

- ~~14. OTC 7010 031425Z JUN69 (C)
FOR DWIER FROM RUDDEN
GLAD TO JOIN YOU FOR LUNCH PICK ME UP AT 1130~~
15. CMC 032018Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR ADDRESSEES FROM CHAPMAN
CARNEY REASSIGNED TO REPLACE JOHNSON AS CG 9TH MAB -- JOHNSON AS AWC FMAW
- ~~16. CG FMPTAG 042301Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FOR NICKERSON FROM DUSE
I CORPS SECTION SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
- ~~17. CINCPACFLT 052037Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
FOR DUSE NICKERSON AND ZUMALT, INFO COMBS AND DOWNER FROM HINLAND
PLACE DOWN OF MAUSUBRACH DANANG~~
- ~~18. COMNAVFORV 060900Z JUN69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMALT
ICIS SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
- ~~19. CG FMPTAG 062246Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MARINE CORPS WINGS ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM DUSE
ICIS SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
20. C/S, MACV 070012Z JUN69 (U) EYES ONLY
COMUS TO ALL
QUOTES A WALL STREET JOURNAL ARTICLE OF 29 MAY 69, "THE HONORED DEAD"
REBUTS KENNEDY AND OTHER CRITICS OF FIELD COMMANDERS AND THEIR DECISIONS
- ~~21. COMNAVFORV 080016Z JUN69 (S)
FOR NICKERSON AND DOWNER FROM ZUMALT
I WILL ARRIVE WHEEL DAVIDBERGER (morning of 8 June) DISCUSS FUTURE ROLE~~
- ~~22. COMNAVFORV 080114Z JUN69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
DESIRE TO ATTEND WHEEL MORNING ON 10 JUNE~~
23. DEPCOMUSMACV 080435Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
ROSSON TO ALL
ENEMY USE OF UNKNOWN CHEMICAL AGENTS
- ~~24. CG USS SANCTUARY 071020Z JUN69 (S) EXCLUSIVE
FOR DOOLEY FROM CARNEY (NAV HOSP STAFF)
UNABLE TO COME III MAF BEFORE GOING TO OHI HAVE ORDERS FROM JAC~~
25. J-3 MACV 081041Z JUN69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR JONES INFO DOOLEY FROM BAUTZ
WANT TO VISIT 3D DIV ON 12 JUN - WANT TO SEE KEY AREAS ALONG DMZ & US/ARVN
UNITS ENGAGED

26. CG FMFPAC 091944Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO WILLIAMS FROM BUSE
OPCON OF SEV HIM SQUADRONS
- ~~27. ~~CG FMFPAC 100530Z JUN69 (U)~~
~~FOR NICKERSON FROM CHAFFIN~~
~~WHAT'S THE STORY ON EDVOP~~~~
28. CG FMFPAC 110132Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT MCEO *gp-4*
FOR QUILLER INFO NICKERSON FROM BUSE
UH-1L ASSIGNMENT (U)
30. C/S MACV 110908Z JUN69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
AGENDA FOR THE COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 12 JUNE
30. COMUSMACV 110919Z JUN69 (C) *gp-4*
ABRAMS/TOWNSEND TO ALL
AGENDA FOR THE COMMANDERS CONFERENCE 12 JUNE
31. ADMIN FMFPAC 112329Z JUN69 (S) *gp-4*
RETROGRADE EQUIPMENT OF 1ST AMTRAC BN
32. C/S MACV 130213Z JUN69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
COMUS APPR LOM FOR LEE
33. C/S MACV 130215Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO STILWELL FROM TOWNSEND
IF YOU HAVE TARGETS IN SHDMZ, NOMINATE FOR ARC LIGHTS -- COMUS
KNOWS
- ~~34. ~~C/S MACV 131122Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY~~
~~TOWNSEND TO ALL~~
~~PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FORCE PLANNING~~~~
35. CG FIRST MARDIV 140335Z JUN69 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR WILSON INFO DOOLEY FROM SIMPSON
PVT KINDER
- ~~36. ~~CG FMFPAC 142143Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO~~
~~FOR BUSE FROM FONTANA~~
~~FORCE PLANNING~~~~
- ~~37. ~~CG FMFPAC 150726Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE~~
~~FORCE PLANNING~~~~
- ~~38. ~~CINCPACFLT 151958Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE~~
~~FORCE PLANNING~~~~
- ~~39. ~~COMSEVENTHFLT 160042Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE~~
~~FORCE PLANNING~~~~

40. CMC 162222Z JUN69 (C) MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY *gp-4*
OV-10A TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT
- ~~41. CINCPACFLT 162158Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FORCE PLANNING~~
42. AMEMB SGN 170945Z JUN69 (C) *Group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM AMBASSADOR
WANT LT CURTIS TO GO W/ME TO KATHMANDU
43. C/S MACV 171005Z JUN69 (C) EYES ONLY *Group-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
JUNE COMMANDERS WIEU (U) ----- 21 JUNE
44. SSO XXIV CORPS 180336Z ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ JUN69 (S) INTEL *Group-4*
ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 937 (HAMBURGER HILL)
RESPONDS TO III MAF 172025Z JUN69
- ~~45. COMSEVENTHFLT 180606Z JUN69 (S) FOR
FOR HVLAND INFO BUSE & NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
FORCE PLANNING~~
46. CG FMFPAC 182147Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON, SIMPSON, JONES, QUILTER, FEELEY, CARNEY, INFO
GARRETSON FROM BUSE
TRANSFER OF PERSONS TO OKI - WITNESSES IN SERIOUS CRIMES
47. COMSEVENTHFLT 182316Z JUN69 (S) *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
US NAVY TACAIR SORTIES
48. CG FIRST MARDIV 182340Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON
MOBILE QUICK REACTION TASK FORCE (U)
49. SSO MACV 190017Z JUN69 (U) EYES ONLY
C/S MACV TO ALL
ALLEGED ABUSE OF TAX PRIVILEGE
- ~~50. C/S FMFPAC WIRENOTE 200246Z JUN69 (U)
FOR YOUNGDALE FROM WILSON
TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR MCEN YOUNGDALE~~

1. CG FMFPAC 200304Z JUN69 (U)
FOR DWYER & DULACKI FROM BUSE
ATTABOYS ON THE CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENTS
2. J-4 MACV 211041Z JUN69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM CONROY
SHOT-GUN SHELLS
- ~~3. COMNAVFORV 250518Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
ICZ COMMON SUPPRT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
4. ADMIN FMFPAC 270245Z JUN69 (C) MCEO *gp-4*
OV-10A TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT
- ~~5. COMNAVFORV 280220Z JUN69 (U)
FOR OUTLAW, INFO COUSINS, DOOLEY & CHANDLER FROM FLANAGAN
ITINERARY FOR OUTLAW~~
- ~~6. MABKS YOKOSUKA 280401Z JUN69 (U)
ITINERARY FOR MCEN QUILTER~~
- ~~7. COMPAIRMED 280956Z JUN69 (U)
FOR FLANAGAN INFO COUSINS, DOOLEY & CHANDLER FROM OUTLAW
BRIEFING/ITINERARY OF OUTLAW VISIT~~
8. CG AMERICAL 281029Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM RAMSEY
RETENTION OF 1ST BDE, 101ST ABN DIV
9. C/S MACV 281445Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
COMUS WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT INVESTIGATION OF LOSSES AT FSB'S
TOMAHAWK AND BERTCHESGADEN -- EXCESSIVE FRIENDLY LOSSES
10. COMUSMACV 290350Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
ABRAMS TO CHAPMAN, BUSE & NICKERSON
POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF VN MARINE CORPS (C)
11. 834 AIR DIV TSN AB RVN 290135Z JUN69 (C) *group-4*
HERRING LIKE TO CALL ON ZAIS 3 JUL
12. CINCPACFLT 292157Z JUN69 (C) *gp-4*
HYLAND TO ALL
FY-70 FUNDING RESTRAINTS (U)
- ~~13. COMDIRFORSEVENTHFLT 300300Z JUN69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BEHDENC
AS I AM BELIEVED, IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO HAVE ASSOCIATED
WITH III MAF~~

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S E C R E T NOFORN MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 RELOCATION OF 1ST AMTRAC BN (C)
 A. CG III MAF 290410Z/MAY69 (SECRET NOFORN MCEO) (PASEP)
 1. (S) REVIEW OF REFERENCE A INDICATES THAT NEITHER A
 CONTINUATION OF THE CURRENT POSITIONING AT CUA VIET NOR
 TEMPORARY RELOCATION TO DANANG TAOR OFFERS SATISFACTORY
 SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEM OF SUBJECT BATTALION WHILE IT RE-
 MAINS AS CADRED UNIT.
 2. (S) CONSIDER THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION UNDER THE
 CIRCUMSTANCES IS RELOCATION OF LVTS AND ATTENDANT SUP-
 PLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO OKINAWA RETAINING FLAG AND PER-
 SONNEL IN COUNTRY TO PRECLUDE REQUIREMENT FOR FORMAL
 CHANGE OF PROGRAM 6 CEILING FOR OKINAWA.
 3. (S) LOGISTIC GUIDANCE WOULD BE SUBJECT OF
 SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE AND IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA0226 S E C R E T NOFORN MCEO
 PLANNING PURPOSE WOULD BE PROVIDED.

4. (U) REQUEST CONCURRENCE/ON PROPOSED
 GUIDANCE AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

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

THIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT I AM RECOMMENDING TO THE

SECRETARY OF THE NAVY THAT BGEN R. B. CARNEY, JR.

CURRENTLY THE ADC, 3D MARDIV, BE REASSIGNED TO DUTY AS

THE RELIEF FOR BGEN WM. G. JOHNSON AS CG 3TH MAB, BGEN JOHNSON

WILL BE REASSIGNED TO DUTY AS AN ASST WING CMDR OF THE 1ST

MAB IMMEDIATELY.

THESE REASSIGNMENTS WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL AFTER THE

GENERAL OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS REPORT OUT, IN AUGUST

PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE THIS INFORMATION UNTIL THE PRESS

PAGE TWO RUEBHOA5909 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FOR ADDRESSEES FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN

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TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF

LTG MILDREN DCG USARV

VADM ZUMM WALT COMNAVF ORV

LTG NICKERSON III MAF

LTG EWELL CG II FFV

MG RUSS ACG I FFV

MG WETHERILL CG DMAC

INFO LTG STILLWELL CG XXIV CORPS

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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 7207 EYES ONLY

1. COMUSMACV HAS DIRECTED THAT EACH ADDRESSEE RECEIVE THE MESSAGE QUOTED HEREIN.

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FM COL JOSEPH F H CUTRONA USA SA/SEA OASD/PA WASH DC

TO COL L GORDON HILL JR USA MACV IO SAIGON

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UNCLAS E F T O EYES ONLY OASD/PA 06950 JUN 69

SUBJECT: WALL STREET JOURNAL EDITORIAL

REF: MAC 7150 EYES ONLY, DTG 051003Z JUN 69

1. REF YOUR REQUEST THE FOL EDITORIAL WHICH APPEARED IN WALL STREET JOURNAL, 29 MAY 1969, IS QUOTED: QUOTE-THE HONORED DEAD---TOMORROW AMERICA MOURNS ITS DEAD FROM PAST WARS, AMID NEW RECRIMINATIONS ABOUT ITS DEAD IN A PRESENT WAR. IT IS, PERHAPS, AN APPROPRIATE MOMENT TO REFLECT THAT ANY WAR DEATH IS NOT ONLY ANGUISHING BUT IN MANY WAYS SENSELESS. PARA WOULD THAT MANKIND COULD LEARN TO SETTLE ITS QUARRELS WITHOUT SACRIFICING SO MANY YOUNG MEN ONLY STARTING TO TASTE LIFE. THE HUMAN BEAST HAS NOT LEARNED THAT, WHICH OUGHT TO REMIND US ALL OF A DARKNESS WITHIN. WHEN THE QUARRELS ARISE AND WHEN YOUNG MEN DIE, WE OUGHT TO PONDER WHAT THIS TELLS US ABOUT THE NATURE OF US ALL. PARA THE HUMAN TENDENCY, AND THE FASHION LATELY, HAS BEEN INSTEAD TO SINGLE OUT A FEW, THE MILITARY COMMANDERS WHOSE DUTY IT IS TO GIVE ORDERS THAT SO OFTEN LEAD TO DEATH. YET THESE MEN DESERVE COMPASSION TOO. THEIR DUTY IS NO SMALL BURDEN, AND THEY PERSONALLY VIEW ITS GRIM RESULTS. A MILITARY OFFICER, NO LESS THAN ANYONE ELSE, IS ANGUISHED BY DEATH AMONG HIS COMPANIONS. PARA THE COMMANDER'S GRUEL TASK IS SO OFTEN TO SEND ONE BOY TO DIE NOW A SO THAT OTHERS MAY AVOID DEATH LATER. SINCE HISTORY NEVER REVEALS IT ALTERNATIVES, THERE CAN BE NO ULTIMATE ASSURANCE THAT HIS DECISION WAS CORRECT, THAT ANY PARTICULAR DEATH WAS CORRECT, THAT ANY PARTICULAR DEATH WAS IN FACT NECESSARY TO AVERT FUTURE ONES. COMMANDERS MUST LIVE WITH THIS DOUBT, DRAWING WHAT COMFORT THEY CAN FROM THE LIKELIHOODS SUGGESTED BY MILITARY EXPERIENCE. PARA THE LESSONS OF THAT EXPERIENCE ARE SELDOM CLEAR, AND ARE A LEGITIMATE SUBJECT FOR DEBATE BY NON-MILITARY OBSERVERS

LIKE U.S. SENATORS. BUT THE COMMANDERS, WHO SUFFER THE PAINFUL OBLIGATION TO DECIDE AND TO ACT NOW DESERVE TO BE MET ON HIGH GROUND. IT IS TERRIBLY EASY TO EXPLOIT COMBAT DEATHS IN CRITICIZING THE OFFERS; DEATH IS ALWAYS SO CERTAIN, AND THE RATIONALE FOR RISKING IT CAN NEVER BE BEYOND DOUBT. PARA WHAT DISTURBS US ABOUT SENATOR KENNEDY AND OTHER CRITICS OF THE RECENT BATTLE OF APBIA MOUNTAIN IS THAT THEY SHOW SO LITTLE EFFORT TO UNDERSTAND THE COMMANDERS' STRATEGIC RATIONALE. THE DEATHS ON THE MOUNTAIN ARE CONDEMNED AS IRRESPONSIBLE. AT THE SAME TIME THERE IS NO REAL EFFORT TO RECOGNIZE LET ALONE REFUTE, THE COMMANDERS' BELIEF THAT THE STRATEGY THAT RESULTED IN THESE CASUALTIES WILL PREVENT GREATER CASUALTIES LATER. PARA IN VIETNAM THE ENEMY'S GREAT SKILL SEEMS TO BE COVERTLY MASSING FOR THE ASSAULT. HIS LOGISTICAL BASE PRECEDES HIS ATTACK FORCES WITH SUPPLIES CAREFULLY STOCKPILED IN ADVANCE. THIS ADVANCE SUPPLY BASE ALLOWS HIM TO BRING UP TROOPS QUIETLY AND QUICKLY, TO LAUNCH ATTACKS WITH THE SUDDEN FEROCITY OF THE GREAT TET OFFENSIVE. PARA OUR COMMANDERS HAVE DECIDED THE WAY TO CONTACT SITES IS TO DISRUPT THE SECRET STOCKPILES, AND TO ATTACK ENEMY TROOPS IN BASE CAMPS BEFORE THEY ADVANCE. WHEN WE SEND TROOPS INTO HIS SUPPLY NUBS AND BASE AREAS SUCH AS THE ASHAU VALLEY, SOMETIMES THERE WILL BE BLOODY BATTLES. IN THE LONG RUN, HOWEVER, THE COMMANDERS SAY THE DEATHS WILL BE FEWER THAN IF WE ALLOW THE ENEMY TO BUILD HIS LOGISTICAL BASE IN PREPARATION FOR ANOTHER OFFENSIVE. PARA THIS RATIONALE IS NOT INVULNERABLE TO INTELLECTUAL ASSAULT. AVERELL HARRIMAN, THE FORMER HEAD OF OUR PARIS NEGOTIATORS, SEEMS TO BELIEVE THE ENEMY WOULD NO LONGER ATTACK IF WE LEFT HIM ALONE. PERHAPS MR. HARRIMAN IS RIGHT. PERHAPS THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOW WILLING TO SETTLE FOR THE LESS THAN 20 PERCENT SLICE OF POLITICAL POWER IN SOUTH VIETNAM HE ESTIMATES A FREE ELECTION WOULD GIVE THEM. PARA BUT IF

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THE COMMANDERS' RATIONALE IS NOT INVULNERABLE, NEITHER IS IT FOOLISH OR IRRESPONSIBLE. THE NOTION THAT THE ENEMY WILL DESIST IS NOT EASY TO SEE TO COMMANDERS WHO REMEMBER HIS DUPLICITY IN THE 1968 TET "TRUCE" AND ENSUING OFFENSIVE. QUOTE POSSIBLY THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATING POSTURE CAN BE INFLUENCED MORE BY SHOWING OUR MILITARY PROWESS THAN BY SHOWING OUR GOOD FAITH. PARA WHICH SET OF ASSUMPTIONS IS NEARER THE TRUTH AT THIS POINT MAY WELL BE A DEBATE THE NATION OUGHT TO HAVE. IN ANY CASE THE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD MEET THE COMMANDERS' RATIONALE EXPLICITLY AND HEAD-ON, NOT BY MAKING ANY PARTICULAR BATTLE OR ANY PARTICULAR DEATHS THE TEST OF AN ENTIRE STRATEGY. PARA FOR IN THE PRESENT WAR AS IN PAST WARS, THERE IS NO STRATEGY GUARANTEED TO AVOID DEATH ENTIRELY. TO PLAY ON THE GRIEF OF PARTICULAR DEATHS, TO FUSS OVER THE COMMANDERS' REASONS FOR BELIEVING THE MEN HAVE NOT DIED IN VAIN IF NOT ONLY TO ABUSE THE COMMANDERS BUT TO ABUSE THE HONORED DEAD. UNQUOTE

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S E C R E T MAC 7290 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ENEMY USE OF UNKNOWN CHEMICAL AGENTS (C)

THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART ONE: GENERAL INFORMATION

1. (C) DURING THE PAST NINE MONTHS FOUR INSTANCES OF SUSPECTED ENEMY USE OF AN UNKNOWN CHEMICAL AGENT IN RVN HAVE BEEN REPORTED. THESE INCIDENTS ARE SUMMARIZED IN PART TWO.

2. (S) NO KNOWN CHEMICAL AGENT WILL CAUSE THE COMBINATION OF EFFECTS REPORTED IN ANY OF THE INCIDENTS. THE AGENT (OR AGENTS) APPEARS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING GREATER PHYSICAL INCAPACITATION THAN AGENTS PRESENTLY USED BY TH US, AND MAY HAVE ACHIEVED TEMPORARY MENTAL INCAPACITATION.

3. (C) ALL REPORTED USAGE HAS BEEN ON A SMALL SCALE. NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN FOUND TO INDICATE ANY CAPABILITY FOR LARGE SCALE ATTACKS. ALTHOUGH RECENT CACHE SEIZURES HAVE PRODUCED A FEW SETS OF PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND QUANTITIES OF SOVIET "SCHLEM" MASKS, THESE DISCOVERIES DO NOT, IN THEMSELVES, CLARIFY ENEMY INTENTIONS OR CAPABILITIES.

4. (C) EFFORTS ARE BEING INTENSIFIED TO OBTAIN AGENT SAMPLES AND TECHNICAL EVALUATIONS OF FUTURE INCIDENTS. PROMPT INVESTIGATION OF ANY FUTURE INCIDENTS BY MEDICAL, CHEMICAL, AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL IS DESIRED. CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PRECLUDE AROUSING UNDUE ALARM AMONG OUR OWN TROOPS.

PART TWO: SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS.

1. (C) IN SEPTEMBER 1968 A PF PLATOON DEFENSIVE POSITION IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE RECEIVED A MORTAR ATTACK WHICH INCLUDED SOME CHEMICAL ROUNDS. A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THE PLATOON VOMITED SHORTLY AFTER THE AGENT CLOUD PASSED THEIR POSITION. MOST OF THE PLATOON EXPERIENCED SLIGHT TEARING, BURNING SENSATION IN THE NOSE, HEADACHE, RAPID BREATHING, AND DIZZINESS. FOUR MEN LOST CONSCIOUSNESS AFTER 15-20 MINUTES. THREE OF THESE FOUR REMAINED UNCONSCIOUS APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS. ALL PERSONNEL WERE FULLY RECOVERED IN ABOUT TWELVE HOURS WITH NO APPARENT AFTER EFFECTS. ANALYSIS CONCLUDED THE AGENT USED WAS NOT CG.

2. (C) ON 20 MARCH 1965 A PATROL OF 7 US AND 21 INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL IN TAY NINH PROVINCE REPORTED AN UNKNOWN CHEMICAL AGENT ATTACK. WHILE CONDUCTING AN OPERATION, THE PATROL OBSERVED THE LOW ORDER DETONATION OF ONE B-40 ROCKET ABOUT 15 METERS TO THEIR FRONT. THE LEADING ELEMENT IMMEDIATELY EXPERIENCED NAUSEA AND VOMITING. THE ENTIRE GROUP EXPERIENCED LETHARGY AND TIREDNESS. A NUMBER ALSO EXPERIENCED PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS SUCH AS APATHY AND LACK OF INTEREST IN WHAT WAS HAPPENING.

3. (C) ON 4 MAY 1969 A 15-MAN MARINE ELEMENT WAS AMBUSHED, TOOK 5 CASUALTIES AND WITHDREW FROM THE AMBUSH AREA. AFTER WITHDRAWING, THE PERSONNEL EXPERIENCED MILD BURNING OF THE SKIN AND ONE MAN VOMITED SEVERAL TIMES. SEVERAL HOURS LATER THE REMAINDER OF THE ELEMENT RETURNED TO THE AMBUSH SITE. THE ENEMY HAD APPARENTLY WITHDRAWN. THE ELEMENT CAME UNDER THE EFFECTS OF AN UNKNOWN CHEMICAL AGENT. ALL 10 MEN EXPERIENCED DIZZINESS, NAUSEA, MUSCLE SPASMS, BLURRED VISION, HEADACHES, LOSS OF EQUILIBRIUM AND COORDINATION, MUSCLE PARALYSIS, AND EXTREME WEAKNESS. TWO MEN COLLAPSED. ALL HAD 1ST DEGREE BURNS ON EXPOSED SKIN. NONE EXPERIENCED TEARING OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH. ALL MEN EXPERIENCED WEAKNESS, VISION IMPAIRMENT AND A "HANG-OVER" SYNDROME FOR 3-5 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE. SUSPECTED MEANS OF AGENT DISSEMINATION WAS BY COMMAND DETONATED MINES, BOOBYTRAPS AND/OR HAND GRENADES.

4. (C) ON 24 APRIL 1969 AN EXPERIENCED PLATOON OF MARINES IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WAS INVESTIGATING AN ENEMY TUNNEL. ONE MAN, AFTER EXPLORING THE TUNNEL FOR A TIME AND UPON HEARING DIGGING SOUNDS, WAS ORDERED TO COME UP. DURING EGRESS HE COMPLAINED OF FEELING "WEAK AND FUNNY", DROPPED HIS WEAPON, LET OF THE ROPE BEING USED TO PULL HIM OUT, GROANED, AND FELL BACK INTO THE TUNNEL. A SECOND MAN WAS LOWERED AND COMPLAINED OF DIFFICULTY IN BREATHING. THE SURFACE CREW HEARD SOUNDS LIKE SNORING. TWO ADDITIONAL MEN ATTEMPTED TO ENTER THE HOLE BUT WERE DRIVEN BACK BY UNIDENTIFIABLE FUMES. A PROTECTIVE MASK WAS OBTAINED AND ONE SERGEANT ENTERED THE HOLE AND RETRIEVED THE BODIES OF THE TWO MEN. AUTOPSIES ON THE USS REPOSE, MADE WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATHS, REVEALED DEATH BY RESPIRATORY ASPHYXIATION.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 7306 EYES ONLY
 SUB : STAFF VISIT (U)

1. (C) IF YOU CONCUR, WOULD LIKE TO MAKE STAFF VISIT TO 3RD MARINE DIVISION ON THURSDAY, 12 JUNE. WOULD ANTICIPATE ARRIVING DONG HA AIRFIELD APPROXIMATELY 0930 AND DEPARTING 1600.
2. (C) SINCE MY PREVIOUS ORIENTATION VISIT WAS EXTREMELY BRIEF, AM INTERESTED IN GETTING AN OVERALL APPRECIATION OF DIVISION'S OPERATIONS INCLUDING TERRAIN, PARTICULARLY IN KEY AREAS ALONG THE DMZ. ALSO AM INTERESTED IN CURRENT INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE AND ANY PLANNED FRIENDLY OPERATIONS. WOULD PREFER MINIMUM IN WAY OF FORMAL BRIEFINGS AND MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT US AND VIETNAMESE UNITS ENGAGED IN BOTH COMBAT OPERATIONS AND PACIFICATION.
3. (U) IF YOU CONCUR, A PHONE CALL FROM YOUR OFFICE TO MAJ CANA AN, MACV 161/ 860, WILL SET THINGS IN MOTION.
4. (U) I ASSUME CONCURRENCE OF INFO ADDRESSEES UNLESS I HEAR OTHERWISE. ARM REGARDS. GP-4

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OPCON OF SLF HMM SQUADRONS (U)
A. CG III MAF 051204Z/JUNGS (C) (NOTAL)
1. (C) CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION
CONTAINED IN REF A FOR PASSING OPCON OF SLF HMM'S TO
CG FIRST MAF SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH PASSAGE ASHORE OF
ELT OPCON.
2. (C) I AM ASSUMING THAT IMPLICIT IN YOUR RECOMMEN-
DATION IS THE FACT THAT HMM'S WOULD CONTINUE
TO OPERATE, WHEN POSSIBLE, FROM LPH'S EVEN THOUGH
CG FIRST MAF HAS OPCON. THIS OF COURSE DESIRABLE TO
PRECLUDE OVER UTILIZATION OF FIRST MAF SUPPORT BASE.
WARM REGARDS.

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 SPECAT MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN
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 UH-1L ASSIGNMENT (U)

A. CG FIRST MAW 280715Z/MAY69 (C)

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH HQMC, PACFLT AND NAVAIRPAC REVEAL THAT THERE IS LITTLE WE CAN DO HERE TO INFLUENCE REASSIGNMENT OF THIRD NCB UH-1L'S TO III MAF AS PROPOSED REFERENCE A.
2. PACFLT REPORTS THESE AIRCRAFT ARE ON LOAN FROM THE ARMY PRIMARILY FOR OPERATIONS IN THE DELTA. THE TWO AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED TO THIRD NCB AT DANANG ARE PROGRAMMED AS ATTRITION REPLACEMENT AIRCRAFT FOR THE SIX UH-1L'S ASSIGNED TO CTF-116 AND CTF-117. OUR LIAISON OFFICER AT NAVAIRPAC ADVISES THAT THESE AIR-

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 1715 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT M C E O
 CRAFT DO NOT FALL UNDER COMNAVAIRPAC'S COGNIZANCE ALTHOUGH MESSAGE TRAFFIC INDICATES NAVAIRPAC IS INVOLVED IN PLANNING FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN RVN.
 3. THE ONLY COURSE OF ACTION AVAILABLE APPEARS TO BE FOR NICK TO DISCUSS THIS WITH BUD ZUMWALT. HE MAY BE RECEPTIVE TO A PROPOSAL THAT FIRST MAW ASSUME MAINTENANCE AND SCHEDULING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TWO UH-1L'S SINCE APPARENTLY THIS IS A PROBLEM YET TO BE SOLVED.

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1. (S) AUTHORITY GRANTED TO RETROGRADE EQUIPMENT OF 1ST
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1. REFERENCE MY CONVERSATION DURING LUNCH 12 JUNE 69 WITH GENERAL STILWELL.
 2. IF YOU HAVE SOME WELL-DEFINED TARGETS IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ SUITABLE FOR ARC LIGHT STRIKES, REQUEST THAT THEY BE NOMINATED. I HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH COMUSMACV.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON INFO
 BGEN DOOLEY FROM MGEN SIMPSON
 PVT DAVID R. KINDER 246 47 49 USMC (U)
 A. CG III MAF 131831Z JUN69
 B. NY 261520Z JUN69 (NOTAL)
 C. NY 122259Z JUN69 (NOTAL)
 D. NY 130810Z JUN69 (NOTAL)
 1. (C) FOL INFO FURN IAW REF A. THIS CONFIRMS FOREZON ASST
 C/S G-1 FMFPAC AND ASST C/S G-1 1ST MARDIV 14JUN69. SEE E,
 C, AND D ALSO REFER;
 A. KINDER WAS WIAHE 10MARG69 SW RT SHOULDER AND WAS WIAHE
 16MAY69 SUPERFICIAL FRAG WD LEFT ARM AND CONCUSSION. HE
 CLAIMED WD 20MAY69 BUT WAS MINOR SCRATCH OF CHEST WHICH DID
 NOT WARRANT PH. HE WAS ERRONEOUSLY ISSUED MED EVAC TAG BY
 CORPSMAN DUE HEAVY CASUALTY LOAD BY AN HOA AS A RESULT ROCKET

PAGE TWO RUMHMA 1705 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
 FOR BGEN WILSON INFO BGEN DOOLEY FROM MGEN SIMPSON
 ATTACK. BN MED O DIRECTED MED EVAC TAG BE DESTROYED. NO
 RECORD ANY OTHER WD. NOT QUAL FOR TRF AS TWICE/TWICE WD.
 B. KINDER APPL FOR HUMS TRF TO OMC INVEDED DUE MOTHER'S
 NERVOUS CONDITION. THIS COND FND REQ 13MARG69 TO OMC RECOG
 TRF TO HONUS. CMD 252258Z MARG69 ASK WAR BKS BY NEADE PROVIDE
 ADD INFO RE MOTHER'S CONDITION TO PERMIT DECISION HIS CASE.
 KINDER HAS BEEN ON DUTY BN REAR AT AN HOA COMBAT BASE SINCE
 1FEB69 AWTG OMC ACTION ON HUMS REQ.
 C. HE IS WELL AND ON DUTY AND WAS ADVISED 5JUN69 TO WRITE
 HIS PARENTS. HE IS BEING TRF TO THIS HQ THIS AM FOR
 FOR TRF TO CAMP BUTLER FOR DUTY. SKED DEPT RVN 150100R JUN69
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 OV-10A TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CMC 262130Z MAY 69 (MOTAL) (S)

B. CG FIRST MAW 220559Z MAY 69 (MOTAL) (S)

1. (C) REF A EMPHASIZED OV-10'S ROLE AS OBSERVATION, CONTROL AND OTHER UTILITY MISSION SUPPORT AIRCRAFT TO AVOID MISINTERPRETATION OF STATED MAW/CG AIRCRAFT REQUIREMENTS JUSTIFICATION.
2. (C) REF B AND REFS THERETO ADDRESS OV-10A CONTROL MISSION AS TAC(A) VICE FAC(A). RECOGNIZE FINE LINE DIFFERENCE BUT IT IS

PAGE TWO RUEBNVA1898 C O N F I D E N T I A L MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 SIGNIFICANT SINCE TA-4F REQUIREMENTS ARE BASED ON TAC(A) ROLE WHICH REQUIRES HIGH PERFORMANCE, LESS VULNERABLE AIRCRAFT FOR COORDINATION OF AIRBORNE FORCES IN HIGH SA/AAA/SAM THREAT ENVIRONMENT. OV-10A REQUIREMENTS ARE BASED ON FAC(A) ROLE OF AIRBORNE CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE IN CLOSE SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES IN A PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT.
 3. (U) REQUEST YOU TAKE ACTION TO MODIFY APPLICABLE ORDERS TO REFLECT ABOVE DISTINCTION IN TERMINOLOGY.

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From: Chief of Staff

6/17/69

To: CG.

1. I have alerted
Mr Gen Jones.
2. will follow
up tomorrow

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

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FOR LTC NICKERSON FROM THE AMBASSADOR

1. MY WIFE AND I WOULD LIKE TO INVITE MARINE 1ST LT. ROBERT CURTIS, 0101007, B COMPANY, 3RD MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE DIVISION, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN UPCOMING SPECIAL AIR MISSION TO 39 TO KATHMANDU, NEPAL SO THAT HE MIGHT SPEND HIS LEAVE OR R-R WITH MR. BOSTER, THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION, KATHMANDU. THE AIRCRAFT WILL DEPART SAIGON ON JUNE 24 AND RETURN APPROXIMATELY JULY 1. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITY THAT LT. CURTIS MAY BE AUTHORIZED ORDINARY OR R-R LEAVE SO THAT HE MIGHT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS FLIGHT.

2. UPON ARRIVAL KATHMANDU, CURTIS MUST BE IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES AND POSSESS A VALID US PASSPORT. PASSPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FROM AMCONSUL, DANANG. VISA FOR NEPAL CAN BE OBTAINED UPON ARRIVAL. UNIFORM WILL NOT RPT NOT BE WORN IN NEPAL. PASSPORT NUMBER IS REQUIRED FOR CLEARANCE PROCEDURES. PLEASE SEND AS SOON AS KNOWN.

3. BECAUSE OF EARLY DEPARTURE, CURTIS SHOULD ARRIVE SAIGON ON 23 JUNE AND CONTACT LTC O'BRIEN, ROOM 331, EMBASSY. TELEPHONE NEW EMBASSY 405 OR MACV 3410.
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3	CG	I	18 June			REMARKS ① 1. Mr. Fisher has been notified. Books will be updated for e.g. 2. Book will be updated for e.g. 3. With please advise I can contact you. Get well & Mr. Fisher 180715H WILL DO! J. R. Fisher
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 BFC LTG STILWELL CG XXIV CORPS
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 7731 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: JUNE COMMANDERS WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE JUNE COMMANDERS' WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY
 21 JUNE 1969. SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

- 0830- START
- 0830-1200 N UPDATES BY J2, J3. MACCORDS
- 1200-1400 LUNCH
- 1400-1500 DISCUSSION AND UPDATES BY MACMA,
 7AF, NAVFORV
- 1500- TERMINATE

2. (C) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CTZ'S
 ATTEND THE WIEU AND ALSO THE LUNCHEON AT THE COMMAND MESS.
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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*Mr. Frasier has
 been notified.*

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TO CG III MAF

INFO SSO 101ST ABN DIV (AM)

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S E C R E T PHB 1117 INTEL

SUBJ: ACTIVITY IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 937 (U)

REF: MSG, CG III MAF, 172025Z JUN 69 GENSER

1. (S) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REF MESSAGE.

A. ENEMY SITUATION IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 937: DURING THE PERIOD 1-18 JUNE THERE WERE NUMEROUS VR'S INDICATING CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HUTS AND BUNKERS ON THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN SLOPES OF HILL 937. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THERE WERE FIVE GROUND CONTACTS AND TWO INCIDENTS OF AIRCRAFT RECEIVING FIRE FROM UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 937 BELIEVED TO BE ELEMENTS OF THE 29TH NVA REGT. ENEMY 122MM ROCKETS WERE FIRED ON FSB BERCHTESGADEN FROM THE VICINITY OF HILL 937 ON 14 JUNE. ON 10 JUNE FSB CURRAHEE RECEIVED SEVERAL 122MM ROCKETS FROM THE SAME AREA. ON 4 JUNE AND AGAIN ON 13 JUNE URS INDICATED A REGIMENTAL SIZE HEADQUARTERS IN THE VICINITY OF THE HILL. PW'S CAPTURED FOLLOWING A SAPPER ATTACK ON FSB BERCHTESGADEN (YC 424012) ON 14 JUNE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE TO RETURN TO THE VICINITY OF HILL 937 FOLLOWING THE ATTACK. PW'S CAPTURED AFTER A GROUND ATTACK ON FSB CURRAHEE (YC 397951) ON 15 JUNE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE FROM THE C20 SAPPER COMPANY OF THE 29TH NVA REGT. ACCORDING TO THE PW REPORTS, THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 1000 PERSONNEL IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF HILL 937. 101ST ABN DIV OB HOLDS THE 29TH REGT AT AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 1200 PERSONNEL FOLLOWING LOSSES INCURRED DURING THE BATTLE AGAINST THE REGT IN MAY 69. VR'S OF THE TRAIL COMPLEX TO THE NW OF HILL 937 LEADING FROM BA 611 IN LAOS INDICATE CONTINUOUS ENEMY USE OF THE TRAIL NETWORK TO INFILTRATE INTO THE NORTHERN AND WESTERN SLOPES OF THE HILL.

B. FRIENDLY PLANS/INTENTIONS VICINITY HILL 937: AT PRESENT TIME HILL 937 (DONG AP BIA HILL MASS) IS NEITHER MORE NOR LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN OTHER PORTIONS OF THE A SHAU VALLEY AND ITS CONTIGUOUS RIDGE LINES. DIVISION PLANS/INTENTIONS ARE TO MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE OVER THE A SHAU VALLEY, INTERDICT ENEMY MOVEMENT THROUGH AND ACROSS THE A SHAU VALLEY TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND ELIMINATE ENEMY BASE AREAS, STORAGE AREAS, AND CACHES. DONG AP BIA IS ONE OF THE DOMINANT TERRAIN FEATURES IN THE A SHAU VALLEY. DIVISION PLANS TO PATROL AND RECONNOITER DONG AP BIA TO DENY ITS FURTHER USE TO THE ENEMY AS A BASE AREA FROM WHICH HE COULD LAUNCH OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST OUR FORCES. DEPENDING ON FUTURE ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO REOCCUPY DONG AP BIA, OR ANY OTHER TERRAIN IN THE A SHAU VALLEY, AS DETERMINED BY OUR RECONNAISSANCE AND PATROLLING ACTIVITIES, REACTION FORCES WOULD BE EMPLOYED AS NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DIVISION'S CURRENT MISSION TO DESTROY ENEMY UNITS

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**STAFF SECRETARY
III MAF**

19 June

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Chief of Staff

Recommend following Staff members
sight this message for future requirements.

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CO, H&S Co	
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 TRANSFER TO OKINAWA OF WITNESSES INVOLVED IN SERIOUS CRIMES

1. DURING MY RECENT TRIP, THE PROBLEMS OF GETTING WITNESSES TO
 TESTIFY IN HOMICIDE/ATTEMPTED HOMICIDE CASES BECAUSE OF FEAR
 OF REPRISAL WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. I GAVE BILL JONES APPROVAL
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 A DEFERRED ASSIGNMENT. PLEASE INSURE THAT MY HEADQUARTERS IS
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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN WICKERSON FROM MGEN SIMPSON
 MOBILE QUICK REACTION TASK FORCE (U)

A. CG III MAF 030350Z AUG69

1. (S) REFERENCE A ESTABLISHED A COMBINED US/ARVN MOBILE QUICK REACTION TASK FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY TWO COMPANY STRENGTH TO REINFORCE THE CLOSE IN DEFENSE OF THE DANANG COMPLEX. THIS FORCE, CALLED TASK FORCE KILO, WAS CHARTERED TO OPERATE GENERALLY IN THE DANANG COMPLEX AND ADJACENT AREAS IN COORDINATION WITH THE COMMANDER DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR, NOW THE COMMANDER QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE.

2. (S) PROFITABLE EMPLOYMENT OF THIS FORCE WAS REALIZED AGAINST CLOSE-IN INTELLIGENCE TARGETS, WITH A MAJOR SUCCESS BEING ACHIEVED IN MID-AUGUST JUST AFTER ITS FORMATION WHEN IT BROKE THE BACK OF AN ENEMY ATTEMPT TO SEIZE THE CAN LE BRIDGE AND ATTACK DANANG ITSELF. SINCE THEN, HOWEVER, THE CHANGING TACTICAL SITUATION WITHIN QUANG

PAGE 2 RUMHLA 2351 **S E C R E T** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR NAM PROVINCE HAS SEEN A LESSENING OF THE GROUND THREAT AGAINST DANANG AND ITS IMMEDIATE ENVIRONS WITH A CONCOMITANT DECREASE IN TF KILO'S ACTIVITIES IN THE DANANG AREA. HENCE THE SEARCH FOR TARGETS HAS SPREAD FARTHER AFIELD, THE RECENT EMPLOYMENT OF THE FORCE ALONG THE 1ST MAR/ROKMC BOUNDARY BEING AN EXAMPLE.

3. (S) TODAY I HAVE BEEN ADVISED INFORMALLY THAT THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE NO LONGER SEES A VIABLE ENEMY THREAT IN THE DANANG COMPLEX AND DESIRES TO RELOCATE PERMANENTLY THE MOBILE QUICK REACTION TASK FORCE TO AN AREA GENERALLY SSW OF MARBLE MOUNTAIN, WHERE IT WOULD TAKE OVER A PORTION OF THE CURRENT 3/1 AO AS ITS OWN AREA OF OPERATIONS.

4. (S) WHILE I APPRAISE THE INTENT OF THIS INFORMAL PROPOSAL, I OPPOSE IT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN THIS CRITICAL AREA DIRECTLY SOUTH OF DANANG WOULD BE CUMBERSOME - THE US ELEMENT RESPONDING TO THIS DIVISION WHILE THE ARVN ELEMENT WAS RESPONSIVE TO THE QUANG DA HQ. THIS BUILT-IN LACK OF SIMPLICITY IS DANGEROUS.

B. THE ASSIGNMENT TO TF KILO OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN AREA OF OPERATIONS IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH IT WAS ESTABLISHED: MOBILE QUICK REACTION.

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PAGE 3 RUMMLA 2351 **SECRET** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 C. THE MISSION CONTEMPLATED WITHIN THE 1ST MAR AO CAN BETTER BE ACCOMPLISHED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A SINGLE COMMANDER, AND QUANG DA HAS PROPOSED THAT COMPANY SIZE RF UNITS BE PLACED UNDER USMC OPERATIONAL CONTROL BOTH FOR THIS PURPOSE AND TO INCREASE THEIR OWN STATE OF TRAINING.

5. (S) THE BRIGADING OF MARINE AND RF UNITS, TO WHICH QUANG DA APPEARS AMENABLE, PROVIDES AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON THE INCREASED TROOP DENSITY THAT WOULD RESULT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ACCELERATING VIETNAMESE READINESS TO TAKE OVER MORE OF THE TASKS WE NOW DO OURSELVES. IN ADDITION IT WOULD PROVIDE SIMPLICITY AND UNITY OF COMMAND IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF THESE FORCES, WHILE THEIR CAPABILITIES ARE BEING CONTINUALLY UPGRADED.

6. (S) ACCORDINGLY, I SOLICIT YOUR APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE TO THE COMBINED EMPLOYMENT OF SOME OF OUR UNITS ALONG WITH THOSE DESIGNATED BY QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE, TO THE ENDS OUTLINED ABOVE.

7. (S) IN ADDITION, SINCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE MORILE QUICK REACTION TASK FORCE NO LONGER EXISTS, I RECOMMEND IT BE DISESTABLISHED AND THE ELEMENTS ASSIGNED BE RETURNED TO THEIR OWN COMMANDS IN ANTICIPATION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROPOSAL OUTLINED IN PAR 6. ABOVE.

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ALLEGED ABUSE OF TAX PRIVILEGE

A. JCS/J-3 07376/141348Z JUN 69

B. OM 2135-67

C. CINCOPACINST 5521.15

1. THE FOLLOWING DATA ARE PROVIDED IN REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A:

A. VIF MILITARY (1 JUL 68 - 31 MAY 69)	
(1) TOTAL VISITORS	294
(2) TOTAL WHOSE TRAVEL OVERLAPPED 2 MONTHS	18
(3) AVERAGE LENGTH OF VISITS WHICH OVERLAPPED,	8.9 DAYS
B. VIF CIVILIAN (1 JUL 68 - 31 MAY 69)	
(1) TOTAL VISITORS	273
(2) TOTAL WHOSE TRAVEL OVERLAPPED 2 MONTH	24
(3) AVERAGE LENGTH OF VISITS WHICH OVERLAPPED	19.6 DAYS
C. OTHER MILITARY TRAVELING WITH VIF	
(1) TOTAL VISITORS (1 JUL 68 - 31 MAY 69)	628
(2) TOTAL WHOSE TRAVEL OVERLAPPED 2 MONTHS	42
(3) AVERAGE LENGTH OF VISITS WHICH OVERLAPPED	9.4 DAYS
D. OTHER CIVILIANS TRAVELING WITH VIF	
(1) TOTAL (1 JUL 68 - 31 MAY 69)	62
(2) TOTAL WHOSE TRAVEL OVERLAPPED 2 MONTHS	13
(3) AVERAGE LENGTH OF VISITS WHICH OVERLAPPED	18.9 DAYS
E. NON-VIF MILITARY (1 JAN 69 - 31 MAY 69)	
(1) TOTAL VISITORS	1049
(2) TOTAL WHOSE TRAVEL OVERLAPPED 2 MONTHS	29
(3) AVERAGE LENGTH OF VISITS WHICH OVERLAPPED	14.8 DAYS
F. NON-VIF CIVILIANS (1 JAN 69 - 31 MAY 69)	
(1) TOTAL VISITORS	737
(2) TOTAL WHOSE TRAVEL OVERLAPPED 2 MONTHS	73
(3) AVERAGE LENGTH OF VISITS WHICH OVERLAPPED	16.4 DAYS 49(1)

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2. THE FOLLOWING DATA ARE NOT AVAILABLE:

A. BREAKDOWN BY OFFICERS AND ENLISTED.

B. TRAVEL BY NON-VIP PERSONNEL PRIOR TO 1 JAN 69 EXCEPT THOSE ACCOMPANYING VIPS.

C. SEPARATE FIGURES FOR VISITORS FROM WITHIN PACOM.

3. PRESENT PROCEDURES ALONG CHAIN OF COMMAND ARE KEEPING VISITOR LOAD AT AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. NO ADDITIONAL CONTROLS OR LIMITATIONS ARE RECOMMENDED. CINCPAC WILL CONTINUE TO CLOSELY MONITOR CLEARANCE REQUESTS TO INSURE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF REFS B AND C ARE MET. STRICT ENFORCEMENT OF THOSE PROVISIONS DOES INSURE THAT TRAVEL TO SEASIA IS LIMITED TO THOSE VISITS WHICH WILL MAKE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE MISSION IN THAT AREA. REQUESTS WHICH INVOLVE AN OVERLAP INTO TWO CONSECUTIVE MONTHS HAS BEEN AND WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE CRITICAL REVIEW.

4. PERTINENT TAX EXCLUSION IS A LONG-STANDING RIGHT GRANTED BY CONGRESS AND SERVES AN WORTHWHILE PURPOSE. WHILE THERE UNDOUBTEDLY COULD BE INSTANCES OF ABUSE EVEN UNDER THE STRICTEST OF CONTROLS, SUCH ABUSES HAVE NOT REACHED THE POINT WHERE CONGRESSIONAL AMENDMENT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SHOULD BE RECOMMENDED.
WARM REGARDS.

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CHANGE OF ASSIGNMENT

1. FOR BGEN DWYER: YOU HAVE MY APPRECIATION AND ADMIRATION FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AS ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER, FIRST MARINE DIVISION AND G-3 III MAF. YOUR SUPERIOR LEADERSHIP AND DILIGENT DEVOTION TO DUTY THROUGHOUT THIS AND OTHER VITAL ASSIGNMENTS DURING YOUR TOUR OF DUTY HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING FACTORS IN THE OUTSTANDING COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION AND III MAF. CONGRATULATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE, AND BEST WISHES FOR FUTURE SUCCESS.

2. FOR BGEN DULACKI: CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ASSIGNMENT AS ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER, FIRST MARINE DIVISION AND G-3 III MAF WELCOME TO THE FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC'S WESTPAC AREA OF OPERATIONS. YOUR EXCELLENT RECORD OF PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS ASSURES ME THAT YOU WILL SUCCESSFULLY MEET THE DEMANDS OF YOUR VITAL NEW ASSIGNMENT. BEST WISHES. LTGEN BUSE.

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TO LTG WICKERSON GG-III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 7948 EYES ONLY

1. BEEN ADVISED THAT STOCK LEVEL ON PLASTIC COATED SHOTGUN SHELLS IS GOOD. ALL ALC'S SHOULD BE ABLE TO REPLACE BASIC LOAD.
2. A DIRECTIVE FROM JGS WAS ACTED ON BY OFF CHIEF ORDNANCE ARVN 13 JUNE TO ALL UNITS ADVISING THEM OF THE REQUEST TO TURN IN THE OLD SHELLS.
3. IF YOUR PEOPLE HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN GETTING REPLACEMENTS PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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OV-10A TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG FIRST MAW 230009Z/JUN69 (C)

B. CG FIRST MAW 220559Z/MAY69 (S)

C. CMC 162222Z/JUN69 (C)

1. (C) REF A MODIFIED PROVISIONS OF REF B, BASED UPON GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF C RELATING TO TERMINOLOGY USED TO DEFINE THE AIRBORNE CONTROL TASK ASSIGNED THE OV-10A, I.E., FAC(A) IN LIEU OF TAC(A).

2. (C) REQUEST ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN ALL CHANGES, NECESSITATED BY REF C, REGARDING THE USE OF THE OV-10A IN THE FAC(A) VICE TAC(A) ROLE, HAVE BEEN MADE.

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 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG RVN
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S E C R E T ACD 600 EYES ONLY SECTION ONE OF TWO
 SUBJECT: RETENTION OF 1ST ABN BDE, 101ST ABN DIV (S)

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO REQUEST CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE 1ST ABN BDE, 101ST DIV (AM) FOR OPERATING IN THE AMERICAL TAOI. I WILL JUSTIFY THE REQUIREMENT FOR THIS BRIGADE BY SUMMARIZING: (1) THE ENEMY ACTIVITY AND SITUATION, (2) PACIFICATION SUPPORT AND PROGRESS, (3) PRESENT FRIENDLY FORCE DISPOSITIONS AND MISSIONS AND (4) PROPOSED OPERATIONS WITHIN THE TAOI. THE NECESSITY EXISTS, NOT ONLY FOR THIS TWO BATTALION BRIGADE, BUT ALSO FOR AN ADDITIONAL BATTALION SIZE FORCE, WITH ITS COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT SLICE.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY

A. FREDERICK HILL/LAMAR PLAIN: ENEMY FORCES OPERATING IN THE FREDERICK HILL/LAMAR PLAIN OZ EXTENSIVELY USED THE WELL FORTIFIED BASE AREA 117. THESE FORCES CONSIST OF SIXTEEN ENEMY COMBAT BATTALIONS

(INCLUDING MORTAR, SAPPER, ANTI-AIR, AND RECOILLESS RIFLE ELEMENTS). ADDITIONALLY, THE ENEMY HAS SEVEN BATTALION SIZE SUPPORT UNITS, AND NINE LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES WHICH TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 2,500 MEN. THERE ARE ALSO APPROXIMATELY 3,426 IRREGULAR GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THIS AREA. IN THE FREDERICK HILL/LAMAR PLAIN OZ THERE ARE A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 3,711 ENEMY PERSONNEL.

ALTHOUGH THE NVA AND MF UNITS IN THIS REGION HAVE RECENTLY BEEN AVOIDING CONTACT WITH ALLIED FORCES, THEY STILL POSSESS THE CAPABILITY OF CONDUCTING COUNTER SWEEP OPERATIONS AS WELL AS INITIATING ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST ALLIED LZ'S AND INSTALLATIONS IN THIS AREA.

THE GENERAL DISPOSITION OF THESE ENEMY UNITS INDICATES THAT THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF WITHDRAWING FROM THIS AREA, UNLESS THEY ARE DEFEATED IN COMBAT BY A SUPERIOR ALLIED FORCE. THESE NVA AND MF UNITS WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE TIEN PHOUIC USSF/CIDG CAMP - LZ PROFESSIONAL AREA UNTIL THIS OCCURS.

B. GENEVA PARK OZ: ENEMY FORCES IN THE GENEVA PARK OZ INCLUDE SEVEN ENEMY BATTALIONS, THREE BATTALION SIZE UNITS, AND THREE LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES WHICH TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 2,140 MEN. THERE ARE ALSO APPROXIMATELY 1,234 IRREGULAR GUERRILLAS OPERATING IN THIS AREA. THUS THE TOTAL OF ENEMY PERSONNEL OPERATING IN THIS OZ CONSISTS OF 3,424 MEN.

THE SITUATION IN THE GENEVA PARK OZ IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS IN THE FREDERICK HILL OZ. ENEMY FORCES ARE CAPABLE OF COUNTER-SWEEP OPERATIONS AS WELL AS REMAINING IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA UNTIL DEFEATED BY A SUPERIOR ALLIED FORCE.

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C. THE IRON MOUNTAIN OZ: THE IRON MOUNTAIN OZ CONTAINS TWELVE ENEMY COMBAT BATTALIONS, SIX BATTALION SIZE SUPPORT UNITS, TWELVE LOCAL FORCES COMPANIES AND 3,233 IRREGULAR GUERRILLAS WITH A TOTAL OF 9,103 ENEMY FORCES. THE ENEMY IN THIS AREA IS CAPABLE OF ATTACKING ALL MAJOR ALLIED INSTALLATIONS, LZ'S, RF/PF POSITIONS, WATER AND ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS, SERVICE CENTERS, AND CIVILIAN POPULATION CENTERS BY WELL TRAINED SAPPER UNITS, AS WELL AS CONDUCTING INTENSIVE ATTACKS BY FIRE. INDICATIONS ARE THAT THE ENEMY WILL NOT WITHDRAW FROM THEIR POSITIONS WHEN CONFRONTED BY SUPERIOR ALLIED UNITS, BUT WILL REMAIN IN POSITION AND FIGHT. THE ENEMY IS CAPABLE OF USING COUNTER-SWEEP OPERATIONS IN DEFENDING THEIR AREAS WHILE SUSTAINING LIGHT TO MODERATE CASUALTIES.

3. PACIFICATION PROGRESS: INCREASED ENEMY PRESSURE IN THE AMERICAL TAOI HAS SLOWED THE PROGRESS OF PACIFICATION. SECURITY OF THE POPULATION HAS DECREASED SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR. CURRENT PERCENTAGES INDICATE THAT SECURITY STANDS AT 61.2 PERCENT FOR QUANG NGAI, LOWER THAN THE 61.7 PERCENT REPORTED AS OF 28 FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR. IN QUANG TIN 73.7 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IS SECURE AND 37 PERCENT FOR THE QUE SON DISTRICT OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE. AT THE START OF PHASE II OF THE PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN ON 1 JULY 68, A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PHASE I HAMLETS WILL NOT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UNDER GVN CONTROL. ALTHOUGH ELIMINATION OF VCI HAS INCREASED, NO AREA HAS MET ITS GOAL. THE MAJORITY OF VCI NEUTRALIZED ARE OF LOWER CADRE LEVEL, A TYPE WHICH

CAN EASILY BE REPLACED. ALTHOUGH PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN ORGANIZING AND TRAINING PEOPLES SELF DEFENSE FORCES, THEY REQUIRE SECURITY OPERATIONS BY ORGANIZED US OR ARVN FORCES TO INSURE SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WILL PROGRESS ONLY AS LONG AS THE US AND ARVN FORCES WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCAL RF/PF AND NPFF TO GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF THE PEOPLE. SINCE 1 MARCH 69 ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN 97 VILLAGES AND 348 HAMLETS WITHIN THE AMERICAL TAOI. THE PRESENCE OF US OR ARVN UNITS IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO THE INCIDENT -FREE RECORDS OF THE ELECTION CAMPAIGNS. THE VIETNAMESE LIBERATION COMMITTEES EXIST EITHER OPENLY OR COVERTLY IN 60 PERCENT OF THE VILLAGES IN QUANG TIN AND 66 PERCENT OF THE VILLAGES IN QUANG NGAI. THESE "GOVERNMENTS" CAN SURFACE AND INCREASE IN INFLUENCE IF FRIENDLY MILITARY PRESENCE IS REDUCED.

4. FRIENDLY DISPOSITIONS C A. LAMAR PLAIN: THE 1/101 ABN BDE IS CONTINUING COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH THE 5 TH ARVN REGT AND ELEMENTS OF THE 196TH INF BDE IN THE VICINITY OF TIEN PHOUC, HAU DUC AND BASE AREA 117 TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST MF AND 3RD NVA REGT. THE ENEMY IS AVOIDING DECISIVE CONTACT. THE CLEARING OF THIS AREA REMAINS VITAL TO CONTINUED OPERATIONS ELSEWHERE IN THE AMERICAL TAOI.

B. FREDERICK HILL: THE 196TH BDE WITH ITS THREE BNS IS COMMITTED, WITH ONE BN PROVIDING SECURITY FOR TWO FSB'S AND CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN ZONE. ANOTHER BN ALSO PROVIDES SECURITY FOR TWO FSB'S AND IS COMMITTED IN THE VALLEY NORTH AND WEST OF BA 117 TO CLEAR THE AREA OF ELEMENTS OF THE 3RD NVA REGT. THE REMAINING BN AVAILABLE TO THE 196TH BDE IS COMMITTED TO THE SECURITY OF LZ BALDY, HL535, THE VILLAGE OF PHO THO, THE ROCK CRUSHING OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF BT 108428, AND QL NUMBER 1. IT HAS THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT OF PLACING ONE RIFLE COMPANY ON NORTHER BARRIER ISLAND ABOUT 1 JULY FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME TO SECURE THE SOUTHERN BANK OF THE SONG CAU DAI RIVER. THE 5TH ARVN REGT HAS TWO BNS COMMITTED WITH THE SECURITY OF LZ YOUNG AND LZ ROSS AND CONDUCTS OPERATIONS IN ZONE. ANOTHER BN IS OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 1/101 BDE IN THE CLEARING OF THE LAMAR PLAIN OZ. THE REMAINING BN AVAILABLE TO THE 5TH ARVN REGT IS ASSISTING IN THE SECURITY OF TAM KY AND IS THE RESERVE FORCE FOR REACTION ANYWHERE WITHIN THE OZ. THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENEMY FORCES IN THE LAMAR PLAIN AND FREDERICK HILL AREAS IS IMPERATIVE TO FUTURE OPERATIONS. THE 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY CONTINUES TO CONDUCT COMBINED OPERATIONS FROM NORTH OF THANG BINH, SOUTH TO THE LY TIN DISTRICT BOUNDARY

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TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG RVN
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SECRET ACD 600 EYES ONLY FINAL SECTION OF TWO
SUBJECT: RETENTION OF 1ST ABN BDE, 101ST ABN DIV

C. GENEVA PARK: THE 198TH INF BDE WITH ITS THREE INF BATTALIONS AND THE THREE BATTALIONS OF THE 6TH ARVN REGT ARE COMMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

ONE US INF BN IS TASKED WITH THE SECURITY IN THE CHU LAI ROCKET POCKET, INTERDICTION ROUTES TO ANB FROM THE ROCKET POCKET, AND ELIMINATING ATTACKS BY FIRE AGAINST THE BASE, ANOTHER US INF BN ALONG WITH ONE ARVN BN IS SUPPORTING THE SECURITY OF BATANGAN PENINSULA AND THE ENEMY'S NORTHEASTERN ATTACK ROUTES INTO QUANG NGAI. THESE BN'S ALSO PROVIDE SECURITY ALONG QL1 AND PACIFICATION ASSISTANCE IN SON TIN, BINH SON AND LY TIN DISTRICTS. SINCE 12 MAY 1969 THE THIRD US BN AND ONE ARVN BN HAVE BEEN ENGAGED WITH ENEMY FORCES TO THE WEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY IN THE VICINITY OF LZ STINSON ASTRIDE THE MAJOR ENEMY APPROACHES TO QUANG NGAI. THE REMAINING ARVN BN IS COMMITTED FOR THE SECURITY OF AND OPERATION IN THE VICINITY OF LZ DOTTIE.

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D. IRON MOUNTAIN: THE 11TH INF BDE AND 4TH ARVN REGT HAVE BEEN IN CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH 2D MF REGT AND ELEMENTS OF THE 22D NVA REGT SINCE 14MAY 69. THE TENACITY WITH WHICH THE ENEMY HAS FOUGHT DENOTES THE VALUE HE HAS PLACED ON MAINTAINING HIS PRESENCE IN THIS AREA AND HIS INTENT TO CARRY OUT HIS THREATS AGAINST DUC PHO. THE 11TH INF BDE HAS HAD TO CONCENTRATE THREE BNS ALONG THE COASTAL PLAIN AREA AS A RESULT OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY TO SECURE THE VILLAGE OF DUC PHO, THE PORT OF SA HUYNH AND UPGRADING OF QL1. THE BDE ALSO HAS THE MISSION OF SECURING FIRE SUPPORT BASES WITH ITS OZ. ONE INF BN IS OPERATING IN THE PIEDMONT AREA TO ATTACK ENEMY FORCES IN THEIR STAGING AREAS AND PRE-EMPT THEIR ATTACKS AGAINST DUC PHO AND OTHER TARGETS ON THE COASTAL PLAIN. THE 4TH ARVN REGT (WITH ONE BN OPCON FROM THE 6TH REGT) IS COMMITTED WITH ONE BN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SECURITY OF AND OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF LZ DRAGON, AND A SECOND FOR THE SECURITY OF AND OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF NGIA HANH. ONE BN IS UNDERGOING OPERATIONS WITHIN THE OPERATIONAL ZONE AND TO ASSIST IN THE SECURITY OF QL1 FROM LZ DRAGON NORTH TO SON TIN. THE REGT ALSO ASSISTS THE PACIFICATION PROGRAMS AND IS THE MAJOR FORCE AVAILABLE TO DEFEND QUANG NGAI.

5. PROPOSED OPERATIONS: A. THERE ARE THREE OPERATIONS OF IMMEDIATE IMPORTANCE TO FOLLOW THE CLEARING OF THE AREA AROUND TIEN PHOUC. THESE ARE INDICATED IN THE ORDER OF PRIORITY I DESIRE TO EXECUTE THEM SUBJECT, OF COURSE, TO MODIFICATION DUE TO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

(1) RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE OPERATIONS FURTHER WEST OF THE PRESENT LAMAR PLAIN OZ INTO AND WEST OF THE PHOUC CHAU RICE BOWL, INTO THE "K-7" CACHE SITE AND WAY STATION (AT831161) AND ASTRIDE THE MAIN E-W AND N-S INFILTRATION ROUTS INTO HAU DUC, TIEN PHOUC AND TAM KY.

(2) DISPLACEMENT OF A THREE-BATTALION SIZE FORCE TO THE WEST OF QUANG NGAI TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY THE 21ST AND 22D NVA REGTS AND THEIR BASE AREAS AND CACHES. OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE "HORSESHOE" AND BASE AREA 121 WILL DIMINISH THE THREAT TO THE SECURITY OF QUANG NGAI. PLANS ARE BEING DEVELOPED AT PRESENT TO ESTABLISH A VS/ARVN FIREBASE AT BS522739 IN EARLY JULY IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THIS OPERATION.

(3) RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE OPERATIONS WEST OF DUC PHO TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY THE 2D REGIMENT AND ITS BASE AREAS, CACHES, AND REDUCE THE THREAT TO DUC PHO AND MO DUC.

B. IN THE FIRST OPERATION, I WOULD USE THE 1/101 BDE WITH THREE BATTALIONS, PROBABLY TWO US ANB ONE ARVN DURING THE INITIAL STAGES, SUPPLEMENT WITH AN ADDITIONAL US BATTALION AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPED. IN THE SECOND AND THIRD OPERATIONS I WOULD USE THE FORCES THAT ARE AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME.

C. I COULD CONTINUE NECESSARY OPERATIONS WITHOUT THE TWO BATTALION BDE WITH ITS COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT PRESENTLY OPCON FROM THE 101ST DIV (AM), BUT THIS WOULD NOT PERMIT ME TO ACCOMPLISH MY MISSIONS AT THE DESIRED PACE.

6. CONCLUSIONS: IN SUMMARY, A COMPARISON OF FRIENDLY AND ENEMY FORCES BY BRIGADE OZ DEPICTS GRAPHICALLY THE LACK OF FRIENDLY FORCE DENSITY, AND THE INCREASED ENEMY STRENGTH RESULTING FROM THE ADDITION OF TWO NVA/MAIP FORCE REGIMENTS IN LATE MARCH 1969.

A. IN THE FREDERICK HILL/LAMAR PLAIN OZ THERE ARE 16 ENEMY COMBAT BATTALIONS (INCLUDING MORTAR, SAPPER, ANTI-AIR, AND RECOILLESS RIFLE) OPPOSING 10 FRIENDLY FORCE BATTALIONS. (4 AMERICAL, 2 101 ST ABN, AND 4 ARVN) ADDITIONALLY THE ENEMY HAS SOME 7 BATTALION SIZE SUPPORT UNITS, 9 LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES AND 3,426 LOCAL FORCE GUERRILLAS.

B. IN GENEVA PARK OZ THERE ARE 7 ENEMY BATTALIONS (INCLUDING THE 78TH RKT BN), 3 BATTALION SIZE SUPPORT UNITS, 3 LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES AND 1,284 IRREGULAR GUERRILLAS OPPOSING 6 FRIENDLY BATTALIONS (3 AMERICAL, 3 ARVN).

C. THE IRON MOUNTAIN OZ CONTAINS 12 ENEMY COMBAT BATTALIONS, 6 BATTALION SIZE SUPPORT UNITS, 12 LOCAL FORCE COMPANIES AND 3,233 IRREGULAR GUERRILLAS. OUR FORCES IN THIS OZ TOTAL 9 BATTALIONS (4 AMERICAL, 5 ARVN).

D. BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY ENEMY ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION'S TAOI THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN TEMPORARILY SLOWED. THE ENEMY MUST BE DECISIVELY BEATEN AND FORCED TO WITHDRAW FROM THE PRESENT BATTLEFIELDS SO THAT PACIFICATION CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH RENEWED VIGOR. THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY HAVING AMPLE FORCES TO CONTINUE TO PRE-EMPT THE ENEMY ON THE OUTER FRINGES OF THE PACIFICATION AREAS, AND TO PROVIDE SECURITY TO THE CITIES, HAMLETS AND RD AREAS WITHIN THE PACIFICATION AREAS. PACIFICATION IS MOST DIFFICULT TO ACCOMPLISH WITHOUT SECURITY. TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT MUST BE DONE REQUIRES THAT I NOT ONLY YETAIN THE 1/101 BDE BUT ALSO REQUIRES AN ADDITIONAL BATTALION-SIZE FORCE WITH COMBAT SUPPORT. THIS ADDITIONAL FORCE WILL ENABLE ME TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF THREE BATTALIONS TO MANEUVER IN THE DIVISION TAOI. THIS WILL ALLOW SUFFICIENT SECURITY AND ASSISTANCE TO RENEW THE VIGOROUS PUSH TO THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM AND TO CONDUCT SMALL UNIT CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATIONS WITH THE GVN FORCES TO ELIMINATE THE VCI.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS: I RECOMMEND RETENTION OF THE 1/101 BDE IN THE AMERICAL TAOI WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL INFANTRY BATTALION WITH ITS SLICE OF COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT FOR A MINIMUM PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER FIRST DUTY HOURS

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SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF LOSSES AT FIRE SUPPORT BASES (U)

1. (E) AT THE WIEU BRIEFING ON 21 JUNE 69, HAVING THE CG, 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION INVESTIGATE THE CAUSE OF EXCESSIVE FRIENDLY LOSSES AND CASUALTIES INCURRED IN RECENT ENEMY ATTACKS AT FSB'S TOMAHAWK AND BERCHTESGADEN WAS DISCUSSED.
 2. (U) PLEASE SEND THE RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION TO COMUSMACV AS SOON AS COMPLETED .
 3. WARM REGARDS
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1. (S) INITIAL MACV AND EMBASSY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON
 GVN PROPOSALS AT MIDWAY WERE FORWARDED TO CINCPAC AND JCS BY REFER-
 ENCE C.

2. (S) INCLUDED IN REFERENCE C IS A PROPOSED FY 70 INCREASE FOR THE
 LVNMC OF THREE INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND ONE ARTILLERY BATTALION. ALSO
 PROPOSED FOR FY 70 IS AN INCREASE OF 553 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL FOR
 COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS. THESE CONSIST OF:

A. INCREASE TO BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS	102
B. RECON COMPANIES	186
C. ADD ON TO SIGNAL CO	40
D. ADD ON TO TRANSPORTATION CO	76
E. COLLECTING/CLEARING CO ADD ON TO MED BN	124
F. ADD ON ENGINEER PLATOON TO ENG CO	25

3. (U) SHOULD THE FOREGOING BE APPROVED SUPPORT WILL BE REQUIRED
 FOR THESE ADDITIONAL UNITS AS ENVISIONED IN REFERENCE A.

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SUBJ: COURTESY CALL. BRIGADIER GENERAL JOHN H. HERRING, JR.,
 COMMANDER, 834TH AIR DIVISION DESIRES A 15 TO 30 MINUTE
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 GENERAL HERRING CAN BE AT CORPS HQ ANYTIME ON OR AFTER
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FY-70 FUNDING CONSTRAINTS (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 210134Z JUN 69 NOTAL

B. COMNAVAIRPAC 282037Z JUN 69 PASEP

1. (C) PACFLT INITIAL FUNDING PLAN REQUIRES THAT WE COMMENCE FY
 70 OPS WITH O&MN FUNDS GROSSLY (ABOUT 25 PERCENT OR A QUARTER
 BILLION DOLLARS) BELOW OUR STATED REQUIREMENTS. (REF A OUTLINES
 FUNDING PROBLEM.) EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES ARE NECESSARY NOW TO LIVE
 WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS OF THE FIRST QUARTER FUNDING PLAN. DEFERRAL
 OF THESE ACTIONS WOULD GENERATE MORE SEVERE FUNDING PROBLEMS WITH
 ATTENDANT AGGRAVATION OF OPERATIONAL IMPACT. REF B, WHICH INDICATES
 FLIGHT HOURS MUST BE DECREASED ABOUT 20 PERCENT, IS THE FIRST OF
 MANY RELATED ACTIONS HAVING AN OPERATIONAL IMPACT.

2. (C) WE ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO FIND MEANS OF PROVIDING MAXIMUM
 COMBAT CAPABILITY WITHIN LIMITED FUNDS AVAILABLE AND WILL KEEP YOU
 ADVISED IF THE PICTURE CHANGES. ADM MOORER HAS ADVISED ME THAT THE
 OUTLOOK FOR RELIEF IS NOT BRIGHT. BEST REGARDS.

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