

- ~~26. CG III MAF 020810Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 015~~
- ~~27. CG III MAF 020813Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 016~~
- ~~28. CG III MAF 020620Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 018~~
- ~~29. CG III MAF 030835Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 019~~
- ~~30. CG III MAF 031745Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 020~~
- ~~31. CG III MAF 040225Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 021~~
- ~~32. CG III MAF 040920Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 022~~
- ~~33. CG III MAF 050235Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 023~~
- ~~34. CG III MAF 051200Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 024~~
- ~~35. <sup>051525Z</sup> CG III MAF 051525Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 025~~
- ~~36. CG III MAF 051610Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 026~~
- ~~37. CG III MAF 060718Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 027~~
- ~~38. CG III MAF 061810Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 028~~
- ~~39. CG III MAF 062340Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
FOR STILWELL AND DAVIS FROM GUSHMAN  
READDRESSAL OF MACV'S 060814Z MAR69 "NEWSMEN FINDING OUT  
ABOUT DEWEY CANYON IN LAOS~~
40. ✓ CG III MAF 070555Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY NOFORN (GROUP NOT SHOWN)  
FOR STILWELL, SIMPSON, ZAIS, DAVIS, QUILTER, GETTYS, & COL  
ROBERTS, INFO GEN ABRAMS  
"READDRESSES MACV'S 061810Z CONCERNING VISIT OF SECDEF &  
GIVES III MAF GUIDANCE ON ITINERARY & SECURITY FOR SECDEF."

- ~~41. CC III MAF 071608Z MAR69 (TS) EWES ONLY  
FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY  
RETRANSMISSION OF STILLWELL IS 061128Z MAR69 (SUM OF DEWEY CANYON)~~
- ~~42. CC III MAF 080917Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR - 29~~
- ~~43. CC III MAF 081907Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR - 30~~
- ~~44. CC III MAF 091732Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR - 32~~
- ~~45. CC III MAF 100517Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR - 31~~
- ~~46. CC III MAF 100710Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 33~~
- ~~47. CC III MAF 110225Z MAR69 (TS) LIMDIS  
BOG OPERATIONS~~
- ~~[REDACTED]~~
- ~~49. CC III MAF 111658Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 35~~
- ~~50. CC III MAF 111947Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 36~~

- ~~13. CG III MAF 030820Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR VAN RIZEN FROM CUSHMAN  
"QUARTERS"~~
- ~~14. CG III MAF 030846Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
FOR ABRAMS & QUILTER INFO BUSE FROM CUSHMAN  
REQ APPROVAL FOR COURTESY ON THAT MARINE CORPS~~
- ~~15. CG III MAF 020012Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR BUSE INFO CHADMAN FROM CUSHMAN  
"LOOKING FORWARD TO GEN BUSE VISIT"~~
16. CG III MAF 050034Z MAR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR CHAPMAN INFO BUSE FROM CUSHMAN  
SAPPER ATTACKS AGAINST MARINE POSITIONS NEAR THE DMZ
17. CG III MAF 050215Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR STILWELL INFO ABRAMS & BROWN FROM CUSHMAN  
RETALITORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN DMZ (S)
18. CG III MAF 050828Z MAR69 (S) LIMDIS MCEO *gp-4*  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT (U)
19. CG III MAF 070416Z MAR69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *group - not shown*  
FOR BUSE FROM CUSHMAN  
AUTOMATED SERVICES CENTER
20. CG III MAF 070204Z MAR69 (C) PERSONAL FOR *gp-4*  
FOR BRINGLE INFO BAGLEY FROM CUSHMAN  
FLAGSHIP MOVEMENTS (U)
21. CG III MAF 070635Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ABRAMS INFO STILWELL, SIMPSON, ZAIS, DAVIS, QUILTER, GETTYS  
& ROBERTS FROM CUSHMAN  
VISIT TO ICTZ BY SECDEF 9 MARCH 69 - REVISED ITINERARY IAW  
MACV'S 061818Z MAR69
22. CG III MAF 071538Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ABRAMS INFO STILWELL FROM CUSHMAN  
SITE FOR PRESENTATION OF THE PUC - RE: SECDEF VISIT
23. CG III MAF 071430Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR GETTYS INFO SIMPSON AND QUILTER FROM CUSHMAN  
VISIT OF SECDEF -- REVISED ITINERARY -- DISPLAY AT CHULAI
- ~~24. CG III MAF 080210Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
FOR STILWELL INFO ABRAMS FROM CUSHMAN  
"ATTABOY" ON STILWELL'S MAGNIFICENT SUMMARY (DEWEY CANYON)~~
- ~~25. CG III MAF 080400Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
FOR GORDON HILL INFO STILWELL FROM CUSHMAN  
READDRESSAL OF STILWELL'S 071620Z MAR69 ("DRESS CONF DOB BARROW")~~

26. CG III MAF 080655Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group 4*  
FOR STILLWELL, SIMPSON, QUILTER, AND GETTYS FROM CUSHMAN  
SECDEF VISIT (SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF YOUR DISCUSSIONS W/SECDEF)
27. CG III MAF 080755Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ALL  
SECDEF VISIT (CHANGES TO ITINERARY)
28. CG III MAF 080957Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ABRAMS FROM CUSHMAN  
READDRESSAL OF III MAF 080755Z MAR69 - NO. 27) SECDEF VISIT
29. CG III MAF 081025Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ALL  
SECDEF VISIT -- INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN
30. CG III MAF 081138Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ALL (I CORPS)  
SECDEF VISIT (CORRECTION TO CHANGE LZ 400 TO LZ 300)
31. CG III MAF 081438Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
CUSHMAN TO ALL  
SECDEF VISIT (HELICOPTER LOADING PLAN)
32. CG III MAF 091305Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ABRAMS FROM CUSHMAN  
REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT ITEMS DISCUSSED WITH SECDEF IAW WMACV  
050139Z MAR69
- ~~33. CG III MAF 100628Z MAR69 (G) FOR  
FOR MAAC TAIWAN FROM CUSHMAN  
TRIP TO TAIWAN 26-28 MAR~~
- ~~34. CG III MAF 100445Z MAR69 (G) EYES ONLY  
FOR STILLWELL INFO TOWNSEND FROM CUSHMAN  
"THIS HQS WILL PREPARE RELEASE ON DEWEY CANYON"~~
- ~~35. CG III MAF 100000Z MAR69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR STILLWELL INFO TOWNSEND FROM CUSHMAN  
REQ FOR 36 HOURS IN TAIPEI APPROVED~~
- ~~36. CG III MAF 100605Z MAR69 (G) FOR  
GEN CUSHMAN VISIT TO JAPAN/KOREA~~
- ~~37. CG III MAF 100753Z MAR69 (G) FOR  
GEN CUSHMAN VISIT TO KOREA~~
38. CG III MAF 101354Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY  
READDRESSAL OF TOWNSEND'S 100354Z MARCH  
"REPORT OF SECDEF VISIT"

- ~~39. CG III MAF 110930Z MAR69 (C) EXCLUSIVE FOR  
FOR MCCAIN FROM CUSHMAN  
THANKS FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ON MY NEW APPOINTMENT~~
40. CG III MAF 111345Z MAR69 (U) EFTO  
FOR COL JOHNON COMUSMATHAI  
GEN CUSHMAN'S BIOGRAPHY
41. CG III MAF 121234Z MAR69 (S) SECRET/LIMDIS/MCEO  
REPORT OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES (S/SPECAT)
- ~~42. CG III MAF 121630Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
"UNCONERS"  
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY NO NEED FOR "ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION" PDPS,~~
- ~~43. CG III MAF 121547Z MAR69 (H)  
FOR KELLER INFO ROBERTSCHAW FROM DOOLEY  
HELD ON COMBT~~
44. CG III MAF 140220Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR ABRAMS FROM CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL  
RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE DMZ
45. CG III MAF 140530Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
CG III MAF INFO CG FMFPAC  
READDRESSAL OF THE "RETALIATORY ATTACKS" MESSAGE (#44)
46. CG III MAF 140650Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR COL QUILICI FROM CUSHMAN  
INFORMATION ON THE OV-10
- ~~47. CG III MAF 150743Z MAR69 (C) EYES ONLY  
FOR GIGOLELLA FROM CUSHMAN  
VISIT TO DAIDET COURTESY CALLS~~
- ~~48. CG III MAF 150737Z MAR69 (C)  
FOR MCCAIN INFO BONSTELL FROM CUSHMAN  
"VISIT TO KOREA - ADJUST ITINERARY IN ACCORDANCE w/ARRIVAL TIME"~~
- ~~49. CG III MAF 150950Z MAR69 (H) EYES ONLY  
FOR MILDREN & STILWELL INFO TOWNSEND FROM CUSHMAN  
CONCUR REF A 48 HRS IN DAIDET 20-22 MAR~~
- 50 CG III MAF 151406Z MAR69 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GOODPASTER FROM CUSHMAN  
REQUEST FOR PROJECT DELTA -- APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LTGEN  
 BUSE FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

SUBJ: SAPPER ATTACKS AGAINST MARINE POSITIONS NEAR THE DMZ  
 1. (C) FOLLOWING IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR INQUIRIES CONCERNING  
 RECENT ENGAGEMENTS AROUND FSB RUSSELL.

2. (C) DISCUSSIONS WITH INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY COMMANDERS  
 WITHIN POSITIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY SAPPERS PLUS AN  
 ANALYSIS OF DETAILED ENEMY PLANS CAPTURED FOLLOWING THE ATTACK  
 ON FSB RUSSELL LEAD TO THESE CONCLUSIONS:

A. UNDER COVER OF HEAVY ENEMY MORTAR FIRE PLUS THE NOISE  
 OF OUR OWN ARTILLERY, SMALL ARMS AND MORTAR FIRE, THE ENEMY  
 HAS DISPLAYED A CAPABILITY TO PENETRATE WELL PREPARED POSITIONS  
 WITH A NUMBER OF SAPPERS WITHOUT BEING DETECTED.

B. ONCE INSIDE THE WIRE THESE WELL ORGANIZED FOUR MAN  
 SAPPER TEAMS, WHO HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY BRIEFED IN GREAT DETAIL,

PAGE TWO RHMAFA 0510 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO INFLECT MAJOR DAMAGE IN A VERY BRIEF  
 PERIOD OF TIME AGAINST THE INTERIOR OF OUR POSITION BEFORE THEY  
 ARE ELIMINATED.

3. (C) IN THE SPECIFIC CASE AT FSB RUSSEL, CAPTURED ENEMY  
 PLANS REVEALED THAT FOUR ENEMY GROUPS, EACH CONSISTING OF 3  
 TO 4 MAN TEAMS MOVED TO WITHIN 100 METERS OF THE WIRE AT 1800,  
 MOVED TO THE WIRE BY 0200, BREACHED THE WIRE WITH WIRE CUTTERS  
 AND BY THROWING LIMBS AND BRANCHES OVER THE WIRE, THEN MOVED  
 QUICKLY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE POSITION, UNDER THE COVER OF MORTAR  
 AND ARTILLERY NOISE PLUS A VERY THICK BANK OF FOG. ATTACKS BY  
 SMALL ARMS AND RPG FROM OUTSIDE THE POSITION, PLUS THE HEAVY  
 DAMAGE DONE BY VERY ACCURATE 82MM FIRE, LED TO A DEGREE OF  
 NOISE AND DECEPTION INSIDE THE PERIMETER THAT ALLOWED THE  
 SAPPERS TO DESTROY A NUMBER OF BUNKERS AND KILL SEVERAL MARINES  
 WITH SACHEL CHARGES AND POINT BLANK AK47 FIRE. OUR OWN MORTAR  
 CREWS, HEADQUARTERS INSTALLATIONS AND ARTILLERY CREWS SUFFERED  
 MOST OF THE CASUALTIES. THREE LISTENING POSTS OUTSIDE THE PERI-  
 METER WERE NOT AWARE OF THE ENEMY PRESENCE. NONE OF THE TRIP  
 WIRES WERE SET OFF. ALTHOUGH ALMOST ALL OF THE SAPPERS  
 WERE KILLED, THE LOSS OF MARINES INSIDE THE POSITION WAS EXCES-

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4. (C) ALL THIS, OF COURSE, RAISES THE QUESTION: WHAT CAN BE DONE?

A. THE BEST DEFENSE FOR ANY BASE CONTINUES TO BE ACTIVE PATROLLING, AMBUSHES, AND LISTENING POSTS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER. IF A PERIMETER IS PENETRATED BY THE ENEMY, IT THEN BECOMES OBVIOUS THAT MORE SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE, EVEN THOUGH VIGOROUS AND THOROUGH STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN. WE ARE EMPHASIZING THE NEED AT ALL ECHELONS FOR EVEN GREATER EFFORT ALONG THESE LINES.

B. SINCE IT IS OBVIOUS FROM ENEMY PLANS AND SKETCHES THAT HE IS ABLE TO PLAN HIS ATTACKS PRECISELY, WE MUST PRESENT HIM WITH A CONTINUOUSLY CHANGING ARRANGEMENT OF OUR DEFENSES. ALTHOUGH WE EXERT A CONSIDERABLE EFFORT IN THIS DIRECTION NOW, WE ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE ON THIS.

C. PERIODIC ENEMY INCOMING HAS LED US TO RELY INCREASINGLY ON BUNKERS TO AVOID HEAVY LOSSES. ONCE CLOSE GROUND CONTACT HAS DEVELOPED, THOSE SAME BUNKERS BECOME DEATH TRAPS. PROBABLY 20 MARINES IN OPEN FOX HOLES IN THE INTERIOR AREA OF RUSSELL COULD HAVE KILLED THE 40 ENEMY BEFORE THEY DID ANY MAJOR DAMAGE.

PAGE FOUR RHMAFA 0510 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR WE NEED TO RE-EMPHASIVE BUILDING FIGHTING POSITIONS AMONG ARTILLERY AND HEADQUARTERS POSITIONS RATHER THAN HIDING POSITIONS.

5. (C) WE ARE LOOKING ALSO AT STEPS TO IMPROVE IMMEDIATE ALARM, SOME KIND OF ILLUMINATION IN FOG, FOOLPROOF TRIP FLARES, INCREASED USE OF TANGLEFOOT BARRIERS OUTSIDE AND INSIDE POSITIONS, AND OTHER METHODS FOR INCREASING THE ENEMY'S DIFFICULTIES.

6. (C) IN SUM, SKILLFUL AND SPECIALLY TRAINED ENEMY TEAMS, IN A REMOTE AREA WERE ABLE BRIEFLY TO PENETRATE OUR POSITIONS AND INFLICT HEAVIER LOSSES THAN THE SEVEN OR EIGHT TO ONE IT NORMALLY COSTS HIM TO KILL ONE MARINE. WE ARE TIGHTENING OUR PROCEDURES IN EVERY WAY WE CAN, BOTH TO RE-EMPHASIZE THE OLD LESSONS AND TO APPLY THE NEW ONES WE ARE LEARNING.

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~~1. CG III MAF 121400Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
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~~2. CG III MAF 121250Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 30~~

~~3. CG III MAF 141020Z MAR69 (TS) SSO  
SPOT REPORT OF LAOTIAN ACTION NR 39~~

*Readdresses Abrams  
to CG FMPW.  
Group not shown*

4. ✓ CG III MAF 162025Z MAR69 (TS) NOFORN EYES ONLY  
ABRAMS TO CUSHMAN INFO STILWELL & BROWN  
"RETALIATION BY FIRE IN THE DMZ" - PREPARE EXECUTE MASSIVE FIRES

5. ✓ CG III MAF 162210Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4  
FOR STILWELL & QUILTER INFO BROWN & TOWNSEND FROM YOUNGDAIE  
RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN THE DMZ

~~6. CG III MAF 071700Z MAR69 (TS) REQUEST FOR GEN CUSHMAN  
SPECIAL OPERATIONAL AUTHORITIES (II)  
EXCLUSIVE~~

- ~~1. CG III MAF 160050Z MAR69 (C)  
FOR DUSE FROM CUSHMAN  
CAN YOU CARRY 3 FOOTLOCKERS BACK FOR ME ON YOUR ASSET~~
- ~~2. CG III MAF 191027Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
VISIT & COURTESY CALLS TO TAIWAN.~~
3. CG III MAF 200046Z MAR69 (S) LIMDIS MCEO *gp-4*  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES  
CONCERNS THE SELLING OF PLAQUES DEPICTING BLACK POWER -- WHAT UNITS?
- ~~4. CG III MAF 201429Z MAR69 (C) FOR  
FOR WIPASH INFO BONNERSON FROM CUSHMAN  
DUSE WILL TAKE THE FOOTLOCKERS BACK WILL YOU PICK THEM UP AT 11 2000~~
5. CG III MAF 210920Z MAR69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR SIMPSON & GETTYS FROM CUSHMAN  
ENEMY ROCKET/MORTAR ATTACKS "RE-EXAMINE YOUR COUNTER ROCKET DEFENSIVE PROCEDURES  
AND TAKE IMMEDIATE [REDACTED] ACTION"
- ~~6. CG III MAF 221715Z MAR69 (S) FOR  
FOR DUSE FROM CUSHMAN  
EN ROUTE TO SEABES, I WILL SPEND ONE DAY HAWAII~~
- ~~7. CG III MAF 230114Z MAR69 (S)  
FOR SHOOK FROM CUSHMAN  
AID & I ACCEPTED YOUR INVITATION ON THE 29TH~~
- ~~8. CG III MAF 240215Z MAR69 (S)  
FOR BRINGLE FROM CUSHMAN  
ATTACH TO COMSEVENTHFLT RECONCILING AND HURRY "WELL DOWN"~~
- ~~9. CG III MAF 250540Z MAR69 (C)  
SPECAT FOR FONTANA FROM CUSHMAN  
PRESS INTERVIEW HAWAII 31 MAR~~
- ~~10. CG III MAF 251602Z MAR69 (U)  
ACCOMPLISH OR DUTY ASSIGNMENT  
I REPORT FOR DUTY AS DIRECTOR/DIR C/S MANPOWER CUSHMAN 251605~~
12. CG III MAF 271538Z MAR69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR RUDDEN INFO BONNER FROM DOOLEY  
RETENTION OF USS NEW JERSEY IN WESTPAC
13. CG III MAF 301544Z MAR69 (S) EXCLUSIVE *gp-1*  
FOR GETTYS & SIMPSON FROM NICKERSON  
ENEMY SUPPLY ACTIVITY
- ~~14. CG III MAF 010100Z MAR69 (U/S) <sup>PAR</sup>  
FOR BYERS FROM NICKERSON  
SADDED BY PASSING OF PAUL BISSWELL~~

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 FM CG III MAF  
 TO SSO XXIV CORPS  
 INFO SSO MACV  
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FOR LTGEN STILWELL FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO GEN ABRAMS AND GEN  
 ERON.

RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN DMZ (S)

A. MACV 2755 EO 040237Z MAR69

1. ON A PRIORITY BASIS REQUEST YOU PREPARE DETAILED PLANS TO  
 IMPLEMENT PROVISIONS OF REF A IAW GUIDANCE CONTAINED THEREIN.  
 SUBMIT TO THIS HQTRS FOR APPROVAL ASAP.

2. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

A. PRIORITY OF III MAF RECON, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND NGF ASSETS  
 WILL BE ASSIGNED TO XXIV CORPS IF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS PLAN IS  
 DIRECTED. ADDITIONAL FIRE SUPPORT MEANS WILL BE REQUESTED.

B. PROPOSED ARC LIGHT TARGETS IN AND NORTH OF DMZ AS RECOMMENDED  
 BY CG XXIV CORPS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED TO MACV. SUBMIT ADDITIONAL  
 TARGETS RQMTS AS DESIRED.

C. DECISION TO EXECUTE RETALIATORY FIRE PLANS RETAINED AT THIS  
 HQTRS. SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTE BY FASTEST MEANS WITH YOUR  
 OVERALL ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION.

D. SUBMIT ADDITIONAL RQMTS AS DEEMED NECESSARY.

E. PROVISIONS OF MACV DIRECTIVE 95-1 APPLY FOR FIRE SUPPORT  
 COORDINATION AND CONTROL.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

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ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT (U)
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS ORIG - G-2 CI REL - G-2  "LIMDIS"  MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  HAS BEEN SENT
3	DCG	I			MX	
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 DE RHMAFA 0631 064083Z  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 P 050828Z MAR 69  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG FMFPAC  
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**S E C R E T** LIMDIS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR ACOFS, G-2

SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT (U)

- A. CG, FMFPAC 020116Z NOV 68 (S/SPECAT)
- B. CG, FMFPAC 252119Z FEB 69 (S/SPECAT)
- C. CG, FMFPAC 270120Z FEB 69 (S/SPECAT)

1. (U) IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND B, ALL MAJOR CMDS SUBMITTED  
 NEGATIVE REPORTS FOR THE PRECEDING WEEK.

2. (S) NIS INVESTIGATION OF MATTER REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 OF REF C IS  
 STILL IN PROGRESS BUT SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN 3-5 DAYS. NIS  
 REFS STATE THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE NO INDICATIONS OF ORGANIZED OR  
 WIDESPREAD BLACKPOWER ACTIVITIES OR SYMPATHIES ASSOCIATED WITH  
 THIS MATTER.

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 DE RHMMFA 0880 0660417  
 ZNY SSSSS  
 O 070416Z MAR 69  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG FMFPAC  
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SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)  
 AUTOMATED SERVICES CENTER (U)

A. CMC 121415Z FEB69  
 B. FMFPAC 160134Z FEB69  
 C. III MAF 221552Z FEB69

1. REFS A AND B DIRECTED THE ACTIVATION OF THE SUBJECT CENTER.  
 REF C CONCURRED IN THE CONCEPT AND OFFERED COMMENTS AND RECOM-  
 MENDATIONS AS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ASC. IN EXTENUATION  
 OF REFERENCE C, THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE OFFERED:

A. WE CONCUR IN AND FULLY SUPPORT THE ASSIGNMENT OF OPCON  
 TO III MAF WITH COMMAND, LESS OPCON ASSIGNED TO CG, FLC.

B. WE CONCUR IN AND FULLY SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE  
 ASC. THE ASC HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AS OF 1 MAR. WE DO NOT EX-  
 PECT THE ASC TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL UNTIL COMPLETION OF THE  
 UPGRADE CONVERSION PLAN BUT ARE EXERTING EVERY EFFORT TO ACHIEVE

PAGE TWO RHMMFA 0880 SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
 MAXIMUM CAPABILITY AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME. EXPECT  
 THIS TO BE ABOUT 1 JULY WHEN THE NEW ADPE AND MUMMS,  
 SASSY, JUMPS, MMS SYSTEMS HAVE BEEN CONVERTED/IMPLE-  
 MENTED AND ARE FULLY OPERATIONAL.

C. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B, MAJOR PAUL  
 HACKERT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED DIRECTOR, ASC, VIETNAM.  
 REFERENCE B ALSO DIRECTED MAJOR HACKERT BE ASSIGNED  
 ADDITIONAL DUTY AS DATA SYSTEMS OFFICER III MAF. IN-  
 TENT OF REFERENCE B IS THAT UPON ARRIVAL OF LTCOL  
 YUNDT, YUNDT WOULD TAKE OVER AS DIRECTOR ASC WITH  
 ADDITIONAL DUTY AS DATA SYSTEMS OFFICER III MAF.

D. WHILE NOT PRESSING FOR YUNDT, I DO NEED THE  
 SERVICES OF A QUALIFIED OFFICER ON MY STAFF TO ADVISE  
 ON DATA SYSTEMS ENGINEERING ON MORE THAN AN ADDITIONAL  
 DUTY BASIS. THIS JOB CURRENTLY HELD BY COL BLAND AS  
 AN ADDITIONAL DUTY AND WAS CREATED AS AN INTERIM  
 MEASURE IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR WHEN THE NEED WAS  
 FORESEEN. THIS IS THE REASONING BEHIND THE RECOMMEN-  
 DATION SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE C THAT HACKERT BE  
 ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR ASC AND YUNDT BE ASSIGNED DUTY

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PAGE THREE RHMAFA 0880 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR AS III MAF SYSTEMS ENGINEER. THE INTENT WAS TO HAVE ONE OFFICER FULL TIME AS DIRECTOR ASC AND ONE OFFICER FULL TIME ON THIS STAFF. THE ASC JOB IS MORE THAN FULL TIME IN ITSELF ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME. SIMILARLY A HIGH WORK REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR AN OFFICER ON THIS STAFF AT THIS STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT TO ADVISE ON THE INTERFACE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MUMMS, JUMPS, NMS, ETC. WHEN THE ABOVE IS COUPLED WITH THE GEOGRAPHICAL SEPARATION IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO ME TO BE COMPATIBLE TO ASSIGN ONE OFFICER TO BOTH JOBS.

E. I DO NOT OBJECT TO LTCOL YUNDT BEING ASSIGNED AS DIRECTOR, ASC, VIETNAM WITH ADDITIONAL DUTY AS DATA SYSTEMS OFFICER III MAF. HOWEVER, I DO REQUEST THE ASSIGNMENT OF ANOTHER OFFICER FOR THE III MAF SPECIAL STAFF TO ASSIST AT THIS STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. WARM REGARDS.

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	CG						THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.  ORIG - G-3 REL - CG  <b>FOR</b>  <b>HAS BEEN SENT</b>  <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>
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 ZNY CCCCC  
 P 070204Z MAR 69  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO RUHGSAP/COMSEVENTHFLT  
 INFO RUYGUIN/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 BT

**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 FOR VADM BRINGLE INFO RADM BAGLEY FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 FLAGSHIP MOVEMENTS (U)  
 A. COMSEVENTHFLT 010916Z MAR 69 (C)  
 1. (U) YOUR RAPID RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR CRUISER  
 SUPPORT IN ICTZ IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. OKLAHOMA CITY  
 HAS PROVIDED VALUABLE ASSISTANCE TO THE FIRST MARINE  
 DIVISION IN DEFENSE OF DANANG.  
 2. (C) THE CONTINUATION OF AN ADDITIONAL LONG  
 GUN IN ICTZ MENTIONED IN REF A WILL PROVE INVALUABLE UNTIL  
 SUCH TIME AS THE ENEMY SITUATION STABILIZES. HOPE THERE WILL  
 BE NO NEED TO REQUEST NEWPORT NEWS PRIOR TO HER SCHEDULED  
 ARRIVAL ON 12 MARCH.  
 3. (U) BEST REGARDS.  
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III MAF 2100/1 (REV. 11-66)

CG	AFC	CS	DC/S	G-1	G-2	G-3	G-4	G-5	COMPT.	ADJ.	CHAP.	CEO
CIB	COC	DENT. O.	EMO.	ENGR.	FD. SERV.	HQ. COMDT.	INSP.	LEGAL	MTO	POSTAL	PROTOCOL	PMO
PSY. OPS.	SPL. SERV.	SUP.	SURG.								#20	





O 070535Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO COMUSMACV  
 INFO CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)  
 CG THIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 ZEN/COMDR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
 ZEM

S E C R E T EYES ONLY NOFORN  
 FOR GEN ABRAMS, INFO LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN  
 ZAIS, MAJGEN DAVIS, MAJGEN QUILTER, MAJGEN GETTYS AND COLONEL  
 ROBERTS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 VISIT OF SECDEF TO ICTZ ON 9MAR69 (C)  
 A. COMUSMACV 051818Z MAR69 (S)  
 B. CG III MAF 060246Z MAR69 (S) PASEP  
 1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY IS  
 RECOMMENDED:

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DATE/TIME	EVENT	AA	REMARKS
9 MAR 1969			
0940	ARR DANANG BASE OPS	7TH AF	T-39 (ASTERISK)
0940-0945	GREETED BY CG III MAF	III MAF	
0945-0950	ENR USAF DNG AIRBASE	366 TFW	SEDAN
	OFF OPEN MESS		
0950-1010	366 TFW CDRS OPS BRIEF	366 TFW	
1010-1040	TOUR DNG AIR BASE	366 TFW	SEDAN
1040-1045	RET TO DANANG BASE OPS	366 TFW	SEDAN
1045-1050	ENR TO MAG-11		CH-46D
1050-1105	CG'S III MAF BRIEF (LOCATION TO BE DESIGNATED BY CG FIRST MAW)		
1105-1200	VISIT FIRST MAW AND FIRST MARDIV STATIC DISPLAY		
1200-1215	PRESS CONFERENCE AT FIRST MAW (MAG-11 AREA)	FISO	
1215-1250	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	III MAF	CH-46D
1250-1300	ENR XXIV CORPS HQ	XXIV CORPS	JEEPS
1300-1350	LUNCH	XXIV CORPS	
1350-1410	VISIT/BRIEF BY CG XXIV CORPS		
		XXIV CORPS	
1410-1415	ENR 101ST ABN DIV (AM)	III MAF	CH-46D
1415-1445	VISIT/BRIEF, CG 101ST ABN DIV	XXIV CORPS	
1445-1510	ENR DONG HA	III MAF	CH-46D
1510-1540	VISIT/BRIEF CG 3D MARDIV	XXIV CORPS	
1540-1555	ENR FSB NANCY	III MAF	CH-46D
1555-1605	VISIT/PARTICIPATE IN AWARD OF PUC 1ST ARVN DIV	XXIV CORPS	
1605-1645	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	III MAF	CH-46D
1645	ENR TAN SON NHUT	7TH AF	T-39 (ASTERISK)

(ASTERISK)T-39'S WILL REPOSITION FROM DANANG TO PHU BAI SUBSEQUENT TO PASSENGERS DEBARKING IN ORDER TO BE READIED FOR 1645 PHU BAI DEPARTURE TIME.

2. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE LATEST TIME THAT THIS ITINERARY CAN BE IMPLEMENTED TO INCLUDE DISSEMINATION TO NEED TO KNOW PERSONS IS 081200Z MAR 69.

3. INFO ADDRESSEES BE PREPARED TO READJUST SECURITY AS OUTLINED IN REF B TO SUPPORT THIS ITINERARY.

WARM REGARDS:

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	CG					REMARKS ① THIS DOCUMENT MAY NOT BE RETAINED OVER NIGHT EXCEPT AS NOTED IN FORCE ORDER P5511.4...  THE RECORD OF DISCLOSURE MUST BE SIGNED BY ALL PERSONS SIGHTING THIS DOCUMENT.
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	DCG AIR					
7	C/S	I	HAS	sea		
	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	I	3/7			
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	PMO					
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 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)  
 CG THIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIVISION  
 ZEN/CMOR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
 INFO COMUSMAV C  
 ZEM

**TOP SECRET**  
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TOP SECRET EYES ONLY NOFORN  
 FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN ZA IS, MAJGEN DAVIS,  
 MAJGEN QUILTER, MAJGEN GETTYS & COL ROBERTS - INFO GEN ABRAMS  
 A. GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV 061818Z MAR 69  
 1. REF MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:  
 QUOTE

O 061818Z ZYH ZFF-1  
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
 TO GEN BROWN CG 7TH AF  
 ADM ZUMWALT COM NAVFORV  
 GEN MILDREN DCG USARV  
 GEN CUSHMAN CG III MAF  
 GEN STILWELL CGX XIV CORPS  
 GEN PEERS CG I FFV  
 GEN KERWIN IG II FFV  
 GEN ECKHARDT SA IV CORPS  
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 2905 EYES ONLY

WE HAVE RECEIVED FIRM INTELLIGENCE THAT THE ENEMY PLANS TO  
 ATTACK SEC. LAIRD AND HIS PARTY DURING HIS VISIT HERE. THERE  
 ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY HAS KNOWLEDGE OF THE SECRETARY'S  
 ITINERARY.

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.

FOR GEN CUSHMAN ONLY - THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PRESENTATION  
 IN THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WILL NOT BE

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2. FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN QUILTER AND MAJGEN GETTYS: AN ALTERNATE PLAN IS BEING PREPARED AT THIS HEADQUARTERS AND WILL BE PUBLISHED SOONEST. DESIRE THE REVISED SCHEDULE BE CLOSELY HELD AND ON STRICTLY NOFORN BASIS AS DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A. DESIRE ALSO TO EMPHASIZE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO PROTECT THE SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY DURING HIS VISIT TO I CORPS.
3. FOR LTGEN STILWELL: THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WILL BE PRESENTED AT FIRE SUPPORT BASE NANCY WITH SIMPLE CEREMONY REGARDLESS OF WHICH PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED.
4. FOR ALL: INITIAL INTENTION IS THAT ALTERNATE SCHEDULE WILL PROVIDE FOR ARRIVAL SECDEF DANANG VICE CHU LAI; WILL BE BRIEFED AND VISIT THE 366TH TFW IMMEDIATELY AFTER ARRIVAL. THEN VISIT FIRST MAW (MAG-11) AND FIRST MARDIV. PJESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD SOMETIME IN THE AM, PROBABLY AT FIRST MAW, LUNCH AT XXI V CORPS. SHORT BRIEF AT XXIV CORPS THEN TO 101ST ABN DIV CP AND THEN ON TO DONG HA FOR THIRD MARINE DIVISION BRIEF. THEN ON TO FSB NANCY AND NANCY TO PHU BAI. DEPART PHU BAI FOR SAIGON.
5. FOR XXIV CORPS, FIRST MAW AND AMERICAL: VISIT TO CHU LAI CANCELLED AND VISIT TO VANDEGRIFT CANCELLED IN EVENT ALTERNATE PLAN IS DIRECTED. FOR SECURITY REASONS VISITS TO THE PROVINCE CHIEF, COLONEL THO ANOTHANG DINH DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS WOULD ALSO BE CANCELLED.
6. INTEND USE CH-46 TYPE HELO WITH APPROPRIATE VIP CONFIGURATION VICE HUEY FOR SECURITY REASONS.
7. WILL ADVISE PLAN WHEN FIRM. IN THE MEANTIME CONTINUE PLANS FOR PRIMARY PLAN AS PUBLISHED MY 070846Z FEB AND MODIFIED BY MY 061320Z MAR.
8. FOR MACV: WILL ADVISE SOONEST LATEST PRACTICABLE TIME REVISED SCHEDULE CAN BE IMPLEMENTED.

WARM REGARDS.  
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1. ~~CG III MAF 250020Z FEB69 (C)  
FOR DVAC FROM CUSHMAN  
"YOUR PROGRAM FINE MAJ STRAMHAN OUR PROJECT OFFICER!"~~
2. ~~CG III MAF 250412Z FEB69 (C) PERSONAL FOR  
FOR DAVIS FROM EYM CUSHMAN  
NEWS RELEASES ON DEWEY CANYON~~
3. CG III MAF 251650Z FEB69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group 4*  
FOR STILWELL & DAVIS FROM CUSHMAN  
"I KNOW YOU ARE ALREADY INVESTIGATING WHAT HAPPENED AT FSB  
RUSSELL -- WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS TO PREVENT  
RECURRENCE"
4. ~~CG III MAF 261416Z FEB69 (S) FOR  
FOR BRINGLE FROM CUSHMAN  
Invitation to 1015 SPRING OFFENSIVE BRIEFING & LUNCHEON~~
5. CG III MAF 251655Z FEB69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group 4*  
TO STILWELL INFO CORCORAN FROM CUSHMAN  
"YOUR RESPONSES ON OPERATIONAL REPORTING HAVE BEEN GOOD -- PRO-  
VIDE ME WITH WIMILAR REPORT, SAME FORMAT."
6. ~~CG III MAF 270101Z FEB69 (U) FETO  
FOR STILWELL FROM CUSHMAN  
"TAKE MACY'S 261001Z FOR ACTION"~~
7. ~~CG III MAF 270102Z FEB69 (C) FOR  
FOR BUSE INFO CHADMAN FROM CUSHMAN  
"I SHOULD VISIT COMMANDANT OF THAT MARINE CORPS TOO"~~
8. CG III MAF 270120Z FEB69 (S) LINDIS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY *Gr 4*  
EXCLUSIVE FOR G-2  
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY REPORT
9. ~~CG III MAF 270550Z FEB69 (C) FOR  
FOR BUSE AND WEBSTER INFO WILLIAMS FROM CUSHMAN  
MAJGEN YOUNGDALE VISIT OKI 10-12 MAR~~
10. ~~CG III MAF 280229Z FEB69 (S) EYES ONLY  
FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY  
RETRANSMITTED ROLLING'S "BIGGEST CACHE OF THE WAR" MESSAGE~~
11. ~~CG III MAF 280730Z FEB69 (U) FETO  
FOR VAN RVZIN INFO WILSON FROM DOOLEY  
"GLIFFE DRAKE'S BACK OFF LEAVE"~~
12. ~~CG III MAF 010640Z MAR69 (S) EYES ONLY  
FOR BUSE FROM CUSHMAN  
PASSCS STILWELL'S "281710Z FEB69" MORE TO THE CACHE"~~

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O 071538Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO COMUSMACV  
 INFO CG XXIV CORPS  
 ZEM

SECRET EYES ONLY

FOR GEN ABRAMS INFO LTGEN STILWELL FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN  
 SUBJ: SITE FOR PRESENTATION OF THE PUC

- A. III MAF 060714Z MAR 69
- B. COMUSMACV 061818Z MAR 69
- C. CG XXIV CORPS 071241Z MAR 69

1. REFERENCE A RECOMMENDS THAT THE SITE FOR THE AWARD OF THE PUC BE CHANGED TO HUE VICE FSB NANCY.  
 2. REFERENCE B DIRECTS THAT THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE PRESENTATION NOT BE CHANGED.  
 3. REFERENCE C RECLAMAS THE DECISION AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE AWARD BE MADE AT GENERAL TRUONGS HEADQUARTERS. I FULLY CONCUR IN GENERAL STILWELL'S RECOMMENDATION AND THE REASONS THEREFORE AND REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE. I MIGHT ADD THAT WEATHER IN THE NANCY AREA HAS BEEN MARGINAL OR BELOW MARGINAL THE PAST COUPLE OF DAYS WHILE HUE HAS BEEN SLIGHTLY BETTER. APPROVAL OF HUE WOULD GIVE US A LITTLE MORE FLEXIBILITY AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ITS APPROVAL AS THE SITE FOR THE AWARD OF THE PUC.  
 WARM REGARDS.

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SSO NOTE: IMMEDIATE PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION  
 ONLY. DELIVER FIRST WAKING HOUR

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	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
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	G-1					
	G-2					
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	G-4					
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	G-6					
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**SECRET**

0 071430Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG AMERICAL DIV  
 INFO CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 ZEM

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 FOR MAJGEN GETTYS, INFO MAJGEN SIMPSON AND MAJGEN QUILTER  
 FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

A. III MAF 270846Z FEB69

B. III MAF 070555Z MAR69

C. III MAF 070635Z MAR69

1. REFERENCE B PROVIDED INFORMATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE REVISION OF THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE. WE HAVE NO INDICATION AT THIS TIME WHETHER THE PRIMARY OR REVISED SCHEDULE (REF C) WILL BE FOLLOWED, ALTHOUGH IT APPEARS THAT THE REVISED SCHEDULE WILL OBTAIN AND THAT AMERICAL WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING. IN THE EVENT THIS OCCURS, I WOULD DESIRE YOU TO CONTINUE POSITIONING YOUR GEAR AT CHU LAI AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED BUT ON A LESSER SCALE. IT IS DESIRED THAT THE COVER BE MAINTAINED. I HAVE ASKED CHICK QUILTER TO POSITION HIS GEAR AT CHU LAI AS PLANNED BUT ORM WOULD NOT MOVE HIS GEAR DOWN. THE DISPLAY SHOULD BE SET UP AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED, BUT DISPERSED TO EFFECT MINIMUM DAMAGE IN THE EVENT AN ATTACK WAS MADE ON THE INSTALLATION. I WOULD ALSO ASK YOU TO HAVE GUN SHIPS OVER HEAD IN THE EVENT THE ENEMY TRIES TO ROCKET OR MORTAR THE AREA AT THIS TIME. CHICK QUILTER WILL HAVE A-4'S OVER HEAD ALSO WITH FORWARD FIRING ORDNANCE. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE GUN SHIPS AND THE A-4'S REMAIN AIRBORNE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY 1130 HOURS.

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II MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

OPERATION CODE X-ORIGINATOR A-ACTION/COGNIZANCE C-COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION I-INFORMATION S-SIGNATURE			FROM CG III MAF		DATE 08 MAR 69	
			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 0 080655Z		1, 2, 3, OF 4 COPIES RECD COPYW	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT SECRET EYES ONLY
			IN	OUT		
3	CG					REMARKS [REDACTED] (1)
4	DCG					
5	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	Z				
	D C/S					
	D C/S DM					
1	S/S	I	3/8			
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

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0 880655Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV

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FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN QUILTER  
 AND MAJGEN GETTYS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

1. ITinerary PUBLISHED SEPARATELY FOR SECDEF VISIT TO CERTAIN  
 III MAF COMMANDS DEPENDS UPON SECURITY SITUATION, WEATHER AND  
 A NUMBER OF OTHER FACTORS. ALTERNATE PLANS ENVISION VARIATIONS  
 ON THAT SCHEDULE.
2. COMUSMACV HAS REQUESTED THAT HE BE KEPT ADVISED OF SUB-  
 JECTS DISCUSSED WITH SECDEF SO THAT NECESSARY PREPARATIONS CAN  
 BE MADE FOR SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SECRETARY WHICH  
 FOLLOW.
3. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THIS INFORMATION ON A TIMELY AND USEFUL  
 BASIS PLAN TO DISPATCH A WRAPUP TO COMUSMACV IMMEDIATELY UPON  
 DEPARTURE OF SECDEF FROM ICTZ.
4. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE A SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF THE SUBSTANTIVE  
 DISCUSSIONS YOU AND YOUR SUBORDINATES HOLD WITH SECDEF WHILE  
 HE IS VISITING YOUR COMMAND. YOUR SUMMARY WILL BE REQUIRED AT  
 THIS HQS BY SSO CHANNELS AT THE EARLIEST PRACTICABLE TIME BUT  
 NOT LATER THAN THREE HOURS FOLLOWING THE DEPARTURE OF THE  
 SECRETARY FROM YOUR AREA.

WARM REGARDS.

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JTMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

OPERATION CODE			FROM		DATE	
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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE			
			0 080755Z		COPIES REC'D	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
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	D C/S DM					
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	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	ADJ					
	CAP					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	S&C					

SECRET

O 080759Z 24H  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 CG THIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 ZEN/CMR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
 ZEN

SECRET EYES ONLY  
 FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN ZAIS, MAJGEN DAVIS,  
 MAJGEN QUILTER, MAJGEN GETTYS AND COL ROBERTS FROM LTGEN  
 CUSHMAN

SUBJ: VISIT OF SEDEF TO ICTZ ON 9 MAR 69 (C)

A. CG III MAF 070635Z MAR69 (S)

B. CG III MAF 080412Z MAR69 (S)

1. EXECUTE REF A ITINERARY WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:

DATE/TIME	EVENT	AA	REMARKS
09 MAR 1969			
0940-1540	REMAINS SAME AS ITINERARY, REF A EXCEPT LAND AT HQ XXIV CORPS VIP PAD (LZ <del>400</del> <sup>300</sup> ) VICE PHU BAI AIR- FIELD AT 1250H.		
1540-1605	ENR HUE FROM DONG HA	III MAF	CH-460
1605-1635	VISIT/PARTICIPATE IN AWARD OF PUC TO 1ST ARVN DIV	XXIV CORPS	
1635-1645	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	III MAF	CH-460
1645	ENR TAN SON NHUT	7TH AF	T-39

2. SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE REFERENCE B.

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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III MAF FORM 5215 (REV 3-68)

OPERATION CODE X- ORIGINATOR A- ACTION / COGNIZANCE C- COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION I- INFORMATION S- SIGNATURE			FROM CG III MAF		DATE 08 MAR 69	
			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 080957Z		1,2,3 COPY# OF 4 COPIES REC'D	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT VISIT OF SECDEF TO ICTZ
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS ① THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE SBC WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	I	3/8		W OS	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
	ADJ					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
	INSP					
	MTO					
	OP ANAL					
	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	LEGAL					
	PMO					
	SBC					

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O 080957Z ZYH  
FM CG III MAF  
TO COMUSMACV  
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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE READDRESSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

O 080755Z

FM CG III MAF  
TO CG XXIV CORPS  
CG FIRST MARDIV  
CG 101ST ABN DIV  
CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG FIRST MAW  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
ZEN/CDR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
ZFM

SECRET EYES ONLY

FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN ZAIS, MAJGEN DAVIS,  
MAJGEN QUILTER, MAJGEN GETTYS AND COL ROBERTS FROM LTGEN  
CUSHMAN

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECDEF TO ICTZ ON 9 MAR 69 (C)

A. CG III MAF 070655Z MAR69 (S)

B. CG III MAF 080412Z MAR69 (S)

1. EXECUTE REF A ITINERARY WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:

DATE/TIME	EVENT	AA	REMARKS
09MAR 1969			
0940-1540	REMAINS SAME AS ITINERARY, REF A EXCEPT LAND AT HQ XXIV CORPS VIP PAD (LZ 300) VICE PHU BAI AIRFIELD AT 1250H.		
1540-1605	ENR HUE FROM DONG HA	III MAF	CH-46D
1605-1635	VISIT/PARTICIPATE IN AWARD OF PUC TO 1ST ARVN DIV	XXIV CORPS	
1635-1645	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	III MAF	CH-46D
1645	ENR TAN SON NHUT	TW AF	T-39

2. SECURITY IN ACCORDANCE REFERENCE B.

UNQUOTE WARM REGARDS.

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IIIMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 281025Z		1,2,3 COPY# OF 4 COPIES REC'D	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
3	CG				LB	VISIT OF SECDEF TO ICTJ ON 9 MAR 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.
	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I			DB	
	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	I	3/8		DB	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
	ADJ					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
	H&S CO					
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	ORD					
	PSY OPS					
	SUPPLY					
	LEGAL					
	PMO					
	S&C					

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FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG 101ST ABN DIV  
 CG THIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 ZEN/CDR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
 INFO COMUSMACV  
 ZEN

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FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN ZAIS, MAJGEN DAVIS  
 MAJGEN QUILTER, MAJGEN GETTYS AND COL ROBERTS; INFO GEN ABRAMS  
 FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

SUBJ VISIT OF SECDEF TO ICTZ ON 9 MAR 69 (C)  
 A. CG III MAF 020755Z MAR69 (S)  
 B. CG III MAF 020412Z MAR69 (S)

1. ITINERARY OF INCLEMENT WEATHER PLAN FOR REF A IS AS  
 FOLLOWS:

DATE/TIME	EVENT	AA	REMARKS
9 MAR 1969			
0940-1215	REMAINS THE SAME		
1215-1245	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	III MAF	C-130
1245-1255	ENR HQ XXIV CORPS	XXIV CORPS	JEEPS
1255-1345	LUNCH		
1345-1355	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	XXIV CORPS	JEEPS
1355-1420	ENR DONG HA AIRFIELD	XXIV CORPS	C-130
1420-1430	ENR HQ THIRD MARDIV	III MAF	JEEPS
1430-1500	VISIT/BRIEFING CG THIRD MARDIV	XXIV CORPS	
1500-1525	ENR PHU BAI AIRFIELD	III MAF	C-130

1525-1530 ENR CAMP EAGLE XXIV CORPS HELOS (NOTE 1)  
 1530-1600 VISIT/BRIEFING CG 1ST ARVN DIV XXIV CORPS  
 1600-1605 ENR HUE XXIV CORPS HELOS (NOTE 1)  
 1605-1635 VISIT/PARTICIPATION IN AWARD OF PUC TO 1ST ARVN DIV XXIV CORPS  
 1635-1645 ENR PHU BAI XXIV CORPS HELOS (NOTE 1)  
 1645 ENR TO TAN SON NHUT 7TH AF T-39'S (NOTE 2)

\*NOTE 1: CG XXIV CORPS PROVIDE SUFFICIENT HELICOPTERS TO SUPPORT THIS INCIDENT WEATHER PLAN.

\*\*NOTE 2: T-39'S WILL REPOSITION FROM DANANG TO PHU BAI SUBSEQUENT TO PASSENGERS DEPARTING IN ORDER TO BE READIED FOR 1645 PHU BAI DEPARTURE TIME.

2. SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B.

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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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				SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 081138Z		1,2,3 COPY# OF 4 COPIES REC'D	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT	
			IN	OUT		VISIT OF SECDEF TO IGTZ ON 9 MAR	
	CG					REMARKS ① 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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	DCG AIR						
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	DC/S						
	DC/S PLAN						
1	S/S	I	3/9		① B		
	G-1						
	G-2						
	G-3						
	G-4						
	G-5						
	G-6						
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FM CG III MAF  
TO CG XXIV CORPS  
CG FIRST MARDIV  
CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)  
CG THIRD MARDIV  
CG FIRST MAW  
CG AMERICAL DIV  
ZEN/OMDR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
INFO COMUSMACV

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SECRET EYES ONLY  
FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MGEN SIMPSON, MGEN ZAIS, MGEN DAVIS,  
MGEN QUILTER, MGEN GETTYS, COL ROBERTS INFO GEN ABRAMS FROM  
LTGEN CUSHMAN

SUBJ: VISIT OF SECDEF TO ICTZ ON 9 MAR 69 (C)

A. CG III MAF 080755 MAR 69 (PASEP)

1. THIS IS A CHANGE TO REF MSG.
2. UNDER PARA ONE DATE/TIME 0940-1540 AND ITS EVEN CHANGE  
VIP PAD (LZ 400) TO READ LZ 300 REPEAT LZ 300.

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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-66)

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 081438Z	1,2,3 COPY# OF 5 COPIES REC'D		
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
			IN	OUT		
	CG					SUBJECT <b>HELICOPTER LOADING PLAN FOR SECDEF</b>  REMARKS (1) 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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	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I			A	
	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	E	3/9		18	
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	G-2					
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	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
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	SUPPLY					
	LEGAL					
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	S&C					

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O 081438Z ZYH  
 FM CG III MAF  
 TO CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG 101ST AVN DIV  
 CG THIRD MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG AMERICAL DIV  
 ZEN/CHDR THREE SIX SIX TFW  
 ZEN/DEP CORDS  
 INFO COMUSMACV  
 ZEN

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FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN SIMPSON, MAJGEN ZAIS, MAJGEN DAVIS,  
 MAJGEN QUILTER, MAJGEN GETTYS AND COL ROBERTS: INFO GEN  
 ABRAMS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

SUBJ: HELICOPTER (CH - 46D) LOADING PLAN FOR SECDEF VISIT 9MAR69  
 A. CG III MAF 070635Z MAR69

1. THE FOLLOWING HELICOPTER LOADING PLAN IS DESIGNED TO  
 SUPPORT THE ITINERARY CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A. PERMISSION  
 HAS BEEN GRANTED TO ALLOW CH-46 HELICOPTERS TO LAND AT XXIV  
 CORPS VIP PAD (LZ 300) FOR THIS VISIT.

HELICOPTER ONE (CH-46D)

1. HON MELVIN R. LAIRD, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
2. GEN CREIGHTON W. ABRAMS, COMUSMACV
3. MR PAUL WARNKE, CONSULTANT
4. LTGEN ROBERT E. CUSHMAN JR., CG III MAF
5. MR. A. FIRFER, DEPUTY FOR CORDS, III MAF (NOTE 1)
6. COL ROBERT E. PURSLEY, MILITARY ASST TO SECDEF
7. LTCOL W. A. STEINBERG, AIDE TO COMUSMACV
8. MAJ B. J. CAULEY, AIDE TO CG, III MAF
9. PHOTOGRAPHER (III MAF)

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## HELO NUMBER TWO (GN - 46D)

1. HON G. WARREN MUTTER, ASD (ISA)
2. HON DAN HENKIN, ASD (PA)
3. LTGEN JOHN R. MCPHERSON, USAF, ASST TO CJCS
4. MAJGEN CARL A. YOUNGDALE, DEP CG, III MAF
5. COL LEWIS E. POGGEMEYER, DEP C/S, III MAF
6. DR LESLIE UPTON, PARTY PHYSICIAN (GS-14)
7. CAPT ROBERT G. PACE, USN, EXEC OFF TO ASD (ISA)
8. LTCOL H. J. DALTON, EXEC OFF TO MACOI
9. LTCOL JAMES L. JOHNSON, DEP MACV PROTOCOL (PARTY ESCORT)
10. CAPT W. H. WHITE, JR AIDE TO CG
11. CWO COLUMBO, MACV SECURITY OFFICER
12. PHOTOGRAPHER (MACOI)
13. PHOTOGRAPHER (III MAF)
- 14-17. UNASSIGNED

\$ (NOTE 1) MR FIRFER DEPARTS FROM THE ITINERARY SUBSEQUENT TO FIRST MAW/FIRST MARDIV PORTION. IN XXIV CORPS AREA LTGEN STILWELL, MAJGEN TRUONG, AND COL HEISTAND IN HELO NUMBER ONE. MAJ WUERPEL IN HELO NUMBER TWO.

2 THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY THE SECRETARY HAVE CANCELLED:

GEN EARLE G. WHEELER  
 HON ROBERT FROCKLE  
 LTCOL JACK WALKER  
 MAJ CHARLES SCHREINER

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY DELIVER #31(2)  
 DURING WORKING HOURS.

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OPERATION CODE X- ORIGINATOR A- ACTION / COGNIZANCE C- COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION I- INFORMATION S- SIGNATURE			FROM CG III MAF		DATE 29 MAR 69	
			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 0913052	1,2,3	COPY# OF 4 COPIES REC'D	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT SECRET EYES ONLY SECDEF RECAP
			IN	OUT		
3	CG		Has seen			REMARKS ① 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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5	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	T				
	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	T	3/10			
	G-1					
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	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
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FM CG III MAF

TO COMUSMACV

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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

A. MAC 2303 DTG 050139Z MAR69

1. OTHER THAN NORMAL BRIEFINGS AND UP DATE OF ON-GOING OPERATIONS AND FUTURE PLANS OF COMMANDS VISITED CONSIDER FOLLOWING ITEMS OF NOTE DURING SEODEF VISIT.

A. WHILE AT THREE SIX SIX TFW THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF THE INTERDICTION PROGRAM IN LAOS, INCLUDING THE LIMITATION/CAPABILITIES OF CBU'S AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY TRUCKS.

B. SEODEF ASKED THE RATIONALE FOR MY ASSESSMENT OF CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AS TO THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR. QUESTION WAS MOTIVATED BY HIS VISIT TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE HAD BEEN GIVEN OPTIMISTIC REPORTS WHICH FAILED TO MATERIALIZE. I POINTED OUT THAT IN THE INTERIM THE ENEMY HAD CHANGED THE GAME WITH THE INTRODUCTION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF FORCES IN TET LAST YEAR. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS HE FAILED TO ACCOMPLISH ANY REAL GAINS THEN SAVE THE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF US PUBLIC. MY PRESENT VIEW WAS BASED ON THE FACT THAT HIS RECENT TET ATTACKS WERE DISRUPTED. HE ACCOMPLISHED LITTLE. THERE WAS NO APPRECIABLE IMPACT ON PACIFICATION AND INCREASED VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION IN PEOPLE 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 A DISCUSSION OF THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED AS A RESULT OF EXISTING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND THEIR APPLICATION TO MILITARY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE DMZ. SPECIFICALLY IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE PREVENTING ALLIED FORCES FROM DETERRING INFILTRATION THROUGH THE DMZ.

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FM CG III MAF  
TO CG FMFPAC  
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FOR: BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DOOLEY

1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS READDRESSSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:  
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FM LTG TOWNSEND COPS MACV

TO LTG HUTCHIN COPS CINCPAC

VADM JOHNSON DIR JS WASH

INFO LTG CUSHMAN CG III MAF DANANG

ZEM

SECRET MAC 3071 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: REPORT ON SECDEF VISIT (S)

REF: A. MAC 2663 DTG 011128Z MAR 69 (S)

B. CINCPAC 012317Z MAR 69 (S)

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 366 TACTICAL FIGHT WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION OF INTION PROGRAM IN LAOS, TO INCLUDE LIMITATIONS AND CAPABILITIES OF CEU'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 AND LOCAL ELECTIONS WERE CLEAR CUT INDICES OF THE ENEMY'S TURNING 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 FORCES 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 1968.

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 SEVERAL 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 ADD-ON 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. GP-4

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FOR MAJOR JOHNSON, COMUSMACV J-5/2  
1. FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPH OF LTEN CUSHMAN FOR YOUR USE DURING  
VISIT OF 12-13 MARCH 1969:

LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT EVERTON CUSHMAN, JR., WHO  
EARNED THE NAVY CROSS DURING WORLD WAR II, ASSUMED COMMAND  
OF THE III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE ON 1 JUNE 1967, AFTER  
SERVING BRIEFLY AS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF THE FORCE AFTER HIS  
ARRIVAL IN VIETNAM ON 1 APRIL 1967. HE WAS PROMOTED TO HIS  
PRESENT RANK UPON ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND.

AS A LIEUTENANT COLONEL, GENERAL CUSHMAN WAS AWARDED THE  
NAVY CROSS FOR EXTRAORDINARY HEROISM FROM 21 JULY TO 22 AUG-  
UST 1944, WHILE COMMANDING THE 2D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, 3D  
MARINE DIVISION, DURING THE RECAPTURE OF GUAM. HIS CITATION  
STATES IN PART:

"WHEN HIS BATTALION WAS ORDERED TO SEIZE AND HOLD A  
STRONGLY ORGANIZED AND DEFENDED ENEMY STRONGPOINT WHICH HAD  
BEEN HOLDING UP THE ADVANCE FOR SOME DAYS, ON JULY 25,  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL CUSHMAN DIRECTED THE ATTACKS OF HIS  
BATTALION AND THE REPULSE OF NUMEROUS JAPANESE COUNTER-  
ATTACKS, FEARLESSLY EXPOSING HIMSELF TO HEAVY HOSTILE RIFLE  
MACHINEGUN AND MORTAR FIRE IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN THE FRONT-  
LINES AND OBTAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.  
FOLLOWING THREE DAYS OF BITTER FIGHTING CULMINATING IN A  
HEAVY JAPANESE COUNTERATTACK WHICH PUSHED BACK THE FLANK OF  
HIS BATTALION ON JULY 28, HE PERSONALLY LED A PLATOON INTO  
THE GAP AND, PLACING IT FOR DEFENSE, REPELLED THE HOSTILE  
FORCE. BY HIS INSPIRING LEADERSHIP, COURAGE AND DEVOTION TO  
DUTY, HE CONTRIBUTED MATERIALLY TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MISSION  
WITH THE ANNIHILATION OF ONE ENEMY BATTALION THE ROUT OF  
ANOTHER...."

"BORN 24 DECEMBER 1914, IN ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, GENERAL  
CUSHMAN ATTENDED CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL THERE, AND AT SIXTEEN WAS  
APPOINTED TO THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY. UPON GRADUATION  
FROM THE ACADEMY, HE WAS COMMISSIONED A MARINE SECOND LIEUTENANT  
ON 6 JUNE 1939.

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LIEUTENANT CUSHMAN COMPLETED MARINE OFFICER'S BASIC SCHOOL AT THE PHILADELPHIA NAVY YARD, THEN SERVED BRIEFLY AT THE MARINE CORPS BASE, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. IN FEBRUARY 1936, HE ARRIVED IN SHANGHAI, CHINA, SERVING WITH THE 4TH MARINES, AND LATER THE 2D MARINE BRIGADE, AS A PLATOON COMMANDER. ON HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES IN MARCH 1938, HE SERVED AT THE NAVAL SHIPYARDS IN BROOKLYN, NEW YORK AND PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. HE WAS PROMOTED TO FIRST LIEUTENANT IN AUGUST 1938.

IN APRIL 1939, LIEUTENANT CUSHMAN WAS ASSIGNED TO THE MARINE DETACHMENT AT THE NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR, AND WAS SUBSEQUENTLY STATIONED AT MARINE BARRACKS, QUANTICO, VIRGINIA. HE WAS PROMOTED TO CAPTAIN IN MARCH 1941.

IN JUNE 1941, CAPTAIN CUSHMAN WENT ABOARD THE U.S.S. PENNSYLVANIA AT SAN DIEGO, ENROUTE TO PEARL HARBOR, AS COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE SHIP'S MARINE DETACHMENT. HE WAS SERVING IN THIS CAPACITY WHEN THE JAPANESE ATTACKED THE SHIP AND OTHER NAVAL INSTALLATIONS AT PEARL HARBOR ON 7 DECEMBER 1941. UPON HIS TRANSFER FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA, HE JOINED THE 5TH MARINES AT SAN DIEGO AS BATTALION EXECUTIVE OFFICER IN MAY 1942, AND THAT SAME MONTH WAS PROMOTED TO MAJOR.

WITH HIS UNIT MAJOR CUSHMAN MOVED TO CAMP PENDLETON IN SEPTEMBER 1942 AND EMBARKED FOR THE PACIFICAREA IN JANUARY 1943. HE WAS PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL IN MAY 1943.

THAT MONTH LIEUTENANT COLONEL CUSHMAN WAS APPOINTED COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 2D BATTALION, 5TH MARINES. DURING THE TWO YEARS HE HELD AT THAT POST, HE LED HIS BATTALION REPEATEDLY INTO COMBAT, EARNING THE BRONZE STAR WITH COMBAT "V" ON ROUGAINVILLE, THE NAVY CROSS DURING THE RECAPTURE OF QUAY, AND LEGION OF MERIT WITH COMBAT "V" DURING THE IWO JIMA CAMPAIGN.

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1. FOLLOWING IS A BIOGRAPH OF LTJEN CUSHMAN FOR  
 YOUR USE DURING VISIT OF 12-13 MARCH 1969 CONT'D.

ON HIS RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES IN MAY 1945, LIEUTENANT  
 COLONEL CUSHMAN WAS STATIONED AT MARINE CORPS SCHOOLS, QUANTICO  
 FOR THREE YEARS. DURING THAT PERIOD HE COMPLETED THE SENIOR  
 SCHOOL AND DURING THE LATTER TWO YEARS WAS SUPERVISORY  
 INSTRUCTOR, AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE SCHOOL. IN JUNE HE WAS HEAD  
 OF THE AMPHIBIOUS WARFARE BRANCH, OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH,  
 NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D.C. FROM OCTOBER 1949 UNTIL  
 MAY 1951, HE SERVED WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.  
 WHILE THERE HE WAS PROMOTED TO COLONEL IN MAY 1952. FROM  
 1951 TO 1953, COLONEL CUSHMAN SERVED AS AMPHIBIOUS PLANS  
 OFFICER ON THE STAFF OF CINCPAC IN LONDON, ENGLAND AND  
 NAPLES, FRANCE. HE WAS OFFICER IN CHARGE, G-3 SECTION OF THE  
 ARMED FORCES STAFF COLLEGE FROM 1954 TO 1956. COLONEL CUSHMAN  
 SERVED AS COMMANDING OFFICER, 2D MARINE REGIMENT DURING 1956-1957.

ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON, D. C. IN FEBRUARY 1957, HE SERVED  
 FOR FOUR YEARS ON THE STAFF OF THEN VICE PRESIDENT RICHARD  
 NIXON, AS ASSISTANT TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
 FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS. WHILE SERVING IN THIS CAPACITY,  
 HE WAS PROMOTED TO BRIGADIER GENERAL IN JULY 1959.

FOLLOWING HIS DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, GENERAL CUSHMAN  
 BECAME ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER, 3D MARINE DIVISION, ON  
 OKINAWA IN MARCH 1961. HE WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF MAJOR  
 GENERAL IN AUGUST 1961, AND IN SEPTEMBER ASSUMED COMMAND OF  
 THE 3D MARINE DIVISION.

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IN JULY 1962, THE GENERAL RETURNED TO HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS WHERE HE WAS ASSIGNED AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2 (INTELLIGENCE) AND ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 (PLANS, OPERATIONS AND TRAINING). IN DECEMBER 1963, HE WAS RE-ASSIGNED AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF OF STAFF. THE FOLLOWING MONTH, HE WAS NAMED ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3, AND SERVED IN THIS CAPACITY UNTIL JUNE 1964.

HE BECAME COMMANDING GENERAL, MARINE CORPS BASE, CAMP PENDLETON, CALIFORNIA DURING JULY 1964 AND SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY UNTIL TRANSFERRED TO VIETNAM.

A LIST OF THE GENERAL'S UNITED STATES MEDALS AND DECORATIONS INCLUDES: THE NAVY CROSS, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL, LEGION OF MERIT WITH COMBAT "V", BRONZE STAR MEDAL WITH COMBAT "V", PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION WITH ONE STAR INDICATING A SECOND AWARD, NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL, CHINA SERVICE MEDAL, AMERICAN DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL WITH FLEET CLASS, AMERICAN CAMPAIGN MEDAL, ASIATIC-PACIFIC CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH ONE SILVER STAR IN LIEU OF FIVE BRONZE STARS, WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL, NAVY OCCUPATION SERVICE MEDAL WITH EUROPE CLASS, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL WITH ONE STAR AND THE VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL.

GENERAL CUSHMAN AND HIS WIFE, THE FORMER AUDREY BOYCE OF PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, HAVE TWO CHILDREN, ROBERTA LIND AND ROBERT EVERTON III. THE GENERAL IS THE SON OF MRS. ROBERT E. CUSHMAN OF ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA. HIS FATHER IS DECEASED.

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**S E C R E T** LIMDIS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY  
 FOR ACOFS, G-2

REPORT OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES (U)

A. CG, FMFPAC 020116Z NOV 68 (S/SPECAT)

B. CG, III MAF 270120Z FEB 69 (S/SPECAT)

1. (S) FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REF A:

A. ALL MAJOR COMMANDS SUBMITTED NEGATIVE REPORTS FOR PRECEDING WEEK.

B. NISRA DANANG PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFO ON MATTERS ORIGINALLY REPORTED BY REF B:

A. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED THAT SALES OF BLACK POWER PLAQUES AND BANNERS HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE NOV 1968 AT CHINA BEACH USO VICE FREEDOM HILL AS ORIGINALLY REPORTED. FURTHER, SALES HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO CHINA BEACH AND ARE NOT EVIDENT AT OTHER PX'S OR CONCESSIONS. ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE RECORDS, APPROXIMATELY 23 PLAQUES AND 8 BANNERS WERE SOLD BETWEEN NOV 1968 AND FEB 1969.

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ALL SALES OF THIS TYPE HAVE NOW BEEN BANNED BY THE DIRECTOR, CHINA BEACH USO. THIRTEEN (13) INDIVIDUALS AND ONE UNIT HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PURCHASERS (12 USMC, 1 USA AND 1 USMC

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2. (U) NIS REPT OF INVEST ON ABOVE MATTER CURRENTLY BEING PROCESSED AND WILL BE FORWARDED VIA NIS CHANNELS FOR DISSEM TO OMC AND CG, FMFPAC.

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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN INFO LT. GEN STILWELL  
 RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIR IN DMZ (S)

A. MACV 2755 DTG 040237Z MAR 69 (S)

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 2. AT MY REQUEST LTGEN STILWELL HAS PREPARED A PROPOSED CONCEPT WHICH I HAVE APPROVED. I EXPECT HIS OPLAN MOMENTARILY. THE ESSENCE OF THE CONCEPT IS SET FORTH BELOW:

3. ACTION TO RETALIATE BY MASSIVE FIRES WILL BE TAKEN UNDER ONE OF TWO CONDITIONS: CONDITION A, RETALIATION IS ORDERED IMMEDIATELY; CONDITION B, RETALIATION IS ORDERED AT A SPECIFIED TIME, ALLOWING ADVANCED PREPARATIONS. IN EITHER EVENT, RETALIATION OPERATIONS WILL LAST 3-5 DAYS.

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4. DETAILED COORDINATION HAS BEEN EFFECTED WITH 7TH AF REP TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TAC AIR SORTIES. FOLLOWING SORTIES AS A MINIMUM CAN BE FLOWN, UNDER CONDITION A: 30 IN FIRST 3 HRSV 160 IN FIRST 24 HRS; 240 SORTIES PER 24-HR PERIOD THEREAFTER. UNDER CONDITION B, 350 SORTIES PER DAY CAN BE FLOWN.

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

FOR COL C. F. QUILICI, USMC, J5, FROM LT GEN CUSHMAN

1. SHORT NOTICE PRECLUDES A DETAILED REPORT OF INFORMATION REQUESTED ON MARINE CORPS EMPLOYMENT OF OV-10 AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR USE IN BRIEFING THE AIR CHIEF MARSHALL.

A. MISSION: CONDUCT TACTICAL VISUAL AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION; FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (AIRBORNE), LIAISON, AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY, AERIAL DELIVERY, AND FIRE SUPPRESSION. ORDNANCE DELIVERY LIMITED TO TARGET MARKING, SUPPRESSIVE FIRES AND DESTRUCTION OF LIGHT FLEETING TARGETS.

B. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE HAD ONLY LIMITED EXPERIENCE THUS FAR, THE OV-10 CONSIDERED VERY EFFECTIVE IN VR, OBSERVATION, TAC(A), AND LIGHT FIRE SUPPRESSION ROLES. NOT ENOUGH DATA ON PHOTOGRAPHY AND AERIAL DELIVERY TO EVALUATE AT THIS TIME.

C. OPERATING COSTS 15.82/HR, MAINTENANCE COST 14.50/HR, TOTAL 30.32/HR.

D. MARINE CORPS SELECTED OV-10 TO PROVIDE A REPLACEMENT FOR OBSOLETE 01 TYPE AIRCRAFT. CONSIDERED MOST SUITABLE FOR PURPOSE AFTER STUDY OF COMPETITIVE DESIGNS.

E. THE A-37 AND OV-10 CAN NOT BE COMPARED AS THE TWO AIRCRAFT HAVE DIFFERENT MISSIONS. THE A37 IS A TRAINER WHICH HAS BEEN RECONFIGURED AS A LIGHT ATTACK AIRCRAFT. NO FURTHER MARINE CORPS DATA AVAILABLE ON THE CAPABILITIES OR LIMITATIONS OF THE AIR FORCE A-37.

2. I HOPE THIS CURSORY ANALYSIS WILL BE OF SOME BENEFIT. PLEASE CONVEY BY REGARDS TO THE COMMANDANT RTMC.

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 TO COMUSMACV  
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FOR GEN GOODPASTER, DEP COMUSMACV FROM LTJEN CUSHMAN, CG, III MAF  
 REQUEST FOR PROJECT DELTA (U)

A. III MAF 151359Z MAR 69 (S)

1. (S) APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE ON OUR BEHALF IN OBTAINING PROJECT DELTA FOR THE SPRING OFFENSIVE.
2. (S) REF A IS OUR REPLY TO YOUR SUGGESTION OF PROVIDING THE REACTION FORCE TO ALLOW EARLY DEPLOYMENT OF THE RECON TEAMS. 121ST ABN DIV IS READY TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY BACK UP UNTIL THE 51ST ABN BANGKOK BN CAN JOIN PROJECT DELTA IN EARLY APRIL.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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FM CG III MAF

TO CG FIRST MAW

Z 161928Z

FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

TO GEN CUSHMAN III MAF

INFO GEN STILLWELL XXIV CORPS

GEN BROWN 7TH AF

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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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 FOR LIGEN STILWELL AND MAJGEN QUILTER, INFO GEN BROWN AND  
 MAJGEN TOWNSEND, FROM MAJGEN YOUNGDALE  
 RETALIATORY ATTACKS BY FIRE IN DMZ (S)

- A. GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV 161928Z MAR69 (TS)
- B. TELECON MAJGEN TOWNSEND TO BGEN DOOLEY 161930Z MAR69
- C. COMUSMACV 200115Z FEB 69 (S)

1. REF B DIRECTS THAT ARC LIGHT TARGETS IN IMPLEMENTATION REF A  
 WILL BE DEVELOPED WITH NORTH TO SOUTH ORIENTATION EITHER IN THE  
 NORTHERN PART OF SOUTHERN PART OF THE DMZ WITH AT LEAST ONE  
 OR POSSIBLY TWO IN THE NORTHERN PART, FURTHER, ALL FIRES  
 INCLUDING ARTILLERY, NGF AND ARC LIGHTS ARE TO BE SOUTH OF THE  
 NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ.

2. PROVISIONS REF C STILL VALID

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S E C R E T / L I M D I S / M C E O  
 FOR AC/S, G-2

A. CG FMFPAC 020116Z NOV 68 (S/SPECAT)  
 B. CG III MAF 121234Z MAR 69 (S/SPECAT)  
 C. NIS REPORT OF INVEST DTD 14 MAR 69 (FILE: 02-22-69N84-0113-3XNA)

1. SUBORDINATE COMMANDS REPORT NO INCIDENTS DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF REF A.  
 2. IN AMPLIFICATION OF THE NIS STATEMENT CONCERNING A UNIT PURCHASE OF A BLACK POWER PLAQUE OR BANNER IN REF B, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED:  
 A. REF C IDENTIFIED ONE UNIT AS A PURCHASER OF A PLAQUE OR BANNER. BASED ON REVIEW OF THE INVESTIGATION AND DISCUSSIONS WITH PERSONNEL INVOLVED, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT SUCH A STATEMENT IS INACCURATE. WHILE ONE UNIT WAS IDENTIFIED ON A PLAQUE OR BANNER, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS THAT IT WAS A UNIT PURCHASE OR

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 HAD THE SANCTION OF THE COMMANDER OR ANY RESPONSIBLE STAFF OFFICER. ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS PROVIDED OR DEVELOPED, THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL ASSUME THAT THE PURCHASE OF THE UNIT PLAQUE OR BANNER WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY AN UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUAL ACTING WITHOUT THE APPROVAL OF THE UNIT CONCERNED.  
 B. NIS, DANANG, HAS FORWARDED COPIES OF REF C TO NISOPAC AND NISHQ.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN SIMPSON AND MGEN GETTYS  
 FROM LTGEN CUSHMAN

ENEMY ROCKET/MORTAR ATTACKS (U)

1. (S) THE ROCKET ATTACK AT CHULAI THIS MORNING COST US THE COMPLETE LOSS OF 6 A-4S WORTH OVER SIX MILLION DOLLARS AND THE TEMPORARY LOSS OF 17 OTHER A-4S WHICH RECEIVED VARYING AMOUNTS OF DAMAGE. OTHER MATERIAL DESTROYED OR DAMAGED WAS NOT INSIGNIFICANT. FORTUNATELY THE EARLIER ROCKET ATTACK AT CHU LAI AND THE ATTACKS ON DANANG AIRFIELD AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY PRODUCED NO DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES BUT THROUGH NO ACTION ON OUR PART.
2. (S) THESE ATTACKS AS WELL AS THE MORTARING OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION CP ARE INDICATIVE OF INCREASED ENEMY AGGRESSIVENESS. EVEN MORE IMPORTANTLY THEY RAISE SERIOUS QUESTIONS AS TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR OWN COUNTER-

PAGE TWO RUSVDB 2637 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MEASURES TO COMBAT SUCH ATTACKS. AT A TIME OF INCREASED ALERT AND WITH PREVIOUS INDICATORS OF POSSIBLE ATTACK WE WERE UNABLE TO PREVENT THEM.

3. (S) WE CANNOT AFFORD THE LOSSES SUSTAINED THIS MORNING NOR WILL THEY BE TOLERATED. THE ENEMY CANNOT BE PERMITTED TO FIRE WITH RELATIVE IMPUNITY FROM HIS FAVORITE LAUNCHING SITES. CERTAINLY HE SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WHICH ALLOW HIM TO MORTAR A DIVISION CP.
4. WHILE I AM AWARE OF THE EXTENSIVE THOUGHT YOU HAVE GIVEN TO THE PROBLEM OF COMBATING THESE ATTACKS THE EVENTS OF LAST NIGHT AND THIS MORNING HIGHLIGHT THE FACT THAT PRESENT TECHNIQUEST, TACTICS AND PROCEDURES ARE NOT ADEQUATE. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS MY DESIRE THAT, AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY YOU RE-EXAMINE YOUR COUNTER ROCKET DEFENSIVE PROCEDURES AND TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT THE FULL SPECTRUM OF THE MEANS AT YOUR DISPOSAL, GROUND, AIR AND FIRE SUPPORT ARE DEVELOPED INTO A COMPREHENSIVE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING SYSTEM WHICH CAN EFFECTIVELY REDUCE IF NOT ELIMINATE THE ENEMY THREAT TO MANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS. THAT THE TASK IS CHALLENGING IS RECOGNIZED. NEVERTHELESS THE TIME

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HAS ARRIVED WHERE WE MUST BE AUDACIOUS AND USE OUR INGENUITY  
AND MILITARY KNOW HOW TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE AWAY FROM  
THE ENEMY. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL AND SHALL  
EXPECT YOU TO DO SO.

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INFO ZEN/COMNAVSUPPACT DNG RVN  
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S E C R E T / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM RUDDEN INFO RADM BONNER  
FROM BGEN DOOLEY

RETENTION OF USS NEW JERSEY IN WESTPAC (S)

1. COMNAVSUPPACT DNG MEMO OF 18 MAR 69 SUBJECT: THOUGHTS  
ON USS NEW JERSEY (BB62).

1. (C) STRONGLY CONCUR IN RADM BONNER'S COMMENTS IN REF  
REGARD STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF NEW JERSEY TO IN-COUNTRY  
USERS. BY SEPARATE MSG III MAF IS ADVISING SENIOR PACIFIC  
COMMANDS OF THE GREAT RELIANCE PLACED ON BATTLESHIP SUPPORT  
BY UNITS IN IOTZ AND IS REQUESTING ACTION BE TAKEN TO RETAIN  
HER IN WESTPAC. EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON HER EFFECT ON THE  
ENEMY AND ON HER IMPORTANCE IN RETALIATORY FIRES.

2. (C) ALTHOUGH III MAF AGREES WITH THE COMMENTS REGARDING  
MATERIAL CONDITION AND ON-BOARD TRAINING OF REPLACEMENTS,  
PARTICULARLY TURRET CRAWLS, THESE RECOMMENDATIONS SHOULD

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MORE APPROPRIATELY BE MADE BY A NAVAL COMMAND RATHER THAN  
BY THIS HQTRS.

3. (C) APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT FOR RETENTION OF NEW JERSEY  
IN WESTPAC.

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TO CG AMERICAL DIV  
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EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN GETTYS AND MGEN SIMPSON FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
ENEMY SUPPLY ACTIVITY

~~A. MAC 4006 DTG 291213Z MAR 69 PASEP~~

1. PLEASE GIVE ME YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING  
PROPOSED OPERATION OUTLINED PARA 4 REF. A.  
2. REQUEST YOUR RESPONSE INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE  
FOLLOWING:

- A. CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT OF ORGANIC RECONNAISSANCE ASSETS
- B. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ENVISAGED FOR CONDUCT OF PRE-  
EMPTIVE MILITARY OPNS AGAINST NVA FORCES IN AREA.
- C. TIME PHASING OF OPERATION
- D. FORCE REQUIREMENTS.
- E. LOGISTICS IMPLICATIONS
- F. IMPACT ON ONGOING OPERATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED.
- G. RECOMMENDED AREA (S) AND CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT OF DELTA/  
CCN FORCES.

3. DESIRE TO BE BRIEFED AT MY HQTRS 030900H APR.

4. FOR MGEN SIMPSON: REQUEST YOU SIT IN ON 3 APR BRIEFING.

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FM CG III MAF

TO RUMHAA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMKVA/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMLMA/CG FIRST MAW

RUMLMPA/CG FORLOGCOMD

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UNCLAS E F T O

FOR MGEN SIMPSON, MGEN DAVIS, MGEN QUILTER AND BGEN FEELEY FROM  
LTGEN NICKERSON

REASSIGNMENT MARINE CORPS COLONELS WITHIN THIS COMMAND

A. III MAF G-1 CONFERENCE OF 25 MAR 69 WITH G-1 REPS OF  
ALL ADEES.

1. DISCUSSIONS CONDUCTED DURING THE REFERENCED CONFERENCE  
AND SUBSEQUENT THERETO HAVE INDICATED THE DESIRABILITY OF THE  
FOLLOWING REASSIGNMENT OF COLONELS WITHIN III MAF. IT IS  
REQUESTED THAT ADEES PROVIDE CONCURRENCE ASAP SO THAT APPROVAL  
REQUIRED FROM CG FMFPAC MAY BE OBTAINED SOONEST.

2. REASSIGNMENT AS FOLLOWS IN MONTH INDICATED:

A. APRIL

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(1) FROM HQ III MAF TO THIRD MARDIV:

CROMPTON, W.W. 9906/0802/0430

(2) FROM THIRD MARDIV TO HQ III MAF:

HERSHEY, G.R. 9906

B. MAY

(1) FROM HQ III MAF TO THIRD MARDIV:

CORCORAN, C.T. 9907

(2) FROM THIRD MARDIV FOR REASSIGNMENT BY

FMFPAC TO FIRST MAW OR NINTH MAB

WILSON, H.S. 9907/7532/7596

C. JULY

(1) FROM FIRST MARDIV TO HQ III MAF:

(A) ONE COL 9906 FOR DUTY AS DEPUTY

G-3 (GROUND)

(B) BARBER, W.E. 9906/0302/0202

(2) FROM HQ III MAF TO FIRST MARDIV:

(A) WILKERSON, H.L. 9906/0302

(3) FROM FIRST MAW TO HQ III MAF

(2) ONE COL 9907 FOR DUTY AS DEP G-3

D. AUGUST

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(1) FROM THIRD MARDIV TO NINTH MAB  
NETZGER, T.E. 9906/0302  
E. SEPTEMBER  
(1) FROM FIRST MAW TO HQ III MAF:  
(A) BARBOUR, R.J. 9907/7510/7595  
(B) REED, J.L. 7521/7550/0202 (COL SEL)  
F. NOVEMBER  
(1) FROM HQ III MAF TO THIRD MARDIV:  
(A) OLSON, F.O. 9906/3502/1302  
(2) FROM HQ III MAF TO FIRST MARDIV:  
(A) ASHTON, C. 9906/0302  
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 TO RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHL RVN  
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**EXCLUSIVE FOR**

**S E C R E T / EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN GETTYS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON**  
 1. YOUR BRIEFING TODAY WAS, AS USUAL, OUTSTANDING. IT WAS  
 OBVIOUS THAT YOU AND YOUR FINE STAFF HAD ADDRESSED THE PROBLEM  
 IN AN EXTREMELY THOROUGH AND PROFESSIONAL MANNER. PLEASE  
 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO ALL.  
 2. AS STATED AT THE BRIEFING, THE CONCEPT AS YOUR PRESENTED  
 IT, IS APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FOR PHASE I, SUBJ  
 TO FINAL CONFIRMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF DELTA FORCE AND  
 CCM ELEMENTS. AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW.

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NEW JERSEY EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 271534Z MAR 69

B. COMUSMACV 011049Z APR 69 (PASEP)

1. (S) I WAS HOPEFUL THAT NEW JERSEY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN WITH US FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD, AND TOOK STEPS TO HAVE THIS DONE. SEE REF A. NOW, IT APPEARS THAT HER PRESENT TRIP IN WESTPAC WILL NOT BE EXTENDED; THEREFORE, I SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT IN KEEPING HER HERE, OR IN ARRANGING FOR AN EARLY RETURN.

2. (S) THE REASON FOR MY REQUEST IS THE UNIQUE LEVEL OF FIRE SUPPORT THAT NEW JERSEY IS CAPABLE OF BRINGING TO III MAF AND THE MOBILITY BY WHICH IT CAN BE DELIVERED. HER IMMINENT DEPARTURE FOR CONUS, HOWEVER, HIGHLIGHTS ANOTHER ASPECT OF THE SITUATION. BASED PURELY ON STATISTICAL ANALYSIS, CARRIED OUT BY GROUPS NOT WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE REALITIES OF COMBAT, NEW JERSEY DOES NOT ALWAYS FARE WELL. THIS MEANS THAT STRONG

PAGE TWO RHMMFA0344 S E C R E T / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR SUPPORT BY COMBAT COMMANDERS WILL, PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE POSSIBILITY OF HER RETURN TO MOINBALLS.

3. (S) WHEN I ASKED GEN ABRAMS FOR HIS SUPPORT FOR KEEPING NEW JERSEY OUT HERE, HE TOLD ME THAT HE DID NOT FEEL THAT THE BATTLESHIP WAS OF MUCH USE TO HIM; THAT HE WANTED AND NEEDED SOMETHING THAT HE COULD COUNT ON, SOMETHING THAT COMES TO STAY. HE DID INDICATE TO ME THAT HE WOULD TRY TO SEE NEW JERSEY EXTENDED IT MAY. HOWEVER IN REF B. HE INDICATES HIS RELUCTANCE TO REENTER THE CONTEST TO GET HER EXTENDED. I AM SURE HE CONSIDERS, AS I DO, THAT NEW JERSEY'S PLACE NOW IS IN THE COMBAT ZONE, RATHER THAN CONUS. I EXPECT HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT SOME SORT OF ARRANGEMENT COULD BE DEVELOPED BY THE NAVY TO SOLVE THE SHIP'S PERSONNEL REPLACEMENT PROBLEM, WHICH I UNDERSTAND IS THE PRIMARY REASON FOR HER DEPARTURE. HOWEVER, I AM NOT AWARE OF ALL OF THE INFLUENCES WHICH ARE PERTINENT.

4. (S) IN SUM, WE NEED NEW JERSEY'S CONTRIBUTION TO OUR FIRE SUPPORT STRUCTURE HERE IN III MAF, AND I AM TROUBLED THAT HER DEPARTURE FROM THE COMBAT ZONE PLACES HER IN AN EXTREMELY VULNERABLE POSITION WITH RESPECT TO STATISTICIANS

PAGE THREE RHMMFA0344 S E C R E T / SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER BACK IN RETIREMENT. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN DELAYING HER DEPARTURE, AND IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, IN ARRANGING HER EARLY RETURN.

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