

- 1 ~~36.~~ GEN ABRAMS 010200Z NOV68 (\$) *group-1*
BOMBING HALT
- 2 ~~37.~~ GEN ABRAMS 010208Z NOV68 (S) *gp-1*
BOMBING HALT
- 3 ~~38.~~ GEN ABRAMS 010211Z NOV68 (S) *group-4*
BOMBING HALT
- 4 ~~39.~~ GEN ABRAMS 010213Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
BOMBING HALT
- 5 ~~40.~~ VADM ZUMWALT 010315Z NOV68 (S) *gp-not shown*
REQUEST PASS MSG
- 6 ~~41.~~ GEN ABRAMS 010415Z NOV68 (S) *gp-3*
BOMBING HALT
- 7 ~~42.~~ GEN ABRAMS 010423Z NOV68 (S) *gp-3*
BOMBING HALT
- 8 ~~43.~~ MGEN SCHWEITER 010630Z NOV68 (S) *group-not shown*
BOMBING HALT
- 9 ~~44.~~ LTG STILWELL 011035Z NOV68 (S) *group-not shown*
BOMBING HALT
- 10 ~~45.~~ MGEN TOWNSEND 011626Z NOV68 (S) *group-3*
BOMBING HALT
- 11 ~~46.~~ *NIF →* { CG FMAW 011855Z NOV68 (S MCEO) } *see "wing daily" file*
ROUTINE INPUT
- 12 ~~47.~~ CG FMFPAC 020137Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CUSHMAN
PROGRAM 6
- ~~13 ~~48.~~ CG FMAW 021225Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 14 ~~49.~~ GEN ABRAMS 021307Z NOV68 (S) *group-not shown*
BOMBING HALT
- 15 ~~50.~~ MILDREN 021345Z NOV68 (S) *group-not shown*
MILDREN TO ZAIS, INFO ABRAMS, CUSHMAN, STILWELL, KERWIN, & DAVIS
1ST CAV DIV MOVE INTO BIEN HOA ARMY BASE
1ST CAV DIV TROOP DISPOSITION
- ~~16 ~~51.~~ CG FMAW 291325Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~17 ~~52.~~ CG FMFPAC 020116Z NOV68 (S OEO)
ALL COPIES SEALED ENVELOPES C/S SAFE~~
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

- 18 ~~3~~. CG FMAW 020245Z NOV68 (U)
 QUILTER to BUSE, CUSHMAN, MCCUTCHEON, ADM LANHAN, AND CAPT SCHNEIDER
 T58 GE-10 SUPPORT
- 19 ~~4~~. COMUSMACV 031310Z NOV68 (C) *Group-4*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN AND STILWELL
 DEER HUNTING
- ~~20~~ ~~5~~. ~~CG FMAW 031625Z NOV68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 21 ~~6~~. CG THIRD MARDIV 040040Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
 DAVIS TO CUSHMAN INFO QUILTER
 MARINE CIROSP AIR GROUND TEAM
- ~~22~~ ~~7~~. ~~CG FMAW 041320Z NOV68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 23 ~~8~~. CG FMFPAC 042228Z NOV68 (U)
 BUSE TO CUSHMAN
 R&R CENTER
- 24 ~~9~~. GEN ABRAMS 050130Z NOV68 (S) *Group-1*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
 BOMBING HALT
- ~~25~~ ~~10~~. ~~CTF SEVEN SIX 050324Z NOV68 (U)~~
~~LACY TO CUSHMAN~~
~~ANNIVERSARY OF U.S. MARINE CORPS~~
- ~~26~~ ~~11~~. ~~CG FMAW 051220Z NOV68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~27~~ ~~12~~. ~~CG FMAW 061510Z NOV68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 27 ~~12~~. CG FMFPAC 052239Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
 PROGRAM SIX
- ~~28~~ ~~13~~. ~~CG FMAW 061510Z NOV68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 29 ~~14~~. CG FMFPAC 062346Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
 BUSE TO CUSHMAN INFO QUILTER
 LOCATION OF AVIATION UNITS
- 30 ~~15~~. CMC 071153Z NOV68 (S) *Group-4*
 COL BARRETT FOR BGEN HOFFMAN
 REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
- ~~31~~ ~~16~~. ~~CG FMAW 071900Z NOV68 (S MCEO)~~
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

- 32-17. COMNAVFOR 080218Z NOV68(S) *Group-4*
WALT TO CUSHMAN & OSBORN INFO BAUMBERGER
MILCOM SUPPORT F/TURNOVER NAVY OPERATIONS TO VNN
- ~~33-18. CG FIRST MAW 091520Z NOV68 (SMCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~34-19. CG FIRST MAW 091105Z NOV68 (SMCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 35-20. COMUSMACV 090817Z NOV68 (S) *Group-3*
JT STAFF/DEF MSG, BOMBING IN LAOS
- 36-21. LTG STILWELL XVII CORPS XX 091739Z NOV68 (S-EO) *Group - not shown*
PLANNED GVN NON MILITARY ACTIVITY
- 37-22. CMC 091753Z NOV68 (S-MCEO) *gp-4* TO BUSE F/CHAPMAN, INFO CUSHMAN QUILTER
USE OF MTDS EQUIPMENTS IN THE REVISED DUEL BLADE (DYE MARKER)
- 38-23. GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV 100659Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
CONFIRMATION OF THE NVN FLAG ON NORTH BANK OF BEN HAI
- 39-24. CG FMFPAC 102021Z NOV68 (SMCEO) *gp-4*
RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION
- ~~[REDACTED]~~
- 40-25. COMUSMACV 110928Z NOV68 (S) *gp-1*
FR ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL & DAVIS
DMZ INCIDENTS
- ~~41-26. CG AMERICA DIV 110050Z NOV68
GETTYS TO MILDREN INFO CUSHMAN
GETTYS RR 7 13 DEC~~
- 42-27. CG XXIV CORPS 110135Z NOV68 (S) *Group - not shown*
STILWELL TO ABRAMS INFO CUSHMAN
FLAG ON THE BEN HAI
- 43-28. CG XXIV CORPS 110145Z NOV68 (S) *Group - not shown*
STILWELL TO TO CUSHMAN INFO DAVIS
DAVIS' REQ TO ENTER S. HALF DMZ
- 44-29. COMUSMACV 050510Z NOV68 - *Group-4*
FR COMUSMACV TO MCCAIN INFO WHEELER, HAINES, NAZZARRO, WOULNOUGH,
HYLAND, BUSE, PEERS, KERWIN, CUSHMAN & ECKHARDT
PACIFICATION DR SEPTEMBER
- ~~45-30. CG III MAF 111120Z NOV68 (S)
CUSHMAN TO ABRAMS INFO STILWELL & DAVIS
WALT TO MOVE TROOPS IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ~~

~~45 00~~ CG 1STMAW 111450Z NOV68 (SMCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

~~46 01~~ CG 1ST MAW 120015Z NOV68 (SMCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

47 37. COMUSMACV 121143Z NOV68 (S) *group-1*
 ABRAMS FOR ALL (RULES FOR ENGAGEMENT)

48 33. CG FMFPAC 122144Z NOV68 (SMCEO) *gp-4*
 FOR CUSHMAN FROM BUSE (AIR CONTROL)



49 34. MACV COC 101320Z NOV 68 (S) *gp-3*
 MCLAUGHLIN TO HOFFMAN
 ARC LIGHT PROGRAM

~~50 35. CG FMAW 101415Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~~~

~~51 36. CG FMAW 120145Z NOV68 (S OEO)
~~ALL COPIES SEALED ENVELOPE~~~~

~~52 37. CG 3RD MARDIV 120026Z NOV68 (S OEO)
~~ALL COPIES SEALED ENVELOPE~~~~

~~53 38. CG FMAW 121550Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~~~

~~54 38. CMC 122154Z NOV68 0x0 (S)
~~FOR DCEN HOFFMAN~~
~~NAMES OF COMMANDERS AND PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS~~~~

~~55 40. CG FMEPAC 122227Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~BUSE TO WALT INFO CUSHMAN~~
~~RELOCATION OF AVIATION UNITS~~~~

56 41. BUSE TO CUSHMAN *CG FMFPAC*
 T-DAY R&E PLANNING *132234Z Nov68 (S) gp-4*

57 42. CG XXIV CORPS 140105Z nov68 (U)
 FOR CHIEF OF STAFF
 CHANGE IN EVALUATION PROCEDURES OF NICTZ PWS

~~58 43. CG FMAW 141320Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~~~

59 44. COMNAVFORV 150409Z NOV68 (C) *gp-4*
 ZUMWALT TO CUSHMAN INFO BAUMBURGER AND OSBORN
 60 45 MILCON SUPPORT OF ACCELERATED TURNOVER NAVY OPERATIOJS TO VNN

~~61 45. CG FMAW 151150Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~~~

~~CG FMAW 151215Z NOV68~~
FMAW 151215Z

- 1 ~~47.~~ COMNAVFORV 151113Z NOV68 (C) *Group-4*
ZUMWALT TO CUSHMAN
COPIES TO BE PROVIDED GEN CUSHMAN ON REGULAR WEEKLY COMNAVFORV
BRIEFING PROVIDED GEN ABRAMS ON SATURDAYS
- 2 ~~48.~~ GEN ABRAMS 160034Z NOV68 (S) *Op - not shown*
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
REPORT OF TRUCKS IN DMZ - ABRAMS WANTS THEM VERIFIED
- 3 ~~49.~~ CG FIRST MARDIV 160855Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION
- 4 ~~50.~~ LTG STILWELL 161005Z NOV68 (S) *Group - not shown*
STILWELL REPORT ON TRUCKS IN DMZ
- ~~5 ~~51.~~ CG FMAW 161210Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 6 ~~2.~~ CG FMFPAC 162002Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *Group-4*
BUSE TO CUSHMAN
PROGRAM SIX
- 7 ~~3.~~ ADMIN CINCPAC 162127Z NOV68 (S) *gp-1*
PURPLE DRAGON
- ~~8 ~~4.~~ CG FMAW 171205Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 9 ~~5.~~ COMSEVENTHFLT 180626Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
CODISPOTI TO ANDERSON INFO WILLIAMS
ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT
- 10 ~~6.~~ CG THIRD MARDIV 181344Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
REPUBLIC OF VIENAM ARMED FORCES IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION
- ~~11 ~~7.~~ CG FMAW 181410Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 12 ~~8.~~ CMC 181850Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-3*
DUEL BLADE/DUFFEL BAG REQUIREMENTS
- ~~13 ~~9.~~ CG FMAW 181205Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 14 ~~10.~~ CG FMFPAC 200143Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
DCPG TEAM INVESTIGATING AN/TYQ-2 AND/OR AN-TYQ-3
- 15 ~~11.~~ GEN ABRAMS 200910Z NOV68 (S) ~~XXXX~~ *gp-4*
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN
ATTACKS ON ENEMY BASE AREA 112
- ~~16 ~~12.~~ CG FMAW 200920Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 17 ~~13.~~ CTF SEVEN SIX 211056Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
PURPLE DRAGON

- 18 14. GEN ABRAMS 211514Z NOV68 (S) *group - not shown*
 ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN AND STILWELL
 WILL MEET AT PHU BAI 22NOV68
- ~~19 15. CG FMAW 211900Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
 ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 20 16. CG FMFPAC 212221Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 PROGRAM SIX - EXCLUSIVE
- 21 17. CG FMFPAC 212222Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 PROGRAM SIX - EXCLUSIVE
- 22 18. COMUSMACV 220006Z NOV68 (S) *gp-1*
 PURPLE DRAGON
- ~~23 19. COMNAVFORV 221157Z NOV68 (S)
 ZUMWALT TO CUSHMAN
 SLE/ABC OPERATION ON PHU QUOC ISLAND~~
- ~~24 20. CG FMAW 221615Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
 ROUTINE INPUT~~
- 25 21. MGEN SCHWEITER 230200Z NOV68 (S) *gp - not shown*
 SCHWEITER TO ANDERSON
 MAJOR BASE FOR 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
- 26 22. CG FIRST MARDIV 230931Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
 YOUNGDALE TO ANDERSON
 OPN MEADE RIVER
- ~~27 23. CG FMAW 231247Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
 ROUTINE INPUT~~
- ~~28 24. CMC 231831Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
 PROGRAM 6~~
- 29 25. CG FMFPAC 232045Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
 DUEL BLADE/DUFFEL BAG
- 30 26. CTG 70.8 240356Z NOV68 (C) *gp-4*
 XAW BAGLEY TO CUSHMAN INFO CW
 WILL ACCOMPANY GEN BROWN
- ~~31 27. MACV 241019Z NOV68 (C)
 SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM~~
- ~~32 28. CG FMAW 251042Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
 ROUTINE INPUT--~~
- 32 28. CG FIRST MARDIV 241030Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
 YOUNGDALE TO CUSHMAN
 OPN MEADE RIVER
- ~~33 29~~

~~32~~ 28. CG FMAW 251042Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

~~34~~ 30. CG FMAW 241400Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

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35 31. CG FMFPAC 252202Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4* CG FMAW 260740Z NOV68 (S-OEO) *Freezing NIF NOV-40*
PROGRAM 6

~~32~~ 32. CG FMAW 261515Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

~~38~~ 34. SSO IFFV 260800Z NOV68 (S) *gp-not shown*
TO STILWELL INFO CUSHMAN
CONVERSION OF CIDG CAMP MAI LOC

LTC Stilwell 260620Z Nov
2d ARVN Regt Patrol (S)
gp-not shown

39 35 34. CG FIRST MARDIV 271030Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
OPERATION MEADE RIVER

~~40~~ 36 35. CG FMAW 271440Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

~~41~~ 37 36. MCAC BEAUFORT 271610Z NOV68 (U)
~~FOR TOMPKINS~~
~~TRANSPORTATION PLANS~~

42 38 37. CG FMFPAC 272136Z NOV68 (S) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CUSHMAN
PROGRAM SIX FORCE STRUCTURE

43 39. CMC 280231Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
CHAPMAN TO BUSE INFO CUSHMAN
ARG/SLF OPERATION

~~44~~ 40. CG FMAW 281445Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

45 41. CTF 76 290212Z NOV68 (C) *gp-4*
~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
LANG TO CUSHMAN
INVITATION TO C/S Ceremony

~~46~~ 42. CG FMAW 290930Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

47 43. CMC 292032Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *group 4*
CHAPMAN TO BUSE INFO BUSE
ARG/SLF OPERATION

48 344. CG FMFPAC 300335Z NOV68 (S MCEO) *gp-4*
BUSE TO CHAPMAN INFO CUSHMAN
III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE

~~49~~ 45. CG FMAW 301105Z NOV68 (S MCEO)
~~ROUTINE INPUT~~

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 1 GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
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 1 GEN MEARNS
 1 GEN BROWN
 1 GEN MILDREN
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TOP SECRET SENSITIVE MAC 14712 EYES ONLY

1. ALTHOUGH IT WAS HOPED TO MAKE THE DECISION AND ANNOUNCEMENT ON CESSATION OF BOMBING IN NVN A JOINT ACTION OF THE U.S. AND THE GVN, THE U.S. FINALLY ACTED ALONE. WHILE THE POINTS THAT REMAINED UNRESOLVED WERE FEW, WE MUST BE AWARE THAT SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS OF MANY KINDS COULD ARISE FROM THE FACT THAT THERE IS NOT AGREEMENT BUT RATHER A MEASURE OF DISAGREEMENT.
2. ALL CONCERNED HOPE OF COURSE THAT A JOINT POSITION CAN SOON BE FORGED. WE INTEND OF COURSE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SVN, TO SUPPORT THEIR GOVERNMENT, TO COOPERATE WITH THEIR ARMED FORCES, AND DO ALL IN OUR POWER TO SAFEGUARD THE INDEPENDENCE OF SVN.
3. UNTIL A JOINT POSITION IS REACHED, HOWEVER, IT IS OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE THAT THERE BE NO PUBLIC OR PRESS COMMENT ON THIS MATTER BY ANY MEMBER OF THIS COMMAND.
4. IN THE FIELD, WE SHOULD OF COURSE STRIVE TO THE MAXIMUM TO AVOID GIVING THE ENEMY ANY OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON ANY CONSEQUENCES, PARTICULARLY LACK OF COORDINATION, THAT MAY ARISE FROM THIS SITUATION. AND IN PARTICULAR, EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO MAINTAIN A SENSE OF PARTNERSHIP AND HARMONY WITH THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE AND ARMED FORCES, AND TO FORESTALL OR MINIMIZE FRICTION, DISCORD AND ANTAGONISM.
5. AT THE SAME TIME, WE MUST ALL BE ALERT TO THE NECESSITY OF SECURITY, AND IF NECESSARY, SELF-DEFENSE FOR OUR VNEN AGAINST ATTACK FROM WHATEVER QUARTER.
6. ANY INSTRUCTIONS YOU ISSUE SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AND SHOULD BE PREMISED ON A GENERALIZED STATEMENT SUCH AS THE POSSIBILITY OF DISORDER, LAPSES IN COORDINATION, MISGUIDED ACTION OF INDIVIDUALS, OR ATTACKS BY COVERT VIET CONG.
7. AS SITUATION DEVELOPS, ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED YOU.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN QUILTER FROM GEN CHAPMAN: INFO LTJEN BUSE AND
LTJEN CUSHMAN

SEA INTERFACE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES (U)
A. YOUR 230725Z OCT68

1.(C) CURRENT EDITIONS OF SEA INTERFACE IMPLEMENTATION
PROCEDURES ARE BEING WITHDRAWN BY SPO SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION
PLAN HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

2.(C) ONLY VOLUMES 1 AND 3 OF IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES
HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AT HQMC. THIS HQ WAS NOT AWARE THAT
PROCEDURES WERE BEING DISTRIBUTED BY SDC. CONCUR THAT
PROCEDURES PUBLISHED TO DATE PROPOSED AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF
ENGINEERING TESTING AND DATA ANALYSIS AND ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE
IN THE SEA OPERATING ENVIRONMENT. CONCUR THAT CHECKOUT OF
INTERFACE IN SEA SHOULD BE SIMILAR TO 1967 CHECKOUT AND IMPL-
MENTATION OF TADIL A PROGRAMS.

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3.(C) FURTHER CONUS TESTING OF SEA INTERFACE WILL EMPHASIZE
MORE LIVE INPUTS AND CONTROL THAN PREVIOUS TESTS. TEST RE-
DESIGN CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS BY CONUS TEST FORCE TO EXPAND
THIS FEATURE IN SUBSEQUENT TESTS. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT
IN EQUAL PI CONCEPT WILL BE DELETED AND M11D WILL BE IMPL-
MENTED. CINCPAC IS BEING QUERIED ON THIS AND A CHANGE IS
RECOMMENDED BY THE EXEC COMMITTEE.

4.(C) USMC DEP CONUS TEST DIR INFORMED THIS HQ THAT SDC HAS
DISTRIBUTED THREE COPIES OF TECH MEMO 3982/200/02 DATED 30AUG
68 TO YOUR COMMAND. MEMO IS TITLED "SEA JOINT INTERFACE OPERA-
TING PROCEDURES" AND CLASSIFIED SECRET. THIS PAPER IS ALSO
BEING WITHDRAWN AT THIS TIME DUE TO NUMEROUS ERRORS. IT WILL
BE REVISED AND PROPERLY STAFFED AT A FUTURE DATE SO IT SHOULD
BE DISREGARDED AT THIS TIME.

5.(C) THIS HQ WILL RESIST ANY CHANGE IN PRESENT DOCUMENTATION
TO REFLECT NEW TITLE OF TAGC (NS). WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L . SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LYCEN
 CUSHMAN FROM LISEN EUSE
 ASSIGNMENT OF OFF (UD)

1. CG III MAF 171545Z OCT 68 (UD)

1. AT SUCH TIME AS PROV MAR 39 IS DISBANDED AND THE
 REQUIREMENT FOR THE COLONEL AUGMENTATION NO LONGER
 EXISTS, LT COL NEW WILL BE REASSIGNED TO YOUR HEAD-
 QUARTERS. MEANWHILE, AUTHORITY TO EFFECT HIS
 REASSIGNMENT FROM MCC 167 TO MCC 159 WILL BE
 REQUESTED FROM ONC.

2. WARMS REGARDS.

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 LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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 MG EWELL CG 9TH INF DIV
 YSHKOIC/MG WEISER CG 1ST LOG COMD
 MG WILLIAMSON CG 25TH INF DIV
 MG WEARNS CG CMAC
 MG TALBOTT CG 1ST INF DIV
 MG STONE CG 4TH INF DIV
 MG FORSYTHE CG 1ST CAV (AM)
 MG ZAIS CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)
 MG BETTYS CG AMERICAL DIV
 MG YOUNGDALE CG 1ST MAR DIV
 MG DAVIS CG 3RD MAR DIV
 MG QUILLIER CG 1ST MAW
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SUBJECT: SPECIAL GUIDANCE FOR GENERAL OFFICERS COMMANDING.

NOTE: (1) THIS MESSAGE IS NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE REPRODUCED.

(2) COMMANDERS WILL INFORM GENERAL OFFICERS

COMMANDING WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS WHO ARE NOT ADDRESSEES.

1. THE CESSATION OF ALL BOMBING AND OTHER OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS
 NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ HAS NOW BECOME
 A REALITY. THIS COMES AT A TIME WHEN U.S. AND ALLIED
 FORCES HAVE ACHIEVED A DOMINANT POSITION OF STRENGTH
 IN RELATION TO THE VC/NVA FORCES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT
 THE NVA FORCES WILL IMMEDIATELY CEASE THEIR VIOLATION
 OF THE DMZ AND WILL REFRAIN FROM ATTACKS ON SVN CITIES. 49(1)

2. THE ENEMY'S SITUATION HAS DETERIORATED PROGRESSIVELY SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. EACH OF HIS THREE "OFFENSIVES" HAS ENDED IN GREATER FAILURE THAN ITS PREDECESSOR. THE PRICE OF THESE FAILURES HAS BEEN HEAVY - 240,000 MEN AND THOUSANDS OF TONS OF SUPPLIES -- AND SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES CONTINUE TO BE IMPOSED UPON HIS FORCES. A SIZABLE PART OF HIS LEADERSHIP CADRE HAS BEEN DESTROYED. HIS GUERRILLA BASE IS BEING ERODED AND THE MORALE OF HIS TROOPS IS DECLINING. OUR FORCES ARE EVERYWHERE ON THE OFFENSIVE. THE ENEMY HAS BEEN FORCED TO TRY TO AVOID CONTACT IN ORDER TO EVADE A CULMINATING BLOW.

3. THE POWERFUL POSITION NOW ENJOYED BY THE ALLIES IS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE HIGH PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP OF OUR COMMANDERS.

4. THE SITUATION NOW CONFRONTING THE ALLIED FORCES IS ANOTHER LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE. AS THE ENEMY'S MAIN FORCES ARE DEFEATED AND FORCED TO WITHDRAW, THE ORIGINAL AND UNDERLYING WAR AGAINST THE BASIC VC/NVA STRUCTURE IN SVN COMES TO THE FORE. IT MUST NOW BE CARRIED FORWARD WITH GREATER INTENSITY. ALTHOUGH OUR FORCES HOLD THE SUPERIORITY, THE ENEMY MUST BE EXPECTED TO FIGHT ON, OUT OF DESPERATION, SO LONG AS CAPABILITY REMAINS. HE REMAINS CAPABLE OF TREACHERY. WE MUST CONTINUE THE ATTACK -- WITH B-52'S POUNDING HIM, TAC AIR AND NAVAL GUNFIRE HITTING HIM, AND ALLIED GROUND TROOPS ATTACKING AND DESTROYING HIS FORCES, GETTING INTO HIS BASE AREAS, CONFISCATING HIS SUPPLIES, AND ROUNDING UP HIS INFRASTRUCTURE. WE MUST NOT BE PERMITTED TO RECOVER.

5. ONE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT FOR ALL COMMANDERS PERTAINS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION ASPECTS OF THIS MATTER. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL US MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THEIR COMMANDS WILL REFRAIN FROM ANY COMMENT WHATSOEVER ON THIS MATTER TO THE PRESS OR TO THE PUBLIC. THIS INSTRUCTION WILL BE PASSED TO ALL PERSONNEL WITHOUT DELAY. COMMANDERS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS, IF QUERIED ABOUT THE EFFECT OF THE BOMBING HALT ON MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL REPLY THAT: "THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. OUR OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL CONTINUE ON THE PRESENT BASIS."

6. AS NECESSARY, SPECIFIC OPERATIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING ISSUED SEPARATELY TO THE COMMANDS MOST DIRECTLY AFFECTED BY THE NEW SITUATION. BUT FOR ALL FORCES AND COMMANDERS, THE ORDER OF THE DAY IS TO INTENSIFY YOUR OFFENSIVE AGAINST INFRASTRUCTURE, GUERRILLAS, AND LOCAL FORCE UNITS, WHILE MAINTAINING UNRELENTING PRESSURE ON THE VC/NVA MAIN FORCE UNITS. WE MUST CARRY THE FIGHT TO THE ENEMY AND COMPLETE HIS DESTRUCTION.

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REFERENCES: A. COMUSMACV MESSAGE DTG 280629Z SEP 68,

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE RTH QIR CY 68 (U)

B. COMUSMACV MESSAGE DTG 130955Z OCT 68,

SUBJECT: OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE (S)

C. COMUSMACV MESSAGE NR. 30647, DTG 150941Z OCT 68

D. JCS RED ROCKET NMC 569- DTG 010100Z NOV 68

SUBJECT: CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM

1. CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM, TO INCLUDE THE DMZ, AND WITHIN THE CLAIMED 12NM TERRITORIAL WATERS, HAS BEEN DIRECTED BY THE PRESIDENT, THE CESSATION WILL BE EFFECTIVE AT 2100 HOURS, SAIGON TIME, 1 NOV 68.

ALL AIR STRIKES, ARTILLERY FIRE, AND NAVAL BOMBARDMENT, AS WELL AS OTHER FIRE OR MUNITIONS EXPENDITURES INTO THIS AREA WILL BE TERMINATED. ATTACKS AGAINST NVN WILL DIMINISH IN INTENSITY IMMEDIATELY, AND POSITIVE MEASURES WILL BE INSTITUTED TO INSURE THAT NO REPEAT NO ATTACKS TAKE PLACE AFTER THE ESTABLISHED DEADLINE.

2. THIS CESSATION APPLIES TO ALL TERRITORY NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ. IT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT APPLY WITHIN SOUTH VIETNAM BELOW THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ.

3. MY CONTINUING APPRECIATION OF THE SITUATION AND TRENDS WHICH LED TO THE OPERATIONAL GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN REFERENCES A, B, AND C ARE HEREBY CONFIRMED AND RE-EMPHASIZED. IT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER THAT THIS GUIDANCE BE APPLIED WITH FULL ATTENTION AND EFFECTIVENESS.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS GUIDANCE WILL FOLLOW.

5. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.

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S E C R E T MAC 0625V EO
 REFERENCE: JCS RED RODKET NMC 569 DTG 010108Z NOV 68
 SUBJECT: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
 1. THE FOLLOWING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE EFFECTIVE IN THE AREA OF THE DMZ UPON THE THE CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN EFFECTIVE AT 2100 HOURS, SAIGON TIME, 1 NOVEMBER 1968.
 A. EVERY COMMANDER RETAINS INHERENTLY THE RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF-DEFENSE OF HIS FORCES. THIS IS THE OVERRIDING CRITERION WHEN SELF-DEFENSE BY UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS BECOMES NECESSARY.
 B. NO U.S. GROUND FORCES WILL CROSS THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ WITHOUT SPECIFIC ORDERS FROM COMUSMACV TO DO SO. EVERY COMMANDER WILL BE APPRISED OF THIS REQUIREMENT.
 C. PRIOR TO RETURNING FIRE AGAINST THAT RECEIVED FROM NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ, ALL COMMANDERS WILL ASCERTAIN POSITIVELY, WITHOUT ANY DOUBT, THAT SUCH FIRE IS ACTUALLY, IN FACT, COMING FROM NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ.
 D. ENEMY ARTILLERY, MORTAR, AND ROCKET FIRE WILL BE RESPONDED TO WITH HEAVY COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE AND/OR AIR ATTACK UNTIL ENEMY WEAPONS ARE SILENCED. IT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED THAT COMMANDERS CONCERNED TAKE THE ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR SELF-DEFENSE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THEY WILL HAVE THE SITUATION REPORTED THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS TO COMUSMACV WITH REQUEST FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE OR ORDERS.

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E. IN THE EVENT THAT SAM'S ARE FIRED AT FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT OVER SVN, FRIENDLY FORCES WILL DESTROY THE ENEMY'S SAM INSTALLATIONS AND IMMEDIATE SUPPORTING FACILITIES. IT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED THAT COMMANDERS CONCERNED TAKE THE ACTIONS REQUIRED FOR SELF-DEFENSE. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THEY WILL HAVE THE SITUATION REPORTED THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS TO COMUSMACV WITH REQUEST FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE OR ORDERS.

F. IN CASE OF ATTACKS BY FIRE OR GROUND ATTACKS BY SMALL UNITS (UP TO BATTALION SIZE) FROM NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ, IT IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED THAT COMMANDERS CONCERNED TAKE WHATEVER ACTION IS NECESSARY TO DEFEND THEIR COMMANDS, INCLUDING COUNTER-ATTACKS, SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ TO DESTROY THE ENEMY. SIMULTANEOUSLY, THEY WILL HAVE THE SITUATION REPORTED THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS TO COMUSMACV WITH REQUEST FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE OR ORDERS.

G. IN THE EVENT OF LARGE SCALE GENERAL ATTACKS FROM NORTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ BY GROUND FORCES, ARTILLERY, OR AIR WHICH REQUIRE A RESPONSE THAT GOES BEYOND LOCAL ACTION, COMMANDERS CONCERNED WILL TAKE ACTION NECESSARY TO DEFEND THEIR COMMANDS SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY REPORTING THE SITUATION THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS TO COMUSMACV WITH REQUEST FOR FURTHER GUIDANCE OR ORDERS.

H. IMMEDIATE PURSUIT IS AUTHORIZED IN NVN TERRITORIAL SEAS OR AIR SPACE IN RESPONSE TO HOSTILE ACTS AND IN PURSUIT OF ANY VESSEL OR AIR CRAFT WHERE ACTIONS INDICATE WITH REASONABLE CERTAINTY THAT IT IS OPERATING IN SUPPORT OF THE VC/NVA INSURGENCY IN SVN. US NAVAL AND AIR FORCES ENGAGED IN IMMEDIATE PURSUIT OF NVA NAVAL AND AIR ELEMENTS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORIZED TO ATTACK OTHER UNFRIENDLY FORCES ON INSTALLATIONS ENCOUNTERED, EXCEPT IN RESPONSE TO AN ATTACK BY THEM, AND THEN ONLY TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY FOR SELF-DEFENSE.

2. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THIS MESSAGE.

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S E C R E T

MAC 0626V EO

SUBJECT: PUBLIC RELATIONS GUIDANCE ON CESSATION OF ALL
 OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM

1. PRESIDENT JOHNSON ANNOUNCED AT 0900 (M) HOURS
 ON 1 NOV 1968 THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL CEASE ALL OFFENSIVE
 OPERATION AGAINST THE TERRITORY OF NORTH VIETNAM AS OF 2100 H, 1 NOV.
 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY ALL COMMANDERS WILL ENSURE THAT ALL
 US MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THEIR COMMANDS WILL
 REFRAIN FROM ANY COMMENT WHATSOEVER ON THIS MATTER TO
 THE PRESS OR TO THE PUBLIC. THIS INSTRUCTION WILL BE
 PASSED TO ALL PERSONNEL WITHOUT DELAY.
2. COMMANDERS AND INFORMATION OFFICERS, IF QUERIED
 ABOUT THE EFFECT IN SOUTH VIETNAM OF THE CESSATION OF
 OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN WILL REPLY THAT:
 "THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. OUR
 OPERATIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM WILL CONTINUE ON THE PRESENT
 BASIS". IF QUERIED AS TO THE EXTENT OF SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION
 THE REPLY WILL BE: I HAVE NOTHING TO ADD TO THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT."
3. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF
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S E C R E T

MAC 0627V EO

SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: CESSATION OF ALL
OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN.

1. THERE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CONSIDERABLE PRESS INTEREST
IN ANY ACTIONS NORTH VIETNAM WILL TAKE IN RESPONSE TO THE
CESSATION OF ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN,
PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO MILITARY ACTIVITY WITHIN
DMZ AREA.

2. SINCE PRESS REPORTS OF ENEMY ACTIONS OR LACK OF ACTION
WILL BE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF WHAT IS GOING ON, PARTICULARLY
IN THE EVENT OF NVN ATTACKS ACROSS THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF
THE DMZ, WE PLAN TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH NEWSMEN WISHING
TO VISIT OUR BASES ACROSS THE NORTHERN TIER OF I CTZ.
TRANSPORTATION, MESSING, AND BILLETING WILL BE MADE
AVAILABLE WITHIN THE CAPABILITIES OF THE COMMAND
CONCERNED FOR ALL NEWSMEN WISHING TO VISIT THE AREA.

3. AT THE SAME TIME WE SHOULD NOT GIVE ANY INDICATION OF
"PRESSURING" NEWSMEN IN ANY WAY.

4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.

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S E C R E T MAC 628V EO
 SUBJECT: CONTINUATION OF BOMBING IN LAOS
 1. WITH THE ADVENT OF THE HALT IN ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN, THE BOMBING IN LAOS WILL BE CONTINUED AND INTENSIFIED.
 2. BOMBING WILL BE LIMITED TO THE AREAS IN LAOS CURRENTLY APPROVED FOR BOMBING. HOWEVER, OVERFLIGHT OF NVN AND DMZ BY STRIKE FORCES INROUTE TO AND FROM LAOTIAN TARGETS IS PROHIBITED.
 3. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE CONCERNING PRESS OR PUBLIC INQUIRIES ABOUT BOMBING IN LAOS REMAINS UNCHANGED. WHEN QUERIED, REPLY SHOULD BE "AT THE REQUEST OF THE ROYAL LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES HAS SINCE 1964 CONDUCTED RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS OVER LAOS ESCORTED BY ARMED AIRCRAFT. THE RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS ARE FREQUENTLY FIRED UPON BY COMMUNIST GROUND FORCES. BY AGREEMENT THE ROYAL LAOTIAN GOVERNMENT, ESCORT AIRCRAFT MAY RETURN THIS FIRE. THESE FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY SINCE THEY BEGAN."
 4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS MESSAGE.

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S E C R E T MAC 0629V EO
 1. ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN NORTH OF THE
 SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ CEASE AT 2100
 HOURS SAIGON TIME, 1 NOVEMBER 68.
 2. CDR 7TH AF WILL ACT AS COMUSMACV'S REPRESENTATIVE TO
 DEVELOP APPROPRIATE REVISION AND REORIENTATION OF EXISTING
 PLANS AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF AIR POWER IN
 THE SEA AREA. I AM SUBMITTING SEPARATELY TO CINCPAC A
 RECOMMENDATION TO INITIATE SUCH A REVISION.
 4. REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THIS MESSAGE.

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REF: A. RED ROCKET ONE (1) DTG 010100Z NOV 68

B. RED ROCKET TWO (2) DTG 010108Z NOV 68

(S) THERE ARE TWO (2) AREAS IN WHICH WE URGENTLY NEED CLARIFICATION:

(1) WE NEED AN AUTHORITATIVE DEFINITION OF THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE OFFICIAL RECORDS DEFINE THE SOUTHERN TRACE AS EXTENDING ON A LINE 5 KMS SOUTH OF THE PMDL. CONVERSELY, CURRENT MAPS SHOW A TRACE WHICH DOES NOT COINCIDE WITH THE 5 KMS DISTANCE SPECIFIED IN THE WRITTEN STATEMENTS. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS HEADQUARTERS BE PROVIDED CLARIFICATION AS TO WHAT IS THE AUTHORITATIVE TRACE OF THE DMZ ON THE GROUND. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS TRACE IS NOT CURRENTLY MARKED ON THE GROUND AND IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE IT TRANSFERRED TO AERIAL PHOTOS OR PHOTO MAPS TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION ON THE GROUND.

(2) PARAGRAPH 3A OF REFERENCE B CONTAINS THE STATEMENT: "TO INCLUDE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES PENETRATING ACROSS THE DMZ". DOES THIS MEAN CROSSING THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ OR ENTERING INTO THE DMZ? IF THE FORMER, IT RESTRICTS IYFZROM TAKING ANY ACTIONS AGAINST ENEMY FORCES LOCATED BETWEEN THE BEN HAI AND THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ.

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SUBJ: COORDINATION EFFECTED WITH 1ST ARVN DIVISION RE CESSATION OF
OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN

1. GENERAL TRUONG, WHO HAS BEEN WITH ME ALL DAY, HAS BEEN BRIEFED ON
ACTIONS WE WILL TAKE EFFECTIVE 2100H, AND ALL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT
EFFECTIVE FROM THAT HOUR FORWARD. TRUONG AND I MET THIS AFTERNOON
WITH GEN DAVIS AND HIS STAFF, COLONEL GIAI (CO, 2D ARVN REGIMENT)
AND CC, 193TH FIELD ARTILLERY GROUP (US ARMY). WE WENT THROUGH
ALL KEY POINTS IN SOME DETAIL, TO INCLUDE CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF
INDIRECT FIRES UP TO 2100H.

2. GENERAL TRUONG HAS NOT YET RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH HIS CHANNEL

ALTHOUGH HE ANTICIPATES SAME MOMENTARILY. IN ANY CASE, I HAVE HIS
ASSURANCE THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF INSTRUCTIONS, HIS UNITS WILL
CONFORM WITH OUR DIRECTIVES.

3. I EXPECT GENERAL TRUONG TO ACCOMPANY ME TO THE VICINITY OF THE
DMZ TONIGHT TO OVERSEE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CESSATION OF FIRES
ACROSS SOUTHERN TRACE.

4. AS YOU KNOW, EARLIER THIS WEEK WE EXPANDED THE AO OF THE 2D ARVN
REGIMENT WEST TO THE 15 NS GRID LINE, TO INCLUDE THE TEMPORARY
OCCUPATION OF A-3 EFFECTIVE 2 NOVEMBER. THE MATTER OF FURTHER EXPAN-
SION HAS BEEN TOUCHED UPON AND WILL BE PURSUED SERIOUSLY AS SOON AS
PRACTICABLE. THE AFOREMENTIONED ADJUSTMENT PERMITTED RELOCATION OF
THE 1ST BRIGADE/5TH MECH TO THE COASTAL AREAS BEING VACATED BY THE 1ST
AND 2D BRIGADES OF THE 1ST AIR CAV; AND LEAVES THE 2D ARVN REGIMENT
AND THE 3D MARINE REGIMENT CONFRONTING THE EASTERN AND WESTERN PORTIONS

OF THE DMZ RESPECTIVELY. THE PRESENT TENTATIVE PLAN IS TO COLLOCATE
OPERATIONAL/INTELLIGENCE ELEMENTS OF THESE TWO REGIMENTS IN A SINGLE
FACILITY IN DONG HA. INITIALLY, THIS FACILITY WILL PROBABLY BE A
1ST ARVN DIVISION ADVANCE CP.

5. GENERAL TRUONG REMINDED ME THAT FROM 1954 UNTIL THE EARLY 60'S A
100-MAN DETACHMENT OF THE NATIONAL POLICE WAS LOCATED IN THE DMZ AND
ASTRIDE HIGHWAY 1 WHERE IT CROSSES THE BEN HAI; BY AGREEMENT THE NORTH
VIETNAMESE HAD A COMPARABLE SIZE POLICE FORCE AT THE NORTH END OF THE
BRIDGE. HE SAID HE WAS PLANNING TO RECOMMEND TO SAIGON THAT THIS
POLICE FORCE BE RE-ESTABLISHED IN THE SAME AREA. HE INTIMATED THAT IT
WOULD PROBABLY BE NECESSARY TO PUT SOME GOOD ARVN TROOPERS IN POLICE
UNIFORMS IN ORDER TO GET THAT ELEMENT POSITIONED. I MADE NO COMMENT.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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SUBJECT
TRACE OF SOUTHERN BOUND. OF DMZ

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 FM MG TOWNSEND J3 MACV
 TO MG ANDERSON DMXS III MAF
 MG SCHWEITER C/S XXIV CORPS
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 14754 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: TRACE OF SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF DMZ (U)
 REF: A. PWB 1643 DTG 010630Z NOV 63
 B. III MAF DTG 010925Z NOV 63
 C. MAP VIETNAM, DEH

DEMARICATION LINE AND DEMILITARIZED ZONE, 1:75,000
 VD. TELECONS CDR DONEY, CMD GEN, MACV AND MAJ LEVITT HQ XXIV
 CORPS, 93 3:

1. (S) REFERENCES A & B REQUEST AN AUTHORITATIVE DEFINITION OF THE SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ. REFERENCE D WAS TELEPHONE REPLY.
 2. (S) ANNEX I TO "AGREEMENT ON CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IN VIETNAM: 1954" DELINEATES A "PROVISIONAL DEMARCATION LINE", RUNNING GENERALLY V ALONG THE BEN HAI RIVER FROM ITS MOUTH WESTWARD TO VILLAGE OF BO HO SU, THEN ALONG DIRECT EAST-WEST LINE (JUST SOUTH OF 17TH PARALLEL). THE TRUNG GIA MILITARY COMMISSION WAS CHARGED BY THE GENEVA ACCORDS WITH THE TASK OF DELIMITING DMZ, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE ONE OF CEASE FIRE AGREEMENT, WHICH STATED THAT DMZ WOULD HAVE WIDTH OF NO MORE REPEAT NO MORE THAN 5 KILOMETERS ON EACH SIDE OF DEMARCATION LINE.
 3. (U) THE TRACE OF THE PMDL AND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE DMZ ARE CORRECTLY PLOTTED ON REF C. THEY ARE ALSO SHOWN CORRECTLY ON OTHER CURRENT EDITIONS OF ARMY MAPS; FOR EXAMPLE, 1:50,000 SHEETS OF THE DMZ AREA.
 4. PRINTS OF REFERENCE C ARE BEING FORWARDED TO YOU BY COURIER.
- CP-3

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
 PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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

SUBJ: PROGRAM 6 REALIGNMENT (U)
 REF: A. CMC 252317Z/OCT 68 (S) SPECAT
 B. SECNAV MEMO TO DEPSECDEF DTD 20OCT 68, SUBJ:
 MARINE CORPS STRENGTH AND STRUCTURE. (S)
 C. CMC 241446Z /OCT 68 (S) SPECAT

1. (S) REF A REQUESTED A FORCE LISTING PRESENTING AN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR REALIGNMENT OF MARINE CORPS SEASIA FORCES WITH NO INCREASE OF SPACES FOR RVN BUT AN INCREASE OF 3000 - 3700 SPACES IN OKINAWA/JAPAN.
2. (S) REF B PROVIDED DEPSECDEF WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR REALIGNMENT OF MARINE CORPS SEASIA FORCES WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF PROGRAM 6 CEILINGS AND OFFERED TWO

PAGE 2 RUHMA 0190 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCOO
 ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS TO PRECLUDE WITHDRAWAL OF
 MARINE FORCES FROM SEASIA.

3. (U) REF C IDENTIFIED A THIRD ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL FOR REALIGNMENT OF MARINE CORPS SEASIA FORCES.
4. (S) IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF A AND IN GENERAL CONSONANCE WITH REFS B AND C THE FOLLOWING REALIGNMENT OF FORCES IS PROPOSED:

| UNIT/AUGMENT | SPACES |
|---------------------|--------|
| A. TO OKINAWA : | |
| MATCU | 68 |
| ASRT | 23 |
| 2-MED TANK COS | 254 |
| ARMED AMPHIP CO (-) | 223 |
| AMTRAC BN | 713 |
| SEP BULK FUEL CO | 370 |
| DATA ANALYSTS | 12 |
| SIH MAE HQ | 36 |
| 3D FSR | 109 |
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| HQ RHPAC FWD | 0 | 11 |
| DET FORCE RECON CO | 0 | 18 |
| DET CMR PLT | 0 | 78 |
| HQ BTRY 1ST FAG | 0 | 144 |
| AIR CRT & PAX TERM TEAM | 0 | 15 |
| SUB TOTAL OKINAWA | 0 | 2598 |
| B. TO JAPAN: | | |
| WMA SQDN | 0 | 260 |
| WERS MW SG | 0 | 251 |
| DET H&MS VF/VA | 0 | 22 |
| DET MAES VF/VA | 0 | 29 |
| WING AUG DECM | 0 | 44 |
| SUB TOTAL JAPAN | 0 | 606 |
| C. TO CONUS (RETAIN): | | |
| DIV BASE SPT AUG | 0 | 638 |
| DET 5TH COMM BN | 0 | 159 |
| FLC | 0 | 361 |
| H&MS MW SG | 0 | 32 |
| AT CO (REINF) | 0 | 105 |
| HQ BN 1ST & 3D DIV I/O CHANGES | 0 | 12 |

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| SUB TOTAL CONUS (RETAIN) | 0 | 1307 |
| D. TO CONUS (DELETE): | | |
| HELO DOOR GUNNERS | 0 | 121 |
| WING AUG AIRFIELD SECURITY | 0 | 297 |
| WING AUG COACT | 0 | 43 |
| WING AUG DISPURsing | 0 | 12 |
| SNMMS AUG | 0 | 326 |
| POSTAL AUG (AIR) | 0 | 7 |
| HQ III MAF I/O CHANGES | 0 | 43 |
| FLC PR OV I/O | 0 | 519 |
| SUB TOTAL CONUS (DELETE) | 0 | 1368 |
| E. GRAND TOTAL | 0 | 5879 |
| F. RECAP: | | |
| TO OKINAWA | 0 | 2598 |
| TO JAPAN | 0 | 606 |
| TO CONUS (RETAIN) | 0 | 1307 |
| TO CONUS (DELETE) | 0 | 1368 |
| TOTAL | 0 | 5879 |

5. (S) WHILE THE ALTERNATIVE REALIGNMENT REFLECTED

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 ABOVE WOULD ACCOMMODATE RETENTION IN WESTPAC OF THE
 CURRENT AMPHIBIOUS CAPABILITY, IT SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED AS
 A DESIRED COURSE OF ACTION IN VIEW OF THE CONCOMITANT
 REDUCTION IN III MAF COMBAT CAPABILITY. THE
 III MAF CAPABILITY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED BY THE
 RECENT COMUSMACV DECISION TO WITHDRAW ARMY FORCES FROM I CTZ.
 WARM REGARDS

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V Reply
Michael Whittaker

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GEN PEERS
GEN KERWIN
GEN MEARNS
GEN ECKHARDT
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ADM ZUMWALT
GEN MILDREN
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SECRET SENSITIVE MAC 14792 EYES ONLY
AMBASSADOR BUNKER HAS FURNISHED ME THE SUMMARY
QUOTED BELOW OF BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE ON
CERTAIN SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS AND ISSUES CONNECTED
WITH THE CESSATION OF BOMBING IN NVN. IT IS FURNISHED
TO YOU ON A CLOSE-HOLD BASIS FOR THE INFORMATION OF
YOURSELF AND THOSE LIMITED SENIOR SUBORDINATES
YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE (PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO
WORK WITH SENIOR VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL). TEXT
FOLLOWS:

1. THE QUESTION OF RECIPROCIITY FOR THE BOMBING HALT. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IS CAREFULLY WORDED. HE POINTS OUT THAT HIS DECISION "CLOSELY CONFORMS TO THE STATEMENT'S I HAVE MADE IN THE PAST ON A BOMBING CESSATION." IN PARTICULAR, HE CITED HIS PAST STATEMENT THAT "THIS ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT INTEND TO MOVE FURTHER UNTIL IT HAS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE OTHER SIDE INTENDS SERIOUSLY--TO JOIN US IN DE-ESCALATING THE WAR... ETC." IN PRACTICAL EFFECT HE WAS LINKED THE BOMBING HALT TO "SERIOUS AND PRODUCTIVE TALKS." ON THIS MATTER FACTS WILL SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS IN PARTICULAR, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SAID. "WE CANNOT HAVE PRODUCTIVE TALKS IN AN ATMOSPHERE WHERE THE CITIZENS ARE BEING SHELLED AND THE DRV IS BEING ABUSED."
2. ENEMY AGREEMENT TO "SERIOUS" TALKS. ONE REASON IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY UNSUCCESSFUL ON THE BATTLEFIELD. WE WANTED TO MAKE 1968 THE YEAR OF HIS VICTORY, AND HAS SUFFERED DEFEAT IN THREE OFFENSIVES. HIS LOSSES ARE OVER 150,000 MEN SO FAR THIS YEAR. HE IS TRYING TO BARGAIN TO SAVE AS MUCH AS HE CAN. OR TO WIN SOMETHING AT THE TABLE THAT HE COULD NOT WIN WITH HIS MILITARY FORCES.

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3. HANOI AGREEMENT TO SVN PARTICIPATION IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. FOR MONTHS, HANOI INSISTED THAT THE NLF IS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. NOW THEY HAVE BEEN FORCED TO OPENLY NEGOTIATE WITH THE GVN, WHICH IS FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TALKS. WE HAVE FOUGHT FOR A CENTRAL ROLE FOR THE GVN IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT ROLE IS NOW AVAILABLE.
4. PRESENCE OF NLF AT TALKS. THE FACT THAT HANOI WILL BRING ITS BRANCH OFFICE, THE NLF, TO THE NEGOTIATIONS, IS NOTHING NEW. FOR THREE YEARS WE HAVE SAID THAT IF HANOI WANTS TO BRING THEM ALONG, THEY ARE FREE TO DO SO. THE U.S. IS OF COURSE NOT RECOGNIZING THE NLF. THE PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT IS CATEGORICAL ON THIS POINT.
5. POSSIBLE COMMUNIST CLAIM THAT THIS IS A "POWER-CONFERENCE." THE COMMUNISTS MAY WELL CLAIM THIS, BUT IT WILL NOT BE TRUE. DRV RESISTANCE TO HAVING THE GVN AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE HAS BEEN BROKEN DOWN. THE GVN IS RECOGNIZED BY SOME 84 COUNTRIES. NO ONE NEGOTIATES THE NLF AS A GOVERNMENT. THE U.S. POSITION WILL BE THAT THE NLF WILL BE PART OF THE HANOI DELEGATION, UNLESS THEY CALL THEMSELVES.
6. IMPORTANCE OF SOLIDARITY BETWEEN U.S. AND THE GVN. THERE WILL NOW BE BOTH FIGHTING AND NEGOTIATING. THE COMMUNISTS WILL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO CREATE AN EXPLOIT DIVISION BETWEEN US AND THE GVN. IN THIS LIES THEIR ONLY HOPE OF VICTORY. ON OUR SIDE, DOUBTS OR RECRIMINATIONS SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIVIDE US. THE ENEMY MAY CLAIM TO BE STRONG. WE KNOW WE TO BE WEAK. NO CREDIT WILL BE GIVEN TO ANY CLAIMS WE MAKE ABOUT HAVING "FORCED" US TO STOP THE COMING, OR ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE NLF. ALTHOUGH WE WILL BARGAIN HARD AND MAKE ALL KINDS OF OUTRAGEOUS STATEMENTS, WE EXPECT BY KEEPING COOL AND UNITED AND SELF-CONFIDENT, AND BY CONTINUING AND EVEN STEPPING UP OUR MILITARY OPERATIONS, TO DEFEAT HIM AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE AS WE HAVE DEFEATED HIM ON THE BATTLEFIELD.

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7. REASON THE U.S. ACTED UNILATERALLY. (SENSITIVE)
 THE GVN WAS CONSULTED AT EVERY STAGE. IT WAS THEIR
 DECISION NOT TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH OUR STATE-
 MENT. THEY FEEL THEY CANNOT SIT DOWN WITH THE NLF
 AS LONG AS HANOI DOES NOT AGREE THAT THE NLF IS TO BE
 REGARDED AS PART OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION.
 WE FEEL THAT WHILE THE NLF IS INDEED A WERE BRANCH
 OF HANOI, AND WHILE WE INTEND TO TREAT THEM AS SUCH
 AT THE NEGOTIATIONS, WE CANNOT PREVENT THE OTHER
 SIDE FROM CLAIMING OTHERWISE. WE HAVE CREATED A
 LEADING PLACE FOR THE GVN AT THE NEGOTIATIONS AND
 WE HOPE THEY WILL OCCUPY IT.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS

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 FOR VADM SHINN INFO LTGEN BUSE, LT GEN CUSHMAN, MAJ GEN MCCUTCHEON,
 RADM LANHAM, AND CAP SCHNEIDER FROM MAJGEN QUILTER
 T58 GE-10 ENGINE SUPPORT
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 1. REFERENCES (A) THRU (D) DISCUSSED WAYS AND MEANS OF IMPROVING
 T58 ENGINE CER IN-COUNTRY CAPABILITY. FMAW HAS THIS DATE ZERO

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 BARE FIREWALLS IN CH46D AIRCRAFT. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ALL
 OR THE EFFORT CNAP, FMFPAC, COMFAIRWESTPAC AND DEPCOMFAIRWESTPAC
 HAVE EXPENDED IN MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. AM NOW QUITE COMFORTABLE
 WITH THOUGHT THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROBLEM CAN BE KEPT UNDER
 CONTROL. WARM REGARDS.
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ARTILLERY OR ROCKET FIRE FOLLOWING AN EXTENDED PERIOD DURING WHICH NO STAND-OFF ATTACKS BY FIRE WERE RECEIVED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE LIGHT.

(2) RECEIVES A SMALL GROUND PROBE, UNSUPPORTED BY SIGNIFICANT MORTAR, ARTILLERY OR ROCKET FIRE, FOLLOWING AN EXTENDED PERIOD DURING WHICH NO ATTACKS OF THIS TYPE WERE RECEIVED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE LIGHT.

(3) IS SUBJECTED TO ONE OR A VERY FEW SMALL TERRORIST ATTACKS INVOLVING USE OF MINES AND DEMOLITIONS FOLLOWING AN EXTENDED PERIOD DURING WHICH NO ATTACKS OF THIS TYPE WERE RECEIVED. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE LIGHT.

B. MAJOR ATTACK - ONE IN WHICH A POPULATION CENTER:

(1) RECEIVES NUMEROUS ROUNDS OF ENEMY MORTAR, ARTILLERY OR ROCKET FIRE WITHIN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME OR SPORADICALLY OVER A PERIOD OF HOURS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE MODERATE OR GREATER.

(2) RECEIVES A MULTI-COMPANY GROUND ATTACK WITH OR WITHOUT SUPPORTING MORTAR, ARTILLERY OR ROCKET FIRE. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE MODERATE OR GREATER.

(3) IS SUBJECTED TO ONE OR MORE ACTS OF TERRORISM INVOLVING EXTENSIVE USE OF MINES AND DEMOLITIONS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES ARE

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MODERATE OR GREATER.

3. (TS) POLICY.

A. WHEN AN RVN POPULATION CENTER HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO MINOR ATTACK:

(1) THE ATTACK WILL BE REPORTED EXPEDITIOUSLY.....

(2) ACTION NORMALLY WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST VC /NVA FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN RVN EXCEPT FOR ATTACKS AGAINST ENEMY SMALL ARMS, SAM, AA, ROCKET, MORTAR OR ARTILLERY POSITIONS AS PROVIDED FOR IN PARAGRAPH 3B, REFERENCE B.

B. WHEN AN RVN POPULATION CENTER HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO MAJOR ATTACK, APPROPRIATE ACTION NORMALLY WILL TAKE THE FORM OF AIR STRIKES AND/OR SHORE BOMBARDMENT AGAINST TARGETS IN NVN, AND MUST BE APPROVED BY HIGHEST AUTHORITY. IN THE EVENT OF SUCH MAJOR ATTACKS COMUSMACV WILL:

(1) REPORT THE ATTACK EXPEDITIOUSLY TO THE NMCC.

(2) INITIATE COUNTERMEASURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL AUTHORIZATION.

(3) CONSULT WITH THE US AMBASSADOR AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GVN TO VERIFY THE DEGREE OF ENEMY ATTACK AND FORWARD APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS.

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4. (TS)
END QUOTE.

PART TWO FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN, LT GEN PEERS, LT GEN KERWIN, AND MG EN ECKHARDT.

2. (S) REPORTING PROCEDURES FOR ATTACKS AGAINST POPULATION CENTERS.

A. ~~REQUEST THAT NECESSARY PROCEDURES BE ESTABLISHED WITHOUT DELAY IN EACH COMMAND WHEREBY ATTACKS ON POPULATION CENTERS ARE PROMPTLY INVESTIGATED BY A SENIOR OFFICER, NOT LESS THAN O-6.~~

B. SPOT REPORTS OF ENEMY ATTACKS AGAINST POPULATION CENTERS WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS IAW PROVISIONS OF MACV DIRECTIVE 335-12 DATED 30 AUG 68 IN THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:

- (1) NAME AND COORDINATES OF POPULATION CENTER ATTACKED.
- (2) TIME OF ATTACK.
- (3) IDENTITY OF TARGET: MILITARY OR CIVILIAN.
- (4) TYPE OF ACTIVITY AND WEAPONS USED TO INCLUDE NUMBER OF ROUNDS OF ROCKETS, ARTILLERY, AND MORTAR.
- (5) IDENTITY OF ENEMY FORCE AND EVIDENCE OF CONTROL, IF KNOWN.
- (6) DEGREE OF INTENSITY AND DURATION OF ATTACK.
- (7) DAMAGE INFLICTED AND CASUALTIES, TO INCLUDE FRIENDLY AND ENEMY, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN.

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(8) COUNTERACTION INITIATED.

(9) ANY COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WILL ASSIST COMUSMACV IN ASSESSING THE SITUATION FOR HIS REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO HIGHER AUTHORITY.

(10) NAME OF O-5 OR HIGHER OFFICER APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE INCIDENT AND APPROXIMATE TIME THAT HIS REPORT WILL BE RECEIVED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS.

C. TIMELY REPORTING IS ESSENTIAL; THEREFORE, INITIAL REPORTS MAY BE FRAGMENTARY. INITIAL REPORTS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE DELAYED PENDING THE RECEIPT OF COMPLETE OR DETAILED INFORMATION. UPON COMPLETION OF INVESTIGATION REFERRED TO IN PARA 2.A. ABOVE, A REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED VIA DEDICATED TELETYPE SYSTEM TO THE MACV COMMAND CENTER USING A PRECEDENCE OF IMMEDIATE OR HIGHER AS APPROPRIATE.

PART THREE FOR GEN BROWN AND VADM BRINGLE

3. (U) RETALIATORY AIR AND SHORE BOMBARDMENT AGAINST TARGETS IN NVN WILL BE DIRECTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS, PURSUANT TO REFERENCE E, SUBSEQUENT TO APPROVAL BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

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INFO UUMSK/CG XXIV CORPS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE 33041 FOR
LTG CUSHMAN INFO: LTG STILWELL FROM GEN ABRAMS
SUBJ: MISUSE OF HELICOPTER ASSETS (U)
REF: A. CG XXIV CORPS MSG 06509 DTG 270340Z OCT 68 (C)
B. CG III MAF MSG DTG 291312Z OCT 68 (C)

1. (C) I HAVE DIRECTED THE CHIEF, SOG TO INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER IMMEDIATELY AND TO TAKE APPROPRIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION
 2. (C) IT IS DESIRED THAT YOU CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER SUPPORT AS PRESENTLY TASKED. FUTURE UTILIZATION OF HELICOPTER ASSETS WILL BE CLOSELY MONITORED BY MACSOG. GA
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 MGEN DAVIS SENDS FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO MGEN QUILTER
 MARINE CORPS AIR GROUND TEAM

1. THE RECENT CESSATION OF RV MILITARY ACTIVITY IN AND NORTH OF
 THE DMZ POSES MANY DIFFICULT MILITARY PROBLEMS BUT ALSO, IN MY
 OPINION, OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RESTORE THE FULL MEANING OF THE
 CONCEPT OF A MARINE AIR GROUND TEAM WHICH HAS BEEN SO SERIOUSLY
 ERODED BY THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM.

2. THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS OF THIS CESSATION OF ACTIVITY INCLUDE:
- A. GENERATION OF A SURPLUS OF TACAIR IN WESTPAC (NAVY, MARCORPS,
 AIR FORCE).
 - B. DRASTIC RESTRICTIONS ON B-52 SORTIES IN THE 3D MARINE DIVISION
 AO BECAUSE OF USAF FEAR OF A SAM ENVELOPE RADIATING FROM THE BEN HAI
 RIVER.
 - C. A DEMAND FOR EXPERTISE AND AREA ORIENTATION ON THE PART OF

PAGE 2 RUMHVP 225 2222

" JOXXD SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 PILOTS OPERATING IN THIS AO IN ORDER TO PROVIDE OPTIMUM SUPPORT WHILE
 AVOIDING OVERFLIGHTS OF THE NVA SANCTUARY IN THE DMZ.

3. I BELIEVE THAT THE FOREGOING DEVELOPMENTS ELIMINATE THE FUNDAMENTAL
 BASES ON WHICH THE AIR FORCE SOLD THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM IN THE
 FIRST PLACE SINCE THE FIRST MAF IS PERFECTLY CAPABLE OF PROVIDING ALL
 THE TACAIR THAT CAN PROFITABLY BE UTILIZED BY THE MARINE DIVISIONS, AND
 THE AIR FORCE WILL NO LONGER EMPLOY ITS B-52'S IN MOST OF THIS AO
 BECAUSE OF FEAR OF SAMs.

4. HOWEVER, IN ORDER TO RID OURSELVES OF THE SINGLE MANAGER, I
 BELIEVE WE MUST ALSO TAKE STEPS TO PROVIDE TANGIBLE EVIDENCE OF
 A CLOSELY INTEGRATED MARINE AIR GROUND TEAM ON THE SPOT IN BOTH
 DIVISION AO'S, DESPITE THEIR GEOGRAPHICAL SEPARATION AND THE
 PRESENCE OF INTERVEING NON-MARINE CORPS ECHELONS. LET ME FRANKLY
 SAY THAT I BELIEVE THESE STEPS ARE, OF THEMSELVES, BENEFICIAL TO THE
 PERFORMANCE OF MARINE AIR AND GROUND FORCES QUITE INDEPENDENT OF THE
 SINGLE MANAGERR ISSUE. THE STEPS I PROPOSE ARE:

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A FORWARD HEADQUARTERS OF THE FIRST MAF,
 UNDER A PERMANENTLY RESIDENT SENIOR MARINE CORPS AVIATOR IN THE 3D
 MARDIV AO.

B. DEDICATION TO THE SUPPORT OF THE 3D MARDIV OF THOSE FIXED AND

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PAGE 3 RUMHVP 0251D SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO
 ROTARY WING ASSETS/MISSIONS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE MADE AVAILABLE
 UNDER CURRENT PRACTICES, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE FORWARD WING HQ,
 WITH III MAF AND FIRST MAW RETAINING AUTHORITY TO DIVERT ASSETS/MISSIONS
 FROM THE SUPPORT OF ONE DIVISION TO THE OTHER IF REQUIRED.

C. MISSION GENERATION FOR SUPPORT OF 3D MARDIV TO BE COMPLETED
 BY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN 3D MARDIV AND THE FORWARD WING HQ.

D. SPECIFIC STEPS TO INSURE ORIENTATION OF PILOTS OPERATING IN
 THE 3D MARDIV AO TO THE UNIQUE OPERATIONAL PECULIARITIES IMPOSED BY
 THE DMZ SANCTUARY.

5. IF WE DO THE FOREGOING, I THINK WE CAN PUT FORWARD A MUCH STRENGTHENED
 CASE THAT WE CAN PROVIDE MORE RESPONSIVE AND TIGHTLY CONTROLLED AIR
 SUPPORT IN A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENT THAN IS POSSIBLE WITH THE SINGLE
 MANAGER SYSTEM. IF WE DO NOT TAKE THIS OPPORTUNI

BY I FEAR FURTHER
 EROSION OF OUR AIR GROUND TEAM THROUGH THEATRE WIDE RATIONING OF TACAIR
 SORTIES TO INSURE ADEQUATE EMPLOYMENT OF USAF ASSETS AND, INCREASINGLY
 ONEROUS EXTERNAL CONTROLS ON MARINE AIR SUPPORT OF MARINE GROUND TROOPS.

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 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
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UNCLAS E F T O

FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM LT GEN BUSE
 TRANSIENT FACILITY AND R&R PROCESSING CENTER

1. I HAVE JUST READ THE PORTION OF THE FORCE INSPECTOR'S RPT CONCERNING THE DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS HE NOTED AT THE DAMANG TRANSIENT FACILITY AND R&R PROCESSING CENTER. THIS CONFIRMS THE IMPRESSION I RECEIVED DURING A CURSORY VISIT TO THOSE FACILITIES SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO HIS INSPECTION. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THIS AREA ON MY MOST RECENT VISIT, I WAS INFORMED THAT CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

2. AS YOU KNOW, I FEEL THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE FACILITIES WARRANTS ATTENTION AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. FOR THIS REASON I WOULD APPRECIATE A DEFINITIVE REPORT ABOUT 1 DEC 68 REGARDING PROGRESS MADE IN IMPROVING THE TRANSIENT FACILITY AND R&R PROCESSING CENTER AS WELL AS ANY REQUIREMENT FOR ASSISTANCE

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 0488 UNCLAS E F T O
 FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS MY INSPECTOR LEFT A COPY OF THE FLC INSPECTION REPORT WITH THE III MAF INSPECTOR AND IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE APPLICABLE ENCLOSURE BE USED AS A BASIS FOR SUBMITTING YOUR REPORT. WARM REGARDS
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- C. COMUS MSG 3625V DTG 010203Z NOV 63 (S)

1. (S) CHANGE SO MUCH OF PARAGRAPH 1E OF REF C TO READ: "IN THE EVENT THAT SAM'S OR AAA ARE FIRED AT FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT OVER SVN, FRIENDLY FORCES WILL DESTROY THE ENEMY'S WEAPONS, INSTALLATIONS AND IMMEDIATE SUPPORTING FACILITIES.

2. (U) REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THIS MESSAGE.

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FORWARD DURING WORKING HOURS
PROGRAM 6 DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES (U)

AT 080 50119Z/OCT 68 (S) SPECAT

1. REF A PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING A SECNAV
PROPOSAL FOR REALIGNMENT OF MARINE SEASIA FORCES THAT
WOULD MAINTAIN THE CURRENT III MAF STRUCTURE AND MAIN
LINES STRUCTURE WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF PROGRAM 6
AUTHORIZATIONS. THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN STRUCTURE
SPACE AND PERSONNEL WOULD BE ABSORBED IN UNITS OTHER
THAN INFANTRY BNS, RECON BNS, FORCE RECON COS, THE
COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM AND TACTICAL SQUADRONS.
FURTHER REF A REQUESTED ADDRESSAL AS TO HOW THIS

PAGE 2 RUHBMFA 0664 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MOCO
SHORTFALL WOULD BE ABSORBED AND THE IMPACT OF THIS
DRAWDOWN ON III MAF'S COMBAT CAPABILITY M
2. (S) THE IMPRESSION GAINED BY SECNAV DURING HIS RECENT
VISIT TO SVN, I.E., THAT III MAF HAD ADEQUATE MANPOWER
RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH ITS ASSIGNED TASKS, IS MOST
UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF CMC'S CURRENT EFFORT TO OBTAIN
A CEILING INCREASE IN SVN, BUT UNDERSTANDABLE SINCE
MARINE CORPS STRENGTH IN SVN AT THAT TIME HAD BEEN
APPROXIMATELY 2,200 IN EXCESS OF PROGRAM 6 AUTHORIZA-
TIONS.

during SecNav's visit

3. (S) THE SECNAV PROPOSAL, AS CONTAINED IN REF A, HAS,
TO A CERTAIN DEGREE, ALREADY BEEN IMPLEMENTED AS A
RESULT OF PERSONNEL ACTION TAKEN TO ENSURE ADHERENCE TO
PROGRAM 6 CEILINGS, PERSONNEL FLOW TO III MAF UNITS,
INCLUDING TWO (2) NINTH MAB SLF'S, IS NOW BEING
REGULATED TO PROVIDE, EXCLUSIVE OF THE 3,500 AUTHORIZED
OO OFFSET OUT-OF-COUNTRY NON-EFFECTIVES, 35,042
(TOTAL 81,542) MARINES TO MAN THE 83,500 FILLETS REQUIRED
BY THE CURRENT III MAF STRUCTURE, INCLUDING CURRENT
(270 STRENGTH) AND HMC APPROVED AUGMENTATION. THIS

83,517
78,042
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 HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY HGM/C THAT A REVISED
 MFFAC MANNING LEVEL AUTHORIZATION HAS BEEN APPROVED
 AND DATED, AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL DATE REVISED
MANNING LEVELS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR PLANNING
PERIODS A TENTATIVE BREAKDOWN OF THE REVISED AUTHORITY
LEVELS IS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPH FOUR BELOW. DETAILED
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SECONAV PROPOSAL WOULD REQUIRE
THE REMOVAL OF THE MANNING AUTHORIZATION FOR 111 MAF
UNITS INCLUDING TWO (2) NINTH MAB SLEETS, BE USED TO
FULLY MANTHOSE UNITS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH FIVE BELOW.
 THE REMAINDER OF THE MANNING AUTHORIZATIONS, 41,018,
 WOULD BE APPLIED AGAINST THE REMAINING 46,000 STRUCTURE
 BELLETS.

4. (S) TENTATIVE REVISED MANNING LEVELS, LESS 3,000
 AUTHORIZED TO OFFSET OUT-OF-COUNTRY NON-EFFECTIVES,
 ARE:

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| A. HQ 111 MAF | 3,331 |
| B. FIRST MARDIV | 24,819 |
| C. THIRD MARDIV | 21,000 |
| D. FIRST MAF | 15,199 |

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| E. M/C | 8,524 |
| F. NINTH MAB <i>(S)</i> | 3,897 |
| G. NINTH MAB (AIR) | 633 |
| H. TOTAL | 78,053 |

5. (S) UNITS TO BE MANNED AT FULL STRENGTH UNDER
 THE SECONAV PROPOSAL ARE:

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| A. 3 - VMA | 730 |
| B. 5 - VMFA | 1,925 |
| C. 3 - VMA/AV | 1,116 |
| D. 1 - VMCS | 476 |
| E. 2 - HMH | 526 |
| F. 3 - HMM | 2,150 |
| G. 2 - HML | 504 |
| H. 2 - JMO | 666 |
| I. 21 - INF BNS | 25,053 |
| J. 2 - RECON BNS | 1,460 |
| K. 2 - FOR RECON COS | 312 |
| L. COMBINED ACTION PROGRAM | 1,886 |
| M. TOTAL | 36,864 |

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6. (C) TO ASSIST CMC IN HIS CURRENT DISCUSSIONS WITH

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PAGE 5 RUHHRM 0664 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 SECNAV CONCERNING MARINE CORPS SEASIA FORCES, REQUEST
 YOU PROVIDE ASAP:

A. AN ADDRESSAL OF WHAT AUTHORIZED STRUCTURE
 WILLETS (FUNCTIONAL/OPERATIONAL AREAS) YOU WOULD
 RECOMMEND **NOT** BE FILLED UNDER THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE
 SECNAV PROPOSAL ALONG WITH IDENTIFICATION OF THE
 CONCOMITANT IMPACT ON III MAF COMBAT CAPABILITY.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMENSURATE CHANGES IN
 THE TENTATIVE REVISED MANNING LEVELS SET FORTH IN PARA
 FOUR ABOVE.

7. (S) WHILE THE SECNAV PROPOSAL APPARENTLY ENVISIONS
 ACROSS-THE-BOARD CUTS IN UNITS OTHER THAN THOSE
 SPECIFICALLY CITED TO BE FULLY MANNED, I RECOMMEND
 THAT YOU EXERCISE FULL LATITUDE IN YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS
 TO INCLUDE, IF DESIRED, REDUCING CERTAIN UNITS TO A
 CADRE STATUS. WARNEST REGARDS.

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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO MAGGEN QUILTER
 FROM LTGEN BUI. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING
 HOURS

LOCATION OF AVIATION UNITS (U)

A. CG FIRST MAW 301050Z/OCT 68 (S)

1. (S) CHICK QUILTER'S RECOMMENDATION TO CONSIDER
 MOVEMENT OF VMFA-115 TO MAG-15 CONTAINED IN REF A
 MERITS SPECIAL ATTENTION AT THIS TIME. CURRENT
 EVENTS INDICATE THAT WE SHOULD AVAIL OURSELVES
 OF OPPORTUNITIES WHICH PLACE US IN THE BEST POSSIBLE
 POSITION TO FACILITATE ATTAINMENT OF OUR DESIRED POST
 SVN POSTURE. ALSO, MOVEMENT OF VMFA INSTEAD
 OF A VMA WOULD PROVIDE ABOUT 125 ADDITIONAL SPACES FOR
 USE IN-COUNTRY. THIS POINT IS SIGNIFICANT.
2. (S) FURTHER, WITH THE 1ST CAV DIV (AM) DEPLOYING TO III

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 0915 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 CORPS, AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRESENT BOMBING
 HALT, IT MIGHT BE OPPORTUNE TO
 MOVE A VMFA TO IWAKUNI VICE A VMA AS SOON AS IT COULD BE
 ARRANGED. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS. WARM REGARDS.

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WIRENOTE FOR BGEN HOFFMAN , G-3 III MAF , FROM COL
 BARRETT , DIRECTOR MCCC.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (U)

1. (S) CMC HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE FOR AN UPDATE
 ON GEN LAM'S DANANG BARRIER PLAN. WHAT IS THE CURRENT
 STATUS OF BARRIER CONSTRUCTION AND HOW EFFECTIVE
 HAS IT BEEN?

2. (S) CMC IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE GVN'S STEPPED-
 UP PACIFICATION EFFORT. IN IOTZ WHAT ARE THE HAMLET
 PACIFICATION, PHOENIX/PHUNG HOANG, CHIEU HOI, PEOPLES
 SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM, AND PSYOPS GOALS FOR THE PERIOD
 1 NOV 68 TO 31 JAN 69? CMC IS INTERESTED, TOO. IN REGU-
 LARLY MONITORING THE PROGRESS TOWARDS THESE GOALS.

3. BE ADVISED THAT THE LAST ARVN SITSUM RECEIVED WAS
 FOR 15 OCT. REQUEST CONTINUED TRANSMISSION OF THIS
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FOR LGEN CUSHMAN AND RADM OSBORN INFO VADM BAUMBURGER FM ZUMWALT.
 MILCON SUPPORT OF ACCELERATED TURNOVER NAVY OPERATIONS TO VNN (U)

1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO DIRECTION FROM HIGH AUTHORITY COMUSMACV HAS DIRECTED ORIGINATOR TO EXECUTE ACCELERATED TURNOVER OF NAVAL OPERATIONS TO VNN. TURNOVER CONCEPT PROVIDES FOR VNN TO ASSUME OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES BY END FY 70 AND FOLLOW-ON BASE SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES BY END FY 72.

2. (U) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM YOU OF THE MCON REPROGRAMMING ACTIONS UNDERWAY, AND PLANNED, TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SHORE FACILITIES FOR THIS EXPANDED VNN ROLE.

3. (U) CONSTRUCTION WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO PHASES:

A. PHASE I. ESTABLISH ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING SCHOOL; REHABILITATE EXISTING FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCT NEW FACILITIES FOR

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DOUBLE STUDENT CAPACITY AT RECRUIT TRAINING CENTER CAM RANH BAY, NAVAL TRAINING CENTER/ACADEMY NHA TRANG, AND ADVANCED TRAINING CENTER SAIGON. ESTIMATED CONTRACT COST \$7.3 MIL TO BE REPROGRAMMED FY 69 MCON. FORMS 1391 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR MACDC APPROVAL AND ISSUE CONSTRUCTION DIRECTIVES TO OICC. ALL FACILITIES ARE REQUIRED ASAP.

B. PHASE II. REHABILITATE AND EXPAND OPERATIONAL/SUPPORT FACILITIES. IN MANY CASES THESE URGENTLY REQUIRED FACILITIES ARE IN DETERIORATED STATE OF REPAIR, OR IN MANY CASES NONEXISTENT. THE REQUIREMENT INCLUDES ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW RIVER ASSAULT GROUP BASES AND COASTAL GROUP BASES AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS. ESTIMATED CONTRACT PRICE \$17.6 MIL. SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS TO BE FINALIZED ABOUT 18 NOVEMBER WHEN FORMS 1391 SCHEDULED FOR SUBMITTAL TO MACDC REQUESTING OSD CONTINGENCY FUNDS.

4. (C) CNO HAS ADVISED THAT FY 70 MCON BUDGET WILL NOT INCLUDE REQUEST FOR RVN CONSTRUCTION FUNDS. FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT FY 69 MCON FUNDS INITIAL RELEASE TO BE \$23 MIL, WITH POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL RELEASES AFTER 1 JANUARY 1969 TO FULL \$50.9 MIL DEPENDENT UPON REQUIREMENTS AND RATE OF OBLIGATION.

5. (U) IN VIEW OF ABOVE CIRCUMSTANCES FOLLOWING DISTRIBUTION OF

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FY 69 MCON FUNDS IS PROVIDED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

INITIAL RELEASE

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| I CTZ | \$12.9 MIL |
| VNN TRAINING FACILITIES | 7.3 MIL |
| VNMC TRAINING FACILITIES | 2.8 MIL |
| | \$23.0 MIL |

FOLLOW-ON RELEASES

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| I CTZ | \$26.0 MIL |
| II, III, IV CTZ | 1.9 MIL |
| TOTAL FY 69 | \$50.9 MIL |

6. (U) IN THE EVENT THAT OSD CONTINGENCY FUNDS ARE WITHHELD FROM PHASE II, PARA 3B ABOVE, THE OVERRIDING URGENCY OF THE VNN TURNOVER PROGRAM WILL REQUIRE A REASSESSMENT OF ALL UNOBLIGATED MCON FUNDS.

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S E C R E T AVII-CG PHB 1691 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: PLANNED GVN NON-MILITARY ACTIVITY IN DMZ

REF: MY PHB 1644, DATED 011035Z NOVEMBER 1968.

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT IN REFERENCE MESSAGE MENTION WAS MADE OF TRUONG'S COMMENT THAT A POLICE PRESENCE IN THE VICINITY OF THE BEN HAI WAS DESIRABLE.
2. AT LUNCH TODAY, GENERAL LAM STATED THA HE INFORMED PRESIDENT THIEU THAT A NVN FLAG WAS FLYING AT THE NORTH END OF THE DEN HAI BRIDGE (I HAVE CONFIRMED THE EXISTANCE OF THIS FLAG); AND THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD REPLIED THAT MAYBE GENERAL LAM OUGHT TO TRY TO RAISE THE GVN FLAG AT THE SOUTH END OF THE BRIDGE. GENERAL LAM INDICATED THAT HE WAS CONTEMPLATING HAVING HIGHWAY 1 REPAIRED FROM A-2 TO BEN HAI BY THE PROVINCIAL PUBLIC WORKS ORGANIZATION AND THEREAFTER ESTABLISHING A POLICE POST IN THE VICINITY OF THE BEN HAI. I SAID THAT WHILE THIS APPEARED TO BE A GVN MATTER AND MERELY A RETURN TO THE STATUS QUO ANTE, IT COULD BE COMPLICATED AND THEREFORE MERITED THOROUGH STAFFING. I FAILED TO MENTION THIS EXCHANGE TO YOU BEFORE I DEPARTED DA NANG.
3. GENERAL TRUONG TOLD ME TONIGHT THAT COLONEL AM (QUANG TRI PROVINCE CHIEF) HAD ALREADY RECEIVED INSRUCTIONS FROM GENERAL LAM TO PROCEED WITH THE ROAD REPAIR AND TO READY A POLICE DETACHMENT. TRUONG SAID HE HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED IN ADVANCE. WHILE HE CONTINUES TO FEEL THAT A POLICE PRESENCE IN THE DMZ IS IMPORTANT FOR INTELLEGENGE AND OTHER REASONS, HIS ROLE AS BACK-UP MAN MAKES HIM CONCERNED ABON PRECIPITATE ACION. GENERAL DAVIS AND I POINTED OUT THA THERE COULD BE CONFRONTATIONS SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI AND THAT THEREFORE THE PROJECT OUGHT TO BE SUBJECTED TO DETAILED, PRIOR ANALYSIS. TRUONG ASSURED ME THAT NOTHING IS LIKELY TO BE SET IN MOTION FOR THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HE ALSO MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THAT HE WOULD FEEL A LOT BETTER IF THE PROJECT WERE INITIATED BY A FORMAL, CONSIDERED SAIGON DIRECTIVE.
4. ON THE FACE OF IT, THE PROJECT IS STRAIGHTFORWARD: IT IS GVN TERRITORY, IT INVOLVES RE-ESTABLISHING CIVIL PRESENCE PER FORMER ARRANGEMENTS, AND NVN COLORS ARE ALREADY SHOWING ON THE NORTH BANK OF THE BEN HAI. CONVERSELY, IT IS LIKELY THAT THERE ARE ALSO VC/NVA ON THE SOUTH BANK; THE POLICE DETACHMENT CAN EXPECT TO BE SUBJECTED TO CONSIDERABLE HARASSMENT; IF THE GVN FLAG GOES UP, IT MUST STAY UP; AND CONTINGENCE PLANS MUST THEREFORE BE IN ORDER. OBVIOUSLY TOO, HE POLICE DETACHMENT MUST BE AN ELITE, SPECIALLY TRAINED OUTFIT.
5. AS THE FIRST ESSENTIAL STEP IS REPAIR OF QL-1 BY A CIVILIAN CREW (PROBABLY WITH POLICE ESCORT), THERE IS OPPORTUNITY FOR ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND AS WELL AS FOR JOINT DISCUSSIONS AT YOUR AND/OR GENERAL ABRAMS LEVEL OF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER O/A 0800 10 NOVEMBER
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 BGEN WILLIAMS, MGEN QUILTE
 USE OF MIDS EQUIPMENTS IN THE REVISED DUEL BLADE (DYE MARKER)
 PROGRAM (G)

A. COMUSMACV 29/090ZZ OCT 68 (S) NOTAL

1. (S) REF A TASKS III MAF TO PROVIDE FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR
 A MOBILE INFILTRATION AND SURVEILLANCE CENTER (MISC) BY 14 NOV 68.
 REF A ALSO STATES COMUSMACV INTENT TO REQUEST DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS
 PLANNING GROUP (DCPG) ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT, PROCUREMENT AND
 DELIVERY OF A MISC ON AND EXPEDITED BASIS.

2. (S) REF A DESCRIBES THE FUNCTIONS OF MISC AS FOLLOWS:

A. CENTRALLY LOCATED FACILITY FOR THE TACTICAL AREA
 COMMANDER FOR GATHERING INFORMATION FROM ALL INTELLIGENCE SOURCES.

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 BGEN WILLIAMS, MGEN QUILTER

B. DISPLAY THIS INFO WITH FRIENDLY ORDER OF BATTLE IN
 NEAR REAL TIME AFTER BEING AUTOMATICALLY COLLATED.

C. HAVE A DATA STORAGE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE HISTORICAL
 BASE TO BE USED FOR ANALYSIS AND REPORTING.

3. (S) THIS HQ HAS BEEN INFORMALLY APPROACHED BY DCPG REP WITH
 SUGGESTION THAT PRESENT MIDS EQUIPMENTS DEPLOYED WESTPAC SUCH AS THE
 TAOC, AN/TYQ-2 AND TDCC, AN/TYQ-3 OF MACS-8, BE MODIFIED AS NECESSARY
 TO PERFORM THE FUNCTIONS OF MISC AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IT WAS ALSO
 SUGGESTED THAT DATA MIGHT BE EXCHANGED WITH MACS-4 OR WITH OTHER
 SERVICE SYSTEMS THAT WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THE SEA INTERFACE OF
 TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEMS. DCPG RATIONALE BEHIND THESE SUGGESTIONS
 IS BASED ON THE SHORT TIME FRAME INVOLVED, NON-AVAILABILITY OF
 MILITARIZED HARDWARE FROM OTHER SOURCES (MILITARY OR CONTRACTOR) ON
 SUCH SHORT NOTICE AND AN APPARENTLY PLENTIFUL SUPPLY OF FUNDS, WHILE
 IT MAY BE TECHNICALLY POSSIBLE TO MODIFY MIDS EQUIPMENTS TO DO THIS
 JOB, THE TIME AND MONEY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS AND THE RESULTANT IMPACT
 ON CURRENT AND PREDICTED COMMITMENTS OF MACS-4 AND MACS-8 DO NOT IN
 OUR OPINION WARRANT SUCH A DRASTIC ACTION.

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B GEN WILLIAMS, M GEN QUILTER

4. (S) THIS HQ WISHES TO ASSIST III MAF IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY TO
MEET THE REQUIREMENTS LEVIED BY REF A HOWEVER IT IS CONSIDERED THAT
THERE ARE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES TO THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY THE DCPG
REP. THEY ARE:

- A. USING EQUIPMENTS OF THE ARMY TACTICAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT
(TOS) SYSTEM.
- B. USE OF THE DEPLOYABLE AUTOMATIC RELAY TERMINAL (DART) TO
PARTIALLY FULFILL THE REQUIREMENT.
- C. USE OF AGC OR SHIP WITH MODIFIED NIDS EQUIPMENT ABOARD.
ALSO, USE OF AGC WITH CERTAIN COMPONENTS OF DART PLACED ABOARD.
- D. UTILIZING PRESENTLY AVAILABLE EQUIPMENTS FROM OTHER
SERVICES OR CONTRACTORS AS AN INTERIM MEASURE UNTIL THE FULL REQUIRE-
MENT CAN BE MET WITH ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.
- E. USE OF NIDS EQUIPMENTS, THAT ARE NOW IN PRODUCTION,
UPON THEIR DELIVERY TO GOVERNMENT. DELIVERY SKEDS PRESENTLY CALL
FOR NEXT TYQ-2 TO BE DELIVERED TO MACS-3 IN MAY 69 AND TYQ-3 APPROX
AUG 69. THESE SCHEDULES COULD PROBABLY BE ACCELERATED IF APPROPRIATE
DCPG PRIORITIES AND FUNDING WERE PROVIDED TO CONTRACTORS.

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5. (C) FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED THAT IDVPG REPS INTEND
TO DEPART CONUS APPROX 14 NOV 68 FOR A 10-14 DAY STAFF VISIT WITH
YOUR COMMAND TO ADDRESS THE SUBJECT. THE VISITORS WILL INCLUDE
LTCOL HAYES DICKERSON, USAF, MAJ F E OWENS, USA, AND MR E
FAMOLARI OF MITRE CORPORATION. REQUEST FORWARD COPY OF III MAF
SUBMISSION TO COMUSMACV IN RESPONSE TO REF A AND A BRIEF
SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT WITH DCPG REPS AS SOON AS
FEASIBLE. WARM REGARDS

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WITH REFERENCE TO PREVIOUS MESSAGE STATING THAT
NORTH VIETNAM HAD POSITIONED THEIR FLAG IN THE VICINITY
OF THE NORTH BANK OF THE BEN HAI HALF OF THE DMZ, I
NEED CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS A FACT AND HAS BEEN
VERIFIED BY COMPETENT AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES.
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1. (S) CGM HAS ADVISED THAT ON 23 OCT 68 THE SECRETARY OF
 DEFENSE APPROVED PHASE I OF THE RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND
 MODERNIZATION PLAN IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING OTHER WEAPONS,
 PHASE I PROVIDES FOR AN INCREASE OF 270 105MM AND 72 155MM
 HOWITZERS WITHIN VIETNAMESE FORCES. SECDEF DID NOT APPROVE
 A COMMENSURATE INCREASE IN ARTILLERY AMMUNITION CONSUMPTION;
 THEREFORE PENDING FURTHER JUSTIFICATION, ONLY THAT AMMUNITION
 REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEATER LEVEL STOCKAGE AT ARVN EXPENDITURE
 RATES AND TO SUPPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS MAY BE PROCURED.
 MUNITIONS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT SUBSEQUENT CONSUMPTION FOR THE
 ADDITIONAL HOWITZERS MUST BE PROVIDED BY REALLOCATION OF
 AVAILABLE WORLD WIDE ASSETS.

2. (S) WHILE CMC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING AMMUNITION

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 FOR THE ADDITIONAL WEAPONS INCLUDED IN PHASE I OF THE
 MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, MARINE CORPS ASSETS AND EXISTING
 REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE EVENT ANY REALLOCATION
 IS NECESSITATED DUE TO SIGNIFICANT SHORTFALLS WITHIN THE U. S.
 ARMY.

3. (S) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT BOTH IMMEDIATE AND FUTURE
 MARINE CORPS REQUIREMENTS CAN BE PROPERLY SUPPORTED IT IS
 NECESSARY TO CONTINUALLY REVIEW AND EVALUATE ACTUAL CONSUMPTION
 IN RELATION TO THE CURRENT LEVEL OF OPERATIONS, AND TO PROJECT
 REQUIREMENTS BASED ON ANTICIPATED LEVEL OF OPERATIONS.
 ACCORDINGLY REQUEST FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN:

A. REVIEW THE ADEQUACY OF CURRENT AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE
 RATES FOR 105MM HE AND 155MM HOWITZER HE MUNITIONS WITH RESPECT
 TO BOTH CURRENT AND PROJECTED OPERATIONS. PRESENT AND PROJECTED
 EFFECTS OF THE COMUSMACV 5X5 PLAN SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THIS
 REVIEW. FOR PURPOSE OF THIS REVIEW, IT IS CONSIDERED
 REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT USMC, USA, AND FWF FORCE LEVELS WITHIN
 302Z WILL REMAIN AT CURRENT LEVEL, AND THAT CURRENT RESTRICT-
 IONS AGAINST AIR/ARTILLERY/NGF ENGAGEMENT OF NON TARGET AREAS
 WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT.

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 B. PROVIDE THIS HQ WITH RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE RATES FOR 105MM HE
 AND 155MM HOWITZER HE MUNITIONS (RDS/TUBE/DAY) WHICH
 ARE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS AT CURRENT AND
 ANTICIPATED FUTURE LEVELS. SUBSTANTIATE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE
 RATES WITH A DETAILED RATIONALE BASED ON ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONAL
 REQUIREMENTS AND RESULTS OF REVIEW REQUESTED ABOVE.
 C. PROVIDE THIS HQ WITH COMMENTS CONCERNING THE FEASIBILITY
 OF INCREASING THE NUMBER OF THE ABOVE ARTILLERY WEAPONS IN RVN
 WITHOUT A COMMENSURATE INCREASE IN AMMUNITION SUPPORT.
 D. ADVISE THIS HQ OF ESTIMATED DATE WHEN INFORMATION
 REQUESTED IN PARAS 3E AND 3C ABOVE CAN BE PROVIDED.
 E. REVIEW PERIODICALLY 105MM HE AND 155MM HOWITZER HE
 MUNITION REQUIREMENTS AND ADVISE THIS HQ OF NECESSARY REVISIONS
 TO EXPENDITURE RATES AS THEY OCCUR.

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S E C R E T MAC 15635 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: DMZ INCIDENT REPORTS (U)

REFERENCES: A. RED ROCKET ONE DTG 010100Z NOV 68 (S)
B. RED ROCKET TWO DTG 010108Z NOV 68 (S)
C. COMUSMACV DTG 010208Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A TERMINATED ALL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN. REF B PROVIDED SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. IN REF C COMUSMACV PROVIDED FURTHER INSTRUCTION ON THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

2. (S) IN LIGHT OF THE SENSITIVITY OF ATTACKS ORIGINATING FROM WITHIN THE DMZ, I WANT TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF REPORTING THESE INCIDENTS IN A TIMELY, ACCURATE, AND RAPID MANNER INCLUDING A LISTING OF CASUALTIES. IN ADDITION TO THE REPORTS THROUGH COMMAND CHANNELS REQUIRED BY PARA 1D, E, AND F OF REF C CONCERNING DMZ INCIDENTS, I DESIRE THAT INFORMATION COPIES OF ALL SUCH INCIDENTS REPORTED BY SUBORDINATE ELEMENTS OF III MAF BE FORWARDED DIRECTLY TO THE COMMAND CENTER OF THIS HEADQUARTERS BY FLASH PRECEDENCE. U.S. ADVISORS WITH ARVN UNITS WILL BE INSTRUCTED AS TO THE NECESSITY OF PROMPT AND ACCURATE REPORTING OF DMZ INCIDENTS OCCURRING IN AREAS OF ARVN RESPONSIBILITY. IN ADDITION, ARVN COUNTERPARTS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO EXPEDITE THEIR REPORTS OF DMZ VIOLATIONS.

3. I REITERATE THE WORDS OF PARAGRAPH 1D OF REFERENCE C, "ENEMY . . . FIRE WILL BE RESPONDED TO WITH HEAVY COUNTER-BATTERY FIRE AND/OR AIR ATTACK UNTIL ENEMY WEAPONS ARE SILENCED." THE EMPHASIS IS ON THE "HEAVY."

4. (S) WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL ATTACKS BY FIRE ORIGINATING FROM WITHIN THE DMZ, SUCH AS THOSE EXPERIENCED ON 10 NOVEMBER 1968, YOUR VIEWS ARE REQUESTED ASAP ON THE FOLLOWING: WOULD AUTHORITY TO MOVE TROOPS INTO THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ AFTER AN ENEMY ATTACK BY FIRE IMPROVE OUR CAPABILITY TO RESPOND? IF YOUR ANSWER IS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, REQUEST RATIONALE TO SUPPORT YOUR CONCEPT.
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REF: MAC 15089, EYES ONLY, DATED 100659Z NOV 68.

1. ON 7 NOVEMBER, COL GIAI AND HIS ADVISOR INFORMED GENERAL TRUONG AND ME THAT THEY HAD BOTH OBSERVED, THROUGH A RC SCOPE AT A-2, AN NVN FLAG FLYING IN THE VICINITY OF THE BEN HAI. THAT SAME AFTERNOON, GENERAL TRUONG AND I, AIRBORNE OVER A-2, SPOTTED THAT FLAG THROUGH FIELD GLASSES. IT WAS FLYING FROM A STRUCTURE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE NORTH END OF THE BEN HAI BRIDGE.
2. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 10 NOVEMBER, I VIEWED THAT FLAG THROUGH THE RC SCOPE AT A-2, AS DID A NUMBER OF OTHER AMERICANS INCLUDING MY G3. THE FLAG IS RED WITH A LARGE YELLOW STAR IN THE CENTER.
3. AN FO OF THE 108TH FA GROUP, AT A-2, CONFIRMS THAT THAT NVN FLAG IS STILL FLYING AS OF 110730H.
4. NOTE: AN NVN FLAG WAS CONTINUOUSLY FLOWN FROM THE NORTH END OF THE BEN HAI BRIDGE UNTIL 29 SEPT 1967 (PER COL GIAI) AND WAS SUBJECTED TO PERIODIC ARVN ARTILLERY SNIPING.

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1. I AM PASSING SEPARATELY, FOR YOUR INFORMATION, A MSG FROM MG DAVIS WHICH REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO ENTER SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ TO DEAL WITH ENEMY ELEMENTS THEREIN.
2. I WILL CONFER WITH YOU LATER TODAY ON THIS AND RELATED MATTERS.

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(U) This is the ninth in the 1968 series of monthly assessments of pacification.

1. (C) SUMMARY: During September territorial security in South Vietnam attained a level almost equal to that which existed at the end of January, 1968, with 66.8 percent of the total GVN population in the relatively secure HES category. This is only 0.4 percent below the end-January level. The most significant GVN action was the President's decision to launch an accelerated pacification effort on 1 November, followed by a 1969 program of "Pacification and Reconstruction" beginning on 1 February. The accelerated pacification effort should broaden the pacification base across the board to set the stage for the 1969 plan. Of the 1,121 VC infrastructure eliminated during September, 348 were operating at district level or higher, as compared to only 133 for August. Self-Defense seems to be catching hold, with most province chiefs now getting behind the effort. Reports of self-defenders informing on VC, reporting arms caches, and participating in active defense against the enemy are increasing. Project Recovery has now been terminated; 1,070,380 Tet and post-Tet evacuees were assisted subsequent to the Tet offensive of January/February this year. The vast majority were given cash and commodity support to rebuild their homes, as well as indemnity payments for injury or death due to enemy action.

2. (C) PACIFICATION STATUS:

a. Analysis of Hamlet Evaluation System Trends:

(1) HES reports for September show further improvement in the

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security situation. Population in relatively secure hamlets (HES ratings of A, B and C) increased by 1.0 percent in September; 66.8 percent of the countrywide population of 17,481,500 (urban and rural) now live under conditions of relative security. This level is 0.4 percent below the high of 67.2 percent on 31 January, just before the Tet offensive. Population in contested hamlets (rated D and E) declined 1.0 percent in September to 16.4 percent and that in Viet Cong controlled hamlets remained at the same level as August (16.8 percent). (31 January figures were 16.3 and 16.4 percent respectively.)

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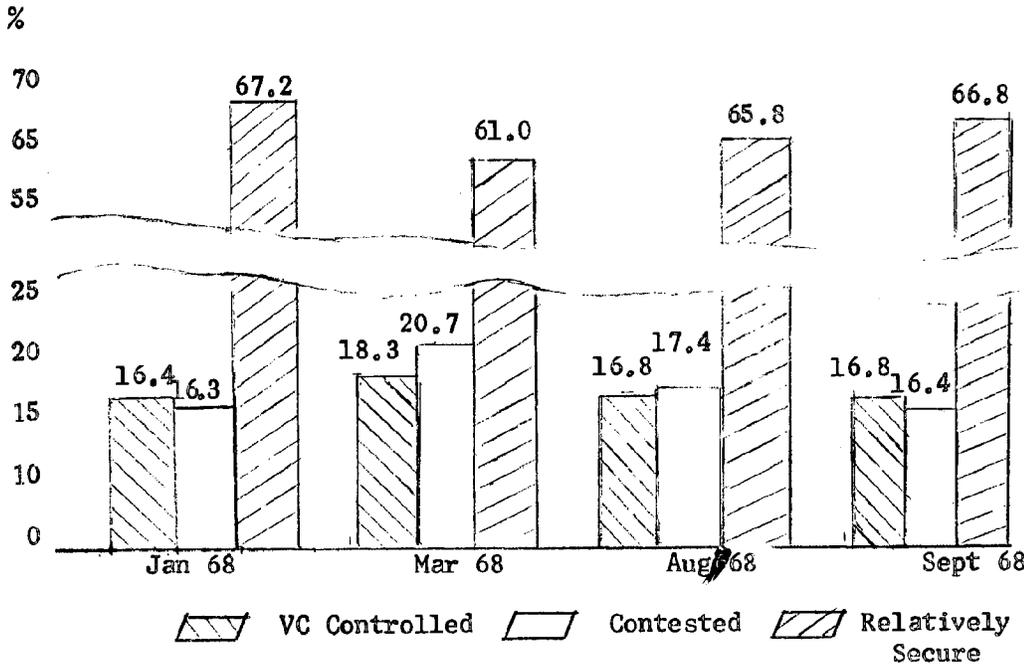
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TRENDS IN POPULATION CONTROL (PERCENT)

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(2) Results in the rural areas show the same trend. Relatively secure rural population increased 1.2 percent in September to 51.3 percent (compared to 52.8 percent on January 31). Contested rural population declined 1.0 percent to 22.8 percent and the VC controlled rural population decreased 0.2 percent to 25.9 percent.

(3) Four hundred eleven hamlets progressed to a higher security status while 218 regressed, for a net gain of 193. Tables showing current population control data and hamlet movement are given in Paragraph 10, Statistical Annex.

b. The Climate for Pacification:

(1) Scattered provinces were adversely affected by enemy efforts; however, the general lull in enemy activity during

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September improved the setting for pacification nationwide. In Quang Tri and Thua Thien Provinces of I Corps, Typhoon Bess caused extensive damage to the rice crop and some diversion of commodities and manpower from pacification.

(2) I CTZ: Enemy action continued most persistently in Quang Ngai and Quang Nam, causing a deterioration of rural security. Combined US/GVN forces inflicted heavy casualties on NVA/VC units during three major attacks in Quang Tin Province. In Quang Tri and Thua Thien, aggressive friendly operations resulted in substantial enemy casualties and the capture of a number of large food and weapons caches. Security improved in Quang Tri and Thua Thien.

(3) II CTZ: In the coastal provinces enemy activity was mostly limited to terrorism, with the exception of an attack on Hoa Da District Headquarters in Binh Thuan and several other marginally significant enemy actions. In the highland provinces the situation approximated that of August, with the presence of VC/NVA units preventing expansion of territorial security by GVN forces.

(4) III CTZ: Enemy activity throughout III Corps decreased significantly during September. There was, however, continued enemy pressure on Tay Ninh City and on Loc Ninh and An Loc Districts in Binh Long Province.

(5) IV CTZ: During September there was a general return to the previous low level of enemy activity, which appears to be directed mainly toward outpost harassment, interdiction of LOC, and sporadic mortaring of towns.

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(6) Table I shows the current strength of RF, PF and para-military forces.

TABLE I

| | <u>End August</u> | <u>Net Loss</u> | <u>Net Gain</u> | <u>End September</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| RF | 214,412 | | 2,236 | 216,648 |
| PF | 171,986 | 187 | | 171,781 |
| National Police | 80,733 | 1,098 | | 79,635 |
| RD/TSRD | 52,929 | | 1,037 | 53,966 |
| APT | 3,470 | 1 | | 3,469 |
| Kit Carson Scouts | 942 | | 116 | 1,058 |

(7) The most promising development in September is President Thieu's across-the-board accelerated effort now laid on for November-January. It calls for a military campaign against enemy main forces and base areas, for upgrading the security status of 1,000 contested hamlets from contested to at least C on the HES scale, a major PHUNG HOANG campaign to neutralize 3,000 VCI a month, a special effort to rally 5,000 Chieu Hoi returnees, a campaign to increase popular self-defense groups to over one million people, and a major psywar campaign. The purpose is to galvanize the GVN military pacification and political effort; even partial achievement of the goals will be a powerful stimulant. President Thieu is energetically pushing the campaign through all the ministries and corps and province chiefs.

3. (C) TERRITORIAL SECURITY FORCES:

a. Territorial Forces Evaluation System (TFES) ratings for September show about the same picture as those for August .

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Trends in selected RF and PF operational results are as follows:

(1) RF:

| | <u>July</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| En KIA/Frd KIA Ratio | 3.3 | 4.4 | 4.7 |
| En Wpns Cpt/Frd Wpns Lost Ratio | 3.3 | 7.0 | 2.8 |
| Frd Small Unit Opns | 51,160 | 59,171 | 58,964 |
| With Contact | 1,415 (2.8%) | 1,721 (2.9%) | 1,937 (3.3%) |

(2) PF:

| | <u>July</u> | <u>August</u> | <u>September</u> |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| En KIA/Frd KIA Ratio | 3.1 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| En Wpns Cpt/Frd Wpns Lost Ratio | 4.9 | 2.7 | 1.5 |
| Frd Small Unit Opns | 82,194 | 89,783 | 104,299 |
| With Contact | 1,301 (1.6%) | 1,638 (1.8%) | 2,792 (2.7%) |

b. Territorial Forces Strength: During September 20 RF companies and 83 PF platoons were activated, raising the total to 1,154 RF companies and 4,781 PF platoons.

c. RF and PF Improvement Programs:

(1) Weapons Upgrading: During September, little progress was made in upgrading weapons although 34,500 M-16 rifles

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had been issued to RF and PF combat elements compared to 14,000 at end-August. There was a continued shortage of BAR's and M-79 grenade launchers.

(2) Organizational Improvements: One hundred of the 177 RF group headquarters programmed have been activated. The remaining will be activated prior to 31 December 1968.

(3) Advisors: During September, 21 additional Mobile Advisory Teams (MATs) were deployed. Two hundred fifty-three of the programmed 353 teams are now deployed.

(4) Leadership Improvement: The GVN has announced that RF officers will henceforth be selected for promotion in accordance with ARVN promotion selection criteria. In addition, ARVN and Regional Force officers and NCO's will be assigned to existing vacancies in ARVN and Regional Force units without regard to basic component, a move that promises substantial gains in RF leadership.

d. National Police:

(1) NPFF showed improvement during September. Anti-VCI operations increased by 12 percent over August as a result of improved intelligence and targeting. The number of VCI suspects killed and apprehended increased by 34 percent.

(2) By end September there were 32,360 spaces available in correction centers for the 32,407 detainees in custody and the situation continues to improve. Nine police detention facilities located adjacent to the Province Interrogation Centers (PIC's) and four larger facilities are in operation. Nearly 3,300

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new confinement spaces have been made available since January.

(3) Two factors continue to inhibit police recruitment:

Lack of funds and restrictions embodied in the mobilization law. Although 5,820 police applicants have been processed, no recruits can be employed until funds have been provided by GVN.

(4) Some progress is being made in deploying police to the countryside in implementation of the PHUNG HOANG Program. An experiment is being conducted in I and IV Corps where "police teams" have been assigned to New Life Development hamlets where RD teams are operating. The police team is composed of three men, two uniformed officers and one from the Police Special Branch. They are assigned full time and, as RD teams move on, the police teams will remain to prevent a resurgence of VC influence. Strength and deployment of National Police are given in Paragraph 10, Statistical Annex.

4. (C) ATTACK ON THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE (VCI):

(1) PHOENIX/PHUNG HOANG has accounted for 9,607 VCI killed, captured or rallied in 1968. Of the 1,121 VCI eliminated in September, 348 were operating at district level or higher, as compared to 133 for August. Among the 348 higher-level VCI neutralized there were 20 VCI security service cadre, 13 propaganda section cadre and 35 finance and economy section cadre. VCI eliminations are tabulated in Table II.

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TABLE II

ATTACK ON THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE

| <u>CORPS</u> | <u>KILLED</u> | <u>CAPTURED</u> | <u>RALLIED</u> | <u>SEPT TOTAL</u> | <u>1968 TOTALS</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| I | 25 | 234 | 72 | 331 | 2,538 |
| II | 19 | 147 | 22 | 188 | 2,543 |
| III | 23 | 181 | 24 | 228 | 2,134 |
| IV | 49 | 167 | 69 | 285 | 2,103 |
| Capital Military District | <u>7</u> | <u>77</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>89</u> | <u>289</u> |
| | 123 | 806 | 192 | 1,121 | 9,607 |

(2) Agencies responsible for neutralizing VCI are shown in Table III.

TABLE III

VCI NEUTRALIZATIONS

| | <u>I CTZ</u> | <u>II CTZ</u> | <u>III CTZ</u> | <u>IV CTZ</u> | <u>CMD</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| Police (NPF) | 65 (1) | 97 (12) | 45 (2) | 39 (2) | 20 | 266 (17) |
| RF/PF | 31 | 10% | 27 | 33 | 9 | 110 |
| PRU | 35 | 7 | 15 | 64 | 11 | 132 |
| RVNAF | 14 | 22 | 16 | 30 | 3 | 85 |
| US | 30 | 14 | 17 | 11 | 7 | 79 |
| FWMF | 0 | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| RDC | 11 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 17 |
| Combined Operations | 113 | 7 | 57 | 60 | 33 | 270 |
| Other | <u>32</u> | <u>25</u> | <u>45</u> | <u>44</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>152</u> |
| TOTALS | 331 | 188 | 228 | 285 | 89 | 1,121 |

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5. POPULAR SELF-DEFENSE PROGRAM:

a. During the month, the Minister of Interior requested a supplemental allocation of 27,000 weapons from the Ministry of Defense for distribution during November and December. This would raise the total number of weapons requested to 137,000. During August, 54,724 weapons were made available for issue; 20,200 were made available during September. As of 30 September, 747,132 people were performing self-defense duties; 276,575 had received some type of training and 62,533 had been issued arms.

TABLE IV

SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (As of end-September)

| | <u>MEMBERS</u> | <u>TRAINED</u> | <u>ARMED</u> |
|--------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Rural | 306,784 | 93,536 | 22,077 |
| Urban | 369,512 | 136,909 | 21,099 |
| Industrial | 70,836 | 46,130 | 19,362 |
| TOTAL | 747,132 | 276,575 | 62,538 |

b. Some highlights of Popular Self-Defense Force performance follow:

(1) Phu Yen Province - two self-defenders shot a VC, wounded four others and confiscated two weapons with explosives and ammunition. Both were awarded medals by the Prime Minister.

(2) Danang - self-defense forces, acting in coordination with local security forces, captured two VC and 28 suspects, killed four VC, wounded two, and confiscated 31 weapons and a quantity of ammunition and explosives.

(3) Tuyen Duc - self-defense forces in Than Binh Hamlet

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repelled a VC attack, capturing one VC and killing the VC Company
Commander.

(4) In Vinh Binh, Pleiku, Tay Ninh, Hue, Quang Nam, Quang Ngai,
Ba Xuyen, and Bien Hoa self-defenders have been involved in actions
against the VC.

6. (U) REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT: The move to second-phase 1968
hamlets is almost complete and many provinces now estimate that

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they can complete the 1968 program by Tet, 1969. The number of RD Cadre Groups increased from 704 to 750 during September. RD Cadre strengths are shown in Table V. Strength trends are depicted in Paragraph 10, Statistical Annex.

TABLE V
CADRE STRENGTH

| Corps | RD Cadre | | Truong Son (Highlanders) Cadre | |
|-------------|------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| | Groups | Strengths | Groups | Strengths |
| I CTZ | 173 | 9,678 | 10 | 642 |
| II CTZ | 188 | 10,293 | 85 | 5,263 |
| III CTZ | 116 | 6,587 | 13 | 738 |
| IV CTZ | <u>273</u> | <u>13,427</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Subtotal | 750 | 39,985 | 108 | 6,643 |
| In Training | | <u>6,646</u> | | <u>665</u> |
| TOTAL | | 46,631 | | 7,308 |

7. (C) CHIEU HOI:

a. September's total of 1,374 returnees is a slight drop from the August total of 1,451. This is considered to be a result of the increase in enemy activity beginning last month.

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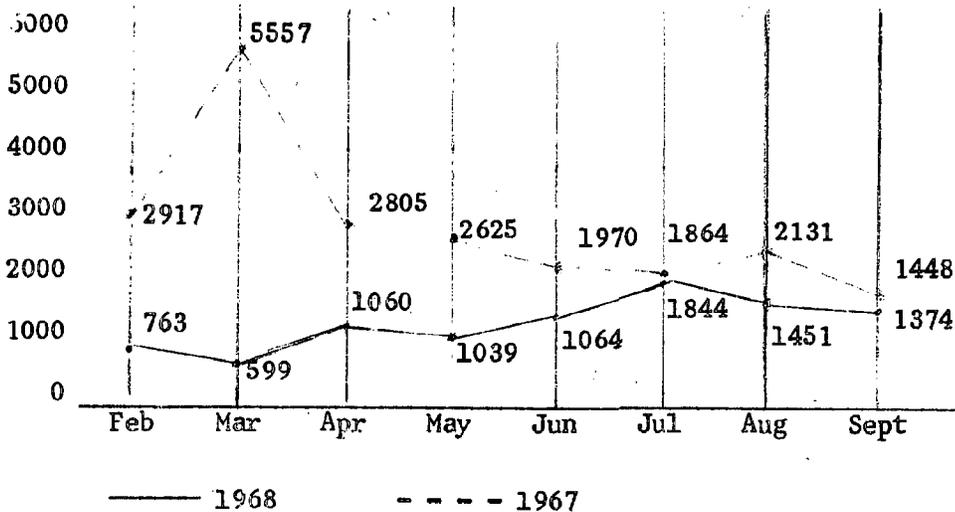
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FIGURE II

CHIEU HOI RETURNEES



b. In all of 1967 there were only 146 NVA returnees or .54 percent of the year's total. So far this year (1968), 240 NVA soldiers have rallied at an overall rate of 2.2 percent with I CTZ highest at 5.3 percent.

c. Armed Propaganda Team strength increased from 3,470 to 3,496 during September. Use of APT's on combined operations increased during the month with a higher percentage of missions conducted in contested areas.

d. There was an 11% increase in Kit Carson Scout enrollment during September (942 to 1058). Efforts are continuously made to determine a realistic upper limit for the program. USARV recently approved an allocation of 330 Kit Carson Scouts for the 9th Infantry Division. The 101st Airborne Division has requested a total of 400.

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8. (U) REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT:

a. Statistics regarding current number of refugees are included in Table VI. Total number of refugees nationwide declined slightly during the month from 1,180,491 on 31 August to 1,176,033 on 30 September (down 4,458 persons). The total "in camp" refugees dropped 55,678 but was offset by an increase of 51,220 in "out of camp" refugees.

TABLE VI

STATUS OF REFUGEES

| | 30 September | | 31 August | |
|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | <u>In Camp</u> | <u>Out Camp</u> | <u>In Camp</u> | <u>Out Camp</u> |
| I CTZ | 351,601 | 284,796 | 374,587 | 278,905 |
| II CTZ | 187,229 | 156,929 | 218,657 | 121,756 |
| III CTZ | 51,222 | 24,137 | 52,654 | 17,694 |
| IV CTZ | <u>4,648</u> | <u>115,471</u> | <u>4,480</u> | <u>111,758</u> |
| National Totals | 594,700 | 581,333 | 650,378 | 530,113 |
| Grand Totals | 1,176,033 | | 1,180,491 | |

b. Since 1 January, total of 114,067 regular refugees have been resettled. During September, 5,670 refugees were resettled compared to 6,725 for August. IV CTZ reported the largest number with 3,492, followed by III CTZ with 1,599. Statistics showing re-establishment of refugees are shown in Table VII.

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TABLE VII

RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF REFUGEES

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RESETTLED W/GVN ASSISTANCE - RETURNED TO OWN VILLAGE

| REGION | During Sept 68 | During Aug 68 | Since 1/1/68 | During Sept 68 | During Aug 68 | Since 1/1/68 |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| I | 225 | 11 | 40,043 | 0 | 0 | 5,725 |
| II | 354 | 1,221 | 41,785 | 2,470 | 500 | 11,854 |
| III | 1,599 | 3,146 | 23,319 | 4,231 | 3,724 | 36,859 |
| IV | 3,492 | 2,347 | 8,920 | 221 | 918 | 7,965 |
| TOTAL | 5,670 | 6,725 | 114,067 | 6,922 | 5,142 | 62,403 |

9. (C) LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

a. During September the GVN initiated a program for village development, stressing (1) the training of village cadre; (2) increased authority and prestige for village councils and chiefs; (3) free elections for village council members and village chiefs; (4) promotion of village security (noting that this should encourage a movement of population back to the villages); and (5) the attack on the VC Infrastructure.

b. Administration of self-help will be shifted to villages with elected councils, and RD Cadre teams deployed by village starting in 1969, after Tet.

c. The President and Prime Minister have directed that district information officers supervise and provide training for the village/hamlet information officers.

d. The Ministry of Defense will place educational inspectors, specialists, and schoolteachers on detached service with the

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Ministry of Youth, Education and Cultural Affairs. Schoolteachers now serving in the armed forces in officer status may apply. NCO's and EM will be considered at a later date. As of 1st October, 723 of the 839 teachers serving in the armed forces have been released to return to their teaching duties, while 117 are being retained in RVNAF because they were in an illegal draft status at the time of their call-up.

10. (C) STATISTICAL ANNEX:

a. Table VIII reflects status of population control by Corps as of end-December 1967, end-March (the month best reflecting the impact of the Tet offensive), and end-September 1968.

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TABLE VIII

POPULATION CONTROL (Thousands)
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| | <u>31 Dec 67</u> | | <u>31 Mar 68</u> | | <u>30 Sept 68</u> | |
|---------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | <u>GVN CONTROLLED</u> | | | | | |
| I CTZ | 1,853.5 | 56.6% | 1,591.6 | 49.1% | 1,749.3 | 54.7% |
| II CTZ | 2,130.2 | 74.8% | 1,996.4 | 70.1% | 2,205.1 | 74.6% |
| III CTZ | 4,326.3 | 81.5% | 3,936.1 | 75.0% | 4,435.0 | 81.7% |
| IV CTZ | 3,204.8 | 55.6% | 2,947.1 | 50.6% | 3,281.9 | 55.6% |
| RVN | 11,514.8 | 66.9% | 10,471.1 | 61.0% | 11,671.2 | 66.8% |
| | <u>CONTESTED</u> | | | | | |
| I CTZ | 625.3 | 19.1% | 785.2 | 24.2% | 683.9 | 21.4% |
| II CTZ | 491.4 | 17.2% | 600.0 | 21.1% | 467.9 | 15.8% |
| III CTZ | 707.1 | 13.3% | 1,022.7 | 19.5% | 707.0 | 13.0% |
| IV CTZ | 1,008.6 | 17.5% | 1,145.3 | 19.7% | 1,019.0 | 17.3% |
| RVN | 2,932.4 | 16.5% | 3,553.2 | 20.7% | 2,877.5 | 16.4% |
| | <u>VC CONTROLLED</u> | | | | | |
| I CTZ | 793.9 | 24.3% | 867.4 | 26.7% | 763.0 | 23.9% |
| II CTZ | 228.2 | 8.0% | 253.2 | 8.9% | 294.3 | 9.6% |
| III CTZ | 283.2 | 5.3% | 286.3 | 5.5% | 284.5 | 5.3% |
| IV CTZ | 1,555.8 | 27.0% | 1,729.8 | 29.7% | 1,600.7 | 27.1% |
| RVN | 2,861.1 | 16.6% | 3,136.7 | 18.3% | 2,932.5 | 16.8% |

b. Table IX shows the shift of hamlets between the various HES categories. The categories are based on security and development factors. The base line "Total Moved" shows the number of hamlets that shifted during September. Reading up or down within a column, progression and regression is shown in terms of hamlets

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and percentage of the "Total Moved" base line figure. Of the 629 hamlets that shifted, 411 progressed (65.3%) while 218 regressed (34.7%).

TABLE IX

MONTHLY HAMLET MOVEMENT

FROM 31 AUGUST TO 30 SEPTEMBER 68

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------|-----------|-----------------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| UP TO (411) | P R O G R E S S E D | A | B | C | C | C | |
| | | 26(25.2) | 122(57.5) | 176(83.8) | 1(2.3) | 6(12.8) | |
| | | | | | D | D | |
| | | | | | 39(88.6) | 29(61.7) | |
| | | | | | | E | |
| | | | | | | 12(25.5) | |
| TOTAL MOVED | | | | | | | |
| | | A | B | C | D | E | VC |
| | | 13 | 103 | 212 | 210 | 44 | 47 |
| DOWN TO (218) | R E G R E S S E D | B | C | D | E | | |
| | | 6(46.2) | 75(72.8) | 85(40.1) | 28(13.3) | | |
| | | C | D | D | E | | |
| | | 7(53.8) | 1(1.0) | 5(2.4) | 6(2.9) | 4(9.1) | |
| | | D | E | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| | | VC | 1(1.0) | 5(2.4) | 6(2.9) | 4(9.1) | |
| NO CHANGE | | 192 | 1,399 | 3,048 | 1,989 | 376 | 3,897 |
| RECAPITULATION: | | | | Hamlets exhibiting a shift: | | | 629 |
| | | | | Hamlets that progressed: | | | 411 |
| | | | | Hamlets that regressed: | | | 218 |

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TABLE X

STRENGTH AND DEPLOYMENT OF NATIONAL POLICE
(As of 30 September 1968)

| | <u>Special Police</u> | <u>NPF</u> | <u>Marine Police</u> | <u>Other Police</u> | <u>Totals</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| DGNP * | 1,970 | 3,130 | | 6,920 | 12,020 |
| SMPD ** | 1,630 | | | 14,615 | 16,245 |
| I Corps | 2,120 | 2,380 | 5 | 5,870 | 10,375 |
| II Corps | 2,450 | 1,905 | 50 | 6,985 | 11,390 |
| III Corps | 1,790 | 1,910 | 540 | 8,775 | 13,015 |
| IV Corps | 3,035 | 2,890 | 830 | 9,645 | 16,400 |
| In-training | | | | 190 | 190 |
| Totals | 12,995 | 12,215 | 1,425 | 53,000 | 79,635 |

* Director General of National Police figures include the following: 1) NPF Headquarters staff, 2) Reserve NPF Battalions, 3) All training facilities' staff, 4) Con Son Island Police and 5) All national services and administration staff.

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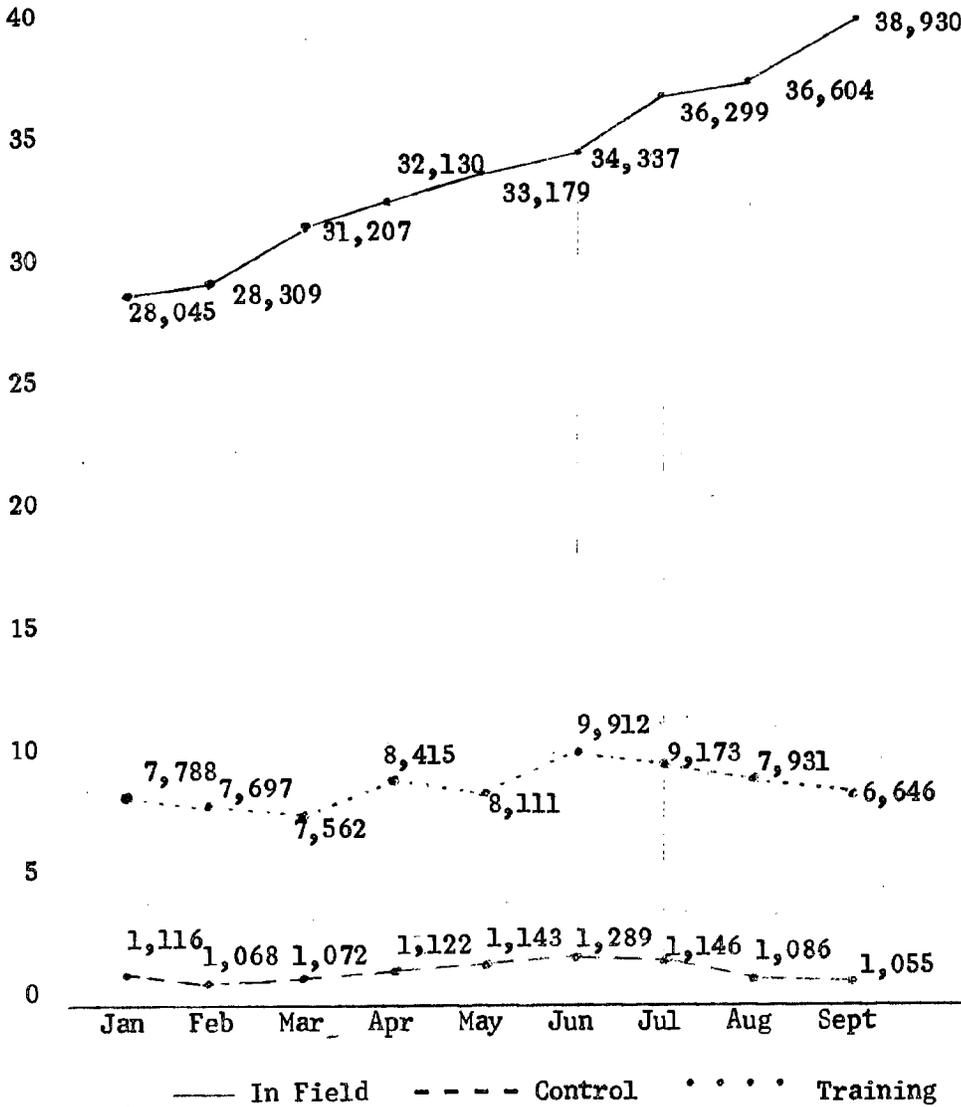
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 S E C R E T JPCCO JOPREP/JIFFY

FOR : BGEN HOFFMAN
 FROM: BGEN MCLAUGHLIN
 1. (S) URGENTLY NEED SECONDARY TARGETS FOR ARC LIGHT PROGRAM,
 PREFERABLY IN E CTZ.
 2. (S) REQUEST YOUR CURRENTLY NOMINATED LASHAU AND PHAM DUC TARGETS
 BE SO CLASSIFIED FOR A PERIOD OF TWO WEEKS.
 3. (S) REQUEST REPLY ASAP, ATTN J3-073.
 BEST REGARDS,
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 TO RKNMAFA/CG III MAF
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM
 LTGEN PUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER
 DURING WORKING HOURS.

T-DAY PLANNING (U)

- A. CG III MAF 110724Z/NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
- B. CG FMFPAC 29234Z/AUG 68 (S) (SPECAT)
- C. CG FMFPAC 13223Z/NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)

1. (U) THERE REMAIN MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS RELATED
 TO T-DAY PLANS AND THERE IS NO REASON TO BELIEVE
 THAT THIS WON'T BE THE CASE AT LEAST FOR THE IM-
 MEDIATE FUTURE. FOR THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS, MY
 STAFF HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOLVED IN THE PROBLEM; IT
 HAS BEEN MY DESIRE TO INVOLVE YOU AS LITTLE AS
 POSSIBLE FOR OBVIOUS REASONS.

2. (S) TO SATISFY THE MACV REQUIREMENT AS NOTED IN
 REF A, I WILL SHORTLY PROVIDE YOU WITH A TROOP LIST,

PAGE 2 RUHNRMA 1781 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEC
 INDICATING LOCATIONS, FOR A MEF IN WESTPAC. IT WILL
 BE IN CONSONANCE WITH PREVIOUS FMFPAC SUBMISSIONS TO
 CINCPACFLT AND WILL FOLLOW THE PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE
 I GAVE YOU IN REF B. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THE TROOP
 LIST PURPOSELY DOES NOT INDICATE A SPECIFIC UNIT;
 THIS IS TO PROVIDE US WITH MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY AT
 THE CRITICAL TIME OF WITHDRAWAL. AS SOON AS THE
 LOGISTIC IMPLICATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THIS POSTURE ARE
 DETERMINED, I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH ADDITIONAL
 GUIDANCE.

3. (U) I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS GUIDANCE MAY REQUIRE
 REVISION, DEPENDING ON THE REPLY TO REF C AND THE
 MANY INTANGIBLES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS SUBJECT. WARM
 REGARDS.

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FOR CHIEF OF STAFF

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN EVACUATION PROCEDURES OF NICTZ PW'S.

1. REF: III MAF FO 3461.2A, PARAGRAPH 6C (6).
2. CG 1ST ARVN DIVISION HAS REQUESTED THAT ALL PW'S CAPTURED BY US UNITS IN THE 11TH DTA BE PROCESSED THROUGH THE COMBINED INTERROGATION CENTER IN HUE. THIS PROCEDURE IS DESIRABLE AS IT WILL PERMIT 1ST ARVN DIVISION TO FULLY EXPLOIT ALL PW'S FROM THE 11TH DTA.
3. UNDER CURRENT PROCEDURES ALL US CAPTURED PW'S MUST REMAIN IN US CUSTODY UNTIL TURNED OVER TO THE I CORPS CIC OR TO THE I CORPS PW CAMP (SEE REF). THIS MEANS THAT IF 1ST ARVN DIVISION WANTS TO INTERROGATE A US CAPTURED PW IN THE 11 DTA THEY MUST EITHER SEND THEIR INTERROGATORS TO THE CAPTURING UNIT OR THE US UNIT MUST ESCORT THE PW TO AN ARVN INTERROGATION CENTER, STAY WITH THE PW UNTIL THE INTERROGATION IS CONCLUDED, AND THEN RETURN HIM TO THE CAPTURING US UNIT. AFTER FURTHER INTERROGATION SOURCE IS EVACUATED TO III MAF PW COMPOUND, DA NANG.

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4. TO ALLEVIATE THIS COMPLEX PROCEDURE THIS HEADQUARTERS RECOMMENDS THAT III MAF FO 3461.2A B MODIFIED TO PERMIT TRANSFER OF ALL PW'S CAPTURED BY US/FWMP IN 11TH DTA TO THE CIC IN HUE, WITH FURTHER EVACUATION THROUGH ARVN CHANNELS. XXIV CORPS WILL MAINTAIN INTERROGATION TEAMS AT THE CIC TO PERFORM ALL FOLLOW-UP INTERROGATIONS IN ANSWER TO APPLICABLE EEI, SICR'S, AND OIR.

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RUMUFGA/COMNAVSUPACT DANANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
FOR LGEN CUSHMAN INFO VADM BAUMBURGER AND RADM OSBORN FROM ZUMWALT
MILCON SUPPORT OF ACCELERATED TURNOVER NAVY OPERATIONS TO VNN (U)
A. YOUR 121116Z NOV 68

B. MY 080218Z NOV 68
1. (U) FOLLOWING AMPLIFIES VADM ZUMWALT'S BRIEF TO LGEN CUSHMAN
TODAY.

2. (C) CONCEPT OF CURRENT TURNOVER CONSTRUCTION PLAN INVOLVES
PHASE I TRAINING FACILITIES AND PHASE II TACTICAL OPERATIONAL/
SUPPORT FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH MARKET TIME, GAME WARDEN, AND
MOBILE RIVERINE FORCES. U.S. LOGISTIC COMPLEXES AT DANANG AND
NORTHERN I CTZ NOT INVOLVED; ACCORDINGLY, IN RESPONSE REF A, THE
I CTZ CENTRALIZED POWER PROGRAM CAN BE EXECUTED TO FULL SCOPE AS
PLANNED FROM INITIAL DISTRIBUTION FY 69 MCON FUNDS ALLOCATED BY

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OSD ON 12 NOV 68.

3. (U) PRESENT PLANNING STUDIES HAVE PROGRESSED TO TENTATIVE
CONCEPTS OF CONSTRUCTION SCOPE AND LOCATIONS FOR OPERATIONAL/
SUPPORT BASE DEVELOPMENT: APPROXIMATELY 30 SITES UNDER
CONSIDERATION THROUGHOUT RVN INCLUDING HUE, DANANG AND CHU LAI,
PERSONNEL SUPPORTED EACH SITE VARIES BETWEEN 250 AND 600 WITH
AVERAGE ABOUT 300. PHASED TROOP CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM WILL HAVE
MINIMAL IMPACT ON I CTZ MAJOR PROJECTS SUCH AS QL-1 UPGRADING,
PHU BAI AIRFIELD IMPROVEMENTS, AND AIRCRAFT HARD SHELTERS.

4. (U) PHASE II OPERATIONAL/SUPPORT BASE CONSTRUCTION
ESTIMATED AT \$17.6 MIL BY CONTRACT WITH OSD CONTINGENCY FUNDS.
BECAUSE OF SMALL SCOPE OF WORK AT INDIVIDUAL LOCATIONS, SOME
ASSIGNMENTS OF SEABEES TO PHASE II MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS.

5. (U) FOLLOWING BREAKDOWN PROVIDED FOR CLARIFICATION OF
FUNDING; REF B TO ILLUSTRATE SMALL IMPACT ON I CTZ FUNDING:

A. APPROVED FY 69 MCON

I CTZ

\$46.2 MIL

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| | 4.7 | \$50.9 MIL |
| B. REDISTRIBUTION PLAN FY 69 MCON | | |
| (1) INITIAL RELEASE: | | |
| I CTZ | | 12.9 MIL |
| II, III, IV CTZ | | |
| VNN | 7.3 | |
| VNMC | 2.8 | |
| | 10.1 | |
| | | \$23.0 MIL |
| (2) FOLLOW-ON RELEASES: | | |
| I CTZ | | 26.0 |
| II, III, IV CTZ US | | 1.9 |
| | | \$27.9 MIL |
| (3) TOTAL I CTZ | | |
| | | \$38.9 MIL |
| TOTAL II, III, IV CTZ | | |
| | | \$12.0 MIL |
| | | \$50.9 MIL |
| (4) RESULTANT WITHDRAWAL FROM I CTZ IS \$7.3. | | |
| C. ONLY PASE I IS CURRENTLY PLANNED TO BE FUNDED FROM FY 69 | | |

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MCON. PHASE II IS PROPOSED FOR CONTINGENCY FUNDING. INITIAL ESTIMATE \$17.6 MIL BASED ON CONTRACT. TROOP CONSTRUCTION IF AVAILABLE COULD REDUCE PHASE II ESTIMATE IN SOME CASES, AS NOTED REF B. IN EVENT THAT OSD CONTINGENCY FUNDS WITHHELD, ALL UNOBLIGATED RVN MCON FUNDS WILL BE REEVALUATED AS FUNDING SOURCE FOR PHASE II, IN WHICH EVENT YOUR COMMENTS WOULD BE SOLICITED.
6. (U) MY STAFF AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK TO BRIEF YOU ON ADDITIONAL DETAILS, IF DESIRED.
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 O 121143Z NOV 68
 FROM: UUMS/MACV COC, GEN ABRAMS
 TO: UUMSH/GEN BROWN, CDR, 7TH AF
 UUMSQ/LTG CUSHMAN, CG, III MAF
 UUMSF/VADM ZUMWALT, COMNAVFORV
 UUMSK/LTG STILLWELL, CG, XXIV CORPS
 ZEN/COL CAVERNAUGH, SOG
 INFO: UUMSA/ LTG PEERS, CG, I FFORCEV
 UUMSB/LTG KERWIN, CG, II FFORCEV
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SUBJECT: RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (U)

REF: A. MACV MSG 0625V DTG 013205Z NOV 68

B. MACV MSG DTG 052130Z NOV 68

1. (S) REF A CONTAINS THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE DMZ EFFECTIVE 012100H NOV 68. REF B AMENDED PAR 1. OF REF A.

2. (S) THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS ARE PROVIDED TO THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT FOR THE DMZ CONTAINED IN REFERENCES.

A. REACTION TO ENEMY FIRE FROM POSITIONS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES WILL BE IMMEDIATE AND THE WEIGHT DECISIVELY DESTRUCTIVE.

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B. OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT UNDER 3RD MAR DIV CONTROL WILL MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OF THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ BUT WILL REMAIN ALWAYS SOUTH OF THE PHDL (BEN HAI RIVER).

C. ENEMY PERSONEL AND POSITIONS IDENTIFIED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ WILL BE PROMPTLY ATTACKED AND DESTROYED **BY FIRE.** *

3. (U) REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE TO MACV J3-26 TEL 2114/EAC 381.

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S E C R E T. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN FROM
 LT GEN BUSE.

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 AIR CONTROL (U)

A. CG III MAF 100326Z/NOV68 (S)

1. I CONCUR FULLY WITH THE GOAL YOU HAVE IN MIND
 AS EVIDENCED BY YOUR PROPOSAL IN REF A. CONCUR
 ALSO THAT RECENT EVENTS AND CHANGED CONDITIONS IN I
 CTZ WARRANT A RENEWED EFFORT TO RETURN CONTROL OF
 MARINE AIR TO III MAF, WHERE IT BELONGS. IN THIS
 REGARD, TIMING WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE. PREVIOUS
 PRESENTATIONS OF OUR CASE IN SAIGON HAVE FAILED TO
 ELICIT ANY ACTION AND I BELIEVE IT MAY BE ILLUSORY
 TO ANTICIPATE ANY AT THIS
 MOMENT. IN FACT, ANY IMMEDIATE MOVE MIGHT PROVE
 COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE BY ALERTING VTH AIR FORCE TO THE

PAGE TWO RUMHFMA 1624 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 RECENT DOWNWARD TREND OF AIR FORCE SUPPORT TO I CTZ
 BEFORE SUFFICIENT TIME HAS ELAPSED TO ENABLE US TO
 PRESENT A STRONG, DOCUMENTED CASE.

2. THE MOVEMENT SOUTH OF THE 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
 CERTAINLY REDUCES THE ARMY TROOP DENSITY IN I CORPS.
 HOWEVER, THE MOVE SOUTH COULD BE USED AGAINST US.
 THE AIR FORCE COULD REITERATE THE OLD MACV PLATITUDE
 OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE AIR EFFORT TO BE APPLIED
 IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE MANNER IN FURTHERANCE OF THE
 MACV MISSION AND, USING DEVELOPING 1ST CAV REQUIRE-
 MENTS IN III CORPS, JUSTIFY DECREASED AIR FORCE
 SORTIES ALLOCATED TO III MAF.

3. IN SHORT, I AGREE THAT THE RECENT TURN OF EVENTS
 IN I CTZ MAY IN TIME PROVIDE FOR AN ACCEPTABLE SO-
 LUTION TO THE AIR CONTROL PROBLEM. YET, I'M RELUC-
 TANT NOW TO TEP OUR HAND, AND I FEEL THAT WE NEED
 TO WATCH THESE NEW DEVELOPMENTS CAREFULLY, CHARTING
 THE FACTUAL DATA TO BACK OUR CASE IN DETAIL, AND AT
 TO PROPITIOUS MOMENT, SUBMIT OUR PROPOSAL TO MACV.
 WARM RE GARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN WALT FROM LTGEN
 PUSE. INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 T-DAY PLANNING (U)

A. OMC 291616Z/JUN68 (TS) (SPECAT) (NOTAL)
 B. OMC 061532Z/JUL YI (TS) (SPECAT) (NOTAL)
 C. CNO 151916Z/OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)
 D. CNO 382236Z/NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) THROUGHOUT THE VARIOUS STAGES OF PLANNING
 RELATED TO POST HOSTILITY POSTURE, T-DAY, PROGRAM 6,
 AND WITHDRAWAL UNDER THE MANILA COMMUNIQUE, CINCPAC
 GUIDANCE HAS BEEN TO DEVELOP DESIRED POST SVN
 LOCATIONS BASED ON REQUIREMENTS. FORMULATION OF OUR
 SUBMISSIONS TO CINCPACFLT HAS FOLLOWED THIS GUIDANCE;
 CONSEQUENTLY, EACH PROVIDES FOR A NEP IN WESTPAC.

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 1778 T-O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 THESE, IN TURN, HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY CINCPACFLT AND
 CINCPAC AND WERE INCLUDED IN CINCPAC'S INPUT TO THE
 JCS. A COPY OF EACH SUBMISSION TO CINCPACFLT HAS BEEN
 FURNISHED OMC.

2. (TS) FMFFAC/MARCORPASESPAC PLANNING HAS TAKEN THE
 FOLLOWING FACTORS INTO CONSIDERATION:

A. CONTINGENCY PLAN REQUIREMENTS.
 B. JSCP, JSOP
 C. MARINE CORPS END STRENGTH (235K VS 224K).
 D. THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION TO INCLUDE
 IROP IN JAPAN AND OKINAWA AND RESULTANT PRESSURES ON
 U. S. PASEM

E. THE STATUS OF THE TTPI AS RELATED TO THE U M V.
 CHARTER AND AN EVENTUAL PLEBISCITE.

F. FACILITIES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

G. SHORTFALLS AND FACILITIES REQUIRED.

3. (U) BECAUSE OF THE MANY UNKNOWNNS THAT WILL HAVE AN
 EFFECT ON THE FINAL DECISION, E. G., RESULTS OF PARIS
 NEGOTIATIONS, OUR PLANS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BUILD IN A
 FLEXIBILITY THAT WOULD MEET ALMOST ANY SITUATION. WITH

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 MINOR VARIATIONS, MY STAFF HAS BEEN GUIDED BY THE PRO-
 VISIONS OF REFS A AND E.

4. (IS) FRANK THARIN ADVISED PAUL FONTANA RECENTLY THAT
 A CASE II F STUDY NOW BEING CONDUCTED WILL EXAMINE THE
 FEASIBILITY OF A REDUCED STRUCTURE BEING LOCATED IN
 OKI/JAPAN. WHILE THIS STUDY WOULD BE USEFUL, I THINK
 THE TIME ELEMENT MAY PRECLUDE MY USING IT IF THINGS
 BREAK RAPIDLY IN WESTPAC. FURTHER, REFS C AND D, OFVI-
 OUSLY BASED ON JSCM-531, ARE INCONSISTENT WITH REF A
 AND CINCPAC'S T-DAY SUBMISSION TO JCS. AT THE PRESENT
 TIME, FOR CUSHMAN IS APPARENTLY BEING PRESSURED BY
 COMUSMACV TO PROVIDE PLANNING DATA RELATIVE TO WITH-
 DRAWAL UNDER T-DAY PLANS. BASED ON A REQUEST FROM HIM,
 I AM GOING TO PROVIDE III MAF A TROOP LIST WITH PROPOSED
 LOCATIONS FOR A MEET IN WESTPAC, THE POSTURE WHICH I
 SUPPORT.

5. (S) WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE IT IS NECESSARY
 TO DEVELOP AN OBJECTIVE FOR PACOM MARINE FORCES THAT
 WILL HAVE YOUR APPROVAL AND WILL FIRMLY DETERMINE THE
 STRENGTH AND LOCATION OF EACH UNIT IN PACOM, AND WILL

PAGE 4 RUMHMA 1778 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NCEO
 PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR FUTURE PLANS. WOULD APPRECIATE
 YOUR GUIDANCE ON THIS MATTER. WARM REGARDS.

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 N 151113Z NOV 68
 FM COMNAVFORV
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DANANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FOR GENERAL CUSHMAN FROM VICE ADMIRAL ZUMWALT
 1. (C) IN ORDER TO KEEP YOU INFORMED AND TO MAINTAIN THE
 CLOSENESS OF THE NAVY-MARINE CORPS TEAM, I WILL FORWARD TO YOU
 A PRINTED COPY OF THE REGULAR WEEKLY COMNAVFORV BRIEFING
 PROVIDED GENERAL ABRAMS ON SATURDAYS.

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O 160034Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO LT GEN CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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S E C R E T MAC 15854 EYES ONLY

OPREP THIS MORNING CARRIED REPORT OF FIVE ENEMY
TRUCKS ATTACKED AND DESTROYED YESTERDAY IN SOUTHERN
DMZ.

I WOULD LIKE THOROUGH VERIFICATION OF THIS AND FULL
DETAILED REPORT ASAP.

IF FULL REPORT NOT COMPLETE, LET ME HAVE AN INTERIM
REPORT TO REACH ME BY 1700 TODAY.

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TO CG III MAF
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SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION (U)

A. CG III MAF 131434Z NOV 68

B. CG FMFPAC 122021Z NOV 68

1. (S) IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING INFOIS PROVIDED UPON WHICH TO BASE A REPLY TO REF B.

A. CURRENT AUTHORIZED EXPENDITURE RATES FOR 125MM WE AND 155MM WE STAND AT 58.5 R/T/D AND 28 R/T/D RESPECTIVELY. THESE RATES ARE CONSIDERED ADEQUATE BASED ON ACTUAL EXPERIENCE OVER THE PAST THREE MONTHS WITH THE LEVEL OF OPERATIONS REMAINING FAIRLY CONSTANT. THE RECENT DECREASE IN ENEMY ACTIVITY DOES NOT NECESSARILY PERMIT A CORRESPONDING DECREASE IN THE AMMO EXPENDITURE RATE, HOWEVER. SUPPORTING PATROLS AND FIRING ACQUIRED TCTS AND H&I'S IN THE ROCKET BELT STILL REMAIN A VALID REQUIREMENT. PROJECTED OPERATIONS DICTATE APPROXIMATELY THE SAME ASR AS PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED.

B. RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE RATES AS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE PREDICATED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT A REIN ARVN ARTY EN WILL BE

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POSITIONED WITHIN THE FIRST MARDIV TAOR TO SUPPORT THE 51ST ARVN REGT. SUCH AN INCREASE IN ARVN ASSETS WOULD CAUSE A PROPORTIONAL DECREASE IN MARINE EXPENDITURES. THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING EXPENDITURE RATES ARE RECOMMENDED:

125MM - 52 ~~R/T/D~~

155MM - 25 ~~R/T/D~~

IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE ABOVE REDUCTION WILL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS BINDING SHOULD THE TACTICAL SITUATION DICTATE OTHERWISE

C. THIS HQS CONSIDERS IT FEASIBLE TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF ARTY WEAPONS WITHOUT A COMMENSURATE INCREASE IN AMMO SUPPORT PROVIDING THE CONDITIONS AS STATED ABOVE REMAIN CONSTANT. ANY DRASTIC CHANGE IN THE TEMPO OF COMBAT OPERATIONS WOULD NECESSITATE A REEVALUATION.

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FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
TO GEN ABRAMS COMUS MACV
INFO MG TOMPKINS CG III MAF
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S E C R E T PHB 1745 EYES ONLY
RE: MAC 15854, DTG 160034Z NOV 68.

1. AT 152040H US OFFICER FORWARD OBSERVER AT A-1 SIGHTED A BRIGHT LIGHT AT COORDINATES YD 242760. USING THE STARLIGHT SCOPE, THE FO ADJUSTED ARTILLERY FIRE FROM THAT POINT TO COORDINATES YD 233763. THE BRIGHT LIGHT DISAPPEARED AND APPROXIMATELY 20 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE OBSERVED. THE FO DID NOT REPORT TRUCK CONVOY AT THAT TIME. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT 2230H, THE FO REPORTED OBSERVING LIGHTS WHICH APPEARED TO BE FROM TRUCKS WELL NORTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AND MOVING EAST.

2. APPARENTLY, THE TWO REPORTS WERE GARBLED DURING PROCESSING AND REPORTED THROUGH CHANNELS AS A SINGLE INCIDENT. THERE WERE NO TRUCKS SIGHTED WITHIN THE DMZ NOR WERE ANY DESTROYED. VISUAL OBSERVATION OF THE IMPACT AREA TODAY REVEALED EVIDENCE OF HEAVY SHELLING AND SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS. THERE WERE MANY WELL USED TRAILS AND VEHICLE TRACKS IN THE AREA. THERE WERE AT LEAST TWO (2) SMALL LEAN-TO TYPE STRUCTURES IN THE TARGET AREA. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN WALT
 INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 T-DAY PLANNING (U)

- A. CGFMFPAC 132231Z NOV 68 (SPECAT)
- B. CG FMFPAC LTR SER 22249-67 OF 14 JAN 67 (NOTAL)
- C. CINCPAC LTR SER 022147 OF 26 MAR 68 (NOTAL)
- D. CMC LTR 027J19367 OF 31 AUG 67 (NOTAL)
- E. CMC 101439Z MAY 68 (SPECAT) (NOTAL)
- F. CG FMFPAC 032059Z JUL 68 (SPECAT) (NOTAL)
- G. CMC 061532Z JUL 68 (SPECAT) (NOTAL)
- H. CINCPAC LTR SER 222362 OF 14 AUG 68 (NOTAL)
- I. JCSM 531-68 (ENCLOSURE A TO JCS 2472/172-9) (NOTAL)
- J. CNO 151910Z OCT 68 (NOTAL)
- K. CNO 082036Z OCT 68 (NOTAL)

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 FROM LTGEN WALT INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN MCEO. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 L. CMC 291610Z JUN 68 (SPECAT) (NOTAL)

1. (IS) REF A REQUESTED GUIDANCE RELATIVE TO POST HOSTILITIES STRENGTH AND LOCATION OF FMFPAC UNITS FOR POSTHOSTILITIES PLANNING PURPOSES. THE BASIC PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE WHETHER YOUR PLANS SHOULD ADDRESS A FULL MEF OR ONLY TWO THIRDS MEF IN WESTPAC.
2. (IS) THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO PARALLEL BUT DISTINCT SERIES OF PLANNING EFFORTS UNDERWAY DELAING WITH THE POSTHOSTILITIES ERA:
 - A. ONE SERIES DEALS WITH REQUIREMENTS IN THE JSOP/VNRO-GRAM OBJECTIVES SENSE AND ADDRESSES THOSE FORCE STRENGTHS AND LOCATIONS WHICH THE MILITARY COMMUNITY BELIEVES ARE REQUIRED TO EXECUTE JCS STRATEGY. IN THIS CATEGORY ARE THE FMFPAC PHSTHOSTILITIES STUDY (REF B), THE CINCPAC POSTHOSTILITIES STUDY (REF C), AND THE HQMC POST HOSTILITIES STUDY CASE IA (REF D), WHICH HAVE ALL INDICATED A REQUIREMENT FOR A FULL MEF IN WESTPAC.
 - B. ON THE OTHER HAND, THERE IS A PLANNING SERIES DIRECTED BY OSD ON 25 JULY 1968, I. E. T-DAY PLANNING, WHICH IS RESTRICTED TO ADDRESSAL OF THE SECDEF APPROVED FORCE STRUCTURE AND END

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STRENGTHS AS REFLECTED IN THE FYDP. THIS PLANNING IS DIRECTED TOWARD HAVING ON THE SHELF A SET OF CAPABILITIES/CONTINGENCY PLANS WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES FROM RVN UNDER VARIOUS CONDITION AND FOR THE PHASEDOWN OF THE PRESENT TEMPORARY LEVEL OF FORCES TO THE APPROVED BASELINE FORCE. IN ANTICIPATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT, THE HQMC POST HOSTILITIES STUDY PROVIDED FOR AN ANALYSIS (CASE IIA) TO DETERMINE DESIRED POSTURE UNDER FYDP RESTRICTIONS. CASE IIA HAS JUST BEEN REVISED TO REFLECT LATEST FYDP FIGURES AND T/O CHANGES AND WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOU WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. (TS) AS WAS POINTED OUT IN REF E AND RECOGNIZED IN REF F, THE MARINE CORPS CANNOT SUPPORT A FULL MEF IN WESTPAC UNLESS THE JSOP/PO ACTIVE END STRENGTH OF ABOUT 235,000 IS ATTAINED, AND THIS CAPABILITY WOULD BE MARGINAL AT BEST. WITHIN THE FYDP END STRENGTH OF ABOUT 203,600 UPON WHICH 5-DAY PLANNING MUST BE BASED, A FULL MEF IN WESTPAC CANNOT BE SUPPORTED. FURTHER WE EXPECT MANY PROBLEMS IN ENEN SUPPORTING 2/3 MEF AT APPROPRIATE MANNING LEVELS IN VIEW OF T/O INCREASES SINCE 1964. FOR THIS REASON, WHILE IT REMAINS OUR POLICY TO SUPPORT A FULL MEF IN ALL REQUIREMENTS STUDIES AS NOTED IN REF G, WE

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CAN NEVERTHELESS INCLUDE ONLY 2/3 MEF IN WESTPAC IN THE 1-DAY PLANNING EFFORTS. WHEN THE CINCPAC 1-DAY RESPONSE (REF H) WAS SUBMITTED REFLECTING A FULL MEF IN WESTPAC, IT WAS THEREFORE NECESSARY FOR JCS TO REDUCE THIS TO 2/3 MEF, AS REFLECTED IN REFS I, J, AND K. YOU WILL ALSO NOTE IN REF I FOR EXAMPLE THAT UNDER ALTERNATIVES A AND B THE ARMY DOES NOT RETAIN AN AIRMOBILE DIV IN WESTPAC/ASIA AREA AS IS REFLECTED IN REF C.

4. (TS) RELATIVE TO UNIT LOCATIONS WITHIN WESTPC, REF L PROVIDES, FOR ALL PLANNING, THE COMMANDANT'S PREFERRED DISPOSITIONS AND THE RATIONALE FOR THEM. LOCATIONS ARE INDICATED SEPARATELY FOR EACH LEVEL-A FULL MEF AND 2/3 MEF. WITH RESPECT TO THE TTPI, WE ARE PUSHING FOR BASE LOCATIONS THERE. THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE MOST LIKELY WILL BE THE POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS; I. E. THE PLEBISCITE. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT AUTHORITY FOR MAJOR EXPENDITURES IN THE TTPI WILL BE APPROVED UNTIL THE POLITICAL ISSUES ARE SETTLED. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT OUR CASE IIA, DEALS WITH ONLY APPROVED BASE LOCATIONS. WHILE ADDRESSING THE NEED FOR THE TTPI, IT PROVIDES TROOP LISTS FOR ONLY OKINAWA/JAPAN. NEVERTHELESS WE ARE CURRENTLY RESTRUCTURING THE CASE IIA WESTPAC TROOP LIST TO DETERMINE PRECISELY WHAT

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 BUSE FROM LT GEN WALT INFO LT GEN CUSHMAN MCEO. DELIVER DURING WORKING
 HOURS.

UNITS SHOULD GO TO THE TTPI IF AUTHORIZED AND WHAT THE
 COSTS WOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY 1 DEC 68 AND WILL BE
 LABELED CASE IIB. THIS WILL ALSO BE WORKED INTO THE T-DAY
 PLANS.

5. (TS) IN SUMMARY, T-DAY PLANNING FOR MARINE CORPS FORCES MUST
 BE PREDICATED ON APPROVED FYDP FORCE LEVELS AND CAN THEREFORE
 ONLY ADDRESS 2/3 MEF IN WESTPAC.

6. (TS) FOR YOUR INFORMATION, PLANNING IS ALSO UNDERWAY HERE ON
 A POSSIBLE DEESCALATION STEP NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FORE-
 GOING PLANNING. THIS ESSENTIALLY INVOLVES THE WITHDRAWAL OF
 A MARINE DIVISION AND WING ELEMENTS PRIOR TO T-DAY TO A LO-
 CATION (OKINAWA/JAPAN) FROM WHICH THEY COULD BE RAPIDLY RE-
 INTRODUCED INTO RVN IF REQUIRED. PLANNING ON THIS IS IN A
 VERY PRELIMINARY STAGE AND NO OFFICIAL REQUIREMENT HAS YET
 BEEN LEVIED FOR IT. YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED AS THE SITUATION
 DEVELOPS.

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0 211042 ZTN ZFF-3
 AM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTC CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 INFO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF
 LTC STILLWELL XXIV CORPS
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVXORV
 OPL CAVANAUGH SOG
 ZEN

T O P S E C R E T MAC 16076 EYES ONLY
 SUB: SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE AUTHORITY (U)

1. (S) AUTHORITY HAS BEEN REQUESTED, BUT NOT YET RECEIVED, FOR MNCV TO CONDUCT LIMITED PATROLS INTO THE DMZ, SOUTH OF THE PMDL, WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF CAPTURING PRISONERS AND MONITORING ENEMY OPERATIONS. IT IS VISUALIZED THAT THESE PATROLS WOULD WALK, OR BE INSERTED BY HELICOPTER, INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. PATROLS WOULD BE LIMITED TO SQUAD SIZE WITH A PLATOON SIZE BACK-UP FORCE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST EXTRACTION IF REQUIRED. CONVENTIONAL III MAF FORCES AND/OR SOG ASSETS AS APPROPRIATE WOULD BE USED. INITIALLY A MAXIMUM OF 20 INSERTIONS PER MONTH IS CONTEMPLATED.
2. (TS) REQUEST THAT YOU, IN COORDINATION WITH MACSOG, PREPARE PLANS FOR CONDUCTING SUCH PATROLS INTO THE DMZ, SOUTH OF THE PMDL. DIRECT LIAISON WITH CONTROL CENTER NORTH IS AUTHORIZED IN THE PREPARATION OF PLANS.
3. (S) FURTHER REQUEST THAT YOUR PLAN FOR THE USE OF SUCH PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN DMZ BE FURNISHED TO ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NOT LATER THAN 24 NOV 68.
4. (S) THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT AUTHORITY TO SEND PATROLS INTO THE SOUTHERN DMZ. YOU WILL BE SPECIFICALLY INFORMED WHEN AUTHORITY IS RECEIVED.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 REALIGNMENT OF III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE (U)
 A. CG III MAF 131200Z/OCT68 (S) (NOTAL)
 B. CG III MAF 090526Z/NOV68 (S) (NOTAL)
 C. JCS 132348Z/NOV68 (S) (PASEP) (NOTAL)
 D. CG III MAF 131200Z/OCT68 (S) (NOTAL)
 1. (S) BY REF A, CG III MAF SUBMITTED PROPOSALS FOR
 REALIGNMENT OF III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE TO ENSURE
 ADHERENCE TO PROGRAM 6 AUTHORIZATIONS, WHICH INCLUDED
 WITHDRAWAL OF VARIOUS III MAF UNITS FROM SVN.
 2. (S) PERSONNEL ACTIONS ALREADY IMPLEMENTED

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 TO ENSURE ADHERENCE TO PROGRAM 6 CEILINGS HAVE RE-
 SULTED IN A III MAF REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN ITS
 CURRENT FORCE STRUCTURE AT REDUCED MANNING LEVELS.
 THE RESULTANT DELETERIOUS IMPACT ON III MAF COMBAT
 CAPABILITY WAS NOTED IN REF B.

3. (S) IN ORDER TO ALLEVIATE PROBLEMS CONCOMITANT TO
 THE REDUCED III MAF MANNING LEVELS, COMMENCEMENT
 OF REDEPLOYMENT OF UNITS PROPOSED FOR DELETION FROM
 THE III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE BY REF A IS NOW A NECESSITY.
 REDEPLOYMENT OF THESE UNITS WILL ALLOW THE REALIGNED
 III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE TO BE MANNED AT LEVELS THAT
 WILL NOT UNACCEPTABLE DEGRADE COMBAT CAPABILITY UNDER
 THE CURRENT TEMPC OF OPERATIONS.

4. (S) THE FOLLOWING UNITS ARE DESIGNATED FOR REDEPLOY-
 MENT TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN.

| UNIT | STRUCTURE SPACES | REDEPLOYMENT LOCATION |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| VMFA | 393 | JAPAN |
| DET H&MS/MABS | 51 | JAPAN |
| AI BN (-) | 273 | OKINAWA |
| AI BN (-) | 273 | OKINAWA |
| ARMD AMPHIB CO (-) | 203 | OKINAWA |
| AMTRAC BN (-) | ✓713 | OKINAWA |
| MED TK CC (REIN) | 127 | OKINAWA |
| MED TK CC (REIN) | 127 | OKINAWA |
| WERS (MWSG) | 251 | JAPAN |
| TOTAL STRENGTH | 2411 | |
| SUB TOTAL OKINAWA | 1716 | |
| SUB TOTAL JAPAN | 695 | |

TM (S) ACCORDINGLY, PLEASE INITIATE THE NECESSARY
 ACTION ON A PRIORITY BASIS TO COMUSMACV REQUESTING
 AUTHORITY BE OBTAINED TO COMMENCE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE
 UNITS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4. ABOVE. THE SEQUENCE AND
 RATE OF THE PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENTS IS LEFT TO YOUR
 DISCRETION EXCEPT FOR THE INITIAL STEP. THE REDEPLOY-
 MENT OF ONE VMFA SQUADRON WITH ASSOCIATED H&MS AND
 MABS PERSONNEL TO JAPAN SHOULD HAVE THE HIGHEST
 PRIORITY. THE REDEPLOYMENT OF A VMFA SQUADRON IN
 LIEU OF THE VMA SQUADRON PROPOSED IN REF A IS MORE
 RESPONSIVE TO III MAF OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, AND IS

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PAGE 3 RUNHFMA 2274 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEC
 IN CONSONANCE WITH BASE LOADING OF FMAW AIRCRAFT AND WITH
 REF C, IN WHICH THIS HQ SUPPORTED ALTERNATIVE THREE.
 6. (S) IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF A VMFA
 IN LIEU OF THE VMA ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY REF A WILL
 GENERATE 133 ADDITIONAL PROGRAM 6 SPACES, WHICH CAN
 BE USED TO SATISFY PART OF III MAF TOP PRIORITY
 ADDITIONAL FORCE REQUIREMENTS, AS CONTAINED IN REF D.
 CG III MAF IS REQUESTED TO MODIFY REF A TO REFLECT
 WITHDRAWAL OF A VMFA IN LIEU OF THE VMA PROPOSED AND
 TO REFLECT PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF THE TRADE-OFF
 SPACES GENERATED. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T LIMDIS PURPLE DRAGON

SECURITY OF AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP/SPECIAL LANDING

FORCE OPERATIONS (ARG/SLF OPS) (C)

A. ADMINO CINCPAC 292242Z DEC 67 (NOTAL) (EOM)

B. USMACV SECRET DIRECTIVE 525-23 OF 1 FEB 68 (NOTAL)

C. CIF 76 071522Z APR 68

1. (S) A MAJOR POTENTIAL SOURCE OF ENEMY FOREKNOWLEDGE OF ARG/SLF OPS WAS IDENTIFIED BY CINCPAC OPSEC IN REF A AS THE RELEASE TO SAIGON AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER OF A CLEAR TEXT NOTICE TO AIRMEN

PAGE 2 RUHHQA2136 S E C R E T LIMDIS

(NOTAM) PRIOR TO EACH OPERATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.

2. (S) CIF 76 NEGOTIATIONS WITH MACV AND 7TH AF REGARDING NOTAM WAS REPORTED IN REF C WHICH NOTED IN PART: QUOTE SINCE SCHEDULED CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT USE OF RVN AIRSPACE PERMITTED UNDER EXISTING AGREEMENTS, NOTAM REPRESENTS VALID REQUIREMENT FOR AIRCRAFT PROTECTION DURING ARG/SLF OPS UNQUOTE.

3. (S) CIF 76 FURTHER NOTED INTENTION TO REESTABLISH LIAISON ON NOTAM AND ADVISE CINCPAC OF RESULTS. REF C.

4. (S) HIGH LEVEL INTEREST HAS CONTINUED TO BE EXPRESSED IN ARG/SLF OPS WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON STATUS OF ARG/SLF NOTAM. REQUEST ADVISE CINCPAC (ATTN: J3C4) LATEST STATUS OF NOTAM NEGOTIATIONS BY 22 NOV 68.

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ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 171442Z NOV 68

B. CG III MAF 170712Z NOV 68

1. I DON'T KNOW WHERE OR WHY WE SEEM TO HAVE GONE OFF TRACK ON THIS LATEST PLANNED EMPLOYMENT FOR ARG/SLF BRAVO (REF. A), BUT APPARENTLY WE HAVE.

2. FOR AT LEAST 18 MONTHS WE HAVE CONDUCTED ARG/SLF OPS WHICH HAVE HAD AN AMPHIBIOUS FLAVOR PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF THE CAREFULLY NURTURED WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE SUCH OPS. THE WORDS WE USE TO DESCRIBE HOW WE CHOP ELEMENTS OF THE SLF ASHORE IN THESE LANDINGS IN VIETNAM WERE DEVELOPED TO PROTECT THE TACTICAL PREROGATIVES AND THE AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE COMMANDER AND TO STILL REMAIN WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AMPHIBIOUS DOCTRINE DESCRIBED IN NWP 22B.

PAGE TWO RUYGSAF1546 **S E C R E T**

THEY WERE DEVELOPED AFTER EXTENSIVE STAFF STUDY BY ALL MAJOR MARINE AND NAVY COMMANDS INVOLVED AND BY DIRECTION OF THE FORMER CG FMFPAC IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE SUCH INAPPROPRIATE TERMS AS ADMINISTRATIVE LANDING, TACTICAL INSERTION AND CHOPPING AT THE HIGH WATER MARK. TO NOW REVERT TO USING LONG ELIMINATED TERMS TO DESCRIBE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF AN AMPHIB OPN THAT IS NOT TO DIFFERENT FROM REGENT AMPHIB OPS SEEMS TO SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE AND COULD FURTHER IRRITATE AN ALREADY SORE NAVY/MARINE CORPS RELATIONSHIP.

3. IN OUR INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR AMPHIB OPS WE HERE INTEND TO CONTINUE TO USE WORDS DESCRIBING CHOP OF FORCES THAT ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH AMPHIB DOCTRINE AND COMMAND RELATIONS DESCRIBED IN NWP 22B.

4. ALL HERE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN USE THE ARG/SLF AS DESCRIBED IN REF B. THAT IS WHY THERE IS SOME CONCERN OVER ESTABLISHING A PROPER PATTERN IN THE FIRST USE OF THE ARG/SLF (ON 20 NOV) FOR THE ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN. MY VIEW IS THAT THE MORE WE NOW USE THE ARG WITH THE SLF, THE MORE SHIPS WE WILL HAVE TO USE IN THE FUTURE.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T SPECAT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION (U)

- A. CG III MAF 131434Z NOV 68 (C)
 - B. CG FMFPAC 102021Z NOV 68 (S)
 - C. MACV COC 121143Z NOV 68 (S)
 - D. CG THIRD MARDIV 121900Z NOV 68 (S)
1. (S) REFERENCES (A) AND (B) REFER.

IN ADDRESSING THE SUBJ OF THE ADEQUACY OF CURRENT AUTH EXPENDITURE RATES CONSIDERATION OF PROJECTED FORCE AND ACTIVITY LEVELS ARE OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. THE RESTRICTION AGAINST ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENT OF TARGETS IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ WAS RELAXED BY REF (C). IN ADDITION, REF (C) PROVIDED FIRM GUIDANCE TO THE EFFECT THAT REACTION TO ENEMY FIRE FROM POSITIONS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ WILL BE IMMEDIATE AND THE WEIGHT DECISIVELY DESTRUCTIVE. THIS WAS REITERATED IN REF (D). THE REQUIREMENT TO HIT

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HARD, FAST AND DECISIVELY AGAINST ALL TARGETS IS CLEAR. THIS FACT, ADDED TO THE RECENT MARKED INCREASE IN THE SIZE OF THIS DIVISION'S AO, HAS CAUSED RATES OF AMMO EXPENDITURES TO RISE SHARPLY IN RECENT DAYS.

A. THE BELOW LISTED AVERAGE DAILY EXPENDITURES OF HE ROUNDS FOR MARINE UNITS IN THE 3D MARDIV AO REFLECT THE EFFECT RECENT EVENTS HAVE HAD ON EXPENDITURE RATES:

| TIME PERIOD | 105 | 155 |
|-------------|------|------|
| 1-30 SEP | 3026 | 878 |
| 1-31 OCT | 2390 | 751 |
| 1-16 NOV | 3063 | 937 |
| 13-16 NOV | 3637 | 1384 |

B. THE PERIOD 13-16 NOV IS NOTED SEPARATELY BECAUSE ONLY THESE FOUR DAYS REPRESENT THE EXPENDITURES UNDER THE CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. FROM THESE FIGURES A RECENT INCREASING TREND IS EVIDENT.

2. (S) PARA 3.B OF REF (B) REFERS.

A. DURING THE PAST FOUR DAYS, UNDER THE NEW RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, THE AMMO EXPENDITURE RATES HAVE BEEN AS FOLLOWS:

yes, but must of this has been shooting at holes in the ground, unoccupied positions, etc.

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| | 105MM HE | 155MM HE | |
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| RDS/DAY/TUBE/FIRED | 60.6 | 43.3 | |
| ASR | 58.5 | | 28.0 |

B. FROM THE ABOVE IT IS SEEN THAT THE PRESENT ASR OF 58.5 (RDS/TUBE/DAY) FOR 105MM HE AMMO IS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE REQUIREMENT FOR 155MM HE AMMO EXCEEDS THE ASR OF 28.0 (RDS/TUBE/DAY) BY A CONSIDERABLE MARGIN. THE CAPABILITY OF THIS WEAPON TO REACH INTO THE DMZ IS EVIDENT. ALSO, THE WIDE DISPERSION OF UNITS REQUIRED BY THE EXPANDED AO OF THIS DIVISION INCREASES THE USEFULNESS OF THIS WEAPON FIRING FROM FIRE SUPPORT BASES. IN VIEW OF THIS, THE RECOMMENDED EXPENDITURE RATE FOR THE 155MM HOW IS 43.0 (RDS/TUBE/DAY).

3. (S) PARA 3.C. OF REF (B) REFERS.

A. WHEN ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY WEAPONS ARE INTRODUCED AN INCREASED REQUIREMENT FOR AMMUNITION MUST BE EXPECTED. THE REASONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) SOME AMMO REQUIREMENTS ARE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF TUBES, I.E., CALIBRATIONS REGISTRATIONS, SHEAF CHECKS, AND CHECK ROUNDS. THIS WILL CAUSE AN INCREASE IN TOTAL ROUNDS REQUIRED.

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(2) THE ADDITION OF FIRE POWER WILL MAKE IMPROVED, MORE INTENSE FIRE SUPPORT POSSIBLE. IF AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE USED. THE PRICE WILL BE A NET INCREASE IN AMMO EXPENDITURES, THOUGH FIRES OF UNITS PRESENTLY EMPLOYED MAY DECREASE. THIS NET INCREASE WOULD BE TRUE EVEN IF TUBES WERE ADDED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL GROUND MANEUVER ELEMENTS. IF ADDITIONAL GROUND UNITS ARE PROVIDED THEN INCREASED PREP FIRES, DEFENSIVE FIRES, AND ADDED MANEUVER AND OBSERVATION WILL CAUSE LARGE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS.

B. IN SUMMARY, THE ADDITION OF TUBES WILL DEFINITELY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION REQUIRED. HOW SEVERE THE DEMAND WILL BECOME WILL DEPEND ON THE TEMPO OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AND CHANGES IN NUMBER OF GROUND MANEUVER ELEMENTS SUPPORTED.

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| 4 | CG | | | | | REMARKS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY <i>Col Leno + Col. Kable should see. Done well 9.</i> <i>MA's COPY</i> <i>Reg cy for FMAW</i> <i>Continuity file this subj.</i> <i>Ry, CDR</i> |
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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DUEL FLADEL DUFFEL TAG REQTS (U)

A. OMC 181441Z OCT 68 (S)

P. ADMINO FMFPAC 250134Z OCT 68 (S)

C. CG III MAF 110922Z SEP 68 (S)

D. OMC 16164Z NOV 68 (S)

1. (S) REFS A AND P DISCUSSED REQTS SUBMITTED REF C. REF D FORMALLY

ESTABLISHED OMC REQ WITH CNO TO PROVIDE ORGANIC MARINE CORPS

CAPABILITY FOR
ALDELIVERING MONITORING SD CPG SENSORS AND MUNITIONS.

REF D PROVIDES CNO WITH SUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO ACCOMPLISH

INITIAL DOLLAR APPORTIONMENT AND WILL PROTECT ADEQUATE DOLLAR

COMMITMENT MARINE CORPS OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY IN THE EVENT
CHANGES IN SPECIFIC REQTS BECOME NECESSARY.

2. (S) HQ MARINE CORPS RATIONALE FOR CHANGES TO REQTS REF C

AS FOLLOWS C

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PAGE TWO REFNOA1806 SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

A. BY THIS TIME, A-4/A-6 AIRCRAFT APPEAR TO BE MORE READILY ADAPTABLE THAN F-4 FOR DELIVERY DCPG SENSORS/MUNITIONS, AND BETTER SUITED TO LONG TERM MARINE CORPS NEEDS.

B. DCPG REPORTS ARMY WILL RELY UPON STRONG ARM METHOD FOR DELIVERING SENSORS FROM HELICOPTERS. THIS HQ INVESTIGATING UN-1/AH-1 NEW BOMB RACKS THIS PURPOSE. IN VIEW NAVAIRSYSCOM PRELIM ESTIMATE OF TIME/DOLLARS TO OBTAIN CH-46/PMER CERTIFICATION, THAT REPORT NOT FORWARDED TO CNO.

3. (U) REQUEST REVIEW REQTS FORWARDED BY REF D TO CNO. IN EVENT OPERATIONAL CAPABILITIES REQD BY REF C ARE NOT SATISFIED, PROVIDE SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO THIS HQ ASAP.

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 RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAF
 ZEN/CG NINTH MAF
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EXCLUSIVE FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN WALT, INFO
 MAJGEN TOMPKINS, MAJGEN QUILTER AND EGEN WILLIAMS
 FROM LTGEN RUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

- A. CMC 091753Z/NOV68 (S) (SPECAT) (MCEO)
1. (S) REFERENCE A INFORMED THAT A DOPG TEAM IS INFORMALLY INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING A AN/TYQ-2 AND/OR AN-TYQ-3 TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS OF A MOBILE INFILTRATION AND SURVEILLANCE CENTER (MISC). IN ADDITION, REFERENCE A PROVIDED THE CMC POSITION THAT AVAILABLE TACTICAL EQUIPMENT SHOULD NOT BE USED AND PROPOSED SEVERAL ALTERNATIVE PLANS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.
 2. (C) ALTHOUGH THE AN/TYQ-2 DOES PROVIDE SOME

PAGE 2 RUHHMA2 797 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 FLEXIBILITY DUE TO ITS DESIGN AS AN AIR DEFENSE/CONTROL SYSTEM, IT DOES NOT PROVIDE NECESSARY FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT MISSION CHANGES. MANY FACTORS INCLUDING HARD DESIGNED INPUT REQUIREMENTS, SPECIAL PURPOSE COMPUTER FUNCTIONS, HARD DESIGNED LOGIC FOR DATA PROCESSING AND SPECIALLY DESIGNED DISPLAY CONSOLES AND SYMPOLOGY PROHIBIT FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE AN/TYQ-2.

3. (C) USE OF THE AN/TYQ-3 DOES PRESENT LESS OF A CHALLENGE ON INITIAL EXAMINATION ALTHOUGH SOME DRAW-
 PACKS ARE STILL PRESENT. THE CP808 IS ONLY ONE PORTION OF THE AN/TYQ-3 AND TO CANNREALIZE THE TDCC FOR ITS GENERAL PURPOSE COMPUTER DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE A LOGICAL SOLUTION. THE CP808 DOES NOT POSSESS ANY MORE CAPABILITY THAN MANY COMMERCIAL COMPUTERS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. NO MATTER WHAT COMPUTER IS USED, SPECIAL BUFFERS OR INPUT DEVICES WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE. PLUS THE OUTPUT BUFFERS AND A SUITABLE DISPLAY FOR PRESENTING THE PROCESSED DATA. NONE OF THE FOREGOING EQUIPMENTS FROM THE CURRENT AN/TYQ-3 COULD BE USED.

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 4. (C) BOTH THE AN/TYO-2 AND AN/TYO-3 WERE DESIGNED
 FOR AIR DEFENSE/CONTR. ROLES AND ALTHOUGH THEY DO
 HAVE A CONSIDERABLE FLEXIBILITY, A RADICAL DEPARTURE
 FROM INITIAL DESIGN GOALS IS NOT DESIRABLE.
 5. (S) IN ADDITION TO FOREGOING HARDWARE PROBLEMS
 THAT WOULD BE FACED, OTHER FACTORS ARE EQUALLY
 IMPORTANT. ALL OF MACS-4 EQUIPMENT IS OPERATIONALLY
 COMMITTED AND, FURTHER, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED
 BECAUSE OF ITS KEY ROLE IN THE SEA INTERFACE. ALTHOUGH
 MACS-8 HAS A MINIMAL OPERATIONAL ROLE AT PRESENT, IT
 MUST REMAIN OPERATIONAL AND CAPABLE OF PERFORMING THE
 FULL MACS MISSION DUE TO POSSIBLE CONTINGENCY REQUIRE-
 MENTS. MACS-8'S FULL CAPABILITY MUST BE AVAILABLE IN
 EVENT HOSTILITIES ELSEWHERE REQUIRE A MOBILE LAND BASED
 AIR CONTR. SYSTEM CAPABLE OF DIGITAL INTERFACE WITH
 OTHER TACTICAL DATA SYSTEMS. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT THE
 MARINE CORPS RETAIN THIS CAPABILITY.
 6. (C) ALTERNATIVES LISTED IN REFERENCE A CANNOT BE
 FULLY EVALUATED AT THIS TIME. UNDOUBTEDLY THESE
 ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS WOULD ALSO REQUIRE EXTENSIVE

PAGE 4 RUHFWA2797 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCOE
 REVISIONS TO PROVIDE MISC CAPABILITY. IT STILL
 APPEARS THAT A MORE ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION, FOR RAPID
 MISSION FULFILLMENT, WOULD BE THE AGGREGATE OF
 COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE EQUIPMENTS COMBINED WITH
 SPECIALLY DESIGNED BUFFERS AND AVAILABLE INDUSTRY
 TALENTS. THIS APPROACH WOULD PROVIDE DESIRED
 EQUIPMENT CAPABILITIES WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT OF EXISTING
 OPERATIONAL EQUIPMENT.

7. (U) ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS RESULTING FROM OUR MEETING
 WITH THE DCPG TEAM UPON THEIR ARRIVAL HERE WILL BE
 PROVIDED TO ALL CONCERNED. WARM REGARDS.

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II MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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O 200910Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM GEN ABRAMS, COMUSMACV
TO GEN CUSHMAN, CG, III MAF
ZEM

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S E C R E T MAC 16032 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: TACTICAL SITUATION IN I CORPS (U)

1. (S) IT APPEARS THAT THE PRINCIPAL ENEMY THREAT REMAINING IN III MAF (I CTZ) AREA HINGES AROUND BASE AREA 112 AND THE 2D AND 3D NVA DIVISIONS. IT IS MY BELIEF THAT III MAF CAN MOUNT A CAMPAIGN, AT AN EARLY DATE, WITH CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FORCES, WHICH WOULD ELIMINATE BASE AREA 112 AND THE 2D AND 3D DIVISIONS. YOU WOULD RECEIVE MAXIMUM TACAIR AND ARCLIGHT SUPPORT.

2. (S) THE MISSION BEING CONSIDERED WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: CG, III MAF, USING CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FORCES, WILL INITIATE OPERATIONS AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE TO ELIMINATE BASE AREA 112, DESTROY 2D AND 3D NVA DIVISIONS, PREVENT ENEMY ESCAPE INTO LAOS, AND ESTABLISH A RECON SCREEN ALONG THE LAOTIAN/VN BORDER IN SOUTHERN I CORPS. STARTING TIME FOR OPERATION TO BE NLT 15 DECEMBER 1968.

3. (S) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO TIMING OR ANY OTHER PERTINENT CONSIDERATIONS. WOULD PROPOSE YOUR PLAN, TO INCLUDE ADDITIVE LOGISTICS REQUIREMENTS, BE READY FOR APPROVAL BRIEFING AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS O/A 6 DECEMBER 1968.
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SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY. DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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| | CG | | | | | REMARKS #3 burned 26 Nov 68 #2 burned 27 Nov 68 "LIMDIS" #3 to G-6 22 Nov 68 A Rodriguez In 26 Nov 68 #2 to G-3 22 Nov 68 Hallejos In 26 Nov 68 |
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Z 211252Z ZYM ZFF-1
 FM MG TOWNSEND FOR GEN ABRAMS
 TO LTG CUSHMAN, CG III MAF, OR
 ME; ANDERSON, C/S III MAF
 ZEM

T O P S E C R E T MAC 16078 EYES ONLY

PART I

REFERENCES: A. DTG 211056Z NOV 68
 B. TELECON, TOWNSEND TO ANDERSON, SECURE PHONE, 1950 HOURS,
 21 SEP 68.

PART II

EXTRACT FROM JCS MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

"2. (TS) COMUSMACV IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT SQUAD SIZE PATROLS,
 WITH PLATOON SIZE BACKUP TO ASSIST EXTRACTION IF REQUIRED, INTO
 THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ AS FAR NORTH AS THE PMDL FOR A
 PERIOD OF TEN DAYS COMMENCING 2400 SAIGON TIME 23 NOV 68 (1100,
 13 NOVEMBER WASHINGTON TIME) AND ENDING 2400, SAIGON TIME, 3 DEC
 68 (1100, 3 DECEMBER 1968 WASHINGTON TIME).

"3. (TS) IT MAY BE PREFERABLE TO EMPLOY ARVN FORCE FOR THIS
 PURPOSE OR PERHAPS A MIXTURE OF ARVN AND US. CONSEQUENTLY, AUTHORITY
 IS GRANTED TO COORDINATE WITH THE JCS TO ARRANGE SUCH OPERATION IF
 PREFERRED.

"4. (TS) THE PURPOSE OF THESE PATROLS IS TO CAPTURE PRISONERS AND OBTAIN
 OTHER POSITIVE PROOF THAT THE NVA RATHER THAN THE VC ARE OPERATING IN
 THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE PMDL."

PART III

THIS HEADQUARTERS IS CONTACTING JCS THIS EVENING, 21 NOVEMBER 1968 RE:
 COORDINATION AUTHORIZED BY PAR 3 OF JCS MESSAGE. DO NOT REPEAT NOT
 CONTACT ARVN UNTIL YOU ARE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THIS

HEADQUARTERS. THIS WILL BE SENT TO YOU SOONEST.

PART IV

REQUEST YOUR PLAN REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NOT LATER THAN 1800 HOURS,
 22 NOVEMBER 1968. THIS IS A CHANGE REPEAT CHANGE FROO PAR 3,
 REFERENCE A.

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P R 211056Z NOV 68

FM CTF SEVEN SIX

TO RUMHHQA/CINCPACR

INFO RH4SNVA/COMUSMACV

RUMHBRA/CINCPACFLT

RUMGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFMMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMMAFA/CG III MAF

RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB

RUMJUNA/COM SEVANTH AF

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SECRET LINDIS PURPLE DRAGON

A. ADMIN CINCPAC 162127Z NOV 68.

B. USMACV SECRET DIRECTIVE 525-23 OF 1 FEB 68 (NOTAL)

C. CTF SEVEN SIX 071520Z APR 68.

1. (S) RECENT LIAISON CONDUCTED WITH COMUSMACV/SEVENTH AF INDICATED THAT THE EXTENDED RANGE VOICE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM (REF C) NOT YET OPERATIONAL. HOWEVER POSSIBILITY EXISTS THIS SYSTEM WILL NOT AFFECT PRESENT PROCEDURES.

2. (S) REF B DELINEATES PROCEDURES FOR NOTAM REQUEST AND PROMULGATION.

PAGE TWO RUMFWDB4748 U E C R E T

SEVENTH AF WITH CONCURRENCE OF COMUSMACV RELEASES NOTAM FOR PUBLICATION 4 HRS PRIOR TO COMMANCEMENT OF OPERATION. ARG/SLF FORCES HAVA CONDUCTED THREE OPERATIONS USING THIS PROCEDURE. DURING SEVENTHFLT 2ND QUARTER SCHEDULING CONFERENCE THE NOTAM FORMAT WAS MODIFIED TO ELIMINATE TACTICAL INFORMATI OC SUCH AS DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF AGA AND TO CLARIFY INFO FOR AVIATORS. THE REVISED FORMAT HAS BEEN USED IN FOUR OPERATIONS WITH NO INDICATION OF SECURITY PROBLEMS.

3. (U) WILL CONTINUE LIAISON.

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0 211514Z ZYH ZFF-3
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
INFO LTG STILLWELL CG XXIV CORPS
ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 16079 EYES ONLY
WILL ARRIVE PHU BAI AT 1045 HOURS, TODAY 22 NOVEMBER FOR
DISCUSSIONS WITH CG XXIV CORPS AND CG 1ST ARVN AND CG 3RD
MAR DIV. PLAN TO DEPART THERE FOR SAIGON ABOUT 1300 HOURS
SAME DAY.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING FIRST WAKING HOURS
PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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 ZNY 68995
 P 21222Z NOV 68
 FM CG RMPFAC
 TO CG RUMHMA/CG III MAF

FOR

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

INFO RUEBHOA/COMC
 ZEN/CG NINEH MAP
 ZEN/CG RMPFAC (RWD)
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJGEN TOMPKINS, INFO LTGEN WALT,
 PGEN WEBSTER AND PGEN WILLIAMS FROM LTGEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS EYES
 ONLY. DELIVER DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.
 REALIGNMENT OF III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE (U)
 P. CG RMPFAC 162022Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 R. TEL. COL LT COL HILL GARTNER, G-3 HMC, TO LT COL CUNARD, G-3 RMPFAC,
 18NOV68

1. (S) REF A REQUESTED CG III MAF INITIATE ACTION THROUGH COMUSMACV TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO COMMENCE REDEPLOYMENT OF CERTAIN UNITS TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN, INCLUDING A VMFA SQUADRON. REF E ADVISED DESIRABILITY OF RETAINING F4J VERSUS F4E TYPE ACFT IN SVN.
2. (S) REQUEST THAT REF A BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT A

PAGE TWO RUMHMA3114 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEC
 VMFA SQUADRON (F4E AIRCRAFT) WITH 385 STRUCTURE SPACES
 IN LIEU OF VMFA SQUADRON (F4J AIRCRAFT) DESIGNATED
 FOR REDEPLOYMENT. PAR 4 OF REF A IS MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY.
 REVISED SPACES DESIGNATED FOR REDEPLOYMENT
 TO OKINAWA/JAPAN TOTAL 2403 (1716 OKINAWA AND 687 JAPAN).
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 PROGRAM 6 REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES (U)
 A. OMC 30115Z OCT 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 B. CG FMFPAC 052239Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 C. CG III MAF 12295Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 D. TELECON MAJGEN OWENS A/C/S G-3, HOMC WITH COLN WILSON C/S, FMFPAC
 09 5 NOV 68.
 E. CG FMFPAC 162022Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 1. (S) REF A PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING A SECNAV
 PROPOSAL FOR MAINTAINING THE CURRENT III MAF FORCE
 STRUCTURE AND MANNING THIS STRUCTURE WITHIN THE
 CONSTRAINTS OF PROGRAM 6 "ILLINGS". FURTHER, ADDRESSAL
 WAS REQUESTED AS TO HOW THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN STRUCTURE

PAGE TWO RUMMA 3115SE C R E Y SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 SPACES AND MANNING LEVELS WOULD BE ABSORBED AND
 THE IMPACT OF THIS ABSORPTION ON III MAF COMBAT
 CAPABILITY.

2. (S) REF B PROVIDED CG III MAF WITH GUIDANCE CONCERNING
 REF A AND REQUESTED COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS.
 3. (S) REF C CONTAINED CG III MAF COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS
 IN RESPONSE TO REF B.
 4. (S) REF D REQUESTED COMMENTS ON ACCOMMODATING
 III MAF TOP PRIORITY ADDITIONAL FORCE REQUIREMENTS
 BY ROTATIONAL ASSIGNMENT OF RIFLE COMPANIES TO PERFORM
 THE DUTIES REQUIRED.
 5. (S) REF E REQUESTED CG III MAF INITIATE ACTION
 THROUGH COMUSMACV TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY TO COMMENCE
 REDEPLOYMENT OF SELECTED UNITS TO OKINAWA AND JAPAN.
 6. (S) CG III MAF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ABSORPTION OF
 PROJECTED SHORTFALL AND COMMENTS ON IMPACT, AS
 CONTAINED IN REF C, ARE CONCURRED IN. ABSORPTION OF

THE SHORTFALL BY A HORIZONTAL REDUCTION OF APPROXIMATELY
 TWELVE PERCENT IN UNITS OTHER THAN THOSE
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PAGE THREE RUHXMA3115 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 SINCE IT RESULTS IN AN ACROSS THE BOARD REDUCTION
 IN III MAF COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT
 CAPABILITY, A SELECTED VERTICAL REDUCTION, AS PROPOSED
 BY CG 121 MAJ, REPRESENTS A MORE REALISTIC
 APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM BY ALLOWING SELECTION OF
 SPECIFIC AREAS FOR REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY.

7. (S) IN RESPONSE TO REF D, THE ROTATIONAL ASSIGNMENT
 OF RIFLE COMPANIES TO ACCOMMODATE III MAF'S TOP
 PRIORITY ADDITIONAL FORCE REQUIREMENTS OFFERS
 NEITHER A COMPLETE NOR A DESIRABLE SOLUTION TO THE
 PROBLEM FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, RIFLE COMPANIES DO
 NOT POSSESS MANY OF THE SKILLS REQUIRED (I. E., FOR
 THE ASRT, THE MATCU AND CERTAIN OF THE DIVISION AND
 WING AUGMENTATION REQUIREMENTS, WHICH INCLUDE SUCH
 SKILLS AS RADAR TECHNICIANS, DATA PROCESSING AND
 D ISBURSING PERSONNEL). SECONDLY, EMPLOYMENT OF
 RIFLE COMPANIES, AS PROPOSED, SERVES ONLY TO FURTHER
 REDUCE III MAF'S COMBAT RESPONSIVENESS, SINCE THE
 RIFLE COMPANIES REQUIRED FOR THESE TASKS WOULD NOT
 BE AVAILABLE IN THEIR NORMAL ROLE. WITH THE DECREASE

PAGE FOUR RUHXMA3115 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 IN ARMY MANEUVER BATTALIONS IN I CTZ AND FUTURE
 PLANS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLP'S, ANY FURTHER
 DECREASE IN III MAF GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY IS
 UNDESIRABLE. WARM REGARDS.

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FM MG SCHWEITER COPS HQ XXIV CORPS

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INFO MG TOWNSEND J-3 MACV

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T O P S E C R E T PHB 1780 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE AUTHORITY

REF: A MAC 16078 DTG 211252Z NOV 68 (TS)

B MACV, COC DTG 220325Z NOV 68 (TS) IVY TREE LIMP PS 37096

1. (TS) DURING HIS VISIT TO HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS ON 22 NOVEMBER, GENERAL ABRAMS WAS GIVEN AN ANALYSIS OF THE ENEMY SITUATION IN THE DMZ TO INCLUDE THE NUMBERS AND TYPES OF VIOLATIONS, THE ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE IN THE AREA AS ANALYZED BY XXIV CORPS AND A VERBAL NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF AERIAL OBSERVATIONS BY A SENIOR AERIAL OBSERVER WITH THE 3D MARINE DIVISION. IN ADDITION, HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL IDEA OF HOW THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION PROPOSE TO CONDUCT PATROLS INTO THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ. DURING THE COURSE OF THE BRIEFING GENERAL ABRAMS COMMENTED ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF "PRAIRIE FIRE" ASSETS AND SUGGESTED THAT THEY MIGHT BE USED EFFECTIVELY IN SUCH OPERATIONS. CG, XXIV CORPS AGREED THAT THEY COULD BE MOST EFFECTIVELY EMPLOYED IN THE WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE DMZ WHERE THEY WERE GENERALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE TERRAIN. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE BRIEFING, COMUSMACV EMPHASIZED THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED AUTHORITY TO PUT SQUAD SIZED PATROLS INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ WITH PLATOON SIZED FORCES AS BACK-UP. WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE PATROLS AND REACTION FORCES STAY WITHIN THIS LIMITATION, HE STATED THAT IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO SUBMIT A PLAN AS REQUIRED BY PART IV OF REF A. COMUSMACV FURTHER STATED THAT THESE PATROLS SHOULD RECEIVE ALL NORMAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE (GUNSHIP, AIR COVER, PREPARATORY FIRES AND SUPPRESSIVE FIRES) NEEDED TO INSURE THEIR SAFETY AND EFFECTIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE MISSION.

2. (U) REPORTS AND PLANS OF DAILY PATROL ACTIVITY WILL BE SUBMITTED AS REQUIRED BY PARA 5 OF REFERENCE B.

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 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHB
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 MG DAVIS CG 3 MAR DIV
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 SUBJECT: INITIAL DMZ PATROLS

1. THE FIRST PATROLS, PURSUANT TO OUR SPECIAL AUTHORITY, WILL BE LAUNCHED BY THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS 23/24 NOVEMBER. IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM SURPRISE, GENERAL TRUONG HAS REQUESTED--AND I HAVE SO DIRECTED GENERAL DAVIS--THAT US PATROLLING ACTIVITY BE WITHHELD UNTIL DAYLIGHT 25 NOVEMBER.

2. THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION RECON COMPANY (EXTRACTED FROM THE CANOPY AND ASSEMBLED IN HUE THIS EVENING) WILL CARRY THE MAIL. TWO SPECIALLY SELECTED GROUPS OF 10 MEN EACH WILL BE OUTFITTED AS VC, SPEND ALL DAY IN PREPARATION AND BE FLOWN TO A-1 (YD270734) AT DARK. TWO NONCOM'S OF THE 1ST BN, 2D ARVN REGT (NOW OCCUPYING A-1) WILL BE MARRIED WITH EACH PATROL; GIVEN THEIR DETAILED KNOWLEDGE OF THE TARGET AREA, THE PRINCIPAL FUNCTION OF THE BN REPS WILL BE AS GUIDES.

3. THE TWO PATROLS AND ONE RIFLE COMPANY WILL DEPART A-1 CIRCA 2000 HOURS AND PROCEED TOGETHER TO THE VICINITY OF AN MY (YD26757), APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOMETER SHORT OF THE SOUTHERN TRACE, WHERE THE COMPANY WILL ESTABLISH A PATROL SUPPORT BASE. THIS WILL BE THE LAUNCH POINT FOR THE TWO RECON PATROLS. ONE PATROL WILL CROSS THE TRACE AND PROCEED ON THE GENERAL AXIS 252757-245770; THE OTHER ON THE AXIS 275768-264790. PATROLS ARE INSTRUCTED TO OPERATE ONLY AT NIGHT. IF A PRISONER IS NABBED THE FIRST NIGHT, THE CAPTURING PATROL WILL RETURN TO THE PATROL BASE AS STEALTHILY AS POSSIBLE. IF UNSUCCESSFUL,

PATROL(S) WILL LIE DOGGY THROUGHOUT DAYLIGHT HOURS 24 NOVEMBER AND RESUME ACTIVITY AFTER DARK. MISSION WILL, IN ANY CASE, TERMINATE AT 0500 HOURS 25 NOVEMBER. PATROLS WILL BE ON THEIR OWN EXCEPT IN REAL EMERGENCY WHEN AUTHORIZED TO BREAK RADIO SILENCE. EXTRACTION FORCE, FOR CONTINGENT DAYLIGHT EMPLOYMENT, IS MECH INFANTRY PLATOON.

4. TO AVOID SHARP BREAK IN THE PATTERN OF TARGET ENGAGEMENT, LIMIT OF PATROL ADVANCE WILL BE ONE KILOMETER SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI. THIS WILL PERMIT ENGAGEMENT BY FIRE ON ANY ENEMY ACTIVITY DETECTED BY VR NEAR THE SOUTH BANK. CONTROL OF SUCH FIRES WILL VEST IN ARVN FDC AT A-2.

5. ALTHOUGH THE SURPRISE WILL BE LARGELY LOST AS SOON AS OVERT PATROLLING BEGINS ONH25 NOVEMBER, AND THE ENEMY CONSEQUENTLY ALERTED ALL ALONG THE LINE, THE NEXT ARVN PATROLS WILL ALSO BE CLANDESTINE; TWO ARE TENTATIVELY PROGRAMMED FOR INSERT ASTRIDE HIGHWAY 1 THE NIGHT OF 25/26 NOVEMBER.

6. THERE IS ONE POINT IN WHICH I ~~WILL~~ NEED IMMEDIATE GUIDANCE. IN ORDER

TO TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF DARKNESS, THE PLAN OUTLINED ABOVE WILL HAVE THE PATROLS CROSSING THE TRACE SHORTLY AFTER 2200 HOURS TONIGHT. TACTICALLY THIS MAKES GOOD SENSE BUT I CAN GET TRUONG TO DELAY TO PRECISELY MIDNIGHT IF YOU SO INSTRUCT.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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TO MG ANDERSONHCOFS III MAF
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S E C R E T PHB 1783 EYES ONLY

REF: COMUSMACV MSG DTG 220504Z NOV 68 (S), SUBJECT: MAJOR BASE
FOR 1ST CAV DIV (AM) (U)

GENERAL STILWELL ASKED THAT I FORWARD TO YOU TWO MESSAGES SENT
BY THIS MEANS PERTAINING TO THE REFERENCE SO THAT YOU MIGHT KNOW
THE POSITION OF XXIV CORPS AND THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION ON THIS
MATTER. THE 101ST ABNDIVISION IS PREPARED TO RESPOND IMMEDIATELY TO
PROVIDE YOU FURTHER INFORMATION. THE MESSAGES ARE QUOTED HEREWITH:
QUOTE

O 210235Z NOVEMBER 1968

FM MG ZAIS CG 101ST ABN DQV (AM)
TO LTG MILDREN CG USARV

INFO LTG STILLWELL CG XXIV CORPS

S E C R E T ABN 1046 EYES ONLY

REF: MSG AVHGC-OC 200686, 200055Z NOV 68,

SUBJ: MAJOR BASE FOR 1ST CAV DIV (AM) (U)

ON 10 NOV 68 LTC CONNOLLY, YOUR HQ, AND LTC STALEY, MACV,
VISITED MY HEADQUARTERS TO SOLICIT MY VIEWS ON A POSSIBLE MOVE
OF MY REAR ECHELON TO AN KHE. I TALKED TO THESE OFFICERS IN MY OFFICE
FOR ALMOST THIRTY MINUTES. I OUTLINED IN DETAIL THE REASONS WHY I
THOUGHT THAT AN KHE WAS THE WORST POSSIBLE AREA OF SEVERAL SITES. I WAS

ASSURED THAT THESE OFFICERS WERE ONLY WORKING ON PRELIMINARY PLANNING.

IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT HAVING HEARD ALL MY STRONGLY EXPRESSED
OBJECTIONS TO THE PLAN THAT A RECOMMENDATION WOULD BE SENT TO MACV
WITHOUT FURTHER NONSULTIATION OR AN OPPORTUNITY TO FORMALLY EXPRESS
MY VIEWS.

URGENTLY REQUEST THAT YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO MACV BE
WITHDRAWN UNTIL I CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH MY WRITTEN RECLAMA.

ADDITIONALLY, I WILL BE IN BIEN HOA ON 24 NOV AND WILL BE PRE-
PARED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU PERSONALLY.

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O 212353Z NOVEMBER 1968

FM STG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHB

TO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LBH

INFO MG ZAIS CG 101ST ABN DPV (AM) CEE

S E C R E T PHB 1775 EYES ONLY

REF: A. MSG AVHGC-OC 200686, DTG 200655Z.

B. ABN 1046 (BY THIS MEANS).

1. I STRONGLY SUPPORT MG ZAIS' POSITION (REF B) RE MOVE OF 101
AND DIV REAR FROM BIEN HOA TO AN KHE. (230)

2. PRESUMABLY, THE PROPOSED MOVE HAS BEEN TRIGGERED BY CRITICAL NEED FOR SPACE AT BIEN HOA. BUT OTHER UTILIZATION OF THE FACILITIES NOW OCCUPIED BY THE 101ST DIVISION REAR MUST BE CONTINGENT ON TWO IMPERATIVES:

A. DISPLACEMENT OF 101ST REAR SHOULD EASE NOT AGGRAVATE 101ST DIV ADMINISTRATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, I AM CONFIDENT WE CAN FIND SPACE IN THIS CORQS AREA FOR THAT PORTION OF FACILITIES WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF BEING MOVED QUICKLY (REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER, FOR EXAMPLE).

B. THE WHOLESALE MOVEMENT OF THE PERSONAL EFFECTS OF 15,000 INDIVIDUALS IS TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COST. I REMEMBER JACK TOLSON EMOTING ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF MISPLACING THE EFFECTS OF INDIVIDUALS WHO BECOME CASUALTIES. IT WAS HIS CONSIDERED ESTIMATE THAT, IF TIGHT CONTROL AND ACCOUNTABILITY WERE TO BE MAINTAINED (AND NO DIVISION COMMANDER WOULD HAVE IT OTHERWISE), IT WOULD TAKE 4-6 MONTHS TO PHASE DOWN THE 1 ACD REAR AT AN KHE, WHILE ESTABLISHING A NEW ONE AT DANANG OR CHU LAI.
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S E C R E T S P E C I A L

SPECAT FROM MGEN YOUNGDALE TO MGEN ANDERSON
 OPN MEADE RIVER

1. (S) THE COMBINED USMC, ROMMC, ARVN, RP/PF, CORDS SPECIAL PACIFIC ACTION OFFENSIVE OPN MEADE RIVER HAS CONCLUDED THE INITIAL PHASE WITH IMPRESSIVE RESULTS.
2. (S) THE ESSENTIAL MANEUVER OF OVER SIX BNS OF MARINES AND TWO ROMMC COMPANIES TOTALING OVER FIVE THOUSAND PERS INTO A CORDON OF AN AREA APPROX THREE BY SIX MILES WAS EXECUTED WITH PRECISION AND APPEARS TO HAVE ACHIEVED THE ALL IMPORTANT SURPRISE. I AM SATISFIED THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED THE COMPLETE INTEGRITY OF THE CORDON.
3. (S) THE RELOCATION OF APPROX THREE THOUSAND CIVILIANS TO A RELOCATION CENTER IN THE VIC OF THE M1 CP IS IN PROGRESS UNDER THE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OF PROVINCE CORDS. A JOINT INTERROGATION CENTER UTILIZING USMC/ARVN AND SPL POLICE IS OPERATING EFFECTIVELY.

PAGE TWO RUMMLA 2899 S E C R E T S P E C I A L

AS OF 22NOV A TOTAL OF 2086 CIV HAD BEEN RELOCATED WITHOUT INCIDENT. INITIAL RESULTS OF THE DETAILED INTERROGATION OF A LIMITED NUMBER OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION HAS RESULTED IN 12 VCI POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED. A FULL PROGRAM OF JOINT CIVIC ACTION ACTIVITIES IS UNDERWAY IN THE LARGE TENT CITY RELOCATION CENTER.

4. (S) AS OF 22NOV, 102 VC/NVA HAVE BEEN KILLED. NIGHTLY PROBES AGAINST THE CORDON INDICATE SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ENEMY TRAPPED WITHIN. ARVN CONTINUE TO WORK THE HAMLETS WITH NP/PF EXTRACTING THE CIVILIAN POPULACE. ONCE THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THE USMC ELEMENTS STAND READY TO EFFECT A SQUEEZE OF THE CORDON IN PREPARATION FOR THE ULTIMATE ASSAULT IN THE DODGE CITY AREA.
5. (S) IN SUMMARY I AM OF THE OPINION THAT THIS MAJOR OPN HAS EVERY PROMISE OF ELIMINATING THE VCI IN THE AREA WHILE CONCURRENTLY DESTROYING WHA APPEARS TO BE A SIGNIFICANT FORCE OF VC/NVA TRAPPED IN THE CORDON.

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RECEIVED CATEGORIC ASSURANCE FROM O/S, 1ST ARVN (TRUONG IS LL)
 THAT PATROLS WILL NOT ENTER DMZ BEFORE MIDNIGHT. SUBSEQUENTLY, AT
 A-1, THE TWO LIEUTENANT PATROL LEADERS (REAL FROGS, BY THE WAY) INFORMED
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 TO LTG STILLWELL CG XXIV CTZ
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T O P S E C R E T MAC 16144 EYES ONLY

REF: A. COMUSMACV MSG 37096 DTG; 220325Z NOV 68 (TS)

B. JGS MSG 44653/TIM/P321/ (TS) (NOTAL)

C. CG XXIV 1782 DTG 221824Z NOV 68 (TS)

1. (TS) REF A AUTHORIZED CG, III MAF TO CONDUCT LIMITED PATROLS INTO THE DMZ DURING THE PERIOD 2400 HOURS 23 NOV 1968 TO 2400 HOURS 3 DEC 1968. REF B CONTAINS SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS TO CG, I CORPS THROUGH ARVN CHANNELS.
2. (TS) REQUEST THAT GENERAL STILLWELL EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO DISCOURAGE ARVN FORCES FROM BEGINNING PATROL OPERATION INTO THE DMZ PRIOR TO AUTHORIZED PERIODS INDICATED IN PARA 1. WE HAVE TO GO BY THE RULES IN REFERENCE A.
3. (U) PLEASE KEEP ME INFORMED OF ANY DEVIATION FROM THE 2400 HOUR 23 NOV 68 TIME ESTABLISHED TO COMMENCE THESE OPERATIONS.

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SUBJECT: RECON PATROLS IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ (S)
REF: A. HUNGKACV 000 NSG DTG 222325Z NOV 68 (TS)
B. AXLY CORPS 000 NSG DTG 240900Z NOV 68 (TS)
C. UNCLAS MESSAGE SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF A, AND UPDATES REF B

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2. (TS) FOLLOWING ARE PLANNED ACTIVITIES OF RECON PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ OF 25/26 NOV 68.

A. ON 25/26 NOV 68 WILL INITIATE TWO COMPANY-SIZED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS INCLUDING A RIFLE COMPANY AND A MEC TM SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO SOUTHERN DMZ BOUNDARY VVIC SQ2753 AND YD0972. THESE OPERATIONS ARE DIVERSIONS FOR THE BOUNDARY INSERTIONS OF TWO SQUAD-SIZE RECON TEAMS WHICH WILL DROP OFF FROM THE COMPANIES AND MOVE INTO RZ'S VIC YD 0970 AND YD0974 RESPECTIVELY. PATROLS PREPARED TO REMAIN UNTIL 29 NOV 68. RIFLE COMPANY VVIC 0555 AND MEC TM VVIC YD0972 PREPARED TO SUPPORT RECON PATROLS BY FORCE AND ASSIST IN EXTRACTION. PLATOON REACTION

PAGE TWO HUNGKACV TOP SECRET

FORCE OF STANDBY AT QUANG BINH COMBAT BASE.

B. CONTINGENT UPON WEATHER, SOG WILL HOLD INSERT TWO SQUAD-SIZE RECON PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ BETWEEN THE 55 AND 95 NS GRIDLINES

PATROLS WILL BE RELIEVED IN PLACE IF REQUIRED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A TWO TEAM PRESENCE UNTIL 3 DEC 68. PLATOON REACTION FORCE IN STANDBY AT MAX LOC LAUNCH SITE.

C. 1ST ARVN DIV:

(1) ONE SQUAD-SIZE RECON PATROL FROM 2D ARVN REGT WILL BE INSERTED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ BETWEEN THE 15 AND 22NS GRIDLINES DURING THE NIGHT OF 25 NOV 68. PATROL WILL BE REPLACED EVERY TWO DAYS UNTIL 2 DEC 68. PLATOON REACTION FORCE IN STANDBY AT STRONG POINTS A-2 AND D-1.

(2) TWO SQUAD-SIZE COVER PATROLS WHICH OPERATED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ EAST OF THE 22 NS GRIDLINE CLEARED SOUTHERN TRACE OF THE DMZ BY 250500H NOV 68. REPORTED NO SIGHTINGS OF ENEMY PERSONNEL AND NO CONTACTS

(3) TWO NEW SQUAD-SIZE COVERT PATROLS WILL ENTER THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ EAST OF THE 22 NS GRIDLINE DURING THE NIGHT OF 25/26 NOV 68 AND OPERATE IN THE SAME VICINITY AS PATROLS REPORTED IN (2) ABOVE. WILL REMAIN AN ESTIMATED 30 HOURS.

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S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 1. (U) RECOMMENDS THE EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT BY CMC OF
 REQUIREMENTS (U)

2. (U) CMC 15022Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)
3. ADDING THE PACIFIC OCEANIC (S) (NOTAL)
4. CMC 15022Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)
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6. CMC 20022Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)
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8. CMC 20022Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A ESTABLISHES SENSOR EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS
 FOR FISCAL YEAR 69-70. REF B DISCUSSES THESE REQUIREMENTS
 AND REQUESTS THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ALTERNATE
 SENSOR DELIVERY SYSTEMS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE LORAN D.

PAGE TWO RUMMAA 3492 S E C R E T MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 REF C RECOMMENDS THE EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT BY CMC OF
 THE SENSOR EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN REF A
 LESS LORAN D, AND REQUESTS COMMENTS FROM CMC III MAF
 CONCERNING THE LORAN D CONCEPT AND SUBSTITUTE USE OF
 THE P-3 WITH THE P-3A/D FOR SENSOR DELIVERY. REF D
 FORMALLY REQUESTS REF C AND THE EQUIPMENT LISTED IN REF
 A LESS LORAN D AND THE FOLLOWING DELIVERY DEVICES: CH-46
 PMBR AND SUU AREV. REF E REQUESTS A REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS
 FORWARDED BY REF D. REF F REQUESTS A REVIEW OF THE
 MAF'S SENSOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR
 FY-70 FY 28 NOV 68. REF G PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
 WITH RESPECT TO REF F.

2. (U) DISCUSSION WITH HAND ACTION OFFICER INDICATES
 THAT THE SUU-43 WILL NOT BE PRODUCED AND THAT BOTH THE
 SUU-41P/A AND SUU-42A HAVE BEEN MODIFIED TO INCLUDE AN
 INTERVAL METER.

3. (S) REF G DOES NOT PROVIDE COMMENTS OR RECOMMENDATIONS
 CONCERNING THE PROPOSED ALTERNATE DELIVERY
 SYSTEMS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT DISCUSSED IN REFS B, C, D
 AND E. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT REF G BE REEVALUATED

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 IN LIGHT OF THESE REFERENCES, AND THAT COMMENTS AND
 RECOMMENDATIONS OF REFS B, E AND F BE PROVIDED DIRECTLY
 TO CMC BY 28 NOV 68, INFO THIS HQ.

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FOR LGEN CUSHMAN INFO CAPTAIN GAW FROM BAGLEY

1. I WILL ACCOMPANY GEN GEORGE BROWN FROM NEW JERSEY TO DANANG ARRIVING ABOUT 251600H. PLAN DEPART FOR CUBI ABOUT 1700H.
2. SHOULD YOU OR ANY OF YOUR STAFF DESIRE DISCUSS NGFS TOPICS, WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING ABOVE PERIOD. IF AFFIRMATIVE, REQUEST ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION AS NECESSARY.

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S E C R E T SPECAT
 FM MGEN YOUNGDALE TO LTGEN CUSHMAN
 OPN MEADE RIVER (C)

1. (S) THE COMBINED USMC, ROKMC, ARVN, RF/PV, CORDS SPECIAL PACIFICATION OFFENSIVE OPN MEADE RIVER CONTINUES WITH INCREASING EVIDENCE OF HIGHLY REWARDING RESULTS.
2. (S) FOLLOWING THE PLANNED PATTERN OF OPN MEADE RIVER, BLT 2/7 IS ADVANCING FROM THE WEST TO TIGHTEN THE CORDON AT POSITIONS ALONG THE RAILROAD TRACK. MOVING DELIBERATELY AND UTILIZING STEEL PROBES WITH WHICH ALL INFANTRY ELEMENTS IN THE OPN ARE EQUIPPED, BLT 2/7 CONTINUES TO SEARCH EVERY INCH OF GROUND COVERED. ALL MEANS AVAILABLE ARE BEING EMPLOYED TO INSURE THAT NO HIDING PLACE OR CACHE IS OVERLOOKED.
3. (S) THE PRESENCE OF SIGNIFICANT NVA/VC ELEMENTS TRAPPED WITHIN THE CORDON IS ATTESTED TO BY THE DETERMINED RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED BY BLT 2/7 IN THEIR ADVANCE TO THE RAILROAD TRACKS. AS THE CORDON

PAGE TWO RUMHLA 3021 S E C R E T SPECAT
 CONTINUES TO TIGHTEN THIS RESISTANCE CAN BE EXPECTED TO INCREASE. PROBES HAVE BEEN REPULSED IN MANY AREAS AND THE INTEGRITY OF THE CORDON HAS BEEN MAINTAINED BY DETERMINED AND HIGHLY DISCIPLINED USMC AND ROKMC FORCES.

4. (S) THE JOINT INTERROGATION CENTER IS OPERATING CONTINUOUSLY. TO DATE 2086 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN RELOCATED. 867 PERSONS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED RESULTING IN THE SEGREGATION OF 29 VCI AND 2 CIVILIAN DEFENDENTS. JOINT CIVIC ACTION ACTIVITIES ARE UNDERWAY IN A WELL INTEGRATED SERIES OF PROGRAMS AMONG THE CIVILIANS IN THE LARGE TENT CITY RELOCATION CENTER.
5. (S) AS OF 241200H NOV68 35 VC AND 86 NVA HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 1 NVA PW CAPTURED. THE NPFF HAS COMPLETED EXTRACTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULACE. THE ARVN CONTINUE TO SEARCH THE HAMLETS. USMC ELEMENTS STAND READY TO BEGIN THE SQUEEZE OF THE CORDON AND THE ULTIMATE ASSAULT TO ELIMINATE THE FINAL VESTIGES OF VC/NVA ACTIVITY IN THE DOG CITY AREA.
6. (S) IN SUMMARY I AM OF THE OPINION THAT OPN MEADE RIVER IS PROCEEDING SMOOTHLY AND HAS ALREADY PROVED ITS IMPORTANCE AS WELL AS PROVIDING INCREASING INDICATIONS OF SIGNIFICANT FINAL RESULTS.

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LT GEN POSE, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING
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III MAF PROGRAM SIX FORCE STRUCTURE (U)
A. CG III MAF 131000Z/OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)
B. CMC 231231Z/NOV 68 (S) SPECAT (NOTAL)
C. CG III MAF 180906Z/NOV 68 (S) SPECAT (NOTAL)
1. (S) REF A SUBMITTED TO COMUSMACV A PROPOSED
REALIGNMENT OF III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE TO ADHERE
TO THE CONSTRAINTS OF PROGRAM SIX CEILINGS. THIS
PROPOSAL INCLUDED THE DELETION OF CERTAIN UNITS
FROM THE III MAF TROOP LIST.

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2. (S) BY REF B, CMC INDICATED THAT DEPSECDEF
DECISION ON REALIGNMENT DENIES US ANY INCREASE IN
SEA PROGRAM SIX, AND RULES OUT WITHDRAWAL OF ANY UNITS
FROM SVN. FURTHER CMC REQUESTED RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS DECISION, IN TERMS OF STRUC-
TURE AND MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS.

3. (S) BY REF C, CG III MAF SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS
CONCERNING A SECNAV PROPOSAL THAT CURRENT III MAF
FORCE STRUCTURE BE MAINTAINED AND MANNED WITHIN
CONSTRAINTS OF PROGRAM SIX CEILINGS WITH SELECTED
COMBAT UNITS MANNED AT FULL TXO STRENGTH. III MAF
RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED PRIMARILY VERTICAL REDUCTIONS
IN STRUCTURE SPACES IN ORDER TO ABSORB THE SHORTFALL
BETWEEN STRUCTURE FILLETS AND MANPOWER AUTHORIZATIONS
THAT WOULD EXIST UNDER THIS PROPOSAL.

4. (S) THE DEPSECDEF DECISION ON REALIGNMENT OF III
MAF FORCE STRUCTURE AND THE SECNAV PROPOSAL, COMMENTED
ON BY CG III MAF IN REF C, ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL. IN
CONSIDERATION OF THIS, IT APPEARS THAT THE DEPSECDEF
DECISION CAN BEST BE ACCOMMODATED BY IMPLEMENTATION

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PAGE THREE RUHHFMA 3640 S E C R E T S P E C I A L E X C L U S I V E M C E O
 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF C. REQUEST
 YOU REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF C AND
 PROVIDE BY 23 NOV 68 THE FOLLOWING:

A. RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THE REALIGNMENT
 PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.
 IN THIS REGARD, ANY UNIT DESIGNATED FOR REDUCTION
 TO CADRE STATUS SHOULD BE PROVIDED ADEQUATE
 PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN THE FLAG AND MAJOR ITEMS OF
 EQUIPMENT, SINCE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT EQUIPMENT OF
 UNITS CADRED WILL REMAIN IN SVN.

B. REVISED GRADE AND MOS SUMMARIES OF ALL
 PROPOSED CADRES AND ALL HORIZONTAL REDUCTIONS IN
 SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDED REALIGNMENT, BASED ON THE
 STRUCTURE RECOMMENDATIONS IN RESPONSE TO PAR 4A ABOVE.
 5. (S) BY REF P, CMC HAS REQUESTED G-1 REPS FROM
 THIS HQ ASSIST IN INITIAL PREPARATION OF 30/ATH
 QUARTER FY-69 MANNING LEVEL AT HQMC IN EARLY DEC 1968.
 CONSIDER IT DESIRABLE THAT YOU ALSO SEND REPS TO HQMC
 TO ADDRESS GRADE/MOS STRUCTURE BY UNIT IN SUPPORT OF
 MANNING REDUCTIONS REQUIRED ATTENDANT TO DEPSECDEF

PAGE FOUR RUHHFMA 3640 S E C R E T S P E C I A L E X C L U S I V E M C E O
 DECISION. WILL ADVISE DATE OF HQMC CONFERENCE WHEN
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| | DCG | | 11/28 | | to Pines | REMARKS Could not the Bronze Star have been presented in the name of the U.S. or something? Unusually not, must keep these things on a much higher plane Pines H. Kepp |
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FM LTJG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
LTJG GUSHMAN CG III MAF
INFO MG DAVIS CG 3D MAR DIV
ZEN

SECRET PNR 1806 EYES ONLY

1. DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL CD ARVN REGIMENT PATROL, EARLY MORNING 20 NOV, MAY BE OF GENERAL INTEREST.
2. AT 2105 HOURS, 1/4/2 ARVN ALONG WITH 32-MAN ALERT FORCE OF 3/4/2 ARVN MOVED OUT FROM A-2, NORTH ALONG QL-1 TO LAST HIGH GROUND (XD 213753) SHORT OF DIAZ. COL GIAI AND MAJ LEE (COMBATY ADVISOR) ACCOMPANIED.
3. ALERT FORCE CONTINUED ON TO SOUTHERN TRAC II SELF; AND LAUNCHED SQUAD SIZE RECON PATROL FORWARD TO RUINS OF FORMER TRUNG LUONG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (XD 213767). NOTHING NEWLY ERECTED WERE AMONG RUINS, 3 MEN ENTERED PERIMETER, SEARCHED AND FOUND NOTHING. PATROL THEN TOOK UP POSITIONS ACROSS HIGHWAY 1.
4. AT ABOUT 2500, 4 MEN APPEARED FROM THE WEST, TURNED SOUTH ON HIGHWAY AND WALKED STRAIGHT INTO AMBUSH. CD ARVN PATROL OPENED UP AT APPROXIMATELY 4 METERS RANGE (NOT OPTIMUM PRACTICE WHEN MISSION IS TO GET A PLD). FORTUNATELY, 1 ENEMY ONLY GRAZED. A FINE CORPORAL NAMED NOT MOVED IN, SUBDUED THE LIGHTLY WOUNDED MAN WITH RIFLE BUTT AND PINNED HIM WITH FULL NELSON. PATROL PROMPTLY WITHDREW TO COL GIAI'S POSITION WITH 1 PW AND 2 ENEMY BODIES.
5. PW, ALTHOUGH OBVIOUSLY CROSSY, WAS QUESTIONED BY COL GIAI DURING MARCH BACK TO A-2. RELATED THAT HE HAD COME FROM THE NORTH (LOCATION UNSPECIFIED) WITH HIS UNIT IN LAST FEW DAYS; THAT HE HAD CROSSED THE HAI WITH HIS COMPANY ON NIGHT 23/24 NOVEMBER; THAT COMPANY WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF MINH-MON (XD 173734); AND THAT HIS 4-MAN PARTY HAD THE MISSION OF RECONNOITER AREA BETWEEN A-2 AND A-1. GIAI IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ALL THIS AT FACE VALUE. PW INITIALLY STATED THAT HE WAS FROM THE 32TH NVA DIVISION (POSSIBLY HIS ORIGINAL UNIT); BUT LATER STATED HE BELONGED TO THE 13TH NVA REGIMENT (BATTALION AND COMPANY ORGANIZATION NOT SPECIFIED). GIAI'S INTUITION SUGGESTS THE PW (NGUYEN VAN HAI), BORN IN GIAI'S NATIVE PROVINCE IN NORTH VIETNAM, MAY WELL BE OF HIGHER RANK.
6. I THOUGHT IT APPROPRIATE TO PIN A BRONZE STAR ON CORPORAL NOT IN GENERAL ABRAMS' NAME AND MINE.

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INFO CG III MAF

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S E C R E T NHT 1974 INTEL

COL AARON CO 5TH SFGA, NHA SENDS EXCLUSIVELY FOR LTC CONNELLY,
CO COMPANY C, 5TH SFGA, DANANG

SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF CIDG CAMP MAI LOC

1. (S) I RECALL YOUR VIEWS ON THE MAI LOC CIDG CAMP AND WHOLEHEARTEDLY AGREE WITH YOUR COMMENTS THAT THE CAMP SHOULD BE CONVERTED TO RF/PF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
2. (S) ON 8 NOV, I INSTRUCTED LTC CONNELLY OF COMPANY C, 5TH SFGA, TO COORDINATE WITH HIS COUNTERPART AND CG III MAF CONCERNING THE CONVERSION OF MAI LOC. LTC CONNELLY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THE CONVERSION, HOWEVER, HIS COUNTERPART HAS NOT AGREED AS OF THIS DATE. THIS RELUCTANCE IS PROBABLY DUE TO GEN LAM'S DESIRE TO RETAIN THE CAMP IN THE CIDG ROLE.
3. (S) I INTEND TO PROPOSE TO MACV THAT THE CAMP BE CONVERTED ON 1 APRIL 1969 AND THE USASF VNSF ASSETS BE USED TO ESTABLISH THE CIDG CAMP AT NAM HOA, YD 7611, WHICH IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMBINED CAMPAIGN PLAN, AB 144. IF CG III MAF AGREES WITH THE PLAN, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIREABLE FOR HIM TO MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION TO MACV AND I WILL FOLLOW UP BY SUBMITTING MY PROPOSAL. IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED, MACV WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION WITH JGS TO MAKE THE RF/PF SPACES AVAILABLE TO MAN THE CAMP.
4. MY COUNTERPART, MG QUANG, IS AGREEABLE TO THE CONVERSION IF RF/PF SPACES ARE APPROVED BY JGS.
5. (S) I WILL BE AT CAMP MAI LOC ON 27 NOV AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS WITH EITHER MG QUANG OR HIS DEPUTY. IF IT IS CONVENIENT FOR YOU TO VISIT THE CAMP DURING THIS TIME, I WOULD WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOU.

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TO DIRECTOR
OF THE ARMY
ATTENTION: G-3
- 272100Z NOV 68
FM THE JCS
INFO: DIA, DIA, DIA, DIA

THE JCS IS REQUESTING THAT YOU ADVISE US FROM THE
ARMY, MARINE CORPS AND NAVY, DELIVER DURING NORMAL
WORKING HOURS.

THE JCS PROGRAM IS FOR THE STRUCTURE OF
THE ARMY AND MARINE CORPS (S)
AND THE 25TH INFANTRY DIVISION (S)

THE JCS HAS BEEN ADVISED OF THE A
MATTER CONCERNED IN YOUR REPORT ON THE PORT
AND THE PROBLEM. THE COMMANDER HAS INDICATED HIS
DESIRE TO BE KEPT ADVISED ON THIS SUBJECT AND THE JCS ARE OF
INTEREST.

THE JCS WILL DEPEND ON YOUR DECISION, STATED REF P, HAS
APPARENTLY NOT YET COMPLETELY FILTERED DOWN TO THE
JCS STAFF. YOUR EARLIEST SUBMISSION OF ACTIONS NUMBER TWO
AND THREE WILL PLACE US IN A FAVORABLE "FIRST OUT" POSITION.
BEST REGARDS - [Signature]

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TO RUHMA/CG FMFPAC

INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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ARG/SLF OPERATION (U)

A. COMNAVFORV 230642Z NOV 68

1. (S) IN REF A, COMNAVFORV RECOMMENDED TO COMUSMACV THAT THE ARG/SLF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON PHU QUOC ISLAND ABOUT 10 DECEMBER 1968. COMNAVFORV FURTHER STATED THAT CG III MAF HAS INDICATED HE COULD NOT CONCUR IN ANY OPERATION WHICH WOULD REMOVE THE SLF FROM I CORPS.
2. (C) AS YOU KNOW, THE SLF'S HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED ONLY IN I CTZ SINCE JAN 67. BEFORE THAT TIME, ON NINE OCCASIONS, SLF OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN SVN OUTSIDE I CTZ.
3. (C) UNDOUBTEDLY YOU ARE AWARE OF SOME DISSATISFACTION IN THE NAVY OVER THE UTILIZATION OF THE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING BASES FOR

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 INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN. M C E O . DELIVERY DURING
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LOCALIZED OPERATIONS IN WHICH THE SLF'S ARE ~~AS~~ SHORE IN I CIZ
 MOST OF THE TIME. SLF OPERATIONS OF THE TYPE RECOMMENDED IN
 REF A COULD SERVE TO EASE THIS POTENTIAL PROBLEM.

4. (S) ON A BROADER SCALE, SECDEF, IN A NEW DPM ENTITLED ASIA
 STRATEGY AND FORCE STRUCTURE, HAS ATTACKED THE NEED FOR LARGE
 FORWARD DEPLOYED AMPHIBIOUS FORCES. IN THE FUTURE, AS IT
 ALWAYS HAS BEEN, A RECORD OF SUCCESSES WHICH EMPHASIZE THE
 CAPABILITIES OF AMPHIBIOUS FORCES WILL PROVE USEFUL.

5. (S) FOR THESE REASONS IT WOULD APPEAR FROM HERE TO BE
 DESIRABLE TO EXPLOIT THE UNIQUE CAPABILITIES OF THE ARG/SLF
 ANYWHERE IN SVN INSOFAR AS THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT UNLULLY
 JEOPARDIZING THE FORCES OF III MAF. THE DECISION AS TO WHAT
 IS RECOMMENDED TO COMUSMACV REMAINS, OF COURSE, WITH YOU AND
 BOB CUSHMAN. WARM REGARDS.

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TO STN GOODPASTER DEPCOMUSMACV SGM
LTC CUSHMAN CG III LAF DNG
INFO MG DAVIS CG 3RD MAR DIV
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THIS IS SECRET PVE 1823 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: CAPTURE OF SECOND PRISONER IN DMZ
REF: XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 251658Z (TS)

1. PATROL ACTION, BY ELEMENT OF 1ST ARVN DIV RECON COMPANY,
WHICH LED TO CAPTURE OF NVA PRISONER AT APPROXIMATELY 231015H
DURING ITS DETAILING. THIS WAS THE SAME PATROL THAT GOODPASTER WAS
OPPORTUNITY ON THE MORNING OF 25 NOVEMBER (AS I REPORTED IN PARA
(B), OF REFERENCE).

2. ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TWO SQUAD-SIZE PATROLS DIS-K
PATCHED LAST NIGHT WOULD FOLLOW THE SAME, WIDELY SEPARATED TRACKS
OF THE PREVIOUS INSERTIONS, THE TWO UNITS MOVED IN SUPPORTING
DISTANCE OF EACH OTHER THROUGHOUT, THEY
ENTERED THE DMZ ABOUT 272100H AND TOOK UP POSITIONS IN THE RUINS
VICINITY YD 26377S. FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS, NO ENEMY MOVE-
MENT OR OTHER ACTIVITY WAS DETECTED.

3. AT 230400H, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MANEUVER PLAN OF EAST
PATROL ON WHICH THE COMPANY COMMANDER HAD EARLIER BRIEFED ME, BOTH
PATROLS MOVED NORTHWEST ACROSS THE DUNES INTO NEW POSITIONS
VICINITY YD 243784. THEY WERE PREPARED TO REMAIN AT THAT LOCATION
THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND INTO THE NIGHT OF 23 NOVEMBER. IT WILL
BE RECALLED THAT THE PATROLS WERE COMPLETELY OUTFITTED AS NVA.

4. AT MID-MORNING, THREE ENEMY WERE DETECTED AMONG OLD
DUNERS ON THE WEST SLOPES OF HILL 23 (YD 243769); AND THE
COMBINED PATROLS DISPATCHED A SMALL PARTY SOUTHWARD TO RECON-
NITER SITUATION IN DETAIL AND POSSIBLY OVERCOME THE QUARRY
BY SUBTERFUGE. AS THE FRIENDLY ADVANCE ELEMENT NEARED HILL
23 IT DISCOVERED THAT THE ENEMY FORCE NUMBERED ABOUT 12 AND
WAS ARRAYED FACING SOUTH. THE COMBINED PATROLS WERE
THEREUPON SUMMONED SOUTH AND CLOSED IN ON THE ENEMY FORCE
FROM THE REAR (NORTH).

5. IN THE ENSUING MELEE, 5 ENEMY WERE IMMEDIATELY KILLED
AND (AS I DETERMINED IN THE PATROL LEADER'S REPORT) 4 TO 5
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. THE REMAINING 2 OR 3 ENEMY BROKE TO THE
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E SAND DUNES. AT THIS POINT, 1ST LT

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DINH LUNGED AFTER AND GOT HIS MAN, TOGETHER WITH AN RPD. MEANWHILE, FRIENDLIES WERE DRAWING SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM ANOTHER ENEMY FORMATION VICINITY YD 233766 AND MORTAR FIRE FROM YD 233703. ARVN ARTILLERY AT A-2 AND C-1 LAID DOWN HEAVY SUPPORT AND THE RECON PATROLS MOVED OUT ON THE DOUBLE FOR HOME.

6. I REACHED A-1 WITHIN AN HOUR AFTER PATROLS HAD CLOSED THAT LOCATION; AND HAVE RARELY SEEN SUCH ELATION OVER MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT (AND HAVING DRAWN EVEN IN COMPETITION WITH THE 2D ARVN REGT). THE RECON COMPANY COMMANDER AND THE TWO PATROL LEADERS (LATTER STILL IN NVA UNIFORM) LITERALLY RAN ACROSS THE SAND TO MEET THE CHOPPER. 1ST LT DINH WAS SINGLED OUT BY HIS COLLEAGUES AS THE CAPTOR. DINH'S ADRENALIN OBVIOUSLY RAN HIGH: HE IS THE SMALLEST VIETNAMESE OFFICER I HAVE EVER SEEN (COMING ONLY TO TRUONG'S SHOULDER) WHEREAS THE PRISONER IS UNCOMMONLY LARGE.

7. ALTHOUGH THE PW HAD ALREADY BEEN WHISKED AWAY, CERTAIN INFORMATION HAD BEEN ELICITED FROM HIM, APART FROM HIS IDENTITY AND THE FACT THAT HE HAD BEEN SENT SOUTH FROM VINH LINH TO JOIN AN ELEMENT OF THE 31ST GROUP. HE STATED THAT ONE OF OUR EARLIER COVERT PATROLS HAD BEEN DETECTED IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 28 AND, MOREOVER, THAT THERE HAD BEEN CONCERN ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF THE ARVN COMPANY DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE TRACE, VICINITY YD 258748. CONSEQUENTLY, HIS UNIT, AND ANOTHER OF COMPARABLE SIZE, HAD BEEN ORDERED TO DEPLOY IN ADVANCED POSITIONS AND INTERCEPT ANY SUBSEQUENT ARVN PATROL. IT WAS THUS FORTUITOUS THAT THE DIVISION RECON COMPANY DECIDED, AT THE LAST MINUTE, TO ABANDON THE WESTERN PATROL AXIS.

8. SINCE THERE IS NO FURTHER MERIT TO COVERT PATROLS AT THIS JUNCTURE, THE DIVISION RECON COMPANY IS BEING WITHDRAWN FOR OTHER OPERATIONS; AND THE 2D ARVN REGT WILL HENCEFORTH HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SPECIAL RECONNAISSANCE THROUGHOUT ITS AC.

9. WARM REGARDS.

SSC NOTE: DELIVER 0730 HOURS 29 NOVEMBER
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FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM RADM LAC *ed*

1. WILL BE RELIEVED AS COMPHIBGRU THREE/CTF 76 BY RADM ED ROSENBERG ON SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 1330H ON BOARD ELDORADO AT DANANG.
2. AM HOSTING LUNCHEON IN FLAG MESS HONORING ADM NYLAND AT 1215 AND WOULD BE PLEASED IF YOU COULD JOIN US AND THEN STAY FOR CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. VADM BRINGLE WILL ALSO ATTEND.
3. UNIFORM WILL BE UTILITIES FOR MARINE CORPS GUESTS AT ~~GENERAL OFFICERS CEREMONY~~ *E SERVICE REQUEST*
- BY SEPARATE MSG SENIOR MARINE AND NAVY FLAG AND GENERAL OFFICERS IN I CORPS ARE BEING INVITED TO CEREMONY
4. WARM PERSONAL REGARDS.

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A. CG III MAF 290720Z NOV 68

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III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE

A. CMC 23183Z/NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)

1. (S) QUOTED BELOW IS THE III MAF SUBMISSION TO MACV
 RELATING TO THE FORCE STRUCTURE CHANGE REQUEST.

WHILE IT MAY APPEAR THAT ACTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO
 EFFECT CERTAIN WITHDRAWALS SUCH, OF COURSE, IS NOT
 THE CASE. POP CUSHMAN IS FULLY AWARE OF THE
 DEPSEDEF DECISION CONTAINED IN REF A AND IS PLAYING
 THE GAME ACCORDINGLY. QUOTE

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III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE (U)

A. CG III MAF 131000Z OCT 68 (S)

B. CG III MAF 210740Z NOV 68 (S)

C. COMUSMACV 38264 DTG 260935Z NOV 68 (S)

1. (S) THIS IS CG III MAF FORCE STRUCTURE CHANGE REQUEST
 2-68. THIS REQUEST MODIFIES AND SUPERSEDES APPROPRIATE PORTIONS
 OF CHANGE REQUEST 1-68 SUBMITTED IN REF A. THIS CONSTITUTES
 ACTION NP 2 AS SET FORTH IN PARA 4B OF REF B. REF C EXPRESSED
 CONCURRENCE IN REF B.

2. (S) ACCORDINGLY REQUEST REF A. BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

| FR N | UNIT | NEW | AUTH | INCREASE / | REMARKS |
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PAGE 3 RUHHFMA4182 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 3. (S) EMPLOYMENT OF USMC TRADE-OFF SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE
 PORTION OF III MAF HIGHEST PRIORITY FORCE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE
 SUBJECTS OF SEPERATE MESSAGE.
 4. (S) REGARDING ACTION NR 3 OF REF B, WE ARE NOW TAKING
 INITIAL STEPS FOR WITHDRAWAL FROM SVN OF UNITS LISTED PARAGRAPH
 4 C OF REF B. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT YET HAVE REQUISITE APPROVAL
 TO BEGIN ACTUAL TROOP MOVEMENT. THERE FORE, IN ORDER TO MOVE
 AHEAD ON ACTION NR, 3 REQUEST YOU GRANT THAT APPROVAL EARLIEST.

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UNQUOTE. WARM REGARDS.

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