

- 39 ~~44~~ CG III MAF 181420Z AUG68 (C) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL AND YOUNGDALE  
LACK OF VIGILANCE; ABILITY OF ENEMY TO PENETRATE DEFENSES
- 40 ~~45~~. CG III MAF 181432Z AUG68 (C) *Group-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS  
SHARES CONCERN WITH APPARENT VULNERABILITY OF DEFENSES
- 41 ~~46~~. CG III MAF 221405Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS INFO STILWELL, YOUNGDALE, & GETTYS  
ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY OF ENEMY TROOPS
- 42 ~~47~~. CG III MAF 230350Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ALL CDRS  
AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES FOR INTERDICTION FIRES
- 43 ~~48~~. CG III MAF 251010Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS  
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- 44 ~~49~~. CG III MAF 271330Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN FOR BUSE  
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- 45 ~~50~~. CG III MAF 271415Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS  
SENSORS FOR DANANG BARRIER DEFENSE
- 46 ~~51~~. CG III MAF 280920Z AUG68 (C) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL AND DAVIS  
ARTY AMMO EXPENDITURES
- ~~47 52. CG III MAF 290310Z AUG68 (C MCEO)  
CUSHMAN TO BUSE  
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- 48 ~~53~~. CG III MAF 291418Z AUG68 (C) *Group-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL  
MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL AERIAL RECON IN NICZ
- 49 ~~54~~. CG III MAF 310930Z AUG68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*  
~~EXX~~ CUSHMAN TO CHAPMAN INFO BUSE  
UPI NEWS STORY; ALLEGATIONS THEREIN
- ~~55. CG III MAF 311035Z AUG68 (C)  
CUSHMAN TO BRINGLE  
REWARDS IN INVITATION FOR LUNCH~~

~~18~~ 18 13 CG III MAF 220020Z JUL68 (C MCEO) *group not shown*  
MARINE AUGMENTATION BILLET'S PCV STAFF

~~19~~ 19 14 ~~CG III MAF 220630Z JUL68 (C)~~  
~~TOMPKINS TO MAJ KAUFFMAN~~  
~~AUSTRALIAN STAFF PRESENTATION~~

~~19~~ 19 15 ~~CG III MAF 241430Z JUL68 (C)~~  
~~TOMPKINS TO MAJOR KAUFFMAN~~  
~~AUSTRALIAN STAFF PRESENTATION~~

~~19~~ 19 16 ~~CG III MAF 260245Z JUL68 (U)~~  
~~ANDERSON TO WESTMORELAND~~  
~~THANKS FOR CONGRATS~~

~~19~~ 19 17 ~~CG III MAF 260930Z JUL68 (C)~~  
~~TOMPKINS TO MAJOR KAUFFMAN~~  
~~AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION~~

~~19~~ 19 18 ~~CG III MAF 270200Z JUL68 (C MCEO)~~  
~~TOMPKINS TO DUSE~~  
~~AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION~~

~~20~~ 20 19 CG III MAF 270544Z JUL68 (S) *group-4*  
ANDERSON TO COL CODISPOTI  
ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE

~~20~~ 20 20 ~~CG III MAF 270802Z JUL68 (C)~~  
~~TOMPKINS TO MAJ KAUFFMAN~~  
~~AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION~~

~~20~~ 20 21 ~~CG III MAF 270841Z JUL68 (C)~~  
~~TOMPKINS TO MAJ KAUFFMAN~~  
~~AUSTRALIAN PRESENTATION~~

~~20~~ 20 22 CG III MAF 280408Z JUL68 (C) *group-4*  
ANDERSON TO ALL CG'S  
SCHEDULES COMMANDER'S CONF AT PCV ON 29JUL68

~~20~~ 20 23 CG III MAF 280850Z JUL68 (C) *group-4*  
ANDERSON TO ALL CG'S  
PASSES ABRAMS' TARGETTING MSG

~~20~~ 20 24 ~~CG III MAF 281105Z JUL68 (U)~~  
~~ROSSON TO DUQUEMIN~~  
~~OFFICIAL CALLS, ETC.~~

~~20~~ 20 25 ~~CG III MAF 310400Z JUL68 (U)~~  
~~ANDERSON TO CHIP~~  
~~PASS TO CMC REQUEST STATUS OF PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR CMC~~

5. CG III MAF 150710Z JUL68 (C)  
ROSSON TO ALL CDRS  
PASSES ABRAMS' PRESS RELATIONS MSG
- 13 6. CG III MAF 160910Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Op-4*  
TOMPKINS TO BUSE  
ALLOCATION MATERIAL IN SHORT SUPPLY  
(ABRAMS MSG PASEP)
- 28 7. CG III MAF 161420Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Op-4*  
TO FMFPAC COC  
PASSES I DASC LOCATION MSGS
- ~~38 8. CG III MAF 170128Z JUL68 (S MCEO)  
ANDERSON TO MEWZGER  
SCIENCE ADVISOR FOR III MAF~~
- 48 9. CG III MAF 170350Z JUL68 (C) *Group-4*  
TOMPKINS TO BUSE  
PERIODIC LOGISTICS CONFS (U)
- 58 10. CG III MAF 170356Z JUL68 (S MCEO) *Op-4*  
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- ~~68 11. CG III MAF 170500Z JUL68 (S MCEO)  
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- 78 12. CG III MAF 171000Z JUL68 (S) *Op-4*  
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- 88 13. CG III MAF 180958Z JUL68 (S) *Group-4*  
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- ~~98 14. CG III MAF 180245Z JUL68 (S)  
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- ~~106 15. CG III MAF 190400Z JUL68 (U)  
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- 118 16. CG III MAF 190848Z JUL68 (S) *Op-4*  
ROSSON TO ALL  
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- ~~128 17. CG III MAF 190900Z JUL68 (C)  
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23. CG III MAF 100835Z AUG68 (TS) *Ap-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL, YOUNGDALE, QUILTER AND GETTYS, INFO  
ABRAMS AND SSO COMUSMACV  
INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY'S NEXT MAJOR OFFENSIVE

24. CG III MAF 130251Z AUG68 (TS) *Ap-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS, INFO STILWELL & DAVIS  
PLANNED OPN INTO DMZ

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- 26 31. CG III MAF 010200Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ALL SUB CDRS  
PASSES ABRAMS' MSG ON FIXING THE ENEMY
- 27 32. CG III MAF 020910Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL  
HELO SPT FOR FOB 1 (PRAIRIE FIRE)
- 28 33. CG III MAF 021014Z AUG68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
CUSHMAN TO BUSE  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS
- 29 34. CG III MAF 021520Z AUG68 (C) - *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL INFO DAVIS  
APPROVES REDOMMENDATION CONTAINED REF A  
(CG III MAF 020415Z AUG68)
- 30 35. CG III MAF 031258Z AUG68 *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO DAVIS  
SPECIAL LANDING FORCE -- PREEMPTS CG III MAF
- ~~31 36. CG III MAF 080006Z AUG68 (C)  
CUSHMAN TO DR. MCMILLAN  
SCIENCE ADVISOR FOR III MAF~~
- 32 37. CG III MAF 081530Z AUG68 (C) *group-4*  
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MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE IN NICTZ
- ~~33 38. CG III MAF 090252Z AUG68 (U)  
TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR PG BYDER JR~~
- 34 39. CG III MAF 090920Z AUG68 (C) *group-4*  
CUSHMAN TO STILWELL  
EXPEDITED CONSTRUCT IN NICTZ
- 35 40. CG III MAF 100102Z AUG68 (U)  
TO CG FMAW AND CG FLC  
PASSES CG FMFPAC MSG ON NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
- 36 41. CG III MAF 110804Z AUG68 (C) *group-4*  
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IRBY AND OLSON  
UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
- 37 42. CG III MAF 121030Z AUG68 (S) *group-4*  
CONFERENCE OF TACTICAL COMMANDERS
- 38 43. CG III MAF 151345Z AUG68 (S) *group-4*  
CUSHMAN TO YOUNGDALE & GETTYS  
ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY TROOPS

19 ~~14~~. CG FMFPAC 010053Z AUG68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*  
 BUSE TO CHAPMAN, INFO WALT AND CUSHMAN  
 MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS

20 ~~15~~. CG NINTH MAB 010745Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
 CHIP TO DAVIS INFO CUSHMAN  
 PRACTICE LANDING FOR BLT 2/26

~~21~~ ~~16~~. ~~CG FMAN 010940Z AUG68 (S MCEO)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

22 ~~17~~. CG THIRD MARDIV 011202Z AUG68 (C) *gp-4*  
 DAVIS TO CUSHMAN  
 CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE

~~23~~ ~~18~~. ~~CG FMAN 021035Z AUG68 (S MCEO)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

24 ~~19~~. CG AMERICAL DIV 021045Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
 GETTYS TO CUSHMAN  
 OPERATIONAL PLANNING

TAB ALSO INCLUDES A RETRANSMISSION OF SAME MSG  
 UNDER DTG 021345Z AUG68 → *gp-4*

*26* ~~20~~. GEN ABRAMS 021332Z AUG68 (U)  
 PARA 7 of III MAF 020415Z APPROVED

*25* ~~21~~. ~~CG FMAN 031120Z AUG68 (S MCEO)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

- 43 38. MG GETTYS 110959Z AUG68 (S) *Group - not shown*  
GETTYS TO CUSHMAN, INFO YOUNGDALE  
RESPONSE TO INTELLIGENCE INDICATIVE OF ENEMY'S ACTIVITIES
- 44 29. ~~CG FMAM 111540Z AUG68 (S MCEB)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 45 40. C/S USMACV 120803Z AUG68 (S) *Group - not shown*  
CORCORAN TO BROWN, BRINGLE, CUSHMAN, PEERS, STILWELL, KERWIN,  
ECHARDT AND AARON  
MG SEIGNIOUS, US MILITARY REP AT PARIS TALKS, VISIT SVN  
DURING 16-20AUG68
- 46 41. COMSEVENTHFLT 120946Z AUG68 (U)  
FOR BGEN CHIP  
CONGRATULATIONS MSG
- 47 42. ~~CG FMAM 121040Z AUG68 (S)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 48 43. MG CORCORAN COFS MACV 131024Z AUG68 (S) *Group - not shown*  
CORCORAN TO BRINGLE, INFO CUSHMAN, STILWELL & COUSIN  
ITINERARY FOR MG SEIGNIOUS
- 49 44. ~~CG FMAM 131410Z AUG68 (S MCEB)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 50 45. CG FMFPAC 131922Z AUG68 (U)  
FOR BGEN CHIP  
CHANGE OF COMMAND
- 51 46. ~~CG FMAM 140855Z AUG68 (S MCEB)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 52 47. CNO 141424Z AUG68 (U)  
MOORER TO CUSHMAN  
APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY AFFORDED
- 53 48. COMUSMACV 142314Z AUG68 (S) *Group - not shown*  
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN, PEERS, ECKHARDT, KERWIN, INFO STILWELL  
ASSESSMENT OF THE DETERIORATING QUALITY OF THE ~~NAV~~ NVA
- 54 49. ~~CG FMAM 151548Z AUG68 (S MCEB)~~  
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

- 22 22. CG PCV 040712Z AUG68 (C) *gp-4*  
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN  
MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE IN NICTZ
- ~~28 23. CG FMAW 050915Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 29 24. LTG STILWELL 041415Z X AUG68 (U)  
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN  
EXPEDITED CONSTRUCTION IN NICTZ
- ~~30 25. CG FMAW 051513Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~31 26. CG FMAW 061600Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~32 27. CG FMAW 071047Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 33 28. CG FIRST MARDIV 081041Z AUG68 (S) *gp-4*  
YOUNGDALE TO CUSHMAN  
DIVISION MAINTENANCE ASSISTANCE ADVISORY TEAM ORGANIZED
- 34 29. CG USARV LONG BINH 081110Z AUG68 (U)  
CINCUSARPAC FOR BG RYDER  
TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR BG RYDER
- ~~35 30. CG FMAW 081513Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 36 31. CG FMFPAC 082042Z AUG68 (U)  
BUSE TO CUSHMAN, YOUNGDALE, DAVIS, AND QUILTER  
MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION
- 37 32. COMUSMACV 060050Z AUG68 (C) *gp-4*  
PACIFICATON OF SOUTH VIETNAM DUR JAN68
- 38 33. CG FMFPAC 090355Z AUG68 (U)  
BUSE TO YOUNGDALE, DAVIS, AND CHIP INFO CUSHMAN  
NAVY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL
- ~~39 34. CG FMAW 091256Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 40 35. COMUSMACV 101143Z AUG68 (C) *Group - not shown*  
UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
- ~~41 36. CG FMAW 101544Z AUG68 (S MCEO)  
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- 42 37. CG FMAW 100934Z AUG68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*  
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INFO RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC HAW  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LSEN BUSE FROM LSEN GUSHMAN  
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SUBJ: UPI NEWS STORY  
A. CMC NSG 241809Z AUG 68  
1. IN COMPLIANCE WITH REFERENCE (A), THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

A. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE STORY WAS FILED BY UPI REPORTER ~~RAY~~ WILKINSON. WILKINSON LEFT VIETNAM SHORTLY AFTER THE ACTION AND HAS NOT RETURNED TO COUNTRY YET.

B. WILKINSON ARRIVED ON THE SCENE OF ACTION AT ABOUT 1400. THE 3RD MP BN MARINES WERE FIRST COMMITTED TO HOA VANG AS A REACTION FORCE AT 0700 BY THE BN CO, LT COL CANNARDILLA. THE UNIT SWEEP EASTWARD ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE VILLAGE MEETING LITTLE RESISTANCE. AT ABOUT 1030 THEY ARRIVED AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE

*Our former  
marine  
combat  
correspondent*

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA 3909 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ACED  
NORTH EASTERN LIMIT OF THE VILLAGE AND BATTLE. HOA VANG WAS ALREADY IN FLAMES AND ARVN RANGERS WERE BATTILING THE NVA. THE ONLY CASUALTIES VISIBLE AT THIS TIME WERE ONE NVA KIA AND A WOUNDED VIETNAMESE. THEY HAD BEEN HIT LONG BEFORE WILKINSON ARRIVED. ON ARRIVAL HE TALKED WITH FELLOW NEWSMEN WHO HAD TAKEN REFUGE IN A STORE AND HE MADE SOME COMMENT ABOUT THE FACT THEY, THE NEWSMEN, WERE "LIBERATING" BEER. WILKINSON THEN TALKED WITH A FEW MARINES AND A CORPSMAN WHO WERE IN THE VICINITY OF THE STORE. OF THE THREE MEN MENTIONED IN THE STORY, GYSGT COLLOTON COMMENTS TO WILKINSON ARE CORRECTLY REPORTED, BUT COLLOTON ALSO SAID THAT HE TOLD THE REPORTER HE SAW THE ROCKETS FIRED BY THE NVA. HOSPITALMAN GERRISH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY WOUNDED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO TREAT AND SHIELD WITH HIS BODY A WOUNDED MARINE. HE WAS MED-EVACUATED AND IS NO LONGER IN COUNTRY. PFULUGRADI CANNOT BE LOCATED FOR III MAF LOCATOR HAS NO RECORD OF A MAN WITH THAT OR A SIMILAR NAME. WITH REGARD TO THE BEER INCIDENT, A VIETNAMESE NBC CAMERAMAN ACTUALLY BOUGHT THE BEER. HE OFFERED SOME TO THE NEARBY MARINES BUT THEY INITIALLY REFUSED. THEY HAD BEEN ON THE MOVE SINCE 0200 AND MOST HAD LONG SINCE FINISHED THEIR WATER. THE TEMPERATURE WAS EXCEPTIONALLY HOT IN THE AREA BECAUSE OF THE BURNING BUILDINGS AND

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PAGE THREE NINHAPHA 3000 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCS  
 THE WARM VIETNAMESE BEER HAD LITTLE APPEAL AS A THIRST QUENCHER.  
 SOME, HOWEVER, DID TAKE SIPS OF BEER. ONE MARINE ASKED FOR AN  
 ORANGE SODA BUT THERE WAS NONE AVAILABLE. TOTAL ELAPSED TIME  
 THAT WILKINSON WAS ON THE SCENE WAS ABOUT ONE HOUR AND IT WAS  
 DURING A LULL IN THE FIGHTING. HE ARRIVED AFTER MOST OF THE EARLY  
 FIGHTING HAD TERMINATED (AND LATER THAN MOST OTHER NEWSMEN) AND  
 LEFT BEFORE IT RESUMED.

C. ABOUT THE TIME THAT WILKINSON ARRIVED AT THE SCENE, THE  
 REACTION FORCE FROM THE 3RD MP BN WAS HALTED AND DEPLOYED ALONG  
 THE ROAD ON THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE HOA VANG VILLAGE. NEARLY  
 ALL THE BUILDINGS ALONG BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD WERE DAMAGED.  
 MOST HAD RECEIVED LIGHT DAMAGE; HOWEVER SOME WERE TOTALLY  
 DESTROYED AND IN SOME OTHERS FIRES WERE RAGING. SINCE THE NPS  
 DIDN'T ACTUALLY REACH THE LIMITS OF HOA VANG UNTIL ABOUT 1900 AND  
 SINCE THEY HAD NO SUPPORTING ARMS (ONLY RIFLES AND A VEN LAWE)  
 IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE BULK OF THE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED BY THE NVA  
 OR BY ARVN RANGER ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS. AT THIS TIME  
 MARINES WERE IN FACT HELPING A VIETNAMESE DOUSE THE ROOF OF HIS  
 HOUSE WITH WATER, AS MENTIONED ABOVE THERE WAS A LULL IN THE  
 FIGHTING WHILE THE GUNSHIPS WERE FIRING ON POCKETS IN THE VILLAGE

PAGE FOUR NINHAPHA 3000 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCS  
 IN WHICH THE NVA/VC WERE HOLED UP. (ACCORDING TO THE INITIAL  
 REPORTS ON THE SCENE AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY (OR TWO) HAD BEEN SET  
 UP IN THE VILLAGE). THE GUNSHIP SUPPORT AND LATER TACTICAL AIR  
 STRIKES WERE CALLED BY THE ARVN RANGERS.

D. PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF WILKINSON THE MP BN HAD MOVED  
 THROUGH SOME OF THE POPULATED AREA. THEY HAD BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY  
 OTHER NEWSMEN WHO SHARED THE SAME EXPERIENCE OF BEING FIRED UPON BY  
 THE NVA AS DID THE MARINES.

E. IN ALL ABOUT 30 NEWSMEN COVERED THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE  
 FIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE DAY, AND TO OUR KNOWLEDGE THE ARTICLE  
 MENTIONED IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH REFLECTS THE IMPRESSION GIVEN  
 IN THE PIECE. THERE APPEARED TO BE GENERAL AGREEMENT, HOWEVER,  
 THAT THERE WAS MUCH CONFUSION IN AND ABOUT THE BATTLE AREA.

F. THE AP HAD A REPORTER AT THE SCENE MOST OF THE DAY AND LATER  
 FOLLOWED UP WITH AN INTERVIEW WITH GENERAL LAM. ACCORDING TO THE  
 STORY FILED, GEN LAM CREDITED THE ARVN RANGER UNIT AND THE MARINES  
 WITH THWARTING A MAJOR ATTACK ON DA NANG. HE STATED THAT TWO  
 ENEMY BATTALIONS HAD PLANNED TO USE THE ROUTE THROUGH HOA VANG  
 TO GET INTO THE BUSINESS DISTRICT OF DA NANG.

G. IN SAVING HOA VANG AND THE CAN LE BRIDGE, 12 MARINES WERE

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PAGE FIVE C RHMMAFA 3989 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE FOR NEWS

KILLED, AND 47 WERE WOUNDED IN ACTION. MORE THAN 200 NVA/VC WERE KILLED BY THE COMBINED USMC/ARVN FORCES IN THE SAME AREA.

H. A CORRESPONDENT WITH MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN VIETNAM, SAID THE BATTLE TO OUST THE NVA FROM THE HOA VANG VILLAGE WAS DONE IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER, WITH LITTLE OF THE EXCESSIVE USE OF FIRE POWER WHICH CHARACTERIZED THE FAIRLY RECENT FIGHTING IN SAIGON. BOTH BATTLES TOOK PLACE IN POPULATED AREAS.

I. ON 28 AUGUST, THIS HEADQUARTERS RELEASED TWO STORIES, WITH ART, DEPICTING THE HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS OF 1STMAW ACTIVITIES DURING AND SINCE THE ACTION. ONE STORY TELLS OF THE WING FIRE FIGHTERS PUTTING OUT FIRES IN THE VILLAGE WHILE UNDER ENEMY FIRE. TWO MPS WERE KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED WHILE PROVIDING CLOSE-IN PROTECTION TO THE MARINE FIRE FIGHTERS. THE OTHER STORY TELLS OF THE 1ST MAW CIVIC ACTION TEAM'S ACTIVITIES DURING AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ACTION. IN ADDITION TO THE NORMAL, WIDE-SPREAD DISTRIBUTION OF RELEASES, 25 COPIES OF EACH HAVE BEEN AIR-MAILED, SPECIAL DELIVERY TO CODE AG FOR FURTHER UTILIZATION.

J. OTHER MATERIALS WILL FOLLOW: - E. G. A REPORT OF GEN LAN'S TALK TO THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE OF THE AREA ON TV AFTER THE ACTION HAD TERMINATED. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS GP-4  
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FOR

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 DE RHMMAFA 3667 2421418  
 ZNY CCCCC  
 P 291412Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS CP HOCHMUTH  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FOR L GEN STILWELL FROM L GEN CUSHMAN  
 SUBJ: MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE IN NORTHERN AREA  
 ICTZ (U)  
 REF: A. CG PCV 040712Z AUG68 (C)

1. AFTER REVIEWING DEFICIENCIES IN PRESENT VR PROGRAM AS POINTED OUT BY REF A AND STUDY CONDUCTED BY MY STAFF I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT REVISION OF PRESENT SYSTEM IS DESIRABLE. THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR VISUAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN AREA ICTZ WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. APPLICABLE DIRECTIVES HAVE BEEN MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN NEAR FUTURE.

A. CG XXIV CORPS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR VISUAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES. CONCURRENT WITH THIS ASSIGNMENT IS RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE VISUAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND COMBAT OBSERVATION SUPPORT FOR ARVN UNITS

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 OPERATING WITHIN NORTHERN TWO PROVINCES.

B. THE 226TH RAC WILL BE PLACED UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF CG XXIV CORPS TO ACCOMPLISH ABOVE TASKS.

C. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF VR ASSETS OPCOM TO CG XXIV CORPS AND THE MOST EFFECTIVE OVERALL COLLECTION AND REPORTING SYSTEM, CG XXIV CORPS IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATION OF OVERALL VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAM IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES. THIS RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE DISCHARGED THROUGH THE NORTHERN VISUAL AERIAL SURVEILLANCE CENTER FOR WHICH THE VISUAL AERIAL SURVEILLANCE COORDINATOR (VASAC) WILL BE PROVIDED BY XXIV CORPS.

2. I CONSIDER IT IMPORTANT TO RETAIN OVERALL VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE REPORTING PROCEDURES WITHIN PRESENT STRUCTURE AND THROUGH I CORPS ADVISORY GROUP. CONTINUATION OF THESE PROCEDURES WILL PERMIT ACTIVE ARVN PARTICIPATION AND ENABLE THEM TO PREPARE FOR EVENTUAL TOTAL MANAGEMENT OF THEIR OWN ASSETS.

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P 280920Z AUG 68  
FM CG III MAF DNG  
TO RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PNB  
RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DNG  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR LT GEN STILWELL AND MGEN DAVIS FROM LT GEN CUSHMAN  
ARTY AMMO EXPENDITURES

1. RECENTLY, ARTILLERY AMMO EXPENDITURES HAVE BEEN INCREASING.  
PRIMARY AREA OF CONCERN IS HEAVY EXPENDITURE OF AMMO BY THIRD  
MARINE DIVISION.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, ON 26 AUG 68, EXPENDITURE OF 2,912 ROUNDS OF  
155MM HOW AMMO WAS REPORTED. THIS IS APPROX 1,260 ROUNDS MORE  
THAN CURRENT AUTHORIZED ALLOCATION RATES, DURING PERIOD 19-26  
AUGUST, 155MM HOW EXPENDITURES AVERAGED 33 PERCENT IN EXCESS  
OF AUTHORIZED RATES. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, 105MM EXPEND-  
ITURE WAS 16 PERCENT HIGHER THAN AUTHORIZED ALLOWANCE.

3. WE ARE BELOW OUR STOCKAGE OBJECTIVE OF 45 DAYS OF AMMO  
FOR 155MM HOW. INCLUDING ON POSITION ASSETS, WE HAVE APPROX  
36 DCA FOR THIS WEAPON. ALTHO AMMO IS ON REQUISITION, NO

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QTY OF 105MM HOW AMMO IS KNOWN AT THIS TIME. OUR PIPELINE,  
INCLUDING STOCKS AT WESTPAC DEPOSITS, IS WELL BELOW DESIRED  
STOCKAGE.

4. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO CONSERVE  
ARTILLERY AMMUNITION IN NICTZ. IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT  
SUFFICIENT ARTILLERY AMMO ASSETS ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET  
UNFORESEEN COMBAT EMERGENCIES, ALL UNITS ARE TO PLAN OPER-  
ATIONS WITHIN THEIR ALLOCATIONS AND ASSIGNED ASS'S WITH  
COMPENSATORY REDUCTIONS IN FIRING BEFORE AND SUBSEQUENT TO  
MAJOR OPERATIONS. ALLOCATIONS AND ASSIGNED ASSR'S WILL NOT  
BE EXCEEDED WITHOUT AUTHORITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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FM CG III MAF  
TO SSO MACV  
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S E C R E T EYES ONLY

FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LGEN CUSHMAN

INITIALLY, INTEND USING THE RPS SENSORS IN ONLY U.S.  
PORTION OF THE DANANG BARRIER IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THEIR  
ADEQUACY IN THIS ROLE. IF THEY PROVE EFFECTIVE, EXPECT  
NOT ONLY GEN LAM TO REQUEST THESE SENSORS, BUT ALSO GEN LEE.  
SHOULD THIS BE THE CASE, ESTIMATE THAT THE NUMBER REQUIRED  
BY ARVN FOR PHASE I WOULD BE 73 AND THE NUMBER REQUIRED BY  
THE FOXMC 62. I'LL KEEP YOU INFORMED ON THE PROGRESS OF  
THIS ASPECT OF THE DANANG DEFENSE PROJECT.  
SSO NOTE. PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY DELIVER FIRST DUTY  
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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 271330Z AUG 68		COPY# OF COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT RETENTION OF ARG/SLF HELICOPTERS IN-COUNTRY (U)
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS #1 to ARG/SCF File 27 Aug 68 HAS BEEN SENT  <b>EXCLUSIVE</b>  Copy # 2 to 6-3 28 Aug 68 <del>J. Hollis</del> In 30 Aug 68  #3 Banned Scobey
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 DE RUMHQA 5406 240181Z  
 ZNY 35555  
 O 271359Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUMHQA/CG PREPAC NAF  
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EXCLUSIVE FOR L GEN BUSE FROM L GEN CUSHMAN  
 ALTHOUGH CURRENT TACTICAL SITUATION SUGGESTS INADVISABILITY  
 OF ADHERING TO SLF A REHAB/IRNG PROGRAM SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE  
 1 SEP, I SHOULD LAY CERTAIN GROUNDWORK WITH CONSEQUENTLY IN  
 THE EVENT THAT WE DO, THEREFORE, WITH YOUR APPROVAL, I WILL  
 SEND THE FOLLOWING MSG TO CONSEQUENTFLT. QUOTE  
 RETENTION OF ARCSLF HELICOPTERS IN-COUNTRY (UD)  
 A. CG III MAF 100536Z AUG68 (S) (NOTAL)  
 B. CTF 79 220725Z AUG68 (C) (NOTAL)  
 C. CONSEQUENTFLT 240352Z AUG68 (NOVAL)  
 1. REF A PROVIDES FOR SLF A REHAB/IRNG OKINAWA 1-22 SEP. REF  
 B STATED A REQUIREMENT FOR A MINIMUM SIXTEEN FULLY OPERATIONAL  
 HELOS ACCOMPANY ARCSLF ALFA ON ONE REHAB. REF C CONCURRED  
 IN REF B.  
 2. IN VIEW CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF HELOS AND CREWS IN ICEZ, RE-

PAGE 2 RUMHQA 5406 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 QUEST DETACHMENT OF SLF HMM REMAIN IN-COUNTRY.

3. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT ACCOMPLISHMENT OF AMPHIBIOUS  
 TRAINING OF NEWLY CONSTITUTED BLT CONTINGENT UPON  
 HELO AVAILABILITY. HOWEVER, FEEL THIS COULD BE AC-  
 COMPLISHED WITH 12 HELOS.

4. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST FOLLOWING:

A. THAT HMM 362 BE OFFLOADED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE  
 OF ARCSLF FOR OKI AND SHIPPED TO III MAF.

B. THAT HMM 363 LESS DETACHMENT OF TWELVE OPERATIONAL HELOS  
 REPLACE HMM 362 TO ACCOMPANY SLF TO OKI.

C. THAT CREWS OF DETACHMENT REMAINING IN-COUNTRY  
 CONDUCT CARRIER QUALIFICATIONS ABOARD USS TRIPOLI.

D. THAT DETACHMENT ENBARK USS PRINCETON UPON  
 RETURN FROM OKI.

E. THIS PROCEDURE PLACES HMM 363 SQDN FLAG ABOARD TO  
 MAINTAIN INTEGRITY OF ARCSLF, PROVIDES SUFFICIENT  
 HELO LIFT FOR TRAINING, AND PARTIALLY ALLEGATES  
 CRITICAL HELO REQUIREMENTS IN COUNTRY. FULL CONTIN-  
 GENCY READINESS REQUIREMENT COULD BE SATISFIED BY  
 LPH PROCEEDING VIA THIS AREA FOR IMMEDIATE ENBARKATION  
 OF HMM 363 DETACHMENT. UNQUOTE.

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4	CG					FOR GEN ABRAMS  REMARKS CG Answer came in last night saying we had snaf! <i>Yessy</i> G.
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
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	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
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 DE RUMSAW 3114 2381010  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O 251010Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUMSAW/COMUSMACV SGN  
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**S E C R E T**

FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM L GEN CUSHMAN  
 CURRENT THREAT TO DANANG AND SURROUNDING AREA HAS CAUSED L GEN  
 LAM TO REQUEST TWO ARVN ABN BNS FROM JGS TO BOLSTER AVAILABLE ARVN  
 FORCES HERE. I BELIEVE GEN LAM NEEDS THESE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES  
 DURING THIS PERIOD OF HEIGHTENED TENSIONS AND TAKE THIS MEANS OF  
 EXPRESSING MY ENDORSEMENT.

L GEN CUSHMAN SENDS.

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 230350Z AUG 68		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES REC'D	
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			IN	OUT		
3/4	CG					REMARKS  HAS BEEN SENT  FOR  #3 & 4 Burned 5 Nov 68
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P 230350Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG RVN  
 TO RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHB RVN  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG RVN  
 RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI RVN  
 INFO RUMLBPF/CG FIRST AIRCAVDIV CP EVANS  
 RUMLBPE/CG 101ST AIRCAVDIV CP EAGLE RVN  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA RVN  
 RUMJLHH/CG DNG SUPT COMD DNG RVN  
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FOR LT GEN STILWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE, AND MGEN GETTYS INFO MGEN FORSYTHE, MGEN ZAIS, MGEN DAVIS, BGEN YOUNG, AND BGEN OLSON FROM LT GEN CUSHMAN.

AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES FOR INTERDICTION FIRES (U)

A. COMUSMACV 19424 DTG 060412Z JUL68 (NOTAL)

B. COMUSMACV 19425 DTG 060413Z JUL68 (NOTAL)

C. CG III MAF 151544Z JUL68 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCES A, B, AND C ANNOUNCED A PLAN (THE FIVE-BY-FIVE

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PLAN) FOR REDUCTION OF GROUND MUNITIONS EXPENDITURES. THE PLAN IS DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE FIELD COMMANDERS TO EVALUATE THEIR ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRES, THEREBY REDUCING EXPENDITURES AND PROVIDING A METHOD OF BUILDING STOCK LEVELS. ONCE STOCKAGE OBJECTIVES ARE REACHED, REAL SAVINGS ARE EXPECTED TO ACCRUE SINCE REQUIREMENTS ON CONUS WOULD BE REDUCED.

2. ONE OF THE MANAGEMENT TECHNIQUES WHICH COMMANDERS SHOULD BE EMPLOYING TO MEET AND SURPASS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FIVE-BY-FIVE PLAN IS THE CONTINUING EVALUATION OF TACTICAL FIRES IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE WASTEFUL FIRES.

3. THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AREA IN SUCH AN EVALUATION IS CONSIDERED TO BE A CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF INTERDICTION FIRES. SUCH AN ANALYSIS, MADE IN SELECTED ARTILLERY UNITS IN VIETNAM SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE FIVE-BY-FIVE PLAN, DISCLOSED AMMUNITION EXPENDITURES ON INTERDICTION TARGETS AS HIGH AS 60 PERCENT OF TOTAL FIRES. WHILE THE VALUE OF INTERDICTION FIRE IS UNCHALLENGED, THE FACT REMAINS THAT INDISCRIMINATE USE OF SUCH FIRE QUICKLY LEADS TO A DEGRADATION IN ARTILLERY FIRE PRODUCTIVITY AND AN EXCESSIVE EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION.

4. COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS SHOULD GIVE THIS MATTER THEIR

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PERSONAL ATTENTION IN ORDER THAT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE FIVE-BY-FIVE PLAN BE ACHIEVED. MEMBERS OF MY STAFF AND THOSE OF HIGHER HEADQUARTERS WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS EFFORT.

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LIGEN CUSHMEN SENDS FOR GEN ABRAMS INFO LIGEN STILWELL,  
MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN GETTYS  
ASSESSMENT OF QUALITY OF ENEMY TROOPS

A. MACV 10984 EYES ONLY (DIG 142314 ZAUG88)

1. I HAVE NOTED THE INDICATORS OF AND THE TRENDS IN THE  
DETERIORATION OF THE QUALITY OF ENEMY TROOPS WHICH EXISTS  
IN THE XXIV CORPS AREA OF OPERATIONS. I CONCUR, IN GENERAL,  
WITH LIGEN STILWELL'S ASSESSMENT AS SET FORTH IN REF A. I  
DO NOT THINK, HOWEVER, THAT THESE INDICATORS  
APPEAR AS MUCH IN EVIDENCE WITHIN THE SOUTHERN  
THREE PROVINCES OF THE ICTZ. THE REASON FOR THIS DIFFERENCE,  
I BELIEVE, IS DUE TO THE CONCERTED APPLICATION OF COMBAT  
POWER WHICH WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO APPLY AGAINST THE ENEMY IN  
THE NORTH AND THE RESULTING DELETERIOUS EFFECT WHICH SUCH  
CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT HAS HAD ON THE GENERAL MORALE AND  
COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF THE NV/VC NORTHERN AREA FORCES.
2. IN THE SOUTHERN 3 PROVINCES, THE ENEMY HAS BEEN CAREFUL  
TO AVOID CONTACT TO THE EXTENT THAT HE CAN. FOR THIS REASON,  
HIS LOSSES, ALTHOUGH EXTENSIVE, HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT LESS IN  
NUMBER AND LESS TRAUMATIC IN EFFECT. THE NET RESULT HAS  
BEEN AN OVERALL DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF ENEMY FORCES IN  
THE SOUTH BUT TO AN EXTENT LESS THAN THAT OBSERVED IN THE NORTH-  
ERN AREA.
3. SPECIFIC INDICATORS OF THE DETERIORATING QUALITY OF ENEMY  
FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN PROVINCES FOLLOW:
  - A. INCREASED NUMBERS OF ENEMY DEAD, WOUNDED AND WEAPONS LEFT  
ON THE BATTLEFIELD HAVE BEEN NOTED. THOUGH THIS IS PARTIALLY  
ATTRIBUTED TO DECREASED MORALE AND DISCIPLINE, IT IS ALSO A  
RESULT OF OTHER FACTORS SUCH AS SEVERAL HEAVY CONTACTS WITH AN  
ATTENDANT LARGER NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND SUCCESSFUL CORDON  
OPERATIONS WHICH GREATLY INCREASED EXTRACTION DIFFICULTIES OF  
TRAPPED NV/VC UNITS. ADDITIONALLY, A GREATER ABUNDANCE OF  
WEAPONS MAY HAVE DE-EMPHASIZED THE ENEMY'S NEED TO RECOVER \* 4(C)  
WEAPONS FROM THE BATTLEFIELD.

C. PW REPORTS DURING THE PERIOD MAR-JUL 68 REFLECT A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS A LOWER AVERAGE AGE OF NEWLY ARRIVED NVA REPLACEMENTS. HOWEVER, MOST PW'S INDICATE THEIR UNIT CADRES ARE WELL-MOTIVATED, TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED. LOCAL AND MAIN FORCE VC UNITS ARE EXPERIENCING MUCH DIFFICULTY IN FINDING REPLACEMENTS AND ARE USING BOTH MORE PROPAGANDA AND FORCE TO RECRUIT UNDER AGED YOUTHS OF BOTH SEXES, FEMALES, OVER-AGED MALES AND THOSE NORMALLY CONSIDERED PHYSICALLY OR MENTALLY UNFIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE. BOTH LOCAL AND MAIN FORCE UNITS HAVE ABSORBED SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF NVA REPLACEMENTS WITH SOME UNITS HAVING COMPLETE NVA CADRES. THIS ADMIXTURE OF NVA AND LOCAL/MAIN FORCE UNITS HAS CAUSED SOME DISHARMONY AND MALCONTENT.

D. ENEMY TROOPS ARE NOW BETTER EQUIPPED THAN BEFORE. IN SPITE OF THE NUMEROUS ARMS CACHES WHICH WE HAVE UNCOVERED, AMPLE QUANTITIES OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION EXIST. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO SPEND A MAJOR EFFORT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF HIS LOC'S IN SUPPORT OF HIS LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS. MOST SIGNIFICANT ENEMY SHORTAGES NOTED IN THE ICTZ INCLUDE MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND FOOD. PW'S OFTEN CITE THESE SHORTAGES AS CAUSES OF LOW MORALE.

E. TACTICAL ERRORS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT SCALE AND WHICH MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LACK OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE HAVE NOT BEEN NOTICEABLE WITHIN THE SOUTHERN THREE PROVINCES OF I CORPS DURING THE PERIOD MAR-JUL 68. ON THE AVERAGE, ARTILLERY AND SAPPER UNITS ARE WELL TRAINED.

4. IN SUMMARY, ENEMY UNITS IN SOUTHERN I CORPS DURING THE PAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN AVOIDING CONTACT, RECEIVING REPLACEMENTS AND RESUPPLIES, AND PRESUMABLY, IN REORGANIZING AND TRAINING FOR RENEWED OFFENSIVE ACTION. THOUGH THERE IS EVIDENCE OF SOME DEGRADATION IN QUALITY AND MORALE OF BOTH NVA AND VC TROOPS, ALL ENEMY UNITS ARE CONSIDERED FULLY COMBAT CAPABLE.

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

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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LT GEN CUSHMAN, EYES ONLY

A. 180223Z MAC 11144 EYES ONLY

1. I SHARE YOUR CONCERN WITH THE APPARENT VULNERABILITY OF SOME OF OUR DEFENSIVE PERIMETERS. I HAVE THIS AFTERNOON DIRECTED MY COMMANDERS CONCERNED TO THOROUGHLY LOOK INTO THESE SITUATIONS WHICH YOU POINTED OUT AND REPORT THE RESULTS TO ME. ALTHOUGH I HAVE ALREADY STRESSED THE REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASED ALERTNESS DURING THIS PERIOD OF INCREASING TENSION, TODAY I REEMPHASIZED BY MESSAGE TO ALL MY COMMANDERS THE APPARENT PATTERN EMPLOYED BY THE ENEMY IN THESE ATTACKS AND THE SUPERVISION THAT MUST BE USED TO INSURE THE NECESSARY SECURITY TO DETECT AND DEFEAT THEM.

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

FOR LT GEN STILWELL AND MG EN YOUNGDALE FROM LT GEN CUSHMAN.

1. RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST 2/12 CAV. ON 16 AUGUST AND W/1/13 ON 18 AUGUST HAVE SHOWN AGAIN ENEMY ABILITY TO PENETRATE OUR DEFENSIVE PERIMETERS. THIS COULD BE INDICATIVE OF A LACK OF VIGILANCE, A FAILURE TO PATROL AT NIGHT OR A GENERAL RELAXATION OF REQUIRED DEFENSIVE MEASURES. ALTHOUGH THESE ARE NOT THE ONLY INCIDENTS OF NIGHT ATTACKS WHICH HAVE PENETRATED PERIMETERS WITHIN ICFZ IN RECENT PAST, THEY HAVE RESULTED IN SUBSTANTIAL CASUALTIES TO OUR FORCES. I DESIRE THAT YOU LOOK INTO SITUATIONS EXISTING BEFORE AND DURING THESE ATTACKS AND REPORT TO ME WHETHER THESE INDICATIONS ARE TRUE. FURTHER REQUEST THAT YOU TAKE THOSE MEASURES YOU DEEM NECESSARY TO ENSURE ALERTNESS AND READINESS FOR COMBAT AT ALL TIMES.

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CG 1ST MARDIV  
ZEM

S E C R E T EYES ONLY

LTCEN CUSHMAN SENDS FOR MGEN YOUNEDAILE AND MGEN GETTYS  
1. GEN ABRAMS HAS REQUESTED MY ASSESSMENT OF THE CONDITIONS  
CONCERNING THE QUALITY OF ENEMY TROOPS WHICH EXIST IN THE  
ICTZ. AS BACKGROUND FOR SUCH AN ASSESSMENT, I DESIRE  
YOUR INDIVIDUAL APPRAISALS OF THE CONDITIONS CONCERNING THE  
QUALITY OF ENEMY TROOPS IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREAS OF RESPON-  
SIBILITY. PLEASE SUBMIT NLT 161800H. REGARDS.

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SSO AMERICAL DIV.

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S E C R E T

FOR MGENS YOUNDALE, QUILTER AND GETTYS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
CONFERENCE OF TACTICAL COMMANDERS OF SICTZ1. IT IS MY DESIRE TO HOLD A CONFERENCE OF TACTICAL COMMANDERS  
FROM SOUTHERN ICTZ AT MY HQ AT 1400, 16AUG68.

2. THE AGENDA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. PRESENT ENEMY SITUATION - G-2 III MAF.
- B. PRESENT FRIENDLY SITUATION - G-3 III MAF.
- C. PRESENT AIR PICTURE - CG FVAW.
- D. PRESENT DANANG BARRIER STATUS - CG I CORPS.
- E. PLANS FOR FUTURE - ALL TACTICAL COMDRS.

3. IT IS MY INTENTION TO INVITE LTGEN LAM, RCEN LEE AND RCEN TOAN  
TO THIS CONFERENCE.4. REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT TO STAFF SECRETARY III MAF 433 OR  
DAG 3212.

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

CONFIDENTIAL--FOR LT GEN STILWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN QUILTER,  
 MGEN GITYS, MGEN DAVIS, MGEN ZAIS, BGEN IRBY AND BGEN OLSON FROM  
 LT GEN CUSHMAN

SUBJ: UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES (C)

1. GEN ABRAMS HAS EXPRESSED HIS GRAVE CONCERN OVER INCREASING  
 NUMBERS OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING SELF-INFLICTED FRIENDLY CASUAL-  
 TIES. HIS MSG 101143Z AUG68 (C), IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE 1. WE ARE HAVING TOO MANY INCIDENTS RESULTING IN

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 CASUALTIES TO OUR OWN TROOPS AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THESE MAY BE RELATED TO ENEMY INITIATED ACTION, THE MAJORITY ARE CAUSED BY CARELESSNESS AND A LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM IN HANDLING OUR WEAPONS SYSTEMS. I DESIRE EACH ADDRESSEE TO GIVE THIS SERIOUS SITUATION HIS IMMEDIATE PERSONAL ATTENTION AND INITIATE MEASURES TO STOP THIS USELESS KILLING OF OUR OWN PEOPLE. I WANT RAPID AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATIONS, JOINT WHERE INDICATED, TO BE FORWARDED TO MACV ASAP. INTERIM REPORTS ARE DESIRED. IN CASES INVOLVING SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS, RAPID ASSISTANCE WILL BE PROVIDED TO INCLUDE CONTACTS WITH APPROPRIATE LOCAL OFFICIALS.]

2. IN YOUR ADVISORY CAPACITIES, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ENSURE THAT ALLIED FORCES KNOW AND APPLY PROPER PROCEDURES IN THEIR CONDUCT AND DIRECTION OF FIRE. UNQUOTE.  
 2. I TOO AM DISTURBED AT THE NUMBER OF NEEDLESS CASUALTIES WE ARE SUFFERING AS A RESULT OF OUR OWN MISDOINGS. WHEN ALL OF OUR ENERGIES ARE DEVOTED TO ACHIEVING MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES WITH MINIMUM LOSS TO OUR OWN TROOPS AND FRIENDLY CIVILIANS, IT IS PAINFULLY DAMAGING

PAGE THREE RUMUGRA 1336 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 TO HAVE THESE EFFORTS BLUNTED BY PREVENTABLE MISTAKES. YOU ARE ENJOINED TO EXERT YOUR PERSONAL INFLUENCE TO REDUCE THIS BLEMISH ON OUR NOTABLY SUCCESSFUL ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST THE ENEMY.

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UNCLAS E F T O FOR MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN DAVIS  
 AND MGEN CHIP, INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE  
 A. SECNAVNOTE 1650 OF 17JUL67

1. REFERENCE A REDESIGNATED THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
 COMMENDATION FOR ACHIEVEMENT AS THE NAVY ACHIEVEMENT  
 MEDAL. THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY APPROVED THE REDESIG-  
 NATION PRIMARILY TO AFFORD INCREASED RECOGNITION OF  
 SUSTAINED OR SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE OF A SUPERLATIVE  
 NATURE BY INDIVIDUALS WHOSE DEDICATED COMPETENT WORK

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ENABLED SUCCESSFUL MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT.

2. SINCE RECEIVING AUTHORITY TO AWARD THE NAVY ACHIEVE-  
 MENT MEDAL DURING AUGUST 1967, THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS  
 RECEIVED 840 RECOMMENDATIONS, THE MAJORITY OF WHICH  
 HAVE BEEN ORIGINATED BY UNITS EXTERNAL TO THE MARINE  
 DIVISIONS. I RECOGNIZE THAT UNITS OCCUPYING FIXED  
 INSTALLATIONS ARE IN A BETTER POSITION TO ORIGINATE AWARD  
 RECOMMENDATIONS AS COMPARED TO THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS  
 WHO SELDOM HAVE ADEQUATE OFFICE FACILITIES READILY  
 ACCESSIBLE. HOWEVER, WE MUST PROVIDE A COMPARABLE  
 SPREAD OF AWARDS AMONG THE INFANTRY. THE JUNIOR  
 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN SERVING IN THE RIFLE COMPANIES  
 THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE  
 HAZARDS TO WHICH THEY ARE EXPOSED AND FOR SERVICES  
 WHICH WARRANT MORE TANGIBLE RECOGNITION THAN IS  
 POSSIBLE BY A FITNESS REPORT OR CONDUCT AND PROFICIENCY  
 EVALUATION. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE CONTRIBUTING SIGNI-  
 FICANTLY TO THE TOTAL WAR EFFORT IN I CORPS, AND SHOULD  
 RETURN TO CONUS WITH SOMETHING TO SHOW FOR THEIR  
 EXPERIENCES BESIDES THE PURPLE HEART AND CAMPAIGN/

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 SERVICE RIBBONS.

3. PLEASE GIVE THIS MATTER YOUR COMMAND ATTENTION TO  
 ENSURE THAT AN INDIVIDUAL'S SUSTAINED PERFORMANCE WHICH  
 HAS EXCEEDED THAT NORMALLY EXPECTED OF A PERSON OF HIS  
 RANK AND POSITION IS RECOGNIZED.

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1. COMUSMACV HAS ADVISED OF INTELLIGENCE WHICH INDICATES THAT THE  
 ENEMY'S NEXT MAJOR OFFENSIVE MAY BE LAUNCHED WITHIN TWO OR THREE DAYS.  
 FURTHER, COMUSMACV HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL POSSIBLE PREPARATIONS BE  
 MADE TO DESTROY THE ENEMY SHOULD HE LAUNCH SUCH AN ATTACK.  
 2. TO INSURE MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES, ALL UNENGAGED III  
 MAF TACTICAL UNITS MUST BE PREPARED TO MANEUVER AGAINST ENEMY FORMATIONS  
 AT THE DECISIVE MOMENT. THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE DIRECTED IN PRE-  
 PARATION FOR SHIFT OF EFFORT SHOULD THE SITUATION SO DICTATE:

A. FOR CG PCV.

(1) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TASK FORCE  
 X-RAY AREA, INCLUDING SECURITY OF NATIONAL ROUTE 1 NORTH OF HAI VAN  
 PASS.

(2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE UP TO BRIGADE SIZE COUNTER ATTACK  
 FORCE FOR INSERTION BEHIND ATTACKING ENEMY FORMATIONS, WITH PRIORITY  
 IN THE AN HOA, THUNG DUC, HAPPY VALLEY, AND ELEPHANT VALLEY AREAS.  
 CONDUCT PRIOR RECONNAISSANCE OF THESE AREAS IN COORDINATION  
 WITH 1ST MAR DIV.

B. FOR CG 1ST MAR DIV.

(1) BE PREPARED TO MOVE ANY BATTALION NOT ENGAGED TO  
 POSITIONS BEHIND ENEMY FORMATIONS OR ASTRIDE ESCAPE ROUTES  
 TO INSURE MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES.

C. FOR CG AMERICAL DIV.

(1) WITHIN OWN AREA, BE PREPARED TO MANEUVER UNENGAGED  
 BATTALIONS TO POSITIONS BEHIND ENEMY FORMATIONS OR ASTRIDE  
 ESCAPE ROUTES TO INSURE MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES.

(2) BE PREPARED TO SHIFT UP TO TWO BATTALIONS TO LOCATIONS  
 OUTSIDE OWN DIVISION AO FOR PURPOSE OF GETTING BEHIND ENEMY  
 FORMATIONS OR TO INTERCEPT HIS ESCAPE; PRIORITY TO HOI AN AND  
 GO NOI AREAS. CONDUCT PRIOR RECONNAISSANCE OF THESE AREAS IN  
 COORDINATION WITH CG 1ST MAR DIV.

D. FOR CG 1ST MAW

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM AIR LIFT FOR  
 MOVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF MANEUVER ELEMENTS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FOR L GEN STILWELL FROM L GEN CUSHMAN  
 EXPEDITED CONST IN NICTZ

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1. CONCUR WITH YOUR 4 AUG ANALYSIS OF THE ACTIONS TO EXPEDITE THE COMPLETION OF VITAL CONST IN THE NICTZ. AS YOU ARE NO DOUBT AWARE, TWO-SHIFT OPNS ARE NOW UNDERWAY AT THE QUANG TRI ASP TO MEET A MANDATORY COMPLETION DATE FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT.
2. RADM BARTLETT'S CURRENT ACTIONS TO REINFORCE MCB UNITS IN NICTZ IS PROCEEDING ON THE BASIS OF CURTAILMENT AND DEFERRALS OF ON-GOING CONST PROJECTS IN SICTZ. WHILE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL DEFERRALS, WE ARE NOW DEALING WITH BED ROCK REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, LITTLE ASSISTANCE TO NICTZ BEYOND THAT CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED IS ANTICIPATED.
3. RADM BARTLETT HAS HIRED OVER 300 VIETNAMESE NATIONALS TO ASSIST IN CONST IN NICTZ AND WILL HIRE MORE AS THEY CAN BE WORKED INTO THE PROGRAM AND ARE AVAILABLE. IN THIS CONNECTION

PAGE 2 RUMSAK 1079 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THE VALUE OF SELF-HELP TO OUR EFFORTS. IF WE CAN HUSBAND OUR CRITICAL SPECIALIZED CONST CAPABILITY BY THE WIDESPREAD USE OF TROOPS OTHER THAN ENGINEERS, WE WILL BE A LOT FURTHER DOWN THE PIKE WHEN THE RAINS COME.  
 4. BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CONCENTRATE OUR CONST CAPABILITY ON THE ESSENTIAL NEEDS IN NICTZ. IF WE ARE BLESSED WITH A LATE MONSOON SEASON, WE MIGHT JUST MAKE OUR COMMON GOAL OF BEING ABOVE THE MUD.

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PP RUMHMA  
 DE RUMSAK 0970 2211530  
 ZNY CCCCC  
 P 081530Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUMHMA/CG PCV CP HOCHMUTH  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 FOR L GEN STILWELL FROM L GEN CUSHMAN  
 SUBJ: MANAGEMENT OF VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE IN NICTZ (C)  
 REF: A. CG PCV 040712Z AUG 68 (C)

1. I HAVE RECEIVED YOUR MSG (REF A) AND I UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCERN. STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO IMPROVE RESPONSIVENESS OF PRESENT SYSTEM TO REQUIREMENTS IN NORTHERN ICTZ. I HAVE FORMED A STUDY GROUP TO CONDUCT A COMPLETE REVIEW OF DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO THE VR PROGRAM AND OF PROCEDURES PRESENTLY EMPLOYED TO MANAGE VR ASSETS. I WILL ADVISE YOU OF THE RESULTS OF THIS REVIEW AND MY DECISION IN THE MATTER.

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HEADQUARTERS  
MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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OPERATION CODE			FROM		DATE	
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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE		COPY# / OF 3 COPIES RECD	
			031258Z AUG 68			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (U)
	CG					REMARKS
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	DCG AIR					
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5 Nov 69"*

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PP RUMHVP  
 DE RUMSAK 0348 2161258  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 P 031258Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA  
 BT

S E C R E T

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN DAVIS FROM LGEN CUSHMAN  
 SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 311330Z JUL68.

1. IN REF A YOU PROPOSED TO CG NINTH MAB THAT BLT 2/26  
 UNDERGO TWO DAYS OF AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING IN EARLY AUGUST.  
 THE MANNER IN WHICH THIS PROPOSAL WAS MADE CONCERNS ME  
 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. BLT 2/26 IS A III MAF ASSET AND IN TURN A PART OF THE  
 MACV FORCE. IT IS NOT AT THIS TIME UNDER THE DIRECTION OF  
 ANY COMPONENT OF SEVENTH FLT. IT CANNOT BE MOVED OUT OF  
 COUNTRY WITHOUT BOTH III MAF AND COMUSMACV AUTHORITY.

B. AUTHORITY HAS BEEN DELEGATED BY MACV TO ONLY CG III MAF  
 FOR DIRECT LIAISON WITH SEVENTH FLEET ON SLF MATTERS.  
 THIS AUTHORITY HAS NOT BEEN DELEGATED BELOW III MAF EXCEPT  
 FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES ON A CASE BASIS. THE PROPOSAL OF

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REF A DOES NOT FALL IN THIS CATEGORY.

C. THE PROPOSAL PREEMPTS ANY DECISION BY CG, PCV OR ME, AS TO ITS  
 DESIRABILITY FROM AN OVERALL PCV AND/OR III MAF POINT OF  
 VIEW.

2. TO ENSURE THAT FUTURE PROPOSALS CONCERNING EMPLOYMENT  
 OF SLF'S HAVE THE ENDORSEMENT OF SENIOR COMMANDS, REQUEST  
 THEY BE DIRECTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS, VIA PCV, WITH NO  
 INFO ADDEE.

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FM CG III MAF  
TO SSO PCV  
INFO CG, 3RD MARDIV  
ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FOR LTGEN STILWELL FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO MAJGEN DAVIS  
A. CG III MAF MSG 020415Z AUG 63  
1. COMUSMACV'S MSG 021332Z AUG 63 APPROVES RECOMMENDATION  
CONTAINED PARA 7 OF REF A. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS REMAIN  
THE SAME UNTIL SUBSEQUENTLY MODIFIED.  
SSO NOTE: DELIVER FIRST WORKING HOUR  
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			021014Z AUG 68			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
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	CG					EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE
	DCG					REMARKS
	DCG AIR					
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1	S/S		<i>022035</i>	<i>1 Aug</i>	<i>JW</i>	
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 DE RUMSAK 0192 2151014  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O 021014Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 BT

SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN BUSE FROM LT GEN CUSHMAN  
 FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR QUERY THE FOLLOWING ARE MY RECOM-  
 MENDATIONS:

CHIP AND GARRETSON TO THE 3D MARDIV  
 WILLIAMS AND WEBSTER TO OKINAWA  
 HOFFMAN TO RELIEVE CLICK AS G-3 III MAF

DWYER TO BE FROCKED AND BECOME ADC 1ST MARDIV

2. UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT, THE 1ST MARDIV WILL COMMENCE  
 SHARING THE BURDEN OF PROVIDING A BG TO III MAF AS G-3,  
 PENDING ACTION ON OUR PROPOSED III MAF T/O WHICH IS PRESENTLY  
 IN YOUR HEADQUARTERS. I AM CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE POSSI-  
 BILITY OF ELIMINATING THE GENERAL OFFICER'S BILLET AT TF X-RAY  
 AND AT THIS JUNCTURE IT APAPRS THAT THIS WILL BE MY DECISION.  
 WARM RE GARDS.

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*originally omitted.  
 Added at S/S direction. Receipt acknowledged.*

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 PAC DE MAF AND ZUI RUMSAK 0192 2151014/021014Z JUL 68  
 CORRECT AA REGARDS. AB GP-4 TO READ  
 IMMEDIATE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 020910Z AUG 68		COPY# 2 OF 4 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT HELO SPT FOR FOB 1 (PRAIRIE FIRE)(U)
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS  <b>FOR</b>  HAS BEEN SENT  <i>#3 &amp; 4 Burned 5 Nov 68 "</i>
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S				<i>[Signature]</i>	
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S		<i>02/1800H Aug</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	
	G-1					
	G-2	<i>Copy</i>	<i>INFO</i>			
	G-3	<i>Copy</i>	<i>INFO</i>			
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 DE RUMUGRA 0188 2150910  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O 020910Z AUG 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 TO RUMHMB/CG PROV CORPS V CP HOCHMUTH  
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S E C R E T

FOR L GEN STILWELL FROM L GEN CUSHMAN  
 SUBJ: HELO SPT FOR FOB I (PRAIRIE FIRE) (U)

A. YOUR 310245Z JULY 68 (TS)

1. REF A REQUESTED RELIEF FROM ROTARY WING SPT OF FOB I FOR PERIOD 2-10 AUGUST.
2. ICTZ PRAIRIE FIRE COMMITMENTS EFFECTIVE 010700H AUG 68 ARE AS FOL:  
 FOR FOB I (PHU BAI): SIX GUNS AND THREE SLICKS  
 FOR CCM (DANANG): TWO COBRAS
3. AT THE PRESENT TIME, FOUR OF THE SIX GUNS FOR FOB I ARE ON TWO HOUR NOTICE (TWO GUNS FROM AMERICAL AND TWO GUNS FROM PCV). THE OTHER TWO GUNS AND THREE SLICKS ARE ON DAILY STANDBY FROM PCV ASSETS.
4. FMAW SUPPORTED FOB I WITH FOUR GUNSHIPS UNTIL 28 JULY WHEN SPT OF THE DANANG RKT BELT SURVEILLANCE OPN REQUIRED A SHIFT IN FMAW GUNSHIP SPT.
5. AGREE THAT PRAIRIE FIRE OPNS IN THE CENTRAL ZONE CAN BE CURTAILED

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DURING SOMERSET PLAIN. HOWEVER, OPNS IN THE NORTHERN ZONE, SUPPORTED FROM FOB I AND OPNS IN THE SOUTHERN ZONE, SUPPORTED FROM CCM (DANANG), MUST CONTINUE.

6. PRESENT TASKING OF HELICOPTERS FOR NON-ORGANIC TYPE MISSIONS IS MAINTAINED AT THE LOWEST LEVEL POSSIBLE AMONG ALL MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS.

7. REQUEST THAT YOU CONTINUE TO SPT FOB I WITH TWO GUNSHIPS AND THREE SLICKS, AND CCM (DANANG) WITH TWO COBRAS. FMAW WILL HAVE TWO GUNSHIPS OPERATING FROM FOB I STARTING 3 AUGUST. WHEN THE DANANG RKT BELT SURVEILLANCE CAN BE REDUCED, FMAW WILL SPT FOB I WITH FOUR GUNSHIPS. IN THE INTERIM, AMERICAL WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE TWO (2) GUNSHIPS ON A TWO (2) HOUR NOTICE IN THE EVENT THAT FOB I OPERATIONS REQUIRE SIX (6) GUNS.

8. CCM WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO RELEASE YOUR ASSETS AT ANYTIME DURING THE 2-10 AUGUST PERIOD THAT THEY ARE NOT BEING FULLY UTILIZED ON PRAIRIE FIRE OPNS.

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 010200Z		1,2,3 / COPY# OF 4 COPIES RECD	
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O 010200Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG PCV  
 CG 1ST MARDIV  
 CG 101ST AIR CAV DIV  
 CG 3RD MARDIV  
 CG 1ST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 ZEN/ G USASUPCOM, DNG (PROV)  
 CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV (AM)  
 ZEN/CG FLC  
 ZEM

S E C R E T EYES ONLY

LGEN CUSHMAN SENDS FOR MGEN STILWELL, MGEN YOUNGDALE, MGEN ZAIS, MGEN DAVIS, MGEN QUILTER, MGEN GETTYS, BGEN YOUNG, BGEN IRBY, AND BGEN OLSON

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

1. FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGE, COMUSMACV 21765, DTG 271139Z JULY 68 AND MY BACKCHANNEL MESSAGE MAC 10215, DTG 290625Z JULY 68, CONTAINED OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE THAT I KNOW YOU ARE IMPLEMENTING AND I AM CONFIDENT YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

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

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

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