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23. CG FIRST MARDIV 010230z ~~XXX~~ OCT69 (S) *gp - 4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM SIMPSON
ENEMY INTENTIONS
24. CG XXIV CORPS 010145Z ~~XXX~~ OCT69 (S) *Group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZAIS
III MAF DEEP SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE STUDY

~~25. CG MARCORP CAMPEN 012052Z OCT69
FOR NICKERSON FROM MILLER (REFUR)
RFC NORMAN DALE MILLER~~

26. COMNAVFORV 030308Z OCT69 (C) *group-4 / w gp-4 attachment*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT
EKR PBR OPS IN CAU DAI/HOI AN RIVER COMPLEX (U)
- ~~27. COMSEVENTHFLT 030826Z OCT69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINCLE
WILL BE AM MORNING BRIEF ON 8 OCT~~
28. C/S XXIV CORPS 040400Z OCT69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
FOR ZAIS FROM SHEDD
PROPOSED MSG TO COMUS ON HELO SPT
29. COMNAVSUPACT DNG 051212Z OCT69 (C) *gp-4*
SEECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ZUMWALT INFO NICKERSON FROM BONNER
PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM (RACIAL)
- ~~30. SSO IFFV 061020Z OCT69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM HEALY
WD COMBAT DAILY - NOT A BETTER MAN COULD HAVE RAISED ME - THANKS~~
- ~~31. CINCPACFLT 062204Z OCT69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON INFO ZUMWALT, BRINCLE AND BONNER FROM HYLAND
CINCPACFLT VISIT TO ICTZ 14-15 OCT~~
32. COFS MACV 071032Z OCT69 (S) EYES ONLY CLOSE HOLD *gp-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
DON'T DISCUSS NASSUMS WITH ROSSOTTI & ODEEN
33. CG THIRD MARDIV 070330Z OCT69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR BUSE, INFO NICKERSON, CARNEY AND DWYER FROM JONES
THIRD MARDIV DEPARTURE CEREMONY
34. SSO XXIV CORPS 080035Z OCT69 (C) *gp-not shown*
FOR HOFF FROM PATTON
EFFECT OF WEATHER ON OPNS IN XXIV CORPS AO
- ~~35. COMSEVENTHFLT 080736Z OCT69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINCLE
WILL TRY TO MAKE THE BRIEF TOMORROW - 9 OCT~~
- ~~36. USDAO AMCONSUL HONG KONG
FOR DOOLEY FROM SULLIVAN
GEN LAM & HIS VISIT TO SAIGON - ASSISTANCE~~
37. C/S MACV 090959Z OCT69 (C) *gp-4*
TOWNSEND TO ALL
OCTOBER'S WIEU
38. CG THIRD MARDIV 091230Z OCT69 (S) *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS INFO NICKERSON FROM JONES
SAPPER TYPE ACTION SOUTH OF RT 9 -- L-3-4,

- ~~39. CG FMFPAC 002025Z OCT69 (S)
FOR JONES, INFO NICKERSON, CARNEY & DWYER FROM BUSE
PLT 9 COLORS PLT 3 COLORS~~
40. COMNAVFORV 100305Z OCT69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BAUMBERGER INFO NICKERSON, BUSE, AND TOWNSEND FROM ZUMWALT
MARINE SHOOTING AT AMERICAN EMBASSY
41. COMSEVENTHFLT 101358Z OCT69 (C) *gp-4*
FOR ZAIS, SIMPSON, THRASH, JONES AND BONNER INFO NICKERSON
ROSENBERG, NORDBERG AND EVEN FROM BRINGLE
EIGHTH VN AWARDS CEREMONY
42. CG FMFPAC 112101Z OCT69 (C) *Group-4*
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
DESTINATION OF DEPLOYING UNITS/12 MONTH TOUR
43. CG FMFPAC 122025Z OCT69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE/MCEO *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
ASSIGNMENT OF ARMY INTEL OFFICER TO III MAF
44. COMSEVENTHFLT 131142Z OCT69 (C) *Group-4*
INFO NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
EIGHTH VIETNAMESE AWARDS CEREMONY (U)
45. CG FMFPAC 132048Z OCT69 (U) PERSONAL
FOR NICKERSON, JONES, OWENS, DWYER INFO CHAPMAN AND FONTANA
PERFORMANCE OF FMFPAC UNITS AT HOMECOMING CEREMONY OF THE
3D MARINES
- ~~46. ADMINO FMFPAC 132141Z OCT69 (U)
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
ASSIGNMENT OF MSCT LAWSON TO III MAF~~
- ~~47. CG MCAS EL TORO 140015Z OCT69 (C)
FOR DOOLEY FROM HISE
TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR PCEN GUNN, USA~~
48. CG AMERICAL DIV 151330Z OCT69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM COOKSEY
MORATORIUM INCIDENT
49. CG AMERICAL DIV 160359Z OCT69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM COOKSEY
MORATORIUM INCIDENT
50. COMUSMACV 170143Z OCT69 (U)
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
MORATORIUM INCIDENT

- ~~1. COMSEVENTHFLT 170144Z OCT69 (C)
FOR NICKERSON FROM BRINGLE
VADM GAYLOR ITINERARY~~
2. COMUSMACV 190657Z OCT69 (U) EYES ONLY/*w gp-4 Attachment*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
RUSSIAN TRAWLER INCIDENT
3. COMUSMACV 200641Z OCT69 (C) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
GEORGE WALLACE VISIT
4. COMUSMACV 210836Z OCT69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON
5. CG FMFPAC 212005Z OCT69 (C) PERSONAL *gp-4*
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
APPROVAL OF DOD ASST SEC FOR MILSON OF CAMP HORN ENL BARRACKS
6. CG FMFPAC 220204Z OCT69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON, SIMPSON, JONES, THRASH, FEELEY, CARNEY,
BARROW INFO CHAPMAN FROM BUSE
IMPROPRIETIES IN CLUB/MESS OPERATIONS
- ~~7. USDAO AMCONSUL HONG KONG 220100Z OCT69 (U)
FOR DOOLEY FROM SULLIVAN
CONSIGNED CLEAR FROM HONG KONG TO GEN DOOLEY~~
8. CG AMERICAL DIV 221005Z OCT69 (S) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
FOR DOOLEY FROM COOKSEY
LETTER FROM VC UNIT ON LZ YOUNG
9. COMNAVSUPPACT DNG 230420Z OCT69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR ZUMWALT, NICKERSON AND COMES FROM BONNER
R AND U SUPPORT IN ICTZ
10. COMUSMACV 231033Z OCT69 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
APPRECIATION FOR OUR MESSAGE ON ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES
AND LIMITATIONS FOR TRANS-DMZ OPERATIONS
11. COMNAVFORV 230942Z OCT69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR BAUMBERGER, COMBS INFO NICKERSON AND BONNER FROM FLANAGAN
PHONG CHAU CLEARANCE OPERATION (U)
12. COMNAVFORV 230943Z OCT69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
FOR NICKERSON FROM FLANAGAN
PHONG CHAU CLEARANCE OPN (U)
13. CG FMFPAC 231721Z OCT69 (U) PERSONAL
FOR DOOLEY FROM WILSON
ENLISTED BARRACKS FOR CAMP HORN

14. CG FMFPAC 232143Z OCT69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE/MCEO *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON INFO FEELEY FROM BUSE
 ACTIVATION OF 1ST SERVICE BATTALION (U)

~~15. CG MCB CAMPEN 232310Z OCT69 (U)
 FOR NICKERSON FROM ROBERTSON
 ASSIGNMENT OF SIBGT COLUMAN~~

~~16. CG FMFPAC 240001Z OCT69 (U)
 FOR NICKERSON FROM BUSE
 PACIFIC FLEET COMBAT FUND~~

17. COMSERVPAC 240349Z OCT69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE *gp-4*
 FOR BONNER INFO ZUMWALT AND NICKERSON FROM COMBS
 R AND U SUPPORT IN ICTZ (U)

18. CG AMERICAL DIV 240840Z (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
 FOR DOOLEY FROM COOKSEY
 LETTER FROM VC UNIT

19. COMUSMACV 300041Z OCT69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM TOWNSEND
 CONVENIENCE SALE OF CIGARETTES

20. COMUSMACV 300947Z OCT69 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
 HES JUDGMENTS

21. COMUSMACV 300948Z OCT69 (C) EYES ONLY *w/ gp-4 attachment*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS *gp-4*
 THUA THIEN PROPOSAL

~~22. CG NINTH MAW 300750Z OCT69 (U) PERSONAL
 FOR DOOLEY FROM GARNER~~

23. COMUSAMCV 311055Z OCT69 (C) EYES ONLY *group - not shown*
 FOR NICKERSON FROM ABRAMS
 VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE BROADCASTS, ICTZ

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SECRET/SPECAT/EXCL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FR MAJGEN SIMPSON
 ENEMY INTENTIONS (U)

1. (S) THIS RESPONDS TO YOUR QUESTION TO ME OF LAST SATURDAY REGARDING THE COURSE OF ACTION THE NVA/VC WILL MOST LIKELY PURSUE UPON WITHDRAWAL OF THE 3DMARDIV FROM NICTZ. WHATEVER HIS ACTIONS IN RVN, I BELIEVE THEY WILL ALMOST ASSUREDLY BE PRIMARILY POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AS OPPOSED TO BEING DICTATED BY EITHER MILITARY EXPEDIENCY OR DESIRABILITY.

2. (S) BEING RELATIVELY UNFETTERED BY A SPECIALIZED KNOWLEDGE OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES IN NICTZ OR OF PLANS FOR RE-DISPOSITION OF U.S. FORCES REMAINING, IT WILL BE EASIEST FOR ME TO DISPOSE OF THAT SITUATION FIRST BEFORE TURNING TO QUANG NAM. HERE'S HOW I SEE IT UP THERE:

A. THE WITHDRAWAL OF A MAJOR COMBATANT FORCE FITS NICELY WITH THE POLITICAL GOALS OF NVN; IN FACT, IT IS A MAJOR THEME. THEREFORE, DESPITE DISPARAGEMENT OF THE WITHDRAWAL AT PARIS,

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 FR MAJGEN SIMPSON

I FORESEE THE 3DMARDIV BEING ABLE TO EXECUTE DISENGAGEMENT WITH RELATIVE EASE -- PERHAPS UNDER SOME PRESSURE, BUT DECIDEDLY NOT ENOUGH TO GIVE PAUSE TO THE MOVEMENT.

B. FOLLOWING WITHDRAWAL, THERE WILL PROBABLY BE SOME PROBING TO DETERMINE LOCATION OF MILITARY VOIDS, BUT I SEE NO MAJOR INVASION BY THE NVA. INDEED, THERE IS NO NEED FOR IT, FOR THE NVA WILL HAVE ACHIEVED POLITICALLY WHAT, IT LEARNED THE HARD WAY, IT COULD NOT DO MILITARILY.

C. ON THE OTHER HAND, I WOULD THINK THE NVN WOULD MOVE QUICKLY TO CONSOLIDATE POLITICAL OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARISE THROUGH THE UNCERTAINTY OF THE PEOPLE AS THE RESULT OF REDUCED U.S. PRESENCE THERE. EMPHASIS WILL BE ON STRENGTHENING THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE COASTAL POPULATION CENTERS, PARTICULARLY HUE, AGAINST THE DAY -- WHICH THEY FULLY EXPECT TO COME -- WHEN ADDITIONAL U.S. TROOPS ARE WITHDRAWN.

3. (S) TURNING TO QUANG NAM, THE SITUATION WILL BE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT. THERE IS NO SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN U.S. COMMITMENT HERE. THEREFORE, CONTINUED OR EVEN INCREASED MILITARY PRESSURE MAY BE EXPECTED ON THE PART OF THE NVA/VC IN ORDER TO INFLICT CASUALTIES, STRENGTHEN THEIR HAND AT PARIS, DEMONSTRATE THEIR

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UBIQUITY TO ONE AND ALL, AND FOSTER THE ILLUSION THAT IT IS THROUGH MILITARY DEFEAT THAT U.S. TROOPS ARE FORCED TO LEAVE RVN. CERTAINLY, IF BY ANY RELAXATION OF SECURITY OR UNDUE CONCENTRATION OF U.S. FORCES DURING WITHDRAWAL THROUGH DANANG PORT, THE ENEMY COULD DELIVER A PUNISHING BLOW, I HAVE NOT THE SLIGHTEST DOUBT HE WOULD SEIZE THAT OPPORTUNITY, AS HE DID WITH THE 9TH INFANTRY DURING WITHDRAWAL LAST SUMMER. SHORT OF THAT, I BELIEVE WE MAY EXPECT CONTINUED SHORT, SHARP MILITARY ENGAGEMENTS WITHOUT MAJOR CONCENTRATION OF HIS FORCES, ATTEMPTS TO ENCROACH UPON AREAS OF GOVERN-

MENT CONTROL AND TO ATTACK BY FIRE THE VITAL AREA, AND CONTINUED MASSIVE EFFORTS AT PROSELYZING THE CITIZENRY IN SORT OF A COUNTER PHUNG-MUANG PROGRAM.

4. (S) THE REAL BONUSES THE ENEMY WILL ACHIEVE THROUGH THE WITHDRAWAL OF 3DMARDIV AND THE ATTENDANT REDISPOSITION AND THINNING OUT OF REMAINING U.S. UNITS ARE:

A. THE ABILITY TO REOPEN SHORTER LOC. I HAVE IN MIND BA LONG AND A SHAU VALLEY, THE LATTER OF COURSE, HAVING A DIRECT EFFECT UPON HIS ABILITY TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM.

B. THE EASING OF MANPOWER SHORTAGES IN NVA UNITS LOCATED IN RVN BY VIRTUE OF REDUCED FVMAF THREAT IN THE DMZ. THIS ALSO

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COULD HAVE AN EFFECT IN QUANG NAM.

C. RELEASE OF NVA UNITS WHICH WERE TIED TO THE DMZ TO PURSUE CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF HOLDINGS IN LAOS.

5. (S) MILITARY IMPACT ON QUANG NAM WILL PROBABLY NOT BE IMMEDIATE AND MAY INDEED NOT BE APPARENT UNTIL AFTER THE MONSOON. THE FORM THAT IT TAKES THEN WILL DEPEND ON U.S. POLICY ANNOUNCEMENTS DURING INTERVENING MONTHS.

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 TO LTG NICHOLSON CG III MAF
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SUBJ: III MAF DEEP SURVEILLANCE AND RECONNAISSANCE STUDY
 REF: LTR, HQ, III MAF, SUBJ AS ABOVE, CITE NR 00109969, DTD
 22 SEP 69.

1. I HAVE CAREFULLY STUDIED THE REF PLAN FOR DEEP RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE (R&S) OPERATIONS AND THOUGH IT APPEARS SOUND IN CONCEPT I RECOMMEND IT NOT BE IMPLEMENTED IN XXIV CORPS WITHOUT SOME MODIFICATIONS IN THE CONTROL MECHANISMS.
2. NATURALLY I FEEL THAT MY HEADQUARTERS HAS THE STAFF, CAPABILITY AND COMPETENCE TO EMPLOY ALL AVAILABLE R&S RESOURCES IN RESPONSE BOTH TO OUR OWN NEEDS AND YOUR INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS. OUR EXPERIENCE WITH THE DELTA FORCE HAS, IN MY OPINION, PROVEN THE VALUE OF NORMAL CONTROL AND COORDINATION CHANNELS IN DEEP R&S OPERATIONS. I KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN WHICH SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE ACQUIRED BY DELTA FORCE HAS NOT BEEN PASSED QUICKLY TO YOUR STAFF, AND I BELIEVE THE TARGETING OF DELTA RECON TEAMS HAS BEEN RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS.
3. ONE ASPECT IN PARTICULAR OF THE DEEP R&S CONCEPT IN REF STUDY GIVES ME CONCERN. THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM) AND PARTICULARLY ITS AIR CAVALRY SQUADRON, ARE WELL CONFIGURED FOR QUICK, FORMIDABLE REACTION TO ENEMY INCURSIONS ACROSS THE WESTERN DMZ AND THE LAOTIAN BORDER. MULTIPLE, SMALL III MAF RECON ZONES IN THOSE AREAS WOULD INHIBIT SWIFT REACTION, AND IN MY OPINION, A LARGE, PERMANENT SURVEILLANCE AND RECON ZONE (SARZ) WOULD SERIOUSLY RESTRICT OUR REACTION CAPABILITIES.
4. I WOULD, OF COURSE, BE DELIGHTED TO EMPLOY THE MARINE FORCE RECON COMPANY IN XXIV CORPS AO. I HAVE SEEN IT IN OPERATION ALONG WITH THE RECON TEAMS OF THE 3D MAR RECON BN AND I KNOW THESE TEAMS TO BE AS EFFECTIVE AS THEY ARE GALLANT. I AM CONVINCED HOWEVER THAT DIRECTION, COORDINATION AND SUPPORT OF THESE DEEP R&S OPERATIONS WOULD BE ENHANCED UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF XXIV CORPS IN THE USUAL MANNER.
5. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: FIRST AVAILABLE DUTY HOURS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM ZUMWALT

PBR OPERATIONS IN CAU DAI/HOI AN RIVER COMPLEX (U)

A. CTG 115.1 301338Z8 SEP 69 → *Attached*

1. (C) REF. A REPORTED RESULTS OF PBR PROBES INTO SUBJECT RIVER BASIN COMPLEX. THESE PROBES DEMONSTRATED ABILITY OF PBR'S TO TRANSIT THROUGH INLAND WATERWAYS FROM DANANG TO HOI AN AND TO PATROL 45 KM OF WATERWAY IN THIS AREA THAT ARE NOT NAVIGABLE TO PCF.

2. (C) IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE RIVER DIVISION 521 CURRENTLY BASED AT TAN MY IS UNDEREMPLOYED AND THAT THEIR MAJOR OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS COULD BE ASSUMED BY RAG 32 IF THAT UNIT WERE REDEPLOYED TO THE HUE AREA. SUCH AN EXCHANGE COULD FURTHER THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE (CAU DAI/HOI AN AREA SINCE IT WOULD PERMIT PBR'S TO EXTEND OPERATIONS AND PACIFICATION EFFORTS TO AREAS NOT OPEN TO PCF'S.

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 3. (C) IF YOU CONCUR, REQUEST YOU DISCUSS WITH CG I CORPS POSSIBILITY EFFECTING DEPLOYMENTS OF RAG 32 AND RIVDIV 521 AS RECOMMENDED ABOVE.

R. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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

PBR OPS WRAP-UP (C)

1. (C) THREE PBR OF RIVDIV 543 OPERATED IN HOI AN AREA 22-23 SEPT. PRESENTLY DAMAGED FOR REPAIR/UPKEEP, AND INTEND RETURN CUA VIET 4 OCT. PROVIDED REPAIRS ACCOMPLISHED, TWO MORE DAYS OPS MAY BE POSSIBLE IN HOI AN AREA.

2. (C) PBR'S SOILED DAMAGED TO HOI AN ON SONG VIEW DIEN WITH FEW PROBLEMS. WOODEN BRIDGE AT BT 232647 REQUIRED REMOVAL OF CANOPIES/RADARS AND FOUR HOURS WHEHAULING TO GET THROUGH LILY PADS WHICH HAVE NOW

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BEEN REMOVED.

3. (C) PBR'S WENT WEST ON HOI AN/CAU LAU/DIEN BINH/RY LAM/THU BOK RIVERS TO AT 963563 OR FIVE KILOMETERS SHORT OF LIBERTY BRIDGE (AT 925531), THEREBY PATROLLING NORTHERN EDGE OF GO NOI ISLAND.

4. (C) IN THE HOI AN AREA, PBR'S CIRCLED XUYEN LONG ISLAND AND THEN WENT THROUGH THE MIDDLE (MASS CENTERED ON BT 1454).

5. (C) PBR'S WENT SOUTH ON TRUONG GIANG TO BT 220460.

6. (C) FIREFIGHTS AT BT 155542, BT 135543, BT 170522, AT 972565

7. (C) GDA: 2 VC CIA (1 DOW), 13 BUNKERS, 5 SAMPANS DEST, 5 LB DOCUMENTS,

300 LB RICE, 3 SAMPANS, 1 RUSSIAN FLAG, 1 CARBINE, 3 GRENADES, 250 RDS S/A AMMO CAPTURED. BLEW TONS OF LILLY PADS AND 3 BRIDGE PILING.

8. (C) COMMENTS: PBR'S PATROLLED 45 KM OF RIVER NOT OPEN TO SEA TIGER SWIFTS, GOING TO THE PRESENT LIMITS OF NAVIGATION TO THE WEST AND SOUTH OF HOI AN. THIS ADDITIONAL 45 KM IS NORMAL AO OF R 20, Q 82, Y 89, V 25, Q 81, AND 3 OD ENEMY UNITS (INDIAN COUNTRY). AS THE RIVERS RISE WITH MONSOON, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO GO WELL TO THE WEST OF PRESENT OPN'S, EXCEPT THAT LIBERTY BRIDGE IS PROBABLY NOT PASSABLE. AREA WEST OF LIBERTY BRIDGE IS ALSO CHARACT-

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PAGE THREE RHMCS DG 7773 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 ENHANCED BY HIGH BANKS ALLOWING THE ENEMY EASY OBSERVATION AND FIRE.
 PBR .50 CAL. CANNOT ELEVATE SUFFICIENTLY TO FIRE AT HIGH BANKS.
 ENEMY OB THIS AREA IMPRESSIVE.
 9. (C) PBR'S ARE GENERALLY AN EFFECTIVE FIGHTING UNIT IN THIS AREA,
 ALTHOUGH IN SHALLOW AREAS PUMPS CLOG EASILY LEAVING BOAT EXTREMELY
 VULNERABLE TO ENEMY ACTION.
 10. (C) FOR CG III MAF: REQUEST CONSIDER MAKING BRIDGES AT
 BT 031648 AND AT 925531 SWING, DRAW OR PONTOON TO ALLOW 16 FT VERTICAL
 CLEARANCE AT ANY WATER STAGE FOR PBR PASSAGE.
 11. (C) IN SUMMARY, PBR OPS ARE FEASIBLE, SUITABLE, ACCEPTABLE AND
 HIGHLY DESIRABLE IN THIS AREA. PROBABILITY STILL EXIST THAT WITH ONE
 FOOT MORE WATER AND MODIFICATION OF LIBERTY BRIDGE WE CAN GET TO
 THUNG DUC, THEREBY WINNING CHAMPAGNE PROMISED BY HOI AN SECTOR.
 12. (C) LT JONES COMRIVDIV 543 AND HIS FINE CREWS TURNED IN FOUR
 POINT ON JCB.

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4. (S) THE 213TH VNAF SQDN HAS 22 UH-1 HELICOPTERS ASSIGNED BUT WILL NOT BE FULLY OPERATIONAL UNTIL 1 NOVEMBER BECAUSE OF A PILOT SHORTAGE. UNTIL THAT TIME, THEY WILL PROVIDE ONLY 6 TO 8 AIRCRAFT PER DAY TO ALL OF I CORPS. EVEN AFTER BECOMING FULLY OPERATIONAL, ONLY 5 TO 7 AIRCRAFT CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE TO THE 1ST ARVN DIV TO SERVICE THE NEEDS OF 17 INF BNS, 6 CAV SQDNS AND THE COMMAND ELEMENTS OF 4 REGTS.

5. (S) OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE 101ST ABN DIV WHEN THE 3D MAR DIV DEPARTS WILL TAX AIRMOBILE ASSETS TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN EVER BEFORE. THE 101ST MUST CONCENTRATE UPON AIR CAV RECONNAISSANCE AND AIRMOBILE PATROLS IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE AO TO ACQUIRE TARGETS AND HARD INTELLIGENCE NECESSARY IF THE DIVISION IS TO COVER AN AO EXPANDED BY OVER 25 PER CENT. THE 5TH MECH AND 2D ARVN REGT WILL EXPERIENCE AN EVEN GREATER EXPANSION OF THEIR AO'S (OVER 100 PER CENT) WHEN THE 3D MAR DIV DEPARTS. THE 5TH MECH ALSO WILL ASSUME MANY AIR MISSIONS FORMERLY PERFORMED BY THE 3D MAR DIV WHICH REQUIRE AIRMOBILE ASSETS (.G., LONG RANGE PATROLS, DMZ PATROLS, REACTION FORCES, DEFOLIATION, AND AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF ITS AO).

6. (S) FOR THE ABOVE REASONS REQUEST XXIV CORPS BE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING MISSION ESSENTIAL AVIATION AUGMENTATION:

- A. ONE ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY (ONE GUN PLATOON AND TWO AIRLIFT PLATOONS) WITH AN ATTACHED MAINTENANCE DETACHMENT; AND
 - B. FOUR OH-6A'S TO INCLUDE FLIGHT CREWS AND APPROPRIATE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT TO AUGMENT THE 5TH MECH'S AVIATION SECTION
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THE FOLLOWING IS THE MESSAGE WE PROPOSE TO SEND TO MACV BY
 FRONT CHANNEL CONCERNING HELICOPTER SUPPORT. RECOMMEND
 YOUR APPROVAL.

QUOTE

FROM: CG, XXIV CORPS, PHB
 TO: COMUSMACV, SGN
 INFO: CG, III MAF, DNG
 CG, USARV, LBN
 CG, 101ST ABN DIV (AM), CEE

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT.

1. (S) REDEPLOYMENT AND REPOSITIONING OF ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST MAF
 DRASTICALLY REDUCE HELICOPTERS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT US AND ARVN
 FORCES IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF XXIV CORPS. CG, III MAF HAS AD-
 VISED THAT 1ST MAF ASSETS CANNOT BE ALLOCATED TO SUPPORT OF XXIV
 CORPS OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, FULL CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED
 FOR REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT ON A MISSION BASIS. ACCORDING-
 LY, CG III MAF HAS AUTHORIZED DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH MACV ON
 THIS PROBLEM.

2. (S) WHEN THE 3RD MAR DIV DEPARTS, THE 1ST BDE, 5TH MECH AND
 THE 2D ARVN REGIMENT WILL BE THE PERMANENT FORCES REMAINING IN
 THE NORTH PART OF THE CORPS AO. PRESENTLY, BOTH UNITS ARE SUPPORT-
 ED BY THE 1ST MAF.

A. THE 5TH MECH HAS 4 UH-1H AND 4 OH-6A HELICOPTERS. THESE
 ARE INSUFFICIENT TO MEET THE BRIGADE'S HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS.
 THE 1ST MAF PROVIDES THE BRIGADE 2 TO 3 CH-46 MISSIONS DAILY AND
 4 TO 6 CH-46'S AND 2 GUNSHIPS FOR EVERY COMBAT ASSAULT.

B. THE 2D ARVN REGT IS DEPENDENT ON THE 1ST MAF FOR HELICOPTER
 SUPPORT. THE REGT RECEIVES 1 TO 2 CH-53 AND 3 TO 6 CH-46 MISSIONS
 DAILY. IT ALSO REQUIRES 4 TO 6 CH-46'S AND 2 GUNSHIPS FOR EVERY
 COMBAT ASSAULT AND 3 CH-53'S FOR PERIODIC ARTILLERY MOVES.

3. (S) THE COMBAT PROFICIENCY OF TERRITORIAL FORCES HAS INCREASED
 TO THE POINT THAT THEY DESIRE TO CONDUCT AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS.
 FOR EXAMPLE, ON 6 OCT, THUA THIEN PROVINCE, IN COORDINATION WITH US
 AND ARVN FORCES, WILL CONDUCT AN AIRMOBILE OPERATION IN WHICH 5 RF
 COMPANIES WILL COMBAT ASSAULT INTO AN OBJECTIVE AREA IN PHU THU
 DISTRICT. THOUGH THESE OPERATIONS STRAIN XXIV CORPS' AIR ASSETS,
 THEY ARE HIGHLY DESIRABLE AND COMPLEMENT THE OVERALL CORPS CA-

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PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM (U)

A. COMNAVFORV INSTR 1502.1

1. (C) ORIGINATOR HAS DEVELOPED SOME IDEAS FOR UTILIZING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE EXISTING PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM, PRESCRIBED BY REF A AND OTHER DIRECTIVES, TO INCLUDE COVERAGE OF SOME NEW MATERIAL DESIGNED TO IMPROVE RACE RELATIONS BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE AMERICAN SAILORS OF THIS COMMAND. SINCE THIS MATTER COULD CONCEIVABLY ATTRACT INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE PRESS, I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU IN ADVANCE OF WHAT I HAVE IN MIND, AND SOLICIT YOUR COMMENTS OR CONCURRENCE.

2. (C) ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF THE PRESENT PLAN OF ACTION OF THIS COMMAND TO REDUCE RACIAL TENSION HAS BEEN TO WORK THROUGH THE SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISORS TO IDENTIFY VARIOUS GENERAL SOURCES

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OF IRRITATION AND DISSATISFACTION, WITHOUT PARTICULAR REGARD TO RACIAL OVERTONES. IN MOST CASES, THE SOURCES OF IRRITATION COULD BE ELIMINATED BY AVAILABLE ADMINISTRATIVE MEANS, SOON CLEARLY IDENTIFIED. IN A FEW CASES, THE SOURCES OF IRRITATION WERE JUDGED NOT TO BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO ELIMINATION FOR VALID MILITARY REASONS, E.G., NO LIBERTY IN ICTZ. AS THE MORE EASILY CORRECTED GENERAL SOURCES OF IRRITATION HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED OR MITIGATED, THE MATTER OF IRRITATIONS SUFFERED BY, OR CAUSED BY, EITHER BLACK OR WHITE INDIVIDUALS AND GROUPS, HAS ASSUMED GREATER IMPORTANCE.

3. (C) INITIAL STEPS TAKEN BY THIS COMMAND TO REDUCE INTERNAL RACIAL TENSIONS WERE TO ELIMINATE THE DISPLAY OF CONFEDERATE FLAGS AND WOODEN CARVINGS OF A GLENCHED FIST, AND THE RENDERING OF BLACK POWER SALUTES IN CLUBS AND MESSES. THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH LOW-KEY VERBAL ORDERS TO THE SECURITY FORCE, MAA'S, AND CLUB MANAGERS. THESE VERBAL ORDERS HAVE APPLIED TO ALL PERSONNEL ABOARD ANY NSA DANANG CANTONMENT, WORK AREA, OR CLUB, REGARDLESS OF THE SERVICE OR CIVILIAN AFFILIATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL. FOR EXAMPLE, CONFEDERATE FLAGS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON ANY VEHICLE ENTERING NSA SUPPLY DEPOT, REGARDLESS OF THE PARENT ORGANIZATION OF THE PEOPLE IN THE VEHICLE. I BELIEVE THIS POLICY HAS SERVED TO REDUCE RACIAL

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 TENSIONS, BUT OF COURSE I HAVE NO MEASURE OF ITS EFFECT. THE ONLY
 FEEDBACK HAS BEEN TWO COMPLAINTS FROM STATE OFFICIALS THAT CITIZENS
 OF THEIR RESPECTIVE STATES WERE PROHIBITED FROM DISPLAYING THEIR
 STATE FLAGS; APPARENTLY THE OFFICIALS WERE SATISFIED WHEN INFORMED
 THAT THE PROHIBITION WAS NOT AGAINST STATE FLAGS BUT ONLY AGAINST
 CERTAIN SYMBOLS THAT COULD REASONABLY BE INTERPRETED AS ANTI-CIVIL
 RIGHTS OR BLACK POWER, AND THUS TEND TO INCREASE RACIAL TENSION
 IN A WAR ZONE. (WE WILL SOON DISPLAY AT THE NSA SPECIAL SERVICES
 MARINA AS MANY DIFFERENT STATE FLAGS AS WE CAN OBTAIN).

4. (C) DURING THE PAST YEAR, THIS COMMAND HAS OBTAINED EVIDENCE
 THAT A FEW RACIAL INCIDENTS WERE CAUSED BY INDIVIDUALS ACTING
 IN RESPONSE TO ADVICE RECEIVED FROM OTHERS IN CONUS, AND NOT
 DIRECTLY RELATED TO CONDITIONS IN THIS COMMAND OR EVEN IN VIETNAM.
 AFTER NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH MY TWO SENIOR ENLISTED ADVISORS,
 ONE WHITE AND ONE BLACK, IN COMPANY WITH MY CHIEF OF STAFF AND C. O.
 ENLISTED PERSONNEL, I HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE PREPONDERANCE OF RACIAL
 INCIDENTS WERE ARISE IN RESPONSE TO ATTEMPTS, REAL OR IMAGINED, ON
 THE PART OF DIVISION OFFICERS AND PETTY OFFICERS TO: (A) DENY BY
 SUBTLE OR CONSCIOUS MEANS FULL EQUAL TREATMENT TO MINORITY, MEAN-
 ING BLACK, INDIVIDUALS (B) DISCRIMINATE IN ASSIGNMENTS TO LESS DE-

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 SIRABLE OR MORE DANGEROUS DUTIES (C) MAKE BIASED RECOMMENDATIONS
 FOR ADVANCEMENT (D) USE OR CONDOLE-LANGUAGE OFFENSIVE TO BLACK
 INDIVIDUALS.

5. (C) ACCORDING TO THIS NOTION, A BLACK SAILOR WHO HAD BEEN BROOD-
 ING OVER A RECENT INCIDENT OF THE TYPE REFERRED TO ABOVE WOULD BE
 MORE PRONE TO JOIN IN AN INCIPIENT DEMONSTRATION OF BLACK POWER, OR
 PROTEST; THIS ACTION IS TAKEN IN AN ATTEMPT TO "EVEN UP THE SCORE"
 FOR THE PERSONAL "SLIGHT" RECEIVED RATHER THAN IN RESPONSE TO POLI-
 TICAL EXHORTATIONS HE MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED FROM OUTSIDE BLACK POWER
 ACTIVISTS.

6. (C) THIS RATIONALE LED TO THE IDEA OF USING THE PRINCIPLES OF THE
 PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM TO IMPROVE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACCEPT-
 ANCE OF BLACK AND WHITE CULTURES AND INDIVIDUALS. ONE EXPERIMENTAL
 TECHNIQUE I PROPOSE TO TRY IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMALL DISCUSSION
 GROUPS WITHIN EACH DIVISION OR SECTION TO EXAMINE FRANKLY AND CAN-
 DIDLY WHAT ARE THE SOURCES OF RACIAL TENSION, AND WHAT COULD AND
 SHOULD BE DONE IN THAT PARTICULAR DIVISION/SECTION TO IMPROVE RACIAL
 RELATIONS.

7. (C) RATHER THAN START ANOTHER PROGRAM, I INTEND TO EXPAND THE
 PRESENT PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM WITHIN THIS COMMAND TO INCLUDE THE

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 FOREGOING IDEAS. BEFORE LAUNCHING THIS EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE COMMAND,
 HOWEVER, I PLAN TO TRY IT OUT ON REPRESENTATIVE SMALL GROUPS TO MAKE
 SURE IT IS NOT COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE.

8. (U) WARM REGARDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MESSRS. ROSSOTTI AND OSTEN

REFERENCE: COMUSMACV (GENSER) 54262 DTG 240937Z EPT 69 (C)

1. DURING THE VISIT OF INDIVIDUALS SHOWN ABOVE, THE SUBJECT OF NATIONAL SECURITY STUDY MEMORANDA, I.E., NSSM'S, FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO AS NASSUMS (PHONETIC) MAY BE RAISED.
2. NSSM'S ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO BE DISCUSSED WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS IN ANY FORM OR FASHION. THESE ARE HIGHLY CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS THAT ARE NOT REPEAT NOT FOR DISCUSSION IN THE FIELD.
3. SHOULD THIS SUBJECT BE RAISED, EXPRESS NO REPEAT NO KNOWLEDGE OF NSSM'S.

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 BGEN CARNEY, AND BGEN DWYER

SUBJ: THIRD MARINE DIVISION DEPARTURE CEREMONY

1. SUBJECT CEREMONY IS SCHEDULED FOR 071030H NOV 69 IN A FIRST MAW HANGAR AT DANANG. III MAF MARINES ENTHUSIASTICALLY CONTRIBUTING TOWARD MAKING THIS A TRULY INSPIRING, DIGNIFIED, AND APPROPRIATE TRIBUTE TO THE RECORD OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION SINCE 8 MARCH 1965. GUEST LIST WILL INCLUDE NUMEROUS HIGH RANKING ARVN AND U.S. MILITARY LEADERS. PRESS, RADIO, AND TV COVERAGE ARRANGED.
2. DUE TO SPACE AND PERSONNEL LIMITATIONS, THE GUTS OF THE CEREMONY WILL CENTER ON THE MASSED BATTALION AND REGIMENTAL ORGANIZATIONAL COLORS. NO PARTICULAR REGIMENT WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED. EVEN THOUGH ON 7 NOVEMBER THE 9TH MARINES WILL BE ON OKINAWA AND THE 3D MARINES IN CONUS, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THEY BE RECOGNIZED FOR THE CONSIDERABLE PART THEY PLAYED IN THE FOUR-AND-A-HALF YEARS OF COMBAT HISTORY BEING COMMEMORATED.
3. ACCORDINGLY, APPROVAL IS REQUESTED

FOR THE USE OF

THE BATTALION AND REGIMENTAL COLORS OF RLT-9 AND OF RLT-3 (AFTER THE EL TORO CEREMONY) FOR THE SUBJECT CEREMONY. APPROPRIATE SAFEGUARDS WILL BE TAKEN TO INSURE THE SECURITY OF THE COLORS IN TRANSIT TO AND FROM THE PARENT UNITS. BY SENDING 3RD MARINES COLORS BY COURIER FROM OKINAWA ON 8 NOVEMBER, THEY WILL REACH FIFTH MEF PRIOR TO 10 NOVEMBER. NO PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED AND NO EXTRA EXPENSE TO THE GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED.

4. IF APPROVAL IS GRANTED, DIRECT LIAISON WITH INTERESTED COMMANDS IS ALSO REQUESTED.

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 SUBJ: EFFECT OF WEATHER ON OPNS IN XXIV CORPS AO.
 REF: CG XXIV CORPS (FOR G2), SUBJ AS ABOVE, DTG 071815Z OCT 69
 (C) (GENSER)

1. (C) PARA 4 REF MSG INCLUDES STATEMENT THAT 1/54 ARVN EXECUTED A COMBAT ASSAULT BY SMALL BOAT ON 7 OCT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OPERATION SATURATE. THIS IS INCORRECT. WATER MOVEMENT WAS SUSPENDED AT LAST MINUTE AND REPORT OF SUSPENSION DID NOT REACH XXIV CORPS UNTIL AFTER DISPATCH OF REF MSG.
2. (C) WATER MOVEMENT OF 1/54 ARVN HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED AND WE WILL NOTIFY YOU WHEN IT IS EXECUTED. ABOVE INFORMATION IS BEING TRANSMITTED VIA GENSER CHANNELS ALSO.
3. REGARDS.

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 LTG CORCORAN CG I FFORCEV NHA TRANG
 LTG EWELL CG II FFORCEV LONG BINH
 LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORP PHU BAI
 MG WETHERILL CG DMAC IV CTZ CAN THO
 YS-OLC/COL HEALY CO 5TH SF GP I FFORCEV NHA TRANG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 13174 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: OCTOBER COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE OCTOBER COMMANDER'S WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, 25 OCTOBER 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 LUCNHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV AT THE COMMAND MESS.
4. (U) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1500 HOURS, 25 OCTOBER 1969. GP-4

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 TO CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO CG III MAF
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MGEN JONES SENDS FOR LIGEN ZAIS INFO LIGEN NICKERSON

SUBJ: SAPPER-TYPE ATTACK SOUTH OF ROUTE 9

1. THIS IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE "L" 3/4 ACTION COMMENCING AT 090015H OCTOBER 69. ENEMY BODIES HAD DARK CAMOUFLAGE COLORING, WORE SHORTS OR WERE COMPLETELY NAKED, AND SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOLLOWED TYPICAL SAPPER ATTACK PATTERN.

2. THE 3D PLATOON OF "L" 3/4, WHILE IN ITS DEFENSIVE POSITION AT YD 016562, RECEIVED AN ATTACK FROM THE SOUTH AND EAST BY AN ESTIMATED 2 PLATOONS OF NVA. ATTACK WAS CHARACTERIZED BY AN INTENSE VOLUME OF RPG FIRE FROM A BASE OF FIRE APPROXIMATELY 60 METERS TO THE SOUTH OF THE PLATOON POSITION, TOGETHER WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE, SMALL ARMS FIRE, GRENADES, AND SACHEL CHARGES, FOLLOWED BY THE GROUND ATTACK. A LISTENING POST AND AN M-60 MACHINE GUN POSITION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PLATOON POSITION HAD OBVIOUSLY BEEN PREVIOUSLY LOCATED AND WERE WIPED OUT IN THE FIRST RPG VOLLEY. THE LINES WERE PENETRATED BY TWO SAPPERS, BOTH OF WHOM WERE KILLED. THE PLATOON RESPONDED TO THE ATTACK BY IMMEDIATELY CALLING IN 81MM MORTAR FIRE AND ARTILLERY ILLUMINATION PLUS RETURNING FIRE WITH THEIR ORGANIC WEAPONS. AT 090045H SPOOKY WAS REQUESTED AND AT 090135H CAME ON STATION. AT THAT TIME, THE ENEMY CEASED ITS MAIN ATTACK. AT 090100H, "L" 3/4 DISPATCHED A SQUAD FROM THE KHE GIO BRIDGE (YD 026)62) TO REINFORCE THE PLATMON POSITION. THIS SQUAD ARRIVED AND COMMENCED ITS REI FORCING MISSION AT 090215H. AT 090230H, "C" 3/5 WAS ORDERED TO MOVE TO THE VICINITY OF KHE GIO BRIDGE TO REINFORCE THAT LOCATION, AND AT 090315H, WAS IN POSITION APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS TO THE EAST OF THE KHE GIO BRIDGEM AT 090210H, "E" 2/4 WAS ALERTED AND HELICOPTERS WERE ORDERED TO BE PREPARED TO LIFT INTO AN LZ AT YD 003552 AT FIRST LIGHT. AT 090345H, A FLARE SHIP ARRIVED ON STATION, AND AT 090355H, SPOOKY WAS RELIEVED ON STATION BY ANOTHER SPMOKY. EMERGENCY AND PRIORITY MED-EVAC

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WAS COMPLETED AT 090440H. AT 090600H, THE 3D PLATOON "L" 3/4 ATTACKED TO THE SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS BUT DID NOT MAKE CONTACT. THE PLATOON THEN SEARCHED THE AREA OF CONTACT AND FOUND 7 NVA (C), 2 AK-47'S, 7 AK-47 MAGAZINES, 6 CHI COM GRENADES, AND 30 SATCHEL CHARGES. ALSO FOUND WERE 5 NVA UNIFORMS WITH ALL ORGANIZATIONAL MARKINGS TORN OFF. THE RESULTS OF CONTACT WERE:

FRIENDLY	ENEMY
8 KIA	9 NVA (C)
7 WIA (E)	

3. DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, "E" 2/4 INTRODUCTION INTO THE AREA WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL 091030H AT THE LZ YD 003552. THIS COMPANY COMMENCED SWEEPING FROM WEST TO EAST. AT THE SAME TIME TO THEIR SOUTH, ONE COMPANY FROM SECOND BATTALION, SECOND ARVN, WEST OF CAMP CARROLL, BEGAN SWEEPING FROM EAST TO WEST.

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**FOR 2200
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Believe FMFPac should
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102210 14 Oct. PAC had
MSB and will take action.
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZEUMBERGER INFO LGEN NICKERSON, LGEN BUSE
 AND MGEN TOWNSEND FROM ZUMWALT
 MARINE SHOOTING AT AMERICAN EMBASSY (U)

1. (C) FYI, THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO
 THE SAIGON PRESS CORPS AT ABOUT 1000 ON THURSDAY, 9 OCT
 BY THE MISSION PRESS CENTER: QUOTE AT ABOUT 4:45 A.M. ON
 OCTOBER 9 A SHOOTING INVOLVING U.S. MARINES OCCURRED AT
 THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON. AN EARLY REPORT REVEALS
 THAT ONE MARINE ON DUTY AT THE EMBASSY WAS SHOT AND KILLED
 AND A SECOND MARINE WAS SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. THEIR NAMES WILL
 BE RELEASED AFTER NOTIFICATION OF NEXT OF KIN. PARA
 AT ABOUT 0630 HOURS AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES TOOK
 INTO CUSTODY CORPORAL ALBERT L. SMITH, 22 YEARS OF AGE,
 OF COOLIDGE, ARIZONA. HE WAS APPREHENDED IN HIS QUARTERS.

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PARA HE IS NOW BEING HELD BY U.S. MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND
 A FULL INVESTIGATION IS BEING CONDUCTED. UNQUOTE

2. (C) MR. ED SAVAGE, PRESSCENTER CHIEF, REPLIED TO PRESS
 QUERIES AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

QUESTION: WHAT KIND OF A WEAPON WAS USED?

ANSWER: AN M-16 RIFLE.

QUESTION: WERE ANY OF THE MILITARY INVOLVED BLACK?

ANSWER: YES, THE MAN IN CUSTODY IS BLACK.

QUESTION: DOES THIS INCIDENT REFLECT RACIAL TENSION AMONG
 THE MARINE COMPLEMENT AT THE EMBASSY?

ANSWER: THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO INDICATE IT WAS A RACIAL
 INCIDENT. FULL DETAILS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT COMPLETE
 INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT.

QUESTION: WERE ALL THE MARINES INVOLVED ON DUTY AT THE TIME?

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: HOW MANY MARINES WERE ON DUTY, OR ARE NORMALLY
 ON DUTY AT THE EMBASSY?

ANSWER: THIS IS SECURITY INFORMATION WHICH CANNOT BE
 DISCLOSED.

QUESTION: IS THIS THE FIRST TIME AN INCIDENT SUCH AS THIS

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HAS OCCURRED AT THE EMBASSY HERE?

ANSWER: YES.

QUESTION: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD IS UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF THE AMBASSADOR. WHY ARE MILITARY AUTHORITIES CONDUCTING THE INVESTIGATION?

ANSWER: FOR DISCIPLINARY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES MARINE SECURITY GUARDS REMAIN UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE MILITARY.

QUESTION: HOW LARGE IS THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAIGON?

ANSWER: THIS IS ALSO A MATTER OF SECURITY.

QUESTION: WHERE IS THE MAN IN CUSTODY NOW?

ANSWER: HE IS IN THE CUSTODY OF AMERICAN MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

QUESTION: IN THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD ORGANIZATION WAS THE VICTIM SUPERIOR TO OR SUBORDINATE TO THE MAN IN CUSTODY?

ANSWER: THE VICTIM WAS A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER, SUPERIOR IN RANK TO THE MAN IN CUSTODY.

QUESTION: WELL, WHAT WAS HIS RANK?

ANSWER: AS I SAID HE IS A NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICER. WE

PAGE FOUR RUYVSYD 0363 I O N F I D E N T I A L
WILL RELEASE HIS SPECIFIC RANK WHEN WE RELEASE HIS NAME AFTER HIS NEXT OF KIN HAS BEEN NOTIFIED.

QUESTION: HAS THE MAN IN CUSTODY BEEN IN COMBAT?

ANSWER: YES, AS A MATTER OF FACT HE HAS RECEIVED THREE PURPLE HEARTS. HE PREVIOUSLY SERVED A COMBAT TOUR IN VIETNAM IN 1967. HE ARRIVED HERE THIS TIME LAST SPRING.

QUESTION: WHEN DID THE VICTIM ARRIVE?

ANSWER: HE ARRIVED ALSO EARLY THIS YEAR.

QUESTION: HOW COME, WITH THE EXTENSIVE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS YOU HAVE AT THE EMBASSY THE MAN IN CUSTODY WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE THE GROUNDS AFTER THE INCIDENT?

ANSWER: MARINES ON DUTY HAVE FREE ACCESS INTO AND OUT OF THE EMBASSY COMPOUND.

QUESTION: WAS THE MAN IN CUSTODY UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS?

ANSWER: WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THIS BUT FULL DETAILS WILL HAVE TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF THE INVESTIGATION.

QUESTION: HAS THE MAN IN CUSTODY BEEN CHARGE IN THIS CASE?

ANSWER: THE CASE IS STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION. UNQUOTE
3. (C) AFTER THE INCIDENT THE SUSPECT DEPARTED THE COMPOUND

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 AND ARMY MP'S WERE CALLED IN TO ASSIST IN APPREHENSION.
 WHEN THE MAN WAS APPENDED THE SAIGON PROVOST MARSHAL WAS
 ASKED TO TAKE IMMEDIATE CUSTODY PENDING INVESTIGATION BY
 NAVAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE OFFICE, VIETNAM.
 2. (C) ONE MAN WAS DEAD ON ARRIVAL AT HOSPITAL. SECOND
 MAN WAS SHOT THROUGH FINGER AND HAS UNDERGONE SURGERY
 NO LOSS OF FUNCTION ANTICIPATED. THE COMMAND OF ALL
 CONCERNED IS THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD BATTALION (STATE
 DEPARTMENT), WASHINGTON, D.C.
 3. (C) REUTERS WIRE SERVICE HAS CARRIED THE STORY THAT THE
 SHOOTING OCCURRED BECAUSE OF A RACIAL DISPUTE. WE CANNOT
 CONFIRM OR DENY THIS POINT UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS
 COMPLETED. ASSOCIATED PRESS ADVISED ORIGINATOR THAT IT IS
 SAYING THE ALLEGED SUSPECT IS BLACK BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE
 OF RACIAL DIFFERENCES. AP WAS TOLD ON BACKGROUND BY MISSION
 PRESSCENTER THAT QUOTE IT APPEARS CORPORAL SMITH JUST GOT
 MAD AT HIS BOSS AND SHOT HIM UNQUOTE.
 6. (C) MISSION PRESS CENTER IS ANSWERING ALL QUERIES.
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FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN SIMPSON, MGEN JONES, MGEN THRASH, AND RADM
 BONNER INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, RADM ROSENBERG, CAPTS NORDBERG AND
 EVEN FROM BRINGLE

EIGHTH VIETNAMESE AWARDS CEREMONY

1. THE PLEASURE OF YOUR COMPANY IS REQUESTED AT THE EIGHTH VIETNAMESE
 AWARDS CEREMONY WHICH I AM HOSTING ABOARD THE USS NEW ORLEANS (LPH-
 11) IN DANANG HARBOR ON WEDNESDAY, 15 OCT. THE OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE

PAGE 2 RUHJSPA1269 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PARTY IS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE AT DANANG AB ABOUT 0940 FM SAIGON AND
 ARRIVE ABOARD NEW ORLEANS AT 1000. THE CEREMONY WILL COMMENCE AT
 1015 AND BE FOLLOWED BY AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION AND LUNCHEON.
 THE OFFICIAL PARTY WILL DEPART AT 1330. ADM J. J. HYLAND,
 CINCPACFLT, WILL BE THE SENIOR U. S. OFFICER PARTICIPATING
 IN THE CEREMONY. LTGEN NICKERSON AND I WILL BE ABOARD.

2. BEST REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR BGEN DOOLEY FROM BGEN WILSON
 GENERAL DESTINATION OF REDEPLOYING UNITS (U)

- A. CG FMFPAC 102014Z OCT 69 (U)
- B. OASD(PA) NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 785-69 OF 22 SEP 69
- C. CMC 111132Z OCT 69 (U)

1. (C) REF A WAS PREPARED BY FMFPAC ISO IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE TEXT OF REF B RELATIVE TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL DESTINATION OF DEPLOYING UNITS. APPARENTLY OASD(PA) FAILED TO COORDINATE RELEASE OF REF B WITH EITHER CINCPAC OR MACV. CINCPAC PAO WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT INFORMATION HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED, UNTIL COPY OF REF B DISCOVERED LATE 9 OCT. REGRET ABBREVIATED DISTRIBUTION OF REF A.

2. (U) REDUCTION OF TOURS REPORTED IN PARA 2 OF REF A WAS ANNOUNCED AS "VIETNAM TOURS"; HOWEVER, ALMAR PUBLISHED BY REF C PROVIDES FOR 365-DAY PORTAL-TO-PORTAL TOURS FOR ALL WESTPAC FMFPAC PERSONNEL. THIS HEADQUARTERS IS ISSUING AMPLIFYING IN-

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ASSIGNMENT OF SENIOR ARMY INTELO TO HQ III MAF
 A. CG III MAF 120910Z/OCT69

1. I HAVE NOT OFFICIALLY REQUESTED HQMC TO PROVIDE A RELIEF FOR CANTON. IT WAS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT DZIALO WAS SUITABLE TO YOU IF YOU COULD FIND A REPLACEMENT FOR HIM AMONG OFFICERS IN YOUR COMMAND.
2. LOU WILSON REQUESTED GEORGE DOOLEY TO INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS IF SUCH A REPLACEMENT WAS AVAILABLE. IF IN FACT THERE IS NO OFFICER WITH THE NECESSARY QUALIFICATIONS, I BELIEVE IT PROPITIOUS TO REQUEST CMC TO FURNISH A LIST OF OFFICERS AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO EXAMINE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS. IF NONE ARE SUITABLE AND DEPENDING ON THE STATUS OF THE MERGER OF III MAF

PAGE 2 RUHFMA 2114 S E C R E T M C E O
 AND XXIV CORP'S HEADQUARTERS THE QUESTION OF AN ARMY INTELLIGENCE STAFF OFFICER CAN BE TAKEN UP DURING MY VISIT IN LATE OCTOBER.

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FOR
 C6 aide has sighted
 enemy
 Capt Wagner

Is Sgt Lee joining?

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RHMCAON/USS NEW ORLEANS
RUMFVJD/CTF SEVEN SIX

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

FOR BGEN LEE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON, RADM ROSENBERG, CAPTS
NORDBERG AND EVEN FROM BRINGLE
EIGHTH VIETNAMESE AWARDS CEREMONY (U)

1. I AM HOSTING THE EIGHTH VIETNAMESE AWARDS CEREMONY ABOARD
THE NEW ORLEANS ON 15 OCT IN DANANG HARBOR. I WOULD BE
PLEASED OF YOU COULD ATTEND. I EXPECT ADM J. J. HYLAND,
CINCPACFLT, TO BE THE SENIOR U.S. OFFICER PRESENT AND LTGEN
NICKERSON AND I WILL ALSO BE THERE. THE OFFICIAL VIETNAMESE
PARTY WILL ARRIVE AT 1000 AND THE CEREMONY WILL START AT
1015. SO IF YOU COULD ARRANGE TO BE ABOARD BY 0945 WE MIGHT

PAGE TWO RUMJSPA1612 C O N F I D E N T I A L
HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BRIEF MEETING BEFOREHAND. THE
CEREMONY WILL BE FOLLOWED BY AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION AND
LUNCH WHICH I HOPE YOU WILL ALSO BE ABLE TO ATTEND.

2. BEST REGARDS.

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 P 132048Z OCT 69
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
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 ZEN/CG THIRD MAW
 RUWJNVA/CG FIFTH MARDIV
 INFO RUEBHOA/CMC
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PERSONAL FOR: LTGEN NICKERSON; MAJGEN JONES; MAJGEN OWENS;
 BGEN DWYER. INFO: GEN CHAPMAN; MAJGEN FONTANA, FROM LTGEN BUSE
 1. THE PERFORMANCE OF FMFPAC UNITS AT THE HOMECOMING CEREMONY
 FOR THE 3D MARINES WAS SUPERB. ORGANIZED ON SHORT NOTICE
 AND IN PRESENCE OF NATIONAL NEWS MEDIA THE APPEARANCE, PROFES-
 SIONALISM AND DEMEANOR OF ALL THE PARTICIPATING TROOPS WAS
 OUTSTANDING. AFTER AN OVERNIGHT PLANE RIDE THE 3D MARINES
 WERE A HALLMARK OF NEATNESS AND PRECISION. I AM PROUD OF
 YOU ALL. WELL DONE. LTGEN BUSE.

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7 0 11 0 ACD 1057 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: MORATORIUM INCIDENT

1. THE INCIDENT REPORTED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OCCURRED AT COMPANY C, 1ST BN., 52ND INF., 193TH INF BDE, AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 HOURS, 15 OCTOBER 1969.
2. THE REPORTER, CHARLES RYAN, ARRIVED AT A FIELD LOCATION AT APPROXIMATELY 1030 HOURS. REPORTS WERE INDICATED THAT ONE OFFICER AND FOUR ENLISTED MEN WEARING BLACK MATERIAL TIED AROUND ONE ARM WERE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. IN THE CASE OF LT. JESSE ROSEN, PLATOON LEADER OF THE 2ND PLATOON, THE MATERIAL WAS A BLACK SOKO. COMMENTS MADE WERE EXPRESSED AS INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT OF THE MORATORIUM. THE MISSION OF THE UNIT WAS NOT AFFECTED BY THESE INDIVIDUAL EXPRESSIONS. THE COMPANY IS ON A SWEEP MISSION NORTHWEST OF QUANG NGAI CITY AND HAD SUCCESSFULLY ENGAGED AND KILLED TWO ARMED VIET CONG PRIOR TO THE REPORTER'S ARRIVAL AT THE COMPANY'S LOCATION.
3. (FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY BECAUSE I HAVE NOT YET CONFIRMED) INFORMATION WERE REVEALS THAT LT. ROSEN'S MOTHER IS A SUPPORTER OF DR. SPOCK'S ANTI-WAR MOVEMENT.
4. LT. ROSEN WAS AWARE OF THE MORATORIUM AS THE RESULT OF A TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE HE READ YESTERDAY. THE MAGAZINE ARRIVED AT THE COMPANY LOCATION 14 OCTOBER ON A SUPPLY HELICOPTER.
5. I PLAN TO GO TO THE LOCATION TOMORROW AND TALK TO LT. ROSEN. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

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O 160359Z ZYH ZFF-1
 FM BG COOKSEY CG AMERICAL DIV
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF
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SUBJECT: MORATORIUM INCIDENT

1. THIS MORNING I VISITED LZ STINSON, HEADQUARTERS OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 52ND INFANTRY, AND TALKED WITH THE 198TH BRIGADE COMMANDER, THE BATTALION COMMANDER AND LT JESSE ROSEN, THE PLATOON LEADER QUOTED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.
 - 2; LT ROSEN IS AND HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING PLATOON LEADER AND HIS PLATOON HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN COMBAT.
 3. AFTER TALKING WITH LT ROSEN AND HIS COMMANDERS AND IN VIEW OF HIS OTHERWISE HIGH STANDARDS OF PERFORMANCE, I DO NOT PLAN TO TAKE PUNITIVE MEASURES AGAINST LT ROSEN OR THE OTHER FOUR MEMBERS OF HIS PLATOON. HOWEVER, ALL COMMANDERS ARE AGAIN BEING CAUTIONED TO BE ALERT TO THIS PROBLEM.
 4. IF THE SITUATION CHANGES IN ANY WAY, I WILL ADVISE YOU ASAP.
- WARM REGARDS

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REFERENCES: A. III MAF DTG 150330Z OCT 69
 B. III MAF DTG 161320Z OCT 69
1. COMUSMACV HAS READ BOTH REFERENCES.
2. HE CONCURS IN PARA 4, REFERENCE B.
3. WARM REGARDS-

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

RE: [illegible]

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FOR THE DIRECTOR OF THE FBI

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MACCZ-ADSA

20 October 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR: CG III MAF

SUBJECT: Possible Involvement of LTG Lam in Russian Trawler Incident of
17 October 1969

I accompanied General Lam on a tour of the 12th DTA on 17 Oct 69. During a mid-day luncheon, hosted by BG Toan at 2d ARVN Division Headquarters, conversation briefly centered upon the Russian trawler. What seemed idle table talk at the time may, in retrospect, have been of greater significance. As accurately as I can recall the setting, significant events and pertinent bits of conversation are as follows:

1. Conversation throughout the luncheon was light, varied, and participated in by all present (see attached list).
2. That portion of the conversation pertaining to the trawler occurred during mid-meal and lasted only a minute or two.
3. Immediately preceding discussion of the trawler, LTC Binh, who was seated on my left, spoke with LTG Lam in Vietnamese, departed the room for a few moments and, upon return, reported back to General Lam in Vietnamese.
4. General Lam then commented in English that the Russian trawler was eight miles offshore. He said "I give order to shoot". His mood was jovial and seemingly not one of concern or serious intent. I recall that my thoughts of the moment were brief admiration for his ability to gain rapid intelligence in what seemed an almost whimsical request to LTC Binh for information. The potentialities of an international incident also flashed through my mind but were dismissed as the entire mood was one of joviality and his brief comment appeared to be simply attempted facetiousness.

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5. A general discussion ensued concerning the probability of the trawler carrying electronic surveillance equipment, the fact that its movements were being followed by the US Navy, and the vagaries of the limits of territorial waters among nations.

6. The luncheon conversation turned to other subjects, no further mention was made of the trawler. LTC Binh did leave the table a second time - again in response to instructions in Vietnamese from General Lam and again for only a few moments. I have no knowledge of whether this second departure concerned the preceding trawler discussions or was simply the execution of some routine administrative task.

7. The luncheon terminated at approximately 1330 hours. General Lam and the Vietnamese officers departed on private business (presumably their customary mid-day rest). They were rejoined by the advisors at 1500 and the tour of the 12th DTA continued. No further mention of the trawler was made.



CARLISLE B. COX JR.
LTC, AR
Asst Deputy Senior Advisor

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LTG Lam	CG I Corps
MG Timmes (Ret)	CIA Saigon
Mr. Terret	CIA Quang Ngai
BG Toan	CG 2d Div (Host)
COL Luat	DCG 2d Div
COL Sachers	SA 2d Div
Mr. Dillery	SA Quang Ngai Province
LTC Pho	G-2 2d Div
LTC Binh	G-2 I Corps
LTC Cox	ADSA I Corps

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LTG WILBREN USAF LONG BINH
LTG WICKERSON III USAF DANANG
RADM FLANAGAN NAVFORV SAIGON
ZEM

- CONFIDENTIAL MACV 1351 EYES ONLY
1. THE WASHINGTON PRESS HAS INDICATED THAT GEORGE C. WALLACE, FORMER GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA IS PLANNING TO VISIT SEVERAL COUNTRIES IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC, INCLUDING SWI, EARLY IN NOVEMBER. HE WILL BE MAKING THE TRIP PURELY AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN AND WILL NOT BE TRAVELING UNDER ANY FORM OF U.S. GOVERNMENT SPONSORSHIP. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO MACV AT THIS TIME INDICATES THAT HE WILL BE TRAVELING BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT; HOWEVER, HIS PLANNED ITINERARY HAS NOT BEEN RELEASED TO PATT.
 2. MACV INTENDS TO WORK THROUGH THE U.S. MISSION ON THIS VISIT SINCE IT IS A VISIT BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN. HOWEVER, MILITARY HEADQUARTERS MAY BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE FOR BRIEFINGS AND/OR VISITS TO THE FIELD. IT IS DESIRED THAT ANY MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN THE VISIT BE AS LOW AS POSSIBLE. PHOTOGRAPHS OF MR. WALLACE WITH MILITARY LEADERS SHOULD BE AVOIDED AND VISITS WITH THE TROOPS AND TO MILITARY ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE HELD TO A MINIMUM.
 3. AS FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ITINERARY AND/OR FURTHER PUBLIC AFFAIRS SIGNIFICANCE IS AVAILABLE, IT WILL BE PASSED TO THOSE CONCERNED. FOR THE PRESENT, ANY PRESS QUERIES CONCERNING THE VISIT SHOULD BE ANSWERED AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE NO INFORMATION CONCERNING A VISIT BY FORMER GOVERNOR WALLACE." DECLINE TO COMMENT ON ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ADVISABILITY, DESIRABILITY OR SIGNIFICANCE OF SUCH A VISIT.

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SECRET MAC 13656 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: VISIT OF SIR ROBERT THOMPSON

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED SIR ROBERT THOMPSON TO COME TO RVN ON HIS BEHALF TO PROVIDE AN INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF THE SECURITY SITUATION AND THE GENERAL POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, AND MILITARY CONDITIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE ON 28 OCTOBER AND INTENDS TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH.
2. NO ITINERARY HAS BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE VISIT. HIS ENTIRE VISIT WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND BASED EXCLUSIVELY ON HIS DESIRES WHICH WILL BE MADE KNOWN SUBSEQUENT TO HIS ARRIVAL.
3. PLEASE ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IS MADE AVAILABLE TO SIR ROBERT THOMPSON BY EACH ADDRESSEE IN HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.
4. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION WILL BE FURNISHED AT THE MONTHLY COMMANDERS CONFERENCE ON 25 OCTOBER 1969.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR BGEN DOOLEY FROM BGEN
 WILSON

A. CG III MAF 191419Z/OCT69 (C)

1. GEORGE AXTELL HAS JUST INFORMED ME THAT MR. SHERIDAN,
 DOD ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR MILCON, (I&L), HAS APPROVED
 THE GO AHEAD FOR THE CAMP HORN BARRACKS. APPROVAL WILL
 PROBABLY TAKE THE FORM OF A SACK CHANNEL TO NACV.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN NICKERSON, MGEN
 SIMPSON, MGEN JGNES. MGEN THRASH, BGEN FEELEY, BGEN CARNEY,
 BGEN BARROW; INFO GEN CHAPMAN FROM LIGEN BUSE.
 IMPROPRIETIES IN CLUB/MESS OPERATIONS (U)
 A. CG FMFPAC 082014Z/OCT69 (U)
 1. (U) REFERENCE A CITED ADVERSE NOTORIETY IN NEWS MEDIA
 CONCERNING IMPROPRIETIES IN CLUB/MESS OPERATIONS AND DIRECTED
 COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS TO CRITICALLY SCRUTINIZE THEIR CLUB/
 MESS OPERATIONS.

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PAGE 2 RUHHFMA 3438 C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
 2. (U) REVIEW OF MARINE CORPS CLUBS AND MESS REGULATIONS AT HQMC
 AND THIS HQ INDICATES THAT REGULATIONS ARE SOUND, PRACTICAL AND
 PROVIDE PRUDENT CONTROLS.

3. (U) SUCH REVIEWS, GUIDANCE, DIRECTIVES AND ASSOCIATED
 DOCUMENTS, ARE USELESS UNLESS COMMANDERS ENSURE THAT CLUB AND
 MESS MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL ARE OPERATING IN COMPLETE COMPLIANCE
 WITH AUTHORIZED PROCEDURES.

4. (C) I AM IN RECEIPT OF INFORMATION WHICH ALLEGES THAT A
 RECENT RETURNEE FROM WESTPAC, WHO SERVED THERE IN A MANAGERIAL
 POSITION IN A CLUB, OBTAINED FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS "KICKBACK"
 MONEY. THIS CASE IS, NATURALLY, UNDER INVESTIGATION. IT POINTS
 OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IRRESPECTIVE OF THE APPARENT SOUNDNESS OF
 REGULATIONS, PERSONNEL SUFFICIENTLY CLEVER AND DETERMINED TO DO
 SO CAN FIND WAYS TO CIRCUMVENT THEM OR OTHERWISE COVER UP TO
 PROVIDE FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL GAIN.

5. (C) IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE CLEAN OUR OWN HOUSE. WE CANNOT
 AFFORD TO HAVE IT DONE PUBLICLY FOR US. WHATEVER REASONABLE
 STEPS MAY BE NECESSARY TO THIS END MUST BE TAKEN.

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 TO BG DOOLEY CS III MAF
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1. LTC PHO, G-2 2D ARVN DIV, INFORMED US THROUGH HIS ADVISOR, CPT WILLIAM R. LONSDALE, THAT A LETTER FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED VC UNIT WAS BROUGHT TO THE ARVN BN COMMANDER AT LZ YOUNG BY PFC JESSE HARRIS WHEN HE RETURNED FROM CAPTIVITY ON 22 OCT 69. THE LETTER PURPORTEDLY STATES THAT IF THE ARVN FORCES REMAIN ON LZ YOUNG AND DO NOT ENGAGE IN OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY, THE VC WILL ALSO ABSTAIN FROM INITIATING OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY. IT FURTHER STATED THAT ADDITIONAL PW'S WOULD BE RELEASED AND/OR HAD BEEN RELEASED AND LISTED THE NAMES OF SEVERAL PW'S.

2. THIS INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO US IN CONFIDENCE. LTC PHO IS INVESTIGATING AND REQUESTS THAT WE TAKE NO ACTION. HE WILL KEEP US ADVISED. IN TURN I WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.

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FM COMNAVSUPACT DANANG

TO RUYVSYD/COMNAVFORV

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

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZUMWALT, LT GEN NICKERSON, AND RADM COMB3
FROM BONNER

R AND U SUPPORT IN ICTZ (U)

A. CINCPACFLTINST 5450.20 W/CH-1

1. (C) I SEE SIGNS OF INCREASING PROBLEMS IN THE AREA OF R & U SUPPORT FOR ARMY UNITS RELOCATING IN ICTZ. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO BRING THESE PROBLEMS TO YOUR ATTENTION BEFORE THEY GO CRITICAL.

2. (C) THE BASIC PROBLEM IS AS FOLLOWS: WHILE REF A DESCRIBES IN GENERAL TERMS THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF NSA DANANG TO A DEGREE ENTIRELY ADEQUATE FOR OPERATIONS TO DATE, IT IS SILENT OR INCONCLUSIVE AS TO HOW TO HANDLE REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL R & U SUPPORT FOR ARMY UNITS MOVING FROM ONE BASE CAMP TO ANOTHER IN-COUNTRY. IT IS WELL UNDER-

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STOOD BY ALL THAT NSA DANANG IS TO CONTINUE ALL SUPPORT FUNCTIONS RELATED TO MARINE CORPS UNITS, MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO IN SUPPORT OF ARMY UNITS CURRENTLY SUPPORTED IN ICTZ (BOTH COMMON USER AND OTHERWISE), AND PROVIDE COMMON USER SUPPORT TO ALL FWMAF IN ICTZ. IT IS ALSO AN ESTABLISHED WORKING PRINCIPLE THAT THE ARMY SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO TAKE OVER ANY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS FROM THE NAVY IN ICTZ WHICH WILL NOT BE CONTINUED AFTER THE XXIV CORPS RELIEVES THE III MAF, EXCEPT IN SPECIAL CASES.

3. (C) ALL OF THE FOREGOING LEAVES UNANSWERED THE QUESTION AS TO WHO SHOULD PROVIDE R & U AND MINOR CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT FOR THOSE ARMY UNITS RELOCATING WITHIN OR INTO ICTZ. IN MANY CASES ARMY UNITS ARE PLANNING ON SPREADING OUT IN AND REMODELING CANTONMENTS FORMERLY OCCUPIED BY MARCORPS/SEABEE UNITS, THUS GENERATING A SIZEABLE PUBLIC WORKS TYPE WORKLOAD WHICH THEY WANT NSA DANANG TO ASSUME. ALSO THE ARMY UNITS STATE THAT THEY ARE NOT SELF-SUFFICIENT TO THE EXTENT THAT THE FORMER OCCUPANTS WERE, AND THUS ARE SEEKING NOT ONLY MODIFICATIONS TO CANTONMENTS, AND CONTINUED R & U SUPPORT AS PROVIDED TO THE FORMER OCCUPANTS, BUT ALSO AN EXPANSION OF THE LATTER SUPPORT. A NATURAL QUESTION IS: WHAT IS THE ARMY DOING WITH THE PUBLIC WORKS TYPE SUPPORT EQTS (GENERATORS, ECT.) WHICH HAVE BEEN PROVID-

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ING R & U SUPPORT TO THE RELOCATING UNITS IN THEIR FORMER BASE CAMPS? IT APPEARS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT WITH NO INCREASE IN POPULATION, BUT MERELY A RELOCATION OF CERTAIN UNITS, A CONCURRENT RELOCATION OF ARMY R & U SUPPORT EQTS AND PERSONNEL SHOULD BE BOTH FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE. ARMY CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR R & U ARE A COMPLICATING FACTOR, BUT THE ARMY HAS APPARENTLY DONE NO ADVANCE PLANNING IN THE PREMISES.

4. (C) MY APPROACH TO DATE HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY TO DECLINE TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ARMY UNITS RELOCATING IN ICTZ. THE ARGUMENT IS NOT AS CLEAR AS I WOULD LIKE, BECAUSE IT PARTIALLY HINGES ON WHETHER, FOR EXAMPLE, R & U SUPPORT OF AN AIR-FIELD TAKEN OVER FROM I MAW BY THE ARMY IS OR IS NOT IN THE CATEGORY OF COMMON USER SUPPORT. I HAVE MAINTAINED THAT IT IS NOT.

5. (C) BEHIND MY PRESENT POSITION IS THE STARK NECESSITY OF OPERATING WITHIN AN O&MN BUDGET THAT HAS BEEN REDUCED BY 20 PER CENT, AND THE DESIRE TO RELEASE PERSONNEL TO MEET URGENT REQUIREMENTS OF COMNAVFORV AND CINCPACFLT. THE TROUBLE WITH THIS POSITION IS THAT UNLESS IT IS CONCURRED IN BY HIGHER LEVELS, NSA DANANG IS IN DANGER OF BEING BRANDED A "NO CAN DO" OUTFIT IN JOINT COUNCILS UP THE LINE.

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6. (C) I BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT THE PRINCIPLE NEEDS TO ESTABLISHED AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAT THE ARMY SHOULD PLAN TO SUPPORT ITSELF RATHER THAN RELY ON THE NAVY UNDER THE CONDITIONS NOTED ABOVE. NATURALLY, REASONABLE TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS AND COMPROMISES COULD BE ALLOWED FOR.

7. (U) AS A RELATED CONSIDERATION, IT IS BECOMING CLEAR THAT THE REDUCTION IN SUPPORT REQUIRED BY A SMALLER NUMBER OF TROOPS IN ICTZ IS BY NO MEANS PROPORTIONAL TO THE NUMBER OF TROOPS DEPARTING. SINCE JULY THERE HAS BEEN A 5 PER CENT REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL SUPPORTED IN ICTZ, WITH NO DECREASE IN TONNAGE OF RATIONS ISSUED. THIS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CHANGE IN TEMPO OF OPERATIONS WHEREBY THE PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION OF A & B RATS HAS INCREASED. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS WATER, POWER, AND LIGHTS ARE NOW ALSO BEING GENERATED AS UNITS SCHEDULED FOR REDEPLOYMENT STAND DOWN AND RETURN TO COMBAT BASES FOR PACKUP AND/OR ARE ABLE TO UTILIZE A HIGHER STANDARD OF LIVING. THIS EFFECT WILL PROBABLY BE ACCENTUATED IF THE COMBAT LEVEL CONTINUES TO DECREASE. THEREFORE IT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO REDUCE O&MN FUNDING AT A RATE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO TROOP WITHDRAWALS.

8. (U) REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE AND/OR COMMENTS.

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9. (U) WARM REGARDS

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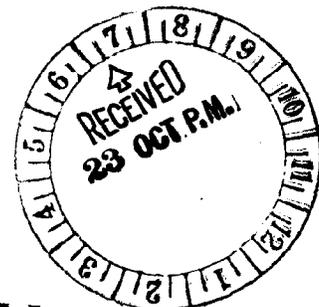
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1. COMUSMACV APPRECIATED YOUR MSG 190030Z OCT 69 CONCERNING
ASSESSMENT OF ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS FOR TRANS-
DMZ OPERATIONS.

2. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR STUDY WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE.
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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM BAUMBERGER AND RADM COMBS, INFO
 LIGEN NICKERSON AND RADM BONNER FROM FLANAGAN
 PHONG CHAU CLEARANCE OPERATION (U)

A. COMNAVFORV 180129Z1 OCT 69

1. (C) REF A FORWARDED REQUEST FOR CNO DECISION ON SUBJECT
 OPERATION. THE FOLLOWING QUOTED MSG WAS RECEIVED AS A PER-
 SONAL FROM LIGEN NICKERSON AND EXPRESSES HIS CONCERN AND
 INTEREST IN THIS OPERATION.

QUOTE 1. (C) THE MOTOR VESSEL PHONG CHAU CONTINUES TO
 BLOCK THE UNRESTRICTED USE OF AN IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL PIER
 IN THE DANANG RIVER. THE HULK MUST BE MOVED ASAP TO FREE
 THAT PORTION OF THE DANANG PORT FACILITIES FOR MILITARY
 AND COMMERCIAL SHIPPING. THE UNRESTRICTED USE OF DANANG
 HARBOR IS A MILITARY NECESSITY PARTICULARLY DURING THIS

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PAGE TWO RUMUGKD4086 C O N F I D E N T I A L
 CRITICAL PERIOD WHEN THE VIETNAMIZATION OF THE CONFLICT
 IS SHIFTING HEAVY OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS ON I CTZ
 COMMANDER.

2. (C) IN VIEW OF PRESENT CONGESTION OF PORT FACILITIES
 AND REQUEST FROM GVN FOR REMOVAL OF OBSTRUCTION, INTEREST
 OF U.S. GOVT IS CLEAR CUT, NOT BORDERLINE.

3. (C) PHONG CHAU SUNK ON 6 JUNE 1969. OWNERS GIVEN
 UNTIL 15 OCT 1969 BY GVN TO REMOVE VESSEL BY COMMERCIAL
 SALVAGE OR OTHER MEANS. UPON FAILURE OF OWNERS TO
 ACCOMPLISH OR EVEN COMMENCE ANY SALVAGE OPERATION, THE GVN
 HAS TAKEN OVER, HAS REQUESTED U.S. FORCES TO REMOVE
 OBSTACLE WITH OUR FACILITIES ON AND AFTER 16 OCT 1969,
 AND HAS FURNISHED REQUIRED RELEASE OF LIABILITY TO U.S.

4. (C) SINCE OWNER DID NOT OBTAIN COMMERCIAL SALVAGE
 WITHIN SPECIFIED TIME AND THE GVN HAS NOT INDICATED THAT
 SUCH WAS OR IS AVAILABLE WITHIN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE,
 IT IS SUGGESTED THAT REQUEST OF GVN BE HONORED AND
 CLEARANCE OPERATIONS BE COMMENCED IMMEDIATELY. UNQUOTE.
 END OF PERSONAL FROM GEN NICKERSON.

2. (C) FEEL EARLY DECISION NEEDED IN VIEW CG III MAF

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PAGE THREE RUMUGKD4086 C O N F I D E N T I A L.
STATEMENT OF URGENCY. YOUR ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING ACTION
THROUGH OPNAV MAY BE NEEDED. IT APPEARS THAT LEGAL
PROBLEMS INCIDENT TO WHETHER OR NOT PHONG CHAU WAS TO BE
LIFTED WHOLE, OR SECTIONED, HAVE BEEN RESOLVED BY GVN ACTION.
AS SOON AS CNO DECISION REACHED WE CAN COMMENCE REMOVAL.
3. SINCERE PERSONAL REGARDS.

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

SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM RADM FLANAGAN
PHONG CHAU CLEARANCE OPN (U)

A. CG III MAF 220718Z OCT 69

B. COMNAVFORV 180129Z OCT 69

1. (C) YOUR CONCERN WITH SUBJ CLEARANCE OPS APPRECIATED AND VADM ZUMWALT AND I SHARE YOUR FRUSTRATION. UNFORTUNATELY, CNO AND CINCPACFLT GUIDANCE ON SALVAGE OPERATIONS MOST EXPLICIT. COMNAVFORV CONSIDERS THIS GUIDANCE CONSTRAINS HIS FREEDOM OF ACTION AND THAT THE DECISION ON PHONG CHAU SALVOPS MUST BE MADE BY CNO.

2. (C) MY FORCE JUDGE ADVOCATE VISITED THE OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SALVAGE IN WASHINGTON ON 17 OCT AND DISCUSSED CLEARANCE OF PHONG CHAU. SUPSALVAGE INDICATED THAT APPROVAL WOULD BE GIVEN WHEN REQUEST REACHED CNO FOR DECISION. REQUEST IS CURRENTLY IN HANDS OF COMSERVPAC (REF B PERTAINS) AND SHOULD BE FORWARDED SHORTLY TO CNO VIA CONCPACFLT. TO EXPEDITE THEIR ACTION

PAGE TWO RUMUGKD4087 C O N F I D E N T I A L

I AM TAKING THE LIBERTY OF PASSING REF A TO COMSERVPAC, CNSA DNG AND CINCPACFLT.

3. (U) WILL ENSURE THAT YOU ARE KEPT INFORMED ON STATUS OF REQUEST, BUT CANNOT PROCEED WITH CLEARANCE OPS UNTIL CNO APPROVES. WILL PUSH FOR EXPEDITIOUS ACTION. SINCERE PERSONAL REGARDS.

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UNCLAS E F T O PERSONAL FOR BGEN DOOLEY FROM BGEN WILSON
 1. FOLLOWING WAS RECEIVED TODAY FROM GEORGE AXTELL.

QUOTE:

SUBJ: LII 177701, EM BARRACKS, DA NANG.
 REF: (A) COMUSMACV NG 57326, DTG 111143Z OCT
 69, SAME SUBJECT; (B) NAVY LOT 049 DTD 18 AUG
 69; (C) S

IDEF MSG (S) 7753, DTG 281325Z AUG. -S-

1. SUBJECT LINE ITEM HAS BEEN RECONSIDERED.
2. IN VIEW OF ADDITIONAL INFO PROVIDED BY REF
 (A) WHICH INDICATES THAT PHASE II DRAW2, AT
 CAMP HORN WILL REDUCE STRENGTH BY ONLY 48
 ENLISTED MEN, PROJECT IS CONSIDERED TO QUALIFY
 UNDER PARA 3C, REF (C).
3. ACCORDINGLY, APPROVAL OF REF (B) IS EXTENDED

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 2. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN NICKERSON INFO
 BGEN FEELEY FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY.
 ACTIVATION OF 1ST SERVICE BN (U)

1. (S) THE FLC WAS EVOLVED TO MEET THE UNIQUE REQUIREMENT OF LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTING TWO MARDIVS AND A HEAVILY TASK ORGANIZED MAW IN THE RVN-PECULIAR COUNTERINSURGENCY ENVIRONMENT AND HAS ACCOMPLISHED ITS MISSION IN A MOST COMMENDABLE MANNER. WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE THIRD MARDIV AND SELECTED UNITS TO FIRST MAW (REAR) IT APPEARS TO ME ADVISABLE TO CONSIDER A RETURN TO OUR SVC BN/MMSG AND FSR CONCEPT OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
2. (S) IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RECONSTITUTE THE 1ST SVC BN PRIOR TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION IN PHASE 6 IN ORDER THAT THE DIVISION MAY ONCE AGAIN HAVE

PAGE TWO RUHFMA 3755 S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 ITS PRIMARY LOGISTIC ORGANIZATION. EARLY RECONSTITUTION
 OF THE SERVICE BATTALION WOULD PROVIDE EXPERIENCE IN
 A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING THE
 VALIDITY OF THE T/O AND TE.

3. (S) PLEASE PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ME DURING MY FORTHCOMING WESTPAC TRIP. WARM REGARDS.

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 FM COMSERVPAC
 TO NAVSUPPACT DANANG
 INFO COMNAVFORV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM BONNER
 INFO VADM ZUMWALT, LTGEN NICKERSON FM COMBS
 R AND U SUPPORT IN I CTZ (U)

- A. COMVAVSUPPACT DANANG 230420Z OCT 69.
- B. MACV DIR 415-8 OF 26 JAN 1968.
- C. COMNAVFORV LTR SER 1079 OF 3 APR 69 NOTAL.
- D. COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG 221409Z FEB 68 NOTAL.
- E. COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG 231150Z OCT 69 NOTAL.

1. (C) AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF NAVY FROM A COMMON SUPPORT ROLE IN I CTZ IN HARMONY WITH REDUCTION OF U.S. MARINE CORPS THERE, THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS SEEM EVIDENT:

- A. THE NAVY R AND U EFFORT SHOULD NOT INCREASE AT ARMY SITE WHERE ARMY HAS REPLACED MARCORPS/SEABEES AND THE ARMY AT THESE SITES SHOULD RELIEVE THE NAVY AS SOON AS PRACTICAL.
- B. THE NAVY SHOULD NOT BE TASKED TO PROVIDE R AND U SUPPORT TO ARMY AT ANY NEW SITES THEY MAY ESTABLISH.

2. (C) THESE CONCLUSIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH PRINCIPAL OUTLINED IN PARA SIX OF REF A. PARA 2G

OF REF B EMPHASIZES THIS SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY, WHEREIN ASSIGNMENTS OF MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOD DOMINANT USER CONCEPT. IN NEGOTIATING CURRENT ISSA WHICH WAS FORWARDED BY REF C, THIS WAS THE SPECIFIC STAND TAKEN BY THE ARMY IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE LEVEL OF R AND U SUPPORT TO BE PROVIDED AT DONG HA. REF D PERTAINS. I CONSIDER THAT THE DEPARTURE OF THE MARINES FROM NORTHERN I CTZ OFFERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO RENEGOTIATE THE PROVISIONS OF THE CURRENT ISSA AS IT PERTAINS TO R AND U SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE NAVY AT DONG HA, QUANG TRI AND EVEN THE GIA LE AREA, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER IS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE PHU BAI COMPLEX. THERE IS AS YOU KNOW, A NMCB CAMP AT GIA LE AND IT IS CONSIDERED THAT MODIFICATION TO CANTONMENTS THAT MIGHT BE REQUESTED BY THE ARMY IN THIS AREA COULD PROPERLY BE UNDERTAKEN BY THIS CB UNIT. AM SURE THAT YOUR CURRENT PLANS FOR THE UTILIZATION OF CBMU-301 HAVE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION THE DEPARTURE OF THE MARINES FROM NORTHERN I CTZ AND THE EMERGENCE OF THE ARMY AS THE DOMINANT USER.

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3. (C) I AGREE WITH COMMENT CONTAINED IN PARA 7 OF REF A THAT IT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO REDUCE O AND M NOVEMBER FUNDING AT A RATE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL TO TROOP WITHDRAWALS. HOWEVER, SUCH HAS BEEN THE PHILOSOPHY UTILIZED BY DOD/CNO BUDGET REVIEWERS TO DATE. RECLAMAS BY CINCPACFLT/COMSERVPAC HAVE CONTINUALLY OPPOSED THIS APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM. AT THIS POINT IN TIME WE CANNOT ASSESS ACCURATELY THE SUCCESS OF THIS FIGHT.
4. (C) ALTHOUGH I CONSIDER THE PRINCIPLE OUTLINED IN PARA 6 OF REF A TO BE ALREADY ESTABLISHED, I BELIEVE THAT A PROPOSAL TO RENEGOTIATE THE CURRENT ISSA AS IT PERTAINS TO THE NORTHERN I CTZ WOULD REEMPHASIZE CURRENT MACV DIRECTIVES WHEREIN THE DOMINANT USER CONCEPT DETERMINES RESPONSIBILITY. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE DONE.
5. (C) REF ECHO, JUST RECEIVED, EMPHASIZES THE URGENCY OF THE MATTER. I WILL COMMENT OFFICIALLY ON THIS ALONG THE SAME GENERAL LINES AS CONTAINED HEREIN.

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 TO BG DOOLEY CS III MAF
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 REF: ACD 1080 EYES ONLY

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF THE LETTER DELIVERED BY PFC HARRIS

TO THE ARVN BN CO AT LZ YOUNG ON 20 OCT 69: QUOTE
 FROM: THE NLF QUANG NAM TO: CO 2/5 ARVN

2D ARVN DIVISION

TO EXECUTE THE RELEASE ORDER FROM THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NLF SOUTH VIET NAM ABOUT THE APPROVAL TO RELEASE THE WOUNDED AMERICAN NAMED "HARI" (SIC) SN 11 842 085 BELONGS TO THE 101ST AIR BORNE DIVISION CAPTURED BY LIBERATION SOLDIERS PERMITTED "RELEASED" TO REJOIN HIS FAMILY. WE HAND OVER TO YOU THIS WOUNDED AMERICAN, THAT YOU CAN HELP HIM TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NEAREST US UNIT.

THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME WE (NLF) HAVE RELEASED US PRISONERS BUT WE (NLF) HAVE DONE THE SAME THING MANY TIMES FOR NOT ONLY AMERICANS. PREVIOUSLY, WE (NLF) OF THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS HAD LIBERATED 30 ARVN OFFICERS AND THOUSANDS OF VN SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN FORCED BY THE US TO BE ARMED LACKEYS, AND WERE CAPTURED. AMONG THESE PRISONERS WERE MAJOR VO DUX MINH, COMMANDER OF THE 2D ENGINEER BN OF 1ST (I CORPS) TACTICAL ZONE, MAJOR LE VAN CU, ASSISTANT PROVINCE CHIEF AND INTERNAL SECURITY OFFICER OF PLEIKU PROVINCE, CPT VINH HO S-2 OF PLEIKU PROVINCE, CPT NGUYEN VAN NGOC, CO 2D BN, 51ST REGT (SEPARATE).

BY THE WAY, WE HAVE A MATTER THAT OUGHT TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN YOU AND US THAT RECENTLY THIEU, KY, AND THE US GOVERNMENT SPOKE ILL OF "AMERICANS COMING TO HELP VN". NIXON ANNOUNCED TO WITHDRAW 6000 TROOPS. IS IT THE GOOD WILL OF NIXON? IS THAT TRUE? THE STATEMENTS OF US POLITICIANS AND THE OPINIONS OF WESTERNERS UNCOVERED THE DISHONEST ARGUMENT. EXAMPLE: EISENHOWER 4 AUGUST 1953, "IF WE LOSE INDO CHINA THE IRON AND GOLD OF THIS AREA WILL BE LOST." ON 7 FEB 1966 AT HONOLULU, PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID, "WE SHOULD FIGHT AGAINST

HOLDING THE VIET CONG, OTHERWISE WE MAY HAVE TO FIGHT SOMEWHERE ELSE AT A GREATER COST." ON 16 JAN 1969, HUMPHERY (SIC) SAID, "FIRST OF ALL WE ARE IN VIET NAM BECAUSE OF NATIONAL INTEREST. BUT WITH 250,000 CASUALTIES THIS IS THE SECOND LARGEST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES THAT THE US HAS HAD IN ANY WAR." ON 13 JAN 1969 GENERAL ABRAMS SAID, ((THIS PORTION OF THE DOCUMENT WAS UNREADABLE))

SENATOR ROBERT KENNEDY SPOKE BEFORE A CROWD IN NEW YORK ON 7 FEB 1968 STATING, "IT IS TIME TO CONSIDER THAT THE WAR IN VIET NAM TODAY IS AGAINST THE INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY." "THIS WAR MAY CAUSE TRAGEDY FOR THE US." SENATOR MAGA(?) ALSO CONDEMNED THE WAR, "IT IS AN UNFORGIVABLE MATTER IF AMERICAN CASUALTIES ARE STILL RISING." THEREFORE SENATOR MCGOVEREN AND MASSIVE AMERICAN OPINION DEMANDED FROM NIXON THAT AMERICANS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN FROM VN RIGHT AWAY. THE NEW YORK TIMES ON 22 SEPT 69 JUDGED THAT "THE PROGRESSIVE WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN TROOPS IS TO DIMINISH THE AMERICAN DEMAND TO STOP THE WAR IN VN QUICKLY."

IT IS CLEARLY TRUE THAT US TROOPS CAME TO VIET NAM TO CONQUER AND NOW NIXON DECLARES THAT HE IS PULLING TROOPS OUT BECAUSE OF THE US'S FAILURE IN VIET NAM, AND BECAUSE OF US PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST THE WAR. THEREFORE, HE IS PULLING TROOPS OUT LITTLE BY LITTLE, QUELLING DEMANDS BY THE PUBLIC TO "PULL OUT OF VN NOW." THE ANTI-WAR FACTION IN THE US TO WITHDRAW RAPIDLY FROM A WAR THAT HAS COST MUCH MONEY AND MANY LIVES. BY DOING THIS, THE PARIS PEACE TALKS WILL PROGRESS. THIEU, KY, AND HIS AIDS KNOW THAT THE AMERICANS WOULD GO HOME. HENCE, THEY SENT THEIR WIVES AND CHILDREN TO ITALY AND SWITZERLAND AND THEIR GOLD TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES TO FALL BACK ON.

YOU ARE VIETNAMESE, ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE LED THE WRONG LIFE, YOU STILL DEEP INSIDE YOU HATE THE AMERICANS, WHO USE BOMBS AND AMMUNITION TO DESTROY HAMLETS AND VILLAGES IN VIETNAM. THE GRAVES OF ANCESTORS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNTOUCHED FOR MANY YEARS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY BULLDOZERS. MOURNING CLOTHES MUST BE WORN SEVERAL TIMES BY INNOCENT CHILDREN. THE HONOR OF THE VIETNAMESE HAS BEEN STEPPED ON. THE VIETNAMESE HAVE BEEN GROUND UNDER THE HEELS OF THE AMERICAN IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AND NO ONE WHO IS VIETNAMESE IS NOT PROUD WHEN THEY READ THE PROUD HISTORY OF VIETNAM AND THE CONFESSIONS OF THE ENEMY (FRENCH) IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S DIARY OF THE "TRAGEDY OF DIEN BIEN PHU AND GENEVA."

TODAY, AMERICAN MAGAZINES TELL ABOUT THE AMERICANS BOMBING THE RVN AND WINNING A VICTORY, BUT THE AMERICANS CANNOT DESTROY NVN BY BOMBING. THE LEADERS IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE PENTAGON HAVE TO CONFESS THAT THEY CANNOT WIN THE WAR BY MILITARY MEANS. ALTHOUGH OUR PEOPLE ARE FEW, THEY ARE HEROIC. WE DEFEATED TWO STRONG IMPERIALIST POWERS, AND ARE PROUD TO BE THE VIETNAMESE PATRIOTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY. THE WAR WILL END IN THE FUTURE, OUR COUNTRY WILL BE INDEPENDENT, AND OUR PEOPLE AND OUR COUNTRY WILL BE UNIFIED. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WILL HAPPEN, THE DAY WILL COME SOON.

WE PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING, WITH THE HELP OF THE PEOPLE AND THE COUNTRY; THAT BETWEEN THE 2/5 ARVN AND THE NLF NEITHER SIDE WILL ATTACK THE OTHER

IN AN ACTIVE MANNER. THIS MAY BE ACCOMPLISHED SECRETLY IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY. BOTH SIDES WILL TRY TO HELP THE PEOPLE IN LIVING TRAVELLING AND TRADING. WHEN LIBERATION TROOPS ATTACK "AMERICAN TROOPS", YOU WILL NOT REINFORCE THEM. IT WILL BE OF GREAT VALUE IF YOU CAN SECRETLY OR LEGALLY ACT WITH US TO DESTROY THE AMERICAN TROOPS.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, WE THINK THAT BOTH SIDE SHOULD SEND REPRESENTATIVES FOR A MEETING IN A LOCATION SUITABLE TO BOTH SIDES. THIS WILL BE FOR THE GOOD OF OUR COUNTRY. #18(2)

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THIEU, AND KY WENT DIRECT TO PARIS TO TALK WITH THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT, AND WITH THE PROVINCIAL SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. SO BETWEEN US VIETNAMESE, IT IS EASIER FOR US TO TALK TOGETHER. WE CAN TALK ABOUT GOALS AND BRING PEACE TO OUR COUNTRY. WE DESIRE YOUR ANSWER TO THE ABOVE ITEMS.

SINCERELY
UNIFICATION FOR RESISTANCE
AGAINST AMERICA
19 OCT 69
FOR QUANG NAM NLF
DONG LUONG / PROFESSOR

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2. LIC PHO, G-2 2D ARVN DIV, NO LONGER INTERPOSES ANY OBJECTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN MAC 14041 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: CONVENIENCE SALE OF CIGARETTES

1. (C-NOFORN) A MESSAGE HAS BEEN DISPATCHED WHICH WILL TERMINATE SALE OF CIGARETTES TO ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES WHICH HAVE BULK ACCOUNTS WITH THE VIETNAM REGIONAL EXCHANGE AND CAUSE THE DISCONTINUANCE OF CONVENIENCE AND COUNTER SALES OF CIGARETTES BY THE PACKAGE IN CLUBS, OPEN MESSES, EXCHANGES, ETC. THE PURPOSE OF THIS BACK CHANNEL IS TO PROVIDE YOU THE BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE OF THE ACTION.

2. (C-NOFORN) COMUSMACV APPROVED THE ACTION REFERRED TO ABOVE ON THE BASIS OF SUBSTANTIAL EVIDENCE THAT BULK ACCOUNTS OF CLUBS AND OTHER NAF ACTIVITIES ARE A SOURCE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF MERCHANDISE WHICH IS FUELING THE BLACK MARKET. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE CASE OF SOME OF THE FREE WORLD ALLIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE FWMAF CLUB WITH A MEMBERSHIP OF 160 PURCHASED

12,000 CARTONS OF CIGARETTES DURING A 10-DAY PERIOD. DISCONTINUANCE OF BULK SALES WILL ELIMINATE THIS BLACK MARKET SOURCE OF CIGARETTES AND CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT NEGOTIATION.

3. (C-NOFORN) THE ENTIRE SUBJECT OF CONTROLS TO CURB BLACK MARKET IN CURRENCY AND MERCHANDISE IS UNDER STUDY. FURTHER ACTIONS MAY BE EXPECTED.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN MAC 14077 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: HES JUDGMENTS

REFERENCE: DISCUSSION IN COMMANDERS WHEU, SATURDAY, 25 OCT 69

1. (C) IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT ASSESSMENTS OF PROGRESS IN PACIFICATION CONTINUE TO BE REALISTIC, I.E. THAT THE RATINGS IN THE HAALLET EVALUATION SYSTEM (HES) BE OBJECTIVE AND CONSISTENT WITH CONDITIONS.

2. (C) REQUEST THAT ALL ADVISORS BE REMINDED OF THE NEED FOR ACCURACY IN THEIR REPORTING AND THE NECESSITY FOR EACH TO INSURE THAT REPORTS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT INADVERTENTLY INFLATED BECAUSE OF UNDUE OPTIMISM OR ENTHUSIASM.

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 FM GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SAIGON VIETNAM
 TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG VIETNAM
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 C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN MAC 14073 EYES ONLY
 SUBJ: THUA THIEN PROPOSAL (U)
 REF:

A. COMUSMACV 10229 070950Z AUG 69 (C)

B. COMUSMACV 57337 110837Z OCT 69 (S) (GENSER) *(copy attached)*

1. (U) AS FOLLOW ON TO REF A, THE THUA THIEN PROPOSAL WAS DISAPPROVED BY THE PRIME MINISTER. HE CONSIDERS INTRODUCING CIVILIANS INTO DISTRICT GOVERNMENT IS POLITICALLY INADVISABLE AT THIS TIME AND HE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO SET A PRECEDENT IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE.
2. (C) ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL REGARDING THE REDISTRIBUTION OF RF AND PF, AND ASSIGNMENT OF NP AND NPEF, ARE CURRENTLY BEING EXPLORED IN ALL CTZ'S FOR FEASIBILITY IN THOSE AREAS WHERE PACIFICATION SITUATION APPEARS TO FAVOR REALLOCATION OF ASSETS. REF B PERTAINS.

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SECRET 57337 (CORDS)
SUBJ: DEVELOPMENT OF POLICE RESOURCES (U)

REF: WIEU MEETING - 27 SEPTEMBER 1969

1. (S) AN ANALYSIS IS BEING CONDUCTED TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A GEOGRAPHIC AREA IN SVN WHERE THE PF COULD BE CONVERTED TO POLICE OR POLICE AUXILIARIES. THOSE PF CONVERTING WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A TRAINING PROGRAM AND VACATED PF SPACES WOULD THEN BE TRANSFERRED TO DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE COUNTRY WHERE ADDITIONAL PF RESOURCES ARE NEEDED.

2. (S) REQUEST PROVIDE ORIGINATOR, ATTN: MACCORDS-PP&P, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION BY

27 OCTOBER 1969 (RCS-MACCORDS-OT-154.08)

A. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE SECURITY IS DEEMED ADEQUATE

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TO PERMIT REPLACING PF WITH NATIONAL POLICE, WITHIN PRESENT NATIONAL POLICE AUTHORIZED SPACES, AND NUMBER OF PF SPACES WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE CTZ. INITIAL ASSESSMENT SHOULD INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, ALL DISTRICTS AND LARGE POPULATION CENTERS HAVING 100 PCT OF THE POPULATION LIVING IN A, B OR C HAMLETS.

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B. GEOGRAPHIC AREAS WHERE SECURITY IS DEEMED ADEQUATE TO PERMIT REPLACING PF WITH NATIONAL POLICE OR POLICE AUXILIARIES OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME STRENGTH AND NUMBER OF PF SPACES WHICH COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR REASSIGNMENT WITHIN THE CTZ.

C. APPROXIMATE NATIONAL POLICE RECRUITING POTENTIAL AMONG PF SHOULD PRESENT POLICE RECRUITING RESTRICTIONS BE REMOVED.

D. PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT UPON THE LOCAL POPULATION AS A RESULT OF DEACTIVATION OF ALL OR PART OF THE PF ASSIGNED IN A PARTICULAR AREA.

E. OTHER COMMENTS AND/OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL GP-4

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CONFIDENTIAL MAC 14142 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE BROADCASTS IN IOTZ (U)
 REF: CG, III MAF MESSAGE 230708Z OCT 69

1. (C) YOUR REQUEST FOR USE OF AFVN DANANG FACILITIES FOR A VIETNAMESE BROADCAST FROM 1800-1900 DAILY HAS BEEN REVIEWED.
2. (C) SINCE THE PREVIOUS AUTHORITY WAS RESCINDED, REQUESTS FOR USE OF AFVN FACILITIES FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS BY THE THAI AND KOREAN FORCES HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED, THEREBY ADDING A HERETOFORE NON-EXISTENT FACTOR FOR CONSIDERATION IN LATEST REQUEST.
3. (C) OSD REGULATIONS SPECIFICALLY PROHIBIT FOREIGN LANGUAGE BROADCASTS OVER AFRTS FACILITIES. WHEN BROADCASTS BY THE VIETNAMESE OVER AFVN WERE PREVIOUSLY PERMITTED, A WAIVER FOR SUCH BROADCASTS HAD TO BE SECURED FROM ASD/M&RA, THE CONTROLLING AGENCY FOR AFRTS. LATER, WHEN VN BROADCASTS WERE CONTINUED BEYOND THE PERIOD ORIGINALLY ENVISIONED, CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE WAS RECEIVED FROM ASD/M&RA TO DISCONTINUE THE BROADCASTS. WHEN BROADCASTS WERE FINALLY TERMINATED, THE VIEW BOTH AT MACV AND IN WASHINGTON WAS THE AFVN BROADCAST FACILITIES SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT AGAIN BE USED BY THE VN. TECHNICALLY, TROOPS ARE DENIED BENEFITS OF A FACILITY WHICH WAS FUNDED SPECIFICALLY TO PROVIDE THEM WITH TV SERVICE.
4. (C) IN VIEW OF,
 - A. THE NECESSITY TO SECURE APPROVAL FROM OSD FOR VN USE OF THE FACILITIES,
 - B. THE TIME REQUIRED TO GET SUCH CLEARANCE,
 - C. THE IMPACT UPON OTHERS WHOSE REQUESTS HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED, AND
 - D. THE INROADS UPON TIME ALLOCATED FOR BROADCASTS TO U.S. TROOPS:
 IT HAS BEEN DECIDED NOT REPEAT NOT TO SEEK SUCH AUTHORITY.
5. (C) WHILE AUTHORITY REQUESTED IN REFERENCE WILL NOT BE SOUGHT, THE REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN INTERPRETED AS PERMITTING THE RECORDING OF VIETNAMESE LANGUAGE BROADCASTS IN THE AFVN DANANG FACILITIES FOR USE IN HUE, PROVIDED THE VIETNAMESE FURNISH FROM THEIR OWN RESOURCES THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES TO ACCOMPLISH THE RECORDINGS. THIS INTERPRETATION AND AUTHORIZATION CAN BE SUSTAINED AS IT RECOGNIZES THE NEED TO ASSIST THE GVN TO REACH THEIR PEOPLE WITH APPROPRIATE INFORMATION, AND THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT TAKING BROADCAST TIME AWAY FROM U.S. TROOPS.

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