

19. CG III MAF 010042Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
FREEDOM HILL, R&R/TRANSIENT CENTER SITUATION UPDATE
20. CG III MAF 011516Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *ag-4*  
FOR BUSE INFO SIMPSON FROM NICKERSON  
ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION \*\* QUOTES GEN SIMPSON'S 010947Z JUNE69
- ~~21. CG III MAF 020300Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR WALT FROM NICKERSON  
CONGRATS ON YOUR FOURTH \*~~
- ~~22. CG III MAF 020302Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR WALT FROM NICKERSON  
I AM GAVE CONGRATS ON YOUR FOURTH \*~~
- ~~23. CG III MAF 021346Z JUN69 (C)  
FOR RUDDEN FROM DWYER  
JOIN ME FOR LUNCH BEFORE NCE CONFERENCE. SATEL BATH WILL SUPPORT DIRECTOR~~
24. CG III MAF 030520Z JUN69 (S) NOFORN MCEO *gp-4*  
RELOCATION OF AMTRACS, 1ST BN  
READDRESSES PAC'S 030047Z JUNE, SAME SUBJ
25. CG III MAF 031606Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY  
NOMINATIONS FOR COL TO FILL BILLET -- RECOMMEND COL SIMMONS (DUE IN JULY)  
(BILLET OF C/S, FMFPAC FWD)

26. CG III MAF 040146Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE/MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR BUSEFROM NICKERSON  
QUOTES THE "VERBATIM MISPELLED LETTER" -- TED KENNEDY, RIBBON CREEK, ETC"
27. CG III MAF 040450Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR C/S USNB SUBIC FROM DOOLEY  
PASS TO CARNEY THAT HE'S TAKING OVER 9TH MAB
28. CG III MAF 040452Z JUN69 (C) CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*  
FOR STILLWELL FROM NICKERSON  
QUOTES CMC's 03218Z JUN ABOUT CARNEY GOING TO 9TH MAB
- ~~29. CG III MAF 040940Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT FOR  
FOR EUMAH FROM NICKERSON  
ICTZ SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES VOICE STRONG NON CONCURRENCE ICTZ IS NAVY  
RESPONSIBILITY~~
- ~~30. CG III MAF 040942Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES PASSES EUMAH'S 030610Z & III MAF  
RESPONSE TO EUMAH, 040940Z ASKS BUSE TO OBJECT TO INLAND~~
31. CG III MAF 051004Z JUN69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO *gp-4*  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
OPCON OF SLF HMM SQUADRONS
- ~~32. CG III MAF 051320Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR ROBERTSON FROM DWYER  
THANKS FOR YOUR LETTER WILL SEE YOU 27 JUN~~
- ~~33. CG III MAF 051322Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR PACIFY FROM DWYER  
CONGRATS ON YOUR SELECTION REGARDS TO STD~~
- ~~34. CG III MAF 071242Z JUN69 (C)  
FOR CODE AG PASS TO GUSHMAN FROM NICKERSON  
DOC WHITE INJURED SERIOUSLY DOWN IN D.C. AREA ENEMY GRENADE~~
35. CG III MAF 080312Z JUN69 (U)  
NICKERSON TO ALL ICTZ CMDRS  
PASSES C/S MACV 070012Z JUN69 (WALL ST JRNL EDITORIAL - THE HONORED DEAD)
- ~~36. CG III MAF 081520Z JUN69 (C)  
FOR BRINCH FROM NICKERSON  
GLAD TO HAVE YOU AT BRIEF ON 10 JUNE~~
37. CG III MAF 081701Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
NICKERSON TO ALL ICTZ CMDRS  
PASSES ROSSON'S 080435Z JUN -- ENEMY USE OF UNKNOWN CHEMICAL AGENTS
38. CG III MAF 090710Z JUN69 (U)  
FOR WILLIAMS AND CARNEY FROM NICKERSON  
ATTABOY FOR WILLIAMS & CONGRATS FOR CARNEY (RELINQUISH/ASSUMPTION OF COMD  
OF NINTH MAB)

- ~~41. CG III MAF 051002Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, EXCLUSIVE, MCEO  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~42. CG III MAF 061030Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~43. CG III MAF 071434Z JUN69 (TS) SENSITIVE, SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
LOCAL COMMON SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
- ~~44. CG III MAF 081006Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
LOCAL SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES~~
- ~~45. CG III MAF 081146Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE MCEO  
FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~46. CG III MAF 121014Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON  
FORCE PLANNING~~
47. ✓ CG III MAF 121230Z JUN69 (TS) GP-4  
FOR ABRAMS INFO RAMSEY FROM NICKERSON  
OP PIERCE VALLEY - CONTINUE PHASE I RECON OPS IN DHAM DUC/BA 614  
DEFER DECISION PHASE II TILL 1ST WK JULY
- ~~48. CG III MAF 121646Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~49. CG III MAF 130132Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR NICKERSON FROM FONTANA  
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~50. CG III MAF 131640Z JUN69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO  
FOR BARROW FROM DWYER  
FORCE PLANNING~~

39. ~~CG III MAF 091230Z JUN69 (U)~~  
~~FOR SIMPSON, JONES, CHILMER & BENTLEY FROM NICKERSON~~  
~~TIMELY SUBMISSION OF FITNESS REPORTS~~
40. ~~CG III MAF 101340Z JUN69 (U)~~  
~~FOR CHAILLE FROM NICKERSON~~  
~~PRYOR DELAUNED SON 101200H DUE VIENTIANE 101725~~
41. CG III MAF 111313Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*  
 FOR RAMSEY FROM NICKERSON  
 PIEREE VALLEY - NEED TO DEVELOP MORE INTELLIGENCE -- AM  
 ASSIGNING OPCON OF DELTA FORCES TO YOU BY SEPARATE MESSAGE
42. ~~CG III MAF 111510Z JUN69 (U)~~  
~~FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY~~  
~~\*\*\*\*\* NOBO THE DOG~~
43. ~~CG III MAF 121552Z JUN69 (S) EYES ONLY~~  
~~FOR TOWNSEND FROM NICKERSON~~  
~~FORCE PLANNING~~
44. ~~CG III MAF 131831Z JUN69 (C) EYES ONLY~~  
~~FOR SIMPSON INFO WILSON FROM DOOLEY~~  
~~DAVID R. KINDER (WEIRER)~~
45. ~~CG III MAF 151304Z JUN69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE~~  
~~FORCE PLANNING~~
46. ✓ CG III MAF 170924Z JUN69 (S) *gp-4*  
 FOR BRINGLE FROM NICKERSON  
 US NAVY TACAIR SORTIES
47. ~~CG III MAF 170926Z JUN69 (S)~~  
~~FORCE PLANNING~~
48. ~~CG III MAF 171208Z JUN69 (U)~~  
~~FOR MARSHALL FROM NICKERSON~~  
~~CONGRATS ON YOUR PROMOTION TO RADM~~
49. ✓ CG III MAF 171408Z JUN69 (C) *group 4*  
 FOR JONES FROM DOOLEY  
 PASSES AMBS MSG (170945Z) RE LT CURTIS TO KATHMANDU w/AMB
50. ~~CG III MAF 180216Z JUN69 (U)~~  
~~FOR ALL MARCENS FROM NICKERSON~~  
~~YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER GREEN LTR 14-69~~

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FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

FREEDOM HILL, R&amp;R/TRANSIENT CENTER SITUATION, UPDATE

1. PROGRESS AT THE R&R/TRANSIENT CENTER CONTINUES. TWO OF THE NEW BARRACKS ARE FINISHED AND OCCUPIED AND THE OTHERS SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY 6 JUN. THE R&R TERMINAL IS ALSO SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION ON 6 JUN. THE USO LOUNGE IS OPERATIONAL.
2. ELEMS OF FOUR NMCB'S ARE AT WORK AT THE FREEDOM HILL RECREATION CENTER. WORK IS IN PROGRESS AT ALL MAJOR BUILDINGS. MINOR REDESIGN OF THE USO AND RED CROSS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE IS PLANNED.
3. CONCEPTUAL PLANS FOR THE CHINA BEACH AREA HAVE BEEN DEVELOPED. WE ARE NEGOTIATING FOR AN EXTRA 350 YARDS OF BEACH FRONTAGE. COORDINATION WITH MACV IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA HAS BEEN INITIATED.

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3	C/S	I				MUST BE RETURNED TO FORCE S&C WITHIN
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	DC/S PLAN					ITION ON THIS ROUTE SHEET.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO  
NGEN SIMPSON FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

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EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MAJGEN SIMPSON  
ALLEGATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

A. CMC CONFIDENTIAL SPECAT 282317Z MAY 69

B. MCO 1300.8N, PAR 4C

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, THIS DIVISION INITIATED AN IMMEDIATE  
INVESTIGATION OF 3/1 AIMED AT DETERMINING VALIDITY OF ALLEGATIONS.

PAGE TWO RHNNAFAG 0125 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR  
BATTALION IS IN THE FIELD SPREAD OVER A LARGE TAOR. I DETERMINED  
THAT IT WOULD BE MORE MEANINGFUL TO INTERVIEW A REPRESENTATIVE  
CROSS SECTION OF BATTALION PERSONNEL IN DEPTH RATHER THAN ATTEMPT  
A LARGE NUMBER OF INTERVIEWS IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE FOR THE  
SAKE OF NUMBERS ALONE. DURING THE 2 1/2 DAYS AVAILABLE, THE  
DIVISION INSPECTOR WAS ABLE TO INTERVIEW 42 MARINES AND NAVY. EACH  
INTERVIEW WAS 20-25 MINUTES IN LENGTH. QUESTIONS INCLUDED  
SEVERAL SUBJECTS OF COMMAND INTEREST INCLUDING RACE RELATIONS.

2. ON THE BASIS OF THIS INVESTIGATION IT IS MY JUDGMENT THAT  
THERE IS A VERY HEALTHY ATTITUDE TOWARD RACE RELATIONS IN 3/1.  
AS IN ANY GROUP OF 1000 AMERICANS, THERE ARE OCCASIONAL PROBLEMS.  
TO DATE THESE HAVE BEEN SETTLED BY COMMANDERS AND OTHER UNIT  
LEADERS AND/OR BY BN WATCH AND ACTION COMMITTEE.

3. PERSONNEL SAMPLE INTERVIEWED: 22 CAUS, 18 NEGRO, 2 SPANISH-  
AMERICAN. RANKS AS FOLLOWS: (NEGRO INDICATED BY N) 1BN C.O.: 1BN  
CHAPLIN: 1 CAPT: 2 FIRST LT: 1MSGT (N): 5 SSGT (3N): 2 SGT (1N):  
3 CPL (1N): 8 LCPL (5N): 15 PFC (7N): 1 PVT: 1 NM1: 1 NM2. BN  
STRENGTH IS 1110; INCLUDES 176 NEGROES.

4. OF ALL PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED ONLY TWO STATED THAT THEY BELIEVED  
RACIAL PREJUDICE EXISTED. BOTH WERE NEGRO MARINES. ONE OF THESE

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PAGE THREE RHMMAFA 0125 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR  
IS OF VERY DOUBTFUL VERACITY. HE HAS A RECORD OF 2 COURTS AND 2  
NJP. THE OTHER HAS 1 COURT AND 2 NJP. WHEN PRESSED FOR  
SPECIFICS, THE ONLY CASE CITED BY EITHER WAS ONE INSTANCE IN  
WHICH ONE OF THESE STATES THAT HE OVERHEARD A FIRST SGT SAYING  
"NEGROES ARE NOT REALLY MARINES". THIS FIRST SGT ROTATED TO  
CONUS SOME TIME AGO.

5. ALL OTHERS INTERVIEWED INDICATE OCCASIONAL PROBLEMS BETWEEN  
INDIVIDUALS CAUSED BY TROUBLE MAKERS OF BOTH RACES. VAST MAJORITY  
EXPRESSED SENTIMENT THAT IN THE FIELD MEN MUST LIVE, WORK, FIGHT  
TOGETHER WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, RELIGION OR PLACE OF BIRTH.  
SEVERAL STATED COMBAT WAS GREAT LEVELER WHERE NEGRO AND CAUCASION  
MUST DEPEND UPON ONE ANOTHER FOR THEIR LIVES. OTHERS STATED  
"SKATES" OR MALCONTENTS SENT TO REAR CAUSED THE TROUBLE. ONE NEGRO  
MARINE TOLD OF MAKING PACT WITH WHITE MARINE TO ASSIST EACH OTHERS  
FAMILY IF ONE SHOULD BE KILLED IN COMBAT.

6. NEGRO MSGT OF 23 YEARS SERVICE STATED THAT MOST RACIAL  
COMPLAINTS BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION WERE BASED ON RUNORS. BN WATCH AND  
ACTION COMMITTEE MONTHLY RECORDS SHOW CASE IN DEC 68 WHEN UNREST  
WAS CAUSED BY DEATH OF WHITE CPL ALLEGEDLY AT HANDS OF THREE NEGRO  
MARINES. TWO OF THE NEGROES WERE TRIED BY GCM AND ACQUITTED.

PAGE FOUR RHMMAFA 0125 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR  
THIRD CASE PENDING RETURN OF ACCUSED FROM MEDEVAC. ONLY OTHER CASE  
HANDLED BY COMMITTEE SINCE DEC 68 WAS ON COMPLAINT OF TWO NEGRO  
MARINES THAT TWO WHITE MARINES WERE PROMOTED OVER THEM DUE TO  
PREJUDICE. IN FACT NEITHER WHITE MARINE WAS PROMOTED AND PROBLEM  
ENDED WHEN TRUE SITUATION WAS EXPLAINED.

7. ALL PERSONNEL SHOWED KNOWLEDGE OF CHAIN OF COMMAND, REQUEST  
MAST PROCEDURES AND THE EXISTENCE AND PURPOSE OF BN WATCH AND ACTION  
COMMITTEE.

8. WITH REGARD TO THE ALLEGATION QUOTE MANY BLACK MEN ARE SERVING  
OVERTIME IN VIETNAM UNQUOTE. IT APPEARS THAT THIS MAY REFLECT A  
FAILURE TO UNDERSTAND THAT LOST TIME RESULTING FROM UA AND CONF  
MUST BE MADE UP IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.

9. BN CO IS LTCOL T. E. BULGER WHO HAS HAD COMMAND SINCE 23 NOV 68.  
BULGER IS A HIGHLY INTELLIGENT OFFICER AND A STRONG COMMANDER. 3/1  
HAS A SPLENDID COMBAT RECORD AND MEASURES HIGH IN ALL OTHER FUNCTIONS.  
LTCOL BULGER HAS MY COMPLETE CONFIDENCE.

10. I CONCLUDE THAT THE ALLEGATIONS ARE WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

11. WHILE I AM CONFIDENT THAT NO PATTERN OF RACIAL PREJUDICE EXISTS  
IN 3/1 I WILL CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION DURING THE COMING WEEK  
TO ENLARGE THE SAMPLE. SHOULD THIS REVEAL ANY FINDINGS INCONSIST-

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 ANT WITH ABOVE, A SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT WILL BE MADE.

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2. NO PARTICULAR PATTERN IS APPARENT AS A RESULT OF ORN'S  
 INVESTIGATION TO DATE. NOR IS IT LIKELY THAT ONE WILL DEVELOP  
 AS A RESULT OF HIS FURTHER INVESTIGATION. I AM SURE THAT A SMALL,  
 HARD-CORE GROUP OF AGITATORS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LETTER  
 RECEIVED BY THE AFRO-AMERICAN NEWSPAPER CHAIN. ALTHOUGH NOT  
 MENTIONED IN ORN'S REPORT, 3/1 HAS A NEGRO MARINE WHO HAS BEEN  
 A SOURCE OF DISCONTENT. IN THE RECENT PAST, HE WAS OVERHEARD  
 ADVISING NEWLY REPORTED NEGRO MARINES TO REFER TO WHITE PERSONS  
 AS QUOTE BEASTS UNQUOTE. HE WAS CENSURED FOR THIS AND IT WAS THE  
 INTENTION OF THE BATTALION COMMANDER TO INCLUDE HIM AMONG THE  
 INDIVIDUALS TO BE INTERVIEWED. COINCIDENTALLY, HE TURNED UP UA  
 THE DAY THE INVESTIGATION STARTED. IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT HE  
 WAS AWARE THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS BEING CONDUCTED BUT IT  
 WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT HE WENT UA AT THE TIME HE DIED. I  
 BELIEVE THAT TWO OR THREE OR FOUR INDIVIDUALS SUCH AS  
 THIS ARE THE CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM.

WARM REGARDS

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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 REMAINS AS CADRED UNIT.

PAGE TWO RHMMFAFA 0338 S E C R E T NOFORN MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

2. (S) CONSIDER THAT BEST COURSE OF ACTION UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IS RELOCATION OF LVIS AND ATTENDANT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO OKINAWA RETAINING FLAG AND PERSONNEL 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 PLANNING PURPOSE WOULD BE PROVIDED.

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

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NOMINATION FOR C/S FMFPAC FWD BILLET

FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DOOLEY. PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY  
DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

1. WE HAVE SCREENED ALL ASSETS OF III MAF COMMANDS FOR AVAILABLE COLONELS TO NOMINATE FOR THE SUBJECT BILLET. BASED UPON CRITERIA OF HAVING SIX MONTHS OR MORE REMAINING ON THEIR OVERSEAS TOUR AND MINIMIZING THE DISRUPTIONS INVOLVED TO THE COMMANDS CONCERNED DURING THIS PERIOD OF SUMMER TURNOVER, THE FOLLOWING CHOICES ARE ELIGIBLE BUT NOT NECESSARILY CONSIDERED AS AVAILABLE BY THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMANDERS:

A. THIRD MAR DIV: THE ONLY COLONEL ON BOARD WITH SIX MONTHS REMAINING TO SERVE OVERSEAS IS COL W.W. CROMPTON 9906/0802/0430. HE IS ALREADY SELECTED BY THE CG THIRD MAR DIV AS CO TWELFTH MARINES IN JULY.

B. FIRST MAR DIV: COLONEL J.B. SIMS, PRESENTLY SERVING AS DIVISION

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INSPECTOR. HE IS NOT A VOLUNTEER AND WAS MOST RELUCTANTLY NOMINATED BY CG FIRST MAR DIV.

C. HQ III MAF: COLONEL G.V. CALLEN 9906/0302 IS DUE ABOUT 15 JUNE. HE IS SLATED AS INTERIM INSPECTOR, AS A RELIEF FOR COL J.W. SHANK WHO HAS BEEN DETACHED. HE WILL THEN BE ASSIGNED AS FORCE SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICER IN AUGUST UPON THE DETACHMENT OF COL V. BIEHL. HIS EXPERIENCE AND ABILITY WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND IS DEFINITELY REQUIRED IN THE LATTER BILLET. WE DESIRE TO RETAIN COL CALLEN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT COL DAVID H. SIMMONS IS SLATED FOR HQ III MAF IN JULY, AND WE NEED HIM IN PSY OPS, AS NO OTHER COL IS AVAILABLE TO FILL THAT IMPORTANT BILLET.

2. HOWEVER, LESS DISRUPTION WOULD BE CAUSED TO ALL COMMANDS IF COL SIMMONS WERE CHOSEN FOR THE SUBJECT BILLET. ADDITIONALLY, YOU MAY DESIRE TO CONSIDER THE OTHER COLONELS WHO ARE INBOUND TO HQ III MAF OR ITS SUBORDINATE COMMANDS.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

1. FOLLOWING PRINTED LTR ADDRESSED TO ME PERSONALLY  
RECEIVED 2 JUNE 69 IS QUOTED VERBATIM TO INCLUDE MISPELLINGS  
ETC.

QUOTE: MAY 29-69. DEAR SIR, THIS IS TO INFORM  
YOU THAT THERE IS A GROUPE OF A.C.L.U. LAWYERS AND  
BLACK & WHITE QUOTE PEACE MOVEMENT UNQUOTE PEOPLE ALONG  
WITH A GROUPE CLERGYMEN FROM L.A. AND OTHER CITIES  
THAT ARE TAKING SWORN STATEMENTS FROM DISCHARGED MARINES  
WHO HAVE SERVED TIME IN THE BRIGGS IN VIET NAM. THIS  
INFORMATION IS BEING PUT IN BOOK FORM AND PRESS RELEASES  
BY A HOLLY WOOD SCREEN WRITER. THEY HAVE BEEN PROMISED  
FULL COOPERATION BY SINATOR TED KENNEDY AND COUNCLE MAN  
THOMAS BRADLEY OF L.A. THEY PLAN TO BRING THE COMMANDANT

PAGE TWO RHMMAFAB 0420 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR  
BEFORE A SINATE COMMITTEE AND TO HAVE A FULL INVESTIGATION.  
THEY SAY THIS WILL MAKE THE RIBBON CREEK INCIDENT QUOTE  
LOOK LIKE A SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING UNQUOTE. THEIR GOAL  
IS TO QUOTE PUT AN END TO THE EFFECTION THAT THE AMERICAN  
PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS HAD FOR THE U.S.M.C. UNQUOTE. THEY  
WANT TO STRIKE OUT AT THE MILITARY AND BLACKEN THE MARINE  
CORPS. AT THE SAME TIME. I CAN NOT TELL YOU MY NAME  
BECAUSE IF IT EVER GOT BACK TO MY NEIGHBORHOOD I WOULD  
BE A DEAD MAN. A PROUD MEMBER OF THE U.S.M.C. UNQUOTE  
2. ON 3 JUNE ORM SIMPSON AND BILL JONES EACH RECEIVED  
A PHOTOSTATIC COPY OF THE SAME LETTER. I WILL FORWARD  
SEPARATELY TO YOU THE LETTER I RECEIVED.  
3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT ANY DATA OR INFORMATION  
THAT MIGHT BE OF ASSISTANCE AT A LATER DATE. WE WILL  
KEEP YOU INFORMED.

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TO COMDR US NAVAL BASE, SUBIC BAY, PHILLIPPINES

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR CHIEF OF STAFF FROM BGEN DOOLEY

REQ PASS TO BGEN CARNEY, PATIENT ABOARD USS SANCTUARY

1. AS YOU MAY KNOW, GEN NICKERSON HAS RECOMMENDED TO CG FMFPAC THAT A NEW AWC BE ORDERED OUT HERE IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER TO STAFF THE FIRST MAF FORWARD IN THE VICINITY OF THIRD MARDIV.

ACCORDINGLY, GENERAL CHAPMAN IS DIVERTING BILL JOHNSON FROM THE 9TH MAB TO THE FIRST WING. HE IS ALSO RECOMMENDING TO SECNAV THAT YOU BE ASSIGNED AS CG 9TH MAB. THE REASSIGNMENTS OF YOU AND JOHNSON WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL AFTER THE GENERAL OFFICER SELECTION BOARD REPORTS OUT IN AUGUST.

2. PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE THIS INFORMATION UNTIL THE PRESS RELEASE HAS BEEN MADE FROM HQMC.

3. ORDERS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ISSUED TO YOU FROM HQMC BUT IN THE MEANTIME YOU CAN PLAN ON ARRIVING AT OKI ON THE 10TH OF JUNE FOR A CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY ON THE 12TH. IN THE EVENT THERE IS ANY DELAY IN YOUR ORDERS FROM HQMC, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU AN INTERIM SET TO COVER YOUR TRAVEL TO OKI.

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FM CG III NAF DNG RVN

TO RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHE RVN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN STILWELL FROM  
LTGEN NICKERSON

1. THE FOLLOWING MSG IS QUOTED IN ITS ENTIRETY:

P 032010Z JUNE 69

FM CMC

TO RHHMAFA/COMR USMACV

RHHMAFA/CINCPAC

RHHMAFA/CINCPACFLT

RHHMAFA/COMR SEVENTH FLEET

RHHMAFA/CG III NAF

RHHMAFA/CG FNEPAC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADDRESSEES FROM  
GENERAL CHAPMANTHIS IS TO ADVISE YOU THAT I AM RECOMMENDING TO THE  
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY THAT EGEN R. B. CARNEY, JR.

PAGE TWO RHHMAFA 0444 C O N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR  
CURRENTLY THE ADC, 3D MARDIV, BE REASSIGNED TO DUTY AS  
THE RELIEF FOR EGEN WM. G. JOHNSON AS CG 9TH MAB. EGEN JOHNSON  
WILL BE REASSIGNED TO DUTY AS AN ASST WING CMDR OF THE 1ST  
MAW IMMEDIATELY.

THESE REASSIGNMENTS WILL BE IN EFFECT UNTIL AFTER THE  
GENERAL OFFICER SELECTION BOARDS REPORT OUT, INAUGUST  
PLEASE DO NOT DISCLOSE THIS INFORMATION UNTIL THE PRESS  
FOR ADDRESSEES FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN  
RELEASE HAS BEEN MADE FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS.  
WARM REGARDS.

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2. ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS HELICOPTER STUDY  
BOARD RECENTLY COMPLETED BY CARL YOUNGDALE WAS TO ESTABLISH  
AN ELEMENT OF THE FIRST MAW FORWARD IN ORDER TO PROVIDE  
BETTER SUPPORT TO THE THIRD MARDIV. ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION WAS TO  
STAFF THIS BILLET WITH A EGEN AND REQUEST THAT ANOTHER AWC BE ADDED  
TO THE FIRST MAW. IN ORDER TO DO THIS, THE COMMANDANT IS TAKING THE  
ACTION QUOTED ABOVE, I.E., DIVERTING EGEN JOHNSON, AN N/A,  
WHO WAS SLATED TO TAKE OVER THE 9TH MAB. INSTEAD, JOHNSON  
WILL REPORT IN COUNTRY TO THE FIRST MAW. HE WILL BE

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PAGE THREE RMMWASA 0444 CLO N F I D E N T I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR  
REPLACED AT 9TH MAB BY BOB CARNEY WHO SHOULD BE OUT OF THE  
HOSPITAL IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. PRESUMABLY A REPLACEMENT  
FOR CARNEY WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY.

3. REQUEST YOU HOLD THIS CLOSELY UNTIL THE PRESS  
RELEASES HAVE BEEN MADE FROM HQMC.

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TO RUHHMFA/CG FMFPAC

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN  
NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY.  
OPCON OF SLF HMM SQUADRONS (U)

A. REPORT OF BOARD TO CONSIDER THE UTILIZATION, COMMAND AND CONTROL  
OF MARINE CORPS HELICOPTER ASSETS IN III MAF ANA/JDT 5420 OF 27 APR 69

B. CG III MAF 191004Z APR 69

C. CG III MAF 210144Z APR 69

1. FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED IN THE DISCUSSION PARAGRAPH OF ITEM  
3, ENCL 2, REF A, THE BOARD RECOMMENDED THAT WHENEVER THE SLF OPERATES  
ASHORE UNDER THE OPCON OF EITHER MARINE DIVISION, THE HMM AFLOAT  
BE SIMULTANEOUSLY CHOPPED TO 1ST MAU.

2. I HAVE APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION. HOWEVER, SINCE THESE  
SQUADRONS ARE 7TH FLEET ASSETS IT IS MY INTENTION TO RECOMMEND SUCH  
A COURSE OF ACTION TO COMSEVENTHFLT.

3. WITH THE OVERALL HELO SITUATION AS CRITICAL AS IT IS, FROM OUR  
STANDPOINT, WE CAN BETTER UTILIZE THE HELO UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES

PAGE TWO RHHMFA0644 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR  
MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

DESCRIBED. I APPRECIATE THAT SUCH ACTION WILL GIVE CAUSE FOR  
ADDITIONAL NAVY CONCERN BY VIRTUE OF LOSS OF OPCON. HOWEVER THE  
USE IS VIEWED AS ADMINISTRATIVE AND NOT TACTICAL. *(not by them)*

4. PRIOR TO ADDRESSING THIS SUBJECT WITH BUSH BRINGLE WOULD  
APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS YOU MIGHT HAVE AS VIEWED FROM YOUR  
PERSPECTIVE.

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CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)  
ZEN/CG FORLOGCMD  
INFO CG XXIV CORPS  
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UNCLAS E F T O  
FOR MGEN JONES, MGEN SIMPSON, MGEN QUILTER, MGEN RAMSEY,  
MGEN WRIGHT AND BGEN FEELEY INFO LTGEN STILLWELL FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:  
QUOTE

O 070012Z JUN 69  
FM MG TOWNSEND C OFS MACV  
TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF  
LTG MILDREN DCG USARV  
VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV  
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.

QUOTE  
P 051843Z  
FM COL JOSEPH F H CUTRONA USA SA/SEA OASD/PA WASH DC  
TO COL L GORDON HILL JR USA MACV IO SAIGON  
ZEM

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,

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<u>LtGen NICKERSON</u>			
<u>MajGen YOUNGDALE</u>			
<u>BGen BENNETT</u>			
<u>BGen DOOLEY</u>			
<u>BGen DWYER</u>			

	TO	DATE
<u>RSVP</u>		

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 LEGI-  
 TIMATE SUBJECT FOR DEBATE BY NON-MILITARY OBSERVERS  
 LIKE U.S. SENATORS. BUT THE COMMANDERS, WHO SUFFER THE  
 PAINFUL OBLIGATION TO DECIDE AND TO ACT, TO 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 CARE-  
 FULLY 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 IMMUNEABLE TO INTELLECTUAL ASSAULT. AVERELL

LEFT HIM ALONE. PERHAPS MR. HARRINAN 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  
 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 OFFEN-  
 SIVE. QUITE POSSIBLY THE COMMUNIST NEGOTIATING POSTURE  
 CAN BE INFLUENCED MORE BY SHOWING OUR MILITARY PROWESS  
 THAN BY SHOWING OUR GOOD FAITH. PARA WHICH SET OF ASSUMP-  
 TIONS IS NEARER THE TRUTH AT THIS POINT MAY WELL BE A  
 DEBATE THE NATION OUGHT TO HAVE. IN ANY CASE THE PARTICI-  
 PANTS 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 IS NOT ONLY TO ABUSE THE COMMANDERS BU  
 TO ABUSE THE HONORED DEAD. UNQUOTE

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FOR LTGEN STILWELL, MGENS. SIMPSON, JONES, QUILTER, RAMSEY, WRIGHT AND BGEN FEELEY FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

O 080435Z

FM GEN ROSSON DEPCOMUSMACV

TO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV

VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV

GEN BROWN CMDR 7AF

LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV

LTG EWELL CG II FFORCEV

MG WETHERILL CG DMAC

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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 THE 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

UNNECESSARY ALARM AMONG OUR OWN TROOPS.

2. 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. EVALUATION CONCLUDED THE AGENT USED WAS NOT CS.

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 GO 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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UNCLAS E F T O

FOR BGEN WILLIAMS AND BGEN CARNEY FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
1. FOR BGEN WILLIAMS: AS YOU RELINQUISH COMMAND OF THE  
NINTH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE YOU CAN BE JUSTIFIABLY  
PROUD OF ITS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS IN COMBATING THE COMMUNIST  
ENEMY IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. TIME AND AGAIN NINTH  
MAB AIR AND GROUND UNITS WERE CALLED UPON WHEN ADDITIONAL  
COMBAT POWER WAS NEEDED. THE READINESS OF THE NINTH MAB TO  
REACT RAPIDLY FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AND TO CHANGING  
TACTICAL SITUATIONS ASSURED III MAF A HIGH DEGREE OF  
FLEXIBILITY AND A UNIQUE ABILITY TO STRIKE QUICKLY WITH  
SURPRISE, TO MASS OR TO ECONOMIZE FORCES ANYWHERE IN  
ICTZ. UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THESE FINELY HONED  
READY AMPHIBIOUS FORCES SIGNIFICANTLY ENHANCED OUR COMBAT  
OPERATIONS. MAMELUKE THRUST II, SUSSEX BAY, MAUI PEAK,  
MEADE RIVER, BOLD MARINER/RUSSELL BEACH, TAYLOR COMMON,

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DARING REBEL ARE OPERATIONS SHARED BY YOUR UNITS WHICH PLACE  
9TH MAB IN THE PAGES OF MARINE CORPS HISTORY. GODSPEED AND  
BEST WISHES IN YOUR NEW ASSIGNMENT.

2. FOR BGEN CARNEY: MY HEARTEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR  
ASSIGNMENT AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF OUR NINTH MARINE  
AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE. NOT NEW TO WESTPAC AND RVN ENVIRONMENT,  
I AM FULLY CONFIDENT THAT UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP THE NINTH  
MAB AND EVERY ELEMENT OF IT WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A  
HIGH STATE OF READINESS FOR COMBAT WHENEVER AND WHEREVER  
THEY MIGHT BE NEEDED. OUR BEST WISHES FOR CONTINUED  
SUCCESS. LIEUTENANT GENERAL NICKERSON, COMMANDING GENERAL,  
III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE.

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LTJEN NICKERSON CG III MAF SENDS FOR MGEN RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV  
A. SSO AMERICAL DIV AOD 537EO 110110Z JUN69

NOR DO WE HAVE A CLEAR PICTURE OF THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN CENTRAL QUANG TIN. TO DEVELOP THIS NEEDED INTELLIGENCE, GENERAL LAM AND I, THROUGH OUR RESPECTIVE CHANNELS, REQUESTED AND RECEIVED APPROVAL FOR AN EXTENSION OF PROJECT DELTA IN QUANG TIN; THEREFORE, I AM REASSIGNING OPCON OF DELTA FORCES TO YOU BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON  
INFO MGEN RAMSEY  
OP PIERCE VALLEY, PHASE II (U)  
A. CG III MAF 250956Z MAY 69  
B. COMUSMACV 070352Z JUN 69  
1. WITH THE RETURN OF DELTA FORCE IT IS MY INTENTION  
TO CONTINUE PHASE I RECON OPS IN KHAM DUC/BA 614 AREA.  
2. BASED UPON RESULTS OF THEIR OPS AND OTHER RECON  
EFFORTS I AM DEFERRING DECISION ON PHASE II OPS UNTIL  
FIRST WEEK OF JULY AND WILL SO ADVISE YOU AT THAT TIME.  
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**S E C R E T**

PERSONAL FOR VADM BRINGLE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

US NAVY TACAIR SORTIES (U)

1. (S) DURING YOUR LAST VISIT YOU MENTIONED THAT ADDITIONAL SORTIES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE IN ICTZ SINCE THE REQUIREMENT FOR NAVY OUT-OF-COUNTRY SORTIES HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 7TH AF. MY STAFF HAS MADE LIAISON WITH HORN DASC TO GET LOCAL AF VIEWPOINT AND DETERMINE WHAT CONTROL PROCEDURES CAN BE ARRANGED. RESULTS OF THESE MEETINGS INDICATE NO PROBLEMS CAN BE FORESEEN IN CONTROL, AND GENERALLY SPEAKING, EXCEPT FOR PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER, WE CAN EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE MANY MORE SORTIES THAN ARE PRESENTLY ALLOCATED THROUGH MACV. OF COURSE, SATURATION IS POSSIBLE DURING PERIODS OF BAD WEATHER SINCE THE ASRT'S AND MSQ'S ARE LIMITED AT ANY ONE TIME.

2. (S) AS YOU KNOW, ALL SORTIES FLOWN, WHETHER IN OR OUT OF

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COUNTRY, ARE CLOSELY ALLOCATED AND CONTROLLED BY COMUSMACV. IN VIEW OF SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF ALL TACAIR ASSETS IN COUNTRY IT WOULD NOT BE PRUDENT FOR ME TO REQUEST ADDITIONAL NAVY SORTIES FOR ICTZ. THIS MIGHT JEOPARDIZE PRESENT ALLOCATION OF MY OWN MARINE FORCES. HOWEVER, I CAN ACCEPT ADDITIONAL DIVERTS ON A NON-SCHEDULED BASIS. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST AS A MEANS OF OBTAINING YOUR EXCESS SORTIES, THAT YOUR STAFF CONTACT 7TH AF TACC FOR APPROVAL. ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE WHEREBY CARRIER BASED FLIGHTS CHECK IN WITH PANAMA/VICE SQD ON SHORT NOTICE, ENTER THE CONTROL SYSTEM, AND BE ASSIGNED IN-COUNTRY MISSIONS AS NEEDED, IN THE SAME MANNER AS DIVERTS ARE PRESENTLY USED. NONE OF THESE SORTIES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRE-PLANNED.

3. (S) IF YOU CONCUR I WILL HAVE MY LIAISON OFFICER, COL C E SCHMIDT, LOOK INTO THE MATTER AT 7TH AF. I APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER AND ASSURE YOU THAT WE CAN MAKE EVERY SORTIE A USEFUL ONE. WARM REGARDS.

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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, 2101847, B COMPANY, 3RD MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION, 3D MARINE DIVISION, TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AN UPCOMING SPECIAL AIR MISSION T-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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