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SECRET NOFORN LIMDIS PURPLE DRAGON
 OPERATIONS SECURITY EXAMINATION OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT OPERATIONS
 IN SVN (U)
 A. CINCPACFLT 300302Z OCT 68
 B. CINCPAC LTR SER 550 004100-68 OF 4 DEC 68 (BOM)
 1. (S) REF A DISCUSSED THE OPSEC PROGRAM BY GIVING A BRIEF HISTORICAL
 RESUME, HIGHLIGHTING AREAS REQUIRING ATTENTION AND INDICATED THE

PAGE 2 RUMHBRA2652 SECRET NOFORN LIMDIS
 NEED FOR CORRECTIVE ACTION.

2. (C) REF B CONTAINED THE FINDING OF AN OPSEC SURVEY OF NGF OPS IN
 SVN WHICH WAS CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD AUG-NOV 68.
3. (S) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT SOME OF THE INSECURITIES CANNOT BE
 TOTALLY ELIMINATED DUE TO A LACK OF EQUIPMENT OR OPERATIONAL REQUIRE-
 MENTS AND THAT SOME ACTIONS ALREADY HAVE BEEN INITIATED TO REDUCE
 OR ELIMINATE POSSIBLE ENEMY SOURCES OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE.
4. (C) REQUEST REF B BE REVIEWED TO DETERMINE AREAS WHICH MAY LEND
 THEMSELVES TO POSSIBLE OPSEC CORRECTION OR IMPROVEMENT OF NGFS PRO-
 CEDURES AND COMMENTS ON ANY CHANGES PROPOSED, PLANNED OR IMPLEMENTED
 BE SUBMITTED BY 25 JAN 69. INFO ADDRES ARE INVITED TO COMMENT AS
 APPROPRIATE.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF

FOR:

Talk to 83

1. Para 3 says
"develop each
function & plans"
2. "as a minimum"
3. Division of
— Brigades.

0021137B ZYH ZFF-1
 FM EN ABRAMS, COMUSMACV, SAIGON
 TO: GEN BROWN, CDR 7TH AF, TAN SON NHUT
 L C CUSHMAN, CG III MAF, DA NANG
 LTG MILDREN, DCG USARV, LONG BINH
 LTG PEERS, CG I FFORCEV, NHA TRANG
 LTG KERWIN, CG II FFORCEV, LONG BINH
 VADM ZUMWAGT, COMNAVFORV, SAIGON
 M ECKHARDT, SA IV CTZ, CAN THO
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 071 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: C N INGENCY PLANING FOR ENEMY OPTIONS

REF: A. MACV 17634, DTG 80931Z DEC 68 (S)
 B. MACV 17641, DTG 80957Z DEC 68 (S) (NOTAL)
 C. MA V 17617, DTG 80449Z DEC 68 (S&
 D. MACV 17618, DTG 80536Z DEC 68 (S)
 E. MACV 17652, DTG 281151Z DEC 68 (S)

1. THIS MESSAGE IS IN SEVEN PARTS.

. PAR ONE FOR ALL.

A. THIS MESSAGE PERTAINS TO TENTATIVE REPEAT TENTATIVE CONTINGENCY PLANNING TO COUNTER DEVEGOPING ENEMY OPTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE REFERENCES.

B. A COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE IS TO BE HELD AT MACV HEADQUARERS AT 0900H ON SATURDAY, 11 JANUARY 1969. AT THE CONFERENCE EACH COMMANDER IS TO BE REQUESTED TO MAKE A PRESENTATION ON THE MANNER IN WHICH HE WOULD MEET THE ENEMY OPTIONS IN HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD THEY BE EXERCISED.

C. IT IS ANTICIPATED THE CONFERENCE WILL CONSUME THE GREATER PART OF THE DAY.

D. GENERAL PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS:

(1) MACV FIRST PRIORITY AREA IS THE WESTERN PORTION OF III CTZ AND THE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF IV CTZ DOWN TO THE MOUTH OF THE MEKONG. THIS AREA IS TO BE HELD AT ALL COSTS. SAIGON REMAINS A "ZERO RISK" AREA.

(2) SECOND PRIORITY AREA IS I CTZ FROM THE DMZ SOUTH TO QUANG NGAI.

(3) THE THIRD PRIORITY AREA IS THE HIGHLAND AREA OF II CTZ ← 3

(4) THE GVN PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IS TO BE CONTINUED WITH MINIMUM INTERFERENCE.

(5) ALL MILITARY ASSETS ARE CONSIDERED AVAILABLE FOR FRIENDLY COURSES OF ACTION. THERE ARE NO "DEDICATED" FORCES.

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E. ENEMY OPTIONS.

(1) OPTION 1: MULTI-DIVISION ATTACK FROM NVN ACROSS THE DMZ SOUTH ON THE AXIS QUANG TRI CITY 7 HUE.

(2) OPTION 2: REINFORCE MRTH FORCES WITH ONE DIVISION THROUGH LAOS FOR AN ATTACK ON THE AXIS A SHAU VALLEY-RT "7-HUE.

(3) OPTION 3 MULTI-DIVISION DRIVE FROM CAMBODIA SANCTUARIES TOWARD SAIGON.

(4) OPTION 4: EXERCISE OPTIONS 1, 2 AND 3 SIMULTANEOUSLY.

(5) OPTION 5: EXERCISE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 THREATEN 3.

(6) OPTION 6: EXERCISE OPTIONS 1 AND 3; THREATEN 2.

(7) OPTION 7: EXERCISE OPTIONS 2 AND 3; THREATEN 1.

(8) OPTION 8: THREATEN ALL THREE OPTIONS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

F. FRIENDLY COURSES OF ACTION COMMON TO ALL ENEMY OPTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) CONTINUE PACIFICATION PROGRAM.

(2) INTENSIFY INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION WITH ALL MEANS AVAILABLE.

(3) INTENSIFY AIR OPERATIONS IN LAOS.

(4) SHIFT AIRCRAFT, TACAIR, AND NGF.

(5) CONTINUE MARKET TIME AND GAME WARDEN.

G. FRIENDLY SPECIAL COURSES OF ACTION REQUIRING APPROVAL OF HIGHER AUTHORITY. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ASSUME THAT THIS AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED:

(1) RESUMPTION OF THE BOMBING OF NVN IF ENEMY EXECUTES OPTIONS 1, 4, 5, OR 6.

(2) INITIATION OF AIR AND GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES IF ENEMY EXECUTES OPTIONS 1, 4, 6, OR 7.

(3) INITIATION OF GROUND OPERATIONS IN LAOS IF ENEMY EXECUTE OPTIONS 2, 3, 5, OR 7.

3. PAR TWO FOR LTG CUSHMAN.

DEVELOP III MAF COURSES OF ACTION AND PLANS COVERING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AS A MINIMUM:

(1) MEETING ALL RELEVANT ENEMY OPTIONS WITH CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FORCES ONLY.

(2) MEETING OPTIONS 1, 2, OR 6 WITH ASSIGNED FORCES, PLUS ONE BRIGADE FROM ANOTHER CTZ.

(3) MEETING OPTIONS 4 AND 5 WITH ASSIGNED FORCES PLUS A DIVISION OF TWO BRIGADES FROM ANOTHER CTZ.

(4) MEETING OPTIONS 4 AND 5 WITH ASSIGNED FORCES PLUS A DIVISION OF BRIGADES.

PART THREE FOR LTG PEERS.

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DEVELOP I FFORCEV COURSES OF ACTION AND PLANS COVERING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AS A MINIMUM:

- (1) MEETING ALL RELEVANT ENEMY OPTIONS WITH CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FORCES ONLY.
- (2) MEETING OPTIONS 1, 2, OR 6, MINUS ONE (1) BRIGADE.
- (3) MEETING OPTIONS 4, 5, OR 7, MINUS TWO (2) BRIGADES.

9. PART FOUR FOR LTG KERWIN.

DEVELOP II FFORCEV COURSES OF ACTION AND PLAN COVERING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AS A MINIMUM:

- (1) MEETING ALL RELEVANT ENEMY OPTIONS WITH CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FORCES ONLY.
- (2) MEETING OPTIONS 4 OR 5 MINUS ONE DIVISION OF 2 BRIGADES.
- (3) MEETING OPTIONS 4 OR 5 MINUS ONE DIVISION OF 3 BRIGADES.

6. PART FIVE FOR MG ECKHARDT.

DEVELOP SA IV CTZ COURSES OF ACTION AND PLANS COVERING THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS AS A MINIMUM:

- (1) MEETING ALL RELEVANT ENEMY OPTIONS WITH CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FORCES ONLY.
- (2) MEETING ALL RELEVANT ENEMY OPTIONS MINUS ONE U.S. BRIGADE.

7 PART SIX FOR GEN BROWN.

DEVELOP PLANS FOR:

- (1) EMPLOYMENT OF MAXIMUM TACAIR FOR AGL ENEMY OPTIONS.
- (2) RESUMPTION OF AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST NVN SHOULD ENEMY EXECUTE HIS OPTIONS 1, 4, 5, OR 6.
- (3) AIR OPERATIONS AGAINST CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES SHOULD ENEMY EXECUTE OPTIONS 4, 5, 6, OR 7.

8. PART SEVEN FOR ADM ZUMWALT.

RECEIPT OF COMNAVFORV PRELIMINARY PLAN IN LETTER SER 0020-68 OF 31 DEC 68 IS ACKNOWLEDGED. THIS PLAN CAN BE BASIS FOR MNAVFORV PRESENTATION AT THE COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE.

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3	CG					<p>REMARKS <i>Cy#1</i></p> <p>65 Jan 69</p> <p>65 Jan 69</p> <p><i>65 Jan 69</i></p> <p><i>When Mr Cross is relieved, we want this extended to his relief if he has the proper clearance.</i></p> <p><i>for a.s.</i></p> <p><i>1. your request said for briefings attended by MACV and DEP comusmacv</i></p> <p><i>2. The response gives clearance "as you deem necessary" for III MAF briefings.</i></p> <p><i>3. This allows him to sit in on Daily Briefings</i></p>
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TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 120 EYES ONLY

REF: YOUR 311136Z DEC 68

MR. CROSS, I CORPS DEPUTY FOR CORDS, IS AUTHORIZED ACCESS,
AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY, TO SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE WHICH IS
PRESENTED AT III MAF BRIEFINGS.

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 TO GEN BROWN CDR 70H AF
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 LG MILDREN CG USARV
 VADM BRINGLE COMSEVENTHFLT
 LTG PEERS CG I FFV
 LTG KERWIN CG II FFV
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAFORV
 MA ECKHARDT SA IV
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This is getting better + better

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 SUBJECT: COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (C)
 REF: MAC 071, DTG 021137Z JAN 69 (S)

1. REFERENCE ANNOUNCED COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE WOULD CONVENE MACV HEADQUARTERS AT 0900H SATURDAY, 11 JAN 69.

2. CONFERENCE AGENDA FOLLOWS:

- 0900-0945 J-2 INTELLIGENCE UPDATE
 - 0945-1000 7AF OVERVIEW
 - 1000-1015 NAVFORV OVERVIEW
 - 1015-1035 MACCORDS APC ASSESSMENT
 - 1035-1045 BREAK
 - 1045-1100 III MAF ENEMY AND FRIENDLY SITUATION ✓ Ray
 - 1100-1115 I FFORCEV ENEMY AND FRIENDLY SITUATION
 - 1115-1130 II FFORCEV ENEMY AND FRIENDLY SITUATION
 - 1130-1145 SA IV CTZ ENEMY AND FRIENDLY SITUATION
 - 1145-1200 ENROUTE COMMAND MESS
 - 1200-1345 LUNCH
 - 1345-1355 ENROUTE CONFERENCE
 - 1355-1400 J-3 INTRODUCTION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR ENEMY OPTIONS
 - 1400-1430 III MAF CONTINGENCY PLANS ✓
 - 1430-1500 I FFORCEV CONTINGENCY PLANS
 - 1500-1515 BREAK
 - 1515-1545 II FFORCEV CONTINGENCY PLANS
 - 1545-1615 SA IV CTZ CONTINGENCY PLANS
3. CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS:

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A. EACH COMMANDER AUTHORIZED TO BRING TWO STAFF OFFICERS *key/cord*
AS CONFERENCE ATTENDEES. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED
 TO ASSIST WITH PRESENTATIONS WILL, BECAUSE OF SPACE LIMITATIONS,
 BE ADMITTED TO CONFERENCE ONLY FOR THE PERIOD NECESSARY
 TO MAKE PRESENTATIONS. SI CLEARANCE IS REQUIRED
 FOR ATTENDEES AND ALL REPEAT ALL PERSONNEL ASSISTING WITH
 PRESENTATIONS. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO TIME SET
 FORTH IN THE CONFERENCE AGENDA OUTLINED IN PARA 2.

B. REQUEST FOLLOWING INFORMATION NLT 9 JAN 69: *action*

(1) NAME AND GRADE OF ACCOMPANYING STAFF OFFICER (S).

(2) TRAINING AID ASSISTANCE REQUIRED. CONFERENCE ROOM IS
 EQUIPPED WITH 35MM PROJECTOR PLUS DUAL REAR PROJECTION
 SCOPES FOR VIEWGRAPHS USING 8 BY 10 TRANSPARENCIES MOUNTED
 IN FRAMES WITH EXTERIOR DIMENSIONS OF 1 1/2 BY 10 1/2.
 FRAME BORDERS ARE CUT AS FOLLOWS:

U& HORIZONTAL VIEW-GRAPH: TOP BORDER 1 1/4. BOTTOM BORDER
 1 3/4. LEFT AND RIGHT SIDE BORDER 1 1/2.

(B) VERTICAL VIEW-GRAPH: TOP BORDER AND BOTTOM BORDER 1 1/2.
 LEFT BORDER 1 1/4. RIGHT BORDER 1 3/4.

(C) ETA, MODE OF TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS.

(4) WHETHER RON IS PLANNED.

FOR LTG CUSHMAN: LTG STILLWELL PLUS TWO STAFF OFFICERS
INVITED TO ACCOMPANY YOU.

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VADM BRINGLE COMSEVENTHFLT
LTG PEERS CG I FFV
LTG KERWIN CG II FFV
VADM ZUMWALT CONAVFORV
MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS
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S E C R E T MAC 208 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE (S)

REF: MAC 185, DTG 050921Z JAN 69 (S)

ADD FOLLOWING TO CONFERENCE AGENDA CONTAINED PARA 2 OF REFERENCE:

1615 - 1645 7AF CONTINGENCY PLANS

1645 - 1700 NAVFORV CONTINGENCY PLANS

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and cooksey*

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 TO CSMWAR CG III MAF SARANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ARV 066 EYES ONLY

1. THE FOLLOWING GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS, PROPOSED BY
 COMUSMACV, HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE CHIEF OF STAFF, US ARMY:

NAME	ASSIGNMENT/DATE
MG C. H. GETTYS ✓	SA, IV CORPS/1 JUN ✓
MG L. P. RAMSEY	CG, 23D INF DIV/1 JUN
PG H. H. COOKSEY ✓	DCS (P&O), USARV/1 MAY ✓
PG W. K. BENNETT ✓	CG, 199TH INF BDE/27 MAY ✓
BG W. A. BURKE	DCSOPS, III MAF/27 MAY ✓
PG E. L. POWELL, JR.	ADC, 23D INF DIV/1 MAY ✓

2. YOU MAY INFORM THE OFFICERS WHO ARE PRESENTLY MEMBERS OF
 YOUR COMMAND.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON BG BURKE IS BEING FORWARDED TO
 YOU BY MAIL. HE HAS A FINE RECORD, AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD BY
 SENIOR GENERAL OFFICERS WHO KNOW HIM THAT HE IS AN OUTSTANDING
 OFFICER.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CUSHMAN FROM GENERAL WALT

1. (C) ALTHOUGH YOUR SCHEDULE WHILE IN WASHINGTON AREA IS NOT YET FIRM, I WILL GIVE YOU TENTATIVE INFO REGARDING COMMITMENTS. AT PRESENT, YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO BRIEF THE JCS ON 15 JAN AND GIVE A PRESENTATION TO STAFF AND STUDENTS OF C&SC AND AWS MCDEC QUANTICO ON 16 JAN. APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS- PRESIDENT, SECDEF, SECNAV - ARE ANTICIPATED. THERE IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF A PRESS CONFERENCE BUT THAT AWAITS DOD & WHITE HOUSE APPROVAL. NEW ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS DESIRE CALLS SOMETIME AFTER

20 JAN AND ARE NOT FIRM AT THIS TIME.

2. (C) SO THAT HQMC STAFF CAN MAKE PROPER ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR VISIT DESIRE YOUR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FROM HQMC FOR SPEECHES/BRIEFINGS OR ANY OTHER NEEDS.

3. (C) ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE AT WAINWRIGHT HALL FOR MRS. CUSHMAN, YOURSELF, AND MAJ CAULEY DURING THE PERIOD 14 THROUGH 28 JANUARY. WARM REGARDS.

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- B. CG THIRD MARDIV 181344Z NOV 68
- C. CG THIRD MARDIV 120534Z DEC 68

1. IAW REF A NEGATIVE RPT IS SUBMITTED FOR THIS PERIOD.
RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF B AND C REMAIN VALID

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FOR RADM BONNER INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN RADM MILLER FM ZUMWALT
 1. (C) PLAN TO VISIT DANANG SUNDAY 12 JAN AND THEN FLY TO
 RANGER FOR VISIT AND ROM WITH RADM MILLER.

2. (C) ITINERARY AS FOL:
 DEP SAIGON 121400H
 ARR DANANG 121505H-VISIT RADM BONNER
 DEP DANANG 121630H
 RON RANGER
 DEP RANGER 130800H
 ARR DANANG 130900H
 DEP DANANG 130905H
 ARR SAIGON 131010H

3. (U) WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MY ACOS OPS AND AIDE.
 4. (C) CONCARDIV THREE WILL ARRANGE TRANS FROM DANANG TO
 RANGER AND RETURN DANANG, BEST REGARDS.

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 SECRET NOFORN LIMDIS PURPLE DRAGON
 OPERATIONS SECURITY EXAMINATION OF
 NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN SVN (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 010228Z/JAN69 (S)

B. CINCPAC LTR SER SSO 000100-68 OF 4 DEC 68

1. (C) REF A REQUESTED THAT REF B BE REVIEWED TO DETER-
 MINE AREAS FOR POSSIBLE OPSEC CORRECTION OR IMPROVE-
 MENT IN NGF PROCEDURES.

2. (S) SINCE REF B IS NOT HELD BY CG IIX MAF AN ABSTRACT
 OF REF B IS PROVIDED BELOW TO FACILITATE REVIEW:

NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT (NGFS) OPERATIONS (U)

1. (S) AN EXAMINATION OF NGFS OPERATIONS WAS
 CONDUCTED FROM 26 AUG TO 14 SEP 68. IT INCLUDED SHIPS
 OF TASK UNIT 70.8.9 AND TASK FORCE 115. DURING THE
 PERIOD 3-17 NOV 68, THE ACTIVITIES OF TASK FORCE 115 AND

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 THE USS NEW JERSEY (BB-62) WERE EXAMINED.

A. NGFS IN SVN IS CONDUCTED BY TU 70.8.9 AND
 TF 115 UNITS IN SUPPORT OF U. S. AND FMAF ASHORE.
 PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYING NGFS VARY SLIGHTLY FROM ONE
 CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ) TO ANOTHER, BUT ALL IMPLI-
 MENTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE IN CONSONANCE WITH JOINT
 CINCPAC/COMUSMACV AGREEMENT FOR U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT
 OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN RVN.

B. COMSEVENTHFLT UNITS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO
 COMUSMACV FOR SPECIFIC PERIODS OF TIME. SHIP ASSIGN-
 MENTS TO CTZ'S ARE DETERMINED BY CTU 70.8.9, BASED UPON
 GUIDELINES PROVIDED BY COMUSMACV. WITHIN THE CTZ'S,
 INDIVIDUAL SHIPS ARE ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR
 DESIGNATED UNITS FOR SPECIFIC PERIODS, BUT THESE
 ASSIGNMENTS DO NOT FOLLOW ANY PREDICTABLE PATTERN.

C. THREE CATEGORIES OF NGFS MISSIONS ARE
 CONDUCTED:

(1) PRE-PLANNED MISSIONS ARE CONDUCTED IN
 SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS WHERE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR NGFS
 ARE KNOWN AT LEAST 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE. USUALLY THESE

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 MISSIONS ARE FOR TARGETS IN AREAS FOR WHICH U.S./ ALLIED
 TACTICAL AND POLITICAL CLEARANCES HAVE ALREADY BEEN
 OBTAINED (SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONES).

(2) NON-SCHEDULED MISSIONS INCLUDE THOSE
 WHICH REQUIRE RAPID RESPONSE AND ARE REQUESTED BY A
 SPOTTER AND ALSO H AND I MISSIONS WHICH ARE FIRED WITH-
 OUT SPOTTERS ON A RANDOM TIME BASIS.

(3) EMERGENCY MISSIONS ARE FIRED AT THE
 REQUEST OF UNITS THAT ARE UNDER ATTACK. THEY MAY BE
 APPROVED ONLY BY A U.S. REPRESENTATIVE OF COMUSMACV.

D. REQUESTS FOR NGFS USUALLY ORIGINATE WITH FIELD
 UNITS, WHICH PASS THEM TO U.S. MANNED FSOC OR TO
 TOC. COORDINATION WITH U.S. AND VIETNAMESE PERSONNEL
 IS ACCOMPLISHED OR INITIATED BY FSOC/TOC PERSONNEL.

E. TARGET CLEARANCE PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY
 RVNAF COMMANDERS AND GVN POLITICAL OFFICIALS ARE NOT
 KNOWN IN MOST INSTANCES BUT REPORTEDLY VARY FROM ONE
 AREA TO ANOTHER. THE DEGREE TO WHICH NGFS INFORMATION
 IS SUSCEPTIBLE TO ENEMY EXPLOITATION WHILE IN VIETNAMESE
 CHANNELS WAS NOT DETERMINED. FIELD UNITS NORMALLY

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 WAIT UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT TO NOTIFY THE
 VIETNAMESE ABOUT IMPENDING OPERATIONS.

2. (S) FINDINGS:

A. AIRCRAFT WHICH SPOT NGFS MISSIONS ARRIVE IN A
 TARGET AREA PRIOR TO FIRING. THE LENGTH OF TIME THE
 AIRCRAFT IS OVER THE TARGET VARIES. IT WILL BE IN A TARGET
 AREA LONGER IF THE SHIP MUST MANEUVER TO REACH FIRING
 POSITION, OR IF RECEIPT OF CLEARANCE IS DELAYED. DELAY
 PERMITS THE ENEMY TO IDENTIFY THE TARGET AREA.

B. IN U.S. COMMUNICATIONS CHANNELS, FORMATTED
 TARGET CLEARANCE REQUESTS ARE ENCODED FOR TRANSMISSION.
 SIMILAR INFORMATION IS ALSO PASSED IN ARVN COMMUNICA-
 TIONS, ALLEGEDLY SOMETIMES IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, WITHIN THE
 SAME TIME FRAME AND FREQUENTLY IN THE SAME FORMAT
 THEREBY SUBJECTING U.S. CODES TO POSSIBLE COMPROMISE.

C. CODES AVAILABLE TO NGFS SHIPS ARE NOT COMPATI-
 BLE WITH THOSE HELD BY MOST UNITS ASHORE THAT RECEIVE
 NGFS. CONSEQUENTLY, MUCH NGFS TRAFFIC IS PASSED IN
 THE CLEAR MORE THAN 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO FIRING.

D. SAVAPLANE (FLIGHT SAFETY) INFORMATION IS PASSED

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BY THE NGLO IN THE FSCC/TOC TO AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTERS IN CLEAR TEXT BEFORE FIRING. THE INFORMATION PASSED INCLUDES: FIRING POSITION, DIRECTION OF FIRE, RANGE, MAXIMUM ORDINATE, AND DURATION OF FIRE. SAVAPLANE ADVISORIES ISSUED FOR NGFS MISSIONS IDENTIFY THE FIRE SUPPORT AS NAVAL GUNFIRE. ALTHOUGH WARNINGS ARE NOT BROADCAST UNTIL 15 MINUTES BEFORE FIRING COMMENCES, ANY AIRCRAFT TRANSITING AN AREA WHERE FIRE SUPPORT IS SCHEDULED CAN OBTAIN AN ARTILLERY ADVISORY IN THE CLEAR UPON REQUEST 30 OR MORE MINUTES IN ADVANCE.

E. AUTHENTICATION ON NGFS VOICE COMMUNICATIONS CIRCUITS IN I, II, AND III CTZ'S IS ALMOST NON-EXISTENT AND IN MOST CASES COMPATIBLE. AUTHENTICATION TABLES ARE NOT HELD BY PARTICIPATING UNITS.

F. EQUIPMENT USED FOR REQUESTING AND COORDINATING NGFS:

- (1) SECURE VOICE = KY-8.
- (2) SECURE TELETYPE = KW-7.
- (3) TELEPHONE = LAND LINE AND TROPOSCATTER.
- (4) RADIO = HF/VHF/UHF.

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SECURE VOICE AND TELETYPE FOR NGFS USUALLY IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON YU 70.8.9 UNITS AND AT BRIGADE/REGIMENTAL OR LARGER HEADQUARTERS. FM VOICE COMMUNICATIONS ARE USED EXTENSIVELY BUT SOME UNITS HAVE EXPERIENCED ENEMY JAMMING EFFORTS. TELEPHONES ARE SOMETIMES USED TO OBTAIN TARGET CLEARANCES ON A REAL-TIME BASIS.

G. NGFS COMMUNICATIONS ARE CHARACTERIZED BY STATIC CALL SIGNS AND FREQUENCIES. IDENTIFICATION OF A SPOTTER, AN NGLO, AND A NGFS UNIT COULD PERMIT RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF A GENERAL TARGET AREA.

H. NON-SCHEDULED MISSIONS WHICH ARE TO BE FIRED WITHIN 30 MINUTES ARE REQUESTED IN PLAIN TEXT. DELAYS OVER 30 MINUTES CAN OCCUR, LARGELY AS A RESULT OF LATE MILITARY/POLITICAL CLEARANCE.

I. H AND I FIRE MISSIONS ARE GENERALLY REQUESTED AND ASSIGNED IN CLEAR TEXT TO A SHIP AS MUCH AS 12 HOURS PRIOR TO FIRING. REQUESTS INCLUDE TARGET INFORMATION AND FIRE SCHEDULES.

J. TF 115 SHIPS WORK DIRECTLY WITH UNITS ASHORE: FIRE REQUESTS ARE NORMALLY PASSED IN CLEAR TEXT SINCE

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SHORE AND AFLOAT UNITS DO NOT GENERALLY HOLD COMPATIBLE
CODES, HOWEVER, TARGETS DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE
NAVAL INTELLIGENCE LIAISON OFFICER
AND THE SHIP ARE NORMALLY SECURED BY XAC CODE. NON-
SCHEDULED OR EMERGENCY MISSIONS ARE REQUESTED AND
ASSIGNED IN CLEAR TEXT, AND GUNFIRE IS DIRECTED BY THE
AIR/GROUND SPOT TEAMS.

K. NGFS PROCEDURES EMPLOYED BY SS-62 ARE SIMILAR
TO THOSE EMPLOYED BY OTHER CTU 70.8.9 SHIPS. BUT THE
MAJORITY OF HER MAIN BATTERY FIRE IS PREPLANNED USING
SECURE VOICE OR TELETYPE. TARGET COORDINATES ARE GIVEN
IN CLEAR TEXT ONLY IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO FIRE. BOTH MAIN
AND SECONDARY BATTERIES FIRE NON-SCHEDULED AND
EMERGENCY MISSIONS. THESE ARE REQUESTED AND ASSIGNED

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IN THE CLEAR AND GENERALLY FIRED IN THE 5-15 MINUTE TIME
FRAME.

L. WHILE SOME SPOTTER AIRCRAFT AND NGFS SHIP
HAVE NESTOR CIPHERY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED, THEY LACK A
COMMON NESTOR KEY LIST.

M. THE LACK OF NESTOR-QUALIFIED MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL HAS FORCED PLAIN LANGUAGE TRANSMISSIONS
WHEN KY-6 EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTIONED.

3. (5) IN SUMMARY, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OF
THE NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT EXAMINATION ARE:

A. THERE IS A LACK OF A SECURE OPERATIONS CODE
FOR JOINT USE BY UNITS ASHORE AND AFLOAT.

B. REQUIREMENTS EXIST FOR:

(1) DISTRIBUTION OF A COMMON NESTOR KEY LIST
TO UNITS AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

(2) EXPEDITIOUS DISTRIBUTION OF CIPHERY
(NESTOR) EQUIPMENT.

(3) ASSIGNMENT OF QUALIFIED CIPHERY EQUIPMENT
MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL.

(4) DEVELOPMENT AND DISTRIBUTION OF AUTHENTIC

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CATION TABLES FOR UNITS AFLOAT AND ASHORE.

4. (S) CINCPACFLT HAS INITIATED ACTION TO SECURE
NGFS COMMUNICATIONS WITH NESTOR EQUIPMENT WITH A
PRESENT TARGET DATE OF 1 JAN 69. IN ADDITION, THE KAL
44/45/KAC-272 SERIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR FLEET
EVALUATION AS A REPLACEMENT FOR THE CINCPAC NUMERAL
CODE AKAC-138, WHICH IS UNSUITABLE FOR ENCODING
NUMERALS AS USED IN NGFS SHIP/SPOTTER COMMUNICATIONS
OF UNCOVERED CIRCUITS.

3. (C) ADEES ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW THE ABSTRACT OF REF
B PROVIDED ABOVE AND SUBMIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED OR
IMPLEMENTED OP SEC IMPROVEMENTS IN NGF PROCEDURES
TO THIS HQ BY 20 JAN 69.

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 REVISION OF MACV DIRECTIVE 95-4

A. CG III MAF 100732Z/JAN69(S)

1. CONSIDER THE APPROACH TAKEN IN REF A, VIS-A-VIS A
 LINE BY LINE REVIEW, TO BE SOUND. I AM ALSO IN COMPLETE
 AGREEMENT WITH YOUR PROPOSED COMMENTS ADDRESSING
 THE REVISED DRAFT, 95-4 AND BELIEVE YOU HAVE STATED OUR
 CASE EXTREMELY WELL.

2. I CONCUR IN SUBMISSION OF YOUR PROPOSED COMMENTS TO
 COMUSMACV. WARM REGARDS.

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 WIRENOTE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR COLONEL
 PEEBLES, III MAF AIR OFFICER FROM COMONEL DEEDS,
 DIRECTOR, FORCE COMMAND CENTER

1. THE YEAR-END SUMMARY OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT
 QUOTED HEREIN HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR INCLUSION IN
 THE DECEMBER ISSUE OF OUR MONTHLY PUBLICATION,
 OPERATIONS OF US MARINE FORCES VIETNAM. PLEASE,
 REVIEW IT TO INSURE THAT IT IS ACCURATE IN FACT AND
 CONSISTENT WITH THE VIEWS OF CG III MAF. I
 WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS NOT LATER THAN
 15 JANUARY, IF POSSIBLE.

2. QUOTE... SINGLE MANAGEMENT: AS RECOUNTED IN
 PREVIOUS EDITIONS OF THIS REPORT, THE YEAR 1968
 BROUGHT A RADICAL DISRUPTION TO III MAF'S ORGANIZA-
 TION FOR COMBAT AS COMUSMACV, ON 10 MARCH, ASSIGNED

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 UUI MAF FIXED WING STRIKE AND RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT AND
 ASSOCIATED AIR CONTROL ASSETS TO THE OPERATIONAL
 CONTROL OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 7TH AIR FORCE, *No - Dep Comes for Air.*
 CITING AS HIS REASONS THEREFOR THE INCREASING DEPLOY-
 MENT OF ARMY FORCES INTO I CTZ, THE THEN-IMPENDING
 MAJOR BATTLE IN I CTZ, AND THE NEED TO ACHIEVE A
 MORE FLEXIBLE CAPABILITY FOR POSSIBLE SHIFTS OF AIR
 EFFORT. THIS PROGRAM OF AIR FORCE CONTROL, ENTI-
 TLED THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM, WAS UNABLE TO
 COMMENCE FUNCTIONING UNTIL 22 MARCH AND WAS NOT
 A VIABLE SYSTEM UNTIL 1 APRIL. MEANWHILE, HOWEVER,
 THE THEN-CURRENT III MAF SYSTEM, FOLLOWING FEB-
 RUARY'S RECORD SHATTERING MONTH OF TET-ASSOCIATED
 COMBAT ACTIVITY (8,610 ENEMY KILLED BY III MAF ALONE),
 CONTINUED DURING THE LAST THREE WEEKS OF MARCH TO
 DEMONSTRATE ITS PROVEN EFFICACY THROUGHOUT I CTZ,
 PARTICULARLY IN CONTROLLING AIR FORCE, NAVY, AND
 MARINE AIRCRAFT IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF GROUND MANEU-
 VER UNITS CONCLUDING SUCCESSFULLY THE BATTLE OF
 KHE SANH - - AN ACTION INVOLVING THE LARGEST ENEMY

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 FORCE CONCENTRATION OF THE MAJ. AS THE SINGLE
 MANAGER SYSTEM THEN BEGAN TO ATTAIN AN OPERATION-
 AL CAPABILITY IN I CTZ, THE III MAF AIR CONTROL ELE-
 MENT AT KHE SANH CONTINUED TO SUPPORT A MAJOR PART
 OF OPERATION PEGASUS, IN WHICH THE 26TH MARINES
 ATTACKED FROM THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE, JOINING
 THE 1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMObILE) AND THE 1ST
 MARINE REGIMENT IN AN ASSAULT TO DRIVE THE ENEMY
 FROM WESTERN QUANG TRI.

AS THE III MAF AIR CONTROL SYSTEM, WHICH
 THROUGH THREE YEARS OF VIETNAM COMBAT HAD BEEN
 COORDINATED WITH, AND INTEGRATED INTO, THE 7TH
 AIR FORCE SYSTEM THEN IN EFFECT, BECAME A PART OF
 THE ARMY-AIR FORCE JOINT AIR GROUND OPERATIONS
 SYSTEM (FOJMSING THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM), A
 FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE IN AIR CONTROL PHILOSOPHY
 BECAME EVIDENT: THE SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM WAS
 PRIMARILY A PRODUCER ORIENTED EFFORT, WHILE THE
 III MAF SYSTEM WAS A CONSUMER ORIENTED ONE. THIS
 CONSUMER ORIENTATION WAS CENTRAL TO THE PROVEN

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 COMBAT SUCCESS OF THE III MAF SYSTEM AND UNDERLAY
 ITS COMPLETE RESPONSIVENESS TO THE DESIRES OF THE
 SUPPORTED GROUND COMMANDER. ALTHOUGH THE SINGLE
 MANAGER PROCEDURE OF AIR CONTROLLERS DIVERTING
 SCHEDULED AIR SUPPORT WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE
 GROUND CHAIN OF AUTHORITY CERTAINLY WAS FOREIGN
 TO THE MARINE CONCEPT OF DIRECTING AIR SUPPORT, THE
 DIFFERENCE IN AIR CONTROL PHILOSOPHY PRINCIPALLY
 AFFECTED THE PREPLANNED AIR REQUEST PROCEDURES.
 THE III MAF SYSTEM FOR PREPLANNED REQUESTS WAS
 KEYED TO THE GROUND COMMANDER'S SCHEDULE FOR
 PLANNING HIS DAILY OPERATIONS, AND THE GROUND
 COMMANDER THUS TRANSMITTED HIS REQUIREMENTS FOR
 PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT AS LATE AS THE EVENING
 PRECEDING HIS OPERATION. UNDER SINGLE MANAGEMENT,
 HE NOW WAS REQUIRED TO SUBMIT HIS REQUEST FOR PRE-
 PLANNED AIR SUPPORT TWO DAYS IN ADVANCE, OFTEN
 BEFORE A GROUND OPERATION WAS PLANNED OR EVEN
 CONTEMPLATED. WHILE THIS SINGLE MANAGEMENT PRO-
 CEDURE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENT AND ORDERLY SCHED-

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 USING OF AIRCRAFT, IT WAS AT THE EXPENSE OF RESPON-
 SIVENESS TO THE GROUND COMMANDER'S TACTICAL RE-
 QUIREMENTS. BY END-APRIL, THE DEROGATION IN RE-
 SPONSIVENESS HAD BECOME A MATTER OF ALARM TO THE
 COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF WHO, FROM THE OUTSET,
 HAD OPPOSED STRONGLY THE IMPOSITION OF THE NEW AIR
 CONTROL PROCEDURES, KNOWING THAT THE LOSS OF OP-
 ERATIONAL CONTROL OF HIS ORGANIC FIXED WING AVIA-
 TION WOULD DEGRADE SERIOUSLY HIS COMBAT EFFECTIVE-
 NESS; HE WAS CONVINCED TOO THAT THE STATED PERFOR-
 MANCE GOALS OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT WAS INHERENT
 IN THE PRE-SINGLE MANAGER ARRANGEMENT, AND THE
 CHANGE THEREFORE WAS UNNECESSARY. WITH HIS INITIAL
 ANALYSIS THUS CONFIRMED BY THE DEMONSTRATED WEAK-
 NESS OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT AND THE RESULTANT DI-
 MINUTION IN TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT TO MARINE GROUND
 COMMANDERS, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF RE-
 QUESTED THAT HIS FIXED WING AVIATION ASSETS BE RE-
 STORED TO HIS OPERATIONAL CONTROL.

REJECTING THE III MAF PETITION, COMUSMACV

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 RESPONDED TO SINGLE MANAGEMENT'S FAILURE WITH A
 MODIFIED ARRANGEMENT WHICH DIVIDED PREPLANNED
 SORTIE ALLOCATIONS INTO TWO GROUPS: SEVENTY PER-
 CENT OF THE SORTIES WOULD BE ALLOCATED ON A WEEKLY
 SCHEDULE, WHILE THE REMAINDER WOULD BE ALLOCATED
 ON A DAILY BASIS. THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE WAS INTENDED
 TO PROVIDE EACH GROUND COMMANDER WITH SORTIES
 THAT HE COULD USE IN ANY MANNER HE CONSIDERED
 WOULD SUPPORT HIS TACTICAL PLANS MOST EFFECTIVELY,
 AND THE DAILY SCHEDULE WOULD PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
 SORTIES WITH WHICH TO RESPOND TO THE EVER-CHANGING
 GROUND COMBAT SITUATION. THIS MODIFIED ARRANGE-
 MENT WAS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE INITIAL SINGLE
 MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES. THE WEEKLY SCHEDULE,
 WHILE NOT PROVIDING THE RESPONSIVENESS OF III MAF'S
 PRE-SINGLE MANAGER SYSTEM, NEVERTHELESS PROVIDED
 ALL GROUND COMMANDERS WITH A GUARANTEE OF AIR
 SUPPORT AND A DEGREE OF CONTROL OVER THAT SUP-
 PORT PREVIOUSLY NOT EXISTENT IN THE SINGLE MANAGER SYS-
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 H DESPITE THIS INITIAL MODIFICATION AND OTHER
 ✓ III MAF-INSPIRED IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ARMY-AIR FORCE
 JOINT AIR GROUND OPERATIONS SYSTEM PROCEDURES OF
 SINGLE MANAGEMENT, AND NOTWITHSTANDING THAT,
 WITHIN ITS LIMITATIONS, ITS PERFORMANCE HAD IMPROVED
 MEASURABLY, SINGLE MANAGEMENT CONTINUED TO BE A
 PRODUCER ORIENTED EFFORT AND, FOR MARINE PURPOSES,
 REMAINED LESS EFFECTIVE THAN THE SYSTEM IT RE-
 PLACED. YEAR-END STATISTICS REVEALED THE QUANTI-
 FIABLE EFFECTS OF THIS UNWIELDY SYSTEM ON MARINE
 OPERATIONS IN I CTZ. TO THE MARINE GROUND COMMAN-
 DER, AIR SUPPORT ALWAYS HAS BEEN BUT ANOTHER IN
 HIS ARSENAL OF ORGANIC WEAPONS. PRIOR TO SINGLE
 MANAGEMENT, HE ROUTINELY PRE-PLANNED HIS SUP-
 PORTING AIR TO COMPLEMENT HIS GROUND MANEUVER

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 FOR THE ENSUING DAY, AND DURING THREE YEARS OF
 COMBAT OPERATIONS, 88 PERCENT OF THE AIR SUPPORT
 RECEIVED BY MARINE GROUND COMMANDERS IN SVN WAS
 SO PLANNED. IN THE MONTHS FOLLOWING THE IMPOSITION
 OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT, THIS PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT
 DECLINED TO ONLY 40 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL SORTIES
 RECEIVED BY MARINE GROUND COMMANDERS, AND IN DE-
 CEMBER, IT DIMINISHED FURTHER TO LESS THAN 30 PER-
 CENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE DECLINE IN PREPLANNED
 SORTIES ACTUALLY FLOWN BY III MAF FIXED WING AIR-
 CRAFT (FROM 90 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL TO 58 PERCENT),
 WHILE DRASTIC, WAS NOT AS MARKED AS THE DECLINE
 IN PREPLANNED SUPPORT PROVIDED TO MARINE GROUND
 FORCES. THIS APPARENT DICHOTOMY WAS A PRODUCT OF
 THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN MARINE AIR DIVERTED TO
 SUPPORT OTHER THAN MARINE GROUND UNITS, WHICH
 DOUBLED FROM A PREVIOUS AVERAGE 91.21 PERCENT TO
 A SINGLE MANAGER AVERAGE OF 40 PERCENT, AND IN
 NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, TO OVER 50 PERCENT, TO
 OFFSET THE NONRESPONSIVENESS OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT

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 PREPLANNED AIR SUPPORT, III MAF RELIED HEAVILY ON IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT AND EXTRA OR ADD-ON SORTIES. IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD AVERAGED 10 PERCENT OF THE AIR SUPPORT EFFORT, INCREASED TO A 1968 AVERAGE OF 25 PERCENT. AT THE SAME TIME, III MAF FOUND IT NECESSARY TO RECORT TO THE EXTRA OR ADD-ON SORTIES (17 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AIR SUPPORT SORTIES) TO COMPENSATE FOR THE INCOMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE WEEKLY SCHEDULING AND THE 497,5 COMMANDER'S TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS.

AS THESE INDICES OF INEFFICIENCY ACCUMULATED DURING SUCCESSIVE SYSTEM EVALUATIONS, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF CONTINUED TO RECOMMEND A SYSTEM MODIFICATION TO RESTORE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF HIS FIXED WING RESOURCES. THE ESSENCE OF THE III MAF PROPOSAL WAS A PROCEDURAL MODIFICATION WHICH WOULD RESTORE PRE-SINGLE MANAGEMENT AIR SUPPORT RESPONSIVENESS TO FORCES IN I CTZ AND ATTAIN MORE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF AIR IN I CTZ WITHOUT IN ANY WAY VIOLATING THE CONCEPT AND GOAL OF SINGLE

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 MANAGEMENT, AS OUTLINED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF, FOLLOWING COMUSMACV'S WEEKLY ALLOCATION OF AIR EFFORT, MARINE AIR, LESS THAT ALLOCATED BY MACV FOR EMPLOYMENT OUTSIDE OF I CTZ, WOULD BE SCHEDULED ON A DAILY BASIS BY III MAF TO SUPPORT ALL III MAF FORCES. THE III MAF DAILY SCHEDULE WOULD BE PUBLISHED CONCURRENTLY WITH THE AIR FORCE DAILY SCHEDULE THEREBY KEEPING SAIGON APPRISED, ON A TIMELY BASIS, OF THE AIR PLAN IN I CTZ. NO OTHER CHANGES IN SINGLE MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES WERE ENVISIONED. WITH THE DIMINISHING COMBAT INTENSITY AND THE REDUCTION IN ARMY FORCES IN I CTZ AT YEAR'S END, MARINES IN I CTZ WERE HOPEFUL FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THIS PROCEDURAL MODIFICATION. UNQUOTE WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
PERSONAL FOR LT GEN BUSE, MGEN YOUNGDALE,
MGEN SIMPSON AND MGEN DAVIS FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN
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1. (C) CANCEL CMC LETTER C808 348 OF 17 DEC 1968. NEW LETTER WILL
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 TO RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC
 INFO RHMMAFM/CG III MAF
 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN BUSE FROM GEN CHAPMAN
 INFO MAJ GEN YOUNGDALE FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER DURING
 WORKING HOURS

REALIGNMENT OF SEA FORCE STRUCTURE (U)

- A. CMC SECRET LIR A01E-5A-JML OF 30 OCT 1968 ✓
- B. CMC 231831Z NOV 68 SPECAT
- C. CG FM ~~FPAC~~ 130025Z DEC 68 SPECAT
- D. CMC SECRET LIR A03B21-CRJ SER 5807481 OF 27 NOV 68

1. (S) BY REFERENCE (A) YOU WERE ADVISED OF ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN TO EFFECT EMERGENCY REDUCTIONS TO WESTPAC MANNING LEVELS TO PROVIDE FOR SPACE COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN THE 89.5 SEA PROGRAM SIX STRUCTURE SPACES AND MANNING AUTHORIZATIONS. REFERENCE (B) INFORMED YOU OF RESULTS OF 21 NOVEMBER DEPSECDEF DECISION DENYING US ANY INCREASES IN SEA PROGRAM SIX; AUTHORIZED YOU TO ADJUST PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS AND MANNING LEVELS, INCLUDING CADRE OF UNITS; AND REQUESTED THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR PLANS FOR

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 ACHIEVING THE REQUISITE REALIGNMENT.

2. (S) BOB CUSHMAN'S PLAN SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REF B, WHICH YOU CONFIRMED IN REF C, PLUS THE CONFERENCE AT THIS HQ WITH YOUR REPS CONCERNING 3RD/4TH QTR M/L'S, PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR DETERMINATION OF CADRE STATUS AND M/L'S AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNITS TO BE PLACED IN CADRE:

UNIT	CADRE STRENGTH		REDUCTION FROM I/O
	OFF	ENL	
AT CO (REINF)	1	18	108 ✓
AT CO (REINF)	1	18	108 ✓
MED TK CO	1	23	86 ✓
MED TK CO	1	23	86 ✓
SD AMTRAC BN	10	127	576 ✓
PROV HQ BTRY FAG	5	63	201
ARMO AMPHIB CO	1	41	203
		TOTAL	1368

B. UNITS TO BE MANNED AT LESS THAN 100 PERCENT:

SVN UNITS	MANNING LEVEL		REDUCTION FROM I/O
	OFF	ENL	
DTY COMM BN	35	552	158

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MP BN	36	562	50
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MWNG 1	41	531	63
FLC	279	5901	895
MABS (VF/VA)	20	434	9
MABS (VF/VA)	20	434	9
MABS (VF/VA)	20	434	9
H&MS (HELO)	39	291	3
H&MS (HELO)	39	291	3
		TOTAL	1249

NOTE 1 REFLECTS REDUCTION OF 13 ENL. IN H&MS AND
50 ENLISTED IN MWFS FOR A TOTAL REDUCTION
OF 63 SPACES FROM T/O.

JAPAN UNITS

H&MS MAG VF/VA	32	248	17
MABS MAG VF/VA	13	334	50
		TOTAL	67

3. (S) A QUARTERLY UPDATE OF THE USMC DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES LISTING PROMULGATED AS ENCLOSURE TO REFERENCE D WILL BE

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FORTHCOMING IN THE NEAR FUTURE. AMONG OTHER THINGS THIS LISTING WILL DEPICT T/O STRENGTHS AND HQMC AUTHORIZED MANNING LEVEL STRENGTHS FOR ALL SEA UNITS. THIS LISTING WILL REFLECT THE INPUT WHICH YOUR REPS TO HQMC PROVIDED IN DECEMBER.
4. (S) AS A RELATED MATTER, THE JCS AT MY SUGGESTION ARE CONSIDERING REQUESTING CLARIFICATION OF THE DEPSECDEF ORAL DECISION OF 21 NOVEMBER IN A MEMORANDUM TO SECDEF. YOU RECALL THAT THIS IS THE DECISION WHICH PRESCRIBED ADHERENCE TO THE PROGRAM SIX CEILING AND PROHIBITED WITHDRAWAL OF USMC UNITS FROM SVN. THE JCS MEMO WOULD POINT OUT THAT THIS DECISION CONFLICTS WITH THE DEPLOYMENT ADJUSTMENT SYSTEM, AND THAT CEILING INCREASES SHOULD BE GRANTED IN OKINAWA/JAPAN FOR RELOCATION OF SOME OF III MAF UNITS. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT EXPECT THIS JCS ACTION TO RESULT IN A DECISION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. I CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF SECSF CHANGING HIS 21 NOVEMBER DECISION TO BE UNLIKELY. THEREFORE REQUEST YOU ADVISE CG III MAF TO INITIATE SUCH ACTION ON EFFECTING THE FOREGOING CADRES/M/L REDUCTIONS AS HE DEEMS PRACTICABLE, AND TO NOTIFY MACV OF THE UNITS CONCERNED. IN THIS RESPECT A FORTH-

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 COMING 3RD/4TH QTR PLANNING LEVEL WILL REFLECT THE REDUCTIONS
 LISTED IN PAR 2 IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE THE 89.5 SEA CEILING.
 TO BOLSTER THE STRENGTH OF BOB CUSHMAN'S INFANTRY UNITS THIS
 HQS IS DEPLOYING TO SVN SOME 3,000 OF 03 PERSONNEL THIS MONTH.
 SUBSEQUENTLY, THE 3D/4TH QTR M/L WILL PROVIDE MANPOWER RESOURCES
 CONSISTENT WITH CURRENTLY RECOGNIZED SEA FORCE STRUCTURE, AS
 MODIFIED BY PAR 2. IN ADDITION TO M/L AUTHORIZATIONS AND THE
 3.5 ALLOWANCE FOR OCNE THIS HQS HAS COMMENCED PROVISION OF A
 1,400 PATIENT ALLOWANCE FOR SEA. IS ALLOWANCE CONTAINS
 GRADES/MOS FOR 1,000 OF 03. THE NET RESULT OF 3D/4TH QTR M/L
 ACTIONS AND THE NEW SEA PATIENT ALLOWANCE WILL COLLECTIVELY
 PROVIDE AN OF 03 INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 ABOVE ADJUSTED
 1ST/2D QUARTER M/LS.

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O 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.
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 P 212221Z NOV 68
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 TO CG RHMMA FA /CG III MAF

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INFO RUEPHOA/CMC
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 ZEN/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
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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)

A. CG FMFPAC 162022Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)

R. TEL CON LT COL HILLGARTNER, G-3 HMC, TO LT COL CUNARD, G-3 FMFPAC,
 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 A ADVISED DESIRABILITY OF RETAINING F4J VERSUS F4E TYPE ACFT IN SVN.
2. (S) REQUEST THAT REF A BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT A

PAGE TWO RUHMA3114 SECRET. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO 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). WARM REGARDS.

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 P 212222Z NOV 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUEPHOACMC
 INFO RHMAFA / CG III MAF
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO
 MAJGEN TOMPKINS FROM LT GEN BUSE .
 MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
 PROGRAM 6 REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES (U)
 A. CMC 32115Z OCT 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 P. CG FMFPAC 052239Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 C. CG III MAF 17295Z NOV 68 (S) (SPECAT)
 D. TELECON MAJGEN OWENS AC/S G-3, HOMC WITH EGEN WILSON C/S, FMFPAC
 OF 6 NOV 68.
 E. CG FMFPAC 162002Z 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 "CEILINGS". FURTHER, ADDRESSAL
 WAS REQUESTED AS TO HOW THE SHORTFALL BETWEEN STRUCTURE

PAGE TWO RUHHMA 3115 SECRET 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
 DESIGNATED TO BE MANNED AT T/O STRENGTH IS UNACCEPTABLE

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 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 III MAF, 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
 DISBURSING 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 RUHHMA3115 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 IN ARMY MANEUVER BATTALIONS IN ICIZ AND FUTURE
 PLANS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF'S, ANY FURTHER
 DECREASE IN III MAF GROUND COMBAT CAPABILITY IS
 UNDESIRABLE. WARM REGARDS.

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HEADQUARTERS
MARINE AMBIBIOUS FORCE

SECRET

IMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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S O P S E C R E T I VY TREE LINDIS 37096

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Z 220325Z NOV 68
FM COMUSMACV
TO RLSVDB/CG III MAF DA NANG
INFO RUSVDB/CDR 7TH AF SAIGON
RUSVAKO/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
RUSVDA/COMNAVFORV SAIGON
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S O P S E C R E T I VY TREE LINDIS 37096
SUBJ: PATROLS IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ (S)
REF: A, COMUSMACV DTG 140156Z NOV 68

B, MAC 10070 DTG 211035Z NOV 68 (PASEM)
1. (CS) REFERENCE A STATES THAT NO US GROUND FORCES WILL CROSS THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ WITHOUT SPECIFIC ORDERS FROM COMUSMACV TO DO SO. REFERENCE B REQUIRES CG, III MAF TO PREPARE PLANS TO CONDUCT LIMITED PATROLS IN THE DMZ UP TO THE PNDL.
2. (CS) CG, III MAF IS AUTHORIZED TO CONDUCT SQUAD-SIZED PATROLS, WITH PLATOON-SIZED BACK-UP TO ASSIST IN EXTRACTION IF NECESSARY, INTO THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ AS FAR NORTH AS THE PNDL FOR A PERIOD OF TEN DAYS COMMENCING 2400H 23 NOVEMBER

PAGE 2 RUSVDB 42910 T O P S E C R E T I LINDIS
1800 AND ENDING 2400H 3 DECEMBER 1968. PATROLS MAY WALK, OR BE INGESTED BY HELICOPTER, INTO THE SOUTHERN DMZ.

3. (CS) CONVENTIONAL III MAF FORCES OR SOG ASSETS AS APPROPRIATE MAY BE USED. COORDINATE THE USE OF MACSOG ASSETS WITH COM. IN ADDITION, JCS HAS AUTHORIZED THE USE OF ARVN PATROLS IN THIS OPERATION; YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO COORDINATE WITH CG, I CORPS TO ARRANGE THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARVN FORCES.

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

5. (CS) PROVIDE BY 1800 HOURS EACH DAY, TO THE MACV COMMAND CENTER VIA DEDICATED CIRCUIT, YOUR PATROL PLANS FOR THE FOLLOWING DAY. PROVIDE SPOT REPORTS OF PATROL RESULTS TO THE COMMAND CENTER BY FLASH FREQUENCY OR BY THE DEDICATED CIRCUIT. REPORT BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS POSITIVE PROOF, IF ANY OF NVA OR VC PRESENCE IN THE SOUTHERN DMZ.

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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TMF FORM 8219 (REV 3-68)

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TO 22142Z ZYH ZFF-3

FM MG SCHWEITER COPS HQ XXIV CORPS

TO MG ANDERSON COPS III MAF

INFO MG TOWNSEND J3 MACV

ZEM

TOP SECRET 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 L IMP 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.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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TMAF FORM 8216 (REV 3-68)

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TOP SECRET #26

O 221824Z ZYH ZFF-3
 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SGN
 INFO MG TOMPKINY DCG III MAF DNG
 MG DAVIS CG 3 MAR DIV
 ZEM

TOP SECRET

TOP SECRET PHB 1782 EYES ONLY
 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 (YD2675), 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 DOGGO 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 ON 25 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 ~~WANNED~~ 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.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER 0800 SAT. 23 NOV
 PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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HEADQUARTERS
II MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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ZIMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-66)

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O 230200Z ZYH ZFF-1
 FM MG SCHWEITER COFS XXIV COPRS
 TO MG ANDERSONHCOFS III MAF
 ZEM

SECRET

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 NONSULTATION 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.

UNQUOTE

QUOTE
 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
 A/B DIV REAR FROM BIEN HOA TO AN KHE.

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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 WHOLESALERE 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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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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 O 230931Z NOV 68
 FM CG FIRST MAR DIV
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T S P E C A T
 SPECAT FROM MGEN YOUNGDALE TO MGEN ANDERSON
 OPN MEADE RIVER

1. (S) THE COMBINED USMC, ROMC, ARVN, RF/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 ROMC COMPANIES TOTALING OVER FIVE THOUSAND PERS INTO A CORDON OF AN AREA APPROX THREE BY SIX MILES WAS EXECUED 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 1/1 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 RUMHLA 2899 S E C R E T S P E C A T
 AS OF 22 NOV 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 22 NOV, 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 NPFF 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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HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

TOP SECRET

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TOP SECRET

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0231115Z ZYU ZFF-3

FM LTG STELWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SGN
 INFO MG TOMPKINS DCG III MAF DNG
 MG DAVIS CG 3D MAR DIV DGH
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TOP SECRET PHB 1735 EYES ONLY

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 PROS, BY THE WAY) INFORMED
 GIAI AND ME THAT THEY HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAT H-HOUR WAS
 MIDNIGHT

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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TOP SECRET #28

Z 230436Z ZYH ZFF-3 ZFF-6
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG STILLWELL CG XXIV CTZ
 MG THOMPSON DCG III MAF
 MG DAVIS CG III MAR DIV
 ZEM

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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HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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 Z 200850Z NOV 68
 FM CG XXIV CORPS COC PHB
 TO UUMSO/CG III MAF COC DNG
 INFO UUMS/ COMUSMACV COC SGN
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TOP SECRET IVY TREE LIMDIS

SUBJ: PATROLS IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ (S)

REF: A. COMUSMACV COC MSG DTG 222325Z NOV 68 (TS)

B. XXIV CORPS COC MSG DTG 240955Z NOV 68 (TS)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH REF A, AND UPDATES REF B

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

A. ON 25 NOV, 3D MAR DIV INITIATED TWO COMPANY-SIZED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS INCLUDING A RIFLE COMPANY AND A MECH TM SOUTH OF AND ADJACENT TO SOUTHERN DMZ BOUNDARY, MVIC 550568 AND YD0972. THESE OPERATIONS ARE DIVERSIONS FOR THE GROUND INSERTIONS OF TWO SQUAD-SIZE RECON TEAMS WHICH WILL DROP OFF FROM THE COMPANIES AND MOVE, INTO RZ'S VIC YD 0570 AND YD9074 RESPECTIVELY. PATROLS PREPARED TO REMAIN UNTIL 29 NOV 68. RIFLE COMPANY VIC 65 0568 AND MEC TM VIC YD0972 PREPARED TO SUPPORT RECON PATROLS BY FERE AND ASSIST IN EXTRACTION. PLATOON REACTION

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FORCE ON STANDBY AT QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE.

B. CONTINGENT UPON WEATHER, SOG WILL HELO INSERT TWO SQUAD-SIZE RECON PATROLS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ BETWEEN THE 65 AND 95 NS GRIDLINE

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 MAI 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 22 NS GRIDLINES DURING

NIGHT OF 25 NOV 68. PATROL WILL BE REPLACED EVERY TWO DAYS UNTIL 3 DEC 68. PLATOON REACTION FORCE IN STANDBY AT STRONG POINTS A-2 AND C-1.

(2) TWO SQUAD-SIZE COVERT 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 EMENY 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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SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 DELIVERY/DELIVERY BAG AND PY-70 SENSOR PROGRAM
 REQUIREMENTS (U)

- A. CG III MAF 110522Z SEP 68 (S)
- B. CMC 181441Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)
- C. ADMINO FMFPAC 250134Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)
- D. CMC 161649Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)
- E. CMC 181850Z NOV 68 (S) (PASS)
- F. CMC 201859Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)
- G. CG FIRST MAW 201517Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A ESTABLISHES SENSOR EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRST HALF CY-69. REF B DISCUSSES THESE REQUIREMENTS AND REQUEST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ALTERNATE SENSOR DELIVERY SYSTEMS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE LORAND.

PAGE TWO RUHMMAFA 3490 SECRET MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 REF C RECOMMENDS THE EXPEDITED PROCUREMENT BY CMC OF THE SENSOR EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED IN REF A LESS LORAND, AND REQUESTED COMMENTS FROM CG, III MAF CONCERNING THE LORAND CONCEPT AND SUBSTITUTE USE OF THE A-6A WITH FAC PEACON/TPO FOR SENSOR DELIVERY. REF D FORMALLY REQUESTS FROM CMC THE EQUIPMENT LISTED IN REF A LESS LORAND AND THE FOLLOWING DELIVERY DEVICES: CH-46 PMRR AND SUU AREY REF E REQUESTS A REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENTS FORWARDED BY REF D. REF F REQUESTS A REVIEW OF III MAF'S SENSOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR PY-70 BY 28 NOV 68. REF G PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO REF A.

2. (U) DISCUSSION WITH HQMC 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 E, C, D AND F. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT REF G BE REEVALUATED

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

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 ZNY CCCCC ZYO RUMFSBB
 P 240356Z NOV 68
 FM CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 TO RHMMAFA/CG VII MAF DNG
 INFO RUYP5AA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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

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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TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T SPECAT
 FM MGEN YOUNGDALE TO LTGEN CUSHMAN
 OPN MEADE RIVER (U)

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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DE RUHHEFA 3640 3302202

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P 252202Z NOV 68
FM CG FMFPAC
TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
INFO R UERHQA/CMC
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ZEN/CG NINTH MAF
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

SECRET. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN CUSHMAN, INFO
GEN CHAPMAN, EGEN WEBSTER AND EGEN WILLIAMS FROM
LT GEN PUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING
WORKING HOURS.

III MAF PROGRAM SIX FORCE STRUCTURE (U)

A. CG III MAF 131800Z/OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CMC 231831Z/NOV 68 (S) SPECAT (NOTAL)

C. CG III MAF 180956Z/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.

PAGE TWO RUHHEFA 3640 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCOO

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 T XO 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 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEC
 OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF C. REQUEST
 YOU REVIEW THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF C AND
 PROVIDE BY 28 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 B, CMC HAS REQUESTED G-1 REPS FROM
 THIS HQ ASSIST IN INITIAL PREPARATION OF 3D/4TH
 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 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEC
 DECISION. WILL ADVISE DATE OF HQMC CONFERENCE WHEN
 KNOWN. WARM REGARDS

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1	CG					REMARKS Could not the Orange Star have been presented in the name of the U.S. or something? Unusually not usual keep these things on a much higher plane R-me [Signature]
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O 28262Z ZYH ZFF-3
 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF
 INFO MG DAVIS CG 3D MAR DIV
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1. DETAILS OF SUCCESSFUL 2D ARVN REGIMENT PATROL, EARLY MORNING 28 NOV, MAY BE OF GENERAL INTEREST.
2. AT 0100 HOURS, 1/4/2 ARVN ALONG WITH 60-MAN ALERT FORCE OF 3/4/2 ARVN MOVED OUT FROM A-2, NORTH ALONG CL-1 TO LAST HIGH GROUND (YD 210753) SHORT OF DMZ. COL GIAI AND MAJ LEE (US ARMY ADVISOR) ACCOMPANIED.
3. ALERT FORCE CONTINUED ON TO SOUTHERN TRACE ITSELF; AND LAUNCHED SQUAD SIZE RECON PATROL FORWARD TO RUINS OF FORMER TRUNG LUCNG DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS (YD 203767). NOTING NEWLY ERECTED WIRE AROUND RUINS, 3 MEN ENTERED PERIMETER, SEARCHED AND FOUND NOTHING. PATROL THEN TOOK UP POSITIONS ASTRIDE HIGHWAY 1.
4. AT ABOUT 0500, 4 MEN APPEARED FROM THE WEST, TURNED SOUTH ON HIGHWAY AND WALKED STRAIGHT INTO AMBUSH. 2D ARVN PATROL OPENED UP AT APPROXIMATELY 4 METERS RANGE (NOT OPTIMUM TACTICS WHEN MISSION IS TO GET A PW). 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 CROGGY, 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 BEN HAI WITH HIS COMPANY ON NIGHT 23/24 NOVEMBER; THAT COMPANY WAS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF KINH-MON (YD 176764); 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 320TH NVA DIVISION (POSSIBLY HIS ORIGINAL UNIT); BUT LATER STATED HE BELONGED TO THE 130TH 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.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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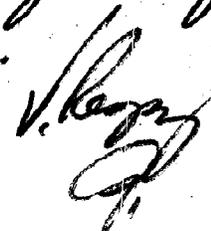
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TO ZEN/LTG STILWELL, CG, XXIV CORPS, PHU BAI

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 WHOLEHEART-
EDLY 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 CON-
VERSION, 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.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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OPN MEADE RIVER
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 ZNY 58578
 C 271000Z NOV 68
 FM CG 11 AF HQ
 TO RMAFM/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T S P E C I A L
 FR HQ 11 AF 2100/7 TO LT GEN CUSHMAN
 OPN MEADE RIVER (U)

1. US2 OPN MEADE RIVER WITH COMBINED USMC, ROKMC, ARVN, RF/PF, AND
 CORPS PARTICIPATION AS AN OFFENSIVE IN THE ACCELERATED PACIFIC
 CAMPAIGN IS ADVANCING THROUGH ITS THIRD PHASE.

2. US2 BLT 2/7 HAS COMPLETED ITS MOVE TO THE RAILROAD TRACK WHERE
 IT NOW HOLDS THE WESTERN FLANK OF THE CORDON. BLT 2/26 AND 27
 MARINES ARE PRESENTLY ADVANCING FROM THE EAST TO SQUEEZE THE
 TO THE 3000 00 CA. MOVING WITH THE SAME DELIBERATION WHICH
 CHARACTERIZED BLT 2/7 IN THEIR SUCCESSFUL ADVANCE, 2/26 AND 27
 ARE PROBING AND SEARCHING EVERY POSSIBLE HIDING PLACE TO INSURE
 THAT NO ENEMY OR MATERIAL CACHE IS ALLOWED TO ESCAPE DETECTION.

3. US2 THE JOINT INTERROGATION CENTER CONTINUES ITS EXTENSIVE
 AROUND THE CLOCK OPERATION. TO DATE 2615 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN
 RELEASED. 1582 PERSONS HAVE BEEN PROCESSED RESULTING IN THE

PAGE 2 RUMLA 3361 S E C R E T S P E C I A L
 SEQUELATION OF 34 VCI. JOINT CIVIC ACTION ACTIVITIES CONTINUE AT
 THE RELOCATION CENTER.

4. US2 AT 07 271200H NOV68 MARINE FORCES HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR 50
 AND 124 PWS KIA. 12 VC AND 2 NVA HAVE BEEN CAPTURED IN ADDITION
 TO 2 IVC AND 1 CSWC. ROKMC UNITS HAVE REPORTED 2 VC KIA AND 3
 NVA FORCES WORKING WITHIN THE CORDON HAVE TO DATE KILLED 11
 20 NVA AND CAPTURED 6 IVC.

5. US2 IN SUMMARY THE CASUALTIES WE HAVE ALREADY INFLECTED AS
 23 INDICATIONS AS TO EVENTUAL RESULTS SHOW THAT OPN MEADE RIVER
 WILL EXCEED ALL PREVIOUS EXPECTATIONS AND PROVE TO BE A DISASTROUS
 BLOW TO ENEMY FORCES.

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 ZNY SSSSS
 P 272136Z NOV 68
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RHMNAFA, CG III MAF
 BT

SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM LTGEN
 RUSE, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING NORMAL
 WORKING HOURS.

III MAF PROGRAM SIX FORCE STRUCTURE (U)

1. COMUSMACV 262935Z/NOV68 (S)
 2. CMC 231831Z/NOV68 (S) (SPECAT)
 3. (S) BELL VAN RYZIN HAS BEEN ADVISED OF REF A WHICH CONCURRED IN YOUR APPROACH TO THE FORCE STRUCTURE PROBLEM. THE COMMANDANT HAS INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO GET THIS SUBJECT INTO THE JCS ARENA EARLIEST.
 4. (S) SINCE DEPSECDEF DECISION, STATED REF P, HAS APPARENTLY NOT YET COMPLETELY FILTERED DOWN TO THE JOINT STAFF, YOUR EARLIEST SUBMISSION OF ACTIONS NUMBER TWO AND THREE MAY PLACE US IN A FAVORABLE "FIRST OUT" POSITION.
- WARM REGARDS, CP-4
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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

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TO RUHH/MA/CG FM FPAC

INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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 H O U R S

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 AS 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 ~~ASHORE~~ 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 UNDULY
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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Ref B.

0 251728Z ZYH ZFF-1
FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHB
TO GEN GOODPASTER DEPCOMUSMACV SGN
LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF DNG
INFO MG DAVIS CG 3RD MAR DIV
ZEN

T O P S E C R E T PHB 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 281015H MERITS DETAILING. THIS WAS THE SAME PATROL THAT GOOFED ITS K 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 268778. FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL HOURS, NO ENEMY MOVEMENT OR OTHER ACTIVITY WAS DETECTED.
3. AT 280400H, 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 28 NOVEMBER. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT THE PATROLS WERE COMPLETELY OUTFITTED AS NVA.
4. AT MID-MORNING, THREE ENEMY WERE DETECTED AMONG OLD BUNKERS ON THE WEST SLOPES OF HILL 28 (YD 248769); AND THE COMBINED PATROLS DISPATCHED A SMALL PARTY SOUTHWARD TO RECONNOITER SITUATION IN DETAIL AND POSSIBLY OVERCOME THE QUARRY BY SUBTERFUGE. AS THE FRIENDLY ADVANCE ELEMENT NEARED HILL 28 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 DECIPHERED THE PATROL LEADER'S REPORT) 4 TO 5 SERIOUSLY WOUNDED. THE REMAINING 2 OR 3 ENEMY BROKE TO THE EAST FOR THE COVER OF THE 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 ANOTHERS ENEMY FORMATION VICINITY YD 233766 AND MORTAR FIRE FROM YD 233753. 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 AMBUSH 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 AO.

9. WARM REGARDS.

SSC NOTE: DELIVER 0730 HOURS 29 NOVEMBER
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FM CTF SEVEN SIX
TO RUYPSSYD/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM RADM LA *ey*

1. WILL BE RELIEVED AS COMPHIBGRU THREE/CTF 76 BY RADM ED ROSENBERG ON SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER AT 1330H ON BOARD ELDORADO AT DARANG.
2. AM HOSTING LUNCHEON IN FLAG MESS HONORING ADM HYLAND 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 ^{SEVERAL REQUESTS} CEREMONY. 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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TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

INFO RUHHPMA/CG FMFPAC

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FROM GEN CHAPMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVERY DURING
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ARG/SLF OPERATION (U)

A. CG III MAF 290720Z NOV 68

1. (U) REF A FULLY UNDERSTOOD. WARM REGARDS.

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 TO RUEPHOA/CMC
 INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN
 BUSE, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY, DELIVER DURING NORMAL
 WORKING HOURS.

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
 DEPSECDEF DECISION CONTAINED IN REF A AND IS PLAYING
 THE GAME ACCORDINGLY. QUOTE

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 FM CG III MAF DNG RVN
 TO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACVSGN

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 INFO RUHHMA/CG FMFPAC
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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	STR	STR	AUTH	INCREASE / DECREASE	REMARKS
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 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 SUN OF UNITS LISTED PARAGRAPH
 4 C OF REF B. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT YET HAVE REQUISITE APPROVAL
 TO PEGIN ACTUAL TROOP MOVEMENT. THERE FORE, IN ORDER TO MOVE
 AHEAD ON ACTION NR, 3 REQUEST YOU GRANT THAT APPROVAL EARLIEST.
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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 F. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT YET HAVE REQUISITE APPROVAL
TO BEGIN ACTUAL TROOP MOVEMENT. THERE FORE, IN ORDER TO MOVE
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