

~~14. CG ABRAMS 161318Z APR69 (TS)
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING~~

~~15. CG FMPAC 020137Z MAY69 (TS) SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
ALL COPIES IN "EYES ONLY" FOLDER~~

~~16. C/S MACV 061110Z MAY69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE
MGRN FORWARDED TO LINDEN NICKERSON
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING "IN EYES ONLY FOLDER"~~

~~17. CG FMPAC 070017Z MAY69 (TS) SENSITIVE INFO
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING "IN EYES ONLY FOLDER"~~

~~18. C/S MACV 110358Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY
FORCE REDUCTION PLANNING
"IN EYES ONLY FOLDER"~~

19. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 130054Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GROUP - NOT SHOWN*
FOR NICKERSON FROM STILWELL
"WE NEED TO RECON DOWN RT 548/614 THRU BA 607 -- MIGHT BE A
CONSIDERABLE ARMS & EQUIPMENT CACHE THERE"

20. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 131145Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GROUP - NOT SHOWN*
FOR NICKERSON FROM STILWELL
TRESPASS OF LAOTIAN BORDER -- I VISITED 1/ ARVN -- TH EY'RE
STRUNG OUT ALONG 922 -- PARTLY OVER THE BORDER

21. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 141634Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GROUP - NOT SHOWN*
FOR NICKERSON FROM STILWELL
EXPLOITATION OF BA 607 (SORT OF REBUTS III MAP'S 141000Z)

22. ✓ COMUSMACV 150823Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
CASUALTIES -- STATISTICS DEPICT IMBALANCE IN ICTZ -- IM CONCERNED --
WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS

23. ✓ COMUSMACV 151110Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BRIGADE - "I PREFER TO AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS"

24. ✓ CG AMERICAL 230143Z MAY69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM GETTYS
PHASE II PIERCE VALLEY -- RECOMMENDS 3D CRSE OF ACTION - CONTINUE PHASE I
TIL O/A 15 JUNE AND CONTINUE PLANNING FOR PHASE II

~~25. CG FMPAC 030048Z JUN69 (TS) MGRN
FOR NICKERSON INFO THARIN FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~

- ~~39. COMSEMACV 190700Z MAY69 (C)
~~FOR NICKERSON FROM PRINGLE~~
~~ENJOYED HAVING YOU ON THE REPOSE CAN I COME TO BRIT WED AT0805 01 MAY~~~~
40. ✓ C/S MACV 191119Z MAY69 (C) EYES ONLY *group-not shown*
 TOWNSEND TO ALL
 WIEU WILL BE 24 MAY AT 0900 in CIIB CONF ROOM
41. ✓ CMC 192002Z MAY69 (C) MCEO *group-4*
 EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS
- ~~42. ZAF USN 200943Z MAY69 (U)
~~FOR NICKERSON AND STILLWELL FROM BROWN~~
~~TALK FOR YOUR MSG ON ATR SUPPORT FOR APACHE SNOW I SINCERELY APPRECIATE~~~~
43. ✓ CMC 201830Z MAY69 (S) NOFORN SPECAT *gp-4*
 FOR ABRAMS INFO BUSE & NICKERSON FROM CHAPMAN
 POSSIBLE EXPANSION VNM -- IF YOU'LL PROPOSE, MARCOR WILL SUPPORT
44. ✓ COMUSMACV 211446Z MAY69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-not shown*
 FOR NICKERSON & STILLWELL FROM ABRAMS
 PRESS INTEREST IN HAMBURGER HILL IS HIGH -- THIS MSG QUOTES WHEELER'S
 211343Z MAY69 TO MCCAIN & ABRAMS -- NEED DETAILS ON METHOD OF EMPLOYMENT
 XXIV CORPS
45. ✓ CG ~~XXXXXX~~ 211722Z MAY69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-not shown*
 FOR ABRAMS INFO NICKERSON FROM STILLWELL
 HERE'S WHAT WE DID TO SOFTEN HAMBURGER HILL PRIOR TO ATTACK & MEASURES TAKEN
46. ✓ CS MACV 220703Z MAY69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
 TOWNSEND TO ALL
 NEXT WIEU IS 24 MAY 1969 -- HERE'S THE SCHEDULE
47. ✓ COMUSMACV 221036Z MAY69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-not shown*
 FOR NICKERSON INFO STILLWELL FROM ABRAMS
 WILL ARR PHB 250930H MAY -- WANT SEE COL GIAI, BRIEF ON DMZ, LUNCH CAMP EAGLE
48. ✓ C/S MACV 231049Z MAY69 (U) EYES ONLY
 FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
 FORCE PLANNING -- ATTABOY TO DWYER, EAMMONS & OROURKE FOR SPLENDID COOPERATION
49. ✓ COMUSMACV 241129Z MAY69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
 FOR CHAPMAN INFO BUSE & NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
 POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF VNM
50. ✓ CG FMFPAC 242021Z MAY69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON INFO SIMPSON FROM BUSE
 REDUCTION OF FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO TO CADRE STATUS (S)

- ~~26. CG EMEPAC 030334Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~27. CG EMEPAC 041049Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY SPECIAL MCEO
FOR CHADMAN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~28. CG EMEPAC 060152Z JUN69 (TS) SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE MCEO
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~29. CG EMEPAC 062143Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOR CHADMAN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~30. CS MACV 100754Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, EYES ONLY
FORWARDED TO ALL
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~31. CS MACV 100852Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, EYES ONLY
FORWARDED TO ALL
FORCE PLANNING~~
32. ✓ CG AMERICAL 110110Z JUN69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GROUP - NOT SHOWN*
FOR NICKERSON FROM RAMSEY
OPERATION PIERCE VALLEY
- ~~33. ADMIN EMEPAC 120109Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~34. ADMIN EMEPAC 130404Z JUN69 (TS) *SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO*
FOR NICKERSON FROM FONTANA
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~35. ADMIN EMEPAC 132221Z JUN69 (TS) SPECIAL EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOR DWYER FROM BARROW
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~36. ADMIN EMEPAC 131730Z JUN69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOR BUSE FROM FONTANA
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~37. COMUSMACV 241036Z JUN69 (TS) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT DMZ~~
38. ✓ COMUSMACV 241120Z JUN69 (TS) EYES ONLY *GP-3*
ABRAMS TO ALL
COMMAND AND CONTROL IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- ~~39. ADMIN FMEDAC 270311Z JUN60 (TS) EXCLUSIVE MCEO
FOR NICKERSON FROM FONTANA
FORCE PLANNING~~
40. ✓ C/S MACV 281100Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY *GP-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
VIETNAMIZ ATION
- ~~41. CG FMEDAC 010125Z JUL69 (TS)
FOR VAN RYZIN INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~42. COMNAVFORV 040757Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT INFO DILLON
VIETNAMIZING THE WAR REAPBRASIE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS~~
- ~~43. COMNAVFORV 070836Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
CMTZ SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
44. ✓ COMUSMACV 150305Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *GP-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
- ~~45. CG XXIV CORPS 151344Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL "VIETNAMIZATION" OF THE WAR~~
- ~~46. CG AMERICAL DIV 151610Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM RAMSEY
ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL "VIETNAMIZATION" OF THE WAR~~
- ~~47. CG FIRST MARDIV 151630Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON
ASSESSMENT OF THE VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR~~
48. ✓ ADMINO FMFPAC 102005Z JUL69 (TS) SENSITIVE SPECAT MCEO *GP-3*
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
MILITARY STRATEGY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA
49. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 160108Z JUL69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS (DUPLICATE OF CG XXIV CORPS 151344Z JUL69
ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL "VIETNAMIZATION" OF THE WAR
(GROUP - NOT SHOWN)
- ~~50. CMC 161042Z JUL69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
FOR BUSE INFO NICKERSON FROM VAN RYZIN
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~COMUSMACV 160624Z JUL69 (TS) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
BRIEFING AND MEETING WITH SCS~~

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 FM COMUSMACV
 TO CG III MAF

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FOR BG DOOLEY, C/S III MAF FROM BG MCLAUGHLIN

1. REQUEST VERIFICATION FOLLOWING INFO:

"SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO VICTIMS OF DANANG AMMUNITION DEPOT
 EXPLOSION.

1. THE FOLLOWING EXTRACTS FROM MEMORANDUM FROM DEPUTY FOR CORDS, III MAF OUTLINES ASSISTANCE PROVIDED VICTIMS OF DANANG AMMUNITION DEPOT EXPLOSION ON 27 APRIL 1969.
2. FOLLOWING CASUALTIES REPORTED: ONE CHILD KILLED; FIFTY SEVEN CIVILIANS WOUNDED (TREATED AT DANANG CITY HOSPITAL 27 AND 28 APRIL).
3. GVN SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELIEF SERVICE HAS COMPLETED CENSUS OF PROPERTY DAMAGE IN DANANG CITY REPORTING 135 HOUSES 50/100 PERCENT DESTROYED AND 125 20/50 PERCENT DESTROYED. PROPERTY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT IN SURROUNDING HOA VANG DISTRICT NOT AVAILABLE YET BUT SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE DAYS. TOTAL HOUSES DAMAGED ESTIMATED AT 2500.
4. P.L. 480 COMMODITIES TRANSPORTED TO HOA VANG DISTRICT ON 29 APRIL. 250 FAMILIES OF DANANG WILL EACH RECEIVE ONE SACK OF BULGAR, ONE CAN OF SALAD OIL, AND ONE-HALF SACK OF POWDERED MILK ON 30 APRIL. BREAD HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO 800 OF THE NEEDIEST VICTIMS AND DISTRIBUTION WILL BE CONTINUED BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS. P.L. 480 COMMODITIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO VICTIMS AT RATE OF ONE SACK OF BULGAR, ONE CAN OF SALAD OIL, AND ONE HALF SACK OF POWDERED MILK. NO PROBLEMS PERCEIVED THIS REGARD.
5. EMERGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED INCLUDING HOA VANG DISTRICT CHIEF; SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELIEF CHIEF OF DANANG AND QUANG NAM PROVINCE; PRESIDENT OF PROVINCIAL COUNCIL OF QUANG NAM; CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE; III MAF CIVIC ACTION OFFICER; AND CORDS REPRESENTATIVE. EOD TEAMS OPERATING THROUGHOUT AFFECTED AREA. WAR VICTIM FUNDS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH, SOCIAL WELFARE, AND RELIEF. U.S. FORCES ARE SUPPLYING DUNNAGE FOR IMMEDIATE HOME RECONSTRUCTION IN ADVANCE OF EVENTUAL DISTRIBUTION OF 7,500\$ VN BUILDING ALLOWANCE AND TEN SHEETS OF TIN PER FAMILY AS PROVIDED BY MHSWR REGULATIONS. THREE MOBILE REFUGEE TEAMS ARE BEING UTILIZED UNDER GENERAL DIRECTION MHSWR I CTX REFUGEE INSPECTOR. SEVERAL OTHER COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED INCLUDING ONE FOR SECURITY, RECEPTION OF COMMODITIES, DISTRIBUTION OF COMMODITIES, AND PUBLIC INFORMATION. NO RELIEF PROBLEMS ANTICIPATED SINCE SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE IN DANANG AREA.
6. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF U.S. MILITARY CIVIC ACTION ELEMENTS IN RELIEF AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SHOULD PROVIDE FAVORABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT."

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TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 5574 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: FREEDOM HILL, R&R/TRANSIENT CENTER, AND BRIG
REF: CG, III MAF MSG DTG 291332Z APR 69, SUBJECT AS ABOVE (U)
URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR ABOVE FACILITIES IS RECOGNIZED. MY
HEADQUARTERS WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WHEN REQUESTED,
EXPEDITIOUSLY.

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P 020400Z MAY 69
 FM CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 TO CG I CORPS DNG
 CG III MAF DNG
 INFO CG 3D MARDIV
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S E C R E T AVII-CE 02019
 STILLWELL & TROUNG TO NICKERSON & LAM
 SUBJ ARVN DUEL BLADE II CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEER
 UTILIZATION (U)

REF A. III MAF OPLAN 405-68 PARA 4 A TAB B APPENDIX 4,
 ANNEX E (S)

B. CG, 3RD MAR DIV MSG DTG 310156Z MAR 69, SUBJ: DUEL
 BLADE II CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR CY-69 (S) *Copy attached*

1. (S) REFERENCE A ESTABLISHED THE ARVN DUEL BLADE II REQUIRE-
 MENT FOR SITES A-1, A-2, AND C-1. REFERENCE B UPDATED THE
 ARVN DUEL BLADE II REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF
 CONSTRUCTION TIME.

2. (S) A MEETING BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST ARVN
 DIVISION AND HEADQUARTERS, XXIV CORPS WAS RECENTLY HELD FOR
 THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING REQUIREMENTS FOR LIVING/FUNCTIONAL
 BUNKERS TO BE USED BY ARVN ELEMENTS IN FULFILLMENT OF DUEL
 BLADE II REQUIREMENTS. THIS MEETING WAS CONSIDERED NECESSARY
 IN VIEW OF ANTICIPATED FUTURE TACTICAL DEPLOYMENTS. AT THIS
 MEETING IT WAS JOINTLY AGREED THAT THE CURRENT PLAN FOR THE
 LOCATION OF THE ALLOCATED 191 LIVING/FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS SHOULD
 BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

SITE	LIVING/FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS
C-1	72
A-1	28
A-2	47
E-2	2
C-3	21
HQ 2D ARVN REGT DGH	21
	TOTAL 191

3. (S) IT IS OUR OPINION THAT THE REVISED LOCATION REFERRED
 TO ABOVE WILL PROVIDE NOT ONLY FOR INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN
 THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE ASSIGNED MISSION BUT ALSO FOR ADEQUATE
 LIVING AND HEADQUARTERS FACILITIES AT THE LOCATIONS WHERE THEY
 WILL BE MORE URGENTLY NEEDED OVER THE LONGER TIME FRAME. WITH
 SUCH A PLAN, ADEQUATE PROVISIONS CAN BE MADE FOR COMMUNICATIONS
 INSTALLATIONS, HEADQUARTERS COMPLEXES, TROOP BILLETTS, AND OTHER
 BUNKERS THAT ARE REQUIRED ON A PERMANENT BASIS.

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4. (S) AN ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL DUEL BLADE II REQUIREMENTS WAS MADE CONCURRENTLY WITH A REVIEW OF THE MOST EFFICIENT USE OF ENGINEER ASSETS DURING THE COMING MONTHS. REFERENCE B INDICATES THAT DUEL BLADE II REQUIREMENTS WOULD TAKE ONE ARVN ENGINEER COMPANY 23 MONTHS TO CONSTRUCT. SUBSEQUENTLY, ARVN ENGINEER REPRESENTATIVES HAVE CONCLUDED FROM AN ON THE SITE SURVEY THAT IT WILL REQUIRE THREE ARVN ENGINEER COMPANIES 17.5 MONTHS TO CONSTRUCT THE DUEL BLADE II FACILITIES, TO COMPLETE THIS CONSTRUCTION IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME WOULD REQUIRE COMMITTING THESE ARVN ENGINEER RESOURCES DURING THE PRIME SEASON FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION (MARCH THROUGH AUGUST). THUS, THE DUEL BLADE II CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS CONFLICT WITH THE NEED TO PLACE MAXIMUM ENGINEER EFFORT ON THE SECONDARY LOC UPGRADE PROGRAM DURING THE PERIOD OF FAVORABLE WEATHER, IT IS OUR JOINT OPINION THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL WAY TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TWO MISSIONS WOULD BE TO CONTINUE THE PREPONDERANCE OF THE US AND ARVN ENGINEER EFFORT ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION AT LEAST UNTIL 1 SEPTEMBER, AFTER WHICH ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS WOULD MAKE IT MORE PRACTICAL TO DIVERT THE EFFORT TO BUNKER CONSTRUCTION. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT A MAXIMUM OF ONE ARVN ENGINEER COMPANY COULD BE RETAINED IN A BUNKER-CONSTRUCTION ROLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE ESSENTIAL DUEL BLADE II CONSTRUCTION PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW MONSOON. AT SUCH TIME AS ROAD CONSTRUCTION BECOMES NO LONGER EFFICIENT BECAUSE OF ADVERSE WEATHER, BOTH THE US AND ARVN ENGINEER EFFORT COULD BE COMMITTED TO DUEL BLADE BUNKER CONSTRUCTION, UNDER THIS CONCEPT, IN ADDITION TO THE ROAD UPGRADING, THE THREE ARVN ENGINEER COMPANIES AUGMENTED WITH A TAILORED US ENGINEER COMPANY (APPROXIMATELY 100 MEN AND EQUIPMENT) O/A 1 SEPT COULD COMPLETE THE 191 LIVING/FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS BY 28 FEBRUARY 1970. THIS COMPLETION DATE WOULD BE OVER SIX MONTHS EARLIER THAN THE CURRENT ARVN PROGRAMMED COMPLETION DATE.

5. (S) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

- A. THE PROPOSED REVISED PLAN (PARA 2, ABOVE) FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARVN LIVING/FUNCTIONAL BUNKERS BE APPROVED.
- B. AUTHORITY BE GRANTED FOR THE DIVERSION OF TWO ARVN ENGINEER COMPANIES FROM DUEL BLADE II CONSTRUCTION TO ROAD CONSTRUCTION THROUGH AUGUST 1969.
- C. ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER 1969, THE TWO ARVN ENGINEER COMPANIES TASKED TO PERFORM ROAD CONSTRUCTION BE RETURNED TO THE DUEL BLADE II SITES WITH THE MISSION OF AUGMENTING THE ONE-COMPANY EFFORT DIRECTED TOWARDS BUNKER CONSTRUCTION.
- D. ON OR ABOUT 1 SEPTEMBER 1969, A TAILORED US ENGINEER FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 MEN (WITH EQUIPMENT) BE ORGANIZED AND COMMITTED TO THE ARVN AUGMENTATION OF THE BUNKER CONSTRUCTION FORCE TO ASSURE COMPLETION OF THE 191 ARVN BUNKERS BY 28 FEBRUARY 1970.

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INFO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS
RUMLDNL/CG FIRST ARVN DIV
ZEM/ELEVENTH ENGR BN
RUMLDNL/SECOND ARVN REGT
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DUEL/BLADE CONSTRUCTION CY 69
A. CG III MAF 160542Z MAR 69
1. IAW REF A. A RE-EVALUATION OF CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS FOR DUEL
BLADE SITES WAS MADE AND IS SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS FOR THE CY 69
CONSTRUCTION SEASON.

SITE	ITEM	DATE	NO/PLTS
A-4	2-20 TOWERS	1-6 MAY	1
C-2	5 HEAVY GUN PADS	1-15 MAY	2
C-1	2 HEAVY GUN PADS 12 LIGHT GUN PADS	17-31 MAY	3

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C-4	1-50 TOWER		
ECB	2-20 TOWERS	1-4 JUNE	3
VCB	4-20 TOWERS		
	4 STEEL ARCH BUNKERS	6-21 JUNE	3
	6-20 TOWERS		
	10 STEEL ARCH BUNKERS	23 JUN-19 JUL	3

2. LIAISON HAS BEEN MADE WITH THE SECOND ARVN REGT AND THEIR CON
STRUCTION GOALS ARE LISTED BELOW. TO DATE ONE COMPANY OF ARVN ENGRS
HAVE BEEN TASKED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND IT IS ESTIMATED IT WOULD TAKE
23 MONTHS TO COMPLETE THE DESIRED CONSTRUCTION. AS ADDITIONAL FORCES
ARE ASSIGNED THIS TIME FIGURE WOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

SITE	ITEMS
A-2	55 BUNKERS 2-20 TOWERS 2 HEAVY GUN PADS 2 LIGHT GUN PADS
C-1	87 BUNKERS 2-20 TOWER 1-50 TOWER 4 HEAVY GUN PADS

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A-2	10 LIGHT GUN PADS 49 BUNKERS 2-20 TOWERS 1-50 TOWERS
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3	CG	I	4 May 69			REMARKS 95 I told her OK on tel. Sorry I forgot to tell you. D
4	DCG	I				
	DCG AIR					
2	C/S	I				
	D C/S					
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O 030335Z ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1
 FM MG DRAKE DCG XXIV CORPS
 TO LTG VAN RYZIN C/S HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS
 INFO LTG BUSE CG FMF PACIFIC
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 0814 EYES ONLY

1. (C) THIS IS A FOLLOW ON TO MY PHONE CALL OF 022402H. PACIFICATION IS ONE BIG SUCCESS STORY IN NORTHERN I CORPS. AN OPPORTUNITY NOW PRESENTS ITSELF TO MAKE A REAL JUMP FORWARD IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THIS AREA AND HENCE SIGNIFICANTLY FURTHER THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE PEOPLE WITH, AND THEIR LOYALTY TO, THE GVN.
2. (C) ONE OF THE GREATEST NEEDS IN THE REHABILITATION AND RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMS IS FOR BUILDING MATERIALS, LUMBER IN PARTICULAR. LUMBER IS SCARCE AND SELLING AT HIGHLY INFLATED PRICES. ON THE OTHER HAND, EXCELLENT TIMBER RESOURCES EXIST IN WHAT ARE NOW SECURE AREAS. NEEDED ARE THE EXPERTISE AND FINANCIAL BACKING TO DEVELOP ON A PRIVATE BASIS WHAT IS NOW A PRIMITIVE INDUSTRY. THE POTENTIAL IS ALMOST UNLIMITED TO DEVELOP A LUMBER INDUSTRY THAT WILL PROVIDE A MUCH NEEDED COMMODITY AT A SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED COST AS WELL AS PROVIDING LARGE SCALE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.
3. (C) THIS PRESENTS A CIVIC ACTION PROJECT OF MOST INTERESTING DIMENSIONS. MUCH OF THE FORESTED AREA UNDER CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO REPEATED DEFOLIATION. THE TIMBER STANDS, BUT IT IS DYING AND THE PEOPLE KNOW THIS. U.S. FORESTRY ADVISORS FROM SAIGON HAVE SURVEYED THE AREA AND STATE THAT THE DYING TIMBER IS SALVAGEABLE FOR LUMBERING FOR A YEAR OR MORE. THEY ALSO ATTEST TO THE EXCELLENT LUMBERING POTENTIAL OF THE AREA AS A WHOLE.
4. (C) COL MORTIMER DOYLE, USMCR, UNTIL RECENTLY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL FOREST PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION AND WHO SERVED VOLUNTARILY AS A SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO ME WHILE DIRECTOR MARINE CORPS RESERVE, IS UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO ASSESS THIS SITUATION FROM THE STANDPOINT OF SOLICITING VOLUNTARY SUPPORT FROM THE U.S. LUMBER INDUSTRY TO ASSIST IN GETTING THIS PROJECT UNDERWAY. ALTHOUGH MORT DOYLE IS NO LONGER WITH NFPA, HAVING BEEN HIRED AWAY BY A MEMBER CORPORATION, AM SURE THAT IF HIS PRESENT POSITION PERMITS HE WOULD RESPOND ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO AN OFFER OF A SHORT PERIOD OF TEMPORARY ACTIVE DUTY IN VIETNAM TO PURSUE THIS PROJECT. WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM OUT HERE BEFORE I LEAVE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.
5. (U) CG, XXIV CORPS AND CG, III MAF CONCUR IN THIS PROPOSAL.
6. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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4	CG	I		5 May	N	PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON
5	DCG	J			N	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 AIR					
3	C/S	I			J	
2	DC/S	I	3/5	3/5	NO	
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	I	3/4		JM / VTB	
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
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 RTTCZYUW RUMUGKD1297 1240120-CCCC-RHMMAFA.
 ZNY CCCCC
 R 040120Z MAY 69
 FM COMNAVFORV
 TO RUMLBPM/CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
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FOR

C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FOR LTGEN STILWELL INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
 FROM ZUMWALT
 CTF CLEARWATER (U)

A. COMNAVFORV PERSONAL LTR TO LTGEN STILWELL OF
 24 FEB 69 NOTAL

1. (U) REF (A) ADVISED THAT THE CHIEF OF NAVAL
 PERSONNEL SELECTED CDR (CAPT SELECTEE) JAMES E.
 EDMUNDSON, 521414/1100 FOR RELIEF AS CTF CLEARWATER
 FOR ASSIGNMENT ON ONE YEAR BASIS. HE IS PRESENTLY
 SKED TO REPORT 28 JUL UPON COMPLETION OF HIS
 PRESENT TOUR AS A STUDENT AT THE ARMY WAR COLLEGE.
 PRESENT INCUMBENT CAPT FREDERICK F. JEWETT II IS
 SCHEDULED TO DEPART RVN 1 JUN HAVING COMPLETED
 HIS THREE MONTH EXTENSION IN COUNTRY. THE UN-

PAGE TWO RUMUGKD1297 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**
 AVAILABILITY OF CAPT EDMUNDSON UNTIL LATE JULY
 REQUIRES THE APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM RELIEF
 FOR CTF CLEARWATER. I HAVE SELECTED CAPT
 THOMAS F. BOOKER, 447126/1100, USNA '45, WHOM I
 ANTICIPATE WILL RELIEVE CAPT JEWETT ON 29 MAY.
 2. (C) CAPT BOOKER HAS BEEN SERVING AS CHIEF STAFF
 OFFICER FOR CTF 117/ COMMANDER RIVER FLOTILLA
 ONE SINCE SEPTEMBER 1968. AS SUCH, HE HAS ACCUMU-
 LATED A WEALTH OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE IN
 RIVER WARFARE TO THE EXTENT THAT HIS EXPERTISE
 HAS RESULTED IN HIS BEING ORDERED TO REPORT AS
 COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NAVAL INSHORE OPER-
 ATIONS TRAINING CENTER, MARE ISLAND, UPON DEPAR-
 TURE RVN IN AUGUST. UNDOUBTEDLY, THIS EXPERTISE
 WILL PROVE INVALUABLE TO CONTINUED SUCCESS OF
 CLEARWATER OPERATIONS. CAPT BOOKER IS A GRADUATE
 OF THE NAVAL WAR COLLEGE AND HAS A MASTERS DEGREE
 IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. HE HAS SUCCESSFULLY
 COMMANDED SHIPS AT SEA INCLUDING DESTROYERS FROM
 WHICH HE HAS ACHIEVED AN ESTABLISHED FINE REPUTA-
 TION OF EXCEPTIONAL COMPETENCE AND LEADERSHIP.
 I AM SURE YOU WILL BE PLEASED WITH CAPT BOOKER
 AS THE INTERIM CTF CLEARWATER. WARM REGARDS.

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			IN	OUT		
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	DCG					
	DCG AIR					
3	C/S	I				
2	DC/S	I	5/5	5/5		
	DC/S PLAN	I				
1	S/S	I	5/4			
	G-1					
	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
	ADJ					
	CORDS					
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 POTCZYUW RUMBCMU5234 1240000-CCCC-RHMMAFA.
 DE RUMBNP #0006 1240745
 ZNY CCCCC

P 040706Z MAY 69 ZFF-1
 FM TASK FORCE ALPHA NAKHON PHANOM RTAFB THAILAND
 TO CG III HAF DNG RVN
 BT

FOR
 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 020430Z
 MAY 69. WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO HAVE YOU AND YOUR PARTY VISIT US
 12 MAY 69 AS PLANNED. WARM REGARDS.

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				SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 0 050814Z		1,2,3, 4 COPY# OF COPIES RECO	
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			IN	OUT		CONFIDENTIAL MAC 5691 EYES ONLY	
2	CG		6 May		N	REMARKS <i>D</i>	
3	DCG		DM		N		
	DCG AIR				D		
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O 050814Z ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1
FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
TO LTG H NICKERSON CG III MAF
ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 5691 EYES ONLY
I PLAN TO VISIT YOUR HEADQKARTERS WEDNESDAY, 7 MAY.
REQUEST G2-G3 UPDATE AND A COMPREHENSIVE BRIEFING
ON PACIFICATION. WILL ARRIVE VIA T39 AT APPROXIMATELY
0930. THERE WILL BE A TOTAL OF THREE IN MY PARTY.

SO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY
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III MAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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	SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 050946Z MAY 1969	COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECO

ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT
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3	CG	J		1 May 69	N	SUBJECT INFO LTG NICKERSON REMARKS THIS DOCUMENT IS UNDER CONTROL AND MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE SBC WITHIN 7 DAYS. PLEASE INDICATE ACTION / DISPO- SITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
4	DCG	J		6 May	N	
	DCG AIR	J				
2	C/S	I				
	DC/S					
	DC/S PLAN					
1	S/S	F	5/6		D	
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	G-2					
	G-3					
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					

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From: Deputy Commanding General
 To:  C/S
 Subj: 



*maybe someone
 should tell Zumwalt
 that we have only
 1 Corps Col up there*

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OTTCZYUW RUMLSPA5663 1252248-CCCC--RHMMAFA.

ZNY CCCCC

O 050946Z MAY 69

FM CG XXIV CORPS PHB

TO RUMUGKO/COMNAVFORV SGN

INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DNG

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C O N F I D E N T I A 02095 AVII-CG

PERSONAL FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO LTG NICKERSON

FROM STILLWELL.

SUBJ: CTF CLEARWATER (U)

REF: COMNAVFORV MSG, DTG 040120Z MAY 69, SUBJECT AS ABOVE.

1. (C) CAPTAIN BOOKER'S RECORD IS IMPRESSIVE. DELIGHTED TO HAVE HIM AS INTERIM CTF

2. (U) WARM REGRADS

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III MAF FORM 5213 (REV 3-68)

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 070025Z MAY 69		COPY# 2 OF 6 COPIES RECD	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT FOR BGEN DWYER
			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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	DC/S PLAN					
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	G-3	HAS COPY -				
	G-4					
	G-5					
	G-6					
	CAP					
	ADJ					
	CORDS					
	EMB/TRANS					
	ENGR					
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	SBC					

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OTTSZYUW RHMLBHA4410 1270045-SSSS--RHMAFA.
 ZNY SSSSS
 O 070025Z MAY 69 ZFG
 FM: COMUSMACV
 TO: III MAF TOC
 FOR: BGEN DWYER, G-3 III MAF
 FROM: BGEN MCLAUGHLIN, DEP J3 USMACV
 BT

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1. URGENTLY NEED SECONDARY TARGETS FOR ARCLIGHT FORCES.
2. SUGGEST THE RECENT PRIMARY TARGETS SW OF BA 112 AS GOOD CANDIDATES. IN ADDITION, TARGETS IN QUANG TRI, THAU THIEN AND WESTERN QUANG NAM WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.
3. TO BE USEFUL, THE VALID CLEARANCE TIME FOR SECONDARY ARCLIGHT TARGETS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF TWO TO THREE WEEKS.
4. REQUEST YOUR PROMPT CONSIDERATION.

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O 071700Z ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1
 FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
 ZEM

S E C R E T PHB 0842 EYES ONLY
 REF YOUR 060526Z MAY 69 (SUBJECT: ENEMY SITUATION IN
 I CORPS)

1. I FULLY INDORSE YOUR INTENT, IN LIGHT OF THE STORM
 SIGNALS OVER QUANG NGAI, TO MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY TO
 DELIVER A QUICK, DECISIVE COUNTERBLOW. TO THIS END, I
 CONFIRM THAT XXIV CORPS STANDS READY TO START A TWO
 BATTALION TASK FORCE IN MOTION SOUTHWARD ON 12 HOUR
 NOTICE (OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS AIRLIFT CAN BE MADE
 AVAILABLE). FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, THE DESIGNATED
 RESERVE IS 1ST BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION.
 2. THE CONCEPT OF OPERATION APACHE SNOW, WHICH KICKS
 OFF 10 MAY, IS TO CLEAR THE NORTHERN AND CENTRAL A SHAU,
 FROM THE LAOTIAN BORDER EASTWARD, IN A SHORT, VIOLENT
 CAMPAIGN. CHANCES OF SUCCESS WILL BE OPTIMIZED BY NEAR
 SIMULTANEOUS COMBAT ASSAULTS THROUGHOUT THE OPERATIONAL
 AREA, THUS DIFFUSING THE ENEMY'S DEFENSES. IN THIS CONCEPT,
 ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION PLAY A VITAL, ALBEIT
 LIMITED, ROLE, THE ROLE IS VITAL BECAUSE WE NEEDS MUST
 ASCERTAIN WHY THE ENEMY HAS BEEN AT SUCH PAINS TO
 EXTEND RAPIDLY ROUTE 922-1 (OR WHATEVER DESIGNATION
 CINCPAC WILL GIVE THIS ENTRY). IT IS DISTINCTLY LIMITED
 BECAUSE THE 3D MARINE DIVISION MUST CONTINUE TO GIVE
 PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THE CENTRAL DMZ AND NORTHWESTERN
 QUANG TRI. THUS, THE 3D MARINE DIVISION HAS BEEN EXPRESSLY
 RESTRICTED TO A TWO BATTALION FORCE. THE 1/9 IS ALREADY
 IN POSITION GENERALLY ASTRIDE FSB RAZOR; ON 10 MAY, 2/9
 WILL ASSAULT ONTO FSB ERSKINE AND RIF THEREFROM.

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3. AS WE AGREED TODAY, THE 57TH NVA REGIMENT REPRESENTS A THREAT TO VCB, FROM THE WEST OR SOUTHWEST. GENERAL JONES AND I RECOGNIZE THIS THREAT; ARE TAKING ACTION TO ASCERTAIN ITS IMMINENCE AND STRENGTH; AND ARE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH IT SUMMARILY IF IT MATERIALIZES-- WHILE AT THE SAME TIME IMPLEMENTING APACHE SNOW. GROUND RECONNAISSANCE AND AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF THE KHE SANH PLATEAU ARE BEING INTENSIFIED; RIF'S ARE PLANNED NORTH OF FSB CATES AND WEST OF VCB; AND ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND 2D ARVN REGIMENT ARE AVAILABLE, ON SHORT NOTICE, FOR EMPLOYMENT AGAINST SIGNIFICANT ENEMY TARGETS. MOREOVER, SHOULD THE 57TH NVA REGIMENT MOVE EASTWARD SOUTH OF ROUTE 9, WE ARE PREPARED TO SWING THE 9TH MARINE UNITS COMMITTED TO APACHE SNOW AROUND THE FULCRUM OF FSB RAZOR AND ATTACK THE ENEMY'S RIGHT (SOUTH) FLANK. IN MY ESTIMATE, THE 57TH NVA REGIMENT CANNOT BE COILED FOR A CONCERTED ATTACK AGAINST OUR INSTALLATIONS (OR, CONVERSELY, PRESENT A LUCRATIVE TARGET FOR PRE-EMPTION) IN LESS THAN 10 DAYS TO 2 WEEKS. BY THAT TIME, I BELIEVE THAT THE 9TH MARINES' TASK IN APACHE SNOW SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETED.

5. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, WHICH AS YOU INDICATED TODAY ALLAYS YOUR CONCERN, I HAVE TAKEN NO ACTION TO ARREST THE 3D MARINE DIVISION'S WELL-ADVANCED PREPARATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN APACHE SNOW.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER 0800H 8 MAY
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	H&S CO					
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	MTA					

11 May 1969

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF

III MAF is required to submit reports required by the attached message.
G-3 is preparing a memo on the subject.

Vrespy
[Signature]
A/A

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O 101028Z ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO GEN BROWN CG 7TH AIR FORCE SAIGON
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
 LTG MILDREN DEP CG USARV LONG BINH
 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV NHA TRANG
 LTG EWELL CG II FFV LONG BINH
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON
 MG ECKHARDT CG DMAC CAN THO
 MG RICHARDSON CG CMAC SAIGON
 INFO LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
 YS@KOLC/COL AARON CO 5TH SFG NHA TRANG
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 5959 EYES ONLY

REFERENCE: COMUSMACV 28028 DTG 100850Z MAY 69

1. (C) IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ALL EVENTS WHICH HAVE INDICATIONS OF NATIONAL LEVEL INTEREST INVOLVING MILITARY OPERATIONS, CIVIL DISORDERS, AND NATIONAL DISASTERS BE SUBMITTED TO PROVIDE "AS-IT-HAPPENS" INFORMATION BY THE FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE.
2. (U) TELEPHONE SHOULD BE THE PRIMARY MEANS OF TRANSMISSION WITH FOLLOW-UP RECORD TRANSMISSION BY TELETYPE.
3. (U) OPREP-3/ PINNACLE REPORTS, REQUIRED WHEN SUCH INCIDENTS ARE ENCOUNTERED, MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER (NMCC) AND THE CINCPAC COMMAND CENTER BY THE LOWEST COMMAND HAVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT AND HAVING ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. INFO COPIES OF THESE MESSAGES WILL BE SENT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS VIA DEDICATED CIRCUIT.
4. (C) ADDITIONALLY, REQUEST ADDRESSEES REPORT PROMPTLY BY THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS ANY INCIDENT OF ANY TYPE, WHICH IS LIKELY TO RECEIVE SPECIAL ATTENTION BY THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL NEWS MEDIA. AMPLIFYING DETAILS MAY BE SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED AS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.
5. (C) PLEASE TAKE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENFORCE STRICT REPORTING DISCIPLINE TO ENSURE THAT THE INFORMATION NEEDS OF THIS HEADQUARTERS AND THOSE OF THE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, JCS, NMCC, AND CINCPAC ARE MET BY THE FASTEST POSSIBLE MEANS.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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	DCG AIR		11 May		N	
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	DC/S PLAN					
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0 171-507 ZVII ZFF-1 ZFF-4
 FM LTC STILLWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 TO LTC NICKERSON CG III MAF
 ZFM

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1. APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN FOR MY WELFARE AS EXPRESSED IN YOUR MESSAGE OF 171549Z MAY.
2. WITH REGARD TO YOUR QUERY CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION OF COMUSMACV, NO MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED BY ANY AGENCY UNDER MY CONTROL EXCEPT FOR THE SPOT REPORT BY MY TOC TO YOUR CCG AT 1732 IMMEDIATELY AFTER MY HEADQUARTERS HAD BEEN NOTIFIED OF THE ACCIDENT.
3. I AM INFORMED THAT THERE IS A ROUTINE REPORT SUBMITTED THROUGH ARMY AVIATION CHANNELS EACH TIME AN ACCIDENT OCCURS. THIS REPORT CONTAINS PRELIMINARY DETAILS REGARDING THE ACCIDENT, LISTS CASUALTIES, IF ANY, AND NAMES OF ALL PERSONNEL ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED. IT WAS THROUGH THIS REPORTING SYSTEM THAT MY HEADQUARTERS FIRST RECEIVED WORD OF THE ACCIDENT AND TRANSMITTED THE INFORMATION TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. APPARENTLY, AVIATION PERSONNEL IN SAIGON OBSERVED MY NAME AND REPORTED THE FACT TO MACV. AS FAR AS I KNOW, NO OTHER NOTIFICATION OF THE ACCIDENT--BEYOND OUR REPORT TO III MAF HEADQUARTERS AND THE ROUTINE AVIATION REPORT--WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY ANY AGENCY IN THIS AREA.
4. I RETURNED FROM THE FIELD AT 1945. THE TELEPHONE CALL BY PUC ROLLING TO GEORGE DOOLEY WAS MADE SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF OUR INITIAL REPORT TO III MAF.
5. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO BG DOOLEY, NOT RPT NOT
 TO LTC NICKERSON

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O 111156Z ZFF-6 ZFF-3
 FM BGEN MCLAUGHLIN DEP J-3
 TO COL AARON CO 5TH SFGA
 INFO BGEN DWYER G-3 III MAF
 ZEM

S E C R E T MAC 6003 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: DEPLOYMENT OF MSF BN

REF: A. CG, III MAF 0843 DTG 061608Z MAY 69

B. CO, 5TH SFGA 912712C DTG 071105Z MAY 69

1. (S) REFERENCE A IS REQUEST TO CG, I FFORCEV FOR A MSF BN TO BE ASSIGNED TO I CTZ TO COUNTER THE INCREASED ENEMY THREAT. REFERENCE B STATES THAT CO, 5TH SFGA AGREES WITH CG, III MAF AND RECOMMENDS THAT THE MSF BN GO TO I CTZ RATHER THAN PHU QUOC ISLAND.
2. THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REFERENCES TO DEPLOY A MSF BN FROM THE 5TH MSF COMMAND TO I CTZ RATHER THAN TO PHU QUOC ISLAND IN IV CTZ WAS PRESENTED TO J3, JGS. THE DECISION TO DEPLOY THIS UNIT TO PHU QUOC WAS MADE BY GEN VIEN, CHIEF, JGS BASED ON A NEED TO CLEAN UP VC ELEMENTS AND ESCAPED PRISONERS PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE RAINY SEASON. IN ADDITION, NO REQUEST FOR THIS UNIT FROM CG, I CTZ WAS RECEIVED BY JGS PRIOR TO THE TIME THE UNIT BEGAN ITS DEPLOYMENT TO PHU QUOC.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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130351Z ZYM ZFF-4 ZFF-1
 FM NS TORSERD CFS MACV
 TO GEN BR WJ CDR 7AF
 LTG MILDREN DCG USAFV
 LTG NICKERSON CG III RAF
 LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV
 LTG CORCHAN CG I FFV
 LTG EWELL CG II FFV
 MG BECKHARDT CG DMAC
 ZEN

CONFIDENTIAL MAC 6856 EYES ONLY

1. (U) REF: MEMO FOR RECORD, SUBJ: WIEU FOR 17 MAY
DATED 6 MAY 69.

2. (O) THIS MESSAGE REAFFIRMS THAT THE COMMANDERS WIEU
IS SCHEDULED FOR 173900H UNTIL 171200H MAY 69, AT THE CII3
BRIEFING ROOM, MACV HEADQUARTERS.

3. (U) SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. J2

B. J3

C. ACJFS, CORDS

(BREAK)

D. MACMA

E. 7TH AIR FORCE

F. NAVFORV

4. (O) LUNCHEON WILL FOLLOW WIEU. ALL WILL BE GUESTS
OF COMUSMACV. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT ALL ACTIVITIES WILL BE
TERMINATED BY 171400H MAY 69.

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530 NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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1. WITH THE MAJOR EFFORT IN OPERATION MASSACHUSETTS STRIKER DIMINISHED IN FAVOR OF CONCENTRATED REENTRY INTO THE ENEMY'S LOGISTIC COMPLEX AROUND THE NORTHERN END OF THE A SHAU VALLEY, SEVERAL IMPORTANT QUESTIONS CONCERNING BASE AREA 607 REMAIN UNANSWERED.
2. OUR THRUST THROUGH THE SOUTHERN EXIT OF THE A SHAU AND INTO NORTHWEST QUANG NAM PROVINCE WAS PRECEDED BY A LIGHT-WEIGHT RECONNAISSANCE OF BASE AREA 607. BY THIS I IMPLY NO DISPARAGEMENT OF THE SIX-MAN CGN RECON TEAMS WHICH PENETRATED DEEP INTO THIS LITTLE-KNOWN ENEMY SANCTUARY; ONLY THAT THEIR SIZE AND COMPOSITION DENIED THEM ABILITY TO EXPLORE AGGRESSIVELY. THEY PERFORMED WELL AND THEY DISCOVERED MUCH, BUT IN KEEPING WITH THEIR MISSION, THEY WERE PERFORCE WITHDRAWN WHEN THEY ENCOUNTERED OPPOSITION. THE SUM OF THE INTELLIGENCE THEY DEVELOPEDD IS MORE PROVOCATIVE THAN SATISFYING.
3. MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE CGN TEAMS FOUND AN EXTENSIVE ENEMY BASE CAMP--INEXPLICABLY UNTENANTED AT THEE MOMENT. HERE THEY CAPTURED A QUANTITY OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING BOTH COMMUNICATIONS GEAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS; AND SEVERAL VERY VALUABLE DOCUMENTS. THE LATTER INDICATED THE EXPECTED PRESENCE OF ELEMENTS OF NVA BINH TRAM 43 AND WHAT MUST BE LIAISON OR FORWARD ELEMENTS OF BINH TRAM 42. THERE WERE ALSO INDICATIONS OF WHAT ARE PROBABLY THE NORTHERNMOST ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 220TH TRANSPORTATION REGT WHICH, AS YOU KNOW, PROVIDES LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE ENEMY TROOPS DEPLOYED ON THE WESTERN REACHES OF THE DA NANG TAOR.
4. THEIR MOST INTRIGUING DISCOVERY, HOWEVER, WAS EVIDENCE OF THE PRESENCE OF SOME PORTION OF THE 675B NVA ARTILLERY REGT IN THE FORM OF ARTILLERY FIRE CONTROL INSTRUMENTS, TRAINING AIDS AND UNIT RECORDS. WE HAVE THOUGHT SINCE OPERATION DEWEY CANYON THAT THIS ENTIRE REGT WAS PRESENT ALONG ROUTE 922 WHEN THE 9TH MARINES CUT THAT ROAD IN FEBRUARY-MARCH OF THIS YEAR. DOCUMENTS CAPTURED BY THE 9TH MRINES ESTABLISHED THAT THE 675B ARTY REGT WAS COMPOSED OF THREE BATTALIONS: TWO EQUIPPED WITH TEN 122 MM GUNS EACH AND ONE EQUIPPED WITH TEN 85 MM GUNS. INASMUCH AS BOTH 85 MM AND 122 MM GUNS WERE CAPTURED OR DESTROYED (A TOTAL OF 16 PIECES) BY THE 9TH MARINES IN DEWEY CANYON, WE ASSUMED THAT 14 MIXED PIECES OF ARTILLERY REMAINED IN THE PRESENT APACHE SNOW AO IN THE HANDS OF THE REMNANTS OF THE 675X REGT. IN LIGHT OF THE DISCOVERIES OF CGN IN BASE AREA 607 WE MUST NOW REVISE THAT ESTIMATE. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT ONE 122 MM GUN BATTALION OF THE 675B IS IN FACT DISPOSED SOMEWHERE IN DA 607; PROBABLY IN A TRAINING ROLE WITH ITS GUNS LAID BY FOR SOME FUTURE USE.

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5. REINFORCING THIS SUSPICION ARE SEVERAL RELATED BITS OF EVIDENCE. THE 101ST ABN DIV ENCLOSED AND PROBED THE BORDERS OF THE SALIENT OF LAOTIAN TERRITORY OCCUPIED BY BASE AREA 607. JUST SOUTHEAST OF ITS ALONG ROUTE 614 THEY FOUND A CACHE OF 122 MM GUN AMMUNITION. JUST NORTHWEST OF IT, ON ROUTE 548, THEY FOUND A KNOCKED OUT FULL-TRACKED LIGHT ARTILLERY PRIME MOVER. UNTIL OPERATION DEWEY CANYON, AND POSSIBLY FOR A BRIEF TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THAT OPERATION, THE ENEMY BENT EVERY EFFORT TO MOVE A FEW TRUCKS THROUGH THE A SHAU AND INTO BASE AREA 607. IN VIEW OF THE STATE AND AGE OF THE INTERDICTION OF ROUTE 614 BEGINNING A FEW KMS SOUTH EAST OF BA 607 IT IS CLEAR THOSE TRUCKS DID NOT PASS DEEPER INTO QUANG NAM PROVINCE OVER THAT ROUTE. ELEMENTS OF THE 101ST ABN DIV DID FIND NUMEROUS WELL-TRAVELED HIGH SPEED TRAILS EXITING THE BASE AREA TO THE SOUTHEAST. ALL OF THIS POINTS TO THE FACT THAT SOMEWHERE INSIDE THE BASE AREA THERE PROBABLY REMAINS A CONSIDERABLE CACHE OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AND THERE MAY BE 10 122 MM ARTY PIECES.

6. IN VIEW OF THIS, I RECOMMEND AN EFFORT BE MADE TO OBTAIN AUTHORITY FOR UNITS OF XXIV CORPS TO RECONNOITER IN FORCE DOWN ROUTE 548/614 THROUGH BASE AREA 607, EXPLORING ALL MOTOR TRAFFICABLE SIDE ROADSM WITH THE SUCCESS TO DATE OF OUR INTERDICTION OF THIS SIGNIFICANT ENEMY LOC INTO SICTZ, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO LEAVE THIS SMALL ENEMY SANCTUARY UNRANSACKED. ADEQUATE MANEUVER ROOM WOULD BE PROVIDED WERE WE GRANTED AUTHORITY TO PENETRATE THE SALIENT TO A DEPTH OF FIVE KILOMETERS, FROM THE BORDER. IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO INSURE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ARTILLERY SUSPECTED TO BE THERE, I BELIEVE THIS REQUEST FULLY JUSTIFIED. I URGE YOUR APPROVAL AND SUPPORT THEREOF.

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

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III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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FM LTC STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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T O P S E C R E T PHB 0382 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: TRESPASS OF LAOTIAN BORDER

1. GENERAL TRUONG AND I VISITED 3/1 ARVN THIS MORNING, N. LANDING AT BATTALION TAC CP ON ROUTE 922 AT APPROXIMATELY YD 195038. THE BATTALION IS STRUNG OUT ALONG ROAD, FROM THAT POINT EASTWARD; AND IS OPERATING TO THE NORTH THEREOF. PRINCIPAL TASK OF BATTALION IS TO CHECK SIDES OF ROAD FOR BURIED SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT; IN THIS THEY HAVE DONE VERY WELL SO FAR.

2. FOR REASONS OF ELEMENTAL SECURITY, BATTALION COMMANDER HAS SECURITY DETACHMENTS DEPLOYED 2-300 METERS TO THE SOUTH OF ROAD. THIS, ACCORDING TO MAP TRACE, PUTS HIM ACROSS THE BORDER.

3. TRUONG AND I CONSIDER THAT BATTALION COMMANDER'S DISPOSITIONS ARE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT WITH THE INHERENT RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE; AND THAT THEREFORE HIS DISPOSITIONS ARE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

4. IT IS MY ESTIMATE THAT THE BATTALION WILL BEE IN THE AFOREMENTIONED POSTURE FOR ANOTHER 48 HOURS, AT WHICH TIME THE BATTALION WILL BEGIN MOVEMENT ON A NORTHERLY AXIS TO SEARCH AND CLEAR THE RIDGES AND DRAWS LEADING AWAY FROM ROUTE 922.

4. YOUR COC HAS BY NOW RECEIVED THE SPOT REPORT ON THE CRASH OF THE 131ST ABN DIV LOH JUST WEST OF THE BORDER AND TO THE SOUTH OF THE 3/1 ARVN ACTIVITY. OPERATING ON PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED INTERPRETATION OF THE ROE, GEN ZAIS TOOK THE NECESSARY ACTION TO EXTRACT THE THREE PERSONNEL ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT, AFTER WHICH IT WAS DESTROYED BY FIRE FROM ARA AND FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

5. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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HEADQUARTERS
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C 141000Z ZYM ZFF-1 ZFF-4
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 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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T O P S E C R E T P H B 4890 EYES ONLY
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 B. YOURS OF 141000Z

SUBJECT: EXPLOITATION OF BASE AREA 607

1. WHILE I MAKE NO RECLAMA. OF YOUR DECISION NOT TO SEEK AUTHORITY FOR CROSS BORDER OPERATIONS, I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THAT PORTION OF YOUR MESSAGE WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THOSE 101ST UNITS DEPLOYED IN WESTERN QUANG NAM COULD BE BETTER DEPLOYED ELSEWHERE. AS OF TODAY, THIS MAY WELL BE TRUE. BUT IT IS ONLY FAIR TO STATE THAT THE OPERATIONS ASTRIDE ROUTE 614 WERE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE III MAF SPRING OFFENSIVE PLAN.
2. THE CAMPAIGN IN WESTERN QUANG NAM HAS ABOUT RUN ITS COURSE AND ATTENTION NOW NEEDS TO BE GIVEN TO THE ENEMY FORMATIONS APPARENTLY MOVING FROM LAGS INTO SOUTHERN BA 101 AND THE REGION IMMEDIATELY SOUTH THEREOF. BEFORE CLOSING NOW QUANG NAM SHOW COMPLETELY, IT SIMPLY SEEMED PRUDENT TO DEVOTE ONE BATTALION TO A SEVERAL DAY CHECK OF THAT PORTION OF BASE AREA 607 CONTIGUOUS TO THE INTERNATIONAL BORDER.
3. WARM REGARDS.

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

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UNCLAS E F O MAC 6114 EYES ONLY

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THE COMMANDERS VIEW SCHEDULED FOR 17 MAY 69 IS CANCELLED. INFORMATION
 ON RESCHEDULING WILL BE FURNISHED LATER.

SSO OTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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C 14093Z ZYM ZFF-1

FM MG GETTYS CG AMERICAL DIV
TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF
ZEM

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SUBJ: SUMMARY OF RECENT ACTIVITIES

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO SUMMARIZE EVENTS IN THE AMERICAL TA01 SINCE THE MORNING OF 12 MAY 69 AND TO REQUEST THAT ADDITIONAL FORCES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ME.

2. IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 12 MAY ENEMY FORCES LAUNCHED AN EXTREMELY WELL-COORDINATED SERIES OF ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND PROBES AGAINST FVMAF INSTALLATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TA01. THE PRIMARY EMPHASIS OF THESE ATTACKS WAS DIRECTED AGAINST US INSTALLATIONS FOR THE APPARENT PURPOSE OF CAUSING AS MANY US CASUALTIES AS POSSIBLE. THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTION BY OPERATIONAL ZONE.

A. FREDERIC HILL OZ (196TH INF BDE)

(1) 12 MAY 69: LZ 'S BALDY, PROFESSIONAL AND CENTER RECEIVED HEAVY ATTACKS BY MORTAR/ROCKET FIRE AND GROUND PROBES; HAWK HILL RECEIVED AN ATTACK BY 122MM ROCKETS; AND NDP'S HELD BY ELEMENTS OF 1-46INF, 3-21 INF AND 1-1 CAV RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE AND HARASSMENT BY SNIPERS.

(2) 13 MAY 69: LZ PROFESSIONAL RECEIVED MORTAR/ROCKET FIRE, RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE AND A GROUND PROBE; C/3-21 AND C TRP 1-1 CAV REMAINED IN HEAVY CONTACT MOST OF THE DAY AS THEY ASSAULTED NUI YON OP; AND NDP'S BELONGING TO 3-21 INF AND 1-1 CAV RECEIVED MORTAR ATTACKS.

B. GENEVA PARK OZ (198TH INF BDE)

(1) 12 MAY 69: LZ 'S BUFF AND GATOR RECEIVED HEAVY MORTAR BARRAGES, RPG ROUNDS AND SAPPER ATTACKS; CHU LAI BASE RECEIVED THREE ATTACKS BY 122MM ROCKET FIRE; NDP'S OCCUPIED BY 1-52 INX WERE MORTARED AND THE AN TON BRIDGE RECEIVED A SAPPER ATTACK.

(2) 13 MAY 69: B/1-52 ENGAGED A LARGE ENEMY FORCE WEST OF LZ BUFF WHILE LZ BUFF RECEIVED FURTHER ATTACKS BY INDIRECT FIRE.

C. IRON MOUNTAIN OZ (11TH INF BDE)

(1) 12 MAY 69: LZ BRONCO RECEIVED HEAVY MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE; LZ SNOOPY RECEIVED A HEAVY ATTACK BY INDIRECT FIRE AND A STRONG GROUND ATTACK; C/3-1 WAS IN DAY LONG HEAVY CONTACT WITH A LARGE ENEMY FORCE NW OF FSB DEBBIE; AND NDP'S OCCUPIED BY ELEMENTS OF 3-1 AND 1-20 INF RECEIVED HARRASSING MORTAR ATTACKS.

(2) 13 MAY 69: 4-3 INF AND 3-1 INF MADE CONTACT WITH SEVERAL SMALL ENEMY FORCES.

3. THE PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF ACTION ON 12 AND 13 MAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

FRIENDLY	ENEMY
61 KIA	99 VC KIA
270 WIA (E)	159-NVA KIA
61 WIA (M)	66 IWC
6 MIA	14 CSVC

AT PRESENT SEVE. OF MY INFANTRY BNS ARE AT 75 PER CENT, OR BELOW, OF THEIR AUTHORIZED STRENGTH.

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4. I AM GREATLY CONCERNED OVER ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF TAM KY, WESTERN SON TINH DISTRICT, QUANG NGAI AND DUC PHO. MENACING TAM KY AND TIEN PHOUC IS AN NVA DIVISION MINUS WHICH CAN BE REINFORCED BY 7 MF/LF BNS AND 9 LF COMPANIES. THE 21ST REGT IS IN A POSTURE TO ATTACK EITHER BINH SON OR QUANG NGAI. THE 22D REGT CONTINUES TO OPERATE SE OF QUANG NGAI CITY. IN THE SOUTH, THE 2D REGT IS DEPLOYED WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF DUC PHO. THE 4-21 INF, 11TH BDE, IS THE ONLY UNCOMMITTED UNIT I HAVE WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT ANYWHERE IN THE TAOI AND IIT IS HAVING SPORADIC CONTACT TODAY. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO RESPOND TO SEVERAL OF THE CONTINGENCIES FOR WHICH I AM RESPONSIBLE E.G. GOLDEN VALLEY, REINFORCEMENT OF 1ST MAR DIV, REINFORCEMENT OF PROJECT DELTA. I AM NOT ABLE TO OPERATE WITH A RESERVE AND MUST LOOK TO AT LEAST COMMITTED BATTALION FOR THAT PURPOSE. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST THE IMMEDIATE ATTACHMENT OF A THREE-BATTALION BRIGADE IN ORDER FOR ME TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT COMBAT POWER TO CONTAIN AND QUICKLY ELIMINATE THE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT THREATS EXISTENT IN THE DIVISION TAOI. I FURTHER REQUEST THAT THIS BRIGADE REMAIN ATTACHED FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD TO IMPROVE MY TROOP DENSITY AND MY ABILITY TO MASS FORCES AGAINST ENEMY FORMATIONS BEFORE THEY BECOME A THREAT, WHILE NOT SERIOUSLY WEAKENING MY LESS VITAL AREAS.
5. IF I AM PROVIDED AN ADDITIONAL BRIGADE I INTEND TO EMPLOY 2 BNS IN THE VICINITY OF QUANG NGAI CITY BETWEEN THE EW BS 60 GRIDLINE AND THE TRA BONG RIVER, AND ONE BN IN THE TIEN PHOUC VALLEY. THIS WILL NOT ONLY GREATLY ASSIST IN CONTAINING AND ELIMINATING THE PRESENT ENEMY OFFENSIVE BUT WOULD BE A BOOST TO PACIFICATION IN QUANG NGAI AND WOULD ALSO SOLIDIFY THE RECENT GAINS MADE ON THE BATANGAN PENINSULA DURING OPERATION BOLD MARINER/GUSSELL BEACH.
6. IF NO ADDITIONAL TROOPS CAN BE PROVIDED AT THIS TIME, I FURTHER REQUEST IMMEDIATE RELIEF FROM THE MISSIONS OF PROVIDING A TWO BATTALION REACTION FORCE FOR III MAF AND A ONE BATTALION SECONDARY REACTION FORCE FOR PROJECT DELTA. ADDITIONALLY, I SHOULD BE RELIEVED FROM THE AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS I MUST EARMARK FOR THE PROJECT DELTA REACTION FORCE

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY
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 CONDEMNATION OF THE U.S. FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC POLICIES.

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T O P S E C R E T MAC 6179 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CASUALTIES (U)

1. (TS) UPON MY RETURN TO VIETNAM THE FOLLOWING CASUALTY TABLE WAS PRESENTED TO ME IN AN UPDATE BRIEFING:

	FRIENDLY KIA				TOTAL
	10 MAY	11 MAY	12 MAY	13 MAY	
I CTZ	40 (24)	20 (15)	122 (62)	72 (68)	254 (169)
II CTZ	7 (0)	25 (14)	44 (13)	28 (9)	104 (36)
III CTZ	31 (7)	20 (5)	71 (45)	25 (6)	147 (63)
IV CTZ	21 (4)	29 (5)	33 (2)	48 (3)	131 (14)
TOTALS	99 (35)	94 (39)	270 (122)	173 (86)	636 (282)
	ENEMY KIA				TOTAL
I CTZ	229 (192)	308 (159)	524 (349)	293 (180)	1354 (880)
II CTZ	35 (13)	172 (140)	213 (62)	185 (56)	605 (271)
III CTZ	234 (206)	285 (113)	594 (309)	281 (140)	1394 (768)
IV CTZ	140 (64)	145 (48)	216 (108)	267 (82)	768 (302)
TOTALS	638 (475)	910 (460)	1547 (828)	1026 (458)	4121 (2221)

() REPRESENTS US FIGURES.

2. WHILE IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THESE NUMBERS ARE SUBJECT TO FLUCTUATION AS FIGURES ARE UP-DATED, YOU WILL NOTE THAT THIS TABLE SHOWS THAT III MAF UNITS SUFFERED 169 US CASUALTIES FROM 10-13 MAY OR APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT OF THE COUNTRY-WIDE TOTAL.

DURING THE SAME PERIOD III MAF INFLICTED 880 KIA ON THE ENEMY, OR APPROXIMATELY 40 PERCENT OF THE U.S. TOTAL.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THESE STATISTICS IS; HOWEVER, THE IMBALANCE THEY DEPICT IS OF CONCERN TO ME. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS THAT YOU MIGHT HAVE.

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	CG					REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BRIGADE
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 FM GE ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO LIG WICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
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T O P S E C R E T MAC 6192 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL BRIGADE
 REFS: A. CG, III MAF DTG 121340Z MAY 1969

B. COMUSMACV MACJ3 2966 DTG 151003Z JAN 1969.

1. (TS) REFERENCE A IS III MAF OPS/INTELL SUMMARY 121200H MAY 69 WHICH INCLUDES A RECOMMENDATION THAT A BRIGADE FORCE BE DEPLOYED TO I CTZ FOR EMPLOYMENT IN THE AMERICAL DIVISION AO. REFERENCE B, OR AN STEEL CABLE PROVIDES FOR THE CONTINGENCY REINFORCEMENT OF I AND/OR III CTZ.

2. (TS) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THE ENEMY THREAT HAS INCREASED IN I CTZ AS WELL AS IN II CTZ AND REMAINS AT A HIGH LEVEL IN III CTZ. CONSIDERING THE COUNTRY-WIDE SITUATION, I PREFER TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT FORCE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE PRESENT AND AWAIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 0 152339Z		COPY# OF COPIES RECO 1,2,3, 4	
ROUTE	SECTION	CODE	DATE		INITIAL	SUBJECT CONFIDENTIAL PHB 0902 EYES ONLY
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	CG		16 May		N	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. 5 days Niii.
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FM LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 0902 EYES ONLY

1. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, I PROPOSE TO REQUEST CG, USARV TO APPROVE A THREE DAY LEAVE (I AM AUTHORIZED THIRTY) EFFECTIVE 6 JUNE. PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND MY DAUGHTER'S GRADUATION ON 7 JUNE AND RETURN IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER. MAJOR GENERAL WRIGHT WILL BE IN COMMAND OF THE CORPS FOR THAT BRIEF PERIOD.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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3	CG	E	17 May			REMARKS ① 518 DONE 5/16/69 1128 Addresses for wife to give bus For e.s. - I called E.C. and told him our 2d request went in before we received his first answer. He said that they were sure this was so.
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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SGN
 TO L G WICKERSON CG III MAF
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SECRET MAC 6248 EYES ONLY
 REK: CG III MAF 151400Z MAY 69

1. YOUR MOVE IN REDEPLOYING THE TWO-BATTALION BRIGADE OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION AND HOLDING BLT 3-26 AFLOAT OFF SOUTHERN I CTZ IS UNDERSTOOD, REEMBARKING BLT 2-26 WILL GIVE YOU ADDED FLEXIBILITY.
2. I CONCUR THAT FORCES CURRENTLY DEPLOYED IN SOUTHERN I CTZ CAN COUNTER THE ENEMY THREAT THERE. IN ADDITION THE TWO BATTALIONS AFLOAT WILL GIVE YOU A RESERVE WHICH MAY REACT WHERE REQUIRED THROUGHOUT I CTZ.
3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS CONSIDERED UNTIMELY TO COMMIT ANY FORCES UNDER OPLAN STEEL CABLE AT THIS TIME.

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	CG					EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN. NICKERSON
	DCG		17 May			REMARKS EXCLUSIVE FOR g+ request vertical brief format cg g1 will visit PACEX - this is the first we have heard of this - we will help Bill Jones D Let's do a job for 3rd May Det. Let me know what I can do. D
	DCG AIR		21 May			
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RR RHMAFA
DE RUMHVP 2358 1361200
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R 161200Z MAY 69
FM CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN)
TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
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EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MAJGEN JONES
INADEQUATE EXCHANGE SUPPORT

1. THROUGH RECENT DISCUSSIONS WITH MY EXCHANGE OFFICER AND A REVIEW OF HIS CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE COMMANDER OF THE DANANG AREA EXCHANGE, IT APPEARS TO ME THAT THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION AND ALL UNITS IN THIS AREA HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A FAIR SHAKE FROM THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SYSTEM IN REGARDS TO RECEIVING OPERATING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR THE EXCHANGES IN MY AO. WHILE OUR EXCHANGE HAS JUST RECENTLY RECEIVED A FEW PIECES OF STORE FIXTURES FOR THE MAIN STORE IN DONG HA, THIS COMES NOWHERE NEAR SATISFYING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE OVERALL EXCHANGE SYSTEM IN THIS WIDESPREAD COMPLEX CONTAINING 12 STORES AND A WAREHOUSE. ITEMS SUCH AS ADDING MACHINES, CALCULATORS, BARBER SHOP EQUIPMENT, ETC. HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TIME AND TIME AGAIN BY THE DIVISION EXCHANGE OFFICER BY WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE DANANG AREA EXCHANGE COMMANDER AND HE HAS NEVER EVEN RECEIVED A REPLY TO HIS LETTERS. MY PX PEOPLE, FOR EXAMPLE, AT QUANG TRI HAVE BUILT MUCH OF THE EXCHANGE WITH THEIR OWN HANDS (AND USMC MONEY).

CONSEQUENTLY, THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE HAS FAILED TO PROVIDE THIS EXCHANGE WITH THE BAREST OPERATING EQUIPMENT DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS. THIS IS TRUE DESPITE THE FACT THAT EXCHANGE HAS AVERAGED FOR THE PAST THREE MONTHS \$875,000.00 A MONTH IN RETAIL SALES ALONE (\$10 MILLION PLUS PER ANNUM). THE AVERAGE CONCESSION MONTHLY SALES FOR THE SAME PERIOD WERE \$68,000 (\$800,000.00 PER ANNUM) DUE TO THE LARGE SALES VOLUME AND VERY LITTLE OVERHEAD. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICE CAN WELL AFFORD TO PROVIDE OUR EXCHANGES WITH MUCH NEEDED EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES, TO INCLUDE SOME DECENT AIR-CONDITIONED BUILDINGS FUNDED FOR AND PROVIDED BY THE ARMY-AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICES MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BANK ACCOUNT AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY. AS A QUICK FIX, WE NEED RIGHT NOW THE FOLLOWING:

- 6 - CALCULATORS
- 15 - ADDING MACHINES
- 6 - BARBER CHAIRS
- 6 - BARBER BACK BARS W/MIRROR

ADDITIONALLY, A CONSTANT OUT OF STOCK SITUATION EXISTS ON THE 126 FILM USED IN THE INEXPENSIVE KODAK INSTAMATIC CAMERAS WHICH ARE VERY POPULAR WITH THE MEN. THIS FILM IS ALSO NEEDED NOW, AND I CANNOT BELIEVE THAT THE SYSTEM CANNOT PROVIDE IT. I WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE OF ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE US TO RESOLVE THIS SITUATION WITH ITS ATTENDANT IMPACT ON MORALE AND EFFICIENCY.

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 FM L P STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 TO MG TOWNSEND COFS USMACV
 INFO LTG MILDREN DEP CG USARV
 LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF
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UNCLAS E F O FOUO PHB 0909 EYES ONLY

1. AS YOU KNOW, I HAVE NOT YET TAKEN MY 30 DAYS LEAVE, HAVING DEFERRED SAME FOR PERSONAL CONVENIENCE UNTIL CHILDREN WERE HOME FROM SCHOOL. -IN LIGHT OF IMPENDING ORDERS, ON OR ABOUT 1 JULY, SUCH A LEAVE IS OBE.

2. THERE IS HOWEVER A COGENT REASON FOR A THREE REPEAT THREE DAY LEAVE, EFFECTIVE 6 JUNE. PURPOSE IS TO ATTEND MY DAUGHTER'S GRADUATION ON 7 JUNE.

3. THE MODALITIES OF SUCH A LEAVE, AS I UNDERSTAND THE RULES, WOULD BE EITHER OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. IF REASSIGNMENT ORDERS ARE NOT IN HAND, TIME WOULD BE CHARGEABLE TO MY SPECIAL VIETNAM LEAVE WITH TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED ON A SPACE REQUIRED, PORTAL TO PORTAL BASIS.

B. IF REASSIGNMENT ORDERS IN HAND, TIME WOULD BE CHARGEABLE TO MY ANNUAL LEAVE WITH TRAVEL ON SPACE AVAILABLE BASIS TO AND FROM COMUS AERIAL PORT.

4. GENERAL WICKERSON CONCURS IN THIS REQUEST. I SOLICIT GENERAL ABRAMS' FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION THEREOF.

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 Z 161710Z MAY 69
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN) C OC DGH
 TO UUMSK/ C XXIV C ORPS TOC PHB
 INFO UUMSQ/ CG III MAF COC DNG
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~~SECRET~~ SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RASPING (C)
 SUBJ: TACTICAL COVER AND DECEPTION OPERATIONS (C)
 A. CG THIRD MARDIV (REIN) 130022Z MAY 69 (S)
 B. TELCON MAJ THOMAS XXIV CORPS -LT COL COOK THIRD MARDIV
 OF 162115H MAY 69
 1. (S) REFERENCE A REQUESTED PERMISSION TO CONDUCT C AND D
 OPERATIONS. FURTHER INFORMATION ON PLANS FOR C AND D OPERATION
 AS REQUESTED BY REFERENCE B ARE HEREBY SUBMITTED.
 2. (S) DETAILED CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:
 A. ON D-DAY L- HOUR FOLLOWING NORMAL ARTY/AIR PREP
 OF LZ, ACTUAL HELICOPTER MOVEMENT TO LZ AND INSERTION OF
 DIVISION REINFORCED RECON TEAM. SIMULATED LANDING OF AND
 INFANTRY BN CONTINUES INCLUDING LIFT OF DUMMY ARTY BTRY
 AND EXTERNAL DUMMY LIFTS OF SUPPLIES. SIMULTANEOUSLY AN
 ACTUAL MORTORIZED / MECHANIZED TASK FORCE BEGINS OPERATIONS
 ALONG ROUTE 9 TOWARD FSB CATES AREA. BUT DOES NOT ENTER

PAGE TWO UUMSQD 715 ~~SECRET~~ SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RASPING
 (C)
 SIMULATED AO.

B. MANIPULATIVE AND SIMULATIVE COMMUNICATIONS DECEPTION
 IS EMPLOYED BY ACTUAL BN COMMAND/COMMUNICATIONS GROUP LOCATED
 NEAR LZ. COMMUNICATIONS ON ALL NORMAL NETS ARE MAINTAINED AND
 ACTIONS OF A BN CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WILL
 BE SIMULATED. SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYED IN AREA TO ADD REALISM.

C. COMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC AND EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORTING
 ARMS CONTINUE THROUGH SIMULATED LIFT OUT OF THE BN ON D+2
 MORTORIZED / MECHANIZED TASK FORCE RETURNS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

D. REINFORCED RECON TEAM EMPLACES SENSORS AND IS
 EXTRACTED DURING SIMULATED LIFT OUT OF BN.

3(S) OBJECTIVE OF OPERATION: TO DECEIVE AND MISLEAD THE
 ENEMY AND TO ENTICE HIM INTO A REACTION TO FALSE INFORMATION
 CAUSING HIM TO MASS HIS FORCES AND CREATE A LUCRATIVE TARGET
 FOR ATTACK BY SUPPORTING ARMS AND OR GROUND FORCES

4. (S) REACTION ANTICIPATED . IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE
 ENEMY MAY REACT BY MOVING UP TO A REGIMENTAL SIZED FORCE
 INTO THE AREA. U.S. UNITS OPERATING IN THE GENERAL AREA WERE
 ATTACKED ON TWO OCCASIONS WITHIN THE PAST MONTH. INTELLIGENCE
 INDICATES THE ENEMY HAS THE CAPABILITIES OF MASSING UP TO
 TWO REGT. AGAINST THIS SIMULATED BN. THIS OPERATION MAY ALSO
 DELAY OR CAUSE PREMATURE COMMITMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE 304TH NVA DIV.

5. (S) PLANS FOR EXPLORATION. TARGETS IN THE AREA DURING
 THE OPERATION CAN BE ACQUIRED BY THE REINFORCED RECON TEAMS
 OPERATING NEAR THE LZ AND BY AERIAL OBSERVERS. IN ADDITION

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TO LT GEN STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

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REF: PHB 909 DTG 161409Z MAY 69

1. COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED REQUEST IN REFERENCE.
2. PLEASE LET ME KNOW ANY WAY I CAN HELP.
3. WARM REGARDS

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TO GEN BROWN CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE
LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF
VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV
LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
LTG CORCORAN CG IFFORCEV
LTG EWELL CG IFFORCEV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 6387 EYES ONLY
THE NEXT COMMAUNDERS WIEU WILL BE CONDUCTED 24 MAY 1969 AT 0900 HOURS
IN CIIB CONFERENCE ROOM , HQ MACV.

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TO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

INFO RUYHSYA/CG FMFPAC

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EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS

A. CG III MAF MSG 040724Z MAY69 (C)

1. (C) REF A INDICATED THAT CURRENT EXCESS RECREATION FUNDS MIGHT BE NEEDED TO REBUILD AND EXPAND CURRENT RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE DANANG AREA.

2. (C) YOUR REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATION FUNDS AT THIS TIME ARE RECOGNIZED. RECOMMEND AUSTERE APPROACH IN PLANNING SIZE AND SCOPE OF NEW FACILITIES AND SUBSEQUENT COMMITMENT OF RECREATION FUNDS.

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			SERIAL# / CONTROL DATE 201830Z MAY 69		COPY# 1 OF 3 COPIES RECD	
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 MA-I-MACV

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 FM CMC
 TO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 INFO RUYHSYA/CG FMFPAC
 RUYPSYD/CG III MAF
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S E C R E T NOFORN SPECAT
 EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN ABRAMS: INFO LTGEN BUSE, LTGEN NICKERSON; FROM
 GEN CHAPMAN

POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF VPMC (C)

1. (S) ON HIS RECENT WESTPAC TRIP LEW WALT DISCUSSED THE EXPANSION OF THE VPMC WITH YOU. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE EXPANSION BUT HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS CONCERNING THE U. S. MARINE CORPS' CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT IT.
2. (S) I HAVE DETERMINED THAT SUPPORT FOR AN EXPANSION TO NINE INFANTRY BATTALIONS CAN BE PROVIDED. FURTHER, SHOULD YOU DESIRE ACTIVATION OF A THIRD DIRECT SUPPORT ARTILLERY BATTALION IN THE SAME PACKAGE, THE REQUISITE MEANS FOR THAT ACTIVATION CAN ALSO BE PROVIDED.
3. (C) FROM HERE, VPMC EXPANSION APPEARS A DESIREABLE STEP TO

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA0373 S E C R E T NOFORN SPECAT
 INCREASE RVNAF COMBAT CAPABILITY. IF YOU DESIRE TO SO PROPOSE,
 MARCOR WILL SUPPORT.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS
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GEN STILLWELL

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S E C R E T MAC 6408 EYES ONLY
ABSOLUTELY EYES ONLY OF ADDRESSES

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM CJCS QUOTED IN FULL
CUC E

2. 211345Z MAY 57-5

FM CENTRAL WHEELER CJCS

TO GENERAL ADAMT COMUSMACV

INFO ADMIRAL MCCAIN CINCPAC

ZF

S E C R E T EYES ONLY

CITE JCS 20170 MAY 56.

1. THE SEIZURE OF HILL 937 (HAMBURGER HILL) IN OPERATION
APACHE SNOW HAS RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PRESS COVERAGE HERE AND
HAS EVOKED AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF HIGH-LEVEL INTEREST IN
THE OPERATION.

2. I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT ALL APPROPRIATE MEASURES
AND RESOURCES TO MINIMIZE CASUALTIES WERE EMPLOYED. TO
ASSIST ME IN ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, I
WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS ON:

A. ARTILLERY AND TAG AIR USE IN REDUCING ENEMY
POSITIONS AND IN PREPARING FOR THE ASSAULTS.

B. THE NUMBER OF F-52 SORTIES FLOWN, IF ANY.

C. OTHER MEASURES TAKEN AND RESOURCES EMPLOYED TO
AVOID LOSSES.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EARLIEST FEASIBLE REPLY.

WARD RECORDS.

4. REPORTS RELATING TO 2 APR 56 REACH ME NOT LATER THAN 0200, 22 MAY
1966 LOCAL. USE ONLY FACTS; NO RHETORIC.

5. C/S MAC DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

ADDRESSEE'S CONTACTED TELPHONICALLY BY C/S MAC TO WAIT
FOR HIS MSF

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FM LTC STEWELL CG XXIV CORPS
TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
INFO LTC NICKERSON CG III MAF
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SEE O R EAT PHE 0036 EYES ONLY
CITE MAC 5482, 211445Z MAY 1969.

1. ANSWERS REQUESTED IN CITED MESSAGE ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. ARTILLERY AND TAC AIR USED IN REDUCING ENEMY POSITIONS AND PREPARING FOR THE ASSAULTS:

(1) A TOTAL OF EIGHT ARTILLERY BATTERIES WERE EMPLOYED. ARTILLERY CONSISTED OF FOUR (4) 165MM HOW BATTERIES; TWO (2) 155MM HOW BATTERIES; ONE (1) 8" HOW BATTERY; AND ONE (1) 175MM GUN BATTERY. ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE TOTALLED 14,792 165MM ROUNDS; 5,726 155MM ROUNDS; 1,218 8" ROUNDS; AND 696 175MM ROUNDS.

(2) THERE WERE 372 TAC AIR SORT

FS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL ATTACKS. ORDNANCE EXPENDED TOTALLED 1,665,752 LBS, WHICH INCLUDED 152,000 LBS OF NAPALM AND 113 1,300 LB DELAYED-FUZE BOMBS.

B. NO F-52 STRIKES WERE DIRECTED AGAINST HILL 937, AS PRE-D-DAY INTELLIGENCE ON ENEMY OCCUPATION OF HILL WAS TOO SKETCHY TO JUSTIFY SAME. PROXIMITY OF TROOPS TO HILL AFTER INITIAL CONTACT WAS MADE PRECLUDED THE USE OF F-52 STRIKES ON THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

C. OTHER MEASURES TAKEN AND RESOURCES EMPLOYED TO MINIMIZE LOSSES INCLUDE:

(1) ABNORMALLY CONCENTRATED USE OF 81MM MORTARS AND GUNSHIPS TO MAINTAIN SUPPRESSIVE/DESTRUCTIVE FIRES IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF ADVANCING INFANTRYMEN.

(2) CONTINUOUS TREE-TOP RECONNAISSANCE OF HILL 937 BY AIR DAY SCOUTS IN LOW'S TO SPOT ENEMY POSITIONS.

(3) PRECISE TARGETING OF SUPPORTING FIRES BY BATTALION CO BEXMIN AND BRIGADE ARTY LNC IN LOW AT LOW-LEVEL HOWER OVER HILL THROUGHOUT ACTION.

(4) ISSUE OF FLAK JACKETS TO PERSONNEL IN MAIN EFFORT. FLAK JACKETS RELIEFED TO UNITS AFTER INITIAL CONTACT WAS GAINED.

(5) USE OF CG (HELO DELIVERED) IN FRONT OF 1/506. CAUSED WITHDRAWAL OF SOME ENEMY ELEMENTS.

(6) USE OF AIRBORNE LOUDSPEAKERS TO INDUCE ENEMY SURRENDER. (NON-PRODUCTIVE.)

(7) AS STATED IN LAST NIGHT'S MESSAGE, ATTACK ON MULTIPLE AREAS, 18 AND 20 MAY, TO DIFFUSE ENEMY DEFENSE CAPABILITY.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO GEN ABRAMS IF AWAKE. IF NOT, DELIVER IMMEDIATELY TO MG TOMASEND

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O 220703Z ZYH ZFF-I ZFF-A ZZZ
 FM MG TOW SEND C/S MACV
 O 3E BROWN OMDP 7AF
 LTG MILDRE DCG USARV
 LFG WICKERSO CG III MAF
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV
 LFG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 LFG CORCORAN CG I FFV
 LTC EWELL CG II FFV
 MG ECKHARD CG DMAC IV CTZ

COL AARON CG 5TH SFG I FFV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 6518 EYES ONLY

1. REF: MAC 6527 EO, DTG 191110Z MAY 69.
2. (C) SCHEDULE FOR THE COMMANDERS WIEU 20 MAY 69 IS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. MORNING:

0900-1130: UPDATES BY: J2, J3, MACCORDS.

1130-1300: LUNCH.

- B. AFTER NOON:

1300-1350: UPDATES BY: MACMA, 7TH AF, NAVFORV.

1350-1430: DISCUSSION.

1430 TERMINATE.

3. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT DEPCORDS II, III, IV CTZ'S ATTEND WIEU AND LUNCHEON AT COMMAND MESS.

4. (C) FOR III MAF. UNDERSTAND THAT DEPCORDS, I CTZ, IS ON HOME LEAVE. ACTING DEPCORDS NOT CLEARED FOR SI PRESENTATION.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER SOONEST DURING DUTY HOURS
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C O M M U N I C A T I O N S
 FM COM ARVN COMUSMACV SAIGON
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C O M M U N I C A T I O N S
 WILL ARRIVE PMU HAI ON T-30 25 0600 HOURS. UPON ARRIVAL
 DESIRE TO VISIT HQS 3 MAR DIV AND COL DIAI, 33 ARVN REGT
 FOR BRIEFING ON DMZ SITUATION. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE
 GEN DIAI'S PRESENCE DURING VISIT TO 33 ARVN REGT. AFTER
 CHANGE OF COMMAND, LUNCH, CAMP EAGLE, DESIRE UPDATE
 BRIEFING BY 101ST. DURING REMAINDER OF AFTERNOON WILL
 VISIT HQS AND LOCATIONS OF YOUR CHOICE IN SOUTHERN I CORPS.
 INCLUDE IN IT ITINERARY VISIT TO QUANG BIN FROM HQS WITH LAST
 S OF AMERICAN DIV. WILL DEPART CHU LAI 1600 HRS

SSO 101ST • DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS
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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF

From: Chief of Staff

5/24/69

To:

I thought we
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supposed to
send message

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Query?
guess who
can't?
G. E. DOOLEY

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FM MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

(U) THIS IS TO CONVEY COMUSMACV'S THANKS FOR THE SPLENDID CO-
OPERATION GIVEN MACV ON SUBJECT, UNDER SHORT SUSPENSE AND DIFF-
ICULT WORKING CONDITIONS. SPECIAL THANKS TO GEN DWYER, LTCS
O'ROURKE, AND EMMONS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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 FM MG GETTYS CG AMERICAL DIV
 TO LT GEN NICKERSON CG III MAF
 ZEM

T O P S E C R E T ACD 460 EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO

SUBJ: PHASE II PIERCE VALLEY

REF: YOUR MSG 141645Z MAY 69, SAME SUBJECT (TS)

1. ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN PIERCE VALLEY AREA:

A. THE MAJOR INFILTRATION AND SUPPLY ROUTE INTO SOUTHERN I CORPS COMES OUT OF THE A SHAU VALLEY, PASSES BY BASE AREA 112 AND THEN ANGLES SOUTHEAST TO THE OLD HAU DUC AREA AND BEYOND. RECENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE INFILTRATION NORTH OF BASE AREA 112 HAS BEGUN TO SLOW, PROBABLY BECAUSE OF THE SERIES OF ALLIED OPERATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE IN THE A SHAU VALLEY. CIB STUDIES INDICATE THAT A SECONDARY INFILTRATION AND SUPPLY ROUTE FOR SOUTHERN I CORPS PASSES THROUGH BASE AREA 614. THIS IS KNOWN AS THE "FAIR WEATHER ROUTE" BECAUSE ITS USE DEPENDS ON FAIR WEATHER ROUTES 96, 165, AND 966 IN LAOS. ACTIVITY ON THESE ROUTES SHOWED A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN DECEMBER 1968 WITH EXTENSIVE REPAIR OF 966 AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ROAD (HAYES ROAD) TOWARD KHAM DUC. IT APPEARS THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE HIS SECONDARY SUPPLY ROUTE IN ORDER TO REDUCE HIS RELIANCE ON THE A SHAU VALLEY; BUT AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT SUPPLIES ARE BEING ROUTED THROUGH BASE AREA 614 IN LARGE QUANTITIES. ALTHOUGH GROUND RECONNAISSANCE HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED, IT APPEARS THERE MAY BE NO MAJOR ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE PIERCE VALLEY AREA. PROBABLE ENEMY FORCES CONSIST OF REAR AREA SECURITY, ENGINEER AND COMMO-LIAISON PERSONNEL. DEBRIEFING OF PROJEC DELTA RECONNAISSANCE TEAMS IN THE PIERCE VALLEY AO DID REVEAL THE PRESENCE OF SOME ENEMY TROOPS IN THE AREA, ALTHOUGH THESE FORCES ARE GENERALLY SQUAD-SIZE UNITS OR SMALLER. THEIR ROLE APPEARS TO BE SECURITY OF THE AREA THROUGH PATROLLING IN SMALL TEAMS WHILE MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH OTHER TEAMS BY A SYSTEM OF SIGNAL RIFLE SHOTS. REACTION TO THE DISCOVERY OF ALLIED RECONNAISSANCE FORCES VARIED FROM POOR IN THE SOUTHEASTERN REGION OF THE AO TO A WELL-ORGANIZED MOBILIZATION OF PLATOON-SIZE REACTION FORCES IN THE AREA OF THE DAK MI RIVER. ALTHOUGH ENGINE NOISES WERE HEARD IN THE VICINITY, HAYES ROAD IS INTERDICTED AND CLOSED TO WHEELED VEHICLE TRAFFIC. SIGNS SHOW MODERATE FOOT TRAFFIC AND LIGHT ACTIVITY ALONG THIS ROUTE. THE SMALL AMOUNT OF ACTIVITY NOTED CAN BE ACCOUNTED FOR BY THE PRESENCE OF ENEMY SECURITY TEAMS.

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B. IN THE KHAM DUC AIRFIELD AREA NO ACTUAL SIGHTINGS HAVE BEEN MADE BUT THE AREA SHOWS SIGNS OF LIGHT FOOT TRAFFIC. THE ENEMY IS PROBABLY SECURING THE HIGH GROUND AROUND THE FIELD AND ROUTES OF APPROACH INTO THE AREA.

C. QL 14 IS NOT BEING USED NORTH OF THE KHAM DUC AREA; BUT SOUTH OF KHAM DUC, BOMB CRATERS AND DESTROYED BRIDGES HAVE BEEN BY-PASSED BY FOOT TRAILS AND SIGNS INDICATE LIGHT TO MODERATE FOOT TRAFFIC.

D. THERE IS ONE TRAIL EXTENDING FROM ZC 158019 TO ZC 051033, THAT IS HEAVILY TRAVELED AND PROBABLY EXTENDS TO THE WEST. THERE IS A 1-METER WIDE, HARD PACKED TRAIL SHOWING SIGNS OF HEAVY FOOT TRAFFIC PARALLELING RTE 534 ON THE NORTH FROM ZC 045096 TO ZC 103085 AND THEN CONTINUING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION.

E. PROJECT DELTA IS PLANNING ON CONTINUING OPERATIONS UNTIL ABOUT 1 JUNE. INSERTIONS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE MADE, UNDER THE CURRENT PLAN, AFTER 28 MAY. DURING THIS FINAL PERIOD THEY ARE PLANNING AN INSERTION TO CHECK THE FERRY SITE AT ZC 045093. THAT TEAM WILL THEN RECONNOITER TO KHAM DUC. ZONE RECONNAISSANCE IS ALSO PLANNED FOR ZB 050990, YB 981876, AND FROM ZB 043971 TO ZB 002960.

F. IN SUMMARY, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE WORK GOING ON IN THE KHAM DUC REGION IS A LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT WHICH WILL NOT BE HEAVILY USED UNTIL AFTER OCTOBER WHEN THE HEAVY MONSOON RAINS IN LAOS ARE OVER. POSSIBLY KHAM DUC IS TO BE DEVELOPED AS A SUPPLY AND BASE AREA DURING THE COMING SUMMER MONTHS, BUT AT PRESENT, ACTIVITY AROUND THE BASE IS AT A VERY LOW LEVEL. EVEN WITH THE A SHAU VALLEY INTERDICTED, IT IS PROBABLE THAT SUPPLIES BUILT UP IN THE BASE AREA 112 AND OLD HAU DUC AREAS COULD SUSTAIN ENEMY ACTIVITY THROUGH THE SUMMER. ALTHOUGH SMALL SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED THROUGHOUT THE RECONNAISSANCE AREA, THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS, AS YET, OF EXTENSIVE UTILIZATION OF THE REGION BY ANY SIGNIFICANT ENEMY FORCES.

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2. ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN THE AMERICAL TAOI:

A. ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS FALLEN OFF FROM THE PEAK EXPERIENCED DURING THE PERIOD 12-16 MAY AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PRESENT OFFENSIVE. CONTACT CONTINUES TO BE MODERATE TO HEAVY IN THE TIEN PHUOC/BA 117 COMPLEX, WEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY NEAR FSB STINSON, AND WEST OF DUC PHO CITY.

B. THE 196TH INF BDE IS FULLY COMMITTED IN SECURING THE QUE SON VALLEY AND HIEP DUC AND IN EXPLOITING THE CONTACT WITH THE 1ST MF REGT WEST OF TAM KY. THE 1/101 BBE HAS BEEN IN HEAVY CONTACT IN BA 117 AND VICINITY SINCE ITS ARRIVAL. THE 198TH INF BDE CONTINUES TO ENGAGE THE 21ST REGT NW OF QUANG NGAI AND TO SECURE THE BATANGAN PENINSULA. IN THE SOUTH THE 11TH BDE CONTINUES TO ENGAGE MF/NVA ELEMENTS WEST OF DUC PHO AND TO SECURE QL 1 UP-

GRADING OPERATIONS
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F O P S E C R E T ACD 460 EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF TWO

3. BASED ON THE ABOVE ASSESSMENTS I BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE THREE COURSES OF ACTION AVAILABLE WITH RESPECT TO PIERCE VALLEY:

A. COURSE OF ACTION 1 - BEGIN PHASE II O/A 1 JUNE: THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS NEITHER FEASIBLE NOR APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. PHASE I RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY TO DATE HAS NOT ESTABLISHED THE PRESENCE OF LARGE ENEMY FORCES OR THE EXISTENCE OF A MAJOR BASE AREA OR STAGING AREA. A REMUNERATIVE TARGET HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY THE COMMITMENT OF MAJOR FORCES. THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE AMERICAL TAOI ALSO MITIGATES AGAINST REDUCING TROOP DENSITY ALONG THE POPULATED COASTAL PLAIN IN ORDER TO INITIATE PHASE II. ALTHOUGH THE ARRIVAL OF THE 1/101 ABN BDE HAS GREATLY IMPROVED THE SITUATION IN THE VICINITY OF BA 117, THE 1ST MF REGT AND THE 3D MF REGT CONTINUE TO PRESENT A SIGNIFICANT THREAT TO LZ PROFESSIONAL, TIEN PHOUC AND TAM KY. ALTHOUGH THESE REGIMENTS HAVE PROBABLY BEEN SERIOUSLY HURT DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS THEY HAVE AN IMPRESSIVE REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY IN THE PRESENCE OF SEVERAL MF AND LF BATTALIONS AND COMPANIES. IN NORTHERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE THE 21ST MF REGT AND THE 22D NVA REGT ARE STILL IN A POSTURE TO ATTACK QUANG NGAI, BINH SON OR SON TINH. IN SOUTHERN QUANG NGAI THE 2D VC REGT APPEARS TO REMAIN TARGETED AGAINST DUC PHO. ADDITIONALLY, I AM MOST CONCERNED OVER THE DELETERIOUS EFFECT A SUDDEN REDUCTION IN TROOP DENSITY AT THIS TIME WOULD HAVE ON THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE IMPACT THIS MAY HAVE ON OUR RECENT SUCCESSES ON BATANGAN AND IN HIEP DUC. A FINAL FACTOR WHICH MAKES A 1 JUNE DAY INADVISABLE IS THAT NONE OF THE ADDITIONAL COMBAT OR SUPPORT UNITS REQUESTED HAVE YET TO BE IDENTIFIED OR TASKED TO SUPPORT PIERE VALLEY. 11

B. COURSE OF ACTION 2 - CANCEL PHASE II AND SUBSEQUENT PHASES: ALTHOUGH PHASE I RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS HAVE AS YET PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE THERE ARE MANY AREAS THAT REMAIN TO BE RECONNOITERED BY PROJECT DELTA AND CCC. UNTIL THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED CANCELLATION OF SUBSEQUENT PHASES WOULD BE PREMATURE.

C. COURSE OF ACTION 3 - CONTINUE PHASE I UNTIL O/A 15 JUNE: PROJECT DELTA FORCES HAVE ONLY BEEN ACTIVELY OPERATING IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. AS NOTED ABOVE THERE ARE MANY AREAS IN WHICH THEY HAVE NOT OPERATED, ESPECIALLY IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF KHAM DUC AND BA 614. BY 15 JUNE PROJECT DELTA SHOULD BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THEIR ACTIVITY IN ALL POTENTIAL ENEMY BASE AND STAGING AREAS. NOT UNTIL THEN WILL WE HAVE ESTABLISHED AN ADEQUATE INTELLIGENCE BASE TO SUPPORT A DECISION TO INITIATE PHASE II OR TO POSTPONE OR CANCEL THE ENTIRE OPERATION. THERE IS ALSO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF ASSURANCE THAT BY 15 JUNE THE CURRENT LEVEL OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE TAOI WILL HAVE SUBSIDED TO A LEVEL WHICH CAN BE HANDLED BY THE EIGHT BATTALIONS REMAINING IN THE TAOI. 24(4)

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I RECOMMEND ADOPTION OF THE THIRD COURSE OF ACTION. CONTINUE PHASE I UNTIL O/A 15 JUNE AND CONTINUE PLANNING FOR PHASE II. ON OR ABOUT 15 JUNE I WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO EITHER BEGIN PHASE II OR TO CANCEL THE OPERATION.

5. I AM NOT IN FAVOR OF A TASK ORGANIZATION INVOLVING 5 BATTALIONS, TWO OF WHICH WOULD BE ARVN. I BELIEVE THE RESULT WOULD BE INSUFFICIENT COMBAT POWER TO MEET ALL FORESEEABLE ENEMY CAPABILITIES, TENUOUS COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS IN A PERIOD OF CRITICAL MANEUVER, AND ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS IN AN ALREADY OVERBURDENED LOGISTICAL CONCEPT. SIX US BATTALIONS IS THE BEST OPTION IN THAT IT PROVIDES FOR RAPID SATURATION OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA AND A FORCE LARGE ENOUGH TO DEFEAT ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS WHICH COULD BE EXPECTED TO MOVE INTO THE AREA. HOWEVER, IF A DECISION IS MADE TO EXECUTE SUBSEQUENT PHASES OF PIERCE VALLEY WITH ONLY TWO ADDITIONAL ARVN BATTALIONS I INTEND TO INITIALLY INTRODUCE THE 196TH INF BDE WITH THREE BATTALIONS INTO THE FOB. DURING THE LATER PART OF PHASE II I WOULD BRING IN THE TWO ARVN BATTALIONS. ONE OF THEM WOULD BE EMPLOYED TO ASSIST IN SECURING THE FOB WITH ONE AMERICAL BATTALION. THE OTHER ARVN BATTALION WOULD CONDUCT RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE OPERATIONS AWAY FROM THE FOB WITH THE REMAINING TWO AMERICAL BATTALIONS. REGARDLESS OF THE FINAL MIX OF MANEUVER BATTALIONS DECIDED UPON, I MUST HAVE THE MAJORITY OF THE ADDITIONAL COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS REQUESTED IN MY ORIGINAL PLANNING DIRECTIVE. OF PARTICULAR CRITICALITY ARE THE AVIATION, ARTILLERY, AND ENGINEER UNITS. WITHOUT THIS AUGMENTATION THE OPERATION IS NOT SUPPORTABLE FROM WITHIN EXISTING AMERICAL RESOURCES
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS.

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IMAF FORM 5216 (REV 3-68)

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SECRET MAC 6642 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF VNMC (C)
 REF: CMC 201830Z MAY 69 (SNF)

1. IT HAS BEEN MY INTENTION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE VNMC, SUBJECT TO THE CAPABILITY OF USMC TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION AND RVNAF TO IDENTIFY THE TRADEOFF SPACES THAT WOULD PERMIT RVNAF TO STAY WITHIN THE APPROVED FORCE STRUCTURE CEILING.
 2. HOWEVER, ON 10 MAY 1969, GENERAL VIEN, CHIEF, JGS, SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE TO THE RVNAF FORCE LEVEL. INCLUDED IN THAT REQUEST WAS AN INCREASE FOR VNMC OF 2,703 IN FY70 AND 1,063 IN FY71.
 3. THE MANY RAMIFICATIONS OF GENERAL VIEN'S PROPOSAL, PARTICULARLY THE MANPOWER CAPABILITY OF GVN TO SUPPORT IT REQUIRE DETAILED STUDY; THEREFORE, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE VNMC INCREASE UNTIL THE PROPOSAL OF A MAJOR FORCE STRUCTURE INCREASE IS THOROUGHLY SORTED OUT.
 4. I EXPECT THE STUDY TO BE COMPLETED BY EARLY JUNE. I AM GLAD TO HAVE YOUR ASSURANCE OF SUPPORT FOR THE VNMC INCREASE.
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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HEADQUARTERS
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

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III MAF FORM 5218 (REV 3-68)

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3	CG					EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON 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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REDUCTION OF FIRST ARMD AMPHIB CO TO CADRE STATUS (S)

A. CG III MAF 240352Z/MAY69 (S) (SPECAT)

1. (S) REF A REQUESTED PERMISSION TO DELAY WITHDRAWAL OF THE
 47 USMC PERSONNEL FROM LVTH-6 PLATOON SUPPORTING ROKMC BDE UNTIL
 31AUG69.

2. (U) THE DELAY REQUESTED BY REF A IS APPROVED. THIS ACTION
 WILL BE CONFIRMED BY COMMAND MESSAGE WITH THE REQUEST THAT
 YOU IDENTIFY COMPENSATORY MANNING LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS EARLIEST.

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