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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE**

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S E C R E T/EYES ONLY/FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN SIMPSON, AND
MGEN RAMSEY FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
REPORTING OF NVA/VC VIOLATIONS OF UNILATERALLY DECLARED
CEASE FIRE DURING PERIOD 080100H-110100H SEP 69

1. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY THANKS FOR A JOB WELL DONE IN
ACCURATELY AND PRECISELY REPORTING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE
ENEMY'S VIOLATION OF THEIR SELF-DECLARED CEASE FIRE. YOUR
EXCELLENT REPORTING OF FACTUAL DATA IN COMBINATION WITH YOUR
ANALYSES OF THE SITUATION IN YOUR RESPECTIVE AREAS WAS A GREAT
ASSISTANCE TO ME IN PROVIDING COMUSMACV WITH THE III MAF WIDE
PICTURE OF DEVELOPMENTS DURING THE PAST FEW DAYS.

2. I AM SURE YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT WHILE THE ENEMY MAY
HAVE GIVEN THE SUPERFICIAL APPEARANCE OF UTILIZING THE 72 HOUR
PERIOD TO MOURN THE PASSING OF NO CHI MINH, IN REALITY THESE
THREE DAYS WERE EMPLOYED BY HIM TO REST AND REFIT HIS TROOPS
FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF SAPPER ACTIVITY AND ATTACKS BY FIRE
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S E C R E T / EYES ONLY / FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN WICKERSON
CEASEFIRE INCIDENTS 101201H TO 110100H SEP 69

A. COMUSMACV 080331Z SEP 69

B. CG III MAF 100738Z SEP 69

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, FIVE INCIDENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE OCCURRED IN ICIZ BETWEEN 101201H AND THE END OF THE VC UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE AT 110100H THIS MORNING.

A. SUBSEQUENT TO SUBMISSION OF REF B, A REPORT WAS RECEIVED THAT AT 100555H, CO E, 2ND BN, 1ST MARINES IN NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SEVEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN (BT 072645) ENGAGED APPROXIMATELY E5 NVA MOVING SOUTH. THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND FLED SOUTH. A SWEEP OF THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT CAPTURED THREE SUSPECTED NVA.

B. AT 101300H, I CO, 3RD BN, 3RD MARINES FOUR KILOMETERS WEST OF MUTTERS RIDGE (XD 952621) OBSERVED THREE NVA IN BUNKERS AND RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE. AN AIR STRIKE KILLED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN ENEMY. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED.

C. AT 101315H, A COMMAND DETONATED MINE DESTROYED A FUEL TANKER TRAVELING WEST ON HWY 535 (BT 100414). TWO MARINES WERE WOUNDED.

D. AT 101430H, A PATROL FROM B CO, 1ST BN, 26TH MARINES IN OPERATION DEFIANT STAND ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON VIC (BT 201518) WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE THREE KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED.

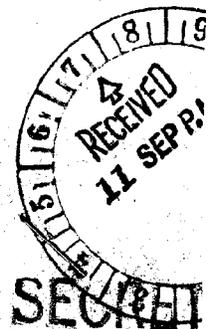
E. AT 101500H, 4/1 ARVN ENGAGED AN USEF VIC (YD 162282) (10 KILOMETERS WEST OF FSB DAVIS) KILLING EIGHT NVA.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE THERE WERE 13 OTHER INCIDENTS OF WHICH EIGHT INVOLVED ONLY ARVN FORCES. TWO ARVN WERE KILLED, TWO U.S. AND TWO ARVN WOUNDED AND 17 ENEMY KILLED.

3. (S) WITH THE TERMINATION OF THE UNILATERALLY DESIGNATED CEASE FIRE PERIOD AT 0100H THIS MORNING, WE ARE IN A POSITION TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW THE ENEMY USED IT. I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE TRUCE WAS EMPLOYED PRIMARILY TO REST THEIR TROOPS AND CONDUCT RESUPPLY OPERATIONS IN PREPARATION FOR THEIR NEXT ROUND OF ATTACKS. THERE HAVE BEEN AN INCREASING NUMBER OF INDICATORS DURING THE PAST 24 HOURS WHICH SERVE TO CONFIRM MY CONVICTION THAT A RENEWAL OF ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY IS IMMINENT, AND I HAVE TAKEN THE STEPS NECESSARY TO MEET IT.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN SIMPSON
CEASE FIRE (U)

A. CG III MAF 080730Z SEP 69

1. (S) THIS IS MY FINAL REPORT SUBMITTED IAW REF A, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM 101000H UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE CEASE FIRE AT 120100H.

2. (S) CONTACTS DECREASED DURING THIS PERIOD, THERE BEING BUT 12 REPORTED ALTOGETHER IN THE DIVISION TAOR, FIVE OF WHICH WERE ENEMY INITIATED BY SMALL GROUPS USING SMALL ARMS, FIVE INVOLVING DETECTION OF MOVEMENT BY FRIENDLY SECURITY ELEMENTS AND PATROLS ON WHICH THEY FIRED, AND TWO INVOLVING ACTIVATION OF THE BALANCED PRESSURE SYSTEM ON WHICH ARTILLERY WAS FIRED.

3. (S) THE APPRECIABLE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DURING THIS LAST PERIOD PROBABLY INDICATES THAT AS THE WORD ON THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD SPREAD, ENEMY ACTIVITY DECREASED. SIGNIFICANTLY, INTERROGATION OF THE POW CAPTURED FOLLOWING THE SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST ASP-2 REVEALS THAT THE ATTACKING UNP WAS SMALL (ELEVEN ALL TOLD) AND THAT IT HAD BEEN AWAY FROM ITS BASE, ENROUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE, FOR FIVE DAYS. THE POW STATED THA HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CEASE FIRE BUT THAT HE HAD LEARNED OF HO CHI MINH'S DEATH ON A PORTABLE RADIO WHICH HE CARRIED. THUS THIS ATTACK SHOULD, IN ALL LIKELYHOOD, NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A CEASE FIRE VIOLATION.

4. (S) ON THE OTHER HAND, RECON SIGHTINGS IN THE ANTENNA VALLEY-QUE SON - PHU LOC VALLEY AREA CONTINUE TO INDICATE SUSTAINED ENEMY LOGISTIC EFFORT.

5. (S) OUR OWN ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE DURING THIS LAST PART OF THE CEASE FIRE AMOUNTED TO BUT 945 ROUNDS, A MARKED DECREASE FROM THE FIRST TWO DAYS AND ONE OF THE LOWEST TOTALS FIRED DURING ANS CEASE FIRE IN THE MEMORY OF PERSONNEL NOW ON BOARD.

6. (S) IN CONCLUSION, MY EVALUATION OF THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE CEASE FIRE IS THAT THE ENEMY APPEARS TO HAVE TRIED HARDER TO OBSERVE IT THAN HE HAS IN THE PAST, AND THAT HIS EFFORTS MET WITH GREATER SUCCESS. AS IN THE PAST, HIS LOGISTIC EFFORT CONTINUED UNABATED, WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED PREVIOUS CEASE FIRES.

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EXCLUSIVE FOR LTG NICKERSON FROM MG WRIGHT
INFO MG JONES, MG WRIGHT

CEASE FIRE 8 - 11 SEP EVALUATION REPORT

A. REFERENCE: III MAF MSG, DTG 080730Z SEP 69 (S),
SUBJ: CEASE FIRE

1. THIS IS THE THIRD AND FINAL REPORT IN THIS SERIES AND COVERS THE PERIOD 100900H TO 110100H SEP 69.
2. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT A VERY LOW LEVEL. THERE WERE FIVE (5) REPORTED INCIDENTS OF ENEMY INITIATED ATTACKS WITHIN THE CORPS AO. OF THESE, THREE (3) WERE DIRECTED AT US FORCES AND RESULTED IN 1 US WIA; AND TWO (2) WERE DIRECTED AT ARVN/ PF UNITS AND RESULTED IN 1 ARVN KIA AND 1 WIA.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD INDICATED CONTINUING RECONNAISSANCE OF ALLIED POSITIONS AND PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR RENEWING OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES.

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S E C R E T AND 055 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CEASE FIRE

REF: CG III MAF 080730Z SEPT 69

1. (C) THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN OCCURRENCES DURING THE PERI

D 100100H - 102400H SEP, AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS TWO DAYS OF THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD. ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL.

2. (S) THERE WERE 11 CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND 1 DELAYED REPORT ON AN INCIDENT FOR THE PRECEDING PERIOD:

A. (DELAYED REPORT) A/4-31 RECEIVED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HAND GRENADES FROM 1 VC VIC AT951239, AT 091100H; VC WAS ENGAGED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULT: 7 VC KIA.

(?) D/4-3 RECEIVED 3 C ICOM HAND GRENADES IN THE PERIMETER FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BS638434, AT 100545H; RESULT: 1 US WIA (M).

C. C/5-46 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 2 VC VIC BS773843, AT 100635H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 M-2 CARBINE CIA.

D. C/1-46 OP WAS ENGAGED WITH SA FIRE BY 3C, 1- 8: 75233054, AT 100935H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULTS: 3 US WIA (M), 3 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA.

E. C/3-1 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BS534759, AT 100950H. ARTILLERY WAS PROCESSED WITH UNKNOWN RESU

TS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

F. R/3-21 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM 2 VC VIC BT127223, AT 101120H; FIRE RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULTS: 7 VC KIA AND MISCELLANE-

US DOCUMENTS CAPTURED.

G. D/1-52 RECEIVED 4-5 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 4 VC VIC BS18753, AT 101240H; NO ACTION TAKEN. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

H. C/1-46 RECEIVED 150-200 ROUNDS OF SA/AW FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT223070, AT 101455H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY OR ENEMY CASUALTIES.

I. C/4-31 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC AT980268, AT 101545H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULT: 4 NVA KIA.

J. B/3-21 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT056212, AT 101640H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

K. A/3-21 RECEIVED SA AND M-79 FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT053215, AT 101650H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

L. D/4-3 RECEIVED AW FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BS596409, AT 102355H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

3. (C) THERE WAS ONE SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE INCIDENT. C/1-46 DETONATED A US HAND GRENADE RIGGED WITH A TRIP WIRE VIC BT204077, AT 101620H; RESULT: 2 US WIA (E). IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHEN THIS AD BEEN ENPLACED.

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SECRET / EYES ONLY FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

CEASEFIRE INCIDENTS 091200H TO 101200H SEP 69

A. CG III MAF 090922Z SEP 69

B. COMUSMACV 080331Z SEP 69

1. SINCE MY LAST REPORT (REF A) WAS SENT AS REQUESTED BY REFERENCE B, THE FOLLOWING MAJOR INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN ICTZ BETWEEN 091200H AND 101200H SEPTEMBER:

A. AT 091500H A SQUAD FROM I CO, 3D BN, 1ST MARINES WAS FIRED ON WITH SMALL ARMS AND RPG'S BY AN USEF WHILE SEARCHING AN AREA 17 KM SOUTH OF DANANG (AT 983601) IN RESPONSE TO INFORMATION FURNISHED BY A CHIEU HOI. THE PATROL RETURNED FIRE KILLING 14 NVA AND CAPTURING ASSORTED ORDNANCE. 6 PERSONS WERE DETAINED. 3 MARINES WERE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED.

B. AT 091845H AN 11TH MARINES AERIAL OBSERVER WAS FIRED ON BY 30-35 ENEMY APPROXIMATELY 13 KM WEST OF DANANG (AT 880707). AN AIR STRIKE KILLED 10 NVA.

C. AT 091930H A SQUAD PATROL FROM K CO, 3D BN, 1ST MARINES ENGAGED 30 - 35 ENEMY 11 KM ENE OF AN HOA. 1 US AND 4 NVA WERE KILLED.

D. AT 100115H THE FLC ASP-2 PERIMETER 8 KM WEST OF DANANG (AT 947772) WAS ATTACKED BY AN USEF EMPLOYING SATCHEL CHARGES, SMALL ARMS AND RPG'S. THE ATTACK CAUSED MINOR EQUIPMENT DAMAGE AND WOUNDED 1 MARINE. 1 VC WAS CAPTURED.

E. AT 100130H AN ARVN RECON TEAM 2 KM SE OF CAMP EVANS (YD 553318) WAS ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED 2 VC SQUADS. THE ATTACK WAS REPULSED WITH 1 FRIENDLY KIA.

F. AT 100735H A PLATOON PATROL FROM I CO, 3D BN, 3D MARINES WAS ENGAGED BY AN ESTIMATED ENEMY SQUAD 6 KM NW OF THE ROCKPILE (XD 950621). THE ENEMY INITIATED THE CONTACT BY EXPLODING A COMMAND DETONATED MINE AND FOLLOWED WITH SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. 1 MARINE WAS KILLED AND 1 WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE SIX MAJOR INCIDENTS ENUMERATED ABOVE, THERE WERE 24 OTHER OCCASIONS ON WHICH FRIENDLY UNITS WERE FIRED ON. OF THESE, 7 WERE DIRECTED AGAINST ARVN UNITS. THE ATTACKS WERE LIMITED TO SMALL ARMS AND WERE WIDELY SCATTERED WITH 10 IN EASTERN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AND 4 IN THE VICINITY OF TIEN PHUOC. THESE CONTACTS RESULTED IN 1 US, 2 ARVN, AND 13 NVA/VC KIA AND 8 US AND 3 ARVN WIA.

3. ONE ADDITIONAL EVENT, ALTHOUGH NOT A "CEASEFIRE INCIDENT", IS VIEWED WITH SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE. AT 091925H SENSORS DETECTED IN EXCESS OF 100 ENEMY APPROXIMATELY 13 KM ENE OF AN HOA (AT 988400). SHORTLY THEREAFTER A RECON TEAM OBSERVED OVER 300 ENEMY MOVING TO THE NE IN GROUPS OF 5 TO 40 AND CARRYING SOME TYPE OF HEAVY OBJECTS.

AT 0435H THE SAME RECON TEAM OBSERVED A GROUP OF 75-100 ENEMY 1 KM SOUTH OF THE ORIGINAL SIGHTING. AN ARTILLERY FIRE MISSION RESULTED IN 2 NEARBY EXPLOSIONS ONE OF WHICH WAS EXCEEDING LARGE.

4. IN SUMMARY, THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN VIOLATIONS BY THE ENEMY OF THEIR UNILATERALLY ANNOUNCED TRUCE DURING THE PAST TWENTY-FOUR HOURS. 1ST MARINE DIVISION HAS REPORTED 16 VIOLATIONS INCLUDING DELIBERATE, PLANNED SAPPER RAID BY A SMALL NVA UNIT AGAINST ASP-2 (AT 947772) HERE IN DANANG. AMERICAL DIVISION REPORTED FIVE CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS IN SOUTHERN I CORPS WHILE THERE WERE SIX VIOLATIONS RECORDED IN XXIV CORPS INCLUDING A PRE-PLANNED AMBUSH OF A PLATOON FROM 1/3/3 MARINES WHICH OCCURRED SIX KILOMETERS NW OF THE ROCKPILE (XD 950621).

5. IN CONJUNCTION WITH THESE VIOLATIONS THERE IS A GROWING BODY OF EVIDENCE WHICH INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY IS USING THE CEASE FIRE AS A COVER FOR THE PREPARATION OF A CONTINUATION OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND SAPPER ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS EVIDENCE INCLUDES VERY HEAVY RECONNAISSANCE SIGHTINGS IN THE ANTIENNA AND PHU LOC VALLEYS OF SOUTHEASTERN QUANG NAM WHERE 525 ENEMY HAVE BEEN SIGHTED IN THE PAST 24 HRS. RECON TEAMS NOTED SIGHTING OF ROCKETS BEING CARRIED BY SOME OF THE PERSONNEL SEEN IN THESE AREAS. THESE SIGHTINGS TIE IN WITH AGENT REPORTS WHICH INDICATE THAT ROCKETS ARE BEING CACHED NORTH OF DIEM BAN (BT 055648) TO BE USED LATER DURING THIS WEEK.

6. AS THE END OF THE SO-CALLED CEASE FIRE PERIOD DRAWS NEAR, I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THE NVA AND VC HAVE USED THE TRUCE PERIOD PRIMARILY TO IMPROVE THEIR OWN MILITARY POSTURE BY RESTING THEIR TROOPS AND RESUPPLYING THEIR FORCES IN THE FIELD RATHER THAN FOR THEIR ANNOUNCED PURPOSE. WE ARE ALERT FOR AND EXPECTING ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY IN THE FORM OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND PROBES IN THE PERIOD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEASEFIRE IF NOT SOONER.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEM SIMPSON
CEASE FIRE (U)

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A. CG III MAF 080730Z SEP69

1. (S) DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD SINCE MY LAST REPORT THERE HAVE BEEN 27 CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY IN THE DIVISION TAOR; 16 WERE ENEMY INITIATED, THE REMAINING 11 WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN 6 RECON SIGHTINGS WHICH WERE FIRED ON AND 5 SMALL ARMS CONTACTS INITIATED BY FRIENDLY SECURITY ELEMENTS OR PATROLS.

2. (S) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT WAS A SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST SECURITY ELEMENTS GUARDING ASP-2 WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE, MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS A DELIBERATE, PLANNED SAPPER RAID BY A SMALL NVA UNIT FROM POSSIBLY THE 31ST NVA REGIMENT.

3. (S) HEAVY RECON SIGHTINGS IN THE ANTENNA VALLEY - PHU LOC VALLEY AREA TOTALING 225 IN THE FORMER AND 300 IN THE LATTER MUST BE EVALUATED AS A DELIBERATE RESUPPLY AND REPOSITIONING EFFORT PLANNED UNDER COVER OF THE CEASE FIRE IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE ENEMY OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

4. (S) THUS THE PICTURE DRAWN FROM EVENTS OF THE FIRST DAY'S CEASE FIRE IS NOW ALTERED BY THOSE OF THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE CEASE FIRE HAS BEEN USED IN PART AS A COVER BY THE ENEMY IN PREPARATION FOR A CONTINUATION OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND SAPPER ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IN ADDITION TO THE ABORTIVE ATTEMPT LAUNCHED LAST NIGHT BY SAPPERS AGAINST ASP-2.

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SUB3:5: CEASE FIRE

REF: CGHIII MAF 080730Z SEPT 69

1. (S) THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN OCCURRENCES DURING THE PERIOD 090100 - 100100 SEP, BUT THE ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL.
2. (S) THERE WERE 5 CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

A. D/3-1 RECEIVED AW FIRE FROM ESTIMATED 2 ENEMY VIC BS487662, AT 090915H SEP; RESULTS WERE 1 US WIA (E).

B. C/1-46 RECEIVED SA/AW FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT231056, AT 091050H SEP; RESULTS WERE 1 US WIA (M). THE ENEMY FIRE CONTINUED SPORADICALLY UNIL 091435H SEP, WHEN CONTACT WAS BROKEN. TWO AIR STRIKES WERE EMPLOYED AGAINST THE ENEMY, RESULTING IN TWO (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, ~~ASD~~ 529 105 MM ARTILLERY FIRE MISSIONS WERE CALLED, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AGAIN AT 091815H SEP, C/1-46 RECEIVED SA FIRE AT BT231051, AND RETURNED FIRE AGAINST 2 OBSERVED VC WITH WEAPONS; RESULTS WERE 1 VC KIA.

C. A/2-1 RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE VIC BT225224, AT 091300H SEP; RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.

D. A/2-1 RECEIVED 10-15 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE VIC BT 217227, AT 091440H SEI; RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.

E. A/2-1 RECEIVED 1 B-40 ROCKET VIC BT 217227, AT 091815H SEI; RESULTS WERE 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA (E).

3. (C) THERE WAS ONE SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE INCIDENT. C/3-1 DETONATED AN UNKNOWN TYPE DEVICE RIGGED WITH A TRIP WIRE VIC BS539751, (-5 091155H SEP; RESULTS WERE 1 US WIA (E). IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHEN THIS HAD BEEN EMPLACED.

4. (C) THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY ACTIVITY WILL CHANGE APPRECIABLY FROM THE ABOVE TEMPO DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE ENEMY'S SELF-~~(03-7-435-13-3-1843)~~

0 *DECLARED CEASE FIRE.*

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EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN WICKERSON

CEASEFIRE INCIDENTS 080100H TO 091200H SEP 69 (S)

A. COMUSMACV 080331Z SEP 69

B. CG III MAF 080840Z SEP 69

1. (S) IAW REF A REE BN REPORTED FIVE MAJOR VIOLATIONS IN ICTZ DURING THE PERIOD 080100H AND 081400H. SINCE MY MESSAGE TO YOU MORE INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED ON THESE INCIDENTS AND THREE NEW EVENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. FOR CLARITY ALL EIGHT INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED BETWEEN 080100H AND 081400H ARE LISTED WITH CHANGES FROM YESTERDAY'S REPORT NOTED.

A. BETWEEN 080030H AND 080115H K CO, 3D BN, 5TH MAR IN NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS SEVEN KMS WEST OF AN HOA (AT 874514) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND 100 60MM MORT, 40 B-40, AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS. ONE US AND ONE ARVN WERE KILLED AND 10 US WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (NO CHANGE)

B. AT 080945H, THE HUE/DANANG TRAIN WAS DERAILED BY A COMMAND DETONATED MINE TWO AND ONE-HALF KMS SOUTH OF LZ LOS PANOS (AT 838 974). SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED SIMULTANEOUSLY. ONE RF WAS WOUNDED AND 50 PERCENT DAMAGE INFLICTED ON THE ENGINE. (PERCENT DAMAGE CHANGED)

C. AT 080650H A CO, 1ST BN, 7TH MAR SIX KM NORTH OF THANG BINH (BT 121413) RECEIVED ABOUT 150 RDS OF SAF. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. (NO CHANGE)

D. AT 081050H A 105MM RD WAS CMD DETONATED AT (RT 235248) (NW OF TAM KY) AGAINST A CO, 2/1 INF. ONE RPG ROUND WAS RECEIVED AT THE SAME TIME. TWO SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND FIVE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (NO CHANGE)

F. AT 080945H 1/2 ARVN 15 KMS SW OF QUANG TIN (YD 194438) EXPLODED AN AP MINE. FIVE ARVN WERE WOUNDED. IN THE SAME AREA AT 1340H, 1/2 ARVN CAME IN CONTACT WITH AN USEF. A SWEEP OF THE AREA AFTER CONTACT WAS BROKEN AT 1700H REVEALED EIGHT ENEMY KIA. ONE RPD MACHINE GUN AND ASSORTED ORDNANCE, CLOTHING, FOODSTUFFS, AND DOCUMENTS WERE CAPTURED. THERE WERE NO FURTHER ARVN CASUALTIES. (NEW REPORT)

G. AT 081140H 1/54 ARVN ENG A SMALL EN FORCE 15 KMS WEST OF PHU LOC (YC 937990). 5 NVA WERE KILLED AND TWO WPNS AND INDIVIDUAL EQUIP WERE CAPTURED. (NEW REPORT)

H. AT 081140H A SQD FM CO E, 2ND BN, 1ST MAR WHILE ON PATROL RECEIVED 15 AK ROUNDS FM A TREE LINE. ONE MARINE WAS WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. (NEW REPORT)

2. (S) SINCE 1400H YESTERDAY, THE FOLLOWING INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN RPTD:

A. AT 2015H IN DMG CITY, TWO TERRORISTS THREW A SATCHEL CHARGE INTO A EMPTY VN JEEP. THE EXPLOSION WOUNDED THE TERRORISTS AND

B. AT 2100H, 1/6 ARVN REGD THREE 60MM MORT RDS SIX KMS WEST OF CHU LAI (BT 468868). TWO PFS WERE WOUNDED.

C. AT 2100H, L CO, 3D BN, 1ST MAR IN NDP EAST OF LIBERTY BRIDGE (AT 976944) RECEIVED A CHICOM GREN WHICH WOUNDED 1 MAN. AT THE SAME TIME 15 EN WERE OBSERVED MOVING NW.

D. AT 2140H THE USS NOXUPEE ANCHORED OFF THE CUA VIET RIVER OBSERVED TWO SWIMMERS. THE SWIMMERS WERE FIRED ON. THE HULL OF THE SHIP WAS CHECKED BY EOD FROM CAU VIET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS AND THE SHIP GOT UNDERWAY. HOWEVER, AT 0201H WHILE STEAMING IN THE VICINITY OF (YD 4564), AN EXPLOSION OCCURRED ON THE PORT SIDE BELOW THE WATER LINE. NO. 2 HOLD FLOODED, BUT TEMPORARY REPAIRS WERE MADE AND THE SHIP IS NOT SERIOUSLY DAMAGED.

E. AT 2200H H&S CO, 3D BN, 1ST MAR (AT 917578) HRD AN EXPLOSION IN THE VILLAGE OF DAI LOC. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT A TERRORIST HAD THROWN A BOMB INTO THE VILLAGE CHIEF'S HUT DURING A MEETING. ONE VN WAS KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED.

F. AT 2340H NINE KMS NW OF AN HOA (AT 805549) A SQD AMBUSH FROM E CO, 2ND BN, 5TH MAR RECEIVED 10 RDS OF 82MM MORT FIRE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES.

G. AT 090025H SEVEN KMS W OF AN HOA (AT 827543) A PATROL FROM F CO, 2D BN, 5TH MAR RECEIVED FOUR CHICOM GREN AND SAF. ONE MAR WAS KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED AND EVACUATED. DURING A SWEEP OF THE AREA THIS MORNING, TWO WPNS WERE FOUND AS WELL AS MISC EQUIP AND DOCUMENTS. THREE PERSONS WERE DETAINED.

3. (S) IN ADDITION TO THE EVENTS OUTLINED IN PARA 2, THERE WERE 21 MINOR INCIDENTS IN WHICH SMALL ARMS AND/OR MORTAR FIRE WAS RECEIVED BY FRIENDLY UNITS. THESE INCIDENTS RESULTED IN SIX US, FOUR ARVN, AND TWO PF WOUNDED AND 10 EN KILLED.

4. (S) EN INITIATED ACTIVITY SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD 35 HRS AGO HAS BEEN AT A LOW LEVEL CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF ISOLATED MINING INCIDENTS. THE ABSENCE OF SIGNIFICANT GND OPNS AND THE VERY LIMITED ATTACKS BY FIRE ARE PROBABLE INDICATIONS OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NVA/VC CMD AND CONTROL SYSTEM AMONG THEIR NVA AND MAIN FORCE VC UNITS. HOWEVER, THE CONTINUED REPORTS OF INCIDENTS OF CMD DETONATED MINES IS AN INDICATOR OF THE INABILITY OF THE ENEMY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR FORCES AT THE RICE ROOTS LEVEL, I.E. HAMLET AND VILLAGE GUERRILLAS AND LOCAL FORCE UNITS. IT MAY ALSO REFLECT, AS THE NOXUBEE INCIDENT SUGGESTS, AN INDEPENDENCE OF ACTION BY LOCAL UNITS UNWILLING TO ACCEPT INSTRUCTIONS FROM HANOI.

5. (S) THERE ARE NO INDICATORS TO EITHER CONFIRM OR DENY THAT THE ENEMY WILL MAINTAIN THE CEASE FIRE THROUGH THE END OF THE UNILATERALLY ANNOUNCED TRUCE PERIOD.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN SIMPSON
CEASEFIRE (U)

A. CG III MAF 080730Z SEP69

1. (S) PURSUANT TO REF A, MY PERSONAL EVALUATION IS THAT THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MAKING A MORE DETERMINED EFFORT TO ABIDE BY HIS CEASE FIRE THAN HE HAS IN PREVIOUS ONES.

A. THERE HAVE BEEN 25 INCIDENTS REPORTED WITHIN THE TAOR SINCE THE ENEMY CEASE FIRE STARTED, AND JUST OVER HALF OF THESE HAVE BEEN ENEMY INITIATED; THE REMAINDER HAVE RESULTED FROM MEETING ENGAGEMENTS OF SMALL ELEMENTS ON PATROL OR FIRES INITIATED BY FRIENDLY DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES. THESE INCIDENTS HAVE IN ALL CASES BUT TWO INVOLVED SMALL ARMS AND FRAGMENTATION GRENADES; ONE WAS AN INCOMING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, PROBABLY A LOBBED ROUND, AND ONE WAS A TERRORIST ATTACK IN DAI LOC IN WHICH ONE VN DIED AND 14 WERE WOUNDED BY AN UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE THROWN INTO A HOUSE.

B. THE ABSENCE OF ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS AND THE SMALL RPG/SACHEL CHARGE TYPE PROBE IS SIGNIFICANT, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF MORTARS AND INFANTRY ROCKETS. CEASE FIRES IN THE PAST HAVE GENERALLY NOT BEEN FREE OF STAND OFF ATTACKS BY SMALL GROUPS EMPLOYING THIS TYPE ARMAMENT, AND THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT THIS TIME THE TYPE ENEMY UNITS WHICH ONE WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE THE MORE SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE THE WORD AND ARE STANDING DOWN.

C. OUR CLANDESTINE RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT INDICATES THAT ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE AND RESUPPLY EFFORT CONTINUES, BOTH MOVING RICE TO THE REAR AND CARRYING RESUPPLY, TO INCLUDE 122MM ROCKETS, FORWARD. THUS, AS EXPECTED, THE ENEMY IS USING THIS PERIOD OF TIME TO PREPARE FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS.

2. (S) IN SUM IT APPEARS THAT THOSE NVA UNITS IN A BETTER POSITION TO RECEIVE THE WORD ARE ABIDING BY THE CEASE FIRE, WHILE THE SMALL VC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HARDER TO REACH EITHER ARE STILL UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION OR INTEND TO IGNORE IT.

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SUBJ: CEASE FIRE

REF: CG III MAF 080730Z AUG 69

1. (S) OCCURENCES DURING PERIOD 080100 SEP - 090100 SEP INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY HAS MADE A DEFINITE REDUCTION IN HIS ACTIVITIES DURING THE SELF-IMPOSED TRUCE. INDICATORS POINT TO RESUMPTION OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY ON TERMINATION OF CEASE FIRE.

2. (S) THERE WERE THREE CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING PERIOD INVOLVED:

A. A/2-1 RECEIVED ONE (1) COMMAND-DETONATED MINE VIC BT235243 FOLLOWED BY ONE ROUND OF RPG AT 081105H SEP; RESULTS WERE 2 US KIA, P 5 WIA (E).

B. C/3-1 RECEIVED THREE (3) MORTAR ROUNDS VIC BS539751, AT 081940H SEP; RESULTS WERE 3 US WIA (M).

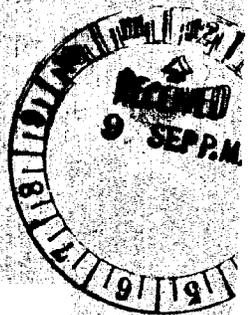
C. C/1-46 RECEIVED SAF AND M79 FIRE, VIC BT244056, AT 081400H SEP; RESULTS WERE 2 US WIA (M)

3. (C) THERE WAS ONE MINE INCIDENT ON QL-7 INVOLVING A CIVILIAN HUS. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT BT260-37 AT 081145H SEP ON THE PAVED PORTION OF THE ROAD; RESULTS WERE 10 VN CIV KIA, 15 VN CIV WIA. IT APPEARS THAT THE MINE HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER THE PAVEMENT BY TUNNELING FROM THE SIDE. PAVEMENT AT THIS SPOT HAD BEEN PACHED PREVIOUSLY. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF HOW LONG THE M

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SUBJ: ROKMC BDE AMPHIBIOUS OPN

1. AS YOU KNOW THE ROKMC BDE IS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT AN
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN NORTHERN BARRIER ISLAND. ALTHOUGH
THE LANDING IS NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL 12 SEPTEMBER, PLANS CALL
FOR TWO ROKMC BATTALIONS TO BE EMBARKED ON AMPHIBIOUS
SHIPPING ON 9 SEP WITH TRAINING AND REHEARSAL ON 10 AND 11
SEPTEMBER.

2. SINCE THE CURRENT "STANDOWN" IS EFFECTIVE DURING THE
PERIOD 8-11 SEPTEMBER, IS MY INTENTION TO CONTINUE CURRENT
ACTIONS FOR EXECUTION OF THE OPERATION, INCLUDING EMBARKATION
OF ROKMC ELEMENTS ON 9 SEPTEMBER.

3. I PLAN FOR PART OF ROKMC BDE TO REMAIN IN AO ON BARRIER
ISLAND AFTER TERMINATION THIS PHIBOP. BELIEVE PG LEE ACCEPTS
THIS CONCEPT.

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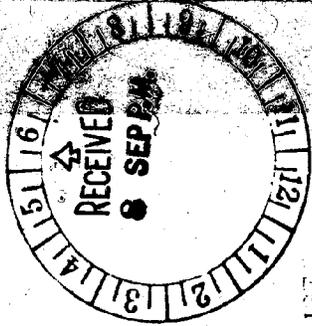
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BJ: CEASE FIRE
IN ORDER TO PROVIDE REQUIRED INFORMATION TO COMUSMACV, REQUEST
IC ADDRESSER SUBMIT FOLLOWING TO THIS VCG BY 1300 DAILY DURING
CURRENT CEASE FIRE:

- A. YOUR PERSONAL VIEW ON THE ENEMY'S ABIDING BY THE CEASE FIRE.
- B. YOUR EVALUATION OF SITUATION.
- C. COMMENTS ON ANY ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS.
- D. ANY OTHER COMMENTS YOU CONSIDER PERTINENT OR USEFUL.

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FOR LTGEN ZAIS MAJGEN SIMPSON MAJGEN RAMSEY MAJGEN THRASH
AND BGEN FEELEY INFO GEN ABRAMS MAJGEN JONES MAJGEN WRIGHT
RADM ROSENBERG AND BGEN LEE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
REF A. COMUSMACV 071614Z SEP69 (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 071810Z SEP69 (NOTAL)

1. THE FOLLOWING, MY INTERPRETATION OF REF A, IS PROVIDED FOR
YOUR GUIDANCE.

2. NO AIR, GROUND OR NAVAL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WILL BE INITIATED.
HOWEVER EACH COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO TAKE ALL
ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INHERENT RIGHT AND RESPONSIB-
ILITY OF A COMMANDER FOR SELF DEFENSE OF HIS FORCES. THE BEST MEANS
OF KEEPING FRIENDLY CASUALTIES TO A MINIMUM AND MAINTAINING THE
SECURITY OF OUR FORCES IS BY CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING
PROTECTIVE MEASURES TO PREVENT SURPRISE:

A. GROUND PATROLLING AND RECONNAISSANCE IN AREAS CONTAINING
POTENTIAL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND ALONG ENEMY LOC'S;

B. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE;

C. DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES AND PATROLLING ON ROUTES OF APPROACH
TO FRIENDLY POSITIONS;

D. ILLUMINATION;

E. HELICOPTER GUNSHIP COVER FOR CONVOYS AND OTHER MOVEMENT.

3. FRIENDLY FORCES IN CONTACT AS A RESULT OF AN NVA/VC ATTACK
WILL NOT BREAK CONTACT OR DECREASE THE INTENSITY OF THE ACTION
UNTIL THE NVZ/VC FORCES WITHDRAW.

4. ARTY OF NGF H AND I FIRES ARE NOT TO BE CONDUCTED. PRE-
PLANNED AIR STRIKES ARE NOT TO BE CONDUCTED. SUCH FIRES AND STRIKES
WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLY AS A PROTECTIVE MEASURE AGAINST FIRMLY
ESTABLISHED TARGETS WHICH REPRESENT A THREAT TO FRIENDLY FORCES.

5. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THE STANDOWN AND/ OR
THESE INSTRUCTIONS. REFER ALL PERSONS MAKING INQUIRIES TO THIS
HEADQUARTERS.

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O 080331 ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1
FM MG TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
LTGHCORCORAN CG IFFV
LTG EWELL CG II FFV
MGHWETHERILL CG DMAC

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SECRET MAC 11708 EYES ONLY

1. COMUSMACV HAS ASKED THAT EACH ADDRESSEE PROVIDE COMUSMACV
NOT LATER THAN 1800 HOURS EACH DAY, I.E., 8,9, 10 SEPTEMBER,
DURING THE ENEMY'S SO-CALLED CEASE FIRE, EACH

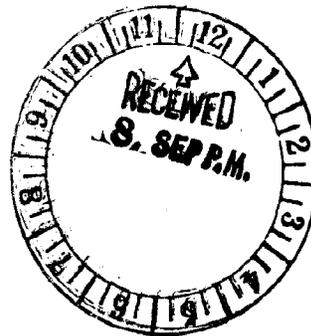
ADDRESSEE'S PERSONAL VIEW OF THE ENEMY CONCERNING THE CEASE
FIRE; WHAT DOES EACH ADDRESSEE SEE?

2. ANY OTHER COMMENTS THAT ADDRESSEES CONSIDER PERTINENT AND
USEFUL.

3. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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Z 071815Z LYH ZFF-3
FM LTGEN NICKERSON CG III MAF
TO LTGEN EUSE CG FMFMAC

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S E C R E T EYES ONLY

1. GEN ABRAMS MESSAGE MAC 11694 EYES ONLY DTG 071614Z IS QUOTED
BELOW FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Z 071614Z ZFF-3 ZFF-6 ZZS

FM GEN ABRAMS

TO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF

VADM ZUNWALT COMNAVFORV

LIG MILDREN DCG USARV

MG WETHERILL CG EMAC

LIG EWELL CG II FFV

LIG CORCORAN CG I FFV

LIG NICKERSON CG III MAF

YSQKOLC/COL HEALY CG 5TH SFG

INFO GEN WHEELER JCS

ADM MCCAIN CINCPAC

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S E C R E T MAC 11694 EYES ONLY

1. EFFECTIVE WITH RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING
DIRECTIVES APPLY THRU 3100 SEPT 11, 1968.

A. U.S. MILITARY CASUALTIES SHOULD BE KEPT TO ABSOLUTE
MINIMUM DURING PERIOD ENEMY HAS DESIGNATED FOR CEASEFIRE.

B. THERE SHOULD BE IN PRACTICE NO OFFENSIVE GROUND
OPERATIONS EXCEPT AS NECESSARY FOR SECURITY OF YOUR FORCES.

C. EMPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL AIR AND NAVAL FORCES IN SVN
WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH DIRECTIVES ABOVE COVERING GROUND
OPERATIONS.

2. EVERY COMMANDER IS DIRECTED DURING THIS
SPECIFIED PERIOD TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THE
SECURITY OF HIS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

3. PLACE THIS IN EFFECT ON RECEIPT, INFORM YOUR COUNTERPARTS
I WILL SEEK TO GET COMPARABLE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY

JCS A S A P .

UNQUOTE.

SEE NOTE: DELIVER TO CHIEF OF STAFF IMMEDIATELY.

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HEADQUARTERS III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

REF (B)

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FM LTGEN NICKERSON CG III MAF
TO LTGEN ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS

MGEN SIMPSON CG FIRST MARDIV
MGEN THRASH CG FIRST MAW
MGEN RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV
ZEN/DEEN FEELEY FLC
INFO MGEN JONES CG THIRD MARDIV
MGEN WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV
ZEN

S E C R E T EYES ONLY

1. GEN APRAMS MESSAGE MAC 11694 EYES ONLY DTG 071614Z IS QUOTED
BELOW FOR YOUR ACTION.

Z 071614Z ZFF-3 ZFF-6 ZFS

FM GEN APRAMS

TO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF

VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVCENT

LTG BILBEN CG USARP

MG WENKILL CG MAC

LTG EWELL CG II FFV

LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV

LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

YSQK C/LC/COOL HEALY CG 5TH SFG

INFO GEN WHEELER JCS

ADM MCCAIG CINCPAC

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OPERATIONS EXCEPT AS NECESSARY FOR SECURITY OF YOUR FORCES.

C. EMPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL AIR AND NAVAL FORCES IN SVN
WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH DIRECTIVES ABOVE COVERING GROUND
OPERATIONS.

2. EVERY COMMANDER IS DIRECTED DURING THIS
SPECIFIC PERIOD TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THE
SECURITY OF HIS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

3. PLACE THIS IN EFFECT ON RECEIPT, INFORM YOUR COUNTERPARTS
I WILL SEEK TO GET COMPARABLE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY

JCS A S A P.

U.QUOTE.

2. I WILL INFORM GEN LAM OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS MESSAGE,
SPECIFICALLY PARA 3, FIRST THING IN THE MORNING.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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Z 071614Z ZYH ZFF-3 ZFF-6 ZZS

FRANK ABRAMS

TO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF

VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV

LTG MILDREN DCGHUSARV

MG WETHERILL CGHDMAC

LTG EWELL CGHII FFV

LTG CORCORAN CGHI FFV

LTG NIKERSON CG III MAF

YSOKOLC/ COL HEALY CO 5TH SFG

INFO GEN WHEELER JCS

ADM MCCAIN CINCPAC

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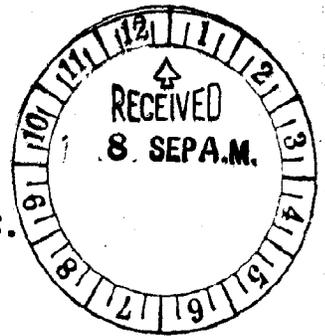
2. EVERY COMMANDER IS DIRECTED DURING THIS SPECIFIED PERIOD TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THE SECURITY OF HIS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

3. PLACE THIS IN EFFECT ON RECEIPT, INFORM YOUR COUNTERPARTS I WILL SEEK TO GET COMPARABLE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY JCS A S A P .

SSO NOTE: URGENT DELIVER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT FOR ACTION SSO'S YOUR ZDF-1 NEEDED SOONEST POSSIBLE

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This message corrected this one by adding Zumwalt



Note 7th Fleet not added - per [unclear] has created instructions

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HEADQUARTERS MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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FM CG III MAF
TO CG XXIV CORPS
CG FIRST MARDIV
CG FIRST MAW

CG AMERICAL DIV
ZEN/CG FOR LOG COMD
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S E C R E T /FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN SIMPSON, MGEN RAMSEY, MGEN
THRASH, AND MGEN FEELEY FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

1. THE FOL MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

Z 073831Z ZFF-4 ZFF-1

FM GEN ATRANG COMUSMACV SAIGON

TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF

VADM ZUNWALT COMNAVFORV

LTG MILDREN DCG UARV

MG WETHERILL CG EMAC

LTG EWELL CG II FFV

LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV

LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

COL NEALY CO 5TH SFG

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S E C R E T MAC 11684 EYES ONLY

REF: MY 11639 DTG 261100Z SEP 69.

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS OFFICIALLY REJECTED
THE NVG/VC PROPOSAL FOR A 72-HOUR CEASE-FIRE IN THE VIETNAM WAR IN
THE MEMORY OF HO CHI MINH. FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF
THE GVN:

QUOTE: SO FAR THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NEVER OBSERVED A TRUCE, EVEN A
TRUCE PROPOSED BY THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE ON THE CONTRARY
CAPITALIZED ON THE PERIODS OF TRUCE TO INCREASE THE KILLING
OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND THEIR DESTRUCTIVE ATTACKS, AS EVIDENCED
PARTICULARLY BY THEIR OFFENSIVE DURING THE TET HOLIDAYS AND
THE CHRISTMAS SEASONS OF 1968, DURING THE TET AND THE ANNIVERSARY
OF BUDDHA IN 1969.

FURTHERMORE, RECENTLY THE COMMUNISTS HAVE INCREASED THEIR
SHELLINGS TO KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE, AND THEIR MILITARY
ACTIVITIES, WHAT THEY TERM AS THE EXPRESSION OF THEIR SORROW
FOR HO CHI MINH, AND AS THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROLETARIAN
AND REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR LEADER.

THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO ASSURE EFFECTIVELY THE PROTECTION AND
THE SECURITY OF OUR COMPATRIOTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DECIDES NOT TO ACCEPT THE THREE-DAY TRUCE
PROPOSAL OF THE COMMUNISTS DURING THE FUNERAL OF HO CHI MINH.
MOREOVER, THIS CASE COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS THE OTHER
TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS, AND IN THE LIGHT OF PAST EXPERIENCES
DURING MANY PREVIOUS TRUCE PERIODS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM APPEALS TO THE VIGILANCE OF OUR COMPATRIOTS
AND OUR POPULAR FORCES IN VIEW OF THE DEFENSE AGAINST THE
COMMUNISTS' INCREASED TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES DURING
THE DAYS TO COME. UNQUOTE.

2. CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PLANNED.

**HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE**

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	DCG	I				REMARKS
	DCG AIR					THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPO- SITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
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*Passed to
Gen
S&C
Ramon
J. Kelly
for info*

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MG WETHERILL CG DMAC
LTG EWELL CG II FFV
LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV
LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
COL HEALY CO 5TH SFG
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SECRET MAC 11684 EYES ONLY
REF: MY 11639 DTG 061100Z SEP 69.

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2. CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PLANNED
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CG FMAW
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV
CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)
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S E C R E T / FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN RAMSEY AND
MAJGEN THRASH INFO MAJGEN JONES AND MAJGEN WRIGHT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
SUBJ: VC STANDOWN 8-11 SEP.

1. US FORCES WILL FOLLOW GVN LEAD IN REGARD TO ANY STANDOWN. CURRENT
GVN INSTRUCTIONS TO RVNAF ARE TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PLANNED.
2. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO CONTINUE. IN THE EVENT OF ANY
CHANGE, INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE FLASHED TO YOU. LTGEN NICKERSON.

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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-66)

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CGO BROWN OR 7AF

COMNAVFORV

LIG BELMONT DCG USARV

MR WETHERILL CG DMAC

LIG EWELL CG II FFV

LIG CORCORAN CGHI FFV

LIG NICKERSON CG III MAF

YSQKLC/ COL HEALY CO 5TH SFG (AB)

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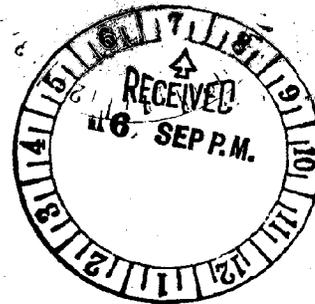
SECRET MAC 11639 EYES ONLY

1. WITH RESPECT TO HANOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF A STANDOWN OF 72 HOURS BEGINNING 0100 SEPT 8. OUR POLICY IS TO FOLLOW THE GVN LEAD.

2. I DISCUSSED THIS WITH GEN VIEN TODAY 6 SEPT. AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS COMMANDERS ON ADVICE OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IS TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PLANNED. GEN VIEN ANTICIPATES THE PRESIDENT MAY ISSUE A STATEMENT OR ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTION ON 7 SEPT. I WILL FLASH TO YOU ANY CHANGE. IN THE MEANTIME CONTINUE OPERATIONS WITH NO CHANGE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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RUMHLA/CG FIRSY MARDIV
RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS
RUMUBHT/CG ONE ZERO ONE ST AIRBORNE DIV (AM)
RUMHIA/CG AMERICAL DIV
RUMHGK/CG SECOND BDE ROKMC
RHMMAFA/HORN OASC

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~~TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS~~

- A. COMUSMACV 150142Z FEB69 (NOTAL)
 - B. COMUSMACV 152017Z FEB69 (NOTAL)
 - C. 7AF 151310Z FEB69 (NOTAL)
 - D. CG III MAF 150838Z FEB69 (NOTAL)
1. (S) REF A PROVIDES INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEMP CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPNS IN RVN DURING PERIOD 161800H TO 171600H FEB69. REF B DIRECTED EXECUTION OF REF A. REF C PROVIDED 1ST MAF WITH FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
 2. (S) THE GENERAL RULES FOR THE TEMPORARY CEASE-FIRE DURING TET ARE:
 - A. ENEMY ACTIONS WHICH IMPINGE ON FRIENDLY FORCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED; RESPONSES TO SUCH ACTIONS ARE TO BE DICISIVE AND OVERWHELMING.
 - B. U.S. FORCES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO INITIATE ANY AIR,

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GROUND, OR NAVAL OFFENSIVE OPNS; HOWEVER, EACH COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INHERENT RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SELF DEFENSE OF HIS FORCES. THESE ACTIONS WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) ILLUMINATION,
 - (2) INTENSIFIED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND GROUND PATROLLING IN AREAS CONTAINING POTENTIAL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND ALONG ENEMY LOG.
 - (3) HELICOPTER GUNSHIP COVER FOR CONVOYS AND OTHER MOVEMENTS.
- C. FRIENDLY FORCES IN CONTACT AS A RESULT OF AN NVA/VC ATTACK WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BREAK CONTACT OR DECREASE THE INTENSITY OF ACTION UNTIL THE NVA/VC FORCES WITHDRAW.
- D. COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE TO INSURE THAT U.S. FORCES ARE MAINTAINED IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE CESSATION PERIOD.
- E. RESUME ALL NORMAL OPNS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CESSATION PERIOD.

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3. (S) THE FOLLOWING OPNS WILL CONTINUE DURING THE CESSATION PERIOD AS FRAGGED:

- A. ILLUMINATION MISSIONS.
- B. ALL RECCE OPNS,
- C. ECM AND PHOTO RECCE.
- D. SEARCH AND RESCUE OPNS.
- E. VR FLTS.

F. HOT PAD AS FOLLOWS:

MAG-11 ONE SECTION, HARD ORDNANCE

MAG-12 ONE SECTION, SOFT ORDNANCE

MAG-13 ONE SECTION, D1A, D9, D24

G. MAG-11 WILL MAINTAIN ONE A6 AIRBORNE ARMED WITH D7, D8 DURING THE PERIOD 170700H TO 171900H FEB69. THIS FLT WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO EMER REQUIREMENTS. THE A6 WILL REMAIN ON VICESQUAD FREQ AND WILL BE EMPLOYED THROUGH NORMAL TACTICAL AIR CONTROL SYSTEM PROCEDURES. A6 WILL RECOVER WITH UNEXPENDED D8 ORDNANCE. D8'S WILL NOT BE JETTISONED EXCEPT IN EMER.

4. (S) ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

- A. ALL STRIKE FLTS WILL STAND DOWN DURING THE CEASE

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FIRE PERIOD. NO OUT OF COUNTRY STRIKE SORTIES WILL BE FLOWN UNLESS DIRECTED.

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- B. ALL UNITS WILL BE PREPARED TO LAUNCH SORTIES AS DIRECTED.
- C. ALERT POSURE WILL BE MAINTAINED. HOT PAD ACFT WILL REMAIN ON 15 MINUTE ALERT STATUS. SCRAMBLE ACFT WILL BE REPLACED IMMEDIATELY AFTER LAUNCH. ONE-THIRD OF THE OPERATIONAL ACFT WILL BE AVAIL FOR STRIKE SORTIES ON A ONE-HOUR BASIS. REMAINDER OF ACFT WILL REMAIN ON THREE HOUR ALERT. NO STRIKES WILL BE MADE DURING THE 161800H 59 171800H FEB69 PERIOD EXCEPT AS DIRECTED.
- 5. (S) REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO THIS HDQ (G-3) ALL NVA/VC HOSTILE ACKS DURING THE CESSATION PERIOD TOGETHER WITH FRIENDLY RESPONSIVE ACTIONS.
- 6. (S) NO REPEAT NO PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THE CESSATION AND/OR THESE INSTRUCTIONS. REFER ALL PERSONS MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE CESSATION TO THIS HDQ.
- 7. (U) IAW REF D ALL COMMANDS WILL INSURE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PASSED TO ALL PERSONNEL. NOTIFY THIS HDQ (G-3)

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SUBJ: TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS (U)

REF: MACV 26-69 DTG 150142Z FEB 69 (S)

1. (S) EXECUTE TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM 161800Z FEB 69 TO 171800H FEB 69 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE.
2. (U) RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS AT 171800H FEB 69 OR EARLIER IF DIRECTED.

3. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT BY TELEPHONE TO EAC 381 OR MACV 2114, GP-4

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SUBJ: TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS (U)

REFERENCE: MACV 26-69 DTG 150142Z FEB 69 (S)

1. (S) US MILITARY FORCES WILL OBSERVE TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS FROM 161800 H FEB 69 TO 171800H FEB 69 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE.
2. (S) REQUEST REPUBLIC OF KOREA FORCES IN VIETNAM OBSERVE THE CESSATION AND RESUME NORMAL OPERATIONS AT 171000H FEB 69 OR EARLIER IF DIRECTED.
3. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT BY TELEPHONE TO EAC 361 OR MACV 2114.

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 TO I FFORCEV AIG 101. SUBJECT: INTELLIGENCE SPOT REPORT.
 ON KC) SPOT REPORT FROM CG USASYPCOM QN: BINH DINH NATIONAL POLICE
 HAVE FORWARDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION EXTRACTED FROM PW HO XUAN
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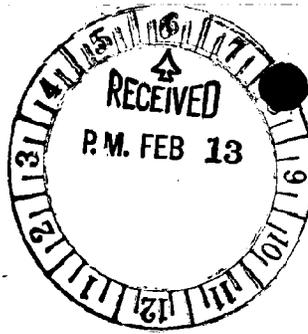
BY THE NATIONAL POLICE ON 10 FEB 69 AT HA CANG HA LEY, VICINITY
 CT 088266. DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND ON SOURCE'S PERSON. IT WAS
 DISCOVERED THAT THE GENERAL COMMUNIST OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE CITIES AND
 MAJOR TOWNS WILL BEGIN 150600 FEB 1969. WHEN OFFENSIVE HAS BEGUN THE PO-
 LITICAL AND MILITARY PROSELYTING TEAMS WILL APPEAL TO THE POPULATION
 AND SOLDIERS TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ATTACKS.

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SUBJ: INCREASED ALERTNESS DURING TET (U)

1. (C) IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALLIED FORCES WILL OBSERVE SOME FORM OF A LIMITED CEASEFIRE DURING THE TET PERIOD. GUIDANCE ON THE DATE AND LENGTH OF THE CEASEFIRE AND SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING MILITARY OPERATIONS IN SVN DURING THE CEASEFIRE WILL BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY, IF CONFIRMED.

2. (C) THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT AT THIS TIME THAT THE ENEMY WISHES TO IMPROVE HIS MILITARY POSITION; FOR THE MORALE OF HIS SOLDIERS, FOR A CALCULATED EFFECT ON WORLD OPINION, AND FOR A STRONGER BARGAINING POSITION AT THE PARIS TALKS.

3. (C) EVEN THOUGH HE MAY ACKNOWLEDGE LIMITED ENEMY CAPABILITY IN SOME AREAS, HE HAS DISPLAYED INGENUITY AND AN ABILITY TO CARRY OUT COORDINATED, UNEXPECTED ATTACKS IN THE PAST. THE SLIGHTEST ENEMY SUCCESS DURING TET THIS YEAR COULD BE MAGNIFIED TO SERVE HIS PURPOSES.

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4. (C) WE MUST BE ESPECIALLY VIGILANT DURING THE TET PERIOD AND ALERT TO ANY TYPE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY. WHILE HEIGHTENED ENEMY ACTIVITY POSES ADDED HAZARDS, IT ALSO OFFERS ADDED OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALERT ALLIED FORCES TO DECISIVELY SMASH ANY AND ALL ENEMY MOVES WE MUST DO JUST THAT

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URES DURING KY DAU LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAYS.
1. FOR REFERENCE DIRECTS SECURITY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY
BRIEF DURING KY DAU LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAYS.
2. FOR BY 7 FEBRUARY 1969 MEMORANDUM, CHIEF OF STAFF, RVNAF,
DIRECTS SECURITY MEASURES TO BE TAKEN BY RVNAF DURING THE
KY DAU LUNAR NEW YEAR'S DAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS QUOTED IN FULL
FOR THE INFORMATION OF ALL.
3. SECURITY MEASURES DURING KY DAU LUNAR NEW YEAR'S
CONSIDERATIONS. THE EXPERIENCES DURING LAST **TET** DEMON-
STRATED POSITIVELY THE NVA COMMUNISTS' DECEITFUL MOVES TO TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF THE NATIONAL TRADITIONAL AND SACRED DAYS TO LAUNCH

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ATTENTION: MOST OF THE CITIES AND PROVINCIAL CAPITALS IN
AND THESE MOVES WERE AIMED AT EXPLOITING THE FOLLOWING
PSYCHOLOGICAL DEFICIENCIES:
A. ON THE OCCASION OF **TET**, UNITS USUALLY ORGANIZE BANQUETS,
ENTERTAINMENTS OR ALLOW THEIR MEN TO GO ON LEAVE TO VISIT THEIR
FAMILIES.
B. BECAUSE UNITS PLACED FAITH IN THE CEASEFIRE, DEFENSIVE
AND SECURITY MEASURES BECAME LAX AND LACKED THE USUAL CAUTION.
2. PURPOSE: TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF A SIMILAR EVENT. WHILE
THERE IS STILL NO DECISION FROM GVN WHETHER TO GRANT A CEASEFIRE
OR NOT ON KY DAU **TET**, THIS MEMORANDUM IS DESIGNED TO PRESCRIBE
SECURITY MEASURES IN ORDER THAT RVNAF MAY:
A. MAINTAIN SUPERIORITY ON ALL BATTLEFIELDS.
B. MAINTAIN SECURITY OF FRIENDLY FORCES.
C. COUNTERATTACK IN TIME AGAINST NVN ATTACKING FORCES.
3. APPLICABLE MEASURES.
A. MILITARY ATTACKS.
(1) COORDINATE WITH US AND FVMAF TO INCREASE OPERATIONAL
EFFORTS AIMED AT DESTROYING NVN UNITS; LAUNCH ATTACKS AGAINST
TRENCH BATTLE LINES, DESTROYING DEPOTS AND IMPORTANT LOGISTIC BASES

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SUBJ: INSTRUCTIONS FOR TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS (U)
REF: MACV CMD CTR DTG 150005Z FEB 69

1. (S) THIS MESSAGE CONSTITUTES AN ALERT ORDER FOR THE TEMPORARY CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN RVN FROM 161800H FEB 69 TO 171800H FEB 69. EXECUTION OF THIS ORDER WILL BE BY FLASH PRECEDENCE MESSAGE SUBSEQUENT TO OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PERIOD OF THE CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS BY THE GVN.

2. (S) THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WILL GOVERN THE ACTIONS OF US FORCES DURING A CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED TO RVNAF BY JGS. OTHER FREE WORLD FORCES WILL BE INFORMED OF PLANNED US POSTURE DURING THE PERIOD OF CESSATION.

3. (S) WE ARE DETERMINED THAT THE ENEMY WILL NOT GAIN AN ADVANTAGE, MILITARY OR POLITICAL, THROUGH ATTACKS DURING THE CESSATION PERIOD; WITH UTMOST VIGILANCE AND PROMPT REACTION, WE CAN DECISIVELY DEFEAT

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ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY DURING THE TET CESSATION PERIOD.

4. (S) THE GENERAL RULES FOR THE CESSATION ARE:

A. ENEMY ACTIONS WHICH IMPINGE ON FRIENDLY FORCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. RESPONSES TO SUCH ACTIONS ARE TO BE DECISIVE AND OVERWHELMING.

B. US FORCES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO INITIATE ANY AIR, GROUND, OR NAVAL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS; HOWEVER, EACH COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INHERENT RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF A COMMANDER FOR SELF-DEFENSE OF HIS FORCES. THESE ACTIONS WILL INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) ILLUMINATION;
- (2) DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES ON ROUTES OF APPROACH TO FRIENDLY POSITIONS;
- (3) INTENSIFIED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND GROUND PATROLLING IN AREAS CONTAINING POTENTIAL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND ALONG ENEMY LOC;
- (4) HELICOPTER GUNSHIP COVER FOR CONVOYS AND OTHER MOVEMENT.

C. FRIENDLY FORCES IN CONTACT AS A RESULT OF AN NVA/VC ATTACK WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BREAK CONTACT OR DECREASE THE INTENSITY OF

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ACTION UNTIL THE NVA/VC FORCES WITHDRAW.

D. COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE TO ENSURE THAT US FORCES ARE MAINTAINED IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER THE CESSATION PERIOD.

E. H AND I FIRES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THE CESSATION PERIOD.

F. RESUME ALL NORMAL OPERATIONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CESSATION PERIOD.

5. (S) THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE DURING THE CESSATION PERIOD.

A. MARKET TIME

B. GAME WARDEN

C. SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

6. (S) REPORT IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, ALL NVA/VC HOSTILE ACTS DURING THE CESSATION PERIOD TOGETHER WITH FRIENDLY RESPONSIVE ACTIONS.

7. (S) NO REPEAT NO PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THE CESSATION AND/OR THESE INSTRUCTIONS. REFER ALL PERSONS MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE CESSATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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PREPARATIONS FOR DEFENSE OF MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS (U)

1. (S) WITH THE APPROACH OF TET, AND IN VIEW OF THE ENEMY THREAT TO DANANG, HUE, QUANG NGAI, TAM KY AND HOI AN, I AM AGAIN EXAMINING THE OVERALL TACTICAL SITUATION IN ICTZ TO ENSURE THAT US FORCES ARE DEPLOYED IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO COUNTER ANY ENEMY THREAT. I AM REASSURED BY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF YOUR OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE EFFORTS IN THE HOI AN CITY AREA IN THE PAST AND CONFIDENT THAT YOUR PLANS FOR THE TET PERIOD ARE EQUALLY EFFECTIVE. IN ORDER TO ASSIST ME IN MAKING AN APPRAISAL OF THE DEPLOYMENT OF MY OWN UNITS, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR ME TO KNOW YOUR GENERAL PLANS TO MEET AND DEFEAT THE DISTURBING ENEMY THREAT IN THE HOI AN AREA.
2. (S) WOULD YOU PLEASE, THEREFORE, ADVISE ME, IN THE DETAIL THAT YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE, OF YOUR INTENDED CONCENTRATION OF FORCES IN DEFENSE OF THE CITY OF HOI AN AND YOUR ARRANGEMENTS FOR RELIEF/RE-INFORCEMENT IN AN EMERGENCY. I HAVE ALREADY DIRECTED MY STAFF TO VERIFY

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THAT YOU HOLD DETAILS OF MY DEPLOYMENTS AND IMMEDIATE PLANS IN THE QUANG NAM-QUANG TIN REGION, SO THAT WE BOTH MIGHT BE AWARE OF THE PLANS OF THE OTHER AND THUS BE BETTER PREPARED FOR A H EFFORT THE ENEMY MIGHT ATTEMPT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. I WOULD VERY MUCH VALUE YOUR OPINIONS AND VIEWS ON HOW WE MAY BEST PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM PENETRATING OR PUNISHING THE POPULATED AREAS WHICH NOW APPEAR TO BE HIS FAVORED TARGETS.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN STILWELL FROM MAJGEN DAVIS
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- A. YOUR 121150Z
1. PENDING DECISION CONCERNING RETURN OF 3D MAR MINUS REQ TEMPORARY LOAN OF TWO RIFLE COMPANIES FOR EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT OVER TET HOLIDAY PERIOD.
 2. MAJ DE, NEWLY ARRIVED SECTOR CHIEF, HAS PREPARED NEW PLAN FOR DEFENSE INSIDE QUANG TRI CITY WHICH IS VERY SOUND BUT REQUIRES AUGMENTATION BY US ELEMENTS IF IT IS TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. I AM PROVIDING TWO COMPANIES FROM MY LIMITED RESOURCES IN VIEW OF MY CONTINUING CONCERN OVER THE INTERNAL DEFENSES IN QUANG TRI.
 3. WITH THE CONTINUATION OF DEWEY CANYON IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY TO FRAGMENT REMAINING FORCES TO PROVIDE MINIMUM SCREEN FOR THE

PAGE TWO RUMHVP 1508 **S E C R E T**

CUA VIET, FOR THE AREA NORTH OF DONG HA, FOR CAM LO/MAI LOC, AND FOR DOZER CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THE LEATHERNECK SQUARE AND A-2 AREA. TEMPORARY LOAN OF TWO RIFLE COMPANIES FROM THE 3D MAR, WHICH I UNDERSTAND ARE BEING PLACED IN A STAND DOWN, REHAB POSTURE, WOULD HELP TO OFFSET THE PRESENT FRAGMENTED POSTURE IN KEY QUANG TRI PROVINCE AREAS.

4. AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF 3D MAR COMPANIES WOULD BE TO SUGGEST TO GEN TRUONG THAT HE REDUCE HIS PRESENT COMMITMENT OF FOUR ARVN BATTALIONS IN OHIO RAPID/DEWEY CANYON AND RETURN THEM TO THE DONG HA, QUANG TRI AREA PRIOR TO TET.

5. WARM REGARDS.

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THREE THREE RRMNAPA 1394 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 105TH BN, 31 REGT; DONG NGHIE (AT 885652) (NFI).
 THE MISSION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED UNITS IS TO LAUNCH A
 GROUND ATTACK DURING THE COMING PRE-TET PERIOD, OR DURING TET
 IF THEY ARE FORCED TO DELAY. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC TARGETS WERE
 UNDISCLOSED, NHEU DUC DISTRICT HQQTS (AT 9970) AND HOA CAM ARVN
 TRAINING CENTER (AT 9772) WERE MENTIONED AS POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES.
 A SECRET ATTACK WILL BE LAUNCHED AGAINST DANANG AIR BASE DURING
 THE GROUND ATTACK. AS OF 6 FEB 69, THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE AND VC
 SYMPATHIZERS HAD NOT CELEBRATED TET. PEOPLE LIVING IN THE RURAL
 AREAS 7-12 KM SOUTHWEST OF DANANG AIR BASE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED
 TO STORE DRY RATIONS, MEDICINE, AND BANDAGE MATERIAL FOR SUB-
 SEQUENT PICK-UP BY THE VC. AS OF 6 FEB 69, THE FOOD AND MATERIAL
 HAD NOT BEEN PICKED UP.

THE VC PRESENTLY HAVE A SECRET ZONE LOCATED IN THE TRUNG MAN
 MOUNTAINS (COORD UNK) APPROXIMATELY 45 KM (SIX DAY'S WALKING DIS-
 TANCE) SOUTHWEST OF CAM TOAN HAMLET (AT 944686). THE SECRET ZONE
 CONSISTS OF A SERIES OF TUNNELS AND STONE CAVES AND A VC HOSPITAL.
 ALL THE SECRET ZONE ARE IS GREEN TRUCKS WHICH ARE USED TO HAUL RICE
 AND HORN BETWEEN UNSPECIFIED POINTS.
 ALL VC POLITICAL CADRE HAVE VISITED ALL THE RESIDENTS OF THE RURAL

THREE FOUR RRMNAPA 1394 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 AREAS SOUTHWEST OF DANANG AND HAVE INSTRUCTED THEM TO COMMENCE THE
 PREPARATION OF TET SO THAT IT IS COMPLETED BY 12 FEB 69. THEY
 ALSO INSTRUCTED THE PEOPLE TO MAKE NATIONAL LIBERATION FLAGS,
 AND TO GIVE FOOD IN THEIR HOMES FOR THE VC/NVA SOLDIERS. THE
 POLITICAL CADRE HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WILL ORGANIZE A DEMON-
 STRATION IN DANANG ON 12 FEB 69 WHICH WILL BE SUPPORTED BY THE VC
 AND HOA OR WILL ENTER THE CITY DRESSED AS ARVN SOLDIERS. THE
 POLITICAL CADRE REFERRED TO THE TET ATTACK AS "INTERNAL ATTACK
 WITH EXTERNAL SUPPORT", WHICH IS BELIEVED TO MEAN A SAPPER ATTACK
 FROM WITHIN DANANG COUPLED WITH A ROCKET/MORTAR ATTACK FROM OUTSIDE
 THE CITY. THE 31 REGT IS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE TET ATTACKS.
 THE VC REPORTEDLY MOVED 122MM ROCKETS AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE
 FOUR LAUNCHERS INTO BO BAN (N) HAMLET (AT 937683) ON THE MORNING
 OF 7 FEB 69. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE FIRED THEM ON THE NIGHT
 OF 6-7 FEB 69 TO COVER A GROUND ASSAULT ON THE NHEU DUC DISTRICT
 HEADQUARTERS AND TUY LOAN (N) HAMLET (AT 938703).
 AS OF 7 FEB 69, TWO VC COMPANIES (NFI), WITH A COMBINED
 STRENGTH ESTIMATED AT 200 MEN DRESSED IN BLACK UNIFORMS SIMILAR
 TO THOSE WORN BY GVN RURAL DEVELOPMENT CADRE, DEPLOYED AT THE
 AND AN LUU HAMLET AREAS (BT 0467). THEIR MISSIONS REPORTEDLY

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PAGE THREE RINCAFA 1395 C O N F I D E N T I A L
ESCAPE. THIS THREE-PHASE ATTACK WILL OCCUR BETWEEN 13
AND 19 FEB 69, AND THEN THE FORCES WILL RETREAT.
D. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, THE 106TH BATTALION (NFI)
AND ONE OTHER BATTALION OF THE 1ST VC MF REGT, 2ND
NVA DIV, ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN THE PHU DONG-BAO AN-
XUAN DAI HAMLET AREAS (AT 9853), APPROXIMATELY 21 KILO-
METERS SOUTH OF DANANG AIR BASE. THEIR MISSION IS UN-
KNOWN.

2. (C) ALTHOUGH THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE CANNOT BE
DETERMINED, THE INFORMATION HE PROVIDES IS CONSISTENT WITH
A MULTITUDE OF SIMILAR INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, ALL OF WHICH
INDICATE THE LIKELIHOOD OF ATTACKS AGAINST DANANG CITY AND
ITS ENVIRONS DURING THE FORTHCOMING TET HOLIDAYS. WHILE
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE 1ST VC MF REGT, 2ND NVA DIV MOVED
TO THE AREA SPECIFIED BY THE SOURCE (AT 8770), SUCH A MOVE
IS CONSIDERED UNLIKELY. III MAF OOB PRESENTLY HOLDS
THE 1ST VC MF REGT SOUTHEAST OF WONG SON SF/CIDG CAMP
VICINITY (AT 9434). THE LOCATION INDICATED (AT 8770) IS
THE NORMAL AO OF THE 31ST NVA REGT. III MAF EVAL: F-3.

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FOR PERSONAL ATTENTION OF ALL COMMANDERS

WE HAVE PASSED TO YOU THE LARGE VOLUME OF INTELLIGENCE REPORT REGARDING ENEMY PLANS FOR TET OFFENSIVE. WHILE THESE ARE NOT ALWAYS CONSISTENT, IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE ENEMY HAS WIDE RANGING AND DETAILED PLANS FOR OFFENSIVE ACTIONS IN THE DANANG AREA TO INCLUDE ROCKET AND SAPPER ATTACKS TO BE FOLLOWED BY INFANTRY ASSAULTS AT SELECTED POINTS.

WE DO NOT NOW KNOW AND WILL NOT KNOW PRECISELY WHAT HE IS GOING TO DO, BUT IS CLEARLY APPARENT THAT HE WILL DO SOMETHING IN AN ATTEMPT TO CAUSE CASUALTIES AND MATERIAL DAMAGE WHILE WE DOES NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ACCOMPLISH ALL THAT HIS PLANS REVEAL. HE MOST CERTAINLY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO INFLECT SERIOUS DAMAGE AT ISOLATED POINTS. THIS IS EMPHATIC BY PREVIOUS STATEMENT I. E. THE NEXT TWENTY

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THIS SITUATION WILL PRESENT THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO THIS DIVISION SINCE WE HAVE BEEN IN VIETNAM. IT IS A TIME DEMANDING PARTICULAR ALERTNESS BY ALL. I WILL RAISE READINESS CONDITIONS FOR THE DEFENSE COMMANDS IN THE DANANG AREA AS THE SITUATION UNFOLDS. YOU MAY FIND IT ADVISABLE TO ACT DEPENDING ON YOUR SPECIAL SITUATION.

OUR POSTURE IS GOOD AND CERTAINLY WE ARE NOT APPREHENSIVE AS TO THE FINAL OUTCOME OF ANY AGGRESSIVE ACTION ON THE PART OF THE ENEMY. HOWEVER THE MANNER IN WHICH WE COPE WITH HIS AGGRESSIONS CAN HAVE FAR REACHING IMPLICATIONS. IN THIS REGARD I REDIRECT YOUR PARTICULAR AND PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THOSE AREAS OUTSIDE THE FOCUS OF YOUR DAILY ACTIVITIES. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ANY CONTINGENCY PLANS THAT RELATE TO YOUR UNIT IN ANY MANNER. ENSURE THAT PLANS ARE CURRENT FOR THE SUPPORT OF CAPS, PF AND RF UNITS, WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE AREAS OF COMMUNICATIONS AND FIRE SUPPORT. COMMUNTS ARE VULNERABLE AND THOSE KEY AREAS SUCH AS BRIDGES MUST RECEIVE POSITIVE ATTENTION. DO NOT ALLOW YOUR THINKING TO BECOME TOO NARROW. IN ADDITION TO REVIEWING THOSE ACTIONS YOU MAY TAKE IN YOUR SO REMEMBER THAT WE WILL BE CONCENTRATING AT DECISIVE POINTS AND THUS CROSSING AND RE-CROSSING THE BLUE LINES.

WE HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO COPE WITH WHAT EVER HE COMES UP WITH. WHAT WE DO IN ADVANCE PREPARATIONS WILL ENHANCE OUR CHANCES FOR EARLY AND DECISIVE RESULTS.
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ZEN/CO 16TH AVN GP CHL RVN
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C O N F I D E N T I A AVDF-GB 2628

SUBJECT: ~~INTELLIGENCE~~ ESTIMATE, ENEMY CAPABILITIES (U)
1. (C) THERE ARE TWO MAJOR THREAT AREAS IN THE AMERICAL AREA OF INTEREST:

A. QUANG NGAI: ENEMY FORCES IN THIS AREA CONSIST OF TWO REGIMENTS OF THE 3D NVA DIVISION, 7 5H3 401ST SAPPER REGIMENT, THE 38TH & 48TH AND 81 STLOCAL FORCE BATTALIONS AND SEVERAL LF COMPANIES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 2D REGT, 3D NVA DIVISION, THESE UNITS ARE DISPOSED WITHIN 48 HOUR STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE PROVINCIAL CAPITAL CITY. THEIR AVERAGE STRENGTH IS BELOW 50 PERCENT, HOWEVER IN THE CITY AREA THERE IS AN ESTIMATED 2500 TROOPS. RECENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY HAS PREPARED PLANS TO ATTACK THE CITY. INFORMATION FROM PW CONTACTS AND DOCUMENTS REVEALS THAT ENEMY MORALE IS LOW, FOOD STOCKS HAVE DIMINISHED AND HE HAS BEEN FORCED TO SEND COMBAT TROOP ON LABOR MIS-

SIONS TO FEED, CLOTHE AND ARM HIS SOLDIERS. DESPITE THESE PROBLEMS THE ENEMY DOES POSSESS AN OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY. CURRENT ESTIMATE IS THAT HE CAN ATTACK QUANG NGAI WITH EQUIVALENT OF TWO REGIMENTS

SUPPORTED BY LOCAL FORCES OF MOUNT A DIVERSIONARY ATTACK AGAINST

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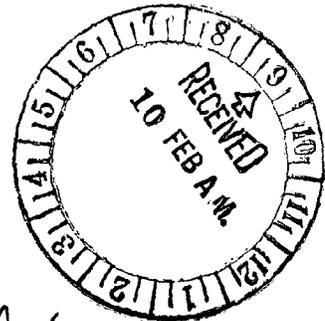
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 C O N F I D E N T I A L 19/69
 SUBJECT: INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF WEAPONS (U)
 1. (U) THIS MESSAGE CONCERNS THE INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.
 2. (C) DURING THE CHRISTMAS PERIOD THERE WERE NUMEROUS INSTANCES WHERE US PERSONNEL FIRED INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS IN AN IRRESPONSIBLE MANNER, APPARENTLY JUST CELEBRATING.
 3. (C) FIRING OF WEAPONS IN THIS MANNER AND FOR THIS PURPOSE IS PROHIBITED AND NOT TO BE TOLERATED AT ANY TIME.
 4. (U) WITH THE APPROACH OF TET, COMMANDERS AND SUPERVISORS WILL AGAIN INSTRUCT ALL PERSONNEL CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION AGAINST INDISCRIMINATE FIRING OF INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.
 5. (U) THE INSTRUCTIONS HEREIN APPLY TO ALL US ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL AND CATEGORY I CIVILIANS AS DEFINED IN MACV DIRECTIVE 190-1.
 6. (U) RVNAF AND ROKFV PERSONNEL ARE BEING INFORMED SEPARATELY.
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LTCOL SIMPSON, CG 1ST MARDIV
LTCOL ZAIS, CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)
CDR/HR. CROSS, DEPUTY FOR CORDS
LTCOL DAVIS, CG 3D MARDIV
LTCOL QUILTER, CG 1ST MAW
LTCOL GETTYS, CG AMERICAL DIV
LTCOL RENWANZ, DSA I CORPS
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1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS READDRESSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF
LTC MILDREN DCS USARV
LTC CUSHMAN CG III MAF
LTC PEERS CG I FFV
LTC KERWIN CG II FFV
VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV
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TENNOLC/COL AARON CG 5TH SFG
COL CAVANAUGH CH MACSOG
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S E C R E T MAC 1483 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: TET ~~RESTRICTIONS~~ (U)

REF: A. VMAC 111/68 DTG 181338Z DEC 68 (S)

B. H MACV 43469 DTG 202345Z DEC 68 (TS)

C. H MACJ14 LTR, SUBJ: RVNAF TET LEAVZ PROCEDURES, 24 JAN 69

1. (S)H REF A INCLUDES RECENT JCS INSTRUCTIONS RE TET AS WELL AS OTHER MEASURES AIMED AT REVERSING THE DESERTION TREND IN RVNAF. REFERENCES B AND C CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE.

2. (S)H TET THIS YEAR EXTENDS FROM 17 FEB TO 20 FEB. ON 30 JAN, H WAS INFORMED BY MACV THAT WE REALIZED IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO OBSERVE SOME TYPE CEASEFIRE AT TET. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO OBSERVE ANY CEASEFIRE OBSERVED BY THE ALLIED FORCES SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN LENGTH. TO DATE NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO A CEASEFIRE. WHEN THIS DECISION IS MADE, NAVY CEASEFIRE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED BASED ON THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED DURING THE CEASEFIRE AT CHRISTMAS (REFS A AND B). H IS CONTEMPLATED THAT ALL ALLIED FORCES WILL OBSERVE IDENTICAL CEASEFIRE. THE CEASEFIRE, AS HAS BEEN DONE HERETOFORE.

3. (S) INSTRUCTIONS RECENTLY ISSUED BY THE JGS (REF C) CONCERNING LEAVE POLICIES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL DURING TET ARE ENCOURAGING. JGS HAS DIRECTED THAT LEAVE FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL BE SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS BEFORE TET TO FIVE DAYS AFTER TET. ALL RVNAF COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO MAKE A MAXIMUM EFFORT IN PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLICITY, AND EXTRA RATIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL DURING THE TET CELEBRATION. FAMILIES OF RVNAF SERVICEMEN WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CELEBRATE TET AT MILITARY POSTS. THIS EFFORT BY THE JGS SHOULD RESULT IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS FOR ALL RVNAF UNITS DURING THE TET CELEBRATIONS. A COPY OF THE JGS TET LEAVE INSTRUCTIONS HAS BEEN PASSED TO ALL U.S. ADVISORS. ALL ADVISORS ARE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE JGS GUIDANCE AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN ACCOMPLISHING THE DIRECTED REQUIREMENTS.

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LTG KERWIN CG II FFV
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MG ECKHARDT SA IV CTZ
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COL CHAVANAUGH CH MACSOG
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SUBJECT: TET CEASEFIRE (U)

REF: A. VMAC 111/68 DTG 181330Z DEC 68 (S)

B. MACV 43469 DTG 20345Z DEC 68 (TS)

C. MACV 14 LTR, SUBJ: RVNAF TET LEAVE PROCEDURES, 24 JAN 69

1. (S) REF A INCLUDES RECENT JGS INSTRUCTIONS RE TET AAS WELL AS OTHER MEASURES AIMED AT REVERSING THE DESERTION TREND IN RVNAF. REFERENCES B AND C CONTAIN INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE.
2. (S) TET THIS YEAR EXTENDS FROM 17 FEB TO 20 FEB. ON 30 JAN, JGS WAS INFORMED BY MACV THAT WE REALIZED IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO OBSERVE SOME TYPE CEASEFIRE AT TET. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED TO JGS THAT ANY CEASEFIRE OBSERVED BY THE ALLIED FORCES SHOULD BE NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IN LENGTH. TO DATE NO FINAL DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO A CEASEFIRE. WHEN THIS DECISION IS MADE, MACV CEASEFIRE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED BASED ON THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED DURING THE CEASEFIRE AT CHRISTMAS (REFS A AND B). IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT ALL ALLIED FORCES WILL OBSERVE IDENTICAL RULES DURING THE CEASEFIRE, AS HAS BEEN DONE HERETOFORE.
3. (S) INSTRUCTIONS RECENTLY ISSUED BY THE JGS (REF C) CONCERNING LEAVE POLICIES FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL DURING TET ARE ENCOURAGING. JGS HAS DIRECTED THAT LEAVE FOR ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL BE SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS BEFORE TET TO FIVE DAYS AFTER TET. ALL RVNAF COMMANDERS HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO MAKE A MAXIMUM EFFORT IN PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, PUBLICITY, AND EXTRA RATIONS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL DURING THE TET CELEBRATION. FAMILIES OF RVNAF SERVICEMEN WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO CELEBRATE TET AT MILITARY POSTS. THIS EFFORT BY THE JGS SHOULD RESULT IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS FOR ALL RVNAF UNITS DURING THE TET CELEBRATIONS. A COPY OF THE JGS TET LEAVE INSTRUCTIONS HAS BEEN PASSED TO ALL U.S. ADVISORS. ALL ADVISORS ARE TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE JGS GUIDANCE AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THEIR COUNTERPARTS IN ACCOMPLISHING THEE DIRECTED REQUIREMENTS.

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ZEN/COMNAVFORV SAIGON
ZEN/CG MAC SAIGON
ZEN/CO 4TH PSYOP GP SAIGON
RHMMAF/CO 5TH SP FORCES GP
ZEN/CG 6TH PSYOP BN BIEN HOA
RHMMAF/CO 7TH PSYOP BN DA NANG
RHMMAF/CO 8TH BN NHA TRANG
RHMMAF/CO 10TH PSYOP BN CAN THO
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SUBJECT: PSYOP GUIDANCE-CHRISTMAS CEASE FIRE

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1. ON DECEMBER 2, PRESIDENT THIEU ANNOUNCED A CHRISTMAS CEASE FIRE FOR THE PERIOD 241800 DECEMBER TO 251800 DECEMBER. THE FREE WORLD FORCES WILL ALSO OBSERVE THIS CEASE FIRE. BECAUSE OF THE SHORT DURATION OF THIS CEASE FIRE IT IS NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE TO CONDUCT ANY SPECIAL PSYOP PROGRAM FOR FRIENDLY OR ENEMY FORCES. HOWEVER, THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD DOES LEND ITSELF TO THE FOLLOWING THEMATIC ACTIONS.

A. POINT OUT TO ENEMY SOLDIERS THAT THEY HAVE FOUGHT HONORABLY AND THE CEASE FIRE OFFERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO RALLY WITH DIGNITY AND ACCEPT THE GOOD TREATMENT DUE A COURAGEOUS SOLDIER.

B. EMPHASIZE THAT A PERMANENT CEASE FIRE WOULD BE POSSIBLE IF THE NORTH CEASES ITS AGGRESSION.

C. THE CEASE FIRE DOES NOT MEAN A RELAXATION SECURITY BY THE GVN AND HER ALLIES, AND ANY ATTACKS ON THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH VIETNAM OR THEIR ALLIES WILL BE REPELLED AT TREMENDOUS COST TO THE ENEMY.

2. ON DECEMBER 5, THE LIBERATION RADIO ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD HAVE TWO PERIODS OF CEASE FIRE. THE FIRST FROM 240100 DECEMBER TO 270100 DECEMBER, THE SECOND FROM 300100 DECEMBER TO 20100 JANUARY. TO AVOID PUBLICIZING THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THE ENEMY, AVOID ALL MENTION OF THE NLF PROCLAIMED CEASE FIRE IN ALL PSYOP OUTPUT.

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3. IF PREVIOUS ENEMY CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS ARE EXPLOITED, AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THE ENEMY STILL HAS THE CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AT WILL.

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SUBJ: INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE PERIOD (U)

REF: A. MACV 10468 DTG 081220Z DEC 68 (S)

B. MACV CMD CTR DTG 170155Z DEC 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (U) REF A IS RESCINDED.

2. (S) THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WILL GOVERN THE ACTIONS OF US FORCES DURING THE CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE PERIOD (241800H 251800H DEC 68). SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO RVNAF BY JCS. OTHER FREE WORLD FORCES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF PLANNED US CEASEFIRE POSTURE.

3. (S) INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF LAUNCHING ATTACKS AGAINST ALLIED FORCES OR INSTALLATIONS AT ANY TIME. IN THE PAST, HE HAS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF CEASEFIRE PERIODS TO LAUNCH ATTACKS AND TO INCREASE HIS RESUPPLY. HE MAY DO SO AGAIN.

4. (S) THE CEASEFIRE GENERAL RULES ARE:

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A. ENEMY TRUCE VIOLATIONS WHICH IMPINGE ON FIRMLY ESTABLISHED FORCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. REACTIONS TO VIOLATIONS ARE TO BE DECISIVE AND OVERWHELMING.

5. US FORCES ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO INITIATE ANY AIR, GROUND, OR NAVAL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS; HOWEVER, EACH COMMANDER IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO TAKE ALL ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INHERENT RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF A COMMANDER FOR SELF-DEFENSE OF HIS FORCES. THESE ACTIONS WILL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) ILLUMINATION.
- (2) DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES ON ROUTES OF APPROACH TO FRIENDLY POSITIONS.
- (3) INTENSIFIED RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING IN AREAS CONTAINING POTENTIAL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND ALONG ENEMY LOC.
- (4) HELICOPTER GUNSHIP COVER OF CONVOYS AND OTHER MOVEMENTS.

C. FRIENDLY FORCES IN CONTACT AS A RESULT OF AN NVA/VC ATTACK ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO BREAK CONTACT OR DECREASE THE INTENSITY OF ACTION UNTIL THE NVA/VC FORCES WITHDRAW.

D. COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE TO ENSURE THAT US FORCES

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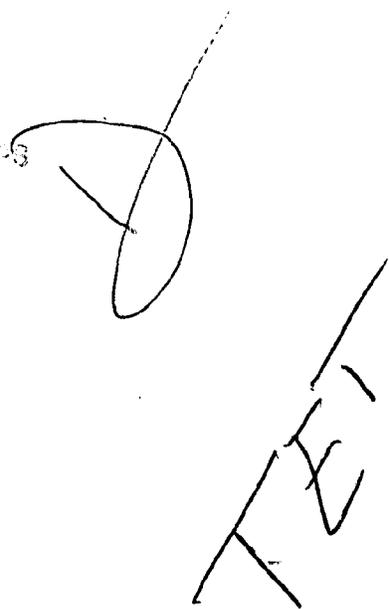
PARADES AND SMVA ACTS OF THE CITY OF
 ARE MAINTAINED IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS BEFORE, DURING,
 AND AFTER THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD.
 ALL 4 AND 7 PARES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO BE CONDUCTED
 DURING THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD.
 ALL RESUME ALL NORMAL OPERATIONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF
 THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD.
 ALL (S) THE FOLLOWING OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE DURING THE
 CEASEFIRE PERIOD:
 ALL PARADE TIME
 ALL WAVE WARLEN
 ALL SEARCH AND RESUME OPERATIONS.
 ALL (S) REPORT IMMEDIATELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF BY ALL
 DURING HOSTILE ACTS DURING THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD TOGETHER WITH
 ALL (S) RESPONSIVE ACTIONS.
 ALL (S) NO REPEAT NO PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING
 THE CEASEFIRE AND/OR THESE INSTRUCTIONS. REFER ALL PERSONS
 MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING THE CEASEFIRE TO THE HEADQUARTERS
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1. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES: TET 1969 CAMPAIGN WILL BE FROM 18 JAN 1969 - 24 MARCH 1969; TET HOLIDAYS ARE 17 - 19 FEBRUARY 1969.
2. MAXIMUM PSYOP SUPPORT WILL BE GIVEN TO THIS CAMPAIGN.
3. JUSPAG CIRCULAR EMPHASING THE PSYOP PROGRAM DURING THE TET 1969 CAMPAIGN IS CURRENTLY BEING PREPARED FOR FIELD DISSEMINATION.
4. LEAFLETS 2906 THROUGH 2954 WILL BE HELD FOR SUPPORT OF TET 1969 CAMPAIGN.
5. INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING PHASING OF THE TET CAMPAIGN AND DISSEMINATION OF LEAFLETS 2906 THROUGH 2954 WILL BE PROVIDED IN TET 1969 CAMPAIGN OPORD WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE FIELD BY MACV PSYOP DIVISION NLT 1 JAN 69.

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SUBJ: INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE PERIOD (U)

1. (S) THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS WILL GOVERN US MILITARY OPERATIONS IN RVN DURING THE 24 HOUR CHRISTMAS CEASEFIRE PERIOD (241000-251000H) ANNOUNCED BY THE GVN.

A. INITIATE NO REPEAT NO AIR, GROUND OR NAVAL OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS EXCEPT IN RESPONSE TO:

(1) ENEMY INITIATIVES ENDANGERING THE SAFETY OF US/RVN/FWMA FORCES.

(2) ABNORMALLY GREAT ENEMY RESUPPLY ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN IN SUBPARA 1A (1) ABOVE WHICH FULFILL THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

(A) ARE IN SUCH PROXIMITY TO FRIENDLY UNITS AND/OR INSTALLATIONS AS TO CONSTITUTE A DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE THREAT TO FRIENDLY FORCES; OR

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(B) IN OTHER LOCATIONS, INVOLVE SUPPLIES IN QUANTITIES SUFFICIENT TO INDICATE ABNORMALLY GREAT RESUPPLY OPERATIONS.

B. ASSUME FULL ALERT POSTURE AND CONTINUE ALL SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. TO INCLUDE PATROL ACTIVITY. BE PREPARED WITH READY REACTION FORCES TO RESPOND TO ANY NVA/VC INITIATIVES ENDANGERING THE SAFETY OF US/RVN/FWMA FORCES. EXAMPLES OF ENEMY INITIATIVES ARE:

(1) ATTACK ON FRIENDLY FORCES.

(2) MASSING OF UNITS OF INDIVIDUALS INTO GROUPS LARGER THAN PLATOON SIZE (40-50 MEN).

(3) MOVEMENT OF COMBAT UNITS TOWARD FRIENDLY FORCES OF INSTALLATIONS.

(4) ESTABLISHMENT OF FORWARD SUPPLY BASES.

(5) RAIDS OF INTIMIDATION ACTIONS AGAINST FRIENDLY VILLAGES, HAMLETS OR TOWNS.

C. HAI FIRES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONDUCTED DURING THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD. EXAMPLES OF DEFENSE MEASURES TO BE CONTINUED ARE:

(1) ILLUMINATION.

(2) DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES ON ROUTES OF APPROACH TO FRIENDLY

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POSITIONS:

- (3) INTENSIFIED RECONNAISSANCE PATROLLING IN AREAS CONTAINING POTENTIAL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND ALONG MAJOR ENEMY LOC.
- (4) AIR COVER.
- D. FORCES IN CONTACT WITH NVA/VC FORCES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BREAD CONTACT UNLESS NVA/VC EFFORT WITHDRAW IS CLEARLY EVIDENT OR UNTIL THE OPERATION CONCERNED IS OTHERWISE CONCLUDED
- E. CONTINUE MARKET TIME AND GAME WARDEN
- F. CONDUCT INTENSIFIED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE OF LAND AND SEA INFILTRATION ROUTES AND ENEMY BASE CAMPS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE EARLY WARNING OF ENEMY MOVEMENTS OF SUPPLIES AND TROOPS.
- G. CONTINUE SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS AS REQUIRED.
- H. AIR AND NAVAL OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE ABOVE MAY BE CONTINUED, IF AND AS NECESSARY, FOR THE SECURITY OF FORCES.
- I. OPERATIONS CONDUCTED PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING WILL AVOID, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, HAMLETS AND VILLAGES IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE IMPACT ON CIVILIAN POPULATION.
- J. COMMANDERS RETAIN FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FORCES AND FULL AUTHORITY TO ACT TO PROTECT THEM, INCLUDING REINSTITUTION AS NECESSARY OF ANY MILITARY ACTION

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SUSPENDED BY THESE INSTRUCTIONS.

K. RESUME ALL NORMAL OPERATIONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD.

L. REPORT FULLY AND IMMEDIATELY ON NVA/VC HOSTILE ACTS DURING THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD AND ON ACTIONS TAKEN.

M. NO PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE MADE CONCERNING THESE CEASEFIRE INSTRUCTIONS. REFER PERSONS MAKING INQUIRIES CONCERNING THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

N. BE PREPARED TO RESUME ALL NORMAL OPERATIONS WITHOUT DELAY AT ANY TIME DURING THE CEASEFIRE SHOULD ENEMY INITIATED ATTACKS AND/OR INCIDENTS REACH SUCH PROPORTIONS AS TO CAUSE THE RVN, THE US, AND THEIR ALLIES, TO TERMINATE THE CEASEFIRE FOR CAUSE.

2. (C) IT IS THE INTENT OF THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE CEASEFIRE WHILE AT THE SAME TIME TAKING ALL ACTIONS AND PRECAUTIONS NECESSARY TO POSTURE US/RVN/FWMA FORCES IN ORDER (A) TO COUNTER NVA/VC INITIATED ATTACKS WITH FULL STRENGTH OF ALL ARMS, (B) TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF FRIENDLY FORCES, AND (C) TO MINIMIZE NVA/VC MILITARY EXPLOITATION OF THE CURTAILMENT PERIOD.

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3. (U) SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS ARE BEING ISSUED TO RVNAF BY JGS.

4. (U) ON ORDER TO FACILITATE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR FORCES

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DURING THE CEASEFIRE PERIOD, IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMROKRV ISSUE
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