

14. ~~CG FMAW 151575Z SEP68 (S MCEO)~~  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 1 15. COMUSMACV 161114Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
KOMER TO CUSHMAN AND CROSS  
PRISONER TRANSFERS
- 2 16. CG FMAW 161620Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 3 17. CG FMAW 170847Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 4 18. CG FMAW 170855Z SEP68 (S) *gp-4*  
QUILTER TO MCCUTCHEON INFO BUSE & CUSHMAN  
SEA INTERFACE
- ~~5 19. LTC STILLWELL 171643Z SEP68 (S)~~  
~~STILLWELL TO CUSHMAN & ABRAMS~~  
~~DMZ OPERATION~~
- 6 20. CG FMAW 190132Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 7 21. CG THIRD MARDIV 191014Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*  
DAVIS TO BUSE AND CUSMAN  
BGEN CHIP'S CONDITION
- 8 22. CG FMAW 191300Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 9 23. CMC 192200Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
SEA INTERFACE
- 10 24. CG FMFPAC 200231Z SEP68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*  
BUSE TO CHAPMAN INFO CUSHMAN  
CAMOUFLAGE UTILITIES
- 11 25. CG FMFPAC 200246Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
BUSE TO CUSHMAN  
ASSIGNMENT OF OFFICERS
- 12 26. CG FMFPAC 200326Z SEP68 (C) *Group-4*  
BUSE TO CUSHMAN INFO QUILTER  
OV-10A
- 13 27. COMNAVFORV 201054Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
REGRETS BREECH IN PROTOCOL
- 14 28. CG FMAW 201317Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 15 29. CMC 201450Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
MCCUTCHEON TO ANDERSON  
CH-53 TOW CAPABILITY

- 16 ~~30.~~ TF CLEARWATER 210130Z SEP68 (C) *Group-4*  
REGRETS BREECH IN PROTOCOL
- 17 ~~31.~~ CG FMAW 211725Z SEP68 (S MCED) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 18 ~~32.~~ CG FMAW 221550Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 19 ~~33.~~ CG NINTH MAB 230630Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ WILLIAMS TO BUSE  
CHANGE IN ITINERARY
- 20 ~~34.~~ NALCOWESTPAC 230906Z SEP68 (U)  
PASS TO WEBSTER
- 21 ~~35.~~ CG FMAW 231544Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 22 ~~36.~~ CG FMAW 241540Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 23 ~~37.~~ USS SANCTUARY 242230Z SEP68 (S) *gp-4*  
CHIP TO STILWELL  
CONGRATS ON HELO SUPPORT
- 24 ~~38.~~ CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT 250211Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR HOFFMAN - VISIT TO USS NEW JERSEY
- 25 ~~39.~~ CG FMAW 250930Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
ROUTINE INPUT
- 26 ~~40.~~ CG AMERICAL 251400Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
GETTYSTO CUSHMAN  
BURLINGTON TRAIL OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR 24-25SEP68
- 27 ~~41.~~ CMC 252356Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
CHAPMAN TO BUSE INFO CUSHMAN  
PROGRAM SIX CEILING
- 28 ~~42.~~ CMC 260142Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
CHAPMAN TO BUSE AND CUSHMAN  
SINGLE MANAGEMENT - MEMO FOR DEPSECDEF
- 29 ~~43.~~ COMUSMACV 260657Z SEP68 (S) *gp-4*  
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL  
SPECIAL OPERATIONS - WUNDERBEACH AREA
- 30 ~~44.~~ MG DAVIDSON J-2 MACV 261150Z SEP68 (C) *Group - not shown*  
DAVIDSON TO ALL CDRS  
CS TYPE AGENT INTRODUCED BY VC
- 31 ~~45.~~ LTG STILWELL 261345Z SEP68 (C) *Group - not shown*  
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN INFO ABRAMS  
CLARIFICATION OF SIGHTING OF TRACKED VEHICLES

- 32 ~~46.~~ CMC 261535Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 CHAPMAN TO BUSE AND CUSHMAN  
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT - ANSWER TO CM-3651-68
- 33 ~~47.~~ CG FMAW 261535Z SEP68 (SMCEO) *gp-4*  
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 34 ~~48.~~ BG SCHWEITER 261600Z SEP68 (C) *group-not shown*  
 SCHWEITER TO ANDERSON  
 PERSONS INVOLVED IN PLANNING GROUP
- 35 ~~49.~~ CG FMFPAC 262111Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 BUSETO CUSHMAN  
 PROGRAM SIX
- 36 ~~50.~~ MG SHAEFER 270151Z SEP68 (S) *group-4*  
 SHAEFER TO ANDERSON  
 POSTPONES ABRAMS PERSONAL VISIT ON SUNDAY "CONTINGENCY"
- 37 ~~51.~~ CG FMAW 271620Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 38 ~~52.~~ MG SHAEFER 280619Z SEP68 (S) *group not shown*  
 SHAEFER TO ANDERSON  
 WILL ARRIVE 0945
- 39 ~~53.~~ CMC 281233Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 CHAPMAN TO BUSE AND CUSHMAN  
 EVALUATION OF OPCON OF III MAF AVIATION ASSETW
- 40 ~~54.~~ CG FMAW 281740Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 41 ~~55.~~ CG FMFPAC 282009Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-3*  
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT
- 42 ~~56.~~ CG FMFPAC 282203Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 PROGRAM 6
- 43 ~~57.~~ CG FMAW 291200Z SEP68 (C MCEO) *gp-4*  
 REVIEW OF HAWK MISSILES SUPPLY SYSTEM IN RVN
- 44 ~~58.~~ CG FMAW 291430Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *group-4*  
 ROUTINE INPUT
- 45 ~~59.~~ CG THIRD MARDIV 300102Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
 DAVIS R&R
- 46 ~~60.~~ COMNAVSUPACT 300313Z SEP68 (C) *gp-4*  
 FIRE, DAMAGE, AND CASUALTIES AT NSAD, CUA VIET
- 47 ~~61.~~ CG FMAW 301510Z SEP68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*  
 ROUTINE INPUT

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			161144Z SEP 68			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
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3	CG					<b>REMARKS</b> To Ch - recommend we obtain Dep Cords items on this entire matter before you approach you then. <b>FOR</b> yes le. Dep Cords for action 9 (whose comments passed to Dep CORDS (SSgt SiRes) 181000H 1 Sep 68. V. Singh / Spt. McK.) 9/17/68 COPY PROVIDED MR CROSS THIS DATE. RSC McJ Hanh S/S CONFIDENTIAL
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 P 161144Z SEP 68  
 FM COMUSMACV  
 TO CG III MAF DA NANG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 27337

KOMER SENDS. EXCLUSIVE FOR CUSHMAN AND CROSS  
 SUBJECT: PRISONER TRANSFERS (U)

REFERENCE: COMUSMACV 081005Z JUNE 68

1. (C) WHEN I RAN INTO GENERAL LAM IN QUANG NGAI FRIDAY, HE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN SHIFTING MORE PRISONERS OUT OF I CTZ. HOWEVER, SAIGON AUTHORITIES ARE UNABLE TO MOVE PRISONERS WITHOUT CONCURRENCE OF PROVINCE CHIEFS. ALSO UNDER NEW CRITERIA ONLY PRISONERS WITH MORE THAN SIX MONTHS TO SERVE CAN BE SENT TO CON SON. SUGGEST YOU AGAIN URGE GENERAL LAM TO PUSH PROVINCE SECURITY COMMITTEES TO ACTION AS SUGGESTED IN PARA 4 OF REFERENCE.
2. (C) GENERAL LAM AGAIN EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BUILD 10,000-MAN PRISON ON CU LAO RE, SAYING THAT IF US WOULD PROVIDE MATERIALS HE'D DO EVERYTHING ELSE. LAST YEAR WE ESTABLISHED EXTRACTION PROGRAM AS ALTERNATIVE TO COSTLY CONSTRUCTION ON CU LAO RE WITH ATTENDANT DISADVANTAGES. DIRECTORATE OF CORRECTIONS COULD NOT PROVIDE PERSONNEL

PAGE 2 RHMSMVA 2889 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 OR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. JGS DISAPPROVED GENERAL LAM'S REQUEST. TO DATE THIS YEAR 2,602 HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED FROM I CTZ. LATEST DATA SHOW EXCES POPULATION DOWN TO APPROXIMATELY 1,300 IN I CTZ CORRECTION FACILITIES AND 2,000 IN POLICE JAILS. WE CAN HOUSE THESE AT CON SON OR ELSEWHERE IF ROAD BLOCKS CITED IN PARP 1 ABOVE CAN BE REMOVED. THEREFORE, A 10,000-MAN PRISON DOES NOT APPEAR WARRANTED.

3. (C) HOWEVER, IF YOU NOW DESIRE TO BUILD ON CU LAO RE WE WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING CANVAS, BARBED WIRE, FENCE POSTS, AND SIMILAR LIMITED MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR AN AUSTERE TNET CAMP LIKE THE ONE ON CON SON. GENERAL LAM WILL BE REQUIRED TO MOVE MATERIALS TO SITE, ERECT AND OPERATE FACILITY WITHOUT US OR DOC ASSISTANCE. BEFORE DECISION ON CU LAO RE RECOMMEND CAREFUL REVIEW OF ADVERSE FACTORS BROUGHT OUT BY ENGINEERING STUDIES LAST YEAR BY SEABEES AND MACDC.

4. (C) MR. BERKELEY WILL VISIT DANANG 2-4 OCTOBER FOR FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON ABOVE. GP-4

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 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARD IV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARD IV

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SECRET SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR FMFPAC F-043  
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

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- C. (1) 91  
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- (4) 26  
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- G. (1) 49  
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(6) (A) 0 (B) 0

(7) (A) 0 (B) 16

K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 42 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES

I(1) 1 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI

2 USMC TO USMC, WX

(2) I(2) 1 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI

3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION

2 USMC TO USMC, WX

4 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN

6 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT

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	CORDS					
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 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 170847Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 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  
 FOR FMFPAC F-216  
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)

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(2) 18

(3) 67

B. (1) 213

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C. (1) (A) 103 (B) 46

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D. (1) 4

(2) 14

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 G. (1) 63  
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 (5) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (6) (A) 0 (B) 0  
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 K. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 40 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
     I (1) 2 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
         1 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 (2) I (2) 4 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
         1 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI  
         3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION  
         3 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
         1 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL GP=4

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3	CG				le	REMARKS  EXCLUSIVE  FOR  For CG - This is a solid position. I had previously discussed this matter with CD Jris (CG MACG-18) the author of this msg.  Roggy  #
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 P 170855Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 INFO RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 FOR MGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN  
 QUILTER  
 SEA INTERFACE

A. CMC 101922Z SEP68 (C) (PASEP)

1. (S) REFERENCE (A) REQUESTED MACRON THREE COMMENTS ON THE FEASIBILITY OF MAKING ENGINEERING CHANGES TO THE AN/TYQ-2 IN ORDER THAT CERTAIN READOUTS CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE SEA INTERFACE.
2. (S) MY UNDERSTANDING OF CMC POLICY IN THE PAST GOES LIKE THIS: THAT THE TYQ-2 IS A PRODUCTION SYSTEM; THAT WE DESIRE TO KEEP ALL SYSTEMS ALIKE; THAT NO CHANGES WOULD BE MADE IN THE TYQ-2 TO SATISFY THE SEA INTERFACE; FURTHER, THAT THE AIR FORCE SYSTEM IS A ONE OF A KIND SYSTEM AND ANY REQUIRED CHANGES FOR COMPATIBILITY SHOULD BE MADE TO THAT SYSTEM. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THE CONUS TEST FORCE HAS BEEN MADE

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 WELL AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE ONLY CHANGES TO BE MADE BY US TO SATISFY THE INTERFACE WOULD BE SOFTWARE CHANGES IN THE TDCC.

3. (S) IF MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE ABOVE POLICY IS CORRECT I RECOMMEND THAT WE DO NOT DEVIATE FROM IT. A FOOT IN THE DOOR IN THIS AREA CAN MEAN MANY HEARTACHES LATER.
4. (S) LOCAL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL ARE ATTEMPTING TO SOLICIT OUR SUPPORT FOR A ONE WAY LINK FROM THE NAVY THROUGH MACS-4 TO THE AIR FORCE. IT WAS MADE CLEAR TO THEM THAT WE WERE NOT IN A POSITION TO TAKE SIDES ON THE ISSUE SINCE ALL POLICY WAS MADE AT HQMC LEVEL. THEY ALSO ASKED TO HAVE SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION ENGINEERS TALK TO MACS-4 PERSONNEL CONCERNING TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY OF THE ONE WAY DATA LINK. THEY WERE REFUSED AND REFERRED TO HQMC REPRESENTATIVE. THIS INFORMATION IS PASSED FOR INFORMATION IN THE EVENT THAT HQUSAF MAKES ANY STATEMENTS IMPLYING THAT WE OUT HERE CONCUR WITH THEIR APPROACH.
5. (S) IT APPEARS FROM HERE THAT THE AIR FORCE WANTS THE NAVY INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE-REGARDLESS OF COST. COULD THIS BE THEIR OPENING GAMBIT FOR SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF ALL AIR OPERATIONS IN SEA? WARM REGARDS.

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	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/20		H	
	G-1					
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	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
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	EMB/TRANS					
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	S&C					

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00 RUEBHOA  
 DE RUMSAV 0046 2630200  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 190132Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV  
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 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)

FOR FMFPAC F-006

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 17 SEP 68

B. (1) 145

(2) 32

(3) 0

(4) 0

C. (1) 104

(2) 75

(3) 74

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(4) 54

(5) 60

(6) 45

(7) 48

D. (1) 54

(2) 21

(3) 16

(4) 4

E. (1) 84

(2) 11

(3) 0

(4) 0

F. (1) 44

(2) 44

(3) 14

(4) 30

G. (1) 40

(2) 4

(3) 0

(4) 0

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H. (1) 44

(2) 0

(3) 0

(4) 0

I. (1) 5

(2) (A) 32

(B) 6

(C) 0

(D) 0

J. (1) 2

(2) 126

(3) 45

(4) 0

(5) 0

(6) 0

K. (1) 0

(2) 0

(3) 2

(4) 31

L. (1) 0

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(2) 2

(3) 2

(4) 0

(5) 0

(6) 0

(7) 0

M. (1) K(3) 2 SORTIES NEG DROP, RIN IO BASE

2. DATA PROVIDED BY ISTMAW

A. (1) (A) 100

(B) 53

(2) 34

(3) 56

B. (1) 215

(2) 28

(3) 0

C. (1) (A) 103 (B) 41

(2) (A) 0 (B) 16

(3) (A) 0 (B) 0

D. (1) 7

(2) 27

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(3) 0  
 E. (1) 24  
 (2) 8  
 (3) 2  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 F. (1) 0  
 (2) 56  
 (3) 0  
 G. (1) 44  
 (2) 10  
 (3) 2  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 H. (1) 7  
 (2) 0

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(3) 0  
 I. (1) 0  
 (2) 7  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 J. (1) (A) 58 (B) 25  
 (2) (A) 44 (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) 16  
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 40 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
 (2) I(2) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION  
 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 191014Z SEP 68		COPY# / OF 3 COPIES RECD	
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			IN	OUT		
	GG					REMARKS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY EXCLUSIVE FOR
3	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	#				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/20		D	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	SBC					

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 DE RUMHVP 2255D 2631014  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 P 191014Z SEP68  
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC (D037)  
 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
 BT

S E C R E T / S P E C A T (FOR MARINE CORP EYES ONLY)  
 S P E C A T E X C L U S I V E F O R L I G E N B U S E & L I G E N C U S H M A N F R O M M A J G E N  
 D A V I S

BGEN CHIP

1. VISIT TO THE SANCTUARY LATE TODAY REVEALED NO CHANGE IN BILL CHIP'S CONDITION. SEVERE BACK PAIN PERSISTS. OTHERWISE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION.
2. OPINIONS ABOARD SANCTUARY ARE THAT SIX MONTHS LIMITED DUTY WILL PROBABLY BE REQUIRED. EXPECT EVACUATION TO CONUS AS SOON AS HE IS ABLE TO TRAVEL: /
3. IF AVAILABLE, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE RUORGE WEBSTER AS MY SECOND ADC.
4. WARM RE GARDS.

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ZIMAF FORM 0216 (REV 3-68)

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 191300Z SEP 68		COPY# / OF 3 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS  MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	F				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	F	9/30			
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	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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OO RUEBHOA  
 DE RUMSAV 0103 2631330  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 191300Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 BT

**S E C R E T** 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 18 SEP 68
- B. (1) 167  
 (2) 26  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0
- C. (1) 106  
 (2) 73  
 (3) 74

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- (4) 46  
 (5) 126  
 (6) 55  
 (7) 40
- D. (1) 38  
 (2) 32  
 (3) 20  
 (4) 5
- E. (1) 89  
 (2) 16  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0
- F. (1) 68  
 (2) 68  
 (3) 16  
 (4) 162
- G. (1) 42  
 (2) 10  
 (3) 16  
 (4) 0

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- H. (1) 166
- (2) 2
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- I. (1) 9
- (2) (A) 24
- (B) 6
- (C) 0
- (D) 0
- J. (1) 8
- (2) 134
- (3) 33
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- K. (1) (1
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 24
- L. (1) 0

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- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 2
- (6) 0
- (7) 16
- M. (1) L (7) 6 SORTIES - NEG TGT
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 86
- (B) 70
- (2) 34
- (3) 164
- B. (1) 198
- (2) 56
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 34
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- D. (1) 10
- (2) 24

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- (3) 0
- E. (1) 28
- (2) 4
- (3) 2
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- F. (1) 0
- (2) 64
- (3) 0
- G. (1) 48
- (2) 16
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- H. (1) 21
- (2) 0

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0103 S E C R E T SPECAT

- (3) 0
- I. (1) 0 (2) 21
- (3) 0 (4) 0
- J. (1) (A) 61 (B) 36
- (2) (A) 22 (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) 34
- K. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 42 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
- (2) I (2) 3 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
- 1 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI
- 6 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
- 1 USMC TO USA, ACFT MALFUNCTION
- 1 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN
- 2 USMC TO USA, ASRT DOWN
- 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT
- 2 USA TO USA, NEG TGT
- 1 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 192200Z SEP 68		COPY# 1 OF 3 COPIES RECD	
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			IN	OUT		
3	CG				6	EXCLUSIVE FOR REMARKS <b>EXCLUSIVE FOR</b> MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
4	DCG					
2	DCG AIR					
	C/S					
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I 201946H			H	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	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					

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FM OMC

TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

INFO RUMHAW/CG FMFPAC

RHMMAF/CG III MAF

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
FOR MGEN QUILTER FROM MGEN MC CUTCHEON: INFO FOR LTGEN BUSE AND  
LTGEN CUSHMAN

SEA INTERFACE (U)

A. FIRST MAW 170855Z SEP68

B. OMC 101922Z SEP 68

C. CINCPAC 112350Z SEP68 (PASEP)

1. (U) POLICY AS STATED PARA 2 REF A REMAINS VALID.
2. (S) INTENT OF REF B IS EXPLORATORY ONLY AT THIS TIME. POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT READOUT CAPABILITY AT TAOC COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE BY TDCC SOFTWARE CHANGES AND THIS HQ WANTED TO LOOK INTO IT. PARA 5C REF C INDICATES LACK OF PARTICIPATING UNIT IDENTIFIERS AS SEA INTERFACE DEFICIENCY. MACS-3, CONUS TEST FORCE AND THIS HQ CONCUR TAOC SHOULD HAVE EXPANDED READOUT

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA7717 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
CAPABILITY SO MACS-4 TAOC WOULD NOT BE DEGRADED BY SUBJ INTER-  
FACE. ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT SUCH A FIX BY SOFTWARE ALONE  
WOULD BE FEASIBLE FOR APPLICATION AS A PART OF THE INTERFACE  
PROJECT WHILE HARDWARE CHANGE IS LAST RESORT. HARDWARE CHG  
WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN ALL TYQ-2 PRODUCTION SYSTEMS ONLY UPON  
CLEAR STATEMENT OF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT BY THE FMF FOR THIS  
CAPABILITY. CONUS TEST FORCE AND THIS HQ REQUIRE INFORMATION  
ON RAMIFICATIONS OF SUCH CHANGES BEING EXPLORED IN RESPONSE  
REF B TO ADDRESS PARA 5C OF REF C.

3. (S) REQ COMMENTS ON OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR A TAOC, AN/  
TYQ-2 WHEN PARTICIPATING IN MULTI-SYSTEM INTERFACE, TO IDENTIFY  
WHICH PARTICIPATING UNIT HAS REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR A  
PARTICULAR TRACK. SUGGEST YR REPLY BE SENT OVER NORMAL CHANNELS  
AND INFO MACS-3 AND USMC DEPUTY AT CONUS TEST FORCE SO APPLI-  
CABILITY TO MACS-4 TAOC CAN BE FULLY APPRECIATED BY ALL.

4. (S) INFO RECEIVED AT CONUS TEST FORCE AND THIS HQ FROM  
TACC (NS) USAF PERSONNEL HAS BEEN IMPLYING THAT YOU CONCUR IN  
ESTAB ONE WAY LINK. WE DID NOT BELIEVE THIS AND ARE GRATIFIED  
THAT YOUR POSITION IS AS WE EXPECTED IT TO BE. THIS HQ HAD  
ADOPTED THIS POSITION EARLIER AND HAS MAINTAINED IT AT EXEC

PAGE THREE RUEBHOA7719 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
COMMITTEE AND JCS LEVELS. RECENT UNOFFICIAL STATEMENTS BY  
CJF-77, CINCPACFLT AND CNO REPS INDICATE THEY WOULD BE AGREE-  
ABLE TO ONE WAY LINK. WE THINK THEY ARE BEING VERY SHORT-  
SIGHTED AND DO NOT RECOGNIZE ALL POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS OF  
SUCH A MOVE. WE HOPE TO EDUCATE THEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
BEST REGARDS.

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			IN	OUT			
3	CG				lp	REMARKS	
✓	DCG			9/21	lp		
	DCG AIR						
2	C/S	I			@		
	D C/S						
	D C/S DM						
1	S/S	I	9/20		A		
	G-1						
	G-2						
	G-3						
	G-4						
	G-5						
	G-6						
	ADJ						
	CAP						
	CORDS						
	EMB/TRANS						
	ENGR						
	H&S CO						
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PP RUEBHOA RMMAPA  
DE RUHHFMA 2829 2640231  
ZNY CCCCC  
P 201231Z SEP 68  
FM CG FMFPAC  
TO RUEBHOA/CNC  
INFO RMMAPA/CG III MAF  
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM  
LTGEN BUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

CAMOUFLAGE JUNGLE UTILITIES (U)  
A. CG III MAF 190734Z/SEP68 (C) SPECAT (MCEO)

1. (U) REF A DESCRIBES THE SITUATION CAUSED BY PHASING IN  
THE NEW STYLE CAMOUFLAGED LIGHTWEIGHT UTILITIES. THE  
ALTERNATIVE TO WEARING A MIXED UNIFORM IS DISPOSING OF SOME  
QUANTITY OF THE OLD STYLE LIGHTWEIGHT UTILITIES. LIAISON  
WITH MCSA PHILA INDICATES THAT DPSC HAS DISCONTINUED ISSUE OF  
THE OLD STYLE UTILITY TO THE MARINE CORPS AND THAT MINOR  
QUANTITIES REMAIN IN THE MARINE CORPS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM.  
STOCKS OF THE OLD STYLE UTILITIES NOW ON HAND AND ENROUTE TO  
RVN ARE EXPECTED TO BE CONSUMED WITHIN 2 MONTHS EXCEPT FOR A  
FEW SLOW MOVING SIZES.

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA2829 CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO

2. (U) BASED ON THE ABOVE, I RECOMMEND THAT III MAF BE  
AUTHORIZED TO WEAR MIXED STYLES OF LIGHT WEIGHT  
UTILITIES UNTIL STOCKS OF THE OLD STYLE ARE COMPLETELY  
CONSUMED.

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CIB	COC	DENT. O.	EMB.	ENGR.	FD. SERV.	HQ. COMDT.	INSP.	LEGAL	MTO	POSTAL	PROTOCOL	PMO
PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.									#10

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			200246Z SEP 68			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG					REMARKS Offered talk with you on 19th Sep 68 re: [unclear]
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				<b>EXCLUSIVE FOR</b>  [unclear]
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	201946H		WRB	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
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FM CG FMFPAC  
TO RUMHAF/CG III MAF  
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CONFIDENTIAL ALL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN  
FROM LTEN BUSE  
ASGN OF LFF (U)

A. CG, III MAF 170046Z/SEP68 (C)

1. (C) I CONCUR WITH YOUR POLICY ON ASSIGNMENTS IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE AIR-GROUND MAKE UP OF YOUR STAFF. WHILE THERE IS NO OBJECTION TO RESLATING LTCOL (COL SELECTEE) NEW TO YOUR HEAD-QUARTERS, I DO NOT DESIRE TO HAVE THE WING PAY THE PRICE. THEREFORE, IF YOU RELIEVED THE WING OF THE REQUIREMENT TO FURNISH THE C/S FOR TF HOTEL AND PUT A GROUND COLONEL IN THAT BILLET NO COMMAND WOULD HAVE TO BE SHORT A COLONEL.
2. (C) COL BURROUGHS SHOULD BE PRESENT FOR DUTY THERE NOW AND HE CAN BE ASSIGNED TO RAY DAVIS WHO IN TURN CAN SUPPLY HIS OWN C/S FOR TF HOTEL IF YOU SO DESIRE.
3. (C) BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION HOWEVER, I MUST TELL YOU THAT LTCOL NEW WAS ADMITED TO USNH, BEAUFORT, S.C., ON 17 SEP

PAGE TWO RUMHMA2828 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
WITH A DIAGNOSIS OF HYPERTENSION. ESTIMATED PERIOD OF HOSPITAL-  
IZATION IS APPROX TWO-FOUR WEEKS, SO HE WILL NOT ARRIVE IN  
RVN UNTIL LATE OCT AT THE EARLIEST. WARM REGARDS.

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PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.									#11

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG				le	<p>REMARKS</p> <p>96. We will prepare records. TOP</p> <p>what's the matter with FMAW!? I want this stopped.</p> <p>1st maw has been advised</p> <p>action completed while CG FMEPAC at HQ IIIMAF R Jm 26</p>
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	20/946H		IEB	
	G-1					
	G-2					
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	G-5					
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	SUPPLY					
	SBC					

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P R 20032Z SEP 68  
FM CG FMFPAC  
TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
INFO RUNHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FROM LTGEN BUSE FOR  
LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO MAJGEN QUILTER MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

OV-10A MISSION EMPLOYMENT

- A. OIC 262059Z/JAN68 (C) (PASEP)
- B. OIC 102154Z/JUL 68 (C)
- C. CG FMFPAC 040332Z/JUL 68 (S)
- D. CG FMFPAC 271939Z/JUL 68 (C)

1. REFERENCES A AND B STATE IN PART THAT THE OV-10A IS BEING INTRODUCED INTO THE MARINE CORPS TO FULFILL THE BASIC MISSION OF CONDUCTING TACTICAL VISUAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION, FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (AIRBORNE), LIAISON, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, AERIAL DELIVERY, AND SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS MAY BE DIRECTED BY APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY. IN ADDITION

PAGE 2 RUHHEMA2830 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
REFERENCES A AND B STATE THAT THE OV-10A ORDNANCE DELIVERY REQUIREMENT IS LIMITED TO TARGET MARKING, SUPPRESSIVE FIRES, AND DESTRUCTION OF LIGHT FLEETING TARGETS. THIS EMPLOYMENT POLICY WAS RE-STATE IN REF C, AND AGAIN IN REF D WITH RESPECT TO ADVERSE PRESS REPORTING ON THE INTRODUCTION OF THE OV-10A.

2. SINCE THE OV-10A HAS BEEN INTRODUCED INTO RVN, THERE HAS BEEN AN INORDINATELY HIGH AMOUNT OF 2.75 ROCKETS AND 7.62 AMMUNITION EXPENDED ON OBSERVATION (VR) AND TAC(A) MISSIONS. DURING AUGUST THE OV-10A EXPENDED 5940 2.75 ROCKETS AND 137,024 ROUNDS OF 7.62 AMMUNITION ON 428 VR AND TAC(A) SORTIES. ALSO, ON 17 SEP THE III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY REPORTED AN OV-10A BEING EMPLOYED ON AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE SORTIE.

3. THE USE OF THE OV-10A FOR ARMED RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES AND THE HIGH ORDNANCE EXPENDITURES ON VR AND TAC(A) SORTIES POINT TO POSSIBLE MISEMPLOYMENT OF THE OV-10A IN SVN. IN ADDITION, THE USE OF THE OV-10A IN AN ARMED RECONNAISSANCE ROLE, A FUNCTION OF TACTICAL STRIKE AIRCRAFT, COULD MAKE THE OV-10A LIABLE TO MISSION

*For CG - In talking with Lt Gen Buse he was talking about the quality support the OV-10s were giving them in the action in which he was shot down to 50, he said*

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PAGE 3 RUNHFMA2830 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO CONTROL BY 7TH AIR FORCE, UNDER THE PRESENT GROUND RULES OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT.

4. ACCORDINGLY, EMPLOYMENT OF THE OV10A ON ARMED RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED. ALSO, YOUR COMMENTS CONCERNING THE HIGH ORDNANCE EXPENDITURE RATES ON VR AND TAC(A) MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED. WARM REGARDS.

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			SERIAL # / CONTROL DATE 201054Z SEP 68		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
	CG					PERSONAL FOR L GEN CUSHMAN
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					REMARKS
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/20		H	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
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PT003702  
PTTCZYUW RUYVSYD6045 2641054-CCCC--RHMAFA.  
ZNY CCCCC  
P 201054Z SEP 68 ZFF-4  
FM COMNAVFORV  
TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
INFO RUMUFGA/COMNAVSUPACT DANANG  
RUMUFG8/CTF CLEARWATER

BT  
C O N F I D E N T I A L  
PERSONAL FOR LGEN CUSHMAN INFO RADMOSBORN AND  
CAPT SHAW FROM RADM VETH  
VISIT OF VADM ZUMWALT (C)  
A. CG III MAF 190320Z SEP 68 (BOM)B, CTF CLEARWATER 180120Z SEP 68  
1. (C) RELRET BREACH OF PROTOCOL PROCEDURES  
REF B. STEPS BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT FUTURE  
INCIDENTS THIS NATURE. IF VISIT AS SCHEDULED CREATES  
SERIOUS CONFLICT, ANY PORTION OF VADM ZUMWALT'S  
VISIT MAY BE RESCHEDULED. BEST REGARDS.  
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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS  MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/21			
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	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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OO RUEBHOA RUHKM RUMSAK  
 DE RUMSAV 0139 2641850  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 201317Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFC RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARIDV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

**MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY**

BT

S E C R E T SPECAT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

FOR CMC CODE AA-1 FMFPAC F-03C

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001 - 2400H 19 SEP 68

B. (1) 167

(2) 20

(3) 0

(4) 0

C. (1) 96

(2) 71

(3) 74

(4) 40

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(5) 67

(6) 69

(7) 35

D. (1) 70

(2) 17

(3) 11

(4) 6

E. (1) 101

(2) 3

(3) 0

(4) 0

F. (1) 76

(2) 76

(3) 8

(4) 68

G. (1) 66

(2) 8

(3) 2

(4) 0

H. (1) 76

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- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- I. (1) 9
- (2) (A) 16
- (B) 11
- (C) 0
- (D) 0
- J. (1) 12
- (2) 134
- (3) 55
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- K. (1) 0
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 10
- L. (1) 0
- (2) 0

PAGE FOUR RUNSAV 0139 S E C R E T SPECAT

- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 2
- (6) 0
- (7) 4
- M. (1) L(7) 4 SORT BINGO FUEL
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 87
- (B) 74
- (1) 48
- (3) 60
- (4)
- B. (1) 208
- (2) 61
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 36
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- D. (1) 6
- (2) 42

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PAGE FIVE RUMSAV 0139 S E C R E T S P E C I A L

(3) 0  
 E. (1) 38  
 (2) 6  
 (3) 4  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 F. (1) 0  
 (2) 60  
 (3) 0  
 G. (1) 54  
 (2) 6  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 H. (1) 10  
 (2) 0

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0139 S E C R E T S P E C I A L

(3) 0  
 I. (1) 5  
 (2) 5  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 J. (1) (A) 68 (B) 38  
 (2) (A) 16 (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) 36  
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 40 AIRBORNE ALERT S  
 I(1) 3 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 2 USA TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
 I(2) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 1 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALF  
 3 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN

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 BT

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PT003874  
 RETCZYUW RUEBHOA8029. 2641458-CCCC--RHMMAFA.  
 ZNY CCCCC  
 B 201450Z SEP 68  
 FM CMC  
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

BT  
 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 CH-53 TOW CAPABILITY (U)  
 FOR BGEN ANDERSON FROM MAJGEN MC CUTCHEON  
 1. (C) CAN SEND ONE TOW KIT IF YOU HAVE NEED FOR SAME. WOULD  
 RECOMMEND SENDING PILOT AND CREW CHIEF FROM PAX RIVER TO  
 INSTRUCT IN INSTALLATION OF GEAR AND TO CHECK OUT SOME OF  
 YOUR CREWS.  
 2. (C) CH-53 WITH GEAR CAN EXERT MAX OF 20 THOUSAND POUNDS  
 DRAW BAR PULL.  
 3. PLEASE ADVISE  
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PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.									#15

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OPERATION CODE X-ORIGINATOR A-ACTION/COGNIZANCE C-COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION I-INFORMATION S-SIGNATURE			FROM TASK FORCE CLEARWATER		DATE 21 SEP 68	
			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 2101307 SEP 68		COPY# 2 OF 4 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG					REMARKS  <b>FOP</b>
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/21			
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
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FOR

P 210130Z SEP 68  
 FM CTF CLEARWATER  
 TO CG III MAF  
 BT

**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 FOR L GEN CUSHMAN FROM CAPT SHAW  
 A. CG III MAF 191524Z SEP 68

1. (C) REF A REFERS
2. (C) NO INTENT CIRCUMVENT PROPER PROTOCOL. ANY EMBARRASSMENT CAUSED REGRETTED.
3. (C) DETAILED EXPLANATION FOLLOWS BY PERSONAL COURIER, LCDR HOLMES ENROUTE DANANG TODAY FOR PSYOPS CONF.

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PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.								#/6	





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OO RUEBHOA  
 DE RUMSAV 0146 2651925  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 211725Z 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  
 BT

**S E C R E T** SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC (CODE AA-1)  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-040)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS  
 A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 20 SEP 68  
 B. (1) 161  
     (2) 24  
     (3) 0  
     (4) 0  
 C. (1) 135  
     (2) 83  
     (3) 70

PAGE TWO RUMSAV 0146 **S E C R E T** SPECAT M-C-E-O

- (4) 44  
 (5) 87  
 (6) 64  
 (7) 40  
 D. (1) 63  
     (2) 33  
     (3) 7  
     (4) 1  
 E. (1) 96  
     (2) 8  
     (3) 0  
     (4) 0  
 F. (1) 46  
     (2) 46  
     (3) 8  
     (4) 38  
 G. (1) 10  
     (2) 30  
     (3) 6  
     (4) 0

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PAGE THREE RUMSAV 0146 S E C R E T SPECAT M-C-E-0

H. (1) 42  
 (2) 4  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0

I. (1) 13  
 (2) (A) 31  
 (B) 4  
 (C) 0  
 (D) 0

J. (1) 6  
 (2) 112  
 (3) 47  
 (4) 2  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0

K. (1) 0  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 10

L. (1) 0

PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 0146 S E C R E T SPECAT M-C-E-0

(2) 0  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 18

M. (1) L (7) 8 SORTIES DIV TO DONG HA  
 4 SORTIES NEG COMM  
 2 SORTIES DIV TO PHU BAI  
 4 SORTIES DIV BY TADC

2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW

A. (1) (A) 89  
 (B) 75

(2) 22  
 (3) 79

B. (1) 226  
 (2) 39  
 (3) 0

C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40  
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 36

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	(3)	(A)	0	(B)	0
D.	(1)		3		
	(2)		19		
	(3)		0		
E.	(1)		16		
	(2)		6		
	(3)		0		
	(4)		0		
	(5)		0		
	(6)		0		
	(7)		0		
F.	(1)		0		
	(2)		79		
	(3)		0		
G.	(1)		61		
	(2)		14		
	(3)		2		
	(4)		2		
	(5)		0		
	(6)		0	(7)	0

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0146 S E C R E T : SPECAT M-C-E-O

H.	(1)		5		
	(2)		0		
	(3)		4		
I.	(1)		2		
	(2)		7		
	(3)		0		
	(4)		0		
J.	(1)	(A)	68	(B)	37
	(2)	(A)	16	(B)	0
	(3)	(A)	0	(B)	0
	(4)	(A)	5	(B)	2
	(5)	(A)	0	(B)	0
	(6)	(A)	0	(B)	0
	(7)	(A)	0	(B)	36
K.	(1)	A(3)	INCLUDES 42 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES		
		I(1)	2 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION		
	(2)	I(2)	1 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION		
			2 USA TO USA, TGT PRI		
			2 USMC TO ROKMC, TGT PRI		
			2 USA TO ROKMC, TGT PRI		

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OO RUEBHOA RUHKM RUMSAK  
 DE RUMSAV 0134 2661800  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 221550Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 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 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

FMFPAC F030

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 21 SEP 68

B. (1) 196

(2) 28

(3) 0

(4) 0

C. (1) 85

(2) 66

PAGE TWO RUMSAV 0134 **S E C R E T** : SPECAT MCEO

(3) 79

(4) 31

(5) 111

(6) 61

(7) 29

D. (1) 47

(2) 823

(3) 14

(4) 6

E. (1) 88

(2) 2

(3) 0

(4) 0

F. (1) 88

(2) 839

(3) 14

(4) 14

G. (1) 82

(2) 6

(3) 2

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PAGE THREE RUMSAV 0134 S E C R E T SPECAT NCEO

(4) 0  
 H. (1) 86  
 (2) 2  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 I. (1) 17  
 (2) (A) 38  
       (B) 8  
       (C) 0  
       (D) 0  
 J. (1) 0  
 (2) 126  
 (3) 80  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 4  
 K. (1) 0  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 6  
 (4) 9

PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 0134 S E C R E T SPECAT NCEO

L. (1) 6  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 14  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 M. (1) K (3) 6 SORTIES DIVERTED TO ROKMC  
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW  
 A. (1) (A) 86  
       (B) 74  
 (2) 27  
 (3) 61  
 B. (1) 204  
 (2) 44  
 (3) 0  
 C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40  
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 36  
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 D. (1) 4

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(2) 23  
 (3) 0  
 E. (1) 25  
 (2) 2  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 F. (1) 0  
 (2) 61  
 (3) 0  
 G. (1) 53  
 (2) 4  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 4  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 H. (1) 31

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0134 S E C R E T SPECAT MCEO

(2) 0  
 (3) 1  
 I. (1) 17  
 (2) 15  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 J. (1) (A) 67 (B) 38  
 (2) (A) 18 (B) 0  
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (4) (A) 4 (B) 0  
 (5) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (6) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (7) (A) 0 (B) 36  
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 28 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
 I(1) 9 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT  
 8 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 I(2) 4 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION  
 4 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 2 USA TO USA, NEG TGT  
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT  
 1 USMC TO ROKMC, TGT PRIORITY

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PZ005268  
POTCZYUH RUABCMAD189 2670080-CCCC--RHMMAFA.  
DE RUABQL 1306B 2670630  
ZNY CCCCC  
P 230630Z SEP 68  
FM CG NINTH MAB  
TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
INFO RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC  
BT

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

PLEASE PASS PERSONAL FOR LTGEN BUSE

1. IN VIEW LOCLA TYPHOON CONDITION AND CONTINUED  
ABSENCE FROM HOME BASE OF BGEN WEBSTER, MY PLANNED  
TRIP 24 SEP TO ARMY HOSPITAL COMP DRAKE HAS BEEN CAN-  
CELLED. VERY RESPECTFULLY, WILLIAMS SENDS.

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PITEZYUW RUADMSA0173 2670906-EEEE-GRHMMAFA.  
ZNY EEEEE  
P R 230906Z SEP 68  
FM NALCOWESTPAC  
TO RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)  
RHMMFAFA/CG III MAF  
INFO RUHFBRA/NALCOPAC  
RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
BT  
UNCLAS E F T O

A. CG III MAF DANANG 221406Z SEP 68  
1. FOR CG III MAF PASS TO BGEN WEBSTER, PER REF A.  
EARLIEST POSSIBLE EXAIR TRANSP DANANG TO KADENA 250115Z DUE  
TYPHOON DELLA. PLAN PROVIDE WITH SJT-28 MOD ONE WHICH INCLUDES  
LI GEN BUSE PLUSE TWO. REQ MIN BAGGAGE.  
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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
	CG					DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS  REMARKS  MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	G/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/24		H	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	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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## MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

OO RUEBHOA  
 DE JUMSAV 0145 2671625  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O Q 231544Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIJST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUMKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIJST MARDI  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDI

BT

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE KORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-036)  
 FOR CMC KODE AA-1

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS
- A. (1) 102
  - (2) 16
  - (3) 0
  - (4) 0
  - C. (1) 111
  - (2) 68
  - (3) 74
  - (4) 31

PAGE TWO JUMSAV 0145 S E C R E T SPECAT

- (5) 58
- (6) 30
- (7) 16
- D. (1) 19
- (2) 19
- (3) 5
- (4) 3
- E. (1) 44
- (2) 2
- (3) 1
- (4) 0
- F. (1) 26
- (2) 26
- (3) 14
- (4) 12
- G. (1) 26
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- H. (1) 26

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PAGE THREE RUMSAV 0145 S E C R E T S P E C A T

- (2) 0
- (3) 1
- (4) 1
- I. (1) 32
- (2) (A) 41
- (B) 5
- (C) 1
- (D) 1
- J. (1) 1
- (2) 38
- (3) 53
- (4) 0
- (5) 1
- (6) 1
- K. (1) 1
- (2) 1
- (3) 1
- (4) 59
- L. (1) 0
- (2) 0

PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 0145 S E C R E T S P E C A T

- (3) 21
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 1
- (7) 6
- M. (1) L(7) 2 SORTIES NEGATIVE DROP DUE TO ACTIVE SAM SITE.
- 4 SORTIES DIERTED BY DASC
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 68
- (B) 61
- (2) 10
- (3) 34
- B. (1) 148
- (2) 25
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 36
- (3) (A) 1 (B) 0
- D. (1) 0
- (2) 10

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(3) 1  
 E. (1) 4  
 (2) 6  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 1  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 1  
 F. (1) 0  
 (2) 34  
 (3) 0  
 G. (1) 26  
 (2) 4  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 4  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 1  
 H. (1) 39  
 (2) 1 (3) 1

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0145 S E C R E T SPECAT

I. (1) 2 (2) 38 (3) 1 (4) 1  
 J. (1) (A) 40 (B) 34  
 (2) (A) 21 (B) 0  
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 1  
 (4) (A) 7 (B) 0  
 (5) (A) 0 (B) 1  
 (6) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (7) (A) 1 (B) 27  
 K. (1) A(3) INCLUDES 20 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
 U(1) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRIORITY  
 U(2) 1 USA TO USMC, TGT PRIORITY  
 2 USA TO USA, TGT PRIORITY  
 20 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 2 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 2 USMC TO ROKMC, NEG COMM  
 2 USA TO USA, WX  
 2 USMC TO ROKMC, WX  
 1 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
 2 USMC TO USMC, NEGATIVE TGT  
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG KOMMUNIKATIONS

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS  MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	F	9/26		H	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
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	SUPPLY					
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OO RUEBHOA  
 DE RUMSAV 0130 2681550  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 241540Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

BT

**S E C R E T** SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-036)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS  
 A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 23 SEP 68  
 B. (1) 65  
     (2) 22  
     (3) 0  
     (4) 0  
 C. (1) 121  
     (2) 65  
     (3) 64

PAGE TWO RUMSAV 0130 **S E C R E T** SPECAT

- (4) 39  
 (5) 41  
 (6) 29  
 (7) 29  
 D. (1) 32  
     (2) 18  
     (3) 8  
     (4) 0  
 E. (1) 54  
     (2) 4  
     (3) 0  
     (4) 0  
 F. (1) 8  
     (2) 8  
     (3) 4  
     (4) 4  
 G. (1) 2  
     (2) 4  
     (3) 2  
     (4) 0

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PAGE THREE RUMSAV 0130 S E C R E T SPECAT

- H. (1) 8
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- I. (1) 6
- (2) (A) 14
- (B) 7
- (C) 0
- (D) 0
- J. (1) 0
- (2) 42
- (3) 45
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- K. (1) 0
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 45
- L. (1) 0

PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 0130 S E C R E T SPECAT

- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- M. (1) L(7) MOST WKLY ALLCC FLTS CANX DUE BAD WX
- 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW
- A. (1) (A) 36
- (B) 50
- (2) 12
- (3) 15
- B. (1) 93
- (2) 20
- (3) 0
- C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40
- (2) (A) 0 (B) 36
- (3) (A) 0 (B) 0
- D. (1) 0
- (2) 12

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PAGE FIVE RUMSAV 0130 SECRET SPECAT

- (3) 0
- E. (1) 2
- (2) 10
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- F. (1) 0
- (2) 15
- (3) 0
- G. (1) 15
- (2) 0
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- (5) 0
- (6) 0
- (7) 0
- H. (1) 26
- (2) 0

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0130 SECRET SPECAT

- (3) 1
- I. (1) 0
- (2) 27
- (3) 0
- (4) 0
- J. (1) (A) 21 (B) 30
- (2) (A) 12 (B) 0
- (3) (A) 3 (B) 0
- (4) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (7) (A) 0 (B) 20
- K. (1) I(2) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
- 3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
- 1 USMC TO USA, ACFT MALFUNCTION
- 18 USMC TO USMC, WX
- 1 USMC TO USA, WX
- 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG IGT

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IRTTSZYUW RUMUF GA2212 2690048-SSSS--RHMAFA.

ZNY SSSSS

R 242230Z SEP 68

FM USS SANCTUARY

TO RUMLPBN/CG XXIV CORPS

INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

BT

S E C R E T

PERSONAL FROM BRIG GEN CHIP TO LTGEN STILLWELL (U)

SUPPORT RENDERED BY YOUR ARMY CH-47 HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTERS AND ALPHA TROOPS FIRST OF 9TH PLAYED A MAJOR ROLL IN THE SUCCESS OF D-1 AND D-DAY OPERATIONS FOR LANCASTER TROUSDAL NORTH.

I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE IF YOU WOULD CONVEY MY PERSONAL THANKS AND HIGH REGARDS TO PERSONNEL INVOLVED VERY RESPECTFULLY

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				SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 250211Z SEP 68		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT	
			IN	OUT		FOR BGEN HOFFMAN	
	CG					REMARKS  <b>FOR</b>	
	DCG						
	DCG AIR						
2	C/S	I			Ⓢ		
	D C/S						
	D C/S DM						
1	S/S	I	9/25		H		
	G-1						
	G-2						
	G-3	A	HAS COPY #5				
	G-4						
	G-5						
	G-6						
	ADJ						
	CAP						
	CORDS						
	EMB/TRANS						
	ENGR						
	H&S CO						
	INSP						
	MTO						
	OP ANAL						
	ORD						
	PSY OPS						
	SUPPLY						
	SBC						

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PTTCZYUW RHYSBYM1155 2690211-CCCC--RUYPYSYD.  
 ZNY CCCCC ZYO RHYS  
 P 250211Z SEP 68  
 FM CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 TO RUYPYSYD/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUYPEPP/USS NEW JERSEY  
 BT

COMM NOTE: UNDERLINED PORTION GARBLED  
 WILL SVC UPON REQUEST...

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

WIRENOTE FOR BGEN HOFFMAN INFO CAPT SNSWERHQROMNNNZIYHWORE.

1. (C) FOR YOUR INFORMATION AM PLANNING TO STATION ST PAUL VIC PT DEBBIE PM 28/0 SEP TO FACILITATE MY TRANSFER TO AND FROM NEW JERSEY AM 29/1 SEP. IF HELO AVAIL FOR ME, REQ TRANS TO NEW JERSEY 0830H1 AND RETURN ST PAUL 1530H9.
2. (C) CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO LGEN CUSHMAN, LT GEN STILLWELL AND OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICERS TO VISIT NEW JERSEY BETWEEN 0915H5 AND 1030H4 29/1SEP. ALSO SUGGEST THAT YOU AND OTHER COGNIZANT III MAF G-3 REPS VISIT NEW JERSEY AM 29/1 SEP FOR FINAL DISCUSSION TARGETS PLANNED 30/3 SEP.
3. KC) WARM REGARDS.

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CG	AFC	CS	DC/S	G-1	G-2	G-3	G-4	G-5	COMPT.	ADJ.	CHAP.	CEO
CIB	COC	DENT. O.	EMB.	ENGR.	FD. SERV.	HQ. COMDT.	INSP.	LEGAL	MTO	POSTAL	PROTOCOL	PMO
PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.									

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O 251424Z ZYH ZFF-3  
FM GEN ABRAMS, COMUSMACV  
TO LTC CUSHMAN, 60 III MAP  
INFO: LTA STELLWELL, CS, XXIV CORPS

ZEN  
TOP SECRET MAC 1300 EYES ONLY  
REFERENCE YOUR 261105Z SEPT 67

AUTHORITY TO EXPAND DISCUSSIONS TO INDIVIDUALS SPECIFIED IN  
REFERENCE IS GRANTED. FORWARD NAMES AND POSITIONS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS  
TO GENERAL SHAEFFER AND GENERAL COACORAN VIA THIS CHANNEL

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING OPENING ONLY HOURS  
PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY  
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O 282358Z ZYH ZFF-1  
 FM MG SHAEFER MACJ3  
 TO MG ANDERSON COFS III MAF  
 INFO BG SCHWEITER COFS XXIV CORPS  
 ZFM

T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 13797 EYES ONLY  
 REFERENCES:

- A. CG III MAF, 261205Z SEP 68
  - B. MACJ3, 270151Z SEP 68 MAC 13058 EO
  1. (U) THIS RESPONDS TO REFERENCE A.
  2. (TS) COMUSMACV CONCURS IN EXPANDING APPLICABLE PORTIONS OF DISCUSSIONS REFERRED TO IN REFERENCE TO INCLUDE G3, G4, ENGINEER AND DUEL BLADE OFFICERS EACH STAFF.
  3. (TS) HOWEVER, KNOWLEDGE OF BACKGROUND OF THESE DISCUSSIONS AND WHY THEY ARE BEING URGENTLY ADDRESSED MUST CONTINUE TO BE CONFINED TO THOSE ALREADY HAVING KNOWLEDGE.
  4. (U) RECOMMEND THE DISCUSSIONS BE PLANNED ACCORDINGLY.
- CPA

ESO NOTE:  
 DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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OO RUEBHOA RUHKM RUMSAK  
 DE RUMSAV 0120 2691010  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 250930Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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 FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-033)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS

A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001 -2400H 24 SEP 68

B. (1) 107

(2) 3

(3) 0

(4) 0

C. (1) 97

(2) 68

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(3) 62

(4) 35

(5) 51

(6) 46

(7) 21

D. (1) 25

(2) 15

(3) 12

(4) 15

E. (1) 65

(2) 2

(3) 0

(4) 0

F. (1) 18

(2) 18

(3) 4

(4) 14

G. (1) 6

(2) 6

(3) 6

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(4) 0  
 H. (1) 16  
 (2) 2  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 I. (1) 12  
 (2) (A) 24  
 (B) 1  
 (C) 0  
 (D) 0  
 J. (1) 38  
 (2) 58  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 K. (1) 0  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 0

PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 0120 S E C R E T SPECAT NCEO

(4) 0  
 L. (1) 0  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 12  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 2  
 M. (1) L(7) 2 SORTIES DIV BY DASC  
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW  
 A. (1) (A) 58  
 (B) 60  
 (2) 24  
 (3) 24  
 B. (1) 121  
 (2) 45  
 (3) 0  
 C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40  
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 36  
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0

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D. (1) 2  
 (2) 22  
 (3) 0  
 E. (1) 14  
 (2) 10  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0  
 F. (1) 0  
 (2) 24  
 (3) 0  
 G. (1) 20  
 (2) 2  
 (3) 2  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 0

PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0120 S E C R E T SPECAT MCEO

H. (1) 41  
 (2) 1  
 (3) 0  
 I. (1) 0  
 (2) 33  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 J. (1) KA) 42 (B) 24  
 (2) (A) 13 (B) 0  
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (4) (A) 3 (B) 0  
 (5) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 (6) (A) P (B) 0  
 (7) (A) 0 (B) 36  
 K. (1) A(5) INCLUDES 14 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
 L. (1) 4 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 5 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 (2) I(2) 4 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 (4) USMC TO USA, TGT PRI  
 1 USA TO USA, TGT PRI  
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OO RUEBHOA RUHKN RUMSAK  
 DE RUMSAV 0124 2691010  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 250930Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKN/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

BT

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF TWO  
 4 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION  
 10 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 2 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
 2 USA TO USA, WX  
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG IGT  
 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG COMM  
 GP-4  
 BT

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 251400Z SEP 68		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
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			IN	OUT		
3	CG				lp	REMARKS  <b>FOR</b>
4	DCG		7/26		Quint	
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I			q	
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/26		A	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
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FOR

OO UUSEA  
DE UUMSEAD 0776S 2691401  
ZNY CCCCC  
O 251400Z SEP 68  
FM AMERICAL  
TO III MAF  
MG GETTYS TO LIEUENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
SPECIAL SITUATION REPRTR

BURLINGTON TRAIL OPERATIONAL SUMMARY FOR 24-25 SEP 68

THE 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY REINFORCED WITH 1 COMPANY OF INFANTRY (D/4-21 INF) STARTED OPERATIONS ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF BURLINGTON TRAIL 10 KMS SW OF TAH KY I THE EARLY AFTERNOON 24 SEP 68. LIGHT SPORADIC CONTACT WAS EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON BECOMING HEAVY DURING THE LATE AFTERNOON. THE ENEMY BROKE CONAC AT APPROXIMATELY 1900H AFTER SUFFERING HEAVY LOSSES.

THE MORNING OF 25 130 1ST SQDN 1ST CAV WAS REINFORCED WITH 2 ADDITIONAL INFANTRY COMPANIES (B & C/1-2 INF). COMBAT OPERATIONS WERE INITIATED AGAINST THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS VIC HILL 94 (BT245165). INITIALLY THE CAVALRY SUPPORTED THE INFANTRY ATTACK WITH ONE TROOP BY FIRE & SEIZED HIGH GROUND VIC BT236152 TO BLOCK THE ENEMIES ROUTES OF EGRESS TO THE SOUTH. HEAVY CONTACT WAS ESTABLISHED AT 1110H, BY A TRP 1ST SQDN 1ST CAV AND CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DAY UNTIL CONTACT WAS BROKEN BY THE ENEMY AT 1730H. INITIAL RESULTS FOR THE TWO DAY ENCOUNTER ARE 274 NVA KIA (C), 4 FRIENDLY KHA AND 48 FRIENDLY WHA.

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CG	AFC	CS	DC/S	G-1	G-2	G-3	G-4	G-5	COMPT.	ADJ.	CHAP.	CEO
CIB	COC	DENT. O.	EMB.	ENGR.	FO. SERV.	HQ. COMDT.	INSP.	LEGAL	MTO	POSTAL	PROTOCOL	PMO
PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.									#26

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OPERATION CODE			FROM		DATE	
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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE		COPY# 1 OF 3 COPIES RECD	
			252356Z SEP 68			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG					EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN REMARKS CG will attempt to provide CMC with some additional arguments however they are really "straining" with some of those added herein MARINE COPIES ONLY [Signature]
4	DCG		9/24		[Signature]	
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I			[Signature]	
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/26		[Signature]	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
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S E C R E T SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS  
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 LTGEN CUSHMAN, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.  
 PROGRAM 6 CEILING AND MARINE CORPS STRUCTURE IN SVN  
 A. CMC 202013Z SEP 68 B. CMC 211715Z SEP 68  
 1. (S) REFS A AND B CONTAINED MY GUIDANCE CONCERNING YOUR PROPOSED  
 REDUCTIONS IN III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE AND STRESSED THAT  
 THE IMPACT OF THESE REDUCTIONS SHOULD BE STATED IN THE  
 STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS TO COMUSMACV AND CINCPACFLT.  
 2. (S) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TWO-FOLD. FIRST, TO  
 INSURE THAT WE ALL ADDRESS THE IMPACT FROM A COMMON BASE.  
 SECOND, TO SOLICIT ANY ADDITIONAL IDEAS YOU AND BOB CUSHMAN  
 HAVE ON THIS SUBJECT.  
 3. (S) IT APPEARS THAT THE IMPACT OF FORCE REDUCTIONS IN VIETNAM  
 CAN BEST BE EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF THE LOSS OF TACTICAL OPTIONS

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 AVAILABLE TO III MAF AND COMUSMACV AND THE DILUTION IN THE  
 CAPABILITY OF III MAF TO ACCOMPLISH ITS ASSIGNED MISSIONS.  
 THESE BASIC POINTS SHOULD BE WOVEN AS A THREAD THROUGHOUT  
 THE IMPACT STATEMENTS SUBMITTED AT ALL LEVELS.  
 4. (S) FOLLOWING IS THE IMPACT I PERCEIVE AS A RESULT OF SPECIFIC  
 REDUCTIONS/REALIGNMENTS:

A. WITHDRAWAL OF TWO AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR COMPANIES (REIN)  
 WILL RESULT IN:

(1) REDUCED CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT "END-RUN" TYPE  
 OPERATIONS THROUGH LOSS OF CAPABILITY TO LAND THE ASSAULT  
 ECHELONS OF TWO RLT'S ACROSS THE BEACH.

(2) LOSS OF FLEXIBILITY IN CONDUCTING SLF TYPE  
 OPERATIONS WITHOUT DRAWING DOWN HEAVILY ON THE REMAINING  
 AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE ASSETS IN-COUNTRY.

(3) REDUCTION IN PRESENT INLAND WATERWAY PATROL  
 CAPABILITY THUS PROVIDING THE ENEMY WITH INCREASED OPPOR-  
 TUNITIES FOR MOVEMENT BY WATER.

(4) REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY TO MOVE PERSONNEL, SUPPLIES AND  
 EQUIPMENT OVERLAND DURING THE MONSOON SEASON. BECAUSE OF  
 CLIMATIC CONDITIONS THIS REDUCTION CANNOT BE OVERCOME OR

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BALANCED BY THE REMAINING MEANS OF MOBILITY, I.E. HELICOPTERS  
AND TRUCKS.

(5) REDUCTION IN HIGHLY ESSENTIAL ARMOR PROTECTION  
CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN CONVOYS ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF THE  
DMZ.

B. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE MATCU WILL RESULT IN:

(1) REDUCTION OF 25 PERCENT OF 1ST MAW AIRFIELD  
IFR AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CAPABILITY.

(2) ELIMINATION OF THIS CAPABILITY AT ONE AIRFIELD  
DURING THE MONSOON SEASON WHEN IT WILL BE MOST URGENTLY  
REQUIRED.

(3) A REQUIREMENT TO ESTABLISH HIGHER  
WEATHER MINIMUMS FOR LAUNCH AND RECOVERY THEREBY REDUCING  
THE ALREADY LIMITED RESTRICTED MARGINAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT  
DURING PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER.

(4) A RESULTANT DECREASE IN FLEXIBILITY WHICH WILL  
RESULT IN DECREASED RESPONSIVENESS TO THE COMMANDERS NEEDS  
IN CRITICAL SITUATIONS.

(5) REDUCED HELICOPTER RESPONSIVENESS WILL OCCUR  
AT THE SAME TIME THAT INCREASED DEMANDS FOR LOGISTIC LIFT

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WILL OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THE CONCURRENT REDUCTION IN  
AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR ASSETS.

C. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE VMA WILL RESULT IN:

(1) REDUCTION IN III MAF'S CLOSE AIR SUPPORT SORTIE  
RATE AND ORDNANCE TONNAGE CAPABILITIES.

(2) REDUCED CAPABILITY OF SPECIFIC WEAPONS SYSTEMS  
EMPLOYMENT, E.G., SHRIKE, BULLPUP, WALLEYE, GCES AND CW.

(3) REDUCTION IN THE CAS AND ALL WEATHER HORIZONTAL  
BOMBING CAPABILITY WILL ENHANCE THE ENEMY'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT  
AND ABILITY TO ACHIEVE TACTICAL SURPRISE AND SUCCESS.

D. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE ASRT WILL RESULT IN:

(1) REDUCTION OF ALL-WEATHER HORIZONTAL BOMBING CAPABILITY  
DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER DARKNESS AND PERIODS OF REDUCED VISIBILITY  
WHEN OTHER MEANS OF FIRE SUPPORT WILL BE RESTRICTED BECAUSE OF  
REDUCED MOBILITY AND VISUAL OBSERVATION. THIS LOSS WILL ENHANCE  
THE ENEMY'S FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND PROVIDE HIM WITH AN INCREASED  
CAPABILITY TO ACHIEVE TACTICAL SURPRISE AND SUCCESS.

E. REDEPLOYMENT OF TWO AT AND TWO TANK COMPANIES WILL  
RESULT IN:

(1) LOSS OF TOTAL AT COMPANY ASSETS. THE LEVEL OF

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(2) REDUCTION IN DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO REINFORCE INFANTRY UNITS ESPECIALLY DESIRABLE IN THE EVENT OF COMBAT IN BUILT-UP AREAS.

(3) REDUCTION IN DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR ESCORT OF VEHICULAR CONVOYS. REDUCED FIRE SUPPORT, COMBINED WITH THE LOSS OF ARMOR PROTECTION INHERENT IN AMPHIBIAN TRACTORS, WILL RESULT IN INCREASED VULNERABILITY OF CONVOYS.

(4) REDUCTION IN ANTI-TANK CAPABILITY IN AN AREA WHERE THE ENEMY HAS ALREADY USED HIS ARMOR TO ADVANTAGE. IN THE AREA OF THE DMZ, THE ENEMY ENJOYS THE ADVANTAGE OF A RELATIVE SANCTUARY TO MASS HIS FORCES, INCLUDING ARMOR. REDUCTION OF III MAF'S ARMOR CAPABILITY IN THE FACE OF THIS THREAT ACCEPTS AN UNDUE RISK.

F. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE HQ BTRY, FAG WILL RESULT IN:

(1) ELIMINATION OF THE COMMAND, CONTROL ECHELON NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPERATIONS OF FIVE FORCE ARTILLERY

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(2) REDUCTION IN THE SURVEY METRO AND COMMUNICATION SUPPORT AVAILABLE TO THESE BATTERIES.

(3) THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE DIVISION ARTILLERY REGIMENTS TO EXTEND THEIR SPAN OF CONTROL AND SUPPORT THE FORCE ARTILLERY BATTERIES AND CMR PLATOONS UTILIZING ALREADY OVEREXTENDED ASSETS.

(4) CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN THE RESPONSIVENESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE BATTERIES AND PLATOONS IN SUPPORT OF THE INFANTRY UNITS.

G. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE ARMORED AMPHIBIAN COMPANY WILL RESULT IN:

(1) LOSS OF TWO THIRDS OF THE CURRENT ARMORED AMPHIBIAN CAPABILITY WITHIN III MAF.

(2) REDUCTION OF III MAF CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE DIRECT AND INDIRECT FIRE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE ARMORED AMPHIBIAN TO REDUCE ENEMY FIRES AND FORTIFICATIONS IN THE BEACH ASSAULT.

(3) REDUCTION IN MOBILE ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT

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S E C R E T FINAL SECTION OF TWO SECTIONS  
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 AVAILABLE TO III MAF.

H. REDEPLOYMENT OF THE MWSG (WERS) WILL RESULT IN:

(1) ELIMINATION OF 1ST MAW CAPABILITY TO PERFORM  
 FOURTH ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF MOTOR TRANSPORT, ENGINEER  
 AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. ALSO ELIMINATES MUCH OF THE THIRD  
 ECHELON MAINTENANCE OF THESE ITEMS FOR THE MARINE WING  
 SUPPORT GROUP (MWSG).

I. REDUCTION IN BOTH DIVISION RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION  
 STRENGTHS RESULTS IN:

(1) ELIMINATION OF ESSENTIAL AUGMENTATION PROVIDED  
 PREVIOUSLY TO BOTH RECONNAISSANCE BATTALIONS THROUGH THE  
 TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL FROM THE AT COMPANIES. THE AUGMEN-  
 TATION WAS DICTATED BY A FACT OF LIFE COMBAT REQUIREMENT  
 WHICH HAS NOT DECREASED, AND, IN FACT HAS INCREASED.

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(2) A REQUIREMENT TO DIVERT THE RESOURCES OF THE  
 INFANTRY UNITS TO SUPPLEMENT THE RECONNAISSANCE FUNCTION.

(3) DIMINUTION OF THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
 RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT.

(4) INCREASED OPPORTUNITY FOR THE ENEMY TO MOVE  
 WITH FREEDOM AND TO GAIN TACTICAL SURPRISE AND SUCCESS.

J. REDUCTION IN DIVISION BASE SUPPORT PERSONNEL WILL  
 RESULT IN:

(1) DENIAL WITHIN EACH MARINE DIVISION OF OVER 50 PERCENT  
 OF THE ESSENTIAL AUGMENTATION REQUIRED TO PERFORM NECESSARY  
 SUPPORT FUNCTIONS PECULIAR TO SUSTAINED COMBAT IN SVN. THESE  
 INCLUDE POSTAL, BASE SECURITY, FIREFIGHTING, SALVAGE, POST  
 EXCHANGE, AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES WHICH THE MARINE DIVISION  
 IS NOT ORGANIZED OR STAFFED TO PROVIDE TO THE DEGREE REQUIRED  
 IN SVN. THESE FUNCTIONS ARE PROVIDED BY BASE SUPPORT ORGAN-  
 IZATIONS IN PEACETIME AND HAVE NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY REQUIRED  
 IN THE SAME DEGREE BY MARINE UNITS COMMITTED TO COMBAT.

(2) WITHDRAWAL OF PERSONNEL TO PERFORM THESE FUNCTIONS  
 FROM COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS WHICH ARE ALREADY EXPER-  
 IENCING PERSONNEL DEFICIENCIES. THIS WILL RESULT IN REDUCED

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K. REDUCTION IN HELO DOOR GUNNERS WILL RESULT IN:

(1) A REQUIREMENT TO TWO-HAT HARD SKILL AVIATION PERSONNEL, E.G., ORDNANCE TECHNICIANS AND MECHANICS, TO PERFORM THE DOOR GUNNER FUNCTION.

(2) REDUCED MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY AS A RESULT OF DIMINISHED EFFECTIVENESS OF PERSONNEL.

(3) REDUCED ALERTNESS OF HELO DOOR GUNNERS AS A RESULT OF DUAL RESPONSIBILITIES.

L. REDUCTION IN STRENGTH OF AIRFIELD SECURITY FORCES WILL RESULT IN:

(1) REQUIREMENT TO ASSIGN HARD SKILL, CRITICAL AVIATION TECHNICIANS TO THE SECURITY FORCE AS AN ADDITIONAL DUTY. THIS REQUIRES THE INDIVIDUAL TO WORK EXTREMELY LONG HOURS ON A CONTINUING BASIS AND RESULTS IN REDUCED ALERTNESS AND EFFICIENCY IN BOTH FUNCTIONS.

(2) REDUCED MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY BECAUSE OF NON-AVAILABILITY OF TECHNICIANS WHEN ACTUALLY PERFORMING A SECURITY TASK AND REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS WHEN AVAILABLE.

(3) DRAWDOWN ON PERSONNEL ASSETS OF INFANTRY UNITS

PAGE FOUR RUEBHOA0873 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. TO ASSIST IN THE SECURITY TASK WITH A CONCURRENT REDUCTION IN THE OVERALL COMBAT CAPABILITY OF III MAF.

M. REDUCTION IN FORCE LOGISTIC COMMAND STRENGTH WILL RESULT IN:

(1) DILUTION OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT THROUGHOUT III MAF BY LENGTHENING LOGISTIC RESPONSIVENESS. THIS IMPACT WILL BE COMPOUNDED SOMEWHAT BY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE FLC TO ABSORB CERTAIN OF THE FUNCTIONS PREVIOUSLY PERFORMED BY THE MWSG (MERS).

(2) CURTAILMENT OF LAUNDRY SERVICES, FIRE PROTECTION, AERIAL DELIVERY, MECHANICAL ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL, MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, AND INVENTORY CONTROL /

5. (U2 I HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO ADDRESS THE MYRIAD OF CHANGES WHICH WILL BE MADE WITHIN THE VARIOUS PROVISIONAL T/O'S AND T/O AUGMENTS. I DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS FEASIBLE TO DO SO FROM THIS END. I WOULD EMPHASIZE THAT MY VIEWS SET FORTH IN THIS MESSAGE ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE RESTRICTIVE. YOUR VIEWS, AS WELL AS THOSE OF BOB CUSHMAN WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL AS A BASIS FOR STRENGTHENING THE RECLAMA FROM THIS LEVEL. IN THIS REGARD WE ARE WORKING AGAINST A 1 OCTOBER DEADLINE AND AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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S E C R E T S P E C A T, EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN GUSE AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

A. CM -3651-58 OF 16 SEP 68

1. I AM HAVING A REPLY TO REF A DRAFTED WHICH ON COMPLETION WILL BE FORWARDED FOR YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. REFERENCE A FOLLOWS: QUOTE

"MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT: MODIFICATION OF AIR SUPPORT SYSTEM(U)

1. (U) REFERENCE IS MADE TO:

A. MEMORANDUM FROM THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DATED 15 MAY 1968, SUBJECT: "OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III MAF AVIATION ASSETS (U)."

B. CM-3338-68, DATED 22 MAY 1968, SUBJECT: "MODIFICATION OF AIR SUPPORT SYSTEM (U)".

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2. (S) REFERENCE LA DIRECTED THAT I KEEP YOU INFORMED OF SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR AIR SUPPORT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. REFERENCE 1B APPRISED YOU OF MODIFICATIONS MADE TO THE AIR SUPPORT SYSTEM IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO BE PLACED IN EFFECT ON 30 MAY 1968. THE 30-DAY TRIAL PERIOD AND SUBSEQUENT EVALUATION HAVE BEEN COMPLETED. THE MACV EVALUATION INCLUDED VISITS TO ALL FOUR CORPS TACTICAL ZONES TO RECEIVE FIRST HAND INFORMATION.

ADDITIONALLY, EVALUATION REPORTS FROM CG III MAF, COMMANDER 7TH AF, CG I FFV, CG III FFV AND SENIOR ADVISOR TO COMMANDER IV CORPS WERE RECEIVED 30 MAY -27 JUNE 1968 AND SUBSEQUENTLY, CAREFUL AND SYSTEMATIC CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS AND COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF. COMUSMACV HAS MADE, AND CONTINUES TO MAKE, CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ALLAY THEIR CONCERNS AND, WHERE CONSISTENT WITH MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT AND OVERALL FORCE EFFECTIVENESS, TO MEET THEIR DESIRES.

3. (S) NUMEROUS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE RESPONSIVENESS OF AIR SUPPORT UNDER THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM HAVE BEEN MADE. THE MORE IMPORTANT OF THESE IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDE:

A. INSTITUTION OF A WEEKLY AIR SUPPORT PLANNING CONFERENCE, WHICH HAS IMPROVED PLANNING THE DISTRIBUTION OF TACTICAL AIR ASSETS AND HAS FACILITATED COMPRESSION OF THE PLANNING CYCLE IN I CTZ TO BE COMPARABLE WITH CYCLES OF OTHER MAJOR GROUND COMMANDERS.

B. ALLOCATION OF 70 PERCENT OF THE PREPLANNED SORTIES ON A WEEKLY BASIS, RETAINING 30 PERCENT FOR ALLOCATING DAILY. THIS PROCEDURE ENABLES COMMANDERS TO PLAN GROUND OPERATIONS CONFIDENT THAT FUNDAMENTAL AIR SUPPORT OF THOSE OPERATION WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE PERMITTING DAILY CHANGES OF PREPLANNED SORTIES BY MAJOR COMMANDERS

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TO MEET CHANGING NEEDS. THIS FLEXIBILITY IS FURTHER ENHANCED BY IMMEDIATE SORTIES TO RESPOND TO TACTICAL EMERGENCIES OR TO EXPLOIT TACTICAL ADVANTAGES.

C. THE PRINCIPAL DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CENTER IN I CTZ HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED IN THE III MAF COMPOUND TO ASSURE IMMEDIATE RESPONSIVENESS TO CG, III MAF.

D. IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR IMMEDIATE SUPPORT IN I CTZ, THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM PROVIDES CG, III MAF THE OPTION OF SCRAMBLING MARINE OF AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT FROM LESS URGENT MISSIONS TO RESPOND MORE QUICKLY TO TACTICAL EMERGENCIES. THE DECISION TO SCRAMBLE, OR TO DIVERT AIRCRAFT FOR MORE RAPID RESPONSE, RESIDES WITH THE CT, III MAF.

3. EXPEDITED PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO FACILITATE THE CHANGING OF TOTS AND ORDNANCE LOADS BETTER TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF GROUND COMMANDERS WITH PREPLANNED MISSIONS.

4. (S) OTHER BENEFITS HAVE ACCRUED FROM INSTITUTION OF THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM. PRINCIPAL AMONG THESE IN THE INCREASED UNDERSTANDING AT ALL LEVELS OF THE SYSTEMS FOR INITIATING, PROCESSING AND FULFILLING REQUESTS FOR TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OF GROUND-DIRECTED BLIND BOMBING, AND MSQ-77 AND TPQ-10 RESOURCES FOR GROUND-DIRECTED BLIND BOMBING, AND IMPROVED EFFECTIVENESS IN THE USE OF AIRCRAFT BASED IN THAILAND FOR AIR SUPPORT IN SOUTH VIETNAM HAVE RESULTED.

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FURTHER, REFINED AIR ORDNANCE REQUIRMENTS, ENHANCED CONTROL OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT, IMPROVEMENTS IN AIR SPACE COORDINATION TO ASSURE SAFE PASSAGE THOROUGH ARTILLERY FIRE ZONES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROCEDURES TO EXPEDITE RECEIPT OF RECONNAISSANCE HAVE COME OUT OF THE STUDY AND MODIFICATIONS OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

5. (C) SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, COMUSMACV HAS TAKEN CARE THAT THE MARINE STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM FOR AIR/GROUND SUPPORT SHOULD NOT BE VITIATED. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, THE FULL MARINE AIR/GROUND SYSTEM HAS CONTINUED TO FUNCTION. I HAVE NO REASON TO BELIEVE ITS CAPABILITY HAS BEEN IMPAIRED.

6. (S) THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF, HAS CONSISTENTLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE SORTIE DIRECTION OF MARINE AIRCRAFT, LESS OUT-COUNTRY EFFORT, BE ASSIGNED TO HIM. HE IS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE

RESPONSIVENESS OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS COMPARED TO THE MARINE SYSTEM AND HAS RECOMMENDED THAT A BLOC OF MARINE SORTIES BE ALLOCATED FOR FRAGGING IN I CTZ BY III MAF. COMUSMACV HAS OPPOSED THIS RECOMMENDATION ON THE BASIS THAT IT WOULD BE "DOUBLE MANAGEMENT" AND WOULD NOT FULFILL THE OBJECTIVES OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. I CONCUR IN COMUSMACV'S VIEW. I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE HAS CONTINUED TO RECEIVE THE MAJORITY OF TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SORTIES FLOWN IN SOUTH VIETNAM SINCE 21 MARCH 1968. CG, III MAF HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EMPLOYMENT AND ALLOCATION OF TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OF THREE US ARMY DIVISIONS AS WELL AS TWO MARINE

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 DIVISIONS, AND OTHER UNITS, IN I CTZ. DURING THE 30 MAY-  
 26 JUNE 1968 EVALUATION PERIOD, MARINE BATTALIONS RECEIVED AN AVER-  
 AGE OF 6.65 TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT SORTIES PER BATTALION PER DAY WHILE  
 US ARMY BATTALIONS RECEIVED 3.23 SORTIES PER DAY AGAINST A COUNTRY  
 -WIDE DAILY AVERAGE OF 2.14 SORTIES PER BATTALION. SINCE  
 THAT TIME THESE AVERAGES HAVE VARIED ONLY SLIGHTLY. ALTHOUGH THE  
 MECHANICS OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ARE STILL NOT SUCH AS TO  
 PROVIDE THE MARINES WITH RESPONSIVENESS TO WHICH THEY ARE ACCUS-  
 TOMED IN THEIR ORGANIC CONTROL SYSTEM, I CONSIDER THAT AIR SUPPORT  
 OF MARINE FORCES HAS BEEN EQUITABLE  
 CONSISTENT WITH THE BROADENED RESPONSIBILITIES OF CG, III MAF.  
 7. (S) COMUSMACV CONSIDERS THAT THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
 CONTINUES TO MEET THE OBJECTIVE FOR WHICH IT WAS ESTABLISHED. BOTH  
 COMUSMACV AND CINCPAC CONSIDER THE SYSTEM HAS IMPROVED CONSIDER-  
 ABLE SINCE ITS INSTITUTION AND PROVIDES TO COMUSMACV THE CONTROL OF  
 ASSETS REQUIRED TO CARRY OUT HIS MISSION. CINCPAC CONCLUDES THE  
 SYSTEM IS PROVIDING FOR THE BEST OVERALL USE OF TACTICAL AIR IN COM-  
 USMACV'S ASSIGNED AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.  
 8. (U) I CONCUR IN THE EVALUATION OF COMUSMACV AND CINCPAC. THEY  
 AND I WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR ITS PROGRESS CAREFULLY WITH THE VIEW OF

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 ENHANCING THE OVER ALL EFFECTIVENESS OF TACTICAL AIR ASSETS IN SOUTH  
 VIETNAM. UNDER THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES THERE, I RECOMMEND THAT  
 COMUSMACV BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE THE SINGLE MANAGENT  
 SYSTEM UNTIL HE CONSIDERS ITS DISCONTINUANCE APPROPRIATE.  
 EARLE G. WHEELER, CHAIRMAN JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF." UNQUOTE  
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**S E C R E T** LIMDIS SPECAT 28490  
 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTG CUSHMAN INFO LTG. STILWELL  
 SUBJ: SPECIAL OPERATIONS (U)O  
 REF: III MAF 150632Z SEP 68

1. (S) REFERENCE REPORTS UNUSUAL HELICOPTER INCIDENTS ATTRIBUTED TO UNKNOWN CLANDESTINE ORGANIZATION IN THE VICINITY OF WUNDER BEACH DURING THE NIGHTS OF 15-16 AUG AND 29 AUG.  
 2. (S/LIMDIS) INVESTIGATION OF COVERT ACTIVITIES RESPONSIVE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS REVEALED NO ACTIVITIES IN THE VICINITY OF WUNDER BEACH ON THE NIGHTS IN QUESTION. HOWEVER, ALCON HAVE BEEN REMINDED THAT COORDINATION OF FRIENDLY OPERATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED AS REQUIRED BY ANNEX M OF AB 143, BY JOINT AGREEMENTS AND BY COMMAND SOPS. GP-40  
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O 26115Z ZYH ZFF-3  
 FM MG DAVIDSON J2 MACV  
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 LTG PEERS CG I FFV  
 LTG KERWIN CG II FFV  
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CTZ  
 GEN BROWN CMDR 7 AF  
 RADM VETH COMNAVFORV  
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV  
 MG MEARNS CG CMAC  
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 13050 EYES ONLY

1. ON THE NIGHT OF 22 SEP 68 A VPF PLATOON 3 KM NORTH OF QUANG NGAI WAS SHELLLED WITH 10 ROUNDS OF 60MM MORTAR AND 2 UNIDENTIFIED ROUNDS CONTAINING A CHEMICAL AGENT. ALL MEMBERS OF THE PLATOON EXPERIENCED COUGHING AND VOMITING WHILE FOUR MEMBERS LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AND WERE HOSPITALIZED. AT LEAST ONE OF THESE CASUALTIES WAS REPORTEDLY STILL UNCONSCIOUS WHEN HE ENTERED THE HOSPITAL ONE HOUR LATER ALTHOUGH HE RECOVERED SHORTLY THEREAFTER. HOSPITAL PERSONNEL DETECTED NONE OF THE CHARACTERISTIC ODORS OF CS ON THE CASUALTIES OR THEIR CLOTHING.
2. A J2 TEAM COMPOSED OF MEDICAL AND CHEMICAL PERSONNEL AND AN AMERICAN DIVISION TEAM BOTH VISITED THE INCIDENT SITE ON 23 SEP 68. MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF THE FOUR CASUALTIES 16 HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK DISCLOSED THAT VALTHOUGH THEY HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO A CHEMICAL AGENT AS INDICATED BY IRRITATED NASAL LININGS, ALL OTHER PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS WERE NORMAL. SHELL FRAGMENTS AND SOIL SAMPLES WERE NOT COLLECTED AS THE ROUNDS IMPACTED IN A HEAVILY MINED AND BOOBY TRAPPED AREA.
3. BASED ON PRESENTLY AVAILABLE EVIDENCE, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ENEMY HAS EMPLOYED A NEW NON-TOXIC AGENT. HOWEVER, I WISH TO STRESS THAT AT THIS STAGE OUR EVIDENCE IS IN NO WAY CONCLUSIVE. THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING, AND YOU WILL BE INFORMED OF THE RESULTS.
4. AFTER BEING BRIEFED THIS AFTERNOON, GEN ABRAMS STRESSED THAT ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD HAVE THEIR GAS MASKS READILY AVAILABLE. HE STATED THAT THIS SHOULD BE DONE HABITUALLY AS PROTECTION AGAINST CS, AND SO EXPLAINED TO THE TROOPS. HE FURTHER DIRECTED THAT CAPTURED ENEMY MUNITIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE UNCOVERED IN CACHES, SHOULD BE EXAMINED CLOSELY FOR POSSIBLE GAS ROUNDS PRIOR TO DISPOSITION.
5. I HAVE DISPATCHED A GENSER MESSAGE TO YOU AND THE CORPS DSA'S ON THIS SUBJECT REQUESTING THAT ANY INDICATIONS OF ENEMY EMPLOYMENT OF NEW CHEMICAL AGENTS BE SENT PROMPTLY TO CMEC TOGETHER WITH SHELL FRAGMENTS, SOIL SAMPLES FROM CRATERS, OR ANY OTHER EVIDENCE THAT WE MAY ANALYZE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY  
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 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 INFO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 1449 EYES ONLY

THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO CLARIFY THE REPORTED SIGHTING OF SOME  
 20 TRACKED VEHICLES APPROXIMATELY 12 KM N-NW OF STRONG POINT POSITION  
 ALPHA 2.

1. AT 1000H 19 SEP 68, 2D ARVN REGT PERSONNEL AT ALPHA 2 OBSERVED WHAT THEY BELIEVED TO BE 20 TRACKED VEHICLES AT YD 1684, 12 KM FROM ALPHA 2. VEHICLES WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY ARVN 155MM ARTILLERY AT ALPHA 2 AND THE TARGET WAS POINTED OUT TO A US NCO ADVISOR AND A US NAVAL GUNFIRE SPOTTER, ALSO LOCATED AT ALPHA 2. THE US ADVISOR OBSERVED WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE 4 TRACKED VEHICLES AND REQUESTED A USAF FAC TO COME ON STATION; THE US SPOTTER CALLED FOR A NGF MISSION. NGF WAS DELIVERED AND ADJUSTED FROM ALPHA 2. A USAF FAC CAME ON STATION VICINITY YD 2176 (10 KM FROM TARGET AREA) AT APPROXIMATELY 1030H AND OBSERVED WHAT HE BELIEVED TO BE 6 TO 10 TRACKED VEHICLES IN A RICE PADDY, WHICH VEHICLES MOVED INTO A VILLAGE (YD 164852) WHEN TAKEN UNDER NFG. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THESE ALLEGED SIGHTINGS WERE FROM A DISTANCE OF FROM 10 TO 12 KMS.
2. TWO US ARMY O-1 AIRCRAFT OVERFLEW THE AREA BETWEEN 1100 AND 1130 HOURS BUT WERE UNABLE TO CONFIRM VEHICLES. THE PILOTS THEREOF OBSERVED AN AIRSTRIKE PLACED ON A VILLAGE LOCATED AT YD 163852, AT APPROXIMATELY 1120 HOURS. THE AIR STRIKES RESULTED IN 5 FIRES WHICH BURNED FOR TWO HOURS WITH BLACK SMOKE. CHECKS THROUGH DASC-V HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN DETERMINING WHO REQUESTED THE AIR STRIKE AND WHO CONTROLLED AND PERFORMED THE MISSION.
3. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY OF THE AREA TAKEN AT 1530 HOURS ON 19 SEP REVEALS NO TRACKED VEHICLES IN THE AREA OR ANY TRACKS INDICATING THAT SUCH VEHICLES HAD BEEN THERE. BOTH AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND VISUAL OBSERVATIONS DID CONFIRM WATER BUFFALO IN THE VICINITY.
4. IN SUMMARY, THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THAT TRACKED VEHICLES WERE OPERATING IN THE AREA OF YD 1684 OR THAT ANY SUCH VEHICLES WERE DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY NAVAL GUNFIRE, ARTILLERY OR AIR STRIKES.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY  
 DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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3	CG					REMARKS  MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY c/s Looks o.k. to me ~ chief, do you have any recos? b. Answered
4	DCG		9/28		R	
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	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	9/27		H	
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 PAC T RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
 P 261535Z SEP68  
 FM CMC  
 TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
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EXCLUSIVE  
 FOR  
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SECRET SPECAT , EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN  
 CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN- MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

A. CMC 260142Z

1. QUOTED BELOW IS A PROPOSED ANSWER TO CM-3651-68  
 (CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A)

2. IT IS PURPOSELY SUCCINCT AND DESIGNED TO FORESTALL  
 APPROVAL OF CM-3651-68 BY DEPSECDEF

3. I PLAN TO FOLLOW THE FINAL VERSION OF THIS ANSWER  
 WITH A CMC WHICH WILL REITERATE AND UPDATE THE COMPLETE  
 STORY IN DETAIL

4. YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE PROPOSED  
 ANSWER ARE REQUESTED NLT 291600Z

5. PROPOSED ANSWER FOLLOWS: QUOTE:

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

SUBJ: MODIFICATION OF AIR SUPPORT SYSTEM(U)

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA1167 SECRET SPECAT , EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND  
 LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN M C E O

REF: (A) CM-3651-68 OF 16SEP68 WHICH REPORTED THE CURRENT  
 STATUS OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT FOR  
 AIR SUPPORT IN SOUTH VIETNAM TO THE DEPUTY  
 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE AND MADE A RECOMMENDATION  
 PERTAINING THERETO

(B) DEPSECDEF MEMO OF 15MAY68 WHICH CONTAINED HIS  
 REVIEW OF THE POSITIONS OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF  
 STAFF ON THE ISSUE OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF  
 III MAF AVIATION ASSETS.

1. I HAVE REVIEWED REFERENCE (A) AND CANNOT CONCUR WHOLLY  
 WITH THE EVALUATION THEREIN NOR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION  
 WHICH IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE INJUNCTION OF THE DEPUTY  
 SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MADE IN REFERENCE (B), THAT THE SINGLE  
 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM SHOULD NOT BE "CONTINUED BEYOND THAT  
 NECESSARY TO MEET THE SPECIFIC COMBAT SITUATION FOR WHICH  
 IT WAS DEvised."

2. I CONCUR THAT SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN  
 THE AIR SUPPORT RECEIVED BY ARMY UNITS THROUGHOUT SVN. THESE  
 HAVE OCCURRED PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE DECENTRALIZATION OF  
 THE HIGHLY CENTRALIZED SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS IT WAS  
 INITIALLY IMPLEMENTED. BUT THEIR GENESIS SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED

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PAGE THREE RUEBHOA1167 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN M C E O FOR WHAT IT IS--AN EVOLUTIONARY ALTERATION IN THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT TOWARDS THE DECENTRALIZED MARINE CORPS TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEM. EACH IMPROVEMENT IN THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM HAS SIMPLY BEEN AN ADOPTION OF SOME FEATURE OF THE ORIGINAL MARINE SYSTEM IN WHOLE OR IN PART. THESE "IMPROVEMENTS" MERELY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE ORIGINAL SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS FUNDAMENTALLY DEFECTIVE.

3. WHILE RESULTING IN INCREASED AIR SUPPORT FOR ARMY COMBAT FORCES, THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS INITIALLY IMPLEMENTED, OVER STRONG MARINE PROTESTS, IMPOSED A SEVERE DEGRADATION OF MARINE AIR SUPPORT RESPONSIVENESS. IT WAS POINTED OUT AT THAT TIME THAT MARINE GROUND UNITS HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY FEWER HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS AND LESS ARTILLERY THAN ARMY UNITS, AND THUS MUST RELY PRIMARILY ON THE IMMEDIATE RESPONSIVENESS OF THEIR ORGANIC CLOSE AIR SUPPORT ASSETS.

4. THAT THIS SEVERE DEGRADATION OF THE INITIAL PERIOD WAS NOT NECESSARY AND THAT THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AS ORIGINALLY IMPLEMENTED WAS UNWORKABLE WAS CLEARLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE RADICAL REVISION EFFECTED ON 30MAY. THE EFFECT OF THIS REVISION, AS INDICATED ABOVE, WAS TO DECENTRALIZE THE SYSTEM TOWARDS THE

PAGE FOUR RUEBHOA1167 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN M C E O CONCEPT OF THE MARINE SYSTEM TO A SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE. THE REMAINING DEGRADATION, WHICH ALL COMMANDERS HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED, IS LIKEWISE UNNECESSARY AND SHOULD NOT BE CONTINUED. HOW "EQUITABILITY" AND THE "BROADENED RESPONSIBILITIES" OF CG, III MAF JUSTIFY FURNISHING LESS THAN THE MAXIMUM RESPONSIVENESS IN AIR SUPPORT TO ARMY AND MARINE TROOPS IN I CTZ IS NOT UNDERSTOOD, AND CANNOT BE CONCURRED IN.

5. CG, III MAF HAS RECOMMENDED TO COMUSMACV MEANS BY WHICH RESPONSIVENESS CAN BE IMPROVED FURTHER WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM. IN PARTICULAR, RETURN OF SCHEDULING AUTHORITY TO CG, III MAF FOR IN-COUNTRY 1ST MARINE AIR WING SORTIES ALLOCATED FOR SUPPORT OF ALL UNITS IN I CTZ WOULD INCREASE FLEXIBILITY AND ENHANCE RESPONSIVENESS TO NEEDS OF ALL III MAF GROUND COMMANDERS, ARMY AND MARINES. COMUSMACV WOULD HAVE MEANS FOR INFLUENCING ACTION THROUGHOUT SVN BY INCREASING/DECREASING AIR FORCE AND MARINE CORPS SORTIES PROVIDED TO III MAF AS WELL AS RETAINING OVERALL DIRECTION AND CONTROL MEANS TO CONCENTRATE ALL AIR SUPPORT WHEN AND WHERE NEEDED TO MEET EMERGENCIES. THIS IS A REASONABLE PROPOSAL WITH A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT ITS TEST

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PAGE FIVE RUEBHOA1167 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN M C E O WOULD RESULT IN FURTHER MAJOR REVISIONS TO THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT INVOLVING BENEFITS TO ALL CORPS AREAS.

6. ACCORDINGLY, I RECOMMEND:

A. THAT, IN AN EFFORT TO REGAIN THE COMPLETE RESPONSIVENESS OF THE MARINE SYSTEM, A THIRTY-DAY TEST BE MADE OF THE CG, III MAF PROPOSAL AS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE.

B. THAT THE MONTHLY EVALUATIONS BE CONTINUED TO APPRAISE THE RECOMMENDED TEST AS WELL AS OTHER FUTURE MODIFICATIONS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.

C. THAT THE INJECTION OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, MADE BY REFERENCE (B) AS TO THE RESUMPTION OF NORMAL COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE III MAF BE ENJOINED AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE.

6. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONVEY THESE VIEWS TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HIS CONSIDERATION IN RELATION TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF REFERENCE (A) UNQUOTE.

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 FM CG FIRST MAW  
 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 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO.  
 FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS  
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K. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 12 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES

I (1) 2 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI

1 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION

(2) I (2) 3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION

12 USMC TO USMC, WX

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 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
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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 FINAL SECTION OF TWO  
 5 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
 10 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-039)  
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O 261600Z ZYH ZFF-1

FM CG SCHWEITER, CHIEF OF STAFF XXIV CORPS  
TO MG ANDERSON CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF

ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L RHP 1450 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: CITE MAC 13051 DTG 261624Z SEP 59

PLAN TO CONVENE XXIV CORPS PLANNING GROUP AT 0730 HOURS  
LOCAL, 27 SEP. IN ADDITION TO CG AND C OF S XXIV CORPS, GROUP  
WILL INCLUDE:

BG RICHARD IRBY, ADC, 1ST CAV DIV

COL MELVIN PASTA, C-2 XXIV CORPS

COL ARLEY RICHTER, SIC O XXIV CORPS

CONSIDER THAT PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF THIS GROUP  
WILL COMPLIMENT THOSE OF YOUR STAFF THEREBY PROVIDING BROADER  
EXPERTESE. CG'S STENOGRAPHER, SP- ALLEN ENGLE WILL PROVIDE  
CLERICAL SUPPORT.

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DELIVER FIRST DUTY HOURS

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

PROGRAM PACKAGE 6 CEILING

A. CMC 252356Z/SEP68 (S)

1. I HAVE JUST READ REF A ON PROGRAM 6 AND NOTE THAT  
 CMC IS DESIROUS OF III MAF AND FMFPAC VIEWS SOONEST  
 BECAUSE OF THE 1 OCT 68 RECLAMA DATE. WOULD HOPE  
 WE COULD HAVE YOUR SUBMISSION NLT FRIDAY HONOLULU  
 TIME SO FMFPAC CAN EVALUATE AND FORWARD A COORDIN-  
 ATED POSITION. WARM REGARDS.

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TO MG ANDERSON COFS III MAF  
INFO BG SCHWEITER COFS XXIV CORPS  
ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 13058 EYES ONLY

REF: COMUSMACV 250957Z SEP 68, MAC 12989

1. (U) THIS CONFIRMS TELECON MAJ GEN CORCORAN WITH MAJ GEN ANDERSON THIS DATE.

2. (S) AS THE RESULT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, COMUSMACV HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE HIS PERSONAL PARTICIPATION IN MEETING SET UP IN REF UNTIL ADDRESSEES, WORKING WITH VMACV STAFF, HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO TIGHTEN UP REQUIRED PLANNING ACTIONS. NO RELAXATION OF URGENCY OR IMPORTANCE IMPLIED.

3. (S) ACCORDINGLY, MAJ GEN RICHARD F. SHAEFER, ACCOMPANIED BY COL E. H. DAVIS AND COL D. F. BLETZ, WILL ARRIVE SUNDAY AT TIME AND PLACE OF YOUR CHOOSING TO MEET WITH CG III MAF, CG XXIV CORPS AND STAFFS TO DISCUSS STATUS OF YOUR PLANNING. MAY REQUIRE BILLETTS FOR RON.

4. (U) PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-037)  
 FOR CMC CODE AA-1

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 D. (1) 32  
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 (3) 17  
 (4) 16  
 E. (1) 77  
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 F. (1) 56  
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 I. (1) 16  
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 (C) 0  
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 J. (1) 0  
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 (3) 66  
 (4) 0  
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 (2) 0  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 26  
 L. (1) 0

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(2) 0  
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 (6) 0  
 (7) 6  
 M. (1) L (7) 2 SORTIES BINGO FUEL  
 4 SORTIES DIVERTED BY TADC  
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW  
 A. (1) (A) 78  
 (B) 67  
 (2) 12  
 (3) 62  
 B. (1) 180  
 (2) 39  
 (3) 0  
 C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40  
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 D. (1) 8

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 F. (1) 0  
 (2) 62  
 (3) 0  
 G. (1) 52  
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 (3) 6  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
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 H. (1) 33

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(2) 2  
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 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
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 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0  
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 (7) (A) 0 (B) 36  
 K. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 34 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
 I (1) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRIORITY  
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT  
 I (2) 9 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRIORITY  
 5 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION  
 6 USMC TO USMC, WX 4 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
 8 USMC TO USMC, NEG TGT, 1 USMC TO USMC, NEG COMMUNICATIONS

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O 280619Z ZYH ZFF-3  
FM MAJ GEN SHAEFER MACJ5  
TO MAJ GEN ANDERSON COFS III MAF  
INFO BG SCHWEITER COFS XXIV CORPS  
ZEM  
S E C R E T MAC 13119 EYES ONLY  
REF: CG III MAF MSG DTG 271350Z EYES ONLY  
(S) WILL ARRIVE DANANG 290945H BY T-39. WARM REGARDS.

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 281233Z SEP 68		COPY# 3 OF 3 COPIES RECD	
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	DCG AIR					
	C/S					
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
	S/S					
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3				<i>CMC</i>	
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
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	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					



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 DE RUEBHOA 2463 272 1255  
 Z NY SSSSS  
 PAC-T-III MAF  
 P 281233Z SEP 68  
 FM CMC  
 TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
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**EXCLUSIVE FOR****MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY**

S E C R E T SPECAT, EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN BUSE AND LIGEN CUSHMAN  
 FROM CEN CHAMPMAN-MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 OPCON OF III MAF AVIATION ASSETS (U)

1. IN ORDER TO CONDUCT OUR EVALUATIONS HERE ON THE SUBJECT  
 AS WELL AS TO DEVELOP POSITIONS AND SUPPORTING RATIONALE,  
 WE HAVE A CONTINUING REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
 AND DOCUMENTATION AS EVENTS OCCUR AND DATA IS ACCUMULATED.  
 2. I RECOGNIZE ALSO THAT YOU MUST BE KEPT ABREAST OF DEVELOP-  
 MENTS HERE AND WILL ENSURE YOUR PROMPT RECEIPT OF THESE AS  
 PRACTICABLE. YOURS AND BOB'S TIMELY AND HIGHLY USEFUL  
 COMMUNICATIONS OF THE PAST REFLECT THE VITAL COORDINATION  
 WE MUST CONTINUE IF WE ARE TO BRING ABOUT A SUCCESSFUL  
 RESOLUTION. I KNOW YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE  
 OF EACH OF US STAYING ABREAST OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON THIS  
 MATTER, AND EXCHANGING VIEWS ON THOSE TAKEN AT MACV

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA2463 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
 AND CINCPAC, AND THOSE I PROPOSE TO TAKE HERE.

3. ALONG THSES LINES, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE  
 III MAF INPUTS (ACTUAL SUBMISSION) TO COMUSVACV'S JULY  
 AND AUGUST EVALUATION. ALSO, YOUR COMMENTS ON THE  
 COMUSMACV EVALUATIONS FOR THESE PERIODS WOULD BE VERY  
 USEFUL.

4. ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE  
 HELPFUL IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PROGRAMMED (PRESENT) USMC AND USAF IN-COUNTRY  
 SORTIE RATES.

B. WHO AT THE SAIGON LEVEL ACTUALLY MAKES THE  
 DETERMINATION OF THE SPLIT BETWEEN IN-COUNTRY AND  
 OUT-OF-COUNTRY SORTIES BOTH IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE MACV  
 AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY?

C. WHAT WAS THE RESULT OF THE EVALUATION OF III  
 MAF'S AIRBORNE ALERT REQUESTED BY THE DIRECTOR OF  
 HORN DASC?

D. DOES THE DIRECTOR OF HORN DASC RESPOND TO ORDERS  
 FROM CG, III MAF?

E. DO HORN DASC AND VICTOR DASC CONTACT AIRBORNE

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 STRIKE AND RECON AIRCRAFT AND DIVERT OR OTHERWISE CONTROL  
 OR DIRECT THEM?

F. NUMBER OF MARINE DASC'S CURRENTLY OPERATING AND  
 THEIR LOCATION.

G. CAUSE OF ALLEGED DRY-UP OF FMAV HOT PAD AND  
 CANCELLED SORTIES. (REPORTED BY 7HAF)

H. SPECIFICS OF FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION PROBLEMS  
 IN I CTZ UNDER SMS?

I. FACTS CONCERNING THE-WEEKLY I CTZ AIR SUPPORT  
 PLANNING CONFERENCE.

J. HAVE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL FACILITIES INCREASED  
 SINCE SINGLE MANAGEMENT?

K. HAS CONTROL OF AIR TRAFFIC BEEN FACILITATED SINCE  
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT? IF SO, HOW?

L. YOUR VIEWS ON COMUSMACV'S CLAIM THAT FRAGGING OF  
 IN-COUNTRY MARINE SORTIES BY CG, III MAF WOULD CONSTITUTE  
 "DOUBLE MANAGEMENT".

M. AVERAGE DAILY NUMBER OF SORTIES THAT ARMY BATTALIONS  
 IN I CTZ HAVE RECEIVED DURING MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND  
 AUGUST, AND FROM WHAT SOURCE.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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 FM CG FIRST MAW

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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  
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)  
 FOR FMFPAC (F-042)

1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS  
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     (3) 0  
     (4) 0  
 C. (1) 108  
     (2) 69  
     (3) 64

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 (7) 29  
 D. (1) 30  
     (2) 14  
     (3) 21  
     (4) 8  
 E. (1) 67  
     (2) 6  
     (3) 0  
     (4) 0  
 F. (1) 38  
     (2) 38  
     (3) 8  
     (4) 30  
 G. (1) 28  
     (2) 6  
     (3) 4  
     (4) 0

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H. (1) 36  
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 (3) 0  
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 I. (1) 3  
 (2) (A) 21  
 (B) 2  
 (C) 0  
 (D) 0  
 J. (1) 52  
 (2) 34  
 (3) 44  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 K. (1) 0  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 14  
 (4) 19  
 L. (1) 0

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 (3) 0  
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 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 4  
 M. (1) K(3) 10 SORT DIV, ASRT DOWN  
 4 SORT DIV BY TADC  
 L(7) 2 SORT DOV TADC, NEG CONT  
 2 SORT NEG CONT  
 2 M DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW  
 A. (1) (A) 80  
 (B) 71  
 (2) 12  
 (3) 49  
 B. (1) 158  
 (2) 54  
 (3) 0  
 C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40  
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- (7) 0
- F. (1) 0
- (2) 49
- (3) 0
- G. (1) 45
- (2) 4
- (3) 0
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PAGE SIX RUMSAV 0155 S E C R E T SPECAT

- (7) 0
- H. (1) 25 (2) 0 (3) 4
- I. (1) 6
- (2) 23
- (3) 0 (4) 0
- J. (1) (A) 59 (B) 35
- (2) (A) 18 (B) 0
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- (4) (A) 3 (B) 0
- (5) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (6) (A) 0 (B) 0
- (7) (A) 0 (B) 36
- L. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 26 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES
- I (1) 4 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
- 2 USMC TO USMC, NEG CONTROL
- (2) I (2) 5 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI
- 3 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION
- 3 USMC TO USMC, WX
- 10 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN
- 2 USA TO USA, TGT PRI GP-4

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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	DCG AIR					
	C/S	F				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
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	G-1					
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	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
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	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
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 DE RUHFMA 4100 2722009  
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 P 282009Z SEP 68  
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 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
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**EXCLUSIVE FOR****MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY**

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

A. CMC 261535Z/SEP68 (S)

1. IN REFERENCE A YOU ASKED FOR MY COMMENTS ON YOUR  
 PROPOSED ANSWER TO O-3651-68. I CONSIDER YOUR  
 REMARKS TO BE PARTICULARLY COGENT AND OFFER ONLY THE  
 FOLLOWING EDITORIAL SUGGESTIONS.
2. IN VIEW OF PAST EXCHANGES, I WOULD VIEW IT PROPITIOUS  
 TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SINGLE MANAGEMENT HAS, IN FACT,  
 IMPROVED. I THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT PARAGRAPH 2 BE  
 REWORDED IN THE FOLLOWING VEIN. QUOTE: I CONCUR  
 THAT IMPROVEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE SINGLE  
 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, BUT VIEWED IN PROPER  
 PRESPECTIVE, THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE RESULTED ONLY IN

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 4100 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 MORE RESPONSIVE AIR SUPPORT FOR ARMY UNITS WHILE, AS THE  
 CHAIRMAN POINTS OUT IN HIS MEMORANDUM, "...THE MECHANICS  
 OF THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM ARE STILL NOT SUCH AS  
 TO PROVIDE THE MARINES WITH RESPONSIVENESS TO WHICH  
 THEY ARE ACCUSTOMED ...". THESE IMPROVEMENTS HAVE  
 OCCURRED PRIMARILY AS A RESULT OF THE DECENTRALIZATION  
 OF THE HIGHLY CENTRALIZED SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM  
 AS IT WAS INITIALLY IMPLEMENTED. BUT THEIR GENESIS  
 SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED FOR WHAT IT IS---AN EVOLUTIONARY  
 ALTERATION IN THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONCEPT TOWARDS  
 THE DECENTRALIZED MARINE CORPS TACTICAL AIR CONTROL  
 SYSTEM. EACH IMPROVEMENT IN THE SINGLE MANAGEMENT  
 SYSTEM HAS SIMPLY BEEN AN ADOPTION OF SOME FEATURE  
 OF THE ORIGINAL MARINE SYSTEM IN WHOLE OR IN PART.  
 THESE IMPROVEMENTS MERELY DEMONSTRATE THAT THE  
 ORIGINAL SINGLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WAS FUNDAMENTALLY  
 DEFECTIVE. IN REALITY, SINGLE MANAGEMENT HAS BEEN A  
 CONTINUATION OF THE ARMY-AIR FORCE JOINT AIR-GOURND  
 OPERATIONS SYSTEM, PARTICULARLY IN II, III, AND IV CORPS,  
 WHERE AIR SUPPORT HAS BEEN A UNILATERAL AIR FORCE EFFORT.

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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 4100 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 THEREFORE, THE ENDORSEMENT OF MODIFIED SINGLE MANAGEMENT BY  
 THE COMMANDERS IN THESE AREAS REFERS NOT TO SINGLE  
 MANAGEMENT, PER SE, BUT TO IMPROVEMENTS IN THE JOINT  
 AIR-GROUND OPERATIONS SYSTEM. UNQUOTE.

3. IN THE OPENING PHRASE OF YOUR PARAGRAPH 3, THE  
 REFERENCE TO INCREASED AIR SUPPORT FOR THE ARMY LENDS  
 ITSELF TO A QUANTITATIVE REBUTTAL BY THE CHAIRMAN,  
 WHICH CONCEIVABLY MIGHT DISPROVE WHAT YOU SAY. IT  
 MIGHT BE WELL TO DELETE ENTIRELY THE WORDS "WHILE  
 RESULTING IN INCREASED AIR SUPPORT FOR ARMY COMBAT

FORCES". ALSO, IN THE LAST SENTENCE, THE WORDS  
 "IMMEDIATE RESPONSIVENESS" CONNOTE A TIME RESPONSE  
 FACTOR, WHICH AGAIN IS SUBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE  
 REBUTTAL SHOWING THAT SINGLE MANAGEMENT RESPONSE  
 TIMES HAVE BEEN EQUIVALENT TO OR BETTER THAN THOSE  
 UNDER THE MARINE CORPS SYSTEM. TO PRECLUDE THIS,  
 AND TO BE MORE SPECIFIC, I SUGGEST YOU SUBSTITUTE THE  
 WORDS "CLOSE INTEGRATION AND RESPONSIVE SCHEDULING".

4. WHILE I APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE FOR SUCCINCTNESS,  
 IT MAY SERVE THE CAUSE BETTER TO TOUT BOB CUSHMAN'S

PAGE 4 RUHHFMA 4100 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 PROPOSAL IN SOME DETAIL. I SUGGEST SUBSTITUTION OF  
 THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH 5:  
 QUOTE:

5. SEEKING TO PROVIDE FOR MORE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION  
 OF THE AIR RESOURCES IN I CTZ, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME  
 ENHANCING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT, THE  
 CG, III MAF HAS RECOMMENDED TO COMUSMACV  
 THAT FOLLOWING THE MACV WEEKLY  
 ALLOCATION OF AIR EFFORT, MARINE AIR, EXCEPT THAT  
 ALLOCATED BY MACV OUTSIDE OF I CTZ, BE SCHEDULED  
 BY III MAF ON A DAILY BASIS TO SATISFY THE DYNAMIC  
 AIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN I CTZ. THIS SCHEDULE  
 WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN SUFFICIENT TIME EACH DAY TO BE  
 REFLECTED IN THE TOTAL AIR SUPPORT PICTURE AT THE  
 SAIGON BASED TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT CENTER. THEREAFTER,  
 AIRCRAFT CONTROL PROCEDURES WOULD BE IDENTICAL TO  
 THOSE NOW IN EFFECT, WITH III MAF'S DIRECT AIR SUPPORT  
 CENTER (DASC HORN), AS THE SENIOR AIR CONTROL CENTER  
 IN I CTZ, COORDINATING AIR SUPPORT IN I CTZ UNDER THE  
 EXISTING FRAMEWORK. THUS, THE STATED OBJECTIVES OF

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PAGE 5 RUMKFMA 4100 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT WOULD BE INTACT, THE SYSTEM  
 WOULD CAPITALIZE ON THE AIR MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES  
 UNIQUE TO III MAF, AND THE RELIABILITY AND RESPONSIVE-  
 NNESS OF THE PRE-SINGLE MANAGEMENT AIR CONTROL  
 ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE RESTORED TO BOTH MARINES AND  
 ARMY FORCES IN CTZ. WITH THE ONSET OF THE NORTHEAST  
 MONSOON, AND THE RESULTANT IMPRACTICABILITY OF FORE-  
 CASTING SCHEDULES WEEKLY IN ADVANCE, DAILY SCHEDULING  
 BECOMES EVEN MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE GROUND FORCES.  
 FURTHER, CG, III MAF PROPOSES ONLY THAT THIS ARRANGE-  
 MENT BE GIVEN A THIRTY-DAY TRIAL PERIOD TO PARALLEL THAT  
 GIVEN TO BOTH THE INITIAL AND MODIFIED SINGLE MANAGE-  
 MENT ARRANGEMENTS."

5. SHOULD YOU DESIRE TO ADDRESS FURTHER THE EQUIT-  
 ABILITY OF SORTIES PER BATTALION IN COMPARISON WITH  
 OTHER CORPS, IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT ACCORDING  
 TO MACV, CONFIRMED ENEMY COMBAT STRENGTH IN SVN AS  
 OF 18 AUGUST WAS 120,796 OF WHOM 47,325 (40 PERCENT)  
 WERE IN I CTZ. ADDITIONALLY AS OF 21 SEPTEMBER,

PAGE 6 RUMKFMA 4100 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 CONFIRMED ENEMY KIA'S DURING 1968 TOTALED 148,732, OF  
 WHICH 66,851 (APPROXIMATELY 45 PERCENT) WERE KILLED IN  
 I CTZ.

WARM REGARDS.

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	DCG AIR						
	C/S						
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	D C/S DM						
	S/S						
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	G-3						
	G-4						
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	ADJ						
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 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
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**S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN  
 BUSE, INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. SECTION 1 OF  
 2. DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS.  
 PROGRAM 6 CEILING AND MARINE CORPS STRUCTURE IN RVN (U)  
 A. CMC 252350Z/SEP68 (S) SPECAT/MCEO  
 B. CG III MAF 280830Z/SEP68 (S) SPECAT/MCEO (PASEP)  
 1. (U) REF A HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND THE IMPACT STATE-  
 MENTS SET FORTH ARE GENERALLY CONCURRED IN. I HAVE  
 READ BOB CUSHMAN'S VIEWS CONCERNING REF A, CONCUR IN  
 SAME, AND HAVE PASSED THEM TO YOU SEPARATELY. HIS  
COMMENT THAT REDUCTION OF MATCU, VMA, AND ASRT  
WOULD ALSO IMPACT ON III MAF'S CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT  
ARMY UNITS IN I CTZ MIGHT WELL BE A GOOD TALKING POINT.  
 2. (S) AS I REVIEW THE BIDDING THAT LED TO THE PROPOSED  
 REDUCTIONS/REALIGNMENT IN III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE,

PAGE 2 RUHFMA4118 **S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 THREE CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED BY PROGRAM 6 AUTHORIZATIONS  
 ARE MOST SIGNIFICANT. THESE ARE: PROGRAM 6 DOES NOT,  
IN ALL CASES, AUTHORIZE SPACES THAT WILL ACCOMMODATE  
HQMC APPROVED T/O STRENGTHS FOR UNITS AUTHORIZED IN  
THE OSD APPROVED TROOP LIST; PROGRAM 6 DOES NOT  
AUTHORIZE SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE HQMC VALIDATED AND  
APPROVED AUGMENTATIONS OF MARINE CORPS T/O'S, WHICH  
ARE REQUIRED TO SATISFY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS PECULIAR TO  
SUSTAINED LAND COMBAT; AND LAST, BUT CERTAINLY NOT  
LEAST, MARINE CORPS EFFORTS TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL  
PROGRAM 6 SPACES TO SATISFY VALID REQUIREMENTS,  
THROUGH BOTH UNIFIED AND SERVICE CHANNELS, HAVE BEEN  
UNSUCCESSFUL. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS RECOMMENDED  
 THAT YOUR RECLAMA EMPHASIZE THE FACT THAT THE MARINE  
 CORPS HAS FOR OVER A YEAR CONSISTENTLY EXPRESSED A  
 REQUIREMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY 10,000 ADDITIONAL PRO-  
 PROGRAM SPACES FOR RVN. YET DURING THIS SAME PERIOD OF  
 TIME, WHICH WITNESSED A GROWTH IN THE PROGRAM CEILING  
 FOR RVN OF 57,308, THE MARINE CORPS CEILING HAS BEEN  
 INCREASED ONLY 1,462. EVEN THIS MEAGER INCREASE HAS

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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA 4118 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 BEEN LIMITED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO ADDITIONAL UNITS OR  
 CAPABILITIES. THESE FACTS, COUPLED WITH OUR DESIRE  
 TO IMMEDIATELY RESPOND TO THE URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR  
 FORCES IN SVN WITHOUT GIVING DUE CREDENCE TO THE  
 FUTURE IMPLICATIONS OF STRENGTH CONSTRAINTS WHICH  
 WOULD BE IMPOSED BY OSD, OFFER ADVANTAGEOUS POINTS  
 FOR RECLAMA AT ALL LEVELS.

3. (S) THE SIGNIFICANCE OF YOUR RECLAMA EFFORT TO BOTH  
 THE PRESENT AND FUTURE POSTURE OF THE MARINE CORPS  
 IS FULLY RECOGNIZED, AS IS THE DANGER THAT OUR  
 RECLAMA EFFORTS AND PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF THE  
 III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE COULD ALLOW US TO BE  
 TRAPPED BY THE ANALYST/COMPUTER CLAN NOW, OR AT A  
 LATER TIME, IF NOT PROPERLY PRESENTED. TWO SALIENT  
 POINTS THAT MUST BE STRONGLY EMPHASIZED ARE: THE  
VALIDITY OF MARINE CORPS T/O'S, WHEN EXECUTING THE  
MARINE CORPS' PRIMARY MISSION, AND THE REQUIREMENT  
FOR AUGMENTATION OF THESE T/O'S WHEN MARINE UNITS  
ARE EMPLOYED IN SUSTAINED LAND WARFARE. FOR THESE  
 REASONS I DO NOT FULLY CONCUR THAT THE IMPACT

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 OF FORCE REDUCTIONS IN RVN CAN BEST BE EXPRESSED  
 ONLY IN TERMS OF THE LOSS OF TACTICAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE  
 TO III MAF TO ACCOMPLISH ITS ASSIGNED MISSIONS. IT IS  
 EQUALLY ESSENTIAL THAT A CLEAR AND THOROUGH UNDER-  
 STANDING EXIST BY ALL CONCERNED OF TWO FAVORABLE  
 IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED FORCE REDUCTIONS/REALIGNMENT.  
FIRST, IS THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT RESULTS  
IN MARINE UNITS IN RVN BEING AUTHORIZED SPACES IN  
CONSONANCE WITH MARINE CORPS APPROVED T/O'S. SECOND,  
THE PROPOSED REALIGNMENT AUTHORIZES CERTAIN MARINE UNITS IN  
RVN SPACES TO RETAIN AT LEAST A PART OF THE AUGMENTA-  
TIONS NOW PROVIDED TO SATISFY FUNCTIONS PECULIAR TO  
SUSTAINED LAND WARFARE, WHICH ARE NOT PROVIDED BY  
APPROVED MARINE CORPS T/O'S.

5. (S) FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE PREPARATION OF YOUR  
 POSITION THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED IN  
 AMPLIFICATION/ADDITION TO THOSE CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B...

A. AMTRACS: IN ADDITION TO THE FACT THAT III MAF  
 LOGISTIC EFFORT WILL BE HAMPERED BY ANY REMOVAL OF  
 AMTRAC ASSETS, IT IS APPARENT THAT THE NVA WOULD BECOME

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PAGE 5 RUHHFMA 4118 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 QUICKLY COGNIZANT OF THE FACT THAT A CONSIDERABLE  
 DRAWDOWN IN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT CAPABILITY HAD TRANS-  
 PIRE AND THEY COULD IN TURN DEVOTE INCREASED EFFORTS  
 TO AIR DEFENSE (INCLUDING ANTI-HELICOPTER) WITH A  
 COMMENSURATE DECREASE IN THEIR COASTAL DEFENSE EFFORT.  
 EQUALLY IMPORTANT, THE REALISM REQUIRED FOR EFFECTIVE  
 FUTURE DECEPTION PLANNING WOULD BE DILUTED. FUTURE  
 ATTEMPTS TO UTILIZE DEMONSTRATIONS, FEINTS, ETC., MAY  
 BE FORECAST TO BEAR LITTLE FRUIT. THE AMTRAC BATTALIONS  
 IN RVN ARE PERFORMING YEOMAN SERVICES TO USMC, NOK,  
 U. S. ARMY, AND COMBINED ACTION UNITS.

B. TANKS: ALTHOUGH CONFIRMED SIGHTINGS OF ENEMY  
 TANKS IN SVN HAVE THUS FAR BEEN LIMITED TO ABOUT A  
 COMPANY IN NORTHERN I CTZ, THE THREAT REMAINS THAT THE  
 ENEMY COULD, IF HE CHOSE TO, EMPLOY THEM IN AT LEAST  
 BATTALION STRENGTH, IN WHICH CASE THE FURTHER REDUCTION  
 OF TANK AND ONTOAS ASSETS ASSUMES A SIGNIFICANT RISK.

C. ARMED AMPHIBS: I CONCUR WITH YOUR POSITION  
 REGARDING THE ARMORED AMPHIBS AND FURTHER NOTE THAT  
 III MAF DID NOT INITIALLY IMPLY THAT THEY WERE REQUIRED  
 FOR THE PURE FIRE SUPPORT ROLE. HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES

PAGE 6 RUHHFMA 4118 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
 OF RECLAMA, I CONSIDER THAT THE ARTILLERY ROLE TO WHICH  
 THESE UNITS ARE NOW COMMITTED SHOULD BE STRESSED WITH  
 A VIEW TOWARDS THE POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT TO RSLACE THEM  
 WITH CONVENTIONAL 105 MM HOWITZER UNITS IN ORDER TO  
 PROVIDE III MAF WITH ADEQUATE FIRE SUPPORT.

D. VMA SQUADRONS: AS TO THE VMA REDUCTION, I  
 BELIEVE THE IMPACT OF THIS WITHDRAWAL WILL BE CRITICAL  
 BECAUSE IT HAS BEEN A PART OF THE NOTABLE OVER-SURGE  
 PERFORMANCE BY MARINE A4 ASSETS SINCE THE INCEPTION OF  
 INGLE MANAGEMENT. BOB CUSHMAN CHOSE NOT TO MAKE  
 AN ISSUE OF THIS REDUCTION, POSSIBLY DUE TO SOME OF THE  
 ROTATIONAL BENEFITS THAT MIGHT ACCRUE. THEREFORE,  
 I RECOMMEND A LOW KEY APPROACH IN RECLAMA ON THIS  
 SQUADRON.

E. FLC: THE CURRENT RATIO OF COMBAT SERVICE  
 SUPPORT TO COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS IN III MAF  
 IS APPROXIMATELY 1:6.5. THIS IS THE MOST AUSTERE OF ANY  
 OF THE SERVICES IN RVN. THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN  
 FLC WILL SIGNIFICANTLY COMPOUND THIS RELATIONSHIP AND  
 RESULT IN A DEGRADATION OF III MAF LOGISTIC  
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 ZNY SSSSS  
 O P 282203Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FMFPAC  
 TO RUEBHOA/CMC  
 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAFAMN FROM LTGEN  
 BUSE, INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. FINAL SECTION  
 OF 2.

CAPABILITY AND RESPONSIVENESS.

6. (S) IN SUMMARY, THE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS/REALIGN-  
 MENT OF III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE  
 THE OLD ADAGE, YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO.  
 ADHERENCE TO THE CONSTRAINTS OF PROGRAM 5 CEILINGS  
 NECESSITATE A REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY. THE PROPOSED  
 REALIGNMENT REPRESENTS AN EARNEST ENDEAVOR TO LIMIT  
 TO A MINIMUM REDUCTIONS IN COMBAT UNITS WITH THE  
 RESULT THAT SERVICE AND SUPPORT UNITS HAVE BORNE THE  
 BRUNT OF THE REDUCTIONS PROPOSED. IN SOME INSTANCES  
 SUCH AS I/O AUGMENTATION, LOGISTIC SUPPORT AND AIR  
 CONTROL THESE REDUCTIONS APPEAR TO BE CUT TO

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 4122 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MEO  
 THE BONE AND COULD REQUIRE FUTURE RELIEF IN THE FORM  
 OF FURTHER ADDITIONAL SPACES OR FURTHER REDUCTION IN  
 THE III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE TO PROVIDE TRADE-OFF SPACES.  
 WARMEST REGARDS.

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TO RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
INFO RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
ZEN/CG FMFPAC FWD  
RUMLMPA/CG FLC  
ZEN/THIRD FSR  
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**MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY**

C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
FOR FMFPAC F-037

GAO REVIEW OF HAWK MISSILE SUPPLY SYSTEM IN RVN

A. CG FMFPAC 210807Z SEP 68 (U)

B. CG FMAW 231221Z SEP 68 (S)

1. (C) REF A REQUESTED INTERIM REPORT ON AREAS CONCERNING GAO VISIT TO THIS CMD. REF B REPLIED.

2. (C) SOME ADDITIONAL INFO INDICATES THAT GAO MAY WRITE UP FOLLOWING.

A. GAO APPEARS TO RELIEVE D.P.I. SUPPORT OF 1ST LAAM HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATE. THIS ALLEGATION IS BEING CHECKED OUT THRU BOTH LAAM BN AND D.P. I. RESULTS WILL BE FORWARD ASAP.

PAGE TWO RUMSAV 0119 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT

B. UPON CONVERSION OF 1ST LAAM FROM MANUAL TO MECHANIZED ACCOUNTING, ONLY PARTIAL USAGE DATA WAS PICKED UP, THIS WAS FOR THE HAWK PECULIAR ITEMS ONLY. APPARENTLY THIS WAS DONE AS THE ONLY VALID USAGE DATA RECORDED WAS FOR THESE ITEMS. THE OVERALL USAGE DATA IS BEING RECORDED AND BY DEC SHOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR FULL USE.

C. GAO CONTINUES TO BRING UP THE LACK OF FULL USAGE OF ISSA WITH ARMY SUPPLY SOURCES. PRESENTLY AND SINCE JULY, THE ISSA HAS BEEN UTILIZED. A COURIER SYSTEM IS IN EXISTENCE BETWEEN ARMY AND LAAM BN. PREVIOUSLY ISSA'S WERE NOT FULLY USED AS A MATTER OF POLICY OF YOUR HDQTS.

D. (C) GAO REQUESTED AND RECEIVED NAMES OF CO'S MACG-18 AND 1ST LAAM BN FOR PAST YEAR; ORGANIZATION CHART OF 1ST MAW; AND T/O M/L OF 1ST LAAM BN. AND ARRIVAL DATES OF NACH BN IN COUNTRY.

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
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	DCG AIR					
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	D C/S					
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 O P 291430Z SEP 68  
 FM CG FIRST MAF  
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 RUHKM/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMSAK/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMSAK/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMSAK/CG THIRD MARDIV

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

BT  
 S E C R E T SPECAT FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR FMFPAC F-046  
 FOR CMC CODE (AA-1)  
 1. DATA FROM USMC GROUND UNITS  
 A. PERIOD COVERED - FROM 0001-2400H 28 SEP 68  
 B. (1) 150  
 (2) 6  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 C. (1) 128  
 (2) 59  
 (3) 64

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(4) 21  
 (5) 83  
 (6) 52  
 (7) 18  
 D. (1) 34  
 (2) 19  
 (3) 9  
 (4) 8  
 E. (1) 54  
 (2) 16  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 F. (1) 53  
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 (3) 7  
 (4) 46  
 G. (1) 47  
 (2) 2  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 4

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H. (1) 51  
 (2) 2  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 I. (1) 20  
 (2) (A) 29  
 (B) 4  
 (C) 0  
 (D) 0  
 J. (1) 9  
 (2) 84  
 (3) 45  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 0  
 (6) 0  
 K. (1) 0  
 (2) 0  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 15  
 L. (1) 0

## PAGE FOUR RUMSAV 0158 S E C R E T SPECAT

(2) 0  
 (3) 6  
 (4) 0  
 (5) 2  
 (6) 0  
 (7) 10  
 M. (1) L (7) 6 SORTIES NEG TGT  
 2. DATA PROVIDED BY 1ST MAW  
 A. (1) (A) 80  
 (B) 72  
 (2) 47  
 (3) 62  
 B. (1) 213  
 (2) 48  
 (3) 0  
 C. (1) (A) 89 (B) 40  
 (2) (A) 0 (B) 36  
 (3) (A) 0 (B) 0  
 D. (1) 30  
 (2) 17

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 H. (1) 15  
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(3) 0  
 I. (1) 2  
 (2) 13  
 (3) 0  
 (4) 0  
 J. (1) (A) 58 (B) 36  
 (2) (A) 19 (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) 36  
 K. (1) A (3) INCLUDES 41 AIRBORNE ALERT SORTIES  
 I (1) 2 USMC TO USMC, WX  
 (2) I (2) 2 USMC TO USMC, TGT PRI  
 1 USMC TO USA, TGT PRI  
 2 USMC TO USMC, ACFT MALFUNCTION  
 2 USMC TO USMC, ASRT DOWN  
 2 USA TO USA, ASRT DOWN  
 4 USMC TO USMC, NEG-TGT GP-4

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

PERSONAL FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJ GEN DAVIS

1. SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL I PLAN TO TAKE MY R&R FROM THE TENTH THROUGH THE SIXTEENTH OF OCTOBER. GEN STILWELL HAS APPROVED. I WANT TO ASK GEN BUSE FOR PERMISSION TO ATTEND THE BIENNIAL MEDAL OF HONOR CONVENTION BEING HELD IN SEATTLE.

2. DOD HAS RECOMMENDED THAT LEAVE BE GRANTED MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO WANT TO ATTEND. WITH OVERSEAS TRAVEL AUTHORIZED ON REQUIRED BASIS.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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*According to Gen Buse he already asked and Gen B. told him he would sign have permission. Start a long time.*

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT FIRE, DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES AT NSAD, CUA VIET (C)
			IN	OUT		

0	CG				lp	REMARKS  <b>FOR</b>
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	F			Q	
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1	S/S	F	10/1		H	
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	G-2					
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 FIRE, DAMAGE AND CASUALTIES AT NSAD, CUA VIET (C)  
 FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN, VADM ZUMWALT AND RADM COMBS FROM RADM OSBORN  
 1. (C) ABOUT 281345H NSAD CUA VIET EXPERIENCED A SERIOUS FIRE  
 WHEN CONTAMINATED FUEL BEING PUMPED FROM AN AMMI FUEL BARGE IGNITED.  
 DAMAGE AS PRESENTLY KNOWN CONSIST OF: ONE AMMI BARGE, ONE LCM-3  
 PUSHER CRAFT; TWO SKIMMERSN CAUSEWAY BUILDINGS AND REPAIR SHOPS  
 DESTROYED; TWO LCM-3 PUSHER CRAFT, THREE LCM-6 CRAFT SUFFERED MAJOR  
 DAMAGE AND ONE LCM-8 MINI DRY DOCK MODERATE DAMAGE; PERSONNEL  
 CASUALTIES - TWO KILLED, TWO MISSING AND SEVEN INJURED (FIVE  
 MEDEVAC). CAUSE OF FIRE UNKNOWN. ONE UNSUBSTANTIATED REPORT INDICATES  
 FIRE MAY HAVE BEEN CAUSED WHEN ACCUMULATION OF FUMES WAS IGNITED  
 BY WELDER'S TORCH ON LCM-6 IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO BARGE. THIS IS  
 SPECULATION AT THIS TIME.

PAGE 2 RUMUFGA3435 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 2. (C) IN VIEW OF QUESTIONABLE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING FIRE,  
 EXTENSIVE DAMAGE AND PERSONNEL CASUALTIES, I HAVE APPOINTED A  
 FORMAL BOARD OF INVESTIGATION CONSISTING OF A CDR AND A SENIOR  
 LCDR TO CONDUCT FULL INVESTIGATION. BOARD, COUNSEL FOR BOARD AND  
 REPORTED ARE ENROUTE TO CUA VIET AND SHOULD CONVENE TODAY

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