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 **** 7. CMC 071447Z AUG68 (C) *gp-4*
 CHAPMAN TO BUSE FROM VAN RYZIN
 SILVER STAR FOR IAM
- 2 8. CG FMAW 021225Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 3 9. GEN ABRAMS 030858Z SEP68 (S)
 ABRAMS TO ALL
ENEMY DIGGING IN
- 4 10. CG FMAW 031215Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 5 11. CG THIRD MARDIV 030100Z SEP68 (C) *group-4*
 DAVIS TO STILWELL AND CUSHMAN
 ARTY AMMO EXPENDITURES
- 6 12. CG FIRST MARDIV 040610Z SEP68 (S) *group-4*
 YOUNGDALE TO CUSHMAN
 THOUGHTS ON ENEMY HOLING UP
- 7 13. CINCPAC 040118Z SEP68 (S) *group-3*
 IVY TREE - SINGLE MANAGEMENT - ALL DIRECTIVES REMAIN SAME
- 8 14. GEN ABRAMS 041048Z SEP68 (C) *group - not shown*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL
 TROPICAL STORM BESS
- 9 15. GEN ABRAMS 041127Z SEP 68 (C) *group-4*
 ABRAMS TO ALL
 UNNECESSARY FRIENDLY CASUALTIES
- 10 16. CG FMFPAC 042313Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 BUSE TO CUSHMAN
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT
- 11 17. CG FMAW ~~051310Z~~ ^{041210Z} SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 12 18. LTG STILWELL 051350Z SEP68 (S)
 EVACUATION OF INSTALLATIONS
- 13 19. CG FMFPAC 052049Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 BUSE TO CUSHMAN INFO CHAPMAN
 PROGRAM SIX CEILINGS
- 14 20. CG FMFPAC 052334Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
 BUSE TO CUSHMAN
 REASSIGNMENT OF COLONELS
- 15 21. LTG STILWELL 060245Z SEP68 (S) *group - not shown*
 STILWELL TO ABRAMS INFO CUSHMAN
 ENEMY SITUATION

- 16 ~~22~~. LTG STILWELL 060330Z SEP68 (U)
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN INFO ABRAMS
TYPHOON DAMAGE
- 17 ~~23~~. CG FMAW 051710Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 18 ~~24~~. CG FMAW 061725Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 19 ~~25~~. LTG STILWELL 061745Z SEP68 (C) *group - not shown*
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN INFO CORCORAN
TYPHOON BESS DAMAGE
- 20 ~~26~~. BG SCHWEITER 070145Z SEP68 (C) *group - not shown*
SCWEITER TO ANDERSON INFO CORCORAN
REVISES STILWELL 061745Z SEP (TAB 25)
- 21 ~~27~~. ADMINO FMFPAC 061941Z SEP68 (U)
WILSON TO ANDERSON
SILVER STAR MEDAL
- 22 ~~28~~. GEN ABRAMS 071030Z SEP68 (S) *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND ARVN
- 23 ~~29~~. CG THIRD MARDIV 071300Z SEP68 (U)
DAVIS TO BUSE INFO CUSHMAN
TRANSFER OF LTCOL T. OWENS
- 24 ~~30~~. CMC 071339Z SEP68 (U)
CHAPMAN TO CUSHMAN
ASSIGNMENT OF LTCOL B.D. BRIDGES
- 25 ~~31~~. CG FMAW 071122Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 26 ~~32~~. COMNAVSUPPACT 080945Z SEP68 (U)
TO GEN ROSSON
ADTAKE ON PEREFFECTS
- 27 ~~33~~. GEN ABRAMS 081000Z SEP68 (S) *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
MSG TO WHEELER ON ENEMY SITUATION
- 28 ~~34~~. CG FMAW 081145Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 29 ~~35~~. CG FLC 081332Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
OLSON TO CUSHMAN
ACTION TAKEN ON UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES

- 44-3030 MAJGEN CORCORAN 090133Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
CORCORAN TO ANDERSON
III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE
- 45-2131 CG FMAW 091045Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 46-2832 CG FMFPAC 092114Z SEP68 (U)
BUSE TO DAVIS INFO CUSHMAN
TRANSFER OF LTCOL T. OWENS
- 47-2933 CG FMFPAC 100228Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CUSHMAN
PROGRAM 6
- 48-4034 CG XXIV CORPS 100542Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN
UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
- 49-4135 CG FMAW 101105Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 50-4236 COMUSMACV 111214Z SEP68 (S) *gp-4*
FOR GEN STILWELL
LAST ACOUSTIC MORTAR LOCATOR
- 51-4337 CG FMFPAC 120723Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CUSHMAN
ABANDONING DMZ AND DUEL BLADE POSTS
- 52-4438 CMC 121959Z SEP68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*
UPI NEWS STORY
- 53-4539 CG FMFPAC 122004Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
RVN LIAISON VISIT
- 54-4640 CG FMAW 111255Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 55-4741 CG FMAW 121335Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 56-4842 CG FMFPAC 110104Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-3*
DEPLOYMENT IF ~~KKEX~~ 1/18 ARMD CAV SQDN (U)
BUSE TO CHAPMAN INFO CUSHMAN
- 57-4943 CG AMERICAL DIV 111055Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
GETTYS TO CUSHMAN
UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
- 58-5044 CMC 112342Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
CHAPMAN TO BUSE INFO CUSHMAN
PROGRAM 6 CEILINGS AND MC STRUCTURE IN SEASIA

- 30245 GEN ABRAMS 130312Z SEP68 (S) *group - not shown*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
 CHANGES TO ~~SECRETARY'S SCHEDULES~~
 MCCAN'S SCHEDULES
- 31246 MG CORCORAN 130608Z SEP68 (S) *group - not shown*
 CORCORAN TO ALL CDRS
 CINCPAC VISIT 15-20 SEP68
- 32247 CG FMAW 131152Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 33248 LTG STILWELL 131945Z SEP68 (S) *group - not shown*
 STILWELL TO ABRAMS INFO SUCHMAN
 SYNOPSIS OF DMZ RAID, 13SEP
- 34249 LTG STILWELL 132024Z SEP68 (C) *groups - not shown*
 STILWELL TO ABRAMS AND CUSHMAN INFO MILDREN & ZAIS
 OPERATIONS IN VINH LOC DISTRICT
- 35250 LTGEN ROSSON 132001Z SEP68 (U)
 PEREFFECTS ARRIVED
- 36251 CG FMAW 141200Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 37252 CG FMFPAC 141939Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 BUSE TO ~~CUSHMAN~~ CHAPMAN INFO CUSHMAN
 PROGRAM SIX.
- 38253 CG FIRST MAREV 150710Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
 YOUNGDALE TO CUSHMAN
 UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
- 39254 GEN ABRAMS 150752Z SEP68 (S) *gp - not shown*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN, MILDREN, STILWELL
 RELOCATION OF 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION
- 40255 COMUSMACV 151116Z SEP68 (S) *gp-4*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
 DISAPPROVES 30-DAY PROPOSAL - SINGLE MANAGEMENT
- 41256 COMUSMACV 151117Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
 ABRAMS SENDS
 MACV ADVISORY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS
- 42257 LTG STILWELL 151750Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*
 STILWELL TO ABRAMS INFO CUSHMAN
 UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
- 43258 CG FMAW 151515Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 ROUTINE INPUT

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			SERIALS/CONTROL DATE 170911Z		1,2,3 COPY# OF 4 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS Received 171820H CG - Fouls up a POK ceremony and Comdt's Conference H. Regan CP
	DCG		9/21		Reset	
	DCG AIR					
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	ADJ					
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TOP SECRET #10

O 170911Z ZYH ZFF-3
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO GEN BROWN CG 7TH AF
LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
LTG PEERS CG IFFORCEV
LTG KERWIN CG II FFORCEV
MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
RADM VETH COMNAVFORV
ZEM

T O P S E C R E T MAC 12552 EYES ONLY
(TS) A CONFERENCE OF US COMMANDERS WILL BE HELD AT
THIS HEADQUARTERS ON 20 SEP 68 AT 1030 HOURS. IN ADDITION
TO THE ADDRESSEES, IT IS DESIRED THAT THE DEPUTIES FOR
CORDS FROM EACH OF THE CIZ ATTEND.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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O 250957Z ZYM ZFF-3
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF DANANG
 INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
 ZEM

T O P S I E C R E T MAC 12939 EYES ONLY

REFERENCES: A. CG III MAF, DTG 210301Z SEP 68

B. CG XXIV CORPS, DTG 211215Z SEP 68

1. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THIS COMMAND BE FULLY PREPARED FOR THE CONTINGENCIES ADDRESSED IN REFERENCES.
2. INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF PLANS BASED ON THE TACTICAL CONCEPT OUTLINED IN PARA 4 OF REFERENCE B TO INCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF AN ANTI-INFILTRATION SYSTEM AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 5 OF REFERENCE A AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I WILL MEET WITH YOU ON 29 SEP 68 TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF YOUR PLANNING. I WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH THOSE INVOLVED AND KNOWLEDGEABLE AT A PLACE OF YOUR CHOOSING.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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OO RUEBHOA
 DE RUMSAV 116W 2591500
 ZNY SSSSS
 O P 151519Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAF
 TO RUEBHOA/CHI
 RUMKM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
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S E C R E T SPECAT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 FOR FMFPAC (F-029)
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
 A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001 TO 2400H 14 SEPT 68
 B. (1) 150
 (2) 18
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 C. (1) 212
 (2) 64
 (3) 64

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- (4) 33
 (5) 76
 (6) 51
 (7) 21
 D. (1) 43
 (2) 21
 (3) 3
 (4) 5
 E. (1) 72
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 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 F. (1) 52
 (2) 52
 (3) 8
 (4) 44
 G. (1) 4
 (2) 36
 (3) 12
 (4) 6

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PAGE THREE RUMSAV 116W S E C R E T SPECAT

- H. (1) 46
- (2) 6
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- I. (1) 9
- (2) (A) 36
- (B) 3
- (C) 0
- (D) 0
- J. (1) 2
- (2) 92
- (3) 54
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- K. (1) 0
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 25
- L. (1) 9

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- (2) 0
- (3) 3
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 12
- M9 (1) L(7) 4 SORTIES RTB BINGO FUEL
- 3 SORTIES DIV TADC
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 94
- (B) 55
- (2) 14
- (3) 63
- B. (1) 196
- (2) 30
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 103 (B) 46
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 16
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- D. (1) 5

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 (3) 0
 (4) 2
 (5) 0
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 (7) 0
 H. (1) 24

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 116W S E C R E T SPECAT

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 I. (1) 3
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 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 J. (1) (A) 47 (B) 27
 (2) (A) 40 (B) 12
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (4) (A) 7 (B) 0
 (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (7) (A) 0 (B) 16
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 42 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 I(1) 2 USMC TO ROKMC, TGT PRI
 1 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN
 I(2) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
 2 USA TO USMC, TGT PRI
 3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
 1 USA TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION

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OO RUEBHOA
 DE RUMSAV 135W 2591900
 ZNY SSSSS
 O P 15 15 15Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAW
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC
 RUHNM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

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 S E C R E T SPECAT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF TWO
 4 USMC TO USMC, WX
 1 USA TO USMC, WX
 3 USMC TO USMC 9 NEG TGT
 2 USMC TO ROKMC, TGT PRI

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3	CG					REMARKS UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
4	DCG		9/16			
5	DCG AIR					
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	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/16			
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	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
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	PSY OPS					
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O 151750Z ZYH ZFF-3
 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

INFO LTG GUSHMAN CG III MAF
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 1381 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES

REF: MAC 11977 DTG 041127Z

1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR DIRECTION AND MY OWN DEEP CONCERN REGARDING UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES, I HAVE AGAIN EXAMINED MY COMMAND AND, AS A RESULT, HAVE DIRECTED THAT INTENSIFIED, AGGRESSIVE PROGRAMS BE UNDERTAKEN AT ALL LEVELS TO REDUCE SUCH CASUALTIES TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.

2. CAREFUL EXAMINATION AND DETAILED ANALYSIS OF ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS REVEAL THAT THESE TRAGIC AND NEEDLESS LOSSES ARE ALL TOO FREQUENTLY CAUSED BY WEAKNESSES IN COMMAND SUPERVISION, LACK OF PROFESSIONALISM IN BOTH SUPPORTING ARMS AND MANEUVER ELEMENTS, INSUFFICIENT ATTENTION TO PRE-DETECTING HUMAN ERRORS, FAILURE TO DETECT UNSAFE WEAPON CONDITIONS, INADEQUATE STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE, AND INSUFFICIENT INSPECTIONS TO ENSURE THAT STANDARDS ARE MET.

3. THE FOLLOWING ARE MEASURES INCLUDED IN MY ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REDUCTION PROGRAM:

A. THE COMMANDER'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR PREVENTION ON UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES AND STRICT ACCOUNTABILITY BY THE CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR SUCH INCIDENTS WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE MY PERSONAL ATTENTION.

REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION OF INCIDENTS ARE PERSONALLY REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY COMMANDERS AT ALL ECHELONS. COMMANDERS WHO FAIL TO PROVIDE ADEQUATELY FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR TROOPS WILL BE REPLACED.

AGGRESSIVE SUPERVISION THROUGHOUT THE CHAIN OF COMMAND HAS BEEN DIRECTED AS THE KEY ELEMENT IN THE PREVENTION OF THESE CASUALTIES.

B. AN INTENSIFIED TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN INITIATED TO INCREASE THE PROFICIENCY OF UNITS AND INDIVIDUALS. XXIV CORPS ARTILLERY CONDUCTS A FORWARD OBSERVER SCHOOL FOR UNITS OF THE CORPS. THIS SCHOOL IS BEING EXPANDED TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTION FOR FIRE DIRECTION

PERSONNEL AS WELL. IN BOTH CASES EMPHASIS IS BEING GIVEN TO SAFETY AND ITS IMPACT ON OUR MISSION. AN EXTENSIVE SYSTEM OF INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION OF FIRING DATA, REPORTED FRIENDLY LOCATIONS AND LOCATIONS OF NO FIRE AREAS HAS BEEN PLACED IN EFFECT. CHECK LISTS FOR USE BY ARA, ARTILLERY, MORTAR AND MANEUVER ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED TO INCLUDE DETAILED SAFETY PROCEDURES. A CONFERENCE WAS CONDUCTED ON 13 SEPTEMBER AT MY HEADQUARTERS TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND EXCHANGE PROCEDURES DESIGNED TO REDUCE INDIRECT FIRE INCIDENTS. SMALL MANEUVER UNIT COMMANDERS ARE RECEIVING INSTRUCTION IN THE INHERENT DANGERS OF VERY CLOSE-IN ARTILLERY, MORTAR, GUNSHIP, AND TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT. INDIVIDUAL REFRESHER TRAINING IN WEAPONS HANDLING AND WEAPONS SAFETY IS BEING CONDUCTED, AND REFRESHER TRAINING IN THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IS UNDERWAY.

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C. INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED WHICH REQUIRE PROMPT AND APPROPRIATE PUNISHMENT OF ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO ENGAGES IN CARELESS OR FRIVOLOUS DISCHARGE OF ANY WEAPON. THE INSPECTION SYSTEM TO DETECT LOADED INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS IN THE REAR AREAS HAS BEEN INTENSIFIED TO PRECLUDE ACCIDENTAL FRINGS.

D. GREATER EMPHASIS HAS BEEN PLACED UPON WEAPON AND AMMUNITION MAINTANANCE AND INSPECTION. CHECKS OF CREW-SERVED WEAPONS WILL BE CONDUCTED DAILY TO CORRECT UNSAFE CONDITIONS. FREQUENT INSPECTION OOF AMMUNITION, UNDER COMMAND SUPERVISION, HAS BEEN DIRECTED.

4. DRASTIC REDUCTION IN UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES IS A GOAL WHICH MY SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS AND I WILL SPARE NO ENERGIES TO ATTAIN. *Ammer!*

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SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
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3	CG					SUBJECT MACV ADVISORY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (U) REMARKS G-1 and G-3. In conjunction of OSA please provide info FOR the page 4 G-2 please provide answer to query 9
4	DCG		9/17			
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	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/16			
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A	G-2	Copy	161620H	51208 gm		
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FM COMUSMACV

TO RHMAFA/LTG CUSHMAN III MAF DA NANG

RUMNWF/LTG PEERS I FFORCEV NHA TRANG

RUMUFGA/LTG KERWIN II FFORCEV LONG BINH

RUMUJLB/MG ECKHARDT IV CTZ CAN THO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 27280

ABRAMS SENDS

SUBJECT: MACV ADVISORY PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (U)

1. (C) APPROVED SEA EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM 6 UNITS STILL TO DEPLOY TO RVN WILL EXHAUST REMAINING AUTHORIZED MILITARY SPACES. THE MACV MILITARY CEILING REQUIRES OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF ALL AUTHORIZED SPACES. A MACV TEAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED TO SURVEY THE ADVISORY PROGRAM TO IDENTIFY EXCESS SPACES. SPACES SO GENERATED WILL BE USED TO SATISFY OTHER HIGH PRIORITY FORE REQUIREMENTS.

2. (C) IT IS PLANNED TO EXPAND THE PHOENIX PROGRAM AS OUTLINED BELOW:

LEVEL	POSITION	NO OF PERSONNEL	TOTAL
PHOENIX HQ STAFF	TNG OFFICER	2	2

PAGE 2 RHMSMVA 2719 C O N F I D E N T I A L

EACH CTZ HQ	INTEL ANALYST	1	1
EACH PROVINCE	ADMIN SUPV	1	4
DANANG, CAM RANH	CLERK	1	44
NHA TRANG	INTEL OFFICER	1 EACH	3
DISTRICTS	INTEL NCO	1 EACH	
I CTZ	DI OCC ADV/ASST DI OCC ADV		
II CTZ		5/15	20
III CTZ		32/20	52
IV CTZ		2/30	32
TOTAL ADDITIONS		36/15	51
			212

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3. (C) THE RATIONALE FOR THE PROGRAMED PHONEIX INCREASE IN EACH CTZ FOLLOWS:

- A. THE ADIM SUPERVISOR AT CORPS LEVEL WILL PERFORM THE INCREASED WORK ASSOCIATED WITH COORDINATING WITH GVN AGENCIES.
- B. THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND INTELLIGENCE NCO AT DA NANG, CAM RANH AND NHA TRANG WILL COORDINATE ARVN/GVN INTELLIGENCE, ADVISE ON PHOENIX ACTIVITIES AND MAINTAIN RECORD FILES AND DOSSIERS
- C. THE 75 COMBAT INTELLIGENCE STAFF OFFICERS, MOS 9301, BRANCH IMMATERIAL (DI OCC'S) WILL PERMIT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 75 ADDITIONAL

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PAGE 3 RHMSMVA 2719 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 DIOCC'S , THE 80 COMBAT INTELLIGENCE STAFF OFFICERS, MOS
 9301, BRANCH IMMATERIAL (ASSISTANT DIOCC ADVISORS) WILL
 ASSIST IN THE 80 IDSTRICIS WHERE THE WORKLOAD DEMANDS
 OR WHERE PRIORITY EMPHASIS IS DESIRED.
 4. (U) BASED ON THE ABOVE, PRESENT ADVISORY ASSETS AND SCHEDULED
 ADVISOR INCREASED, REQUEST YOU DETERMINE AREAS OFFERING GREATEST
 POTENTIAL FOR SPACE REDUCTION. THIS INFORMATION WILL ASSIST THE
 MACV TEAM IN THE EXPEDITING THE SURVEY.
 5. (U) TEAM COMPOSITION AND ITINERARY WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPA-
 RATE MESSAGE. GP-4
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	DCG AIR					
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 ZNY SSSSS
 P 151116Z SEP 68 ZFF-1
 FM COMUSMACV
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF DA NANG
 INFO ZEN/CDR 7AF ISN
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S E C R E T 27279

FOR LTG CUSHMAN AND GEN BROWN FROM GEN ABRAMS

SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT (U)

REF: CG III MAF 090300Z SEP 68 (NOTAL) (S)

1. (S) YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A THIRTY DAY TRIAL PERIOD OF III MAF MISSION DIRECTION OF 1ST MAW IN-COUNTRY STRIKE ASSETS HAS BEEN GIVEN CAREFUL APPRAISAL.

2. (S) I FIND THAT IT WOULD HAVE EFFECTS GOING FAR BEYOND THE MODIFICATION ITSELF. AN IMMEDIATE EFFECT AT THIS LEVEL WOULD BE TO DEPRIVE ME OF A SINGLE MANAGER FOR AIR AND ESTABLISH TWO MANAGERS AS CHANNELS FOR DIRECTION OF SEPARATE SEGMENTS OF THE TOTAL AIR EFFORT. ONE OF THESE WOULD BE CG, III MAF, AND THE OTHER MY DEPUTY FOR AIR OPERATIONS. THIS WOULD BE COMPLICATED ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD NOT FULFILL MY REQUIREMENTS

3. (S) THIS REQUIREMENT IS FOR A SINGLE COMMANDER TO DIRECT

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THE TOTAL TACTICAL AIR EFFORT, BOTH IN-COUNTRY AND OUT-COUNTRY, IN CONSONANCE WITH MY GUIDANCE. THE PROPOSED REVISION IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, AND IN CONSEQUENCE IS NOT APPROVED.

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Q 150752Z ZYH ZFF-3
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 12460 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: RELOCATION OF 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION (C) (U)

1. (U) REFERENCES:

- A. COMUSMACV CITE 26262 DTG 060937Z SEP 68 (SS2).
 - BB. BACKCHANNEL LTG CUSHMAN, CG III MAF TO GEN ABRAMS, COMUSMACV DTG 090925Z SEP 68 (S).
2. (S) REFERENCE A AUTHORIZED RETENTION OF 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION (C) IN I CTZ AND APPROVED ITS MOVE FROM THE HAI VAN PASS AREA TO VXXIV CORPS TAOR.
3. (S) REFERENCE B STATED THAT TYPHOON BESS HAD CAUSED MAJOR DAMAGE TO QL-1 THROUGH THE HAI VAN PASS AND REQUESTED RESTORATION WORK IN THAT AREA BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO RELOCATION OF THE 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION (C).
4. (S) IN A CONFERENCE BETWEEN THE ENGINEER, USARV AND ENGINEER, III MAF ON 12 SEPTEMBER IT WAS AGREED THAT THE 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION (C) WOULD RETAIN THE PRIMARY MISSION OF RESTORING QL-1 THROUGH THE HAI VAN PASS TO ITS CONDITION PRIOR TO TYPHOON BESS. ANY PORTION OF THE 35TH ENGINEER BATTALION (C) THAT CANNOT BE PROFITABLY ENGAGED ON THE PRIMARY MISSION WILL BE RELEASED FOR WORK IN XXIV CORPS TAOR.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
 VDELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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	DCG AIR					
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	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	F	9/16			
	G-1					
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJGEN YOUNGDALE
UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES(U)

A. CG III MAF 070600Z SEP 68

1. REFERENCE A EXPRESSED YOUR CONCERN AS WELL AS THAT OF GEN ABRAMS RELATIVE TO UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES FROM FRIENDLY FIRE POWER. YOU ALSO DIRECTED THAT I REPORT TO YOU MY RESULTANT ACTIONS.

2. ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE REPORTED:

- A. ALL FIRST MARINE DIVISION ORDERS AND DIRECTIVES PERTAINING TO RULE OF ENGAGEMENT AND SAFETY HAVE BEEN REVIEWED. EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS IN THOSE AREAS ARE ENTIRELY ADEQUATE.
- B. DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS BEING TAKEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE IMPOSED ON PERSONNEL GUILTY OF VIOLATING SAFETY REGULATIONS.
- C. THE PREVENTION OF UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES WILL BE A STANDING AGENDA ITEM FOR EACH MEETING OF THE DIVISION SAFETY

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COUNCIL. THIS COUNCIL WILL ACT AS A SEMINAR TO DETERMINE WHAT ADDITIONAL ACTIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO PREVENT SUCH CASUALTIES.

D. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE OFFICE OF THE DIVISION GROUND SAFETY OFFICER IN ORDER TO PERMIT HIM TO MAKE MORE FREQUENT STAFF VISITS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS.

E. A DIVISION SAFETY NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED PERIODICALLY WITH WIDE DISEMINATION TO HIGHLIGHT PROBLEM AREAS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS.

F. SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONVENE A GROUND ACCIDENT BOARD WHEN AN INCIDENT OCCURS CAUSING DEATH OR INJURY TO U.S. OR ALLIED FORCES PERSONNEL AND/OR VIETNAMESE NATIONALS BY FRIENDLY FIRE POWER. THIS BOARD WILL BE REQUIRED TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT AND TO RECOMMEND ACTION TO PREVENT FUTURE OCCURRENCES.

G. ON 13AUG68 I SENT A PERSONAL MESSAGE TO ALL MY COMMANDERS EXPRESSING MY CONCERN OVER INCIDENTS THAT CAUSED NEEDLESS LOSS OF LIFE AND INJURY. I HAVE THIS DATE SENT THEM A SECOND SUCH MESSAGE.

H. ALSO DURING MY DAILY VISITS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS I WILL PERSONALLY DISCUSS THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM WITH MY ORGANIZATIONAL COMMANDERS.

3. I ASSURE YOU THAT I WILL TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE ACTION WITHIN MY POWER TO COMBAT THIS SERIOUS PROBLEM.

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 DE RUHFMA 2104 2581939
 ZNY SSSSS
 P 141939Z SEP 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC
 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 BT

S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GI CHAPMAN FROM LT GEN
 BUSE, INFO LT GEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 PROGRAM SIX CEILING AND MARINE CORPS STRUCTURE IN
 SEASIA (U)

A. CMC 112342Z/SEP68 (S) SPECAT/MCEO
 B. CG FMFPAC 141928Z/SEP68 (S)
 C. CG FMFPAC 100206Z/SEP68 (S)

1. I AM IN ACCORD WITH YOUR CONCLUSION THAT THE
 CURRENT CLIMATE AND RULES OF THE GAME MAKE IT
 INADVISABLE FOR BOB CUSHMAN TO PROPOSE WITHDRAWAL OF
 A BLT FROM SVN THROUGH UNIFIED CHANNELS. THIS COULD
 BEST BE PRESENTED AT WASHINGTON LEVEL AND TIES IN
 WITH YOUR PLANNED RECLAMA OF THE IMPOSED CONSTRAINTS.
 2. IN RESPONSE TO REF A I HAVE FORWARDED, BY REF B,
 MODIFICATIONS OF MY INITIAL RECOMMENDATION FOR

PAGE 2 RUHFMA2104 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 REALIGNMENT OF THE III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE, AS CONTAINED
 IN REF C. THESE MODIFICATIONS WERE ARRIVED AT IN
 COORDINATION WITH BOB CUSHMAN AND ACCOMODATE THE
 RETENTION OF 3-NINTH MAB BLT'S IN THE SVN CEILING.
 FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS
 AND REALIGNMENTS REQUIRED IN MY INITIAL RECOMMENDATION
 TO PROVIDE THE SPACES REQUIRED FOR THE PREVIOUSLY
 DELETED BLT:

UNIT	REDUCTIONS	NOTE: 1/
PROV MAG VH	37-7	
9TH MAB UNIT STRENGTHS	341	
DIV AUGMENTATION	142	
WING AUGMENTATION IU	64	
MWSG (WERS)	250	NOTE: 2/
FLC	386	
CMR PLT DET	78	
ASRT	23	
MATCU	68	
TOTALS	1729	

NOTE: 1/ FIGURES ABOVE REFLECT REDUCTIONS IN SPACES

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RECOMMENDED IN REF C.

NOTE: 2/ SPACES HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE ON OKINAWA
IN RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF B.

3. IN REF B I ALSO SUBMITTED MY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
REDEPLOYMENT LOCATIONS FOR UNITS RECOMMENDED FOR
WITHDRAWAL FROM SVN. AS INDICATED, I WOULD PREFER
THAT MANY OF THE UNITS BE LOCATED ON EITHER OKINAWA
AND JAPAN IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF THE PACOM
RESERVE. HOWEVER, I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WILL BE
DEPENDENT UPON OBTAINING STRONG CINCPAC BACKING FOR
SUCH A PROPOSAL AND ULTIMATE SECDEF APPROVAL. I WILL
MAKE REPRESENTATION AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO CINCPAC VIA
CINCPACFLT ACCORDINGLY.

4. A SEPARATE BUT RELATED SUBJECT, DEALING WITH
CURRENT OVERAGES ON OKINAWA AND IN JAPAN, IS THE
CASUAL/PATIENT POPULATION. THROUGH 1968, WE HAVE
AVERAGED 1062 MARINES HOSPITALIZED IN JAPAN BUT
CARRIED ON ROLLS (NON-CHARGEABLE) OF THE CASUAL
COMPANY ON OKINAWA. THE AVERAGE FOR THE SAME PERIOD
OF CASUALS PHYSICALLY LOCATED ON OKINAWA AND JOINED

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TO CASUAL COMPANY IS 672. NEITHER OF THESE CATEGORIES
IS RECOGNIZED IN THE DEPLOYMENT CEILING. THE AVERAGE
HOSPITALIZED IN JAPAN CANNOT BE REDUCED BY ANY
SIGNIFICANT DEGREE WITHOUT A CHANGE IN THE EVACUATION
POLICY. THE CASUAL POPULATION ON OKINAWA CAN BE
SOMEWHAT REDUCED BY PROMPT MOVEMENT OF PERMANENT
PULSES AND RESTRICTIVE TOUR MARINES, BUT IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT THE AVERAGE DAILY STRENGTH OF CASUALS
ON OKINAWA CAN BE REDUCED BELOW 700 WITHOUT A RELOCATION
OF THE FACILITY, OR A DRASTIC CHANGE IN POLICY. AS
A PART OF THE PROGRAM'S DELIBERATIONS, IT IS RECOMMENDED
THAT A REQUEST BE INITIATED FOR AN INCREASE OF
CEILING TO ALLOW FOR 1000 CASUAL/PATIENTS IN JAPAN
AND 700 CASUALS/PATIENTS ON OKINAWA.

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 DE RUMSAV 121W 2581215
 ZNY SSSSS
 O P 141200Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAW
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG II MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/NG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
 BT

SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SPECAT.
 FOR FMFPAC (F-031)
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
- A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001 - 2400H 13 SEPT 68
- B. (1) 142
 (2) 32
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
- C. (1) 90
 (2) 63
 (3) 64

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- (4) 31
 (5) 56
 (6) 56
 (7) 23
- D. (1) 36
 (2) 30
 (3) 9
 (4) 4
- E. (12) 72
 (25) 7
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
- F. (1) 58
 (2) 58
 (3) 10
 (4) 48
- G. (15) 56
 (2) 2
 (3) 0
 (4) 0

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H. (1) 58
 (2) 0
 (3) 0
 (4) 0

I. (1) 6
 (2) (A) 33
 (B) 4
 (N) 0
 (O) 0

J. (1) 0
 (2) 112
 (3) 57
 (4) 0
 (5) 0
 (6) 0

K. (1) 1
 (2) 0
 (3) 0
 (4) 15

L. (1) 0

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(2) 0
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 (5) 0
 (6) 0
 (7) 1

M. (1) L (7) 1 ACFT NO DJOP SINGLE ACFT
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW

A. (1) (A) 94
 (B) 55
 (2) 26
 (3) 52

B. (1) 202
 (2) 25
 (3) 0

C. (1) (A) 13 (B) 46
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 17
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0

D. (1) 10
 (2) 16

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(3) 0
 E. (1) 12
 (2) 8
 (3) 6
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 (5) 0
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 F. (1) 0
 (2) 52 (3) 0
 G. (1) 46
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 (3) 0
 (4) 4
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 (6) 0 (7) 0
 H. (1) 20
 (2) 0
 (3) 4
 I. (1) 3

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(2) 21
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 J. (1) (A) 47 (B) 26
 (2) (A) 44 (B) 12
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (4) (A) 3 (B) 0
 (5) (A) 3 (B) 0
 (6) (A) 7 (B) 0
 (7) (A) 0 (B) 17
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 40 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 I(1) 1 USMC TO USMC, NEG COM
 2 USMC TO USMC, WX
 I(2) 6 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALF
 2 USMC TO USA, WX
 2 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN
 2 USA TO USMC, ACFT MALF
 6 USMC TO USMC WX
 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
 1 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL GP-4

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ACTION COMPLETED ON:	
RETAINED BY _____ SECTION	
DATE	SIGNATURE AND RANK

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FM LT GEN ROSSON J-5
TO LT GEN CUSHMAN III MAF
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JCS 10453 SEP 68

REFERENCE CG III MAF DTG ^{130145Z} 13045A SEPTEMBER 1968.

1. AS A RESULT OF YOUR TRACER ACTION THE DELAYED SHIPMENT REACHED ME TWO DAYS AGO IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. NEEDLESS TO SAY, I AM PUTTING THE CONTENTS TO GOOD USE.
2. MY SPECIAL THANKS FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE, BOB, AND BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR CAMPAIGNING.
3. WARMEST REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS.

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3	CG					REMARKS CG - He certainly is sending these messages like he is an independent Corps Comdr. [Signature] c/s just for you and me, but ASAP - how about Historical Sec giving docs on many previous campaigns in Vietnam [Signature]
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	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	F				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
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TO : GENERAL ABRAMS, COMUSMACV
 LTG CUSHMAN, CG, III MAF
 INFO: LTG MILDREN, DCG, USARV
 MG ZAIS, CG, 101ST ABN (AIR MOBILE)

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SUBJECT: OPERATIONS IN VINH LOC DISTRICT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE

1. THE SPECTACULAR SUCCESS ACHIEVED IN THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF A WELL PLANNED, TIGHTLY INTEGRATED ATTACK ON THE VC STRUCTURE OF VINH LOC DISTRICT (RECENTLY ADDED TO OUR AO) PROMPTS ME TO BRING THE FRAGMENTARY SITREP INTO FOCUS.

2. AS WAS THE CASE WITH PHU THU DISTRICT BEFORE THE 54TH ARVN REGIMENT ENTERED THE SCENE AND EARNED ITS SPURS, VINH LOC HAS LONG BEEN BEYOND THE REACH OF SIZEABLE, MOBILE ALLIED FORCES. IT HAS THEREFORE BEEN AN ENEMY HAVEN, ALTHOUGH INADEQUACIES IN THE INTELLIGENCE BASE PRECLUDED DETERMINATION OF EXTENT. THUA THIEN PROVINCE OFFICIALS HAVE CONSTANTLY SOUGHT HELP IN ELIMINATING THE

VC DOMINANCE OF THIS DISTRICT, THUS PAVING WAY FOR RESETTLEMENT OF ANTI-COMMUNIST POPULATION WHICH HAD LEFT HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE TRUCK GARDENS AND FRUIT ORCHARDS. RECENT SHIFT OF VINH LOC INTO 101ST A/B DIV AO MADE SUCH HELP POSSIBLE.

3. BASIC CONCEPT WAS TO SATURATE DISTRICT WITH MILITARY FORCES, SWEEP ENTIRE AREA IN ONE DAY AND THEN SETTLE DOWN TO DETAILED SEARCH FOR HIDEOUTS (A LA 54TH REGT IN PHU THU). IT WAS NOT EXPECTED THAT FIRST DAY WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE, UNLESS A VC UNIT WERE CAUGHT COILED.

4. THE DISTRICT (AN ISLAND) WAS DIVIDED INTO ZONES. SINCE INTELLIGENCE INDICATED THE VC LOCAL FORCE UNITS WERE CONCENTRATED IN THE SE CORNER, THAT ZONE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 1/501, WITH PF AND NPFF IN SUPPORT. THE DISTRICT'S TWO RF COMPANIES WERE GIVEN AN ADJOINING ZONE. THE REMAINDER (AND BULK OF THE DISTRICT) BECAME THE OPERATING ZONE OF THE 7TH ARVN ARMED CAV REGIMENT, WITH 1/54 BN AND NPFF ATTACHED. THUA THIEN SECTOR ESTABLISHED FORWARD CP AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (AS DID 1/501) AND DEPLOYED THERE TO ADEQUATE POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH, IPW, VIS, APT AND CENSUS GRIEVANCE RESOURCES. ALSO INTEGRATED INTO THE OPERATION WERE THE TWO CONTIGUOUS VNN COASTAL SURVEILLANCE GROUPS, ALL AVAILABLE US NAVY PBR AND PACV ASSETS, AND THE 1 CAP TEAM AT THE WESTERN END OF THE DISTRICT. TO SUPPLEMENT THE NAVY CORDON OF WATER AREAS, THE 54TH REGIMENT (-) SPREAD OUT AL

*In other words,
 1/54 Reg
 could not do it!*

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THE 7TH ARMORED CAV, HAVING BEEN TIED UP THE PREVIOUS EVENING, SWEEPED SOUTHEAST. BY DAY'S END, THE 1/301 HAD A MODEST BAG. CONVERSELY, THE RESULTS IN THE ARVN AREA BORDERED ON THE UNBELIEVABLE: WHILE THERE HAD BEEN ONLY MINOR SKIRMISHES, WELL OVER 200 HAD BEEN CAPTURED. THERE ARE TWO EXPLANATIONS, FIRST, IT IS NOW EVIDENT THAT THE 54TH REGT OPERATIONS IN PHU THU HAD DRIVEN MANY TO VINH LOC. SECOND, IN THEIR FIRST ENCOUNTER THE VC SIMPLY DID NOT KNOW HOW TO COPE WITH THE FAST MOVING TRACKS; INSTEAD OF TAKING COVER THEY RAN, ONLY TO BE BLOCKED AT EVERY TURN.

6. RAPID AND EFFECTIVE SCREENING, INTERROGATION AND EXPLOITATION OF DETAINEES BY POLICE AT DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS HAVE PRODUCED SNOWBALLING RESULTS. NOI CHANHS AND COOPERATIVE PW'S MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE 1/301 TO TODAY LOCATE, KILL OR CAPTURE THE BULK OF THE C-33 LF COMPANY HIDDEN UNDERGROUND. OTHER NOI CHANHS HAVE POINTED THE WAY TO HIDDEN WEAPONS. POWS FROM THE 804TH BATTALION (6TH NVA REGIMENT) HAVE PROVIDED PRECISE INFORMATION ON THEIR UNIT'S LOCATION IN THE MOUNTAINS. WORK OF CENSUS GRIEVANCE PERSONNEL HAS LED TO FINGERING OF OTHER VC. THE TOTAL INTELLIGENCE TAKE IS TREMENDOUS, AND ONLY BEGINNING TO BE ASSIMILATED.

7. AS OF DARK 13 SEPTEMBER, THE RESULTS STOOD AS FOLLOWS:

A. ENEMY:

86 KIA
73 WEAPONS
175 PW
181 VCC
103 SUSPECTS (STILL BEING SCREENED)
11 NOI CHANHS

B. FRIENDLY:

1 ARVN KIA
1 PW KIA
1 APT KIA

8. THOUGH OPERATION STILL IN EARLY STAGES, TWO POINTS MERIT UNSCORING:

A. THE VC IN VINH LOC AND ADJACENT DISTRICT, CAUGHT BY SURPRISE, ARE NOW IN SUCH STATE OF DISARRAY THAT MUCH WIDER CRACKS COULD DEVELOP--IF WE ARE SKILLFUL. CERTAINLY, MORE VC WILL BE FERRETED OUT, MORE WEAPONS CAPTURED. PSYWAR OPPORTUNITIES, ALREADY BEING EXPLOITED, ARE EXTENSIVE. SINCE MANY STRAYS FROM OTHER DISTRICTS HAVE BEEN SCOOPED UP, WE HAVE LEARNED MUCH ADDITIONAL ABOUT VC STRUCTURE ELSEWHERE IN THE PROVINCE.

B. THIS HAS BEEN A FINE EXAMPLE OF COMBINED PLANNING AND EXECUTION: VIETNAMESE/U.S., MILITARY AND CIVIL. BUT MUCH MORE EMPORTANTLY, IT WAS BEEN OVERWHELMING VIETNAMESE IN CONCEPT, ORGANIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION. AS SUCH, IT DESERVES A MAXIMUM OF PUBLICITY THROUGH ALL POSSIBLE MEDIA. I HOPE WE CAN LURE SOME OF THE SAIGON PRESS CORPS TO VINH LOC. WE CAN ASSURE THAT US PARTICIPATION IS CAREFULLY MUTED

Very good prospects. 1st Div could never seem to get the ARVN to move into the Vinh Loc area. I don't know why. V. K. 91

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MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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			IN	OUT		
3	CG					REMARKS CG - The message to J... ... I believe Bruno sent USMC Tks into DMZ - lets look it up! In fact I'm sure some went up with 2/9 in July 67. b
4	DCG		9/18		R...	
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/14			
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3				cut	
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	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
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	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					
<p>18 Sep.</p> <p>Has been answered in the affirmative. On file AC/S G-3 folder in G-3 S&C P-7</p>						

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D. RECON TROOP (REINF), IN DIVERSION EFFORT, SWEEP NORTH FROM A-3 TO JUST INSIDE SOUTHERN DMZ TRACE. WHILE VOLUME OF FIRE Poured OUT WAS SUGGESTIVE OF HEAVY CONTACT, ONLY REPORT I HAVE IS OF BUNKERS DESTROYED AND MUNITIONS CAPTURED.

E. CUMULATIVE TOTALS FOR TWO U. S. TASK FORCES ARE:

(1) EN: 35 CONFIRMED KIA AND 496 MIXED 60/82 MM MORTAR ROUNDS DESTROYED.

(2) FRDLY: 11 WIA (EVAC); 3 M113S AND 1 M48 DAMAGED BY MINES, RETRIEVED AND REPAIRABLE.

4. COMMENTS:

A. IT IS CLEAR THAT ENEMY IS NOW MAINTAINING FEWER FORCES SOUTH OF BEN HAI--AND FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. COL GIAI DRYLY REMARKED: "LAST TIME, MY ATTACK CARRIED ONLY HALFWAY; THIS TIME, WE WENT TWICE AS FAR; ENEMY IS ALREADY WONDERING ABOUT OBJECTIVE OF NEXT FORAY."

* B. WHILE RESULTS DO NOT APPROACH THOSE IN EARLIER ACTION, 158-55 CONFIRMED KILLS AND ADDITIONAL LOSSES INFLICTED BY ARTY AND AIR HAVE MORE THAN JUSTIFIED OPERATION.

C. BIGGEST DIVIDEND IS IN FORM OF INCREASED CONFIDENCE OF PARTICIPATING ELEMENTS OF 1ST BDE/5TH MECH. IT WAS FIRST TIME, TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THAT TRACKS HAVE EVER OPERATED IN THAT SEGMENT OF DMZ; AND UNIT LEADERS WERE NOT SURE IT COULD BE DONE, PARTICULARLY UNDER CURRENT CLIMATIC CONDITIONS. YET, TONIGHT THEY ARE WINNERS.

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 O P 131152Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAF
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 FOR FMFPAC (F-030)
 FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
 A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 12 SEP 68
 B. (1) 180
 (2) 13
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 C. (1) 103
 (2) 65

PAGE TWO RUMSAV 125W S E C R E T SPECAT MCEO

- (3) 64
 (4) 31
 (5) 83
 (6) 56
 (7) 27
 D. (1) 39
 (2) 23
 (3) 13
 (4) 8
 E. (1) 79
 (2) 4
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 F. (1) 72
 (2) 72
 (3) 16
 (4) 56
 G. (1) 14
 (2) 38
 (3) 20

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PAGE THREE RUMSAV 125W S E C R E T S P E C A T M C E O

- (4) 0
- H. (1) 64
- (2) 8
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- I. (1) 15
- (2) (A) 30
- (B) 8
- (C) 0
- (D) 0
- J. (1) 12
- (2) 106
- (3) 60
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- K. (1) 0
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 12

PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 125W S E C R E T S P E C A T M C E O

- L. (1) 0
- (2) 0
- (3) 15
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 98
- (B) 60
- (2) 22
- (3) 73
- B. (1) 224
- (2) 29
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 103 (B) 47
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 17
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- D. (1) 6
- (2) 16

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- (3) 0
- E. (1) 14
- (2) 4
- (3) 0
- (4) 4
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- F. (1) 0
- (2) 73
- (3) 0
- G. (1) 63
- (2) 6
- (3) 0
- (4) 4
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- H. (1) 25
- (2) 2

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- (3) 8
- I. (1) 6
- (2) 29
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- J. (1) (A) 49 (B) 31
- (2) (A) 46 (B) 12
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (4) (A) 3 (B) 0
- (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (7) (A) 0 (B) 17
- K. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 34 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 - I (1) 1 USMC TO USMC, NEG. TGT
 - 1 USA TO USA, TGT PRI
 - 4 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
- (2) L (2) 4 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
- 2 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI
- 5 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
- (4) USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN.

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00 RUEBHOA RUKM RUMSAK
 DE RUMSAV 126W 2571240
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 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
 BT

SECRET SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SECTION TWO OF TWO

4 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG COMM
 2 USMC TO ROKMC, WX
 2 ROKMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
 GP-4
 BT

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HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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IIIMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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			IN	OUT		
3	CG					TOP SECRET AGD 981 EYES ONLY REMARKS
4	DCG		9/13		Ref	
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	9/13	I		H	
	G-1					
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10	G-3			9/15	CWD	
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	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	SAC					

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FM MGEN GETTYS CG AMERICAL DIV
TO LTGEN CUSHMAN CG III MAF
ZEM

~~TOP SECRET~~ ACD 981 EYES ONLY

A. CG III MAF MSG DIG 100252Z SEP 68

1. W REVIEW OF PROCEDURES AND SECURITY MEASURES RELEVANT TO ARC LIGHT PROGRAM HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS AND INCLUDES A REVIEW OF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE ACCESS BASED ON A NEED-TO-KNOW.

2. PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
A. ARC LIGHT REQUESTS ARE TRANSMITTED FROM BRIGADES TO THIS HEADQUARTERS OVER SECURE TELETYPE. REQUESTS GENERATED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS ARE FORWARDED TO III MAF OVER SECURE TELETYPE.

B. REQUESTS AND ARC LIGHT STRIKE MESSAGES ARE DISSEMINATED ON A NEED-TO-KNOW BASIS WITHIN THE DIVISION TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL BY THE FOLLOWING MEANS:

(1) DIV HQ'S

DISUMMINATED TO	MEANS
DIV CG, ADC'S	PERSONAL CONTACT
CHIEF OF STAFF	PERSONAL CONTACT
G-3	PERSONAL CONTACT
G-2	PERSONAL CONTACT
FSE	PERSONAL CONTACT
ALO	PERSONAL CONTACT
HSSO	PERSONAL CONTACT
SUBORDINATE BDE	SECURE TELETYPE
AFFECTED	OR SECURE RADIO
BDE CO, XO	PERSONAL CONTACT
S-2	PERSONAL CONTACT
S-3	PERSONAL CONTACT
ALO	PERSONAL CONTACT
AVN OFF	PERSONAL CONTACT
FSC	PERSONAL CONTACT
UNITS WHOSE OPNS	SECURE RADIO,
ARE AFFECTED	COMMAND VISIT, OR
	LIAISON OFFICER

(2) AFFECTED BDE

(3) SUBORDINATE BATTALIONS DIRECTLY AFFECTED ARE INFORMED BY PERSONAL CONTACT OR SECURE RADIO.

(4) COMPANIES OPERATING IN THE FIELD WHO NEED-TO-KNOW THE MINIMUM SAFE DISTANCE ARE INFORMED THROUGH COMMAND VISITS OR FM RADIO USING KAC CODE.

(5) AVIATORS ARE ADVISED OF SAFETY LIMITATIONS PRIOR TO TAKE OFF OR BY USE OF KAC CODES OR OVER THE ARTILLERY WARNING NET WITHIN TWENTY MINUTES OF STRIKE TOT.

3. PLANS FOR GROUND EXPLOITATION AND POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE ARE LIMITED TO BDE LEVEL PRIOR TO STRIKE TOT'S AND SUBSEQUENTLY PASSED TO EXPLOITING ELEMENTS AFTER STRIKES ARE COMPLETED.

4. THE NUMBER OF ARC LIGHT MESSAGES AND PERSONNEL INFORMED OF STRIKES IS STRICTLY LIMITED ON THE BASIS OF NEED-TO-KNOW CONSISTENT WITH OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

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	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
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	EMB/TRANS					
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	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

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LTG PEERS CG I FFV
 LTG KERWIN CG II FFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CTZ
 INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 RADM VETH COMNAVFONV
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 12372 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CINCPAC VISIT 15-20 SEP 63

1. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CINCPAC'S VISIT IS TO GIVE HIM A FEEL FOR OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD. CONSEQUENTLY IT IS COMUSMACV'S DESIRE THAT ITINERARIES DEVELOPED BY THE ADDRESSEES MINIMIZE OR ELIMINATE FORMAL HEADQUARTERS BRIEFINGS AND EMPHASIZE VISITS TO US AND GVN UNITS AND ACTIVITIES IN THEIR OPERATIONAL ENVIRONMENT, TO INCLUDE SHORT VISITS AT PROVINCE AND SECTOR WHERE TIME AND CONDITIONS PERMIT.

2. FOLLOWING IS THE OVERALL ITINERARY AS APPROVED BY COMUSMACV. DUE TO THE POSSIBLE WEATHER PROBLEMS ON THE MORNING OF 18 SEP 63, CG, I FFORCEV IS REQUESTED TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE TO PLEIKU ITINERARY.

Looks like we will have to modify our itinerary. YES

DATE/TIME	EVENTS	REMARKS
SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 1963		
-0800	ARRIVE TAN SON NHUT, BASE OPERATIONS	VC 135
0800-0810	EN ROUTE HEADQUARTERS, MACV	SEDAN
0810-0900	DISCUSSIONS WITH COMUSMACV	
0900-1000	MACV BRIEFINGS	CIIB
1000-1030	EN ROUTE USS BENEWAH	UH-1
1030-1300	VISIT CTF 117. LUNCH	
1300-1320	EN ROUTE CTF 116	UH-1
1320-1420	VISIT CTF 116	
1420-1640	ITINERARY AS ARRANGED BY SA, IV CORPS	
1640-1715	EN ROUTE HEADQUARTERS, MACV	UH-1
1715-1810	OFFICE	
1810-1830	EN ROUTE QUARTERS	SEDAN
1830-1915	OPEN	
1915-1930	EN ROUTE DINNER LOCATION	SEDAN
1930-2130	DINNER	BY INVITATION
2130-2145	EN ROUTE QUARTERS	SEDAN
MONDAY		

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TIME	EN ROUTE HEADQUARTERS, HANOI OFFICE	MODE
0945-1000	CALL ON AMBASSADOR BUNKER	UH-1
1000-1230	MISSION COUNCIL	
1230-1330	LUNCH WITH AMBASSADOR BUNKER	
1330-1350	EN ROUTE HEADQUARTERS, CMAC	SEDAN
1350-1450	CMAC BRIEFING	
1450-1510	EN ROUTE TAN AN	UH-1
1510-1640	VISIT 3RD BDE, 9TH INF DIV	UH-1
1640-1710	EN ROUTE II FFORCEV	
1710-1800	DISCUSSIONS WITH CG, II FFORCEV. RON.	
TUESDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER 1968		
0800-1130	ITINERARY AS ARRANGED BY II FFORCEV TO INCLUDE VISITS TO 1ST AND 25TH DIV	
1130-1230	EN ROUTE CAM RANH BAY	
1230-1400	PRIVATELY ARRANGED DISCUSSIONS, LUNCH	C-113
1400-1800	ITINERARY AS ARRANGED BY CG, I FFORCEV. DEPARTING FROM CAM RANH BAY AIR BASE. RON NHA TRANG.	
WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 1968		
0800-1300	ITINERARY AS ARRANGED BY CG, I FFORCEV TO INCLUDE VISIT II CORPS COMMANDER, 4TH DIV AND LUNCH	UH-1
1300-1400	EN ROUTE PHU BAI	
1400-1800	ITINERARY AS ARRANGED BY CG, III MAF. RON DANANG	C-113
THURSDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1968		
0800-1130	ITINERARY AS ARRANGED BY CG, III MAF	
1130-1210	EN ROUTE YANKEE STATION. RON.	
FRIDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 1968		
0715-0755	EN ROUTE DANANG	COD
0755-0830	DEPART REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FOR TAIPEI	COD

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	DCG					REMARKS
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O 1303 12Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
ZEM

SECRET MAC 12367 EYES ONLY
IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO REVISE ADMIRAL MCCAIN'S
ITINERARY. AS IT STANDS NOW HE WOULD ARRIVE YOUR AREA
1400, 18 SEPTEMBER AND DEPART FOR YANKEE STATION 1130,
19 SEPTEMBER. HE WOULD RETURN TO DANANG FOR ONWARD
TRIP TO TAIWAN, 0800, 20 SEPTEMBER.

IN SOUTH VIETNAM I HAVE ORGANIZED HIS TRIP IN
ACCORDANCE WITH HIS WISHES TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN
THE FIELD. ACCORDINGLY I WOULD LIKE TO BRING HIM INTO
PHU BAI ON THE 18TH SO HE COULD GET UP TO 3D MAR DIV,
AND THE DMZ PROBLEMS INCLUDING SENSORS ETC. HE WOULD
RON AT DANANG AND THE FOLLOWING MORNING THE 19TH COULD
GET TO SEE ACTIVITIES SOUTH OF HY VAN.

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*So he can check
in with XXIV Corps
first - brother!!*

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3	CG					REMARKS	
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	DCG AIR					MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY	
2	C/S	I					
	D C/S					EXCLUSIVE FOR CG- What a dilemma! V. Repp G.	
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 FM CMC
 TO RUHKFMA/CG FMFPAC
 INFO RHMMFA/CG III MAF
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN BUSE FROM GEN CHAPMAN INFO
 LT GEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 PROGRAM 6 CEILINGS AND MARINE CORPS STRUCTURE IN SEASIA(U)

- A. CMC 172008Z AUG68
- B. CMC 311540Z AUG68
- C. CG FMFPAC 100228Z SEP68
1. (S) FOCUS OF REFS A AND B REGARDING PROG 6 CEILINGS AND MC STRUCTURE IN SVN MAY HAVE OBSCURED THRUST OF CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH OSD WHICH ENCOMPASS TOTAL SEA CEILING AND STRUCTURE.
2. (S) BY RECENT MEMO, SECDEF AMPLIFIED HIS INTENTIONS REQUESTING SUBMISSION BY 16 SEP OF A SEASIA PLAN BASED PRECISELY ON CURRENTLY APPROVED CEILINGS FOR EACH COUNTRY IN SEASIA (RVN, OKI, JAP, THAI, GUAM, PHIL). THE REQUIREMENT

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 TO ALLSON MARCOR STRUCTURE IN EACH COUNTRY WITH PROG 6 CEILINGS RESTRICTS OUR ALTERNATIVES. IN THIS REGARD, YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE 300 BILLET REPEAT BILLET ON OKINAWA IN ORDER TO BRING THE FORCES INVOLVED TO THE PROG 6 CEILING OF 7400 ARE REQUIRED.

3. UNDER THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE SECDEF MEMO ANY UNITS WITHDRAWN FROM SVN CANNOT BE RELOCATED IN WESTPAC BUT MUST BE RETURNED TO CONUS AND HAWAII UNLESS COMPENSATORY REDUCTIONS CAN BE MADE IN OKINAWA/JAPAN. IN VIEW OF THIS I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT IS DESIRABLE TO PROPOSE WITHDRAWAL OF A BLT AT III MAF LEVEL BUT RATHER AT WASHINGTON LEVEL, THUS, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD SUPPORT BOB CUSHMAN'S INITIAL PROPOSAL, SUBJECT TO YOUR ADJUSTMENTS. WE INTEND HOWEVER TO RECLAIM THE CONSTRAINTS FOLLOWING YOUR SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS AND THEIR IMPACTS.

4. IN ORDER THAT YOU MIGHT BETTER GAGE THE TEMPERATURE HERE AND TO ASSIST YOU IN A

SHARING BOB CUSHMAN'S INITIAL PROPOSAL YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE UNITS WITHDRAWN FROM SVN WILL BE DEACTIVATED UPON RETURN TO CONUS. THEREFORE IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE THESE UNITS BE CHOSEN FROM OUR TEMPORARY STRUCTURE, THAT IS THE 5TH MARDIV REINF-OR

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PAGE THREE RUEBHOA4036 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN. M C E O THOSE UNITS OR BILLETS WHICH WERE ACTIVATED SPECIFICALLY TO SUPPORT SEA. IF A PERMANENT FORCE UNIT HAS TO BE SELECTED AND AN EQUIVALENT UNIT EXISTS IN 5TH MARDIV (REINF) THE LATTER UNIT WOULD BE DEACTIVIED IN LIEU OF THE UNIT DEPLOYED OUT OF SVN.

5. (U) TO ASSIST IN OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GAIN RELIEF FROM THE CURRENT CEILINGS IN AND OUTSIDE SVN IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE IMPACT OF ANY REDUCTIONS BE CLEARLY STATED IN JCS CHANNELS. IN THIS REGARD, BOB CUSHMAN SHOULD BUILD THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE CASE WHEN HE SUBMITS HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO MACV. YOU IN TURN SHOULD MAKE STRONG REPRESENTATION TO CINCPAC FOR THE UNITS YOU FEEL SHOULD BE DEPLOYED TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN IN LIEU OF RETURN TO U. S.

6. (U) TO ENSURE FULL UNDERSTANDING AND RECOGNITION OF YOUR VIEWS CONTAINED IN REF C, YOUR OFFER OF STAFF REPRESENTATION IS APPRECIATED AND ACCEPTED. REQUEST FURNASER, TIME OF ARRIVAL AND BILLETING REQUIREMENTS OF ACTION OFFICER.

WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 9920 FROM AVDF-CG
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MG GETTYS
SUBJ: UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES
REF: MSG CG III MAF 070600Z SEP 68

1. (C) IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN: ON 8 SEP A COMMAND LETTER WAS DISPATCHED TO EACH MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDER WHICH REVIEWED THAT UNIT'S NON-BATTLE DEATH AND INJURY RATES SINCE 1 JAN 68. COMMANDERS WERE DISPATCHED TO TAKE POSITIVE ACTION TO REDUCE UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES; TO REPORT ACTION TAKEN TO PRECLUDE FUTURE INCIDENTS AND PUNISHMENT IMPOSED OR CONTEMPLATED. EACH COMMANDER IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WILL SIGN THE REPORT.
2. (C) ADDITIONALLY I HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO ESTABLISH A DIVISION SAFETY COUNCIL UNDER BG COOKSEY. MAJOR SUBORDINATE UNIT COMMANDERS' REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SAFETY COUNCIL WILL BE EITHER THE COMMANDER OR EXECUTIVE OFFICER. THE SAFETY COUNCIL WILL CONVENE ON 15 SEP

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AND WILL UNDERTAKE AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS A REVIEW OF POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AND REQUIREMENTS TO FURTHER REDUCE UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES.

3. (C) SINCE I HAVE NOTICED THAT MOST SERIOUS INCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES OCCUR LATE A NIGHT AND USUALLY HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVITIES AT ENLISTED CLUBS AND MESSES AT BASE CAMPS; EFFECTIVE 11 SEP I HAVE IMPOSED STRICTER CONTROL MEASURES OVER THE OPERATIONS OF THESE CLUBS AND MESSES. ADDITIONAL BED CHECK BETWEEN HOURS OF 0001 AND 0600 AND TIGHTER OFFICER AND NCO CONTROL MEASURES TO CUT DOWN INCIDENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN INSTITUTED.
4. PRIOR TO RECEIPT OF REFERENCE MESSAGE, ACTION TO REDUCE INCIDENTS WAS TAKEN BY PUBLICATION ON 5 SEP OF A DIVISION WIDE COMMAND LETTER WHICH REQUIRED ALL UNITS TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES WITH A VIEW TOWARD REDUCING INCIDENTS. ON 31 AUG I PERSONALLY COVERED THE PROBLEM OF CASUALTIES AND INCIDENTS AT A DIVISION LEVEL COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE.
5. ON A DAILY BASIS ONE OF THE ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDERS TALKS TO EACH INCOMING REPLACEMENT CLASS AT THE AMERICAL COMBAT CENTER ON SAFETY. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS IS PLACED UPON HANDLING OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, VEHICULAR ACCIDENTS, AND INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT CONDUCT WITHIN

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THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY.

6. CONTENTS OF REFERENCE MESSAGE WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH ALL MAJOR
SUBORDINATE UNITS OF THIS DIVISION AND A PERSONAL AND CONTINUING
FOLLOWUP WILL BE CONDUCTED TO INSURE COMPLIANCE

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN, INFO
 LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM LT GEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS
 EYES ONLY

DEPLOYMENT OF 1/18 ARMD CAV SQDN (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 100228Z/SEP68 (S) SPECAT-MCEO

B. CG FMFPAC 100226Z/SEP68 (S)

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF ABRAMS 091123Z/SEP TO
 MCCAIN, INFO WHEELER, WESTMORELAND AND OTHERS
 WHICH HAS DIRECT BEARING ON REFS A AND B. PLEASE
 PROTECT OUR SOURCE.

QUOTE:

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF 1/18 ARMD CAV SQDN

1. WE HAVE BEEN EXPLORING ALL AVENUES BY WHICH ACTIVA-

TION, EQUIPPING AND MODERNIZING THE RVNAF CAN BE ACCEL-
 ERATED. IT HAS BECOME APPARENT THAT TO MAKE ANY HEAD-
 WAY AT ALL IN SOME AREAS, IMMEDIATE AND SOMEWHAT DRAS-

PAGE 2 RUHMFA 1410 **S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 TIC MEASURES MUST BE TAKEN. I WILL BE FORWARDING FOR
 YOUR CONSIDERATION IN THE NEAR FUTURE SEVERAL DIFFERENT
 POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION. AS A FIRST STEP, A CLOSE LOOK
 HAS BEEN TAKEN AT HOW THE 1/18 ARMD CAV SQDN CAN BEST
 SERVE CURRENT NEEDS. WE HAVE CONSIDERED AS AN ALTERNA-
 TIVE TO DEPLOYING THE ENTIRE SQUADRON, DEPLOYMENT ONLY
 OF THE EQUIPMENT FROM THE SQUADRON WHICH IS COMPATIBLE
 TO IMMEDIATE ARVN MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS. THIS ACTION
 WILL ALLEVIATE THE ACUTE ARVN SHORTAGE OF APC'S AND
 ASSOCIATED COMMUNICATIONS AND ANCILLARY EQUIPMENT
 AND SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANCE THE ACTIVATION AND COMBAT
 READINESS DATE OF SEVERAL ARMD CAV TROOPS. I HAVE
 CONCLUDED THIS ACTION WOULD PAY THE HIGHEST DIVIDENDS.
 2. CURRENT PLANS WERE TO DEPLOY THE 1/18 IN I CTZ. EM-
 PLOYMENT OF THE UNIT IN THAT AREA IS DESIRABLE, BUT
 WITH THE ONSET OF THE NE MONSOON AND THE RECENT IN-
 CREASE IN FORCES DEPLOYED TO I CTZ. IT IS NOT CRITICAL.
 THE 1/5 MECH PROVIDES A MARKED INCREASE IN MOBILITY AND
 FIRDMHTEZ OVER RLT 27 WHICH IT REPLACED. OUR SURVEIL-

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PAGE 3 RUHFMA 1410 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 LANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITY WILL IMPROVE AS CON-
 VERSION OF THE 101ST ABN DIV PROGRESSES. THE ACTIVATION
 OF THE DIVISION'S ORGANIC AIR CAV SQDNS WILL FURTHER EN-
 HANCE THIS CAPABILITY. ARVN AND RF/PF STRENGTH HAS RE-
 CENTLY BEEN INCREASED AND WILL CONTINUE AS NEW UNITS
 ARE ACTIVATED AND DEPLOYED THROUGHOUT THE I CTZ.

3. ONE ARVN ARMD CAV SQDN IS SCHEDULED TO BE ACTIVATED
 DURING EACH OF THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF FY 69 AS PART
 OF THE PHASE I FORCE STRUCTURE. APC AND ASSOCIATED
 EQUIPMENT SHORTAGES CURRENTLY EXIST IN ALL ARVN UNITS.
 THE 12TH ARMD CAV SQDN WAS ACTIVATED IN AUGUST AND
 CURRENTLY HAS THE HQ AND HQ TRP AND ONE CAV TRP IN
 TRAINING. THESE UNITS POSSESS ONLY ENOUGH EQUIPMENT ON
 WHICH TO CONDUCT INDIVIDUAL TRAINING. THIS WAS OBTAINED
 BY DIVERTING COMBAT LOSS REPLACEMENTS FROM OTHER
 UNITS. PERSONNEL ARE ON HAND FOR THE PLANNED ACTIVA-
 TION OF THE REMAINING TWO CAV TRPS OF THE SQUADRON
 THIS MONTH. AGAIN, COMBAT LOSS REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT
 MUST BE DIVERTED IN ORDER TO CONDUCT TRAINING. EARLY
 RECEIPT OF THE 1/18'S EQUIPMENT WILL ENABLE ARVN TO

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 CURTAIL DIVERSION OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR REPLACEMENT
 OF COMBAT LOSSES AND WILL PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO
 ACTIVATE FOUR INSTEAD OF THREE ARMD CAV SQDNS DURING
 FY 69. THUS THE TOTAL IN-COUNTRY UNITS WILL REMAIN AT
 THE SAME LEVEL AND ARVN WILL HAVE ASSUMED A GREATER
 SHARE OF THE COMBAT ROLE IN AN EARLIER TIME FRAME
 THAN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED. IN ADDITION, THE 1094 SPACES
 AUTHORIZED THIS UNIT CAN BE USED TO ACCOMMODATE IN THE
 MACV FORCE STRUCTURE OTHER URGENT REQUIREMENTS.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT, UNLESS THERE
 ARE OVER-RIDING FACTORS NOT APPARENT WITHIN THIS COMMAND
 THE PERSONNEL OF THE 1/18 ARMD CAV SQDN SHOULD NOT BE
 DEPLOYED TO SVN AND THAT MOST EQUIPMENT OF THIS UNIT
 (LESS THAT OF THE TANK SECTIONS, TANK TROOP AND HOWITZER
 BTRY) SHOULD BE SHIPPED TO SVN AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE
 DATE. BEFORE PROCEEDING WITH FORMAL ACTION, I WOULD BE
 GRATEFUL FOR ANY COMMENT DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY ACTION
 OR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES.
 UNQUOTE.

2. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE THE FULL BACKGROUND ON

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PAGE 5 RUHFMMA 1410 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCOE
 THIS MESSAGE, THERE APPEARS TO BE A CONNECTION BETWEEN
 IT AND OUR DESIRE TO RESTORE THE PACOM RESERVE.
 OBVIOUSLY, IF AN ARMY MANEUVER BATTALION SCHEDULED
 FOR DEPLOYMENT IS DEFERRED, IT BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT
 TO WITHDRAW A MARINE BLT, WHETHER OR NOT THE ADDITION
 OF AN ARVN ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON LEAVES THE IN-
 COUNTRY TOTAL AT THE SAME LEVEL IS A MOOT POINT. IF SO,
 THEN IT IS THE FIRST TIME TO MY KNOWLEDGE THAT ARVN
 COMBAT FORCES HAVE BEEN EQUATED WITH OURS. WARM
 REGARDS.

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	ADJ					
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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 FOR FMFPAC F-033
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
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(D) 0

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(3) 35

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(5) 0

(6) 0

K. (1) 0

(2) 0

(3) 14

(4) 31

L. (1) 0

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(2) 0

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(4) 0

(5) 0

(6) 0

(7) 2

M. (1) L(3) 6 DIV TO ROK

8 DIV TADC - ASRT DOWN

L(7) NO DROP, FUEL STATE

2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW

A. (1) (A) 88

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C. (1) (A) 103 (B) 47

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(3) 10

(4) 8

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(6) 0

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(3) 0

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(3) (A) 2 (B) 0

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K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 38 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES

I(1) 4 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN

4 USMC TO USMC, WX

2 USMC TO USMC, IGT PRI

2 USMC TO USMC, NEG COMM

(2) I(2) 2 USMC TO USMC, IGT PRI

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4 USA TO USMC, TGT PRI
 5 USMC TO USMC, WX
 4 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN
 6 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
 2 USA TO USA, NEG COMM
 2 USMC TO ARVN, ACFT MALFUNCTION
 2 ROKMC TO ROKMC, WX
 2 USMC TO ROKMC, NEG TGT

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 1 SORTIE SHOT DOWN
 4 SORTIES DIV TADC
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
 A. (1) (A) 97
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 (3) 50
 B. (1) 261
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 (3) 0
 C. (1) (A) 101 (B) 41
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 21
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FOR BGFN WEBSTER INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE
 RVN LIAISON VISIT (U)
 A. CG FMFPAC (FWD) 110510Z/SEP (C) NOTAL
 B. CG FMFPAC 110122Z/SEP (S)
 1. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE YOUR SCHEDULE CONTAINED REF A
 IN ORDER TO MEET ME IN RVN ON 22SEP IAW MY TENTATIVE
 SCHEDULE CONTAINED REF B.
 2. NO WAIVER REQUIRED FOR TWICE THRICE WOUNDED MARINES
 IN YAD STATUS. REGULATIONS PERTAIN ONLY TO REASSIGNMENT
 TO RVN FOR DUTY. WARM REGARDS.
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			IN	OUT		
3	CG					REMARKS EXCLUSIVE FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY <i>g/s get ref a for me. Q.</i> SIS COMMENT. 9113168 CIB HAS SIGHTED ATTACHED MSG. <i>Heldani</i> 44
4	DCG		9/11			
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DE RUEBHOA4414 2562006
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RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DNG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LGEN BUSE AND CUSHMAN
FROM GEN CHAPMAN
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
UPI NEWS STORY(1)

- A. CG III MAF 310930Z AUG 68
1. NO FURTHER ACTION ON SUBJECT STORY CONTEMPTED BY ME. REFERENCE (A) EXPLAINS THE MATTER SATISFACTORILY AND NO FURTHER REPERCUSSIONS HAVE BEEN REGISTERED HERE. UNDOUBTEDLY THE CORRECTIVE MEASURES OF THE CIB IN RELEASING MORE ACCURATE INFORMATION ON THE AFTERMATH OF THE BATTLE HELPED SOFTEN THE STORY'S IMPACT.
 2. CONTINUED CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE MEDIA WILL ASSIST IN GAINING A FAVORABLE REPORT ON THE MARINE CORPS EFFORTS IN COPING WITH THE CIVILIAN POPULATION WHILE PURSUING THE WAR.
 3. WE ARE ALL AWARE THAT OCCASIONAL STORIES OF THIS TYPE

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA4414 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LGEN BUSE AND CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
APPEAR. YOUR EFFORTS TO MINIMIZE BOTH THEIR OCCURRENCE AND IMPACT ARE APPARENT AND APPRECIATED. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

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3	CG					REMARKS S/S note 9/14/68 CIB HAS INFO. 122155H BSY MAJ Hawkins EXCLUSIVE FOR 9.
4	DCG		9/12			
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM
LTGEN BUSE DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

1. IN VIEW OF A UPI STORY RELEASED TODAY CONCERNING
THE BARRIER ALONG THE DMZ WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO MARINE
SOURCES THAT "IT HAD ALL BUT BEEN ABANDONED", IT IS
IMPERATIVE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE DOD DIRECTIVE
ON THIS SUBJECT BE ADHERED TO. THE DOD POSITION
RELATIVE TO THE BARRIER REMAINS IN EFFECT AND PERSON-
NEL WILL NOT DISCUSS DEFENSIVE WORKS AND OTHER SUCH
INFORMATION OF POTENTIAL VALUE TO THE ENEMY.

2. PLEASE ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY SOURCE IN THE EVENT
REPLY TO DOD BECOMES NECESSARY.

3. AM TRANSMITTING UP RELEASE VIA SEPARATE MSG.

WARM REGARDS

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	DCG AIR					
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	D C/S DM					
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 TO RUMLBPE/CG XXIV CORPS
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 RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV
 RUMLBAJ/CO 108TH ARTY GP

FOR

BT

S E C R E T 26859 XXIV CORPS FOR GEN STILLWELL

SUBJECT: LASL ACOUSTIC MORTAR LOCATOR (U)

1. (U) REFERENCE: FINAL EVALUATION REPORT OF FIREWATCH SYSTEM, DATED 28 AUGUST 1968, JOINTLY BY 108TH ARTY GP AND 3D MAR DIV.
2. (S) REFERENCE ALSO CONTAINED AN EVALUATION OF THE LOS ALAMOS SCIENTIFIC LABORATORY (LASL) ACOUSTIC ACQUISITION SYSTEM WHICH WAS TESTED AT CON THIEN DURING THE TIME THE FIREWATCH SYSTEM WAS BEING EVALUATED. THE LASL SYSTEM IS NOT PART OF THE FIREWATCH SYSTEM. FIREWATCH HAS ITS OWN ACOUSTIC SUB-SYSTEM.
3. (S) THE LASL SYSTEM TEST PERIOD WAS CONCLUDED ON 10 SEPT

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1968. ACCORDING TO THE REFERENCED REPORT, AND COMMENTS RECEIVED BY ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE TEST, THE SYSTEM HAS PROVED HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL.

4. (S) ONLY ONE LASL SOUND SYSTEM EXISTS IN COUNTRY. MACSA HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL REQUESTS FROM OTHER COMMANDS TO DEMONSTRATE AND TEST THE SYSTEM IN ENVIRONMENTS ELSEWHERE IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ACCORDINGLY, IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO RELOCATE THE SYSTEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. (S) IF YOU DESIRE TO RETAIN THE LASL ACOUSTIC SYSTEM CAPABILITY IN YOUR COMMAND, RECOMMEND THAT YOU INITIATE AN ENSURE REQUIREMENT FOR ONE OR MORE OF THESE SYSTEMS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

6. (C) REQUEST REPLY ADVISING THIS OFFICE OF YOUR INTENTIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH A REQUIREMENT AND THE DATE YOU CONSIDER TO BE THE EARLIEST YOU CAN RELEASE THE EQUIPMENT FOR FURTHER TESTING ELSEWHERE.

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3	CG					REMARKS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY EXCLUSIVE FOR
4	DCG		9/12			
5	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S		11/24/68			
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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FOR

TOP SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LT GEN CUSHMAN
 FROM LT GEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER
 DURING WAKING HOURS.

A. CG III MAF 100224Z SEPT 68

SUBJ: SINGLE MANAGEMENT

1. HAVE FURNISHED COPY OF BOB'S EXCELLENT MESSAGE TO ELWOOD WHO WILL ACCOMPANY MCCAIN ON FORTHCOMING TRIP, ARRIVING DANANG SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER.
2. I BELIEVE ABE WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY IN DISAPPROVING BOB'S RECO BUT REGARDLESS OF ABE'S REPLY I SUGGEST BOB INFORM MCCAIN OF FULL CONTENT OF THE REF DURING BRIEF AT III MAF.
3. ALTHOUGH I CONSIDERED FURNISHING COPY TO MCCAIN PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR WESTPAC, I HAVE DECIDED AGAINST IT SINCE I BELIEVE IMPACT WILL BE

PAGE 2 RUHFMNA1400 TOP SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 GREATER COMING FROM BOB ON THE SCENE AND WILL
 MAKE TIMELY IMPRESSION FOR MCCAIN'S DISCUSSIONS IN SAIGON.
 WARM REZDS.

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 BT

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3	CG				le	EXCLUSIVE FOR REMARKS EXCLUSIVE FOR CG - We were attempting to avoid G. Lewis going to Hawaii as this had already been "arranged" by him at the Oki conference. I'm sure J. Busch doesn't have the full background, but will comply. <i>J. Busch</i> #8
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EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM LT GEN BUSE
 CG III MAF USKAA-161 SAS (S)

- A. CG III MAF 090850Z (TS)
 B. JCS PUB-13 (S)

1. IN REF A YOU DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR MORE SPECIFIC GUIDANCE CONCERNING THE MISSIONS AND ROLES IN WHICH SAS WOULD BE EMPLOYED IF THERE IS IN FACT A REQUIREMENT FOR A III MAF SAS AT THIS TIME.
2. FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT THE JCS/CINCPAC GUIDANCE WHICH SPECIFICALLY FORBIDS THE EMPLACING OF SAS MATERIALS AND RELATED PUBS IN VIETNAM MAKE IT UNREALISTIC TO EXPECT YOU TO GRASP FULLY THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS MATTER. IN THIS RESPECT, THE BASIC REQUIREMENT FOR A III MAF SAS APPEARS IN CHAPTER FIVE, PAR ONE OF REF B WHICH STATES: QUOTE. THOSE COMMANDS

PAGE 2 RUHMFMA1540 TOP SECRET EXCLUSIVE FOR WHICH HAVE NUCLEAR CAPABLE UNITS ASSIGNED OR PROGRAMMED FOR ASSIGNMENT WILL ESTABLISH SEALED AUTHENTICATION SYSTEMS. UNQUOTE.

3. YOUR SAS, THE III MAF USKAA-161 SAS, HAS ALREADY BEEN DEVELOPED BY THIS HQ AND PRESENTLY IS IN BULK STORAGE AT COMFAIRWING ONE, NAF NAHA, OKINAWA. THE III MAF 161 SYSTEM IS ORGANIC AND WILL BE ACTIVATED ON YOUR ORDER AS CONTROLLING AUTHORITY. IT IS DESIGNED FOR AUTHENTICATING NUCLEAR CONTROL ORDERS BETWEEN HQ III MAF AND SUBORDINATE MAJOR COMMANDS. IT IS IN NO WAY DEPENDENT UPON THE ASSIGNED MISSIONS, ROLES, CONTINGENCIES, OR OPERATIONAL CHAINS OF COMMAND WHICH MIGHT BE UTILIZED FOR EMPLOYMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. IT HAS BEEN SPECIALLY DESIGNED TO BE USED INTERNALLY BY III MAF REGARDLESS OF THE OPERATIONAL CHAIN OR AREA OF OPERATIONS INVOLVED.
4. YOUR IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT AT THIS TIME, AS WAS STATED AT THE OKINAWA CONFERENCE, IS TO DEVELOP A III MAF SAS SOP FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SYSTEM DOWN TO THE DIV AND WING LEVEL.

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PAGE 3 RUHFMA1540 T O P S E C R E T . EXCLUSIVE FOR
5. SUGGEST THAT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE, WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE
SAS BACKGROUND AND PREFERABLY OF COL/LTCOL RANK VISIT
THIS HQ FOR THE PURPOSE OF DRAFTING A SAS SOP. STAFF
OFFICERS WITH SAS EXPERTISE AS WELL AS COMPLETE
REFERENCE FILES ARE AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE AS
REQUIRED.
WARM REGARDS.
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 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)
 FOR FMFPAC F-031

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED FROM 0001 THRU 2400H 9 SEPTEMBER 68.

B. (1) 142

(2) 29

(3) 2

(4) 0

C. (1) 110

(2) 62

(3) 54

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(4) 47

(5) 54

(6) 40

(7) 42

D. (1) 40

(2) 23

(3) 8

(4) 11

E. (1) 70

(2) 12

(3) 0

(4) 0

F. (1) 71

(2) 71

(3) 6

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G. (1) 31

(2) 200

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H. (1) 71
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 I. (1) 7
 (2) (A) 13
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 (3) 41
 (4) 6
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 K. (1) 2
 (2) 0
 (3) 4
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 L. (1) 1

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(2) 0
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 (4) 0
 (5) 0
 (6) 0
 (7) 4
 M. (1) K(3) 4 SORTIES DIVERTED ROKMC
 L(7) 4 SORTIES NEGATIVE DROP BECAUSE OF
 FRIENDLY ARTY FIRE.
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY FIRST MAW
 A. (1) (A) 90
 (B) 61
 (2) 200
 (3) 48
 B. (1) 186
 (2) 33
 EL P
 C. (1) (A) 101 (B) 450
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 21
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0

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G. QL E0

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H. (1) 12

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I. (1) 3

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J. (1) (A) 44 (B) 36

(2) (A) 43 (B) 4

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(6) (A) 0 (B) 0

(7) (A) 0 (B) 21

K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 38 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES

I(1) 2 USA TO USMC, TGT PRI

1 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN

I(2) 1 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI

3 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN

1 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT

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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF TWO
 1 USA TO USMC, NEG IGT
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROLLER
 1 USA TO USA, ASRT DOWN
 1 USA TO USA, IGT PRI
 1 USMC TO ARVN, IGT PRI
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2	C/S	I			[Signature]	
5	D C/S	I		9/11	[Signature]	
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FOR

FOR:LTG CUSHMAN FROM:LTG STILWELL
C O N F I D E N T I A L 05570 AVII-CS
SUBJ: UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES (U)
REFERENCE: III MAF 070600Z SEP 68

1. (C) I CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH YOUR DEEP CONCERN WITH SELF INFLICTED CASUALTY AMONG OUR TROOP UNITS AND THE ALL TOO FREQUENT UNTHINKING SLAUGHTER OF INNOCENT CIVILIANS. I ASSURE YOU THAT YOU HAVE MY FULL AND UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT IN MATERIALLY REDUCING -- AND HOPEFULLY ELIMINATING -- THE OCCURENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, I HAVE DIRECTED MY STAF TO RE-EXAMINE AND UPDATE ON A CONTINUING BASIS THE XXIV CORPS REGULATIONS AND DIRECTIVED PERTAINING TO PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS IN BOTH COMBAT AND NONCOMBAT SITUATIONS. I HAVE REDIRECTED MY SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS TO DEVOTE THEIR PERSONAL ATTENTION AND ENERGY TO THE RESOLUTION OF THIS UNACCEPTABLE DESTRUCTION OF OUR MOST VITAL COMBAT RESOURCE. I SHALL PERSONALLY CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES IN EFFECT AT ALL LEVELS OF COMMAND WITHIN

PAGE 2 RUMLEPA 1334 C O N F I D E N T I A L
THIS CORPS TO INSURE THAT THIS SENSELESS WASTE OF HUMAN LIFE IS ELIMINATED.

2. (C) I HAVE DIRECTED A CAREFUL AND CONTINUING PERSONAL REEXAMINATION AND REVISION, IF REQUIRED, OF THE INDIVIDUAL AND UNIT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS, FIRE CONTROL PROCEDURES AND SOPS PERTINENT TO THE SAFEGUARDING OF HUMAN LIVES PRESCRIBED BY THE DIVISION AND OTHER MAJOR UNIT COMMANDERS. THESE COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN AND ARE VITALLY CONCERNED WITH THE PREVENTABLE LOSS OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND WILL EXERCISE EVERY COMMAND AND SUPERVISION CAPABILITY TO ELIMINATE CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO SUCH ACCIDENTS AND INCIDENTS.

3. (C) I HAVE ESTABLISHED IN MY HEADQUARTERS AN AGENCY FOR THE COLLECTION, COMPILATION, ANALYSIS AND REPORTING OF REPORTING PREVENTABLE ACCIDENTS, BOTH COMBAT AND NONCOMBAT. I SHALL PERSONALLY, WITH VIGOR AND EXPEDIENCY, EXAMINE EACH SUCH REPORTED INCIDENT AND THE ACTION TAKEN BY THE COGNIZANT COMMANDER RELATIVE TO THE INCIDENT WITH A VIEW TOWARD IMPROVING COMMAND MEASURES DEEMED NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE SIMILAR TYPE OF INCIDENTS.

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3	CG					REMARKS We still are on p the hook from MAC for air force structure however. Looks like we will have to wait a little longer. The general order has just been received. MARINE CORPS EYE ONLY 90
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE,
 INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY, SECTION 1 OF 2
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

SUN PROGRAM SIX CEILING (U)

- A. CMC 172008Z/AUG68 (S)
- B. CMC 311540Z/AUG68 (S)
- C. CG FMFPAC 100226Z/SEP 68 (S)
- D. CG III MAF 290358Z/AUG68 (S) (PASEP)
- E. CG III MAF 070664Z/SEP68 (S) (SPECAT-MCEO) PASEP
- F. COMUSMACV 060247Z/SEP68 (C) (PASEP)
- G. COMUSMACV 070045Z/SEP68 (S) (PASEP)
- H. CG III MAF 121404Z/AUG68 (S) (PASEP)

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A,
 AND IN CONSIDERATION OF THE GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REF
 B, I HAVE FORWARDED, IN REF C, RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REALIGNMENT

PAGE 2 RHMNA 1223 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 OF THE III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE TO ADHERE TO THE
 77,845 SPACES AUTHORIZED BY PROGRAM SIX. THIS WAS
 ACCOMPLISHED VIA GENERAL SERVICE MEANS TO FACILITATE
 STAFF ACTION. HOWEVER, IN RECOGNITION OF THE IMPOR-
 TANCE OF THIS MATTER I ALSO WANT TO PRESENT YOU WITH
 ADDITIONAL VIEWS ON THE SUBJECT.

2. IN CONSIDERATION OF BOB CUSHMAN'S DESIRES, AS
 REFLECTED IN REFS D AND E, AND THOSE OF MACV, AS CON-
 TAINED IN PAR 1.D.(2) OF REF F, I URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT
 BE MADE TO RECLAIM, EITHER ENTIRELY OR ON A SELECTIVE
 BASIS, THE NECESSITY FOR REDUCTION IN THE CURRENT III MAF
 FORCE LEVEL. ONE OF THE ROOT PROBLEMS IN THIS MATTER
 IS THE FACT THAT THE AUTHORIZATIONS OF PROGRAM SIX ARE
 BASED PRIMARILY ON REGULAR MARINE CORPS TABLES OF
 ORGANIZATION, WHICH ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THE CONDUCT
 OF SUSTAINED LAND WARFARE OPERATIONS EXPERIENCED BY III
 MAF IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THIS FACT COULD BE DEVELOPED
 INTO A STRONG ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF OB-
 TAINING THE ADDITIONAL SPACES REQUIRED.

3. IN MAKING MY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF C,

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PAGE 3 RUNHFMA 1223 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 OVER BOB CUSHMAN'S OBJECTIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE DELE-
 TION OF A BLT, I ENDEAVORED TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE
 STRONGEST POSSIBLE POSITION FOR YOUR RECLAMA AT THE
 WASHINGTON LEVEL. IF YOU CONSIDER THAT THE CLIMATE
 IS SUCH THAT OUR RECLAMA EFFORT WILL COME TO NO AVAIL,
 OR THAT IT IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO HAVE A REASONABLE
 CHANCE OF SUCCESS, THEN I GENERALLY SUPPORT THE III
 MAF POSITION, WITH VARIATIONS AS TO TANK BNS, ASRT, MATCU,
 FLC AND VF/VA SQDNS, AND WOULD DESIRE TO ADJUST MY
 RECOMMENDATIONS ACCORDINGLY.

I MUST REEMPHASIZE THAT BOB CUSHMAN STRONGLY NON-CONCURS
 WITH THE PROPOSAL TO DELETE A NINTH MAB BLT FROM HIS
 FORCE STRUCTURE, BASED UPON TWO
 FACTORS.

FIRST, HE FEELS THAT HE REQUIRES THE NUMBER OF BNS CURRENTLY
 PROGRAMMED TO MEET THE ENEMY THREAT IN I CTZ AND CARRY
 OUT HIS ASSIGNED MISSIONS. SECOND, HE FEELS THAT MACV
 WILL STRONGLY NON-CONCUR IN THE DELETION OF A MANEUVER
 BN, AND WOULD OFFER UP THE COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM AS
 A SPACE TRADE-OFF. IN THIS CONNECTION, MACV'S POSI-

PAGE 4 RUNHFMA 1223 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 TION CONCERNING HIS ROLE IN STRUCTURING AND TAILORING
 THE TOTAL STRUCTURE, IS CLEARLY SET FORTH IN REF G.
 I FULLY AGREE WITH BOB CUSHMAN'S ESTIMATE OF MACV'S
 REACTION TO DELETION OF A BLT, AND WITH HIS RELUCTANCE
 TO LOSE A USMC BN IN-COUNTRY, BUT CONSIDER, AS YOU DO,
 THAT THIS DECISION IS A SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY. MACV SHOULD BE
 SO INFORMED BY JCS. IN ADDITION, THE BLT WILL BE IN
 AN EXCELLENT POSITION ON OKI TO RESPOND IN A SHORT
 PERIOD OF TIME TO IN-COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS, AS WELL AS
 FACILITATING TIMELY PACOM CONTINGENCY RESPONSE ELSE-
 WHERE.

4. FOR EASE OF COMPARISON, FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF
 III MAF AND FMFPAC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN
 THE III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE, WHICH HIGHLIGHT MAJOR
 AREAS:

NOTE: 1/ UNIT	III MAF INITIAL PROPOSAL	III MAF ALTERNATE PROPOSAL	FMFPAC PROPOSAL
BLT	0	(NOTE 2/ 1729	1729

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TK BN	674	210	152 3/
TK BN	212	0	152 3/
COMM BN	158	158	158 4/
AMTRAC BN	690	690	690
AMTRAC BN	390	0	0
HQ BTRY FAG	143	143	143
ARMD AMPHIB CO	143	143	143
FOR RECON CO	154	154	154
FOR RECON CO	154	154	154
BANDS	218	182	145 5/
VMA	297	297	297
ASRT	23	0	0
MMSG (WERS)	250	0	0
MATCU	68	0	0
FLC	840	753	609

NOTES: 1/--FIGURES SHOWN REFLECT THE SPACES CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF FLC WHERE FIGURES REPRESENT A DECREASE FROM CURRENT MANNING LEVEL AUTHORIZATIONS.

2/--III MAF ALTERNATE PROPOSAL COLUMN REFLECTS

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 1223 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
DESIRED USE OF SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE EVENT WITHDRAWAL OF A BLT IS RECOMMENDED OVER III MAF OBJECTION.

3/--FMFPAC RECOMMENDATION WILL PROVIDE 2 TANK BNS (MINUS 1 TANK CO EACH, AND MINUS 42 EACH IN HEADQUARTERS AND AUGMENTATION PERSONNEL). RETAINING 2 TANK BNS WILL PROVIDE REQUISITE COMMAND SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED ACTION AND WILL PRECLUDE MACV OBJECTION BASED UPON CONSIDERATION OF TANK BNS AS MANEUVER BNS.

4/--THE COMMAND ELEMENT OF THE BATTALION AND CERTAIN RADIO OPERATORS SPACES WOULD BE DELETED ALONG WITH THE FLAG, WITH THE REMAINDER AUGMENTING THE REMAINING COMM BN FMF.

5/--FMFPAC PROPOSAL INCLUDES RETENTION OF 73 SPACES FOR ONE CONSOLIDATED III MAF BAND.

5. AS CLEARLY INDICATED BY REFS F AND G, MACV HAS PLACED THE BALL IN OUR COURT BY ANNOUNCING TO ONE AND
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO FINAL SECTION OF 2
 ALL THAT HE REALLY CANNOT FULLY ASSESS THE OVERALL
 MACV SPACE SITUATION UNTIL THE MAGNITUDE OF III MAF'S
 SPACE PROBLEM IS IDENTIFIED AND THE FMFPAC POSITION
 KNOWN. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT AS RECENTLY AS
 12 AUG 68, BY REF H, III MAF IDENTIFIED THE REQUIRE-
 MENT FOR 8,176 ADDITIONAL MARINE SPACES. THAT SHOULD
 HAVE GIVEN MACV SOME INDICATION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF
 THE PROBLEM. NEVERTHELESS, BOB
 CUSHMAN SHOULD RECEIVE EARLY GUIDANCE TO FACILITATE HIS
 RESPONSE TO MACV. YOUR DECISION/GUIDANCE IS RE-
 QUESTED SOONEST. IF DESIRED, I WILL MAKE AVAILABLE
 MY STAFF ACTION OFFICERS ON THIS PROJECT TO ASSIST
 IN THE HQMC ANALYSIS ON MY RECOMMENDATIONS.
 S. AS A SEPARATE BUT RELATED SUBJECT, I OFFER FOR

PAGE 2 RUMHMA 1224 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 CONSIDERATION, IN RELATION TO THE RECLAMA OF SPACE
 CEILINGS, THE POSSIBILITY OF SELLING THE IDEA THAT
 SLF BNS ENTER THE TERRITORY OF SVN FOR PURPOSE OF
 TEMPORARILY SUPPORTING COMBAT FORCES. THEY ARE AS-
 SIGNED AN AOA, OPERATE WITHIN THIS AREA AND ARE WITH-
 DRAWN WITHIN A SPECIFIED TIME. THIS IS NOT UNLIKE
 THE SUPPORT RENDERED BY B-52'S, WHOSE CREWS ARE NOT
 COUNTED AGAINST PROGRAM SIX CEILING IN-COUNTRY, OR
 CERTAIN NAVAL VESSELS WHOSE SUPPORT IS USED WHEN THEY
 ENTER THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF SVN. IT IS TRUE THAT
 IF THIS CONCEPT IS BOUGHT, WE WILL BE OBLIGED TO AD-
 HERE MORE CLOSELY TO A TRUE AMPHIBIOUS TYPE OPERATION.
 USING THE SAME LOGIC AS IN THE CASES OF B-52'S AND
 CERTAIN NAVY SHIPS, THIS WOULD SERVE TO ELIMINATE SLF
 SPACES AS BEING CHARGED AGAINST THE IN-COUNTRY SVN
 CEILING. WARMEST REGARDS.

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FOR

UNCLAS E F T O FOR MGEN DAVIS, INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN,
 FROM LTGEN BUSE

TRANSFER OF LTCOL T. OWENS

I. AS I INDICATED TO THE ASSEMBLED GENERALS DURING MY
 FIRST VISIT, I CONSIDER THAT BOB CUSHMAN NEEDS EXPERI-
 ENCED OFFICERS FROM COMBAT UNITS ON THE III MAF STAFF.
 I AM SYMPATHETIC TO OWENS' DESIRE FOR A WELL-ROUNDED
 TOUR; HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONCURRENCE
 YOUR PERSONAL FROM BOB, OWENS' TRANSFER TO HQ III MAF IS
 REAFFIRMED AS DIRECTED.

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 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR FMFPAC F-031
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED FROM 001 THRU 2400M 8 SEPTEMBER 1978.

B. (1) 172

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C. (1) 97

(2) 75

(3) 54

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(6) 48

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D. (1) 46

(2) 24

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F. (1) 68

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G. (1) 11

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 2. DATA PROVIDED BY FIRST MAW.
 A. (1) (A) 94
 (B) 69
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 (3) 41
 B. (1) 215
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 J. (1) (A) 49 (B) 32
 (2) (A) 42 (B) 8
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 (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (7) (A) 0 (B) 29
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 36 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 I(1) 2 USMC TO USMV, TGT PRI, 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT WX
 2 USA TO USA, TGT PRI
 I(2) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT WX
 4 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
 1 USMC TO USMC, TGT WX
 2 USA TO USA, TGT WX. 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
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 2 USA TO USA, ACFT MALFUNCTION
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WE ARE AWARE THAT YOUR HEADQUARTERS IS STUDYING POTENTIAL REALIGNMENT OF III MAF'S FORCE STRUCTURE. AS YOU KNOW, WE ATTEMPT TO KEEP CURRENT ON THE MILITARY SPACE/STRENGTH CEILING SITUATION IN EACH COMPONENT AND WE URGENTLY NEED THE RESULTS OF YOUR STUDY AND PROPOSED PLANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE ME WHEN THIS INFORMATION CAN BE EXPECTED.

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TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM RGEN OLSON
SUBJ: UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES (U)
A. CG III MAF 070600Z SEP 68
B. CG III MAF 050344Z SEP 68

1. IN RESPONSE TO THE MANDATE CONTAINED IN REF A, IT IS REPORTED THAT THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN OR ARE PLANNED:

A. A PERSONAL MESSAGE WAS DIRECTED TO ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDS WITH RESPECT TO THE SPECIFIC PROBLEM OF INDISCRIMINATE OR CARELESS USE OF FIREPOWER IN CONNECTION WITH SALVAGE AND DUMP OPERATIONS. THIS WAS BASED ON REF B AND IN SIMILAR TENOR.

B. A SPECIAL COMMANDER'S MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS WITH THE EXPRESS PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE SUBJECT MATTER OF REF A IN DEPTH. INCIDENT TO THIS CONFERENCE WILL BE A DIRECTIVE REQUIRING

PAGE TWO RUMLMPA0758 C O N F I D E N T I A L
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVE PROGRAMS IN CONSONANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF REF A.

C. IN CONSEQUENCE OF MY PERSONAL CONVICTION THAT EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES RESTS IN LARGE MEASURE WITH NCO'S, THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN STRESSED IN THE FLC NCO SCHOOL, INCLUDING PARTICULAR EMPHASIS AT THE WEEKLY GRADUATION, WHICH I PERSONALLY ADDRESS. ADDED EMPHASIS WILL BE GIVEN THIS SUBJECT IN THE SYLLABUS. VERY RESPECTFULLY, CHAN.

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T O P S E C R E T PHB 1342 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: SPECIAL OPERATIONS (U)

1. (S) WITHIN THE PAST 30 DAYS THREE UNUSUAL INCIDENTS, WHICH ARE CAUSE FOR GREAT CONCERN, HAVE OCCURRED IN THE CORPS AO. INQUIRY REVEALS THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED ORGANIZATION CONDUCTED CLANDESTINE OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF WUNDER BEACH ON THE NIGHTS OF 12-13 AUG, 15-16 AUG, AND 29 AUG -- ALL WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE. FURTHER, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THIS UNKNOWN ORGANIZATION USES THE HUEY SZAIRES HELICOPTERS FOR ITS OPERATIONS. TO DATE, MEMBERS OF MY STAFF HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN IDENTIFYING THE RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION OR IN OBTAINING ASSURANCE OF PRIOR NOTIFICATION AND COORDINATION OF FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THIS NATURE.

2. (S) COVERT OPERATIONS IN THE AO OF A TACTICAL UNIT WITHOUT A CONTROLLING REIN INTRODUCES AN ADDED AND NEEDLESS ELEMENT OF DANGER. IN EACH OF THE FOREGOING INCIDENTS, WE ALERTED MEN AND AIRCRAFT TO MOVE TO THE SCENE AND ESTABLISH WHETHER THE FORCE WAS FRIENDLY OR ENEMY. ON 29 AUG ELEMENTS OF THE UNKNOWN FORCE FAILED TO RESPOND TO AN AIRBORNE CHALLENGE AND COMMITTED A HOSTILE ACT BY TURNING OFF THE HELICOPTER REVOLVING LIGHT AND HEADING TO SEA. NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE THERE WASN'T BLOOD SHED.

3. (C) MOST CERTAINLY THERE IS A NEED FOR SECRECY, BUT NOT TO THE DEGREE THAT IT ENDANGERS LIVES AND FORECLOSES SUPPORT. FOR REASONS EVIDENT, I NEED ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF COVERT OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE XXIV CORPS AO, TO INCLUDE THE IDENTITY OF THE CONDUCTING HEADQUARTERS, SO THAT REQUISITE COORDINATION MAY BE EFFECTED. IF THIS NOTIFICATION IS NOT PROVIDED, SUCH OPERATIONS PROCEED AT GREAT RISK.

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learned practice, I keep

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HEADQUARTERS
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T O P S E C R E T MAC 12133 EYES ONLY

SUB: ARC LIGHT SECURITY (U)

1. INFORMATION HERE INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY MAY HAVE HAD FOREKNOWLEDGE OF THE TIME AND LOCATION OF AN ARC LIGHT STRIKE.
2. ALL PROCEDURES AT THIS HEADQUARTERS ARE BEING SCRUTINIZED TO ENSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE SECURITY MEASURES ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.
3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU CONDUCT A REVIEW OF YOUR PROCEDURES AND SECURITY MEASURES RELEVANT TO THE ARC LIGHT PROGRAM. THIS MUST INCLUDE A REVIEW OF PERSONNEL WHO HAVE ACCESS TO THE PERTINENT INFORMATION WHICH IS STRICTLY BASED ON THOSE WITH A QUOTE NEED-TO-KNOW UNQUOTE.
4. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO ME IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT ARC LIGHT INFORMATION MAY BE COMPROMISED BY TRAFFIC IN THE CLEAR BY TACTICAL UNITS CONCERNED IN GROUND FOLLOW-UP OR POST STRIKE RECONNAISSANCE.
5. WE MUST ENSURE THAT THE SUCCESS OF THIS WEAPONS SYSTEM IS NOT JEOPARDIZED BY CARELESS AND THOUGHTLESS HANDLING OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION. NOT ONLY WOULD SUCH PRACTICES WASTE VALUABLE RESOURCES, BUT THEY ALSO COULD ENDANGER THE LIVES OF THE AIRCRAFT CREWS.

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RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

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S E C R E T MAC 12145 EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 I HAVE FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO GENERAL WHEELER, CJCS.
 QUOTE

THIS IS MY ASSESSMENT OF THE ENEMY'S POSTURE SINCE HE
 INCREASED THE TEMPO OF HIS OPERATIONS ON 18 AUG.
 EVIDENCE OF HIS PLANS VARIES FROM REGION TO REGION. IN THE DMZ
 HIS FORCES HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH A SUBSIDIARY ROLE--TO INFLICT
 MAXIMUM CASUALTIES ON ALLIED FORCES AND HOLD THEM IN THE
 DMZ, ATTACK OUR LOC AND REAR SERVICE FACILITIES, AND ASSIST IN
 ESTABLISHING THE ENEMY'S SHADOW GOVERNMENT.

IN MR-TR-THIEN-HUE, WE KNOW OF THE ENEMY'S DESIRE TO CONDUCT
 OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY, BUT HE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO. IN NORTHERN
 MR-5 WE HAVE SEEN A LONG TERM ENEMY BUILD-UP WITH DANANG THE
 MAJOR PRIZE. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS DESCRIBE THE FRAMEWORK OF
 HIS PLANS. SEVERAL REFER TO PHASES, AND SPECIFY PERIOD FROM
 MID-AUGUST THROUGH SEPTEMBER. ONE REFERS TO A FOUR-MONTH
 PHASE. IN GENERAL, HIS PLANS FOR NORTHERN MR-5 WERE TO
 ATTACK DISTRICT CAPITALS, MILITARY INSTALLATIONS AND U.S. FORCES
 IN REPETITIVE WAVES, TO SPREAD OUR FORCES, CONFUSE US AS TO HIS
 OBJECT, AND BREAK DOWN OUR DANANG DEFENSES. THEN HE WOULD
 ATTACK THAT CITY IN FORCE.

IN THE B-3 FRONT, THE ENEMY SAW A CHANCE FOR A CHEAP
 VICTORY. HE WOULD QUIETLY MOVE THE 1ST NVA DIVISION TO
 DARLAC PROVINCE FOR A STRIKE AT LIGHTLY DEFENDED BAN ME THOUT,
 WHICH WAS TO FALL AS THE OPENING ROUND OF THIS THIRD OFFENSIVE.
 IN THE DELTA, WE KNOW THE ENEMY PLANNED ATTACKS FOR THE FIRST
 TEN DAYS OF HIS THIRD GENERAL OFFENSIVE. THESE PLANS INCLUDED
 MULTI-BATTALION ASSAULTS ON CAI LAY CITY AND CAN THO.

IN III CTZ WE HAVE DIRECT EVIDENCE OF ENEMY INTENTIONS FROM ALL
 LEVELS AND THIS PROBABLY REFLECTS HIS BROAD INTENTIONS FOR THE COUNTRY-
 WIDE EFFORT. THE ENEMY INTENDED TO CONDUCT JULY ATTACKS IN TAY NINH
 PROVINCE WITH A LESSER EFFORT AGAINST SAIGON, PROBABLY TO PRECEDE THE
 MAIN THRUST OF THE THIRD OFFENSIVE. MANY DOCUMENTS DATED IN JULY CONTAIN

SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE "THIRD GENERAL OFFENSIVE," INDICATING MID-
 AUGUST AS THE TIME. BROAD ENEMY INTENTIONS ARE REVEALED BY A 10 JUN
 68 COSVN DIRECTIVE OUTLINING "BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF THE CONTINUAL
 SUMMER OFFENSIVE AND UPRISING." HIS CADRE WERE TO PREPARE FOR A
 "GREATER OFFENSIVE," AND "IN THE SAIGON AREA CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THAT

THE MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT IS TO MAKE PREPARATIONS, AND BRING THE WAR AND UPRISING INTO THE VERY CENTER OF THE CITY." IN OUTLYING AREAS, STATED ENEMY MISSIONS HAVE BEEN TO CUT LOC LEADING TO CITIES, ATTACK ALLIED SWEEP AND COUNTERATTACK FORCES, EXPAND THE "SPRINGBOARD" TO SAIGON, AND POLITICALLY CONSOLIDATE THE RURAL AREAS.

A LATER DOCUMENT SPECIFIED THE USE OF THIS 10 JUNE COSVN DIRECTIVE AS WELL AS THE EARLIER 6TH COSVN RESOLUTION IN JULY REORIENTATION COURSES. ~~THUS THE ENEMY'S BROAD STRATEGY HAD NOT CHANGED.~~ HE STILL HOPED TO INDUCE A POPULAR UPRISING, AND STILL BELIEVED SAIGON TO BE OF KEY IMPORTANCE. HOWEVER, THE 10 JUNE DOCUMENT SHOWS NEW STRESS ON THE OUTLYING AREAS.

A 5 AUG 68 HQ, SVNLA DOCUMENT STATES THAT THE ALLIES HAVE BEEN FORCED TO CHANGE THEIR STRATEGY BY RESORTING TO A "STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE" COUPLED WITH VIOLENT COUNTERATTACKS TO AVERT A FORTHCOMING VC/NVA OFFENSIVE. HAVING ASSESSED OUR STRATEGY AS A DEFENSIVE ONE ORIENTED ON SAIGON, THE ENEMY PROBABLY BELIEVES WE ARE VULNERABLE IN THE OUTLYING

AREAS. OTHER DOCUMENTS, INCLUDING SEVERAL DATED IN EARLY AUGUST, SHOW MUCH EMPHASIS ON THE OUTLYING REGIONS. THE 9TH VC DIVISION IS TO "LIBERATE THE RURAL AREA." SAIGON OUTSKIRTS ARE DESCRIBED AS CRITICAL; HERE UNITS ARE TO CARRY OUT "CONSTANT OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES,... INCITE THE POPULATION TO STAGE MASS UPRISINGS." ADDITIONALLY, SUB-REGIONS SURROUNDING SAIGON ARE TO LAUNCH PROBES AGAINST THE CAPITAL WITH SOME OF THEIR UNITS.

THE EVIDENCE IN ITS ENTIRETY INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY PROBABLY DID NOT INTEND A MAJOR DRIVE AGAINST SAIGON TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY ON THE HEELS OF HIS PRELIMINARY ATTACKS IN THE OUTLYING PROVINCES. HE HAS SEEN OPPORTUNITIES FOR SIGNIFICANT GAINS IN THE OUTLYING REGIONS. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO SECURE A SOLID FOOTHOLD IN THE SAIGON OUTSKIRTS AND ADJACENT AREAS BEFORE COMMITTING MAJOR FORCES TO ATTEMPT PENETRATION OF THE CITY.

CONSIDERING THE ENEMY'S PLANS COUNTRYWIDE, HIS OFFENSIVE WAS TO HAVE THESE CHARACTERISTICS: FIRST, HE ENVISIONED AN OFFENSIVE OF LONGER DURATION THAN HIS TET AND MAY ATTACKS. HE PLANNED TO SEIZE THE INITIATIVE AND EXPLOIT IT THROUGH FOLLOW-UP OPERATIONS, CAPITALIZING ON WEAKNESSES OFFERED BY ALLIED REACTIONS. SECOND, HE WAS TO OPEN WITH DIVERSIONARY ATTACKS IN AREAS OF SECONDARY IMPORTANCE. THIRD, HE THOUGHT HE COULD QUICKLY SUCCEED AT DANANG, AND WAS READY TO PROMPTLY EXPLOIT HIS OPENING, HAD THE ATTACK BEEN SUCCESSFUL. FOURTH, HE WOULD RETAIN FLEXIBILITY, PRESERVING THE CAPABILITIES OF HIS MAJOR FORCES IN KEY OBJECTIVE AREAS FOR COMMITMENT AT THE DECISIVE TIME AND PLACE. HE WOULD THREATEN IMPORTANT OUTLYING AREAS SUCH AS TAY NINH, HOPING THAT OUR REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD EXPOSE MORE VITAL OBJECTIVES. IF SO, HE WOULD MOVE TO EXPLOIT THE GAPS. IF NOT, HE WOULD EXPLOIT HIS RELATIVE STRENGTH IN THE OUTLYING REGIONS-- TO GAIN MILITARY VICTORIES, EXPAND HIS CONTROL OF POPULATION, AND LAY THE GROUND-WORK FOR SUBSEQUENT THRUSTS AGAINST KEY URBAN AREAS IN A LATER PHASE OF HIS OFFENSIVE.

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THE ENEMY'S OFFENSIVE HAS NOT UNFOLDED AS HE INTENDED. THE GRADUAL ACCELERATION OF MOMENTUM HE HOPED FOR WAS CHECKED AT THE OUTSET. IN THE DMZ, HE HAS BEEN PRE-EMPTED AND HIS PLANNED ATTACKS HAVE NOT YET MATERIALIZED. IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS HIS ORIGINAL PLANS WERE THWARTED WHEN WE REINFORCED BAN ME THUOT. A DIVERSIONARY EFFORT AT DUC LAP FAILED WITH HEAVY CASUALTIES, AND FOR THE PRESENT HIS FORCES IN THE WESTERN HIGHLANDS ARE INCAPABLE OF FURTHER MAJOR ACTION. IN THE DELTA HIS PLANNED ASSAULTS ON CAI LAY CITY AND CAN THO WERE CANCELLED AS A RESULT OF ARVN PRE-EMPTIVE OPERATIONS, STRONG DEFENSES, AND CAPTURE OF ENEMY PLANS. HIS LONG-TERM BUILD-UP IN NORTHERN MR-5 HAS BEEN DEALT A CRIPPLING BLOW, WITH HIS PRELIMINARY ATTACKS RESULTING IN OVER 1200 KIA IN THE DAMANG AREA ALONE. ENEMY UNITS THAT ARE STILL INTACT IN NORTHERN MR-5 ARE VULNERABLE TO OUR OPERATIONS. HIS INITIAL DIVERSIONARY EFFORTS IN III CTZ HAVE FAILED TO ACHIEVE THEIR HOPED FOR RESULTS, AND SAIGON IS NOT YET WITHIN HIS GRASP.

THE DIMENSIONS OF HIS PROBLEM ARE EVIDENT FROM HIS LOSSES. AFTER NEARLY THREE WEEKS OF RENEWED FIGHTING, HE HAS SUSTAINED OVER 12,000 KIA BY BODY COUNT ALONE. THIS EQUATES TO 76 PER CENT OF HIS KIA OVER A SIMILAR PERIOD DURING THE 5 MAY OFFENSIVE. HE HAS NO GAIN TO SHOW FOR THIS RAPID DEPLETION OF A VITAL RESOURCE, AND THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES CAUSED BY OUR B-52 STRIKES. THUS WE SEE HIS CONCERN TO HOLD DOWN CASUALTIES. HE IS DIRECTING HIS COMMANDERS TO CONSERVE THEIR FORCES, TO AVOID DISCLOSING POSITIONS, AND TO AVOID LARGE ENGAGEMENTS OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY ORDERED. THIS IS EVIDENCE OF HIS NEED TO PRESERVE HIS STRENGTH IN ORDER TO RETAIN A CAPABILITY FOR WHAT HE HOPES WILL BE A FORTHCOMING SUCCESSFUL EFFORT.

LOOKING AHEAD, THE ENEMY HAS THREE OPTIONS. HE CAN INCREASE THE TEMPO, ATTEMPTING MAJOR ATTACKS SOON IN AREAS WHERE HE STILL HAS THE CAPABILITY, PRIMARILY III CTZ, NORTHERN MR-5, AND THE DMZ. HE IS NOW VULNERABLE TO FRIENDLY OPERATIONS, ESPECIALLY IN MR-5, AND THIS MAY PROMPT HIM TO ATTACK WHILE HE STILL HAS THE WHEREWITHAL, AND A MEASURE OF INITIATIVE. ALTERNATIVELY, HE CAN CURTAIL HIS OFFENSIVE; PULL BACK TO REDUCE HIS EXPOSURE, AND CONSERVE HIS FORCES FOR SOME LATER EFFORT. FINALLY, HE CAN STRETCH OUT HIS OFFENSIVE, LAUNCHING NEW SEQUENTIAL ATTACKS, SEEKING TO KNOCK US OFF BALANCE AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WE CAN EXPLOIT.

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WE HAVE EVIDENCE THAT THE ENEMY IS NOW IN A PERIOD OF REASSESSMENT, WHICH HE MAY HAVE NOT YET COMPLETED. THE ENEMY'S ACTIONS, HOWEVER, DO NOT YET SHOW ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS FROM WHAT HE PLANNED, EXCEPT THOSE FORCED BY OUR OWN OPERATIONS. HE HAS NOT RECENTLY CHANGED HIS DEPLOYMENTS, AND IS CONSERVING HIS STRENGTH.

OUR EVIDENCE OF RECENT ENEMY DECISIONS IS STILL INCOMPLETE, BUT WHAT WE HAVE SUGGESTS A STRETCHED-OUT AND PHASED OFFENSIVE. TWO RECENT REPORTS FROM RELIABLE PENETRANT AGENTS IN III CTZ POINT TOWARD AN UPCOMING "INTERMEDIARY" PHASE WITH CONTINUED ATTACKS IN OUTLYING AREAS -- A PRELIMINARY INDICATION OF HIS COURSE OF ACTION.

IN SUMMARY, WE SEE THAT THE ENEMY'S OFFENSIVE HAS FOUNDERED FROM THE OUTSET. HIS INITIAL DIVERSIONARY EFFORTS FAILED, AND IN THE DELTA AND WESTERN HIGHLANDS HE EXPENDED MUCH OF HIS CAPABILITY IN THESE INITIAL, COSTLY EFFORTS. IN NORTHERN MR-5 HIS HEAVY LOSSES REDUCED HIS CAPABILITIES. HIS SUPPORTING EFFORT IN THE DMZ AREA HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY THWARTED. IN III CORPS HE HAS BEEN HURT, BUT LESS SO THAN IN OTHER AREAS, AND HERE HE RETAINS MOST OF HIS CAPABILITY FOR NEW ATTACKS. HE PROBABLY VIEWS III CTZ AS HIS BEST REMAINING OPPORTUNITY FOR A SIGNIFICANT SUCCESS.

SAIGON REMAINS HIS PRIMARY ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE. HE KNOWS HE CANNOT AT THIS TIME COMMIT MAJOR FORCES DIRECTLY AGAINST THE CAPITAL, YET HE SEEMS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE SOME TANGIBLE SUCCESS FOR HIS EXPENDITURES. HE WILL PROBABLY PROCEED WITH CAUTION, DIRECTING HIS NEXT MAJOR ATTACKS AGAINST LESSER BUT MORE ATTAINABLE OBJECTIVES IN OUTLYING AREAS. SMALL SCALE CYCLIC PROBES AGAINST THE CAPITAL BY SUB-REGION FORCES ARE PROBABLE DURING THIS PERIOD. HE WILL ATTEMPT TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A FUTURE THRUST AGAINST SAIGON.
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 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

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-PERSONAL FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN TO LTJEN CUSHMAN-
INFO LTJEN BUSE

ASSIGNMENT OF LTCOL B.D. BRIDGES

1. THIS AMPLIFIES TELECON BETWEEN GENERALS ANDERSON AND HAYNES CONCERNING A REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF ORDERS MADE BY LTCOL BRIDGES DURING CMC'S VISIT TO WESTPAC IN AUGUST.

2. THE FOOD SERVICES PICTURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THERE ARE FOUR LTCOL BILLETS -- ONE EACH WPGF, HQMC, MCDEC AND MCB CAMP PENDLETON.

B. THERE ARE THREE LTCOLS ON BOARD -- LTCOL ROBERTS AT QUANTICO WHO RETIRES 1SEP 68; LTCOL DAY WHO IS ENROUTE TO WPGF; AND LTCOL BRIDGES.

C. LTCOL BILLETS ARE FILLED AS FOLLOWS: WPGF -- LTCOL DAY; HQMC - MAJ LORRAINE WHO PLANS TO RETIRE NEXT

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SUMMER AND WILL REMAIN; MCDEC -- WHEN LTCOL ROBERTS RETIRES, A CAPT WILL BE LEFT UNTIL LTCOL BRIDGES ARRIVES. MCB CAMP PENDLETON -- MAJ HARRIS IN ZONE TO LTCOL WILL REMAIN. (HE IS AN LDO WHO MUST RETIRE INOV69. HE ALSO HAS A DEPENDENT IN HIGH SCHOOL LOCALLY).

D. GROSS NUMBERS IN MCDEC AND MCB CAMP PENDLETON ARE: MCDEC -- FOUR REQUIRED. FIVE ON BOARD NOW WITH TWO, INCLUDING LTCOL ROBERTS, LEAVING. WILL HAVE FOUR WHICH INCLUDES LTCOL BRIDGES WHEN HE ARRIVES. MCB CAMP PENDLETON FOUR REQUIRED; SIX ON BOARD.

3. IN SUM, MCB CAMP PENDLETON IS WELL COVERED WITH SIX ON BOARD AGAINST A REQUIREMENT OF FOUR AND WITH A MAJOR IN THE ZONE FILLING THE LIEUTENANT COLONEL'S BILLET. QUANTICO (WITHOUT LTCOL BRIDGES) WOULD HAVE THREE ON BOARD AGAINST A REQUIREMENT OF FOUR AND A CAPT FILLING A LTCOL'S BILLET.

4. QUANTICO DESIRES LTCOL BRIDGES; AND QMG RECOMMENDS THAT LTCOL BRIDGES GO TO QUANTICO.

5. BASED ON THE ABOVE, IT APPEARS MOST REASONABLE THAT LTCOL BRIDGES SHOULD CONTINUE UNDER ORDERS TO QUANTICO. PLEASE PASS TO HIM MY REGRET THAT HIS FAMILY WILL BE INCONVENIENCED BUT OUR ACTION IN THIS CASE, ALL THINGS CONSIDERED, MUST BE AS INDICATED ABOVE. WARMEST REGARDS.

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FOR

UNCLAS E F T O

TRANSFER OF LTCOL T. OWENS

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN EUSE FROM MGEN DAVIS INFO LICEN CUSHMAN

A. YOUR 052000Z SEP 68

1. REF A DIRECTS THE TRANSFER OF LTCOL OWENS TO HQ III MAF FOR DUTY WD.

2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WD DATE BE DELAYED.

3. LTCOL OWENS IS AN OUTSTANDING OFFICER AND WILL MAKE A MOST VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION IN ANY JOE TO WHICH HE IS ASSIGNED. HOWEVER, THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HE HAS BEEN DENIED ANY OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE HIMSELF IN COMBAT. IMMEDIATE TRANSFER WILL AGAIN DENY HIM SUCH OPPORTUNITY--A LOSS NOT ONLY TO HIMSELF BUT ALSO LOSS TO THE MARINE CORPS.

4. IN THE ACTIVE AREA OF OPERATION TO WHICH HE IS CURRENTLY ASSIGNED WITH THE 4TH MARINES ANOTHER 60 DAYS WOULD BE MOST VALUABLE IN ESTABLISHING A COMBAT REPUTATION FOR HIM.

5. SECONDARY TO THE ABOVE IS THE FACT THAT THE 4TH REGIMENT WILL

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UNDERGO A CHANGE OF REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS IN MID-OCTOBER AFTER WHICH TIME LTCOL OWENS WILL PROVIDE NEEDED TRANSITION DURING THIS PERIOD OF ACTIVE COMBAT OPERATIONS.

6. UNDER THESE PREMISES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT LTCOL OWENS WD DATE BE SUBSEQUENT TO MID-OCTOBER AS A MINIMUM, PREFERABLY MID-DECEMBER.

7. WARM REGARDS,

UNCLAS EFTO

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MARINE AMBIBIOUS FORCE

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IMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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3	CG					REMARKS CG - would it be too far out of line to invite them to such things as Commanders conferences, no lower than the PSA, however. V Hoopy Good idea. also I always address their meetings to commanders I want to show them to CAPS for historical
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 LTG KERWIN CG II FFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 12111 EYES ONLY

THIS MESSAGE ADDRESSES A PROBLEM WHICH HAS TROUBLED ME FOR MANY MONTHS--THE FRICTION AND EVEN ABRASIVENESS THAT EXISTS IN SEVERAL PLACES BETWEEN RESPONSIBLE US OFFICIALS. THE SPECIFIC AREA WHICH CONCERNS ME IS THE FRICTION BETWEEN US MILITARY COMMANDERS AND ADVISORS TO VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNITS ON THE ONE HAND AND THE US ADVISORS TO PROVINCE AND DISTRICT VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS ON THE OTHER HAND. WHILE I REALIZE THIS IS NOT A CLEAN SITUATION ON THE VIETNAMESE SIDE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IT IS CRITICAL TO THE US EFFORT THAT THE US BE TOGETHER. MAYBE WE HAVE DONE IT TO OURSELVES IN PART BY CALLING IT THE MAIN FORCE WAR AND THE PACIFICATION WAR. THE TRUTH IS ITS ONE WAR AND THE CHALLENGE TO THE US IS TO ORCHESTRATE OUR EFFORTS AND OUR RESOURCES SO THAT OUR TOTAL GOAL CAN BE ACHIEVED.

I DO NOT BELIEVE WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY DO THIS SEQUENTIALLY. IT MUST BE CONCURRENT.

ONE WRITER HAS DESCRIBED THE MACV SITUATION SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COORDS AS ELEPHANT AND RABBIT STEW-- ONE ELEPHANT AND ONE RABBIT. IN THIS CHARACTERIZATION THE ELEPHANT IS THE MILITARY AND THE RABBIT IS THE CORDS ORGANIZATION. ACTUALLY I BELIEVE IT REFLECTS IN PART THE FEELING SOME PROVINCE AND DISTRICT ADVISORS HAVE. IT IS NOT ONLY THAT THE ELEPHANT IS BIG AS SEEN BY THE RABBIT BUT IF HE JUST WALKS AROUND HE CAN UNWITTINGLY CRUSH A LOT OF RABBITS. FOR THE PRESENT WE CAN DO LITTLE TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE ELEPHANT. WE CAN IN MY OPINION DO MORE TO TAKE THE PROVINCE AND DISTRICT ADVISORS INTO OUR CONFIDENCE ON WHAT IS PLANNED, WE CAN DO MORE TO CONSIDER THEIR JUDGEMENTS, WE CAN DO MORE TO HELP THEM, SUPPORTING AND FOLLOWING THROUGH ON THEIR EFFORTS, AND WE CAN DO MORE TO RAISE THE ESTEEM WITH WHICH THEY ARE REGARDED BY ALL WHO LABOR HERE IN THE COMMON CAUSE. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOU IN YOUR POSITION OF AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY IN YOUR AREA DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO MAKE THE AMERICAN EFFORT UNITED, HARMONIOUS, MUTUALLY-SUPPORTING, AND EFFECTIVE.

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FM ADMINO FMFPAC
TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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UNCLAS E F T O

WIRENOTE FROM BRIGADIER GENERAL WILSON TO MAJOR
GENERAL ANDERSON

SILVER STAR MEDAL & CASE OF LT. GENERAL LAM, ARVN
1. MINIATURE MEDAL AND DUPLICATE CITATION AND
CERTIFICATE AIRMAILED TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS BY
CMC THIS DATE.

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O 070145Z ZYH ZFF-3

FM BG SCHWEITER CHIEF OF STAFF XXIV CORPS

TO MG ANDERSON CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF

INFO MG CORCORAN CHIEF OF STAFF USMACV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 1328 EYES ONLY

REF: PHU BAI 1326, DTG 061745Z SEP 68, SUBJECT: POST TYPHOON BESS PROBLEMS

MODIFY LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 2C OF REFERENCE TO READ: "WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM OF QUANG TRI CITY REPORTED NON-OPERATIONAL DUE TO A TREE STUMP KNOCKING THE WATER PUMPS INTO THE RIVER." NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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3	CG				10	POST TYPHOON BESS PROBLEMS
4	DCG		9/10		R-10	REMARKS CG - Latest report for Gen Stilwell re flood of Typhoon Damage VIETZ. We are working on your instructions provided on first msg. Shopy G.
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 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS,
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 INFO MG CORCORAN C OF S US1ACV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PWR 1326 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: POST TYPHOON BSS PROBLEMS

1. HERewith IS A SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF DAY LONG RECCE. BY
 MG TRUONG AND MYSELF PLUS SURVEYS OF PRINCIPAL XXIV
 CORPS STAFF OFFICERS.

2. GENERAL.

A. BULK OF AREA EAST OF HWY 1 BETWEEN PHU LOC AND
 DONG HA WAS INUNDATED AS OF 061745Z.

B. HIGH WATER MARK REACHED CIRCA 1200H. BECAUSE ALL
 MAJOR WATERWAYS SPILLED OUT OF THEIR BANKS, SPREADING WATER
 OVER VAST AREAS OF PLAINS, RECESSON WILL BE SLOW.

C. THERE IS STANDING WATER IN THE MAJOR PORTIONS OF CITIES OF
 HUE AND QUANG TRI, BUT FOOT AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS MOVING
 ON ALL PRINCIPAL STREETS. URBAN WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS ARE
 FUNCTIONING AND CURRENTLY FREE OF CONTAMINATION.

D. LOGICALLY, MANY OLD VILLAGES WERE ABOVE WATER;
 NOT SO, MOST REFUGEE CENTERS.

E. PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES OF "OLD TIMES" IS THAT RICE
 CROP WILL BE RUINED -- ALONG WITH MOST OF THE VC RICE CACHES. //

3. LOCS.

A. HWY 1 IS INOPERABLE NORTH OF HUE, DUE TO INUNDATION.
 SINCE ALL MAJOR BRIDGES ARE INTACT (ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME
 DAMAGE TO ABUTMENTS), IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OPEN
 ROUTE TO CONTROLLED ONE WAY TRAFFIC AS SOON AS WATER SUBSIDES.
 HOWEVER, MUCH OF THE SUMMER'S UPGRADING WORK HAS BEEN
 UNDONE: UNPAVED SEGMENTS OF ROAD SEVERELY FOTTED;
 EXTENSIVE EROSION OF SHOULDERS AND, IN SOME CASES, PAVEMENT
 ALREADY VISIBLE; EFFECTS OF SCOURING ON ROAD BED IN INUNDATED
 SECTIONS ESTIMATED TO BE MORE CONSIDERABLE.

B. ROUTES 561, 557 AND 547, PLUS WUNDER BEACH ROAD ARE //
 CLOSED. LAST TWO NAMED HAVE SUSTAINED GREATEST DAMAGE.

C. DAMAGE TO HUE AND DONG HA CAMPS NOT YET ASSESSABLE.

4. US INSTALLATIONS/BASES.

A. OVERALL DAMAGE HAS BEEN MINOR. MANY BUNKERS,
 JERRY-RIGGED FOR LACK OF TIMBERS, FAILED DUE TO COLLAPSE
 OF SANDBAG WALLS. MOST SLOPE PARAPET FIGHTING BUNKERS IN
 DUAL BLADE SYSTEM ARE FLOODED AND SUFFERED SEVERE EROSION
 OF EARTH/SAND COVERING. INTERIOR AND ACCESS ROADS WILL
 REQUIRE EXTENSIVE MAINTENANCE. SANDBAG REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
 SEVERAL MILLION.

B. NO INDICATED RELOCATIONS BEYOND THOSE CITED IN
 PREVIOUS MSG. #190

5. CIVIL SECTOR.

A. WHILE WE KNOW MISERY IS WIDESPREAD, IT IS, AS ALWAYS, HARD TO GET A QUICK HANDLE ON SPECIFIC OR GENERAL ASSISTANCE REQUIREMENTS, DUE TO LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS TO AND WITHIN VILLAGES. MAJOR SAVING FACTOR IS THE RURAL VIETNAMESE RESILIENCY AND FORTITUDE. FOR THE MOST PART, EVACUATION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PEASANTS THEMSELVES, VIA SAMPAN. EXTENT OF EVACUATION WILL BE A FUNCTION OF THE PEASANTS' ESTIMATE OF THE RATE OF FLOOD RECESSION. WE WILL HANDLE KNOWN EMERGENCY EVACS ON THE SPOT.

B. ANTICIPATE EMERGENCY FOOD DISTRIBUTION MAY BE THE GREATEST PROBLEM, DUE TO WATER SOAKING OF LOCALLY STORED RICE. NEXT IN ORDER WILL BE REHABILITATION OF DAMAGED REFUGEE CENTERS.

C. NO DATA IS AVAILABLE YET ON MEDICAL SITUATION, DEGREE OF DAMAGE TO OR CONTAMINATION OF LOCAL WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS OR BUILDING MATERIALS TO REPAIR/ REPLACE PRIVATE DWELLINGS.

6. EFFECT ON OPERATIONS.

A. FLOODING IN COASTAL AREAS HAS DRASTICALLY SLOWED ONGOING OPERATIONS, AND IN A FEW INSTANCES (VIZ: PMU THH AND MY CHANH) CAUSED SUSPENSION THEREOF. ON OTHER HAND, VC WILL BE FORCED OUT OF THEIR HOLES AND THIS GIVES US AN UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY. ON 7 SEPT, WE LAUNCH AN INTENSIFIED PROGRAM OF AIR RECCE AND HALEE FLIGHTS TO DETECT AND APPREHEND STRAYS THROUGHOUT INUNDATED AREAS.

B. VIRTUALLY NO OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY IN LAST FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, AS ALL UNITS FOUGHT ELEMENTS AND/OR REPOSITIONED TO HIGH GROUND TO AWAIT RESUPPLY. RESUPPLY EFFECTED TODAY FOR ALL UNITS SAVE 2/1 ARVN SOUTH OF BALONG.

C. ENEMY DIFFICULTIES HAVE PROBABLY BEEN FAR MORE SEVERE THAN OURS. WE WILL BE AT MAX FULL SPEED TOMORROW.

7. IN MILITARY DIMENSION, MAJOR IMPACT OF FLOOD WILL BE ADDITIVE ENGINEER EFFORT TO RESTORE LOSS TO REQUISITE CAPACITY AND TO REPLACE BUNKERS AND OTHER STRUCTURES. TIMING, JUST PRIOR TO MONSOON SEASON, IS UNFORTUNATE.

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H DELIVER DURING FIRST DUTY HOUR

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S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MAR CORPS EYES ONLY

FOR CMC CODE AA-1

FOR FMFPAC F-030

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 3. 140 PREPLANNED SORTIES CANX DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSED
 BY TYPHOON.
 UNABLE TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1ST MAW AND DIVISIONS SORTIES.
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- 1(1) 1 USMC TO USMC, WX.
- 3 USA TO USMC, WX.
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- 1(2) 1 USMC OUT COUNTRY TO USMC, ACFT PROBS.
- 33 USMC TO USMC, WX.

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 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
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 3 USA TO USMC, WX.
 2 USA TO USMC, ASRT DOWN.
 1 USMC TO USMC, NSG CONT.
 1 USMC TO USA, WX.
 1 USA TO USA, WX.

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3	CG				<i>ls</i>	REMARKS CG. All III MAF staff agencies concerned have been notified. <i>Ukey</i> P.S. Can't follow up by MACV as an order! Let's discuss - we first need reports from ARVN, PSA's, <i>(see form)</i> , and our military - then draw up plan of action ASAP + execute ASAP. I talked to Chuck, but he's leaving, so needs quick follow up. <i>ls</i>
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 MG ZAIS CG 1ST ARN (AM)
 MG DAVIS CG 3D MARDIV
 BG YOUNG CG DANANG SPT CMD
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UNCLAS E F T O PHB 1321 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: POST--TYPHOON BESS PROBLEMS

1. AS YOU KNOW, THE CENTER OF THE STORM PASSED SLOWLY OVER HUE EARLY THIS MORNING AND IS NOW AT THE EDGE OF THE MOUNTAINS WHERE IT SHOULD DISSIPATE RAPIDLY. ALTHOUGH RETURNS ARE INCOMPLETE, WE APPEAR TO HAVE WEATHERED BESS WITHOUT MAJOR DAMAGE TO MATERIEL, LOGS OR PERSONNEL; ONLY ONE MILITARY DEATH (BY DROWNING) REPORTED. BUT THE EFFORT OF RAINS AND RISING WATERS HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY REALIZED WITH THE PERFUME RIVER ALREADY OUT OF ITS BANKS AND STILL RISING.

2. THUS MUCH WORK, NOT YET ASSESSABLE, LIES AHEAD TO PICK UP THE

PIECES:

A. MANY BUNKERS, FIGHTING AND SHELTER, REQUIRE REPLACEMENT, REPAIR OR RELOCATION.

B. CONSIDERABLE MAINTENANCE WILL NEED TO BE DONE ON ACCESS AND INTERIOR ROADS AND, TO SOME EXTENT, ON MAIN ARTERIES.

C. A FEW FACILITIES, CURRENTLY ON GROUND THAT WE KNOW TO BE UNTENABLE, NEED TO BE MOVED INTACT--AND FRONTO. EXAMPLES ARE 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL AT QUANG TRI, LZ MONGOOSE (HQ 1/531) AND 54TH REGIMENT TAC CP AT PHU THU DISTRICT HQ.

D. THERE IS CONSIDERABLE WATER IN THE STREETS OF HUE; AND WITH THE PERFUME RIVER STILL RISING FURTHER DAMAGE WILL BE EXTENSIVE, GENERATING A NEED FOR EMERGENCY RELIEF MEASURES.

E. I KNOW THAT THE STORM HAS CREATED GREAT MISERY AMONG SEGMENTS OF THE CIVIL POPULACE. WE WILL FIND CONTAMINATED WATER SUPPLIES, INCIPENT EPIDEMICS, GROUPS STRANDED BY RISING WATERS AND CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE AND LOSS OF CROPS. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED AN EOC AND WILL DO ALL WE CAN BUT REQUIREMENTS FOR FOOD, VACCINES, BLANKETS AND OTHER MATERIAL WILL CERTAINLY EXCEED OUR RESOURCES.

3. PURPOSE OF THE FOREGOING IS SIMPLY TO ALERT YOU TO ONCOMING, UNPROGRAMMED REQUIREMENTS WHICH INTER ALIA, WILL ENTAIL:

A. SOME DIVERSION OF ENGINEER EFFORT FROM CURRENT PRE--MONSOON TASKS.

B. EMERGENCY REQUISITIONS FOR LARGE QUANTITIES OF SAND BAGS AND OTHER FORTIFICATION MATERIALS.

C. SOME DIVERSION OF TACTICAL ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS TO ASSIST THE CIVIL POPULACE.

D. EXTRA SUPPORT, FROM III MAF AND HIGHER, FOR CORDS PERSONNEL IN THESE TWO PROVINCES.

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INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
MG FORSYTHE CG 1ST ACD
MG ZAIS CG 101ST ABN DIV
MG DAVIS CG 3D MAR DIV
ZEM

S E C R E T PHB 1320 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: COMUSMACV SECRET MSG, CITE MAC 11917, DTG
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1. IN ADDRESSING YOUR QUERIES, WE MUST DEAL WITH A MORE EXTENDED TIME FRAME THAN ELSEWHERE IN SVN. POINT IS THAT WE CAN'T CONTRAST PRESENT ENEMY BEHAVIOR WITH HIS POSTURE IN LATTER HALF OF AUGUST. FOR THOUGH THERE WERE RUMBLINGS OF A THIRD OFFENSIVE IN LATE AUGUST, NOTHING OF THE SORT HAS OCCURRED HERE.
2. IN NICTZ, THE ACTIVITY PATTERN OF THE NVA HAS BEEN BASICALLY UNCHANGED SINCE JUNE. DURING THE INTERVENING WEEKS, THE NVA HAS INITIATED SIGNIFICANT CONTACT ONLY RARELY:
 - A. A HANDFUL OF INFANTRY ATTANFS ON RIFLE COMPANY PERIMETERS IN THE SCOTLAND AO, WHICH WERE REPULSED SMARTLY.
 - B. THREE SAPPER ATTACKS ON LZ/FSB (MIGUEL, NANCY AND PANTHER III) BETWEEN 3 JULY AND LATE AUGUST.
 - C. AN ABORTIVE AMBUSH ATTEMPT BY A COMPANY, 270TH NVA REGT, JUST NORTH OF DONG HA ON 25 AUGUST.
3. THESE FEW INSTANCES ASIDE, THE NVA HAS CONSISTENTLY AVOIDED CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE CORPS AO FOR MORE THAN TWO MONTHS. HE HAS FOUGHT ONLY WHEN DISCOVERED; AND THEN NORMALLY ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO DISENGAGE AND DISPERSE TO SAFER AREAS. HE HAS HABITUALLY USED BUNKER COMPLEXES, TUNNELS, HOLES TO REDUCE EFFECTS OF OUR AIR AND ARTILLERY; AND, AT EXPENSE OF LOSS OF UNIT INTEGRITY, HAS MANEUVERED IN HIS BASE AREA LABYRINTH TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE CONSIDERABLE PROTECTION AND CONCEALMENT THEREIN. CERTAINLY, HIS MAIN MOTIVATION HAS BEEN CONSERVATION OF MANPOWER.

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4. HE MAY WELL HAVE HAD ORDERS TO ATTACK IN THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST. IF SO, HE MUST HAVE BEEN INPOTENT TO DO SO AS A RESULT OF THE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF US/ARVN ACTIONS AGAINST HIS FORCES, COMMAND STRUCTURE AND LOGISTICS APPARATUS. THE SERIOUS ATTRITION INFLICTED ON FOOD CACHES, STORES, AMMO, MEDICAL SYSTEM AND VC INFRASTRUCTURE HAS GREATLY REDUCED HIS ABILITY TO MOUNT A SERIOUS OFFENSE, PARTICULARLY IN NRTH. EVEN IN THE DMZ AREA, HIS SPARING USE OF TUBE ARTILLERY SUGGESTS OUR AIR AND COUNTERBATTERY FIRES MAY HAVE BEEN MORE EFFECTIVE THAN WE CAN DOCUMENT.

5. WE BELIEVE THAT HIS PERSONNEL LOSSES ARE GREATER THAN THE BODY COUNT WE RECORD. THE OCCASIONAL OVERESTIMATION OF OBSERVED KILLS IS HEAVILY OVERBALANCED BY:

A. THE FREQUENT DISCOVERY OF MASS GRAVES IN AREAS WE UNCOVER -- ONE MEASURE OF EFFICIENCY OF AIR AND ARTILLERY. YET, WE SCOUR ONLY A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF HIS OPERATING REAL ESTATE. AND OUR INFANTRY RARELY OPEN A DESTROYED BUNKER.

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*Certainly want
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this request for
additional info
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B. WE HAVE NO MEASURE OF LOSSES INFLICTED IN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ EXCEPT THE MINUTE FRACTION VISUALLY OBSERVED.

C. PW'S AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS TESTIFY TO MANY ENEMY DEATHS FROM DISEASE AND WOUNDS.

D. THE WIDENING OF CONSCRIPTION AGE BRACKETS, FORESHORTENING OF TRAINING PERIODS AND REPRIMING OF THE NEUTRALIZATION SYSTEM ARE MUTE EVIDENCE OF HIGH ATTRITION IN THE BATTLE AREAS.

6. AS TO THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, OUR MAIN PREOCCUPATION IS TO DETERMINE THE INTENT OF THE NVA IN ZONE: CONTINUED HUSBANDING OF RESOURCES OR EARLY ATTACK. THERE ARE CONFLICTING SIGN POSTS:

A. THE 320TH NVA DIV PRESENTS A REAL ENIGMA. IT HAS DEPLOYED IN BUNKERS (SOME BEING CONSTRUCTED) AND TUNNELS SOUTH OF THE DMZ. FOR THE MOST PART, IT MOVES IN COMPANY SIZE ELEMENTS (A NEW TACTIC FOR THIS UNIT). IT JOCKEYS CONSIDERABLY BUT ITS ONLY INITIATIVES HAVE BEEN ATTACKS BY FIRE AND OCCASIONAL GROUND PROBES. ITS OBJECTIVE MAY BE TO ENCROACH ON TERRAIN AND PREPARE FOR JUMP OFF WHEN THE WEATHER DETERIORATES; INVITE ATTACK IN ORDER TO ATTRITE US; ATTRACT ATTENTION AND THUS SCREEN INFILTRATION OF OTHER FORCES SOUTHWARD TO REINFORCE MRTH; OR MERELY PROVIDE A CREDIBLE BASIS FOR HANOI PROPAGANDA OR POLITICAL ACTION. ANYHOW, THE EXPOSURE OF THE 320TH TO THE ATTRITIVE EFFECTS OF OUR GROUND ASSAULTS IN AIR AND ARTILLERY DOESN'T SQUARE WITH THE CONSERVATION OF MANPOWER THESIS.

B. IN THE MRTH, OVERALL, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF DEPLOYMENTS TO FORWARD ASSAULT POSITIONS, MERELY SOME INTENSIFICATION OF RECONNAISSANCE, MINOR ATTACKS BY FIRE AND EFFORTS TO PRODUCE LOGISTIC CHAOS. HOWEVER, IN THE NORTHERN WING (7TH FRONT) THERE ARE STRONG INDICATORS THAT SIZABLE ELEMENTS HAVE MOVED FORWARD TO THE EDGE OF THE CANOPYM WE BELIEVE THAT THE MAIN REASON HAS BEEN TO MAXIMIZE CAPABILITIES TO OBTAIN RICE: TO SHORTEN THE ROUND TRIP AND INCREASE SIZE OF CARRYING PARTIES.

7. BY WAY OF SUMMARY:

A. THE ENEMY IN THE NICTZ HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY ON THE DEFENSIVE AND HAS GENERALLY AVOIDED CONTACT FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

B. ONE OF HIS PRINCIPAL AIMS, THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, HAS BEEN CONSERVATION OF MANPOWER FOR FUTURE INITIATIVES. RECENT DEPLOYMENT OF THE 320TH NVA DIVISION WITHIN RANGE OF OUR MANEUVER UNITS AND GUNS IS THEREFORE SOMETHING OF AN ANOMALY, AND OBVIOUSLY DICTATED BY A HIGHER PRIORITY AIM.

C. WITHOUT QUESTION, ATTRITION INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY IN NICTZ IS GREATER THAN WE CAN DOCUMENT.

D. WHILE INTENT OF FORCES WE CONFRONT MAY HAVE BEEN TO READY FOR ATTACKS IN LATE AUGUST, THAT INTENT WAS THWARTED BY ALLIED SUCCESSES IN PRECEDING WEEKS. THERE IS NO SOLID EVIDENCE THAT ENEMY IS ANY READIER NOW. HE MAY OF COURSE BE COMPELLED, BY POLITICAL DIRECTIVE, TO ATTACK ANYHOW AND AT ANY TIME.

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 FROM LTGEN BUSE

REASSIGNMENT OF COLONELS (U)
 A. CG III MAF 030524Z/SEP68 (C)

1. I CONCUR THAT YOU NEED MORE RVN COMBAT EXPERIENCE ON YOUR
 STAFF AND HAVE DIRECTED THAT LT COL T. OWENS BE REASSIGNED TO
 YOU THIS MONTH. IN COL DALBY'S CASE, IF CMC GIVES
 APPROVAL, HE WILL BE REASSIGNED TO YOU. I ALSO PLAN TO DIVERT
 COL C. R. BURROUGHS FROM 9TH MAB TO YOU TO REPLACE COL MORGAN
 WHOSE ORDERS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED. HIS BACKGROUND IS ARTILLERY
 AND HE'S DUE IN WESTPAC THIS MONTH. WARM REGARDS

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BUSE, INFO GEN CHAPMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.

SVN PROGRAM 6 CEILING (U)

- A. CMC 1Y2008Z/AUG68 (S) PASEP
- B. CG III MAF 290358Z/AUG68 (S) NOTAL
- C. CG FMFPAC 210337Z/AUG68 (S)
- D. CG FMFPAC 240201Z/AUG68 (S)
- E. CMC 311540Z/AUG68 (S) NOTAL

1. REF A ADVISED THAT SECDEF HAS DIRECTED ADHERENCE
TO OVERALL PROGRAM SIX CEILINGS IN RVN AND REQUESTED
RECOMMENDED III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE REDUCTIONS TO
ALIGN IN-COUNTRY III MAF STRENGTH WITH PROGRAM SIX
AUTHORIZATIONS.

2. REF B RESPONDED TO REFS C AND D BY PROVIDING
RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS/REALIGNMENT OF III MAF FORCE

PAGE 2 RUMHMA 0478 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
STRUCTURE TO ALIGN IN-COUNTRY STRENGTH WITH SPACES
AUTHORIZED BY PROGRAM SIX.

3. BY REF E CMC PROVIDED ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, IN CON-
NACTION WITH THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A, WHICH
INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT POINTS:

A. ISSUE OF STRUCTURE (BILLET) OF MARINE FORCES //
WITHIN PROGRAM SIX SEASIA CEILING IS CONSIDERED A
SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY.

B. SECDEF STATES THAT IF MARCOR CONCLUDES THAT //
THEY CANNOT LIVE WITHIN THE CURRENT PROGRAM SIX CON-
STRAINTS HE WILL REVIEW A PROPOSAL FOR INCREASE IN
PROGRAM SPACES AND MANPOWER AFTER THE CHAIRMAN JCS
HAS DETERMINED WHETHER MACV CAN OFFER COMPENSATORY
SPACE AND MANPOWER REDUCTIONS WITHIN THE CURRENTLY
APPROVED CEILING.

C. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REESTABLISH-
MENT OF NINTH MAB (-) AS A ROTATION BASE FOR SVN UNITS. //

D. CONSIDERATION OF KNOWN FY-69 MARCOR DEPLOY-
MENTS TO SVN. //

A. THE FMFPAC RESPONSE

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PAGE 3 RUHFMA 0478 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 TO REF A MUST PROVIDE THE COMMANDANT WITH THE STRONGEST
 POSSIBLE POSITION FOR REGLAMA TO SECDEF, UPON THE
 ANTICIPATED DETERMINATION BY MACV AND THE CHAIRMAN
 JCS THAT COMPENSATORY SPACE AND MANPOWER REDUCTIONS
 ARE NOT AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CURRENTLY APPROVED
 CEILING. FURTHER, I CONSIDER IT EQUALLY IMPORTANT
 FOR UNITS AUTHORIZED IN THE SEASIA DEPLOYMENT PROGRAM
 FORCE STRUCTURE TO BE AUTHORIZED THE STRENGTH VALI-
 DATED AND SUPPORTABLE BY HQMC. IN ADDITION,
 III MAF MUST RETAIN THE FULL CAPABILITY
 FOR CONDUCT OF A MEF LEVEL AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION. 71
 5. YOUR PROMPT AND THOUGHTFUL RECOMMENDATIONS CON-
 TAINED IN REF B, WHICH WERE APPRECIATED,
 HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY REVIEWED, WITH FULL UNDERSTANDING
 OF THE MACV POSITION, IT IS MY INTENTION TO MODIFY YOUR
 RECOMMENDATIONS, CONTAINED IN REF B, TO INCLUDE DELE-
 TION OF A NINTH MAB BLT. THIS ACTION WOULD PROVIDE 1,729
 SPACES, WHICH COULD BE USED TO OFFSET SOME OF THE DELETIONS
 YOU PROPOSED. ONE POSSIBLE USE OF THESE
 1,729 SPACES WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO YOUR

PAGE 4 RUHFMA 0478 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 RECOMMENDED FORCE STRUCTURE:

A. ADD ONE TANK CO (REINF)	- 212 SPACES
B. ADD ONE ANIRAC BN (-)	- 390 SPACES
C. ADD ONE MATCU	- 68 SPACES
D. ADD THREE BANDS	- 152 SPACES
E. ADD ONE FORCE RECON CO	- 154 SPACES
F. ADD ONE ASST	- 23 SPACES
G. ADD MSG AUGMENTATION (WERS)	- 250 SPACES
H. ADD FLC AUGMENTATION	- 480 SPACES
I. TOTAL	1,729 SPACES

5. YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS PROPOSAL
 ARE REQUESTED EARLIEST. WARM REGARDS. //

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	G-6					
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	CAP					
	CORDS					
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O 05 1350Z ZYH ZFF-3
 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 INFO GENERAL ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 ZEM

S E C R E T PHB 1318 EYES ONLY

1. ALTHOUGH MINDFUL OF COMUSMACV'S RECENT COMMENT THAT WE SHOULD LOOK TO THE PERMANENT INTERDICTION OF THE A-SHAU VALLEY, I HAVE TAKEN ONE RETROGRADE STEP SOMEWHAT EARLIER (PERHAPS TWO WEEKS) THAN ORIGINALLY PLANNED. SPECIFICALLY, I HAVE AUTHORIZED THE CLOSE-OUT OF EAGLES NEST AND THE 155MM HOW FSB'S AT SON AND CAROL, AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS. THIS DECISION WAS MADE INDEPENDENT OF TYPHOON BESS.

2. THERE ARE SOLID REASONS FOR EVACUATION OF THESE INSTALLATIONS AT THIS TIME:

A. EAGLES NEST HAS BECOME UNPRODUCTIVE AS A SURVEILLANCE CENTER. OUR BEST EFFORTS HAVE NOT BEEN GOOD ENOUGH TO KEEP THE TPS-25 IN OPERATION. OUR SENSOR FIELDS (PRIMARILY HANDSIDS) CEASED OPERATION ON 1/2 SEPT. CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT THE TECHNICIANS SET THE SENSORS FOR 15 DAY LIFE INSTEAD OF THE DIRECTED 45 DAYS; I HAVE DIRECTED INVESTIGATION THEREOF. WHILE WE HAVE HAD CONSTANT VISUAL OBSERVATION OF THE CENTRAL VALLEY BY AO, BC SCOPE AND NOD, THE ONLY DETECTED ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OCCASIONAL SMALL PARTIES ON FOOT. OUR ARTY BATTERIES HAVE THUS BEEN UNDEREMPLOYED.

B. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS MUCH PRODUCTIVE WORK FOR THE BN EQUIVALENT NOW COMMITTED TO SECURITY OF EAGLES NEST AND SON IN THE NEW AREAS ACQUIRED FROM THE 1ST MAR DIV. WE ARE TARGETED ON THE BATTALIONS OF THE 4TH AND 5TH NVA REGTS IN THE CANOPY SOUTH OF PHU BAI-PHU LOC AS WELL AS ON THE GENERALLY INTACT LOCAL FORCE ELEMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN PHU LOC DISTRICT. BY THE SAME TOKEN, THE RIFLE COMPANIES IN AND AROUND LZ CAROL WILL REINFORCE THE 2ND BRIGADE, 1 AC D EFFORT TO EXPLOIT THE HARD INTELLIGENCE HOI CHANHS HAVE JUST GIVEN US ON THE LOCATION OF 2 BNS OF THE 812TH NVA REGT IN EASTERN EDGE OF BA 101.

3. PENDING RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF EAGLE NEST, SON AND CAROL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VALLEY CAMPAIGN IN THE SPRING OR EARLIER AND INDEPENDENTLY, INTERDICTION OF ASHAU WILL FOLLOW THE PRE-SOMERSET PLAIN PATTERN: TAC AIR AND BASTOGNE BASED 175MM GUNS WITH TARGETS DEVELOPED BY RECCE AND AIR DELIVERED SENSORS

SSO NOTE: DELIVER FIRST DUTY HOUR
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OO RUEOBHA RUHNM RUMSAK
 EE RUMSAV 084W 2481730
 ZNY 55555
 OP 041210Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAF
 TO RUEOBHA/CNC
 RUHNM/C G FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/C G III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/C G FIRST MARD IV
 RUMSAK/C G THIRD MARD IV
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

FOR CMC CODE AA-1

FOR FMFPAC (F-028)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 03 SEPT 68.

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C. (1) 141

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D. (1) 45

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(3) 11

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E. (1) 69

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F. (1) 56

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G. (1) 8

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- (4) 0
- H. (1) 50
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- I. (1) 17
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- (B) 12
- (C) 0
- (D) 0
- J. (1) 2
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- (6) 0
- K. (1) 0
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- L. (1) 0
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- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 4
- M. (1) LC 72 & SCRE 50 BY RADG.
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- N. (1) (A) 97
- (B) 72
- (2) 34
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- O. (1) 221
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- H. (1) 18

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- I. (1) 11
- (2) 18
- (3) 0
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- J. (1) (A) 37 (B) 47
- (2) (A) 37 (B) 4
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- (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
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- (7) (A) 0 (B) 21
- K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES SE AIRBORNE ALERT
- (2) 1 USMC TO USMC, AGFT MALFUNCTION.
- 4 USMC TO USMC, WX.
- 2 USA TO USMC, WX.
- 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT.
- 1 USATO USMC, NEG TGT.
- 1 USA TO USA, WASTY DOWN.

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 RUMKM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG ILY NAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
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SECRET SPECIAL FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION TWO OF TWO
 (2) 4 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION.
 3 USA TO USMC, ACFT DOWN
 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG COMB
 2 ROX TO USMC, NEG COMB
 2 USMC TO USMC, ACFT STACKED UP.

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III MAF AVIATION ASSETS (U)
			IN	OUT		
	CG					<p>REMARKS</p> <p>MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY</p> <p>EXCLUSIVE</p> <p>FOR</p> <p>G-3:</p> <p>C/S states:</p> <p>"CG: Here we go again--back in our lap."</p> <p>CG states:</p> <p>"Let's work one up--I want to see it. It's exercise in futility, of course!"</p> <p>V. respy. <i>[Signature]</i></p>
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PP RHMAFA
 DE RUHFMA 0383 2482313
 ZNY SSSSS
 P 042313Z SEP 68
 FM CG FMFPAD
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN
 BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING
 HOURS.

OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III MAF AVIATION ASSETS (U)

1. PRIOR TO MCCAIN'S VISIT TO SAIGON I PROPOSED THAT HE
 DISCUSS WITH ABE THE RETURN, ON A TRIAL BASIS, OF YOUR
 FIXED WING AND RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS THAT ARE UTILIZED
 IN I CTZ. SINCE HIS RETURN HE HAS INDICATED A RELUCTANCE
 TO DIRECT ABE TO TAKE SUCH ACTION, HE SUGGESTS THAT
 THE PRESENT AIR CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD IN NO
 WAY BE CONSIDERED AS ESTABLISHING A PRECEDENT BUT
 SHOULD BE VIEWED IN THE LIGHT OF AN EXPEDIENT TO MEET
 THE DEMANDS OF THE EXISTING SITUATION. WHILE THIS IS
 EASILY SAID, HISTORY WILL MOST CERTAINLY LOOK UPON THE
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM NOW IN EFFECT IN RVN AS
 PRECEDENT SETTING AND IT MAY WELL BE DIFFICULT TO

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 0383 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 RE-ESTABLISH OUR MARINE AIR/GROUND CONCEPT ON THE
 FUTURE.

2. I TALKED WITH THE COMMANDANT YESTERDAY AND HE
 SUGGESTS THAT AS AN INITIAL MOVE, A WRITTEN REQUEST FROM
 YOU TO ABE THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO RETURNING
 THOSE MARINE FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT ASSETS
 EMPLOYED IN I CTZ TO YOUR FRAGGING AUTHORITY ON A
 TRIAL BASIS FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS. FURTHER, THAT
 AFTER A PERIOD OF THIRTY DAYS, THE REVISED SYSTEM BE
 EVALUATED BY ABE TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AIR
 SUPPORT IN I CTZ UNDER YOUR DIRECTION VERSUS THAT
 PROVIDED TO I CTZ DURING A SIMILAR PERIOD UNDER THE
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT. IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT
 THAT THIS WOULD ENABLE YOU TO EMPLOY YOUR LOCAL AIR
 ASSETS MOST EFFECTIVELY, REDUCE MATERIALLY THE
 ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN IMPOSED BY THE PRESENT SINGLE
 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CAPITALIZE ON INHERENT MARINE
 CAPABILITIES.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE

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ONLY THE FOLLOWING MINOR REVISIONS TO THE PRESENT
SYSTEM:

A. EACH WEEK, ABE WOULD CONTINUE TO DETERMINE
ALLOCATION OF HIS AIR EFFORT AS THE TACTICAL SITUATION
DEMANDS.

B. BASED ON THIS ALLOCATION, COMMANDER, 7TH AIR
FORCE WOULD CONTINUE TO PUBLISH A WEEKLY FRAG FOR
AIR FORCE SORTIES TO ALL FOUR CORPS AREAS. THE NUMBER
OF AIR FORCE SORTIES FRAGGED INTO I CTZ WOULD BE
DEPENDENT ON YOUR REQUIREMENT OVER AND ABOVE MARINE
CAPABILITY AND COULD BE STANDARDIZED, AT A MINIMUM
SURE WITH INCREASES AS NECESSARY.

C. COMMANDER, 7TH AIR FORCE WOULD CONTINUE TO
PUBLISH A DAILY FRAG FOR AIR FORCE SUPPORT TO BE PRO-
VIDED TO II, III AND IV CORPS.

D. ON A DAILY BASIS WITHIN I CTZ, MARINE AIR, EXCEPT
AS OTHERWISE ALLOCATED BY COMUSMACV OUTSIDE I CTZ,
WOULD BE FRAGGED DAILY, DIRECTLY BY YOU TO SUPPORT ALL
III MAF FORCES, BOTH ARMY AND MARINE. THE DAILY III
MAF FRAG WOULD BE PUBLISHED CONCURRENTLY WITH

PAGE 4 RUHNFMA 0383 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
PUBLICATION OF THE 7TH AIR FORCE DAILY FRAG IN ORDER
THAT THE TACC WOULD BE APPRISED, ON A TIMELY BASIS OF
AIR PLANS FOR I CTZ.

4. THIS PLAN, IF APPROVED, WOULD BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION. IF NOT APPROVED, WRITTEN DOCUMENTATION
AS TO THE REASONS THEREFOR WOULD PROVIDE THE
COMMANDANT WITH AMMUNITION FOR FURTHER ACTION.

5. CHICK QUILTERS DAILY STATISTICAL SUMMARY PROVIDES
INVALUABLE DATA FOR DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE SINGLE
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. IT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO
INCLUDE SPECIFICS ON TIMING, SCRAMBLES AND SORTIE RATES
IN YOUR AUGUST SUMMARY. WARM REGARDS

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3	CG				lp	UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES REMARKS CG - We've recently published info re this problem. However, I believe we need even stronger words. Yes! ↑ and we need a reply. OC/S and Force together get together and develop structure, etc. R. B. B. 9. 4
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 FM GEN ABRAMS, COMUSMACV
 TO GEN BROWN, CDR 7AF
 LTG MILDREN, DCG USARV
 LTG CUSHMAN, CG III MAF
 LTG PEERS, CG I FFORCEV
 LTG STILWELL, CG XXIV CORPS
 MG ECKHART, SA IV CORPS
 RADM VETH, COMNAVFORV
 ZC*

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 11977 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: UNNECESSARY CASUALTIES (U)

REF: MAC 1208 DTG 121143Z AUG 68

BY REFERENCE I EXPRESSED MY CONCERN WITH THE CASUALTIES WE ARE INFLECTING ON OUR OWN FORCES AND VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. I HAVE JUST REVIEWED THE STATISTICS FOR AUGUST. IN JULY THERE WAS A TOTAL (US, RVNAF, CIV) OF 37 PEOPLE KILLED AND 107 WOUNDED BY ACCIDENTS. HOWEVER IN AUGUST THESE FIGURES HAVE RISEN TO 140 KILLED AND 522 WOUNDED. THIS IS AN APPALLING SITUATION. REPORTS OF INVESTIGATION RECEIVED HERE SHOW MANY EXAMPLES OF LACK OF COMMAND SUPERVISION, VIOLATION OF SAFETY PROCEDURES AND LAXITY IN INSPECTIONS. I BELIEVE THESE CONDITIONS REFLECT SERIOUS WEAKNESSES IN THE CHAIN OF COMMAND WHICH MUST BE CORRECTED AT ONCE. ANY COMMANDER WHO PERMITS SUCH CARELESS USE OF FIREFOVER CASTS SERIOUS DOUBT ON HIS FITNESS FOR CONTINUED COMMAND. YOU WILL EXAMINE YOUR RESPECTIVE COMMANDS AND REPLY TO ME AS TO THOSE MEASURES YOU ARE TAKING TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE THESE CASUALTIES. I WILL NOT CONDONE THIS SITUATION AND I WANT IMMEDIATE RESULTS.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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 FM CDR, ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTC CHEWMAN CG III MAF
 INFO LTC STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 11974 EYES ONLY

I WAS BRIEFED TONIGHT ON TROPICAL STORM BESSO CHANGE
 OF DIRECTION WHICH HAS ALREADY AFFECTED WEATHER IN I
 CORPS. I AM INFORMED THAT INCREASING WINDS AND RAIN
 CAN BEGIN 5 SEPT AND ACHIEVE RATHER SEVERE LEVELS OVER
 THE NEXT FEW DAYS. I EXPECT YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS AND
 HAVE INSTITUTED ALL MEASURES TO SECURE PROPERTY AND
 PROTECT LIVES. I SUPPOSE THIS WILL IN LARGE MEASURE HOLD OUT
 AIR FOR A FEW DAYS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS
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 P R 040118Z SEP 68
 FM CINCPAC
 TO RUEKDA/CJCS
 INFO RUMSAL/CMDR 7AF
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 RUMSAW/COMUSMACV
 RUEBHOA/CMC
 RUEFHQA/CSAF
 RUENAAA/CNO
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S E C R E T LIMDIS - IVY TREE
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT (U)

- A. CJCS 2231/112248Z JUN 68 NOTAL
- B. COMUSMACV 061130Z JUL 68 NOTAL
- C. CG III MAF 300636Z JUN 68 PASEP
- D. CJCS 2866/191952Z JUN 68 NOTAL
- E. CINCPAC 102340Z JUL 68 NOTAL
- F. COMUSMACV 130637Z JUL 68 NOTAL
- G. CINCPAC 140017Z JUL 68 NOTAL

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- H. COMUSMACV 211107Z JUL 68 PASEP
- I. COMUSMACV 071218Z AUG 68

1. REF A REQUESTED CINCPAC APPRAISE THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT FOR TACTICAL AIR IN I CORPS. REF B IS THE COMUSMACV REPORT OF THE EVALUATION OF THE SYSTEM DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE SUBSEQUENT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF MODIFIED PREPLANNED SUPPORT PROCEDURES. IN REF B COMUSMACV ADDRESSED THE COMMENTS OF III MAF (REF C) AND CMC THAT WERE FORWARDED BY REF D. REFS F AND H ARE COMUSMACV AMPLIFICATIONS AND EXPANSION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED IN THE ORIGINAL REPORT AS REQUESTED BY REFS E AND G. REF I IS COMUSMACV EVALUATION REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY.

2. REVIEW OF ALL PERTINENT INFORMATION FOR THE EVALUATION PERIODS, AS WELL AS PERSONAL DISCUSSION WITH COMUSMACV, CNO, AND CMC, INDICATES THAT THE SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY SINCE ITS INSTITUTION AND PROVIDES TO COMUSMACV THE CONTROL OF ASSETS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT HIS MISSION. THE INSTITUTION OF THE 70-30 FRAG SPLIT HAS RECEIVED UNANIMOUS ACCEPTANCE IN II, III AND IV CORPS. HOWEVER, CG III MAF IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE SEVENTY PERCENT WEEKLY FRAG AS COMPARED TO THE MARINE SYSTEM AND HAS RECOMMENDED THAT A BLOCK OF MARINE SORTIES BE ALLOCATED FOR FRAGGING BY III MAF IN I CORPS.

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PAGE 3 RUHKA 005 S E C R E T LINDIS - IVY TREE
COMUSMACV HAS OPPOSED THE RECOMMENDATION ON THE BASIS THAT THIS PROCEDURE WOULD BE DOUBLE MANAGEMENT AND WOULD NOT FULFILL SINGLE MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES.

3. SIMPLY STATED, THE CURRENT SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM IS OPERATING PROCEDURALLY SOMEWHERE BETWEEN THE JOINT AIR GROUND OPERATIONS SYSTEM (JAGOS) AND THE MARINE CORPS TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEM. TO MAKE THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FUNCTION THERE HAS BEEN A DECENTRALIZATION IN CERTAIN MANAGEMENT AREAS AND THE 70-30 FRAG SPLIT HAS BEEN EVOLVED. THROUGH THIS SYSTEM COMUSMACV MAINTAINS CONTROL OF HIS AIR RESOURCES AND RETAINS THE FLEXIBILITY TO SHIFT THE AIR EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE CHANGING DEMANDS CONFRONTING GROUND COMMANDERS FROM SVN, LAOS AND ROUTE PACKAGE 1. THE MECHANICS OF THE SYSTEM ARE STILL NOT SUCH AS TO PROVIDE THE MARINES THE RESPONSIVENESS THAT THEY WERE ACCUSTOMED TO IN THEIR ORGANIC CONTROL SYSTEM.

4. HOWEVER, THE SYSTEM IS PROVIDING FOR THE BEST OVERALL USE OF TACTICAL AIR IN COMUSMACV'S ASSIGNED AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY. AS PROCEDURAL MODIFICATIONS ARE SMOOTHED OUT AND IMPLEMENTED FURTHER IT SHOULD CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. I INTEND TO CONTINUE THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND CLOSELY MONITOR.

5. RECOMMEND THAT THE MONTHLY EVALUATION REPORTS

PAGE 4 RUHKA 005 S E C R E T LINDIS - IVY TREE
FROM COMUSMACV BE DISCONTINUED, BUT THAT A REPORT BE REQUIRED WHENEVER SIGNIFICANT CHANGES ARE MADE.

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3	CG					REMARKS CG - Will manage this with America's input and our own. U. Hooper 9/5 C/S NOTE TO S/S "Have G-3 prepare this" VA JA
4	DCG				RMIT	
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S				B	
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S		041910HSEP		JCF	
	G-1					
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copy	G-3		050900H		copy to	
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
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	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
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LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM MG YOUNGDALE

A. CG III MAF MSG 040100Z SEP 68

1. EVIDENCE IN DANANG TAOR INDICATES THAT MANY LOCAL FORCE UNITS HAVE DISPERSED INTO SMALL GROUPS AND GONE UNDERGROUND TO AVOID DETECTION AND FURTHER CASUALTIES FOR THEIR UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS ON DANANG, 23-26 AUG. LOCAL FORCE UNITS OF THE 38TH REGT SUFFERED EXCESSIVE CASUALTIES AND ARE CONSIDERED COMBAT INEFFECTIVE. MAIN FORCE UNITS REMAIN LARGELY UNCOMMITTED BUT THE PRESENCE OF THE 31ST AND 36TH REGIMENTS TOGETHER WITH POSSIBLE ELEMENTS OF THE 21ST REGT, 2ND NVA DIV HAVE BEEN DETECTED THROUGH SMALL SCALE CONTACTS IN OUTLYING REGIONS. THESE UNITS ARE NOT NECESSARILY AVOIDING CONTACT AND IN THE ARIZONA AREA HAVE ENGAGED MARINE ELEMENTS FROM WELL PREPARED FORTIFIED POSITIONS OF PLAT AND CO SIZE. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT GROUP 44 IS REAPPRAISING ITS REMAINING CAPABILITIES AND POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES UNDER THE POSITIVE INJUNCTION OF MR-5 TO MAINTAIN AS MUCH PRESSURE AS POSSIBLE THROUGHOUT THE DANANG AREA. THE CASUALTIES SUSTAINED BY LOCAL FORCES TOGETHER WITH EQUIP AND RICE CAPTURED HAVE GREATLY REDUCED THE SUPPORT AVAIL TO MAIN FORCE. THIS COULD NECESSITATE A DELAY IN TIMING AS WELL AS A CHANGE OF OBJECTIVES, BOTH OF WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY EFFECT THE VC POLITICAL GOALS.

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*What a switch!
usually, people say
"appraise" when they
mean "oppress" - but
not here.*

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			030100Z SEP 68			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG					ARTY AMMO EXPENDITURES REMARKS G-3. Who dropped the ball on this one. Over COC or 2 Corps? Have your answer include Free Ordnance Officer break out of all arty ammo expenditures of 21 Div the hour AS P. G. G-3 has copy of msg & route slip 9/d R 32 ! G's "Data" requires plural verb. CONFIDENTIAL
4	DCG		9/5		ll	
	DCG AIR				ll	
2	C/S				ll	
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S		04/1600Z		ll	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3				COPY	
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
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	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD				COPY	
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

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PP RHMMAFA
DE RUMKVP 0142D 2470100
ZNY CCCCC
P 030100Z SEP 68
FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS
INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN AND LTGEN STILLWELL FROM MGEN DAVIS
ARTY AMMO EXPENDITURES

A. CG III MAF MSG 280920Z AUG 68

1. IN VIEW OF REFERENCE A, I HAVE DIRECTED A REEXAMINATION OF 105
MM HOW AND 155MM HOW ARTY. AMMO EXPENDITURES FOR THE PERIOD 19-26
AUG 68. THIS REEXAMINATION INDICATED AN UNDER EXPENDITURE OF 155
HOWITZER AMMUNITION RATHER THAN AN OVER EXPENDITURE AS NOTED IN
REFERENCE A, ON THE BASIS OF EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONTAINED IN THE
12TH MARINES ARTY SITREP, THE BASIC SOURCE DOCUMENT. A FURTHER
CHECK WITH XXIV CORPS FSCE AND III MAF COC INDICATE THAT
APPARENTLY THE EXPENDITURES OF THE 1ST BDE/5TH MECHDIV WERE
DOUBLE COUNTED ON EACH DAY DURING THE NOTED PERIOD OF 19-26 AUG
68 EXCEPT FOR 24 AUG68. THE DATA CONCERNING TOTAL 155MM HOW AMMO
EXPENDITURES IS AS FOLLOWS:

DATE 12TH MAR ARTY SITREP 1ST BDE/5TH MECH III MAF COC

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CIB	COC	DENT. O.	EMB.	ENGA	FD. SERV.	HO. COMDT	INS.	LEGAL	MTO	POSTAL	PROTOCOL	PMO
PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.									

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PAGE TWO RUMHVP 0142D C O N F I D E N T I A L
(INCL 1ST BDE/5TH MECH)

19 AUG	1406	415	1821
20 AUG	1245	805	2050
21 AUG	1671	538	2209
22 AUG	1369	504	1875
23 AUG	1838	573	2411
24 AUG	2031	711	2031
25 AUG	1452	585	2037
26 AUG	2019	793	2812

2. FOR THE NOTED EIGHT DAY PERIOD, THE TOTAL USMC/USA ASR (INCLUDED HE, ILLUM, WP, HC, AND ICM) FOR 155MM HOW WAS COMPUTED TO BE 14,370 ROUNDS WHEREAS 13,031 WERE FIRED. THE DISCREPANCY IN DATA FOR THE 105MM HOW BETWEEN THE DIVISION TOTAL AND THE 16 PERCENT OVEREXPENDITURE NOTED IN REFERENCE A HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED AS YET.

3. EXPERIENCE TO DATE REVEALS THAT THE USA ASR IS INADEQUATE FOR THE 155MM HOW OF THE 1ST BDE/5TH MECH DIV IN ITS DIRECT SUPPORT ROLE. HOWEVER THE REPORTING PERIOD IS ONLY FIVE DAYS OLD AND I DESIRE TO USE A LONGER PERIOD IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A MORE VALID COMPARISON OF EXPENDITURES VERSUS THE ASR. IF THE TREND CONTINUES, IT WILL BE A MATTER OF SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.

PAGE THREE RUMHVP 0142D C O N F I D E N T I A L

4. A CONCERTED EFFORT WILL CONTINUE TO BE MADE TO CONSERVE 155MM HOW AS WELL AS THE OTHER CALIBER ARTILLERY AMMUNITION AS SET FORTH IN REFERENCE A. FOR MONTHLY PERIOD TO 242400 AUG 30 MARDIV WAS EXPENDED IN 105/155MM BY 1,329 ROUNDS.

*OVER?
within?*

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OO RUEBHOA
 DE RUMSAV 084W 2471730
 ZNY SSSSS
 O P 031215Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAF
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MAR CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR FMFPAC F-031
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
 A. PERIOD COVERED FROM 020001H TO 022400H SEPTEMBER 1966.
 B. (1) 160
 (2) 17
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 C. (1) 117
 (2) 66 (3) 61

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(4) 34
 (5) 100
) 50
 (7) 20
 D. (1) 35
 (2) 22
 (3) 6
 (4) 7
 E. (1) 62
 (2) 8
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 F. (1) 55
 (2) 55
 (3) 8
 (4) 47
 G. (1) 24
 (2) 21
 (3) 10
 (4) 0

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H. (1) 55
 (2) 0
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 I. (1) 13
 (2) (A) 44
 (B) 8
 (C) 0
 (D) 0
 J. (1) 2
 (2) 114
 (3) 55
 (4) 0
 (5) 0
 (6) 0
 K. (1) 0
 (2) 0
 (3) 0
 (4) 25
 L. (1) 0

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(2) 0
 (3) 4
 (4) 0
 (5) 2
 (6) 0
 (7) 0
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY FIRST MAW
 A. (1) (A) 83
 (B) 71
 (2) 40
 (3) 67
 B. (1) 230
 (2) 36 (3) 0
 C. (1) (A) 91 (B) 54
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 21
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
 D. (1) 24
 (2) 16
 (3) 0
 E. (1) 34

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PAGE FIVE RUMSAV 084W S E C R E T SPECAT

- (2) 6
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- F. (1) 0
- (2) 67 (3) 0
- G. (1) 58
- (2) 9
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- H. (1) 20
- (2) 0
- (3) 3
- I. (1) 8
- (2) 15

APAGE SIX RUMSAV 084W S E C R E T SPECAT

- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- J. (1) (A) 57 (B) 46
- (2) (A) 28 (B) 4
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (4) (A) 3 (B) 0
- (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (6) (A) (B) 0
- (7) (A) 0 (B) 21
- L. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 38 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 - I(1) 4 USMC TO USMC, WX
 - 2 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALF
 - 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
 - I(2) 4 USMC TO USMC, WX
 - 1 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
 - 2 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALF
 - 2 USA TO USMC, TGT PRI
 - 2 USA TO USMC, ACFT MALF
 - 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
 - 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL GP-4

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG				lp	REMARKS B-2 - G-3 please provide input. Check with Dir Comdis in South. 9
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S				a	
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	031845H	Req	Jer	
	G-1					
	G-2				copy	
	G-3				copy	
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
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	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 LTG STILLWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 LTG PEERS CG I FFV
 LTG KERWIN CG II FFV
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 11917 EYES ONLY

SOME STRAWS OF INTELLIGENCE INDICATE THAT IN SOME PLACES THE ENEMY IS "HOLING UP", "HIDING", TUNNELING TO ESCAPE BOMBING, AND OTHER MEASURES TO CONSERVE MANPOWER. SOME INDICATION OF NEW MEETINGS TO REVIEW COURSES OF ACTION.

I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PERSONAL VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE NEXT TWO DAYS OR SO. ALSO YOUR VIEWS ON WHETHER WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR IN THE LAST 60 DAYS MAY HAVE CAUSED MORE ATTRITION THAN WE RECORD.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
 DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS

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			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S					
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S		0308/10/57		JW	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
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	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

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OO RUEBHQA
DE RUSVDF 084W 2461845
ZNY SSSSS
O P 021225Z SEP 68
FM CG FIRST MAW
TO RUEBHQA/CMC
RUMKM/CG FMFPAC
RUMSAK/CG III MAF
INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
FOR CMC CODE (AA-12)
FOR FMFPAC F-027
1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
A. PERIOD COVERED - 010001H TO 012400H SEPTEMBER 68
B. (1) 168
(2) 10
(3) 0
(4) 0
C. (1) 158
(2) 68
(3) 61

PAGE TWO RUSVDF 084W S E C R E T SPECAT
(4) 36
(5) 98
(6) 48
(7) 36
D. (1) 51
(2) 19
(3) 8
(4) 0
E. (1) 69
(2) 13
(3) 0
(4) 0
F. (1) 35
(2) 35
(3) 4
(4) 31
G. (1) 18
(2) 11
(3) 6
(4) 0

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PAGE THREE RUSVDFV 024W S E C R E T SPECAT

- K. (1) 33
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- L. (1) 17
- (2) (A) 51
- (B) 3
- (3) 0
- (4) 3
- M. (1) 0
- (2) 108
- (3) 30
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- N. (1) 0
- (2) 3
- (3) 0
- (4) 13
- O. (1) 0

PAGE FOUR RUSVDFV 024W S E C R E T SPECAT

- (2) 0
- (3) 10
- (4) 3
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- P. (1) NEG
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 86
- (B) 72
- (2) 29
- (3) 75
- B. (1) 232
- (2) 30
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 91 (B) 52
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 21
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- D. (1) 10
- (2) 19

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PAGE FIVE RUSVDF 034W S E C R E T SPECAT

(3) 0
 F. (1) 19
 (2) 10
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 (5) 0
 (6) 0
 (7) 0
 G. (1) 0
 (2) 14
 (3) 2
 (4) 0
 (5) 0
 (6) 0
 (7) 0
 H. (1) 30
 (2) 0

PAGE SIX RUSVDF 034W S E C R E T SPECAT

(3) 1
 I. (1) 10
 (2) 21
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 J. (1) (A) 50 (B) 47
 (2) (A) 31 (B) 4
 (3) (A) 2 (B) 0
 (4) (A) 3 (B) 0
 (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
 (7) (A) 0 (B) 21
 K. (1) A:3 INCLUDES 36 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 I(1) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
 2 USMC TO USMC, WX
 6 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
 I(2) 3 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
 2MUSA TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
 6 USMC TO USMC, WX
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
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OO RUEBHOA
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SECRET FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. FINAL SECTION OF TWO

1 USMC TO USA, MNEG CONT
 1 USA TO USMC, NEG CONT
 2 USMC TO ROKMC, WX
 1 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI
 1 USA TO USA, TGT PRI

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R 071447Z AUG 68 ZPP-6
FM CMC
TO RUMUCRA/CG III MAF
INFO RUMNFMA/CG III MAF
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN, INFO LT GEN BUSE FROM
LT GEN VAN RYZIN

PRESENTATION OF DECORATION (C)
1. SECNAV WITH CONCURRENCE OF SECDEF HAS APPROVED AWARD OF SILVER STAR MEDAL TO LT GEN HOANG XUAN LAM 49/201368 ARVN FOR SERVICE ON 30 JAN 1968. CITATION IS QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: "THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING THE SILVER STAR MEDAL TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL HOANG XUAN LAM ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY AND INTREPIDITY IN ACTION WHILE SERVING AS COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON 30 JANUARY 1968, DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 30 JANUARY, THE ENEMY LAUNCHED AN ATTACK AGAINST THE I

PAGE TWO RUEKHOA 7740 **CONFIDENTIAL**
CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN DANANG. WHEN ADVISED OF THE ATTACK, LIEUTENANT GENERAL LAM RUSHED THROUGH THE INTENSE HOSTILE FIRE TO SUPERVISE THE DEFENSE OF THE HEADQUARTERS COMPLEX AND DANANG CITY. THE MAIN ENEMY FORCE OF BATTALION SIZE HAD ADVANCED TO WITHIN 200 METERS OF THE COMPLEX AND WAS DIRECTING A HEAVY VOLUME OF SMALL-ARMS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE INTO THE COMPOUND. MOVING TO THE TACTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER, HE RAPIDLY ASSESSED THE SITUATION AND REALIZED THAT THOUSANDS OF CIVILIAN REFUGEES FLEEING THE AREA WOULD BE ENDANGERED BY ANY IMMEDIATE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE ACTION. DELAYING A REACTION FORCE UNTIL ASSURED THAT THE REFUGEES HAD CLEARED THE AREA, HE THEN ORDERED HEAVY AIR STRIKES ON ENEMY ENPLACEMENTS ONLY 200 METERS FROM HIS OWN POSITION WHICH DISLODGED THE ENEMY WHO WERE THEN ENGAGED BY A REACTION FORCE, RESULTING IN 102 NORTH VIETNAMESE CONFIRMED KILLED AND 152 ENEMY CAPTURED. BY HIS GALLANT LEADERSHIP, SUPERIOR PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCE AND SELFLESS DEVOTING TO DUTY THROUGHOUT, LIEUTENANT GENERAL LAM UPHELD THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE. FOR THE PRESIDENT, PAUL H. IGNATIUS, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY."

2. SUGGEST ANY PRESENTATION UTILIZE ABOVE QUOTED CITATION AND A MEDAL FROM CG III MAF STOCK. CITATION AND CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY SECNAV WILL BE AIRMAILED ASAP.

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 011433		COPY# OF COPIES RECD 1,2,3, 4	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT EYES ONLY
			IN	OUT		
3	CG					REMARKS CG - In requesting G-4 and G-3 comments. It looks like we are moving closer + closer to separate Army Corps in MACV. We certainly have spent considerable time, money and effort in building up local ASF. V. Lopez 9 only way I'll ever get relaxed !!
4	DCG			9/2	RWD	
	DCG AIR					
	C/S					
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S		020745H		JW	
	G-1					
	G-2					
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	G-4	C			Copy to G-4 25 Sep 68 m	
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

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O 211433Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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SECRET FNS 1273 EYES ONLY

1. WITH THE SOUTHWARD DISPLACEMENT OF MARINE FORCES FROM THIS IMMEDIATE VICINITY, A VOID WILL BE CREATED IN THE INSTALLATION/BASE AREA COORDINATION FIELD. MY HEADQUARTERS IS NOT STAFFED TO ASSUME THESE FUNCTIONS NOR WOULD I WISH TO ATTEMPT TO AUGMENT IT FOR THE PURPOSE IF AT ALL AVOIDABLE.
2. ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OCCURS TO ME: IT MIGHT BE FEASIBLE TO MOVE GEN YOUNG'S SUPPORT COMMAND HEADQUARTERS INTO THIS AREA TO ASSUME BASE FUNCTIONS. AND, IF CG FLC SHOULD FIND IT DESIRABLE TO MOVE ALL OR A PART OF FLSC ALFA INTO CLOSER PROXIMITY TO THE TROOPS IT SUPPORTS, THE FACILITIES THEREBY VACATED WOULD LEND THEMSELVES IDEALLY TO ARMY SUPPORT COMMAND'S NEEDS.
3. I OFFER THESE POINTS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION IN ORDER THAT, IF YOUR REACTION IS GENERALLY FAVORABLE, WE MAY INITIATE DEFINITIVE PLANNING AND AN EARLY EXCHANGE OF REQUISITE INFORMATION AMONG ALL PARTIES IN INTEREST.
4. RECORDS

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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00 RUEOBHA RUKM RUMSAK
 DE RUMSAV 109W 2451705
 ZNY SSSSS
 O P 011315Z SEP 68
 FM CG FIRST MAF
 TO RUEOBHA/CMC
 RUKM/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV
 BT

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR MAR CORPS EYES ONLY
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)
 FOR FMFPAC (F-039)
 1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
 A. PERIOD COVERED FROM 301901H TO 312400H AUGUST 68.
 B. (1) 190
 (2) 16
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 C. (1) 161
 (2) 81

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(3) 65
 (4) 41
 (5) 103
 (6) 61
 (7) 34
 D. (1) 51
 (2) 24
 (3) 12
 (4) 8
 E. (1) 90
 (2) 5
 (3) 0
 (4) 0
 F. (1) 65
 (2) 65
 (3) 2
 (4) 63
 G. (1) 26
 (2) 20
 (3) 19

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PAGE FIVE RUMSAV 120W S E C R E T SPECAT M020

- (2) 36
- (3) 0
- E. (1) 26
- (2) 10
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- F. (1) 0
- (2) 75
- (3) 0
- G. (1) 51
- (2) 13
- (3) 5
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- H. (1) 24
- (2) 0

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- (5) 7
- I. (1) 13
- (2) 18
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- J. (1) (A) 58 (B) 48
- (2) (A) 29 (B) 0
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (4) (A) 3 (B) 0
- (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (7) (A) 0 (B) 12
- K. (1) AC3) INCLUDES 38 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
 - (1) 1 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI
 - 2 USA TO TUS, NEG TGT
 - 2 USA TO USA, WEATHER
 - 2 USA TO USMC, TGT PRI
 - 36 6 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
 - (2) 4 USA TO USMC, TGT PRI
 - 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI

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PAGE SEVEN RUMSIV 109W S E C R E T SPECAT MCEO
1 USA TO USA, TGT PRI
4 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
5 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
2 USA TO USMC, NEG TGT

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FOR

RR RUYPSYD
DE RUYGSAS 0055 2451100
ZNR UUUUU ZYO RUGCS

R 011100Z SEP 68
FM COMSEVENTHFLT
TO RUYPSYD /III MAF
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FOR MAJ GEN TOMPKINS FROM ZRINGLE

1. MY HELO DID NOT GET BACK TO THE HEADQUARTERS BUT THE ADDRESS FOR THE INFORMATION AND PURCHASE OF AN EXERCYCLE IS QUOTE EXERCYCLE CORPORATION 630 THIRD AVE NEW YORK, N.Y. WM 10017 UNQUOTE. ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND AND GREAT FOR YOUR NEEDS.
2. ENJOYED LUNCH AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALL OF YOU. BEST REGARDS.
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HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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II MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

OPERATION CODE X-ORIGINATOR A-ACTION/COGNIZANCE C-COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION I-INFORMATION S-SIGNATURE				FROM CG XXIV CORPS		DATE 01 SEPT 68	
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3	CG					REMARKS Answered note of 2 Sept, FOR	
	DCG						
	DCG AIR						
	C/S						
	D C/S						
	D C/S DM						
1	S/S		9/1				
	G-1						
	G-2						
	G-3				copy		
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 FM CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 TO CG III MAF DNG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L 05403 STILWELL TO CUSHMAN
 SUBJ: HUE FLOAT BRIDGE

1. (C) ON 14AUG 1968 ABOUT ONE HALF OF THE 1100 FEET OF FLOATING BRIDGE A HUE WS ACCIDENTLY SUNK BY US FORCES.
2. (C) SINCE THAT TIME EFFORTS TO RAISE AND DISMANTLE THE BRIDGE HAVE BEEN APPARENTLY UNPRODUCTIVE AS THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE OF THE BRIDGE HAS REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED. ADDITIONALLY THERE IS LITTLE EVIDENCE OF MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT AT THE BRIDGE SITE.
3. (C) THE COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE FACTORS IS RAPIDLY LEADING TO A SITUATION IN WHICH US FORCES WILL BE SUBJECT TO SEVERE CRITICISM FOR THE DELAY. AT THE LEAST, CONSIDERABLE EMBARRASSMENT WILL ACCRUE TO THE US.
4. (C) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ACTION TO RAISE AND DISMANTLE THE BRIDGE BE EXPECTED

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 P 311525Z AUG 68
 FM CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FOR BEN HOFFMAN FROM RADM MOORE
 1. AS MENTIONED 30 AUG, WILL BE IN DANANG 1 SEP. IF YOUR
 SCHEDULE PERMITS, WILL BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS NGFS, INCLUDING
 NEW JERSEY TARGETING ABOUT 1300H
 2. BEST REGARDS
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