

13 Jan 69

UNCLASSIFIED  
~~SECRET~~

ON 18-2000 of 09, III MAF

DECLASSIFIED  
EXEMPTED FROM  
AUTOMATIC  
DOWNGRADING  
AND  
DECLASSIFICATION

69-1-1000

III MAF

901 014 #2

~~UNCLASSIFIED~~

HEADQUARTERS  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
APO San Francisco 96602

3B:dam  
Ser: 004769  
13 Jan 1969

SECRET (Unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1))

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: LOI 1-69

Encl: (1) LOI 1-69

1. In recent weeks we have seen the development of plans for the reception, interrogation and care of the many civilians who are expected to be displaced from their homes during the next major cordon and search operation in I Corps Tactical Zone. In view of the long term objective of pacification, it is vital that every consideration be given to the proper treatment of innocent civilians. To root out an infrastructure and VC main forces while minimizing disruption to the innocent concerned is a task which requires the ultimate in tact, and professional skill. Such an operation is extremely complex and involves large numbers of US Navy, Marine Corps, Army and civilian organizations operating in close coordination with ARVN and many different GVN organizations.

2. Without presuming to command these forces, but in recognition of the need for some single point of coordination, III MAF has developed an LOI for the operation of a typical Combined Holding and Interrogation Center based on lessons learned in previous operations and with the advice of a variety of agencies. In the interest of getting on with the operation, your cooperation is asked in carrying out the spirit of the LOI as if all of its parts and support were under a single commander.

3. In actuality the Province Chief of Quang Ngai sets the pace and runs the CHIC operation. The LOI lays out in specific terms the tasks we see to be required. In it we have shown our readiness to support the effort where necessary.

4. The LOI is therefore distributed as a directive, to be executed by those forces under command of CG III MAF as required for the

G-2

G-2

901014

2

771 0107E 004769 13 JAN 1969

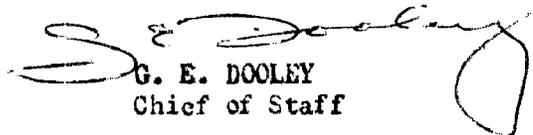
SECRET

SECRET

3B:dam

Ser:

successful completion of the operation. To those forces not under command of CG III MAF, the document is offered as a convenient means to coordinate a very complex and sensitive operation.

  
G. E. DOOLEY  
Chief of Staff

## DISTRIBUTION:

CMC	(2)
FMFPAC	(2)
COMUSMACV	(3)
CG XXIV CORPS	(2)
CG 3d MarDiv	(2)
CG 101st ABN Div	(2)
CG 1st MarDiv	(2)
CG 1st MAW	(2)
COMNAVSUPACT	(2)
CG AMERICAL DIV	(20)
CG I Corps	(2)
CG 2d ARVN Div	(2)
CTF 76	(2)
CTF 79	(2)
CTG 76.4	(2)
CTG 76.5	(2)
CTG 79.4	(2)
CTG 79.5	(2)
CTG 115.1	(2)
9th Spec Opns Sqdn DNG Air Base	(2)
5th CI Team	(2)
11th ITT	(2)
DSA, I Corps	(2)
3d MP Bn	(2)
45th Engr Gp	(2)
9th Engr Bn, FMF	(2)
7th PsyOps Bn	(2)
54th Medical Det (RA)	(2)
27th Surgical Hosp	(2)
312th Evac Hosp	(2)
74th Medical Bn	(2)
29th Civil Affairs Co	(2)
CORDS, III MAF	(20)
Force Logistic Cmd	(2)
ACofS, G-1	(2)
ACofS, G-2	(4)

SECRET

38:dam  
Ser:

ACofS, G-3	(13)
ACofS, G-4	(4)
ACofS, G-5	(4)
ACofS, G-6	(2)
PHOENIX Coordinator	(2)
Force PsyOpsO	(2)
Force Surgeon	(2)
ROIC-I Corps	(1)
Force Engr	(4)
Force ISO	(2)
Force Dental	(1)
File	(2)

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

004769

Letter of Instruction 1-69 (Combined Holding and Interrogation  
 Center CHIC)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization, Annex A (Task Organization),

1. SITUATION.

- a. Enemy, Annex C (Intelligence),
- b. Friendly.

(1) U. S. Seventh Fleet, Amphibious Task Force lands at H-Hour on D-Day and establishes a cordon with two battalion landing teams (BLT's) and two helicopter squadrons in coordination with Americal Division to screen the population and find, fix and destroy enemy forces within the Amphibious Objective Area. CTF 76 will be requested to establish and maintain Battalion Collection Points in accordance with Annex C hereto, and to provide for liaison at CHIC.

(2) @TG 115.1 establishes a blockade and screening force by H-Hour on D-Day along the combined seaward side of the AOA and the Americal Division Area of Cordon Operations, and will be requested to establish a temporary detainee collection point and request helo pickup from CG Americal Division or CTF 76 as appropriate.

(3) CG 2nd ARVN Division, at H-Hour on D-Day establishes a cordon in coordination with Americal Division to screen the population and find, fix and destroy enemy forces within the cordon.

(4) COMNAVSUPACT Preventive Medicine Unit provides preventive medicine support to CHIC.

(5) CVN forces, consisting of RF, PF, RPF and other anti-infrastructure forces in coordination with U. S. and ARVNAF, assist in local security and search within the cordons established to clear the areas within the cordons of all civilian personnel, exploit timely intelligence, and assist in maintaining a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) for processing indigenous personnel.

SECRET

SECRET  
 DOWN GRADED TO UNCLASSIFIED  
 ON D-DAY

SECRET

(6) 9th Special Operations Squadron, Danang Air Base. Provides special Psyops support as required.

c. Assumptions.

(1) That there will be approximately 10,000 persons detained and screened.

(2) That all detainees will not arrive simultaneously, but will average 1,000 per day for 10 days.

(3) That each Battalion Collection Point will receive on the average of 200 detainees per day for 10 days.

(4) That detainees will remain at Battalion Collection Points no more than four hours.

(5) That some, though not all, detainees may remain at Combined Holding and Interrogation Center for periods up to two months.

(6) That U. S. personnel supporting the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center provide their own food and living supplies.

(7) That external and internal security for the CHIC will be a continuing requirement.

(8) That additional detention facilities will be required at Quang Ngai and other locations for holding and processing of VCS.

(9) That initial food supplies will be stocked by increments for 7,000 people for one week and that thereafter captured food will augment additional procurement.

(10) That at an early date, civilian detainees can be utilized for construction and other labor.

(11) That a site can be found which is capable of supporting the construction of Combined Holding and Interrogation Center, with proper drainage, etc.

(12) That sufficient helicopter support will be available for the movement of detainees and suspects, including MEDEVACS.

2. MISSION: On D-Day, subsequent to the establishment of a cordon around the area of operations, III MAF provides necessary support in coordination with 7th Fleet, and ARVN, to the GVN for the reception, transportation, interrogation, detention, exploitation and disposition of all inhabitants of the designated objective area.

3. EXECUTION:

SECRET

SECRET

a. Concept of Operations: On D-Day, U. S. and ARVN forces establish a cordon around a designated area of operations in Quang Ngai Province. Vietnamese civilians from within the cordon will be evacuated and detained by cordon and searching forces to five battalion collection points on the outskirts of the cordon. After initial interrogation for immediate tactical intelligence by U. S. and GVN military and civilian agencies, detainees will then be evacuated to a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) to be established and maintained by GVN, CORDS and participating military forces. Upon arrival at the CHIC, detainees will be further screened for intelligence value by various intelligence agencies concerned. PW's, Hoi Chanh, and some civil defendants will be further evacuated to designated locations. The remaining civilian personnel will be cared for and controlled at the CHIC until released or termination of the operation, at which time innocent civilians will be resettled in designated hamlets or returned to their homes.

b. CG Americal Division

(1) Upon establishment of cordon in Area of Operations with CATF and 2d ARVN Division forces notify PSA, QUANG NGAI/PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG NGAI, and provide information as to the relative security of the site selected for CHIC.

(2) Provide personnel, logistic and air support to CHIC as prescribed herein.

(3) Establish Battalion Collection Points for detainees in accordance with Annex D.

(4) Deliver captured foodstuffs to CHIC when feasible.

c. CO, 5th Counter Intelligence Team.

(1) Provide support to CHIC as prescribed herein.

d. CO 11th Interrogator-Translator Team

(1) Provide ITT support to TF 76 and CHIC as prescribed herein.

e. DSA, I Corps

(1) Provide advice and assistance to GVN in support of the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC), as required.

f. CO, 3d MP Battalion

(1) Be prepared to receive POW's from CHIC commencing H-Hour on D-Day, in accordance with this LOI.

SECRET

SECRET

g. CO, 45th Engr Group

(1) Provide engineer support as requested, in accordance with Annex G (Engineer) hereto.

h. CO, 9th Engr Battalion, FMF

(1) Provide engineer support as requested, in accordance with Annex G (Engineer) hereto.

i. 7th PSYOPS Battalion

(1) Provide media support to Americal Division and CORPS as prescribed in Annex E (Psychological Operations).

j. 54th Medical Detachment (RA)

(1) Provide medical support as prescribed in Annex F (Logistics) hereto.

k. 27th Surgical Hospital

(1) Provide medical support as prescribed in Annex F (Logistics) hereto.

l. 312th Evacuation Hospital

(1) Provide evacuation and medical support as prescribed in Annex F (Logistics) hereto.

m. 74th Medical Battalion

(1) Provide for medical regulation among all medical facilities utilized, in accordance with Annex F (Logistics).

n. 41-5AA Platoon, 29th CA Co

(1) Provide advice and assistance to U. S. and GVN commanders with regard to administration of CHIC and attendant problem areas (Annex B (CHIC Administration)). Act as Control Headquarters for 2-17AA Platoon and 2-15AA Platoon.

o. CORPS

(1) Through Province Senior Advisor, Quang Ngai, provide advice and assistance to the GVN, including psyops, logistics, refugee, public health and public safety assistance as prescribed herein.

p. Force Logistics Command

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

(1) Be prepared to furnish logistic support as required, on order,

q. Coordinating Instructions

(1) Recommended time-phasing for establishment of CHIC;  
(NOTE: Times may vary widely in actual implementation).

D-1. All personnel required to support the CHIC are prepared to move to the CHIC location.

D-Day.

(a) H-Hour+2. Upon notification by tactical units that the cordon is in place and advance party consisting of reconnaissance, mine clearing and security forces arrives at the site to establish area security and an LZ.

(b) H-Hour+4. Upon notification by the advance party, administrative, internal security, intelligence, communications, psyops, engineer and labor personnel arrive at the CHIC.

(c) H-Hour+5. Water purification equipment arrives at the CHIC.

(d) H-Hour+6. CHIC is staked out and barbed wire is in place. Initial holding and interrogation facilities are prepared for arrival of detainees. CHIC personnel are prepared for supply reception. Water production operations begin.

(e) H-Hour+7. Tents, poles, rope, canvas tarps and hand tools arrive at the CHIC. POW area is established.

(f) H-Hour+8. Generators and lighting equipment arrive at the CHIC and put into operation. Supply tents are up.

(g) H-Hour+9. Food, firewood, blankets and candles for 2,000 detainees arrive at the CHIC.

(h) H-Hour+10. The laborers have set up tents for 1,000 detainees.

(i) H-Hour+10. Center supply and distribution system is organized.

(j) H-Hour+11. Detainees have been provided daily food and firewood ration and cooking commences.

From D-Day on the detainees must be provided food, water, shelter and firewood as outlined above. For planning purposes it should be assumed that 1,000 detainees per day will be generated up to

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

10,000 detainees on or about D + 9. The time-phasing suggestions that follow only deal with requirements other than those of food, water, firewood and shelter.

D-Day + 1. Center security is improved; latrine and garbage disposal facilities are established; psychological operations begin; medical treatment facilities are established.

D-Day + 2. Sanitary facilities are improved; construction of combination drainage-protective trench begins. VIS is operating.

D-Day + 3. Recreational activities begin; construction of shower facilities begins; the center's political structure is organized; Culture-Drama Teams begin to operate; preparation of school facilities commences.

D-Day + 4. Shower facilities are ready for use.

D-Day + 5. Center educational and medical programs are fully operational.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Administration.

- (1) Annex B (CHIC Administration)
- (2) Annex D (Disposition of Detainees)
- (3) Annex I (Resettlement)

b. Logistics. Annex F (Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

a. Command Posts.

- (1) Report locations of command posts when established.
- (2) CHIC CP will be designated by Province Chief, Quang Ngai Province.

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

b. Communications - Electronics. Annex H (Communications - Electronics)

ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. L. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

ANNEXES

- A - Task Organization
- B - CHIC Administration
- C - Intelligence
- D - Disposition of Detainees
- E - Psychological Operations
- F - Logistics
- G - Engineer
- H - Communications - Electronics
- I - Resettlement (To be issued)
- J - Glossary of Abbreviations
- K - Distribution

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex A (Task Organization) to LOI 1-69.

Time Zone H  
 (Effective 122400 JAN 69)

America Division  
 198TH INF BDE (LT)  
 5th Bn 46th Inf  
 4th Bn 3rd Inf

MGen GENTYS  
 BGen COOKSEY

5TH Counter Intelligence Team

Capt GRITSH

11th Interrogator - Translator Team

Capt MILLS

DSA, I Corps  
 SA, 2D ARVN Div

Col RENWANE  
 Col HUTTER

3D MP Battalion  
 III MAF PW Detention Facility

LtCol CHEATHAM  
 LtCol CHEATHAM

45th ENGR Group

LtCol DAVIDSON

9th ENGR Battalion, FMF

LtCol DAVIDSON

7th PSYOPS Bn

Maj PORTER

54th Medical Detachment (RA)

Maj WICK

27th Surgical Hosp

LtCol LEWIS

317th Evaluation Hosp

LtCol CALDWELL

74th Medical Bn

LtCol PARK

29th Civil Affairs Co  
 41-5AA Platoon  
 2-17AA Platoon  
 2-13AA Platoon

LtCol SAPPENTON  
 Capt LEON

CORAS  
 PSY QUANG NGAI  
 PSYOPS DIV  
 LOGISTICS DIV  
 REFUGEE DIV  
 PUBLIC HEALTH DIV  
 PUBLIC SAFETY DIV

MR CROSS  
 MR BURKE  
 MR KRAMER  
 MR EUBANKS  
 MR MC LONDON  
 DR SHUTT  
 MR BARNETT

~~SECRET~~

A-1

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

Force Logistics Command

BGen FEELEY

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION; Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

A-2

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex B (CHIC Administration) to LOI 1-69.

Time Zone H

### 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex C (Intelligence).
- b. Friendly Forces. LOI 1-69
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization),
- d. Assumptions.

(1) From 5,000 to 10,000 refugees will be created as a result of friendly force operations. These refugees will need food, shelter, and other living facilities for a period of up to two months.

(2) The CHIC will be located near a fresh water stream in which the detainees can bathe and wash clothing. This water source will provide water for purification and consequent drinking.

(3) The CHIC will be located adjacent to a secure roadway capable of handling heavy cargo truck traffic.

(4) Vendors will come to the CHIC and sell detainees supplemental firewood and supplemental food commodities such as fish and vegetables.

(5) The detainees will arrive at the CHIC with their own cooking utensils, blankets and clothing.

(6) See paragraph c. (Assumptions) LOI 1-69.

### 2. MISSION

To administer the care and control of detainees within the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC).

### 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operation. See LOI 1-69.
- b. CHIC Organization.

(1) The Province Chief will be in overall charge. The

SECRET

B-1

SECRET

SECRET

Province Senior Advisor will advise him. The Province SWR Chief will have responsibility for the care of refugees. The Province Refugee Advisor will advise him. The Province SWR Service will provide a 30-man camp administration team. Elements of 29th CA Company will act as counterparts to this 30-man team. Americal Division will provide a liaison officer for assistance at the CHIC headquarters.

(2) Internal security will be handled by National Police under the supervision of the Province Police Chief. External security will be provided by Regional Forces. The province will provide two 5-man medical teams who will be assisted administratively by personnel of the 29th CA Company. The Province APA Psyops will advise the Province VIB Chief. For organization of Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation (SCII), See Annex C (Intelligence).

c. Sample Layout of the CHIC - See Tabs A and B to Appendix 1 to Annex G (Engineer).

d. External Security. One RF Company is responsible for external security. If more than 5,000 refugees are generated, an additional company will be required.

e. CHIC Construction. The RF Company providing external security is responsible for laying a triple row concertina barrier around the perimeter of the CHIC and will construct necessary bunkers and defensive positions. They will also establish triple row concertina barriers within the perimeter as indicated in Tabs A and B to Appendix 1 to Annex G (Engineer). They will assist the General Service platoon furnished by the province in the erection of initial tents. Thereafter, the GS platoon will be assisted by laborers hired from the refugee population to further develop camp facilities; i. e., additional living accommodations, administrative quarters, supply and food storage facilities, medical facilities, latrines, school facilities, information facilities, and recreational areas. Clearance and construction of an area for helicopter LZ will be the responsibility of the GC platoon. III MAF will provide lighting equipment and personnel. (See Annex C (Engineer)).

f. Internal Control.

(1) The Province National Police Chief will be responsible for the movement and control of the refugee population within the camp. He will pay particular attention to water and sanitation discipline. The Province PSD Advisor will serve as his counterpart.

(2) The SWR Chief will organize the detainees according to hamlet of origin or family group. Along with the National Police Chief, he will assure that unprocessed detainees are separated from those who have been processed. (See Tabs A and B to Appendix 1 to Annex G (Engineer)). 29th CA Company personnel will assist in supervision and

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

coordination of internal control.

g. Refugee Processing. The SWR Service Chief will be responsible for registration, processing and payment of the 500 gm/day/person rice allowance and the 8VN\$/day/person relief payment authorized by the MHSWR.

h. Food Handling, Storage, and Distribution. This will be the responsibility of the SWR Service Chief. He will be assisted by 29th CA Company personnel and the Province Refugee Advisor. During the first two days of operation, he will supplement the diet of each detainee with one loaf of bread. Food commodities and piaster payments will be issued to the heads of families from AIK funds until refugee allowance is established. The family unit will be responsible for preparation of its own food. Those families who leave their hamlets without cooking utensils, blankets, and clothing will be issued these commodities by the SWR Service Chief. The refugees will use their 8VN\$/person/day payment to purchase firewood and food, such as vegetables and fish from vendors who will be allowed to sell at the CHIC. Additional firewood and food will be distributed by the CHIC commander.

i. Education Program. The SWR Chief, assisted by personnel of 29th CA Company, will on or about the fourth day of operation, establish school facilities for school age children. School supplies will be furnished by SWR Service and/or purchased with AIK funds.

j. Recreation. The VIS Chief will organize and supervise recreational activities, assisted by personnel of 29th CA Company. (See Annex E (Psychological Operations)).

k. Administrative Supplies. Where possible, the participating units will furnish their own administrative supplies. If provincial resources are inadequate, AIK funds should be considered.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. See Annex F (Logistics).

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

SECRET

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. See Annex H (Communications-Electronics).
- b. Command Post. To be announced.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

Copy \_\_\_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69.

- Ref. (a) Map Joint Operations Graphic (Air) 1,250,000 Series 1501 Air  
 (b) III MAF Periodic Intelligence Reports  
 (c) III MAF Special Intelligence Study 2-68 (Military Region 5  
 VC Political Infrastructure)

Time Zone H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) NVA Units, none
- (2) Main Force VC Units, None
- (3) Local Force VC Units:

(a) 38th LF Bn

- 1 Estimated strength: 150
- 2 Current probable location: BS7480
- 3 Weapons: 60, 81, and 82mm mortars; 57mm recoilless rifles; LMG's, and B-40 rocket launchers
- 4 Estimated combat effectiveness. Fair

(b) 48th LF Bn.

- 1 Estimated strength; 230
- 2 Current probable location: BS7785
- 3 Weapons; 60 and 81mm mortars, 57mm recoilless rifles; and LMG's
- 4 Estimated combat effectiveness. Good

CONFIDENTIAL  
~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

C-1

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(c) P.31 LF Co.

1. Estimated strength: 45
2. Current probable location: BS6491
3. Weapons: Unknown
4. Estimated combat effectiveness: Fair

(d) 95th LF Sapper Co.

1. Estimated strength: 60
2. Current probable location: BS7093
3. Weapons: 57mm recoilless rifles and BAR's
4. Estimated combat effectiveness: Good

(4) Guerrillas: Approximately 200-300

(5) Reinforcing capability: Enemy forces in cordon area can be reinforced within 12 hours by the 81st LF Battalion and elements of the 3d NVA Division and the 401st Sapper Regiment.

(6) Viet Cong Infrastructure.

(a) The operational area has been under hostile control for an extended period and has been penetrated only infrequently by friendly forces. It can be assumed that the villages and hamlets will have well developed and effective infrastructure organizations with an inherent intelligence and counterintelligence capability.

(b) Peoples Liberation Committees have been identified in the following locations:

1. Binh Lahn (V)
2. Binh Nam (V)
3. Son Long (V)
4. Son My (V)
5. Son Quang (V)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(c) See references (b) and (c) for more current and detailed information on the VCI organization, recent activities, and capabilities.

(d) VCI personality lists (blacklists) will be available at Battalion Collection Points and the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center.

(7) See reference (b), published weekly, for further information on enemy forces, activities, personalities, and capabilities.

b. Friendly Forces, LOI 1-69

c. Attachments and Detachments, Annex A (Task Organization) to LOI 1-69.

d. Assumptions, LOI 1-69, as amplified below:

(1) Detainees will include identified VCI personalities, VC suspects, and innocent civilians with knowledge of VCI personalities and activities.

(2) Local force VC and guerrillas may, if capture is imminent attempt to hid their military affiliation and pose as innocent civilians.

(3) VCI will frequently attempt to gain PW status in order to avoid being classified as Civil Defendant.

(4) Key PW's and VCI personalities will possess intelligence both of immediate tactical value and of longer term general value.

(5) Pro VC refugees, Civil Defendants and PW's can be induced to cooperate with the GVN if they are offered PW or Hoi Chanh status or medical care.

(6) Persons who volunteer information to friendly forces will be subject to reprisal if publicly identified.

2. MISSION To provide for the expeditious screening, classification, interrogation, and exploitation of all persons detained in the course of the operation and the exploitation of all captured documents through the centralization, integration, and effective utilization of GVN and US intelligence security, and tactical assets.

### 3. EXECUTION

#### a. Concept of Operation

(1) General. The concept for intelligence exploitation of

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

personnel and documents processed through the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) envisions a multi-stage exploitation cycle. Detainees will be screened briefly by counterintelligence and interrogator-translator personnel at Battalion Collection Points for information of immediate tactical value. Within four hours, all detainees will be forwarded to the screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation (SCII) of the CHIC where the detailed and thorough processing of all personnel will be accomplished. Screening and interrogation will be designed to develop information both for immediate tactical exploitation and for long range neutralization of the hostile threat in the objective area. Information which is potentially exploitable will be immediately passed to stand-by reaction forces for appropriate action. During the entire process, records are maintained of personnel processed in each category, identification of PW's and VCI, intelligence derived from screening and interrogation, and a current analysis of the enemy situation based on the above.

(2) Initial Processing of Personnel and documents at Battalion Collection Points.

(a) Battalions will establish Battalion Collection Points to which all unclassified individuals, returnees, VCI/VCS, prisoners of war, and documents will be forwarded. Initial exploitation will be accomplished at the Battalion Collection Point by attached counter-intelligence and interrogator-translator personnel.

(b) Persons whose initial screening indicates they have no immediately exploitable information will be transported to the CHIC as expeditiously as possible. Prisoners of war, persons appearing on the blacklist, VC/VCI suspects, or other knowledgeable persons will be exploited for information of immediate tactical value prior to forwarding to the CHIC. Personnel will not be held at the Battalion Collection Points longer than four hours unless weather, tactical situation, lack of transportation, or competent authority so requires.

(c) Battalions are only responsible for providing minimum logistical support (water, emergency food) for unclassified persons or detainees except for evacuation to the CHIC.

(d) Battalions will submit timely spot reports on detainees to appropriate addressees, providing the number, circumstances of capture and exploitable intelligence.

(e) Detainees will be tagged by the detaining or capturing unit.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(f) Captured documents will be tagged with MACV Form 341 and evacuated with the detainee with whom they were associated. Documents not associated with any detainee will be forwarded within four hours. Unclassified personnel will not be separated from their personal papers.

(3) Processing at the Screening Classification, and Interrogation Installation (SCII) of the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC). See Appendix 1 (Concept for Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation).

(a) A Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation will be established at the CHIC to provide for the expeditious screening, classification, interrogation, and exploitation of persons captured during the operation and the exploitation of captured documents through the centralized utilization of GVN and US assets. While the establishment and operation of the SCII is primarily a GVN responsibility, success will be dependent upon the close coordination and full cooperation of all participants.

(b) Experience gained on previous operations indicates that the following features are essential to the effective functioning of the SCII.

1 Detailed planning and coordination between GVN and US participants will be conducted prior to the operation.

2 An overall commander (GVN) for the SCII will be appointed and he will be assisted by component commanders for GVN and US forces. The two subordinate commanders will coordinate closely to resolve problems as they occur and to otherwise insure the smooth functioning of the SCII.

3 A joint operation (or situation) section will be established where all intelligence developed during the screening, interrogation, and document exploitation is received, evaluated, analyzed, and disseminated to all interested agencies.

4 Definitive procedures will be established to provide continuous accountability of each individual of intelligence interest. This record will provide the current status and location of the persons.

5 Persons awaiting screening or interrogation will be segregated from those already processed.

6 Screening and interrogation will be conducted in a private manner to protect identities of persons supplying information.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

7 Documents captured during the operation will be forwarded to a central location and made available to interested agencies.

8 Available returnees and cooperative PW's and VCI's from the area of operations will be utilized to identify VC/VCI in the CHIC.

b. Deputy For CORDS.

(1) Request advisory personnel at all levels to encourage GVN adoption and support of the concept and procedures contained in the Annex.

(2) Request Province Senior Advisor (PSA), Quang Ngai, to coordinate provision of appropriate PHOENIX/PHUNG HOANG support to Battalion Collection Points and the SCII,

(3) Request appropriate advisory personnel to aid and assist their counterparts in the development of human intelligence sources both for short term use within the CHIC and for long term use in the resettlement areas.

c. Americal Division.

(1) Establish and maintain Battalion Collection Points in accordance with the concept and procedures established in this Annex.

(2) Provide U. S. personnel as necessary for the effective conduct of operations as established in this Annex.

d. Deputy Senior Advisor, I Corps.

(1) Provide advice and assistance, as required, to units of 2d ARVN Division participating in the operation.

(2) Establish and maintain liaison with SCII.

e. 5th Counterintelligence Team. Provide one Counterintelligence Sub-Team each to SLF Alpha and Bravo.

f. 11th Interrogator-Translator Team. Provide one Interrogator-Translator Sub-Team each to SLF Alpha and Bravo.

g. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Essential Elements of Information. Basic EEI will be

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

published in the intelligence annexes of supporting operation orders. The following EBI pertain to the exploitation of personnel and documents located in the area of operations:

(a) What enemy units are located in the area of operations? Strength, disposition, and armament?

(b) What are the locations of major mine fields or booby-trapped areas?

(c) Are there plans for a break-out from the cordon? Are reinforcements expected, if so, what unit, when, at what place and in what strength?

(d) Were units within the cordon preparing for major offensive actions? If so, where and when?

(e) What are the identities, location and recent activities of key VC infrastructure personalities within the area of operation?

(f) What direction have VCI personnel received for future activities?

(g) Have any recent changes taken place in propaganda themes or any increases in recruitment for military units or civilian labor?

(h) What is the role of Peoples Liberation Committees? Who are the leaders?

(i) Is the area used as a terminus for seaborne infiltration?

(j) Did enemy forces or VCI within the cordon have forewarning or foreknowledge of the operation?

(2) Counterintelligence elements of all participating commands will be alert for any indications of hostile penetration or influence in the Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation and CHIC.

(3) All U. S. intelligence agencies and/or U. S. advisors to GVN agencies will insure that personality data (blacklists) on VC/VCI are provided to appropriate Battalion Collection Points and SCII.

4. Administration and Logistics. Annex F (Logistics) to LOI 1-69

5. Command and Communications.

a. Annex H (Communications-Electronics) to LOI 1-69.

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

b. Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation  
Command Post: To be announced (as determined by Province Chief).

c. Battalion Collection Points: To be announced.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

APPENDIXES

1. Concept of Organization and Operation of Screening, Classification,  
and Interrogation Installation.

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

CONFIDENTIAL

C-8

CONFIDENTIAL

DECLASSIFIED

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Appendix 1 (Concept for Organization and Operation of the Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation) to Annex C (Intelligence) to IOI 1-69.

1. PURPOSE. To present the concept for the organization and operation of the Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation of the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center.

2. MISSION. To provide for the expeditious screening, classification and interrogation of all persons detained in the course of the operation, exploitation of all documents captured, and the centralization and integration of intelligence assets and operations.

3. ORGANIZATION. (See TAB A for Organization and TAB B for Personnel Flow Chart) The Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation will be organized into the following functional sections;

a. Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation Command. The Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation will be under the overall command of the Sector S-2. The senior Vietnamese component commander and the senior U. S. component commander will be responsible for the activities and efficient operation of their respective elements. Disputes between the component commanders will be resolved by the SCII Commander.

b. Situation Section. The Situation Section will be responsible for ensuring that detainees are fully exploited for information of intelligence value, that requirements of all agencies are serviced, that intelligence developed is rapidly disseminated to all interested agencies and that detainees are continuously accounted for. The Situation Section will consist of an Order of Battle Sub-section, an Infrastructure Sub-section, and a Records Sub-section. Close contact will be maintained with the Reaction Force Commander.

c. Screening and Classification Section. The Screening and Classification Section will be under the command of the Special Police Branch and be responsible for the initial classification of personnel, development of leads for further exploitation, and compilation of biographic data.

d. Interrogation Section. The Interrogation Section will be under the command of a person to be designated by the Province Chief. This Section will receive technical guidance from the Situation Section. It is responsible for the exploitation of all Prisoners of War, Viet Cong

CONFIDENTIAL

C-1-1

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Infrastructure personnel, returnees and persons thought to be knowledgeable of Viet Cong activities.

e. Security Section. The Security Section will be responsible for guarding the holding areas of the SCII and for escorting prisoners of war, VCI, VCS, and unclassified personnel within the SCII. Security personnel will be provided by the National Police Field Forces and will be under the command of the senior National Police Field Forces Officer.

#### 4. OPERATION OF THE SCREENING, CLASSIFICATION, AND INTERROGATION INSTALLATION

##### a. Initial Reception Areas

(1) Four separate and segregated Reception and Holding areas will be established for prisoners of war, Viet Cong Infrastructure personnel, returnees and unclassified personnel. Guards for all four areas will be provided by the National Police Field Forces. The area will be enclosed with barbed wire. Limited provisions will be made for food, water and shelter in the initial holding and reception areas. Psyops will publicize the VIP, rewards, and Chieu Hoi programs in the reception area for unclassified personnel as well as explain the purpose and necessity of the operation and solicit the people's support and cooperation.

(2) Persons who have been tagged as prisoners of war, Viet Cong suspects or Viet Cong Infrastructure personnel will be received for upon their arrival at the Initial Holding Area and a card containing identifying data, circumstances of detention and reason for suspicion will be filled out on each individual. One copy of this card will be given to the Records Sub-section of the Situation Section and the second copy will be given to the Interrogation Section. The commander of the National Police Field Force detail charged with the security of the detainees in the SCII will be responsible for filling out the cards and receipting for the detainees.

##### b. Screening and Classification Section

(1) The Screening and Classification Section will be manned by members of the Special Police Branch and Static Census Grievance elements and will be under the command of the senior special Police Officer present. The Screening Section will be responsible for an initial check of the individual to confirm information contained on his identification card and initiation of the processing data sheet. Through questioning, use of informants, blacklists, and intelligence reports, all detainees will be classified as either a VCI, Viet Cong sympathizer, prisoner of war or innocent civilian. The processing data sheet will be passed to the refugee camp administration if the

CONFIDENTIAL

C-1-2

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

is determined to be an innocent civilian. In other cases, the sheet will be passed to the Interrogation Section. Personnel from the Screening Section will also be responsible for the reception of unclassified persons and organizing them into hamlet and family groups. Persons classified in the field as prisoners of war, Viet Cong suspects, or returnees will be processed initially by the Interrogation Section.

(2) Residents of each village or hamlet will be screened by a team which specializes in the particular village or hamlet. The head of each family group will be screened initially and information obtained by him will be checked against information subsequently supplied by other members of the same family. All unclassified persons over the age of ten will be screened. A form will be completed on each person screened. Those persons recommended for further interrogation will be forwarded to the Interrogation Section and a copy of their card forwarded to the Situation Section. Those determined to be innocent civilians will be forwarded to the refugee installation.

(3) Screening tents will be partitioned in such a manner that the screening process cannot be observed by persons awaiting screening and that persons supplying information may do so without fear of exposure.

c. Intermediate Holding Facility. If necessary, an Intermediate Holding Facility will be established to segregate and control persons recommended by the Screening Section for further interrogation but who cannot be immediately interrogated. This facility will be enclosed by barbed wire and guarded by National Police Field Forces. No communication will be allowed between persons detained in this facility.

d. Interrogation Section

(1) The Interrogation Section will be divided into two sub-sections. The Infrastructure Sub-section will be manned by Special Police Branch interrogators and Americal Division Counterintelligence Teams and commanded by a Special Police Officer appointed by the senior Special Police Officer in the SCII. The responsibility of this section will be to interrogate all known or suspected Viet Cong infrastructure personnel and other persons with knowledge of infrastructure personalities or activities. In the Order of Battle Sub-section, US interrogators will be responsible for the initial interrogation of prisoners of war captured by US units, and ARVN interrogators for those prisoners captured by Vietnamese units. The Sector S-2 will designate the commander of this section.

(2) The commanders of the two sub-units or their designated deputies will review all data sheets of prisoners of war, returnees, Viet Cong infrastructure personnel, and persons recommended for further interrogation by the Screening Section and decide on the distribution

CONFIDENTIAL

C-1-3

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

to the sub-sections. All disputes over jurisdiction will be resolved by the Interrogation Section Commander.

(3) Prisoners of war will be interrogated by US IPW personnel if they were captured by a US unit and by ARVN or Sector Interrogators if they were captured by a Vietnamese unit.

(4) After one element has completed its interrogation, any other element may interrogate the subject upon request.

(5) Interrogation tents will be partitioned to insure that the identity of persons supplying the information is protected.

(6) Reports on the progress of interrogations will periodically be made to the Records Sub-section of the Situation Section.

(7) Immediately after the interrogation, all reports will be passed to the interested sub-section of the Situation Section along with a recommendation for disposition of the individual.

e. Joint Command Section. A Joint Command Section will be formed with will be responsible for the overall operation of the SCII. A Vietnamese representative will be appointed with authority over all Vietnamese agencies active in the SCII and a US officer will be designated by Americal Division with authority over US agencies. The overall command of the Screening Center will be exercised by the Sector S-2 or his designated Deputy. Disputes which cannot be resolved at a lower level will be submitted to the respective commanders. If agreement cannot be reach between the US and Vietnamese Commanders, the Sector S-2 or his Deputy will resolve the dispute. The component commanders will be responsible for writing a comprehensive after action report on the operations of the Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation with recommendations for improvements to be made in future operations.

f. Situation Section

(1) The Situation Section will be under the command of a person designated by the Sector S-2. It will be divided into an Infrastructure Sub-section, and Order of Battale Sub-section, and a Records Sub-section.

(2) The Infrastructure Sub-section will be supervised by a Special Police Branch representative and will be responsible for maintaining infrastructure intelligence on the area of operations, reviewing, collecting and evaluating infrastructure information developed during the operation, providing guidance for the interrogation of persons with infrastructure information, providing additional EEI, and preparing blacklist cards on infrastructure personalities. A US counterintelligence officer will be present in the

CONFIDENTIAL

C-1-4

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

section to keep informed of the situation and insure that US EEI on the VCI are serviced and interrogation reports and summaries of captured documents are translated and disseminated to interested US agencies. Additional blacklist names developed during screening or interrogation will be immediately transmitted to tactical units.

(3) The Order of Battle Sub-section will be under the command of a US officer designated by Americal Division. It will be responsible for maintaining Order of Battle files, a current situation map, reviewing the status and results of interrogations of persons with order of battle information, levying additional EEI, providing guidance to the interrogators, and dissemination of intelligence reports and summary document translations to US agencies. An officer from the ARVN, Sector and sub-sector S-2's will be present in the Order of Battle Sub-section to keep informed of the situation, ensure that ARVN and Sector EEI are serviced, and translate and disseminate reports to all interested Vietnamese agencies.

(4) The Records Sub-section will be under the command of a Special Police Officer and will be responsible for accounting for all persons of intelligence interest, to include their status, location and any reports obtained from them. The cards made out on prisoners of war and Viet Cong suspects by apprehending units will be filed in the sub-section as well as suspect cards prepared by the Screening Section. As changes occur in the status or disposition of person, they will be entered on the card.

(5) All captured documents will be tagged with MACV Form 341 and evacuated to the Situation Section of the Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation. At the Situation Section, the documents will be screened to determine which contain tactical information and which contain infrastructure information. Documents that contain primarily tactical information will be translated in summary form by the Order of Battle Sub-section. Those containing primarily Infrastructure information will be passed to the Infrastructure Sub-section and a summary will be provided to the US counterintelligence officer. If required, the Order of Battle Sub-section will be augmented by translator personnel from Americal Division. After extraction of information of value for the current operation, all documents will be evacuated to CDEC. Documents will be logged in by the Records Sub-section and logged out, when evacuated.

g. Final Holding Areas

(1) The Final Holding Areas will be utilized to detain all prisoners of war, Viet Cong infrastructure personnel, Viet Cong suspects awaiting evacuation, and those persons who have not completed their interrogation. The areas will be enclosed by barbed wire, lighted at night, and guarded by NPPF. No communications between persons will be allowed. Those detainees awaiting further interrogation will be held in an area separate from those awaiting evacuation.

CONFIDENTIAL

C-1-5

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(2) As prisoners are evacuated they will be logged out and their departure reported to the Record Sub section of the Situation Section.

h. Identification of Viet Cong. Ralliers, prisoners, other cooperative individuals, and blacklists will be the principal means for the identification of Viet Cong in the CHIC. The identity of persons willing to point out Viet Cong personalities will be protected by placing them in a covered truck or other facility from which they can observe without being seen. Chieu Hoi Center and detention facility records will be reviewed to locate suitable returnees and prisoners. To preserve security, persons from many different areas will be interviewed. Blacklists will be constantly updated as new information is developed. Addendums to the blacklists held by the participating battalions will be periodically issued.

i. Reaction Force. A reaction force consisting of Provincial Reconnaissance Units, National Police Field Forces and US forces, as necessary, will be located close to the Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation in order to rapidly react to information developed at the SCII. This force will maintain constant liaison with the Situation Section of the Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL COSMOS

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

TAB A Organization Chart of Screening, Classification, and Interrogation Installation.

TAB B Personnel Flow Chart

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

C-1-6

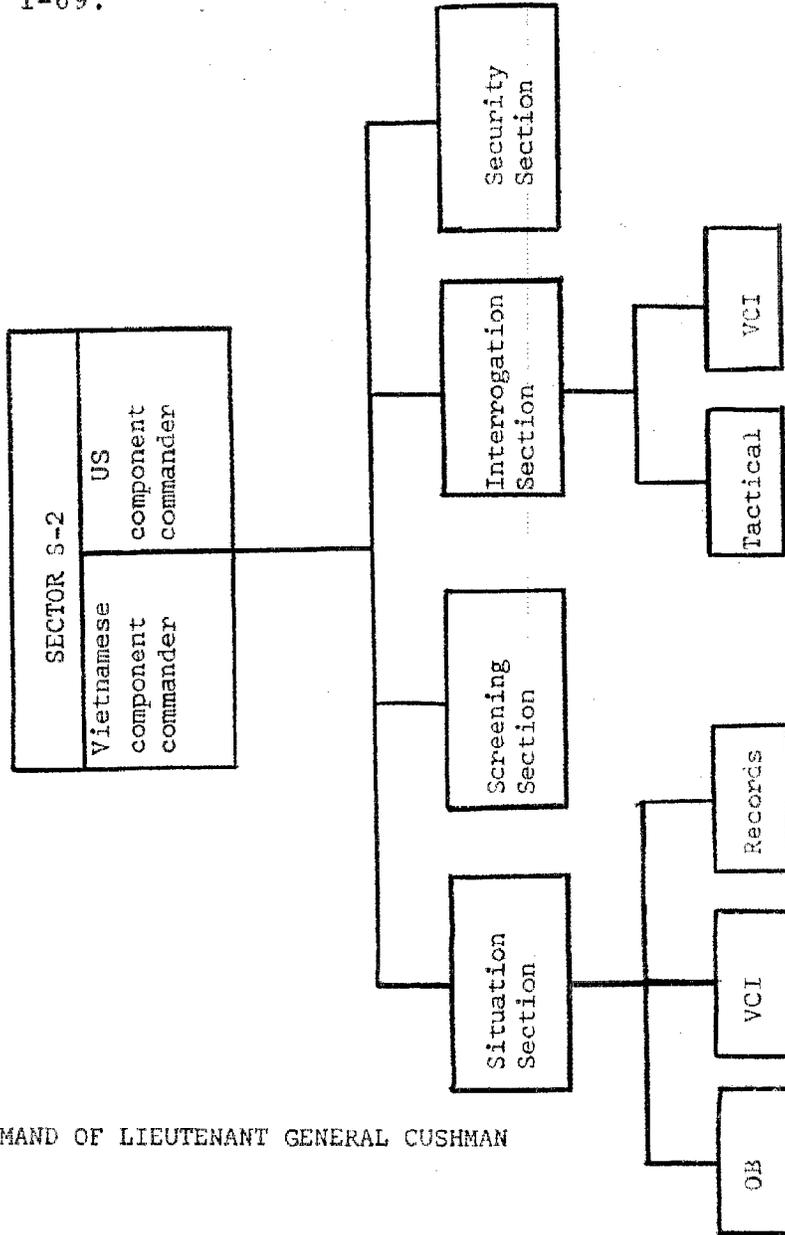
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy      of 160 copies  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602  
040800 January 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

Tab A (Organization Chart of Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation) to Appendix 1 (Concept of SCII) to Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69.



BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION; Annex K (Distribution)

CONFIDENTIAL

C-1-A-1

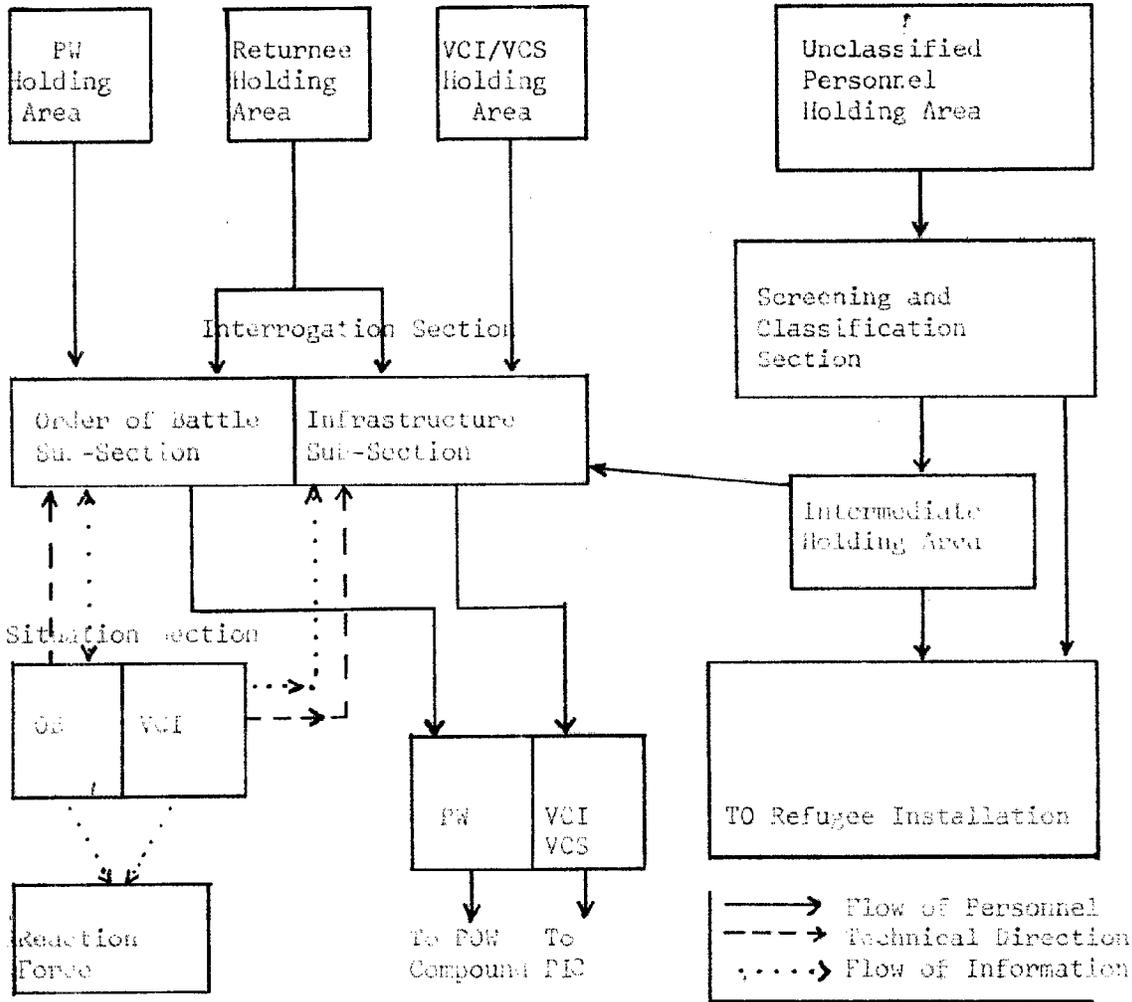
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602  
040800 January 1969

Tab B (Personnel Flow Chart) to Appendix I (Concept of SCII) to Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69.



BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. L. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

CONFIDENTIAL

C- -B-1

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 041200 January 1969

Annex D (Disposition of Detainees) to LOI 1-69.

Time Zone II

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this annex is to recommend to GVN Forces procedures for the disposition of detainees at a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) to include their transportation, evacuation, and issuance of new GVN ID cards during the operation described in the basic order.

### 2. GENERAL

Initially, detained personnel will be collected and briefly interrogated at collection points established by each battalion in the cordon. After interrogation, detained personnel will be tentatively categorized into one of the following categories, and so tagged. PWs (NVA and VC), VCI/VCS, Returnees, and Unclassified Personnel. Personnel in each category should be separated from those in other categories as soon as practical. All detainees should be sent to the CHIC from Battalion Collection Points. Wherever practicable one person should be left with each home to look after the home and livestock, or working parties of children should be organized to return and care for animals after the cordon has cleared their area.

### 3. TRANSPORTATION OF DETAINEES

a. Each U. S. battalion in the cordon will furnish helicopter transportation (and truck transportation if security and road condition permit overland evacuation), escort personnel, and supervision for the evacuation of detained personnel to the CHIC. The Americal Division will provide helicopter transportation for personnel detained by ARVN units.

b. Insofar as practical, each category of detainee should be transported separately from battalion collection points to the CHIC. At the CHIC, separate areas should be provided to receive and hold each category of detainee upon arrival.

c. Upon arrival at the CHIC, all detained personnel should be promptly identified, interrogated, reclassified, if appropriate, and rendered emergency medical treatment, if required.

D-1

SECRET

SECRET

d. GVN Forces should furnish interpreter and escort support personnel to U. S. battalions to assist with the handling of detainees and their evacuation to the CHIC.

e. Personnel and facilities should be provided to coordinate the transportation of detained personnel. This coordination facility should be located at the CHIC and should have representation from each battalion in the cordon, the III MAF Provost Marshal, the Americal Division Provost Marshal, Quan Canh, and other GVN Forces.

f. It will be desirable to move certain categories of detainees from the CHIC to other detention facilities before the conclusion of the operation; coordination between the CHIC and other detention facilities is therefore mandatory.

g. All seriously wounded PWs should be medically evacuated to U. S. hospital facilities; other seriously wounded detainees should be evacuated to GVN hospital facilities if possible, or to U. S. facilities.

h. All PWs, except those requiring medical evacuation, should be evacuated from the CHIC as soon as practical to the III MAF PW Detention Facility in Danang, for subsequent transfer to the I Corps PW Compound.

i. Civil defendants should be evacuated to the Province Interrogation Center or to the appropriate District Headquarters. Since these facilities are limited, however, plans must provide for holding the majority of civil defendants at the CHIC for extensive periods.

j. Hoi Chanh should be evacuated from the CHIC to the Province Chieu Hoi Center, for possible further evacuation to the Chieu Hoi Center in Danang. Hoi Chanh should not be treated in such a manner that they or anyone else might mistake them for prisoners of war.

k. Innocent civilians should be returned to their homes or relocated to GVN-controlled areas, if they so desire, as early as practicable during the operation. The Province Chief should be prepared to assist them in returning to their homes.

#### 4. RECORDS

Complete and accurate records must be kept on all persons

SECRET

SECRET

received by or evacuated from the CHIC throughout the operation. National Police should complete required dossiers on VCI prior to evacuating them from the CHIC.

## 5. GVN ID CARDS

Prior to the release of innocent civilians, arrangements must be made for the issuing of new GVN ID Cards. This process should not be delayed until release is imminent, but should commence early in the operation. In addition, it is imperative that National Police instruct personnel in the purpose of these cards, the importance of carrying and safeguarding them, and in procedures for reporting their loss.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy \_\_\_\_\_ of 100 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 PPO San Francisco 96002  
 040800 January 1969

CONFIDENTIAL

Annex E (Psychological Operations) to LOI 1-69.

Time Zone II

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) LOI 1-69

(2) Psychological Agencies.

(a) CORDS/POD Danang.

(b) Force Psyops, Hq III MAF.

(c) 7th Ps,ops Bn., Danang

(d) 9th Special Operation Squadron, Danang Air Base.

(e) CORDS APA Psyops, Quang Ngai Province.

(f) Vietnamese Information Service (VIS) ICTZ Danang.

(g) VIS Quang Ngai Province.

(h) I Corps POLWAR.

(i) 10th POLWAR Bn., I Corps.

c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization) to LOI 1-69.

d. Assumptions.

(1) Not all refugees will be able to read or write, but all can speak and understand the Vietnamese language.

(2) Drama Teams now organized by government agencies in Quang Ngai Province will participate in this operation.

(3) ICTZ Drama Team will concentrate on the Accelerated Pacification Campaign (APC), but may be employed in the CHIC upon direction of CORDS/POD.

CONFIDENTIAL

E-1

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(4) All participating agencies will assist in face to face psychological operations, and will cooperate in the temporary loan of psy-op equipment and assets to other needing agencies.

## 2. MISSION

a. General. To plan and administer psychological indoctrination and information assistance in coordination with U. S. and ARVNAF to enhance the GVN image among the refugees and detainees created by this operation.

### b. Specific

- (1) Plan and execute the psychological operation for the CHIC.
- (2) Prepare and prestock appropriate booklets, news sheets, leaflets, posters and administrative instructions.
- (3) Maintain adequate capability to prepare various quick reaction media.
- (4) Provide Drama Team entertainment and information activity.
- (5) Provide community TV and radio facilities.
- (6) Provide indoctrination/information sessions for refugees.
- (7) Assist other agencies in making general information announcements and dissemination of instructions.
- (8) Publicize Chieu Hoi, weapons rewards and voluntary information programs.
- (9) Distribute current newspapers.
- (10) Maintain information boards.
- (11) Show motion pictures in the CHIC.

## 3. EXECUTION

### a. Publications.

- (1) CORDS/POD, Force Psyops will coordinate with VIS and will prepare appropriate literature. Maximum use will be made of current stocks available from JUSPAO and the 7th Psyops Bn.
- (2) 7th Psyops Bn will place a high priority in printing media.

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(3) APA/Psyops will coordinate with VIS Quang Ngai Province to stockpile media and resupply CHIC requirements as well as produce quick reaction leaflets.

(4) Two daily Saigon newspapers will be issued to each tent in the CHIC.

(5) PSA Quang Ngai will coordinate with the Province Chief so that a letter of explanation of the purpose of this operation, signed by the Province Chief can be provided each family upon arrival and initial reception at the CHIC.

(6) Psychological media will be prepared in accordance with Appendix 1 (Psychological Media Plan) to this Annex.

b. Initial Instructions.

(1) Leaflets will be air dropped by the 9th Special Operations Squadron over each hamlet as requested by the cordon and search force commanders. Leaflets will provide initial instructions to the refugees:

(a) To cooperate with the military forces and civil authorities.

(b) Give instructions to assemble necessary clothing, and food for the day, cooking utensils and personal items that can be carried.

(c) Instructions to proceed to a designated Battalion Collection Point. (Pre-recorded tapes will be available in 9th Special Operations Squadron aircraft to augment leaflet drop.)

(2) Cordon and search forces will issue specific instructions when appropriate so as to direct the refugees to the Battalion Collection Points for movement to the CHIC.

c. Indoctrination at the CHIC.

(1) Basic public indoctrination programs currently approved by MOI and ICTZ VIS will be given during the retention of the refugee. This indoctrination will be conducted by competent VIS personnel provided by the Province VIS and as augmented by ICTZ VIS office. APA Psyops Quang Ngai and CORDS/III MAF (Psyops) will coordinate.

(2) At least one drama team will be present in the CHIC at all times to conduct information programs and provide living entertainment. Performances will be coordinated so as not to interfere with CHIC processing, interrogation and administrative operations. ICTZ VIS will provide detailed information and indoctrination themes. Entertainment programs will be determined by the team leader commensurate with the talent of his team. APA Quang Ngai and CORDS/III MAF (Psyops) will coordinate.

CONFIDENTIAL  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

(3) VIS Quang Ngai will erect information boards at locations specified by the CHIC coordinator, these locations should be in the vicinity of public gathering places and along the natural traffic flow. Community TV viewing and radio listening sites will also be designated. VIS Quang Ngai will provide trained personnel to operate these sets, APA Quang Ngai and CORDS/III MAF (Psyops) will coordinate.

(4) Publicity for the Chieu Hoi Program will be current Chieu Hoi material and will be presented to the refugees by personnel selected from among Quang Ngai Province Chieu Hoi personnel.

(5) Publicity for the voluntary information program will be standard ICTZ DVCI Program media and will be presented by qualified personnel.

d. Coordinating Instructions

(1) APA/Psyops Quang Ngai Province will be the primary coordinating officer for the Province Senior Advisor, Quang Ngai Province on all psychological operations within the CHIC, and will coordinate mutual projects with the PSYOP Officers of Americal Division, TF 76, CTG 115.1 and CG 2nd ARVN Division.

(2) Aerial delivery of leaflets over AOA will be coordinated by the cordon and search battalion commanders through the relevant Psyop officers. Additional leaflets should be handed to the people by the troops to ensure compliance with instructions.

(3) APA Psyops Quang Ngai will coordinate with VIS Chief, Quang Ngai province for the VIS Chief to do the following:

(a) Coordinate with parent agencies operating a drama team to prepare a schedule of dates local drama teams will be present in the CHIC to conduct indoctrination and entertainment programs.

(b) Coordinate with CHIC commander for scheduling daily psyops activities.

(c) Prepare daily schedule of psyop activities and supervise the execution of the programs.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Annex F (Logistics) to LOI 1-69.

b. CORDS Air America facilities will be utilized whenever appropriate and as authorized.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Annex H (Communications - Electronics) to LOI 1-69.

CONFIDENTIAL  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

b. A Psyops Coordination Section will be established at the CHIC.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

APPENDIXES:

1 - Psyop Media Plan. (To be published)

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex F (Logistics) to LOI 1-69.

Time Zone H

## 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces. Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69.
- b. Friendly Forces. LOI 1-69.
- c. Attachments and Detachments. Annex A (Task Organization) to LOI 1-69.
- d. Assumptions
  - (1) That approximately 5000 refugees will require temporary housing, food and sanitary facilities in Quang Ngai as the result of military cordon operations in nearby areas and their removal from combat areas by friendly forces.
  - (2) That Quang Ngai Province will establish a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) and provide maximum support thereto from Government of Vietnam (GVN) and Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) resources.
  - (3) That supplementary supplies and technical support personnel will be made available from Free World Military Assistance Forces (FWMAF) and Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support (CORDS) resources.
  - (4) That refugees will bring personal cooking equipment (pots, pans, bowls, chopsticks).

## 2. SUPPLY

### a. Supply Procurement Channel

- (1) Province Senior Advisor (PSA) and Province Chief will submit GVN (Form 7/008) requisitions for necessary supplies of Public Law 480, Title II food commodities and counter-insurgency (CI) material to CORDS III MAF (Logistics Division) and Central Procurement and Supply Authority

SECRET  
 SECRET

SECRET

(CPSA) Danang in accordance with Ministry of Revolutionary Development (MORD) Basic Supply Regulations.

(2) CORDS III MAF (Logistics Division) will provide and coordinate U. S. (CORDS) and GVN cargo transportation required for movement of CPSA, Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and/Refugee (MHSWR) and Volunteer Agencies (VOLAGS) supplies from Danang to Quang Ngai.

(3) Food, clothing, shelter, tools and other materials and supplies common to Ministry of Health, Social Welfare and refugees (MHSWR) will be requested by the PSA from CORDS III MAF (Refugee Division, info: Logistics Division).

(4) AIK Funds for supplies peculiar to local personnel and not available through GVN supply sources or from within Province resources or AIK allocations will be requested from CORDS III MAF (Joint Staff, info: Refugee Division),

(5) Supplies/equipment unobtainable from sources noted above may be requested through CORDS III MAF (Logistics Division) from Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4, III MAF, Danang.

b. Supplies and Equipment Required

(1) Security fencing and materials.

(a) Barbed Wire (Concertina)	575 rolls
(b) Long pickets	1500 each
(c) Short pickets	2000 each
(d) Engineer tape	4 rolls
(e) Sand Bags	13000 each

(2) Tentage w/pole and ropes

(a) Tent, General Purpose (GP) Medium (73 (74 refugees per tent),	2
(b) Tent, GP, Medium (Supply/Storage)	2
(c) Tent, GP, Medium (Psyops)	2

SECRET

SECRET

- (d) Tent, GP, Medium (Medical) 4
  - (e) Tent, GP, Medium (Administration/  
School) 15
  - (f) Tent, GP, Medium (Interrogation/  
Exploitation) 10
  - (g) Tent CP (VIP/Staff billeting) 6
  - (h) Tarpaulins (Tent partitions,  
flooring) 300
- (3) Potable Water
- (a) Minimum requirement of at least five gallons of potable water per person per day. Recommend additional quantities be procured for bathing and laundry if not situated near usable river/stream.
  - (b) Water Points (Lister Bags) 10 each
  - (c) Water purification equipment available from FWMAF upon request through PSA, however, CHIC site must be such that usable water source located nearby.
- (4) Sanitary Facilities and Supplies
- (a) Permanent field latrine sets (Staff) 2
  - (b) Slit trenches and urine traps As required
  - (c) Lime 4/8 bags/day
  - (d) Toilet paper 50 rolls/day
  - (e) DDT or like type spray 25 gals/day
  - (f) Canvas screens f/latrines As required
  - (g) Metal tubing for urine traps As required
- (5) Bath and Laundry Facilities
- (a) Shower points (heads) minimum 30 divided in two separated facilities. (non-potable water can be utilized)
  - (b) Screening, duckboards, drainage As required

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

- (c) Wash pans, scrub brushes, etc. As required
  - (d) Soap bars - 1 bar per person/2 weeks
- (6) Lighting Facilities
- (a) External lighting for perimeter security. Minimum of 8-12 floodlights required for total area.
  - (b) Internal lighting and distribution system to include holding and interrogation tents, admin tents, and medical spaces
  - (c) 1 - 30KW generator with distribution system (wiring, lights, fuzes, etc).
  - (d) Candles for individual refugee needs. 1 candle/5 people every second day.
- (7) Food Supplies
- (a) Estimated requirements per person per day except as noted:
    - 1 Rice - 500 gr. (75 MT/month/5000 people)
    - 2 Bulgar or Cornmeal - 250 gr. (37.5 MT/month/5000 people)
    - 3 CSM -50 gr.
    - 4 Rolled oats or wheat - 100 gr.
    - 5 Cooking oil - 4 liters/family/month (4000L/month/5000 people)
    - 6 Nuc Mam - .05 liter
    - 7 Milk (dry) - 2kg/child/month(5MT/month/5000 people)
    - 8 Salt - 10 gr.
    - 9 Navy beans - 50 gr. (every two days)
    - 10 Commercially prepared bread to be furnished in lieu of flour.
  - (b) Fresh vegetables, dried/fresh fish, and charcoal

SECRET

SECRET

will be available from vendors authorized in CHIC area by Province Chief.

- (c). Cooking firewood - charcoal as noted above. Ammunition boxes at 2/5 people should be procured from local military sources if possible.
- (8) Construction Materials
    - (a) Pierced Steel Planking (PSP) - 2500 sq. m. (helo pad construction)
    - (b) Tin roofing - As required
    - (c) Cement - As required
    - (d) Electric wiring (ROMEX) - As required.
    - (e) Hand tools - 60 CARE Resettlement kits.
    - (f) Lumber f/staging/framing - As required
  - (9) Clothing and blankets
    - (a) Emergency clothing issues - 2 crates minimum
    - (b) Blankets (wool) - 1/person or 2/person (paper)
  - (10) Administrative Equipment
    - (a) Chairs, folding - As required
    - (b) Field tables - As required
    - (c) Office supplies, forms - As required
    - (d) Information signs for facilities - As required
  - (11) School and Cultural Facilities
    - (a) Tentage - 5-7 GP (med)
    - (b) Tarpaulins f/ground cover - As required
    - (c) Blackboards - 1-2/classroom
    - (d) Teacher's desk/chair - 1/classroom

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

- (e) Writing materials/paper - As required
  - (f) Audio-Visual equipment - As required (VIS furnished)
- (12) Helicopter Landing Pad
- (a) Adequate cleared space near interrogation/holding facility. Minimum Size - 2500 m2
  - (b) Night lighting capability (flares, lights, smudge pots)
  - (c) Control facilities (air-ground communications)
- (13) Recreation Facilities
- (a) Adequate cleared play area(s) - As required
  - (b) Group game equipment - volley ball kits - 60 each
  - (c) Individual games/books/small toys - As required

- c. Property accountability. All material procured by PSA from FWMAF will be accounted for by temporary loan or hand receipt for the duration of the operation. Applicable RVNAF and GVN procedures for intra-unit/agency transfers.

### 3. TRANSPORTATION

#### a. Personnel transport

- (1) All detainees from within the area of operations will be transported from the Battalion Collection Points to the CHIC by FWMAF helicopters or trucks if security and road conditions permit.
- (2) Seriously sick or wounded Vietnamese refugees will be transported by FWMAF medical evacuation helicopters (MEDEVAC) of the 54th Medical Detachment (RA) (helo ambulance "Chu Lai Dust-Off") from either the Battalion Collection Points or CHIC to Quang Ngai Province Hospital. Overflow patients will be taken to the 27th Surgical Hospital, 312th Evacuation Hospital, or Quang Tin Provincial Hospital (Tam Ky) as determined by the 74th Medical Bn Regulator (FM frequency 46.90). Ground ambulances may be required in

SECRET

SECRET

situations where the helicopters cannot land and requirements depend in part on CHIC site and security of roads.

- (3) Prisoners of War (POW's) will be transported under armed FWMAF guards from Battalion Collection Points to the CHIC by FWMAF helicopters and trucks as conditions warrant.
- (4) Seriously wounded or sick POW's will be transported by FWMAF medevac helicopters to the FWMAF medical facility designated by the 74th Medical Bn Regulator.

b. Equipment/Supply Transport Requirements

- (1) Trucks, 4 wheel drive, 2½ Ton 20-25 (for initial movement into site area)
- (2) Trucks, 4 wheel drive, 2½ Ton, 4 (for daily supply movements/Reaction Force utilization)
- (3) Truck, pickup, 1½ Ton, 1 (Refugee service requirements)

4. MEDICAL

- a. MEDCAP Support within CHIC. Requirements should initially be filled from Quang Ngai Province (GVN) resources. However additional MEDCAP personnel and supplies will be a joint FWMAF and CORDS (Chief Health Officer (CHO)) effort. PSA should request CORDS/III MAF, Attn: CHO to furnish doctors (MD) and medical technicians as necessary. Additional FWMAF support such as, medical corpsman, should be requested of ACoFS, G-4 III MAF through CORDS/III MAF (CHO).

b. MEDCAP Support (Preventative Medicine) within CHIC

- (1) Requirements should initially be filled from Quang Ngai Province (GVN) resources.
- (2) If additional support is necessary PSA Quang Ngai should request required personnel and equipment from CORDS/III MAF (CHO). Additional assets and technicians can be requested of ACoFS, G-4, III MAF through CORDS/III MAF (CHO).
- (3) Necessary immunization bands for marking personnel who have been immunized are available on request of PSA to CORDS/III MAF (CHO).

SECRET

c. Medevac (from Battalion Collection Points and CHIC)

- (1) Medevac helo ambulance from Chu Lai "Dust-off". Requests for service should be transmitted on FM 46,90, call sign "Chu Lai Dust-off". Requestors must furnish information required by USARV Regulation 40-10, which can be procured through CORDS/III MAF (CHO).
- (2) Primary medical facility - Quang Ngai Provincial Hospital, Alternate (overflow):
  - (a) 27th Surgical Hospital
  - (b) 312th Evacuation Hospital (on space available basis as determined by 74th Medical Battalion Regulator (Chu Lai),
  - (c) Quang Tin Provincial Hospital Tam Ky
- (3) Restrictions - 54th Medical Detachment (RA) medevac helicopters will land only during daylight hours at Quang Ngai Provincial Hospital. PSA Quang Ngai should arrange to have ground ambulances for transport of wounded from Quang Ngai airfield.
- (4) Medical Supplies and Equipment. All supplies and equipment above those available locally are to be requested by PSA from CORDS/III MAF (CHO). Additional FVMAF assets are also available as required upon request.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

C. E. DOOLEY  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex G (Engineer) to LOI 1-69.

Time Zone: H.

### 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces, Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69
- b. Friendly Forces,
  - (1) LOI 1-69
  - (2) GVN Forces, Construct facilities and installations for the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center.
- c. Attachments and Detachments, Annex A (Task Organization) to LOI 1-69,
- d. Assumptions
  - (1) That facilities will be provided initially for approximately 5,000 persons with the provision for expansion to facilities for 10,000 persons if required.
  - (2) That the site selected for construction of the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center will have an adequate water source, drainage and access roads.

### 2. MISSION

On order, assigned construction forces will construct facilities and installations for a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) at a location to be designated.

### 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Engineer Operations, Appendix 1 (Concept of Engineer Operations).
- b. American Division, Provide engineer assistance as required to the Quang Ngai Province Chief in the development of the CHIC.
- c. 29th Civil Affairs Company, Provide technical assistance as required in establishment of the CHIC.

SECRET

SECRET

SECRET

- d. 9th Engineer Battalion FME. Provide on D-Day a 30KW generator with operator for use at the CHIC.
- e. 45th Engineer Group. Provide on D-Day a 3,000GPH generator with operator and associated water storage equipment to Quang Ngai Province Chief.
- f. Coordinating Instructions.
  - (1) Roads and Bridges. Improvement to roads and bridges to the CHIC will be accomplished as required.
  - (2) Mines and Minefields. Mine clearance will be accomplished on access roads to the CHIC and also in the vicinity of the CHIC site.
  - (3) Water Supply. Water will be provided at a minimum rate of five gallons of water per person per day.
  - (4) Helicopter Landing Site. Provisions will be made for a helicopter landing site in the vicinity of the CHIC.
  - (5) Indigenous Labor. Will be utilized to the fullest extent possible.

## 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

See Annex F (Logistics) to LOI 1-69

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

See Annex H (Communications-Electronics) to LOI 1-69

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Chief of Staff

## APPENDIX:

1 - Concept of Engineer Operations

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

~~SECRET~~

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602  
040800 January 1969

Appendix 1 (Concept of Engineer Operations) to Annex G (Engineer) to  
LOI 1-69.

Time Zone: H

### 1. BACKGROUND

- a. This LOI requires the construction of a Combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) to support a cordon operation in Quang Ngai Province. The CHIC will remain in operation for approximately 60 days.
- b. Tents will be erected to provide command, administrative, storage, screening, classification, interrogation and living facilities.
- c. Access and interior roads will be developed concurrently with vertical construction.

### 2. GENERAL

- a. Facilities. The CHIC is comprised of two primary installations: the Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation (SCII) and the Refugee Installation. Facilities to be erected or installed include tents, tactical wire, perimeter lighting, water and sanitation installations. Plans will be developed for expansion of the capacity of the CHIC from 5,000 to 10,000 persons.
- b. Materials. Materials required to construct CHIC facilities and installations will be provided primarily from province resources. Additional material required will be provided as indicated in Annex F (Logistics).
- c. Labor. The Province General Service Platoon and Regional Force personnel will erect tents and install tactical wire. Also these construction forces will install NSAI matting for the helicopter landing site and perform other tasks as required. Indigenous labor will be utilized to the fullest extent in follow-on development of facilities for the CHIC.

### 3. PLAN

~~SECRET~~

G-1-1

SECRET

**SECRET**

SECRET

- a. Tasks to be performed in the development of the CHIC are as follows:
- (1) Preparation of the CHIC site to include necessary mine clearance, land clearance, grading and drainage.
  - (2) Installation of GP tents as required to support the SCII and Refugee Installation.
  - (3) Construction of tactical wire barriers for internal and external control.
  - (4) Installation of interior lighting in command, administrative, medical, screening, classification and interrogation tents and exterior lighting for the CHIC perimeter.
  - (5) Construction of helicopter landing site.
  - (6) Development of access roads to and the internal road network for the CHIC.
  - (7) Preparation of sites for expansion of facilities as required.
  - (8) Improvement of existing facilities as required.
  - (9) Salvage of facilities such as tents, etc., upon deactivation of the CHIC and close out of sanitation facilities.
- b. Site Layout. Typical site layouts for the two primary installations included in the CHIC are in Tab A (Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation) and Tab B (Refugee Installation).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

## TABS:

- A - Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation  
B - Refugee Installation

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

**SECRET**

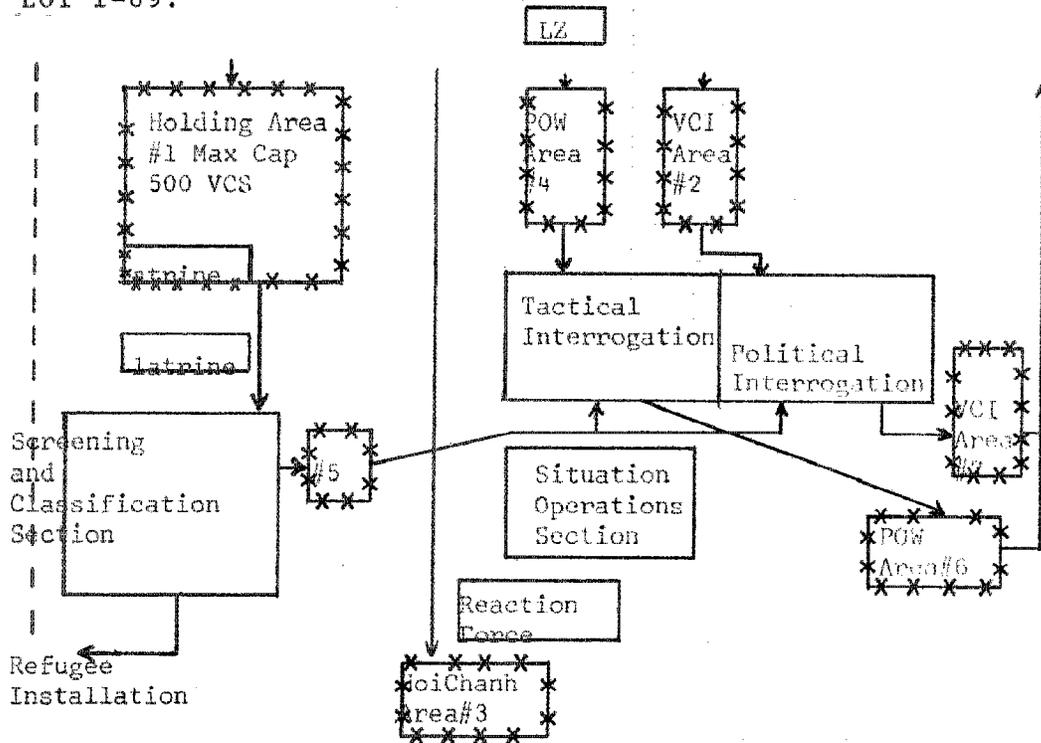
G-1-2

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Tab A (Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation (SCII))  
 To Appendix 1 (Concept of Engineer Operations) to Annex G (Engineer) to  
 LOI 1-69.



----- tactical wire

- Notes; 1) Hoi Chanh holding area should not be located within view of POW or VCI areas.  
 2) Each holding area should have at least one lyster bag and one small GP tent.  
 3) Entire area is approximately 100X300 meters and should be surrounded by tactical wire (not shown).

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

**SECRET**

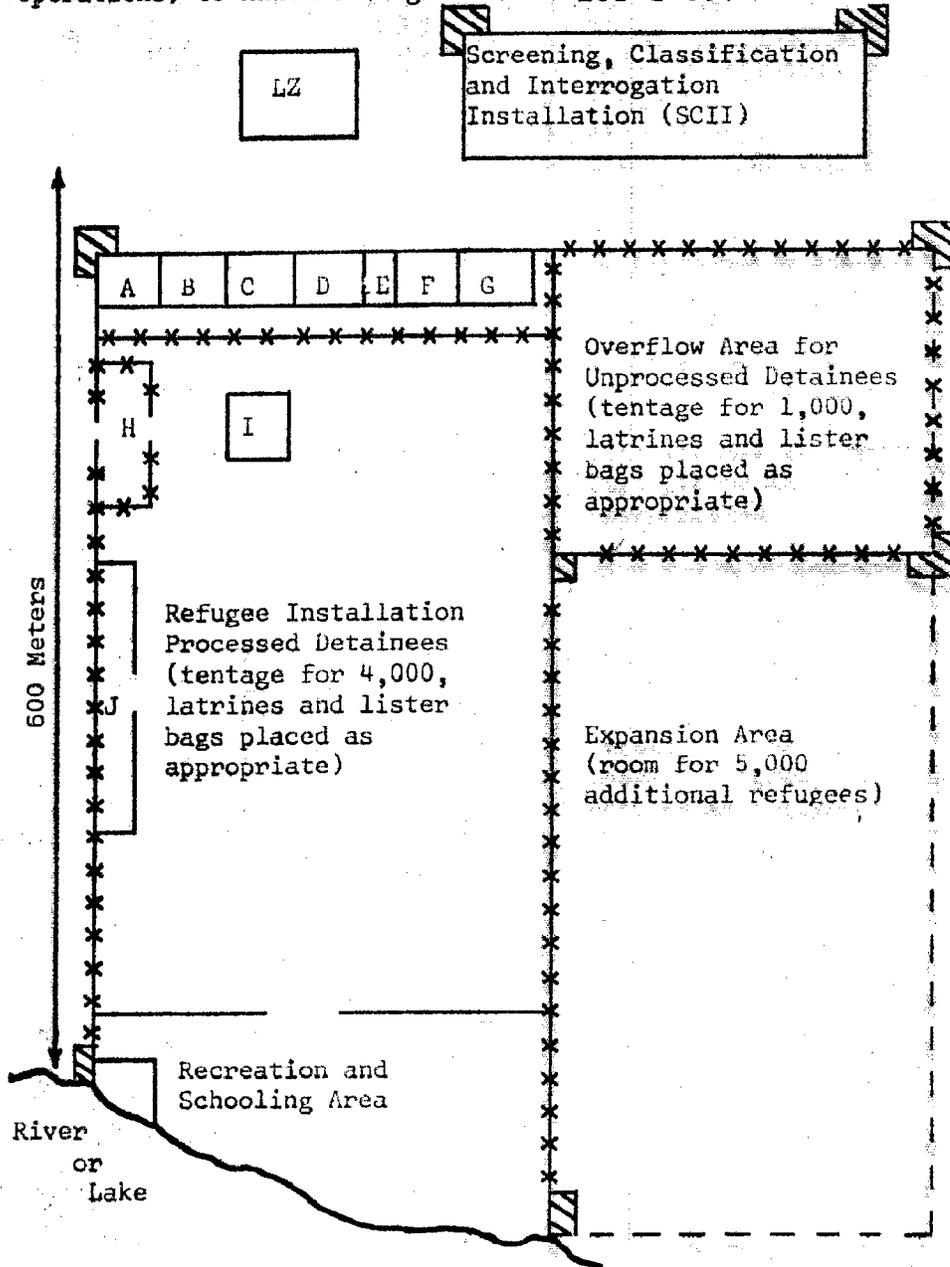
G-1-A-1

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602  
040800 January 1969

Tab B (Refugee Installation) to Appendix 1 (Concept of Engineer Operations) to Annex G (Engineer) to LOI 1-69.



SECRET

G-1-B-1

SECRET

SECRET

- A. Internal Security Headquarters (National Police)
- B. PsyOps VIS Headquarters
- C. Medical Aid Station
- D. Administrative Area to include CommO, MHSWR Staff and U. S. Staff
- E. VIP Area
- F. Material Supply Area
- G. Food Supply Area
- H. Vendor's sales Area (controlled by police)
- I. PsyOps Assembly Area
- J. Garbage and Main Latrine Area
- K. Water Purification Area

- ⊗ Bunker
- \*\*\* Triple concertina
- Engineer tape

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

SECRET

G-1-B-2

SECRET

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex H (Communications-Electronics) to LOI 1-69.

Ref: (a) III MAF COMPLAN FOUR (ForO P02000,1C)

Time Zone: H

### 1. SITUATION

- a. Enemy Forces, LOI 1-69,
- b. Friendly Forces, LOI 1-69
- c. Attachments and Detachments, Annex (Task Organization) to LOI 1-69,
- d. Assumptions

(1) Reliance on VHF(FM) radio as primary means of communication is necessary due to impracticality of installing wire between widely separated Battalion Collection Points and the Combined Holding and Interrogation Center,

(2) Radio Secure Voice equipment cannot be employed due to paucity of equipment.

### 2. MISSION

To provide communications-electronics assistance for the combined Holding and Interrogation Center (CHIC) and associated elements to facilitate rapid processing and effect control of detainees within the center,

### 3. EXECUTION

a. CG Americal Division, in coordination with SA 2nd ARVN Division and PSA Quang Ngai will provide liaison personnel and equipment at the CHIC capable of entering the Task Force Intell/Civic Action Net.

b. CG Americal Division will:

(1) Assist in coordination of internal and external communications for the CHIC

**SECRET**

H-1

SECRET

SECRET

c. Foregoing requirements will exist from D-Day (establishment of the cordon), until completion of search operations and withdrawal of U. S. Americal Division.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

CG Americal Division will provide technical assistance and equipment within capabilities and when not obtainable from GVH or ARVN resources and when considered essential by PSA, QUANG NGAI.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

**SECRET**

*eme*  
**SECRET****SECRET**Copy 1 of 146 copies  
III Marine Amphibious Force  
FPO San Francisco 96602

6 MAR 1969

Annex I (Resettlement) to LOI 1-69

004769

Time Zone H

Task Organization. Annex A (Task Organization)

## 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex C (Intelligence) to LOI 1-69b. Friendly Forces

- (1) 1 Battalion, 2nd ARVN Division
- (2) 5 PF Platoons from Son Tinh and Binh Son Districts
- (3) 5 RD Cadre Teams
- (4) 1 RF Company
- (5) Quang Ngai Province MHSWR Cadre
- (6) Quang Ngai Province National Police and NPFF
- (7) Quang Ngai VIS Cadre

c. Attachments and Detachments. Noned. Assumptions

(1) That upon termination of the clearing phase of the cordon operation, significant enemy forces within the area will have been eliminated.

(2) That after the area has been cleared there will still remain a threat to the area from enemy forces desiring to return to their former operational base.

(3) That destruction of civilian structures within the area will be such as to require extensive repairs.

(4) That personnel who have been evacuated from the area will desire to return to their former homes.

(5) That personnel returned to their homes will require food and other support to sustain them until they can reestablish their

**GROUP-4**Downgraded at 3 year intervals; I-1  
Declassified after 12 years.**SECRET**

SECRET

**SECRET**

former occupations.

(6) That military support forces will be available for at least 60 days after the termination of the clearing phase of the operation.

(7) That the total number of personnel to be returned to the area will be approximately 12,000.

(8) That a substantial number of booby traps and mines will be encountered in some locations within the area of operation after the clearing phase of the operation has terminated.

(9) That engineer assistance will be necessary to help clear the area and provide other necessary support for initial resettlement.

2. MISSION. To return up to 12,000 refugees into the area of operations particularly Binh Duc, Son My, and Son Hai villages and to institute pacification operations so that adequate security for the people is maintained.

### 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. After the completion of the clearing part of the cordon and search operation, refugees who have been moved to the CHIC will be relocated back to their home areas, specifically the villages of Binh Duc, Son My and Son Hai. Security will initially be provided by 1 ARVN battalion, 1 U.S. battalion, 5 Combined Action Platoons. Before the area can be resettled, however, it will have to be extensively cleared of mines and booby traps and general repairs will have to be made to roads and public facilities. Once the area is ready, personnel will be moved back one hamlet at a time with the assistance of 5 RD teams. Monetary and commodity assistance will be provided by the Quang Ngai MHSWR Service Chief in order to rebuild the refugees' homes and provide for the care and feeding of the people until they are sufficiently resettled. Local governments will be organized and encouraged, continuous psyops will be available and all efforts will be made to pacify the area and the people being resettled. The U.S. and ARVN forces will stay in the area for at least two months after the beginning of the resettlement phase. After they leave, one RF company from Quang Ngai will be deployed in the area on or about 1 April. Finally, the entire effort will be integrated into the 1969 Pacification and Development Plan for Quang Ngai.

#### b. CG Americal Division

(1) Provide adequate security forces to include combat support and combat service support to provide security during relocation operations for at least 60 days after the completion of the clearing phase of the operation.

**SECRET**

SECRET

**SECRET**

(2) Provide transportation, civic action assistance and other help as required to assist in returning the refugees and reconstruction.

c. Deputy Senior Advisor, I Corps Advisory Group and SA 2nd ARVN Division.

(1) Coordinate with CG I Corps and CG 2nd ARVN Division for the provision of 1 ARVN battalion to provide military security for pacification operations for approximately 60 days after the completion of the clearing phase of the operation.

(2) Coordinate with CG 2nd ARVN Division to provide transportation, civic action assistance, appropriate engineer support, and other help as required to assist in resettling the refugees back in their home areas.

(3) Coordinate with CG I Corps and CG 2nd ARVN Division for the provision of ARVN engineer support for mine and booby trap clearance.

d. Deputy for CORDS/III MAF, PSA Quang Ngai. Coordinate with Quang Ngai Province Chief for the following assistance:

(1) Assistance from MHSWR in providing food, home repair materials, and transportation for resettlement of the refugees.

(2) Psyops support from the VTS.

(3) National Police and NPWF assistance to aid in the movement of these refugees and to help provide continuing police protection and population and resource control for the reconstruction area.

(4) Public health and medical assistance from the Province Medicine Chief to aid in the resettlement of the refugees.

(5) Agriculture, education, and other forms of development assistance to the refugees from the Quang Ngai Service Chiefs of the various GVN ministries.

(6) 5 PF platoons as element of 5 Combined Action Platoons.

(7) 5 RD teams to assist in reconstruction and pacification.

(8) 1 RF company to provide continuous security in the Patangan Peninsula starting on or about 1 April.

(9) Integration of the resettlement effort into the 1969 Pacification and Development Plan for Quang Ngai.

(10) Determine engineer effort required for road and village rehabilitation and reconstruction and request additional engineer assistance required which exceeds Province engineer capability.

SECRET

**SECRET**

SECRET

e. Director, Combined Action Program III MAF. Coordinate the establishment of 5 Combined Action Platoons in accordance with the provisions of ICCI 5080.4B and ForO 3121.4B.

f. Coordinating Instructions. The basic principle of the resettlement operations will be that the GVN is responsible for the basic operation and that GVN forces, support and assistance should be used whenever possible. U.S. assistance is primarily for back-up support.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. See Annex F (Logistics). Logistical support for planned resettlement operations will be provided primarily from GVN and ARVN resources. III MAF resources (CORDS and military) will not be provided by CG III MAF until such time as the appropriate GVN/ARVN supply systems have been tasked to provide and report non-availability of required assets.

b. Requests for III MAF material support shall include a statement that the required material is not available within GVN/ARVN supply systems and will be forwarded via CORDS/III MAF (Logistics Division) in the case of GVN requests and I Corps G-4 Advisor (ARVN requirements).

c. Procedures for other supply procurement are as listed in Annex F (Logistics). Estimates of required construction material should be developed as soon as possible and requirements passed to applicable GVN/ARVN supply sources.

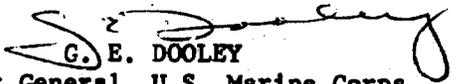
d. Engineer assets will be provided by Quang Ngai Province, ARVN and III MAF resources, in that order, as required.

#### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Command Relationships. Basic command of the resettlement operations will rest with the Province Chief of Quang Ngai who will coordinate for military support with CG Americal Division and CG 2nd ARVN Division with the assistance of the Province Senior Advisor.

b. Communications-Electronics. In accordance with normal standing operating procedures.

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

  
G. E. DOOLEY  
Brigadier General, U.S. Marine Corps  
Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

DECLASSIFIED

SECRET

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 041200 January 1969

Annex J (Glossary of Abbreviations) to LOI 1-69.

ABBREVIATION	MEANING	REMARKS
AIK	Assistance-in-Kind	
ARVN	Army of Republic of Vietnam	
APA	Assistant Province Advisor	
APC	Accelerated Pacification Campaign	Terminates 31Jan69
CDEC	Combined Document Exploitation Center	MACV
CHIC	Combined Holding and Interrogation Center	
CHIEU HOI	Open Arms Program	
CHO	Chief Health Officer	CORDS
CI	Counter-insurgency	Commodities
CIT	Counter Intelligence Team	
CORDS	Civil Operations and Revolutionary Development Support	
CPSA	Central Procurement and Supply Authority	
CTF	Commander Task Force	76 - Navy 79 - Marine
CTG	Commander Task Group	
DSA	Deputy Senior Advisor	
DVCI	Denounce the Viet Cong Infrastructure	
EEl	Essential Elements of Information	
FWMAF	Free World Military Assistance Force	
GS	General Service (Platoon)	Province
GVN	Government of Vietnam	
ICTZ	I Corps Tactical Zone	
ITT	Interrogator-Translator Team	
JUSPAO	Joint U. S. Public Affairs Office	
MHSWR	Ministry of Health, Social Welfare, Refugees	
MOI	Ministry of Information	GVN
MORD	Ministry of Interior	GVN
MORD	Ministry of Revolutionary Development	
NCS	Net Control Station	

**SECRET**

SECRET

ABBREVIATION	MEANING	REMARKS
NP	National Police	
NPFF	National Police Field Forces	
OB	Order of Battle	
PF	Popular Forces	
PHUNG HOANG	Vietnamese word equivalent to PHOENIX	
PHOENIX	Program for elimination of VCI	
PIC	Province Interrogation Center	
POD	Psyops Division of CORDS	
PRU	Provincial Reconnaissance Unit	
PSA	Province Senior Advisor	
PSD	Public Safety Division	CORDS
PSYOPS	Psychological Warfare Operations	
QUAN CAHN	ARVN Military Police	
RF	Regional Forces	
RI	Refugee Installation	Part of CHIC
RVNAF	Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces	
SCII	Screening, Classification and Interrogation Installation	Part of CHIC
SWR	Social Welfare and Refugee	Ministry
USARV	U S Army, Vietnam	
VC	Viet Cong (soldier/guerrilla)	
VCI	Viet Cong Infrastructure	
VCS	Viet Cong Suspect	
VIS	Vietnamese Information Service	

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

**SECRET**

SECRET

CONFIDENTIAL

Copy \_\_\_ of 160 copies  
 III Marine Amphibious Force  
 FPO San Francisco 96602  
 040800 January 1969

Annex K (Distribution) to LOI 1-69.

1. DISTRIBUTION,	NO. COPIES
CMC	2
FMF PAC	2
COMUSMACV	3
CG XXIV CORPS	2
CG 3d MarDiv	2
CG 101stABNDiv	2
CG 1stMarDiv	2
CG 1stMAW	2
COMNAVSUPACT	2
CG AMERICAL DIV	20
CG I Corps	2(Translation copy)
CG 2d ARVN Div	2(Translation copy)
CTF 76	2
CTF 79	2
CTG 76.4	2
CTG 76.5	2
CTG 79.4	2
CTG 79.5	2
CTG 115.1	2
9th Spec Opns Sqdn DNG Air Base	2
5th CI Team	2
11th ITT	2
DSA, I Corps	2
3dMPBn	2
45th Engr Gp	2
9th EngrBn, FMF	2
7th PsyOpsBn	2
54th Medical Det (RA)	2
27th Surgical Hosp	2
312th Evac Hosp	2
74th Medical Bn	2
29th Civil Affairs Co	2
CORDS, III MAF	20
Force Logistics Comd	2
ACofS, G-1	2
ACofS, G-2	4
ACofS, G-3	13
ACofS, G-4	4
ACofS, G-5	4
ACofS, G-6	2
PHOENIX COORDINATOR	2
Force PsyOpsO	2

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

Annex K (Distribution) to LOI 1-69.

DISTRIBUTION	NO. COPIES
Force Surgeon	2
ROIC-I Corps	1
Force Engr	4
Force ISO	2
Force Dental	1
File	2

BY COMMAND OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN

G. E. DOOLEY  
 Brigadier General, U. S. Marine Corps  
 Chief of Staff

DISTRIBUTION: Annex K (Distribution)

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

13 Jan 1969

A.O. # 1-69

III M. Amphibian Stone;