHEN THE NUMBER OF REPORTERS AT THE PRESS CENTER WAS SMALL AND TRANSPORTATION WAS AVAILABLE, THEY WERE ACCOMMODATED. WHEN THE NUMBER OF REPORTERS WAS LARGE AND THE TRANSPORTATION SCARE, THEY WERE NOT ACCOMMODATED.

1. THE PRICES CHARGED FOR FOOD AT THE CIB RESTAURANT HAVE BEEN LESS THAN THE PRICES CHARGED AT THE BETTER LOCAL DINING ROOMS AND THE FOOD HAS BEEN MORE SANITARY. FOR A WHILE THE PRICES WERE SO LOW THAT FOOD WAS SERVED AT A LOSS. AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE AREA AUDITOR, THE OIC RAISED THE PRICE OF FOOD. THIS CAUSED THE MILITARY PERSONNEL LIVING AND SUBSISTING AT THE CENTER TO PAY SUBSTANTIALLY MORE FOR FOOD THAN DID PERSONNEL LIVING IN PURELY MILITARY COMPOUNDS. THE OIC INSTITUTED A SYSTEM WHEREBY MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE CIB AND LIVING AND SUBSISTING AT THE CIB WOULD SIGN CHITS FOR FOOD AT REGULAR PRICES. SUBSEQUENTLY THESE CHITS WOULD BE DISCOUNTED BY 40 PER CENT. THIS PRIVILEGE EXTENDED TO FOOD ONLY AND NOT TO BEVERAGES. IT WAS NOT EXTENDED TO OTHER MILITARY

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5. SOME ROOMS OF THE COMPOUND WERE LEASED TO NEWS MEDIA ON A PERMANENT BASIS TO BE OCCUPIED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. OTHERS WERE TRANSIENT ROOMS. THE AMOUNT OF SPACE ALLOCATED TO A TRANSIENT HAS VARIED WITH THE NUMBER OF TRANSIENTS PRESENT. DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS MANY OF THE ROOMS ARE QUITE HOT. AS FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES ALLOWED, AIR CONDITIONERS WERE PURCHASED FOR SOME OF THE HOTTER ROOMS. THEY WERE ALLOCATED TO PERMANENT LESSEES RATHER THAN TO TRANSIENT ROOMS. SINCE NOT ALL PERMANENTLY LEASED ROOMS COULD BE AIR CONDITIONED, SOME LESSEES BOUGHT THEIR OWN AIR CONDITIONERS FOR THEIR ROOMS. PERSONS OCCUPYING ROOMS WITHOUT AIR CONDITIONING HAVE COMPLAINED. PLANS ARE UNDER WAY TO AIR CONDITION THE TRANSIENT ROOMS.

6. THE CIB HAS SUFFERED FROM A CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF MOTOR TRANSPORT. IN ADDITION TO THOSE MILITARY VEHICLES WHICH COULD BE ASSIGNED TO IT, THE OIC HAS PURCHASED, WITH CIB FUNDS, TWO SURPLUS MILITARY VEHICLES (FROM OKINAWA) AND THREE NEW DATSUN VEHICLES, TWO OF WHICH ARE CARGO PICK-UP TRUCKS AND ONE A SMALL FOUR-DOOR SEDAN. ALL HAVE BEEN DEVOTED TO CIB USES,

PAGE 4 RUMSAK 1507 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO BUT THE DATSUN SEDAN HAS BEEN USED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY BY THE OIC OF THE CIB.

7. APART FROM PROBLEMS AT THE CIB, THERE HAVE BEEN DIFFICULTIES IN PROVIDING SUFFICIENT AERIAL TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PRESS AT III MAF. AS MEMBERS OF THE PRESS HAVE VISITED ARMY UNITS THROUGHOUT VIETNAM, THEY HAVE BEEN AFFORDED HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AMPLE ASSETS OF THE ARMY, BUT WHEN VISITING MARINE COPRS UNITS, COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN RELUCTANT TO FRAG SCARCE HELICOPTER ASSETS FOR REPORTERS. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE IS AN OBVIOUS DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE HELICOPTERS AFFORDED THE PRESS BY MARINES IN III MAF AND HELICOPTERS PROVIDED BY ARMY UNITS HERE AND ELSEWHERE. THIS HAS LEAD TO SOME DISSATISFACTION.

8. FURTHERMORE, THE NATURE OF OPERATIONS ENGAGED IN BY III MAF. HAS NECESSITATED RESTRICTIONS ON THE PRESS WHICH ARE UNPOPULAR. SOME OF THESE RESTRICTIONS HAVE INCLUDED RESTRICTIONS ON MOVEMENT, SUCH AS LIMITING THE NUMBER OF REPORTERS ALLOWED AT ONE TIME AT XHE SANH, AND OTHERS HAVE INVOLVED THE EMBARGO OF NEWS, SUCH AS OPERATIONS DELAWARE AND PEGASUS. IN THE PRESS OF BATTLE, SOME UNIT COMMANDERS HAVE NOT WELCOMED AND SUPPORTED THE PRESS IN THE MANNER IN WHICH IT WOULD LIKE TO

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BECOME ACCUSTOMED. ALL OF THESE HAVE BEEN CUMULATIVE TO PRODUCE
OCCASIONAL DISSATISFACTION WITH THE WELCOME OF THE PRESS TO
III MAF.

9. THE FINAL AND MOST IMPORTANT FEATURE HAS TO DO WITH THE
PERSONALITY OF THE OIC OF THE CIB. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT HE IS
A FORCEFUL BUT OPINIONATED INDIVIDUAL WHOSE PERSONALITY
OCCASIONALLY CONFLICTS WITH THAT OF INDIVIDUAL REPORTERS.
HE POSSESSES A FRANKNESS THAT TRANSCENDS TACT, COUPLED WITH
A VOLATILE TEMPER. THIS HAS LED, ON OCCASION, TO UNFORTUNATE
VERBAL CONFRONTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. THIS
FRANKNESS HAS ALSO BEEN BENEFICIAL ON OCCASIONS BECAUSE
REPORTERS BELIEVE WHAT HE TELLS THEM.

10. FROM THE FOREGOING IT CAN BE SEEN THAT THERE IS ENOUGH
FACTUAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT MOST OF THE ALLEGATIONS MADE IN
REF A WHEN CONSIDERED IN A VACUUM. NO ONE OF THEM, HOWEVER,
IS COMPLETELY ONE SIDED. BUT I FEEL WE CANNOT ALLOW THIS
CONDITION TO CONTINUE AND I WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE STEPS TO
ENSURE CLOSER COMMAND SUPERVISION OF THE ACTIVITIES AND
FUNCTIONS OF THE PRESS CENTER.

11. COLONEL FASER IS DUE FOR A ROTATION SHORTLY. I DO NOT
ANTICIPATE SIMILAR PERSONALITY PROBLEMS WITH COLONEL MORIARTY.
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LGEN ROSSON SENDS FOR MGEN STILWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN
 GETTYS, AND COL BEESON INFO MGEN DAVIS, MGEN TOLSON, MGEN
 BARSANTI.

THE EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF ENEMY UNITS FROM PW'S DOCUMENTS AND
 ENEMY DEAD AND THE RAPID TRANSMISSION OF THIS INFORMATION
 TO THIS AND HIGHER HEADQUARTERS CONTINUES TO BE A MATTER OF
 SERIOUS CONCERN TO ME. AT ALL TIMES THIS INFORMATION CON-
 STITUTES VITAL INTELLIGENCE, BUT PARTICULARLY NOW, DURING A
 NOTICEABLE LULL IN ENEMY ACTIVITY AND AN APPARENT PERIOD FOR
 HIM TO PLAN AND PREPARE FOR A NEW AND COORDINATED OFFENSIVE PHASE,
 ITS IMPORTANCE CANNOT BE OVEREMPHASIZED. UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS
 FROM PW'S HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL MESSAGES FROM THIS
 HEADQUARTERS AS WELL AS MACV STRESSING THE GOAL OF A 12-HOUR
 INITIAL REPORT. EFFORTS TO DETERMINE UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS FROM
 ENEMY DEAD HAVE NOT BEEN SIMILARLY STRESSED RECENTLY, BUT IT
 IS NOTEWORTHY THAT DAY AFTER DAY, EVEN IN THIS PERIOD OF
 RELATIVELY LOW ACTIVITY, UPWARDS OF 150-200 ENEMY KIA PER DAY
 ARE REPORTED THROUGHOUT IOTZ WITH NO ENEMY UNIT IDENTIFICATION
 INFORMATION WHATSOEVER. I AM SURE THAT THE ACTION NECESSARY
 TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION TO THE FULLEST EXTENT FEASIBLE IS
 CLEAR TO EACH OF US. REQUEST THEREFORE THAT NO STONE BE LEFT
 UNTURNED IN ACHIEVING DESIRED RESULTS.

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A. CG FMFPAC MSG DTG 042345Z JUL 68

1. WILL PERSONALLY PEEP INTO THE PANDORA BOX MENTIONED IN REF
 A. BUT IT MAY TAKE A BIT OF TIME TO GET THINGS SORTED OUT SO
 THAT I CAN GIVE YOU FACTS VICE FOLKLORE.

2. IT MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE HELPFUL TO GET NEW BROOM SOONEST.
 PERHAPS YOU COULD ACCELERATE MORZAR II Y'S ARRIVAL. RECOMMEND
 THAT YOU DISCUSS THIS WITH BOB IN WASHINGTON.

3. WILL REPORT ASAP. BEST REGARDS.

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 MGEN TOMPKINS

AWARD BY RVN: CASE OF LATE CPL S. W. MARGARITIS 22 05480 USMC
 A. OMC 021130Z JUL 68

1. IAW REF A HAVE JUST RETURNED FROM INTERVIEW WITH L GEN LAM.
 LATTER APPRECIATES CONTEMPS AND HAPPY TO PROVIDE SOLUTION. WITH
 APPROPRIATE CEREMONY HE WILL MAKE AWARD TO ME FOR DELIVERY TO
 OMC WHO CAN THEN MAKE AWARD TO PARENTS OF SNW. HOPEFULLY DECORATION,
 CITATION, AND PICTURES WILL BE AIR MAILED TO YOU MONDAY OR
 TUESDAY. WILL ADVISE.

2. WILL ENLIGHTEN MAJOR COMMANDERS ON CONSEQUENCES OF INCLUDING
 CASUALTIES AND UNNECESSARY INFORMATION IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH
 JOK. WARM REGARDS.

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CUA VIET FUEL FARM LOSSES (U)

1. WITH PRESENT USAGE RATES AND STORAGE CAPACITIES IN THE
LONG HA AND QUANG TRI AREAS, THE CUA VIET FUEL RECEIVING
FACILITY AND FUEL FARM MUST BE MAINTAINED TO ENSURE A
STEADY FLOW INTO THE SE MARDIV AREAS. UPON COMPLETION OF THE
STEEL TANKS AT QUANG TRI AND PIPELINE BETWEEN QUANG TRI AND
TAN MY IN SEPTEMBER, THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT STORAGE AND
FUEL MOVEMENT CAPABILITY TO ALLOW A REDUCTION IN AMOUNT OF FUEL
MAINTAINED AT CUA VIET.

2. TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE IN THE EXISTING FUEL FARM, FUEL TANKS
ARE PRESENTLY BEING RELOCATED TO PROVIDE GREATER DISPERSION
BETWEEN TANKS AND GREATER DISTANCE FROM LIVING QUARTERS ARE.

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OTHER STRUCTURES. DURING THIS RELOCATION REVENIENTS ARE BEING
IMPROVED MAXIMUM PROTECTION.

3. PLANNING HAS STARTED TO ACQUIRE REAL ESTATE AND RELOCATE THE
FUEL FARM SOUTH OF THE EXISTING CAMP PERIMETER. THIS WILL NOT
MOVE THE STORAGE AREA BEYOND ARTILLERY RANGE BUT IT WILL PERMIT
MAXIMUM DISPERSION OF FACILITIES.

4. IN REGARDS TO CLASS V STORAGE AT CUA VIET, WE HAVE NOT
SHIPPED ANY CLASS V TO LONG HA BY LCU FOR FOUR MONTHS, THIS
ELIMINATING THE NEED FOR UNLOADING OR LOADING OF AMMUNITION AT
CUA VIET RAMPS. AS LONG AS LCU AVAILABILITY PERMITS WE WILL
CONTINUE TO SHIP ALL CLASS V DIRECT TO LONG HA BY LCU.

5. ALL OF THE ABOVE ACTIONS ARE EITHER UNDERWAY OR ARE PLANNED
FOR COMPLETION PRIOR TO NONSOON SEASON. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY
SUGGESTIONS YOUR STAFF MIGHT HAVE FOR REDUCING VULNERABILITY
OF EXISTING OR PROPOSED FUEL RECEIVING AND FUEL FARM FACILITIES.
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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LGEN ROSSON
 OPERATIONS IN SOUTHERN ICTZ FOR JULY

1. BASED ON STUDY OF RECENT MACV INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES AND ON ANALYSIS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SOUTHERN ICTZ (QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES), I AM UNDERTAKING THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM OF OPERATIONS IN THAT AREA FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

A. POCAHONTAS FOREST/MAMELUKE THRUST.

(1) FORCES: ONE THREE-BATTALION BRIGADE, AMERICAL DIV; TWO BATTALIONS, 2D ARVN DIV WITH CONTROL HQTRS; ONE BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIV (TO BE INCREASED BY AT LEAST ONE BATTALION IF WARRANTED BY DEVELOPMENTS); APPROPRIATE SUPPORT.

(2) PURPOSE: DESTROY MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE 2D NVA DIV, ASSOCIATED FORCES AND BASE FACILITIES IN THE HIEP DUC - ANTENNA VALLEY - UPPER ROUTE 534 AREA; FORCE DISCONTINUANCE OF ENEMY CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY ON UPPER PORTION OF ROUTE 534.

(3) D-DAY: 5 JULY 1968

(4) DURATION: APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS; LONGER IF WARRANTED.

B. PHASE II, MAMELUKE THRUST.

(1) FORCES: ONE THREE-BATTALION REGIMENT, 1ST MARINE DIV; APPROPRIATE SUPPORT.

(2) PURPOSE: DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND BASE FACILITIES IN THE RUONG-RUONG/ELEPHANT VALLEY AREA.

(3) D-DAY: 8 JULY 1968.

DURATION:

(4) /APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS DEPENDENT UPON CONTACT.

C. CHAMPAIGN GROVE.

(1) FORCES: ONE THREE-BATTALION BRIGADE, AMERICAL DIVISION; TENTATIVELY TWO BATTALIONS, 2D ARVN DIV WITH CONTROL HQTRS; APPROPRIATE SUPPORT.

(2) PURPOSE: DESTROY MAJOR ELEMENTS OF THE 3D NVA DIV, ASSOCIATED FORCES AND ENEMY BASE FACILITIES IN THE SONG RE VALLEY AREA.

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(3) D-DAY: LAST WEEK IN JULY DEPENDENT UPON TERMINATION OR PHASE DOWN OF POCAHONTAS FOREST.

(4) DURATION: APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH. BETWEEN NOW AND D-DAY AMERICAL DIV WILL INTENSIFY RECONNAISSANCE IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA TO LOCATE THE ENEMY AND DEVELOP THE SITUATION.

D. OTHER: CONTINUATION OF AO OPERATIONS ON AN ECONOMY OF FORCE BASIS AS REQUIRED BY NEED TO FREE FORCES FOR A, B, AND C ABOVE.

2. ALTHOUGH BOB CUSHMAN HAD STARTED WHEELS IN MOTION TO TAKE ON THE 3D NV A DIV FORCES IN THE SONG RE VALLEY AS THE NEXT MAJOR THRUST, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ROUTE 534 ANTENNA VALLEY HIEP DUC AREA DEMAND IMMEDIATE PREEMPTIVE EFFORT. MOREOVER, THE SONG RE VALLEY OPERATION REQUIRES CAREFUL PRIOR RECONNAISSANCE AND LOGISTIC PREPARATION. THUS, MY DECISION TO CONCENTRATE INITIALLY ON THE FORMER.

3. THE ELEPHANT VALLEY OPERATION HAS BEEN ON THE BOOKS FOR SOME TIME. I CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE BUT NOT OF URGENT IMPORTANCE. SHOULD WE NEED FORCES TO EXPLOIT SUCCESSES ELSEWHERE OR TO MEET A CRISIS, I AM PREPARED TO CURTAIL OR POSTPONE IT AS NECESSARY.

4. ALL OPERATIONS WILL STRESS DEVELOPMENT OF LUCRATIVE TARGETS FOR B-52 AND TACTICAL AIR STRIKES.

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 CG TASK FORCE HOTEL

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FOR NGEN STILLWELL, NGEN YOUNGDALE, NGEN GETTYS, NGEN WEBSTER,
 INFO NGEN TOLSON, NGEN BARADINI, NGEN SAVID, AND SO. [REDACTED]
 FROM LGEN ROBBSON

1. THE FOLLOWING MSG FROM COMUSMACV IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION
 AND APPROPRIATE ACTIONS QUOTE

A. (C) BECAUSE OF YOUR EFFORTS, IMPROVEMENT IS NOTED IN THE
 AVAILABLE DATA INDICATED THAT APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT OF THE
 THAT WERE REPORTED AS EVACUATED TO SMOG WERE NOTICEDLY RETURNED
 THEM. IN THE ARMY COMMAND, ONLY 5 PERCENT OF THE WEAPONS
 REPORTED TURNED IN TO 1ST LOGISTICAL COMMAND (LSC) FOR THE
 ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY SMOG FOR THE. THE PROCEEDURES FOR
 THE COLLECTION OF CAPTURED WEAPONS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF
 DIRECTIVE 50-10 ARE STILL IN EFFECT.

B. (C) POSITIVE SOURCE OF CAPTURED WEAPONS WILL BE THE
 YOUR I PERIOD WILL ACCELERATE PROGRESS.

UNQUOTE

C. FRANKLY, WE'RE DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN THAT THE
 TO BECOME BLENDING AND ENLIGHTENED OF THE. [REDACTED]
 HAVE NOT BEEN PACKED. EACH COMMANDING GENERAL IS REQUESTED TO
 DOUBLE HIS EFFORTS TO INSURE THAT ALL OF HIS
 EACH DIRECTIVE.

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