
37.0 CG FMAW 010935Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT SENSITIVE EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM THRASH
FORCE PLANNING 9RESPONDS TO III MAF 310826Z AUG)

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~~38 COMNAVFORVPED DNG 020203Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM BONNER
FORCE/FACILITIES PLANNING RESPONDS III MAF 310826Z AUG69~~

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23. CG FMFPAC 012005Z ~~MM~~ SEP69 (C) MCEO *gp-4*
CAMP BUTLER BRIG
24. COMNAVSUPPACT DNG 020655Z SEP69 (S) *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BONNER
BALCKMARKETING
25. CG AMERICAL DIV 022339Z SEP69 (U) EYES ONLY
FOR MILDREN & NICKERSON FROM ~~RAMSEY~~
STATISTICS ON 196 LIB -- IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLICITY

26. COMUSMACV 041046Z SEP69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-3*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
VIP FUNDS -- RESPONDS TO III MAF 220058Z AUG69
27. CG USARV 050254Z SEP69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM MILDREN
SA HUYNH -- AGREE w/YOU _ HAVE RESCINDED CANCELLATION MSG
28. DEPCOMUSMACV 050742Z SEP69 (C) YEES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ROSSON
SNIPER EQUIPMENT
29. COMUSMACV 050820Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO BRINGLE FROM ABRAMS
CRUISER NGFS AVAILABILITY
30. COMUSMACV 061100Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
HANOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF 72 HOUR STANDOWN -- POSSIBLE CEASEFIRE
31. COMSEVENTHFLT 061152Z SEP69 (S) *group-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO ABRAMS FROM BRINGLE
CRUISER NGFS AVAILABILITY
- ~~32. CG FMPDAG 061040Z (U) EFTO
FOR NICKERSON FROM BICE
CHANGE VISIT DATES TO 26-28 SEP~~
33. CTF SEVEN SIX 070300Z SEP69 (C) *gp-4*
FOR DOOLEY FROM ROSENBERG
CAUSEWAY SECTIONS
34. COMUSMACV 070831Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *group-4*
ABRAMS TO ALL
GVN WILL NOT OBSERVE THE 72-HR ~~STANDOWN~~ CEASEFIRE FOR HO
35. COMNAVFORV 071328Z SEP69 (C) *group-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO BONNER FROM ZUMWALT
WILL VISIT DNG MONDAY -- 8 SEP
36. COMUSMACV 071614Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
ABRAMS TO ALL
72-HR STANDOWN/CEASEFIRE FOR HO
37. C/S MACV 080331Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
TOWNSEND TO NICKERSON, WETHERILL, EWELL, & CORCORAN
BY 1800 EACH DAY PROVIDE COMUS REPORT ON SO-CALED CEASEFIRE
38. CG XXIV CORPS 081059Z SEP69 (S) LIMDIS EYES ONLY *Group-4*
FOR NICKERSON INFO WRIGHT FROM ~~MAIS~~
US OPS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY

39. CG AMERICAL DIV 090240Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
CEASEFIRE REPORT
40. CG FIRST MARDIV 090408Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
CEASEFIRE REPORT
- ~~41. CG FMFPAC 100234Z SEP69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM RUSE
JLCOI GRAY~~
42. CG AMERICAL 100235Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
CEASEFIRE
43. CG FIRST MARDIV 100345Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
CEASEFIRE
44. CG FMFPAC 100226Z SEP69 (U) *w/ gp-4 attachments*
FOR ~~WXXXXM~~ DOOLEY FROM WILSON
JLRB VISIT
45. MGEN RAMSEY AMERICAL 110220Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
CEASEFIRE
46. CG FIRST MARDIV 110409Z SEP69 (S)
CEASEFIRE
47. ACTG CG XXIV CORPS 110416Z SEP69 (S)
CEASEFIRE
48. DCS P&O HQ USARV 111540Z SEP69 (C)
FOR DOOLEY FROM COOKSEY
ASPHALT PLANT DUC PHO

~~49. CGC 70.8 120543Z SEP69
FOR NICKERSON FROM ANDERSON
HELICO TRANSPORT FOR SHOULDERS~~

~~50. ACTG 70.8 120904Z Sep 69
For Nickerson from Anderson
I'm Embarrassed About Helo "Gomau"~~

- ~~39. COMTHIRDNGC 030107Z SEP69 (TS) EXCLUSIVE FOR
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZIMWALT FROM DILLON
RESPONDS TO III MAF 310826Z AUG69~~
- ~~40. CG XXIV CORPS 020400Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON, MILDREN, WRIGHT & JONES FROM ZAIS
RESPONDS TO III MAF 310826Z AUG69~~
- ~~41. CG FMPDAG 020122Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FOR VAN DYKIN & NICKERSON FROM RISE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~42. C/C MACV 021221Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON INFO RISE FROM TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~43. C/S MACV 040412Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON, SUMWALT, BROWN, ZIMWALT FROM TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~44. CG FMPDAG 050026Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE MCEO
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~45. CG FMPDAG 052010Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCL MCEO
FOR NICKERSON FROM RISE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~46. CG FMPDAG 100200Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~47. CG FMPDAG 102201Z SEP69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE
FORCE PLANNING~~
48. ✓ CG THIRD MARDIV 151615Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS *GP-1*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
KILO 3/3
49. CG THIRD MARDIV 161445Z SEP69 (TS) LIMDIS EYES ONLY *GP-1*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
MY ESTIMATE & FUTURE PLANS
- ~~50. CG FMPDAG 170247Z SEP69 (TS) INFORMAL STAFF NOTE
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
FORCE PLANNING~~

1. CG THIRD MARDIV 171339Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFOR NICKERSON FROM JONES
3D MAR CONTACT W/9TH NVA REGT ON 17SEP
2. CG THIRD MARDIV 181055Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE EYES ONLY GP-1
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
CONTACT W/9TH NVA REGT -- WE'VE LOST 56 KIA & 230 WIA(E)
SINCE 7 AUG ---- RUNDOWN ON THE CURRENT SITUATION
3. COMUSMACV 190823Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4
FORCE PLANNING (REDEPLOYMENT CONF)
4. CG THIRD MARDIV 191720Z SEP69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
STAND DOWN OF 3D MARINES IN CONN W/3D DIV REDEPLOYMENT
5. CG THIRD MARDIV 201510Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
6. CG THIRD MARDIV 201620Z SEP69 (TS) SENSITIVE LIMDIS GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARDIV
7. CHIEF, SOG, SAIGON 210742Z SEP69 (TS) GP-1
FOR NICKERSON FROM COL CAVANAUGH
REQUEST FOR HELP IN PROCURING CERTAIN ITEMS OF CAPTURED
ENEMY EQUIPMENT
8. CG THIRD MARDIV 211000Z SEP69 (TS) GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
9. CG THIRD MARDIV 211011Z SEP69 (TS) GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARDIV
10. CG FMFPAC 212012Z SEP69 (TS) GP-4
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
INFORMAL STAFF NOTE ON FORCE PLANNING
11. COMUSMACV 220829Z SEP69 (TS) GP-4
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING
12. CG THIRD MARDIV 221045Z SEP69 (TS) LIMDIS GP-4
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
13. CG THIRD MARDIV 291050Z SEP69 (TS) GP-4
FOR NICKERSON FROM ~~XXX~~ JONES
ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

1. CG AMERICAL 121955Z SEP69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR DULACKI FROM RAMSEY
SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES
2. COMNAVSUPACT DNG 130430Z SEP69 (C) *gp-4*
FOR COMBS INFO NICKERSON & ZUMWALT FROM BONNER
ANDERMAN -- BLACK MARKET WITNESS
3. COMUS 180935Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-3*
COMUS TO ALL
BRIEFINGS --- BRING YOUR 2 & 3 -- ICTZ 0900 22Sep
4. CG FMFPAC 190343Z SEP69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
ASGT OF INTEL STAFF OFF TO HQ III MAF (ARMY)
5. COMUSMACV 191029Z SEP69 (C) EYES ONLY *group-4*
ABRAMS TO NICKERSON & CORCORAN
CHANGE IN CONF -- NOW 21 SEP f/ICTZ
- ~~6. LTC ZAIS XXIV CORPS 191400Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY
FORCE PLANNING~~
- ~~7. XXIV CORPS 191450Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY
FORCE PLANNING~~
8. COMUSMACV 201116Z SEP69 (C) EYES ONLY *group-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
SEPTEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)
9. CG XXIV CORPS 210431Z ^{SEP69} (S) EYES ONLY *group-not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
RECONNAISSANCE/SURVEILLANCE PLANNING FOR A SHAW VALLEY
10. CG THIRD MARDIV 210650Z ^{SEP69} (U) SENSITIVE/LIMDIS *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM JONES
PROGRESS OF CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION
- ~~11. CG XXIV CORPS 220830Z SEP69 (S) LIMDIS EYES ONLY
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
PROPOSED BOUNDARY TRACE SPLITS THE VILLAGE OF LOC THUY~~
12. CG XXIV CORPS 231104Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
DAVE LAMB & UPI STORY
13. CG XXIV CORPS 240602Z SEP69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
ADEQUATE AIRLIFT SUPPORT

- ~~14. CTC 70 8 250730Z SEP69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM ANDERSON
COME TO LUNCH 27/28 SEP IF YOU CAN~~
- ~~15. CTC 70 8 261242Z SEP69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM ANDERSON
COME TO LUNCH ON 29SEP2~~
- ~~16. CG EMBAC (FWD) 261117Z SEP69 (U)
FOR DOOLEY INFO BONNER & CARNEY FROM BARROW
GRUNNING, VELOTAS & GUY ARE ON THEIR WAY BACK~~
17. CG THIRD MARDIV 271040Z SEP69 (U) *[gp-1 etc]*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICERSON FROM JONES
AMPLIFICATION OF SIR (NEGRO KILLED)
- ~~18. AC/S, I 3 MACV 271051Z SEP69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BAUTZ
CLASSIFICATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANS~~
- ~~19. C/S MACV 291000Z SEP69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
NOTIFICATION OF VIE VICTIMS INSTRUCTIONS REITERATED AT MACV~~
- ~~20. CTC 70 8 291021Z SEP69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM ANDERSON
COME TO LUNCH ANYTIME~~
21. CG THIRD MARDIV 291300Z SEP69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM JONES
PERSONNEL STATUS THIRD FORCE RECON COMPANY
- ~~22. ADMIN EMBAC 290201Z SEP69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM FONTANA
BUCE SAID YOU CAN GO TO SCOTTISH BITES ON OKI~~

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 TO CG III MAF
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 A. YOUR 310826Z AUG 69 (TS)

1. IN ANSWER TO REF A, THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDED ACTIONS ARE SUBMITTED. PROPOSALS ARE BASED ON PLANNING INFORMATION THAT THE FIRST MARDIV WILL BE OPERATING IN AN EXPANDED TAOR SOUTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. REDEPLOYING MAG-36 DURING PHASE II AND PHASING OUT PMAG-39 FROM NORTHERN I CORPS WILL LEAVE THE WING WITH THREE HELICOPTER SQUADRONS AND A VMO DET THAT MUST BE REASSIGNED TO MAG-16 AND RELOCATED SOUTH OF HAI VAN PASS NEAR THE MAG-16 H&MS MAINTENANCE FACILITY. FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN TO ACCOMMODATE HMH-36 (CH-53'S) IN THE SPACES VACATED BY HMM-165 DURING PHASE I. THE REMAINING SQUADRONS REQUIRING RELOCATION SITES ARE:

HML-367 (24 UH-1E)
 HMM-161 (21 CH-46D)
 HMM-262 (21 CH-46D)

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VMO-2 (DET) (10 CH-53'S) REMAINDER REDEPLOY TO FUTEMA

2. IT IS NECESSARY THAT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROPOSALS LISTED BELOW IN ORDER OF PRIORITY BE APPROVED TO ACCOMMODATE THOSE SQUADRONS BEING RELOCATED TO THE MARBLE MOUNTAIN AREA.

A. THOSE SPACES NOW OCCUPIED BY THE ARMY AVIATION BATTALION AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FMAW. THIS PROPOSAL WILL PLACE ALL OF THE FMAW HELO ASSETS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE FIRST MARDIV AND ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF THE AIR GROUND TEAM. A LIMITED AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL MATTING AND REVENEMENTS WOULD BE REQUIRED AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN UNDER THIS PROPOSAL.

B. IN THE EVENT THE ARMY DOES NOT VACATE THE AREA OCCUPIED AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN REQUIRED SPACES COULD BE PROVIDED AT CHU LAI. THIS IS A LESS DESIRABLE SOLUTION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(1) IT WOULD REQUIRE A DETACHMENT OF H&MS-16 MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL DEPLETING THE REQUIRED STRENGTH OF THE PARENT UNIT.

(2) THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING ADEQUATE SUPPLY SUPPORT FROM MAG-16 FOR THE SQUADRONS CONCERNED.

(3) MATTING, REVENEMENTS, AND BILLETING WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED AT CHU LAI.

3. IT IS DESIRED TO MOVE VMFA-542 (F4B) TO OCCUPY SPACES VACATED BY

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 VMFA-334 WHICH WAS DEPLOYED DURING PHASE I. THIS MOVE WOULD PROVIDE
 SUFFICIENT SPAC IN THE MAG-11 AREA OF DANANG TO PLACE A FIXED WING
 DETACHMENT OF MAG-16 (18 OV-10S/10 OH-10S). MOVING THE MAG-16 DETACHMENT
 TO DANANG WOULD PROVIDE SPACE AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN FOR ONE ADDITIONAL
 HELICOPTER SQUADRON.

4. I RECOMMEND THAT IF PRACTICABLE WE IMPLEMENT PROPOSAL CONTAINED
 PARAGRAPHS 2.A.

5. UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE II DEPLOYMENTS AND RELOCATIONS THE
 FOLLOWING ISMAW FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE:

A. DONG HA

B. QUANG TRI AIRFIELD

C. THE MAG-36 AREA AT PHU BAI

D. INTEND TO RELOCATE TOWER, HDC, AND TAFDS (PRESENTLY)
 AT VANDERGRIFT COMBAT BASE DURING LATTER PART OF PHASE II.

6. DETAILED LIST OF FACILITIES AND INSTALLATIONS TO BE
 VACATED WILL BE DELIVERED YOUR HQTRS THIS AFTERNOON.

7. NEW BUS RELATED SUBJECT FOR YOUR INFO. WITH 7TH MARINES
 CP AT LZ BALDY WE HAVE BY SEPARATE ACTION REQUESTED SIX RE-
 VETMENTS AND SIX SEA HUTS FOR THE LZ. INTEND TO PUT IN LIMITED
 TOWER FACILITIES, HDC FOR HELO CONTROL, GCA, TAFDS, LIMITED

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 FIELD LIGHTING, LIMITED HUEY REARMING CAPABILITY, AND LSA. PRESENT
 RUNWAY CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING KC-130'S WITH SOME REPAIR WHICH
 IS WITHING CAPABILITY MCB, EST, TWO WEEKS TO COMPLETE. INTENTIONS FOR
 LZ ROSS ARE EXTENSION AND RESURFACE OF MAT AND EXTENSION OF VIP MAT.

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 TO CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO CG III MAF
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 MOEN JONES SENDS FR LTGEN ZAIS INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
 SUBJ: KIL 7-3-3 ACTION 15 SEPTEMBER 69

1. YOU WILL RECALL L-3-3, WHILE MOVING INTO POSITION AT 44610 RECEIVED HEAVY RPG AND 82 MM MORTAR FIRE ON ITS COMMAND GROUP. THE FOLLOWING MORNING, THE AQ STATION OBSERVED ENEMY IN A DRAW AT 945613. KIL 7-3-3 COMMENCED AN ENVELOPING MOVEMENT FROM 957617, REACHING ITS NIGHT POSITION YESTERDAY AT 93622. THIS MORNING KIL O CONTINUED ITS MANEUVER WITH ONE PLATOON IN THE LEAD ADVANCING ALONG A RIDGE AT 49620. THE ENEMY IN WELL CAMOUFLAGED BUNKERS ALL WED THE LEAD PLATOON TO ADVANCE WELL WITHIN THE KILLING ZONE, AND BROUGHT RPG, MORTARS, AND SMALL ARMS TO BEAR, INFLECTING HEAVY CASUALTIES. AQ STATION BROUGHT IMMEDIATE COUNTER BATTERY FIRE. THE COMPANY WITHDREW THE PLATOON AND CALLED IN FIXED WING AND ARTILLERY ON THE POINT OF CONTACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY STANDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS AREA OF MY AQ. INITIAL MEDEVAC EFFORTS DREW 82 MM AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, NECESSITATING A 400 METER MOVE TO ANOTHER LZ. MEDEVAC OF 29 WIA AND 4 KIA COMPLETED BY MID-AFTERNOON. KILO COMPANY HAS MOVED TO NIGHT POSITION AT 976612. MIKE COMPANY IN BLOCKING POSITION AT 974615. LIMA COMPANY BLOCKING AT 953598. HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY FIRE BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR ON AREA.

2. ADDITIONAL INFO ON THIS 9TH NVA REGIMENTAL AQ, AND MY FUTURE PLANS WILL BE SUBJECT OF SUBSEQUENT MESSAGE.

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 TO CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO CG III MAF
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 MGEN JONES SENDS FOR LTGEN ZAIS INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
 1. THIS MESSAGE CONCERNS RECENT 3RD MARINES CONTACTS
 WITH THE 9TH NVA REGIMENT, MY ESTIMATE, AND FUTURE
 PLANS.

2. SINCE 7 AUG WHEN IT WAS FIRST DETERMINED THAT
 THE 9TH NVA REGIMENT HAD MOVED SOUTH OF THE DMZ
 INTO THE AREA NORTH OF THE ROCKPILE, THE ENEMY HAS
 NOT ENDEAVORED TO MEANINGFULLY EXPAND THIS BRIDGE-
 HEAD. RATHER HE HAS ELECTED TO CONSOLIDATE AND HAS
 RESORTED TO RECON PATROLS AND ATTACKS BY FIRE.
 THE EXTENT AND SUCCESS OF HIS EFFORTS TO CONSOLIDATE
 HIS POSITION ARE BORNE OUT BY HIS TENACIOUS DEFENSE
 AGAINST ANY GROUND PROBES INTO THE AREA, IN SPITE
 OF OUR HEAVY AIR AND ARTILLERY PREPARATIONS.
 ADDITIONALLY, AO'S REPORT THAT MANY BUNKER COMPLEXES
 SIGHTED ARE OF RECENT CONSTRUCTION.

3. A FORTIFIED POSITION TWO TO FOUR KILICKS SOUTH
 OF THE DMZ IN THIS AREA DOES NOT THREATEN THE
 CIVILIAN POPULATION OR MAKE UNTENABLE ANY FRIENDLY
 ARTILLERY OR LOGISTIC SUPPORT BASES. IN SPITE OF
 ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE DMZ, IT DOESN'T EVEN
 LEND ITSELF TO A SIGNIFICANT CACHE AREA FOR FUTURE
 OPERATIONS AS THERE ARE NO ROADS INTO OR OUT OF
 THE AREA, THE TRAILS ARE RUGGED, THE HILLS BARE,
 AND THE VALLEYS STEEP.

4. IN MY OPINION HIS DEFENSIVE POSTURE IN THIS
 AREA GIVES THE ENEMY THREE CAPABILITIES:
 ONE: HE CAN LAUNCH AN ATTACK WITH EITHER
 ADDITIONAL REGIMENTS FOLLOWING IN TRACE, OR WITH
 THE 9TH NVA REGIMENT AS A DIVERSIONARY ATTACK AND
 THE MAIN ATTACK IN THE COASTAL LOWLANDS. THERE
 WOULD BE POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGES
 HERE, PARTICULARLY IF THE OFFENSIVE COMMENCED
 DURING OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FUTURE 3RD MARD IV
 REDEPLOYMENT.

TWO: HE CAN DRAW OUR MANEUVER ELEMENTS FROM THE
 POPULATED AREA AND KEEP THEM FROM CONTRIBUTING TO
 THE ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN.

THREE: HE CAN REASONABLY EXPECT US TO ATTACK
 THEREBY CREATING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR

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3. ANY ONE OR COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE CAPABILITIES SUGGESTS TWO ALTERNATIVES:

ONE: EXECUTE AN ATTACK IN FORCE TO DRIVE HIM FROM THE AREA. THIS WOULD REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF TWO, AND MORE LIKELY THREE BATTALIONS. IN SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION, AT LEAST ONE AND PREFERABLY TWO OF THE MANEUVER BATTALIONS SHOULD BE ARVN. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH ARVN UNITS HAVE OPERATED IN ALL OTHER AREAS OF MY AO, I CAN FIND NO RECORD OF ARVN BATTALIONS OPERATING IN AN AREA BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE 02 LINE, ON THE WEST BY THE LAOTIAN BORDER, AND ON THE SOUTH BY THE 60 LINE DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. THIS CAN BE RELATED TO CAPABILITY THREE ABOVE.

TWO: CONTAIN HIM IN THE PRESENT AREA BY BLOCKING ROUTES OF EGRESS, CONSTANT SHIFTING OF UNITS, NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITIONS OF COMPANY STRENGTH, CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE, AND HEAVY INTERDICTION OF THE AREA BY AIR AND ARTILLERY.

16. IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY UNDERSTANDING OF PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS, I PLAN TO CONTINUE COURSE OF ACTION TWO UNTIL DIRECTED OTHERWISE. I AM PREPARED TO EXECUTE COURSE OF ACTION ONE OR ANY VARIATION THEREOF IF SO ORDERED.

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ACAMP BUTLER BRIG

8. CG MARCORB CAMP BUTLER 2008502/AUG69 (C)

1. (C) YOUR ADVICE RELATIVE TO EXISTING AND POTENTIAL PROBLEMS IN THE CAMP BUTLER BRIG CONTAINED IN REF A AND THE REPORTED ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY CG, NINTH MAB IN PROVIDING ADDITIONAL AUGMENTATION PERSONNEL IS APPRECIATED. THE UTILIZATION OF THESE PERSONNEL ON A TEMPORARY BASIS, PENDING RECEIPT AND APPROVAL OF YOUR PROPOSED NEW BRIG T/O, IS CONCURRED WITH.

2. (C) LOCAL RECORDS SHOW THAT THE MANNING LEVEL AUTHORIZATION FOR THE MCB BUTLER BRIG IS 1 OFFICER AND 88 ENLISTED PLUS A TOTAL OF 40 FNF AUGMENTATION AUTHORIZED (EXCLUSIVE OF THE ADDITIONAL 3 ENLISTED NEGOTIATED FROM

PAGE TWO RUHMFMA 0014 C O N F I D E N T I A L (CEO NINTH MAB). THE 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER FY 70 MANNING LEVEL WAS INCREASED BY 22 ENLISTED MOS 8151 TO ACHIEVE THE TOTAL OF 88 FOR THE BRIG. LET US KNOW IF WE CAN ASSIST YOU FURTHER.

3. (U) YOUR PROPOSED BRIG T/O WILL BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION UPON RECEIPT.

LTGEN BUSE SENDS.

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PERSONAL FOR LTJEN NICKERSON FROM BONNER

1. (C) DURING THE PERIOD APRIL THRU AUGUST 1969 THE AVERAGE MONTHLY ISSUES, THROUGH THE PACEX DANANG DEPOT EXCHANGE, WERE 17,378,556 AND 20,98,962 CANS OF BEER AND SODA, RESPECTIVELY. THE AVERAGE MONTHLY FWMAF POPULATION WAS 182,515. THE COMPUTED CONSUMPTION RATE FOR THE PERIOD IS 6.7 CANS OF BEER AND SODA PER MAN PER DAY.

2. (S) THE ABOVE DATA, INDICATES THAT SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF THESE PRODUCTS ARE FINDING THEIR WAY INTO THE BLACK MARKET

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FM MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV CHL RVN
 TO LTG WILDREN DEP CG USARV LONG BINH RVN
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DA NANR RVN
 ZEM

UNCLAS E F T O ACD 838 EYES ONLY

IN THE LIGHT OF RECENT PUBLICITY ON THE COMBAT ACTION OF
 CO A, 3D BN, 21S INF, 196TH BRIGADE, I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE INTER-
 ESTED IN THE FOLLOWING 1ST TERM RA AND AUS REENLISTMENT STATISTICS,
 WHICH ARE A FAIR INDICATION OF THE MORALE OF THE UNIT AND ATTIT-
 UDE TOWARD THE US ARMY.

	DIV	PERCENT OBJ	196 BDE	PERCENT OBJ
JUL	126	114.5	44	237.3
AUG	116	105.5	49	270.2

	3-21 INF	PERCENT OBJ	A CO 3/21	PERCENT OBJ
JUL	10	250	0	0
AUG	20	500	4	400

2. THE 196TH BDE HAS THE HIGHEST 1ST TERM AND AUS REENLISTMENTS
 OF ALL MAJOR UNITS IN THE AMERICAL DIVISION FOR BOTH JULY AND
 AUGUST. THE 3D BATTALION, 21ST INFANTRY, HAS LED ALL BATTALIONS FOR
 THE PAST TWO MONTHS. CO A, 3D BATTALION, 21ST INFANTRY, PLACED
 2D IN COMPANY SIZE UNITS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST AND COMPANY
 C FROM THE SAME BATTALION LED ALL COMPANY SIZE UNITS IN THE
 DIVISION FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST. IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE
 THAT THESE RATES FOR AUGUST WERE ACCOMPLISHED DURING A PERIOD
 WHEN THE ENTIRE BATTALION WAS FULLY COMMITTED FOR OVER 10 DAYS IN
 THE BATTLE AROUND THE HIEP DUC AREA. ALSO OF INTEREST IS THE FACT
 THAT THE 4TH BATTALION, 31S INFANTRY, WHICH WAS THE OTHER BAT-
 TALION INVOLVED IN THIS ACTION, WAS 4TH RANKING IN JULY AND 5TH
 IN AUGUST AMONG THE 24 BATTALION SIZE UNITS IN THE DIVISION.

SSO NOTE: THIS MSG REPLACES ACD 837 EYES ONLY
 DELIVER DURING NORMAL DUTY HOURS

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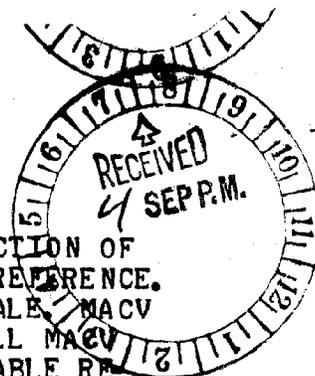
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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
 ZEM

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 11539 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: VOLUNTEER INFORMANT PROGRAM (VIP) (U)
 REFERENCE: III MAF DTG 220058Z AUG 69 (U)



1. (C) WE ARE AWARE OF THE SERIOUS IMPACT OF THE REDUCTION OF FY 70 INTELLIGENCE CONTINGENCY FUNDS (ICF) AS STATED IN REFERENCE. INTELLIGENCE FUNDS HAVE BEEN REDUCED ON A WORLD-WIDE SCALE. MACV RECEIVED LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF THE AMOUNT PROGRAMED. ALL MACV COMMANDS AND INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES RECEIVED AN APPRECIABLE REDUCTION WITH A RESULTANT DEGRADING IMPACT. RESTORATION OF THE MACV ICF BUDGET HAS BEEN REQUESTED, WITH NO SUCCESS TO DATE.
 2. (C) ACROSS THE BOARD AUSTERE FY 70 BUDGET GUIDANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED. CINCPAC HAS STATED THAT FUNDS WILL BE FAR SHORT OF REQUIREMENTS. IN VIEW OF THIS, I HAVE DECIDED NOT TO ATTEMPT TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE VIP FROM OTHER FUNDS OR TO REAPPORTION THE ICF AT THIS TIME.
 3. (C) ANOTHER REQUEST IS BEING MADE FOR RESTORATION OF FUNDS FOR VIP.
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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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FM LIG CHILDREN
TO LIG WICKERSON
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ARV 2380 EYES ONLY
REF A. YOUR MSG 030920Z SEP 69

B. MY MSG 010338Z SEP 69

1. I UNDERSTAND YOUR POSITION REGARDING CLOSURE OF
SA HUYNH PORT AND ACCORDINGLY, WILL TAKE NO FURTHER
ACTION PERTAINING TO ITS CLOSURE. I HAVE RESCINDED REF
B.

2. IF YOU SHOULD DECIDE TO TAKE ACTION TO CLOSE SA HUYNH
AT SOME FUTURE DATE, I WILL BE MOST HAPPY TO PROVIDE
ANY ASSISTANCE YOU REQUIRE IN WORKING OUT THE DETAILS.

WARM REGARDS
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SSC NOTE: PRECEDENCE FOR TRANSMISSION ONLY
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 FM GEN ROSSON DEPCOMUSMACV
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 11577 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SNIPER EQUIPMENT (ID

REF: A. DSA I CTZ DNG DTG 291300Z JUL 69

B. MACV LTR MACMA - AL 7 AUG 69 (C)

C. CG III MAF DTG 110856Z AUG 69 (C)

D. CG III MAF DTG 171016Z AUG 69 (C)

E. CG III MAF DTG 010056 SEP 69 (C)

1. (ID REFERENCE A WAS INITIAL REQUEST FOR 20 EACH RIFLES AND TELESCOPES TO CONDUCT TEST ARVN SNIPER PROGRAM IN I CTZ. REFERENCE B DISAPPROVED THE REQUEST. REFERENCE C WAS RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL ~~BE REQUEST~~ IN REFERENCE A; IT WAS NOT RECEIVED IN THIS HEADQUARTERS UNTIL 21 AUGUST 1969 FOLLOWING A TELEPHONE REQUEST TO III MAF FOR RETRANSMISSION. REFERENCE D WAS REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DISAPPROVAL OF WEAPONS AND TELESCOPES. REFERENCE E AMPLIFIED REFERENCES A, C, AND D AND OUTLINED PROPOSED TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OF ARVN SNIPER TEAMS IN I CORPS.

2. (C) CONCEPT APPROVAL IS GRANTED FOR THE INITIATION OF A PILOT PROGRAM FOR TRAINING AND EVALUATION OF ARVN SNIPERS AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE E, EXCEPT THAT EVALUATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED TO SIX MONTHS IN LENGTH. NO REPEAT NO COMMITMENT REGARDING FUTURE OF PROGRAM WILL BE MADE PENDING MACV REVIEW OF III MAF EVALUATION REPORT.

3. (C) PROGRAM WILL UTILIZE M-14 RIFLE. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE ASSETS INDICATES ONLY A FEW ACCURATIZED M14 RIFLES WITH M-84 TELESCOPES ARE IN DEPOT STOCKS. ACCORDINGLY, REMAINDER WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM US UNITS IN CADENCE WITH RECEIPT IN COUNTRY OF LATER GENERATION MODELS. SHIPPING INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. (C) ALTHOUGH POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF SUCCESSFUL ARVN SNIPER PROGRAM ARE RECOGNIZED, CONSIDERATION OF SNIPER TRAINING BEYOND PILOT PROGRAM NECESSARILY MUST BE VIEWED IN WIDER CONTEXT. KEY TO SUCCESS OF US SNIPER PROGRAMS IN III MAF AND OTHER US UNITS, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS BEEN THE HIGH QUALITY OF SPECIALLY SELECTED MEN AND PROVISION TO THEM OF THE FINEST EQUIPMENT, SUPERBLY MAINTAINED. ATTAINMENT OF SIMILAR DEGREE OF SUCCESS COULD BE ACHIEVED WITHIN ARVN ONLY AT EXPENSE OF OTHER PROGRAMS SINCE PROPOSED SNIPER TEAMS WOULD, OF NECESSITY, REQUIRE TOP CALIBER SOLDIERS. IT IS THIS TYPE SOLDIER WHO IS SO SORELY NEEDED FOR KEY POSITIONS THROUGHOUT THE STRUCTURE.

5. (C) ANOTHER FACTOR TO BE CONSIDERED IN EVALUATING ARVN SNIPER PROGRAM IS REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL TYPE EQUIPMENT NOT NOW AUTHORIZED IN ARVN DIVISIONS. EXPANSION OF THE PROGRAM IN I CORPS AND THROUGHOUT OTHER ELEMENTS OF ARVN AND VMC WOULD RESULT IN ADDED DEMAND FOR US DOLLAR SUPPORT. A RECENT STUDY BY THE MACV STAFF INDICATES THAT INITIAL COST OF ESTABLISHING A SNIPER PROGRAM IN ALL ARVN DIVISIONS WOULD BE NEARLY \$850,000. SUSTAINING COSTS, TO INCLUDE MATCH GRADE AMMUNITION, WERE NOT CALCULATED.

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0050820Z ZYH ZFF-6 ZFF-3
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON VIETNAM
 TO LTGEN NICKERSON CG III MAF DA NANG VIETNAM
 INFO VADM BRINGLE, COMSEVENTHFLT
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 11585 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: CRUISER NGFS AVAILABILITY (U)

REF: A. CG, III MAF DTG 030351Z SEP 69 (S)

B. CINCPAC DTG 232356Z AUG 69 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (U) APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN OVER REDUCTION OF HEAVY NGF SHIPS.
 2. (S) CINCPAC, BY REF B, HAS PROVIDED JCS WITH HIS ESTIMATE OF THE IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET REDUCTIONS ON CURRENT OPERATIONS. CONCERNING NGFS HE STATED, QUOTE. INACTIVATION OF THREE HEAVY SHIPS (INCLUDING THE USS BOSTON FROM LANTCOM) AND 17 GENERAL PURPOSE DESTROYER (DD) WILL IMPACT HEAVILY ON THE ABILITY OF PACFLT TO PROVIDE EVEN MINIMUM LEVELS OF NGFS. HEAVY NGFS (CA) SHIPS IN WESTPAC WILL BE REDUCED TO ONE IN LATE SEPTEMBER WHEN USS SAINT PAUL RETURNS TO COMUS FOR OVERHAUL WITHOUT RELIEF. SUBSEQUENT TO USS BOSTON OUTCHOP IN DECEMBER, NO HEAVY NGFS SHIPS WILL BE PRESENT IN WESTPAC UNTIL 4TH QUARTER FY 72 WHEN USS SAINT PAUL IS SCHEDULED TO DEPLOY. DURING INCREASED DEPLOYMENTS FROM CINCPAC ASSETS, LOSS OF 17 DD IS EXPECTED TO RESULT IN A MAJOR REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF DD AVAILABLE FOR NGFS. THE LOSS OF THESE SHIPS, COUPLED WITH THE CONTINUING REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN NEARLY FULLTIME NAVAL PRESENCE IN SEACIA (TF 71 AND TV 71.3.4), WILL REDUCE THE AVAILABILITY OF NGFS DD'S SUBSTANTIALLY BY EARLY 1970. UNQUOTE. IN SUMMARY HE CONCLUDED THAT THE CURTAILMENT ON SEACIA OPS WOULD BE MOST SERIOUS IN THE AREAS OF NGFS, AMPHIBIOUS LIFT, SEACIA AIR OPS AND ASW.

3. (U) CONSIDERING THAT CINCPAC HAS ALREADY COMMENTED ON THE NGFS REDUCTION, I DO NOT INTEND TO BRING THIS MATTER ANY HIGHER.

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 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 MG WETHERILL CG DMAC
 LTG EWELL CG II FFV
 LTG CORCORAN CGHI FFV
 LTG NICVERSON CG III MAF
 YSOKL/COOL HEALY CO 5TH SFG. (AB)
 ZFM



S E C R E T MAC 1,639 EYES ONLY
 1. WITH RESPECT TO HANOI ANNOUNCEMENT OF A STANDOWN OF 72 HOURS
 BEGINNING 0100 SEPT 8, OUR POLICY IS TO FOLLOW THE GVN LEAD.
 2. I DISCUSSED THIS WITH GEN VIEN TODAY 6 SEPT. AND HIS INSTRUCTIONS
 TO HIS COMMANDERS ON ADVICE OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE IS TO
 CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PLANNED. GEN VIEN ANTICIPATES THE PRESIDENT MAY
 ISSUE A STATEMENT OR ADDITIONAL INTRUCTION ON 7 SEPT. I WILL FLASH
 TO YOU ANY CHANGE. IN THE MEANTIME CONTINUE OPEATIONS WITH NO CHANGE.

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TO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

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FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO GEN ABRAMS FROM BRINGLE

CRUISER NGFS AVAILABILITY (U)

A. CG III MAF 030351Z SEP 69 BOM

B. COMUSMACV 050820Z SEP 69 BOM

1. I ALSO SHARE AND APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN OVER THE REDUCTION OF HEAVY NGFS ON IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS. I INTEND TO EASE THE SITUATION UNTIL BOSTON OUTCROPS FROM BOTH A CONTINGENCY AND ON LINE POINT OF VIEW, BY MODIFYING HER SCHEDULE TO INCREASE HER ON-LINE TIME AND ARE INSURING THAT HER LIMITED PERIODS OFF THE GUN LINE ARE SPENT WITHIN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA LITTORAL. IN ADDITION, EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLE SHORT GAPS, OKLAHOMA CITY WILL OPERATE IN SUPPORT OF TU 70.8.9 WHEN BOSTON IS OFF THE LINE. IN OKLAHOMA CITY'S CASE, YOU REALIZE OF COURSE, THAT IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILE ACTIONS OR INCIDENTS IN OTHER AREAS OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC, THE FLAG SHIP

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MAY HAVE TO DEPART ON SHORT NOTICE.

2. THE LFR FORCE LEVELS IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC HAVE NOT BEEN REDUCED SO THERE WILL BE NO REDUCTION IN EFFORT IN THIS AREA FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

3. SEVENTHFLT DESTROYER FORCE LEVELS WERE REDUCED PRIOR TO THE "703" REDUCTIONS AND WILL AGAIN BE REDUCED. I WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT, HOWEVER, TO MAINTAIN SUPPORT AT THE GUIDELINE LEVELS OF FOUR DESTROYERS, ONE OF WHICH WILL BE A 5"/54.

4. THE ADVANTAGE OF NAVAL GUNFIRE IS THAT IT IS MOBILE. ASSETS CAN BE SHIFTED TO VARIOUS CORPS AREAS AS THE TACTICAL SITUATION DICTATES. IN AN EMERGENCY WE CAN MASS ADDITIONAL NGFS FOR LIMITED PERIODS TIME. HOWEVER, OUR SURGE CAPABILITY, I.E., OUR CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSETS IN AN EMERGENCY HAS BEEN REDUCED BY THE CUTS IN FORCE LEVELS BROUGHT ON BY THE DRASTIC INACTIVATIONS OF PROJECT 703.

5. IN SUMMARY, WE WILL CONTINUE WHOLE HEARTED SUPPORT OF IN-COUNTRY FORCES BUT THE REDUCTIONS OF PROJECT 703 WILL BE FELT IN NGFS AS WELL AS ELSEWHERE.

6. BEST REGARDS.

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 TO RUYPYD/CG III MAF
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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 FOR BGEN DOOLEY FROM ROSENBERG
 RED BEACH CAUSEWAY (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 040604Z SEP 69

1. (C) WE HAVE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE TIMING OF THE VALIDATION REQUESTED OF CG III MAF IN PARA THREE BRAVO OF REF A IS CRITICAL. WASHOE CTY ARRIVES OKI TONIGHT AND WILL LOAD CAUSEWAY SECTIONS TOMORROW.

2. (C) IF YOU HAVE DUG YOUR WAY OUT OF THE RUBBLE AT HEADQUARTERS WOULD APPRECIATE 1 OCT REQUIREMENT VALIDATION MSG EARLIEST.

3. (C) PARTICIPATION OF CLEVELAND IN DIVERSION FOR DEFIANT STAND INHIBITED ATTENDANCE AT THIS MORNINGS BRIEF AND PERSONAL DISCUSSION OF THIS ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER. WARM REGARDS.

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Z 070512 ZYX ZFF74 ZFF-1
 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON
 TO GEN BRIGGS GDR TF
 VADM ZINWALT COMNAVFORV
 LTG MILDREN DCG USARV
 MG WETHERILL CG DMAC
 LTG EWELL CG II FFV
 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
 COL HEALY CG 5TH SFG
 ZEM

SECRET MAC 11684 EYES ONLY
 REF: MY 11639 DTG 061100Z SEP 69.

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM HAS OFFICIALLY REJECTED THE NVG/VC PROPOSAL FOR A 72-HOUR CEASEFIRE IN THE VIETNAM WAR IN THE MEMORY OF HO CHI MINH. FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF THE GVN:

QUOTE: SO FAR THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NEVER OBSERVED A TRUCE, EVEN A TRUCE PROPOSED BY THEMSELVES. THEY HAVE ON THE CONTRARY CAPITALIZED ON THE PERIODS OF TRUCE TO INCREASE THE KILLING OF INNOCENT PEOPLE AND THEIR DESTRUCTIVE ATTACKS, AS EVIDENCED PARTICULARLY BY THEIR OFFENSIVE DURING THE TET HOLIDAYS AND THE CHRISTMAS SEASONS OF 1968, DURING THE TET AND THE ANNIVERSARY OF BUDDHA IN 1969.

FURTHERMORE, RECENTLY THE COMMUNISTS HAVE INCREASED THEIR SHELLINGS TO KILL INNOCENT PEOPLE, AND THEIR MILITARY ACTIVITIES, WHAT THEY TERM AS THE EXPRESSION OF THEIR SORROW FOR HO CHI MINH, AND AS THE CONTINUATION OF THE PROLETARIAN AND REVOLUTIONARY ACHIEVEMENTS OF THEIR LEADERS. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO ASSURE EFFECTIVELY THE PROTECTION AND THE SECURITY OF OUR COMPATRIOTS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DECIDES NOT TO ACCEPT THE THREE DAY TRUCE PROPOSAL OF THE COMMUNISTS DURING THE FUNERAL OF HO CHI MINH. MOREOVER, THIS CASE COULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS THE OTHER TRADITIONAL HOLIDAYS, AND IN THE LIGHT OF PAST EXPERIENCES DURING MANY PREVIOUS TRUCE PERIODS, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM APPEALS TO THE VIGILANCE OF OUR COMPATRIOTS AND OUR POPULAR FORCES IN VIEW OF THE DEFENSE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS' INCREASED TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE ACTIVITIES DURING THE DAYS TO COME. UNQUOTE

2. CONTINUE OPERATIONS AS PLANNED

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FM COMNAVFORV

TO RHMMAFA/CG THIRD MAF

INFO RUMUFGA/COMNAVSUPPACT DNG

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

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON INFO RADM BONNER FM
ZURNWALT

DAMAGE AT DANANG (U)

A. YOUR 061030Z SEP 69 (BOM)

1. (U) CONDOLENCES YOUR DISASTER REPORTED REF A.

2. (C) WE WILL FIND FUNDS TO SUPPORT WHATEVER YOU
REQUIRE TO RESTORE READINESS.

3. (C) WILL VISIT DANANG MONDAY FOR WORKING LUNCH
WITH REAR ADMIRALS BONNER AND DILLON FOLLOWED BY
INSPECTION OF DAMAGE.

4. (U) WOULD LIKE TO CALL ON YOU AFTER LOOKING AT
DAMAGE.

5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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 LTG EVELL CGHII FFV
 LTG CORCORAN CGHI FFV
 LTG NIVERSON CG III MAF
 YS VOLC/ COL HEALY CO 5TH SFG
 INFO GEN WHEELER JCS
 ADM MCCAIN CINCPAC
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SECRET MAC 11594 EYES ONLY

1. EFFECTIVE WITH RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE THE FOLLOWING
 DIRECTIVES APPLY THRU 2100 SEPT 11, 1969.

A. U.S. MILITARY CASUALTIES SHOULD BE KEPT TO ABSOLUTE
 MINIMUM DURING PERIOD ENEMY HAS DESIGNATED FOR CEASEFIRE.

B. THERE SHOULD BE IN PRACTICE NO OFFENSIVE GROUND
 OPERATIONS EXCEPT AS NECESSARY FOR SECURITY OF YOUR FORCES.

C. EMPLOYMENT OF TACTICAL AIR AND NAVAL FORCES IN SVN
 WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH DIRECTIVES ABOVE COVERING GROUND

OPERATIONS.

2. EVERY COMMANDER IS DIRECTED DURING THIS
 SPECIFIED PERIOD TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO INSURE THE
 SECURITY OF HIS PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY.

3. PLACE THIS IN EFFECT ON RECEIPT, INFORM YOUR COUNTERPARTS
 I WILL SEEK TO GET COMPARABLE INSTRUCTIONS ISSUED BY
 JCS ASAP.

SSO NOTE: URGENT DELIVER IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT
 FOR ACTION SSO'S YOUR ZDF-1 NEEDED SOONEST POSSIBLE

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 TO LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF
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 LTG EWELL CG II FFV
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SECRET MAC 11709 EYES ONLY

1. COMUSMACV HAS ASKED THAT EACH ADDRESSEE PROVIDE COMUSMACV
 NOT LATER THAN 1800 HOURS EACH DAY, I.E., 9,9, 10 SEPTEMBER,
 DURING THE ENEMY'S SO-CALLED CEASE FIRE, EACH
 ADDRESSEE'S PERSONAL VIEW OF THE ENEMY CONCERNING THE CEASE
 FIRE; WHAT DOES EACH ADDRESSEE SEE?

2. ANY OTHER COMMENTS THAT ADDRESSEES CONSIDER PERTINENT AND
 USEFUL.

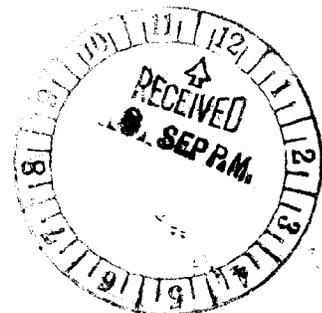
3. WARM REGARDS.

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FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DNG
 INFO MG WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM) CEE
 ZEM

SECRET LINDIS PHB 1789 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: US OPERATIONS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY

1. MY PROPOSED PLANS FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THE A SHAU VALLEY ARE AS OUTLINED BELOW. RECOGNIZING THE DELICATE POLITICAL AND MILITARY IMPLICATIONS OF OPERATING IN THE A SHAU DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER WHEN THE THREAT OF ISOLATION IS MORE PROBABLE I SOLICIT YOUR VIEWS AND THOSE OF COMUSMACV.

2. IN THE COURSE OF DEVELOPING MY DECISION I HAVE CONSULTED MG WRIGHT AND MG TRUONG. BOTH WOULD PREFER TO REMAIN IN THE VALLEY AS LONG AS POSSIBLE AND THEY HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO REMAIN THROUGHOUT THE MONSOON SEASON. I HAVE WEIGHED THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS CAREFULLY. FURTHERMORE, I HAVE DRIVEN THE ENTIRE ROUTE OF HIGHWAY 547 TO FSB RENDEVOUS IN A JEEP AND HAVE FLOWN LOW LEVEL OVER THE ROUTE AFTER THE RECENT HEAVY RAINFALLS. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE ROUTE FROM CAMP EAGLE TO FSB BLAZE CAN BE KEPT OPEN WITH MINOR INTERRUPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THE ROUTE FROM FSB BLAZE TO FSB RENDEVOUS, HOWEVER, IS MUCH LESS RELIABLE. DURING THE PERIOD 1-7 SEPTEMBER IT WAS OPEN TO THROUGH TRAFFIC ON ONLY THE 1ST, 4TH, AND 6TH DAYS - AND THEN FOR A CUMULATIVE TOTAL OF ONLY 12 HOURS.

3. AN ANALYSIS OF THE FLYING WEATHER REVEALS THAT ALTHOUGH THE HEAVIEST RAINFALL OCCURS DURING SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, AND NOVEMBER, THE NUMBER OF FLYABLE HOURS IS FAR IN EXCESS OF THOSE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER, JANUARY, AND FEBRUARY WHEN THERE IS LESS PRECIPITATION PREDICTED. BASED UPON THIS DATA AND MY EXPERIENCES LAST YEAR I BELIEVE THAT WITH PRUDENT USE OF NAVIGATIONAL AIDS WE CAN MAINTAIN FSB RENDEVOUS BY MEANS OF AIR LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS WELL INTO NOVEMBER.

4. ANOTHER FACTOR WHICH IMPACTS ON THE DECISION IS THE PROBABLE IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION. WHEN THE MAJOR PORTION OF AN RLTI IS REQUIRED TO STAND DOWN PRIOR TO DEPARTURE THEN THE TROOPS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AM) AND THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION OPERATING IN THE A SHAU WILL BE REQUIRED TO DEPLOY FURTHER TO THE EAST. IT IS MY ESTIMATE THAT THIS CONDITION WILL EXIST BETWEEN 15 OCTOBER AND 1 NOVEMBER. IF IT OCCURS SOONER, MY PLANS WOULD BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY. #38(1)

5. CURRENT FORCES IN THE A SHAU VALLEY INCLUDE: 1 BDE CP; 1 US INF BN (REIN); 1 ARVN INF BN; 1 US CAV SQUADRON CONSISTING OF A HQ, 2 CAV TROOPS AND 1 TANK PLT; 1 ARVN CAV TRP; 2 US ARTY BTRYS (105 D); 1 ARVN ARTY BTRY (105 D); 1 US ARTY BTRY (105 SP); 1 US ARTY BTRY (155 D) AND 1 US ARTY BTRY (8" SP). IN ADDITION, 1 US INF BN (-), 1 TANK CO (-), 1 US ARTY BTRY (105 D), 1 US ARTY BTRY (155 D), 1 US ARTY BTRY (8" SP) AND 1 US ARTY BTRY (175 SP) ARE LOCATED ALONG ROUTE 547 AT OR WEST OF FSB BLAZE.



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6. THE 3/5 CAV, 3/7 CAV (ARVN), B/1/83 ARTY, A/1/40 ARTY, AND 1 PLATOON CO C, 2/34 ARMOR HAVE BEEN DIRECTED TO WITHDRAW PRIOR TO 15 SEPTEMBER AND AS THE ROAD CONDITIONS PERMIT THESE WITHDRAWALS WILL BE EFFECTED. UPON THE DEPARTURE OF THESE MECHANIZED FORCES IT IS VISUALIZED THE A SHAU WILL BE OCCUPIED BY 1 BDE CONTROL HQ, 2 US BNS, 1 ARVN BN, 2 105MM HOW BTRYS, 1 155MM HOW BTRY AND 1 ARVN 105 MM HOW BTRY. THE ENTIRE FORCE WILL BE SUPPORTED BY A COMBINATION OF GROUND AND AIR LOC'S.

7. GROUND COMMUNICATIONS AVAILABLE AT FSB RENDEVOUS AND FSB BLAZE INCLUDE ONE 12 CHANNEL VHF SYSTEM FROM FSB RENDEVOUS TO CAMP EAGLE AND ONE 4 CHANNEL SYSTEM FROM FSB RENDEVOUS TO FSB BLAZE. FM AND SSB STATIONS OPERATING IN ORGANIC 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION (AND RADIO NETS ARE IN POSITION AT BOTH LOCATIONS. AN ADDITIONAL 12 CHANNEL VHF SYSTEM IS INSTALLED FROM FSB BLAZE TO CAMP EAGLE. FOR GROUND TO AIR AND POINT TO POINT COMMUNICATION THE USAF HAS AN AN/MRC-108 WITH SSB,

DM, UHF AND VHF CAPABILITY AT FSB RENDEVOUS. FOR NAVIGATIONAL ASSISTANCE ARMY AVIATION HAS AN AN/TSQ-71A RADAR AND A NON-DIRECTIONAL BEACON AT FSB RENDEVOUS. A NON-DIRECTIONAL BEACON WILL ALSO BE POSITIONED AT FSB BLAZE. FOR CONTROL OF AIRSTRIKES, MSQ AND ASRT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM SITES AT PHU BAI (MILKY) AND FSB BIRMINGHAM (BIRMINGHAM ASRT). AN ADDITIONAL ALL-WEATHER TACAIR CAPABILITY IS AVAILABLE BY USE OF THE A-6/BEACON SYSTEM, WHICH IS IN PLACE AND HAS BEEN USED AT FSB RENDEVOUS. THESE ASSETS ASSURE EFFECTIVE AIR SUPPORT, SOLID, CONSTANT COMMUNICATION AND PROVIDE A LIMITED CAPABILITY FOR RESUPPLY OPERATIONS IN PERIODS OF MARGINALLY FLYABLE WEATHER.

8. ONCE FORCES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND FSB RENDEVOUS HAS BEEN

CLOSED, PERIODIC INTERDICTION OPERATIONS WILL BE LAUNCHED FROM FSB BLAZE AS WEATHER PERMITS. ALL AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION RESOURCES TO INCLUDE SENSORS AND AIR OBSERVATION (WHEN POSSIBLE) WILL BE USED AS THE BASIS FOR INTERDICTION BY FIRE FROM FSB BLAZE (175MM AND 8" ARTY) THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONSOON.

9. BASED UPON THE ABOVE CONSIDERATIONS, I PLAN TO CLOSE OUT OPERATIONS FROM FSB RENDEVOUS SOMETIME IN THE PERIOD 15 OCTOBER TO 1 NOVEMBER AND TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS FROM FSB BLAZE

WARM REGARDS

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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FM HQ RAMSEY CB AMERICAL DIVISION CML RVN
TO LTG NICKERSON CGIII MAF DNG RVN
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SECRET ACD 848 ESES ONLY
SUBJ: CEASE FIRE

REF: CG III MAF 080730Z AUG 69

1. (S) OCCURENCES DURING PERIOD 080100 SEP - 090100 SEP
INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY HAS MADE A DEFINITE REDUCTION IN HIS
ACTIVITIES DURING THE SELF-IMPOSED TRUCE. INDICATORS POINT
TO RESUMPTION OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITYUION TERMINATION OF
CEASE FIRE.

2. (S) THERE WERE THREE CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING PERIOD
INVOLVED:

A. A/2-1 RECEIVED ONE (1) COMMAND-DETONATED MINE VIC BT235248
FOLLOWED BY ONE ROUND OF RPG AT 081105H SEP; RESULTS WERE 2 US KIA, P
5 WIA (E).

L. C/3-1 RECEIVED THREE (3) X MORTAR ROUNDS VIC BS539751,
AT 081940H SEP; RESULTS WERE 3 US WIA (M).

C. C/1-46 RECEIVED SAF AND M79 FIRE, VIC BT244056,
AT 081400H SEP; RESULTS WERECA2 US WIA (M)

3. (C) THERE WAS ONE MINE INCIDENT ON QL-7 INVOLVING A CIVILIAN
BUS. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED AT BT260-87 AT 081145H SEP ON THE
PAVED PORTION OF THE ROAD; RESULTS WERE 10 VN CIV KIA, 15 VN CIV
WIA. IT APPEARS THAT THE MINE HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER THE PAVEMENT
BY TUNNELING FROM THE SIDE. PAVEMENT AT THIS SPOT HAD BEEN PACHED
PREVIOUSLY. THERE IS NO INDICATION OF HOW LONG THE M

NE HAD BEEN

HERE.

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FM CG 111 MAF
TO CG 111 MAF



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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN SIMPSON
CEASEFIRE (U)

A. CG 111 MAF 080730Z SEP69

1. (S) PURSUANT TO REF A, MY PERSONAL EVALUATION IS THAT THE ENEMY APPEARS TO BE MAKING A MORE DETERMINED EFFORT TO ABIDE BY HIS CEASE FIRE THAN HE HAS IN PREVIOUS ONES.

A. THERE HAVE BEEN 25 INCIDENTS REPORTED WITHIN THE TAOR SINCE THE ENEMY CEASE FIRE STARTED, AND JUST OVER HALF OF THESE HAVE BEEN ENEMY INITIATED; THE REMAINDER HAVE RESULTED FROM MEETING ENGAGEMENTS OF SMALL ELEMENTS ON PATROL OR FIRES INITIATED BY FRIENDLY DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES. THESE INCIDENTS HAVE IN ALL CASES BUT TWO INVOLVED SMALL ARMS AND FRAGMENTATION GRENADES; ONE WAS AN INCOMING EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, PROBABLY A LOBBED ROUND, AND ONE WAS A TERRORIST ATTACK IN DAI LOC IN WHICH ONE VN DIED AND 14 WERE WOUNDED BY AN UNKNOWN TYPE EXPLOSIVE THROWN INTO A HOUSE.

B. THE ABSENCE OF ROCKET AND MORTAR ATTACKS AND THE SMALL RPG/SACHEL CHARGE TYPE PROBE IS SIGNIFICANT, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF MORTARS AND INFANTRY ROCKETS. CEASE FIRES IN THE PAST HAVE GENERALLY NOT BEEN FREE OF STAND OFF ATTACKS BY SMALL GROUPS EMPLOYING THIS TYPE ARMAMENT, AND THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT THIS TIME THE TYPE ENEMY UNITS WHICH ONE WOULD EXPECT TO HAVE THE MORE SOPHISTICATED COMMUNICATIONS ARE THOSE WHICH HAVE THE WORD AND ARE STANDING DOWN.

C. OUR CLANDESTINE RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT INDICATES THAT ENEMY RECONNAISSANCE AND RESUPPLY EFFORT CONTINUES, BOTH MOVING RICE TO THE REAR AND CARRYING RESUPPLY, TO INCLUDE 122MM ROCKETS, FORWARD. THUS, AS EXPECTED, THE ENEMY IS USING THIS PERIOD OF TIME TO PREPARE FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS.

2. (S) IN SUM IT APPEARS THAT THOSE NVA UNITS IN A BETTER POSITION TO RECEIVE THE WORD ARE ABIDING BY THE CEASE FIRE, WHILE THE SMALL VC GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HARDER TO REACH EITHER ARE STILL UNAWARE OF THE SITUATION OR INTEND TO IGNORE IT.

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 FM HONOLULU CB AMERICAN DIVISION CML RVN
 TO LTG WICKERSON CB III MAF DRS RVN
 ZEM

SECRET ACD 052 EYES ONLY

SUBJ: CEASE FIRE

REF: COM III MAF 080730Z SEPT 69

1. (S) THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN OCCURRENCES DURING THE PERIOD 090100 - 100100 SEP, BUT THE ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS REMAINED AT A LOW LEVEL.
2. (S) THERE WERE 5 CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD:

A. D/3-1 RECEIVED AV FIRE FROM ESTIMATED 2 ENEMY VIC BS487662, AT 090915H SEP; RESULTS WERE 1 US WIA (E).

B. C/1-46 RECEIVED SA/AV FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT231055, AT 091050H SEP; RESULTS WERE 1 US WIA (M). THE ENEMY FIRE CONTINUED SPORADICALLY UNIL 091435H SEP, WHEN CONTACT WAS BROKEN. TWO AIR STRIKES WERE EMPLOYED AGAINST THE ENEMY, RESULTING IN TWO (2) SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, A/D 529 105 MM ARTILLERY FIRE MISSIONS WERE CALLED, WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AGAIN AT 091815H SEP, C/1-46 RECEIVED SA FIRE AT BT231051, AND RETURNED FIRE AGAINST 2 OBSERVED VC WITH WEAPONS; RESULTS WERE 1 VC KIA.

C. A/2-1 RECEIVED 10 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE VIC BT225224, AT 091300H SEP; RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.

D. A/2-1 RECEIVED 10-15 ROUNDS OF SNIPER FIRE VIC BT 217227, AT 091440H SEI; RESULTS WERE NEGATIVE CASUALTIES.

E. A/2-1 RECEIVED 1 B-40 ROCKET VIC BT 217227, AT 091815H SEI; RESULTS WERE 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA (E).

3. (C) THERE WAS ONE SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE INCIDENT. C/3-1 DETONATED AN UNKNOWN TYPE DEVICE RIGGED WITH A TRIP WIRE VIC BS539751, C - 09155H SEP; RESULTS WERE 1 US WIA (E). IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHEN THIS HAD BEEN EMPLACED.

4. (C) THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT THE ENEMY ACTIVITY WILL CHANGE APPRECIABLY FROM THE ABOVE TEMPO DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE ENEMY'S SELF-~~(031) 435 13-3 1043~~

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1. (C) DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD SINCE MY LAST REPORT THERE HAVE
BEEN 27 CONTACTS WITH THE ENEMY IN THE DIVISION ZONE; 16 WERE ENEMY
INITIATED, THE REMAINING 11 WERE DIVIDED BETWEEN 6 SPOC SIGHTINGS
WHICH WERE FILED ON AND 5 SMALL ARM CONTACTS INITIATED BY FRIENDLY
SECURITY ELEMENTS C PATROLS.

2. (C) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT WAS A SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST
SECURITY ELEMENTS GUARDING ASP-2 WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE EVIDENCE
RECENTLY AVAILABLE, MUST BE CLASSIFIED AS A DELIBERATE, PLANNED
SAPPER RAID BY A SMALL NVA UNIT FROM POSSIBLY THE 315 NVA REGI-
MENT.

3. (C) HEAVY ENEMY SIGHTINGS IN THE ANHONG VALLEY - PHU LOO VAL-
LEY AREA TOTALING 215 IN THE FO ZONE AND 300 IN THE LATTER PART OF
EVALUATED AS A DELIBERATE RESUPPLY AND REPOSITIONING EFFORT PLANNED
UNDER COVER OF THE CRASH FILE IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE ENEMY OF-
FENSIVE OPERATIONS.

4. (C) THUS THE PICTURE DRAWN FROM EVENTS OF THE 21 OCT DAY'S
CRASH FILE IS NOW ALTERED BY HOSE OF THE PAST 24 HOURS, AND IT
NOW APPEARS THAT THE CRASH FILE HAS BEEN USED IN PART AS A COVER
BY THE ENEMY IN PREPARATION FOR A COMBINATION OF ATTACKS BY FIRE
AND SAPPER ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IN ADDITION TO THE ABORTIVE
ATTEMPT LAUNCHED LAST NIGHT BY SAPPERS AGAINST ASP-2.

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INFORMAL STAFF NOTE FROM C/S BGEN WILSON TO III MAF

C/S BGEN DOOLEY, FLC BGEN FEELEY, FMFPAC (FWD)

BGEN BARRON, THIRD FORSERVREGT BGEN PADALINO

JOINT LOGISTIC REVIEW BOARD (JLRB) VISITS

A. JLRB 211245Z/AUG69 (C) (NOTAL)

B. JLRB 061400Z/SEP69

C. CG FMFPAC SPOLTR 40P/GEK OF 9 SEP 69

(REG # 6360) (NOTAL)

D. CG FMFPAC SPOLTR 40P/GEK OF 9 SEP 69

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F. CG FMFPAC SPOLTR 40P/GEK OF 9 SEP 69

(REG # 6358) (NOTAL)

1. REF A PROVIDED JLRB ITINERARY IN THE PACIFIC AREA, SCHEDULING FOLLOWING VISITS PERTINENT TO FMFPAC:

A. FMFPAC: 8 SEP 69

B. III MAF/FLC: 15 SEP 69

C. 3D FSR: 17 SEP 69

2. REF B, PASSED SEPARATELY, PROPOSED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL VISITS BY JLRB MEMBERS:

A. FMFPAC: 18-19 SEP 69

B. FMFPAC (FWD)/3D FSR: 20 SEP 69

3. REFS C, D, E AND F PROVIDE CG III MAF, CG FLC, DEP CG FMFPAC (FWD) AND 3D FSR RESPECTIVELY WITH BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN THE FORM OF JLRB QUESTIONS FOR CINCPAC TRIP WHICH CAN BE USED AS A GUIDE IN DEVELOPING BRIEFINGS/DISCUSSIONS DURING JLRB VISIT.

4. A RESUME OF THE BRIEFING/DISCUSSIONS DURING THE JLRB VISIT TO THIS HQ ON 8 SEP 69 IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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A. FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED ON VIEWGRAPHS

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BY THE ACOFS, G-4:

(1) FMFPAC COMMANDS AND LOGISTIC ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING TIE-INS WITH OTHER SERVICES IN WESTPAC, REASONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF FLC VERSUS STANDARD FMF ORGANIZATION UTILIZED FOR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATIONS WERE DISCUSSED.

(2) LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING ALL ASPECTS OF TRANSPORTATION FLOW; SURFACE AND AIR TONNAGES CONUS-RVN, RVN-CONUS, OKI-RVN, AND INTRA-RVN; PERSONNEL MOVEMENT SYSTEM; CARGO BOOKING SYSTEM; AND USE OF OPPORTUNE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPS.

(3) MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS INCLUDING R&E, REBUILD, MAINT BALANCE, AND AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT AND MAINT PROGRAMS. FLOW CHARTS INDICATING CONTROLS WERE EMPHASIZED. JLRB WAS TOLD THAT DETAILS CONCERNING MAN-HOURS, TEROS, ETC, WOULD BE PRESENTED AT THE APPROPRIATE WESTPAC ACTIVITY.

(4) DISCUSSION OF MAJOR PROBLEM AREAS INCLUDED REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING, KEYSTONE EAGLE,

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BASING PROBLEMS HIGHLIGHTING FUTURE REHABILITATION OF EQUIPMENT AND STORAGE, AND THE EFFECT OF THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT/SHIP INACTIVATION UPON FUTURE SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN WESTPAC AS WELL AS THE ENTIRE PACIFIC.

(5) SUMMATION INCLUDED THE POSITIONS OF THE HQ AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE CONCEPT OF PREPOSITIONED SUPPORT IN WESTPAC HAS PROVEN FAR MORE RESPONSIVE THAN CONUS BASED SUPPORT.

(B) THE 20 MONTH BUY RESTRICTION ON END ITEMS AND SPARE PARTS IS NOT ADEQUATE AND THE PREVIOUS 34 MONTH BUY WAS MORE REALISTIC.

(C) THE USE OF ELECTRICAL POWER IS ONE OF THE MAJOR LOGISTICAL RESTRAINTS. THIS AREA NEEDS EXTENSIVE FUTURE REVIEW AND CORRECTION.

(D) R&D EFFORTS HAVE ALL TOO OFTEN NOT RESULTED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVANCEMENT BUT RATHER ONLY A MODIFIED CURRENT ITEM.

B. THE FOLLOWING WAS PRESENTED BY THE FSO:

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(1) HISTORY OF SUPPLY SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT IN WESTPAC, INCLUDING ORGANIZATION OF FLC.

(2) DIAGRAM OF ENTIRE MARINE CORPS SUPPLY REQUISITIONING SYSTEM WITH DISPLAY FROM USER IN RVN THROUGH FLGG'S, FLC, 30 PSR, PURA AGENCIES, MESA PHILA.

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MSC'S, AND BACK TO USER.

C. THE WLRB HAD QUESTIONS IN ALL AREAS, BUT WAS ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- (1) SECONDARY REPARABLES.
- (2) UTILIZATION OF TRANSPORTATION ASSETS.
- (3) COMPUTER CAPABILITIES.
- (4) AIRCRAFT OPERATIONAL STATUS.
- (5) REPLACEMENT AND REBUILD OF EQUIPMENT.

5. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELATIVE TO SUBJECT VISITS WILL BE PROVIDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AREA CLEARANCE

- A. DEPSECDEF MEMO, 17 FEB 69
- (U) THE JOINT LOGISTICS REVIEW BOARD (JLRB) DESIRES TO VISIT HAWAII, THE PHILIPPINES, VIETNAM, OKINAWA, KOREA, AND JAPAN DURING THE PERIOD 7 SEPTEMBER THROUGH 20 SEPTEMBER. PURPOSE IS TO ASSIST THE BOARD IN EXECUTING THE CHARTER OF 17 FEBRUARY 1969 (REF ABOVE).
 - (U) TO PERMIT BOARD MEMBERS TO IDENTIFY AND FOCUS UPON

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FOR ISSUES, PAST AND PRESENT, IT IS DESIRED TO MINIMIZE:

(A) ROUTINE COMMAND BRIEFINGS; (B) LOCAL TRAVEL IN RVN.
THIS END THE BOARD DESIRES THE VIEW, OPINIONS, AND SUGGESTIONS
OF APPROPRIATE COMMANDERS RELATIVE TO STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, MAJOR
PROBLEMS AND LESSONS LEARNED IN THE PROVIDING OF LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
OF COMBAT FORCES IN SEASIA AND ELSEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC DURING THE
PERIOD SINCE 1 JAN 1965. DISCUSSIONS AND ANY BRIEFINGS CONSIDERED
NECESSARY SHOULD BE TAILORED TO THESE PURPOSES CONSISTENT WITH
COMPREHENSIVE CHARTER OF THE JLRD AND THE IMPLICATIONS WITH REGARD
TO SUPPORT OF FUTURE COMBAT SITUATIONS.

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(C) REQUEST AREA CLEARANCE FOR THE FOLLOWING NAMED
INDIVIDUALS:

- DESSER, FRANK S., JR., GEN, USA - CHAIRMAN
- WIESERAN, FREDERICK L., LT GEN, USMC - MEMBER
- MUNDELL, LEWIS L., LT GEN, USAF - MEMBER
- HOOPER, EDWIN B., VADM, USN - MEMBER
- HURLBUT, OWEN E., LT GEN, USA - MEMBER
- BOTTOMS, JOHN W., RADM, SC, USN - MEMBER
- HANLEY, JOHN H., COL, USA - MEMBER
- CASEY, HERBERT T., COL, USA - MEMBER
- GEISLER, MURRAY A., DR, (GS-17 EQUIVALENT)
- RUST, CHRISTIAN L., (GS-15 EQUIVALENT)
- TAYLOR, DAVID M., COL, USAF
- DOWNES, THOMAS R., COR, SC, USN
- DANIELS, WALTER C., LT COL, USA
- MATTHEWS, CHURCH M., JR., LT COL, USA
- STEPHENSON, RICHARD E., MAJ, USA
- MCNALL, PHILLIP F., LCDR, SC, USN

ALL PERSONNEL HAVE TOP SECRET CLEARANCES.

(U) TRAVEL WILL BE BY SAM AIRCRAFT

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(D) THE GENERAL ITINERARY AND COMMANDS/LOGISTICAL ACTIVITIES
TO BE VISITED FOLLOW (LOCAL TIMES): ANY SUGGESTED VISITS OR
CHANGES IN THE GENERAL ITINERARY DETAILED BELOW ARE WELCOME.

SUNDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

0800 DEPART ANDREWS AFB

1220 ARRIVE HICKAM

MONDAY AND TUESDAY, 8 AND 9 SEPTEMBER - HAWAII

CINCPAS/USARPAC/USPACAF/CINCPACFLT/CG FMFPAC/
COMSERVPAC

1800 DEPART HICKAM

WEDNESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

2300 ARRIVE CLARK

THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

13TH AF (CLARK)/NAVBASE SUBIC/COMUSNAVPHIL (AT
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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 12 AND 13 SEPTEMBER

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SUBJECT: CEASE FIRE

REF: CG III MAF 080730Z SEPT 69

1. (O) THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN OCCURRENCES DURING THE PERI

D 100100H - 102400H SEP, AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS TWO DAYS OF THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD. ENEMY INITIATED INCIDENTS REMAINED AT A RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL.

2. (S) THERE WERE 11 CEASE FIRE VIOLATIONS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD AND 1 DELAYED REPORT ON AN INCIDENT FOR THE PRECEDING PERIOD:

A. (DELAYED REPORT) A/4-31 RECEIVED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF HAND GRENADES FROM 1 VC VIC AT951239, AT 091100H; VC WAS ENGAGED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULT: 7 VC KIA.

(?) D/4-3 RECEIVED 3 C ICOM HAND GRENADES IN THE PERIMETER FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BS638434, AT 100545H; RESULT: 1 US WIA (M).

C. C/5-46 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 2 VC VIC BS773843, AT 100635H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULTS: 1 VC KIA, 1 M-2 CARBINE CIA.

D. C/1-46 OP WAS ENGAGED WITH SA FIRE BY 3C ,1- 18: 75233854, AT 100935H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULTS: 1C W US WIA (M), 3 NVA KIA, 1 AK-47 CIA.

E. C/3-1 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BS554759, AT 100950H. ARTILLERY WAS PROCESSED WITH UNKNOWN RESU

TS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

F. R/3-21 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM 2 VC VIC BT127223, AT 101120H; FIRE RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULTS: 7 VC KIA AND MISCELLANE-

US DOCUMENTS CAPTURED.

G. D/1-52 RECEIVED 4-5 ROUNDS OF SA FIRE FROM AN ESTIMATED 4 VC VIC BS518753, AT 101240H; NO ACTION TAKEN. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

H. C/1-46 RECEIVED 150-200 ROUNDS OF SA/AW FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT223070, AT 101455H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY OR ENEMY CASUALTIES.

I. C/4-31 RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC AT980268, AT 101545H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCE; RESULT: 4 NVA KIA.

J. B/3-21 RECEIVED SNIPER FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT056212, AT 101640H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

K. A/3-21 RECEIVED SA AND M-79 FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BT053215, AT 101650H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

L. D/4-3 RECEIVED AW FIRE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE VIC BS596400, AT 102355H; FIRE WAS RETURNED BY FRIENDLY FORCES WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES.

3. (C) THERE WAS ONE SURPRISE FIRING DEVICE INCIDENT. C/1-46 DETONATED A US HAND GRENADE RIGGED WITH A TRIP WIRE VIC BT204077, AT 101620H; RESULT: 2 US WIA (K). IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED WHEN THIS AD BEEN ENPLACED.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN SIMPSON
CEASE FIRE (U)

A. CG III MAF 080730Z SEP 69

1. (S) THIS IS MY FINAL REPORT SUBMITTED IAW REF A, COVERING THE PERIOD FROM 101000H UNTIL THE TERMINATION OF THE CEASE FIRE AT 120100H.

2. (S) CONTACTS DECREASED DURING THIS PERIOD, THERE BEING BUT 12 REPORTED ALTOGETHER IN THE DIVISION TAOR, FIVE OF WHICH WERE ENEMY INITIATED BY SMALL GROUPS USING SMALL ARMS, FIVE INVOLVING DETECTION OF MOVEMENT BY FRIENDLY SECURITY ELEMENTS AND PATROLS ON WHICH THEY FIRED, AND TWO INVOLVING ACTIVATION OF THE BALANCED PRESSURE SYSTEM ON WHICH ARTILLERY WAS FIRED.

3. (S) THE APPRECIABLE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DURING THIS LAST PERIOD PROBABLY INDICATES THAT AS THE WORD ON THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD SPREAD, ENEMY ACTIVITY DECREASED. SIGNIFICANTLY, INTERROGATION OF THE POW CAPTURED FOLLOWING THE SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST ASP-2 REVEALS THAT THE ATTACKING UNI WAS SMALL (ELEVEN ALL TOLD) AND THAT IT HAD BEEN AWAY FROM ITS BASE, ENROUTE TO THE OBJECTIVE, FOR FIVE DAYS. THE POW STATED THA HE WAS NOT AWARE OF ANY CEASE FIRE BUT THAT HE HAD LEARNED OF HO CHI MINH'S DEATH ON A PORTABLE RADIO WHICH HE CARRIED. THUS THIS ATTACK SHOULD, IN ALL LIKELYHOOD, NOT BE CONSTRUED AS A CEASE FIRE VIOLATION.

4. (S) ON THE OTHER HAND, RECON SIGHTINGS IN THE ANTENNA VALLEY-QUE SON - PHU LOC VALLEY AREA CONTINUE TO INDICATE SUSTAINED ENEMY LOGISTIC EFFORT.

5. (S) OUR OWN ARTILLERY EXPENDITURE DURING THIS LAST PART OF THE CEASE FIRE AMOUNTED TO BUT 945 ROUNDS, A MARKED DECREASE FROM THE FIRST TWO DAYS AND ONE OF THE LOWEST TOTALS FIRED DURING ANS CEASE FIRE IN THE MEMORY OF PERSONNEL NOW ON BOARD.

6. (S) IN CONCLUSION, MY EVALUATION OF THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE CEASE FIRE IS THAT THE ENEMY APPEARS TO HAVE TRIED HARDER TO OBSERVE IT THAN HE HAS IN THE PAST, AND THAT HIS EFFORTS MET WITH GREATER SUCCESS. AS IN THE PAST, HIS LOGISTIC EFFORT CONTINUED UNABATED, WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED PREVIOUS CEASE FIRES.

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CEASE FIRE 8 - 11 SEP EVALUATION REPORT

A. REFERENCE: III MAF MSG, DTG 080730Z SEP 69 (S),
SUBJ: CEASE FIRE

1. THIS IS THE THIRD AND FINAL REPORT IN THIS SERIES AND COVERS THE PERIOD 100900H TO 110100H SEP 69.
2. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD, ENEMY ACTIVITY CONTINUED AT A VERY LOW LEVEL. THERE WERE FIVE (5) REPORTED INCIDENTS OF ENEMY INITIATED ATTACKS WITHIN THE CORPS AO. OF THESE, THREE (3) WERE DIRECTED AT US FORCES AND RESULTED IN 1 US KIA; AND TWO (2) WERE DIRECTED AT ARVN/RF UNITS AND RESULTED IN 1 ARVN KIA AND 1 KIA.
3. ENEMY ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE CEASE FIRE PERIOD INDICATED CONTINUING RECONNAISSANCE OF ALLIED POSITIONS AND PLANS AND PREPARATIONS FOR RENEWING OFFENSIVE ACTIVITIES.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ARV 2426 EYES ONLY
REFERENCE OUR CONVERSATION ON 9 SEPTEMBER CONCERNING REMOVAL
OF ASPHALT PLANT FROM DUC PHO. I'VE BEEN INFORMED THAT IT
WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL 1 OCTOBER. YOUR HQ WILL BE CON-
TACTED ON THIS TODAY.
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SUB: SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

JOM IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES A SUMMARY OF THE EVENTS WHICH HAVE TRANSPIRED IN THE VICINITY OF THE HIEP DUC CFZ SINCE THE ATTACK ON LZ SIBERIA, WHICH BEGAN AT 0210 HRS 11 SEP 69. THE NARRATIVE IS A RECONSTRUCTION OF THE SITUATION AS IT HAS DEVELOPED. I KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, WHILE THE SUMMARY WHICH FOLLOWS IS BASED UPON ALL THE INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM THE FIELD AND GATHERED FIRST HAND OVER THE PAST TWO DAYS, SOME ASPECTS OF THE SITUATION REQUIRE FURTHER CLARIFICATION. MY COMMANDERS AND STAFF OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ENERGETICALLY SEEKING TO DETERMINE ALL THESE PERTINENT FACTS. THIS EFFORT CONTINUES. AS I MENTIONED ON THE PHONE, I AND MY G-2 AND G-3 SPENT THE MORNINGS OF THE 10TH AND 12TH IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF HIEP DUC. WE SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ON THE GROUND AT LZ SIBERIA AND LZ WEST. IN ADDITION, I SPENT THE BETTER PART OF THE AFTERNOON OF 12 SEP IN THE HIEP DUC AREA AND/OR WITH MY BRIGADE COMMANDER, RESPONSIBLE PROVINCE/DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND ARVN COMMANDERS. SINCE THE RECENT HEAVY ACTION IN AUG IN THAT AREA, HIEP DUC HAS BEEN MY TOP PRIORITY CONCERN. HIS PRIORITY OF CONCERN IS MATCHED BY A PRIORITY FOR AMERICAL DIVISION RESOURCES. THIS POSTURE WILL BE RETAINED FOR AS LONG AS NECESSARY.

2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS

A. ATTACK ON LZ SIBERIA

AT 110210H SEP LZ SIBERIA WAS ATTACKED BY ESTIMATED TWO ENEMY COMPANIES, PROBABLY FROM THE 60TH BN, 1ST MF REGT. ONE COMPANY ATTACKED FROM THE WEST AND THE OTHER ATTACKED FROM THE NORTH. ENEMY FORCES EMPLOYED SAF, RPG, AWF, RE FIVE AND FLAME-THROWER. FRIENDLY ARTILLERY, USING ONE SECOND TIME DELAY, WAS EMPLOYED FROM LZ SIBERIA. SUPPORTING ARTILLERY FIRES WERE ALSO RECEIVED FROM LZ WEST. BY 0300H A SHADOW AIRCRAFT AND GUNSHIPS WERE ON STATION. SHADOW TOOK 3 HITS FROM .51 CAL GROUND FIRE. AIRSTRIKES ELIMINATED THIS ENEMY FIRE. THE ENEMY FORCE SUCCEEDED IN CUTTING THROUGH THE OUTER PERIMETER WIRE OF LZ SIBERIA AFTER MAKING A DIRECT HIT ON ONE BUNKER WITH RPG ROUNDS, KILLING THE TWO OCCUPANTS. THE ENEMY PROCEEDED TO THE INNER WIRE IN THIS ONE AREA. FROM THAT VANTAGE POINT HE MANAGED TO GET RPG, SACHEL X CHARGES AND FLAME ON ONE LIVING BUNKER ACROSS THE FENCE BEFORE HE WAS DESTROYED. ONE MAN WAS KILLED AND TWO WERE WOUNDED. ENEMY FIRE WAS RETURNED BY PERSONNEL IN THE PERIMETER BUNKERS. THESE FIRES, COMBINED WITH ARTILLERY AND MORTAR SUPPORT REIELLED THE ENEMY FORCES. BETWEEN 0315H AND 0520H LZ SIBERIA RECEIVED RECOILESS RIFLE FIRE. THE ENEMY THEN BROKE CONTACT UNTIL 1010H. AT THAT TIME, LZ SIBERIA RECEIVED 2 RECOILESS RIFLE AND 13X60MM MORTAR ROUNDS. G-2, G-3 AND MYSELF WERE ON SIBERIA AT THIS TIME. RESULTS FOR THE ENTIRE ACTION WERE: US 4 KIA, 20 WIA(E) AND 1 WIA(M), WHILE THE ENEMY SUSTAINED 32 KIA WITH 14 IW, 6 CSW, 1 FLAME THROWER AND 1 FIELD TELEPHONE CAPTURED. SINCE THE ATTACK BY ENEMY FORCES, THERE HAS BEEN NO ENEMY INITIATED ACTION AT LZ

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B. ATTACK ON HIEP DUC
 WHILE ON LZ SIBERIA THE MORNING OF 11 SEP, I WAS TOLD SOME ENEMY ELEMENTS WERE IN THE WESTERN MOST PORTION OF THE HIEP DUC CFZ. THERE WERE NO DETAILS ON PRECISE LOCATION OR SIZE OF THE FORCE AND NO INDICATIONS OF CONTACT WITH FRIENDLY FORCES. AT 1400 HOURS ON THE 11TH, HIEP DUC RECEIVED 100 ROUNDS OF 82MM MORTAR FIRE AND A GROUND ATTACK. THE GROUND ATTACK, WHICH CAME FROM THE WEST, WAS BY AN ESTIMATED PLATOON. (THE MORTAR AND GROUND ATTACK WAS NOT REPORTED TO THIS HQS UNTIL 120930 SEP.) ACTING UPON REPORTS FROM DISTRICT, COL THO REQUESTED AIR STRIKES, WHICH COMMENCED AT 1500 HOURS AND WERE DELIVERED IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF THE CFZ. RESULTS FOR THIS ACTION WERE AS FOLLOWS: ENEMY 8 KIA AND 2 WIA; FRIENDLY 11 KIA (1 US ADVISOR, 2 RF AND 8 CIVILIANS) AND 27 WIA (2 US ADVISORS, 13 RF AND 12 CIVILIANS). (COL THO ESTIMATES THAT THE 8 CIVILIAN KIA AND 12 CIVILIANS WIA MAY HAVE BEEN CASUALTIES FROM THE AIR STRIKES.) APPROXIMATELY 50 HOMES WERE DESTROYED IN THIS ACTION. AT 111445 HOURS, LZ KAREN (AT913238), AN RF/PF OUTPOST SOUTH OF HIEP DUC, RECEIVED 7X60MM MORTAR ROUNDS. RESULTS WERE ONE US KIA, THE LIAISON SERGEANT FROM 4TH BN, 31ST INF. BASED UPON THE ENEMY THREAT IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE, I REDEPLOYED A TROOP OF CAVALRY FROM CHU LAI TO TAN KY DURING THE AFTERNOON. ADDITIONALLY, PLANS WERE MADE BY COL VINH, CO, 5TH ARVN REGT, COL TACKABERRY, CO, 196TH BDE, AND COL THO FOR A COMBAT ASSAULT INTO THE HIEP DUC AREA BY THE 2ND BN, 5TH REGT. MEANWHILE, A TWELVE HOUR LULL FOLLOWED THE 111500 AIRSTRIKES. DURING THIS LULL AND THE EARLY HOURS OF 12 SEP, TWO COMPANIES OF 4TH BN, 31ST INF MOVED INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC HIEP DUC CFZ. AT ABOUT 0300 HOURS ON THE 12TH RF/PF FORCES MADE CONTACT IN THE HIEP DUC CFZ WITH AN ESTIMATED TWO-COMPANY ENEMY FORCE. AT 1200 HOURS ON THE 12TH, THE COMBAT ASSAULT BY THE 2/5 ARVN BN WAS COMPLETED TO A COLD LZ VIC AT911059 (HILL 115). (K-2)

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 AT 1450 HRS, WHILE SWEEPING WEST, 2/5 ARVN ENGAGED AN NVA PLATOON
 (VIC AT 912244). THE ENEMY UNIT APPEARED TO BE DEPLOYED IN DEFENSE
 OF A MORTAR POSITION. SPORADIC CONTACT HAS CONTINUED
 THROUGH THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING. RESULTS AS OF 122000 AGE: 11 NVA
 KIA, 2 NVA AND 4 IW CIA. FRIENDLY LOSSES INCLUDE: 1 AGVN KIA, 3 ARVN
 WIA(E), 1 US NIA AND 2 US WIA(E). ONE OF THE PWS CAPTURED BY THE
 ARVN REPORTED 150 ENEMY (1 INFANTRY COMPANY, 1 SAPPER COMPANY, AND
 1 ENGINEER COMPANY) WERE IN THE AREA. HE FURTHER STATED THAT 50 ENEMY
 HAD BEEN KILLED IN CONTACTS TO DATE.

3. DISTRICT AND PROVINCE HAVE TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED THE FORCES IN
 HIEP DUC (TO BE ELEMENTS OF THE 60TH BN, 1ST VC REGT. THE SIZE OF
 THIS FORCE) REMAINS UNDETERMINED. THE MORNING OF 12 SEPT THE DISTRICT
 CHIEF ESTIMATED THE FORCE TO BE TWO COMPANIES, WHEREAS THE PROVINCE
 CHIEF, COL THO, IN THE LATE AFTERNOON STATED THE FORCE WAS NO MORE
 THAN ONE COMPANY. MOREOVER, THO STATED HE BELIEVED HE COMPANY
 PROBABLY SPENT THE NIGHT OF 11-12 SEPT IN ONE PORTION OF THE VILLAGE.
 WHEN I LEFT COL THO AT 1515 HRS, HE CONSIDERED THE SITUATION TO
 BE UNDER CONTROL. HE HAD RECEIVED REPORTS THAT THE RF/PF WERE NOW
 IN THAT PORTION OF THE VILLAGE WHERE THE ENEMY SPENT THE

NIGHT. REPORTS FROM THE 2 BN 5TH ARVN REGT INDICATE
 ELEMENTS OF ONE TO THREE ENEMY COMPANIES ARE STILL IN THE AREA.
 ENEMY CONTACT CONTINUED INTO THE EVENING. ENEMY INTENTIONS, I.E.,
 STAY AND FIGHT OR WITHDRAW UNDER THE COVER OF DARKNESS REMAIN UN-
 CLEAR. WHILE I AM PREPARED TO COMMIT WHATEVER RESOURCES ARE RE-
 QUIRED TO CLEAR HIEP DUC, I BELIEVE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION,
 BARRING A SHARP CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES, IS TO LET DISTRICT
 PROVINCE AND ARVN FORCES CONTINUE WITH THEIR OPERATIONS. SINCE
 THE VIETNAMESE HAVE REACTED PROMPTLY AND AGGRESSIVELY, I BELIEVE
 PREEMPTIVE ACTIONS ON OUR PART ARE NOT NOW REQUIRED AND COULD PROVE
 COUNTER PRODUCTIVE TO OUR LONGER TERM EFFORTS TO INCREASINGLY VIET-
 NAMESE THE WAR EFFORT.

4. WE PRESENTLY HAVE THREE COMPANIES IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. B-4/31
 ON SIBERIA. C AND D COMPANIES 4/31 ARE IN BLOCKING POSITIONS
 AROUND HIEP DUC FILLING IN THE GAPS BETWEEN 2 BN 5 ARVN REGT AND
 THE RF COMPANY ON LZ KAREN. ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN THIS
 TYPE ACTION IS GETTING TIMELY AND ACCURATE REPORTS FROM DISTRICT
 AND PROVINCE OFFICIALS. FROM THE INFORMATION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED
 I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE ACTION OF THE RF/PF AT HIEP DUC. THEY APPEAR
 TO HAVE BEEN VERY AGGRESSIVE AND USED VERY SOUND TACTICS. I WAS ALSO
 IMPRESSED WITH THE CA BY THE 2 BN, 5TH ARVN REGT. I OBSERVED THE
 ACTION FROM MY C & C SHIP. AS EACH ELEMENT LANDED THEY IMMEDIATELY
 DEPLOYED AND WENT INTO ACTION.

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ANDERMAN, RONALD SKI, 518 94 15 (C).

1. (C) I HAVE TRANSFERRED SUBJECT MAN TO COMSERVPAC STAFF FOR
 IAD AND SAFE KEEPING.
2. (C) SUBJECT INSTRUMENTAL IN APPREHENDING BLACK MARKET OPERATORS
 IN DANANG, INVOLVING US, TCN AND POSSIBLY ROK MARINE PERSONNEL.
 ANTICIPATE ANDERMAN WILL BE KEY GOVERNMENT WITNESS IN SUBSEQUENT
 PROCEEDINGS. INVESTIGATION IN PROGRESS WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.
3. (U) WARM REGARDS

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1. THIS MESSAGE CONCERNS 3RD MARINES CONTACTS WITH THE 9TH NVA REGIMENT ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1969.

2. AT 0050H THIS MORNING, AN ESTIMATED 3 TO 5 NVA PROBE THE PERIMETER OF L/3/3 (XD 96159S) FROM THE EAST. THIS PROBE CONSISTED OF CHICOM GRENADES BEING THROWN INTO THE PERIMETER. LIMA IMMEDIATELY OPENED FIRE ON THE ENEMY WITH SAF AND AT THE SAME TIME, REQUESTED ARTILLERY AND ILLUMINATION. SHORTLY AFTERWARDS AT 0105H, LIMA BEGAN RECEIVING SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM BOTH THE NORTH AND THE EAST. ONCE AGAIN LIMA RETURNED FIRE WITH SMALL ARMS AND ARTILLERY AND THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. AT 0200H, LIMA RECEIVED ANOTHER PROBE FROM AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE WITH THE ENEMY DELIVERING SAF, PPG FIRE AND CHICOM GRENADES INTO THE PERIMETER FROM BOTH THE NORTH AND EAST. AT 0205H, LIMA REQUESTED THAT A SPOCKY, FLASHSHIP AND A COMBAT STATION ABOVE THEIR POSITION. AT 0220H, LIMA RECEIVED A COORDINATED GROUND ATTACK FROM THE NORTH BY AN ESTIMATED TWO NVA COMPANIES. DURING THIS ATTACK, THE ENEMY MAINTAINED A STEADY VOLUME OF SMALL ARMS FIRE, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE AND VERY HEAVY PPG FIRE INTO THE LIMA COMPANY PERIMETER. THE POINT OF THE ENEMY ATTACK HIT THE 2ND PLT OF LIMA CO LINES AND ACHIEVED A PENETRATION OF THE PERIMETER AT THAT LOCATION. IN ORDER TO CONTAIN THE PENETRATION, LIMA CO PULLED ITS LINES BACK AND IN DOING SO, THE 2ND PLT WHO WAS STILL IN HEAVY CONTACT, WAS CUT OFF FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE COMPANY BY APPROXIMATELY 20 METERS. HEAVY CONTACT CONTINUED UNTIL 0240H AT WHICH TIME THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT AND THE COMPANY CONSOLIDATED AND REFORMED A COMPANY DEFENSIVE POSITION. AT 0305H, AN A0 ARRIVED ON STATION AND 40 MINUTES LATER (0345) SPOCKY ARRIVED ON STATION AND COMMENCED DELIVERING ACCURATE FIRE ON THE SUSPECTED ENEMY LOCATION. AT 0400H, LIMA ONCE AGAIN RECEIVED SAF FROM THE EAST AND NORTHWEST AND AT 0430H, THIS FIRE WAS FOLLOWED UP BY ANOTHER GROUND ASSAULT FROM THE NORTHWEST. LIMA RETURNED A HEAVY VOLUME OF FIRE FROM ORGANIC WEAPONS AND FROM SPOCKY AND THE ENEMY WAS REPULSED. ALSO AT 0430H, THE BALD EAGLE COMPANY (I/3/4) WAS ALERTED AND AT 0445H, DIVISION AIR WAS ADVISED TO BE PREPARED TO LIFT THE BALD EAGLE COMPANY. AT 0630H LZ CARDINAL (XD 037614) WAS DESIGNATED THE PRIMARY LANDING ZONE FOR THE BALD EAGLE. ARTILLERY PREP OF THE LZ COMMENCED AT 0630H AND LASTED UNTIL THE AIR PREP COMMENCED AT 0720H. (1)

AT 0740H THE AIR PREP TERMINATED AND THE ARTILLERY PREP COMMENCED AGAIN AND LASTED UNTIL 0805H. AT 0720H THE MEDEVAC BIRDS THAT WERE REQUESTED AT 0630H CAME IN STATION AND BY 0755H ALL MEDEVACS WERE TAKEN FROM LIM'S POSITION. AT 0810H, I/3/4 LIFTED INTO LZ CARDINAL AND BEGAN TO ATTACK IN A SOUTHEASTERN DIRECTION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE I/3/4 LAND INT WAS UNOPPOSED AND THAT THE LZ WOULD ONLY ACCOMMODATE ONE HELICOPTER AT A TIME. AT 0830H, M/3/3 AT (XD 972615) COMMENCED MANEUVERING TO BE IN POSITION TO ATTACK THE ENEMY FROM THE REAR. AT 0945H, ONE PLATOON OF M/2/3 WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE I/3/3 POSITION WITH THE MISSION OF ASSISTING LIM IN A THOROUGH AND SYSTEMATIC SWEEP OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF CONTACT.

THE RESULT OF THEIR ACTION ARE:

FRIENDLY	ENEMY
16 KIA	23 NVA KIA
19 MIA (E)	
17 MIA (M)	

MY RECONNAISSANCE OF THE COMPANY POSITION THIS MORNING SHOWED THAT IT WAS WELL SELECTED FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSE WITH EXCELLENT FIELDS OF FIRE (ALTHOUGH IT WAS DOMINATED BY NUI CAY TRE MOUNTAIN TO THE NORTH AND THE RAZORBACK TO THE SOUTH). THE FIGHTING HOLES WERE DIG IN DEEPLY AND WERE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING. LISTENING POSTS AND AN AMBUSH WERE WELL PLACED AND MANAGED TO GIVE THE ALERT AND WITHDRAW SUCCESSFULLY TO THE COMPANY PERIMETER. THE COMPANY COMMANDER'S CONDUCT OF THE DEFENSE WAS AGGRESSIVE AND BRAVE BUT MY ONE CRITICISM LIES IN THIS AREA IN THAT HE DID NOT HAVE A PREDESIGNATED REACTION SQUAD TO COPE WITH THE PENETRATIONS OF HIS PERIMETER. CONSEQUENTLY THE LARGE MAJORITY OF THE CASUALTIES OCCURRED IN THE 2D PLATOON THAT WAS CUT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE COMPANY FOR APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES. THE TACTICAL SITUATION REMAINED STABLE WITH BOTH I/3/4 AND M/3/3 MANEUVERING TO CLOSE WITH THE ENEMY AND I/3/3 (REIN) SWEEPING THE AREA OF THEIR CONTACT. AT 1713Z, I/3/4 MADE CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE AT XD 947606. AFTER A SHARP BUT BRIEF ENGAGEMENT IN WHICH I/3/4 SUFFERED 8 WIA (E) THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. ENEMY CASUALTIES UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME. AT 1350H, M/3/3 MADE POINT CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATE 4 NVA AT 972615. AS THE COMPANY DEPLOYED TO MANEUVER, THE ENEMY BROKE CONTACT. AT THAT TIME, M/3/3 CONTINUED THEIR ADVANCE TOWARDS THE ENEMY. AT 1645H, I/3/4 WHILE MEDEVACING THEIR WOUNDED FROM THEIR 1320 CONTACT (MEDEVACS WERE DELAYED DUE TO BAD WEATHER) BEGAN RECEIVING HEAVY MORTAR FIRE INTO THEIR COMPANY POSITION. THIS CONTACT IS STILL GOING ON AS OF 1713Z WITH I/3/4 DIRECTING AIR AND ARTILLERY AGAINST THE SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS. RESULTS OF THIS CONTACT SO FAR HAVE BEEN 5 FRIENDLY KIA AND 9 MIA (E). ENEMY CASUALTIES ARE UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.

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 MGEN JONES SENDS FOR LIGEN ZAIS INFO LIGEN NICKERSON
 1. SINCE FIRST MAKING CONTACT WITH THE 9TH NVA
 REGIMENT, WE HAVE SUFFERED FIFTY-SIX KIA AND TWO
 HUNDRED THIRTY WIA(E). WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT WE
 HAVE KILLED TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY THREE OF HIS TROOPS.
 THE ABOVE COVERS THE PERIOD 7 AUGUST THROUGH 17
 SEPTEMBER!

2. THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN THE THIRD MARINE REGIMENT
 AREA REMAINED STABLE TODAY, 18 SEPTEMBER. LIMA COMPANY
 (REIN) COMMENCED SWEEPING TO THE WEST AND FOUND AN
 ADDITIONAL 18 NVA(C), PLUS NUMEROUS PARTS OF BODIES AND
 LARGE PIECES OF FLESH. TRAILS FOUND LEADING WEST FROM THE
 LOCATION OF YESTERDAY'S CONTACT WERE LITTERED WITH BLOODY
 NVA BANDAGES, BLOOD TRAILS AND DRAG MARKS, PLUS NVA
 ORDNANCE AND EQUIPMENT. TONIGHT LIMA COMPANY (REIN)
 WILL ESTABLISH A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION AT XO 2435 98.
 INDIA 3-4 SWEEPED THE AREA OF THEIR CONTACT OF 17
 SEPTEMBER AND FOUND 6 NVA (C). INDIA HAS BEEN LIFTED
 BACK TO VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. THE ADDITIONAL 24
 NVA(C) ARE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL IN PARAGRAPH 1.

3. TOMORROW, 19 SEPTEMBER, BEGINNING AT 0500, THE
 FIRST MARINE AIR WING WILL BEGIN RUNNING STRIKES ON
 27 TARGETS. THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT, SELECTION OF
 APPROPRIATE ORDNANCE, AND CONTROL PROCEDURES WERE
 WORKED OUT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE FIRST MARINE AIR
 WING STAFF. THE 27 TARGETS ARE LOCATED WITHIN
 YO 937621 - 943612 - 959625 - 962634. THE FIRST
 SEVEN STRIKES WILL CONSIST OF A6'S CARRYING DELAY
 FUSED 1000 AND 2000 POUND BOMBS. AT 0545 THE FIRST
 OF EIGHT SECTIONS (2 AIRCRAFT) WILL BE OVER TARGET
 CARRYING DELAY AND INSTANTANEOUS FUSED 500 AND 1000
 POUND BOMBS. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THE A6 CAN CARRY
 FIVE 2000 POUND OR FIFTEEN 1000 POUND BOMBS. THE
 F4 CAN CARRY FIVE 1000 POUND OR TEN 500 POUND BOMBS.

4. THE A6'S WILL BE CONTROLLED BY TPO'S AND AT DAY-
 LIGHT, WEATHER PERMITTING, THE F4'S WILL CONDUCT
 VISUAL BOMBING UNDER THE CONTROL OF FAC(A). IF THE
 CEILING IS BELOW 8000 FEET, THE F4'S WILL BE CON-
 TROLLED BY TPO'S.

5. THE PARAMETERS OF TROOP SAFETY ARE NO CLOSER
 THAN 1000 METERS PARALLEL TO THE ATTACK HEADING
 (EAST AND WEST), AND NO CLOSER THAN 2000 METERS
 PERPENDICULAR TO THE ATTACK HEADING.

6. THE WEATHER IN THE TARGET AREA IS FORECAST TO
 BE POOR AT THE TIME THE STRIKE IS PLANNED. WEATHER
 IS A FACTOR IN THAT THUNDER STORM ACTIVITY PRECLUDES
 TPO FROM OBSERVING THE TARGET AIRCRAFT.

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV
 TO LTG NICKERSON III MAF
 LTG CORCORAN I FFV
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S E C R E T MAC 12218 EYES ONLY

1. (C) TO PERMIT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF THE CURRENT ENEMY SITUATION AND GENERAL TRENDS IN YOUR CORPS AREA, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PRESENT YOUR INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AT MACV HEADQUARTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE:

I CORPS	22 SEPTEMBER	0900
II CORPS	22 SEPTEMBER	1430
III CORPS	23 SEPTEMBER	0900
IV CORPS	23 SEPTEMBER	1430

2. (S) THIS REVIEW SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING SUBJECT AREAS:

- A. INFILTRATION
- B. RECRUITMENT
- C. LOSSES
- D. STRENGTH OF MAJOR UNITS
- E. PERCENT OF NVA IN VC UNITS
- F. TRENDS IN CHIEU HOI AND RALLIERS
- G. TRENDS IN ENEMY MORALE, STATE OF TRAINING AND MOTIVATION
- H. RESUPPLY ACTIVITIES AND STATUS OF BASE AREAS
- I. CHANGES IN TACTICS OR DOCTRINE
- J. ESTIMATE OF ENEMY OBJECTIVES AND CAPABILITIES IN YOUR CTZ
- K. YOUR ASSESSMENT OF VCI INFLUENCE, STRENGTH AND TRENDS IN YOUR CTZ.

3. (C) IN ADDITION TO YOUR G2 AND BRIEFERS AS REQUIRED, REQUEST YOU ALSO BRING YOUR G3 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSIONS. SI CLEARANCE WILL BE REQUIRED.

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON VIETNAM
 TO ADM MCCAIN CINCPAC HAWAII
 INFO GEN HAINES CINCUSARPAC
 ADM HYLAND CINCPACFLT
 GEN NAZZARO CINCPACAF
 LTG BUSE CG FMFPAC
 GEN BROWN CMDR 7AF
 LTG MILDREN DEPCG SARV

LTG WICKERSON CG III MAF
 VADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV
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T O P S E C R E T MAC 12255 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: REDEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE (U)

REFERENCE: A. CINCPAC KRA 4011/171140Z SEPTEMBER 1969 NOTAL.
 B. CINCPAC KRA 4012/171142Z SEPTEMBER 1969 NOTAL.

1. (S) REF A AND B REQUESTED NAMES, GRADE, SECURITY CLEARANCE, BILLETING REQUIREMENTS AND ETA OF MACV PERSONNEL SELECTED TO PRE-REDEPLOYMENT AND REDEPLOYMENT CONFERENCE AT CINCPAC HEAD-QUARTERS 24 - 26 SEPTEMBER 1969.

2. (S) THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL ARE MACV AND COMPONENT COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCES SET FORTH IN REFERENCE A AND B.

A. MACV

NAME	RANK	(USA)	CLEARANCE	MACV AGENCY
KRAFT	BG	(USA)	TS	J3
HANKET	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-03
GERRITY	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-03
FLESHMAN	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-02
ADKINS	COL	(USA)	TS	J3-11
CUTRONA	COL	(USA)	TS	MACOI
BLACK	COL	(USAF)	TS	J4
WILSON	LTC	(USMC)	TS	J3-03
MCDERMOT	LTC	(USMC)	TS	J3-06
HOLY	LTC	(USAF)	TS	J5-ADP
CHILDRESS	LTC	(USA)	TS	J1
BILLINGS	LTC	(USAF)	TS	MACOI
SAVOLDI	LTC	(USA)	TS	MACDC
SCHAFFER	MAJ	(USAF)	TS	J4
GIBSON	MAJ	(USA)	TS	TMA
WASSERBURGER	MAJ	(USA)	TS	TMA
KENTNER	LTC	(USAF)	TS	J44
ANGLE	MAJ	(USA)	TS	J6
CLARK	LT	(USN)	TS	J2

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B. USARV

READ	COL	(USA)	TS	USARV
FOSTER	COL	(USA)	TS	USARV
SIMKO	LTC	(USA)	TS	USARV
MADIGAN	MAJ	(USA)	TS	USARV
MURPHY	MAJ	(USA)	TS	USARV
WONESKI	MAJ	(USA)	TS	USARV

C. III MAF

ROBINSON	LTC	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
BORJESON	MAJ	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
HAYES	CAPT	(USMC)	TS	III MAF
GUY	1LT	(USMC)	TS	III MAF

D. NAVFORV

WHITE	CMDR	(USN)	TS	NAVFORV
FLIKEID	LTCMDR	(USN)	TS	NAVFORV
ELSESSER	LT	(USN)	TS	NAVFORV

E. 7TH AF

NICHOLS	COL	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
ROARK	COL	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
SUNDE	COL	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
WEBER	COL	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
ROBERTSON	LTC	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
EMANUEL	LTC	(USAF)	TS	7 AF
MCAPPEE	MAJ	(USAF)	TS	7 AF

3. (S) ESTIMATED TIME OF ARRIVAL IS 1100, 23 SEPTEMBER 1969 (HAWAII TIME) ON BRANIFF FLIGHT B2A2.

4. (U) REQUEST AREA CLEARANCE, BILLETING, AND TRANSPORTATION BE PROVIDED. FURTHER REQUEST THAT RETURN TRANSPORTATION BE ARRANGED FOR ON OR ABOUT 28 SEPTEMBER 1969. REQUEST REPLY BE TRANSMITTED VIA FRONT CHANNEL.

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1 1720Z ZYH ZFF3 ZFF6
FM CG THIRD MARDIV
TO CG XXIV CORPS
INFO CG III MAF
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STAND DOWN OF THIRD MARINES AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS IN CONNECTION
WITH THIRD MARINE DIVISION REDEPLOYMENT

- A. CG III MAF MSG 181432Z SEPT 1967
- B. CG XXIV CORPS MSG 260008Z JULY 1967

1. AS DIRECTED BY REF (A) THE THIRD MARDIV WILL REDEPLOY TO DESIGNATED LOCATIONS IN PHASE II OF THE REDEPLOYMENT OF US FORCES FROM RVN. TO IMPLEMENT THAT REDEPLOYMENT A STAND DOWN OF DIVISION UNITS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN TWO PARTS: PHASE II A INVOLVES THE STAND DOWN OF THE 3RD MARINE REGIMENT AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORTING ELEMENTS. PHASE II B INVOLVES THE STAND DOWN OF THE REMAINDER OF THE 3D MARDIV. THE FOLLOWING IS A DESCRIPTION OF THE PHASE II A STAND DOWN AND RELATED REDEPLOYMENTS.

A. TASK ORGANIZATION

- RLT #3
- 3D MARINES
- 1ST BN 12TH MARINES
- DET. HQ BTRY 12TH MARINES
- CO B 3D ENGR BN
- CO B 11TH ENGR BN
- CO C 3D MED BN
- CO B 3D MT BN
- CO A 3D RECOM BN
- CO B 3D SP BN
- CO B, 7TH MT BN
- DET, 7TH COMM BN
- 3D BRIDGE CO (-)
- DET, FPL LOGOYD
- DET, HQ BN

B. PHASE II A STAND DOWN SCHEDULE.

20-21 SEPT. 3RD MARINES AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS STAND DOWN, AND MOVE TO STAND DOWN AREAS VIC D HCB AND QICB. 2D BN 3D MAR WILL BE RELIEVED BY 3D BN 4TH MAR, WHICH WILL ALSO RELIEVE 1ST BN 3D MAR. 3D BN 3D MAR WILL BE RELIEVED BY 2D BN 4TH MAR, WHICH WILL HAVE ITS CP AT ELLIOT COMBAT BASE. HEADQUARTERS, 3D MARINES WILL STAND DOWN, DISPLACING ITS CP FROM ELLIOT COMBAT BASE TO QUANT TRI COMBAT BASE. CLOSE HILL 950.

22 SEPT. CLOSE FSB RUSSEL.

23 SEPT. CLOSE FSB CATES.

2. RECOMMEND YOU DESIGNATE BATTALION SIZE REACTION FORCE FROM FORCES NOT OPCON THIS COMMAND FOR PROJECT DELTA IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE B.

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 P 190343Z SEP 69
 FM CG FMFPAC

MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY

TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 S E C R E T. SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN NICKERSON FROM
 LIGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
 ASSIGNMENT OF INTELLIGENCE STAFF OFFICER TO HQ III MAF
 (C)

- A. CG III MAF 180530Z/SEP69 (S)
1. (C) HQMC IS NOW IN THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A QUALIFIED RELIEF FOR COLONEL CANTON.
 2. (S) IN THE EVENT A QUALIFIED REPLACEMENT CANNOT BE FOUND, OR IF THE ONE SELECTED IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO YOU, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING WITH THE PLAN YOU OUTLINED IN REF A.
 3. (U) REQUEST YOU HOLD OFF TAKING ANY ACTION, HOWEVER, UNTIL WE CAN DISCUSS THIS FURTHER DURING MY FORTHCOMING VISIT.

WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 12266 EYES ONLY
REFERENCE MAC 12218 EO DTG 180935Z SEP.

1. PRIORITY COMMITMENTS ON 22 SEPTEMBER REQUIRE CHANGE
IN SCHEDULE FURNISHED IN REFERENCED MESSAGE. REVISED
SCHEDULE FOR I AND II CORPS PRESENTATIONS IS AS FOLLOWS:

I CORPS 21 SEPTEMBER 0900
II CORPS 21 SEPTEMBER 1430

2. PLEASE LET THE CHIEF OF STAFF KNOW BY TELECON
SOONEST IF YOU CAN MEET THIS CHANGED DATE AND TIME.
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 FM HQ TOWNSEND COFS MACV SAIGON
 TO GEN BROWN CDR 7AF TAN SON NHUT
 LTG MILDREN DCGHUSARV LONG BINH
 LTG NICHERSON CG III MAF DA NANG
 ADM ZUMWALT COMNAVFORV SAIGON
 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG
 LTG EWELL CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH
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 INFO LT GEN ZAIS CG XXIV CORP PHU BAI
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 12320 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE SEPTEMBER COMMANDER'S WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 1969, COMMENCING 0900.

2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CTZ'S ALSO ATTEND THE WIEU.

3. (U) COMMANDERS AND DEPCORDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV AT THE COMMAND MESS.

4. (U) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 27 SEPTEMBER 1969

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)
TO CG XXIV CORPS
INFO CG III MAF
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MGEN JNES SENDS FOR LTGEN ZAIS INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
FOR GROSS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT

1. CG III MAF MSG 190740Z SEP68 (S)

1. BLESSED WITH EXCELLENT FLYING WEATHER STAND DOWN OF UNITS
ASSIGNED TO PHASE IIA REDEPLOYMENT AS DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A
HAS PROCEEDED SUCCESSFULLY SURPASSING THE RELOCATIONS PLANNED
FOR 20 SEPT 1968. NO MAJOR PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED.

2. AT THIS TIME APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF OF THE 3D MARINE REGI-
MENT HAS STAND DOWN FROM OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS AT STCR. THIS
FIGURE INCLUDES 3D BN, 3D MARINES AND TWO COMPANIES EACH FROM
THE 1ST AND 2D BATTALIONS. IN ADDITION BTRY B, 1ST BN, 12TH
MARINES HAS ARRIVED AT ITS STAND DOWN AREA AT DONG HA.

3. THE FIXED POSITION ON HILL 750 WHICH PROVIDED A RADIO RE-
LAY AND INTERCEPT SITE AND SEMI-READ OUT STATION HAS BEEN
EVACUATED AND DESTROYED. I ANTICIPATE THE EVACUATION AND DE-
STRUCTION OF FSB RUSSELL ON 21 SEPT FOLLOWED BY FSB CATES ON
THE 22ND.

4. TO REPLACE ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARINES, 2D BN, 4TH MARINES
HAS SHIFTED ITS CP TO ECR AND RELIEVED 3D BN, 3D MARINES. 3D
BN, 4TH MARINES WILL CONTINUE RELIEF OF 3D MARINE UNITS ON THE
21ST. 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES WILL OPERATE FROM VCB AS SECURITY
UNTIL THAT INSTALLATION IS CLOSED.

5. GIVEN THE SAME FINE WEATHER ON THE 21ST, I HAVE EVERY CON-
FIDENCE OF COMPLETING THE STAND DOWN OF PLI-3 ON THAT DATE.

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 FM CG III MAF
 TO CG III MAF
 CG 1ST MAW
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 THRASH
 SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF THIRD MARINE
 DIVISION.

1. SIGNIFICANT AIR OPERATIONS, ARC LIGHTS AND ARTILLERY IN SUP-
 PORT OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION DURING THE PREPARATION AND PHASE
 DOWN ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIXED WING. AN INTENSIVE AIR ASSAULT WAS PLACED INTO EFFECT
 AT 0500 ON 17 SEPTEMBER 1969 AGAINST 27 TARGETS IN A 1000 X 2000
 METER AREA CENTERED ON LZ SIERRA. THREE A6 INTRUDERS DROPPED 1000
 AND 2000 POUND BOMBS ON THE TARGET BEFORE THE PLAN WAS CANCELLED
 BECAUSE OF THE LOSS OF RADAR CONTACT BY THE TPO-10'S CONTROLLING
 THE STRIKES DUE TO THUNDERSTORM INTERFERENCE. A SECOND STRIKE IS
 PLANNED FOR 0900 ON 21 SEPTEMBER 1969. THIS WILL OCCUR AFTER ARC
 LIGHTS HAVE TAKEN ADJACENT TARGET COMPLEX UNDER ATTACK.

B. HELICOPTERS. ON 20 SEPTEMBER 670 MEN OF THE THIRD MARINE
 AND 7 MEN OF THE FOURTH MARINES WERE REPOSITIONED BY HELICOPTERS.

C. ARC LIGHTS. GT 10104 WAS STRUCK ON 200705H WITH FOUR AIR-
 CRAFT. ONE AIRCRAFT WAS AIR DIVERTED DUE TO PILOT/CREW ERRORS. GT
 10382 WAS STRUCK ON 201620H WITH SIX AIRCRAFT. GT 10383 WAS STRUCK
 ON 201825H AND UTILIZED FIVE AIRCRAFT WITH ONE AIRCRAFT BEING AIR
 DIVERTED DUE TO FAULTY COMMUNICATIONS ON BOARD. THE THREE ARC LIGHT
 STRIKES COVERED THE FULL WING OF TD SQUARES XT 931638, YD 931618,
 YD 61638 AND XD 931618 IN THE SIERRA/MUTTER'S RIDGE AREA.

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PLANNED FOR FUTURE STRIKES ARE THE FOLLOWING TARGETS: OT 10354 T T 202110N UTILIZING SIX AIRCRAFT LOCATED IN THE YD 9663 AND YD 9660 GRID SQUARES. AT 10362 T T 202320N UTILIZING THREE AIRCRAFT LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ IN GRID SQUARES YD 9266 AND YD 9265. AT 10361 T T 212150N UTILIZING SIX AIRCRAFT LOCATED IN THE YD 9366 AND YD 9365 GRID SQUARES. AT 10385 T T 212630N UTILIZING SIX AIRCRAFT. TARGET LOCATION INTERSECTS THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ AND ENCOMPASSES THE FOLLOWING GRID SQUARES: YD 9267, YD 9266, AND YD 9265.

THIS HEADQUARTERS NOW HAS NOMINATED FIVE ADDITIONAL APC LIGHT STRIKES. OT 10314, OT 10313, OT 10276, OT 10277, OT 10299. THE FIVE STRIKES ARE LOCATED IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ AND ENCOMPASS THE AREA FROM YD 9013 TO YD 9016 OF THE NORTH/SOUTH GRID LINE. ALL TARGETS ARE EITHER ENTIRELY IN THE DMZ OR PARTIALLY LOCATED IN THE DMZ. AS OF YET THESE TARGETS HAVE NOT BEEN ASSIGNED TO US BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

D. ARTILLERY. A LARGE BODY OF NVA WERE SIGHTED BY AN A-1 AT 11350H IN GRID B 91-62 AND 93-62. A TOTAL OF 1245 ROUNDS OF ALL AVAILABLE ARTILLERY WERE FIRED ON THIS TARGET.

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1. (TS/LD) SOG HAS A URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR FOLLOWING ENEMY ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT:

- A. AK-47 MAGAZINES, FULL OR EMPTY.
- B. CANVAS AK-47 AMMUNITION (MAGAZINE) POUCHES, I.E., NORMALLY CARRIED ACROSS SHOULDERS WITH WEB GEAR.
- C. AMMUNITION DRUMS AND/OR LINKS FOR CHINESE BPD MACHINE GUN AMMUNITION.

2. (TS/LD) ATTEMPTS TO RECOVER THIS MATERIEL THROUGH NORMAL COMEC AND LOGISTIC CHANNELS HAVE MET WITH LITTLE SUCCESS DUE TO THE LIMITED NUMBERS OF THESE ITEMS BEING EVACUATED TO REAR AREAS AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THE IDENTITY OF THIS HEADQUARTERS.

3. (TS/LD) WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EMPHASIS YOU CAN GIVE TO TURN IN OF ANY OF THESE CAPTURED ITEMS BY FIELD UNITS. SOG PERSONNEL ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP ITEMS DIRECTLY FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

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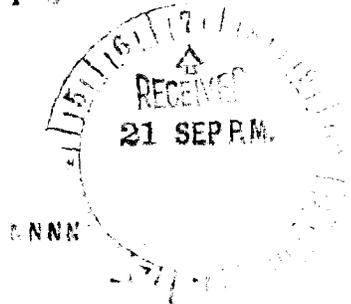
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FM C3 THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN)
TO CG XXIV CRPS
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MGEN JAMES SENDS FOR LTGEN ZAIS INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT
1. STAND DOWN OF RL1-3 NEARS COMPLETION, NO MAJOR PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED.
 2. THE 12TH MARINES HAVE CLOSED QUANG TRI AND ARE STANDING DOWN.
 3. FSB RUSSELL CLOSED. BTRY H PRESENTLY IN POSITION ON FSB FULLER.
 4. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BTRY C, 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES IS STANDING DOWN AT DHOB. BTRY C WILL RETURN TO DHOB AND STAND DOWN TOMORROW.
 5. PRELIMINARY TO OCCUPATION OF CAMP CARROLL, 2D ARVN REGT CONDUCTED A RECON OF THE AREA TODAY. INITIAL ELEMENTS OF 2D ARVN REGT WILL MOVE TO CAMP CARROLL TOMORROW.
 6. WITH THE CLOSING OF FSB GATES AND THE STAND DOWN OF REMAINING SUPPORT UNITS OF RL1-3 ON THE 22ND THE INITIAL STEPS FOR REDEPLOYMENT PHASE IIA WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

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MGEN THRASH.

SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF
THIRD MARINE DIVISION
1. SIGNIFICANT AIR AND ARC LIGHT OPERATIONS DURING THE PHASE
OPERATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. FIXED WING. COMMENCING AT 210715H SEP 69 AN AIR ASSAULT
WAS CONDUCTED AGAINST 27 TARGETS IN A 1000 X 2000 METER AREA
CENTERED ON LZ SIERRA. TWENTY-TWO SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY
MIX OF A4, A6, AND F4 AIRCRAFT, DELIVERING 500, 1000 AND 2000
POUND BOMB STRIKES WERE CONTROLLED BY FORWARD
AIR CONTROLLER (AIR BRN).

ONE A6 AIRCRAFT CRASHED AT 210740H WHILE ON BOMBING
RUN. AIR CREW EJECTED, WAS RECOVERED BY HELICOPTERS, AND WAS
MEDEVACED. CAUSE OF ACCIDENT IS NOT KNOWN BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.
AIR ASSAULT ENDED AT 211115H.

B. HELICOPTERS. ON 21 SEPTEMBER APPROXIMATELY 365 MEN FROM 3D
MARINES AND 535 MEN FROM 4TH MARINES WERE REPOSITIONED BY HELI-
COPTERS. HEAVY LIFTS OF RETROGRADED SUPPLIES AND UNIT EQUIPMENT
WERE EFFECTED.

C. ARC LIGHTS.

AT 10384 WAS STRUCK AT 202110H UTILIZING 6 AIRCRAFT. AT
202320H AT 10362 WAS STRUCK UTILIZING 3 AIRCRAFT. AT 10361 WAS
STRUCK AT 210150H UTILIZING 6 AIRCRAFT. AT 10385 WAS STRUCK ON
210630H UTILIZING 6 AIRCRAFT.

THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS RECEIVED ONE ADDITIONAL ARC LIGHT
STRIKE, AT 10314, WHICH HAS BEEN FRAG FOR 201155H. THIS ARC
LIGHT TARGET WAS NOMINATED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS ON 200720Z
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 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
 INFO MG WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM)
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RECONNAISSANCE/SURVEILLANCE PLANNING FOR A SHAU VALLEY

REF: SG, CG III MAF, SUBJ AS ABOVE, DTG 140720Z SEP 69

1. YOUR MSG, REF ABOVE, STATED YOU DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO DENY THE ENEMY OPPORTUNITY FOR REDEPLOYMENT A SHAU VALLEY AS MAJOR INFILTRATION AND LOGISTICS COMPLEX AFTER OUR DISESTABLISHMENT OF FSB RENDEZOUS AND WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES PRESENTLY OPERATING IN A SHAU AND ASKED MY CONCEPT FOR RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE OF A SHAU DURING NEXT FIVE MONTHS.

2. IN RESPONSE, I ENVISION THE FOLLOWING:

A. AERIAL RECON WILL BE CONDUCTED BY AIR CAV, O-1 OBSN ACFT AND FAC ACFT WITHIN LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY WEATHER.

B. GROUND RECON WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY RANGER TEAMS EMPLOYED IN SHORT TERM OPERATIONS, I.E. LESS THAN ONE DAY AND PREPARED TO WALK OUT OF THE VALLEY IF NECESSARY. EMPLOYMENT OF RANGERS IN A SHAU IS CONSIDERED HAZARDOUS BECAUSE ARTILLERY SUPPORT WILL BE LIMITED TO NONEXISTENT, COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE DIFFICULT AND WEATHER IN COMING FIVE MONTHS WILL IMPOSE SEVERE RESTRICTIONS ON INSERTIO, SUPPORT AND EXTRACTION OF TEAMS.

C. AERIAL SURVEILLANCE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY SLAR, IR AND PHOTO COVERAGE OF A SHAU WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND WEATHER LIMITATIONS. IN THIS RESPECT I RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION OF INCREASED DIRECT SUPPORT OF XXIV CORPS BY SLAR, IR AND PHOTO EQUIPPED AIRCRAFT OF 245TH AVN CO (SURV AIR PLANE), AND EARLY DEPLOYMENT TO XXIV CORPS OF GROUND SENSOR TERMINALS (GST) OF THIS AVN CO FOR DATA LINK TRANSMISSIONS FROM SLAR AND IR ACFT OF THE 245TH. GST HERE TO ENHANCE SLAR/IR SURVEILLANCE OF A SHAU WILL ENABLE QUICKER REACTION TO ACQUIRED TARGETS.

D. GROUND SURVEILLANCE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED ALMOST WHOLLY BY UNATTENDED GROUND SURVEILLANCE SENSORS AND THIS PROGRAM IS CONFRONTED BY A VARIETY OF PROBLEMS:

(1) EMPLACEMENT OF SENSORS IN A SHAU MUST BE PRIMARILY BY AIR. SOME AUGMENTATION OF THIS EFFORT MAY BE ACHIEVED BY REINFORCED RANGER TEAMS INSERTED TO IMPLANT SENSORS. CAPABILITY OF 7TH AF TO SUPPORT SENSOR IMPLANTATION IN A SHAU IS YET TO BE DEFINED AND WILL BE ADDRESSED AT A CONFERENCE AT YOUR HQ AMONG III MAF, XXIV CORPS AND 7TH AF ~~PLANNERS ON 23 SEP 69. CAPABILITY TO AIR-IMPLANT SENSORS BY ACFT UNDER III MAF/XXIV CORPS CONTROL WILL BE EXPLORED CONCURRENTLY.~~ #9(1)

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(2) READOUT OF SENSORS IN A SHAU WILL BE PRIMARILY BY AIR. POSSIBILITY OF GROUND READOUT THROUGH SENSOR ANALOG RELAY SYSTEM (SARS) IS BEING EXPLORED HERE NOW, BUT THIS EXPEDIENT DOES NOT PROMISE RELIABLE SUSTAINED READOUT BECAUSE THE UNATTENDED SARS IS WHOLLY VULNERABLE TO ENEMY AND WEATHER ACTION AND SINCE IT MUST BE EMPLACED AT MAXIMUM ELEVATIONS ITS MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT IS LIMITED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS. SOME LIMITED CAPABILITY FOR AIR READOUT OF A SHAU SENSORS MAY BE POSSIBLE WITH ORGANIC U-6 ACFT OF 101ST ABN DIV BUT NECESSARY AIRBORNE READOUT/RELAY GEAR MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE THIS EXPEDIENT CAN BE TESTED.

(3) MOST CRITICAL FACTOR IN SENSOR SURVEILLANCE OF THE A SHAU IS NEED FOR RELIABLE, ALL-WEATHER READOUT CAPABILITY WHICH MUST BE PROVIDED BY HIGH-PERFORMANCE ACFT OF 7TH AF. EQUALLY IMPORTANT IS OUR REQUIREMENT FOR A GROUND TERMINAL WHICH CAN RECEIVE AND ABSORB MAXIMUM OUTPUT VIA DATA LINK BY AF SENSOR-READOUT AIRCRAFT.

(4) IT IS APPARENT TO ME THAT TWO QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED BEFORE WE CAN DEFINE FULL NATURE AND SCOPE OF OUR SENSOR SURVEILLANCE IN A SHAU: HOW MUCH AIRBORNE READOUT CAPABILITY CAN 7TH AF PROVIDE US? CAN XXIV CORPS OBTAIN GROUND TERMINAL EQUIPMENT TO PERMIT EXPLOITATION OF AVAILABLE 7TH AF AIRBORNE READOUT AND RELAY CAPABILITY? I AM CONFIDENT THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE ANSWERED AT 23 SEP CONFERENCE. REGARDLESS OF THE ANSWERS, WE WILL EMPLOY SENSORS TO PROVIDE GROUND SURVEILLANCE OF A SHAU VALLEY IN AS BROAD A PROGRAM AS OUR RESOURCES WILL PERMIT.

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TO CG III MAF

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CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION

1. SINCE APRIL 1969, THE CONSTRUCTION OF SUBJECT HOSPITAL HAS PROGRESSED STEADILY UTILIZING A CREW OF APPROXIMATELY 60 VIETNAMESE LABORERS UNDER THE TECHNICAL SUPERVISION OF APPROXIMATELY 5 MEN FROM MCB 74. HOWEVER, DURING THIS PERIOD, THE NUMBER OF MCB 74 PERSONNEL SUPPORTING THIS PROJECT HAS VARIED FROM ONE TO OVER FIFTY
2. CONSTRUCTION HAS REACHED THAT STAGE WHICH REQUIRES THE USE OF A NUMBER OF SKILLED ARTISANS (I.E., BUILDERS, ELECTRICIANS, UTILITYMEN, CABINET MAKERS, ETC) AND SPECIAL EQUIPMENTS (I.E., MOBILE CRANE) INORDER TO INSURE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT.
3. I RECENTLY LEARNED THAT CP OF MCB 74 IS RELOCATING AND THAT PERSONNEL SUPPORT FOR THE SUBJECT HOSPITAL IS BEING WITHDRAWN.
4. THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE PLACED IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY WITHOUT THE ASSORTMENT OF SKILL NOTED IN PARA. 2. ABOVE.
5. ACCORDINGLY IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ASSISTANCE OF THE 3D NAVAL CONSTRUCTION BATTALION BE SOUGHT TO DETERMINE AND PROVIDE THE NECESSARY PERSONNEL SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT AS SOON AS REASONABLY POSSIBLE.
6. NEW DEPT RELATD SUBJECT. REPRESENTATIVES OF USAID PUBLIC HEALTH SAIGON AND SALVATION ARMY TO VISIT QUANG TRI DURING WEEK OF 21 SEPTEMBER TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE INTERIM OPERATION OF THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL BY THE SALVATION

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INFORMAL STAFF NOTE FROM C/S BGEN WILSON TO C/S BGEN DOOLEY
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF JCS 201806Z/SEP69 (TS) TO
 CINCPAC, INFO COMUSMACV, WHICH IS PROVIDING FOR INFO.

QUOTE:

1. (TS) JCS 052818Z/SEP69 (TS) PROVIDED LIST OF ITEMS PROPOSED
 BY SERVICES FOR REDUCTIONS UNDER PROJECT 703.
2. (TS) ACHIEVEMENT OF MARINE CORPS PROJECT 703 GOALS IS KEY-
 ED TO PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT ACTIONS AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE RLT, 3D MARDIV, TO CLOSE CAMP PENDLETON
 BY 30 OCT 69.
 - B. REDEPLOYMENT OF 3D MARDIV (LESS TWO RLTS PREVIOUSLY REDEP-
 LOYED) TO OKINAWA BY 30 NOV 69.
 - C. REDEPLOYMENT OF 1ST MAW (REAR) TO OKINAWA/JAPAN BY 30 NOV
 69.
3. (TS) SEVENTHFLT ARG SHIPPING CAN BE USED FOR MC REDEPLOY-
 MENTS WITH ALL MOVEMENTS COMPLETED BY 30 NOV 69. THIS PLAN
 WOULD MAINTAIN ONE ARG/SLF IN SEVENTHFLT IN A 24-HOUR REACTION
 TIME STATUS. AN ALTERNATIVE PLAN WOULD BE TO REDEPLOY RLT-3 TO
 CONUS BY 30 OCT 69, USING ONE ARG. THE OTHER ARG WOULD BE USED
 AS A SHUTTLE FOR MC REDEPLOYMENTS IN WESTPAC. THIS PLAN WOULD
 INCREASE THE RESPONSE TIME FOR THAT ARG IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY.
 MST5/MAC TRANSPORTATION COULD BE USED TO RETURN RLT-3 TO CONUS BY
 30 OCT 69 BUT COST OF THIS APPEARS PROHIBITIVE. IT IS HIGHLY
 UNDESIRABLE TO DEPLOY AN EASTPAC ARG AHEAD OF SCHEDULE AS A
 PARTIAL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE
 INVOLVED TO THE NAVY AND THE IMPACT ON NAVAL PERSONNEL.
4. (TS) A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF PERSONNEL SCHEDULED FOR EARLY
 RELEASE IS INCLUDED IN THE RLT RETURNING TO CONUS. CHANGE IN
 SEQUENCE OR SLIPPAGE IN COMPLETION DATES COULD RESULT IN A DE-
 FICIT OF UP TO 5 MILLION DOLLARS IN ACHIEVING MARINE CORPS PRO-
 JECT 703 GOALS.
5. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE EXTREME FISCAL RESTRAINTS, IT IS CONSID-
 ERED THAT THE MOST PRACTICAL SOLUTION TO THE NAVY/MC PROBLEM IS
 TO ACCEPT THE ARG/SLF STANDOWN IN SEVENTHFLT AND ACCOMPLISH

PAGE 3 RUMHFA3013 T O P S E C R E T
 RETURN OF RLT-3 BY ARG TO CONUS BY 30 OCT 69.

6. (U) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS.

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FM MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV SAIGON
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG
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REF: VIETNAMIZING THE WAR, A MISSION COORDINATED PLAN
PREPARED BY THE US MISSION, SAIGON AND HEADQUARTERS
MACV, 20 JULY 1969 (NOTAL)
YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO BROADEN THE PLANNING EFFORT
WITH REGARD TO REF ABOVE, TO INCLUDE APPROPRIATE
STAFF PARTICIPATION BY XXIV CORPS IN ALL ASPECTS OF
VIETNAMIZATION PLANNING, SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATE
SECURITY SAFEGUARDS AND GUIDELINES. THIS AUTHORIZATION
EXTENDS TO PLANNING CURRENTLY UNDERWAY REGARDING THE
MERGER OF Hq III MAF AND Hq XXIV CORPS.
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PROGRESS OF STAND DOWN FOR THIRD MARDIV REDEPLOYMENT

- 1. RL1-3 HAS COMPLETED STAND DOWN.
- 2. FSB CATES CLOSED. BTRY G, 3D BN, 12TH MARINES LEFT
FSB CATES AND RELIEVED BTRY C, 1ST BN, 12TH MARINES ON
ELLIOT COMBAT BASE, COMPLETING THE STAND DOWN OF 1ST BN,
12TH MARINES.
- 3. SECOND BN, 2D ARVN COMPLETED MOVEMENT TO CAMP CARRILL
AT 221500H AND COMMENCED ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT OF THAT
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 YOUR MESSAGE 230348Z SEP 69

1. MY REASON FOR CONSENTING TO AN INTERVIEW WITH DAVE LAMB (UPI) AND JAY SHARBUTT (AP) 20 SEP WAS THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO GIVE BOTH INDIVIDUALS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION IN XXIV CORPS WITH THE ANNOUNCED REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MAR DIV. IN THIS WAY THE POSSIBILITY OF RUMOR AND SPECULATION GROWING INTO NEWS ARTICLES COULD BE AVOIDED. OBVIOUSLY, IN THEIR TRAVELS IN THE AREA THEY WOULD SEE AND HEAR FRAGMENTS THAT COULD BE MISINTERPRETED OR MISJUDGED OR THROWN TOGETHER TO FORM A WRONG CONCLUSION. MY INTENT WAS TO ALSO GIVE THEM A BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND THEREBY GIVE ACCURATE REPORTING OF THE CHANGES THAT WILL BECOME APPARENT IN THE FUTURE.

2. THE MAIN POINT COVERED IN THE INTERVIEW WAS THE EFFECT THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MAR DIV WOULD HAVE ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN XXIV CORPS. I BRIEFED BOTH LAMB AND SHARBUTT ON THE FACTORS THAT WILL DICTATE OUR POSTURE AFTER THE 3D MAR DIV'S DEPARTURE. I POINTED OUT THAT OBVIOUSLY WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN UNITS IN ALL THE LOCATIONS THAT WE ARE NOW ABLE TO. WITH THE DECREASE IN COMBAT STRENGTH IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO REDRAW THE BOUNDARIES, CONCENTRATING OUR STRENGTH CLOSER TO THE POPULATED AREAS OF THE TWO PROVINCES. DOING THIS WILL MEAN THAT A CERTAIN PORTION OF THE WESTERN PART OF THE AO WOULD BE MORE LIGHTLY DEFENDED. BY GIVING UP THE REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN FIXED BASES IN THE UNPOPULATED AREA WE WOULD GIVE GREATER PROTECTION FOR THE POPULATION AND AT THE SAME TIME FREE FORCES OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE FOR BETTER USE IN AN AIRMOBILE ROLE. I EMPHASIZED THE POINT THAT THIS DID NOT MEAN WE WOULD TURN OUR BACKS TO THE WESTERN PORTION BUT WOULD MAKE USE OF OUR SURVEILLANCE AND PATROL CAPABILITY TO ENSURE

THAT THE ENEMY DOES NOT BUILD UP UNMOLESTED. IF A THREAT SHOULD DEVELOP WE WOULD HAVE THE COMBAT POWER OF THE AIRMOBILE TROOPS TO COUNTER WHERE NECESSARY.

3. REGARDING THE POINTS LAMB PASSED TO CIB PERSONNEL:

A. LAMB WAS NOT TOLD THAT THE 101ST AIRBORNE WOULD TAKE OVER THE 3D MAR DIV AO. HE RAISED THE QUESTION OF THIS POSSIBILITY AND I TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD STILL HAVE THE 1ST ARVN AND THE 1ST BRIGADE, 5TH MECH IN THE AREA AND THEY COULD PROVIDE THE FORCES TO PROTECT THE POPULATED AREA AND BLOCK FORCES COMING THROUGH THE DMZ. THEY WERE TOLD THAT OBVIOUSLY THERE WOULD NOT BE AS MUCH COMBAT POWER IN THE AREA AND OF NECESSITY SOME OF THE FIXED BASES WOULD

B. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE WESTERN PORTION OF BOTH PROVINCES WOULD BECOME MORE OF A RECON ZONE SINCE WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE FORCES NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN FIXED BASES IN THE AREA. HE WAS ALSO TOLD THAT WE WOULD STILL HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF MEETING ANY THREAT IN THE AREA AS NECESSARY.

C. HE WAS TOLD THAT THEY WOULD OPERATE FROM THE COAST TO THE BOUNDARY OF THE RECON ZONE.

D. LAMB STATED THAT THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF SPECULATION IN DA NANG THAT III MAF WOULD BE DISSOLVED AND THAT XXIV CORPS WOULD TAKE OVER ITS MISSION. I REPLIED THAT I KNOW OF NO SUCH PLAN AND THAT I ACTUALLY HAD NOT EVEN BEEN CONSULTED ON THE DETAILS OF SUCH A CHANGE.

E. SHARBUTT BROUGHT UP THE QUESTION OF WHAT EFFECT THE REDEPLOYMENT WOULD HAVE ON FORCES IN THE A SHAU. I TOLD HIM THAT FOR SOME TIME I HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT OUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN POSITIONS IN THE VALLEY IN THE COMING BAD WEATHER. THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MAR DIV ONLY SERVED TO HASTEN A DECISION TO EVENTUALLY LEAVE THE VALLEY. I DID NOT PROVIDE A DATE WHEN THIS WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED.

F. THE MATTER OF SENATOR KENNEDY'S PROBLEM, I REGRET, DID COME UP AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR TALK. THE COMMENTS WERE IN A JOKING VEIN AND WENT ABOUT AS FOLLOWS:

LAMB- "I ASSUME THE PUBLICITY FROM HAMBURGER HILL AND ALL IS OVER AND YOU ARE NOT GETTING ANY MORE OF THAT."

ZAIS- "NO, EXCEPT AS THEY COMPARE IT WITH WHAT HAPPENED TO LLOYD RAMSEY."

LAMB- "YOU KNOW THE STANDARD JOKE AROUND SAIGON IN THE NEWSPAPER OFFICES FOR AWHILE AFTER TEDDY KENNEDY'S AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT WAS ASKING WHAT WOULD BE GENERAL ZAIS' REACTION. THE STANDARD RESPONSE WAS GENERALLY 'DEFINITELY IRRESPONSIBLE.'"

ZAIS- "NO, I HAD AN ANSWER TO THAT. MY ANSWER WAS THAT AT LEAST I EVACUATED MY CASUALTIES." I NOW REGRET THAT IN AN EFFORT TO BE HUMOROUS I SOUNDED CALLOUS. IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION TO DERIDE THE SENATOR NOR ADD TO HIS BURDENS.

4. MY UNDERSTANDING WITH LAMB AND SHARBUTT WAS THAT MY REMARKS COULD ONLY BE USED ON A BACKGROUND BASIS. IN READING LAMB'S ARTICLE I SEE NOTHING THAT WAS GAINED THROUGH THE INTERVIEW WITH ME. WE DID NOT DISCUSS THE TIMETABLE FOR THE IMPENDING MOVE OF THE 3D MAR DIV. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT LAMB HAS OBSERVED THE CONDITION UNDER WHICH I TALKED WITH HIM.

5. AGAIN I ADD THAT IN GRANTING THE INTERVIEW, IT WAS MY OPINION THAT WE WOULD AVOID SPECULATIVE OR RUMOR BASED ARTICLES WHICH WOULD ONLY ADD TO THE PROBLEMS WE FACE.

6. ALTHOUGH SOME OF THE QUOTES ASCRIBED TO ME IN YOUR MESSAGE ARE NOT EXACTLY TRUE OR SOMEWHAT OUT OF CONTEXT, I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR HAVING BRIEFED THESE TWO CORRESPONDENTS ON A NON-ATTRIBUTABLE BASIS WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WAS BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY AS THE BASIS FOR BETTER REPORTING

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S E C R E T LIMDIS PHB 1930 EYES ONLY

1. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT ADEQUATE AIRLIFT SUPPORT. THE 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH), 2D ARVN REGIMENT (3 BATTALIONS) AND ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST ARVN REGIMENT IN THE PAST HAVE DEPENDED ALMOST COMPLETELY ON 1ST MAF ASSETS FOR SUPPORT.

2. COINCIDENTAL WITH THIS LOSS OF LIFT CAPABILITY IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF MY AO IS A REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASED USE OF ORGANIC AIRLIFT BY THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIV (AIRMOBILE) IN SUPPORT OF A GREATLY EXPANDED AREA OF OPERATIONS.

3. I UNDERSTAND MAG 16 WILL STATION TWO CH746 SQUADRONS AND ONE GUNSHIP SQUADRON AT PHU BAI AND THAT PART OF THESE AIRCRAFT WILL BE REQUIRED IN SUPPORT OF THE FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY.

4. IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH) AND 1ST AND 2D ARVN REGIMENTS OUT OF THESE OR OTHER AIRCRAFT ASSETS AVAILABLE TO III MAF? IF SO, I WOULD APPRECIATE AN INDICATION OF THE NUMBER AND TYPE AIRCRAFT I CAN COUNT UPON FOR THIS PURPOSE.

5. IF YOUR COMMITMENTS ARE SUCH THAT YOU ARE UNABLE TO HELP, THEN SUGGEST IT MIGHT BE IN BOTH OUR INTERESTS FOR ME TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM COMUSMACV.

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1. AT APPROXIMATELY 2210 ON 23 SEPTEMBER 1969, A
NEGR MARINE, PFC R. N. AGARD, WAS KILLED BY A
.45 CALIBER BULLET AT THE SCENE OF A FRACAS INVOLVING
CAUCASIAN AND NEGR O MARINES. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS
WAS AS FOLLOWS: A SITUATION DEVELOPED AT THE M VIEAT A
LOCAL ENLISTED CLUB IN D HCB IN WHICH WORDS WERE
EXCHANGED BETWEEN A GROUP OF CAUCASIAN MARINES AND A
GROUP OF NEGR O MARINES. THE REGIMENTAL CHAPLAIN AND
ANOTHER OFFICER INTERVENED AND TOLD THE MEN INVOLVED
TO RETURN TO THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. AFTER LEAVING THE
CLUB AND WHILE PROCEEDING TO THEIR AREAS, THE GROUP OF
NEGR O MARINES STOPPED AND ACCUSED THE GROUP OF
CAUCASIAN MARINES OF "FOLLOWING THEM". A FIGHT BETWEEN
TWO MARINES (ONE MEMBER EACH GROUP) ENSUED WHILE THE
OTHERS WATCHED. AT A POINT IN THE FIGHT WHERE IT
APPEARED THAT THE CAUCASIAN MARINE WAS GAINING THE
UPPER HAND, TWO NEGR O MARINES STARTED TO ENTER THE
FIGHT. AT THIS POINT A SHOT WAS FIRED KILLING PFC
AGARD, AND THE CROWD DISPERSED.

2. SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALS THE FOLLOWING
INFORMATION:

A. A CAUCASIAN MARINE, PFC MICHAEL E. ANAYA, HAS BEEN
APPREHENDED AND HAS SIGNED A CONFESSION IN WHICH HE
ALLEGES THAT HE HAD ONLY INTENDED TO SCARE PEOPLE AND
NOT TO INJURE ANYONE.

B. TWO ACCESSORIES AFTER THE FACT HAVE BEEN
APPREHENDED PM THEY HELPED PFC ANAYA TO LEAVE THE
SCENE AND LATER DISPOSED OF THE WEAPON INVOLVED.

3. INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING.

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 TO CC III MAF DOW RUM
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1. OPSEC/EOR EY/SENSITIVE/LIND IS EYES ONLY
 WHEN JONES SENDS FOR LTEN RICKERSON
 ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION WITHIN QUANG TRI PROVINCE
 1. IN VIEW OF YOUR AVAILABLE FACTUAL AND TECHNICAL
 RESOURCES THE FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION
 IN MY AREA OF OPERATION AS OF THIS DATE WILL BE RE-
 STRICTED TO A CONCEPTUAL APPROACH.
 2. FIRST THE MVA

(A) ALTHOUGH WE HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY TAKEN A HEAVY TOLL
 OF HIS MEN AND MATERIAL IN RECENT MONTHS, HE STILL POS-
 SESSSES THE ABILITY TO HARASS THE POPULATED AREAS WITH
 FIRE AND SAPPER ATTACKS, AND DRAW OFF U.S. AND ARVN
 MANEUVER ELEMENTS. HE DOES NOT HOWEVER POSSESS THE IMMEDIATE CAP-
 ABILITY OF MOUNTING AN ATTACK FROM THE NORTH THE MOMEN-
 TUM OF WHICH WOULD CARRY PAST THE NORTHERN BANK OF THE
 CHIA VIET RIVER. I BASE THIS ON THE FACT THAT I HAVE
 BEEN UNABLE TO FIND ANY INDICATIONS THAT HE IS PREPARING
 THE BATTLEFIELD SOUTH OF THE DMZ. WE HAVE PUNISHED HIM
 SEVERELY PRICIPALLY BY SUPPORTING BRMS. THIS WE WILL
 CONTINUE TO DO.

(B) ENEMY UNITS IN THE BA LONG AND BASE AREA 101
 HAVE CONTINUED THEIR HARASSMENT-BY-FIRE TACTICS, ATTEMPTS
 TO PROCURE SUPPLIES, AND PROPAGANDA ACTIVITIES IN THE HAI
 LOC, HAI LANG, HAI LINH AND TRIEN PHONG DISTRICTS.
 THE LOW COMBAT EFFICIENCY OF THE MVA UNITS LOCATED
 IN THESE AREAS PRECLUDES ANY MAJOR OFFENSIVE THREAT
 IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THE RECENT CAPTURE OF KEY VOT
 IN THE COASTAL AREA, SHOULD INHIBIT THE ENEMY PROP-
 AGANDT, INTELLIGENCE AND COMMO-LIAISON EFFORT IN THAT
 AREA.

3. (A) I HAVE RECEIVED THE CONCURRENCE OF MAJOR GEN-
 ERAL WRIGHT AND APPROVAL OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL ZAIS
 FOR A BATTALION OF THE 3D BRIGADE, 101ST AIRBORNE DIV-
 SION (AND) TO COMMENCE SCREENING OPERATIONS IN AN AO
 WEST OF THE CURRENT 4TH MARINES AO ON 1 OCTOBER. THE
 AO IS BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE 4TH MARINES, ON THE
 NORTH BY THE DMZ, AND ON THE WEST AND SOUTH BY LINES
 APPROXIMATELY FROM XD 85848R TO XD 85548R TO XD 93849R.
 RANDCOMMAND RELATIONSHIP FOR THIS OPERATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

(1) AO IS ASSIGNED TO THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIV-
 WHICH REMAINS UNDER OPCON XXIV CORPS.

FIRE SUPPORT WILL BE FURNISHED TO THE 101ST
 DIVISION UNIT BY THE 3D MARINE DIVISION. 13/11

B. ON 1 OCTOBER THE 2D REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIVISION WILL COMMENCE A TWO BATTALION OFFENSIVE OPERATION WITHIN THE NORTH CENTRAL PORTION OF THE DIVISION AO. THE CONCEPT FOR THAT OPERATION CALLS FOR A PRE-D DAY SWEEP FROM EAST TO WEST, COMBING THE EASTERN AND NORTHERN FOOTHILLS OF DONG HA MOUNTAIN, BY ONE BATTALION; A BLOCKING FORCE, OCCUPYING POSITIONS VICINITY YD 053592; AND A BATTALION SIZE MANEUVER FORCE WHICH WILL LAND BY HELICOPTERS VICINITY LANDING ZONE ANTRUY (VIC YD 9961) AND SWEEP NORTH-NORTHEAST TO VICINITY OF LY BANHOK (YD 001611). THIS BATTALION WILL THEN SWING EAST AND THEN SOUTH, SWEEPING INTO THE BLOCK.

A. CONCERNING THE VC/VCI:

A. THERE ARE TWO LOCAL FORCE VIET CONG UNITS WHICH ARE KNOWN TO OPERATE IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. THESE ARE THE H-99 COMPANY WHICH OPERATES PRIMARILY IN HAI LANG DISTRICT AND THE C-59 COMPANY WHICH OPERATES IN TRIEU PHONG DISTRICT. STRENGTHS OF THE H-99 AND C-59 COMPANIES ARE ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 35-50 AND 2-15 MET, RESPECTIVELY, BOTH BEING CONSIDERED MILITARILY NON-EFFECTIVE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE LOCAL GUERRILLA GROUPS ESTIMATED BETWEEN 20-250 MEN SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE LOWLAND AREAS OF THE PROVINCE WHICH PROPAGANDIZE THE LOCAL INHABITANTS, COLLECT TAXES AND RICE, AND CONDUCT PROSELYTING OF THE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN POPULATION. THERE ARE INDICATIONS, HOWEVER, THAT MVA UNITS ARE WORKING IN CLOSE CONJUNCTION WITH VC UNITS AND IN MANY CASES, THE SMALL GROUPS OF VC WHICH ARE REPORTED ARE, IN REALITY, MEMBERS OF REGULAR MVA UNITS. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN GIO LING, HAI LANG AND HAI LINH DISTRICTS.

B. ALTHOUGH ESTIMATES OF VCI STRENGTH IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE REMAIN AT 200-1,100, THE PROFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF VCI IS CONSIDERED TO BE ON THE DECLINE. MORE EFFECTIVE NEUTRALIZATION BY US AND RVN FORCES AND INCREASED PACIFICATION HAS FORCED THE ENEMY TO FILL THE VCI RANKS WITH LESS QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AND HAS DOWNGRADED HIS ABILITY TO PROVIDE A VIABLE VCI STRUCTURE.

C. WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION, I EXPECT THE VC TO MAKE DETERMINED EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN HIS FORCES, INCREASE HIS RICE COLLECTION AND TAXATION EFFORTS AND MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF PROPAGANDA THROUGHOUT ALL OF HIS ACTIVITIES WITH EMPHASIS ON THE REDEPLOYMENT AS ANOTHER SIGN WHICH PREDICTS THE EVENTUAL VICTORY OF HIS
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5. THE DISTRICTS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE MOST SUSCEPTIBLE TO VC PROPAGANDA ARE HAI LINH AND HAI LANG WHERE N 99 COMPANY OPERATES. THIS UNIT HAS THE GREATEST POTENTIAL PROPAGANDA FORCE. THERE ARE ALSO SMALL BANDS OF VC WORKING IN GIO LONG DISTRICT. THESE BANDS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY AND ARE CONSIDERED TO BE A HIGH PROPAGANDA THREAT. TRIEN PHONG DISTRICT IS SUSCEPTIBLE, OF COURSE, BUT TO A LESSER DEGREE.

THE ECONOMY OF THE PROVINCE IS ALSO OF CONCERN AND WE BELIEVE THE VC WILL TRY TO CAPTIVATE THE URBAN POPULACE WITH THE THEME THAT GVN HAD DEPENDD UPON THE ALLIED FORCES TO BUILD UP SOUTH VIETNAM'S ECONOMY. HOWEVER, THE VC PROPAGANDIST WILL ADD, THE ALLIED FORCES ARE LEAVING WITH THE ECONOMY IN WORSE SHAPE THAN IT HAD BEEN BEFORE THEIR ARRIVAL. THIS THEME MAY BE CONSIDERED CREDITABLE BY THE URBAN POPULATION BECAUSE PEOPLE FROM CITIES LIKE QUANG TRI AND DONG HA DEPEND A GREAT DEAL UPON THE PRESENCE OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS AND TROOPS FOR THEIR LIVELIHOODS. LAUNDERERS, WOODCUTTERS AND BASE EMPLOYEES ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE URBAN PLPULACE WHO WOULD BE AFFECTED BY LOWER WAGES AFTER U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT. THE UNEMPLOYED OR LOW PAID ARE NATURALLY AN IDEAL TARGET FOR VC PROPAGANDA.

6. IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT THE EARLY BASING OF A BRIGADE FROM THE 101ST DIV IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WHERE IT WILL BE VISIBLE TO THE POPULAR AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY, WOULD RESOLVE MANY OF THE AREAS OF CONCERN SET FORTH ABOVE.

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PROJECTED LOSSES THROUGH DECEMBER 69-2;
ONE SSGT 3371 (NOT AUTHORIZED BY M/L) WILL REPORT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 69. SGT LEONEL BELTRAM HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED FOR MERITORIOUS COMBAT PROMOTION BY REFERENCE (A). ONE SGT 3041, RTD 23 DECEMBER 69, NOT REPLACED DUE TO CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF SUPPLY CHIEFS AND SUPPLY OFFICERS AND RECENT ASSIGNMENT OF NEW SUPPLY OFFICER TO THE THIRD RECON COMPANY. A REPLACEMENT WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION, AND PRESENT SUPPLY CHIEF WILL BE REASSIGNED. CONSEQUENTLY, PROJECTED END DECEMBER 69

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SNCO OVERAGES ARE ON 0369 AND ONE 3371.

C. SERGEANT AND BELOW: M/L 123

O/B 146

PROJECTED LOSSES THROUGH DECEMBER 69-23.
TEN PERSONNEL ARE ON ORDERS TO REPORT BY 30 SEPTEMBER 69. PROJECTED END DECEMBER 69 OVERAGES ARE TEN 0311/8651.

2. ALL PROJECTED LOSSES ARE FOR RTD'S IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, BASED ON 13 MONTH TOUR. JANUARY RTD'S ARE AS FOLLOWS:

MOS	RANK	NO
0302	2DLT	1
04 1	SGT	1
2111	CPL	1
0311	LCPL	2
2533	CPL	1
2533	LCPL	2
3516	LCPL	1
3531	LCPL	1

TOTAL 10

3. MAJOR LEE STATES THAT COMPANY IS COMPLETELY EQUIPPED WITH UTILITIES, AND THAT HE DOES NOT HAVE ANY SHORTAGES THAT HE CANNOT RESOLVE.

4. OPCON OF 1ST OF 5TH (MECH) WILL BE ASSUMED BY XXIV CORPS WHEN I CLOSE ECE AND STAND DOWN 2ND BN 4TH MARINES ON 22 OCTOBER. RECOMMEND YOU WITHDRAW OPCON OF FORCE RECON COMPANY ON 22 OCTOBER.

SI NOTE: DELIVER AT FIRST DUTY HOUR

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