

## DECLASSIFIED

15. COMUSMACV 010421Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON, CORCORAN, ECKHARDT, EWELL INFO STILWELL FROM ABRAMS  
WIEU - 5 APRIL 1969
- ~~16. CG THIRD MARDIV 020601Z APR69 (U/E)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON  
REASSIGNMENT OF COLOMELS ~~CONCISE~~ *1/3* 011000Z APR69~~
17. CG THIRD MARDIV 020140Z APR69 (C) EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM DAVIS  
PRESS INTERVIEW - UPI RELEASE BY MR. DAVE LAMB
18. MACV CMD CNTR 020650Z APR69 (U/E) *u*  
MACV TO ALL  
ASSIGNMENT OF BAUTZ AS AC/S, J-3, 1 APR
19. CG XXIV CORPS 030210Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ABRAMS FROM STILWELL  
ROUTE 616 RICE CACHE -- SORRY, ONLY 356 TONS -- NOT 1000
- ~~20. 001 BARRETT (CNS) 031905Z APR69 (U/E)  
FOR BOOLEY FROM BARRETT  
NEED NAMES OF COMMANDERS AND PRINCIPAL STAFF OFFICERS APPRECIATE HELP~~
21. COMNAVFORV 040812Z APR69 (S) NOFORN *gp-4*  
FOR DWYER INFO HOFFMANN AND STEPPERUD FROM ZUMWALT  
OPERATIONS ON THE CAU DAI RIVER
22. COMUSMACV 040840Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON, CORCORAN, EWELL, ECKHARDT, INFO STILWELL FROM ABRAMS  
WIEU -- WILL START 0800 VICE 0900
23. 834AIRDIV TSN AB RVN 040830Z APR69 (U/E)  
PERSONAL FOR MGEN MCLAUGHLIN  
JOINT AIR OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING
24. COMUSMACV 041325Z APR69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
UPI STORY QUOTING DAVIS AT LENGTH -- WHAT WERE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THIS INTERVIEW  
WHAT EXACTLY WAS SAID BY GENERAL DAVIS
25. CG 3D MARDIV 050302Z APR69 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM DAVIS  
COORDINATION OF AIR-GROUND OPERATIONS

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- ~~26. CG FMAM 050519Z APR69 (U/E)  
FOR NICKERSON  
REASSIGNMENT OF COLONELS~~
27. COMUSMACV 071017Z APR69 (C) FOR *Group-4*  
FOR NICKERSON & STILWELL  
IMAGERY DISTRIBUTION
28. COMNAVFORV 080324Z APR69 (C) FOR *Op-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT  
"PASS TO SENATOR TOWER"  
CAPTURED MATERIAL GIANT SLINGSHOT
29. CG FMFPAC 080306Z APR69 (S) MCEO *gp-4*  
~~FOR III MAF G-3~~  
FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT (U)
30. COMSEVENTHFLT 100954Z APR69 (C) FOR *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
CAN I CALL ON YOU AND ATTEND YOUR MORNING BRIEF ON 14 APR?
31. COMNAVFORV 110110Z APR69 (S) NOFORN *Group-4*  
FOR DWYER INFO HOFMANN & STEFFERUD FROM ZUMWALT  
OPERATIONS ON THE CUA DAI RIVER (U)
32. ASST DEPCORDS/MACV 110637Z APR69 (U) FOUO EYES ONLY  
FOR STILWELL INFO NICKERSON FROM WETHERILL  
LTCOL MOONEY (CONSIDER CASE CLOSED)
33. CG XXIV CORPS 111057Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
FOR TOWNSEND INFO NICKERSON & MCGOWN FROM STILWELL  
VISIT TO THAILAND WITH THE TRUONGS
- ~~34. CG FMFPAC 120220Z APR69 (U)  
ATTACH FOR DAVIS  
WELCOME ABOARD FOR JONES~~
35. ADMINO FLC 120546Z APR69 (C) MCEO *gp-4*  
EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS
36. C/S MACV 121130Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
FOR STILWELL INFO NICKERSON & MCGOWN FROM TOWNSEND  
VISIT TO THAILAND "AM WORKING ON IT -- WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED."
- ~~37. COMSEVENTHFLT 130136Z APR69 (C)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
WON'T BE ABLE TO COME ON 14TH WILL LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER DATE~~
38. 7AF/C/TSN AFID RVN 150320Z APR69 PERSONAL FOR *(cl)*  
PERSONAL FOR COMMANDER FROMBROWN  
MY SINCERE REGRETS ABOUT INCIDENT 14 ~~APR~~ RESULTING IN 1 KIA & 1 WAI

39. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 150125Z APR69 (U) FOR  
FOR NICKERSON & LAM FROM STILLWELL & TRUONG  
RESTRICTION WITHIN INLAND WATERWAYS AND ALONG THE COAST  
OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA
40. ✓ COMUSMACV 160406Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - 4*  
ABRAMS TO ALL  
THE COMMANDERS WIEU MEETING 200900H -- HERE'S THE SCHEDULE
41. ✓ ADMIN FMFPAC 161931Z APR69 (S) MCEO *Group - 4*  
FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT (U)
42. ✓ C/S MACV 180442Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *Group - 2*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND  
HERE'S A MSG -- AM CONSUL DNG TO AM EMB SAIGON - ROKS IN NEW SERIOUS INCIDENT  
"REQ A RPT ON THIS MSG SOONEST"
- ~~43. ✓ CG FMFPAC 190315Z APR69 (U) FOR  
FOR GARRISON AND FULLER FROM JUSE  
ATTACHBY FOR GARRISON & WELCOME ABOARD FOR FULLER~~
44. ✓ C/S MACV 201007Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND  
ABRAMS HAS APPROVED YOUR VISIT TO TFA ON 29 APR 69
45. ✓ CG 1ST MARDIV 210950Z APR69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSVIE *Group - 4*  
FOR WALT, FONTANA & DOOLEY FROM SIMPSON  
MAJOR ROBB DETACHED FROM 1ST MARDIV 220600H -- ROBB DID GOOD JOB
46. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 211942Z APR69 (S) EYES ONLY *Group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ABRAMS FROM STILLWELL  
MAJOR CACHE ON YELLOW BRICK ROAD (GENERAL SUPPLY DEPOT: AMMO, ARMS, MEDICAL,  
QUARTERMASTER, SIGNAL, MISC)
47. ✓ DEPCORDS MACV 221014Z APR69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR NICKERSON INFO STILLWELL FROM COLBY  
WALTER PIERCE IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT I CORPS -- CALL HIM DIRECTLY (FORESTRY)
48. ✓ TFA NKP THAI 221052Z APR69 (C) FOR *Group - 4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM DYAS  
YOUR REQ FOR VISIT TO TFA A-OK ON 29 APR
49. ✓ COMNAVPHIL 230825Z APR69 (S) NOFORN LIMDIS *Group - 4*  
FOR COMMANDERS ONLY  
ATTEMPTED ARMS SMUGGLING FROM USS REPOSE (CNF)
50. ✓ COMUSMACV 230920Z APR69 (C) *Group - 4*  
FOR DOOLEY, KALERGIS, HUFFMAN, & COL DUNHAM FROM MCLAUGHLIN  
REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. DIRECTOR MCCC HQMC 231458Z APR69 (U)  
WIRENOT/FOR BGEN DOOLEY FROM COL BARRETT  
REQUIRE ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES OF ARVN TO GO WITH SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFI INTER
2. CG 1ST LOG COMD 260220Z APR69 (U) EYES ONLY  
FOR FEELEY ~~ABRAMS~~ INFO ABRAMS, MILDREN & NICKERSON FROM HEISER  
SURE APPRECIATE YOUR HELP IN RESERVING THE GUN CHASSIS
3. CG XXIV CORPS 260253Z APR79 (U) *w/ 2 gp-4 attachments*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM STILWELL  
CONTROL & RESTRICTIONS OF VEHICLE MOVEMENTS PHB/DNG & DNG/PHB  
REQ RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION ABOUT VEHICLES TRAFFICING HAI VAN PASS
4. COMNAVFORV 261104Z APR69 (C) *Group-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT  
ICTZ AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM
- ~~5. AUSTFORCELS MAP 270152Z APR69 (U)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM HAY  
THANKS FOR YOUR MESSAGE ABOUT WO BONDS - YR MGC PASSED TO NCM~~
6. COMUS MACV 280155Z APR69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group-not show*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
DESTRUCTION OF AMMO, POL, & FACILITIES WORST OF WAR. (27 APR 1969)  
"IMPROVE THE SYSTEM"
7. CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT 290046Z APR69 (C) *Gp-4*  
VISIT BY RADM FREEMAN  
VISITING GUNLINE ON 9-10 MAY. WOULD LIKE BRIEFING & TOUR YOUR HQS
8. CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT 300352Z APR69 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON AND BONNER FROM RUDDEN  
VISIT BY RADM FREEMAN
9. COMNAVFORV 301150Z APR69 (C) *Group-4*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO BONNER FROM ZUMWALT  
I'M ARRIVING DNG 010900H MAY TO INSPECT ASP-1 FIRE DAMAGE
10. COMUSMACV 010140Z ~~MAY 69~~ (U)  
FOR DOOLEY FROM MCLAUGHLIN  
REQ VERIFICATION OF FOLLOWING INFO  
"ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DANANG AMMUNITION DEPOT EXPLOSIONS"
- ~~11. CG FMFAC 012214Z ~~MAY 69~~ (U) EFTO  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUCH  
STENOGRAPHER - CSST REPT WILL RPT YOUR HQS NLT 5 MAY 69 FROM OWT~~
12. COMUSMACV 020146Z MAY69 (U)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
YR URGENT REQMTS FOR FREEDOM HILL TRANSIENT & R&R CENTER RECOGNIZED  
WE'RE READY TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WHEN REQUESTED - EXPEDITIOUSLY

- ~~13. COMUSMACV 020158Z MAY69 (U)  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
CONCUR IN YOUR TRIP TO NKP FOR 12 MAY~~
14. CG XXIV CORPS 020400Z MAY 69 (S) *group-4*  
FOR NICKERSON AND LAM FROM STILWELL AND TRUONG  
SUBJ: ARVN DUEL BLADE II CONSTRUCTION PLANS AND ENGINEER UTILIZATI
15. DCG XXIV CORPS 030335z MAY 69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
FOR VAN RYZIN, BUSE & NICKERSON FRM DRAKE  
LUMBERING -- SALVAGEING THE DEFOLIATED, DYING TREES (COL DOYLE)
- ~~16. CG FMAW 030719Z MAY69 (C) FOR  
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM HILL  
MY ITINERARY ON RETURNING TO STATES REQ FLIGHT NRS~~
17. COMNAVFORV 040120Z MAY69 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR STILWELL INFO NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT  
CTF CLEARWATER
18. TFA NKP THAI 040706Z MAY69 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM DYAS  
GLAD TO HAVE YOU ON 12 MAY
19. COMUSMACV 050814Z MAY69 (C) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS  
I'LL VISIT III MAF (HQ) 7 MAY -- WANT G-2/G-3 & CORDS BRIEF
20. CG XXIV CORPS 050946Z MAY69 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR ZUMWALT INFO NICKERSON FROM STILWELL  
GLAD TO HAVE BOOKER AS CTF INTERIM "CLEARWATER"
- ~~21. CG FMAW 060216Z MAY 69 (S)  
FOR HILL INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
HERE'S YOUR SCHEDULE/ITINERARY YOU ASKED FOR (15 17 MAY 69)~~
22. COMUSMACV 070025Z MAY69 (S) *gp-3*  
FOR DWYER FROM MCLAUGHLIN  
NEED SECONDARY TARGETS FOR ARC LIGHT
23. CG XXIV CORPS 071700Z MAY69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM STILWELL  
ENEMY SITUATION IN I CORPS --- APACHE SNOW
24. COMUSMACV 101028Z MAY69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
ABRAMS TO ALL  
REPORTING DISCIPLINE - ENSURE INFORMATION NEEDS OF PRES, SECDEF, JCS, ETC ARE MET
25. CG XXIV CORPS 101759Z MAY69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM STILWELL  
ABOUT MY HELICOPTER ACCIDENT -- HERE'S WHAT HAPPENED ON THE REPORTING - TO MACV Etc.

1. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 231715Z MAR69 (TS) EYES ONLY LIMDIS *GP-1*  
FOR CUSHMAN INFO ABRAMS FROM STILWELL  
NEW NVA STORAGE AREA --"400 TONS OF RICE, CANNED GOODS, 100 AK-47's etc."
2. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 010824Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ABRAMS & ZAIS FROM STILWELL  
MINOR TRESPASS OF LAOTIAN BORDER (PERIPHERY OF BA/607)
3. ✓ SSO MACV 011012Z APR69 (TS) *GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
FOR NICKERSON  
TRANSMITTAL OF ABRAMS 301218Z MAR69, SUBJ: SERVICE FORCE ACTIONS
4. ✓ COMUSMACV 031042Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-4*  
ABRAMS TO BROWN, NICKERSON, MILDREN & ZUMWALT INFO MCCAIN & WHEELER  
SERVICE FORCE ACTIONS
- ~~5. COMUSMACV 041237Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY  
MSG 4231 IN SEALED ENVELOPE~~
6. ✓ COMUSMACV 041322Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GROUP NOT SHOWN*  
ABRAMS TO ALL  
PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AND NATIONAL POLICY
7. ✓ COMUSMACV 050844Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY ADDRESSEES *GP-1*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO STILWELL FROM ABRAMS  
QUOTE OF JCS MSG 031430Z APR69 to CINCPAC  
VIETNAM DEMILITARIZED ZONE -- CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS IN DMZ
8. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 070535Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-1*  
FOR NICKERSON INFO ABRAMS FROM STILWELL  
VIETNAM DEMILITARIZED ZONE
9. ✓ CS MACV 100935Z APR69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-3*  
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND  
FUTURE ICTZ OPERATIONS
- ~~10. ✓ CG MACV 102126Z APR69 (TS) SSO EYES ONLY  
TWO COPIES SSO, ONE COPY GEN DWYER  
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING~~
11. ✓ CMC 111311Z APR69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCE O *GP-4*  
FOR BUSE AND NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN  
ATTABOY FROM CHAPMAN ON OPS SECURITY (PURPLE DRAGON)
- ~~12. ✓ CG MACV 150132Z APR69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE  
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING  
MCCAIN ASKED SOME QUESTIONS. HERE THEY ARE WITH MY ANSWERS FOR VP INFO"~~
13. ✓ MG TOWNSEND 161124Z APR69 (TS) *GP-3*  
EXTENSION OF PROJECT DELTA FORCES

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FM-SSOMACV

TO CG III MAF (FOR LTG NICKENSON)

0301218Z

FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON VIETNAM

TO GEN WHEELER CJCS WASHINGTON DC

DM MCCAIN CINCPAC HONOLULU HAWAII

INFO GEN BROWN CDR 7TH AF TSN SAIGON VIETNAM

VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON VIETNAM

IGEN MILDREN CG USARV LONG BINH VIETNAM

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SUBJECT: SERVICE FORCE ACTIONS (U)

REF: MAC 4016 DTG 300316Z MAR 69

1 (TS) I AM BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENT THINKING AND MOVES ON THE PART OF THE SERVICES TO REDUCE OUR OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY IN SVN. WHAT IS EQUALLY DISTURBING, THE SERVICE ACTIONS HAVE BEEN INITIATED WITHOUT ADVANCE COORDINATION WITH US. FROM HERE, WE SEE NOTHING IN THE CURRENT MILITARY SITUATION IN SVN THAT WARRANTS OUR MAKING A UNILATERAL REDUCTION IN COMBAT POWER AT THIS TIME. ON THE CONTRARY, THE ENEMY HAS DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN IN HIS POST TET ACTIVITIES HIS DETERMINATION TO PURSUE THE WAR WITH THE INTENSITY OF PREVIOUS OFFENSIVES.

2 (TS) OVER THE LAST FOUR-AND-ONE-HALF WEEKS THE CUMULATIVE TOTALS OF HIS ATTACKS BY FIRE, THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS EXPENDED IN THEM AND HIS GROUND ATTACKS REMAIN HIGHER THAN DURING A SIMILAR PERIOD FOR ANY PREVIOUS OFFENSIVE. ATTACKS BY FIRE ARE ONE-AND-ONE-HALF TIMES TET OR 5 MAY, AND MORE THAN TRIPLE THE AUGUST ATTACKS. THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS EXPENDED EXCEEDS THE NUMBER EXPENDED DURING TET BY 31 PERCENT, THE NUMBER EXPENDED DURING THE SECOND OFFENSIVE BY 26 PERCENT, AND IS GREATER BY 142 PERCENT THAN THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS EXPENDED DURING THE THIRD OFFENSIVE. HIS GROUND ATTACKS ARE NEARLY DOUBLE THOSE OF TET, TWO-AND-ONE-HALF TIMES THOSE OF THE MAY OFFENSIVE AND MORE THAN FOUR TIMES THOSE OF LAST AUGUST. EVEN THE NUMBER OF BATTALION OR LARGER SIZE ATTACKS IS CLOSE TO THOSE HE CONDUCTED LAST TET. WHILE THE PAST WEEK HAS SEEN SOMETHING OF A DECLINE IN ENEMY INITIATED ACTIVITY, HIS FORCES REMAIN IN FORWARD POSITIONS NEAR HIS TARGET AREAS, AND DOCUMENTS AS WELL AS POWS DESCRIBE PLANS FOR MORE ATTACKS IN EARLY APRIL. EVIDENCE IS NOW TRICKLING IN WHICH SPEAKS OF ENEMY PLANS FOR YET ANOTHER OFFENSIVE ROUND IN THE COMING MONTHS. CERTAINLY THE TREMENDOUS ENEMY ORDNANCE STORES FOUND DURING OPERATION DEWEY CANYON AND THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF 1000 TONS OF RICE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE ATTESTS TO ENEMY PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR A CONTINUED HIGH INTENSITY OF WARFARE. THE ENEMY'S INTENT IS CLEAR. HE WILL USE ALL THE MILITARY RESOURCES AT HIS DISPOSAL TO "FIGHT" WHILE "TALKING" IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE BARGAINING POSITION AT PARIS. 3(1)

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FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV

MG ECKHARDT SA IV OTZ

MG EWELL CG 9TH DIV (CG II FFV DESIGNATE)

INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 4003 EYES ONLY

1. (C) REQUEST EACH ADDRESSEE, INCLUDING GEN STILWELL, ATTEND THE WIFE, SATURDAY, 5 APRIL 69, STARTING AT 0900HOURS. ONLY THE COMMANDER HIMSELF IS TO ATTEND.

2. (C) SESSION IS EXPECTED TO RUN ABOUT FIVE HOURS. ADDRESSEES WILL BE MY GUESTS FOR LUNCH.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
BTC O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON  
UPI PRESS RELEASE BY MR DAVE LAMB

1. MR LAMB HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE 3D MARDIV AREA DURING RECENT COMBAT ENGAGEMENTS AND HAS ON MANY OCCASIONS INTERVIEWED GENERAL OFFICERS OF THE DIVISION. HIS ACCOUNTS OF COMBAT AND HIS RELEASES BASED ON THE INTERVIEWS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN FACTUAL AND HAVE PROVIDED SOLID SUPPORT FOR MARINE OPERATIONS. DURING THE LAST MONTH HE HAS EARNED THE RESPECT AND TRUST OF THOSE DEALING WITH HIM.
2. ON OTHER OCCASIONS HE HAS BEEN GIVEN OFF THE RECORD AND BACKGROUND ONLY BRIEFINGS. HE DID NOT VIOLATE ANY CONFIDENCE ON THOSE OCCASIONS.
3. IT WAS UNDER THESE CONDITIONS THAT THE REQUESTED AND RECEIVED AN INTERVIEW WITH ME.
4. HE WANTED TO EXPLORE THE WAR IN DEPT. HE CAME IN AFTER DINNER AND DISCUSSED FOR AN HOUR THE GENERAL AREAS OF SANCTUARIES,

PAGE TWO RUNHUP 0149 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR ETC. HE INDICATED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT I DID NOT WANT TO BE QUOTED OR OTHERWISE ESTABLISHED AS A SOURCE OF IDEAS AND THAT HE WOULD NOT DO SO. HE WAS TOLD WITH CERTAINTY THAT IT MIGHT BE INFEASIBLE POLITICALLY TO EXPAND OPERATIONS. THE QUOTES WHICH LAMB USED WERE DERIVED FROM A DISCUSSION OF PRESS CLIPPINGS WHICH I HAD ON MY DESK. THESE CLIPPINGS PROPOSED THAT WE HAD ONLY TWO CHOICES IN VIETNAM. ONE WAS TO RESUME THE BOMBING, THE OTHER WAS TO CONTINUE WITH OUR PRESENT TACTICS. HE WAS TOLD THAT WITHOUT CONSIDERING THE POLITICAL ASPECTS THERE ARE CERTAINLY OTHER COURSES OF ACTION WHICH ARE FEASIBLE FROM THE MILITARY STANDPOINT. THEN HE WAS GIVEN MY VIEWS AS TO ONE ALTERNATIVE, THE "SALAMI" TACTIC. THIS WAS NOT REPEAT NOT AS A PROPOSAL, BUT AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE. HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE WERE INVOLVED IN A BACKGROUND DISCUSSION ONLY BUT IT SOUNDS AS IF TEMPTATION OVERPOWERED HIM.

5. THE ISO, WHO WAS IN THE OFFICE WHEN LAMB RETURNED, ASKED HIM ABOUT THE INTERVIEW. IN A KIDDING MANNER LAMB SAID THE GENERAL SAID WE SHOULD GO INTO LAOS OR NORTH VIETNAM, OR WORDS TO THAT EFFECT. THE ISO TOLD HIM HE CERTAINLY COULD NOT USE

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PAGE THREE RUMHVP 0149 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR THAT IN A STORY. LAMB REPLIED NOT TO WORRY THAT HE WOULD NEVER WRITE ANYTHING THAT WOULD QUOTE HURT THE GENERAL OR GET HIM IN TROUBLE UNQUOTE. HE WAS, IN THE OPINION OF THE ISO, FULLY AWARE THAT HE COULD NOT USE THE MATERIAL IN A STORY. 6. ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT SEEN THE PRESS CLIPPINGS, FROM THE QUOTES WHICH YOU READ TO ME OVER THE PHONE, IT APPEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN CAUGHT OFF BASE. AFTER A FULL YEAR OF SUCCESS AND GOOD LUCK WITH THE PRESS CORPS, IT SEEMS THAT I BECAME OVERCONFIDENT IN MY ABILITY TO JUDGE REPORTERS. I WILL MAKE NO FURTHER COMMENTS TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ON THE LAMB STORY OR THE ISSUES INVOLVED UNLESS YOUR ISO EXPERTS COME UP WITH SOMETHING WHICH MIGHT HELP TO CALM THE WAVES.

7. WARM REGARDS. MAJGEN DAVIS SENDS.

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MG TOWNSEND SENDS: CINCPAC FOR LTG HUTCHIN, 7AF FOR GEN BROWNPN  
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LTG CUSHMAN, I FFV FOR LTG CORCORAN, II FFV FOR LTG KERWIN, XXIV CORPS  
FOR LTG STILLWELL, IV CORPS FOR MG ECKHARDT.

SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENT OF BG BAUTZ, JR AS AC OF S, J3, HQ MACV.  
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USA, ASSUMED DUTIES AS ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF FOR OPERATIONS, J3.  
HQ MACV BEST REGARDS.

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 INFO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHE 0612 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: ROUTE 616 RICE CACHE  
 REF: A. PHE 0540, DTG 231715Z MAR.

B. 3RD MAR DIV/XXIV CORPS SITREPS.

1. NOW THAT THE RICE EXTRACTION AND DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS ARE COMPLETE AND FINAL TALLIES RECONCILED, I MUST REPORT WHAT I HAVE SUSPICIONED FOR SEVERAL DAYS. MY HARD-DRIVING MARINES DON'T COUNT SO GOOD.
2. IN REF A, I CAME UP WITH AN ESTIMATE OF 400 TONS WHICH INCLUDED THE CACHE I SAW PLUS A CONTIGUOUS ONE DESCRIBED TO ME. THROUGH A SERIES OF IMPROBABLE CIRCUMSTANCES--EXPLICABLE ONLY IN WAR--THE TOTAL SWELLED IN SUCCESSIVE SITREPS TO 1000 TONS. THERE WAS DOUBLE COUNTING OF THE CONTIGUOUS (SECOND CACHE); THE SECOND CACHE WAS "CAPTURED" ON SUCCESSIVE DAYS BY DIFFERENT COMPANIES AND THUS BECAME A THIRD (NON-EXISTENT) CACHE; 50 KILO BAGS WERE REPORTED AS 100 KILO; AND THE STILWELL CALCULATION OF ONE PILE OF 300 BAGS AS 40 TONS WAS APPLIED TO ALL PILES; MANY OF WHICH WERE HOLLOW SQUARES.
3. THE RICE IN STORAGE AT QUANG TRI AND DONG HA PLUS QUANTITIES UNRECOVERABLE AND DESTROYED IN PLACE PLUS THAT SYPHONED OFF IN FIELD BY ARVN AND RF AGGREGATES ONLY 356 TON.
4. MY APOLOGIES FOR THE GROSSLY INACCURATE REPORTING.

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SUBJECT: SERVICE FORCE ACTIONS (U)

REF: MACV CITE 4036 DTG 301218Z MAR 69 — SI

IN ORDER THAT I MAY BE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON THE  
 OVERALL OPERATIONAL IMPACT OF ANY SERVICE PROPOSED REDUCTIONS  
 AS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE, REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE ME AT YOUR  
 EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY SUMMARIES OF SEA REDUCTIONS CONTEMPLATED  
 BY YOUR RESPECTIVE SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH YOUR EVALUATION  
 OF THE IMPACT OF THESE REDUCTIONS ON MACV OPERATIONAL  
 CAPABILITY.

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3 (TS) SURELY NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO LESSEN OUR ABILITY TO HURT THE ENEMY. YET PLANNED LOSSES OF AIRCRAFT, NAVAL SHIPS AND PERSONNL SPACES WILL DO JUST THAT. IN EACH OF THESE AREAS I TAKE STRONG EXCEPTION TO SERVICE THINKING.

A. THE AIR FORCE PROPOSES TO REPLACE FOUR ANG F-100 SQUADRONS WITH TWO F-4 SQUADRONS AND HOLD TWO OTHER F-4 SQUADRONS IN CONUS AT A HIGH STATE OF READINESS.

B. THE NAVY IS CONSIDERING A REDUCTION IN NAVAL SUPPORT AS FOLLOWS:

(1) WITHDRAW ONE OR TWO BARRACK'S SHIPS (APB'S), AND PROBABLY OTHER NAVFORV ASSETS.

(2) WITHDRAW THE DESTROYER ESCORTS (RADAR) (DE) FROM THE QTER MARKET TIME BARRIER. NORMALLY, TWO OR THREE DER'S SUPPORT THE MARKET TIME BARRIER AT ANY ONE TIME.

C. USARV HAS BEEN DIRECTED THRU SERVICE CHANNELS THAT ITS ARMY LOCAL NATIONAL (LN) CIVILIAN HIRE CEILING IN RVN WILL BE REDUCED BY 31 MAY 1969 TO 98 PERCENT (35,055) OF THE LN ONBOARD STRENGTH AS OF 31 JAN 69 (35,770).

4 (TS) THE SUM TOTAL OF OUR COMBAT POWER IS WHAT THE SERVICES GIVE US. PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN OUR FORCE LEVELS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SCRUTINIZED AND SHOULD BE BASED ON SOUND MILITARY REASONS. ONCE THE EROSION SETS IN IT WILL BE HARD TO STOP.

5 (TS) QUITE FRANKLY IT MAKES MY POSITION AS AN OPERATIONALLY RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER IN THE FIELD MOST DIFFICULT IF THE SERVICES PROCEED TO CARVE OUT ON THEIR OWN MY OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY. I KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE ACCOMPLISHED, AND IT HAS BEEN MAGNIFICENT. I ASK ONLY THAT I BE CONSULTED AND GIVEN A CHANCE AS THEY, THE SERVICES, BEGIN TO CUT AND RUN.

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~~T O P S E C R E T~~ MAC 4251 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AND NATIONAL POLICY  
 REF: MAC 9496, 14 JULY 68, EYES ONLY

1. IN RECENT DAYS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL NEWS STORIES THAT ARE DAMAGING TO OUR EFFORTS HERE IN VIETNAM, THAT INDICATE A SERIOUS BREAKDOWN IN THE SECURITY OF SENSITIVE SUBJECTS, OR THAT SUGGEST SOME COMMANDERS ARE NOT ACCOMMODATING THEIR PUBLIC UTTERANCES TO NATIONAL POLICY. THREE OF THESE STORIES ARE BRIEFED AS FOLLOWS:

A. A UPI STORY OF 1 APRIL QUOTES EXTENSIVELY A DEPARTING DIVISION COMMANDER AS SAYING THAT WE SHOULD DESTROY THE SANCTUARIES IN LAOS AND OCCUPY SOME OF THE AREA NORTH OF THE DMZ; AND THAT WE CANNOT ASSURE A FREE SOUTH VIETNAM WITHOUT DEFEATING THE NVA.

B. A UPI STORY OF 3 APRIL CITES MILITARY SOURCES AS SAYING THAT TEAMS OF "MOUNTAIN TRIBESMEN" LED BY US SPECIAL FORCES HAVE BEEN GOING INTO CAMBODIA FOR THE PAST YEAR TO SCOUT COMMUNIST TROOP MOVEMENTS. SOURCES SAID PRINCE SIHANOUK GAVE TACIT APPROVAL FOR THESE FORAYS SO LONG AS THEY ARE DONE SECRETLY. STORY SAID BORDER AREA INVOLVED WAS WEST OF AY NINH CITY.

C. ANOTHER UPI STORY OF 3 APRIL IS A LONGER, MORE DETAILED VERSION OF INCURSIONS ACROSS BORDER AREAS. STORY CONTAINS NO ATTRIBUTION. IT CLAIMS TEAMS OF MONTAGNARD OR CHINESE NUNG MERCENARIES LED BY SPECIAL FORCES SOLDIERS HAVE MADE CLANDESTINE FORAYS INTO CAMBODIA FOR MORE THAN A YEAR AND INTO LAOS MUCH LONGER. STORY SAYS "PROJECT OMEGA" WAS SET UP NEAR SAN ME THUOT IN LATE 1967; IMPLIES THAT NOMINAL CONCURRENCE WAS OBTAINED FROM SIHANOUK BY AMB. CHESTER BOWLES; STATES THAT OMEGA IS NOW C & C CENTRAL, THAT C & C SOUTH (SIGMA) OPERATES OUT OF III CTZ ALSO INTO CAMBODIA, AND THAT C & C NORTH OPERATES INTO LAOS. REMAINDER OF STORY IS MOSTLY ON METHODS OF INSERTION AND OPERATION. (11)

2. THESE STORIES AND OTHERS POINT UP THE NECESSITY FOR ALL COMMANDERS TO MAKE VERY CERTAIN THAT THE SECURITY OF SENSITIVE INFORMATION IS AS ABSOLUTE AS HUMANLY POSSIBLE, AND THAT STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS, EVEN ON A BACKGROUND BASIS, BE SUCH THAT THEY CAN STAND THE LIGHT OF DAY. ESPECIALLY DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD WHEN THE PARIS TALKS ARE IN PROCESS, WHEN THE NEW ADMINISTRATION IS DEVELOPING AND REFINING ITS POLICIES, AND WHEN THE GVN APPARENTLY IS GOING THROUGH A PERIOD OF MODIFYING ITS POLICIES, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT RESPONSIBLE US OFFICERS, PARTICULARLY GENERAL/FLAG OFFICERS, NOT VOICE ANYTHING THAT CAN BE CONSTRUED AS BEING COUNTER TO THE NATIONAL POLICY OR THAT CAN CREATE DIFFICULTY IN THE NEGOTIATION EFFORTS. WE HAVE OUR JOB TO DO AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO IT WELL.

3. ANY COMMANDER WHO HAS RECOMMENDATIONS ON FUTURE OPERATIONS OR COURSES OF ACTION HAS ONE CHANNEL OPEN TO HIM -- HIS COMMAND CHANNELS. THERE, ANY FEASIBLE IDEAS WILL RECEIVE FULL CONSIDERATION. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY.

4. I DO NOT SUGGEST FOR A MOMENT THAT COMMANDERS CUT THEMSELVES OFF FROM THE PRESS. MACV PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE IS DETAILED IN THE REFERENCED MESSAGE; I STILL APPLIES.

5. THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE REPRODUCED IN ANY MANNER. HOWEVER, PLEASE ADVISE YOUR SENIOR COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS OF THE THRUST OF PARAS 2, 3, AND 4.

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OPERATIONS ON THE CUA DAI RIVER (U)

PERSONAL FOR BGEN DWYER INFO CAPT HOFFMANN AND CDR STEFFER UD  
FROM ZUMWALT

A. MY 120538Z9 FEB 69

B. CG III MAF 191506Z2 FEB 69

C. YOUR MEMO FOR THE RECORD DTD 10 MAR 69

1. (S) REF A PROPOSED EXPANSION OF OPERATIONS IN THE CUA DAI RIVER AREA. REF B WELCOMED THE PROSPECT OF WORKING WITH U.S. NAVY UNITS AND PROPOSED PLANNING CONFERENCE ON SUBJ OPS. THIS CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN III MAF HD QTRS ON 3 MAR 1969. REF C REPORTED THE UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE THAT VNN RAG WOULD BE RELOCATED TO COASTAL GROUP 14 (LOCATED AT MOUTH OF THE CUA DAI) AND THAT CG I CORPS WOULD PROVIDE

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TROOP SUPPORT, PROBABLY TWO ARVN BATTALIONS.

2. (S) CTF 115 ACCELERATED PCF OPS IN CUA DAI IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONFERENCE AND IN THE PAST 47 DAYS, USN PCF AND CG 14 CRAFT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN A TOTAL OF 31 HOSTILE FIRE INCIDENTS IN THIS AREA, INCLUDING 9 SUCH INCIDENTS IN THE PAST 4 DAYS. ENEMY CASUALTIES OVER THIS 47 DAY PERIOD INCLUDE 32 VC KIA, 20 VC KIA (PROB), AND 9 VC WOUNDED (PROB). FRIENDLY LOSSES HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO ONE VNN KIA AND 10 FRIENDLY FORCES WOUNDED.

3. (S) INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS HAVE INDICATED AN APPARENTLY INCREASING CONCERN ON ENEMY'S PART OVER FRIENDLY OPERATIONS ON THE CUA DAI. THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF REPORTS THAT SPECIFIC ENEMY ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN TARGETTED AGAINST THE PCF'S, VNN JUNKS AND CG-14 AND THE INCIDENTS OF ENEMY ACTION ON THE RIVER HAVE BORNE OUT THESE REPORTS IN MANY INSTANCES. WE BELIEVE THAT MOST OF THE ENEMY ACTION HAS EMANATED FROM LOCAL FORCE ELEMENTS WHOSE AO IS THE AREA EAST OF HOI AN CITY. HOWEVER, THERE MAY HAVE BEEN NVA/MF ELEMENTS INVOLVED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS OFFENSIVE. WHILE ENEMY FIRE AGAINST RIVER CRAFT HAS BEEN RELATIVELY CONSISTENT IN ITS OCCURENCE, IT PROBABLY

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 HAS NOT ACHIEVED THE INTERDICTION WHICH THE ENEMY SEEKS.  
 A REPORT RECEIVED 2 APRIL INDICATES THAT THE ENEMY HAS  
 MOVED AN NVA ARTILLERY BATTALION INTO THE AREA OF CG-14  
 WITH THE MISSION OF LAUNCHING HEAVY ATTACKS BY FIRE ON THE  
 COASTAL GROUP AND PCF'S. THE REASON GIVEN FOR THESE ABF'S  
 IS THAT THE PCF'S AND VNN JUNKS HAVE INTERDICTED THE VC/NVA'S  
 USE OF THE RIVER, AND THEY MUST BE DESTROYED PRIOR TO A  
 LARGE OFFENSIVE IN HIEU NHON DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH THIS  
 REPORT IS AS YET UNCONFIRMED, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE  
 ENEMY PLANS TO RETURN TO THE AREA IN FORCE AND PROBABLY  
 WILL INCREASE HIS EFFORTS AGAINST OUR CRAFT ON THE CUA DAI  
 TO TRY TO ACHIEVE FREEDOM ON THE RIVER.

4. (S) THE PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE THAT GENERAL LAM HAS NOT  
 YET PROVIDED THE SUPPORT TO WHICH HE IS COMMITTED  
 NEITHER THE RAG NOR THE ARVN TROOPS HAVE YET ARRIVED IN THE CUA  
 DAI AREA.

5. (S) YOUR ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED IN OBTAINING TROOPS FOR  
 THIS OPERATION. WOULD BE MOST PLEASED TO OPERATE WITH YOUR  
 DIVISION OR FORCE RECONNAISSANCE TROOPS EMBARKED IN USN  
 PCF FOR INSERTION IN AMBUSH AREAS WHETHER OR NOT WE ARE  
 ABLE TO SHAKE TROOPS LOOSE FROM GENERAL LAM.

6. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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PERSONAL FOR MAJOR GENERAL MCLAUGHLIN

SUBJECT: JOINT AIR OPERATIONS GROUP MEETING.

1. COORDINATION OF THE DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING THE JOINT AIR OPERATIONS GROUP (JAOG) AS AN AGENCY OF MACV AND PROVIDING GUIDANCE FOR ITS OPERATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED. APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ARE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE. IN ORDER THAT THE WORK ALREADY STARTED CONTINUE UNINTERRUPTED IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE NOW ESTABLISH A FORMAL ORGANIZATION, APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES, ORGANIZE WELL STAFFED WORKING

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 GROUPS AND ADOPT NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. I FEEL THAT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS THAT THIS MATTER BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE 7 APRIL MEETING.

2. THE REVISED AGENDA WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. FORMAL ORGANIZATION OF JAOG IAW PROPOSED MACV DIRECTIVE.
- B. ESTABLISH WORKING GROUPS.
- C. ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.
- D. RECEIVE ATC WORKING GROUP REPORT.
- E. DISCUSS AERODROME DIRECTORY SURVEY.
- F. DISCUSS DCA ATC SURVEY OF MAJOR AIRFIELDS.
- G. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS AS SUBMITTED.

3. REQUEST THE NAME OF SENIOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THIS MEETING BE FORWARDED TO 834TH AIR DIV ATTN: DO BY RETURN IMMEDIATE MESSAGE.

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 FM GENERAL ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG 111 MAF  
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1. A UPI STORY OF 1 APRIL BY DAVID LAMB QUOTED GENERAL DAVIS AT LENGTH. THOSE PARTS OF THE STORY CONTAINING DIRECT AND INDIRECT QUOTES ARE AS FOLLOWS: "IT MAKES NO SENSE TO WATCH 400 TRUCKS A DAY MOVING THROUGH LAOS WITH AMMUNITION TO KILL AMERICANS," SAID MAJ. GEN. RAYMOND DAVIS... "THE QUICKEST WAY TO SHORTEN THIS WAR IS TO DESTROY THESE SANCTUARIES. I'M NOT TRYING TO RAISE THE ANTE, BUT WE CAME HERE TO ASSURE THE FREEDOM OF SOUTH VIETNAM, AND I DON'T THINK THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH ANYTHING LESS THAN THE DEFEAT OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY". BARRING A SETTLEMENT IN PARIS OR NEW POLICIES FROM WASHINGTON, DAVIS SAID THE COMMUNISTS COULD CONTINUE THEIR CURRENT WAR TEMPO INDEFINITELY. "WE'LL NEVER SETTLE THE WAR JUST SITTING HERE."... DAVIS SAID IN AN INTERVIEW THAT ALLIED STABS INTO LAOS AND THE SOUTHERN FRINGES OF NORTH VIETNAM WOULD BE MORE MILITARILY ADVANTAGEOUS THAN THE RESUMPTION OF BOMBING BECAUSE THE COMMUNISTS HAD LEARNED TO LIVE WITH THE AIR STRIKES. "I'D RATHER BE FREE TO ATTACKS THEM IN THEIR VULNERABLE AREAS- LAOS AND THE DMZ. NO ONE WANTS TO SAY IT PUBLICLY, BUT WE'VE GOT TO WHIP THESE GUYS. WHEN YOU LET THE ENEMY HAVE SANCTUARIES, YOU'RE IN AN UNSOUND MILITARY POSTURE. WE COULD WIN THE WAR WITH THE SAME SALAMI TACTICS THE ENEMY USES. WE COULD RUN ACROSS THE LAOTIAN BORDER, DESTROY HIS SUPPLY DEPOTS AND PULL OUT. WE COULD GRAB A CHUNK OF REAL ESTATE NORTH OF THE DMZ AND TELL HIM THAT IS ALL WE'RE GOING TO TAKE FOR NOW. PRETTY SOON HE'S GOING TO GET THE PICTURE. I HAVE THE FEELING WE'RE REALLY NOT WORKING AT UTILIZING OUR MAXIMUM CAPABILITIES. AT THE SAME TIME THE ENEMY IS PUTTING OUT A MAXIMUM EFFORT. IT WILL COST AMERICA LESS TO WIN THIS NOW THAN IT WILL TO DRIFT A WHILE AND HAVE ANOTHER TO FIGHT... IF YOU WERE ASKED AT THE WAR COLLEGE WHAT TACTICS TO USE IN VIETNAM, AND YOU ANSWERED THAT THE ENEMY SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPERATE FREELY IN LAOTIAN AND DMZ SANCTUARIES, YOU'D FLUNK THE COURSE."

2. REQUEST YOU ASCERTAIN WITHOUT DELAY THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INTERVIEW, TO INCLUDE EXACTLY WHAT WAS SAID BY GENERAL DAVIS

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
 INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
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T O P S E C R E T MAC 4287 EYES ONLY ADDRESSEES

1. (TS) THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JCS IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE

FM JCS 031430Z APR 69

TO CINCPAC  
 INFO COMUSMACV

SUBJ: VIETNAM DEMILITARIZED ZONE (U)

REFS: A. CINCPAC 230318Z MAR 68; B. MACV 3797/851105Z MAR 68.

1. (TS) REFS A AND B CONTAIN ESTIMATE THAT PREPARATORY BOMBARDMENT OF ENEMY POSITIONS NORTH OF THE PMDL IS NOT A PREREQUISITE TO CONDUCTING LARGE SCALE GROUND OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE PMDL, PROVIDED CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT CONCERNING RETURN OF FIRE FROM NVN REMAIN IN EFFECT.

2. (U) THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AFTER DISCUSSION OF YOUR VIEWS AND THE RATIONALE IN REFERENCED MESSAGES, ARE RECOMMENDING; REPEAT RECOMMENDING TO HIGHER AUTHORITY THAT CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT BE MODIFIED SO THAT:

A. AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO CONDUCT GROUND OPERATION OF NOT GREATER THAN BRIGADE SIZE IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE PMDL. ANY OPERATION UNDERTAKEN UNDER THIS AUTHORITY WOULD NOT EXCEED FIVE DAYS IN DURATION. COMUSMACV WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FORTY-EIGHT HOURS NOTIFICATION OF SUCH OPERATIONS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, JCS, CINCPAC, AND AMERICAN EMBASSY PARIS, ATTENTION: LT GEN WEYAND, PRIOR TO UNDERTAKING THE OPERATION. BATTALION SIZE OR SMALLER OPERATIONS COULD BE CONDUCTED WITH TWENTY-FOUR HOURS PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF THE AFOREMENTIONED AUTHORITIES.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPERATIONS OF LARGER THAN BRIGADE SIZE IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF PMDL WOULD BE CONSIDERED AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

C. AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE PMDL WHEN UNDER ENEMY ATTACK AS NECESSARY TO PRESERVE THE FORCE.

D. IN THE CONDUCT OF THESE OPERATIONS NO REPEAT NO GROUND FORCES WOULD CROSS THE PMDL. 7(1)

3. (TS) IN THIS RECOMMENDATION WE HAVE NOT REPEAT NOT REQUESTED AUTHORITY FOR PREPARATORY BOMBARDMENT NORTH OF THE PMDL.

4. (TS) REFERENCE B INDICATES THAT COMUSMACV IS CONSTANTLY UP-DATING TARGETING OF ENEMY ARTILLERY NORTH OF THE PMDL IN ORDER TO BE PREPARED TO COUNTER ENEMY FIRE FROM THAT AREA. THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL THAT CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ CONTINUE, AND PARTICULARLY AS CONCERNS ARTILLERY AND MORTAR CAPABILITIES. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED, THROUGH INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS, OF THOSE CAPABILITIES, IN ORDER THAT CONTINUING EVALUATION OF THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS MAY BE MADE.

5. (S) IN THE JCS DISCUSSIONS IT WAS FURTHER INDICATED THAT, IN THE EVENT THAT THE ABOVE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE APPROVED, IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE BOTH FOR POLITICAL AND MILITARY REASONS THAT THE INITIAL MAJOR ATTACK BE CONDUCTED BY ARVN. YOU SHOULD CONSIDER THIS IN ANY FURTHER PLANNING THAT YOU MAY DO ON THE SUBJECT.

6. (TS) IT IS REITERATED THAT THE FOREGOING CONSTITUTES A RECOMMENDATION BEING MADE TO HIGHER AUTHORITY BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF AND DOES NOT REPEAT NOT AT THIS TIME CONSTITUTE ANY CHANGE IN CURRENT OPERATING RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO REPEAT NO INDICATION OF APPROVAL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS DESCRIBED IN PARA 2, AND DISCUSSIONS WITH HIGHER AUTHORITY INDICATE THAT THE LIKELIHOOD OF EARLY RECEIPT OF THESE AUTHORITIES IS NOT REPEAT NOT GREAT.

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2. (U) REQUEST YOU PROVIDE ME WITH YOUR COMMENTS ON QUOTED MESSAGE NOT LATER THAN 10 APRIL 1969.

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 FM CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO CG III MAF  
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SECRET SPECAT  
 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MAJGEN DAVIS  
 COORDINATION OF AIR-GROUND OPERATIONS  
 1. MY PREFERRED SOLUTION TO THE SUBJECT PROBLEM WOULD BE AS  
 FOLLOWS:

A. GROUND OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM REQUIRE THE HIGHEST DEGREE OF COORDINATION OF AIR AND GROUND FORCES INTO A SINGLE INSTRUMENT OF COMBAT POWER. EFFECTIVE EMPLOYMENT OF THE AVIATION ELEMENTS OF ANY AIR-GROUND TEAM REQUIRES THAT AVIATION SUPPORT BE RAPIDLY RESPONSIVE IN TERMS OF TIME AND THE TAILORING OF CAPABILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GROUND COMMANDER. THIS REQUIREMENT IS ESPECIALLY PERTINENT TO OPERATIONS IN THE THIRD MARDIV AO. PROXIMITY TO THE ENEMY THREAT HARBORED IN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ AND IN LAOS, AND WIDELY DISPERSED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE AO DEMAND THAT THIRD MARDIV FORCES POSSESS A HIGH DEGREE OF FLEXIBILITY AND RESPONSE--

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 A DEMAND THAT CAN BE MET ONLY BY THE SUPPORT OF AVIATION ELEMENTS POSSESSING A COMPARABLE CAPABILITY.

B. EXPERIENCE OVER MANY MONTHS HAS CLEARLY REVEALED THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF HIGHLY CENTRALIZED COMMAND, CONTROL AND COORDINATION AUTHORITY OF AIR OPERATIONS WITHIN III MAF DOES NOT MEET THE NEEDS OF THE THIRD MARDIV. WHILE CERTAIN FIRST MAF RESOURCES ARE VIRTUALLY CO-LOCATED WITH THE THIRD MARDIV, CENTRALIZED AUTHORITY IS FUNCTIONING AT A DISTANCE TOO GREAT FOR EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE SUPPORT.

C. CLEARLY, SOME DEGREE OF DECENTRALIZED AUTHORITY OVER AVIATION ELEMENTS IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARDIV IS REQUIRED. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROPOSE SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

D. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT AN AVIATION GENERAL OFFICER BE PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE MOST APPROPRIATE LOCATION IN NORTH-ERN ICTZ, AND THAT HE BE VESTED WITH THE COMMENSURATE AUTHORITY TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARDIV. THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF HIS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) ESSENTIALLY, HE WOULD HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY TO ASSIGN MISSIONS OR TASKS TO THOSE AVIATION ELEMENTS ASSIGNED OR TO

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 BE ASSIGNED IN SUPPORT OF THE THIRD MARDIV. AS A MINIMUM,  
 SUCH AUTHORITY WOULD EXIST WITH RESPECT TO MAG-39, DONG HA  
 DASC, VCB DASC AND WOULD INCLUDE SUCH OTHER AVIATION ELEMENTS  
 WHICH MAY BE ASSIGNED FROM TIME TO TIME TO AUGMENT MAG-39 OR  
 SUPPORT A SPECIFIC THIRD MARDIV OPERATION.

(2) HE WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ANSWER DIRECTLY REQUESTS  
 BY CG THIRD MARDIV FOR SUPPORT OR ASSISTANCE.

(3) HE WOULD SERVE AS THE PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO CG  
 THIRD MARDIV ON ALL AIR MATTERS, WORKING IN CLOSE COORDINA-  
 TION WITH THE DIV AIR OFFICER.

2. UNDER THE ABOVE ARRANGEMENT, THE AIR COMMANDER AND THE  
 CG THIRD MARDIV WOULD MAINTAIN A CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS RELATION-  
 SHIP, TO ENSURE THAT, EXCEPT IN EMERGENCIES NEITHER WOULD  
 MAKE DECISIONS AFFECTING THE OTHER WITHOUT CONSULTATION.  
 NOTHING HEREIN SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS A SUBORDINATION OF AVIA-  
 TION ELEMENTS TO A GROUND COMMANDER'S AUTHORITY OR A DEGRAD-  
 ATION OF THE OVERALL COMMAND AUTHORITY OF CG III MAF/CG FIRST  
 MAW. FOR EXAMPLE, CG III MAF WOULD CONTINUE TO ALLOCATE  
 AVIATION RESOURCES TO PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT THAT IS MOST  
 ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE THIRD MAF AS A WHOLE.

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3. I WILL CONTINUE TO EXPLORE THE SPECIFICS OF YOUR CONVER-  
 SATION CONCERNING COMMAND OF AIR WITHIN THE THIRD MARDIV AO.

4. MAJGEN DAVIS SENDS.

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TO LTC STILLWELL CC XXIV CORPS

TO LTC RICHMOND CG III AF

INFO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

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TOP SECRET PHB 0341 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: VIETNAM DEMILITARIZED ZONE (D)

REF: MAC 4287/050844Z APR 69.

1. HEREWITH ARE MY COMMENTS (GEN DAVIS CONCURRING) ON REFERENCE MESSAGE AS BASIS FOR III MAF REPLY THERETO. COMMENTS ARE GEARED TO SPECIFIC PARAGRAPHS/SUBPARAGRAPHS OF QUOTED MESSAGE (JCS 031430Z APR).

2. THE OVERALL THRUST OF JCS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LIBERALIZATION OF CURRENT ROE IS HEARTILY INDORSED. IF APPROVED, THE NEW AUTHORITIES WILL GO FAR TO DENY THE ENEMY THE ADVANTAGES HE HAS ENJOYED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ SINCE 1 NOVEMBER.

3. REF PARA 2A:

A. APPRECIATE THE NECESSITY FOR ADVANCE NOTIFICATION AND CONSIDER THIS MANAGEABLE SINCE OPERATIONS WILL, IN MOST INSTANCES, BE REPLANNED. MY RECOMMENDATION IS THAT ADVANCE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED OF MY HEADQUARTERS BE NOT GREATER THAN 72 AND 48 HOURS RESPECTIVELY. (MY INTERPRETATION OF SUBPARA C IS THAT WHILE REPORT OF ACTUAL ENTRY WOULD BE MADE IMMEDIATELY, THE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT WOULD NOT APPLY; SEE PARA 5B, BELOW)

B. IT IS MOST DESIRABLE THAT THE FIVE DAY LIMITATION ON DURATION OF OPERATIONS BE REMOVED. OPERATIONS IN THE EASTERN HALF OF THE DMZ ARE NOT LIKELY TO LAST MORE THAN TWO OR THREE DAYS. HOWEVER, THE VERY RUGGED TERRAIN OF THE CENTRAL AND WESTERN PORTIONS OF THE DMZ, WHICH MAKES MOVEMENT AND SEARCH EXCEEDINGLY SLOW, IS ANOTHER STORY; OUR EXPERIENCE PRIOR TO 1 NOVEMBER WAS THAT MUCH LONGER PERIODS OF TIME WERE REQUIRED TO GET A JOB DONE IN GOOD WEATHER. BEYOND THIS, WEATHER VARIABLES MAY PRECLUDE FIXED AND ROTARY WING SUPPORT FOR PERIODS OF SEVERAL DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INITIATION OF AN OPERATION, THUS ENFORCING A STAND DOWN OF OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY. IT WOULD BE MOST INOPPORTUNE TO WITHDRAW A BATTALION WHEN IT WAS HALFWAY THROUGH A BUNKER COMPLEX JUST BECAUSE THE FIVE DAY LIMIT HAD EXPIRED. I WOULD THEREFORE LIKE TO SEE THIS PROVISIO MODIFIED BY THE ADDITION OF EITHER "NORMALLY" OR "EXCEPT UNDER SPECIAL EXIGENCIES." THE ALTERNATIVE TO MODIFIED WORDING WOULD BE AN UNDERSTANDING AS BETWEEN COMUSMACV AND HIGHER AUTHORITY THAT IT MIGHT BE MILITARILY DISADVANTAGEOUS TO EXTRACT AT THE END OF FIVE DAYS; AND THAT AUTHORITY FOR CONTINUATION WOULD BE AUTOMATIC, SUBJECT TO NOTIFICATION OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. IN MY INTERPRETATION, THE PROPOSED AUTHORITY PERMITS THE SIMULTANEOUS CONDUCT OF TWO OR THREE BATTALION SIZE OPERATIONS (AGGREGATING NOT MORE THAN ONE BRIGADE). THIS IS IMPORTANT. PENDING DEVELOPMENT OF THE ENEMY POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI THROUGH EXTENSIVE RIF IN UP TO BATTALION STRENGTH, WE DO NOT ENVISAGE REGIMENTAL SIZE RAIDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS PATENTLY DESIRABLE-- TO EXPEDITE CLEARING, KEEP THE ENEMY OFF BALANCE AND DIFFUSE HIS CAPABILITY TO REACT BY FIRE, THAT WE PROBE IN SEVERAL AREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY. IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE FOR US IF THE ENEMY KNEW THAT WE HAD TO BE CONCERNED WITH ONLY ONE FORAY AT A TIME.

4. REF PARA 2B: NO COMMENT.

5. REF PARA 2C:

A. THIS PROPOSED AUTHORITY IS INTERPRETED TO ALLOW MANEUVER AT WILL IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ TO ELIMINATE ENEMY FORCES ENDANGERING FRIENDLY ELEMENTS SOUTH OF THE SOUTHERN TRACE--A VERY KEY PROVISION.

B. ASSUMPTION IS THAT ONLY IMMEDIATE, AFTER THE FACT NOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED FOR THE EXERCISE OF THIS AUTHORITY.

6. REF PARA 2D: NO COMMENT.

7. REF PARA 3: JCS POSITION CONSISTENT WITH OUR EARLIER INPUT.

8. REF PARA 4: THIS IS A CONTINUOUSLY ON-GOING ACTION AT THIS HEADQUARTERS.

9. REF PARA 5:

A. FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VIEW, THERE ARE NO MILITARY REASONS WHY THE 2D ARVN REGT SHOULD INITIATE THE FIRST RAID; HOWEVER, WE DO APPRECIATE THE POLITICAL DESIRABILITY THEREOF. THERE WILL BE NO PROBLEM IN GETTING MG TRUONG TO BE THE LEADOFF MAN.

B. OPTIMALLY, THERE SHOULD BE TWO SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS (ONE US AND ONE ARVN) OF ROUGHLY BATTALION SIZE EACH AND IN THE EASTERN HALF OF THE DMZ.

C. IF THERE IS TO BE A SINGLE INITIAL OPERATION, WE DESIRE (IN KEEPING WITH PAST PRECEDENT) TO REINFORCE ARVN ASSAULT UNITS WITH US ARMOR AND GUNSHIPS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L 20906 III MAF FOR LTG NICKERSON;  
 XXIV CORPS FOR LTG SYLWELL  
 SUBJ: IMAGERY DISTRIBUTION (U)  
 REF: A. III MAF 040528Z APR 69 (C)  
 B. COMUSMACV 050901Z APR 69 (C)

1. (C) REFERENCE YOUR COMMENTS CONCERNING PHOTOGRAPHY SHOWN AT THE HIEU ON 5 APR. OUR RECORDS REVEAL THAT III MAF AND XXIV CORPS WERE ON THE DISTRIBUTION LIST FOR THIS COVERAGE. THE MISSION WAS YANKEE TEAM 627P FLOWN ON 25 MAR 69.
2. (C) INQUIRY REVEALS THAT A DUPLICATE NEGATIVE WAS DISPATCHED TO XXIV CORPS BY THE 432ND TRW AT UDORN, HOWEVER DISTRIBUTION WAS NOT MADE TO III MAF. BOTH WERE PROGRAMMED FOR DUPLICATE POSITIVES. THIS IS ANOTHER INSTANCE OF MALDISTRIBUTION.
3. (C) SEVENTH AIR FORCE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO DISPATCH DUPLICATE

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 POSITIVES OF THIS MISSION TO BOTH XXIV CORPS AND III MAF ASAP. SEVENTH AIR FORCE HAS ALSO BEEN REQUESTED BY REFERENCE B SUBSEQUENT TO DATE OF THIS MISSION TO TAKE ACTION TO CORRECT ERRONEOUS DISTRIBUTION

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TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

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

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FM ZUMWALT FOR  
SEN TOWER

CAPTURED MATERIAL GIANT SLINGSHOT OP (U)

1. THIS IS FOLLOW UP REQUESTED BY SENATOR TOWER

2. (U) FURTHER INFO HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING  
ENEMY MATERIAL CAPTURED ON 6 APR 69 AND DISCUSSION  
WITH YOU ON BOARD LST AT BEN LUC YESTERDAY.

3. (C) FLAG IS LOCALLY PRODUCED COMMUNIST PARTY  
FLAG, NOT REPEAT NOT SOVIET FLAG. RED BACKGROUND, WHITE  
HAMMER AND SICKLE IN CENTER OF FLAG. THIS TYPE  
OF FLAG HAS BEEN CAPTURED BEFORE AND IS COMMON  
TO THE AREA.

4. (C) CAPTURED DOCUMENTS CONTAINED INFORMATION  
ON VC HAMLET CODE NRS, INFILTRATION ROUTES, AND  
BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON LONG AN PROVINCE. NO NEW  
INFORMATION OR INFORMATION OF TACTICAL VALUE GAINED FROM  
DOCUMENTS.

5. REQUEST CG III MAF ACKNOWLEDGE

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 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
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 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV (W 002)  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV (R 002)

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III MAF FOR G-3

FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT (U)

A. ADMIN FMFPAC 22217Z/JAN69 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CG FIRST MAW 260132Z/MAR69 (S)

1. (S) REF A REAFFIRMED NEED FOR SUBJECT REPORT AND REQUESTED WEEKLY SUBMISSION REFLECTING DAILY PERFORMANCE. REF B RECOMMENDED EACH MARDIV AND FIRST MAW MAKE REPORT SEPARATELY TO COMMON HIGHER ECHELON.

2. CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION THAT COMMON HIGHER ECHELON CONSOLIDATE SUBORDINATE COMMANDER'S REPORTS. IN THIS REGARD, PROPOSE CG III MAF ASSUME

PAGE 2 RUMHMA 1115 SECRET MCEO  
 RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSOLIDATION AND SUBMISSION OF  
 SUBJECT REPORT.

3. REQUEST COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE.

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ZNY CCCCC ZYO RUYGSHH  
P 100954Z APR 69  
FM COMSEVENTHFLT  
TO RUYPSYD/CG THIRD MAF  
BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L  
FOR LT GEN NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE  
1. WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL ON  
YOU AND ATTEND MORNING III MAF BRIEFING NEXT MONDAY, 14 APR.  
MY FLAGSHIP SHOULD BE IN THE DANANG AREA AT THE TIME AND IF  
AGREEABLE, I COULD ARRIVE AT YOUR HELIPORT, AT 140805H8.  
2. BEST REGARDS.

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 100935Z		①, 2, 3 COPY# OF 4 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT FUTURE ICTZ OPERATIONS
			IN	OUT		
✓	CG					REMARKS 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. REC 110700H  1. S3 takes for ac 2. you getty's bold ref B. 3. will be address ref B to sumpore Stewart Quelton Febby for info.  S3 will prepare message in 1 day appropriate Rps to 14 April Rps
3	DCG					
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O 100935Z ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1

FM MG TOG TOWNSEND CHIEF OF STAFF MACV SAIGON  
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG VIETNAM  
ZEM

TOP SECRET MAC 4535 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: FUTURE I CTZ OPERATIONS (U)

REFS: A. MSG MAC 4006 DTG 291213Z MAR 69 (TS) — SI

B. CG, III MAF DTG 042339Z APR 69 (TS)

1. (TS) REF A CONTAINS REQUEST FOR VIEWS OF CG, III MAF ON  
FEASIBILITY OF CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN THE BA 614/KHAM DUC AREA.  
REF B CONTAINS VIEWS OF CG, III MAF ON THIS PROPOSAL.

2. (U) THE STAFF IS CURRENTLY ANALYZING PROPOSALS FOR COMUSMACV.

3. (TS) RECOMMEND YOU:

A. REQUEST CG, I CORPS TO ARRANGE EXTENSION OF ASSIGNMENT OF  
PROJECT DELTA FORCES FOR PERIOD DESIRED.

B. ARRANGE A BRIEFING ON 14 APRIL 69, AT YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR  
COMUSMACV FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY WHICH  
HE WILL ATTEND THAT DAY.

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SO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 1113117 APR 69		COPY# / OF 5 COPIES RECD	
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 P 111311Z APR69 ZFF-1  
 FM C MC  
 TO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN BUSE  
 AND LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN

1. (TS) ON 9 APRIL 1969 REPRESENTATIVES FROM CINCPAC PRESENTED TO THE  
 JCS THE TRIANNUAL UPDATE BRIEFING ON OPERATIONS SECURITY (PURPLE  
 DRAGON) PROGRESS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. COMMENTS MADE DURING THE  
 BRIEFING AS TO THE COMMAND ATTENTION GIVEN BY MARINE COMBAT

COMMANDERS IN THIS CRITICAL AREA WERE MOST COMPLIMENTARY.

2. (TS) MARINE RECOGNITION OF OPERATIONS SECURITY AS AN IMPORTANT  
 ELEMENT IN SUCCESSFUL COMBAT OPERATIONS IS A SOURCE OF PRIDE TO ME.  
 YOUR CONTINUING PERSONAL ATTENTION TO OPERATIONS SECURITY MATTERS  
 IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED.

3. (TS) I UNDERSTAND THAT ROTARY WING OPERATIONS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF  
 AN OPERATIONS SECURITY SURVEY IN THE COMING MONTHS, AND I LOOK  
 FORWARD TO THE CINCPAC BRIEFING ON THIS ASPECT OF OUR COMBAT  
 OPERATIONS. WARM REGARDS.

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 ZNY SSSSS  
 R 110110Z APR 69  
 FM COMNAVFORV  
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMLPAA/CTF ONE ONE FIVE  
 RHMCSOG/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

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S E C R E T NOFORN  
 PERSONAL FOR BGEN DWYER INFO CAPT HOFFMANN AND CDR STEFFERUD  
 FROM VADM ZUHWALT  
 OPERATIONS ON THE CUA DAI RIVER (U)

A. YOUR 080952Z APR 69

1. (S) REF A DISCUSSED PLANS FOR FUTURE OPS IN CUA DAI AREA INCLUDING INTERMEDIATE COURSES OF ACTION PENDING PROVISION OF RAG AND TWO ARVN BATTALIONS BY GENERAL LAM.
2. (S) YOUR EFFORTS TO EFFECT INCREASED TROOP AND RAG SUPPORT IN ADDITION TO INTERIM OPERATIONS DISCUSSED PARA 3 REF A ARE APPRECIATED.
3. (S) WILL CONTINUE CURRENT HIGH TEMPO OF PCF OPS CUA DAI AREA.
4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 0 110637		COPY# OF COPIES RECD 1,2,3, 4	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
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1	DC/S DM S/S G-1 G-2 G-3 G-4 G-5 G-6 ADJ CAP CHAP COMP CORDS DENT EMB/TRANS ENGR FOODS H&S CO INSP ISO LEGAL MTO MED OPANAL ORD PMO POSTAL PROTO PSYOPS REPRO SPL SERV SUPPLY S&C	I	4/11		M/H 18	

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 111507Z		COPY# 1,2 OF 3 COPIES RECO	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT VISIT TO THAILAND
			IN	OUT		
3	CG	I				REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE SBC WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPOSITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
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O 111507Z ZYH ZFF-3  
 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
 TO MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV  
 INFO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
 MG MCCOWN COMUSMACV BANGKOK THAILAND  
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 0660 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: VISIT TO THAILAND

1. AS YOU MAY ALREADY KNOW, MG TRUONG PREFERS TO TAKE HIS POST OPERATIVE LEAVE IN THAILAND RATHER THAN JAPAN, SUBJECT TO PROVISIO THAT I BE TOUR DIRECTOR. GEN NICKERSON CLEARED THIS WITH GEN ABRAMS TODAY. I WILL THEREFORE SEPARATELY PROCESS REQUEST FOR THREE DAYS LEAVE, EFFECTIVE 28 APRIL (TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITTING).

2. MEANWHILE, I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT MACV PROTOCOL PROCEED WITH REQUISITE CLEARANCE ACTIONS PER CINCPAC INSTRUCTION 5521.1F. BASIC DATA IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PERSONNEL INVOLVED:

- (1) STILWELL.
  - (2) COL HARRY H. HIESTAND, US ARMY, O-65012, SENIOR ADVISOR, 1ST ARVN DIVISION.
  - (3) CAPTAIN JOHN R. SMOAK, JR., OF-105028, MY AIDE-DE-CAMP.
  - (4) SFC FLOYD D. GLUFF, RA 16706783, MY SENIOR ENLISTED AIDE.
  - (5) MG AND MRS. NGO QUANG TRUONG WILL BE IN PARTY.
- GEN TRUONG WILL ARRANGE FOR NECESSARY VISAS, ETC THROUGH APPROPRIATE GVN OFFICE AND ROYAL THAI EMBASSY SAIGON.

B. ITINERARY WILL BE DIRECT FROM HUE/PHU BAI TO BANGKOK AND RETURN VIA US ARMY AIRCRAFT (U-21, TAIL NUMBER 036).

C. VISIT IS UNOFFICIAL AND FOR PROPUSES OF LEAVE. THIS APPLIES BOTH TO GEN TRUONG AND ME.

D. I WOULD EXPECT TO MEET, INFORMALLY, THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR THAI HIERARCHY (AFTER COORDINATION WITH AMBASSADOR UNGERT). GENERAL TRUONG WOULD HOPE TO AVOID ALL RPT ALL PROTOCOL CALLS.

E. MY HOPE IS THAT AN EXCEPTION TO POLICY CAN BE MADE TO PERMIT BILLETING OF THE TRUONGS IN THE CHAO PHYA HOTEL SO THAT THEY MAY HAVE A MAXIMUM OF SECLUSION. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, REQUEST BILLETS FOR THE ENTIRE PARTY AT EITHER THE ORIENTAL OR PRESIDENT.

F. MY SGS WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH ADDITIONAL DATA AS MAY BE REQUIRED.

3. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY  
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 R 120546Z APR 69  
 FM ADMINO FORLOGCOMD  
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

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

A. CG III MAF 060158Z APR 69

B. CMC 251636Z MAR 69

C. CG FMFPAC 060114Z APR 69

1. IAW REFS A AND B THIS HQ HAS NO EXCESS FUNDS TO REVERT.
2. ALL FUNDS ON HAND ARE ALLOCATED FOR EQUIP/SUPPLIES OR PROJECTS TO BE COMPL FOURTH QTR FY69 OR FIRST QTR FY70.
3. IAW REF C ONE FULL QUARTERS ALLOT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN AS CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR NORM OPNS.

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O 121130Z ZYH(ZFF-6/ZFF-3)  
FM MG TOWNSEND CHIEF OF STAFF MACV  
TO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
MG MCCOWN, COMUSMACV  
ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 4650 EYES ONLY  
SUBJ: VISIT TO THAILAND  
RECEIVED YOUR MESSAGE AND HAVE BEGUN  
ACTION TO SECURE CLEARANCE TO THAILAND AND MAKE  
PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR DESIRED CALLS.  
WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.  
WARM REGARDS

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.  
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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 150320Z APR 1969		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
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			IN	OUT		
	CG					<p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">FOR</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-style: italic;">SIS req 15 Mar take last sentence from</p>
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	DCG AIR					
3	C/S	I				
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 P 150320Z APR 69  
 FM 7AF /C/ TAN SON NHUT AFLD RVN  
 TO RUSVDB/CG III MAF DA NANG AB RVN  
 RUSVDF/CO MABRON ONE ONE  
 INFO RUSVDF/CG FIRST MAF DA NANG AB RVN  
 RUSVDF/CO MARAIGRU ONE ONE

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UNCLAS/C

PERSONAL FOR COMMANDER FROM GENERAL BROWN  
 THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF SEVENTH AIR FORCE JOIN ME  
 IN EXPRESSING SINCERE REGRETS OVER THE 14 APRIL 1969  
 INCIDENT WHICH CAUSED THE DEATH OF ONE AND SERIOUS  
 INJURY TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF YOUR COMMAND. THE CRASH  
 WAS A DIRECT RESULT OF BATTLE DAMAGE INCURRED WHILE ON AN  
 IMMEDIATE AIR STRIKE IN THE AREA. PLEASE ACCEPT AND  
 EXTEND MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND CONDOLENCES TO FAMILIES  
 OF THE MARINES INVOLVED.

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CG III MAF

CG FIRST MAW

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UNCLAS/ EFTO

A. 7AF /C/ TAN SON NHUT AFID RVN 150320Z APR69

1. REQ YOU TAKE LAST SENTENCE REF A FOR ACTION.

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AIRCRAFT MISHAP

FLASH REPORT FOR 142150H APR

DTG (LTZ) & MONTH OF MISHAP 14 1940 H

ACCIDENT INCIDENT? GRD ACCIDENT? FORCED LDG PREC LDG

GROUP SC 366<sup>TH</sup> AF TYPE A/C F4D BUNO 49 AIR FORCE

LOCATION DANANG OPERATING FROM DANANG

MISSION UNKNOWN

DAMAGE TO A/C: (CIRCLE ONE) A-ATK; B-OVRHL; C-SUBSTAN; D-MAIN E-MCD; F-NONE UNKNOWN

BRIEF DESCRIPTION:

INJURY TO PERSONNEL: (CIRCLE ONE) ( INCLUDE NUMBER IF KNOWN)

A-FATAL 1; B-CRIT; C-SERI; D-SEV

F-MIN 1; G-NONE

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY: NONE

BRIEF SUMMARY OF MISHAP: GUN FIGHTER 3 A USAF F4D

Attempting a MOREST Landing on RUNWAY 17R AT

DANANG A.B. VEERED off RUNWAY and STRUCK

morest crew bunker killing 1 and injuring 1.

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NAME, RANK, & BILLET OF REPORTER CPL HARDWICK G-3 OPS. NAME, RANK & BILLET OF STANTON, COL, G-2 WATCH NCO

ACTION: G-2, G-3, G-3 AIR, G-3 OPS, S/S, MAIL 2200

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	CG					<p>FOR LT COLN WICKERSON</p> <p>REMARKS</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; text-align: center;">FOR</p> <p><i>Cy # 3 to R Odm Banner - Handcarried by Sgt Banner at 161500H Apr 69)</i></p> <p><i>Cy # 4 to Mr. FIRFER (Mr. Fritz picked up at 161430H Apr 69)</i></p> <p><i>Cy # 2A to G-5 162100H Apr 69</i></p> <p><i>J. Anderson</i></p> <p style="font-size: 4em; text-align: center;">39</p> <p>(USE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE)</p>
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## OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

16 April 1969

**From: Chief of Staff****To: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5**

1. Copies of the attached messages have been provided to Mr. FIRFER (CORDS) and RAdm BONNER (NSA) for their review and submission of comments prior to 1600, 17 April 1969.

2. Upon receipt of the above comments, you will prior to 1400, 18 April, in coordination with appropriate Vietnamese counterparts, prepare an appropriate message from CG, III MAF to COMUSMACV on the recommendations. In addition to the above message, a Talking Paper will be required for the CG's use on this subject.

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TO RUMLDNA/CG I CORPS DNG

RHMAFA/CG III MAF DNG

INFO RHMSMVA/CHIEF JOINT GENERAL STAFF SGN

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SUBJ: RESTRICTION WITHIN INLAND WATERWAYS AND ALONG THE COAST OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA.

FROM: STILWELL & TRUONG TO : NICKERSON & LAM

1. REFERENCES:

A. MEMORANDUM, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, MJ-3, RVNAF 7414/ITM/P3/KH, 30 OCTOBER 1968, SUBJECT: "COASTAL AND RIVER BLOCKADE".

B. I CORPS COORDINATION INSTRUCTION 05560.9, 6 MARCH 1968.

SUBJECT: "PLAN FOR CONTROL OF BOAT TRAFFIC ON THE RIVERS AND COASTAL WATERWAYS IN ICTZ".

C. I CORPS PLAN FOR BLOCKADE OF COASTAL AREAS AND RIVERS IN I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (ICTZ) DATED 1 JANUARY 1961.

D. LETTER FROM CHIEF, QUANG TRI PROVINCE, TO CG, I CORPS, SUBJECT:

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"REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT OF THE BLOCKADE PLAN FOR QUANG TRI COASTAL AREA" 23 FEBRUARY 1969.

E. LETTER FROM CHIEF, THUS THIEN PROVINCE, TO CG I CORPS, SUBJECT: "FISHING BLOCKADE PLAN" 14 MARCH 1969.

2. ON 30 OCTOBER 1968, THE JOINT GENERAL STAFF PUBLISHED AMMEMORANDUM (REFERENCE 1A) WHICH ESTABLISHED POLICY FOR THE APPLICATION OF THE COAST BLOCKADE PLAN THROUGHOUT RVN. THIS MEMORANDUM SPECIFIED THOSE AREAS ALONG THE COASTLINE OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA IN WHICH A DAY AND NIGHT CURFEW WOULD BE IMPOSED AND DIRECTED THE COMMANDERS OF THE CTZ'S TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH SIMILAR BLOCKADE PLANS APPLICABLE TO INLAND WATERWAYS WITHIN THEIR RESPECTIVE CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. THE MEMORANDUM STIPULATED THAT MODIFICATIONS TO THE COASTAL BLOCKADE PLAN COULD BE IMPLEMENTED ONLY AFTER JGS APPROVAL HAD BEEN OBTAINED.

3. THE CENTRALIZATION OF WATERWAYS CONTROL AT THE JGS LEVEL (FOR THE SOUTH CHINA SEA) AND THE ICTZ LEVEL (FOR ALL INLAND WATERWAYS) HAS THE GREAT MERIT OF ESTABLISHING NATIONAL STANDARDS FOR THE CONTROL OF PERSONNEL AND RESOURCES MOVING BY WATER AND IS THEREFORE MORE APPROPRIATE IN CONTESTED OR VC CONTROLLED AREAS. ON THE OTHER HAND, CENTRALIZED CONTROL OF PROSCRIBED AREAS DOES NOT PERMIT OF EXPEDITIOUS RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS, IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE RURAL POPULATION

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WHERE THE SECURITY SITUATION PERMITS. SPECIFICALLY, THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE 11TH DTA IS PROGRESSING EVEN MORE RAPIDLY THAN EXPECTED, AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ASSOCIATED WITH THE LIFTING OF WATERWAY RESTRICTIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PACIFICATION EFFORT HAS NOT BEEN ADEQUATELY RESPONSIVE TO THE CHANGING CONDITIONS. REFERENCES ID AND 1 E ARE CASES IN POINT. ON 23 FEBRUARY 1969, THE PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG TRI, SUBMITTED A REQUEST RELATIVE TO THE EASING OF COASTAL RESTRICTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE EXPANDING FISHING INDUSTRY. TO DATE, FINAL ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN ON THIS REQUEST. ON 14 MARCH 1969, THE PROVINCE CHIEF, THUA THIEN, REQUESTED THE LIFTING OF CERTAIN COAST RESTRICTIONS CONTIGUOUS TO HIS PROVINCE AND SOLICITED AUTHORITY TO PERMIT TWENTY-FOUR-HOUR-A-DAY FISHING IN SELECTED INLAND WATERWAYS NEAR THE MOUTH OF THE PERFUME RIVER. ACTION HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN ON THIS REQUEST.

4. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE CONTROL OF BOTH COASTAL AND INLAND WATERWAYS MUST BE SUFFICIENTLY FLEXIBLE TO PERMIT THE PROVINCE CHIEFS TO MAKE CHANGES IN CONSONANCE WITH IMPROVED SECURITY AND THE PROGRESSION OF THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. THE SUCCESS OF RESETTLEMENT PLANS IN BOTH WUANG TRI

AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES IS CONTINGENT UPON THE USE OF WATERWAYS, AND DELAYS IN OBTAINING PERMISSION TO REDUCE RESTRICTIONS HAVE AN

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IMPACT NOT ONLY ON THE RESETTLEMENT EFFORT BUT <sup>also</sup> ALSO ON THE AREA ECONOMY. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE 11TH DTA INCORPORATED THE TWO PROVINCES OF QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN AND THE CG, 11TH DTA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF SECURITY OPERATIONS WITHIN THESE TWO PROVINCES, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT A DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR CONTROL OF WATERWAYS TO CG, 11TH DTA WOULD HAVE A HIGHLY FAVORABLE IMPACT ON THE NATL PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE 2 PROVINCES CONCERNED. CG, 11TH DTA COULD RECEIVE REQUESTS FOR THE PROVINCE CHIEFS FOR MODIFICATION OF EXISTING RESTRICTIONS, PUBLISH THE NECESSARY COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL SECURITY FORCES WITHIN THE DTA, AND ADVISE HIGHER HQ OF HIS ACTION TO INSURE THAT ALL US AND RVNAF NAVAL UNITS WERE PROPERLY INFORMED. OF EQUAL SIGNIFICANCE IS THE FACT THAT THE TAOR OF CG, XXIV CORPS INCORPORATES THE TWO PROVINCES CONCERNED. THEREFORE, THE MATTER OF MODIFICATION OF WATERWAY CONTROL WOULD BE COORDINATED DIRECTLY BETWEEN CG, 11TH DTA AND CG, XXIV CORPS PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF CHANGES. IT WOULD THEREFORE BE POSSIBLE TO EFFECT CHANGES RAPIDLY AND IN CONSONANCE WITH PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE PACIFICATION EFFORT.

6. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT:

a. AUTHORITY FOR CONTROLLING THE USE OF INLAND WATERWAYS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA BE DELEGATED TO THE CG, 1ST ARVN DIVISION (CG 11 H DTA)

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THIS DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY WOULD BE MADE WITH THE PROVISIO THAT CHANGE IN WATERWAY CONTROL BE COORDINATED WITH CG, XXIV CORPS, THAT CG, II DTA WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF ALL RVN AGENCIES (TO INCLUDE HIGHER HQ) PRIOR TO THE PROMULGATION OF CHANGES, AND THAT CG, XXIV CORPS WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NOTIFICATION OF ALL US AGENCIES (TO INCLUDE HIGHER HEADQUARTERS)

B. CG I CORPS SOLICIT PERMISSON FOR JGS TO DELEGATE TO THE CG, ITH DTA AUTHORITY FOR THE CONTROL OF COASTAL WATERWAYS ALONG THAT PORTION OF THE SOUTH CHINA SEA-CONTIGIOUS TO THE ITHHE DTA, THIS AUTHORITY TO BE RESTRICTED BY THE SAME PROVISOS AS THOSE LISTED IN PARAGRAPH SA ABOVE

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TO THE COMMANDER, CHIEF OF STAFF MACV, SOUTHWEST VIETNAM  
FROM LT GEN RICHARDSON, CG, III MAF, DA NANG, VIETNAM

ZEM

TOP SECRET MAC 4319 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: EXTENSION PROJECT DELTA FORCES (C)

REFS: A. CG, III MAF DTG 242339Z APR 69 (TS)

B. MSG MAC 4535 DTG 100935Z APR 69 (TS)

C. CG, III MAF DTG 130422Z APR 69 (TS)

1. (TS) REF A CONTAINS PROPOSAL OF CG, III MAF ON KHAM DUC OPERATIONS. REF B PROVIDES CG, III MAF WITH INTERIM REPLY TO REF A. REF C CONTAINS CG, III MAF'S ACTION ON REQUESTED EXTENSION OF PROJECT DELTA FORCES.

2. (TS) ON 15 APR, JCS ADVISED THAT THE REQUEST FOR PROJECT DELTA EXTENSION WAS APPROVED THROUGH 31 MAY 69.

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 TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF  
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV  
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 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV  
 LTG EWELL CG II FFV  
 MG ECKHARDT CG DMAC  
 MG JONES C/S USARV  
 INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
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1. (C) THE COMMANDERS WIEU MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 190900H APRIL 1969 WILL BE HELD 200900H APRIL 1969 AT THE CIIB BRIEFING ROOM, MACV HQ.
  2. (C) SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:
    - A. MORNING: UPDATES BY:
      - (1) J2
      - (2) J3
      - (3) 7TH AF
      - (4) NAVFORV
    - B. LUNCH
    - C. AFTERNOON:
      - (1) PACIFICATION UPDATE
      - (2) RVNAF MODERNIZATION AND IMPROVEMENT
  3. (C) EACH FIELD COMMANDER WILL BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF NOT TO EXCEED 15 MINUTES COVERING:
    - A. PACIFICATION THROUGHOUT ALL PROVINCES AND SEPARATE ENTITIES IN HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.
    - B. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE NATIONAL POLICE IN HIS AREA.
    - C. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE NATIONAL POLICE FIELD FORCE IN HIS AREA.
  4. (C) THE WIEU IS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE BY 1600 HOURS
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 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV (R018)

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 FIXED WING STRIKE REPORT (U)

A. CG FIRST MAW 260132Z/MAR69 (S) (MCEO)  
 B. CG III MAF 100842Z/APR69 (S) (MCEO)

1. (S) REF A RECOMMENDED, IN PART, THAT EXISTING  
 FORMAT OF FIRST MAW'S PORTION OF SUBJECT REPORT BE  
 REVISED TO REFLECT TOTAL PREPLANNED SORTIES FLOWN VICE  
 THE WEEKLY/DAILY BREAKDOWN CURRENTLY SHOWN. REF  
 B CONCURRED IN PROPOSAL FOR CG III MAF TO CONSOLIDATE  
 DIVISION AND WING PORTIONS OF SUBJECT REPORT AND  
 REQUESTED CG FMPPAC COMMENTS ON PAR 2B REF A.  
 2. (S) FOR CG FIRST MAW: RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED  
 REF A APPROVED. MODIFY FIRST MAW PORTION OF REPORT

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 ACCORDINGLY.

3. (S) FOR CG III MAF: APPROVAL CONTAINED PAR 2  
 ABOVE CONSTITUTES REPLY TO REF B.

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 FM CG TOWNSEND C FS MACV SAIGON  
 TO LTO NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG  
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S E C R E T MAC 4900 EYES ONLY

1. (S) THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ANCONSUL DANANG TO AMEMB  
 SAIGON IS QUOTED IN FULL:

QUOTE

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O 171130Z APR 68

FM ANCONSUL DANANG

TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

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S E C R E T DANANG 140

EXCIS

FROM BOSTON

SUBJ: ROK MARINES IN NEW SERIOUS INCIDENT

1. AMERICAN EYEWITNESSES REPORT THAT ON MORNING OF 15 APRIL  
 ROK AND U.S. MARINES ENTERED VC MINEFIELD DURING SWEEP NEAR  
 THUOC MY VILLAGE (COORDINATES 162511) AFTER BEING WARNED OF MINE  
 BY LOCAL RF PERSONNEL. ROK MARINES SUFFERED FIVE WOUNDED AND US  
 MARINES TWO WOUNDED.
2. AROUND NOON, ROK MARINES SHOT UP THUOC MY VILLAGE INDISCRIM-  
 INATELY KILLING THREE CIVILIANS (TWO OF WHOM WERE WOMEN LYING IN BED)  
 AND WOUNDING FIVE OTHER CIVILIANS.
3. THE ROK MARINES THEN WITHDREW FROM MAPLE AND MORTARED IT.
4. WHEN INFORMED, GENERAL LEE REPORTEDLY GAVE INACCURATE AND  
 VAGUE EXPLANATION AND REFUSED TO APPOINT JOINT INVESTIGATIVE BODY.  
 SAYING HE WOULD CONDUCT HIS OWN INVESTIGATION.
5. AFTER TALKING WITH GENERAL NICKERSON, HOWEVER, GENERAL LEE  
 AGREED TO A COMPLETE INVESTIGATION HEADED BY III MAF COLONEL.
6. NEEDLESS TO SAY QUANG NAM PC LI TRI TIM IS VERY ANGRY  
 AND ALLEGEDLY HAS REMARKED THAT ROK MARINE FIRE MAY BE RETURNED  
 IF NEW INCIDENT OCCURS.

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2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS A REPORT ON THE FOREGOING SCENES.

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FM MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV  
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF  
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GENERAL ABRAMS HAS APPROVED YOUR VISIT TO TASK FORCE ALPHA ON  
29 APRIL 69.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN WALT, MGEN FONTANA AND BGEN DOOLEY FROM MGEN SIMPSON

MAJOR CHARLES ROBB, USMC

1. MAJOR ROBB DETACHED FROM FIRST MARDIV AND WILL DEPART DANANG 220600H FOR OKINAWA. TIMING OF ONWARD ROUTING NOT KNOWN HERE. ROBB DESIRES REMAIN OKI ABOUT 48 HOURS FOR SHOPPING ETC. THIS NORMAL DELAY. I ESTIMATE HE WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE EL TORO THURSDAY OR FRIDAY CALIFORNIA TIME. HOWEVER I LOSE CONTROL AT THIS POINT.
2. AT I CORPS HQ THIS MORNING, LTGEN LAM PRESENTED MAJOR ROBB THE VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH SILVER STAR. INCIDENTALLY, THIS WAS LTGEN LAM'S IDEA THOUGH I OF COURSE CONCURRED. LTGEN LAM ALSO GAVE MAJOR ROBB ABOUT 20 MINUTES OF HIS VIEWS REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

PAGE TWO RUMHLAA 3000 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT

3. I AM PREPARING AND WILL SHORTLY FORWARD TO CG FMFPAC A RECOMMENDATION FOR BRONZE STAR WITH COMBAT V FOR MAJOR ROBB COVERING HIS TOUR IN VIETNAM AS COMPANY COMMANDER AND ASST G-4. IF APPROVED BY CG FMFPAC, AWARD WILL FOLLOW ON TO NEW DUTY STATION FOR PRESENTATION.

4. ROBB HAS DONE A FINE JOB IN BOTH STAFF AND COMMAND. HIGHLY REGARDED BY ALL WITH WHOM HE SERVED. WHILE WE WILL MISS HIM, WE ARE UNUSUALLY GRATIFIED THAT HE DEPARTS AT END OF TOUR HALE AND HEARTS. BON VOYAGE.

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SUBJECT: MAJOR CACHE ON YELLOW BRICK ROAD.

1. BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO BE VERY DELIBERATE ABOUT INVENTORING, THE INITIAL REPORTS ON THE CACHE UNCOVERED BY C/1/582 WILL NOT REFLECT THE SIZE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS NEWEST INROAD INTO THE ENEMY'S LOGISTIC SYSTEM. I HOPE YOUR STAFFS WILL BE PATIENT FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS DURING WHICH WE WILL EVACUATE AND TALLY VERY SUBSTANTIAL BOOTY.

2. YESTERDAY, I DESCRIBED THE LARGE SKETCH MAPS UNCOVERED ON 19 APRIL IN A BUNKER COMPLEX. THE FIRST ONE WAS PROVED TO BE TOTALLY ACCURATE; IT FACILITATED TREASURE HUNTING TO HAVE A DETAILED MAP WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO 'DIG HERE.' THE FOUR-DIGIT NUMBERS ON THE SKETCHES OPPOSITE EACH HOODH CORRESPONDED TO THE BUMPER MARKINGS ON THE OPERABLE RUSSIAN TRUCKS A FEW METERS AWAY FROM THE CORRESPONDING SHELTER.

3. A FEW PRELIMINARY HIGHLIGHTS MAY BE OF INTEREST:

A. WE DO NOT YET KNOW WHEN DEPOT WAS ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, THE RUSSIAN COMMAND CAR HAS A CANVAS TOP WHICH SHOWS NO SIGN OF DETE-  
 RIORATION DUE ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION; SIX TRUCKS WERE DRIVEN UP  
 STREAM BED AFTER COMMAND CAR POSITIONED. I THEREFORE ESTIMATE  
 VEHICLES STONED NOT MORE THAN TWO MONTHS AGO. LAST WEEK ENEMY  
 KEPT DELTA FORCE AWAY FROM AREA. 101ST ENCOUNTERED HASTILY EMPLACED  
 BOOBY TRAPS THIS MORNING.

B. SIGNAL EQUIPMENT, ALL BRAND NEW, REPRESENTS MOST SPECTACULAR  
 FIND AND OUR TECH INTELL PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A FIELD DAY.

C. I HAVE SEEN MANY CACHES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES; THIS IS THE  
 MOST SIGNIFICANT.

D. LARGE PROPORTION OF THE 122 MM GUN BOUNDS HAVE AN ARMOR  
 DEFEATING PROJECTILE.

E. PRINTING PRESS (IN SEVERAL CRATES) MUST HAVE BEEN DESTROYED  
 FOR MR-1 OR HIGHER. IT WILL HANDLE PAPER STOCK 30 INCHES WIDE.

F. TRULY A GENERAL DEPOT; ARMS, AMMO, MEDICAL, QUARTERMASTER,  
 SIGNAL, MISCELLANEOUS.

4. 101ST WILL MOVE ON TO NEXT MAP INDICATED STORAGE AREA IN A  
 DAY OR SO.

5. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY.  
 DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 0 221014Z		COPY# OF COPIES RECD 1,2,3, 4	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT UNCLAS EFTO MAC 5104 EYES ONLY
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	DC/S DM					
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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 5134 EYES ONLY  
 TO LTJ NICKERSON CG III MAF  
 INFO LTJ STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS  
 ZEN

UNCLAS E F T O MAC 5134 EYES ONLY

1. IN RESPONSE TO GENERAL STILWELL'S REQUEST, USAID FORESTRY  
 EXPERT, MRS WALTER PIERCE, IS AVAILABLE TO VISIT I CTZ, AND IN  
 PARTICULAR XXIV CORPS HEADQUARTERS, WHENEVER YOU DESIRE. I  
 UNDERSTAND HE IS QUITE FAMILIAR WITH FORESTRY INDUSTRY IN  
 I CTZ.

2. SUGGEST YOUR STAFF CALL MR. PIERCE DIRECTLY (USAID 555E)  
 TO ARRANGE DATE AND TIME.

SSO NOTE: FELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
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*and info*

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 DE RUMBNP #0018 1121139  
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P 221052Z APR 69 7FF1  
 FM TFA NKP RTAFB THAI  
 TO CG III MAF DNG RVN  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L C**  
 FOR LT GEN NICKERSON FROM BRIG GEN DYAS.  
 SUBJ: VISIT TO TASK FORCE ALPHA (U). REFERENCE YOUR MSG 210030Z  
 APR 69. WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR PARTY VISIT US  
 29 APR 69 AS PLANNED. WARM REGARDS.

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 230825Z APR 69		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT FOR COMMANDERS ONLY
			IN	OUT		
3.2	CG	I	24 Apr 69			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.
3.1	DCG	I	24 Apr			
3.3	DCG AIR	I				
2	C/S	I				
2	DC/S	I	4/24	4/24		
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	G-1	I	CP# 3			
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	CAP					
	ADJ					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
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 PTTSYUW RUMWGA0654 1130823-SSSS--RHMAFA.

ZNY SSSSS  
 P 230825Z APR 69  
 FM COMNAVPHIL  
 TO RHMSHVA/COMUSMACV  
 RUMGSAF/CONSEVENTHFLT  
 RUMUFGA/CO USS REPOSE  
 INFO RUMGWEC/CONSERVGRU THREE  
 RUMHDBA/CONSERVPAC  
 RHAFPA/THIRD MAF  
 RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV  
 RUMNHUA/COMNAVBASE SUBIC

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S E C R E T NOFORN LINDIS  
 FOR COMMANDERS ONLY

ATTEMPTED ARMS SMUGGLING FROM USS REPOSE (CNF)

A. CONSEVENTHFLT 150550Z FEB 69 (NOTAL) *(NOT HELD BY III MAF)*

1. (SNF) THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY REPORT OF INVESTIGATION INDICATES A LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS TO REF A.
2. (SNF) INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED ON 4 PAR THAT AN ATTEMPT WOULD BE MADE ON THE PART OF TN CONSTANTINO FABELINA

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RODRIGUEZ, USN, B96 06 75, TO SMUGGLE FROM USS REPOSE, IN PORT AT THE U.S. NAVAL BASE, SUBIC, RP., AN M-16 TYPE WEAPON. ON 6 APRIL 1969, RODRIGUEZ WAS OBSERVED LEAVING THE SHIP WITH A LARGE BOX. RODRIGUEZ WAS APPREHENDED AND A SEARCH OF THE PACKAGE DISCLOSED FOUR M-16 BARREL ASSEMBLIES.

3. (SNF) RODRIGUEZ ADMITTED TRANSPORTING THE STOCK (TRIGGER, HOUSING GROUP, ETC.) TO HIS HOME IN SAN MARCELINO ON 16 FEB 1969. HE ADMITTED BRINGING THIS PORTION OF THE WEAPONS INTO THE PHILIPPINES FROM VIETNAM WHEN HE WAS ON AN R&R FLIGHT FROM VIETNAM TO MANILA. HE STATED THAT HE PURCHASED THE WEAPONS FROM A SHIPMATE IDENTIFIED AS PC3 RONALD E. BAILEY, USN, B20 08 59, AND HM1 DELOS BRANDON, USN, 486 28 75, PRESENTLY STATION 7 SPECIAL SERVICES, QUANG TRI, RVN. RODRIGUEZ ALSO IMPLICATED TN JUANITO AYALDE ARANDA, USN, B96 06 60, USS REPOSE, AS HAVING PURCHASED ONE OF THE FOUR RECOVERED WEAPONS IN FEB 69. ACCORDING TO RODRIGUEZ, THESE WEAPONS WERE TRANSPORTED FROM QUANG TRI, RVN, TO USS REPOSE BY BAILEY, VIA HELICOPTER IN A WOODEN BOX.

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4. (SNF) RODRIGUEZ ALSO ADVISED THAT IN EARLY MARCH 69 BAILEY CALLED HIM TO THE POSTOFFICE ABOARD THE SHIP AND

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DISPLAYED ANOTHER M-16 AND A .38 CALIBER PISTOL. RODRIGUEZ PURCHASED THE PISTOL FOR \$90 AND STATEHE GAVE THE PISTOL TO N GREGORIO E. GUMBAYAN, USN, 589 77 60, USS REPOSE, WHO PLANNED TO TAKE THE PISTOL OFF THE SHIP FOR RODRIGUEZ. GUMBAYAN CLAIMED TO RODRIGUEZ THAT HE BURIED THE PISTOL BECAUSE HE WAS FRIGHTENED AND ID NOT WANT TO GET INVOLVED. RODRIGUEZ ALSO STATED THAT SHIPMATE TN BENJAMIN BERDARDINO PANELO, USN, 777 01 06, PURCHASED THE M-16 FOR \$100. PANELO TOLD RODRIGUEZ THAT HE WAS GOING TO TRANSPORT THE WEAPON TO MANILA VIA A SUITCASE THAT WAS TO BE GIVEN TO NURSE (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) WHO WOULD TRANSPORT IT TO MANILA WHERE IT WOULD BE RETRIEVED BY PANELO.

5. (SNF) PANELO WAS SUBSEQUENTLY APPREHENDED AT HIS RESIDENCE AT PASIG, RIZAL. HE STATED HE PURCHASE THE WEAPON FROM BAILEY ABOARD USS REPOSE AND REMOVE IT FROM THE SHIP TO HIS RESIDENCE BY HAVING LT KIRBY, NC, USN, CARRY IT OFF. PANELO MAINTAINED THAT LT KIRBY WAS

PAGE FOUR RUMMGA0654 S E C R E T NOFORN LINDIS NOT AWARE THAT THE WEAPON WAS IN HIS BAGGAGE WHICH SHE CARRIED OFF THE REPOSE FOR HIM. PANELO SURRENDERED THE CANVAS BAG CONTAINING ONE COLT AR-15 RIFLE, MODEL M16A1, WITH AMMUNITION.

6. (U) INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING. RESULTS WILL BE FORWARDED.

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 O 230920Z APR 69  
 FROM: COMUSMACV  
 TO: UUMSQ/CG III MAF DA NANG  
 UUMSA/CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG  
 UUMSB/CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH  
 UUMSD/CG DMAC CAN THO  
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L (J3)**

SUBJ: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS (U)

FOR BGEN DOOLEY, C/S III MAF, BG KALERGIS, C/S I FFORCEV,  
 BG HUFFMAN, C/S II FFORCEV, COL DUNHAM, C/S, DMAC, FROM  
 BGEN MCLAUGHLIN, DEPUTY AC/S J3, MACV

1. (C) AS A RESULT OF THE 20 APRIL COMMANDER'S CONFERENCE  
 HOSTED BY COMUSMACV, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT CERTAIN  
 INFORMATION ON PACIFICATION WILL BE PRESENTED TO COMUSMACV  
 AT THE WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES UPDATE ON SATURDAY.  
 THE INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE  
 FORM OF WEEKLY AND MONTHLY REPORTS FROM ACTION ADDRESSES BY  
 DIVISION TACTICAL AREA AND SPECIAL TACTICAL ZONE.

2. (U) THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REPORTS

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 ON A WEEKLY BASIS:

- A. ENEMY INITIATED ATTACKS BY FIRE.
- B. ENEMY INITIATED GROUND ATTACKS.
- C. WEAPONS LOST/CAPTURED.
- D. HOI CHANH RATE.
- E. VCI NEUTRALIZATION.

3. (U) THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE BEING CONSIDERED FOR REPORTS  
 ON A MONTHLY BASIS:

- A. ARVN BATTALION DAYS ON RD SUPPORT.
- B. ARVN BATTALION DAYS ON OPERATIONS.
- C. BRIDGE SECURITY.
- D. HIGHWAY SECURITY.
- E. RAILROAD SECURITY.
- F. WATERWAY SECURITY.
- G. RF/PF PROGRESS.
- H. HAMLET PACIFICATION.
- I. PSDF DEVELOPMENT.
- J. REFUGEES.
- K. DESERTION RATE (ARVN, RF/PF, CIDB).
- L. HEALTH INDICATORS (MALARIA RATES, ETC.).

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4. (U) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS ARE REALISTIC AND DO NOT CAUSE UNDUE BURDEN ON REPORTING HEADQUARTERS, A MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HQ, MACV, IN THE COMMAND CONFERENCE ROOM, RM 1B33, AT 1420 HOURS ON 24 APRIL TO DISCUSS THE NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. REQUEST YOU SEND A REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES TO THIS MEETING WHO HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF DATA PERTAINING TO THE SUBJECTS OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 ABOVE.

5. (C) THREE OF THE AREAS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE WILL BE PRESENTED TO COMUSMACV DURING THE 26 APRIL WIEU. INFORMATION ON THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE REQUIRED FOR EACH DTA AND SPECIAL TACTICAL ZONE, BY WEEK, BEGINNING WITH THE WEEK ENDING 4 JAN 69 UP TO AND INCLUDING THE WEEK ENDING 19 APRIL 1969. USING THESE CRITERIA, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS:

- A. NUMBER OF ENEMY INITIATED ATTACKS BY FIRE.
- B. NUMBER OF ENEMY INITIATED GROUND ATTACKS.
- C. NUMBER OF HOI CHANNS.

IN ORDER TO ALLOW TIME FOR PREPARATION OF VISUAL AIDS AND NARRATIVES, FURTHER REQUEST THIS INFORMATION BE PROVIDED BY COUIER OR MESSAGE NLT 1400 HOURS 24 APRIL 1969.

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6. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDE NAME, GRADE AND SERVICE NUMBER OF EACH REPRESENTATIVE TO MACJ3-26 AT MACV 2114H OR EAC 382.

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			SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 231458Z APR 69		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT WIRENOTE FOR BGEN DOOLEY
			IN	OUT		
	CG					REMARKS  <b>FOR</b>  SIS person contact DSA Huns force Route via 83  D
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 DE RUEBHOA 8658 113 1527  
 ZNR UUUUU  
 P 231458Z APR 69  
 FM DIRECTOR, MCCC, HQMC (COL BARRETT)  
 TO RHMMAFA/ C/S, III MAF (BGEN DOOLEY)  
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WIRE NOTE

1. WE ARE NOW BRIEFING ARVN OPERATIONS AND CASUALTIES AS A REGULAR PART OF THE "SUMMARY OF ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST".
2. ACCUMULATIVE CASUALTIES OF ARVN OPERATIONS ARE REQUIRED TO INSURE TIMELY, ACCURATE INFORMATION. REQUEST THAT THESE CASUALTIES BE INCLUDED MORE FREQUENTLY IN THE DAILY ARVN SITSUM FROM DSA ICCAG DANANG, RVN.
3. APPRECIATE THE FINE RESPONSE TO MY 031905Z APR.
4. WARM REGARDS.

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DAILY SITSUM

1. EQUIPMENT EXISTS FOR A RECAPITULATION OF TOTAL ARVN CASUALTIES DAILY.
2. REQUEST YOU ADD A PARAGRAPH TO THE SITSUM ENTITLED CUMULATIVE CASUALTIES ASAP.

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				SERIAL#/CONTROL DATE 0 260220Z		1 2 OF 4 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT	
			IN	OUT		UNCLAS EFTO ARV 1135 EYES ONLY	
3	CG	I	26 Apr 69			REMARKS SSO will EFFECT DELIVERY TO CG FLC	
4	DCG	I	27 Apr				
	DCG AIR						
2	C/S	F					
	DC/S						
	DC/S DM						
1	S/S	I	4/26		YAD/H		
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0 260220Z ZYH ZFF-B  
FM HEISER CG 1ST LOG COMD LBN RVN  
TO FEELY CG FORCE LOG COMD DNG RVN  
INFO ABRAMS COMUSMACV  
MILDREN DCG USARV  
NICKERSON CG III MAF  
ZEN

UNCLAS E F T O ARV 1135 EYES ONLY

1. I WISH TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR YOUR RECENT ACTION IN RESERVING TWO M107/110 GUN CHASSIS FOR ARMY USE IN A CONTINGENCY.
  2. ADEQUATE STOCKS HAVE ARRIVED IN-COUNTRY FOR OUR USE, SO THE POSSIBLE NEED FOR YOUR ASSETS NO LONGER EXISTS.
  3. YOUR ACTION IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF THE INTERSERVICE COOPERATIVE EFFORT FOR WHICH WE ARE ALL STRIVING. PLEASE ACCEPT MY PERSONAL THANKS.
- WARM REGARDS

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DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

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 OTTUZYUW RUMLBPA4855 1160330-UUUU--RHMAFA.  
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O 260253Z APR 69  
 FM CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF DNG  
 INFO RUMHLA/CG 1ST MAR DIV

FOR

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 UNCLAS 01906 AVII-GD PERSONAL FOR GENERAL NICKERSON FROM  
 STILLWELL.

SUBJ: CONTROL AND SECURITY OF VEHICLE MOVEMENTS PHU BAI/  
 DA NANG-DA NANG/PHU BAI

REF: A. CG, XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 100835Z APR 69.

B. CG, III MAF MSG DTG 150518Z APR 69. *PC attached*

1. REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE DECISION REFLECTED IN REFERENCE  
 B NOT TO PERMIT FREE FLOW OF MILITARY TRAFFIC THROUGH THE HAI VAN  
 PASS.

2. QL-1 IS A 'GREEN' ROUTE FROM DONG HA TO DA NANG, SINCE  
 OCTOBER 1968, ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS ALONG THIS ROUTE HAVE BEEN  
 FEW IN NUMBER, PARTICULARLY IN THE HAI VAN PASS.

3. ACCORDING TO XXIV CORPS RECORDS, SINCE 30 JAN 1969  
 THERE HAS BEEN AN AVERAGE OF 232 US MILITARY VEHICLES PER WEEK  
 TRAVELING THROUGH THE HAI VAN PASS BY CONVOY AND AN AVERAGE OF

PAGE 2 RUMLBPA 4855 UNCLAS

662 US MILITARY VEHICLES TRANSITING THE PASS EACH WEEK NOT IN  
 CONVOY. THUS THE MAJORITY OF MILITARY VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE HAI VAN  
 PASS IS THE CIVILIAN POPULACE, AVERAGING 2645 VEHICLES PER WEEK,  
 NONE OF WHICH TRAVEL IN ORGANIZED AND ARMED CONVOYS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION, AND IN THE INTEREST OF  
 INCREASING THE CONFIDENCE LEVEL OF ALL CONCERNED IN PACIFICATION  
 PROGRESS, I RECOMMEND THIS REQUEST BE GIVEN FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.  
 STILLWELL SENDS.

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R 100835Z APR69  
FM: CG XXIV CORPS  
TO: CG III MAF DNG  
INFO: 101ST ABN DIV  
CG 1ST MARDIV DNG

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SUBJ: CONTROL AND SECURITY OF VEHICLE MOVEMENTS PHU BAI/DA NANG,  
DA NANG/PHU BAI (U)

REF A: CG XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 240056Z OCT 68 (C)

B: CG III MAF MSG DTG 270702Z SEP 68 (C)

C: CG III MAF MSG DTG 070634Z NOV 68 (C)

D: CG III MAF MSG DTG 020614Z NOV 68 (C)

1. (C) DURING THE PERIOD BEGINNING WITH THE SUBMISSION OF REFERENCE 'A' TO THE PRESENT, INITIATED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE HAI VAN PASS HAS BEEN RELATIVELY NEGLIGIBLE.
2. (C) IN THE INTEREST OF RELIEVING THE PRESENTLY REQUIRED INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE FOR USE IN TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND IN THE INTEREST OF INCREASING THE OVERALL USE OF THE HIGHWAY BY ALL CONCERNED, REQUEST THAT THE CONVOY REQUIREMENT THROUGH THE HAI VAN PASS (REF B MODIFIED BY REF C AND D) BE WITHDRAWN AN THAT TRAFFIC BE ALLOWED TO FLOW FREELY WITHOUT DIRECTION OF TRAVEL BEING RESTRICTED TO THE TIME OF DAY (REF D)

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py 'B'

1st Mar Div  
140310Z APR 69

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R 150518Z APR 69

FM CG III MAF

TO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI

INFO RUMHLAA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMLMJA/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV (AM) CAMP EAGLE

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CONTROL AND SECURITY OF VEHICLE MOVEMENTS PHU BAI/DANANG - DANANG/

PHU BAI (U)

A. CG XXIV CORPS MSG CITE #1627 AVPIGD DTG 100835Z APR 69

1. (C) REQ CONTAINED IN REF A DISAPPROVED.

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HAS BEEN SENT  
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DIST A  
CON 2082

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 P RUMLBPN RUMLMJA  
 DE RUMHLA 1735 1040310  
 ZNY CCCCC  
 P 140310Z APR 69  
 FM CG FIRST MARDIV DNG  
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DNG  
 INFO RUMLBPN/CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
 RUMLMJA/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV CEE

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 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 CNIL AND SCTY OF VEH MOVEMENTS PHU BAI/DANANG-DANANG/PHU  
 BAI (U)

- A. CG XXIV CORPS 100835Z APR 69
1. (C) THE PROPOSAL CNTN IN REF A TO WITHDRAW CONVOY RPTS THROUGH HAI VAN PASS AND PERMIT TRAFFIC TO FLOW FREELY REGARDLESS OF DIRECTION AND TIME OF DAY IS NOT CONCURRED IN.
  2. (C) RECENT CONTACTS BY UNITS THIS DIV IN AREAS IMMED ADJACENT TO HAI VAN PASS INDIC PRESENCE OF EN FOR SUFFICIENT TO CONSTITUTE SRS AND CONTINUING THREAT TO UNORGANIZED/ UNCONVOYED TRAFFIC.
  3. (C) CONSIDER CONTINUING LOW LEVEL OF EN ACTY AGAINST TRAFFIC IS DUE PRINCIPALLY TO SCTY MEASURES NOW IN FORCE

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OPERATION CODE X- ORIGINATOR A- ACTION / COGNIZANCE C- COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION I- INFORMATION S- SIGNATURE			FROM COMNAVFORV		DATE 26 APR 1969	
			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 261104Z APR 1969		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECO	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON
			IN	OUT		
	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.
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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT  
ICTYZ SHELTER PROGRAM (U)

A. CG III MAF 220550Z APR 69

1. (C) SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, I PROPOSE TO RELEASE THE  
FOLLOWING QUOTE:

FM COMNAVFORV  
TO CG III MAF DNG  
COMNAVFORV REP DNG

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AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM (U)

A. CG III MAF 220550Z APR 69 (C)

B. COMNAVFORV 140820Z APR 69 (C) (NOTAL)

1. (C) CONCUR WITH PLAN FOR USE OF (\$5,599,000) FOR  
AIRCRAFT SHELTERS PROPOSED PARA 5A REF A.

2. (C) FOR COMNAVFORV REP DNG, REQUEST SUBMIT THIS HQTRS EARLIEST  
DD FORMS 1391 FOR SUBJECT PROGRAM PER PARA 5A REF A. REQ SUBMIT  
AS FOUR SEPARATE PROJECTS; MAG-16 DNG, MAG-12 & 13CHU LAI,  
MAG-36 PHU BAI, MAG-39 QTR. USE LATEST COST EST AVAILABLE.

3. (C) PROJECT C-521, MAG-11DNG, AND C-903, FASU DNG, PRESENTLY  
ON CD. REQUEST SUBMIT THIS HQTRS EARLIEST ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGE  
REQUEST FOR THESE PROJECTS.

4. (C) THE STUDY OF FUTURE MCON PROGRAMMING AND EXECUTION OF  
REF B. IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING INFORMATION FOR REQUESTS  
FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS. RECOMMEND DEFERRAL OF REQUEST FOR  
CONTINGENCY FUNDS FOR REQUIREMENTS OF PARA 5B REF A PENDING  
RESULTS OF THE STUDY DUE 10 MAY.

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 BY GEN ABRAMS CONVOY  
 TO LTC WICKERSON CG III MAF  
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1. THE DESTRUCTION OF AMMO DUMPS, POL SUPPLIES, AND STRUCTURES AROUND THE DANANG AIR BASE ON SUNDAY 27 APRIL 1969 IS ONE OF THE GREATEST MATERIAL LOSSES WE'VE HAD DURING THE ENTIRE WAR. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE LOSSES INVOLVED IN AMMO ALONE WILL EXCEED 50 MILLION DOLLARS. FURTHERMORE, IT'S BEEN REPORTED TO ME THAT THE CONDITIONS IN USMC ASP NUMBER 2 ARE EVEN MORE CONGESTED THAN ASP NUMBER 1, ALTHOUGH I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS PROBLEM IS BEING WORKED ON.
2. THE WHOLE REASON FOR SAFETY PROGRAMS, I.E. SEGREGATION OF AMMO, BARRIERS, FIRE PREVENTION, AND OTHER MEASURES, ARE AIMED AT AVOIDING THESE RARE OCCURRENCES.
3. THE SYSTEM HAS GOT TO BE IMPROVED.

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	CG			30 Apr	N	REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION/DISPO- SITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">FOR</div>
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2	DC/S	F	4/29	4/29	248	
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	F	4/29		18	
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**C O N F I D E N T I A L**  
 FOR GEN NICKERSON AND ADMIRAL BONNER FROM RUDDEN  
 VISIT BY RADM FREEMAN (U)

1. RADM FREEMAN, COMCRUDESPEC WILL BE VISITING SHIPS OF THE GUNLINE  
 9 AND 10 MAY. AN IMPORTANT ADJUNCT TO HIS NGFS VISIT WOULD BE AN  
 ORIENTATION AND BRIEFING TOUR OF YOUR HEADQUARTERS. IF THIS IS  
 AGREEABLE REQ HELO PICKUP FROM USS BAINBRIDGE AM 10 MAY AND RETURN  
 FOR BRIEFING. REQ REPLY. WARM REGARDS.  
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FOR GEN NICKERSON AND ADMIRAL BONNER FROM RUDDEN

VISIT BY RADM FREEMAN (U)

A. MY 290046Z APR 69

B. COMCRUDESAPAC 290245Z APR 69 PASEP

1. REF A REQUESTED A HELO LIFT AND BRIEFINGS FOR RADM FREEMAN, COMCRUDESAPAC, ON 12~~00~~ MAY. DUE TO A CHG IN RADM FREEMAN'S SCHEDULE, AS OUTLINED IN REF B, CANCEL MY REQ FOR 12~~00~~ MAY. AS YOU WILL NOTE IN REF B, ADMIRAL FREEMAN REQ III MAF FOR A NGFS BRIEFING ON 8/8 MAY.

2. APPRECIATE VERY MUCH YOUR FINE SUPPORT BY TIMELY BRIEFINGS OF CTG 72.8 AND GUNLINE CDR STAFFS.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR LT CDR NICKERSON INFO RADM BONNER FROM VADM ZUMWALT

A. YOUR 500547 APR 69

1. ARRIVING DANANG VIA T-30 1 MAY 69 AT 0900H TO INSPECT DAMAGE  
RESULTING FROM EXPLOSION. DEPARTURE TIME 011330H.

I WILL WANT 15 MINUTES IN PRIVATE WITH YOU.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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