

DECLASSIFIED

45. ✓ COMUSMACV 011510Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
ABRAMS TO ALL  
"WHEN THE DEFEATED ENEMY STARTS TO MAKE FOR HIS SANCTUARIES,  
THAT'S THE TIME TO GET HIM -- WE MUST HAVE PLANS"

46. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 010916Z MAR69 (C) FOR *gp-4*  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO BAGLEY FROM BRINGLE  
FLAGSHIP MOVEMENTS

~~47. ✓ CMC 011715Z MAR69 (C) PERSONAL FOR  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO RUSE FROM THADIN  
"YOU MAY PLAN YOUR TRIP WHICH YOU REQUESTED"~~

~~48. ✓ CG FMEDAG 012221Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO CHADMAN FROM RUSE  
"VISITS APPROVED BUT BE IN COUNTRY WHEN I VISIT 19-22 MAR  
OR 22-26 MAR"~~

49. ✓ CG FMAW 030436Z MAR69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM QUILTER  
REDEPLOYMENT OF VMFA-115

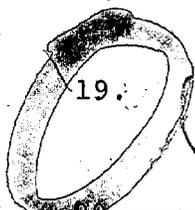
~~50. ✓ CMC 031529Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR CUSH INFO CUSHMAN FROM CHADMAN  
NO OBJECTIONS TO POP'S VISITS~~

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- ~~26. AMB SULLIVAN CAS VIENTIANE 010613Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
FOR ABRAMS INFO MCCAIN, WHEELER, CUSHMAN AND STILWELL FROM  
SULLIVAN  
"DM SOUVANNA DISCUSSION OF US PENETRATION OF LAOS -- NEED TO  
BE KEPT INFORMED AND KNOW WHEN US TROOPS WILL WITHDRAW"~~
27. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 020420Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION 1200 1 MAR - 1200 2 MAR
28. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 030430Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200 2 MAR - 1200 3 MAR
29. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 030650Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
CORRECTION TO 030430Z MAR69 (No. 28 above)
30. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 031000Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
TO TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
FOLLOW-UP TO 030430Z MAR69 (NR 28 above)
31. ✓ COMNAVFORV 030916Z MAR69 (TS) LIMDIS *GP-4*  
SEARCH FOR THE UNDERWATER CABLE
32. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 040410Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION 1200 3 MAR - 1200 4 MAR
33. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 050320Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION 1200, 4 MAR - 1200, 5 MAR
34. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 060340Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *-GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION 1200, 5 MAR - 1200, 6 MAR
- ~~25. COMUSMACV 060814Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
ABRAMS TO SULLIVAN INFO MCCONNELL, BUNKER, CUPIN, MCCAIN, CUSHMAN,  
& WHEELER  
"NEWSMEN HAVE HEARD FROM III MAE ABOUT DEWEY CANYON OPERATIONS  
IN LAOS" GIVES SOME GUIDANCE ON WHAT TO SAY TO NEWSMEN~~
- ~~24. CG XXIV CORPS 061120Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
STILWELL TO ABRAMS INFO CUSHMAN  
SUMMARY OF DEWEY CANYON OPERATION~~
- ~~23. COMUSMACV 061651Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
ABRAMS TO SULLIVAN INFO MCCAIN, MCCONNELL & CUSHMAN  
RESPONSE TO AMB SULLIVAN'S 010613 "TROOPS WILL WITHDRAW FROM  
LAOTIAN TERRITORY AND ALL DEWEY CANYON BY 10 MAR"~~

38. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 070344Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200 6 MAR - 1200, 7 MAR
39. ✓ COMNAVFORV 080356Z MAR69 (TS) LIMDIS GP-1  
FOR DAVIDSON INFO DOOLEY FROM ZUMWALT-  
POSSIBLE USE OF UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS (TS)
40. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 080400Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200, 7 MAR - 1200, 8 MAR
41. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 071241Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO ABRAMS FROM STILWELL  
SECDEF VISIT (PRESENTATION OF THE PUC TO 1ST ARVN)
42. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 090321Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200, 8 MAR - 1200, 9 MAR
43. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 100324Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200, 9 MAR - 1200, 10 MAR
44. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 110535Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200 10 MAR - 1200, 11 MAR
- ~~45. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 110644Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
FOR CUSHMAN & ABRAMS FROM STILWELL  
"THERE ARE NOW NO ELEMENTS OF 3D MARDIV IN LAOTIAN TERRITORY"~~
46. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 120316Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION, 1200, 11 MAR - 1200, 12 MAR
47. ✓ COMUSMACV 161928Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY NOFORN - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL AND BROWN FROM ABRAMS  
RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE DMZ -- PREPARE TO EXECUTE
48. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 191814Z MAR69 (TS) LIMDIS SENSITIVE EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO TOWNSEND AND CAVANAUGH  
HC OPERATIONS -- MASSACUSESTS & MAIN MAIN CRAG - COMBINE SOG/ARVN/US
49. ✓ CS MACV 220016Z MAR69 (TS) -LIMDIS-SENSITIVE-EYES ONLY - GP-1  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL & CAVANAUGH FROM TOWNSEND  
SOG OPERATIONS - (REFERS TO STILWELL'S 191814Z MAR69) "GENERAL REACTION HERE  
IS NEGATIVE TO INTE-  
GRATING ARVN INTO SOG"
- ~~50. ✓ COMUSMACV 230643Z MAR69 (TS) SPECIAL OPERATIONAL AUTHORITIES  
SOG - ABSOLUTELY EYES ONLY~~

1. ~~CG FMFPAC 031943Z MAR69 (C) EXCLUSIVE  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO CHAPMAN FROM BUSE  
WILL VISIT III MAF 20 22 MAR. CAN'T ATTEND CHANGE OF COMMAND~~
2. COMUSMACV 040237Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group-4*  
ABRAMS TO BROWN, CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL  
RETALITORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN DMZ (S)
3. COMUSMACV 050139Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN, KERWIN & ECKHARDT  
"SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF DISCUSSIONS W/SECDEF -- DURING HIS VISIT"
4. ~~CG 1ST MARDIV 042346Z MAR69 (S) PERSONAL FOR  
FOR WILLIAMS FROM SIMPSON  
GLAD TO HAVE YOU STAY ON NIGHT OF 7TH -- REGRET 8TH~~
5. ADMIN FMFPAC 051945Z MAR69 (S) MCEO *Group-4*  
FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT  
"COMPILE ON DAILY BASIS -- SUBMIT WEEKLY REPORT"
6. CG FMFPAC 060114Z MAR69 (C) MCEO *gp-4*  
EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS IN COUNTRY (U)
7. ~~C/S MACV 060407Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY  
TOWNSEND TO CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL  
"MACV WANTS SUMMARY OF DEWEY CANYON DIRECTLY FROM GENERAL  
STILWELL NLT 1000 HOURS TODAY"~~
8. ~~CG NINTH MAF 052345Z MAR69 (C) PERSONAL FOR  
FOR SIMPSON FROM WILLIAMS  
"THANKS FOR THE INVITE -- I'LL HAVE DINNER AND RON 7 MAR 69"~~
9. ~~COMUSMACV 061645Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL  
"MAGNIFICENT REPORT"~~
10. ~~COMUSMACV 061818Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY  
ABRAMS TO ALL  
"RECEIVED INTEL THAT ENEMY PLANS ATTACK SECDEF -- PREPARE  
ALTERNATE SCHEDULE AT LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT -- STRICTLY NOTOR"~~ *(STILL IN FOLDER  
LINED OUT ERGONOMY)*
11. ~~C/S MACV 070046Z MAR69 (U)  
TOWNSEND FOR CUSHMAN  
CONGRATS ON YOUR NEW POSITION -- ALL GOOD WISHES~~
12. J5 USMCTHAI 070500Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
QUILICI TO CUSHMAN  
CONCERNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR GENERAL CUSHMAN'S VISIT TO THAI

- ~~13. CG MARCORCOMP USNAVADVCORP 070820Z MAR69 (C)  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM COL MCCAIN  
CONCERNS LTCEN CUSHMAN'S VISIT TO KOREA COMDT ROKMC~~
- ~~14. CG XXIV CORPS 071620Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
STILWELL TO CUSHMAN INFO DAVIS  
PRESS CONFERENCE RE DEWEY CANYON COL BARROW~~
15. CG FMFPAC 072206Z MAR69 (S) SPECAT<sup>gp-4</sup> EXCLUSIVE FOR CUSHMAN FROM BUSE  
AUTOMATED SERVICES CENTER
16. COMSEVENTHFLT 080148Z MAR69 (S) <sup>gp-4</sup>  
WIRENOTE FOR DWYER FROM CODISPOTI  
"YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN OVERSOLD ON CAPABILITY OF UDT DET"
- ~~17. CINGDAG 080436Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM MCCAIN  
"CONGRATS ON YOUR ADPT AS DEP DIR CIA"~~
18. C/S MACV 080813Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM TOWNSEND  
CONCERNS GEN CUSHMAN VISIT TO THAI -- & THAI MARINE CORPS
-  19. CG XXIV CORPS 081027Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM STILWELL  
RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN DMZ (S) -- CONCEPT OF OPERATION
- ~~20. C/S MACV 081650Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL FROM TOWNSEND  
PROPOSED NEWS CONFERENCE ON DEWEY CANYON~~
- ~~21. CG XXIV CORPS 100250Z MAR69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO TOWNSEND FROM STILWELL  
REQ 26 HOURS IN THAI~~
22. CG XXIV CORPS 100354Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR HUTCHIN & JOHNSON INFO CUSHMAN FROM TOWNSEND  
REPORT OF SECDEF VISIT
23. J5 USMACTHAI 101029Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM QUILICI  
VISIT TO THAI -- INFO ON INDIVIDUALS TO BE VISITED
24. DEP COMUSMACV 110024Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM GOODPASTER  
REQUEST FOR PROJECT DELTA
25. C/S MACV 120928Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY <sup>gp-4</sup>  
TOWNSEND TO CUSHMAN, STILWELL, PEERS, KERWIN & ECKHARDT  
YOU CAN SUSPEND THE "ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION" REPORTS

26. ✓ MARCORCOMP USNAVADVGRP KOREA 120426Z MAR69 (C) FOR *group-4*  
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM COL MCCAIN  
GEN CUSHMAN VISIT TO KOREA AND CALLS ON DIGS
- ~~27. CMC 121207Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM VAN RYZIN  
"QUARTERS"~~
28. ✓ CTG 70.8 130340Z MAR69 (S) FOR *gp-4*  
FOR DRAKE(?) FROM RUDDEN  
NGFS
29. ✓ CHIEF MAAG TAIPEI 130520Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM CICCOLELLA  
LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT ON 26-28 MAR
30. ✓ J-5 USMACHTHIA 131000Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM QUILLICI  
YOUR VISIT DEEPLY APPRECIATED -- "NEED SOME INFO IN THE OV-10  
RTAF THINKING ABOUT BUYING"
31. ✓ MACV CMD CNTR 130604Z MAR69 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR DWYER FROM MCLAUGHLIN  
NGF REQUIRMENTS FOR APR & MAY
32. ✓ CTG 77.0 130805Z MAR69 (C) FOR *gp-4*  
RADM ROTRICE TRANSPORTATION
- ~~33. COMUSMACV 130815Z MAR69 (U)  
FOR CUSHMAN, KERWIN, ECKHARDT, & STILLWELL FROM ABRAMS  
"ATTORNEY" IN CONNECTION WITH SECRET VISIT~~
34. ✓ COMUSMACV 141015Z MAR69 (S) SPECAT/AMMETER *group-4*  
BARNETT VICE MOORE
- ~~35. AMEMB ANKARA TURKEY 140905Z (U) FEETC  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM KOWEN  
CONGRATS THEY'LL LIKE YOU~~
- ~~36. CC FOURTH MAW/MADTC 150004Z MAR69 (U)  
FOR DOOLEY FROM ROBERTSHAW  
INFO PASSED TO COMINT ON COMINT~~
- ~~37. CC XXIV CORPS 150358Z MAR69 (U)  
FOR MILDREN & CUSHMAN INFO TOWNSEND  
REQ FOR 48 HOURS IN TAIPEI 20-22 MAR~~
38. ✓ CMC 142350Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO CUSHMAN & FONTANA FROM CHAPMAN  
LIEUTENANT CASWELL'S ASSIGNMENT

39. CMC 151503Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *Group-4*  
~~FOR FONTANA INFO CUSHMAN FROM CHAPMAN~~  
 "MARINE GENERAL BILLET AT MACV -- NOT INFLUENTIAL ENOUGH"
40. ADMIN FMFPAC 151837Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
 FOR BUSE INFO CUSHMAN FROM FONTANA  
 "ASSIGNMENT OF CASWELL - QUOTES GEN. CHAPMAN'S 142350Z MAR"
41. DR, N.F. WIKNER MACV MACSA SAIGON 171002Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
 FOR CUSHMAN FROM WIKNER  
 "WOULD LIKE TO VISIT III MAF -- AFTERNOON OF EITHER 19, 20, 21, 23 MAR"
42. THIRD FORSERVRECT 180231Z MAR69 (C) FOR *gp-4*  
 FOR NICKERSON FROM PADALINLO  
 "3D PSR PERSONNEL & EQUIP EN ROUTE -- ETA DANANG 20/21 MAR"
- ~~43. CG JMBPAC (JMB) 190740Z MAR69 (T) INFO FOR  
 FOR DOOLEY FROM WERSHIRE  
 PERSONAL MSG I RECEIVED FROM BUSHU. MSGS F/NICKERSON & CUSHMAN AT CH. OF CMD~~
- ~~44. CG MARCORCOMB USMARPAC/USMC 190745Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
 FOR CUSHMAN FROM MCCAIN  
 ASSIGNMENT TO JMBPAC FOR KOREA VISIT~~
- ~~45. CG YEMV CORPS 190700Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
 FOR SAIGON FROM SULLIVAN  
 OPERATION DEWET CANYON  
 "WARRIORS FROM SULLIVAN FOR THE SCREAMING EAGLES"~~
46. ADMIN FMFPAC 201845Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *Group-4*  
 FOR CHAPMAN INFO BUSE & CUSHMAN FROM FONTANA  
 CASWELL
- ~~47. COMCARBVEST/MCAS EL TORO 210350Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
 FOR CUSHMAN INFO ROBERTSON FROM THRASH  
 TALK PICK UP YOUR FOOTLOCKERS & ARRANGE FOR INFO~~
48. CG AMERICAL DIVISION 211653Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
 FOR CUSHMAN FROM GERTYS  
 "HAVE REEXAMINED OUR DEFENSE AGAINST ROCKET/MORTARS -- NEED ANOTHER BRIGADE"
- ~~49. ADMIN NINNH MAB 220100Z MAR69 (S) PERSONAL FOR  
 FOR DOOLEY INFO OLSON FROM LOWMAN  
 "SECRET APPLICATION MURPHY'S LAW. R&B IN ICHUS. ANTICIPATING BOMB BIRD"~~
50. CG1ST MARDIV 220746Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *Group-4*  
 FOR WAIT, FONTANA & DOOLEY FROM SIMPSON  
 ROCKET ATTACK ON 1ST DIV CP -- PRESS STORY, MAJOR ROBB

1. CMC 222025Z MAR69 (U)  
TRANSFER ORDERS ON LTGEN CUSHMAN  
ASG AS DIR PERSONNEL (MANPOWER)
2. COMSEVENTHFLT 230036Z MAR69 UE (u)  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM BRINGLE  
"ATTABOY FOR CUSHMAN UPON TURNING OVER COMMAND OF III MAF -- WE'RE PROUD  
TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH YOU -- GOOD LUCK"
3. CG NINTH MAB 240601Z MAR69 (U) E  
PERSONAL FOR GEN CUSHMAN AND GEN NICKERSON FROM GEN WILLIAMS  
"CONGRATULATION ON END OF YOUR TOUR -- SALUTE YOU ON ASSUMPTION YOUR COMMAND"
4. ADMIN FMFPAC 242201Z MAR69 (C) *group - 4*  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM FONTANA  
PRESS INTERVIEW -- LYLE NEESON -- HALF HOUR INTERVIEW ON 31 MAR.
5. CG FIRST MARDIV 241219Z MAR69 (S) EXCLUSIVE *gp - 4*  
FOR CUSHMAN FROM SIMPSON  
ENEMY ROCKET/MORTAR ATTACKS - DANANG (S)
6. CMC 251504Z MAR69 (U) FOR  
FOR NICKERSON  
YOUR TEMADD TERM - 26 MAR, RPT FOR DU AS CG III MAF
7. CMC 251636Z MAR69 (C) MCEO *gp - 4*  
EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS
8. CMC 251730Z MAR69 (U) *gp - 4*  
FOR NICKERSON  
PRESIDENT APPOINTS YOU LTGEN WHILE SERVING AS CG III MAF - CONGRATS
- ~~9. ADMIN FMFPAC 242207Z MAR69 (U)  
LTGEN CUSHMAN 05 062  
CUSHMAN AUNT 1ST CLASS AIR TRANS IN RET TO CONUS~~
10. CMC 260108Z MAR69 (U) FOR *group - 4*  
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN -- APPOINTMENT TO LTGEN
11. CG FMAW 260132Z MAR69 (S) MCEO *gp - 4*  
FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT
- ~~12. CG NINTH MAB 260459Z MAR69 (U/E)  
RE CABRELSON INFO DOOLEY FROM WILLIAMS  
OUTGAGE WITH ROR BEAR (LAC-1 GOODEN)~~
- ~~13. NAVCOMSTA OBTAN 31750Z MAR69 (U)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM WARRS  
RPT WISSELL PASSED AWAY~~

24. COMNAVFORV 010309Z <sup>MAR69</sup> FEB69 (TS) LIMDIS GP-1  
POSSIBLE USE OF UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS

25. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 010333Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY - GROUP NOT SHOWN  
ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

14. CG XXIV CORPS 311528Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group not shown*  
FOR WETHERILL INFO DOOLEY & FIRFER FROM STILLWELL  
CURTAILMENT OF TOUR -- LTCOL MOONEY

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

From: Chief of Staff

To:

*Info to  
7th AF  
MACV*

*Sgt  
White*

INFO  
CDR SEVENTH AF TSN AB RVN  
COMUSMACV SGN RVN

G. E. DOOLEY

*add DNG RVN after III AAF  
" PHB RVN " XXIV GAA*

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 LTG PEERS CG I FFORCEV  
 LTG KERWIN CG II FFORCEV  
 MG ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS  
 INFO GEN BROWN OMDR 7AF  
 LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
 VADMIZUMWALT COMNAVFORV  
 LTG MILDREN USARV  
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 2673 EYES ONLY

WE ARE BEGINNING TO SEE SOME SIGNS THAT THE ENEMY MAY HAVE SUFFERED RECENT DAMAGE, HITHERTO UNOBSERVED, AS A RESULT OF OUR B-52, TAC AIR, AND ARTILLERY STRIKES. FOR EX

AMPLE, WE NOTE THAT THE ENEMY'S BATTALIONS ARE CONSISTENTLY SMALLER IN NUMBERS THAN WE HAVE CALCULATED CONSIDERING HIS RECENT INFILTRATION AND LOSSES. THESE BATTALIONS SHOULD NUMBER AROUND 330 MEN. PW'S TELL US, HOWEVER, THAT THEY AVERAGE ONLY AROUND 250. WE HAVE 2 RECENT PW'S FROM THE 33RD AND 174 REGTS OF THE 5TH VC DIVISION WHO TELL US OF THE CASUALTIES SUFFERED AS A RESULT OF B-52, TAC AIR AND ARTILLERY STRIKES WHICH RESULTED IN THE SCATTERING AND DISORGANIZATION OF THESE UNITS. AT LEAST ONE PW TELLS US OF SERIOUS FOOD PROBLEMS IN THE 5TH VC DIVISION. THE DONG NAI REGIMENT IS SHORT OF BOTH FOOD AND PERSONNEL.

WHILE I DO NOT BELITTLE THE ENEMY'S CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH SERIOUS GROUND ATTACKS IN VARIOUS AREAS THROUGHOUT SOUTH VIETNAM, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE BE ALERT TO DETERMINE SIGNS OF EVERY DIFFICULTY, AND PARTICULARLY, ANY SIGN OF ENEMY WITHDRAWAL. ALL INTELLIGENCE SOURCES, PARTICULARLY PW'S AND DOCUMENTS, MUST BE EXPLOITED TO DETECT THE MOMENT THE ENEMY BREAKS AND STARTS FOR HIS SANCTUARIES. THE OPPORTUNITIES WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE WITHDRAWAL OF A DEFEATED ENEMY MUST BE GRASPED PROMPTLY. WE MUST HAVE PLANS AND PREPARATIONS READY TO TAKE INSTANT ADVANTAGE OF THIS FAVORABLE MOMENT.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
 PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY

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3	CG					REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
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P 010916Z MAR 69  
FM COMSEVENTHFLT  
TO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF  
INFO RUYGUIN/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO RADM BAGLEY FROM BRINGLE  
FLAGSHIP MOVEMENTS (U)

1. I PLAN TO HAVE OKLAHOMA CITY DEPART THE GUN LINE EARLY ON 4 MARCH FOR A MUCH NEEDED UPKEEP PERIOD. NEW JERSEY WILL REMAIN ASSIGNED TO NGFS, AS CURRENTLY SCHEDULED; AS WILL AN ABOVE AVERAGE NUMBER OF DESTROYERS. 5<sup>00</sup>/54 GUN SHIPS ON THE LINE WILL BE MAINTAINED AT A NUMBER WHICH WILL PERMIT A CONTINUATION OF THE ADDITIONAL LONG GUN IN ICTZ FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. FOR QUICK REACTION CONTINGENCY PURPOSES, NEWPORT NEWS WILL BE MAINTAINED IN A POSTURE WHICH WILL PERMIT HER RETURN TO NGFS WITHIN 36 HOURS OF EMERGENCY CONDITIONS REQUIRE IT.

2. BEST REGARDS.

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1. (TSL) REF A EXPRESSES CONCERN OVER SIMULATED INCIDENT  
 TO PROVIDE COVER FOR DIVING OPERATIONS IN SEARCH FOR  
 UNDERWATER COMMUNICATIONS CABLES.

2. (TSL) REF B PROMULGATED A PLAN TO SEARCH FOR UNDERWATER  
 COMMUNICATION CABLES INCLUDING A PROPOSED COVER.

3. (U) IN VIEW REF A, CANCEL REF B.

4. (U) NEW PLAN FORTHCOMING.

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T O P S E C R E T P H B 038, EYES ONLY  
SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. ENEMY ACTIONS 281200 FEB 69 TO 211200 MAR 69.

A. THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN ENEMY INITIATIVE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD IN THE 11TH DIA/XXIV CORPS AREA. THIS WAS REFLECTED IN AN INCREASE OF FROM THREE (3) TO FIVE (5) ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WERE A NUMBER OF SMALL CONTACTS MADE BY FRIENDLY PATROLLING UNITS IN THAT AREA, AND AT 281540 HOURS, THERE WAS A RELATIVELY LARGE MEETING ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF THE 3-5 CAV AND AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY. THIS LATTER CONTACT, WHICH RESULTED IN THE DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL 3/5 CAV TROOPS AND MARINES TO REINFORCE THE FORCES MAKING THE INITIAL CONTACT, CULMINATED IN NINE (9) FRIENDLY CASUALTIES (ONE (1) KIA AND EIGHT (8) WIA, AND SIXTY (60) ENEMY KIA'S), TWO TANKS WERE DAMAGED BY ENEMY PRG ROUNDS DURING THE THE ENCOUNTER. CONTACT WAS TERMINATED DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS, AND A SWEEP OF THE AREA WAS INITIATED AT FIRST LIGHT.

B. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUED AGAINST LIMITED OPPOSITION. THERE WERE FOUR (4) SMALL CONTACTS WITH ENEMY FORCES, THE LARGEST OF WHICH WAS OF SQUAD SIZE, AND THERE WERE SIX (6) INSTANCES OF ATTACKS BY MORTAR FIRE, NONE OF WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. DURING THE DAY, 9TH MARINE REGIMENTAL FORCES ENCOUNTERED LITTLE DIFFICULTY IN CONTINUING THEIR MOVEMENT THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND WERE SUCCESSFUL IN CAPTURING TWO ADDITIONAL 50MM GUNS AND ANOTHER LARGE CACHE (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED IN MSG PNB 8377, DTG 281710Z FEB). THE NUMBER OF UNBURIED NVA BODIES ENCOUNTERED BY PATROLLING FORCES IS A RECENT, CONFIRMING INDICATION OF THE CONFUSION THAT EXISTS AMONG NVA ELEMENTS IN THE AREA.

C. ACTIVITY IN THE 131ST ABN DIVISION AO CONTINUED TO BE LIGHT. THE 2/501 ABN BATTALION CONTINUED ITS SEARCH OF THE 5TH NVA REGIMENTAL CP WEST OF LEECH IS, AND DISCOVERED ANOTHER CACHE OF 60 AND 80MM MORTAR AMMUNITION AND INT. THE 1/502 ABN BATTALION, OPERATING GENERALLY NORTH OF FSE BASTONE, LOCATED A 60MM MORTAR INTACT, AND AN AIRBORNE ELEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF TOMAHAWK (ON CL-1 NEAR PHU LO) RECEIVED 20 TO 25 ROUNDS OF 2MM MORTAR FIRE, SUSTAINING NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES.

D. WEATHER CONDITIONS IMPROVED SLIGHTLY DURING THE DAY, 10 HOURS OF 28 FEBRUARY, PERMITTING LIMITED RESUPPLY OF THE 9TH MARINES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO AND OF THE 131ST ABN DIVISION FORCES IN THE SPOKANE RAPIDS AO. THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO BE IMPROVING, HOWEVER, IS THAT TIME AVAILABLE FOR RESUPPLY IS RESTRICTED. PREDICTIONS OF FAVORABLE WEATHER IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ARE UNRELIABLE AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.

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A. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ HAS DEVIATED FROM HIS PLAN TO ATTACK MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THAT AREA. HOWEVER, HIS CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH HIS OFFENSIVE MISSION IS APPARENTLY BEING WEAKENED BY THE REDISPOSITION OF FORCES WITHIN THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION.

B. ENEMY ACTIVITY WITHIN THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION AC IS DECREASING RAPIDLY, AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO REMAINING CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE ANY MAJOR OPERATION AGAINST THE OR MILITARY INSTALLATIONS ALONG QL-1. SMALL ATTACKS BY FIRE AND LIMITED CARRIER ATTACKS ARE STILL CONSIDERED A POSSIBILITY. HOWEVER, HIS ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SUCCESSIVE PHASES OF THE CURRENT MVA OFFENSIVE HAS BEEN GREATLY RESTRICTED.

C. THERE IS A STRONG INDICATION THAT SURVIVING FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF THE DEWEY CANYON AC ARE WITHDRAWING TO THE SOUTH, GENERALLY ALONG THE AXIS OF THE A SHAN VALLEY. THIS INDICATION, WHICH IS BASED ON INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES, IS THE FIRST INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY INTENDS TO ABANDON THE AREA. THE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED SECOND SIGHTING IN THE SALIENT BELOW LE SAISON (ALONG HWY 226) IS AS YET UNEVALUATED BUT COULD INDICATE THAT AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO STRIKE AT THE 9TH MARINES FROM THE NORTH. THIS APPEARS TO BE NO MAJOR THREAT, HOWEVER, AS THE SIZE OF THE FORCE SIGHTED WAS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO HAVE ANY IMPACT ON MARINE ELEMENTS.

### 3. ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. CURRENT PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. THE PROSPECT OF MOST FAVORABLE WEATHER SHOULD PERMIT THE MOVEMENT OF THE 1/4 MARINES TO FEE ARSCHRE AND THE INITIATION OF SEARCH OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE CORPS AC. THIS MOVEMENT MUST BE PRECEDED, HOWEVER, BY A MAJOR RESUPPLY EFFORT OF FORCES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AC.

B. IF WEATHER CONDITIONS REMAIN THE SAME OR IMPROVE, THE OBJECTIVES OF THE 9TH MARINES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AC SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHIN A WEEK OR TEN (10) DAYS. CURRENT PLANS PROVIDE FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF TWO (2) COMPANIES OF THE 2/3 MARINE BN TO THE DEWEY CANYON AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING AS A COMBING FORCE DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PROCESS. AS THE MARINES WITHDRAW, 1ST ARVN DIVISION AND ARVN ELEMENTS WILL MOVE INTO THE LOWER A SHAN (CURRENTLY PLANNED FOR 5 MARCH). THIS EXCHANGE OF FORCES SHOULD PROVE TO BE EFFECTIVE AGAINST THOSE ENEMY ELEMENTS WITHDRAWING TO THE SOUTH AND WILL PLACE THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION ELEMENTS IN A POSITION TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH OF KNOWN ENEMY BASE AREAS ALONG THE LAOTIAN BORDER. CONCURRENTLY, COMBINED US/ARVN OPERATIONS ARE BEING INITIATED IN THE AREA ASTRIDE THE BOWLING ALLEY EAST OF THE LOC TO ELIMINATE FORCES IN THE HIGH GROUND NORTH AND SOUTH OF QL-1 IN THAT AREA.

C. ALL PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CLEAR AND SEARCH AND PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL AREA ARE CONTINUING.

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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (IS) ENEMY ACTIONS 211230 AR 69 TO 021200 MAR 69.

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE 11TH DTA/XXIV CORPS AREA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD REFLECTED SLIGHTLY INCREASED ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE AO AND TENDED TO CONFIRM INTELLIGENCE THAT ADDITIONAL ENEMY UNITS HAVE INFILTRATED THE DMZ AND ARE DEPLOYING FOR PHASE II OF THE NVA OFFENSIVE. PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT WERE: RELATIVELY HEAVY CONTACTS BY ELEMENTS OF 3/5 CAV 6 KM SOUTHWEST OF C-2; A NEW PATTERN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY THROUGH THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ, (AS IDENTIFIED BY IPS 25, FC'S AND AO'S); AND TWO CONTACTS BY MARINE PATROLS WORKING THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE CORPS AO IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE D.Z. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SMALL ATTACKS BY FIRE, WHICH INCLUDED ATTACKS ON D/1/3 MARINES (XD 996492), H/2/4 MARINES (IN THE VICINITY OF FSB NEVILLE), C/1/4 MARINES (IN THE VICINITY OF FSB ACIO, AND M/3/3 MARINES (YD 133733).

B. THE INCREASE IN ACTIVITY IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE AO JUST SOUTH OF THE D Z TENDS TO CONFIRM EVIDENCE THAT THE 27TH REGT HAS COMPLETED ITS DEPLOYMENT THROUGH THE DMZ AND IS PREPARING FOR ATTACKS ALONG HIGHWAY 9 BETWEEN CAULO AND VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. THERE IS ALSO CONSIDERABLE EVIDENCE OF INCREASED ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGH THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE D.Z. TOWARD GIO LINH AND AN INTENT ON THE PART OF ENEMY FORCES IN THAT AREA TO STRIKE INSTALLATIONS IN THE COASTAL AREA. ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST AMTRAC, AT OCEAN VIEW, RECEIVED 60 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR AT 012318 MAR FROM THE NORTH. THE ROUNDS IMPACTED SHORT OF THE TARGET AND CAME FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE D.Z. IT IS NOT YET FULLY CONFIRMED THAT THE MORTAR POSITIONS WERE, IN FACT, WITHIN THE DMZ, ALTHOUGH THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT A FIRING FROM THE D Z MAY HAVE TAKEN PLACE. AN INVESTIGATION OF THIS SITUATION IS UNDERWAY.

C. IN THE NORTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE ACTIVITY. HOWEVER, SOME EVIDENCE EXISTS THAT ELEMENTS OF THE 246TH REGT OR POSSIBLY ELEMENTS OF THE 9TH REGT, 304TH NVA DIVISION HAVE INFILTRATED THE AREA NORTH OF FSB ARGONNE. CONTINUING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS PREVENT THE DEPLOYMENT OF MARINE UNITS TO FSB ARGONNE FOR THE PURPOSE OF SEARCHING THE AREA WEST OF NEVILLE AND IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE D Z.

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D. OF SOME IMPORTANCE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD WAS A CONTACT IN THE VICINITY OF FSB NANCY, INVOLVING B/1/1 INFANTRY REINFORCED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1-7TH ARMORED. AN ESTIMATED 33 VC/NVA WERE CONTACTED IN THIS ACTION (WHICH TOOK PLACE THROUGH THE EARLY MORNING AND DAYLIGHT HOURS OF 1 MARCH). THE FRIENDLY FORCES SUSTAINED ONE DAMAGED TANK AND NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WHILE INFLECTING A TOTAL OF FIVE (5) ENEMY KIA AND CAPTURING ONE PRISONER. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THE PW INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY UNIT WAS THE 814TH BATTALION, 7TH FRONT. THIS BATTALION HAS BEEN KNOWN TO OPERATE IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF BASE AREA 101 AND WAS EITHER ATTEMPTING TO CONDUCT A MINOR ATTACK AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES OR IN SEARCH OF FOOD.

E. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION OF THE DAY, AND THE ONE WHICH TENDS TO CONFIRM THE LOCATION OF RELATIVELY STRONG ENEMY FORCES IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE AO JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ, WAS THAT UNDERTAKEN BY THE 3/5 CAV (REINF) AS A CONTINUATION OF THE ACTION DESCRIBED IN THE PREVIOUS REPORT. AT MID-MORNING OF 1 MARCH, FRIENDLY FORCES RE-ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY AT YD 82627. SUSTAINING DAMAGE TO FIVE (5) APC'S AND FOUR (4) TANKS (BY MINES), THE FRIENDLY ELEMENTS ENTERED AN AREA WHICH APPEARED TO BE THE LOCATION OF THE RELATIVELY LARGE ENEMY HQ. AIR STRIKES AND ARTILLERY WERE PLACED ON THE TARGET AREA. A CORDON WAS ESTABLISHED. 17 ADDITIONAL NVA WERE KILLED DURING THE EARLY EVENING. AT FIRST LIGHT ON 2 MARCH, A SEARCH OF THE ENCIRCLED ENEMY FORCE WAS BEGUN. SIX (6) ADDITIONAL EDDIES AND 16 ADDITIONAL IW HAD BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. TOTAL ENEMY PERSONNEL LOSSES TO DATE ARE 83 KIA.

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F. ALSO, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, THERE CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVITY ON HWAY 926, WHICH ENTERS THE 3D MAR DIV AO FROM LAOS IN THE VICINITY OF LZ SAIGON. RECON TEAMS AND AO'S HAVE REPORTED AN INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ALONG 926 IN RVN.

G. OPERATIONS IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO CONTINUED AGAINST SLIGHTLY INCREASED ENEMY OPPOSITION. MORTAR FIRE WAS RECEIVED TWICE BY G/2/9 AND C/1/9 MARINES. B/1/9 MARINES CONTACTED A SMALL ENEMY FORCE AT 011310 HOURS, AND A/1/9 ENGAGED 30 ENEMY AT 011540 HOURS, ACCOUNTING FOR 12 NVA KIA. THE 1/9 MARINE BATTALION OVERRAN ANOTHER CACHE CONSISTING OF 30 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 29 CREW SERVED WEAPONS (TO INCLUDE 21 ANTIAIRCRAFT GUNS OF EITHER 20 OR 23 MM CALIBER--SIZE AS YET UNDETERMINED), 65 120 MM MORTAR ROUNDS, AND OTHER ASSORTED EQUIPMENT. A SMALL ENEMY FORCE WAS OBSERVED BY AN AO DURING THE EXTRACTION OF TWO RECON TEAMS AS YD 104087. AIR STRIKES WERE PLACED ON THE ENEMY, AND 4 NVA WERE KILLED.

H. ACTIVITY WITHIN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AREA CONTINUED TO BE LIGHT. THERE WERE TWO INSTANCES OF ATTACKS BY FIRE, ONE AT 011630 HOURS AGAINST CAMP EVANS (3 122 MM ROCKET ROUNDS) AND THE OTHER IN THE AREA BETWEEN CAMP EAGLE AND THE NAM HOA DISTRICT HQ (5 122 MM ROCKET ROUNDS). THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE IN THESE TWO ATTACKS. AT 021015 HOURS, THE TRAIN HIT A MINE WHILE PROCEEDING ALONG THE TRACK PARALLEL TO THE BOWLING ALLEY (AU 805009). TOTAL EXTENT OF DAMAGE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO THIS INCIDENT WILL BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY.

2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS:

A. ALL AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY INTENDS TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORT TO ATTACK INSTALLATIONS IN THE 3D MAR DIV AO IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ. THERE IS INCREASING EVIDENCE OF A FURTHER BUILD-UP OF ENEMY FORCES, NOT ONLY IN THE CENTRAL PORTION OF THE AO (WHERE THE 27TH NVA REGT IS CURRENTLY LOCATED) BUT ALSO IN THE COASTAL AREA AND POSSIBLY IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER. THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY HAS ELIMINATED THE CONFUSION IN THE DEWEY CANYON AREA OR HAS DEVELOPED A CAPABILITY TO REACT EFFECTIVELY AGAINST THE 9TH MARINES. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF WADZY REPRESENTS A MAJOR EFFORT FROM BASE AREA 101 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OFFENSIVE, BUT THERE IS EQUAL EVIDENCE THAT THE FORCES ENCOUNTERED MAY HAVE BEEN FORCED BY THE DEWEY CANYON OPERATION TO MOVE OUT IN SEARCH OF FOOD. THERE CONTINUES TO BE NO INDICATION OF AN ENEMY CAPABILITY IN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AREA TO UNDERTAKE ANY FORM OF OFFENSIVE ACTION EXCEPT LIMITED ATTACKS BY FIRE (SUCH AS THOSE WHICH OCCURRED AGAINST CAMP EVANS AND IN THE VICINITY OF CAMP EAGLE) AND HARRASSMENT OF QL-1 AND THE RAILROAD. IT IS APPARENT THAT THE MAJOR ENEMY THREAT AT THIS TIME IS ALONG THE DMZ AND THAT THIS THREAT, WHILE CURRENTLY UNDER CONTROL, COULD BECOME SIGNIFICANT IF INTELLIGENCE REVEALS A CONTINUING EFFORT BY THE NVA TO INTRODUCE ADDITIONAL FORCES IN RVN FROM THE NORTH.

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B. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS DETERIORATED DURING THE NIGHT OF 1-2 MARCH, AND THIS WILL HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE CAPABILITY TO DEPLOY FORCES TO FSB ARGONNE AND CONDUCT AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS AGAINST DETECTED ENEMY UNITS. BY THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THERE WAS SOME MINOR IMPROVEMENT IN THE WEATHER, HOWEVER, CEILINGS REMAINED SUFFICIENTLY LOW TO INHIBIT RESUPPLY OPERATIONS OF THE 9TH MARINES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO AND THE CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS TO THE WEST.

3. (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES IN CURRENT PLANS. CG, 3D MAR DIV IS UNDERTAKING MINOR ADJUSTMENTS OF ORGANIC AND ATTACHED UNITS TO RESPOND TO CONTINGENCIES AS THEY DEVELOP, WITH EMPHASIS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD BEING PLACED ON THE NVA HQ AREA SOUTHWEST OF C-2. US AND ARVN ELEMENTS IN THE COASTAL AREA HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE APPARENT INCREASED MOVEMENT THROUGH THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE C-2 AO AND ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE ENEMY FORCES AS THEY ASSEMBLE IN RVN.

B. THE DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CACHES UNCOVERED BY THE 9TH MARINES HAS RESULTED IN A DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM DEWEY CANYON WITHIN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. HOWEVER, PLANS EXIST FOR THE IMMEDIATE RETURN TO THE AREA IN THE EVENT THE DEPARTURE OF FRIENDLY FORCES RESULTS IN A RETURN OF NVA REAR ELEMENTS TO THE DEWEY CANYON AO.

C. AS THE 9TH MARINES ARE WITHDRAWN, THE 101ST ABN DIV WILL ENTER THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ASHAU VALLEY. THE 3/187 ABN BATTALION HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN FROM THE VICINITY OF FSB BRICK AND IS PREPARING FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE ASHAU. THE 2/501 ABN BATTALION HAS DEPLOYED ONE COMPANY TO FSB WHIP (YD 590877) AND WILL CONTINUE ITS MOVEMENT TO THAT LOCATION AS WEATHER PERMITS. ON 5 MARCH, 101ST ABN DIV ELEMENTS WILL OCCUPY AND DEVELOP FSB FURY (YC 535846) AND PROCEED INTO THE VALLEY.

D. PLANS IN SUPPORT OF ELECTIONS (WHICH BEGAN ON 2 MARCH) ARE COMPLETED AND WERE IMPLEMENTED ON THAT DATE. THESE PLANS INVOLVED THE USE OF PROVINCIAL FORCES ONLY, WITH PROVINCIAL FORCES BACKED UP INITIALLY BY ARVN ELEMENTS, AND (IN AN EMERGENCY) BY US FORCES. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF PLANNED ENEMY ACTIVITY DESIGNED TO INTERFERE WITH THE ELECTIONS.

E. ALL PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CLEAR AND SEARCH AND PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL AREAS ARE CONTINUING.

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**S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN CUSHMAN  
FROM MGEN QUILTER

REDEPLOYMENT VMFA-115 (S)

A. CMC 141741Z FEB 69

B. CG FMFPAC 2 (2049Z DEC 68 (S))

1. (S) REF A INDICATES VMFA-115 MAY BE SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT TO JAPAN DURING MARCH 1969

2. (S) REF B SCHEDULES THE DEPLOYMENT OF VMFA-232 WITH F4J ACFT FROM CONUS TO FIRST MAW AND ROTATION OF VMFA-323 WITH F4B ACFT FROM FIRST MAW TO CONUS. EXCHANGE OF SQUADRONS IS SCHEDULED FOR 31 MARCH 1969. THE PREPARATION OF VMFA-323 ACFT FOR FLIGHT FERRY TO CONUS AND THE INDOCTRINATION PROCESS REQUIRED FOR VMFA-232 AFTER ARRIVAL IN RVN WILL CAUSE REDUCTION IN FIRST MAW ATTACK SORTIE CAPABILITY 20NMAR - 10 APR

3. (S) IN VIEW OF THE ANTICIPATED REDUCTION IN CAPABILITY DURING THE TRANSPLACEMENT OF VMFA-232/323, IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE REDEPLOYMENT OF VMFA-115 BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER 15APR69. GP-4

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REDEPLOYMENT VMFA-115 (S)

A. CMC 141741Z FEB 69 (NOTAL) (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

B. CG FIRST MAW 030436Z MAR 69 (NOTAL) (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

1. (S) REF A INDICATES THAT CMC INTENDS TO REQUEST AUTHORITY TO WITHDRAW A VMFA SQUADRON AND ITS ASSOCIATED H&MS AND MABS DET FROM SVN AND REDEPLOY THEM TO JAPAN DURING MARCH 1969.

2. (S) REF B STATES THE VMFA SQUADRON WHICH WILL BE REDEPLOYED IS VMFA-115 AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE REDEPLOYMENT BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER 15 APR 1969 FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. VMFA-232 IS SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT FROM CONUS WITH F4J

ACFT TO FIRST MAW AND VMFA-323 IS SCHEDULED FOR ROTATION TO CONUS WITH F4B ACFT FROM FIRST MAW. EXCHANGE SCHEDULED FOR 31 MAR 1969.

B. THE PREPARATION OF VMFA-323 ACFT FOR FLIGHT FERRY TO CONUS

AND THE INDOCTRINATION PROCESS REQUIRED FOR VMFA-232 AFTER ARRIVAL IN

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SVN WILL CAUSE REDUCTION IN FIRST MAW ATTACK SORTIE CAPABILITY  
 20 MAR 1968 - 10 APR 1969.

3. (S) IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE PLANNED REDEPLOYMENT OF A VMFA SQUADRON FROM SVN TO JAPAN BE DELAYED FROM MAR 69 TO UNTIL AFTER 15 APR 1969.

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T O P S E C R E T P H B 0398 ~~EYES ONLY~~ SECTION ONE OF TWO

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 021200 ~~MAR 69 TO~~ 031200 M AR 69.

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE 11TH DTA/XXIV CORPS AREA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONTINUED TO REFLECT INCREASED ACTIVITY NOT ONLY IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE AO (AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) BUT ALSO IN THE WEST CENTRAL SECOR AND IN PHU LOC DISTRICT BETWEEN PHU BAI AND THE HAI VAN PASS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS OF THIS INCREASED ACTIVITY WERE: CONTINUED EFFORTS BY ENEMY FORCES TO DELAY OR HARASS MARINE AND ARVN PATROL ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ; AN ATTACK BY FIRE (NINE (9) 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS) ON QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE; NIGHT GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST MARINE AND ARVN POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY OF LZ MACK (XD 973615) AND C-2, RESPECTIVELY; CONTINUATION OF PROBES AGAINST FSB RUSSELL; AN AO REPORT OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ENEMY ARTILLERY POSITION ALONG HWY 926 IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF XD 9129; AND A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN HARASSMENT OF VILLAGES AND THE LOC IN PHU LOC DISTRICT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE.

B. IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DDZ OPERATIONS WERE CHARACTERIZED BY FREQUENT CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY. THE 3/5 CAV CORDON IN THE VICINITY OF YD 084627 TERMINATED ON 2 MARCH, WHEN FRIENDLY UNITS COMPLETED THE SEARCH OF THE AREA WHICH HAD BEEN UNDER ATTACK FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF ENEMY KIA REPORTED BY THE CLOSE OF THE PERIOD WAS 113. CONSIDERABLE EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN COLLECTED, DELIVERED TO THE CP'S OF THE VARIOUS PARTICIPATING UNITS AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING COUNTED AND EVALUATED. THIS EQUIPMENT CONTAINS, AS A MINIMUM, 31 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF CREW SERVED WEAPONS, DOCUMENTS, AND ASSORTED GEAR.

C. OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE IN THE CONTINUING ANALYSIS OF THE EXTENT OF ENEMY INFILTRATION THROUGH THE DMZ IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO IS A REPORT OF AN ATTACK AGAINST A PF PLATO ON 2 1/2 KM SOUTH

OF A-- DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 2 MARCH. THIS ATTACK BEGAN AT 0245 HOURS AND CONTINUED INTERMITTENTLY UNTIL DAYLIGHT. THE FRIENDLY PLATOON SUSTAINED ONE (1) KIA AND FOUR (4) WIA. THE ENEMY ATTACK APPEARED TO BE MORE OF A DIVERSIONARY EFFORT THAN AN ATTEMPT BY THE ENEMY TO OVERRUN THE POSITION AND IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCREENING ENEMY MOVEMENT FROM THE NORTH. <sup>28/11</sup>

D. ALSO OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE 3D MAR DIV AREA IS A INCREASED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE ENEMY TO FIRE AT HELICOPTERS FROM POSITIONS ALONG EXISTING LOC'S. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, A CH-47 RECEIVED FIRE WHILE TRAVELING ALON HYWAY 9 BETWEEN CAM LO AND THE ROCK PILE, AND TWO (2) MARINE GUN SHIPS BOTH TOOK HITS WHILE SUPPORTING THE RESUPPLY EFFORT INTO DEWEY CANYON. CONTINUE DAYLIGHT ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE ENEMY AA REFLECTED IN A 140MM ROCKET ATTACK (2 MARCH) AGAINST B/1/61 MECH INF AND THE SIGHTING BY AN AERIAL OBSERVER OF SOME 20 TO 30 UNIFORMED NVA MOVING IN THE VICINITY OF THE ALLEGED MORTAR POSITION (XD 409655). ARTILLERY WAS FIRED ON THE ENEMY UNIT RESULTING IN TEN (10) KIA.

E. THE HEAVIEST CONTACT OF THE REPORTING PERIOD INVOLVED C/3/4 AND C/1/4 MVRINES, WHICH ARE OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF L MACK (XD 973614). THESE TWO UNITS HAVE, OVER THE PAS FEW DAYS, BEEN SUBJECTED TO FREQUENT, SPORADIC MORTAR ATTACKS BY THE ENEMY. AT 020300 HOURS, THE UNITS RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SPZE

ENEMY FORCE BELIEVED TO BE AN ELEMENT OF THE 27TH VA REGIMENT. THE ATTACK BY FIRE CONTINUED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 0430, AT WHICH TIME THE ENEMY LAUNCHED A GROUND ATTACK FROM NORTH TO SOUTH, EFFECTING A MINOR PENETRATION OF THE PERIMETER SHORTLY AFTER DAYLIGHT. ENEMY ELEMENTS THEN MOVED AROUND THE FRIENDLY FORCES TO THE EAST. ARTILLERY AND MORTARS WERE FIRED ON ALL SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATIONS, AND THE ACTION WAS CONTINUING AT THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD. IN THIS PARTICULAR CONTACT THE MARINES SUSTAINED 14 KIA AND 26 WIA. KNOWN ENEMY CASUALTIES INCLUDE 17 KIA. SPOT REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS.

F. OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE WAS AN ATTACK, COMMENCING AT 030345 HOURS, AGAINST ELEMENTS OF THE 3/2 ARVN BN AT YD 189684. FRIENDLY FORCES SUSTAINED 1HKIA AND 2 WIA, AND THE ACTION WAS STILL UNDERWAY AT THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD.

G. PREVIOUS REPORTS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE SALIENT SOUTH OF LZ SAIGON ALONG HYWAY 926 ARE BEING SUPPORTED BY ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE THAT THE ENEMY IS, IN FACT, ATTEMPTING TO MOVE FORCES INTO POSITION IN THAT AREA. THE MARINE RECON TEAM WORKING IN THE AREA KILLED TWO NVA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND REPORTED INCREASED MOVEMENT. DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 2 MARCH, AN AO REPORTED THE EXISTENCE OF AN EXTENSIVE ARTILLERY POSITION (XD 9129), WHICH ALLEGEDLY CONTAINS ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS, HEAVY AND MEDIUM ARTILLERY, AND A LARGE NUMBER OF BUNKERS. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT THE ENEMY HAS MOVED A COMBAT ELEMENT INTO THAT PORTION OF THE CORPS AREA AS PART OF HIS OVERALL OFFENSIVE PLAN. PENDING THE IMPROVEMENT IN WEATHER, THE POSITION WILL BE ATTACKED WITH BLU-52 CS BY USAF AIRCRAFT. THE AIR FORCE WILL ALSO EMPLOY BOMBS TO INTERDICT THE ROAD UNTIL SUCH TIME AS MARINE FORCES CAN BE DEPLOYED.

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H. IT IS ALSO OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE TO NOTE THAT THE 1ST AMTRACK, STATIONED AT OCEAN VIEW, RECEIVED A SECOND MORTAR ATTACK (AT 021115 HOURS) FROM THE SAME RELATIVE POSITION DESCRIBED IN THE PREVIOUS REPORT. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT THE MORTAR POSITION IS WITHIN THE SHD Z, ALTHOUGH THIS HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED. THE SUSPECTED TARGET (YD 270780) WAS ENGAGED BY FIRE FROM THE USS NEW JERSEY, AND MORTAR FIRING CEASED.

I. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, THE 9TH MARINES CONTINUED SEARCH OPERATIONS WITH D/1/9 MARINES UNCOVERING ANOTHER CACHE. THE CACHE CONSISTED OF 93 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, FIVE (5) CREW SERVED WEAPONS, AND MORE THAN 1500 ROUNDS OF VARIOUS TYPES OF AMMUNITION (TO INCLUDE 102 X 120 MORTAR ROUNDS). THE UNIT ALSO UNCOVERED 75 BICYCLES AND 2,000 BICYCLE TIRES. A TOTAL OF 19 ENEMY BODIES WERE FOUND, AND A/1/9 MARINES ACCOUNTED FOR 7 ADDITIONAL NVA KIA. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY EFFORT TO COORDINATE A COUNTER-ATTACK AGAINST THE 9TH MARINES IS BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE.

J. ACTIVITY IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO REMAINED LIGHT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN APPARENT CONCERNED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE ENEMY TO INCREASE HARASSMENT ALONG QL-1 BETWEEN PHU BAI AND THE HAI VAN PASS. SHORTLY AFTER THE DANANG--PHU BAI TRAIN WAS DERAILED ON THE MORNING OF 2 ARCH, MAINTENANCE TRAINS WERE DISPATCHED FROM BOTH DANANG AND PHU BAI. AT 021320 HOURS, THE TRAIN APPROACHING FROM DANANG ALSO STRUCK A LINE AS IT WAS NEARING THE DERAILED TRAIN. THERE WAS NO DERAILMENT INVOLVED IN THIS INCIDENT, AND THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. TWO CARS RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE.

K. OF PERHAPS GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IS THE INCREASE IN THE VC/NVA EFFORT TO INTIMIDATE THE LOCAL POPULATION IN THE PHU LOC AREA. IN THE LAST TWO DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN TWO ASSASSINATIONS AND ONE KIDNAPPING IN VILLAGES ALONG QL-1. IN EACH INSTANCE, THE VICTIMS WERE ALLEGED BY THE VC/NVA TO HAVE COOPERATED WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

L. ELSEWHERE IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO, THE 4/3 ARVN BN DISCOVERED 7 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS IN A BUNKER COMPLEX BETWEEN FSB'S T-BONE AND EASTOGNE. ALSO, THERE CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT ACTIVITY IN THE PHU THU/PHU VANG AREA IN THE VICINITY OF FSB SANDY. THIS ACTIVITY CONSISTED (DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD) OF ONE ENEMY CONTACT AND TWO BOOBY TRAP INCIDENTS, IN ONE OF WHICH A HAMLET CHIEF WAS KILLED, THE ASSISTANT HAMLET CHIEF WAS WOUNDED AND THE RD TEAM SUSTAINED ONE KIA AND THREE WIA. 28(3)

## 2. (IS) ENEMY INTENTIONS

A. IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY EVIDENT THAT THE ENEMY IS CONTINUING HIS BUILDUP FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ. THE 27TH NVA REGT AND OTHER ENEMY FORCES OPERATING IN THE NORTH CENTRAL PORTION OF THE CORPS AO ARE BECOMING MORE AGGRESSIVE IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH FRIENDLY FORCES AND IN THEIR EFFORT TO INTERDICT THE LOC BETWEEN DONG HA AND VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A STRONG INDICATION THAT AT LEAST SOME ELEMENTS OF THE 138TH NVA REGT HAVE COMPLETED THE MOVEMENT THROUGH THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ AND ARE PREPARING FOR GROUND ATTACKS IN THAT AREA. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO AVOID MAJOR CONFRONTATIONS, HE HAS ELECTED TO STAND HIS GROUND WHEN ENCOUNTERED BY FRIENDLY PATROLS. ADDITIONALLY, THE INTRODUCTION OF ANY ENEMY FORCES ALONG HWAY 926 TENDS TO INDICATE THAT A RELATIVELY MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE MADE AGAINST VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE AS WELL AS HWAY 9 AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE PIEDMONT AND COASTAL AREAS.

B. ALTHOUGH IT IS APPARENT THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE AN ATTACK AGAINST THE 9TH AIRBORN BRIGADES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS EFFORT WILL NOT BE PRODUCTIVE PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF FRIENDLY FORCES FROM THAT AREA. WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO BE A DETERRENT TO THE PROULGATION OF WITHDRAWAL PLANS. IF THE WEATHER FORCES A CONSIDERABLE DELAY IN THE WITHDRAWAL, THE ENEMY MAY BE ABLE TO CAUSE SOME DIFFICULTY.

C. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE ENEMY WILL CONTINUE ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST MAJOR BASES ALONG QL-1 IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO, AND WILL ATTEMPT TO EXPLOIT THE SUCCESS ALREADY ACHIEVED IN THE HARASSMENT EFFORT WEST OF PNU LOC.

## 3. (IS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. CURRENT PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. ADVERSE WEATHER CONTINUES TO PREVENT THE MOVEMENT OF THE 30 MAR DIV UNITS TO FSB ARGONNE AND THE CONTINUATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF 101ST ABN DIV UNITS INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY. THE PLANNED MOVEMENT OF THE 101ST ABN DIV INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 5 TO 6 MARCH AND WILL BE FURTHER DELAYED IN THE EVENT THE UNFAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO PREVAIL.

B. DESPITE THE CONTINUING ENEMY THREAT IN QUANG TRI, THE 2 MARCH ELECTIONS IN THAT PROVINCE WERE CARRIED OUT IN A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MANNER. ON THAT DATE, 19 VILLAGE COUNCIL ELECTIONS AND 58 HAMLET CHIEF ELECTIONS WERE SCHEDULED. OF THESE ALL BUT THREE VILLAGE COUNCIL AND TWO HAMLET CHIEF ELECTIONS WERE COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE CANCELLED ELECTIONS WERE CAUSED BY THE INADEQUACY OR UNAVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATE SLATES. THEY WILL BE HELD IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE PROVINCE CHIEF REPORTED AN ESTIMATED 93 PER CENT TURNOUT BY THE POPULATION.

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REF REPORT OF POSITIONS BEING OBSERVED BY AN AO ACE INCORRECT.  
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THE TWO MARINE COMPANIES REPORTED IN CONTACT ON THE MORNING OF 03  
MARCH ARE CURRENTLY SEARCHING THE AREA FOR THE ENEMY. THE ENEMY  
BROKE CONTACT AT 1330 AND IS HARASSING THE UNITS WITH 60MM MORTAR  
FIRE/ AGGREGATE OF CASUALTIES TO DATE:  
FRIENDLY, 14 KIA, 26 WIA; ENEMY, 17 KIA

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SEARCH FOR POSSIBLE UNDERWATER COMM CABLE (TSL)

1. (TSL) A BOTTOM SEARCH TO CONFIRM EXISTENCE OF POSSIBLE U/W COMM CABLES IN DANANG AREA WILL BE CONDUCTED AT DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED. POSIT OF U/W COMM CABLES, IF LOCATED, WILL BE BUOYED APPROX TEN FEET BELOW SURFACE AND IN ADDITION NAVIGATIONAL FIX UTILIZING SEXTANT ANGLES WILL BE OBTAINED TO FACILITATE EVENTUAL EXPLOITATION.
2. (TSP) NO COVER FOR DIVING OPERATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED. REQUEST WORD BE LEAKED TO THE EFFECT THAT RISER HOSE FOR CHINA BEACH POL LINES HAS CARRIED AWAY. DIVING OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED OSTENSIBLY TO LOCATE ADCIFT POL LINES. DIVING OPERATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH POL LINES IS NOT AN UNCOMMON OCCURENCE.

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3. (C) DIVING TEAM OF ONE OFFICER ANF FOUR ENLISTED DIVERS PLUS LOR ANDERSON, NAVFORV SALVAGE OFFICER, US OINC WILL CONDUCT SUBJECT SEARCH. DIRLAUTH ALCON.
4. (C) FOR NAVSUPACT DANANG, REQ ARRANGEMENTS FOR BERTHING FOR PERIOD OF ABOUT ONE WEEK BE ARRANGED UPON WORD TO EXECUTE SEARCH. FURTHER REQUEST, UPON DATSN TO BE PROMULGATED;
  - A. UTILIZATION OF SUITABLES DIVING BOAT TO SUPPORTN OPSRATIONS.
  - B. SUITABLE SUBMERSIBLE MARKER BUOY WITH ONE HALF/ FIVE EIGHTS INCH WIRE AND ANCHOR/TO MARK SITE OF U/W COMM IF/WHEN LOCATED;
  - C. OTHER MISCEPLANEOUS SUPPORT THAT MAY BE REQUIRED.NN
5. (C) FOR ALL ADDEES REQUEST COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE ON PLAN OUTLINED PART 2 ABOVE. ORDERS HO EXECUTE PLAN WILL BE PROMULGATED AFTER RECEIPT, IF ALL AGREE.
6. (C) BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY DELICATE NATURE OF THIS OPERATION, DISSEMINATION IS SHRICTLY LIMITED.

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 SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONSHZ 1200 MAR 69 TO 041200 MAR 69.

A/ ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE 11TH DTA/XXIV CORPS AREA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD REFLECTED A DECREASE IN ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE AO. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED CONTACTS BY MARINE ELEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF FSB MACK AND BY ARVN ELEMENTS IN THE VICINITY OF C-1

TERMINATED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE REPORTING PERIOD/ ADDITIONALLY, THERE WAS NO REPORT OF ENEMY HARASSMENT IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE CORPS AO FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER OF DAYS.

B. IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ THERE WERE ONLY SIX (6) REPORTED INSTANCES OF ATTACKS BY FIRE, ALL OF WHICH WERE MINOR IN NATURE. THE PF UNIT AT HUONG HOA (YD 096521) IN THE MAI LHC AO AMBUSHED A SMALL VC/NVA UNIT AT 032030 HOURS, KILLING THREE (3) OF THE ENEMY AND CAPTURING ONE (1) IW AND ONE (1) GSW. AT 031635 HOURS A LCM CONDUCTING A ROUTINE PATROL ON THE CUA VIET RIVER WAS SUBJECTED TO A SMALL UNDERWATER EXPLOSION. THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CASUALTIES AND ONLY MINOR DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED. THE LCM PROCEEDED TO CUA VIET UNDER ITS OWN POWER. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SIGHTINGS IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ (B RADAR, AO, AND FO), THE PATTERN OF ACTIVITY RETURNED TO A MORE NORMAL PATTERN, WITH A TOTAL OF 140 INDIVIDUALS SIGHTED/ THERE CONTINUES TO BE AN INDICATION OF SOME ACTIVITY ON HWY 926 SOUTH OF LZ SWIGON. HOWEVER, RECENT DEBRIEFS OF THE 3D MARINE RECON TEAM INDICATE THAT TRAFFIC HAS BEEN GOING BOTH WAYS! WITH A S

LIGHT PREPONDERANCE FROM WEST TO EAST.

C. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, SEARCH OPERATIONS CONTINUED. SOME OF THE MORE SIGNIFICANT DISCOVERIES INCLUDED: APPROXIMATELY THIRTEEN (13) TONS OF RICE, CAPTURED BY H/2/9 MARINES; A LARGE HOSPITAL COMPLEX IN THE VICINITY OF FSB TURNAGE (YD 240042), WHICH WAS LOCATED IN A LONG TUNNEL AND CONTAINED AN OPERATING ROOM AND ASSORTED DOCUMENTS, ORDNANCE; PERSONAL AND MEDICAL GEAR; A BASE CAMP AT YD 197029, CONTAINING KITCHENS AND STORAGE AREAS FOR FOOD AND AMMUNITION; AN AMMUNITION CACHE, LOCATED BY D/1/9 AT YD 215033, CONTAINING 210,000 X 7.62 MM SA ROUNDS, 12,000 X 12.7 MM AA ROUNDS, 335 X 37 MM AA ROUNDS, 2,000 X 57 MM RR ROUNDS, 230HX 122 MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS, 730 X 23 MM AA ROUNDS, 2,000 X RFG ROUNDS, 600 X ANTITANK MINES, 3,000 GRENADES, 140SX 120MM MORTAR ROUNDS, AND ASSORTED FUSES AND EXPLOSIVES; AND A SMALL CACHE (YD 265037) CONTAINING 44 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND AN ASSORTMENT OF AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT, TO INCLUDE TWENTY (20) ROLLS OF 16 MM FILM AND TWO (2) PROJECTORS. THERE WERE FOUR (4) CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIOD WITH SMALL ENEMY ELEMENTS, THE LARGEST OF WHICH WAS OF PLATOON SIZE. *how could it?*

D. ACTIVITY IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO DECREASED FROM THAT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED/ THE 2/1 ARVN UNCOVERED A SMALL RICE CACHE. THERE WAS A CONTACT BETWEEN A PF ELEMENT AND A VC ELEMENT IN THE VICINITY OF FSB SANDY. AND, THERE WERE TWO SUCCESSFUL AMBUSHES BY CAP TEAMS ALONG C-1 IN THE VICINITY OF ANZIO AND TOMAHAWK, RESPECTIVELY. THE TWO RESULTED IN FOUR (4) VC KIA AND FOUR (4) INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED.

## 2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS

A. ALTHOUGH ENEMY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE CORPS A O RETURNED TO ITS PRE-OFFENSIVE LEVEL, IT IS STILL ANTICIPATED THAT ENEMY FORCES ARE BEING POSITIONED TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASZ II OPERATIONS. THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO BE MARGINAL, CHARACTERIZED BY LOW CEILING AND RAIN THROUGHOUT THE MORNING OF 4 MARCH. THIS CONDITION CONTINUES TO DELAY PLANS TO COUNTER ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE CORPS AO. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ATTACKS AGAINST HWAY 9, THE CAM LO AREA, INSTALLATIONS IN THE COASTAL LOWLANDS JUST SOUTH OF THE DMZ, AND PERHAPS VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE ARE ANTICIPATED, AND CURRENT OPERATIONS ARE DESIGNED TO INTERCEPT INFILTRATING ENEMY UNITS PRIOR TO ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THESE MISSIONS;

B/ IT IS ALSO EXPECTED THAT THE ENEMY WILL CONTINUE INTIMIDATION OPERATIONS ALONG QL-1 IN PHU LOG DISTRICT. THERE DOES NOT APPEAR, HOWEVER, TO BE AN ENEMY CAPABILITY TO UNDERTAKE SUCH OPERATIONS ON AN EXTENSIVE SCALE.

## 3. ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A; CURRENT PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 3 MARCH, THE 2/9 BN (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF G/2/9) WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO AND MOVED TO VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE. OTHER 9TH MARINE ELEMENTS WILL ASSEMBLE IN THE VICINITY OF PZ'S AND WILL BE EXTRACTED AS SOON AS WEATHER PERMITS. UNDER FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS, FOUR (4) DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE WITHDRAWAL. CONCURRENTLY, THE 4/2 ARVN BN WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM ITS AO DUE EAST OF DEWEY CANYON. UPON COMPLETION OF THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 9TH MARINES, EMPHASIS WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD ACCOMPLISHING THE WESTWARD MOVEMENT OF MARINE

ELETS TO FSB ARGONNE AND OCCUPYING THE AREA SOUTH OF LZ SAIGON ALONG ROUTE 926. IN THE MEANTIME, THE 313 MARINE BN HAS DEPLOYED GENERALLY ALONG HWAY 7 BETWEEN CAM LO AND THE ROCK PILE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING CONTACT WITH ENEMY UNITS ATTEMPTING TO INTERDICT THE HWAY IN THAT AREA.

B. MOVEMENT OF 101ST ABN DIV ELEMENTS INTO THE MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER AO CONTINUE TO BE DELAYED BY ADVERSE WEATHER. THERE ARE NO ADDITIONAL UNITS MOVED TO FSB WHIP DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. OCCUPATION OF FSB FURY IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 6 MARCH BUT MAY BE FURTHER DELAYED/

C. ALL PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED CLEAR AND SEARCH AND PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL AREAS ARE CONTINUING.

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 ZEM

SECRET MAC 2755 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN DMZ (S)

REF: A. JCS RED ROCKET TWO DTG 010108Z NOV 68 (S)

B. MACV 10539 DTG 200115Z FEB 69 (S)

1. (S) RECENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES A CONTINUING ENEMY CAPABILITY TO LAUNCH ATTACKS BY FIRE FROM THE DMZ AND NORTH OF THE DMZ AND GROUND FORCE ATTACKS AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ.
2. (S) PRESENT RULES ON ENGAGEMENT FOR THE DMZ AUTHORIZE REACTION BY FIRE TO ENEMY FIRE FROM POSITIONS IN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO DIRECT AN INCREASED LEVEL OF PREPAREDNESS TO REACT TO ENEMY FIRE DELIVERED AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES.
3. (S) CG III MAF WILL PREPARE PLANS TO RESPOND TO ENEMY FIRE DELIVERED FROM SITES LOCATED IN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN MACV DIRECTIVE 95-1. THESE PLANS WILL PROVIDE A REACTION TO ENEMY FIRE THAT IS IMMEDIATE AND DEVASTATING AND WILL BE COORDINATED WITH THE 7TH AIR FORCE PLAN FOR DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMY'S ABILITY TO DELIVER FIRE INTO SVN FROM NORTH OF THE DMZ. THE RESPONSE WOULD INCLUDE ALL AVAILABLE ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE, AND TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT, AS APPROPRIATE.
4. (S) CG III MAF IS AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO EXECUTE RETALIATORY FIRE PLANS IMMEDIATELY ON INITIATION OF SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY ARTILLERY FIRE FROM NORTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER. THE PLAN AND ITS EXECUTION WILL PROVIDE FOR THOROUGH AND PRECISE FIRE BY ALL SUPPORTING ARMS DESIGNED TO ELIMINATE THE ENEMY'S ARTILLERY PIECES, EMBLEMMENTS AND AMMUNITION STOCKS. THE DURATION OF COUNTER-FIRES BY ALL WEAPONS SYSTEMS WILL BE JUDGED ACCORDINGLY; A MINIMUM OF THREE DAYS COUNTER-FIRE PROGRAM IS ENVISAGED, PROVIDING TIME FOR CONTINUING RECON, TARGET DEVELOPMENT, AND DESTRUCTION.
5. (S) AFTER ENEMY INITIATION OF ARTILLERY FIRES FROM NORTH OF THE PMDL, B-52 TARGETS WILL BE PLANNED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS BASED UPON NOMINATIONS BY III MAF AND 7AF. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION CONCERNING ENEMY FIRE, AND ACTIONS TAKEN IN RESPONSE THERTO, MACV WILL SEEK IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY FOR EMPLOYMENT OF B52S NORTH OF THE PMDL.
6. (S) CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF ALL FIRES BOTH FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND EXECUTION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH MACV DIRECTIVE 95-1.

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1. (U) THE REF CONTAINED THE ITINERARY FOR SEODEF VISIT TO YOUR RESPECTIVE COMMANDS.
2. (S) CINCPAC HAS REQUESTED THAT HE BE KEPT ADVISED OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH SEODEF DURING HIS VISIT HERE IN RVN IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR HIS OWN TALKS WITH THE SECRETARY WHICH FOLLOW.
3. (S) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ON A TIMELY AND USEFUL BASIS IT IS PLANNED TO DISPATCH A WRAP-UP TO CINCPAC BY 2300H FOLLOWING EACH DAY'S ACTIVITIES.
4. (S) IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU PROVIDE A SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS YOU AND YOUR SUBORDINATES HOLD WITH SEODEF WHILE HE IS VISITING YOUR COMMAND. YOUR SUMMARY WILL BE REQUIRED AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICAL TIME FOLLOWING SEODEF DEPARTURE FROM YOUR AREA.

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1. (S) REF A REAFFIRMED REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUATION  
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3. REQ DATA BE COMPILED ON DAILY BASIS AND SUBMITTED  
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T O P S E C R E T P H B 0416 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS)H ENEMY ACTIONS 041200 MAR 69 TO 051200 MAR 69.

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE 11TH OTA/XXIV CORPS AREA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONTINUED TO REFLECT

IGHT ACTIVITY,  
SIMILAR IN INTENSITY TO THAT PERIOD BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE NVA OFFENSIVE. THE ACTIVITY WAS CHARACTERIZED BY ISOLATED ATTACKS BY FIRE AND SMALL CONTACTS BETWEEN FRIENDLY PATROLLING ELEMENTS AND ENEMY UNITS OF PLATOON SIZE OR LESS.

B. IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ, THERE WERE SEVEN (7) REPORTED ATTACKS BY FIRE. TARGETS INCLUDED: FSBHACK AND UNITS IN THE VICINITY OF MACK; THE 1ST AMTRACK AT OCEAN VIEW; THE 2/2 SARVN BATTALION AT A-1; AND GIO LINH SUBSECTOR (A-2).S THERE WERE THREE (3) SMALL CONTACTS NEAR FSB RUSSELL AND ONE NEAR C-2. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION IN THE CORPS AO OCCURRED AT 050508 HOURS, WHEN A RECON TEAM FROM THE 3D MARINE DIVISION WAS ATTACKED BY AN NVA UNIT OF UNKNOWN SIZE IN THE VICINITY OF FSB ARGONNE. THE TEAM, CONSISTING OF TWELVE (12) MEMBERS, SUSTAINED SIX (6) CASUALTIES (THREE KIA'S AND THREE WIA'S) BEFORE IT WAS EXTRACTED AT 0717 HOURS. HELICOPTERS PARTICIPATING IN THE EXTRACTION RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND GRENADE FIRE. THIS ACTION CONFIRMS THE EXISTENCE OF ENEMY FORCES IN THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE CORPS AO. ALSO OF SIGNIFICANCE WAS A REPORT BY A FV WHO STATED THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE 7TH COMPANY, 27TH BATTALION, 31ST REGIMENT. THE 27TH BATTALION HAS OPERATED, IN THE PAST, UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE 31ST GROUP. IT IS NOW BELIEVED THAT THE GROUP HAS ASSUMED THE STATUS OF A REGIMENT.

C. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY INVOLVED A/1/9 MARINES, WHICH ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH SMALL ENEMY ELEMENTS ON FOUR SEPARATE OCCASIONS IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF YD 195036. THESE CONTACTS RESULTED IN THREE (3) FRIENDLY KIA'S AND NINE (9) WIA'S. THE ENEMY SUSTAINED 27 KIA. THERE WERE OTHER MINOR CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE AO, TO INCLUDE TWO BY THE 1/2 ARVN BATTALION OPERATING IN THE GENERAL VICINITY OF FSB TURNAGE (YD 253092). BOTH MARINE AND ARVN UNITS DISCOVERED 33/11  
ADDITIONAL SMALL CACHED.

D. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO.

2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS.

A. THE AGGRESSIVENESS DISPLAYED BY THE ENEMY IN LATE FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH HAS DECLINED CONSIDERABLY. SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL ACROSS THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ HAS BEEN REDUCED. ENEMY UNITS ENCOUNTERED BY FRIENDLY PATROLLING FORCES NO LONGER EXPECT TO REMAIN IN POSITION AND FIGHT, AS THEY DID IN EARLY MARCH. HOWEVER, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY FORCES WHICH CROSSED THE DMZ DURING THE EARLY PHASES OF THE OFFENSIVE HAVE EITHER WITHDRAWN TOWARD NORTH VIETNAM OR INTEND TO WITHDRAW. H RENEWED ATTACKS OF GREATER INTENSITY ARE CONSIDERED IMMINENT.

B. THERE HAS BEEN NO MAJOR CHANGE IN THE WEATHER. ALTHOUGH THE RAINS WHICH OCCURRED DURING THE PREVIOUS REPORTING PERIOD HAVE STOPPED, CEILINGS CONTINUE TO BE SUFFICIENTLY LOW TO PREVENT EXTENSIVE AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS. LIMITED RESUPPLY AND EVACUATION OF THE FORCES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AREA HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE, BUT THE PURPLE MARTIN AND MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER OPERATIONS ARE THREATENED WITH ADDITIONAL DELAYS UNTIL MORE FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS EXIST. D-DAY FOR MASS STRIKER IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR 7 MARCH.

3. (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. THE PRIMARY EFFORT CONTINUES TO BE THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 9TH MARINES FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO. BY THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, ONE BN (-) HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN. THE OTHER TWO MARINE BATTALIONS AND THE TWO ARVN BATTALIONS OPERATING IN THE AREA ARE SCHEDULED FOR WITHDRAWAL WHEN WEATHER PERMITS. ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR THE WITHDRAWAL WILL BE 3/9 MARINE BN, THE REMAINDER OF 4/2 ARVN BATTALION, FOLLOWED BY THE 1/9 MARINE BATTALION AND THE 1/2 ARVN BATTALION.

B. 101ST ABN DIVISION UNITS SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO FSB FURY AND THE LOWER ASHAW VALLEY ARE ASSEMBLED IN PREPARATION FOR A 7 MARCH MOVEMENT. ARC LIGHTS IN SUPPORT OF MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER WHICH WERE ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 5 MARCH HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 6 MARCH.

C. ALL PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

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TOP SECRET PHE 0423 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 051200 MAR 69 TO 061200 MAR 69.

A/ ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE 11TH DTA/XXIV CORPS AREA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONTINUED TO REFLECT LIGHT ACTIVITY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF INCREASED INDICATIONS OF ENEMY PRESENCE IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO AVOID CONTACT, THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT HE IS COMPLETING HIS RECONNAISSANCE AND PREPARATIONS FOR REINFORCED ATTACKS. WHEN ENCOUNTERED BY FRIENDLY PATROLS, HE USUALLY WITHDRAWS AFTER THE INITIAL MEETING ENGAGEMENT. HOWEVER, HE HAS SHOWN NO RELUCTANCE TO USE HARASSING MORTAR FIRE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND NIGHT.

B. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTION IN THAT PORTION OF THE CORPS AD IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ WAS A CONTACT BETWEEN C/1/4 MARINES AND AN ENEMY FORCE OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH. THIS OCCURRED AT 051710 HOURS IN THE VICINITY OF LZ WACK. THE MARINE UNIT, WHILE APPROACHING HILL 434 (XD 757617) RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND RPG FIRE, SUSTAINING SIX (6) CASUALTIES (2 KIA AND 4 MIA). THE ENEMY POSITION WAS ASSAULTED AND OVERRUN. EIGHT (8) ENEMY KIA WERE FOUND AND TEN (10) IW AND ONE (1) CSW WERE SEIZED.

C. ELSEWHERE IN THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AD THERE WERE SPORADIC CONTACTS WITH ENEMY FORCES OF PLATOON SIZE OR SMALLER. IN TWO INSTANCES, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE ENEMY IN THE VICINITY OF FSB REVILLE. THERE WAS A SMALL CONTACT AT YD 193723, IN WHICH AN ELEMENT OF THE 3/7 CAV ACCOUNTED FOR TWO (2) NVA KIA AND ONE (1) IW, AND THERE WAS ALSO A MINOR CONTACT, AT 052250 HOURS, DURING WHICH FIRE WAS EXCHANGED BETWEEN BASE DEFENSE ELEMENTS OF THE QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE AND AN ENEMY RECON PARTY. THERE WERE FIVE INSTANCES OF ATTACKS BY FIRE, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF WHICH WERE TWO SEPARATE ATTACKS IN THE VICINITY OF LZ WACK AT 051215 AND 051450 HOURS AGAINST 1/3/4 MARINES, DURING WHICH SIX (6) CASUALTIES WERE SUSTAINED (2 KIA AND 4 MIA).

D. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, THERE WAS ONE REPORTED INCIDENT OF AN ATTACK BY FIRE (AGAINST A/1/9 MARINES) AT YD 193032. THERE WAS ALSO A CONTACT BETWEEN A SMALL RECON ELEMENT AND A GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 25 NVA OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF YD 200151. THE RECON TEAM HAD TO BE EXTRACTED BY HELICOPTER. DURING THE PROCESS OF THE EXTRACTION TWO (2) NVA WERE KILLED. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) KM EAST OF FSB TURNAGE, THE 1/2 ARVN BN DISCOVERED A CACHE CONTAINING 47,000 ROUNDS OF 12.7MM AMMUNITION, 32 SX RPG ROUNDS, AND 58X 28MM ROUNDS. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, C/1/9 MARINES DISCOVERED A CACHE IN THE VICINITY OF YD 214032. THIS CACHE CONTAINED 170 X 140MM ROCKETS, 500 X 120MM MORTAR ROUNDS, AND 7,200 MIXED MORTAR ROUNDS (60 AND 82MM), 15,000 X 12.7MM ROUNDS, 1500 X 28MM ROUNDS, 31 40SX GRENADES, -3,000 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION, AND AN ASSORTMENT OF GRENADES

AND OTHER WEAPONS. THE ENEMY HAS BEEN REPORTED TO BE ACTIVE IN THE AREA OF THIS AREA, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO ESTABLISH A

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1. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS. (A) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (B) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (C) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (D) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (E) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (F) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (G) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (H) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (I) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (J) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (K) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (L) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (M) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (N) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (O) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (P) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (Q) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (R) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (S) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (T) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (U) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (V) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (W) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (X) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (Y) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET. (Z) THE 101ST ABN DIVISION (A) CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY QUIET.

2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS.

A. ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY CONTINUES TO BE RELATIVELY LIGHT, THE COMBINATION OF WIDELY SPREAD ENEMY CONTACTS, CONTINUED REPORTS OF ACTIVITY ALONG HYWAY 925, INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF FSB ARGONNE, AND A REPORT BY A POW CAPTURED ON 5 MARCH BY THE TRIEU PHONG RF'S, LEAD TO CONFI-

REVIOUS PREDICTIONS OF AN ENEMY INTENTION TO UNDERTAKE A COORDINATED EFFORT IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ. THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE ADVERSE WEATHER WHICH HAS CONTINUED FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS AND WHICH HAS HINDERED A REAJUSTMENT OF FRIENDLY FORCES, PARTICULARLY TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CORPS AO. IT IS STILL BELIEVED THAT HE WILL ATTEMPT TO PARTICIPATE IN PHASE II OPERATIONS BY UNDERTAKING A SERIES OF COORDINATED ATTACKS ALONG HYWAY 925 AND IN THE COASTAL AREA BETWEEN THE DMZ AND THE CUA VIET RIVER. THERE IS ALSO AN INDICATION THAT A MAJOR ATTACK WILL BE MADE FROM THE SOUTH AGAINST FSB NEVILLE WITHIN THE ENK FEW DAYS.

B. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO RETAIN A CAPABILITY TO HARASS INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO INDICATION OF A COORDINATED ATTACK OF ANY MAGNITUDE. ATTACKS BY FIRE ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THE MOST LIKELY FORM THAT PHASE II OPERATIONS IN THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AO WILL TAKE.

3. (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ADVERSE WEATHER IS THE MAJOR DETERRENT IN THE EXECUTION OF CURRENT PLANS. SCENARIOS CONTINUE TO BE MINIMAL, PREVENTING DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES TO THE PURPLE MARTIN AND MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER AO'S AND PERMITTING ONLY ESSENTIAL RE-SUPPLY AND EVACUATION OPERATIONS. WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE ARE LESS THAN OPTIMISTIC. AS SOON AS FAVORABLE WEATHER RETURNS, IT IS PLANNED TO COMPLETE THE EXTRACTION OF THE 9TH MARINES FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO, UNDERTAKE THE SEARCH OPERATIONS IN THE NORTHWESTERN CORNER OF THE CORPS AO NORTH OF FSB ARGONNE AND (CONCURRENTLY) DEPLOY ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINE REGIMENT TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER ASTRIDE HYWAY 925. THE 3D MARINES WILL THEN SWEEP TO THE EAST ALONG THE HYWAY AND ELIMINATE ENEMY FORCES THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT. IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO PLANS FOR THE MOVEMENT INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY, THOUGH DELAYED BY WEATHER, ARE CONTINUING TO BE EXECUTED. A SHORT-BREAK IN THE WEATHER DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 5 MARCH PERMITTED THE DEPLOYMENT OF AN ARVN ARTILLERY BATTERY FROM FSB GERONIMO TO FSB NEVILLE.

B. AS PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED, OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING.

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1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 051200 MAR 69 TO 071200 MAR 69.

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE 11TH BTA/XXIV CORPS AREA DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONTINUES TO REFLECT INCREASING ACTIVITY, INDICATING THE IMMINENCE OF GROUND ATTACKS IN THE RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. OF SIGNIFICANCE IS THAT FREQUENT NUMBER OF SMALL CONTACTS BY FRIENDLY FORCES. MOST OF THESE CONTACTS INVOLVE SIGHTINGS, A RAPID EXCHANGE OF FIRE, AND THE USE OF ARTILLERY TO DISRUPT ENEMY MOVEMENT. WHEN CONSIDERED INDIVIDUALLY, THE CONTACTS ARE RELATIVELY UNIMPORTANT. HOWEVER, THEIR OCCURRENCE OVER THE ENTIRE FRONT CONFIRMS EXISTING EVIDENCE THAT PREPARATIONS FOR PHASE II ARE CONTINUING. TO DATE, THE ENEMY HAS CONTINUED TO AVOID A MAJOR CONFRONTATION.

B. IN THE DMZ AND THE AREA IMMEDIATELY TO ITS SOUTH THERE WAS NO INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENEMY ATTACKS BY FIRE. OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE WAS AN ATTACK AT 051343 HOURS AGAINST G-2, DURING WHICH FIVE (5) ROUNDS OF 122 MM ROCKET WERE FIRED. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. ENEMY PERSONNEL MOVEMENT DETECTED WITHIN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ ROSE TO 150, WITH A NOTICEABLE INCREASE OF TRAFFIC THROUGH THE NDMZ TOWARD THE BEN HAI RIVER. PATROLLING UNITS AND AG'S ARE ALSO REPORTING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKER POSITIONS AND ROCKET LAUNCHING SITES, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF WHICH WAS A COMPLEX LOCATED BY 1/5/4 MARINES AT YD 903623 ON 06 MARCH. THIS COMPLEX CONSISTED OF NEWLY CONSTRUCTED BUNKER

S AND CONTAINED A MIXED ASSORTMENT OF ORDNANCE AND PERSONAL WEAPONS. IN THE VICINITY OF A-4, THERE WERE TWO MORE INCIDENTS INVOLVING A TANK AND AN APC, BOTH OF WHICH WERE DAMAGED. THREE TROOPERS WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

C. THE PATTERN IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO REMAINS GENERALLY UNCHANGED AS 9TH MARINE ELEMENTS POSTURE FOR EXTRACTION. FSB CUNNINGHAM WAS SHELLED TWICE (AT 051530 AND 061930 HOURS), AND THERE WERE TWO GROUND CONTACTS JUST NORTH OF THE LAOTIAN BORDER INVOLVING A/179 MARINES DURING WHICH 17 MVA WERE KILLED WHILE THE UNIT SUSTAINED ONE (1) KIA. THERE IS SOME INCREASE IN THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ENEMY FIRE AGAINST HELICOPTERS IN THE AREA, INDICATING THAT THE CAPABILITY OF THE ENEMY TO CONDUCT DT

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PLACED AGAINST A TRUCK CONVOY PROCEEDING NORTH ALONG THE BOULDER ALLEY FROM DANANG TO HUE. THIS CONSISTED OF NOT MORE THAN EIGHT (8) ROUNDS AND RESULTED IN NO DAMAGE OR DELAY OF THE CONVOY. 5 1/2 KM NORTH OF BASTOGNE, THE 4/3 ARVN BATTALION DISCOVERED A COMPLEX CONTAINING 30 BUNKERS. THE BUNKERS CONTAINED 200 CHI COM HELMETS AND TWO (2) 60 MM MORTAR BASE PLATES. IN THE COASTAL AREA, 04/1/506 AM BATTAL

INDICATED A SMALL RICE CACHE (1000 LBS) AND AN INDIVIDUAL WEAPON. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO IS THE APPARENT ATTEMPT BY THE ENEMY TO REACT AGAINST THE MOVEMENT INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY. FSB B IRMINGHAM ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED INDIRECT FIRE (AT 0730 HOURS). ADDITIONALLY, ENGINEER ELEMENTS WORKING AT FSB BHP WERE SUBJECTED TO A PHOBE BY ENEMY FORCES ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 MARCH.

### 2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS

A. ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIOD INDICATE THE FOLLOWING ENEMY INTENTIONS:

(1) THE ENEMY IS INCREASING HIS EFFORT TO UNDERTAKE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE ZMZ. THIS IS INDICATED BY THE FREQUENCY OF SIGHTINGS THROUGHOUT THE AREA AND THE INCREASE IN MOVEMENT IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ.

(2) THE ENEMY IS DEVELOPING A CAPABILITY TO HARASS THE 9TH MARINES DURING ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AREA. ALTHOUGH THIS CAPABILITY IS NOT YET CONSIDERED A MAJOR THREAT, IT SHOULD IMPROVE EACH DAY. CONTINUING ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE THEREFORE BECOME A REAL PROBLEM.

(3) ENEMY FORCES IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER AO WILL PROBABLY UNDERTAKE COUNTER

ACTION AGAINST THE 101ST ABN DIVISION EFFORT. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT ENEMY UNITS MAY BE DEPLOYING TOWARD THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE ASHAU VALLEY. IN THIS REGARD, THE THREAT IS NOT CONSIDERED PARTICULARLY GREAT, BECAUSE THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA TO HAVE A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE OPERATION. AS IS THE CASE WITH THE DEWEY CANYON OPERATION, MARGINAL WEATHER IS AFFECTING THE MOMENTUM OF THE 101ST ABN DIV. OPERATION.

### 3. (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. IN ADDITION TO ONGOING PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE COASTAL AREA, THE FOUR MAJOR PROJECTED TROOP DEPLOYMENTS WITHIN THE CORPS AO INCLUDE: WITHDRAWAL OF THE 9TH MARINES AND ARVN UNITS FROM DEWEY CANYON; DEPLOYMENT OF THE 4TH MARINES TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE CORPS AO, FSB ARGONNE; MOVEMENT OF 101ST ABN DIVISION/ARVN UNITS INTO THE SOUTHERN ASHAU VALLEY; AND DEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINES TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER (VIA LZ SAIGON AND TORCH) FOR THE PURPOSE OF INTERDICTION OF HIGHWAY 926 AND DESTROYING ENEMY FORCES THAT HAVE ENTERED VIETNAM VIA THAT ROUTE.

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1. (C) REF A REQUESTED AN EXAMINATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF RETURNING UNCOMMITTED RECREATION FUNDS HELD BY III MAF UNITS TO THE MARCORPS CENTRAL RECREATION FUND. BY REF B, CG III MAF CONCURRED, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION THAT FUNDS RETURNED BE EARMARKED FOR FUTURE USE OF THOSE UNITS RELEASING FUNDS. CG III MAF FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT ONE FULL QUARTER'S DIVIDEND OF NINE DOLLARS PER MAN, BE RETAINED BY EACH UNIT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDS FOR CURRENT RECREATION PROGRAMS IN COUNTRY.
2. (C) THIS HQS INTERPOSES NO OBJECTIONS TO THE RETURN OF

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EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS TO THE CENTRAL RECREATION FUND PROVIDED THAT THOSE CONDITIONS NOTED ABOVE AND THE FOLLOWING ARE OBSERVED:

A. THERE SHOULD BE NO UNDUE RESTRICTIONS AS TO FUTURE WITHDRAWALS OF THE FUNDS BY COMMANDS RETURNING THEM. TIMELY NOTICE OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW WOULD BE NECESSARY BUT FUNDS SHOULD OTHERWISE BE AVAILABLE FOR WITHDRAWAL ON RECOMMENDATION OF RESPECTIVE RECREATION COUNCILS AND SUBSEQUENT COMMAND APPROVAL.

B. THE INITIAL AND SUBSEQUENT AMOUNTS TO BE RETURNED SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMAND ADMINISTERING A RECREATION FUND.

C. PERIODIC STATEMENTS OF RESERVES HELD BY THE CENTRAL MARCORPS REC FUND SHOULD BE PROVIDED TO THE CONTRIBUTING COMMAND, BUT SUCH RESERVES SHOULD NOT BE REPORTED AS ASSETS OF IN COUNTRY RECREATION FUNDS.

D. IN VIEW OF THE EXTENDED TIME PERIOD DURING WHICH CURRENT EXCESSES WERE GENERATED, AND OF THE NATURE AND FUNCTION OF THE CENTRAL MARCORPS RECREATION FUND, NO OBJECTION WOULD BE RAISED BY THIS HQS IF INTEREST EARNINGS ON RESERVES WERE RETAINED BY THAT FUND.

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3. (U) OTHER MATTERS MENTIONED BY REF A WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF  
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PLEASE PREPARE AND SUBMIT TO ME ASAP AN ALTERNATE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AREAS UNDER YOUR JURISDICTION. THIS ALTERNATE SCHEDULE WILL CHANGE THE TIMES AND PLACES OF VISITS NOW SCHEDULED. THIS REVISED SCHEDULE WILL BE CLOSELY HELD AND WILL BE ON A STRICTLY NOFORN BASIS. YOU WILL BE ADVISED AS TO WHEN TO IMPLEMENT THE REVISED SCHEDULE AND WHEN TO INFORM GVN AUTHORITIES. IT IS DESIRED THAT THIS BE AT THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT. PLEASE ADVISE WHAT THE LATEST PRACTICABLE TIME CAN BE.

YOU WILL INSURE THAT ALL POSSIBLE STEPS ARE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY DURING HIS VISIT TO YOUR AREA.

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1. WE ARE PLEASED TO LEARN OF YOUR VISIT TO THAILAND AND EAGERLY AWAIT YOUR ARRIVAL. INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO INCLUDE NOTIFICATION OF THAI AND US OFFICIALS.
  2. PER MY DISCUSSION WITH YOUR AIDE YESTERDAY, CERTAIN INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS. HE IS AWARE OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FRONT CHANNEL MESSAGE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL INFORMATION TO FINALIZE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS. THAI PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS NORMALLY DICTATE A CALL ON THE CINC ROYAL THAI NAVY PRIOR TO A CALL ON THE COMMANDANT RTMC. MACTHAI PROTOCOL MAY SCHEDULE A CALL ON COMUSMACTHAI AND THE US AMBASSADOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE. CINC RTN PREFERENCES WHITE UNIFORM FOR CALLS. SS "A" IS NORMALLY UNIFORM FOR CALLS UPON COMMANDANT RTMC. I WILL TELCON AS PLANS DEVELOP. PROBABLY RTMC WILL HOST A LUNCHEON AT SATTAPHI.
  3. US MARINE OFFICERS AND THEIR LADIES ARE PREPARED AND WOULD BE HONORED TO HOST A COCKTAIL DINNER PARTY IN YOUR HONOR SUBJECT TO YOUR PERSONAL DESIRES ON THE EVENING OF 12 MARCH.
  4. CAPT. P.G. DYE USN, CHIEF OF NAG IS VISITING RTN HQS TODAY RELATIVE TO YOUR VISIT AND THAT OF GEN BUSE ON 17 MAR.
  5. YOUR DESIRES ARE REQUESTED RELATIVE TO BRIEFINGS, TOURS, SHOPPING, ETC.
  6. SUGGEST "PRESENTOS" FOR CINC AND COMMANDANT. LIGHTERS FOR DEPUTY COMMANDANT AND C/S. COL. W. J. ZARO, CURRENTLY IN YOUR COMMAND CAPABLE OF PROVIDING A BRIEFING ON RTMC AS HE WAS ONLY RECENTLY DETACHED AS ADVISOR TO THAT ORGANIZATION
  7. WITH GREAT RESPECT AND WARM REGARDS. C. F. QUILICI
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A. CG, III MAF 070416Z/MAR69 (S)

1. (S) CONCUR WITH PARA 1E REF A. THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL OFFICER ON YOUR STAFF AS THE FORCE DATA SYSTEMS OFFICER IS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE AND TIMELY.
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS, ALL SEP TRAINED IN COMPUTER SCIENCE, ARE SUBMITTED AS CANDIDATES FOR YOUR SELECTION AS III MAF DATA SYSTEMS ENGINEER. ALL HAVE AN RTD OF NOV 69.

LI COL A. M. DESSELLE, 3D MARDIV

LI COL M. W. WEST, 3D MARDIV

MAJ R. F. PERRY, FLC

MAJ D. W. ROURKE, 1ST MARDIV

THE OFFICER YOU SELECT WILL BE ORDERED TO YOUR HQ FOR DUTY.

PAGE TWO RUHFMA 1246 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 3. (S) TO ASSIST IN PLANNING, THIS HQ HAS ALSO PROGRAMED  
 LTCOL THOMAS G. ELLERY 057660 ETA MAY 69 TO FILL THE BILLET  
 OF ASST DIRECTOR OF ASC. MAJ HARRY T. MARREN 070955 IS  
 SCHEDULED AS A PROSPECTIVE RELIEF FOR MAJ PAUL E. HACKERT  
 080025 DURING JULY. LTCOL ELLERY IS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO  
 CG, FMFPAC (FWD) AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ASC VIETNAM ON  
 COMPLETION OF CONVERSION EFFORT ON OKINAWA.  
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WIRENOTE FOR BGEN DWYER FROM COL CODISPOI

A.3 CG III MAF 061510Z MAR 69

1. OUR ADMIRAL EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE MAY HAVE OVERSOLD YOU ON CAPABILITY OF UDT DETACHMENT (TWO OFFICERS AND TWELVE MEN) TO CONDUCT RAIDS, PARTICULARLY INLAND OVERNIGHT. ESSENTIALLY THE MISSIONS DESCRIBED YOUR REF A WOULD BE MORE APPLICABLE TO SEALS RATHER THAN UDT. DO NOT BELIEVE SEALS ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE.

2. WOULD APPRECIATE BACKGROUND CLARIFICATION.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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 FM MG TOWNSEND ATNG C/S MACV  
 TO LTG CUSHMAN-CG III MAF  
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 2988 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: VISIT TO THAILAND ON 12 MARCH.

REF: OUR TELECON AT 0815, THIS DATE.

1. (C) PER REFERENCE, COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED VISIT.
2. (C) ON 5 MARCH, MACTHAI PERSONNEL MADE REQUEST TO OFFICE OF THAI MARINE COMMANDANT, BUT NO REPEAT NO REPLY RECEIVED AS YET BY MACTHAI.
3. (C) YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED
4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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F LTGEN STILLWELL CG XXIV CORPS

TO LTGEN CUSH AN CG III AF

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SEC R E T P M B 6438 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: RETALIATORY ATTACK BY FIRE IN D-Z (S)

REF: A. III AF EO DTG 050215Z AR 69 (S)

B. ACV 2755 EO DTG 240237Z AR 69 (S)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE IS IN REPLY TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF REFERENCED MESSAGES.

2. (S) CONCEPT OF OPERATION. THE OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER ONE OF TWO CONDITIONS. UNDER CONDITION A, RETALIATION IS ORDERED IMMEDIATELY. UNDER CONDITION B, RETALIATION IS ORDERED AT A SPECIFIED TIME ALLOWING ADVANCE PREPARATION. DURATION OF THE OPERATIONS UNDER EITHER CONDITION IS 3-5 DAYS.

A. CONDITION A: IF RETALIATION IS ORDERED WITHOUT WARNING, ARTILLERY CURRENTLY IN POSITION WILL EXECUTE A PROGRAM OF PREPLANNED FIRES AGAINST KNOWN AND SUSPECT ARTILLERY POSITIONS, ROCKET POSITIONS AND AMBUSHES. BASED ON PRESENT TARGET HOLDINGS, THE PROGRAM CAN BE COMPLETED IN APPROXIMATELY FOUR HOURS. CONCURRENT WITH THE EXECUTION OF THE ARTILLERY PROGRAM WILL BE THE IMMEDIATE DIVERSION OF TAC AIR TO PREPLANNED TARGETS PROVIDED BY XXIV CORPS. AN IMMEDIATE REQUEST FOR AIRCRAFT STRIKES WILL BE SUBMITTED IN PRIORITIES PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED WITH III AF AND J2, ACV. THE PROGRAM WILL BE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY EXECUTION OF SCHEDULED FIRES ON AN EXPANDED TARGET BASE WITH CONTINUING EMPHASIS ON COUNTERBATTERY/ROCKET/AA/SASITES AND SUPPORTING INSTALLATIONS. NGF SHIPS SHOULD BE ORDERED TO FORWARD SUPPORT AREAS FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE ARTILLERY FIRE PLANS. ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY UNITS WILL BE ORDERED TO MOVE INTO FORWARD POSITIONS. AS THE FIRST DAYLIGHT PERIOD SUBSEQUENT TO H-HOUR PLUS 12 APPROACHES, FIRES WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON AA TARGETS FOR PURPOSES OF FLAK SUPPRESSION TO FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT DAYLIGHT AERIAL OBSERVATION. COMMENCING AT FIRST DAYLIGHT, ARTY, FAC AND NGF OBSERVERS WILL CALL IN AND ADJUST FIRES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. CONCURRENT CLOSE AIR STRIKES AND SKYFIGHT MISSIONS WILL BE DIRECTED ON SELECTED TARGETS. THE PATTERN OF NIGHTTIME UNOBSERVED SCHEDULED FIRES AND BOBING, AND OF DAYLIGHT OBSERVED FIRES WITH CONCURRENT TAC AIR STRIKES WILL CONTINUE FOR THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION.

*See III MAF  
110648Z MAR 69  
140220Z MAR 69*

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**B. CONDITION B: IF RETALIATION IS ORDERED WITH ADVANCE WARNING, FULL DEPLOYMENT OF ARTY CAN BE ACHIEVED IN A MIN U. OF 8 HOURS AND A MAX U. OF 24 HOURS DEPENDING ON THE TIME OF DAY NOTICE IS RECEIVED. ALL ATTACKS WILL COMMENCE AT H-HOUR, 1900 HOURS ON D-DAY. ARTY AND NGF SHIPS WILL DEPLOY TO FSB'S AND FSA'S ON D-DAY. ARTY WILL BE IN POSITION NLT 1500 HRS AND NGF SHIPS NLT 1800 HRS. FRO 1900 HOURS D-DAY TO DAYLIGHT ON D PLUS 1, ARTY AND NGF WILL EXECUTE SCHEDULED UNOBSERVED FIRES CONCURRENT WITH MEDIUM AND HIGH ALTITUDE ARCLIGHT/SKYSPOTTED BOMB. TAC AIR PREPLANNED TARGETS WILL BE PROVIDED BY XXIV CORPS. PRIORITY OF FIRES THE FIRST NIGHT WILL BE ON ARTY/ROCKET/AA/SA POSITIONS AND A/D DU P'S AS A FLACK SUPPRESSION MEASURE TO FACILITATE AERIAL OBSERVATION, THE INTENSITY OF FIRES ON KNOWN AND SUSPECT AA TARGETS WILL INCREASE AS DAYLIGHT APPROACHES. COMMENCING AT DAYLIGHT, ARTY AND NGF OBSERVERS WILL CALL FIRES ON TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY. CONCURRENT CLOSE AIR STRIKES WILL BE MADE ON SELECTED TARGETS. A SIMILAR PATTERN OF NIGHT AND DAYLIGHT FIRING WILL CONTINUE FOR SUBSEQUENT 24 HR PERIODS, WITH THE TYPES OF TARGETS BEING EXPANDED TO ALL ENEMY INSTALLATIONS.**

**3. (S) FORCES REQUIRED:**

**A. XXIV CORPS RESOURCES:**

(1) **CONDITION A:** INITIALLY, US ARTILLERY WILL CONSIST OF TWO 175 GUNS, THREE 8" HOWITZER, TWO 155 HOWITZER AND ONE 105 HOWITZER BATTERIES. UPON COMPLETION OF ARTILLERY OWES, TWO ADDITIONAL HEAVY BATTERIES WILL BE ADDED FOR A TOTAL OF TEN HOWITZER BATTERIES.

(2) **CONDITION B:** US ARTILLERY WILL CONSIST OF THREE 175 GUN, FOUR 8 INCH HOWITZER, TWO 155 HOWITZER, AND ONE 105 HOWITZER BATTERIES.

**B. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUIRED OUTSIDE XXIV CORPS:**

(1) **NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.** A MIN U. OF ONE BATTLESHIP/CRUISER AND ONE DESTROYER ARE DESIRED FOR CONDUCT OF THE OPERATION. TO FACILITATE TARGET PLANNING, IT IS REQUESTED THAT A BATTLESHIP/CRUISER BE KEPT ON STATION OFF THE DZ COAST AT ALL TIMES. DESTROYERS ALONE DO NOT HAVE THE FIRE CAPABILITY NECESSARY FOR THIS TYPE OF OPERATION.

(2) **TAC AIR.** RECO END APPROXIMATELY 200 TAC AIR SORTIES FOR THE FIRST 24 HOURS OF THE OPERATIONS AND 150 SORTIES DAILY THEREAFTER. FURTHER RECO END THAT TWO-THIRDS OF THE DAILY ALLOCATION BE CONDUCTED DURING DAYLIGHT AND OF THESE 50 PERCENT BE COBAT SKYSPOTTED STRIKES. 19(2)

(3) AIRLIGHT. TEN MISSIONS PER DAY.

(4) PHOTO INTERPRETATION. REQUEST PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS TWICE DAILY DURING THE OPERATION. FOR AN OPERATION CONDUCTED WITH ADVANCE WARNING, REQUEST AREA PHOTOS 48 HOURS AND 24 HOURS PRIOR TO H-HOUR.

(5) COUNICATIONS. INSTALLATION OF ONE EACH HDX TTY CIRCUIT FROM III AF VC J ODILE (PHOTO INTERP CENTER) TO 108TH FAG CBIC. DETAILED CO. UNICATION REQUESTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

(6) AVIATION AND NGF SPOTTERS. REQUEST 1ST ANGLICO PROVIDE THREE SPOTTERS FOR ADJUSTMENT OF NGF. REQUEST III AF PROVIDE SUFFICIENT AIRCRAFT TO KEEP ONE NGF OBSERVER IN THE AIR DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

(7) ARTILLERY A UNITION. ARTY A UNITION REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE THROUGH LOG CHANNELS.

4. (S) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACV DIRECTIVE 95-1. COORDINATION WILL BE AFFECTED THROUGH DASC-V AND 7TH AF LNO (JAZZY) AT DONG HA.

5. (S) A DETAILED OPLAN TO INCLUDE FIRE PLANS IS BEING PREPARED AND COORDINATED AT THIS TIME. UPON APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS, THE PLAN WILL BE PUBLISHED AND DISTRIBUTED TO ALL AGENCIES CONCERNED.

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 TO LTC CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 INFO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
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SUBJECT: SITE FOR PRESENTATION OF PUC

REF: A. COMUSMACV 061818Z MAR 69 (S).

B. CG III MAF 060246Z MAR 69 (S) PASEB.

1. THE ORIGINAL APPROVED ITINERARY FOR SECDEF IN NICTZ INCLUDED VISIT/BRIEFING BY GENERAL TRUONG AND 1ST ARVN REGIMENT AT FSB NANCY/
2. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE LEARNED THAT SECDEF VISIT WOULD BE THE OCCASION FOR PRESENTATION OF PUC TO THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION. BECAUSE OF THE TRANSCENDENT IMPORTANCE OF THIS AWARD IN VIETNAMESE EYES, GENERAL TRUONG STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, AND I CONCURRED, THAT LOCALE SHOULD BE CHANGED TO COURTYARD OF HIS HEADQUARTERS IN CITAFEL. THIS RECOMMENDATION WAS FORWARDED, AT CHIEF OF STAFF LEVEL, FROM MY HQ TO YOURS. WE WERE NOTIFIED, AGAIN AT SAME LEVEL, THAT THIS CHANGE HAD BEEN APPROVED. CONSEQUENTLY YESTERDAY AND TODAY GENERAL TRUONG HAS HAD IN MOTION ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR A SIMPLE BUT APPROPRIATE CEREMONY AT HIS HEADQUARTERS.
3. THE TEXT OF REF A WHICH DEALT WITH ALTERNATIVE PLANS IN ALL OTHER RESPECTS, AFFIRMED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PRESENTATION. ON THE BASIS OF THE UNDERSTANDING CITED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, THIS COULD VEAN ONLY HEAD-  
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4. I NOW FIND THAT REF B SPECIFIES THAT THE PRESENTATION WILL BE HELD AT FSB NANCY! THUS REVERTING TO THE ORIGINAL ITINERARY! NOT THE MODIFICATION THEREOF. THIS DECISION I MUST RECLAIM AND FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. GENERAL TRUONG'S HEADQUARTERS IS THE ONLY APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR THE PRESENTATION. YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY, AT THE MOMENT OF THIS SIGNAL HONOR, HE WOULD WANT THE SECRETARY AT HIS COMMAND POST WITH HIS PRINCIPAL COMMANDERS ASSEMBLED.

B. IT IS HIGHLY AWKWARD TO TELL GENERAL TRUONG THAT MY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, HAVING ALREADY ENDORSED THE CHANGE FROM FSB NANCY TO THIS HEADQUARTERS, HAS NOW REVERSED ITS FIELD--AND WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

C. SI SUBMIT THAT THE SEIGE OF HUE, SOME 13 MONTHS AGO, DEMONSTRATED THAT GENERAL TRUONG'S CORNER OF THE CITADEL IS QUITE SECURE.

5. SI URGE THAT YOU SEEK COMUSMACV APPROVAL FOR PRESENTATION OF THE PUC AT 1ST ARVN DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

6. SHOULD IT BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE COMUSMACV APPROVAL FOR THIS SHIFT I THEN PROPOSE TWO OTHER ALTERNATIVES:

A. FIRST, THAT THE PRESENTATION BE DELAYED AND MADE, AT SOME SUBSEQUENT DATE BY COMUSMACV. GEN TRUONG WOULD APPLAUD THIS/

B. SECOND! IF THE DATE REMAINS 9 MARCH AND 1ST ARVN HQ NOT FEASIBLE, THAT THE PRESENTATION BE MADE AT XXIV CORPS/ I KNOW THIS WOULD BE TRUONG'S PREFERRED IF IT CAN'T BE HELD ON HIS HOME GROUND.

7. WARM REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T PNB 0436 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 071200 MARCH 69 TO 081200 MARCH 69

A. ACTIVITY DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD CONTINUED TO REFLECT INCREASED INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF THE ENEMY. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN MOVEMENT ACROSS THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 15 ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND SMALL MEETING ENGAGEMENTS WERE REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. THE TEMPO IS PICKING UP.

B. IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ, ACTIVITY WAS CHARACTERIZED BY A COMBINATION OF WIDELY DISPERSED STAND-OFF ATTACKS, MINING OF VEHICLES, AND A DISPLAY OF GREATER DETERMINATION BY THE ENEMY TO HOLD HIS GROUND WHEN CONTACTED BY FRIENDLY UNITS. AT 071130 HOURS, AN ELEMENT OF THE 3/2 ARVN B ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED PLATOON IN THE VICINITY OF C-2. BOTH SIDES SUSTAINED TWO KIA IN THE ACTION. THE TRIEU PHONG PF'S CONTINUED THEIR SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO ELIMINATE THE VC/11 CAPTURING ONE GUERRILLA. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THE 1/61 MECH INF DISCOVERED, IN THE VICINITY OF YD 375658, THREE VC/NVA HIDING IN A HOLE. AS THE PRISONERS LED THEM TO ANOTHER HOLE IN WHICH WERE HIDDEN THREE ADDITIONAL VC/NVA. FOUR OF THE PRISONERS INDICATED THEY WERE FROM HFE 812TH REGT. AT 071215 HOURS, F/2/3 MARINES DETAINED 50 MONTAGNARDS IN AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 4 KM SOUTH OF VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. THE

E IS NO INDICATION AS YET WHETHER THIS GRBIP WAS FUNCTIONING FOR THE ENEMY.

C. THE TWO MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIONS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF FSB SHARON AND WEST OF C-2. AT THE FIRST LOCATION, 071111 PNF CONTACTED AN ENEMY FORCE, KILLING 10 AND CAPTURING TWO PRISONERS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND A QUANTITY OF DOCUMENTS. THE FRIENDLY UNIT SUSTAINED NINE CASUALTIES, FOUR OF WHICH WERE KIA. FOR THE SECOND TIME DURING THE DAY, PRISONERS INDICATED THEY WERE FROM THE 812TH REGT. THE OTHER MAJOR CONTACT INVOLVED THE 3/5 CAV. THE ENEMY WAS CONTACTED AT YD 030640, IN THE LATE

AFTERNOON HOURS OF 7 MARCH DURING A SEARCH OF A POTENTIAL ROCKET SITE. THE CONTACT OCCURRED IN THE SAME LOCATION IN WHICH THE 3/5 CAV WAS HEAVILY ENGAGED EARLIER IN THE MONTH. THE ACTION CONTINUED UNTIL 1905 HOURS AND RESULTED IN FIVE FRIENDLY CASUALTIES (1 KIA AND 4 WIA). THE ENEMY SUSTAINED FOUR KIA AND LOST THREE WEAPONS. TW 40(1)  
VEHICLES WERE DAMAGED BY REG FIRE.

D. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO. THERE WERE 9 ATTACKS BY FIRE, FOUR OF WHICH WERE DIRECTED AT FSB CUNNINGHAM AND CONSISTED OF 120MM ARTILLERY

FIRE, C/1/9 MARINES, DURING ITS MOVEMENT TO ASSEMBLE FOR EXTRICATION, DISCOVERED ANOTHER FAIRLY SIZEABLE CACHE, THE CONTENTS OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY. ADDITIONALLY, THE 1/2 ARVN BN OVERRAN TWO ENEMY BULL DOZERS SOUTHWEST OF LZ BRADLEY. THE BULL DOZERS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY THE ENEMY PRIOR TO CAPTURE. THERE WERE INCREASING INDICATIONS OF ENEMY UNITS MOVING INTO THE ZEWY CANYON AO, ALLEGEDLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISRUPTING THE WITHDRAWAL EFFORT/ THE WEATHER IMPROVED DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS, PERMITTING BOTH RESUPPLY AND TROOP REDEPLOYMENT. THE INCREASE IN INCIDENTS OF ENEMY UNITS SHOOTING AT HELICOPTERS

OPERATING IN THE AREA IS, HOWEVER, A FURTHER INDICATION OF A DETERMINATION BY THE ENEMY TO INTERRUPT FRIENDLY OPERATIONS.

E. IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO, THE 1/54 ARVN BN (OPERATING IN THE PHU THU/PHU VANG AREA) CONTINUED TO PENETRATE THE VCI. HIN SIX CONTACTS! THE BN ACCOUNTED FOR TWO ENEMY KIA, SEVEN PRISONERS AND SIX INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. THE ENEMY CONTINUED HIS HARASSMENT BY FIRE OF ARVN ELEMENTS OPERATING NORTHWEST OF FSB BIRMINGHAM. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT CONTACT, HOWEVER, OCCURRED AT FSB SPEAR IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER AO AT 030303 HOURS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, ADVERSE WEATHER HAS PREVENTED THE REINFORCEMENT OF THIS FIRE BASE, WHICH AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO ARTILLERY BATTERIES AND B/2/502 INF/ THE DEFENDING UNIT WAS ATTACKED BY AN ENEMY FORCE USING PG, GRENADE AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. AN OP WAS DESTROYED, AND THE ENEMY MANAGED TO REACH THE PERIMETER PRIOR TO BEING HALTED. ONE BUNKER

POSITION WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED. THE FIRE BASE WAS NOT OVERRUN, AND THE CONTACT TERMINATED AT DAYLIGHT. FRIENDLY FORCES SUSTAINED 11 U.S. KIA AND THREE U.S. WIA. PATROLS SWEEPING THE AREA DISCOVERED BLOOD TRAILS BUT ENCOUNTERED NO ENEMY BODIES/ AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS REPORTS THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE USING EVERY AVAILABLE RESOURCE TO DELAY THE MOVEMENT OF THE 101ST ABN DIV INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY. 40(2)

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## 2. (S) ENEMY INTENTIONS

## A. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO AVOID MAJOR CONFRONTATIONS WITH

FRIENDLY FORCES, INCREASED ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE CORPS AO TENDS TO CONFIRM PREVIOUS PREDICTIONS OF A MAJOR ATTACK. BECAUSE OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF ON-GOING OPERATIONS, THERE ARE, IN EFFECT, THREE DISTINCT TYPES OF ENEMY ACTION/ IN THE NORTH, IT IS RELATIVELY CERTAIN THAT INFILTRATION THROUGH THE EMZ CONTINUES AND THAT ENEMY FORCES ARE COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR AN ATTACK AGAINST THE CUA VIET-CAM LO-VANGGRIFT AXIS. IT NOW APPEARS THAT AT THIS ATTACK MAY BE UNDERTAKEN FROM BOTH THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO THERE IS EVIDENCE FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES THAT ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO COORDINATE A COUNTEREFFORT ARE BEGINNING TO MATERIALIZE. IF THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO IMPROVE, THE ENEMY THREAT SHOULD NOT BE TOO SIGNIFICANT AS WITHDRAWAL WILL BE COMPLETED BEFORE MAJOR DAMAGE CAN BE DONE/ IF THE WEATHER RETU

NS TO A MARGINAL STATUS AND THE ENEMY CAN ORGANIZE SUFFICIENT FORCES TO SERIOUSLY AFFECT THE EXTRICATION OF THE REMAINING ARVN AND MARINE ELEMENTS, THERE MAY BE A REQUIREMENT TO REINFORCE THOSE ELEMENTS AND DESTROY THE ENEMY PRIOR TO FINAL WITHDRAWAL. A VASTLY IMPROVED FRIENDLY POSTURE FAVORS THE PROBABILITY OF A SUCCESSFUL REDEPLOYMENT. IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE USING ALL AVAILABLE, THOUGH SOMEWHAT LIMITED, RESOURCES IN AN EFFORT TO HINDER THE MOVEMENT OF THE DIVISION INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE INTENSITY OF CONTACTS WILL INCREASE AS THE DIVISION ADVANCES TO ITS OBJECTIVE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT THE FEW NVA UNITS LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE PIEDMONT WILL UNDERTAKE A DIVERSIONARY EFFORT (PERHAPS IN COORDINATION WITH THE INITIATION OF PHASE II) WITH THE EXPECTATION THAT DIVISION ELEMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER AO TO RESPOND TO THE NEW THREAT. SUCH A WITHDRAWAL IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR, AS THE ENEMY CAPABILITY IS LIMITED.

## 3. (TS) ACTION TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. CG, 33D MAR DIV IS RESPONDING WITH AVAILABLE RESOURCES TO ALL INTELLIGENCE RELATIVE TO THE ASSEMBLY OF ENEMY FORCES. HE IS CONTINUING WITH THE EXTRICATION OF ARVN AND MARINE ELEMENTS FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD FSB LIGHTING WAS CLOSED, THE 4/2 HARVN BN (-) WAS EXTRACTED FROM LZ PATTON, THE 1/9 MARINES BEGAN TO ASSEMBLE IN PLACE JUST NORTH OF THE LAOTIAN BORDER. THE 3/9 MARINE COMMAND GROUP AND ITS K COMPANY WERE MOVED TO FSB CUNNINGHAM TO PREPARE FOR WITHDRAWAL, AND E/2/3 MARINES WAS WITHDRAWN TO REJOIN ITS PARENT OUTFIT. WEATHER PERMITTING, L/3/4 MARINES WILL BE TRANSPORTED TO FSB CUNNINGHAM ON 3 MARCH, G/2/3 MARINES WILL RETURN TO ITS PARENT BN, AND FSB ERSKINE WILL BE CLOSED. THE NEXT MAJOR UNIOY SCHEDULED FOR EXTRICATION ARE THE 1/2 ARVN B AND THE 1/9 MARINE BN.

B/ IMPROVING WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL PROBABLY PERMIT THE CONTINUATION (DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 3 MAR) OF THE 101ST ABN DIV OPERATION INTO THE ASHAU VALLEY. BY THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE EARLY MORNING GROUND FOG LIFTED AND THE SUN WAS OBSERVED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NUMBER OF WEEKS.

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T O P S E C R E T PHB 0444 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 081200 MARCH 69 TO 091200 MARCH 69

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD REFLECTED NO CHANGE IN PATTERN OF ACTIVITY. MOVEMENT WITHIN THE DMZ, DETECTED BY AO'S, RADAR, AND GROUND OBSERVERS, INDICATED A RETURN TO THE NORMAL PATTERN. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 11 ENEMY ATTACKS BY FIRE AND 6 MINOR GROUND CONTACTS THROUGHOUT THE CORPS AO.

B. IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ, THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO AVOID CONTACT WITH FRIENDLY PATROLS. OF SOME SIGNIFICANCE WERE 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST AN ELEMENT OF THE 3/5 CAV, WHICH IS DEPLOYED IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ. THIS UNIT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE AT 090001 HOURS AND RPG FIRE AT 090700 HOURS. ENEMY POSITIONS AT THE TIME OF THESE 2 ATTACKS WERE REPORTED TO BE WITHIN SHDMZ, THUS MAINTAINING THE RECENT AVERAGE OF APPROXIMATELY 1 DMZ INCIDENT PER DAY. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO THERE WERE 6 ATTACKS BY FIRE, 2 OF WHICH WERE OF RELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE. AT 080940, A 71/9 MARINES RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 150 ROUNDS OF MORTAR FIRE, SUSTAINING NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. THIS REPRESENTS THE LARGEST ATTACK BY FIRE TO WHICH ANY UNIT IN THE DIVISION HAS BEEN SUBJECTED. THE OTHER SIGNIFICANT ATTACK BY FIRE WAS BY 60MM MORTAR AGAINST CUNNINGHAM, INDICATING AN APPARENT DETERMINATION BY THE ENEMY TO DEPLOY MANEUVER ELEMENTS AGAINST WITHDRAWING MARINE ELEMENTS.

C. THERE WERE 2 ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO, ONE AGAINST FSB SPEAR, AND THE OTHER AGAINST ELEMENTS OF 2/327 ABN BATTALION IN THE HIGH GROUND SOUTHEAST OF TOMAHAWK. DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 9 MARCH, FSB LOS BANOS RECEIVED A GROUND PROBE. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INDICATION OF ENEMY ACTIVITY WITHIN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO INVOLVED REPORTS BY AIR OBSERVERS OF NUMEROUS NEW BUNKERS, TRAIL, AND HUTS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE A SHAU VALLEY. THERE WERE ALSO INDICATIONS OF RECENT HEAVY TRAFFIC ALONG 548, AND A SMALL VEHICLE WAS SIGHTED IN THE VICINITY OF YC 5382.

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## 2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS

A. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO AVOID CONTACT WITH FRIENDLY FORCES, AN ATTACK IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO IS STILL CONSIDERED IMMINENT. ADDITIONALLY, THE CAPABILITY OF THE ENEMY TO HARASS THE EXTRACTION OF 9TH MARINES AND ARVN ELEMENTS CONTINUES TO IMPROVE.

## . (TS) ACTION TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED. GREATLY IMPROVED WEATHER DURING THE AFTERNOON OF 8 MARCH PERMITTED THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THOSE 9TH MARINE ELEMENTS SCHEDULED FOR EXTRACTION ON THAT DATE. WEATHER PERMITTING, FINAL WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY 11 MARCH. IN THE 101ST ABN DIV AO, WEATHER PERMITTED THE OCCUPATION OF FSB WHIP, AND MOVEMENT INTO THE A SHAU IS CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED FOR 10 MARCH.

B. OF SIGNIFICANCE IN THE EXECUTION OF CURRENT PLANS WAS A RAPID DETERIORATION (AT THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD) OF WEATHER CONDITIONS. ADDITIONAL DELAYS ARE ANTICIPATED.

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T O P S E C R E T PHB 0453 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 091200 MAR 69 TO 101200 MAR 69.

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD REFLECTED NO MAJOR CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF ACTIVITY FROM THAT OF THE PAST FEW DAYS. THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE INCREASE IN MOVEMENT IN THE NHDZ. SLIGHTLY MORE THAN 00 PERSONNEL WERE DETECTED MOVING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION THROUGH THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE NHDZ NORTHWEST OF GIO LINH. GROUPS DETECTED AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 15 PEOPLE.

B. THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND CONTACTS WAS RELATIVELY THE SAME AS THAT RECENTLY REPORTED. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF SEVEN STANDOFF ATTACKS AND AN EQUAL NUMBER OF WIDELY DISPERSED GROUND CONTACTS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT GROUND CONTACT OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF MAI LOC AT MIDDAY ON 9 MARCH. IN THIS ACTION, K/3/3 MARINES AMBUSHED AN ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON, KILLING 01 AND CAPTURING ONE PW AND 15 WEAPONS. THE PW INDICATED THAT HE WAS FROM THE 15TH TRANS BN OF MR-4, CHARGED WITH THE TASK OF TRANSPORTING RICE AND EVACUATING WOUNDED. ADDITIONALLY, IN THE VICINITY OF FSB TOMBSTONE, TWO VC WERE KILLED AND 10 PW'S WERE CAPTURED. INITIAL READOUT INDICATES THAT THE PW'S ARE CURRENTLY FUNCTIONING IN A LOCAL-FORCE VC CAPACITY BUT WERE FORMERLY MEMBERS OF THE 812TH NVA REGIMENT. OTHER ACTIONS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE CORPS AO WERE WIDELY DISPERSED AND MINOR IN NATURE, EXTENDING FROM OCEAN VIEW TO HWAY 926 AND INCLUDING SMALL CONTACTS IN THE VICINITY OF FSB NEVILLE, FSB ALPINE, THE SHORE LINE OF THE CUA VIET RIVER, AND C-2. OF SOME INTEREST WAS THE DISCOVERY BY A D MARINE DIVISION RECON TEAM OF AN OLD CACHE APPROXIMATELY 2KM NORTHWEST OF LZ SAIGON. 73 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE FOUND, BUT THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THE CACHE HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED IN RECENT MONTHS.

C. THE SITUATION IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO REMAINS QUIET WITH A SMALL ATTACK BY FIRE ON FSB CUNNINGHAM AND TWO MINOR ENEMY CONTACTS JUST NORTH OF THE LAOTIAN BORDER INVOLVING D/1/9 MARINES.

D. THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO CONTINUED TO REMAIN RELATIVELY INACTIVE, WITH ALL ENEMY CONTACT TAKING PLACE IN THE SAME GENERAL AREAS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED: THE JUNGLE AREA DUE NORTH OF BASTOGNE; THE COASTAL AREA APPROXIMATELY 10 KM EAST OF HUE; AND THE AREA AROUND FSB LOS BANOS. THERE WAS NO REPORTED CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY IN THE MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER AO.

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**2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS:**

A. PREVIOUSLY REPORTED INDICATIONS OF ENEMY INTENTIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED. IT APPEARS THAT THE PAROLLING ACTIVITIES OF THE 9TH MARINE DIVISION IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ MAY BE HAVING AN IMPACT ON THE CAPABILITY OF NVA UNITS TO EXECUTE THEIR OFFENSIVE PLANS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CAPABILITY CONTINUES TO EXIST. THERE CONTINUES TO BE AN INDICATION THAT ENEMY FORCES IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO ARE BECOMING ORGANIZED AND ATTEMPTING TO DISRUPT 9TH MARINE MOVEMENTS. TO DATE THIS EFFORT HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

**3. (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.**

A. PLANS REMAIN UNCHANGED BUT CONTINUE TO BE DELAYED BY BAD WEATHER. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THERE WAS A RAPID DETERIORATION IN THE WEATHER, TO THE EXTENT THAT ALL HELICOPTER OPERATIONS WERE HALTED. THE WEATHER DID NOT BEGIN TO IMPROVE UNTIL THE MORNING OF 10 MARCH, AT WHICH TIME CEILINGS BEGAN TO LIFT SLIGHTLY AND SOME AIR OPERATIONS BECAME POSSIBLE.

B. CORPS PRIORITIES REMAIN UNCHANGED, WITH THE EXTRACTION OF THE 9TH MARINES FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO CONSIDERED THE MOST URGENT UNDERTAKING. ADVERSE WEATHER PREVENTED THE CONTINUATION OF THE MOVEMENT INTO THE LOWER ASHAU BY THE 101ST ABN DIVISION, BUT ALL UNITS ARE PREPARED TO MOVE AS SOON AS THE WEATHER BREAKS.

C. THE 9 MARCH ELECTIONS IN BOTH QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT. INITIAL REPORTS OF RESULTS ARE FAVORABLE, PARTICULARLY AS THEY PERTAIN TO POPULATION PARTICIPATION.

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1. (S) REFERENCE A FURNISHED ITINERARY FOR SECDEF VISIT TO RVN. REFERENCE B REQUESTED ITEMIZED ACCOUNT OF SUBJECTS DISCUSSED DURING VISIT. THIS MESSAGE COVERS ACTIVITY OF 9 MARCH 1969.

2. (S) DURING VISIT TO I CTZ SECDEF RECEIVED NORMAL BRIEFINGS TO INCLUDE AN UP-DATE OF ON-GOING OPERATIONS AND FUTURE PLANS OF COMMANDS VISITED. CG III MAF CONSIDERS FOLLOWING ITEMS DISCUSSED DURING THE DAY OF PARTICULAR NOTE:

A. WHILE AT <sup>int selection</sup> 66 TACTICAL FIGHT WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF INTION PROGRAM IN LAOS, TO INCLUDE LIMITATIONS AND CAPABILITIES OF CBU'S AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY TRUCKS. SECDEF ALSO ASKED ABOUT AIRCRAFT LOSS RATIOS AND WAS ADVISED THAT IN THE PAST 4000 SORTIES, TWO AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN LOST.

B. FOLLOWING BRIEFING BY CG III MAF SECDEF ENQUIRED AS TO THE RATIONALE FOR LTG CUSHMAN'S CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AS TO PROGRESS OF THE WAR. SECDEF STATED THAT IN A VISIT TWO YEARS AGO HE HAD RECEIVED A SIMILAR OPTIMISTIC REPORT WHICH FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. LTG CUSHMAN POINTED OUT THAT IN THE INTERIM THE ENEMY HAD CHANGED THE GAME WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF FORCES DURING TET OF LAST YEAR. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, HE CONTINUED, THE ENEMY FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH ANY REAL GAIN SAVE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE US PUBLIC. LTG CUSHMAN STATED HIS PRESENT VIEW WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE ENEMY'S RECENT POST-TET ATTACKS WERE DISRUPTED; HE HAD ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE; AND THERE WAS NO APPRECIABLE IMPACT ON PACIFICATION. THE INCREASED VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION IN THE PEOPLE'S SELF DEFENSE FORCES AND LOCAL ELECTIONS WERE CLEAR CUT INDICES OF THE PEOPLE DECLARING THEMSELVES FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

C. WHILE AT XXIV CORPS THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AS A RESULT OF EXISTING ROE AND THEIR APPLICATION TO MILITARY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE DMZ. SPECIFICALLY IT WAS POINTED OUT THE CURRENT ROE ARE PREVENTING ALLIED FORCED FROM DETERRING INFILTRATION THROUGH THE DMZ.

D. AT DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AT HUE THE SECDEF PRESENTED THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION TO THE ARVN 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION FOR EXTRAORDINARY GALLANTRY AND ACHIEVEMENT IN ACTION AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES FROM 1 JANUARY 1967 TO 25 FEBRUARY 1967. 22(1)

E. AT DA NANG, SECDEF HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE WHERE HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IMPROVEMENT IN SVN FORCES AND THE EVENTUAL REPLACEMENT OF SOME OF U.S. COMBAT FORCES WITH SVN UNITS. HE STATED AGAIN THAT IF INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING OF POPULATION CENTERS CONTINUE TO ANY EXTENT, A RESPONSE WILL BE MADE BY FORCES HERE IN VIETNAM. HE WAS ASKED ABOUT U.S. BOMBINGS IN LAOS AND ANSWERED THAT THE U.S. SENDS RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS INTO LAOS AND THESE RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS ARE ESCORTED BY ARMED AIRCRAFT. HE WAS ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE U.S. MARINES HOLDING SEVEAL POSITIONS INSIDE LAOS DURING THE DEWEY CANYON OPERATIONS. HE STATED THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THAT STORY. HE WAS ASKED IF A REDUCTION OF U.S. TROOP STRENGTH MIGHT BE POSSIBLE THIS YEAR, BUT HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THIS QUESTION. HE DID EXPLAIN THAT THERE WOULD BE A BUDGET ADD70M FOR SVN TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE MODERNIZATION OF SVN FORCES. THIS WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT 70 MILLION DOLLARS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THIS WOULD MEAN FULLY FUNDING THE UPGRADING OF SVN FORCES TO MAINTAIN AND SECURE THE OBJECTIVE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF SVN.

3. (U) THERE ARE NO SIGNIFICANT ITINERARY CHANGES PLANNED FOR 10 MARCH 1969. GP74

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS  
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TO LTGEN CUSHMAN, CG, III MAF  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L BNK 0663 EYES ONLY

1. COMMANDANT, ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS:  
RADM SOPHON SUYARNSETTAKORN, RTMC
2. DEPUTY COMMANDANT, ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS:  
CAPT JARONG TULYANON, RTMC
3. CHIEF OF STAFF, ROYAL THAI MARINE CORPS  
CAPT YUTHAYA CHERDBOONMUAN, RTMC
4. COMUMACTHAI  
MGEN HAL. D. MC COWN USA
5. US EMBASSY PERSONNEL TO BE CONTACTED ARE NOT KNOWN AT THIS  
TIME, HOWEVER, I SUSPECT IT WILL BE:  
MR NORMAN B. HANNAH DCM  
MR ROBERT J. JANTZEN SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE AMBASSADOR  
MR GEORGE F. MULLER COUNSELOR FOR POL MIL
6. VERY RESPECTFULLY C.F. QUILICI

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FM GEN GOODPASTER DEP COMUSMACV  
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROJECT DELTA (U)

1. (S) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES FACTS CONCERNING THE JGS DECISION TO DELAY THE ASSIGNMENT OF PROJECT DELTA TO I CORPS UNTIL AFTER 1 APRIL 1969.

2. (S) IN ADDITION TO YOUR REQUEST FOR PROJECT DELTA, A SIMILAR REQUEST FROM CG, I CORPS WAS PRESENTED TO MG DZU, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO CHIEF, JGS FOR PLANS, DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO I CORPS. MG DZU SUPPORTED THE REQUEST AND RECOMMENDED THE ATTACHMENT OF PROJECT DELTA TO I CORPS ON 15 MARCH. GEN VIEN, HOWEVER, DIRECTED THAT THE 81ST AIRBORNE RANGER BATTALION, WHICH PROVIDES THE REACTION FORCE FOR DELTA RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS, CONTINUE ITS MISSION IN III CORPS PRIOR TO ASSIGNMENT TO I CORPS. THE 81ST AIRBORNE RANGER BATTALION IS CURRENTLY HEAVILY COMMITTED IN TAY NINH PROVINCE.

3. (S) I FULLY AGREE WITH YOUR PLANS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROJECT DELTA AND I BELIEVE THE RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS WOULD BE A GREAT VALUE TO YOU. SINCE IT IS NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE TO EMPLOY PROJECT DELTA WITHOUT A REACTION FORCE, REQUEST YOU EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF UTILIZING III MAF OR I CORPS ASSETS TO PROVIDE A REACTION FORCE FOR PROJECT DELTA OPERATIONS. CG, 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP HAS INDICATED THAT A MINIMUM OF THREE COMPANIES WILL BE REQUIRED. SHOULD YOU FIND THIS COURSE OF ACTION FEASIBLE, I WILL REQUEST GEN VIEN TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT OF PROJECT DELTA IN I CORPS ON 15 MARCH WITHOUT THE 81ST AIRBORNE RANGER BATTALION. THE RANGERS WOULD BE REQUESTED TO BE DEPLOYED TO I CORPS IN EARLY APRIL TO BECOME THE REACTION FORCE UPON ARRIVAL.

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*STEP 1 - DELTA CONF - 101 SAID THEY WOULD PROVIDE*

*STEP 2 - FOLLOWING DAY G-3 ODN Wrote MSG / NOT RECORDED  
CONFIRMED.*

*STEP 3 - LN OFF 24 CORPS INFORMED G-3 ODN'S STILL WOULD CHANGE  
MIND.*

*STEP 4 - G-3 CALLED COL OSTEN & HE SAID GEN STILL WOULD  
WAS RECONSIDERABLE.*

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TO MG TOWNSEND ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF MACV  
INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
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SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTIONS 101200 MAR 69 TO 1112 00 MAR 69.

U. THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN THE INTENSITY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE XXIV CORPS AO DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. PERSONNEL MOVEMENT WITHIN THE DMZ CONTINUED TO BE DETECTED, WITH AN ESTIMATED 210 INDIVIDUALS SIGHTED BY RADAR, AO'S AND FO'S.

B. ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ DECREASED SLIGHTLY. THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT GROUND CONTACT OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF FSB NEVILLE ON 10 MARCH. THERE WERE SIX REPORTED ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE 3D MARDIV AO (EXCLUSIVE OF DEWEY CANYON). THE OCCURRED AT C-2, A-2, MACK AND NEVILLE. RECON TEAMS ALONG HYWAY 926 IN THE VICINITY OF LZ SAIGON CONTINUE TO REPORT VEHICULAR MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, NO DEFINITE PATTERN HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, AS TRAFFIC IS REPORTED MOVING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

C. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, THERE WERE NO GROUND CONTACTS, AND THERE WERE TWO MULTIPLE-CALIBER ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST FSB CUNNINGHAM.

D. THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO REMAINED QUIET WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AN ATTACK (AT 102253 HOURS) AGAINST THE CITY OF HUE. THIS ATTACK CONSISTED OF SEVEN (7) ROUNDS OF 122 MM ROCKET FIRE FROM A POSITION THREE (3) KM SOUTH OF NAM HOA DISTRICT HEAD-QUARTERS. JUST PRIOR TO THE ATTACK, NAM HOA WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY 82 MM MORTARS. THERE WERE SIX CIVILIANS WOUNDED IN THE ATTACK AGAINST HUE, TWO OF WHOM WERE REPORTED TO BE IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

2 (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS: THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY CHANGE IN PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED ENEMY INTENTIONS. ALTHOUGH ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LIGHT, IT IS STILL CONSIDERED A PROBABILITY THAT AN ATTACK WILL BE MADE IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ, WITH THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EFFORT ANTICIPATED FROM THE 27TH NVA REGIMENT IN THE GENERAL AREA OF FSB'S RUSSELL AND FULLER. THE ENEMY CONTINUES TO INDICATE AN INTENTION TO IMPEDE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE 9TH MARPNES, BUT HIS EFFORTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO ATTACKS BY FIRE. FSB CUNNINGHAM WAS HARASSED THROUGHOUT THAT PORTION OF THE REPORTING PERIOD WHEN HELICOPTERS WERE OPERATING, AND AN INCREASE IN THE INTENSITY OF FIRES IS EXPECTED AT THAT TIME WHEN THE FIRE BASE ITSELF WILL BE VACATED. IN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO, THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CAPABILITY TO DO ANYTHING BUT CONDUCT LIMITED ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST HUE AND INSTALLATIONS ALONG QL-1.

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## 3 (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. SLIGHTLY IMPROVED WEATHER IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE CORPS AO PERMITTED SOME TROOP MOVEMENT DURING THE AFTERNOON HOURS OF 10 MARCH. ALL REMAINING ARVN ELEMENTS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM THE DEWEY CANYON AO AND, IN ANTICIPATION THAT ACCEPTABLE AFTERNOON WEATHER CONDITIONS WILL CONTINUE TO PREVAIL IN THAT AREA DURING THE NEXT FEW DAYS, THE EXTRICATION PROCESS IS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE ON 11 MARCH. 9TH MARINE ELEMENTS ARE NOW LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF CUNNINGHAM, TAM BOI AND TURNAGE, DISPOSED FAVORABLY TO RESPOND TO ANY ENEMY ATTEMPT TO INITIATE GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST THE WITHDRAWING FORCES. THE MARGINALLY SATISFACTORY WEATHER ALSO PERMITTED THE DEPLOYMENT OF THE 1/4 MARINES (-) TO FSB ALPINE AND THE 2/3 MARINES TO HAWK (XD 896405).

B. THE CONTINUING LOW CEILINGS THROUGHOUT THE 101ST ABN DIV AO HAVE NECESSITATED A MODIFICATION OF PLANS FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER OPERATION. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE MOMENTUM OF THE MOVEMENT TOWARD THE A SHAU VALLEY, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT US/ARVN ELEMENTS WILL PROCEED ALONG THE HIGHWAY 547 AXIS. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 11 MARCH, FSB BASTOGNE WILL BE OCCUPIED BY US AND ARVN INFANTRY ELEMENTS AND TWO US BATTERIES OF ARTILLERY. IF WEATHER PROHIBITS AIR MOVEMENT OF THE INFANTRY UNITS, THEY WILL PROCEED TO BASTOGNE BY ROAD. ARTILLERY UNITS WILL MOVE OVERLAND UNDER ANY CONDITION. ON 12 MARCH, WEATHER PERMITTING, THE 1/502 ABN BN (-) WILL BE HELILIFTED TO FSB VEGHEL, FROM WHICH POINT IT WILL CONDUCT CLEAR AND SEARCH OPERATIONS ALONG HIGHWAY 547 TOWARD BASTOGNE. CONCURRENTLY, ON 12 MARCH, IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT THE 2/3 ARVN BN WILL CONDUCT A COMBAT ASSAULT TO AN LZ APPROXIMATELY FIVE (5) KM SOUTH OF FSB SPEAR. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 12 MARCH OR, IF ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS DICTATE, ON 13 MARCH, THE 3/3 ARVN BN WILL CONDUCT A CA EITHER ON FSB TENNESSEE OR INTO A LZ AT YC 620935 (APPROXIMATELY SIX (6) KM EAST OF FSB TENNESSEE).

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G3- X W/J3 MACV - Gen M. Laughlin  
Request in event a new Requirement is laid on that this H. Q. only be tasked - NOT Sen. Stewart

With the situation 9/5/88  
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 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
 LTG PEERS CG I FFV  
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 B. MAC 2407 DTG 250219Z FEB 69.

1. (C) COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED SUSPENSION OF REPORTS REQUIRED BY REFERENCES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. PLEASE SUSPEND EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.
2. (C) REPORTS MAY BE RESUMED IF SITUATION WARRANTS. PLEASE BE PREPARED TO DO SO.
3. (U) REPORTS HAVE BEEN TOP NOTCH AND EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN EVERY WAY. MANY THANKS TO ALL.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN

- (A) CG, III MAF 100752Z
1. (U) IN ACCORD REF (A2) SZHE FOL IS GNERAL KANG'S DESURES.
  2. (K) REC YBU ARR 280930I AT K-14, KIMPO AIRPORT. CALL ON UNC COMMAND GROUP 1015. UNC COMMAND BRIEFING 1030-1130. LUNCH HOSTED BY CH. ROK CIA KIM HYUNGIWOOK 1145-1245 STATE GUEST HOUSE. OFFCCIAL CALLS 1300-1610 IN ORDER ON ROKMC CMDY GEN KANG KI CHUN, CJCS GENERAL MOON CHUNG TAE, MND MINISTER IM CHUNG SHIK, SPRIME MINISTER CHUNG IL KWON! CH CIA KIM HYUNG WOOK/ CALL ON GENERAL CHARLES H. BONESTEEL 1630. RECEPTION 1830-1945 HOSTEDSBY GENERAL KAFG. KOREAN STYLE STAG DINNER FOLLOWS, HOSTED BY GENERAW MOON, CJCS. 29 MARCH SKED: 0800 DEPART VIA HELO FOR KIMPO PENINSULA FOR BRIEFING AND TOUR OF ROKMC KIMPO BDE. RETURN DIRECTLY TO K-14

PAGE TWO RUAMLK0874 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FOR REC 1100 DEP.

3. (C) UNIFORM REQ: WINTER SERVICE \*A\* BLUE DRESS \*B\* CIVILIAN ATTIRE. REC COMBAT BOOTS FOR KIMPO TRIP. IF REQ, WILL PROVIDE

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING.

4. (C) GENERAL KANG'S FORMAL INVITATION DISP 8 MARCH 1969.
5. (U) GENERAL BONESTEEL SENDS WARM REGARDS.
6. (U) REGS YOUR APPROVAL COL W.E. MCCAIN SENDS.

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FM LTG STEWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
TO MG TOWNSEND ACTING CHIEF OF STAFF MACV  
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T O P S E C R E T P H B @ 66 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION

1. (TS) ENEMY ACTPONS 111200 MAR 69 TO 121200 69.

A. ENEMY INITIATIVE IN THE XXIV CORPS AO DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD REFLECTED NO CHANGE IN THE PATTERN OF ACTIVITY. MOVEMENT CONTINUES IN THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. AN ESTIMATED 250 PERSONNEL WERE SIGHTED BY RADAR, AO'S, AND FO'S. THE LARGEST GROUP (SIGHTED BY AN AIR OBSERVER) WAS AN ESTIMATED ENEMY PLATOON IN UNIFORM, MOVING SOUTH IN THE SHDMZ AT YD 108750. THIS UNIT WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY ARTILLERY AND SUSTAINED TEN KIA.

B. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE DMZ OCCURRED IN THE VICINITY OF LZ CATAPULT. THERE WERE THREE CONTACTS DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS OF 11 MARCH. THESE CONSISTED OF A PROBE WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE, FOLLOWED (THREE HOURS LATER) BY A STANDOFF ATTACK WITH 60MM MORTAR FIRE, AND CULMINATING IN AN ATTACK BY AN ESTIMATED ENEMY COMPANY AT 111530 HOURS. THE ENEMY PRESSED HIS ATTACK FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR, AFTER WHICH HE WITHDREW. FRIENDLY FORCES SUSTAINED THREE KIA THROUGHOUT THE DAY. THREE ENEMY BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN THE AREA OF THE ATTACK. ALSO OF INTEREST IN THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AO WAS THE SIGHTING BY AN AIR OBSERVER OF A 30-MAN NVA PLATOON MOVING SOUTHWARD SOME SIX KMS WEST OF C-2. THE UNIT WAS TAKEN UNDER FIRE AND SUSTAINED NINE KNOWN KIA.

C. REPORTS OF TRAFFIC ON HWAY 926 CONTINUE TO BE SUBMITTED BY MARINE RECON ELEMENTS IN THAT AREA. THERE NOW APPEARS TO BE NO DOUBT THAT THE ENEMY IS MAKING USE OF THE ROAD AND THAT PLANNED INTERDICTION BY THE 3D MARINES WILL BE PRODUCTIVE. ADVERSE WEATHER STILL DELAYS MOVEMENT OF 3D MARINE DIVISION FORCES TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER WHERE 926 ENTERS RVN.

D. IN THE DEWEY CANYON AO, ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTED SMALL PROBES AGAINST BOTH A/1/9 MARINES AND B/1/9 MARINES DURING THE DAYLIGHT HOURS OF 11 MARCH. THESE PROBES CONSISTED OF STANDOFF ATTACKS AS WELL AS THREE GROUND ATTACKS BY ENEMY UNITS OF APPROXIMATELY PLATOON SIZE, B/1/9 MARINES SUSTAINED TWO KIA DURING THE DAY AND 34 WOUNDED, MOST OF WHICH WERE MINOR AND REQUIRED NO EVACUATION. ESTIMATED ENEMY KIA FOR THE PERIOD IS 16.

E. IN ADDITION TO THE ENEMY PROBES AGAINST THE 1/9 MARINES, FSB CUNNINGHAM ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED 122MM ARTILLERY FIRE (15 ROUNDS). NO CASUALTIES.

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F. ACTIVITY IN THE 101ST ABN DIVISION AO FOLLOWED THE SAME GENERAL PATTERN AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, WITH A MINOR INCREASE IN ACTIVITY.

2. (TS) ENEMY INTENTIONS. PREDICTIONS OF ENEMY INTENTIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED, THE ACTIVITY AROUND LZ CATAPULT INDICATES CONTINUED NVA INTEREST IN THAT AREA AND FURTHER CONFIRMS THE PRESENCE OF ENEMY FORCES IN THE NORTHERNMOST CORNER OF THE CORPS AO. THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE 1/9 MARINES ARE BUT ANOTHER INDICATION OF THE ENEMY'S INTENTION TO IMPEDE THE WITHDRAWAL EFFORT OF THE 9TH MARINES. THIS IS FURTHER CONFIRMED BY INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM OTHER USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES.

3. (TS) ACTIONS TAKEN AND IMMEDIATE FUTURE PLANS.

A. UNFAVORABLE WEATHER THROUGHOUT THE CORPS AO PREVENTED THE CONTINUED EXECUTION OF ONGOING PLANS. THE 3D MARINE DIVISION IS PREPARED TO MOVE INTO THE VIETNAMESE SALIENT AND FSB ARGONNE AS SOON AS A BREAK IN THE WEATHER OCCURS, WITH REGARD TO OPERATION MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER, CG, 101ST ABN DIVISION DECIDE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HWAY 547 AND CONTINUE THE MOVEMENT TOWARD THE ASHAU AS FAR AS POSSIBLE BY LAND. ON THE AFTERNOON OF 11 MARCH ONE US RIFLE COMPANY AND TWO US ARTILLERY BATTERIES MOVED ALONG HWAY 547 FROM FSB BIRMINGHAM TO FSB BASTOGNE AND ONE ARVN RIFLE COMPANY BEGAN A CROSS-COUNTRY MARCH THROUGH THE JUNGLES TOWARD FSB BASTOGNE. IT IS CURRENTLY PLANNED TO REOPEN FSB VEGHEL AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME AND TO BEGIN REPAIR OF HWAY 547 BETWEEN BASTOGNE AND VEGHEL. WHEN WEATHER PERMITS, PLANNED HELIBORNE OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE.

B. THE WEATHER CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR OBSTACLE. LOW CEILINGS AND RAIN THROUGHOUT THE REPORTING PERIOD PREVENTED ALL HELICOPTER MOVEMENT EXCEPT EMERGENCY EVACUATION.

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 TO RUYPYD/CG III MAF DNG  
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FOR MGEN C. B. DRAKE FROM RUDDEN

1. (C) GLAD TO BE OURJHERE AND HOPE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT  
 III MAF HDQTRS NLT NEXT TIME NEWPORT. NEWS IS BACK ON GUN LINE ABOUT  
 1 APR. IF YOU CAN, WOULD BE DELIGHTED IF YOU AND OTHERS OF YOUR  
 CHOOSING CAN COME OUT FOR LUNCH OR DINNER WHILE WE ARE OFF DANANG.  
 2. (S) RE POW OR RALLIER INTERROGATION. DO YOU KNOW IF THEY HAVE BEEN  
 ASKED THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT 16 INCH BOMBARDMENTS BY NEW JERSEY? I WOULD  
 BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THE EFFECTIVENESS AS VIEWED FROM THE RECEIVING  
 END.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS

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P 130520Z ZFF1  
 FM CHIEF MAAG TAIPEI  
 TO CG III MAF VIETNAM  
 ZEM

CONFIDENTIAL EYES ONLY PLEASE DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.  
 FM MG CICCOLELLA CHIEF MAAG TAIPEI  
 TO LIG CUSHMAN, CG III MAF VIETNAM  
 WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT 26-28 MARCH. INITIALLY WE  
 PLANNED TO REQUEST YOU ARRIVE AT TSOYING, HQ OF CHINESE MARINE CORPS,  
 THEN COME UP TO TAIPEI FOR OTHER PROTOCOL CALLS. HOWEVER, GEN YUAN,  
 COMMANDANT CHINESE MARINE CORPS, WILL BE IN TAIPEI 26 MARCH SEEING  
 GEN BUSE OFF AT 1300 HOURS. IT MAY BE MORE CONVENIENT ALL ROUND IF YOU  
 MADE YOUR CALL ON GEN YUAN HERE IN TAIPEI. HOWEVER, IF YOU PREFERRED  
 TO DO IT AT THE CMC HQ IN TSOYING, HE WOULD BE QUITE WILLING TO GOTO  
 TSOYING THAT AFTERNOON TO MEET YOU THERE.  
 IN ADDITION TO CALL ON GEN YUAN, WE ARE PROPOSING CALLS ON ADM  
 FENG, CINC CHINESE NAVY, GEN KAO, CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF AND CHIANG  
 CHING KUO MINISTER OF DEFENSE. MR. DAN ARNOLD, CHIEF OF CAS, HAS  
 REQUESTED OPPORTUNITY TO BRIEF YOU FOR ABOUT 45 MINUTES. WE WILL ALSO  
 ARRANGE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL AUDIENCE IF THE PRESIDENT IS IN TAIPEI AT  
 THAT TIME.  
 PLEASE ADVISE IF MEETING GEN YUAN HERE IN TAIPEI IS OK WITH YOU  
 AND WHETHER YOU HAVE ANY OTHER PREFERENCES OR REQUESTS. ADM CHEW AND  
 I WILL MEET YOU ON ARRIVAL, AND WE SEND YOU WARMEST REGARDS.

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FM COL C.F. GUILICI, USMC, J5, USMACVTHAI  
TO LTGEN R. E. CUSHMAN, JR., USMC CG III MAF, VIETNAM  
ZEM

CONFIDENTIAL BNK 0702 EYES ONLY

1. YOUR VISIT TO THAILAND WAS DEEPLY APPRECIATED BY THE  
COMMANDANT RTMC AND THE U.S. MARINES. YOUR PERSONAL  
CONTACT FURTHER ENHANCES THAI AND U.S. MARINE  
RELATIONSHIPS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR  
YOUR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO THE U.S. MARINES EFFORT  
IN THAILAND.

2. DURING TODAY'S THAI-U.S. LUNCHEON, A SENIOR RTAF  
OFFICER INFORMED ME OF THE FOLLOWING AND REQUESTED YOUR  
VIEWS:

AIR CHIEF MARSHAL KAMOL T., COFS RTAF WOULD LIKE THE  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE OV-10:

QUOTE 1. THE MISSION WHICH THE MARINES USE THIS A/C IN VN?  
2. THE EFFECTIVENESS?  
3. M&O COST?  
4. WHY THE MARINES SELECTED THIS TYPE A/C FOR USE IN VN?  
5. WHAT IS BETTER BETWEEN A-37 AND OV710 FOR THE COUNTER-  
INSURGENCY ROLE?

UNQUOTE.

3. THE RTAF HAS PERFORMANCE DATA ON THE OV-10 BUT LACKS VIETNAM  
EXPERIENCE AND MARINE VIEWS. I'VE INFORMED THE RTAF THAT AS FAR  
AS I CAN ASCERTAIN THERE ARE NO A-37 A/C IN THE U.S. MARINE  
INVENTORY AND THAT PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH THE OV-10 IN VN  
MAY BE LIMITED SINCE IT HAS ONLY RECENTLY DEPLOYED TO THE COMBAT  
SCENE.

4. THE RTAF IS EXTREMELY ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN THE U.S. MARINE  
VIEWS PROMPTLY. THEY ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE INFORMATION COULD BE MADE  
AVAILABLE FOR A SCHEDULED 14 MARCH MEETING AT WHICH TIME A/C  
BUYS WILL BE DETERMINED. IT WOULD BE MOST ADVANTAGEOUS IF YOUR VIEWS  
WERE AVAILABLE FOR CONSIDERATION AT THAT TIME.

5. PLEASE BE ASSURED THAT ALL INFORMATION EXPRESSING MARINE  
VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE MOST HELPFUL AND FULLY APPRECIATED.

WITH GREAT RESPECT AND WARM REGARDS

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DEL DURING DUTY HRS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 15193

SUBJ: NGF REQUIREMENTS FOR APR - MAY 69 (U)  
 FRM BGEN MCLAUGHLIN, ACTING ACOVS, JWC MACV, FOR BGEN DWYER, G3,  
 III MAF; COL MCCLELLAN, G3, I FFORCEV; COL KRAUSE, G3, II FFORCEV;  
 COL MIZE, G3 ADV, IV CTZ; CDR NICHOLSON, N3, NAVFORV.  
 1. (U) REQUEST EACH ADDRESSEE PROVIDE ANTICIPATED LONG RANGE  
 NGFS SHIP REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY BY TYPE  
 SHIP AND NUMBER OF SHIP DAYS REQUIRED FOR EACH MONTH.  
 2. (C) IN ADDITION, REQUEST SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY GIVEN  
 PERIOD BE SEPARATELY STATED BY TYPE SHIP REQUIRED, REQUIREMENT  
 DATE (S), AND OPERATION TO BE SUPPORTED.  
 3. (C) THIS INFORMATION WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR THIS HEADQUAR-

PAGE 2 RHMSMVA 3316 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 TERS NGFS DISTRIBUTION GUIDANCE TO CTG 70.8.9 REQUEST REPLY  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 CG THIRD MAF PASS TO RADM ROTRIGE  
 RADM ROTRIGE TRANS (U)  
 A. CTF 77 250134Z FEB 69 PASEP  
 B. RADIOCON CTG 77.0/TICO AIROPS

PAGE TWO RUMFHKG8737 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 1. (C) FOR ALL: 141430H MAR PRI TRANS FOR RADM ROTRIGE DNG TO RANGER  
 WILL BE PROV BY RANGER C1, WHICH IS EXPECTED UP AM 14 MAR. WILL  
 LAUNCH FOR DNG APPROX 141200H WITH COMCAMTEAM 6 AND EQUIP. INTEND  
 1430H DEPARTURE DNG AS SCHED REF A.  
 2. (C) TICO: REQ YOUR C1 PROV ON-SCENE BACKUP TRANS FOR RADM RKHTRIGE  
 VICE PRIMARY TRANS AS DISCUSSED REF B. IF YOUR C1 RQRD, REQ YOU  
 ALSO PROV TRANS RANGER TO DNG FOR COMBCAMTEAM 6 (2 PAX, 300 LBS  
 EQUIP). IF NEEDED, INTEND RECOVER ON BD RANGER, DISEMB RADM ROTRIGE,  
 LOAD COMBCAMTEAM FFT DNG AND SPIN.  
 3. (C) HORNET: REQ PROV LOG HELO RANS FOR RADM ROTRIGE IAW RQRMTS  
 PARA 1 REF A: 150930H RANGER TO TICO, 161000H TICO TO KHAWK.  
 4. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON.  
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 RMMAAVA/CGUSARV  
 INFO RUHKA/CINCPAC

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S E C R E T /SPECAT/AMMETER (C) MESSAGE FOLLOWS.  
 FOR FOCAL POINT OFFICER ONLY.

A. COMUSMACV LTR, MACJ2, 13 AUG 68.  
 CHANGE PARA B UNDEP HQ MACV TO READ LTC STANLEY J. BARNETT,  
 USA - XO, ACOFS, INTELLIGENCE - PHONE: MACV 4216/4941,  
 VICE LTC D.A. MOORE, NUSA.

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EXCLUSIVE FOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIEUTENANT GENERAL BUSE FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN

INFO LIEUTENANT GENERAL CUSHMAN MAJOR GENERAL FONTANA

1. ON 15 JUL 1968, FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E CASWELL 091564 USMC REFUSED TO SIGN FOR OR TAKE POSSESSION OF ORDERS TO VIETNAM. BOTH HIS REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION AS A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR AND HIS REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION BY GCM WERE DISAPPROVED. ON 13 MARCH THROUGH COUNSEL, HE OFFERED TO ACCEPT DUTY IN VIETNAM. I AGREED WITH SECNAV TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDING THE ORDERS WERE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE DUTIES ASSIGNED WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS EXPECTED OF MARINE OFFICERS WITHOUT FURTHER QUESTION.

2. HE IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART CAMP LEJEUNE PRIOR TO 2400, LOCAL TIME, THIS DATE FOR WESTPAC. I ALSO AGREED THAT THIS

PAGE 2 RUEBHOA1182 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR OFFICER WOULD NOT BE ASSIGNED IN COMMAND OF AN INFANTRY OR SIMILAR COMBAT UNIT, BUT RATHER TO THE CAP, PLC OR OTHER PACIFICATION OR SUPPORT TYPE BILLETTS. PLEASE INFORM ME ASAP OF YOU PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT FOR HIM.

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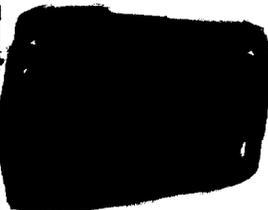
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MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF

FOR: Gen Laughton

- 1. This is the message from Gen Chapman concerning the J3 Bulletin at MAEJ
- 2. I don't believe Gen Bunn has seen

*LR*  
*MR*  
*D*

G. E. DOOLEY

18 March 1969

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

General McLaughlin is out of country on leave -- will return on 15 April. A copy of this message is being hand-delivered to Col Schmidt this morning. Col Schmidt will hold it for Gen McLaughlin.

Col Schmidt picked up msg  
18 MAR.

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 PAC-T-III MAF  
 R 151503Z MAR 69  
 FM CMC  
 TO RUHFMA/ADMINO FMFPAC  
 RHMMFAFA/CG III MAF  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MAJ GEN FONTANA,  
 INFO LTGEN CHUSHMAN FROM GEN CHAPMAN (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)  
 MARINE CORPS REPRESENTATIVE UWMACV STAFF

1. (C) AS RESULT OF JCS MEETING 14 MARCH 1969 GEN WHEELER IS  
 SENDING MESSAGE TO ADM MCCAIN AND GEN ABRAMS REQUESTING  
 THEIR COMMENTS CONCERNING APPROPRIATENESS OF PRESENT MARINE  
 CORPS GENERAL OFFICER BILLET ON MACV STAFF.
2. (C) ACTION RESULTED FROM MY RECOMMENDATION THAT MARINE CORPS  
 GAIN POSITION OF AC/S J3 MACV, STAFF IN LIEU OF CURRENT DEPUTY  
 J3 POSITION. MY POSITION BASED ON PAR 30301 JCS PUB2 WHICH  
 REQUIRES SERVICE REPRESENTATION AND INFLUENCE ON JOINT STAFF  
 GENERALLY REFLECT SERVICE COMPOSITION OF THE FORCE. THE

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA1385 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 POSITION OF DEPUTY J3 IS NOT AN APPROPRIATELY INFLUENTIAL  
 POSITION TO REPRESENT THE MARINE CORPS THAT HAS 15 PERCENT OF  
 THE TOTAL US FORCE, APPROXIMATELY 1/5 OF THE MANEUVER  
 BNS AND 1/3 OF THE JET ATTACK SQUADRONS IN COUNTRY.

3. (U) FOR GEN CUSHMAN; REQUEST YOU PROVIDE THIS INFO TO BGEN  
 MCLAUGHLIN TO ASSIST HIM IN PRESENTING POSITION TO  
 GEN ABRAMS.

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FM ADMIN FMFPAC

TO ZEN/CG FMFPAC  
INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE,  
INFO LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MAJGEN FONTANA

1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A SPECAT EXCLUSIVE (C)  
TO YOU, INFO BOB AND PAUL, FROM GEN CHAPMAN.

QUOTE:

1. ON 15 JUL 1968, FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E CASWELL 091 64 USMC REFUSED TO SIGN FOR OR TAKE POSSESSION OF ORDERS TO VIETNAM. BOTH HIS REQUEST FOR DESIGNATION AS A CONCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR AND HIS REQUEST FOR RESIGNATION TO ESCAPE PROSECUTION BY GCM WERE DISAPPROVED. ON 13 MARCH THROUGH COUNSEL, HE OFFERED TO ACCEPT DUTY IN VIETNAM. I AGREED WITH SECNAV TO GIVE HIM THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDING THE ORDERS WERE EXECUTED IMMEDIATELY AND THAT THE DUTIES ASSIGNED WOULD BE CARRIED OUT AS EXPECTED OF MARINE OFFICERS WITHOUT FURTHER QUESTION.
2. HE IS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO DEPART CAMP LEJEUNE PRIOR TO

PAGE TWO RHHHMA2638 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE 2400, LOCAL TIME, THIS DATE FOR WESTPAC. I ALSO AGREED THAT THIS OFFICER WOULD NOT BE ASSIGNED IN COMMAND OF AN INFANTRY OR SIMILAR COMBAT UNIT, BUT RATHER TO THE CAP, FLC OR OTHER PACIFICATION OR SUPPORT TYPE BILLETS. PLEASE INFORM ME ASAP OF YOUR PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT FOR HIM.

2. BILL VAN RYZIN INFORMED ME THAT THE ABOVE MSG WAS BEING SENT, AND THAT IT WAS GEN CHAPMAN'S DESIRE THAT LT CASWELL BE ASSIGNED TO A CAP.

3. GEORGE DOOLEY WAS INFORMED OF THIS BY TELECON AND HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO NOTIFY US AS TO CASWELL'S EVENTUAL ASSIGNMENT. WE WILL THEN INFORM OMC.  
WARM REGARDS.

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE		COPY# 1 OF 1 COPIES RECO	
			161928Z			
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	SUPPLY					
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Z 161928Z ZYH ZFF-3

FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
TO GEN CUSHMAN III MAF  
INFO GEN STILLWELL XXIV CORPS  
GEN BROWN 7TH AF  
ZEM

T O P S E C R E T NOFORN MAC 3417 EYES ONLY

1. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE MASSIVE FIRES IN NORTH AND SOUTH PORTIONS OF DMZ, USING ARTILLERY, TAC AIR, ARC LIGHT AND NAVAL GUN FIRE, ON EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULES:

A. OPTION 1 STARTING TIME AT 1200H, 17 MAR 69, WITH DURATION OF 24 HOURS.

B. OPTION 2 STARTING TIME AT 0700H, 18 MAR 69 WITH DURATION OF 24 HOURS.

2. FOR SECURITY PURPOSES, PREPARATION WILL ENTAIL NO REPEAT NO MOVEMENT OF DELIVERY MEANS PRIOR TO CITED START TIMES, I.E. YOUR CONDITION ALPHA IN YOUR MESSAGE 140220Z MAR 69.

3. PLAN ON THREE ARC LIGHT STRIKES WITH COMPRESSED TOT'S. TIMING WILL BE PROVIDED LATER. YOUR TARGET NOMINATIONS ARE REQUIRED SOONEST.

4. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS EXPECTED SHORTLY AFTER 0600H, 17 MAR 69.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY  
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				SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 171002Z		COPY# OF 3 COPIES RECO 1,2	
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3	CG				W	CONFIDENTIAL MAC 455 EYES ONLY  REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.  <i>For your answer</i>  <i>Discussed w/ Gen C</i> <i>D</i>	
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c/s

Will this require an answer,  
or have you called Dr. Wilkner?

W D Reply  
Blended  
Walt

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FM DR. M.F. WIKNER MACV MACSA SAIGON  
TO LTC R.F. CUSHMAN CG III MAF DA NANG  
ZFM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 855 EYES ONLY

1. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A VISIT TO III MAF PRIOR TO YOUR DEPARTURE TO THE U.S., WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. I WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW WITH YOU THE CHANGES I HAVE MADE IN THE OPERATION OF THIS OFFICE. I HAVE DISCUSSED THESE CHANGES WITH MG NETZGER IN WASHINGTON AND HE THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE TO HEAR ABOUT THEM.

FURTHER, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE RESULTS OF WORK THIS OFFICE HAS DONE, AT THE REQUEST OF MG DAVIDSON, IN II CORPS ON THE IDENTIFICATION OF HQ'S ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER USING MLI RADAR; THE HAWK AN/MPQ-30 UNITS IN I CORPS MAY HAVE AN INTEREST IN PERFORMING SIMILAR MEASUREMENTS ALONG THE DMZ.

3. FINALLY I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FUTURE VISIT TO THE 1ST AND 3RD MAR DIV IN ORDER TO OBSERVE THE USE OF BCCC ASSETS IN-COUNTRY.

4. BECAUSE OF YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE I WOULD PLAN TO SPEND ONLY A FEW HOURS AT DA NANG AND COULD VISIT ON THE AFTERNOONS OF MARCH 19, 20, 21 AND 22. I HOPE A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TIME CAN BE ARRANGED. Warm regards.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING OPENING DUTY HOURS  
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				SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECO	
				180231Z MAR 69			
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT	
			IN	OUT		PERSONNEL	FOR
	CG					REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE SBC WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.  <b>FOR</b> <i>Personal for Garrison</i> <i>Anderson</i> <i>19 Mar 69</i> <i>200700H</i> <i>Andy</i> <i>See if Cleo can assist MSgt Hawkins</i>	
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ZNY CCCCC  
P 180231Z MAR 69  
FM THIRD FORSERVREGT  
TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

**FOR**

BT  
C O N F I D E N T I A L  
PERSONAL FOR LT GEN NICKERSON FROM COL. PADALINO  
BLT REHAB U  
1. PER YOUR REQUEST FOR INFO ON SUBJ PLEASE BE ADVISED  
THAT THIRD FSK PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ENROUTE. ETA  
DANANG 20 OR 21 MARCH.  
2. MSGT HAWKINS SUPPLY REP DEPARTED BY AIR THIS DATE.  
WILL MAKE CONTACT WITH CAPT CHAMBERS AFTER ARRIVAL. VERY RESPECTFULLY  
COL PADALINLO.  
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 P 201845Z MAR 69 ZFF-2  
 FM ADMIN FMFPAC  
 TO RUEBHQA/CMC  
 INFO RHMMAFA/CG FMFPAC  
 RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L (AMC003) RPT (AMC003)  
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN BUSE  
 AND LTGEN CUSHMAN FROM MGEN FONTANA  
 1. (C) FIRST LIEUTENANT PAUL E. CASWELL 091564 USMC  
 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO HQ III MAF. BOB CUSHMAN HAS  
 STATED HE WILL ASSIGN HIM TO THE HQ OF A CAG.  
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			SERIAL# / CONTROL 191814Z	DATE 1,2,3	COPY# OF 4 COPIES RECO	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT HC OPERATIONS
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3	DCG					
4	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
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	DC/S PLAN					
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	G-3	I	Cy # 3	20/400Z		
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	G-5					
	G-6					
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

31 23/69

From: Chief of Staff

To: 83

- Appropriate action
- Comment and/or recommendation
- Retention
- Prepare reply for \_\_\_\_\_ signature
- Information and return to CofS
- Concurrence

Remarks:

G. E. DOOLEY

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O 220016Z ZHY ZFF-3 ZFF-6  
 FM MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV SAIGON  
 TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
 COL CAVANAUGH CHIEF MACSOG  
 ZEM

TOP SECRET LINDIS SENSITIVE MAC 3677 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJ: SOG OPERATION

REF: PHB 0514 DTG 191814Z MAR 69.

1. (TS/LINDIS) REFERENCE PROPOSES ARVN AUGMENTATION OF SOG FORCES IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONS IN THE LAOTIAN SALIENT AND IN BA 607.

2. (TS/LINDIS) REQUESTING JGS TO APPROVE THIS PROPOSAL IS A MAJOR POLICY QUESTION, INTRODUCING ARVN INTO AN AREA OF U.S. OPERATIONS IN WHICH ARVN PER SE HAS NEVER PARTICIPATED; HOWEVER, SOG REGULATIONS DO NOT REPEAT NOT PROHIBIT THIS.

• (TS/ LINDIS) SUGGEST THAT THIS QUESTION BE THOROUGHLY ANALYZED TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE BENEFITS WOULD WARRANT THE ADMINISTRATION EFFORT ENTAILED IN SUCH A POLICY CHANGE. DO WE REALLY WANT TO RECOMMEND TO COMUSMACV THAT ARVN BE INTRODUCED INTO SOG OPERATIONS? THE GENERAL REACTION HERE IS NEGATIVE

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
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			211653Z		COPY# OF 4 COPIES REC'D	
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	DC/S PLAN					
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0211653Z ZYH ZFF-1  
FM MG GETTYS CG AMERICAL DIV  
TO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
ZEM

SECRET

SECRET AID 251 EYES ONLY  
REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE 210920Z MAR 69

I HAVE RE-EXAMINED OUR PROCEDURES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE CHU LAI AIR BASE. THESE PROCEDURES ARE EXTENSIVE AND THEY INCLUDE INCREASED PATROLS IN THE ROCKET POCKET, EXTENSIVE ENGAGEMENTS OF SENSOR READOUTS, INCREASED USE OF LONG RANGE PATROLS, INCREASED USE OF PREARRANGED FIRES ON SUSPECTED LOCATIONS, FIRST AND LAST LIGHT VR BY AIR CAV UNITS, AND FIRE FLY MISSIONS DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS.

WITHIN OUR CAPABILITIES, WE WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY LOSSES, AND THE ENEMY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO FIRE FROM KNOWN LAUNCHING SITES. I DEPLORE, AS YOU, THE ROCKET ATTACK AT CHU LAI, HOWEVER I AM CONVINCED THAT WE COULD INCREASE THE COVERAGE OF SECURITY IN THE SO-CALLED ROCKET POCKET, OR AREA OF LAUNCHING IF WE HAD ADDITIONAL FORCES TO ACCOMPLISH THIS.

AS YOU KNOW I AM HEAVILY ENGAGED IN TIEN PHOUC, AND QUANG NGAI, AND I AM VITALLY CONCERNED ABOUT DEFENSE OF TAM KY. I AM SIMILARLY ENGAGED IN THE DUC PHO AREA AND WHILE WE HAVE ACQUITTED OURSELVES WELL, THE OPPOSITION STILL REMAINS AND MUST BE COUNTERED.

IN VIEW OF THIS, I CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE INTENSIFY OUR EFFORT IN THE SO-CALLED ROCKET POCKET, AND THIS REQUIRES AN ADDITION TO MY FORCES. WITH AN ADDITIONAL BDE I CAN PROVIDE SUFFICIENT COVERAGE TO REDUCE THE THREAT TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS. REQUEST THAT I BE FURNISHED THIS BDE.

SO NOTE: DELIVER AT 0700, 22 MARCH 69  
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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 282746Z MAR 69		COPY# / OF 3 COPIES RECO	
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DE RUMHLA 2949 0810746  
ZNY CCCCC  
P 220746Z MAR 69  
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RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L S P E C A T

EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN WALT, MAJGEN FONTANA AND BGEN DOOLEY

1. (U) IN CONFIRMATION OF INFO PREVIOUSLY PASSED TELEPHONICALLY, MAJ CHARLES S. ROBB II 08 21 02 USMC WAS NOT INJURED IN THE ENEMY MORTAR ATTACK ON FIRST MARDIV CP WHICH OCCURED APPROX 1940H 20MAR69.
2. (C) A COMPLETE ROSTER AND STATUS OF ALL CASUALTIES WHICH OCCURED IN THE ATTACK IS PROVIDED BELOW IN VIEW OF THE PRESS STORY WHICH APPARENTLY IDENTIFIED THE UNIT AND SECTION OF WHICH MAJ ROBB IS A MEMBER. SUCH REPORT COULD WELL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL INQUIRIES BY NOK OF OTHER MARINES ASSIGNED HOEN THIS CP.
3. (C) THERE WERE ONLY SIX CASUALTIES OF WHICH TWO WERE KIA, TWO WIA (E) AND TWO WIANE.

A. KIA:

CPL JOHN MARTIN BURUA 229 06 90/3051 USMC SERVO RPTD BY MY PAGE 2 RUMHLA 2949 C O N F I D E N T I A L S P E C A T EXCLU FOR MSG 211614ZMAR69

SGT JOHN GARDNER OSTERHUS 216 81 57/3042 USMC HOCO RPTD BY MY MSG 211818ZMAR69

B. WIA (E) REPORTED BY MY MSG 211652ZMAR69.

LT COL MAURICE C. ASHLEY 04 57 07/1802 USMC HOCO. SW LEFT LEG, LEFT ARM & LEFT FLANK, COND/PROG GOOD, EVAC TO 5TH ARMY FLD HOSP BANGKOK THAI

CAPT JAMES V. BASSETT, 096110/3010 USMC, HOCO SW BOTH LEGS AND BACK. COND\*/PROG GOOD LOC 1STMEDBN, EVAC TO 22D CSF 21MAR EVAC TO USNH GRAM

C. WIANE REPORTED BY MY MSG 220222Z MAR69.

PFC RICHARD W. BOUNDS 240 91 07, HOCO SLIGHT CONCUSSION, COND/PROG EXC TREATED & RET TO DU.

PFC R. E. BRILEY 239 84 34/0141, USMC HOCO ABRASION LEFT WRIST, COND/PROG EXC TREATED & RET TO DU.

4. (C) BRIEFLY, THERE WERE ABOUT TWENTY MARINES IN THE BUILDING G-4/SUPPLY SECTIONS ALSO OCCUPY WHEN THE MORTAR ATTACK BEGAN. ONLY ONE ROUND IMPACTED IN THE BUILDING WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO 16 SMALL PARTITIONED OFFICES. THE TWO KIA WERE IN THE CENTER OF THE IMPACTED OFFICE WITH THE FOUR INJURED IN DIFFERENT ADJACENT OFFICES LOCATED PAGE 3 RUMHLA 2949 C O N F I D E N T I A L S P E C A T EXCLU FOR ON THREE DIFFERENT SIDES OF THE EXPLOSION. MOST OF THOSE NOT INJURED INCLUDING MAJ ROBB WERE ABLE TO MAKE IT OUTSIDE AND HIT THE DECK BEFORE THE DAMAGING ROUND HIT THE G-4/SUPPLY OFFICE SPACES. AS SOON AS INCOMING CEASED MAJ ROBB ASSISTED IN CARING FOR THE CASUALTIES AND CLEARING OF DEBRIS. AS USUAL HE REMAINED THROUGHOUT.

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 Military Assistance Command, Vietnam  
 FPO San Francisco 96602

27 March 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Use of ARVN Units to Augment SOG

1. At about 1400, 27 March, Commanding General, III MAF met with Commanding General, XXIV Corps at Vandergrift Combat Base. At that time Commanding General, III MAF informed Lieutenant General STILWELL that General ABRAMS had informed him the previous day that he did not favor the use of ARVN in the SOG role at this time since he did not want to jeopardize certain other plans he had under discussion with Chairman, JCS. Lieutenant General STILWELL accepted this information and it appeared that he understood that no further action would be taken on his recommendation that ARVN units be used to reinforce SOG operations.

  
 R. T. DWYER JR.  
 BGen USMC  
 Asst CofS, C-3

MESSAGE NOT SENT  
 IN VIEW OF GEN  
 ABRAMS VERBAL DECISION  
 ON THIS SUBJECT MADE IN  
 THE COURSE OF A  
 CONVERSATION WITH CG III MAF

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EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN TOWNSEND INFO LTGEN STILWELL FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 SOG OPERATIONS

- A. CG XXIV CORPS PHB 0514 191814Z MAR 69
- B. C/S MACV MAC 3677 220016Z MAR 69

1. I HAVE EXAMINED DICK STILWELL'S PROPOSAL WITH DUE REGARD FOR YOUR RESERVATIONS AS EXPRESSED IN REF B.

2. AFTER ANALYZING THE PROBLEM HIS RECOMMENDATION TO EMPLOY WELL QUALIFIED ARVN REGULARS IN THE SOG ROLE APPEARS MILITARILY ATTRACTIVE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS.

A. PROVIDES INCREASED CAPABILITY TO OPERATE IN THE ENEMY BASE AREAS WITH THE RESULTANT INCREASED AREA COVERAGE AND GREATER POSSIBILITY OF SUCCESS.

B. THE EXPANDED AREA COVERAGE WILL CAUSE GREATER DEFENSE PROBLEMS FOR THE NVA.

C. THE TYPE OF ARVN PERSONNEL BEING CONSIDERED ARE BETTER TRAINED THAN THE AVERAGE SOG INDIVIDUAL, PARTICULARLY FOR THE NEUTRALIZATION/DESTRUCTION MISSION.

D. IN BEING ARVN ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STATUS OF TRAINING (IF ONLY THE BEST UNIT(S) ARE SELECTED) SHOULD ENHANCE THEIR IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY WITH MINIMUM TRANSITION TIME.

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E. ARVN DISCIPLINE IS GENERALLY BETTER THAN THAT FOUND IN THE AVERAGE SOG UNIT WHICH SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR EFFECTIVENESS.

3. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN I CAN FORSEE THESE DISADVANTAGES:

A. 1ST ARVN DIVISION OVERALL STRENGTH AVAILABLE FOR ON GOING OPERATIONS WILL BE CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED BY THE NUMBER OF UNITS SO EMPLOYED.

B. ONCE DISCOVERED AND IDENTIFIED AS ARVN REGULARS THE REVELATION OF SUCH ACTIVITIES COULD WELL INVITE THE CHARGE OF EXPANDING THE WAR WITH THE RESULTANT POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AND LIKELY ADVERSE PUBLICITY.

C. COMMITMENT TO THIS MISSION WILL PLACE INCREASED DEMANDS ON ALREADY STRAINED HELO ASSETS, FOR OTHER AIR SUPPORT AND WILL REQUIRE INCREASED LOGISTIC SUPPORT.

D. EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT WELL REQUIRE COMMITMENT OF US FORCES.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR SUCH A POLICY CHANGE MAY BE TIME CONSUMING AND PRECLUDE EARLY AVAILABILITY.

4. ON BALANCE, AND RECOGNIZING THE DISADVANTAGES JUST ENUMERATED, IT APPEARS THAT THE MILITARY BENEFITS WHICH MIGHT ACCRUE FROM EXPANDED COVERAGE IN THE ENEMY'S VITAL LOGISTIC AREAS WARRANT THE EMPLOYMENT OF CAREFULLY SELECTED ARVN UNIT(S) IN THE SOG ROLE AND I SO RECOMMEND. IF POLITICAL CIRCUMSTANCES AND/OR ADMINISTRATIVE CONSIDERATIONS ARE OVERIDING AN ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION WOULD BE THE COMMITMENT OF ADDITIONAL, SUITABLY TRAINED, SOG PERSONNEL TO MEET THE EXPANDED REQUIREMENTS.

5. LTGEN NICKERSON CONCURS.

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T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS PHB 0540 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: NEW NVA STORAGE AREA

1. (S) AS OUR SITREPS WILL CONFIRM OVEG THE NEXT FEW DAYS,  
 2/3 MARINES AND 3/2 ARVN, PARTICIPANTS IN OPERATION  
 MAINE CRAG, HAVE UNCOVERED A SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY

SUPPLY AREA. ITS GENERAL EXTENT CAN BE INDICATED BY  
 A CIRCLE OF 1.5 KM RADIUS CENTERED ON XD 905235.

2. (S) THERE WERE SMALL UNIT ACTIONS THROUGHOUT THIS AREA  
 TODAY AS NVA SERVICE TROOPS ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND IN PLACE.  
 THUS, OUR TGOOPS HAVE NOT YET HAD THE SCOPE TO TOTE UP  
 WHAT HAS BEEN UNCOVERED OR UNDERTAKE DETAILED SEARCH  
 FOR ADDITIONAL STOCKPILES. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING  
 SUGGESTS THAT WE CAN EXPECT THE AREA TO YIELD SUPPLIES  
 OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE:

A. CHICOM/NVA RICE CONSEGATIVELY ESTIMATED TO  
 AGGREGATE 400 TONS. I PERSONALLY SAW HALF THAT AMOUNT  
 IN A BRIEF WALK THROUGH ONE AREA. THE RICE IS OF SUPER 7  
 FINE QUALITY AND, FOR THE MOST PART, DOUBLE BAGGED. RICE  
 WAS STOGED ABOVE GROUND ON LOG DUNNAGE, PILES COVEGED  
 BY HIGH-GRADE PLASTIC. THIS INDICATES SITE IS TEMPORARY  
 ONLY. (WE WILL EVACUATE ALL RICE, CLEARLY LABEL IT  
 AS CAPTURED AND TUGN OVER TO PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES.) O

B. HOTEL COMPANY REPORTS THAT IT HAS UNCOVERED  
 SIZEABLE STOCKS OF CANNED FOODS.

C. IN THE COURSE OF A FIRE FIGHT, ECHO COMPANY O  
 UNCOVERED A SINGLE CACHE OF 100 PLUS NEW AK-&7'S/AK-50'S.  
 DURING SAME FIGHT, AN M-79 WAS FIRED INTO AN UNDERGROUND  
 ENTRY RESULTING IN EXPLOSION OF SUCH VIOLENCE AS TO  
 WOUND 17 FRIENDLY.

D. BOXES/CONTAINERS OF MORTAR/RPG/RECOILLESS RIFLE  
 ROUNDS AGE STREWN THROUGHOUT THE AREA. ~~40~~ 122 MM ROCKETS  
 HAVE ALREABY BEEN DESTROYED.

3. (TS/LIMDIS) SINCE THIS AREA IS SO CLEARLY WITHIN OUR REACH (WE OPERATED THROUGH HERE AS LATE AS JANUARY), LOGIC SUGGESTS THAT THE ENEMY INTENDED THIS AS A STAGING AREA. WE ASSUME THAT ONWARD MOVEMENT WAS NOT TO BE NORTHWARD FOR ARVN ELEMENTS, MOVING SOUTH ALONG ROUTE 616, REPORT THAT SEGMENT OF ROUTE SHOWS NO SIGN OF USE. MOST LIKELY DIRECTION IS DUE EAST INTO LAOTIAN SALIENT; OR SOUTH TOWARDS BASE AREA 611 VIA THE XE PON RIVER. 35 HEAVILY LADEN NVA WERE OBSERVED MAKING FOR THE LAOTIAN BORDER AT XD 898210 THIS AFTERNOON; AND ENGAGED AND KILLED BY TAC AIR. MEANWHILE, ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE LAOTIAN SALIENT IS SUFFICIENT TO HAVE FORCED THE EXTRACTION UNDER FIRE OF THE ONLY TWO SOG INSERTS THUS FAR EFFECTED.

4. (S) WE EXPECT THE ARMORED TASK FORCE (TF REMAGEN) NOW PIONEERING ITS WAY SOUTH WITHIN THE SHADOW OF THE CO ROC, TO BE ASTRIDE ROUTE 916 BY 25 MARCH. THIS WILL PERMIT 1/3 MARINES TO CONVERGE ON STORAGE AREA TO INTENSIFY CLEAN-UP AND SEARCH. STORAGE AREA PROPER BEING IN A BOWL, REGIMENTAL COMMANDER INTENDS TO PROTECT HIS FORCES BY OCCUPYING HIGH GROUND TO EAST, IMMEDIATELY CONTIGUOUS TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER.

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26 MAR 69 CMC HQMARCOR WASHDC FOR DU AS DIRPERS/DEP C/S (MANPOWER).  
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UNCLAS E F T O

FOR LGEN CUSHMAN FROM BRINGLE

1. ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR TURNING OVER COMMAND OF THE THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE TO LGEN NICKERSON, WE OF THE SEVENTH FLEET LOOK BACK UPON OUR CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH PRIDE. DURING THIS WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUR DYNAMIC AND INSPIRATIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN AT THE FOREFRONT IN OUR SUPPORTING RELATIONSHIP.
2. UNDER YOUR COMMAND, THE FREE WORLD FORCES IN I CORPS HAVE INDEED STRENGTHENED THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM. THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SEVENTHFLT NAVY/MARINE AMPHIBIOUS TEAM IN CONCERT WITH OPERATIONS IN I CORPS HAS ADDED SIGNIFICANT DIMENSIONS IN READINESS AND COMBAT EFFICIENCY. YOUR SKILLFUL DIRECTION IN EMPLOYING NAVAL GUNFIRE IN SUPPORT OF FORCES ASHORE WAS MARKEDLY EFFECTIVE AND CONTRIBUTED TO OUR IMPROVED COMBAT SUPPORT. THE SUCCESS OF THIS UNIQUE MILITARY

PAGE TWO RUYGSAFI950 UNCLAS E F T O

CAPABILITY HAS BEEN PROVEN, AS WELL AS THE VALIDITY OF LONG STANDING NAVY-MARINE TEAMWORK.

3. WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH YOU AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR EQUALLY DEMANDING PROSPECTIVE POSITION. I LOOK FORWARD TO SIMILAR EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS WITH LGEN NICKERSON. GOOD LUCK. GOD SPEED. VADM W. F. BRINGLE.

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UNCLAS E F T U

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN AND LTGEN NICKERSON  
 FROM BGEN WILLIAMS

1. FOR GEN CUSHMAN, ALL HANDS IN 9TH MAB JOIN ME  
 IN CONGRATULATING YOU ON COMPLETION OF YOUR  
 MAGNIFICENT TOUR IN COMMAND OF III MAF. IT HAS  
 BEEN A PRIVILEGE TO OPERATE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR  
 FINE FORCES, AND TO CONTRIBUTE IN SOME WAY TO  
 ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE III MAF MISSION, WITH  
 GREAT RESPECT, WE WISH FOR YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS  
 AND ALL HAPPINESS.

2. FOR GEN NICKERSON, THE MARINES AND BLUEJACKETS  
 OF THE BRIGADE SALUTE YOU ON YOUR RENEWED  
 ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND RESPONSIBILITIES IN VIETNAM.  
 EVERY ELEMENT OF THIS AIR-GROUND TEAM PLEDGES

PAGE TWO RUABQL 6934 UNCLAS E F T U  
 CONTINUING SUPPORT OF YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT  
 MISSION, AND, WITH FULL CONFIDENCE, WISHES YOU  
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MAJGEN FONTANA.  
PRESS INTERVIEW

1. LYLE NELSON, MILITARY EDITOR OF HONOLULU STAR BULLETIN REQUESTS HALF-HOUR INTERVIEW WITH YOU AT CAMP H. M. SMITH ON MONDAY, 31 MAR 69.
2. UNLESS MESSAGE IS RECEIVED INDICATING YOUR NONCONCURRENCE, INTERVIEW WILL BE SCHEDULED AT A TIME BEST SUITED TO YOUR SCHEDULE, AND A LIST OF KEY QUESTIONS MADE AVAILABLE TO YOU UPON YOUR ARRIVAL HERE.

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ZNY SSSSS  
 P 241219Z MAR 69  
 FM CG FIRST MARDIV  
 TO CG III MAF  
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SECRET SPEC AT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 FROM MAJGEN SIMPSON

ENEMY ROCKET/MORTAR ATTACKS - DANANG (S)

A. YR 210920Z

1. (S) I FULLY UNDERSTAND AND SHARE YOUR CONCERN OVER THESE ATTACKS. DEFENSE OF DANANG IS THE PRIMARY TASK OF FIRST MARDIV AND WE ARE BENDING EVERY EFFORT TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVE YOU HAVE OUTLINED.
2. (S) MY EVALUATION SHOWS THAT, IN GENERAL, FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF THESE ATTACKS VARIES INVERSELY WITH FRIENDLY TROOP DENSITY IN THE ROCKET BELT. SIX INFANTRY BATTALIONS ARE NOW ENGAGED IN INTENSIVE PATROLLING IN THIS AREA WITH AT LEAST HALF OF THE EFFORT OF A SEVENTH. IT DOES NOT FOLLOW, HOWEVER, THAT GIVEN SUFFICIENT DENSITY THE THREAT CAN BE ENTIRELY ELIMINATED. INDEED IF THE TOTAL RESOURCES OF THIS REINFORCED DIVISION WERE DEVOTED SOLELY TO THIS DEFENSIVE TASK, THE ENEMY WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO LAUNCH SPORADIC ATTACKS.

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3. (S) IN MY JUDGEMENT THEN THE ULTIMATE SOLUTION LIES, NOT IN DEVOTING ALL RESOURCES TO PATROLLING POSSIBLE LAUNCHING AND FIRING SITES, BUT IN MOVING TOWARD THE SOURCE OF THE ROCKETS, THE PEOPLE WHO FIRE THEM AND THE SUPPORTING ENEMY FORMATIONS. THERE MUST BE A BALANCE BETWEEN PATROLLING THE ROCKET BELT AND HARD HITTING OFFENSIVE ACTION AIMED AT THE ENEMY AND HIS CACHES. SUCCESS IN THESE LATTER OPERATIONS WILL MAKE A SIGNIFICANT AND LASTING CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENSE OF DANANG.
4. (S) OPN OKLAHOMA HILLS, WITH D-DAY NOW SCHEDULED FOR 30 MARCH, WAS CONCEIVED WITHIN THIS CONTEXT. IT IS THE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION OF FIRST MARDIV TO III MAF SPRING OFFENSIVE, OP ORD 401-69. ITS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS THE DESTRUCTION OF 31ST AND 141ST REGTS AND 368 B ROCKET REGIMENT. THE MAIN BODIES OF ALL THREE OF THESE REGIMENTS ARE KNOWN TO BE IN THE CHARLIE RIDGE - WORTH RIDGE - HAPPY VALLEY AREA. IT WAS FROM THESE BASE AREAS THAT THE PRIMARY GROUND ATTACKS AGAINST THE DANANG COMPLEX WERE LAUNCHED BEGINNING 23 FEB. WE BELIEVE THAT AT LEAST 75 PVO OF ALL ROCKETS FIRED INTO DANANG ENTER THE AREA THROUGH ENEMY LOC'S TRANSITTING THE OBJECTIVES OF OKLAHOMA HILLS.
5. (S) AS WAS BRIEFED TO YOU ON 27 FEBRUARY, MOUNTING OKLAHOMA HILLS

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PAGE THREE RUMHLA 3231 S E C R E T  
 REQUIRES THINNING THE ROCKET BELT TO FOUR BATTALIONS. SOME COM-  
 PENSATION FOR THE INCREASED RISK IS PROVIDED BY THE MAIN EFFORT  
 WHICH STARTS AT THE OUTER EDGE OF THE ROCKET BELT AND MOVES GEN-  
 ERALLY SOUTHWEST.

6. (S) THE DEGREE, OF RISK INCREASE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE  
 DEFINITELY. HOWEVER I AM STRONGLY OF RPE VIEW THAT IT MUST BE  
 ACCEPTED IN FAVOR OF LONG TERM BENEFITS OF STRIKING A TELLING BLOW  
 AT THE ENEMY AND HIS CACHES.

7. (S) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF OKLAHOMA HILLS, ESTI-  
 MATED I MAY, THE ORIGINAL TROOP DENSITY IN THE ROCKET BELT WILL BE  
 RESTORED AND MAINTAINED UNTIL IT IS POSSIBLE TO MOUNT ANOTHER  
 OFFENSIVE OUTSIDE THE ROCKET BELT WHICH WILL FURTHER CONTRIBUTE  
 TO THE OVERALL DEFENSE OF DANANG.

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 ZNR UUUUU  
 P 251504Z MAR 69  
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 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
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 RUHHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMLMHA/ CG FIRST MAW

FOR

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FOR LTGEN H NICKERSON JR #5128/9903 USMC. YOUR PRESENT TEMADDO  
 LOD IN THAT EFF 25 MAR 69 YOUR TEMADDO TERM AND EFF THAT DATE STAND  
 DET FR POLLS HQBN HQMRCOR HENDERSON HALL ARLVA. ON 26 MAR 69 RPT  
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A. CMC 251504Z MAR69

1. I HEREBY REPORT FOR DUTY AS CG, III MAF IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

L/PGEN NICKERSON SENDS.

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FM CG III MAF/SA I CORPS

✓ TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC HAWAII

✓ RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV SGN RVN

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ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

A. NAVREGS, ART 0503 (NOTAL)

B. MACV DIR 10-4 OF 13MAR68 (NOTAL)

✓ C. CMC 251504Z MAR 69 (NOTAL)

1. I HAVE THIS DATE ASSUMED COMMAND AS CG, III MAF & DUTIES AS AREA  
 COORDINATOR, ICTZ. ALL EFFECTIVE DIRECTIVES, ORDERS, NOTICES &

PAGE TO RHMAFA 3180 UNCLAS E F T O :

INSTRUCTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT. REFERENCE A, B, AND C PERTAIN.

LT GEN H. NICKERSON JR. SENDS

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 P 251636Z MAR 69  
 FM CMC

TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS

A. CG FMFPAC MSG R060114Z MAR 69 (C)

1. REF A CONTAINED THE RESULTS OF AN EXAMINATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF RETURNING EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS TO THE CENTRAL MC REC FUND. IN ORDER TO MAKE A FINAL DETERMINATION ON THE SUBJECT MATTER, THE FOLLOWING IS REQUESTED:

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 A. YOUR RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS WHICH CAN BE WITHDRAWN FROM THE III MAF COMPOSITE FUND AND FROM EACH MEMBER RECREATION FUND, IDENTIFIED SEPARATELY.

B. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE III MAF COMPOSITE FUND AND EACH MEMBER FUND; THESE STATEMENTS SHOULD REFLECT BALANCES AS OF 28 FEB 69.

C. DETAILED PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF OPERATING CAPITAL AND RESERVE ACCOUNTS REMAINING.

PAGE 2 RUEBHOAS 715 C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 AFTER RETURN OF EXCESS FUNDS.

D. ANY OTHER INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER.

2. REQUEST ABOVE INFO BY 19 APRIL 1969

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P 251730Z MAR 69

FM CMC

TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

INFO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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A. TITLE 10 USC SECTION 5232

1. FOR LTGEN NICKERSON. THE PRESIDENT, BY AND WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, APPOINTS YOU TO THE GRADE OF LTGEN EFFECTIVE WHILE SERVING AS CG III MAF UNDER DESIGNATION MADE PURSUANT TO REFERENCE (A)

2. FURN CERT COPY THIS MSG TO DISCO CARRYING PAY ACCT

3. I CONGRATULATE YOU UPON YOUR DESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT AS LTGEN

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TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
INFO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
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UNCLASPROM  
A. TITLE 10 USC SECTION 5232  
1. FOR LTGEN CUSHMAN THE PRESIDENT BY AND WITH THE  
ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE, APPOINTS YOU TO THE  
GRADE OF LTGEN EFFECTIVE WHILE SERVING AS DIRPERS MARCOR  
UNDER DESIGNATION MADE PURSUANT TO REFERENCE (A)  
2. FURN CERT COPY THIS MSG TO DISBO CARRYING PAY ACCT  
3. I CONGRATULATE YOU UPON DESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT  
AS LTGEN  
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FM CG FIRST MAW

TO RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC

INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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SECRET FOR MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

FOR FMFPAC F-006

FMFPAC AND III MAF FOR G-3

FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT (U)

A. CG FMAW 141431Z JAN 69 *(cy attached)*

B. ADMIN FMFPAC 222217Z JAN 69

C. ADMIN FMFPAC 051945Z MAR 69

D. CG FIRST MAW LTR; SER: 00337669 DTD 17 MAR 69 - III MAF STC #473

1. (C) REF A REQUESTED SUBJECT REPORT BE SUBMITTED SEPARATELY BY EACH REPORTING UNIT ON A WEEKLY BASIS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE ADMIN BURDEN CREATED BY THIS REPORT. REF B CONCURRED ONLY WITH THE WEEKLY SUBMISSION. REF C EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR DAILY FIGURES IN THE WEEKLY REPORT, AND THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT HAS DONE LITTLE TO

PAGE TWO RUMLMHA 0066 SECRET MCEO

REDUCE THE ADMIN BURDEN OF THIS REPORT.

2. (C) REF D IS EVIDENCE OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE COLLECTION AND ADMIN EFFORT REQUIRED TO PRODUCE THIS REPORT. IN AN ATTEMPT TO REDUCE THE MANHOURS CONSUMED BY THIS SINGLE REPORT AND TO DISTRIBUTE THE EFFORT IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

A. EACH REPORTING DIVISION AND FMAW, MAKE THEIR REPORT SEPARATELY TO A COMMON HIGHER ECHELON.

B. THE EXISTING FORMAT OF SUBJ RPT FOR FMAW BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

(1) PARA (I): TOTAL PREPLANNED SORTIES FOR GIVEN DAY VICE A BREAKDOWN OF WKLY/DAILY.

(2) PARA C: TOTAL SORTIES FRAGGED BY DAY IN C (1), (2), (3) VICE BREAKDOWN OF WKLY/DAILY.

(3) PARA J (1) THRU (7): TOTAL PREPLANNED SORTIES FOR EACH UNIT SUPPORTED VICE BREAKDOWN OF WKLY/DAILY.

3. (C) THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS WILL ALLOW FOR MORE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING AT EACH COMMAND AND STILL PROVIDE NECESSARY DAILY STATISTICS.

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0 31003Z APR 77-3  
 FM LTC RICHARD L. GIBSON, USAF  
 TO CG ROBERT L. GIBSON, USAF  
 INFO CG DOOLEY C/S III MAF  
 MR. FIRFER DEPUTY FOR CORDS III MAF  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PNB 0591 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJEC: CURTAILMENT OF TOUR

1. THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR CONCERN WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MOONEY, PSA GUANG TRI, FOR SIX MONTHS CURTAILMENT OF HIS PRESENT TOUR.
2. MOONEY'S LETTER, NOW EN ROUTE TO YOU WITH A FAVORABLE ENDORSEMENT FROM MR. FIRFER, IS A RECLAMA OF PREVIOUS TURN DOWN. MOONEY'S REASONS STAND ON THEIR OWN MERITS BUT I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY PLEA FOR FAVORABLE ACTION. HE IS ONE OF THE MOST DEDICATED, COURAGEOUS AND EFFECTIVE OFFICERS I HAVE EVER KNOWN. HE WILL THEREFORE BE SORELY MISSED IN THIS AREA. BUT SIMPLE EQUITY DICTATES HIS EARLY RETURN TO CONUS. MOREOVER, RECOGNITION OF MOONEY'S PERSONAL LOGISTICS PROBLEMS, AT THIS JUNCTURE, IS LIKELY TO ENHANCE HIS LONG RANGE VALUE TO THE SERVICE.
3. I THEREFORE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT NECESSARY ACTION BE TAKEN TO RETURN MOONEY TO CONUS AT THE END OF 12 MONTH'S DUTY ON THIS HIS SECOND TOUR.
4. WARM REGARDS.

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