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- 15. CG III MAR 0104548 DE069 (U)
 FOR DRINGLE FROM NICKERSON
 ACCEPTANCE FOR LUNCH INVINE
- 16. CG III MAF 010514Z DEC69 (S) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE $GP^-\mathcal{I}$ FOR BUSE FROM NICKERSON PROPOSED REDUCTION OF SEABEE BATTALIONS IN THE ICTZ
- 17. CO III MAR 0305558 DEGGO (C) EVEC ONLY
 FOR ADDIME FROM NICKERSON
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- 18. CG III MAF 040320Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY GP-4
 FOR ZAIS, SIMPSON, THRASH, BONNER, SECINO FROM
 NICKERSON
 VISIT OF COLONEL FRANK BORMAN
- 19. CG III MAF 030708Z DEC 69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE GP-4
 FOR SMITH FROM NICKERSON
 RED BEACH CAUSEWAY (U)
- 20. CG III MAF 040305Z DEC 69 (U)
 FOR TOWNSEND FROM NICKERSON
 ACCREDITATION OF NEWS CORRESPONDENT
- 21. CG III MAF 040931Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY GP-4
 FOR RAMSEY FROM NICKERSON
 INVEST OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN SON MY AREA
- 22. CG III MAF 041035Z DEC69 (C) EYES ONLY GP 4
 FOR ABRAMS FROM NICKERSON
 INVEST OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN SON MY AREA
- 23. CG III MAF 041206Z DEC69 (U)
 FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON
 SIR 11-13-69 (CAPT POOLAW)
- 24. CG III MAF 041208Z DEC 69 (U)
 FOR TOWNSEND FROM NICKERSON
 DRUB ABUSE INFORMATION, TELEVISION TAPE
- 25. CG III MAF 041412Z DEC 69 (U)

 FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON
 SIR 11-13-69 (CAPT POOLAW)

- A-1. CG III MAF 3000656 NOV69 (TS) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE EYES ONLY (3p-4)
 FOR WILSON FROM DOOLEY
 FORCE PLANNING
- A.2. CG III MAF 040941Z DEC69 (TS) EYES ONLY (97-4)
 FOR FOR TOWNSEND INFO ZAIS, SIMPSON, RAMSEY, THRASH
 AND COL UNGERLEIDER FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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- A_\$. CG III MAF 081416Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY 97-4
 FOR GENERAL ABRAMS INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 CREATION OF SMALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA
- A-4. CG III MAF 100300Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY 90-4
 FOR MGEN TOWNSEND INFO LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN SIMPSON, MGEN THRASH
 AND COL UNGERLEIDER FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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- A_5. CG III MAF 161112Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY 9 4
 FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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- A_6. CG III MAF 16112ØZ DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY 97-4 FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON FORCELEV EL REDUCTION
- A_7. CG III MAF 170400Z DEC 569 (TS) 9-4
 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT
- A_8. CG III MAF 170702Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY 97-4
 FOR LTGEN BUSE (ACTION G-3) FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 FORCE PLANNING
- A_9. CG III MAF 190752Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY 97-4
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- A-10. CG III MAF 211410Z DEC 69 (TS) MARCOR EYES ONLY 99-4 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON FORCE PLANNING (U)
- A-11. CG III MAF 220150Z DEC 69 (TS) 70-4

 EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN BAULTZ, ACOFS, J-3, MACV FROM BGEN DULACKI, COFS, III MAF

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A_ 12. CG III MAF 290840Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY Gy-4)
FOR MGEN BAUTZ FROM MGEN BOWMAN
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A.13. CG III MAF 310724Z DEC 69 (TS) EYES ONLY GP-47
FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FUTURE OF CAP PROGRAM

A-14. CG III MAF 310616Z DEC 69 (TS) (9-4)

EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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A_15. CG III MAF 310712Z DEC 69 (TS) (3p-4)

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- 26. CG III MAF 050926Z DEC 69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE 7-4
 FOR FONTANA FROM NICKERSON
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 US FORCES IN THE SON MY AREA
- 27. CG III MAF 051416Z DEC 69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE 97-4
 FOR TOWNSEND AND FONTANA INFO VAN RYZIN FROM NICKERSON
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- 20. CO III MAR 0514348 DEC 60 (C) EPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR WALT FROM NICKERSON -TAD OF COLONEL JOHN L. VIETNUANG HEMCD.
- 29. CG III MAF 051515Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY 97-4
 FOR ZAIS, SIMPSON, RAMSEY, THRASH, FRITZ AND COX FROM
 NICKERSON
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- 20. CC III MAE 0602557 DEC 60 (C) EVEC ONLY

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- 31. CG III MAF 060357Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY 67-4
 FOR ZAIS FROM NICKERSON
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- 32. CG III MAF 060112Z DEC 69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE 9-4
 FOR ROSENBERG FROM NICKERSON
 RED BEACH CAUSEWAY
- 33. CG III MAF 061030Z DEC 69 (C) SPECAT EXCLUSIVE Cp-4
 FOR FONTANA AND PADALINO FROM NICKERSON
 VISIT OF MR. L. HOWARD BENNETT
- 34. CC III MAE #7#73#B DEC 69 (U)
 FOR CARM DENICHON FROM INCER NICKEROGN
- 35. GC III MAR 0013512 DEC 60 (C)

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- 36. CG III MAF 090101Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY %-4
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 VISIT OF GEN ABRAMS TO ICTZ

- 37. CG III MAF 110530Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY 97-4
 FOR MGEN TOWNSEND INFO LTGEN MILDREN, LGEN ZAIS,
 MGEN THRASH AND MGEN RAMSEY FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELO SUPPORT
- 38. CG III MAF 110550Z DEC 69 (C) 69-2 FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON SIR (11-3-69) (CAPT POOLAW)
- 39. CG III MAF 121040Z DEC 69 (C) 27-2 FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON SIR (11-13-69) (CAPT POOLAW)
- 40. CG III MAF 140529Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY Cy-4
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- 13. CC III MAE 1698558 DEC 60 (E) EVEC ONLY
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- 44. CG III MAF 16Ø944Z DEC 69 (C) SPECAT 99-4
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 - 47. CG III MAF 180145Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY 97-4
 FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 VISIT OF GEN ROSSON
- 49. CG III MAF 101246E DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY
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 WITTER CHRISTMAN
- 49. CG III MAF 190038Z DEC 69 (C) 90-4
 FOR MGEN WOOLWINE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 OPERATION HOLLY SCHEDULE MODIFICATION
- 50. CG III MAF 19010@KZDEC 69 (S)EYES ONLY 70-4
 FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 PROCUREMENT OF ADDITIONAL INTEGRATED OBSERVATION DEVICES
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1. CG TIT MAR 1907162 DEC 69 (6)

FOR LIGEN BUSE FROM LITEEN NICKERSON

- 2.; CG III MAR 2000425 DEC CO (U)
 - FOR DOEN WILCON FROM DOOLEN
 - PERSONNEL TRANSPERS / ACCTOMENTS
- 3.5 CG III MAF 210336Z DEC 69 (S) EYS ONLY 9-4
 FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELICOPTER SUPPORT (U)
- 4. CG III MAF 230300Z DEC 69 (S) EYES ONLY 97-4
 FOR GEN ROSSON FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 KOREAN ATROCITIES
- 5. CG III MAF 240114Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY 99-4
 FOR MGEN RAMSEY FROM MGEN BOWMAN
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- FOR DOESN VIND HEY FROM BOEN DULLACKE HOLLDAYVICIT OF CORDO MIVES TO I CORDO
- 7: CG III MAF 251314Z DEC 69 (C) EYES ONLY Cy-4
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 LTGEN PEERS VISIT
- 8. CG III MAF 280326Z DEC 69 (C) 69-4
 FOR MGEN TOWNSEND INFO MGEN RAMSEY FROM BGEN DULACKI
 VISIT OF DEPCOMUSMACV, 25DEC69
- 9. CG III MAF 280740Z DEC 69 (S) 69-4
 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM MAJGEN BOWMAN
 COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT ICTZ
- 10. CG III MAF 300912Z DEC 69 (C) Cp-4
 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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PAGE TWO RHMMAFA0036 S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSVIE FOR AND THE SEABEES. I BELIEVE YOUR SUMMATION OF THE SITUATION IN WHICH YOU STATED "ALL THREE COMPONENT COMMANDERS AND A CORPS COMMANDER ARE IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROGRAM: IT WOULD BE UNVISE FOR YOU (YATES) TO PUSH THE MATTER FURTHER" WAS QUITE SUCCINCT. WHILE THE PROBLEM IS NOT YET COMPLETELY SOLVED I WOULD HOPE THAT IT IS VERY NEARLY PUT TO REST. 2. I TALKED TO CARTER TOUNSEND THIS, MORNING AND SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO LOOK INTO IT. IT APPEARS TO ME THAT ANY ADDITIONAL STAFFING WOULD ONLY CREATE BUSY WORK AND I SEE NO REASON FOR ANY OF US TO BE INVOLVED ANY LONGER. HE SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO IT. MEANWHILE I THINK IT WOULD STRENGTHEN OUR CASE IF DILLON'S PAPER AND MINE WERE FORWARDED TO MACY WITH A STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM YOU. THIS WOULD MAKE IT A MATTER OF RECORD WHICH I THINK IS QUITE NECESSARY. 3. ONCE ABAIN, MANY THANKS. 4. WARM REGARDS. GP-4

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PAGE THREE RHMMAFADOS6 S. E. C. R. E. T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR UNQUOTE QUOTE P 291031Z NOV 69 FM COMUSMACV TO ZEN/COMNAVFORY SAIGON INFO RHMAAVA/DCG USARV LONG BINH RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DA NANG **BT** : SECRET 66036 (DC) SUBJ: MOVEMENT OF SEABLES TO IV CTZ (U)
1. (S) IN VIEW OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN VADM ZUMWALT, LTG MILDREN, BG YATES AND OTHERS AT THIS HEADQUARTERS ON 26 NOV 69 CONCERNING THE FFFORTS TO BE TAKEN TO ASSURE COMPLETION OF THE OFOCATIONATION THAT "ANY FURTHER REDUCTION OF NAVY MOBILE CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS IN I CORPS WILL RESULT IN AN ENGINEER INCAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH PROJECTS WHICH ARE URGENTLY REQUIRED TO SUPPORT COMBAT OPERATIONS" IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT SEABEES WILL NOT BE TASKED WITH WORK ON THE LOC RESTORATION PROGRAM OUTSIDE OF I CIZ FOR THE PRESENT.

PAGE FOUR RHMMAFADO36 S E C R E I/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR 2. (U) A REVIEW OF THE POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT OF SEABLES OUTSIDE OF I CTZ WILL BE MADE AS PART OF AN OVERALL REVIEW OF ENGINEER REQUIRE-MENTS AND CAPABILITIES TO BE MADE BY THIS HEADQUARTERS AT THE END OF THE CURRENT MONSOONAL SEASON IN I CTZ. GP-4 BT UNQUOTE BUOTE P. 300244Z NOV 69 ZFF-3. FM COMNAVFORV TO CG III MAF INFO COM 3DNCB BT SECRET/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN, NICKERSON INFO RADM DILLON FROM ZUMWALT PROPOSED REDUCTION OF SEABEE BATTALIONS, IN ICTZ (S) A. YOUR 270750Z NOV 69" Do YOUR 270752Z NOV 69 1. (2) YOUR EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION FOR SUPPORT IN THIS MATTER CONTAINED IN REF A MOST GRATEFULLY RECEIVEED . I CONCUR

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I WILL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS STRUATION VERY CLOSELY.

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C O N F I D E N T I A LYSPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR RADM ROSENBERG FROM LTGEN NICKERSON (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS PASSED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE 270520Z NOV 69

FM CG III MAF

TO RUKRSYH/COMPHIBPAC HAW

HAS BEEN SENT

C O N F I D E N T I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM SMITH FROM LIGEN NICKERSON

RED BEACH CAUSEWAY. (U)

1. (C) I HAVE LOOKED INTO THE CAUSEWAY SITUATION AS A RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSION 6 NOV 1969.

2. (C) THE USE OF THE CAUSEWAY AT RED BEACH GIVES MUCH NEEDED FLEXIBILITY TO DANANG PORT OPERATIONS BECAUSE IT IS THE ONLY PIER UNLOADING POINT ON THAT SIDE OF THE BAY. DEBARKATION OVER THE CAUSEWAY ELIMINATES THE REQUIREMENT FOR MOVEMENT AROUND THE BAY AND THROUGH THE CITY OF DANANG WITH ITS CONGESTION. ALSO THE CAUSEWAY SHOULD BE OF GREAT BENEFIT FOR RETROGRADE OF MATERIALS FROM THE NORTH, FOR DAY TO DAY PORT OPERATIONS, PARTICULARLY AMMUNITION, AND AN ADDED ASSET SHOULD OUR RATE OF REDEPLOYMENT INCREASE. SUFFICE IT TO SAY, I AM MOST ANXIOUS TO RETAIN THIS ALTERNATIVE AVENUE FOR LOADING/UNLOADING DURING THE BUSY DAYS AHEAD. AT THE SAME TIME, I APPRECIATE THAT THESE CAUSEWAY SECTIONS ARE VALUE.

RUYVSYH3114 C O N F I D E N T I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ABLE ASSETS, AND AM ANXIOUS TO ECONOMIZE ON THEIR UTILIZATION.
3. (C) AS YOU KNOW, ACB-ONE PRESENTLY HAS THE FOLLOWING CAUSEWAY EQUIPMENT IN COUNTRY:

A. TWO OFF-SHORE SECTIONS.

B. ONE IN-SHORE SECTION.

C. TEN INTERMEDIATE SECTIONS.

D. TWO SALVAGED AMMIS.

4. (C) THE TWO BEACHED AMMIS, WHICH YOUR PEOPLE RENOVATED, CAN BE SUBSTITUTED FOR ONE IN-SHORE SECTION AND ONE INTERMEDIATE SECTION. UTILIZING THE AMMIS IN THIS MANNER PLUS FIVE INTERMEDIATE AND ONE OFF-SHORE SECTION, THE CAUSEWAY CAN ACCOMMODATE LST, AND, UNDER MOST CONDITIONS IT PLACES THE OFF-SHORE END CLEAR OF THE SURF ZONE TO MAKE LCU/LCM EIGHT MARRIAGES POSSIBLE.

5. (C) UTILIZING THE SIX SECTIONS, PLUS TWO AMMIS CAUSEWAY DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND A ROTATION BASE OF ONE OFF-SHORE SECTION, TWO INTERMEDIATE SECTIONS, AND ONE IN-SHORE SPARE; THREE INTERMEDIATE SECTIONS CAN BE RELEASED AND RETURNED AS YOU DIRECT. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, IF SECTIONS WERE NOT ROTATED FOR MAINTENANCE, A TOTAL OF FIVE INTERMEDIATES, ONE IN-SHORE, AND ONE OFF-SHORE COULD BE RETURNED, THE ADVANTAGES/DISADVANTAGES ASSOCIATED WITH EACH ALTERNATIVE ARE TOO OBVIOUS TO ENUMERATE HERE. I WILL ABIDE BY

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6. (C) FOR YOUR INFORMATION, DURING PERIODS OF ROUGH WEATHER THE CAUSEVAY IS REMOVED TO A SAFE WATER HAVEN AT TIEN SHA COVE. THIS PRACTICE WILL CONTINUE WHENEVER ROUGH SEAS THREATEN, PHICE ONE DET NOVEMBER HAS TAKEN CARE OF ALL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONAL PROBLEMS THAT HAVE ARISEN SO FAR. OUR RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THEM IF REQUIRED,

7. (C) EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MINIMIZE RISKS OF DAMAGE. I APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION. WARM REGARDS. UNQUOTE GP-4

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PAGE TWO RHMMAFA6345 UNCLAS E F T O THROUGH THE DANANG PRESS CENTER OR SHIVEN ANY INTEREST IN COVERING NORMAL NEWS STORIES IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS. HE HAS A BAD REPUTATION AT THE DANANG PRESS CENTER AND IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY MY CID PERSONNEL FOR ANOTHER CURRENCY VIOLATION AND THE SHOWING OF PORNOGRAPHIC MOVIES ON A MILITARY INSTALLATION. macol has been furnished a copy of the vitness' statement on THE CURRENCY AND PORNOGRAPHIC MOVIES OFFENSES. 5. MY INFORMATION OFFICER RECEIVED DEEL'S ACCREDITATION CARDS IN THE MAIL ON 2 DEC 1909, AND IMMEDIATELY CALLED MACOI RE-QUESTING PERMISSION TO RETURN THE CARDS BECAUSE OF DELL'S RE-CENT OFFENSES. MACOL CONCURRED IN THIS AND THE CARDS HAVE BEEN RETURNED. 6. This individual has no place in I corps and any assistance YOU MIGHT GIVE US IN REMOVING HIS ACCREDITATION AS A CORRESPONDENT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WARM REGARDS. BT 0345

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1. THE FOLLOWING RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION RELATING TO OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY U. S. FORCES IN SON MY AREA (EAST OF SON TINH) WHICH WERE FORWARDED BY LIGEN LAW TO THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE INFO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND CHAIRMAN OF JGS ARE QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION. PLEASE TREAT IT AS A PRIVILEGED DOCUMENT.

AUOTE:

1. GENERALITY - SITUATION OF SON MY VILLAGE: .

A. TERRAIN. SON MY VILLAGE IS LOCATED AT THE EAST SIDE OF SON TINH DISTRICT. NORTH OF IT IS SON QUANG. SON HAI. SON MY HAS FOUR HAMLETS: TU-QUANG; MY LAI; MY KHE, AND

B. MILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION. FROM THE END OF 1964 TO SEPTEMBER 1969 SON MY VILLAGE WAS CONTROLLED BY VC. IT WAS ORGANIZED IN STRONG COMBAT HAMLETS. THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE AREA WERE AS FOLLOWS: 48TH BN PROVINCIAL MAIN FORCE: W20 COMPANY DISTRICT REGIONAL FORCE; 506A AND 506B COMPANIES, SAPPERS, AND THREE PLATOONS OF GUERILLAS.

THE COMMUNISTS TURNED THE VILLAGE INTO COMBAT HAMLETS WITH COMMUNICATION TRENCHES. DITCHES FORTIFIED FENCES. VILLAGE AND HAMLET AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES. PEOPLE IN THE BILLAGE, MALE, FEMALE, OLD AND YOUNG, WERE FORCED TO JOIN THE VC COMBAT RANK. PRODUCTION RANK OR LABORER RANK. VILLAGE YOUTH JOINED THESE UNITS OR LOCAL GUERILLAS. GUN TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND HAMLET OFFICIALS HAD TO MOVE TO SON LONG VILLAGE. SON TINH DISTRICT. A NUMBER OF THE VILLAGERS TOOK REFUGE IN GVN CONTROLLED AREAS.

II. SITUATION BEFORE THE DATE OF OPERATION.

ON THE OCCASION OF MAY THAN NEW YEARS (JAN 30, 1968) THE COMMUNISTS HAVE USED THE 401ST SAPPER REGIMENT AND THE PROVINCIAL MAIN FORCE WHICH INCLUDED 5 BATTALIONS AND 12 REGIONAL AND SAPPER COMPANIES TO SUPPORT THE 2 NVA REGIMENTS OF THE GOLD STAR 3D DIVISION IN THEIR ATTACK AIMING AT QUANG NGAI CITY. FOUR ATTACK DIRECTIONS WERE PLANNED. THE ONE FROM SON TINH DISTRICT HAS THE 48TH BN AND THE 107TH ANTI-AIRCRAFT BN AND THE 506A COMPANY ORIGINATED FROM SON MY VILLAGE. 150 LABRERS FROM THIS VILLAGE WERE BROUGT ALONG DURING AN ATTACK CONDUCTED AGAINST THE PF/PF TRAINING CENTER AND THE RF COMPANY LOCATED AT THE NORTH OF TRA-WHIC BRIDGE. THE ENEMY LOST THE ATTACK. 100 OF THEM WERE KILLED. THEY WITHDREW TO SON MY FOR REORGANIZATION AND BUPIAL OF THEIR DEAD.

AFTER TET MAU-THAN OFFENSIVE, EVEN DEFEATED, THE COMMUNISTS STILL TRIED TO GRIP THE BORDERS OF CITIES AND VILLAGES SURROUNDING SON TINH, TU NGHIA, NGHIA HANH DISTRICTS. THEY CONTINUED TO FIRE ROCKETS AND CONDUCT SPARODIC BUT NUMEROUS SMALL ATTACKS IN RURAL AREAS TO ENCIRCLE CITIES.

III. VN AND U. S. OPERATIONS TO EASE THE ENEMY PRESSURE.
TO EASE THE ENEMY PRESSURE, THE VN LOCAL MAIN FORCES AND
ALLIED FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED DIFFERENT ATTACKS CONDUCTED AS
FOLLOWS:

- RF AND PF WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR RD AREAS WHICH HAD VILLAGE AND HAMLET LOCAL AUTHORITY.

- THE W. S. FORCES WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AREAS OCCUPIED BY VC (AREA WITHOUT LOCAL AUTHORITY).

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IV. PROGRESS OF OPERATION ON MARCH 16, 1968: ON MARCH 16. 1968 TADK FORCE BARKER CONDUCTED AN OPERATION AT SON MY VILLAGE. THREE COMPANIES, ALFA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE WERE BROUGHT IN BY HELICOPTERS. THE OPERATION STARTED AT 0730H WITH ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT. CHARLIE COMPANY LANDED WHEN THE LANDING ZONE NORTHEAST OF SON MY WAS CLEARED. AFTER THE OPERATION, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM U. S. SOURCES WERE 125 VC/KIA, A CERTAIN NUMBER OF WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS WERE CAPTURED AND 20 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. THE ADVANCE OF ALLIED TROOPS TOWARD A COMBAT HAMLET WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE MINE FIELD, COMMUNICATION TRENCHES. AND TUNNELS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE NOT DISCLOSED. ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATION. OPERATION AND INCIDENT HAPPENED ONLY IN THUAN YEN SECTION OF TU CUNG HAMLET (THE HAMLET HAS 5 SECTIONS: THUAN YEN, TRUONG AN, BINH TAY, BINH HDONG, TRUNG HOA). THE OPERATION DID NOT OCCUR IN THE REAMING 4 SECTIONS OF THE HAMLET. BEFORE MARCH 16, 1968 WE COULD NOT CONTROL THE POPULATION OF THIS HAMLET, HOWEVER, BASED ON LOCAL OFFICIALS THE HAMLET HAD ABOUT 70 HOUSES AND 340 INHABITANTS. THERE WERE ABOUT 45 FAMILIES. 250 INHABITANTS TOOK REFUCE IN OTHER SECURE HAMLETS OR JOINED THEIR FAMILIES IN SAIGON. THERE WERE ABOUT 25 FAMILIES, FROM 80 TO 90 INHABITANTS STILL LIVING IN THE HAMLET UNTIL MARCH 16. 1968. AFTER SERTEMBER 1969 PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS SECTION WERE RESETTLED IN SON MY MODEL HAMLET WITH 77 FAMILIES, OVER 30 PEOPLE. SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET GOT KILLED, OTHERS JOINED THE VC. THE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN DEAD WERE RECORDED AS 25 AND 5 WOUNDED. THESE PEOPLE ARE RECOVERED AND LIVING IN MODEL HAMLET (ENCLOSED IS NAME LIST OF WOUNDED AND DEAD).

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V. SITUATION OF SON MY VILLAGE ON MARCH 16, 1968

THE ABOVE OPERATION HAD ELIMINATED A NUMBER OF VC, BUT RIGHT AFTER IT THE VC REOCCUPIED THIS VILLAGE AND REORGANIZED IT THE WAY IT WAS UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMB 1969. QUANG NGAI SECTOR HAD A PACIFICATION PROJECT FOR THIS HAMLET. IT COULD BE CARRIED OUT ONLY AFTER THE COMBINED OPERATION CONDUCTED BY AMERICAL DIVISION AND 2D ARVN DIVISION IN BA LANG AN AREA. AS A RESULT 12,000 PEOPLE WERE RESETTLED, THE ENEMY PRESSURE WAS REDUCED.

VI. PRESENT SITUATION.

SON MY VILLAGE IS PRESENTLY PACIFIED, HOWEVER, VC TRENCHES AND TUNNELS ARE STILL NUMEROUS AND A LOT OF VC MINES STILL CANNOT BE DETECTED. PEOPLE HAVE TO BUILD THEIR HOUSES IN A NEW AREA CALLED "SON MY MODEL HAMLET". IT HAS 397 HOUSES, 1,987 INHABITANTS. IN THUAN YEN SECTION (TU CUNG HAMLET) WHERE THE ATTACK HAPPENED, THERE ARE ONLY 17 HOUSES WITH 30 INHABITANTS. POPULATION IN THE VILLAGE: CLD MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. SOME OF THE YOUTH HAVE JOINED THE VC, OTHERS TOOK REFUGE IN PACIFIED GVN HAMLETS. TODAY, SON MY VILLAGE HAS ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, AND ITS ELECTED HAMLET OFFICIALS. RF AND PF CFORCES ARE IN SUPPORT OF RD CADRES OPERATING IN THE AREA. PEOPLE AREZ

VII. INVESTIGATIONS.

A. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPERATION.

ONE MONTH AFTER THE MARCH 16 OPERATION, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM VC CONTROLLED AREA SHOWED THAT COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES WERE HELD FOR NGUYEN TRI-THUC, ALIAS CUONG, A VC DISTEICT COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO GOT KILLED DURING THE ATTACK. A MEETING WAS ORGANIZED TO COMMEMORATE THEIR DEAD HEROES AND ALSO TO MARK THEIR SO CALLED VICTORY. LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED ACCUSING THE OPERATIONAL FORCES HAD KILLED 500 CIVILIANS. RUMOR CAME TO SON MY VILLAGE CHIEF. HE IN TURN REPORTED THE FACT TO THE DISTRICT CHIEF.

B. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND QUANG NGAI SECTOR.

DISTRICT CHIEF WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION. BY THAT TIME TU CUNG AREA SON MY VILLAGE WAS UNDER VC CONTROL . ACC ORDING TO SON TINH DISTRICT CHIEF, LT TRAN NGOC TAN, DURING THE OPERATION, THERE WERE SOME CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BUT THE VC HAD EXAGERATED THE FIGURE.

C. THE SECOND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE

HEADQUARTERS BY WAY OF AN OPERATION.

QUANG NGAI SECTOR CONDUCTED OPERATION QT/44G IN TU CUNG HAMLET, SON MY VILLAGE WITH 2 COMPANIES OF RF FOR 3 DAYS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF LED THE OPERATION. THE OPERATIONAL FORCES RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE AND BAR WHEN REACHING TU CUNG. WE COULD NOT OCCUPY THE TARGET. FRIENDLY CASUALTY: 4 KIA, 8 WIA.

ENEMY CASUALTY: 20 KIA, 3 CAPTURED I CREW SERVED WEAPON,

3 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

THE OPERATION STARTED ON JUNE 11, 1968 AND TERMINATED ON 2/(5) JUNE 13, 1968.

ON JUNE 12, 1968 2 US PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN (ONE OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT, ONE HUIB). THE TRAGET COULD NOT BE TAKEN BY THAT TIME. HOWEVER, THE OPERATIONAL FORCE HAD RECEIVED 20 REFUGEES FROM TU CUNG HAMLET. AFTER INTERROGATION, THEY REPORTED AT Ø73ØH ON MARCH 16, 1968 WHEN US TROOPS BROUGHT IN BY HELICOPTER, THE VC WITHDRAW IN THEIR TRENCHES AND TUNNELS. THE CIVILIANS WERE GUIDED BY GUERRILLAS TO NORTH OF SON QUANG VILLAGE AND EAST OF THUAN YEN SECTION. THE REFUGEES WERE ASKED WHETHER THEY SAW PEOPLE GET KILLED AT THE TIME OF ATTACK. THEY SAID THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN US TROOPS WITHDREW, THE VC BROUGHT BACK 100 DEAD BODIES. AS FOR POPULATION IN THE HAMLET, THEY SAID THERE WERE ONLY 20 OR 30, MOST OF THEM ARE CHILDREN AND WOMEN. 50 OR 60 YOUNG MEN HAD JOINED THE HAMLET GUERILLAS, SOME OF THEM WERE STRANGERS. WHERE DID THE VC BURY THEIR DEAD SOLDIERS. TO THIS THEY SAID: RIGHT IN THE HAMLET WHERE THEY GOT KILLED. GP 4 SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

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D. INVESTIGATION MADE BY VW-US COMBINED COMMITTEE FROM SAIGUN.

Ow JUNE 22, 1969 THE VM-US COMBINED COMMITTEE LED BY A US LTCOL CAME TO SEE THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF, SUM TIME DISTRICT. THEY LEARNED WHAT HAD HAPPEWED AS MENTIOUS ABOVE. THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT GO TO TU CUNG HAMLET AT THAT TIME BECAUSE THE AREA WAS STILL UNDER VC CONTROL.

E. THIRD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PROVINCE AND QUANG

GAI SECTOR.

IN MOVEMBER 1969 WHEN SON MY WAS PACIFIED THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF HAVE COME MANY TIMES TO SEE PEOPLE 8/ IN THE VILLAGE AND LEARN FACTS: 5 WOUNDED PEOPLE DURING OPERATION COMDUCTED BY TASK FORCE BARKER ON MARCH 16, 1968 ARE STILL LIVING:

1 - MRS. MGUYEN THI DOC, 60, WOUNDED IN ABDOMEN:

2 - MAS. HA-TKI-QUY, 44, W COLDED IN THE HIP;

3 - WGUYEN THO, 17, WGUNDED IN THE HEAD;

GUYER THI OARH, 7, WOUNDED IN THE LEG

5 - MR. PHAN DAT, 39, WOUNDED IN THE ABDOMEN.

25 DEAD ECDIES INDENTIFIED BY THEIR RELATIVES:

MRS. DOC'S FAMILY: 11 PEOPLE MRS. QUY'S FAMILY: 3 PEOPLE

WE. WHAN'S FAMILY: 5 PEOPLE

MM. DAT'S FAMILY: 1 PERSON

MA. TRUONG LONG'S FAMILY: 3 PROPLE

TAS. TURG75 FAMILYI: 2 PECPLE

AMONG THE 6 VICTIA'S FAMILY, MM. DO-TAX WHAM'S FAMILY HAMLET CHIEF, IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH DOESN'T HAVE ANY RELATIVE COMMECTED WITH VC.

MRS. DOC'S MEPHEW, 18, JOINED VC PROVINCIAL MAIN UNIT.

MRS. QUY'S SON, 17, JOINED VC C/2A SAPPER CONPANY.

MR. LONG'S SOW, 24, JOINED THE VC, HIS OTHER SON, 29, IS A VC CORPSHAM.

MR. LONG HAD LED A DEMONSTRATION PUPILS HAU TYAN WEW YEARS. HE CAME BACK FROM 2 YEARS HIPMISCUMENT AT CON SON.

- WRS. TUNG'S SON, 27, JOINED GUERILLA, HER DAUGHTER IN LAW, 23, IS A LIAISON AGENT.

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MARGE 16, 1968 CPA HIRE DADA A SCHARL BURET. THE VC LEAFLET CLAIMED DOW CIVILIAN DEAD, THE LOCAL PEOPLE REPORTED AMONG THE 100 BCDIES, THERE WERE ONLY 30 CIVILIAMS LIVING IN THE HAMLET THE REMAINING BODIES WERE VC.

THE US REPORTED 125 VC KIA AND A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND EXPLOSIVES WELL CAPTURED DURING OPERATION. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE DISCLOSED.

THE PROVINCIAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMED 5 WOUNDED AND

25 KILLED (ALL IDENTIFIED).

THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE AND QUANG MGAI SECTOR HAD MET SOME DIFFICULTIES. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRST PLATOON OF CHARLIE COMPARY CONDUCTED BY LT W. L. CALLEY, THE EXACT FIGURE OF FEMALE AND CHILDREN. CASUALTIES CAUSED BY THE OPERATION.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THE PROVINCE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INTERROGATE US CONCERNED PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE OPERATION WHILE THE US AUTHORITY HAS THE CAPABILITY OF INVESTIGATING ON BOTH SIDES. WE TRY TO FIND SOME HORE INTERESTING INFORMATION Fr.C. PEOPLE OF THE HANLET AND VILLAGE. FULTHER REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED. U. QUOTE

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TWO WEEKS LATER RUMOR SPREAD OUT THE OPERATION CAUSED HUNDREDS OF CIVILIAN CASUALTY. LOCAL PEOPLE HAS TO BURY DEAD BODIES WHICH IN CLUDED VC AND RRIENDLY. THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF SON TINH DISTRICT REPORTED TO THE PROVINCE CHIEF THAT ONE OF THE U. S. SOLDIERS STEPPED ON ENEMY MINE WHEN U. S. FORCES ENTERING THE HAMLET. HOSTILE FIRE WAS HEAVY U. S. FORCES CALLED IN ARTILLERY AND AIR STRIKE AS SUPPORT WHICH INFLICTED A NUMBER OF CASUALTY TO THE THEN AFTER IN VAIN LOCAL ENEMY AND TO THE CIVILIANS AS WELL. AUTHORITY OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE AND SON TINH DISTRICT COULD NOT COLLECT ANY MORE DETAIL CONCERNING VC AND CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, IN THE HAMLET. FIVE MONTHS AFTER, DURING AN OPERATION AGAINST SON MY HAMLET CONDUCTED BY QUANG NGAI SECTOR, LED BY THE PROVINCE CHIEF, THE OPERATIONAL FORCE MET STRONG RESÍSTENCE FROM THE HAMLET AND COULD NOT OCCUPY THE TARGET. HOWEVER, 20 CIVILIANS FLED FROM THE HAMLET AND REPORTED AS FOLLOWS. ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT FOR OPERATION CONDUCTED BY THE U. S. FORCES IN MARCH 1968 HAD INFLICTED THE ENEMY HEAVY CASUALTIES. A NUMBER OF CIVILIANS MET THE SAME FATE. THE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA CLAIMED ALL CASUALTIES WERE CIVILIANS, BUT WHEN BURYING DEAD BODIES, PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET SAW ABOUT 20 CIVILIAN BODIES INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND OLD MEN AMONG 50 BODIES OF COMMUNIST SOLDIERS. ON JUNE 26, 1969, A COMBINED V N-US DELEGATION FROM SAIGON CAME OUT HERE TO SEE THE CHIEF OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE AND SON TINH DISTRICT CHIEF. THE LATTERS EXPLAINED THAT TU-CUNG AND SON7MY HAMLETS WERE STRONGLY ORGAINZED BY THE COMMUNIST SINCE 1964. MOST OF THE YOUTH IN THE HAMLET JOINED TO AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE, RIGHT AFTER THE CONTACT. THERE WERE 100 ENEMY CASUATIES AND A NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES THAT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED. TO COVER UP THEIR HEAVY CASUALTIES, THE COMMUNIST PPROPAGANDA MADE PEOPLE FEEL ANGRY AGAINST THE U. S. FORCES. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SON MY VILLAGE EFORE 1964. SON MY HAD ABOUT 2,000 INHABITANTS. THE HAMLET WAS PACIFIED IN OCTOBER 1969, 1500 PEOPLE JOINED THE GVN. 400 YOUTHS JOINED COMMUNIST UNITS FROM 50 TO 100 PEOPLE WORKED IN GWN CONTROLLED AREA. LAST WEEK, NOVEMEER 14, 1969 MANY U. S. REPORTERS CAME AND INTERVIEWED PEOPLE AT A SON MY VILLAGE. PERHAPS PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE HOPED TO HAVE SOME COMPANSATION FROM THE U.S. THAT'S WHY THEY EXAGERATED THE NUMBER OF CASUALTIES AND HOUSES BURNED DOWN. QUANG NGAI LOCAL AUTHORITY HAS ANSWERED TO THE PRESS THAT AS A RESULT OF THE AIR SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN SON MY VILLAGE A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMUNIST SOLDIERS WERE KILLED AND A FEW CIVILIAN CASUALTIES WERE RECORDED. ABOVE ARE GENARAL POINTS CONCERNING THE INCIDENT CAUSED BY U. S. FORCES DURING OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN SON MY VILLAGE. IT IS REPORTED ACCORDINGLY TO THE PRESIDENT.

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1. GENERALITY - SITUATION OF SON MY VILLAGE:

A. TERRAID. SON MY VILLAGE IS LOCATED AT THE EAST SIDE OF SON TIME DISTRICT. NORTH OF IT IS SON QUANG, SON HAI. SON MY HAS FOUR HAMLETS: TU-QUANG; MY LAI; MY KHE, AND CO-LUY.

B. WILITARY AND POLITICAL SITUATION. FROM THE END OF 1964 TO SEPTEMBER 1969 SON MY VILLAGE WAS CONTROLLED BY VC. IT WAS ORGANIZED IN STRONG COMBAT HAMLETS. THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE AREA WERE AS FOLLOWS: 48TH PN PROVINCIAL MAIN FORCE; V/20 COMPANY DISTRICT REGIONAL FORCE; 506A AND 506B COMPANIES, SAPPERS, AND THREE PLATCORS OF GUERILLAS.

THE COMMUNISTS TURNED THE VILLAGE INTO COMBAT HAMLETS WITH COMMUNICATION TRENCHES, DITCHES FORTIFIED FENCES, VILLAGE AND HAMLET AUTOMOMOUS COMMITTEES. PEOPLE IN THE BILLAGE, MALE, FEMALE, OLD AND YOUNG, WERE FORCED TO JOIN THE VC COMBAT RANK, PRODUCTION RANK OR LABORER RANK. VILLAGE YOUTH JOINED THESE UNITS OR LOCAL GUERILLAS. GVM TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AND HAMLET OFFICIALS HAD TO MOVE TO SON LONG VILLAGE, BON TIME DIFFICIALS HAD TO MOVE TO SON LONG VILLAGE, BON TIME DIFFICIALS HAD TO MOVE TO SON LONG VILLAGE,

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COMMUNISTS HAVE USED THE 4615T SAPPER REGIMENT AND THE PARVILCIAL MAIN FORCE WHICH INCLUDED 5 BATTALIONS AND 12 REGIONAL AND SAPPER COMPANIES TO SUPPORT THE 2 NVA REGIMENTS OF THE GOLD STAR 3D DIVISION IN THEIR ATTACK ALVING AT QUANG NGAI CITY. FOUR ATTACK DIRECTIONS WERE PLANNED. THE QUE FROM SOM TINH DISTRICT MAS THE 48TH BW AND THE 107TH AMTI-AIRCRAFT BW AND THE 506A COMPANY ORIGINATED FROM SCR MY VILLAGE. 150 LABIETS FROM THIS VILLAGE WERE BROUGT ALONG DURING AN ATTACK CONDUCTED AGAINST THE REMPE TRAINING CENTER AND THE RE COMPANY LOCATED AT THE WORTH OF TRA-KRUC BRIDGE. THE ENEMY LOST THE ATTACK. 100 OF THEM WERE KILLED. THEY WITHDREW TO SON MY FOR MEDEGANIZATION AND BURIAL OF THEIR DEAD. .

AFTER TET MAU-THAN OFFENSIVE, EVEN DEFEATED, THE COMMUNISTS STILL TRIED TO GRIP THE BORDERS OF CITIES AND VILLAGES SURROUNDING SON TINH, TU NGHIA, NGHIA HANH DISTRICTS. THEY CONTINUED TO FIRE ROCKETS AND CONDUCT SPARODIC BUT NUMBER OUS SMALL ATTACKS IN MULAL AREAS TO ENCIRCLE CITIES.

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OL HARCH 16, 1960 TACK FOLD THE KILL OC. DOTTE ALL OPERATION AT SUB-MY VILLAGE. THREE COMPANIES, ALFA, BRAVO AND CHARLIE WERE BROUGHT IN BY HELICOPTERS. THE OPERATION STARTED AT 07301 WITH ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT. CHARLIE COMPANY LALDED WHEN THE LANDING ZONE MORTHEAST OF SON MY WAS CLEARED. AFTER THE OPERATION, ILFORMATION RECEIVED FROM U. S. SOURCES WERE 125 VC/KIA, A GERTAIN HUMBER OF WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS WERE CAPTURED AND 20 CIVILIANS WERE KILLED. THE ADVANCE OF ALLIED TROOPS TOWARD A COMBAT HAMLET WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO THE WIME FIELD, COMMUNICATION TRENCHES, AND TURNELS. FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE NOT DISCLOSED. ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATION, OPERATION AND INCIDENT HAPPENED Only in Thuan Yew Section of Tu cums Hamlet (The Hamlet Mas 5 Sections: Thuan Yem, Thuong Am, Bigh Tay, Bigh Hoong, Thung Moa). The Operation bid not occur in the Reaming 4 Sections OF THE HANLET. BEFORE MARCH 16, 1968 WE COULD NOT CONTROL THE POPULATION OF THIS HANLET, HOWEVER, BASEL ON LOCAL OFFICIALS THE HANLET HAD ABOUT 70 HOUSES AND 340 INMABITANTS. THERE WERE ABOUT 45 FAMÍLIES. 250 INHABITANTS TOOK REFUCE IN OTHER SECURE FAMLETS OR JOINED THEIR FAMILIES IN SAIGON. THEMA WERE ABOUT -25 FABILIES, FROM 80 TO 90 INHABITABTS STILL LIVING IN THE HAMLET UNTIL MARCH 16, 1968. AFTER SEPTEMBER 1969 PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS SECTION WERE RESETTLED IN SOM MY MODEL HAWLET WITH 17 FAMILIES, OVER 30 PEOPLE. SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE LAMLET GOT KILLED, OTHERS JOINED THE VC. THE MUMBER OF CIVILIAN DEAD WERE RECORDED AS 25 ALD 5 WOULDED. THESE PEOPLE ART RECOVERED AND LIVING IN ACCEL PARLET (ENCLOSED IS MADE LIST OF WOULDED AND DEAD). GP-4

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. SITUATION OF SON MY VILLAGE ON MARCH 16, 1968

THE ABOVE OPERATION HAD ELIMINATED A NUMBER OF VC, BUT RIGHT AFTER IT THE VC REOCCUPIED THIS VILLAGE AND REORGANIZED IT THE WAY IT WAS UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMB 1909. QUANTUM NORTH BECARRIED HAD A PACIFICATION PROJECT FOR THIS HAMLET. IT COULD BE CARRIED OUT ONLY AFTER THE COMBINED OPERATION CONDUCTED BY AMERICAL DIVISION AND 2D ARVN DIVISION IN BA LANG AN AREA. AS A RESULT 12,000 PEOPLE WERE RESETTLED, THE ENEMY PRESSURE WAS REDUCED .5 DECA. VI. PRESENT SITUATION.

SON MY VILLAGE IS PRESENTLY PACIFIED, HOWEVER, VC TRENCHES AND TUNNELS ARE STILL NUMEROUS AND A LOT OF VC MINES STILL CANNOT BE DETECTED. PEOPLE HAVE TO BUILD THEIR HOUSES IN A NEW AREA CALLED "SON MY MODEL HAMLET". IT HAS 397 HOUSES, 1,987 INHABITANTS. IN THUAN YEN SECTION (TU CUNG HAMLET) WHERE THE ATTACK HAPPENED, THERE ARE ONLY 17 HOUSES WITH 30 INHABITANTS. POPULATION IN THE VILLAGE: OLD MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. SOME OF THE YOUTH HAVE JOINED THE VC, OTHERS TOOK REFUGE IN PACIFIED GVN HAMLETS. TODAY, SON MY VILLAGE HAS ITS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, AND ITS ELECTED HAMLET OFFICIALS. RF AND PF CFORCES ARE IN SUPPORT OF RD CADRES OPERATING IN THE AREA. PEOPLE ARE HAPPIER NOW.

VII. INVESTIGATIONS.

A. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPERATION.

ONE MONTH AFTER THE MARCH 16 OPERATION, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM VC CONTROLLED AREA SHOWED THAT COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES WERE HELD FOR NGUYEN-TRI-THUC, ALIAS CUONG, A VC DISTEICT COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO GOT KILLED DURING THE ATTACK. A MEETING WAS OR GANIZED TO COMMEMORATE THEIR DEAD HEROES AND ALSO TO MARK THEIR SO CALLED VICTORY. LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED ACCUSING THE OPERATIONAL FORCES HAD KILLED 500 CIVILIANS. RUMOR CAME TO SON MY VILLAGE CHIEF. HE IN TURN REPORTED THE FACT TO THE DISTRICT CHIEF.

B. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND QUANG NGAI SECTOR.

DISTRICT CHIEF WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION. BY THAT TIME TU CUNG AREA SON MY VILLAGE WAS UNDER VC CONTROL. ACCORDING TO SON TINH DISTRICT CHIEF, LT TRAN NGOC TAN, DURING THE OPERATION, THERE WERE SOME CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BUT THE VC HAD EXAGERATED THE FIGURE.

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C. THE SECOND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE HEADQUARTERS BY WAY OF AN OPERATION.

QUANG NGAI SECTOR CONDUCTED OPERATION QT/44G IN TU CUNG HAMLET, SON MY VILLAGE WITH 2 COMPANIES OF RF FOR 3 DAYS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF LED THE OPERATION. THE OPERATIONAL FORCES RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE AND B40 WHEN REACHING TU CUNG. WE COULD NOT OCCUPY THE TARGET. FRIENDLY CASUALTY: 4 KIA, 8 WIA.

ENEMY CASUALTY: 20 KIA, 3 CAPTURED I CREW SERVED WEAPON,

3 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED.

THE OPERATION STARTED ON JUNE 11, 1968 AND TERMINATED ON

JUNE 13, 1988.

ON JUNE 12, 1968 2 US PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN (ONE OBSERVATION AIR CRAFT, ONE HUIB). THE TRAGET COULD NOT BE TAKEN BY THAT TIME, HOWEVER. THE OPERATIONAL FORCE HAD RECEIVED 20 REFUGEES FROM TU CUNG HAMLET. AFTER INTERROGATION, THEY REPORTED AT 0730H ON MARCH 16, 1968 WHEN US TROOPS BROUGHT IN BY HELICOPTER, THE VC WITHDRAW IN THEIR TRENCHES AND TUNNELS. THE CIVILIANS WERE GUIDED BY GUERRILLAS TO NORTH OF SON QUANG VILLAGE AND EAST OF THUAN YEN SECTION. THE REFUGEES WERE ASKED WHETHER THEY SAW PEOPLE GET KILLED AT THE TIME OF ATTACK. THEY SAID THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN US TROOPS WITHDREW, THE VC BROUGHT BACK 100 DEAD BODIES. AS FOR POPULATION IN THE HAMLET, THEY SAID THERE WERE ONLY 20 OR 30, MOST OF THEM ARE CHILDREN AND WOMEN. 50 OR 60 YOUNG MEN HAD JOINED THE HAMLET GUERILLAS, SOME OF THEM WERE STRANGERS. WHERE DID THE VC BURY THEIR DEAD SOLDIERS. TO THIS THEY SAID: RIGHT IN THE HAMLET WHERE THEY GOT KILLED.

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D. INVESTIGATION MADE BY VN-US COMBINED COMMITTEE FROM SAIGON.

ON JUNE 22, 1969 THE VN-US COMBINED COMMITTEE LED BY A US LTCOL CAME TO SEE THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF SON TINH DISTRICT. THEY LEARNED WHAT HAD HAPPENED AS MENTIONED A BOVE. THE INVESTIGATION DID NOT GO TO TU CUNG HAMLET AT THAT TIME BECAUSE THE AREA WAS STILL UNDER VC CONTROL.

E. THIRD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PROVINCE AND GUANG

NGAI SECTOR.

IN NOVEMBER 1969 WHEN SON MY WAS PACIFIED THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF HAVE COME MANY TIMES TO SEE PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE AND LEARN FACTS: 5 WOUNDED PEOPLE DURING OPERATION CONDUCTED BY TASK FORCE BARKER ON MARCH 16. 1968 ARE STILL LIVING:

1 - MRS. NGUYEN THI DOC, 60, WOUNDED IN ABDOMEN;

2 - MRS. HA-THI-QUY, 44, WOUNDED IN THE HIP:

3 - NGUYEN THO, 17, WOUNDED IN THE HEAD;

4 - NGUYEN THI OANH, 7, WOUNDED IN THE LEG 5 - MR. PHAM DAT, 39, WOUNDED IN THE ABDOMEN.

25 DEAD BODIES INDENTIFIED BY THEIR RELATIVES:

MRS. DOC'S FAMILY: 11 PEOPLE MRS. QUY'S FAMILY: 3 PEOPLE

MR. NHAN'S FAMILY: 5 PEOPLE

MR. DAT'S FAMILY: 1 PERSON

MR. TRUONG LONG'S FAMILY: 3 PEOPLE

MRS. TUNGYS FAMILYI: 2 PEOPLE

AMONG THE 6 VICTIM'S FAMILY, MR. DO-TAN NHAN'S FAMILY HAMLET CHIEF, IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH DOESN'T HAVE ANY RELATIVE COMMECTED WITH VC.

MRS. DOC'S NEPHEW, 18. JOINED VC PROVINCIAL MAIN UNIT.

MRS. AUY'S SON, 17, JOINED VC C/24 SAPPER COMPANY.

MR. LONG'S SON, 24, JOINED THE VC. HIS OTHER SON, 29, IS A VC COPPSMAN.

MP. LONG HAD LED A DEMONSTRATION DURING MAU'THAN NEW YEARS. HE CAME BACK FROM 2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AT CON SON.

- MRS. TUNG'S SON. 27. JOINED GUERILLA. HER DAUGHTER IN LAW, 23, IS A LIAISON AGENT.

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VII. CONCLUSION.

MARCH 16, 1968 OPERATION CAUSED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF CASUALTIES IN THUAN YEN SECTION, TU CUNG AMULET. THE VC LEAFLET CLAIMED 500 CIVILIAN DEAD, THE LOCAL PEOPLE REPORTED AMONG THE 100 BODIES, THERE WERE ONLY 30 CIVILIANS LIVING IN THE HAMLET THE REMAINING BODIES WERE VC.

THE US REPORTED 125 VC KIA AND A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE CAPTURED DURING OPERATION. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES WERE DISCLOSED.

THE PROVINCIAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMED 5 WOUNDED AND

25 KILLED (ALL IDENTIFIED).

THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE AND QUANG NGAI SECTOR HAD MET SOME DIFFICULTIES. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FIRST PLATOON OF CHARLIE COMPANY CONDUCTED BY LT W. L. CALLEY, THE EXACT FIGURE OF FEMALE AND CHILDREN CASUALTIES CAUSED BY THE OPERATION.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THE PROVINCE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INTERROGATE US CONCERNED PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE OPERATION WHILE THE US AUTHORITY HAS THE CAPABILITY OF INVESTIGATING ON BOTH SIDES. WE TRY TO FIND SOME MORE INTERESTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE OF THE HAMLET AND VILLAGE. FURTHER REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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B. DURING INTERROGATION WILLIAMS CHANGED HIS STORY

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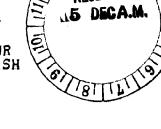
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DRUG ABUSE INFORMATION, TELEVISION TAPE

1. BY OUR LETTER 1/PC OVER 1560 OF 29 NOV 1969 WE AD-VISED YOUR HEADQUARTERS OF A TELEVISION TAPE WHICH DEALT WITH THE DANGERS OF DRUG ABUSE. 5-10 MINUTE SEGMENTS ARE PRESENTED OVER THE DANANG AFVN STATION PERIODICALLY DURING THE BROADCAST WEEK.

- 2. THE INDIVIDUAL WHO NARRATES THE PROGRAM IS A NAVY CHIEF BY THE NAME OF REED. HE IS QUITE KNOWLED GEABLE ON THE SUBJECT AND HAS SPENT A GOOD PORTION OF HIS NAVY CAREER WORKING ON THE DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM. HE ALSO HAS AN ABILITY TO SPEAK THE LANGUAGE THAT THE TROOPS UNDERSTAND.
- . THE TAPE, A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS, HAS PROVEN QUITE EFFECTIVE. YOU MIGHT WISH TO GIVE IT YOUR PERSONAL ATTENTION.
- 4. WARM REGARDS.

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1. THIS MESSAGE IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MAC 15353 SUBJECT:
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PLANNING (U).

2. ALTHOUGH TIME ALLOTTED FOR RESPOSE PRECLUDES IN DEPTH STUDY, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS FEASIBILITY OF TRADE-OFFS, RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED HEREIN ARE CONSIDERED TO BE THOSE MINIMUM PREREQUISITES APPLICABLE TO ICTZ AND IN CONSONANCE WITH THE GIVEN ASSUMPTIONS AND SCENARIO. EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO RETAIN SIMPLICITY. RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS OF EITHER TROOP STRUCTURE OR HARDWARE ARE BELIEVED TO BE ESSENTIAL AND, TO THE DEGREE THAT CURRENT INSIGHT PERMITS, FEASIBLE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF ARVN'S CAPABÍLITY TO MAINTAIN AND OPERATE.

3. SPECIFIC RESPONSES CONTAINED BELOW ARE KEYED TO THE SUBPARAGRAPHS IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF YOUR MESSAGE. A (1) A FOURTH RIFLE COMPANY SHOULD BE ADDED TO EACH BATTALION. THE 2D REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIVISION IS CURRENTLY ORGANIZED WITH FOUR RIFLE COMPANIES PER BATTALION. THIS ADDITIONAL COMPANY HAS ADDED GREATLY TO THE COMBAT POWER AND FLEXIBILITY OF THE BATTALION. FOR EXAMPLE, THIS HAS PERMITTED ONE RIFLE COMPANY TO PROVIDE SECRUITY FOR AN ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT BASE WHILE THE BATTALION (-) CONDUCTED OPERATIONS WITH THREE MANEUVER COMPANIES. THE ADDITIONAL RIFLE COMPANY ALSO PERMITS THE BATTALION TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS WHILE ONE COMPANY UNDERGOES REFRESHER TRAINING. IF THE LEVEL OF COMBAT REMAINS AT ITS PRESENT INTENSITY, THIS BECOMES AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERA-TION SINCE THE BULK OF THE MANEUVER BATTALIONS WILL NECESSARILY BE COMMITTED TO COMBAT OPERATIONS. IT IS REALIZED THAT THIS EXPANSION OF THE BATTALION WILL CAUSE INHERENT PROBLEMS OF SPAN OF CONTROL, INCREASED COMMUNICATIONS AND INCREASED LOGISTICS, BUT IT DOES MORE FULLY UTILIZE THE LESS SKILLED PERSONNEL AND DOES NOT REQUIRE THE BUILDUP OF INTERMEDIATE HEADQUARTERS. IT IS ALSO REALIZED THAT CONSIDERABLE SPACES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS PROPOSAL. TRADE OFFS WITHIN THE DIVISION ARE NOT FEASIBLE. DUE TO THE ALREADY DEFICIENT COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT. IF TRADE OFFS ARE NECESSARY, IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF RESPE UNITS PROPORTIONATELY IN ORDER GRIDE THE REQUIRED SPACES. THIS IS CONSIDERED ROOM CHICAL, ARYN UNIT HAS A GREATER CAPABILITY THAN A

TERRITORIAL FORCE UNIT OF COMPARABLE SIZE, THIS REORGANIZATION SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED REGARDLESS OF THE LEVEL OF COMBAT BECAUSE THE OMNIPRESENT ENEMY THREAT ACROSS THE DMZ AND IN LAOTIAN BASE AREAS REQUIRES THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE CAPABILITY FOR THE ARVN DIVISIONS.

A (2) NO. ALTHOUGH DIVISION TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS EXCEED ORGANIC CAPABILITIES BY AN AVERAGE OF THIRTY TRUCKS PER DAY. (60 TRUCKS/COMPANY), THIS ADDITIONAL CAPABILITY IS FURNISHED BY TRUCK COMPANIES OR GANIC TO THE 1ST TRUCK GROUP, 1ST AREA LOGISTICS COMMAND, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE SAME CITIES WITH THE DIVISIONS' HEADQUARTERS. RETENTION OF THESE TRUCK COMPANIES UNDER CONTROL OF THE 1ST TRUCK GROUP PERMITS MORE EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THESE VEHICLES DUE TO FLUCUATIONS IN DIVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS: PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS OF OTHER UNITS, SUCH AS SECTOR AND RF/PF UNITS, LOCATED IN THE SAME AREA; AND THE ADVANTAGES OF CENTRALIZED MAINTENANCE, TRAINING AND SUPPLY. EXPERIENCE INDICATES THAT THIS MEANS OF CONTROL PROVIDES ADEQUATE RESPONSE TO TACTICAL REQUIREMENTS. B (1) THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CALIBER WEAPON. SUCH AS THE 105MM HOWITZER, IS NOT DESIRED. ALTHOUGH THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE CALIBER ARTILLERY WEAPON WOULD GREATLY SIMPLIFY AMMUNITION PROCEDURE, FACILITATE EASE OF MOVEMENT, BE LESS EXPENSIVE TO MAINTAIN AND REDUCE REQUIRED PLL AND ASL. IT WOULD NOT PROVIDE THE GROUND COMMANDER WITH REQUISITE EMPLOYMENT FLEXIBILITY OF HIS PRINCIPAL MEANS OF FIRE SUPPORT FOR ARVN AND TERRITORIAL FORCES. SEVENTY-TWO (72) 155MM HOWITZERS WILL BE EMPLOYED IN I CTZ BY APRIL 1970. THESE CURRENTLY PROGRAMMED ASSETS SOME OF WHICH ARE ALREADY IN ARVN INVENTORY SHOULD BE RETAINED. ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY SYSTEMS SUCH AS THE 8 INCH HOWITZER AND 175 BUN BATTALIONS SHOULD BE ADDED TO CORPS LEVEL ARTILLERY ASSETS TO INCREASE RANGE AND ACCURACY CAPABILITIES AND INSURE CONTINUOUS COVERAGE OF TERRITORIAL FORCES WHEN ASSETS EMPLOYED PRIMARILY IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF ARVN ARE OUT OF RANGE.

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I CORPS ARTILLERY AND EACH DIVISION ARTILLERY SHOULD HAVE A SEVENTEER (17) MAN METEROROLOGICAL SECTION WITH A CAPABILITY OF ESTABLISHING THREE (3) STATIONS. REQUIRED SPACES TO ACTIVATE THREE SEVENTEEN (17) MAN VISUAL SIGHTING METER OR OLOGICAL SECTIONS COULD NOT BE TRADED WITHIN EITHER DIVISION ARTILLEY OR I CORPS ARTILLERY. C. ARVN SHOULD NOT BE PROVIDED ADA AWSP WEAPONS. THE CURRENT AND ANTICIPATED AIR THREAT DOES NOT WARRANT SUCH WEAPONS systems. The machine-gun, caliber .50, can be effectively EMPLOYED AS A LIGHT AIR DEFENSE WEAPON SYSTEM IN ADDITION TO ITS PRESENTLY ADOPTED ROLE AS A GROUND DEFENSE WEAPON. THE ARVN INFANTRY DIVISION TOE 7E DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE CALIBER .50 MACHINE-GUN; HOWEVER, IN I CORPS THE MEDIUM OBNANCE SUPPORT BATTALION IS AUTHORIZED TWO (2) WEAPONS AND EACH OF THE TWO (2) ENGINEER GROUPS IS AUTHORIZED SEVENTEEN (17) WEAPONS. TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM AIR DEFENSE CAPABILITY UTILIZING THIS WEAPONS SYSTEM. EACH INFANTRY REGIMENT SHOULD BE PROVIDED WEAPONS ON THE BASIS OF ONE (1) WEAPON PER BATTALION. THE I CORPS REQUIREMENT FOR THESE AIR DEFENSE WEAPONS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE AUTHORIZED ABOVE, WOULD TOTAL TWENTY-NINE (29). AND. BECAUSE THIS WEAPON IS PRESENTLY IN THE ARVN SUPPLY SYSTEM, WOULD NOT CREATE ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS. NOR WOULD ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL SPACES BE REQUIRED. D. BY TIME FRAME 1973, THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 80,000 RF/PF IN ICTZ. THE FORCES WILL BE ORGANIZED AS 65 RF COMPANY GROUPS, 260 RF COMPANIES, AND 1200 PF PLATOONS (BASED UPON CURRENT ESTIMATES). BECAUSE OF THE SECURITY LEVEL OF LARGE POPULATION CENTERS AND LOCS, AND THE CAPABILITIES OF NATIONAL POLICE AND STATE OF TRAINING OF PSDF, MOST RF CO GPS WILL BE DEPLOYED TO RURAL AREAS FOR POPULATION SECURITY, ALTHOUGH SECTORS AND SUBSECTORS WILL MAINTAIN RF RECATION FORCES. THE MAJOR REDUCTION OF FORCES WILL COME FROM PF LOCATED IN POPULATION CENTERS. THEY WILL BE DISBANDED BECAUSE OF THE LAW WHICH PROHIBITS TRANSFER OF PF FROM THE AREA WHERE RECRUITED. RF UNITS IN THUA THIEN AND QUANG TRI AND THE AREAS BORDERING THE LOC IN OTHER PROVINCES WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED BECAUSE OF THE ROLE OF NATIONAL POLICE AND PSDF. AND THE LOC CONDITION. GP-4 SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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G. NO CHANGES REYOND THOSE CURRENTLY PLANNED ARE NEEDED TO MAKE THE ARUN MEDICAL SERVICES SPLE-SUFFICIENT BY THE PERIOD CONSIDERED. HOWEVER, FOR THE ARVN MEDICAL SERVICES TO FUNCTION AT ITS MAXIMUM POTENTIAL IT MUST TO SPONTOND ADEAUATE MATER DISTPIRITION SYSTEMS AT ALL FIXED MEDICAL FACILITIES AND SUCCESSFULLY IMPLEMENT JOINT-UTILIZATION OF PROVINCE AND SECTOR HOSPITALS. THE JOINT-UTILIZATION PROGRAM WILL COMBINE THE DOCTORS OF THE WELL STAFFED. PUT POORLY FAUIPPED SECTOR POSPITALS WITH THE ADFORATELY FORIPPED BUT UNDERSTAFFED PROVINCE POSPITALS, SURGICAL AND MEDICAL CAPARTLITIES WILL PE GREATLY EXPANDED FOR POTH ARUN AND CIVILIAN PATIENTS THROUGHOUT I CORPS. P. APVN CAPABILITIES IN THIS AREA ARE ADEQUATE BUT LACK DEPTH THE TO SMORTAGES OF TRAINED PERSONNEL. FUNCTIONS SUCH AS ORDER OF PATTLE, PLANNING, TARGETTING (TO INCLUDE ARC LIGHT) AND PEPORTING. ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND OPERATING EFFICIENTLY. ADDITIONAL SCHOOL-TRAINED PERSONNEL WITH MANDATORY HTILIZATION TOURS UPON COMPLETION OF THE TRAINING WOULD ADD DEPTH TO CUPRENT INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION.

, TWO HELICOPTER SQUADRONS PER ARVN INFANTRY OR MARINE DIVISION. AND FOUR HELICOPTER SUGADRONS PER ARVN AIRBORNE DIVISION WILL PERFOURED. UNAF IS PROGRAMMED TO RECEIVE TWO HIM-IN HELICOPTER SOUNDRONS IN I CORPS DURING THE SPECIFIED TIME PEPIOD. THIS IS VERY INADEQUATE TO SUPPORT I CORPS PECUIPEMENTS UNDER THE CONDITIONS SPECIFIED. A REVIEW OF THE AIPLIFT SUPPORT THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY BOTH WHAF AND US SOURCES DIRING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS WAS ACCOMPLISHED NOT OMLY FOR REGILAR ARVN DIVISIONS BUT ALSO FOR THE RF. PF AND SPECIAL FORCES IN I COPRS. APPLYING THE DATA OBTAINED TO THE SPECIFIED CONDITIONS IT WAS FOUND THAT AN ARSOLUTE MINIMUM OF SIX HELICOPTER COMADRONS WILL PERECUIRED TO PROVIDE MINIMUM AIRLIFT SUPPORT AND MANERVER CAPARILITY FOR ARVN FORCES IN I CORPS, INCLUDING RF, RF AND SPECIAL FORCES. WITH ONE HELICOPTER SCHADRON TO SUPPORT CORPS HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORT UNITS. THE REQUIPED COMBINATION OF SQUADRONS WOULD BE FIVE SQUADRONS OF UH-1H PELICOPTERS AND ONE SOUADRON OF HEAVY LIFT HELICOPTERS SUCH AS CHLAT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE A CAPARILITY TO AIRLIFT 105MM GUNS AND RECOVER DOWNED HUEYS. THE CH-53 IS NOT CONSIDERED SUITABLE DUE TO SOPHISTICATION AND ATTENDANT TRAINING AND LOGISTICA! PROPLETS.

J. THE DESIGN OF THE RVNAF SENSOR PROGRAM SHOULD PARALLEL THAT OF THE CUPRENT US PROGRAMS. A SENSOR MANAGEMENT BRANCH MOULD HAVE TO BE ESTABLISHED AT ARVN I CORPS HEAD CUARTERS THAT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE I COPRS SENSOR PROGRAM. THERE SHOULD BE TWO OFFICERS AND PROGRAM. ASSIGNED TO THIS SECTION WHICH WOLLD BE

UNDER STAFF SUPERVISION OF THE GO. AT DIVISION LEVEL A SIMILAR TYPE SECTION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE ADDITION OF AN AIR THPLANT SECTION. THIS SECTION WOULD CONSIST OF ONE PHOTOGRAPHER AND THREE AIR IMPLANT PERSONNEL AND RE USED FOR AIR DELIVERY AND ATR READ OUT IN SPECIFIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION AREA OF OPERATIONS. AIR DELIVERY AND READ OUT HOULD BE HILLIZED FOR SENSORS LOCATED IN THE DM7, ALONG THE LAGS BORDER AND IN REMOTE AREAS. THESE OPERATIONS HOUD REQUIRE THE SUPPORT OF HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING ATRCRAFT. THE CURRENT ORGANIZATION OF APUN I CORPS AT REGIMENTAL LEVEL IS ADEQUATE TO SUPPORT AN EXPANDED SENSOR PROGRAM. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PPOVIDING SENSORS TO REGIONAL AND POPILAR FORCES FOR HISE IN THE LOWLANDS. THIS WOULD ENABLE APPRIMITS TO EMPLOY THEIR SENSORS FIRTHER WEST ALONG THE PORDER AREAS AND IN MORE REMOTE LOCATIONS GIVING DEPTH TO THE OVERALL GROUND SURVEILL ANCE PROGRAM.

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OF CUPPORT. UNITS.

(C) MHE AND HEAVY VEHICLE SUPPORT.

(D) CALIPRATION SERVICE. IN THE AREA OF SUPPLY SUPPORT, THE NEWLY ORGANIZED LOGISTICAL SUPPLY FINCTIONS INTO ONE CENTRALIZED DIRECT SUPPORT UNIT. THIS ENHANCES THE DIVISION'S ABILITY TO ACHIEVE A SELF-SUFFICIENT SUPPLY SYTEM. PRESENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES INCIDENT TO RESUPPLY OF THE DIVISION AND RESPE FORCES THROUGH SUPPORT FROM THE I CORPS AREA LOGISTICS COMMAND DEPOTS AND LOGISTICS THITS WILL ADEANATELY MEET OPERATIONAL NEEDS. FOR THE COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE OF ARVN LOGISTICAL SUPPORT, THE I ALC MUST INCREASE CHERENT PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE TRAINED PERSONNEL TO HANDLE PORT CPEPATIONS. ASSUMING THESE ARE ACCOMPLISHED, THE ONLY STRUCTUPAL CHANGES ARE IN ENGINEER UNITS. THESE CHANGES ARE AS FOLLOWS!

() THAT THE CORMANDING GENERAL, ICTL. BE GIVER OPCON THE PTH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION).

(P) THAT TWO ADDITIONAL ENGINEER GROUPS (CONSTRUCTION)
REFORMED AND THE OPCON GIVEN TO THE CG. ICTZ.

(C) THAT ONE ADDITIONAL ENGINEER COMPANY (PANEL BRIDGE)

PE ASSINGED TO THE 10TH ENGINEER GROUP (COMBAT).

(D) THAT NINE SETS OF MO BATLEY BRAIDGE BE STOCKPILED AT

IST AREA LOGISTICS COMMAND.

(E) THAT FIFTEEN SETS OF MATE FLOAST PRIDGE RE STOCKPILED

AT IST AREA LOGISTICS COMMAND.

(O)(A) THIS ANSWER IS PREDICATED UPON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LOGISTICAL PROPLEMS ADDRESSED IN MACV PLAN 175-69 "COMBINED LOGISTICS OFFENSIVE" AND THE ARDSI COMPANY STUDY 1969 WILL HAVE PEEN LIRTUALLY ELIMINATED IN THE TIME FRAME INDICATED. ALSO, THE CONTINUED TURNOVER OF EXISTING PUILDINGS, STORAGE AREAS, POL TANK FARMS, AND LCU ASSETS AS THE US FORCES WITH-DRAW IS ASSUMED.

(P) ONE US ENGINEER BATTALION (COMPAT) HAS AN ENGINEERING CAPAPILITY OF TWO AND ONE-THIRD ARVN FNGINEER BATTALIONS
(COMPAT). THE 18TH ENGINEER GROUP (COMPAT) WITH THREE ORGANIC
FAIGTNEER PATTALIONS (COMPAT) IS THE ONLY FNGINEER GROUP (COMPAT)
IN ICTZ. THE TOTAL ARVN NONDIVISIONAL FNGINEER CAPAPILITY IS

EQUITY ALENT TO 1.3 US ENGINEER BATTALIONS (COMBAT).

CC) THE "TH ENGINEER GROUP (CONSTRUCTION) IS PRESENTLY PEING FORMED IN THE ICT?. THE MISSIONS OF THIS GROUP WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE CENTRAL LOGISTICS COMMAND IN SAIGON. IF THIS GROUP WERE OPCON TO THE CG, ICT?, ITS MORTZONTAL CONSTRUCTION CAPARILITY COULD BE EFFECTIVELY WITH IZED IN SUPPORT OF THE ICTZ MISSION.

(D) TWO ADDITIONAL ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION GROUPS ARE MECESSARY TO MAINTAIN ADEQUATE ENGINEER SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY ROADS (INCLUDING PRIDGING), RAILROADS, PASE CAPMS, AIRFIELDS, DEPENDENT HOUSING, AND FOR THE PRODUCTION OF MINERAL PRODUCTS, AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL OF US ENGINEER UNITS. THESE TWO GROUPS

SHOULD PE OPCON TO THE CG, ICT?.

(E) THE ADDITION OF AN ENGINTER COMPANY (PANEL PRIDGE)

TO NECESSITATED BY THE NEED FOR TRANSPORTATION TO TWO SITES
SIMILTANEOUSLY, FOR TWO SETS OF FRECTION EQUIPMENT AND SUPERUISORY PERSONNEL FROM THE PANEL PRIDGE COMPANY TO BE AT THE
SITES. ONE PANEL PRIDGE COMPANY CANNOT SUPPORT THE REQUIREMENTS

FOR PANEL PRIDGING IN THE ICTZ.

(F) NINE SETS OF MO BAILEY PRAIDGE STOCKED AT I ALC WILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE FIXED BRIDGE CAPABILITY TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE ICT? AS THE THREAT AND RATE OF PRIDGE INTERDICTION EXISTS TODAY.

(A) FIFTEEN SETS OF MATE FLOAT BRIDGE STOCKED AT I ALC
UILL PROVIDE ADEQUATE BRIDGING TO MEET THE NECESSITY OF CROSSING
ANY TWO OF THE MAJOR RIVERS IN THE IGTZ SIMULTANEOUSLY. THE
THREAT OF DESTRUCTION OF MEY BRIDGES ON OL-1 WILL CONTINUES TO
EXTENT OF THE ICTZ.

(H) THE SPACES TO FILL THESE NEW UNITS DO NOT EXIST IN THE ICT? PERSONNEL PASE.

L. TWO TACAIR SORTIES PER DAY WILL PE PECUIRED FOR EACH MANEUMER RATTALION ENGAGED IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD. A PEVIEW OF THE TACAIR SORTIES FLOWN IN I CORPS DURING THE PAST FOUR MONTHS REVEALED THAT EACH ACTIVE MANEUVER BATTALION CARVN AND US) PECUIRED AN AVERAGE OF THE TACAIR SORTIES PER DAY. UNDER THE SPECIFIED CONDITIONS. AROUT ONE-HALF OF THE MANEUVER PATTALIONS WONLD PE WITHDRAWN. ASSUMING THAT THE REMAINING ARVN BATTALIONS WO'LD MAINTAIN THE SAME LEVEL OF CONFLICT AND THAT INCREASED CONTACTS WOULD NOT OCCUR AS A RESULT OF MITHDRAWING THE US FORCES. APOIT THIRTY MANEIMER PATTALIONS SHOULD REMAIN ENGAGED IN ACTIVE OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD BEHILING A TOTAL OF SIXTY TACAIR SOPTIES PER DAY. THE TWO SOUNDRONS OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PROGRAMMED FOR I CORPS DIRING THIS TIME PERIOD WOULD RE HMARLE TO MEET THIS SORTIE RECHIREMENT ON A SHISTAINED BASIS. ALSO. THE STATISHICS REVEALED THAT THE SOPTIF REQUIREMENT FREQUENTLY SURGED TO THREE SORTIES PER MANERUPE PATTALION FACH DAY. THERE-FORE, A THIRD SOUADRON OF FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED TO I CORPS TO MEET THE CONTINUOUS SORTIE REQUIREMENT AND PROVIDE A CAPABILITY TO MEET SURGE REQUIREMENTS FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

THE NEED FOR NAVAL GUNFIRE AS A SUPPORTING ARM SHOULD PE ELIMINATED FROM ALL FUTURE PLANNING. EXISTING COASTAL SUPVEILLANCE GROUP (JUNK FLEET) WILL BE ADEQUATE. OFFENSIVE NAVAL OPERATIONS WILL BE VIRTUALLY FLIMINATED AS A RESULT OF PACTFICATION. NAVAL OPERATIONS WILL PRIMARILY BE LIMITED TO SUPVEILLANCE AND PATROL OF THE COASTLINE AND WATERWAYS TO PREVENT INFILTRATION. THIS SURVEILLANCE AND PATROL CAN EFFECTIVELY BE ACCOMPLISHED BY PRESENT GVN NAVAL FORCES. GP-4

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SEARCH SUPPLIMENTED BY VISUAL AFRIAL SEARCH WITH PROGRAMMED WMAF ASSETS WILL REST PROVIDE AFRIAL OFFSHORE SURVEILLANCE. RADAR SITES LOCATED ON THE COASTLINE AT TAN MY. DANANG AND PATANGAN PENINSMA WILL PROVIDE ADFOMATE DETECTION OF ANY AERIAL THREAT. THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF RADAR IS PRESENTLY WITHIN THE CAPABILITIES OF GUN FORCES. THE COMPLING OF RADAR WITH VISUAL OPSERVATION BY THE JUNK FLEET HADER THE POSTILATED SITUATION WILL PROVIDE EARLY MARNING OF ANY AERIAL TUREAT.

P. THERE ARE SHORTAGES OF AIRLIFT AS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED: POWEVER. OPERATIONAL ALTERNATIVIES EXIST. AT PRESENT IN ICT? THE IS PROVIDES AIRLIFT TO RUNAF TO MOUF AM AVERAGE OF 2.439 CHORT TONS/ MONTH AND 6.700 PEPSONNFL/HONTH. IN THE POSTILATED SITUATION THIS PERUIREMENT WOULD PE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED DUE TO INCPEASED ITILIZATION AND SECURITY OF LAND LINES COMMUNICATION. IT IS DELIEVED THAT THERE WILL STILL DE A SHORTAGE OF AIRLIFT.
TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE SHORTAGE, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS QUESTION BE REFERRED TO THE TRANSPORTATION SECTION OF THE ATR FORCE ADVISORY GROUP AT TAN CON NEUT AIR BASE. SOME OPERA-TIONAL ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE:

(1) CONTACT WITH AIR VIET NAM OR OTHER COMMERCIAL COURIERS.

(2) MONE MORE BY RAIL AND SHIP.

(3) EXPAND THE CAPABILITY OF AIR AMERICA. A (1) THE FIVE WEEK BCT, FOUR WEEK AIT, AND FIVE WEEK REFRESHER TRAINING ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ADEQUATE IN LENGTH, CHALITATIVE IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE BY FOCUSING MORE ATTENTION ON THE ANALITY OF INSTRUCTORS. LIMITED EXPANSION OF CURRICULUMS AND LOAD AT NATIONAL AND TERRITORIAL TRAINING CENTERS IS MAD BE SEPT STITTO, MOVEYER, DURL IF 18th EMETRICAL

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MIST OF DRAWN FROM THE ALREADY CRITICAL JUNIOR LEADERSHIP BASE, IN THOSE ISOLATED CASES WHERE ARUN INFANTRY AND RANGER BATTALIONS ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM SECURITY MISSIONS, PERIODIC AND FPECUENT ROTATION OF UNITS WILL ALLOW MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR REFRESHER, TRAINING. THE INTEGRATION OF VIETNAMESE OFFICERS AND MOS INTO US PLATTONS AND COMPANIES AND INTO BATTALION AND PRIGADE STAFFS IS NOT RECOMMENDED. IF SUCH A PROGRAM WERE ENACTED, RESPONSIBILITIES WOILD HAVE TO BE DELINEATED IN GREAT PETAIL. ASSIGNMENT OF VIETNAMESE OFFICERS AND NOS TO UNDER-STUDY POSITIONS IN US UNITS IS CONSIDERED FEASIBLE. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT MODILE ADVISORY TRAINING TEAMS BE INTEGRATED WITH ARVN COUNTERPARTS SINCE THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE THAT MOULD OCCUR WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE TRAINING PRESENTED DIRING PERIODS OF STAND DOWN. IN ADDITION. THE USE OF COMBINED USVERNM TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAMS IN THE AREAS OF ORDNANCE AND GIMNERY CAN BE UTILIZED AS AN EFFECTIVE TRAINING VEHICLE FOR ARTILLERY IMITS WHILE OPERATIONALLY COMMITTED.

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(3) IN ORDER TO EFFECTIVELY UPGRADE THE QUALITY OF THE ADVISOR, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT GREATER EMPHASIS BE DIRECTED TOMADD: IMPORVED LANGUAGE TRAINING SELECTIVE SCREENING OF PERSONNEL RECORDS AND SELECTION OF ADVISORS WITH PRIOR COMMAND AND MAAG EXPERIENCE: MAAG INCENTIVE PAY: ASSIGNMENT OF ADVISORS THAT ARE OF ECHAL RANK TO THEIR COUNTERPART, AND COMPLETE FILL OF ALL JTD ADVISORY POSITIONS. A LANGUAGE TRAINING COURSE IN-COUNTRY HOLD APPEAR TO BE ADVANTAGEOUS AND EFFECTIVE. THIS ELEPEPTARY LEVEL CONGRET COURSE FMPWASIZING MILITARY TYPE TERMS CHOILD, RE GIVEN TO CAPTAINS AND SELECTED ENLISTED SMALL INIT ADVISORS INCLIDING THOSE ASSIGNED TO REGIONAL FORCE COMPANIES AND POPULAR FORCE PLATOONS. THE WITHDRAWAL OF US TACTICAL WHITS WILL RECONSTITUTE A LARGER MANPOWER POOL ALLOWING ASSIGNMENT PRANCHES TO PE MORE SELECTIVE IN ASSIGNING OF ADVISORS. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT POSIONS PRESCRIBED IN THE JTD BE FILLED WITH APPROPRIATE GRADES AND PERSONNEL WHO HAVE PREVIOUS COMMAND AND MAAG EXPERIENCE.

A. IN SUMMARY THE FOREGOING RESPONSES WERE PREPARED PRIMARELY IN LITCHT OF THE GIVEN ASSUMPTION THAT "THE VIET CONG/ MORTH VIETNAMESE APMY THREAT WILL CONTINUE AT IT'S CURRENT LEVEL THROUGH 1. JULY 1973", PESPONES PEPPESENT NEEDS TO MEET THIS "WORST CIRCUMSTANCE" OF THE STATED STUDY PARAMETERS EXCEPT WHERE SPECIFICALLY OTHERWISE INDICATED. RECOMMENDED STRUCTURAL CHANGES AND MATERIEL EXPANSIONS COULD BE CONSIDERABLY REDUCED SHOULD THE UCKNUM THREAT DECREASE AND THE TEMPO OF WAR SUPSIDE MARKEDLY. SHOULD THIS LATTER ASSUMPTION PREVAIL IN CONSOMANCE WITH GIVEN SCENARIO DESCRIPTION ONLY NOMINAL MODIFICATIONS TO CURRENTLY ON HAND AND PROGRAMMED TROOP STRENGTHS AND MATERIAL ENMANCEMENT MOILD BE REQUIRED. IN THIS LATTER REGARD, IT IS EMPHASISED THAT ICTY IS NOT ADAPTABLE TO UNIFORM DIVISIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE DIVISIONAL FORCES EMPLOYED WITHIN ICT? MUST BE TAILOPED TO MEET THEIR RESPECTIVE FAW TRONMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES OF THREAT. TERRAIN. AND MISSION. THE TEQUEST FOR HEAVY ARTILLERY IN NORTHEN ICTZ PUT NOT IN THE SOUTHERN POSTION FXEMPLIFIES THIS ASPECT OF THE FOREGOING RECOMMENDATIONS.

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FROM: COMMANDING GENERAL, I CORPS

tos the president of the republic of vietnam (special office)

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PAGE TUO RHMMAFAD498 C O N. F I D E N. T I A LISPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR Message N. 163/ODI/VPTL I corps headquarters respectfully reports to the ppresident the EARLY RESULT OF OUR INVESTIGATION CONCERNING AN INCIDENT CAUSED BY operations conducted by a unit of the u, s. anerical division INFLICTED CIVILIAN GASUALTIES TO TU-CUNG HAMLET, SON-MY VILLAGE SON-TINH DISTRICT, QUANG-NGAI PROVINCE ON MARCH 19 0 1969 .
BASED ON REPORTS MADE BY QUANG NGAI PROVINCE CHIEF DATED November 19. 1969 and by son-tinh district chief dated march 28, 1968. FOLLOWING IS THE GENERAL PROGRESS OF THE INCIDENT. son my, tu cung hamlets and those around my lat van thien here NOT SECURE SINCE 1964. FOR SECURITY REASONS LOCAL AUTHORITY HAD TO MOVE TO SOU-LONG. THE WHOLE AREA WAS CONTROLLED BY VC. oprated in this nameet and those around it. The communist orgalnzed it as combat hamlet, with communication trenches, and PROGRESS HOTOON ON MRCH 19: 1968 also as autonomous hamlet. a raid against son-ny hamlet was conducted by task force barker. OF THE LITH BRIGADE, U.S. AMERICAL DIVISION INCLUDING CHARLIE AND BRAVO CO OF THE 1/20, LED BY ISTLI CALLEY. U.S. FORCES INFORMED THE LOCAL AUTHORITY AND THE 12TH DIA CONTACT HAS BEEN

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FACE THREE RUMMAFACASS C O N F I D E W T I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MADE BY OPERATIONAL FORCES FROM 0700H TO 0900H, CONTINUED UNTIL 0600H. REPORTED RESULT WAS 125 VC KIA, A HUMBER OF WEAPONS AND DOCUMENTS YERE CAPTURED. FRIENDLY CASUALTY WAS NOT REPORTED. TWO WEEKS LATER RUNDR SPREAD OUT THE OPERATION CAUSED MUNDREDS of civilian casualty. Local people was to bury dead bodies which included ve and friendly. The district chief of son tinh district REPORTED TO THE PROVINCE CHIEF THAT ONE OF THE U. . . SOLDIERS STEPPED ON EVENY PINE WHEN U. S. FORCES ENTERING THE HAMLET. MOSTILE FIRE WAS HEAVY U. S. FORCES CALLED IN ARTILLERY AND AIR Strike as support which inflicted a number of casualty to the enemy and to the civilians as well. Then after in vain local AUTHORITY OF QUANG MGAL PROVINCE AND SON TINH DISTRICT COULD NOT COLLECT ANY MORE DETAIL CONCERNING VC AND CIVILIAN CASUALTIES, IN THE HAMLET. FIVE MONTHS AFTER, DURING AN OPERATION against son-my hamlet conducted by quang ngat sector, led by the Province Chief, the operational force met strong resistence from THE HAMLET AND COULD NOT OCCUPY THE TARGET. HOWEVER, 20 CIVILIANS FLED FROM THE HAMLET AND REPORTED AS FOLLOWS. ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT FOR OPERATION CONDUCTED BY THE U. S. FORCES IN MARCH 1968 had inflicted the enemy heavy casualties. A number of civilians

PAGE FOUR SHINDATABASE C O N F I D E-W T I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MET THE SAME FATE. THE COMMUNIST PROPAGNDA CLAIMED ALL CALUALTIES HERE CIVILIANS, BUT WHEN BURYING DEAD BODIES, PEOPLE IN THE NAMLET SAV ABOUT 26 CIVILIAN BODIES INCLUDING WOMEN, CHILDREN AND OLD MEN AMONG 30 BODIES OF COMMUNIST SOLDIERS. ON JUNE 26, 1969, A COMBINED VN-US DELEGATION FROM SAIGON CAME OUT HERE TO SEE THE CHIEF OF QUAIS MAD I PROVINCE AND SON TINN DISTRICT CHIEF. THE LATTERS EXPLAINED THAT TU-CUNG AND SON-HY MANLETS WERE STRONGLY ORGANIZED BY THE COMMUNIST SINCE 1964. MOST OF THE YOUTH IN THE MANLET JOINED PROVINCE WAIN FORCE UNITS AND DISTRICT RECIONAL FORCE. ACCORDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE, RIGHT AFTER THE CONTACT, THERE WERE 180 ENEMY CASUATIES AND A NUMBER OF CIVILIAN CASUALTIES THAT COULD BOT BE CONFIRMED. TO COVER UP THEIR MEAVY CASUALTIES, THE COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA MADE PEOPLE FEEL ANGRY AGAINST THE M. S. FORCES. ABDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING SON MY VILLAGE BEFORE 1964. SON MY MAD ABOUT 2,000 INHABITANTS. THE MANLET WAS PACIFIED IN OCTOBER 1959. 1909 PEOPLE JOINED THE GVN. AOO YOUTHS JOINED COMMUNIST WITH FROM 30 TO 100 PEOPLE WORKED IN GVN. CONTROLLED AREA. LAST WEEK, COVEMBER 14, 1969 MANY U. S. REPORTERS CAME AND INTERVILLED PEOPLE AT A SON MY VILLAGE, PERHAPS PEOPLE LOTHER AND INTERVILLED PEOPLE AT A SON MY VILLAGE, PERHAPS PEOPLE LOTHER AND INTERVILLED PEOPLE AT A SON MY VILLAGE, PERHAPS PEOPLE LOTHER AND INTERVILLED PEOPLE AT A SON MY VILLAGE, PERHAPS PEOPLE LOTHER AND LINE VILLAGE, PERHAPS PEOPLE LOTHER AND VILLAGE.

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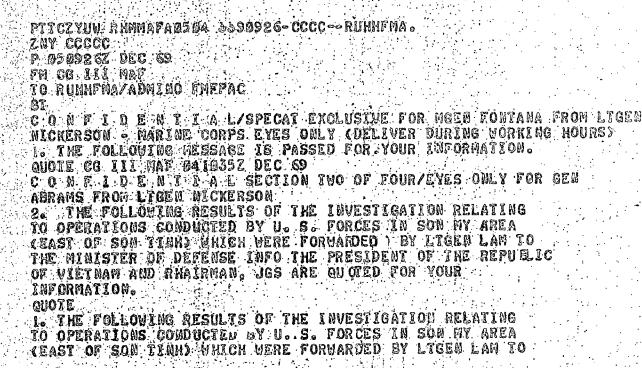
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1. GENERALITY - SITUATION OF SON MY VILLAGES

A. TERRAIN. SON MY VILLAGE IS LOCATED AT THE EAST SIDE OF SON TINY DISTRICT. WORTH OF IT IS, SON GUANG, SON MAI. SON MY MAS FOUR NAMEETS: TU-GUANG; MY LAI: WY KHE, AND CO-LUY.

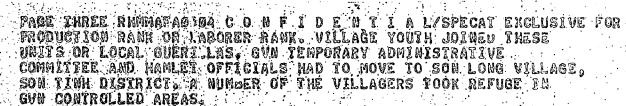
B. MILITARY AND POLITICAL SETUATION. FROM THE END OF 1964 TO SEPTEMBER 1969; SON MY VILLAGE WAS CONTROLLED BY VC. IT WAS ORGANIZED IN STRONG COMBAT HAMLETS. THE COMMUNIST FORCES IN THE AREA WERE AS FOLLOWS 421 H BU PROVINCIAL MAIN FORCE; V/22 COMPANY DISTRICY REGIONAL FORCE; 506A AND 506B COMPANY DISTRICY REGIONAL FORCE; 506A AND 506B COMPANTS. SAPPERS: AND THREE PLATOONS OF GUERILLAS.

COMPANIES, SAPPERS, AND THREE PLATORNS OF GUERILLAS.

THE COMMUNISTS TURNED THE VILLAGE INTO COMBAT HAMLETS
WITH COMMUNICATION TRENCHES, DITCHES FORTIFIED FENCES, VILLAGE
AND HAMLET AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEES. PEOPLE IN THE VILLAGE, MALE,
FEMALE, OLD AND YOUNG, WERE FORCED IQ JOIN THE VC COMBAT RANK,

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II. SITUATION BEFORE THE DATE OF OPERATION.

ON THE OCCASION OF MAU THAN NEW YEARS (JAN 30, 1968) THE COMMUNISTS HAVE USED THE ABIST SAPPER REGIMENT AND THE PROVINCIAL MAIN FORCE WHICH INCLUDED 5 BATTALIONS AND 12 REGIONAL AND SAPPER COMPANIES TO SUPPORT THE 2 NVA REGIMENTS OF THE GOLD STAR 3D DIVISION IN THEIR ATTACK AIMING AT QUANG NGAI CITY. FOUR ATTACK DIRECTIONS WERE PLANNED. THE ONE FROM SON TINH DISTRICT HAS THE ABIT BY AND THE 1871H ANTI-AIRCRAFT BY AND THE 50GA COMPANY ORIGINATED FROM SON MY VILLAGE. 150 LABRERS FROM THIS VILLAGE WERE BROUGT ALONG DURING AN ATTACK CONDUCTED AGAINST THE REVPT TRAINING CENTER AND THE RF COMPANY LOCATED AT THE NORTH OF TRA-KNUC BRIDGE. THE HENRY LOST THE ATTACK. 100 OF THEM WERE HILLED. THEY WITHDREW TO SON MY FOR REORGANIZATION AND BURIAL OF THEIR DEAD.

AFTER TET MAU-THAN OFFINSIVE, EVEN DEFEATED, THE COMMUNISTS

PAGE FOUR RHMMARADOR CO.N. F. I. D. E. W. T. I. A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR STILL TRIED TO GRIP THE BOXDERS OF CITIES AND VILLAGES SURROUNDING SON TIME, TU NGHIA, NGHIA HANH DISTRICTS. THEY CONTINUED TO FIRE ROCKETS AND CONDUCT SPARADIC BUT NUMEROUS SMALL ATTACKS IN RURAL AREAS TO ENCINCLE CITIES.

III. VN AND U.S. OPERATIONS TO EASE THE ENEMY PRESSURE.

TO EASE THE ENERY PRESSURE, THE VM LOCAL MAIN FORCES AND ALLIED FORCES HAVE LAUNCHED DIFFERENT ATTACKS CONDUCTED AS FOLLOWS:

- RF AND PF WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR RD AREAS UNICH HAD VILLAGE AND HAMLET LOCAL AUTHORITY.

THE U.S. FARCES MERE RESPONSIBLE FOR AREAS OCCUPIED BY UC CAREA WITHOUT LOCAL AUTHORITY).

IV. PROGRESS OF OPERATION ON MARCH 16, 19688

ON MARCH 16. 1968 TASK FORCE BARKER CONDUCTED AN OPERATION AT SON MY VILLAGE. THREE COMPANIES, ALFAS BRAVO AND CHARLIE WERE BROUGHT IN BY HELICOPTERS. THE OPERATION STARTED AT 6730M WITH ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT. CHARLIE COMPANY LANDED WHEN THE LANDING ZONE WORTHEAST OF SON MY WAS CLEARED. AFTER THE OPERATION, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM U. S. SOURCES WERE 125 YC/KIA, A CERTAIN NUMBER OF WEAFONS AND DOCUMENTS WERE CAPTURED AND 20

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PAGE FIVE RHUMAFAGSOG C O N FILD E N T I A LISPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR CIVILIANS WERE WILLED. THE ALANCE OF ALLIED TROOPS TOWARD A COMBAT HAGLET WAS DIFFICULT THE TO THE MINE FIELD, COMMUNICATION THE NGMES AND TUNNELS. FRIENLY CASUALTIES WERE NOT DISCLOSED ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATION, OPERATION AND INCIDENT HAPPENED only in thuan yen section of the cutic hamlet care hamlet has 5 SECTIONS: THUAN YEN, TRUD IS AN, LENN TAY, BINH HOONG, TRUN HOAD. THE OPERATION DID NOT OCCUR IN THE REAMING 4 SECTIONS TRUNG OF THE MANLET, SEFORE MARCH 16, 1968 WE COULD NOT CONTROL THE POPULATION OF THIS HAMLET, LOWEVER, BASED ON LOCAL OFFICIALS THE HAMLET HAD ABOUT 79 HOUSES AND SAID INHABITANTS. THERE WERE ABOUT 45 FAVILLES. 250 INHALITANTS TOOK REFUGE TO OTHER SECURE HANGETS OR JOINED THEIR FAULIES IN SALEON. THERE WERE ABOUT 25 FAMILIES, FROM 80 TO 50 NHABITANTS STILL LIVING IN THE WORLD FT. WEAR OF THE SALEON OF THE WORLD FT. HOMLET UNTIL MARCH 16, 1969. AFTER SEPTEMBER 1969 PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS SECTION HERE RESETTLED IN SON MY MODEL MAMLET WITH 17 PAMILIES, OVER 30 PEOPLE .SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THE HAMLET GOT MILLED, OTHERS JOINED THE VC. THE NUMBER OF CAVILIAN DEAD HERE RECORDED AS 25 AND 5 WOUNDED. THESE PEOPLE ARE RECOVERED AND LIVING IN MODEL HAMLET (ENGLOSED IS NAME LIST OF HOUNDED AND DEAD). 0504

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ABRAMS FROM LIGEN NICKERSON

V. SITUATION OF SON MY VILLAGE ON MARCH 16, 1968 THE ABOVE OPERATION HAD ELIMINATED A NUMBER OF VC. BUT RIGHT AFTER IT THE VC REOCCUPIED THIS VILLAGE AND REORGANIZED IT THE WAY IT WAS UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMERS 69. QUANG NGAI SECTOR HAD A PACIFICATION PROJECT FOR THIS HAMLET. IT COULD & CARRIED OUT ONLY AFTER THE COMBINED OPERATION CONDUCTED BY AMERICAL DIVISION AND 2D ARYN DIVISION IN BA LANG AN AREA. AS A RESULT, 12,000 PEOPLE WERE RESETTLED, THE ENEMY PRESSURE WAS REDUCED. VI. PRESENT SITUATION.

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A. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE OPERATION. ONE MONTH AFTER THE MARCH 16 OPERATION, INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM VC CONTROLLED AREA SHOWED THAT COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES WERE HELD FOR NGUYEN-TRI-THUC, ALIAS CUONG, A VC DISTRICT COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO GOT KILLED DURING THE ATTACK. A MEETING WAS ORGANIZED TO COMMEMORATE THEIR DEAD HEROES AND ALSO TO MARK THEIR SO CALLED VICTORY. LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED ACCUSING THE OPERATIONAL FORCES

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PAGE THREE RHMMAFA0505 C O N F I D E N I I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR HAD KILLED 500 CIVILIANS. RUMOR CAME TO SON MY VILLAGE CHIEF, TE IN TURN REPORTED THE FACT TO THE DISTRICT CHIEF.

B. INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS AND

QANG NEAT SECTOR.

DISTRICT CHIEF WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION.
BY THAT TIME TU CUNG AREA SON MY VILLAGE WAS UNDER VC CONTROL.
ACCORDING TO SON TIME DISTRICT CHIEF, LT TRAN NGOC TAN, DURING THE UPERATION, THERE WERE SOME CIVILIAN CASUALTIES BUT THE VC HAD EXAGERATED THE FIGURE.

C. THE SECOND INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE

HEADQUARTERS BY WAY OF AN OPERATION.

QUANG NGAL SECTOR CONDUCTED OPERATION QT/44G IN TU CUNG HAMLET, SON MY VILLAGE WITH 2 COMPANIES OF RF FOR 3 DAYS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF LED THE OPERATION. THE OPERATIONAL FORCES RECEIVED MORTAR FIRE AND BAD WHEN REACHING TU CUNG. WE COULD NOT OCCUPY THE TARGET. FRIENDLY CASUALTY: 4 KIA, 8 WIA.

3 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED 1 CREW SERVED WEAPON,

THE OPERATION STARTED ON JUNE 11, 1968 AND TERMINATED ON JUNE 13, 1968.

PAGE FOUR RAMMAFAGSOS CONFIDENTIAL/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ON JUNE 12, 1968 2 US PLANES WERE SHOT DOWN (ONE OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT, ONE HUEY). THE TARGET COULD NOT BE TAKEN BY THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THE OPERATIONAL FORCE HAD RECEIVED 20 REFUGES FROM TU CUNG HAMLET. AFTER INTERROGATION, THEY REPORTED AT 6730H ON MARCH 16, 1968 WHEN US TROOPS BROUGHT IN BY HELICOPTER, THE VC WITHDRAW IN THEIR TRENCHES AND TUNNELS. THE CIVILIANS WERE GUIDED BY GUERRILLAS TO MORTH OF SON QUANG VILLAGE AND EAST OF THUAN YEN SECTION, THE REFUGEES WERE ASKED WHETHER THEY SAW PEOPLE GET KILLED AT THE TIME OF ATTACK. THEY SAID THE NEXT MORNING, WHEN US TROOPS WITHDREW, THE VC BROUGHT BACK 100 DEAD BODIES. AS FOR POPULATION IN THE HAMLET, THEY SAID THERE WERE ONLY 20 OR 30, MOST OF THEM ARE CHILDREN AND WOMEN. 50 OR 60 YOUNG MEN HAD JOINED THE HAMLET GUERILLAS, SOME OF THEM WERE STRANGERS. WHERE DID THE VC BURY THEIR DEAD SOLDIERS. TO THIS THEY SAID RIGHT IN THE HAMLET WHERE THEY GOT KILLED.

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1 - MRS. NGUYEN THI DOC, 60, WOUNDED IN ASDOMENS
2 - MRS. HA-THI-QUY, 44, WOUNDED IN THE HIP;
3 - NGUYEN THO, 17, WOUNDED IN THE HEAD;

TIME BECAUSE THE AREA WAS STILL UNDER VC CONTROL.

E. THIRD INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY PROVINCE AND QUANG

4 - NGUYEN THE CANH, 7, WOUNDED IN THE LEG

5 - MR. PHAM DAT, 39, WOUNDED IN THE ABDOMEN.

25 DEAD BODIES INDENTIFIED BY THEIR RELATIVES:

MRS. DOG'S FAMILY: 11 PEOPLE

MRS. QUY'S FAMILY & PEOPLE MR. NHAN'S FAMILYS 5 PEOPLE

MR. DAT'S FAMILY: 1 PERSON MR. TRUONG LONG'S FAMILY: 3 PEOBLE

MRS. TUNGTS FAMILY 1 2 PEOPLE

AMONG THE 6 VICTIM'S FAMILY, MR. DO-TAN NHAM'S FAMILY HAMLET CHIEF, IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH DOESN'T HAVE ANY RELATIVE

CONNECTED WITH VG. MRS. DOC'S NEPHEN, 18, JOINED VC PROVINCIAL MAIN UNIT.

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MR. LONG'S SON, 24, JOINED THE VC, HIS CTHER SON, 29, IF A VC CORPSMAN.

MR. LONG HAD LED A DEMONSTRATION DURING MAU THAN NEW YLARS. HE CAME BACK FROM 2 YEARS IMPRISONMENT AT CON SON.

MRS. TUNG'S SON, 27, JOINED GUERILLA, HER DAUGHTER IN

LAV. 23, IS A LIAISON AGENT.

VII. CONCLUSION.
MARCH 16, 1968 OPERATION CAUSED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF
CASUALTIES IN THUAN YEN SECTION, TU CUNG AMULET. THE VC LE FLET
CLAIMED 500 CIVILIAN DEAD, THE LOCAL PEOPLE REPORTED AMONG THE
100 BODIES, THERE WERE ONLY 30 CIVILIANS LIVING IN THE HAM ET
THE REMAINING BODIES WERE VC.

THE US REPORTED 125 VC KIA AND A NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS AND EXPLOSIVES WERE CAPTURED DURING OPERATION. NO FRIENDLY

CASUALTIES WERE DISCLOSED.

THE PROVINCIAL INVESTIGATION CONFIRMED 5 WOUNDED AND

25 KILLED CALL IDENTIFIED).

THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED BY THE PROVINCE AND QUANG HUAI SECTOR HAD MET SOME DIFFICULTIES. WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY THE

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AT THE PRESENT TIME THE PROVINCE DOES NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO INTERROGATE US CONCERNED PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE OPERATION WHILE THE US AUTHORITY HAS THE CAPABILITY OF INVESTIGATING ON BOTH SIDES. WE TRY TO FIND SOME MORE INTERESTING INFORMATION FROM PEOPLE OF THE HAMLET AND VILLAGE. FURTHER REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED.

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3. PLEASE TREAT BOTH DOCUMENTS AS PRIVILEGED INFORMATION WARM REGARDS.

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1. ON 3 DEC 1969, MR. PAUL BRINKLEY-ROGERS, NEWSWEEK BUREAU IN SAIGON, QUERIED CLB, III MAF ABOUT AN ALLEGED INCIDENT INVOLVING HOTEL COMPANY, FIRST MARINES, THE INCIDENT ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED SOUTH OF DAMANS DURING HOVEY AND INVOLVED THE KILLING OF 40 VIETNAMESE NONCOMBATANTS. BRINKLEY-ROGERS WAS INFORMED ON 3DECES THAT HOTEL COMPANY. FIRST MARINES WAS OPERATING IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE DURING THE FALL OF 1967 AND COULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN AN INCIDENT SOUTH OF DANANG. 2. BRIWKLEY-ROGERS SECHED SATISFIED WITH CIB'S RESPONSE AND STATED THAT HE WAS UNSURE OF HIS SOURCE AND IT

WAS PROBABLY A RUMOR.
3. ON ADECES, BRINKLEY-ROGERS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING

CABLE FROM NEWSWEEK, NEW YORK: QUOTE, WASHINGTON INFORMS US THAT THE OFFICER WAS NAMED CAPT ROBERT W. MAYNARD AND THAT HE COMMANDED B COMPANY ACCORDING (TO) WHAT WASHINGTON HAS BEEN ABLE TO LEARN SO FAR. MAYWARD WAS ACQUITTED AND HAS SINCE RETURNED TO CIVILIAN LIFE. AN ENLISTED MAN APPARENTLY WAS TRIED AND CONVICTED ON A MINOR CHARGE GROWING OUT OF THE CASE, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW HIS NAME. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AT LEAST ONE OTHER STATESTOE PUBLICATION IS ALSO ONTO THE STORY, SO PLEASE PURSUE FULLY REGARDING THE ALLEGED WASSACRE BY MARINES IN 1967. WE HAVE BEEN PASSING YOUR LEADS TO WASHINGTON FOR DOUBLE CHECK. ASSUME HOWEVER THAT YOU ARE PURSUING THE MATTER VICOROUSLY AT YOUR END. IF THE C. O. WAS IN FACT COURT MARTIALED THERE MUST BE SOME SORT OF RECORD AT MACV. THIS MATTER WOULD HAVE HIGHEST PRIORITY. 4. BASED UPON ABOVE CABLE, BRINKLEY-ROGERS MADE FOLLOWING UNQUOTE ...

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A. WHAT CHARGES WERE MADE AGAINST CAPTAIN MAYNARD? B. WHAT CHARGES VERE MADE AGAINST THE ENLISTED MAN? C. WHAT ARE THE DETAILS OF THE INCLUENT? 5. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED MACOL TO ANSWER BRINKLEY-ROGERS: A. A. ON 23 MARCH, 1988 A GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL WAS CONVENED AT HEADQUARTERS, 1ST MARINE DIVISION TO TRY CAPTAIN ROBERT V. MAYNARD FOR VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLES 80, UCMJ CATTEMPTED PREMEDITATED MURDER) AND 92, UCMJ (FAILURE TO OBEY A LAWFUL GENERAL ORDER). A SYNOPSIS OF THE CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS SPECIFICATIONS THAT ON 22 OCTOBER 1967. CAPTAIN ROBERT W. MAYNARD USMC, A MEMBER FOLLOWS: ARTICLE 80 OF THE IST MARINE REGIMENT, 1ST MARINE DIVISION (THEN ATTACHED TO THE 30 MARINE DIVISION) DID, WHILE LEADING HIS COMPANY ON A PATROL WITH PREMEDITATION ATTEMPT TO MURDER ALL ADULT VIETNAMESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THOMB NAI CUU VILLAGE, TRUU PHONG DISTRICT, QUANG TRE PROVINCE, ARTICLE 92 IST SPECIFICATION: THAT ON 22 OCTOBER, 1967, CAPTAIN ROBERT W. MAYNARD FAILED TO REPORT THE FINDINGS OF A COMBAT PATROL TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. 2ND SPECIFICATION: THAT ON 22 OCTOBER, 1967, CAPTAIN ROBERT W. MAYNARD FAILED TO REPORT THE KILLING OF NON-COMBATANT CIVILIANS BY A MEMBER OF HIS COMMAND. SD SPECIFICATION: THAT ON 22 OCTOBER, 1967, CAPTAIN ROBERT W. MAYNARD DISOBEYED A LAYFUL GENERAL ORDER BY BURNING VIETNAMESE PRIVATE PROPERTY.

THE GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL ON 25 MARCH, 1968, FOUND

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CAPTAIN MAYNARD GUILTY OF ONE SPECIFICATION OF ARTICLE 92 OF THE U.C.M.J CFAILURE TO REPORT THE KILLING OF NON-COMBATANT CIVILIANS BY A MEMBER OF HIS COMMAND). HE WAS FOUND NOT QUILTY OF ALL OTHER CHARGES AND SPECIFICATIONS. THE COURT DID NOT AWARD ANY PUNISHMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE FINDING OF GUILTY. B. ON 18 MARCH, 1968, LANCE CORPORAL R. O. DIENER, A MEMBER OF IST MARINE REGIMENT WAS TRIED BY GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL AT THE HEADQUARTERS, IST MARINE DIVISION FOR VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 80, UCMJ. THE ONE SPECIFICATION ALLEGED IN GENERAL THAT LCPL DIENER, A MEMBER OF CAPTAIN MAYNARD'S PATROL ON 22 OCTOBER, 1967 DID ATTEMPT TO MURDER A VIETNAMESE WOMAN, WHOSE NAME IS UNKNOWN, BY SHOOTING HER WITH AN MELS RIFLE IN THOM HAI CUU VILLAGE. LCPL DIENER WAS FOUND NOT-GUILTY OF THE CHARGE AND SPECIFICATION BY THE GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL ON 20 MARCH 1968. 6. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS. BT

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MGEN RAMSEY, MGEN THRASH, MR. FRITZ AND COL COX FROM
LTGEN NICKERSON
VISIT OF GEN ABRAMS TO ICTZ
   CG III MAF 291254Z NOV 69
    IN REF A, I ALERTED YOU AND PROVIDED TENTATIVE PLANS
REGARDING SUBJECT VISIT. THE SCHEDULE IS ESSENTIALLY
AS DISCUSSED IN REF A AND IS LISTED BELOW. FOR GEN
ZAIS: PLEASE ARRANGE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE VISITS TO
101ST A BY DIV (AM), 2ND ARVN REGT AND THE 1ST BDE,
5TH MECH DIV. GEN LAM HAS SPECIFIED THE 2ND ARVN REGT
AS THE ARVN UNIT TO BE VISITED. REQUEST YOU ADVISE
WHEN DETAILS ARE FIRM.
    ATTENDANCE AT THESDAY, 9 DEC BRIEFING IS RESTRICTED
TO COMMANDERS PLUS ONE, HOWEVER, IF YOU DESIRE ADDITIONAL
REPS, PLEASE ADVISE. DSA WILL ATTEND WITH SENIOR
DIVISION ADVISORS INCLUDING QDSF. DEP CORDS PLUS ONE
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         IN VIEW OF IMMINENT COMMAND CHANGE, IT IS
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CREATION OF SMALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA

A. CG XXIV CORPS Ø51010Z DEC 69

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INFORMING COMUSMACV OF YOUR VIEWS CONCERNING THE

CREATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA.

2. I CONSIDER THE ALTERNATIVES YOU MENTIONED IN PAR

4 OF REF A AN APPROPRIATE METHOD. PLEASE FORWARD YOUR

RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE SUBJECT TO ME. I WILL FORWARD

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PAGE TUO RUNJMSAOS 19 C O N F I D E N T I A L OPERATIONAL NEEDS, I CONSIDER IT BEST, THAT WE RETAIN THE CAUSEWAY AT UANANG AS IS. 3. (C) NEW SUBJECT. YOUR RECENT MESSAGE COMMENDING THE EFFORTS OF OUR WESTPAC CATORS RE PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT OPS WAS MOST APPRECIATED. LET'S HOPE ANY FUTURE SERIES GO AS SMOOTHLY AS THOSE IN THE PAST. 4. (C) WARM REGARDS GP-4

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PAGE TWO RHMMAFAB615 C O N F I D E N T I A LYSPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR 3. A FORMAL INVESTIGATION CONCLUDES SGIMAJ MARTIN DID NOT REPEAT NOT MAKE THE ALLEGED STATEMENT. ENTIRE CONVERSATION OF PRINCIPALS OVERHEARD BY LICOL G. C. PACKARD, EXECUTIVE OFFICER SUP BN, WHOSE OFFICE IS SEPARATED BY A THREE/QUARTER PARTITION FROM OFFICE OF SGIMAJ MARTIN. LICOL PACKARD TESTIFIED ALLEGED LANGUAGE NOT SPOKEN. INVESTIGATION ALSO REVEALS SGI NORION HAD RECEIVED PSYCHIATRIC ASSISTANCE ON NINE OCCASIONS PRIOR TO ALLEGED INCIDENT. CHIATRIC ASSISTANCE ON NINE OCCASIONS PRIOR TO ALLEGED INCIDENT. A. A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE FORWARDED. I RECOMMEND THAT A COPY BE FILED WITH MR. BENNETT'S REPORT AND THAT MR. BENNETT BE FURNISHED A COPY.

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CREATION OF SHALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN THE 11TH DTA

By COMISMACY CITE 15353 DTG 2789157 NOV69

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BY PER A I SUBMITTED BY RECOMPENDATIONS TO REQUIRE-MENTS IMPOSED BY REF R RELATIVE TO IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION OF RUNAF IN THE TIPE FRAME FROM THE PRESENT TO 1973. THIS SUPPLESTON TO YOU WAS BASED UPON MY PEST JUDGEMENT AND IN CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDA-TIONS SUPPLITTED BY MY STAFF AND MAJOR COMMANDS. \* SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION SURMITTED BY CO XXIV CORPS AND NOT FORWARDED BY HE TO YOU CONCERNED A RECOMMENDA-TION FOR THE CREATION OF A SHALL TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN THE LITH DIA. THIS RECOMBENDATION AS SUBMITTED TO ME PY LIGEN ZAIS IS CUDTED AS FOLLOWS: (1) GENERAL: THE SPAN OF CONTROL FOR THE IST ARVN DIV-ISION WILL REACH LINKANAGENBLE PROPORTIONS UPON THE DEPARTURE OF ALL US FORCES FROM WICTZ. ONE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS IS NOT CONSIDERED CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING 19 PINEUVER MATTALIONS SPREAD OVER THE TWO MORTHERN PROV-INCES. THE LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH ACROSS THE DMZ AND FROM THE LACTIAN BORDER WOULD REQUIRE THE DIVISION TO FIGHT IN TWO DIRECTIONS SIMILTANFOURLY. TO CORRECT THIS EXCESSIVE SPAN OF CONTROL. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE IST ARUN DIVISION BE FORMED INTO THE DIVISIONS OF APPROXIMATELY EQUAL SIZE. TO PROVIDE COMBAT DIRECTION

COD ADVINTAGES:

O( 1) IST ARVIN DIVISION ( 17 INFANTRY BATTALIONS, D CAVALRY
SOMEDRONS AND SUPPORTING FORCES) HAS SUFFICIENT FORCES
PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE THE MANERUER UNITS FOR THE
TWO DIVISIONS.

(R) THE DIVISION FORWARD OF COULD FORM THE NUCLEUS FOR ONE DIVISION HEADQUARTERS.

(C) AN EQUIVALENT US ARBY MEAD QUARTERS (KXIV CORPS) WO'LD STILL BE PRESENT DUBING THE FORMATIVE STAGES TO ASSIST IN PEORGANIZATION AS REQUIRED.

A TACTICAL CORPS HEAD MARTERS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED.

(D) THE THO-DIVISION ORGANIZATION ENHANCES THE CAPABIL-TTY TO FIGHT ON TWO FRONTS - THE DEF AND LAOVIAN BURDER AREA.

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(F) THE TICTICAL CORPS WONLD BE SUPORTINATE TO I CORPS, THERENY DELETING EXCESSIVE RESULTERENTS FOR SERVICE SERVICE.

CAN THE STAFFING OF AN AUDITIONAL COMPAT SUPPORT UNITS THE COORS WEADOUNDEEDS AND ADDITIONAL COMPAT SUPPORT UNITS MAY BE EXTRESTLY DIFFICULT IN TERMS OF PERSONNED, FOURTH PENT AND COUNTRY. WIDE SENTACEMENTS.

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MODALE,
(C) A PECONFIGURATION OF COMMUNICATIONS ASSETS HOLD PERFORMED.

CON THE REORGANIZATION PAR PRODUCTION INFERRINGE.

CAR IT TO FAW TOTOMED THAT THE CORDO HEACHDARTERS HORED DE THE PUR DECARRE OF THE DO ITTOALLY DENCITTE NATURE OF THIS CRITY. FACH DIVISION FOUND HAVE AN AREA OF OPERATION COMPTIGING ONE PROVINCE. THIS YOU D FACTLITATE COOPDINATION TOWN THE THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND REVER FORCES. Can standide it is arelable to hane used uintelor COBANIZED ALONG STANDARD TOF LINES, THE ADDITIONAL PESONICES COILD PROPARTY NOT DE AVIILADIE. CONSIDERA-TION MAY BE GIVEN, MOVEVER, TO DRIVING ONE OF MODE DECIMENTS FROM ANOTHER COPROS TACTICAL FORE IF THE LEVEL OF COMPAT DIMINISHES SUPERCIENTLY.) INITIALLY FACE DIVI-SION YOU D'OONSIST OF THREE INFANTRY REGINENTS COF I ENS FACUS PLUC AN ASMORED CAVALRY CAMADEON. THIS STRUCTURE HOW D WE ATTAINED BY DEORGANIZATION OF THE DIVISION'S CHROPAT MANERIER ACCETS, APPRIORIATE COMPAT CHORDET AND SUBSECTION OF GENERAL PROPERTY AND COURSE AND THE SECTION OF OF THE FOR ABUN DIVISION AND MOCH OTHER OCHOORS OUTSIDE STOTE THE PORMATION OF ADDITIONAL CTOWAL ARTILLERY. EMBINEER AND LOGISTIC INITS WILL BE DIFFICULT AND PE-APPRICE EXAMINATION IN COENTRY DETAIL.

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P 881416Z ZFF-4 Fá CG III HAF TO COMUSMACV INFO CG XXIV CORPS ZEM T O P S E C R E T SECTION TWO AND FINAL/EYES ONLY FOR GENERAL ABRAMS info ligen zais from ligen nickerson (5) CONCLUSION DESPITE THE DISADVANTAGES LISTED AND THE DIFFICULTY IN STAFFING TWO DIVISIONS, THE FORNATION OF A TACTICAL CORPS IS CONSIDERED THE BEST APPROACH IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM OF SPAN OF CONTROL IN NICTZ UNQUOTE. 3. I DID NOT FORWARD THIS RECOMMENDATION SECAUSE I COULD NOT SUPPORT IT. WHILE RECOGNIZING THE ADVANTAGES of the proposal, I considered that the staffing of an additional division headquarters. A corps headquarters AND THE REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL CONSAT SUPPORT UNITS WOULD SPREAD PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ASSETS TOO THIN considering overall country-wide requirements. 4. GENERAL ZAIS HAS REQUESTED MY CONCURRENCE IN SUB-9 DECA MITTING A RECLAMA TO YOU. I UNDERSTAND HIS POSITION AND concur with his request. Accordingly, his reclama is FORWARDED HEREWITH. QUOTE 0 @71013Z ZYH ZFF-4 ZFF-1 FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS to ltg nickerson cg III maf ZEM SECRET LIMDIS PHB 2519 EYES ONLY SIQJ: CREATION OF A LIGHT TACTICAL ARVN CORPS WITHIN 11TH DTA (S) LTR, XXIV CORPS, AVII-CG, 2 DEC 69 (TS), SUBJECT AS ABOVE, MY 051010Z DEC 69 (S). YOUR 0603572 DEC 69 (S). THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED TO AMPLIFY MY RECOMMENDATION CONtained in Ref a. I believe it is necessary for arvn to create a light TACTICAL CORPS IN NICTZ IF IT IS TO MANAGE ITS RESOURCES AND PROVIDE TACTICAL DIRECTION OF ALL FORCES UPON WITHDRAWAL OF US UNITS FROM I ATTACH HIGHER PRIORITY TO THIS PROPOSAL THAN ANY OF THE IMPROVEMENTS RECOMMENDED FOR RVNAF WITHIN THE 11TH DTA. OTHER THE MILITARY, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND PSYCHOLOGICAL RE-QUIREMENTS IMPLICIT IN THE MANAGEMENT OF ARVN ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES DICTATE A REDUCTION IN THE SPAN OF CONTROL AS IT NOW EXISTS. THE CG OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION HAS MILITARY Contr**ol of 17 infantry battalions.** 2 armored cavalry squadrons. 3 ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, 1 RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, 72 RF COMPANIES, 290 PF PLATOONS, 1 RIVER ASSAULT GROUP, AND NUMEROUS COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS. IN ADDITION, GENERAL TRUONS MUST WEAVE A DELICATE BALANCE AMONG POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC FACTIONS IN ORDER TO CREATE A VIABLE ATMOSPHERE FOR PROGRESS AND GROWTH. I SUBMIT THERE ARE VERY FEW MEN OF GENERAL TRUONG'S CALIBER WITHIN THIS COUNTRY WHO COULD EFFECTIVELY EXERCISE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THESE FORCES AS PRESENTLY CONFIGURED. ONCE us forces leave, I do not believe he or any other individual could

EFFECTIVELY COALESCE THE ACTIVITIES FOR WHICH HE IS RESPONSIBLE.

- TACTICAL CORPS FOR THE COMMAND OF ALL ARVN FORCES NORTH OF THE HAI VAN PASS. OUT OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE WITHIN THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION, IT IS POSSIBLE TO CREATE A 2-DIVISION FORCE, EACH DIVISION OF WHICH WOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE PROVINCE IN WHICH IT IS LOCATED. THE COMMANDER WOULD THEN BE ABLE TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO PACIFICATION AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS. I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE MAY BE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL BASED ON POTENTIAL COMMAND RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE PROPOSED CORPS AND I COMPS. HOWEVER, THE RELATIONSHIP COULD BE THE SAME AS THAT OF XXIV CORPS, WHICH HAS OPERATED MOST SUCCESSFULLY UNDER LITTUAL FOR THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF.
- 4. (S) THE LIGHT CORPS I PROPOSE WOULD CONSIST OF 2 IMPANTRY DIVISIONS; EACH DIVISION WOULD CONTAIN 3 INFANTRY REGIMENTS, AN ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRON, A SIGNAL COMPANY, TWO 105MM ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, ONE 155MM HOWITZER BATTALION, AN ENGINEER BATTALION, A RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY, AND A LIGHT LOGISTICS SUPPORT BATTALION. EACH OF THE REGIMENTS SO FORMED WOULD CONSIST OF THREE BATTALIONS. THE CORPS HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE TACTICAL IN NATURE AND WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS AS THEY APPLY TO COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.
- 5. (S) I BELIEVE A TACTICAL FORCE SO ORGANIZED WOULD BEST BE ABLE TO COPE WITH THE WIDELY DIFFERING THREATS AND TYPES OF WARFARE FOUND IN THE TWO NORTHERN PROVINCES. ONE DIVISION SHOULD BE ORIENTED TO DEFENSE OF THE DMZ AND THE KNÉ SANH PLATEAU WHILE THE OTHER DIVISION CONCENTRATES ON WESTERN DEFENSES OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE EXTENDING TO THE A SHAU VALLEY. THIS ARRANGEMENT PARALLELS THE ORGANIZATION FOR DEFENSE OF THE 11TH DTA PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE 3D MARINE DIVISION AND EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THE SCUNDNESS OF SUCH A SOLUTION.

  6. (S) SUCH A TACTICAL ORGANIZATION FORMED PRIOR TO DEPARTURE OF US FORCES WOULD PLACE ARVN IN A BETTER POSTURE TO MEET THE THREAT THAN THE PRESENT GEOGRAPHICALLY EXTENDED 1ST ARVN DIVISION.
- 7. (S) MY RECOMMENDATION IS PREDICATED UPON ALMOST 18 MONTHS OF CONTINUOUS COMBAT IN THE NICTZ AND IS CONCURRED IN BY GENERAL TRUONG AND HIS US ADVISOR. I MOST EARNESTLY RECOMMEND THE FORMATION OF SUCH A TACTICAL CORPS BEFORE FURTHER US FORCES ARE WITHDRAWN FROM NICTZ.

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UNQUOTE 5. I REGRET THAT I STILL CANNOT SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDA-TION, FOR THE SAME REASONS WHICH CAUSED HE TO NOT FORWARD THE RECOMMENDATION ORGINALLY. HOWEVER. I HAVE TALKED TO GENERAL LAM TODAY TO OBTAIN HIS THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT. GENERAL LAM HAS STATED THAT HE, TOO, CANNOT AGREE TO THE FORMATION OF A SMALL TACTICAL CORPS IN THE 11TH DTA. HE BELIEVES THAT IT WILL BE TOO COSTLY IN TERMS OF PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT EVEN BY 1973. CONSIDERING THE LONG LEAD TIME TRAINING PROBLEM INHERENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SKILLED LEADERSHIP HE BELIEVES THAT THE PROBLEM WOULD BE COMPOUNDED BY THE CREATION OF THE ORGANIZATION RECOMMENDED AND HE RECOMMENDS AGAINST IT. 6. THE ABOVE IS SUBMITTED AS AN ADDENDUM TO THE INFORM-ATION SUBMITTED IN REF A. 7. WARN REGARDS. **GP-4** SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

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- 1. THIS MSG IS IN RESPONSE TO YOUR MAC 15353 SUBJ: VIETNAMIZATION RVNAF I AND M PROSPECTS AND RELATED U.S. PLANNING(U).

  2. THE RESPONSES CONTAINED HEREIN ARE AN EVALUATION OF RVNAF'S CAPABILITY TO PERFORM CERTAIN CRITICAL MISSIONS NOW AND IN THE LIGHT OF PROGRAMMED AND SUGGESTED INPROVEMENTS. THE EVALUATIONS ARE AN EXTENSION OF THE QUESTIONS ANSWERED PREVIOUSLY AND CONTAIN THE DEGREE OF CAPABILITY TO SATISFY THE TOTAL EFFORT. IN SOME CASES THE TOTAL EFFORT THAT WILL BE REQUIRED OF RVNAF IN 1973 WILL BE LESS THAN THE CURRENT TOTAL EFFORT BECAUSE SOME OF THE EFFORT IS NOW UNILATERALLY APPLIED (E.G. RESUPPLY OF U.S. UNITS, DEFENSE OF U.S. INSTALLATIONS, AND MEDEVAC OF U.S. CASUALTIES). SOME EVALUATIONS WERE BROKEN INTO COMPONENTS, AND SOME MISSIONS NOT PERFORMED BY RVNAF WERE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR PERFORMANCE AND SO IDENTIFIED. CONSIDERATION WAS ALSO GIVEN IN RESPONSE TO THE SUBSEQUENT REQUIREMENT FOR EVALUATION OF STATUS OF MISSION ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT.
- 3. SPECIFIC RESPONSES CONTAINED BELOW ARE KEYED TO THE SUBPA-GRAPHS IN PARAGRAPH 7 OF YOUR MSG.
  - A. INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION
- (1) CLANDESTINE COLLECTION/SOURCE CONTROL: IN THE AREA OF CLANDESTINE COLLECTION, ARVN IS CURRENTLY CONDUCTING APPROXIMATELY 80 PER CENT OF THE COLLECTION OPERATIONS INVOLVING THE SOURCE CONTROL PROGRAM. IN AS MUCH AS THE UNILATERAL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY U.S. FORCES AND PERSONNEL ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL MISSIONS BY AGENCIES WITHIN CONUS, IT IS IMPROBABLE THAT THESE MISSIONS WILL BE DELETED OR ASSUMED BY ARVN.

  IT IS THEREFORE FORESEEN THAT RVNAF RESOURCES WILL CONTINUE TO PERFORM 80 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL CLANDESTINE COLLECTION OPERATIONS IN THE TIME BEING CONSIDERED.
- (2) PRISCHER AND DOCUMENT EXPLOITATION: RVNAF IS CURRENTLY PERFORMING APPROXIMATELY 50 PERSENT OF THE EXPLOITATION OF PRISCHERS OF WAR AND 60 70 PERSENT OF THE EXPLOITATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS WITHIN I CTZ. ALTHOUGH THE FWMAF PARTICIPATION IN THE EXPLOITATION OF PRISCHERS AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS FORMS A LARGE PORTION OF THE OVERALL EFFORT, RVNAF PERSONNEL ARE EXTREMELY COMPETENT IN THESE AREAS, AND IT IS PROJECTED THAT HEVE WILL HAVE NO DIFFICULTY IN ASSUMING 100 PROCENT OF THE EFFORT IN THE TIME FRAME BEING CONSIDERED.

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(3) SENSON PAUGRAM: THE LEGREE TO WHICH KOWAF NOW STATSFILS
THE CURRENT OVERALE EFFORT IN THE SENSON PAUGRAM IS PREMOTIONAL
MATELY 10 PERCENT. THE TOTAL US/RVNAF PARTICIPATION AT THIS TIME IS
45 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENT, EXCLUDING THE IGLOO WHITE
PROGRAM. ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL WOULD HAVE TO BE TRAINED IN SENSOR
OPERATIONS, THUS PROVIDING ARVN UNITS WITH THE CAPABILITY OF
EMPLOYING ADDITIONAL SENSORS AND THE ABILITY TO READ OUT AND MAINTAIN
THEM. THIS WILL ALLOW MANEUVER UNITS TO COVER LARGER AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IF HONAF IS GIVEN A MODIFIED AIR DELIVERY AND AIR READ OUT
CAPABILITY. THE SENSOR EFFORT WHICH RONAF UNITS COULD STAISFY WITHIN
THE TIME FRAME BEING CONSIDERED IS APPROXIMATELY 45 PERCENT OF THE
PROJECTED REQUIREMENT.

(4) SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE (SI): WITHIN I CORPS THERE IS NO ORGANIC "SI" CAPABILITY; AND IT IS FORESEEN THAT, IN THE TIME FRAME BEING CONSIDERED, ARVW WILL POSSESS ONLY A MINIMAL CAPABILITY. DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE EQUIPMENT, MATERIAL AND INFORMATION INVOLVED IN THE "SI" PROGRAM, IT IS ENVISIONED THAT ARVW IN I CTZ WILL ONLY BE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING APPROXIMATELY IPERCENT OF THE TOTAL "SI" MISSIONS CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY U.S. FORCES. IT IS THEREFORE RECOMMENDED THAT A TYPE "SSO" SYSTEM BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE TIMELY PASSING OF "SI" MATERIAL MADE AVAILABLE TO KVMAF.

CONDUCTING 100 PERCENT OF THEIR INTERNAL SECURITY AND COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE AISSIONS, PRIMARILY THROUGH THE MSS. THE INCLUSION OF A SECURITY MISSION WITHIN THE G2 ORGANIZATION OF THE ARVN CCAPS AND DIVISION WOULD ENHANCE THE COUNTERINTELLIGENCE (CI) AND SECURITY. POSTURE OF ARVN UNITS. THE CREATION OF THIS MISSION ENCOMPASSING PASSIVE CI SUPPORT (INCLUDING SUCH FUNCTIONS AS INTERNAL SECURITY, CHECKS AND INSPECTIONS, VALIDATION OF SECURITY CLEARANCES, PHYSICAL SECURITY, COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY, CENSORSHIP) WOULD BE HIGHLY BENEFICIAL. HOWEVER, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF POSITIVE CI COLLECTION EFFORTS INVOLVING AGENT NETWORKS WITHIN THE CORPS AND DIVISION G2 SECTIONS MUST BE AVOIDED FOR TWO REASONS. FIRST, THE G2 SECTIONS ARE NOT ADEQUATELY STAFFED FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS MISSION; AND SECONDLY, THE MSS IS THE GVN AGENCY TASKED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR POSITIVE/ACTIVE CI OPERATIONS.

B. BORDER SURVEILLANCE: RVNAF IS NOW PERFORMING APPROXIMATELY
25 PERCENT OF THE BORDER SURVEILLANCE WITHIN I CTZ. DURING THE TIME
FRAME BEING CONSIDERED, RVNAF WILL BE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT ALLIED EFFORT. RVNAF'S PARTICIPATION IN BORDER SURVEILLANCE IS CONDUCTED BY TACTICAL FORCES AND
SENSORS WHICH ARE LOCATD IN THE DMZ AREA. SIMILARILY, RVNAF
EMPLOYS 8 CIDG CAMPS LOCATED ON MAJOR INFILTRATION ROUTES FROM THE
LAOTIAN BORDER, WHICH MAINTAIN SURVEILLANCE ON THESE ROUTES. IN
PROVIDING BORDER SURVEILLANCE IN 1973 TIME FRAME AND CONSIDERING
THERE WILL BE NO BORDER CIDG OPERATIONS, SURVEILLANCE WILL HAVE TO BE
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A PILOT TO AIRCRAFT HATIO OF 1.2 TO 1, AND AN AERIAL OBSERVER (AO) HATIO TO AIRCRAFT RATIO OF 2 TO 1 WILL SATIFISFY AIR CREW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VR SYSTEM. THE AO'S CAN BE SELECTED AND TRAINED AT CORPS OPERATED SCHOOLS AND GIVEN A SPECIALIST RATING AS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST.

(E) WITH THESE OR GANIC CAPABILITIES, IT IS FORSEEN THAT RVNAF COULD ACCOMPOLISH 55 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT IN I CORPS.

(2) GROUND RECONNAISSANCE: AT THE PRESENT TIME ARVN I CTZ
FORCES ARE PERFORMING APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT OF THE GROUND RECONNAISSANCE IN THE I CORPS AREA, OTHER THAN THE ROUTINE SECURITY
PATROLLING CONDUCTED BY ALL TACTICAL UNITS IN THEIR OWN IMMEDIATE
VICINITY. WITH THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE U.S. FORCES, 82, SPECIAL
RECON TEAMS, PLUS RECON UNITS OR GANIC TO THE U.S. FORCE STRUCTURE,
IN THE TIME FRAME CONSIDERED, ARVN RECON UNITS WILL HAVE TO EXPEND
THEIR PERATIONS. UPON THE MOVEMENT OF ARVN FORCES INTO MOUNTAINOUS AREAS, THE LONG-RANGE GROUND RECONNAISSANCE REQUIREMENT
WILL DECREASE AND IT IS FORESEEN THAT ARVN WILL BE ABLE TO PERFORM
APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT LONG-RANGE PATROL EFFORT.

E. ENGAGEMENT OF ENEMY FORCES: THE 40 RVNAF MANEUVER BATTALIONS OF I CORPS, NOW AT APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT STRENGTH (AVERAGE 548 MEN), ARE FACING AN ESTIMATED 75 NVA/VC BATTALIONS AT AN APPROXIMATE AVERAGE STRENGTH OF 320 MEN. THIS GIVES A MANPOWER RATIO OF APPROXIMATELY. 97 TO 1.0. ADDITIONALLY, THE 80,000 RF/PF (OR APPROXIMATELY 145 EQUIVALENT BATTALIONS AT AN AVERAGE STRENGTH OF 550 MEN) FURTHER INDREASES THE RATIO OF RVNAF BATTALIONS IT NVA/VC BATTALIONS TO 4.5 TO 1.0. UPON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE PRESENT 40 U.S. AND ROK MANEUVER BATTALIONS IN TIME FRAME 1973, RVNAF SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF CONTAINING THE CURRENT THREAT IMPOSED BY ENEMY MANEUVER BATTALIONS.

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F. INTERDICTION: I CORPS DOES NOT PRESENTLY POSSESS THE CAPA-BILITY TO INTERDICT ENEMY LOC'S FROM THE BORDER TO THE MAJOR BASE AREAS. INTERDICTION IS LIMITED TO THE APPROACHES TO THE LOWLANDS USING ARTILLERY FRIRE. WITH SUGGESTED HELICOPTER AND TAC AIR SUPPORT ASSETS, I CORPS WOULD BE ABLE TO INTERDICT APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF THE ENEMY'S LOC'S ON A SUSTAINED BASIS.

G. ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT: ALTHOUGH RVNAF DIVISION AND CORPS ARTILLERY WEAPONS CURRENTLY COMPRISE 35 PERCENT OF TOTAL ARTILLERY WEAPONS IN I CTTGNV THEY ARE EXPENDING ONLY 10 PERCENT OF ROUNDS FIREL. WITH PROGRAMED GAINS AND THE ADDED AUGMENTATION OF ONE ARTILLERY UNIT AND METEOROLOGICAL SUPPORT AS RECOMMENDED, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT RVNAF ARTILLERY UNITS COULD PROVIDE APPROXIMATELY 65 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTED ARTILLERY FIRE SUPPORT EFFORT REQUIRED IN TIME FRAME 1973 UNDER PRESENT THREAT CONDITIONS.

UNDER REDUCED THREAT CONDITIONS ARVN CAN PROVIDE 100 PERCENT OF ANTICIPATED ARTILLERY NEEDS.

(1) THIS RESPONSE IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTIONS THAT:

(A) THEIR EFFICIENCY AND CAPABILITY WILL BE UTILIZED AT THE LEVEL OF LIKE U.S. ARTILLERY UNITS, I.E., FULL EMPLOYMENT OF THEIR TOE EQUIPMENT AND ADEQUATE AMMUNITION RESUPPLY.

(B) RVNAF ARTILLERY UNITS WILL RELY PRIMARILY ON ROAD TRANSPORT-ABILITY FOR DISPLACEMENT AND SUPPLY. LIMITED HELI-LIFT CAPABILITY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 105MM AND 155MM HOWITZERS.

(C) ORDANCE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT WILL BE FULLY RESPONSIVE TO MAINTENANCE NEEDS OF ARTILLERY UNITS.;

(D) CLASS V DISTRIBUTION CAPABILITY IS INCREASED TO FULLY SUPPORT ARTILLERY UNIT FIRING CAPABILITY.

H. TAC AIR: THE VNAF IS CURRENTLY ACCOMPLISHING APPROXIMATELY 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL AIRSTRIKES BEING CONDUCTED IN I CORPS WITH ONE SQUADRON OF 18 A-37 AIRCRAFT. THE HISTORICAL AVERAGE FOR 1969 IS 201 SORTIES DAILY. CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF ARVN FORCES TO BE SUPPORTED AND USING JUDICIOUS TARGETINF PRACTICES, 60 SORTIES DAILY SHOULD MEET 100 PERCENT OF THE 1973 REQUIREMENT. THE 1ST AIR DIVISION IS PROGRAMMED TO HAVE TWO SQUADRONS (A-1'S) OPERATIONAL IN MARCH 1972. A THIRD SQUADRON OF A-15 OR A-37 WILL BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE 100 PERCENT SUPPORT CAPABILITY FOR 60 SORTIES DAILY. ONE LIAISON SQUADRON IS IN BEING. AN ADDITIONAL SQUADRON IS PROGRAMMED TO BE OPERATIONAL IN COTOLER 1971. THESE TWO SQUADRONS CAN PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FAC AIRCRAFT TO HANDLE 60 STRIKE SORTIES DAILY.

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I. CIHEM AIM SUPPORT: VWAF IS WOW ACCOMPLISHING 42 PEMOLAT OF THE INECULD/COTE WAS RIALIFT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR ICTA: ONLY 5-10 PERCENT IS TRANSHIPPED BY AIR WITHIN THE COKPS ZONE. VNAF IS PROGRAMMED TO RECEIVE AN INCREASE IN AIRLIFT SUPPORT CAPABILITY WITH AN AIR-DIVISION TO STATIONED AT TAW SON NHUT AIRBASE. TO DE-TERMINE HOW MUCH OF THIS INCREASED CAPABILITY WILL BE PROGRAMMED FOR I CORPS, THE TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, AIR FORCE ADVISORY GROUP, TAN SON NHUT AIRBASE SHOULD BE CONTACTED. J. TACTICAL MOBILITY: AT PRESENT ARVN DOES NOT FULLY UTILIZE THEIR ORGANIC TACTICAL MOBILITY CAPABILITY DUE TO THE AVAILABILITY OF U.S. HELICOPTERS. UNAF IS PRESENTLY EXERCISING 7 PERCENT PRESENT TROOP TRANSPORT (UH- 1H) HELICOPTER AIRLIFT CAPABILITY WITH NO CAPABILITY FOR HEAVY TROOP LIFT (CH-47). WITH THE ADDITION OF FOUR ADDITIONAL (UH-1HD SQUADRONS IN THE TIME FRAME SPECIFIED, THE UH-1H TROOP LIFT CAPABILITY IS INCREASED TO APPRIXIMATELY 35 PERCENT. THE ADDITION OF ONE SQUADRON OF 10-12 CH-47 WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE ARVN TACTICAL MOBILITY. WHILE ARVN PERFORMS APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT OF THEIR TACTICAL MOVEMENTS WITH ARVN EQUIPMENT, THEY COULD RAISE THIS TO 90 PERCENT, BUT WITH DECREASED FLEXIBILITY AND SPEED. THE MODERNIZATION OF ARVN GROUND MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION IS CONTINUING AND THE PERCENTAGE OF FILL IS: 1/4 TON TRUCKS - MODERNIZATION ITEM - 76 PERCENT MODERNIZATION ITEM AND SUB TITUTES - 100 PERCENT 1 TON TRUCKS - MODERNIZATION ITEM - 19 PERCENT MODERNIZATION ITEM AND SUBSTITUTES - 74 PERCENT 2 1/2 TON TRUCS - MODERNIZATION ITEM - 72 PERCENT MODERNIZATION ITEM AND SUBSTITUTES - 100 PERCENT M113, ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS - 100 PERCENT THE 2' 1/2 TON TRUCKS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE COMPLETELY MODERNIZED IN THE TIME FRAME INDICATED, HOWEVER THE 1/4 TON AND 1 TON TRUCKS ARE NOT. PROCUREMENT OF THESE SHOULD BE MOVED UP SO THEY ALSO WILL BE COMPLETELY MODERNIZED, SINCE THE SUBSTITUTE ITEMS HAVE HIGHER BREAKDOWN AND DEADLIN RATES, AND PROCIREMENT OF REPLACEMENT PARTS IS CONSIDERABLY MORE DIFFICULT. BY THE END OF THE PEROD INDICATED, GREATLY REDUCED HELICOPTER AVAILABILITY WILL CAUSE INCREASED RELIANCS ON GROUND MEANS OR TRANSPORTATION, AND RVNAF SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING 95-100 PERCENT OF THE MISSION. K. COMMUNICATIONS: RVNAF SIGNAL UNITS, TO INCLUDE CORPS, DIVISION, AND AREA UNITS ARE CURRENTLY ABLE TO SATISFY APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF THIE COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS. THIS LOW CAPABILITY IS DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES UNDER CURRENT TO&E'S AND A DEPENDANCE ON U.S. COMMUNICATIONS RESOURCES TO SATISFY CERTAIN LONG HAUL AND HIGH USER DENSITY REQUIREMENTS. GP-4

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WITH THE ADOPTION OF EXPANDED TO&E'S THAT ARE APPROVED OR ARE UNDER STUDY FOR CORPS AND DIVISION SIGNAL UNITS IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT RVNAF SIGNAL UNITS WILL BE ABLE TO SATISFY 95 PERCENT OR MORE OF THEIR COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS DURING THE 1973 TIME FRAME. THIS PROJECTION IS BASED ON:

(1) COMPLETION OF THE MILITARY TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK VIETNAM AREA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO AUGMENT THE TACTICAL SYSTEM.

(2) 100 PERCENT AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT AUTHORIZED BY THE NEW TO&E'S.

(3) TURN OVER OF DESIGNATED FIXED COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES TO RVNAF SUCH AS DIAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGES, LONG HAUL MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS AND OUTSIDE CABLE PLANTS.

PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS: THE POLWAR BATTALION PRODUCES APPROXIMATELY 35 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL JOINT OUTPUT OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND REPRODUCTION OF PRINTED PROPAGANDA. ARVN IS PROGRAMMED FOR THE LATERAL TRANSFER OF EQUIPMENT NOT TO EXCEED TOE AUTHORIZATION IN THE EVENT OF A PHASE DOWN OF U.S. PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT UNITS. WILL INCREASE THEIR CAPABILITY TO 50 PROENT OF THE JOINT EFFORT AND WOULD ENABLE ARVN TO SATISFY 100 PERCENT OF I CTZ REQUIREMENTS VNAF (100TH SQDN) IS PRESENTLY SATISFYING ONLY 30 PERCENT FOR RVNAF. OF I CTZ AERIAL DISSEMINATION OF PSYOPS. RVNAF AERIAL PSYOPS VNAF IS PRESENTLY REQUIRES A MONTHLY AVERAGE OF 496 HOURS. ASSIGNED SUFFICIENT AIRCRAFT TO PROVIDE 520 HOURS AND IS AUTH-ORIZED 10 AIRCRAFT (U-17 MODELS) CAPABLE OF PROVIDING 650 HOURS FOR AERIAL PSYOPS. MOBILE GROUND DESSEMINATION FOR RVNAF IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTED BY ORGANIC PSY OP/CIVIC ACTION TEAMS OF THE 10TH POLWAR BN. THIS BN'S AUDIO VISUAL AND LOUDSPEAKER CAPABILITY IS SEVERELY LIMITED DUE TO A TOE SHORTAGE OF NINETEEN (19) AUDIO VISUAL UNITS. PRESENT AUTHORIZATION IS THIRTY SEVEN (37) UNITS. AFTER OVERCOMING THIS DEFICIT, GROUND DISBUTINATION CAPABILITY WOULD BE ABLE TO SATISFY 100 PERCENT OF THE GROUND REQUIREMENTS.

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POPULATION SECURITY: THE PRESENT POPULATION SECURITY CAPA-BILITY IS CONSIDERED TO BE 87 PENCENT FOR 4 9 PENCENT OF THE HAMLETS IN THE A&B CATEGORY AND 36 PERCENT IN THE C CATEGORY. THE PACIFIC-ATION GOAL FOR 1970 IS 100 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION UNDER GVW CONTROL WITH 85 PERCENT OF ALL HAMLETS IN THE A&B CATEGORY. MAJOR PORTION OF POPULATION SECURITY IS PERFORMED BY TERRITORIAL IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THE BULK OF THE POPULATION FOR CES. SECURITY WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN INCREASING INCREMENTS BY NATIONAL POLICE (NP), NATIONAL POLICE FIELD FORCE (NPFF), AND PEOPLE SELF-DEFENSE FORCES (PSDF) FROM THE PRESENT TO 1973. TO ACCOMPLISH 100 PERCENT SECURITY OF THE POPULATION IN A AND B CATEGORY HAMLETS. THE PSDF WILL REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN TRAINING OVER AND ABOVE THE 45 TO 90 HOURS WHICH THEY PRESENTLY RECEIVE. THE COMBAT GROUP MUST BE TOTALLY ARMED, THOROUGHLY TRAINED IN HAMLET AND VILLAGE PROTECTION MEASURES, . AND EXPANDED FROM ITS PRESENT STATUS OF 191,000 TO 250,000. MORE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE AND A RADIO COMMUNI-CATION SYSTEM PROVIDED DOWN TO EACH HAMLET TO ENABLE PSDF'S TO REQUEST REACTIONARY FORCES AS THE NEED ARISES. THE ABOVE MENTIONED MEASURES ARE REQUIRED AS LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE HAMLETS ARE PRESENTLY BEING PROVIDED SECURITY BY PSDF. THESE MEASURES CAN ASSIST IN BRINGING THE NECESSARY SECURITY LEVEL TO APPROXIMATELY 50 TO 75 PERCENT PROVIDED BY PSDF BY END OF TIME PRAME 1973.

N. LOC SECURITY: PRESENTLY 68 RF COMPANIES AND 125 PLATOUNS ARE PROVIDING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY LOC SECURITY IN I CTZ. THE INCREASE OF PF PLATOONS DURING TIME FRAME PRESENT TO 1973 WILL ALLOW PF PLATOONS TO ASSUME 80 PERCENT LOC SECURITY MISSIONS ON A TIMELY CHANGEOVER BASIS, THUS FREEING THE RF COMPANIES TO ASSUME A MORE MOBILE ROLE IN THE CONSOLIDATION ZONE. RF/PF ARE BECOMING MORE INVOLVED WITH LOC SECURITY WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF FWMAF. DECREES MUST BE AMENDED TO SET UP SPECIAL PF PLATOONS, ENABLING THEM TO GO OUTSIDE THEIR HAMLET AND VILLAGE JURISDICTIONS. WITH THE CONTINUAL DECREASE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE SECURITY FORCES FOR LOC'S WILL INCREASE. PF'S WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAN CERTAIN SENSITIVE AREAS SUCH AS BRIDGES TO PREVENT SABOTAGE. ROAD CLEARING MISSIONS WILL BE NECESSARY ON ALL LOC'S UNTIL COMPLETE ELIMINATION OF VC IS ACHIEVED.

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O. THE AND WATERWAYS: VHI UNITS ARE CHRENTLY CONDUCTING 25 PER CENT OF THE INLAND WATERWAY SECURITY MISSIONS IN I CTZ. U.S. TEFORTS ARE CONDUCTED BY THE CLEARWATER IN MICTZ AND THE 151.10 IN SIGTZ. THIS CAPABILITY IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE SECURITY OF THE WATER LOC AND PREVENT INFILTRATION AND ILLIGIT WATER TRAFFIC. THE LARGE MAJORITY OF WATERWAYS IN I CTZ ARE CONSIDERED TO BE UNDER FRIENDLY CONTROL. THE PER ASSLIS OF THE CLEARWATER ARE BEING TURNED OVER TO VAN UNDER THE ACT OF PROGRAM. IF THE ABSETS OF THE 151.12 ARE TURNED OVER TO VAN UNDER THE ACT OF PATR OF CAPABILITY WILL EXIST. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF AMMUNITION, ALL INLAND WATERWAY SHIPPING IS BEING CONDUCTED BY RV MAF. THE ADDITION OF OME HEAVY BOAT COMPANY WILL ALLOW RVIAF TO BECOME 100 PERCENT SELF-SUFFICIENT.

P. ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION: THE RVNAF ENGINEER UNITS (DIVISIONAL AND NONDIVISIONAL) ARE PRESENTLY PERFORMING APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT OF THE CURRENT OVERALL CONSTRUCTION EFFORT IN THE I CIZ. WITH THE ADDED AUGMENTATION OF ENGINEER UNITS AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AS RIC OMMENDED, IT IS ESTIMATED THAT RVNAF ENGINEER FORCES COULD ACCOMPLISH APPROXIMATELY 122 PERCENT OF THE PROJECTED INGINEER.

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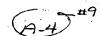
(A) THEIR EFFICIENCY AND CAPABILITY ARE UTILIZED AT THE LEVEL OF A LIKE U.S. ENGINEER UNIT (I.E., FULL EMPLOYMENT OF THEIR TO&E EQUIPMENT, MAXIMUM STAFF PLANNING, NONDRAINFOFF FOR NEEDLESS HOUSE-KEEPING TASKS, AND REPPRASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR MINESWEEP (PERATIONS).

(B) THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS DEVELOPS A CAPABILITY TO MAIN-TAIN PAVED PRIMARY LOC'S AND THEIR BRIDGES AND TO PERFORM ALL DELIBERATE MAINTENANCE OF A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF OTHER NUMBERED

RONTES IN THE POPULATED AREAS.

(C) THE REAL ESTATE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE QUARRY EQUIPMENT IN THE ENGINEER UNITS IS PROVIDED. ADDITIONALLY, THAT FUNDS ARE PROVIDED FOR THE USE OF LOCAL-HIRE CIVILLIANS TO SUPPORT THE QUARRY OPERATIONS.

(b) THE CONTROL OF ISSUE FOR BRIDGE AND CULVERT MATERIALS IS DECEMBED. A LINA DE LA COLLECTION OF A COLLECTION OF THE CO



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AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WILL SERICIST TO SEVERAL AND ASSETS AND LOGISTICAL AND SERVING AND SERICE AND SERVING AND SERVING AND SERVING AND THE AVEAF UNITS. WITH THE ELIMINATION OF THE LOGISTICAL PROBLEMS ADDRESSED IN MACV PLAN 185-69 "COMBINED LOGISTICAL OFFENSIVE" AND THE A&DSL COMPANY STUDY 1989, THE LOGISTICAL SYSTEM WILL BE CAPABLE OF PERFORMING 95-100 PERCENT OF THE LOGISTICAL SUPPORT MISSION. AREAS IN WHICH THEY ARE MOT PRESENTLY SELF-SUFFICIENT, BUT WHICH ARE BEING ADDRESSED, ARE:

(1) OPERATION OF POL TANK FARMS - B PERCENT

(2) OPERATION OF AIR REFUELLING POINTS - 20 PERCENT

(3) PORT OPERATIONS - 33 PERCENT

(4) CALIBRATIONS OF SIGNAL TEST EQUIPMENT - B PERCENT

(5) MAINTENANCE OF STARLIGHT SCOPES - 12 PERCENT

(6) AMMUNITION SUPPLY - 95 PERCENT

(7) SUPPLY OF BARRIER MATERIALS - 89 PERCENT

B) SEA LIFT - 50 PERCENT

(9) AIR LIFT - 5-12 PERCENT

(10) SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF TACTICAL RADARS - B PERCENT

OUE TO THE SOPHISTICATION AND EXPENSE OF EQUIPMENT AND HIGH LEVEL OF TRAINING REQUIRED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT RVNAF NOT ASSUME LOGISTICAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SENSOR PROGRAM. THIS SUPPORT COULD BE PROVIDED EITHER BY U.S. MILITARY SYSTEM OR THROUGH CONTRACT SERVICES. SOME ADDITIONAL SUPPORT HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY U.S. UNITS OPERATING WITH ARVN COMBAT UNITS. HOWEVER, COMMAND EMPHASIS BY U.S. COMMANDERS ON RVNAF SELF-SUFFICIENCY HAS FORCED THE EXERCISE OF R WAF LOGISTICAL CHANNELS AND HAS SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED THE SUPPORT SUPPLIED.

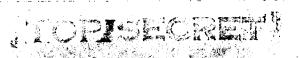
R. (1) / MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) THE ARVN MEDICAL SERVICE NOW PROVIDES 89 PERCENT OF THE DEFINITIVE MEDICAL CARE AND TREATMENT REQUIRED BY ARVN BATTLE CASUALTIES IN I CORPS. FREE WORLD FORCE MEDICAL FACILITIES PROVIDE THE OTHER IT PERCENT WHICH REPRESENTS MEDICAL SPECIALTIES EXTREMELY LIMITED OR UNABALLABLE TO THE ARVN.

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LIGEN WICKERS ON ARVE MEDICAL FACILITIES IN I CORPS AND STAFFED WITH 34 (S) PERCENT OF AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL. THERE ARE 72 DOCTOR'S ASSIGNED EACH ARVE PHYSICIAN NOW CARES FOR 41 THE 121 AUTHORIZED IN CORPS. PATIENTS. WITH A FULL COMPLEMENT OF AUTHORIZED DOCTORS, THE DOCTOR/ PATIENT RATIOWILL BE REDUCED TO 1:25. FIVE HUNDRED DOCTORS ARE EXPECTED TO GRADUATE FROM THE SAIGON AND HUE MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS. THIS WOULD INCREASE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF PHYSICIANS IN RUM TO APPROXIMATELY 1758. 72 PERCENT OF THE GRAD-UATES CAN BE EXPECTED TO EXPERIENCE MILITARY SERVICE. ARVN PHY-STOLANS ARE CONSIDERED COMPETENT IN THEIR SPECIALTIES BY U.S. PHY-SICIAMS. HOWEVER, AMY INCREASE IN ARVM DOCTORS WILL IMPROVE THE PRESENT QUALITY OF MEDICAL CARE DECAUSE MORE TIME WILL BE SPENT WITH EACH PATIENT.

CON MURSING SERVICE AS KNOWN IN U.S. HOSPITALS IS EXTREMELY - A LIMITED IN ARMY HOSPITALS. ENLISTED MEDICS ARE DEING TRAINED HOW TO MELP FILL THE VOID. THIS YEAR 385 MEDICS HAVE GRADUATED FROM HOSPITAL COURSES OF THREE MONTHS DURATION AND ANOTHER 225 ARE QUUNCHTLY LINGLED OF LIMITS OF SCHEDULED IN DECEMBER 1939. WEXT YEAR'S OUTPUT OF ENLISTED MEDICAL ASSISTANTS IS PROGRAMMED FOR ODD. THE ARMY ARE NOT EXPLOTED TO OVERCOME MEDICAL SPECIALTY LIMITATIONS IS ONTHOPEDIC SUNGERY, NUEROSURGERY, PLASTIC SURGERY, OPTHALMOLOGY, OBSTETRICS, AND PSYCHIATRY BY THE PERIOD CONSIDERED.

THE ANTICIPATED REDUCTION IN BATTLE CASUALTIES FOR THE FUTURE PERIOD SHOULD OFFSET THE MEDICAL SPECIALTY LIMITATION OF ARVN AND PERMIT THEN TO PERFORM 95 PERCENT OF THE MEDICAL TREATMENT AND SUMBERY REQUIRED. THERE AND NO SMORTAGES OF MISSION ESSENTIAL MEDICAL EQUIPMENT IN I CORPS MEDICAL FACILITIES.

(2) ALRO-MEDICAL EVACUATION: PRESENTLY 5 PERCENT OF ARVINGOMBAT CASUALTIES REQUIRING AERO-MEDICAL EVACUATION ARE LVACUATED BY VRAF. IT IS EXPECTED THAT FUTURE ARVINGEDIVAC WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AERIAL RESUPPLY, AND THAT SPECIFIC AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE DEDICATED TO MEDIVAC MISSIONS AS IN FWF. ARVINWILL STATION AIDMEN AT APPROPRIATE HELIPADS AND PLACE AN AIDMAN ON THE HELICOPTER TASKED TO PERFORM A MEDIVAC MISSION. SOME EVACUATIONS WILL BE ACCURATED TO THE DECEMBER TO PERFORM A MEDIVAC MISSION. SOME EVACUATIONS WILL BE ACCURATED TO THE DECEMBER AS BACKHAUL TRAINED TO THE DECEMBER AS BACKHAUL TRAINED TO ADDITIONAL AS BACKHAUL

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T. DEFCLIATION: RVNAF CURRENTLY SATISFIZE APPROXIMATELY 3 PERCENT OF THE ALLIED HERBICIDE EFFORT. THE ARVN DEFCLIZATION PROGRAM IN I CTZ SHOULD BE LIMITED TO EXISTING ARVN CAPABILITIES. ARVN CURRENTLY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT SMALL SCALE, GROUND BASED DEFCLIATION WITH 2 BUFFALO TURBINE SPRAYERS AND 40 HAND HELD SPRAYERS (2GALLON) AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO HANDLE 100 PERCENT OF THE GROUND REQUIREMENT. WHILE CONSIDERED A HIGHLY USEFUL ADJUNCT TO COMBAT OPERATIONS, THE RETRAINING AND REQUIPPING OF VNAF UNITS TO CONDUCT ABRIAL SPRAY MISSICNS, AT THE EXPENSE OF ALREADY LIMITED AIR SUPPORT CAPABILITIES. SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED. THE EXTHEMS DIFFICULTY OF RIGGING FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS FOR SPRAY OPERATIONS SQUADRON, USAF, IS NOT RETAINED IN VIETNAM THEN OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES INDICATE THAT THE ABRIAL HERBICIDE PROGRAM BE ELIMINATED.

U. UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARZ: CAPABILITIES CONCERNING THIS

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4. IN SUMMARY THE FOREGOING RESPONSES WERE PREPARED TO INDICATE THE DEGREE OF CAPABILITY THAT RVNAF ELEMENTS NOW SATISFY THE TOTAL EFFORT AND THE DEGREE TO THICH THEY WILL BE ABLE TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT IN 1973 IN LIGHT OF PROGRAMMED OR SUGGESTED IMPROVEMENTS. PERCENTAGES ARE BASED ON JUD GEMENT IN THOSE INSTANCES WHERE APPROPRIATE STATISTICS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.

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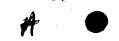
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REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELO SUPPORT

A. CG XXIV CORPS 050602Z OCT 69

B. COMUSMACY CITE 60121 DTG 260535Z OCT 69

- 1. (S) REF A DESCRIBED THE DRASTIC REDUCTION OF HELO SUPPORT FOR US AND ARVN FORCES IN NORTHERN ICTZ RESULTING FROM THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ELEMENTS OF THE FMAW AND REQUESTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN ASSAULT HELO COMPANY AND FOUR LON'S TO SUPPORT XXIV CORPS OPERATIONS.
- 2. (S) REF B REPORTED COMUSMACV DECISION NOT TO ASSIGN ADDITIONAL HELO ASSETS TO XXIV CORPS AT THIS TIME AND REQUESTED REVIEW OF CURRENT HELO ASSETS THROUGHOUT I CORPS TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF REALL OCATION.
- 3. (S) A DETAILED REVIEW AND ANALYSIS HAS BEEN MADE OF HELO ASSETS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT FORCES THROUGHOUT ICTZ. HELO SUPPORT NOW AVAILABLE IS, AT BEST, MINIMUM TO ACCOMPLISH MISSION. ANY REALLOCATION OF HELOS TO XXIV CORPS WOULD RESULT IN A COMPARABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE DE GRADATION OF HELO SUPPORT FOR OTHER FORCES. REALLOCATION OF CURRENT ASSETS IS THEREFORE NOT FEASIBLE.
- 4. (S) XXIV CORPS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL HELD SUPPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A VALID OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT AND ITS RECONSIDERATION IS RECOMMENDED.

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B. CG III MAF Ø41035Z DEC 69 ALLEGED KILLINGS IN QUANG NGAI

1. PAR 3 OF REF A REQUESTED, SUBJECT TO MY CONCURRENCE, THE AMERICAL DIVISION IG TO INQUIRE AT DISTRICT AND PROVINCE TO DETERMINE:

A. IF THERE WAS A REPORT FROM THE VILLAGE CHIEFS SUBMITTED TO THE DISTRICT CHIEFS.

B. IF 11 APRIL 68 LETTER FROM DISTRICT TO PROVINCE CHIEFS EXISTS. IN ADDITION, THE COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS WERE REQUESTED IF THEY DID IN FACT EXIST. THE NESSAGE ALSO ASKED U. S. PROVINCE AND DISTRICT SENIOR ADVISORS TO ASSIST THE AMERICAL DIVISION IN THIS MATTER.

2. BY REF B WE FORWARDED INFORMATION TO YOU WHICH GENERAL LAM FURNISHED THE PRESIDENT PREVIOUSLY. I DEEM IT INADVISABLE AND INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE AMERICAL IG TO INQUIRE AT DISTRICT AND PROVINCE LEVELS FOR REPORTS WHICH MIGHT BE CONTRADICTORY TO OR UNDERMINE THE PAPERS SUBMITTED BY GENERAL LAM.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I DO NOT CONCUR WITH THE REQUEST AND HAVE DIRECTED AMERICAL TO TAKE NO ACTION. I HAVE ALSO DIRECTED THE PROVINCE AND DISTRICT ADVISORS TO TAKE NO ACTION. IF YOU DESIRE ME TO PURSUE THE MATTER FURTHER, I WILL CONTACT GEN LAM AND ASK IF HE WILL PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED.

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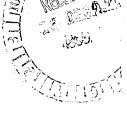
1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF SUBJECT VISIT IS SUBMITTED:
2. HQ, IIIMAF - GEN ABRAMS ARRIVED DANANG BASE OPS AT 091500H DEC69, WAS MET BY CG III MAF AND CG XXIV CORPS AND ESCORTED TO III MAF HQ. BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WERE CONDUCTED FROM 1530-1830. FOLLOWING A III MAF STAFF RESUME ON ENEMY STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES, OPERATIONS OPTIONS, STATUS OF TERRITORIAL FORCES AND NATIONAL POLICE, LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN SIMPSON AND MGEN RAMSEY DISCUSSED THE CURRENT SITUATION AND ESTIMATE OF ENEMY INTENTIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AO'S. MGEN WRIGHT WAS ALSO PRESENT BUT DID NOT BRIEF. A SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT QUESTIONS AND DISCUSION ITEMS DURING THIS PERIOD ARE LISTED BELOW:

A. Q. GEN ABRAMS INQUIRED ABOUT EARLIER REPORTS
ON QUANG NAM OR QUANG TIN INVOLVING REMEGADE NVA UNITS.
HE REFERRED TO RELATIVELY SMALL BANDS OF NVA DESERTERS
WHO AMBUSHED OTHER NVA AND OPERATED AGAINST BOTH SIDES
IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FOOD AND AMMUNITION.

A. G-2 CONFIRMED THAT III MAF DID HAVE REPORTS OF NVA DESERTERS THAT HAVE BANDED TOGETHER IN SMALL UNITS AND ARE SUBSISTINGPRIMARILY ON RICE OBTAINED BY AMBUSHING VC RICE GATHERING PARTIES. THESE BANDS ARE GENERALLY OF A SQUAD SIZE. THESE REPORTS HAVE REFERRED TO AN AREA NEAR PHUOC LAM VILLAGE IN QUANG TIN. THIS ACTIVITY POINTS UP THE EFFECT OF FOOD SHORTAGES AND ANTAGONISMS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE NVA AND VC FORCES. IN REGARDS TO NVA DESERTERS, SOMETIME AGO REPORTS OF DESERTERS IN QUANG TIN HAD BEEN INVESTIGATED IN COORDINATION WITH THE ARVN, J-2 MACV AND CAS. THE INITIAL ACCOUNT ESTIMATED 500 DESERTERS. HOWEVER IT WAS LATER CORRECTED DOWNWARD TO 200 THE TO 50 THEN 20. THE REPORT STATED ALSO THAT OTHER NVA FORCES WERE KNOWN TO HAVE FOUGHT THESE DESERTERS WHO WANTED TO BE LEFT ALONE AND NOT CONTINUE THE WAR. COMUSMACV REMARKED THAT THIS PROJECT NEEDED MOMENTUM AND SHOULD BE FOLLOWED THROUGH FROM A PSY-WAR POINT OF VIEW.

B. COMUSMACV COMMENT - THERE SEEMED TO BE A SMATTERING OF OPINION FROM RALLIERS IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN PROVINCES THAT RVNAF HAD BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE. TERRITORIAL FORCES WERE ALSO CONSIDERED MUCH IMPROVED, A FACT THAT MADE IT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO OPERATE. HE STATED IT WAS NICE TO HEAR OUR OPINIONS REINFORCED BY THE OTHER SIDE.

G-2 COMMENT - DURING THE LAST FEW WEEKS DURING OPERATIONS SOUTH AND WEST OF HOI AN A GREAT NUMBER OF PWS AND CHIEU HOI'S WERE THE RESULTS OF RF ANF PF ACTIONS.



C. COMUSMACV COMMENT - FOR SOME TIME THE FIRST MARDIV HAS MADE NUMEROUS REPORTS OF RECON TEAMS BRINGING FIRE ON THE ENEMY AND REPORTED SIZEABLE AND CONSISTENT ENEMY KILLS BUT HE NEVER HAS SEEN ANYTHING FROM THE ENEMY'S SIDE IN REGARD TO THESE ACTIONS.

GEN SIMPSON'S COMMENT - THE ENEMY IS CONFUSED AND WORRIED. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING TO HIM. GEN SIMPSON EXPLAINED RECENT OPERATIONS USING INTEGRATED OBSERVATION DEVICES NOW UNDER TEST BY THE FIRST MARDIV. HE CITED THE LARGE NUMBER OF KILLS DURING THE FIRST FEW WEEKS (NOTE: 2 IODS ACTIVATED 190CT; 2 ON 4NOV; 2 ON 25 NOV; TOTAL CUMULATIVE KILLS AS OF 13DEC - 750.) GEN ABRAMS STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS NEW DEVICE. GEN SIMPSON BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE PRINCIPLES OF OPERA-TION. THE RELATIVE HIGH COST OF EACH IOD (\$170,000) WAS DISCUSSED. GEN ABRAMS STATED THAT COST WAS INCON-SEQUENTIAL IN CONSIDERATION OF NUMBER OF KILLS WITHOUT ANY FRIENDLY LOSSES. AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. THE TEST WAS OVER. HE COMMENTED THAT HE COULD USE 50 MORE OF THESE DEVICES IN COUNTRY NOW WITH AT LEAST 20 DEPLOYED IN THE DELTA. GEN ZAIS REPORTED THAT HE WAS USING TWO IODS WITH XXIV CORPS ARTILLERY AND GEN RAMSEY STATED HE WOULD SOON RECEIVE TWO DEVICES IN THE AMERICAL DIVISION.

D. GEN ABRAMS COMMENT - DURING THE G-2 BRIEFING ON ENEMY CAPABILITIES AND LIMITATIONS GEN ABRAMS TOOK EXCEPTION TO A WEAKNESS IN COMMUNICATIONS. HE STATED THAT WE UNDERESTIMATED NVA CRYPTOGRAPHIC AND COMMUNICATIONS SOPHISTICATION. HQ POINTED OUT THEY HAVE EQUIPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO COPEWITH. G-2 EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS REFERRING TO AN NVAINABILITY TO PROVIDE COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINED TACTICAL OPERATIONS AND MEANT NO REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC COMM CAPABILITIES.

E. GENERAL ABRAMS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE A PPARENT DECLINE, IN SEER RATINGS FOR THE ARVN 5 IST REGIMENT. HE POINTED OUT THEIR DESERTION RATE WAS THE HIGHEST IN I CORPS. SINCE HE HAD CONSIDERED THEM "TIGERS" AT ONE TIME, HE ASKED FOR GEN SIMPSON'S OPINION AND THAT OF THE QDSZ ADVISOR.

ANS. BECAUSE GEN LAM HAD STRINGS ON THE 51ST
AS THE CORPS RESERVE AND USED THEM ON A RICE HARVEST
AND PACIFICATION ROLE, THEIR REDUCED RATINGS DID NOT
REFLECT THEIR TRUE POTENTIAL. THEY ARE PRESENTLY IN
THE FIELD AND HAVE RECENTLY CONDUCTED SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL
OPERATIONS. THEIR RATINGS SHOULD IMPROVE THIS QUARTER.
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- F. GEN ABRAMS MADE A STATEMENT OUTLINING HIS OPINION ON COMBINED ARVN/US OPERATIONS. COMBINED OFERATIONS ARE GOOD BUT ALL ARVN COMMANDERS MUST FACE THE DAY WHEN THEY WILL BEAR THE FULL WEIGHT OF RESPONSIBILITY. RAPID ASSUMPTION OF MORE RESPONSIBILITY AND INITIATIVE FOR INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS BY ARVN COMMANDERS IS WHAT WE MUST WORK FOR. THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH THE 1ST ARVN DIV. HE COMMENTED THAT THE 2ND DIV WAS ALSO COMING ALONG WELL. GEN RAMSEY CONCURRED. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROLIFERATION OF COMMAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE QUANG DA SPECIAL FORCES. GEN NICKERSON ELABORATED ON THE COMPLEXITY AND INEFFICIENCY OF THE COMMAND LOCATED IN DANANG CITY. HE STRESSED THE NEED TO GET THIS HQ OUT OF DANANG AND INTO THE FIELD.
- G. DURING THE CORDS BRIEFING GEN ABRAMS EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN OVER A STATED REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL HQ PERSONNEL AT RF GROUP LEVEL. HE STATED THAT HE COULDN'T AGREE WITH THE REQUIREMENT AND THE GENERAL THRUSTS OF INCREASING RFS. HE THOUGHT THAT WE WERE STRETCHING TALENT TOO THIN ALREADY AND THAT POSSIBLY MORE EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACES ON QUALITY IN LIEU OF ADDED NUMBERS.
- H. GEN ABRAMS SHOWED INTEREST IN THE III MAF INFANTRY COMPANY INTENSIVE PACIFICATION PLAN (ICIPP). HE EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE CONCEPT OF A DIVISION ASSISTING WITH THE ICIPP STATED THAT NO OR GANIZATION WAS BETTER EQUIPPED. HE INQUIRED ABOUT THE AMERICAL COMPANIES. GEN RAMSEY WAS ENTHUSIASTIC WITH HIS COMMENTS ON PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE TWO COMPANIES ASSIGNED TO THE PROGRAM. LIGEN ZAIS COMMENTED THAT THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION HAD A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THE SAME PROBLEM AND THAT GEN ABRAMS WOULD BE BRIEFED ON THIS DURING HIS VISIT TO NICTZ THE NEXT DAY.
- I. GENABRAMS EXPLAINED THE TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PRESIDENTIAL INTEREST AND AMBITION BEHIND THE PSDF. HE ADDED THAT PRESIDENT THIEU HAD PLANS FOR 500,000 ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. HE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE IMPACT OF THE KUBOTA TRACTORS RECENTLY PRESENTED TO THE CITIZENS AT HUE AND WHAT A HELP THIS SHOULD BE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S IMAGE.
- J. THE III MAF BRIEF/DISCUSSION WAS CONCLUDED WITH A SYNOPSIS OF I CORPS NPFF'S THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN THE FIELD AND RECRUITING PROBLEMS.
- K. XXIV CORPS FORECAST PRESENTED BY LIGEN ZAIS COVERED THE FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:





- (1) THE ORY OF ENEMY INFILTRATION INTO COASTAL AREAS AROUND MAJOR CITIES AND CONVENTIONAL ATTACK ON A WIDE FRONT.
- (2) CONTINUING PROBLEMS WITH SLAR AND INFRA RED DEVICES.
- (3) CONCEPT OF REDUCED DEFENSE LINE AND LIMITED SHORT TERM RECONNAISSANCE IN WESTERN AREAS.
- (4) CONCEPT OF ATTACK BY FIRE FOLLOWED BY A CAREFULLY PLANNED DEPLOYMENT IF ENEMY THREAT DEVELOPS.
- L. FIRST MARDIV SUMMARY MGEN SIMPS ON PRESENTED AN OVERALL POSITIVE FORECAST FOR QUANG NAM PROVINCE. HE STATED THAT ALTHOUGH NUMEROUS ENEMY UNITS REMAIN EFFECTIVE IN BASE AREAS THEY HAD NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY SUCCESSFUL IN OBTAINING NECESSARY FOOD, SUPPLIES OR LOGISTICS SUPPORT FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES, AND WERE PRESENTLY INCAPABLE OF TAKING AND HOLDING ANY KEY INSTALLATION. ADDITIO NALLY, THEIR LESSENED EFFECTIVENESS WAS COMPOUNDED BY DISEASE, REDUCED RATIONS AND INTERDICTED LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS. HE DISCUSSED THE SEVERE PROBLEM OF MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS IN SOUTH CENTRAL QUANG NAM. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN SPITE OF AN UNUSUALLY HIGH KILL RATIO, APPROXIMATELY 75 PERCENT OF ALL IST MARDIV CASUALTIES WERE CAUSED BY SFDS.
- M. AMERICAL DIVISION UPDATE WAS PRESENTED BY MGEN RAMSEY THIS BRIEFING STRESSED THE INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARVN 2ND DIVISION AND THE PRESENT CONCEPT FOR COMBINED OPERATIONS. GEN ABRAMS ASKED SEVERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT ENEMY ACTIVITY AROUN TIEN PHOUC AND ARVN USE OF AMERICAL HELOS. HE ALSO QUERIED REPORTS OF WHAT HE CONSIDERED TO BE EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF ARTILLERY AMMUNITION USED FOR H&I FIRES. HE INQUIRED ABOUT CONTROL OF A SALT SOUR OE AT SA HUYNH AND RECOMMENDED THAT III MAF LOOK INTO THIS SITUATION.
- N. COMUSMACV COMMENTED ON THE SUBJECT OF CIDES. HE STATED THAT THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE CONSIDER CIDES PART OF THE AMERICAN ARMY. HE SAID THAT THE CIDE MUST EVENTUALLY BECOME "VIETNAMESE", BY CONVERSION TO RF OR ARVN. ALL COMMANDERS PRESENT AGREED THAT THEY COULD DO WITHOUT CIDES LOCATED WITHIN THEIR AREA OF OPERATION.
- O. COMUSMACV WAS HOSTED AT DINNER ON 9 DEC BY CG III MAF WHERE DISCUSSIONS CINTINUED. GEN ABRAMS RON III MAF. 900



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3. I CORPS HQ - AT 100830H GEN ABRAMS, ACCOMPANIED
BY CG III MAF AND CG XXIV CORPS, VISITED LGEN LAM FOR AN HOUR'S BRIEFING/DISCUSSION ON ENEMY ACTIVITY, FRIENDLY SITUATION, AND PACIFICATION PLANS. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS DISCUSSED DEALT WITH ARVN VIEWS ON SUBJECT MATTER PRE-

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VIOUSLY DISCUSSED:
A. THE ENEMY WAS NOT REPLACING HIS LOSSES.
B. ENEMY PLANS LARGE SCALE OFFENSIVE BUT CANNOT SUCCESSFULLY ACCOMPLISH IT.

C. GOOD KILL RATIO IN ICTZ.

D. 194,298 REFUGEES TO BE RESETTLED IN 1970
E. PSDF NEED MORE TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT; POSSIBLY
NEED MORE ADVISORS AND TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT.
4. XXIV CORPS - COMUSMACV AND PARTY DEPARTED I CORPS HQ
FOR VISITS TO MAJOR UNITS IN XXIV CORPS AT 100930H.

A. WHILE VISITING THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION, COMUSMACV SHOWED INTEREST IN THE INCREASE OF ENEMY TRAFFIC AND BUILD UP WEST OF ASHAU VALLY IN THE VIETNAM SALIENT ALONG HIGHWAY 616. RECONNAISSANCE OF THE AREA DURING THE WEEK PREVIOUS TO THIS VISIT HAS PROVIDED A CONTINUOUS BUILDUP OF DATA ON THE AREA.

B. GEN ABRAMS WAS BRIEFED ON THE INTENSIVE PACIFICATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMS WHERE ALL AVAILABLE ASSETS OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION ARE BEING USED TO UPGRADE THE STATUS OF RF, PF AND PSDF ELEMENTS. COMUSMACV COMMENTED THAT A DIVISION IS THE BEST ORGANIZATION TO DO ANY JOB BECAUSE OF ITS TREMENDOUS ASSETS AND FLEXIBILITY. HE SAID CONTIUED DIRECTION OF THE DIVISION'S ENERGIES WOULD REAP GREAT BENEFITS IN THIS PROGRAM. HE DID SUGGEST EXPANSION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS IN THE LOGISTICS AND SERVICE SUPPORT AREAS.



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C. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE JOINT COMMAND POST OF PHONG DIEN DISTRICT AND THE 3/187 INFANTRY, GEN ABRAMS WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE PHOENIX VCI ELIMINATION PROGRAMS. HE WAS BRIEFED ON THE XXIV CORPS "HIGH PRICE OF RICE" CAMPAIGN DESIGNED TO DENY RICE TO THE ENEMY. FINALLY, COMUSMACV WAS BRIEFED BY A US INFANTRY SERGEANT WHO DESCRIBED HIS WORK IN THE DISTRICT. GEN ABRAMS COMMENTED, "THAT SERGEANT WAS THE MEAT ON THE SKELETON OF ALL THE BRIEFINGS I'VE RECEIVED."

D. AT DONG HA, GEN ABRAMS WAS PLEASED TO NOTE THE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION'S FORWARD COMMAND POST DURING HIS VISIT TO CAMP CARROLL. HE WAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ORGANIZATION, DEFENSES, AND ENGINEER EFFORT EXPENDED ON CONSTRUCTION OF THE FIREBASE BY THE ARVN. GEN ABRAMS ASKED IF THERE WAS EVIDENCE THAT THE ENEMY KNEW WHAT WE WERE DOING WITH SENSOR EQUIPMENT. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE ENEMY APPEARS CONFUSED AS THEY HAVE ERECTED SIGNS DESIGNATING MINES IN AREAS WHERE SENSORS ARE LOCATE.

E. GEN ABRAMS REMARKED THAT THE 1ST BRIGADE, 5TH INFANTRY MECHANIZED WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY INVOLVED WITH PACIFICATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. HE WAS ASSURED THAT THE PATTERN ESTABLISHED BY THE 101ST AIRBORNED IVISION IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WOULD BE FOLLOWED.

5. GEN ABRAMS DEPARTED QUANG TIN AIRFIELD AT 101435H DEC ENROUTE DANANG. ARRIVED DANANG AND DEPARTED IMMEDIATELY AT 1500H VIA T-39 FOR TSN.

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PAGE TWO RHMMAFA 1632 C O N F I D E N T I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ACTUALLY IS ALLOWABLE FOR AN AFRO-AMERICAN HAIRCUT.

IF YOU COULD SEND ME ANY PICTURES, I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL.

3. BEST WISHES AND WARM REGARDS

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(DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS) SUBJ: TROOP LIST

 (TS/LD) WE HAVE AS YET RECEIVED NO REQUEST OR GUIDELINES FROM MACV IN REGARD TO SUBMISSION OF TROOP LISTS. NEVERTHELESS, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY AN RLT WILL BE INCLUDED IN ONE OF THE EARLY INCREMENTS, CONTAINED HEREIN IS A PROPOSED TROOP LIST FOR APPROXIMATELY 7,500 PERSONNEL. IT INCLUDES RLT-26, THE 7TH MT BN, A DETACHMENT FROM FLC, AND A VMFA SQUADRON. DETAILED UNIT PERSONNEL STRENGHTS WILL BE VALIDATED UPON RECEIPT OF APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVE FROM MACV.

2. (TS/LD) THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR

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3. (TS/LD) IN THE EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE FURTHER THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ADD A HEAVY HELO SQUADRON WITH A STRENGHT OF 233.:

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1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING FROM THE MEETING ON SUNDAY THAT I WOULD LOSE ONE RLT IN THE EVENT OF FURTHER REDUCTION. NOW I HAVE BEEN TASKED BY PLANNERS TO COME UP WITH A TROOP LIST THAT INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL 12,000 TROOPS. I CANNOT DO THIS WITHOUT TAKING OUT ANOTHER RLT AND SUPPORTING AIR AND GROUND ELEMENTS AND I RECOMMEND A GAINST THIS. PLEASE ADVISE.

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1. YOUR REF A DISCUSSES A REQUIREMENT TO DEPLOY 1500 NAVY SPACES FROM I CORPS AND SU MITS TWO METHODS OF MEETING THIS REQUIREMENT. AS YOU KNOW, I DO NOT DESIRE TO LOSE ANYMORE SEABLES FROM I CORPS. THUS I PREFER YOUR SECOND ALTERNATIVE WHICH PROPOSES THE ENTIRE REDUCTION OF 1500 SPACES BE TAKEN FROM NSA DANANG. I HAVE TALKED THIS OVER WITH EMMETT BONNER AND OUR THOUGHTS ARE TO CLOSE SA; HUYNH, CUA VIET AND DONG HA AND THE NAVY SUPPORT THAT IS PROVIDED TO THESE THREE LOCATIONS. WE WOULD PICK UP AN ESTIMATED 750 SPACES BY THIS ACTION. THE OTHER 750 SPACES WOULD BE OBTAINED THROUGH HORIZONTAL CUTS AT NSA

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA1699 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR DANANG WHILE RETAINING THE FUNCTIONS THAT WSA DANANG IS PROVIDING. HOWEVER, I CONCUR IN YOUR CERTIFYING ONLY 1,000 OF THE 1500 SPACES WHILE CAVEATING THE REMAINING 500. 2. THE PENALTY WE WOULD PAY IN CLOSING THE BASES OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE THE SUPPORT THAT IS BEING PROVIDED THEREAT. IT WOULD MEAN THAT THE ARMY WOULD HAVE TO TRUCK FROM CHU LAI TO SA HUYNH AND FROM PHU BAI UP NORTH IN ORDER TO MEET THE DEFICIENCIES. AS FAR AS THE HORIZONTAL CUTS AT NSA DANANG ARE CONCERNED IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY MEAN THAT NSA . SERVICES WOULD BE PROVIDED ON A LESSER CAPABILITY BASIS. AND MORE TIME WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH CERTAIN FUNCTIONS ASSIGNED. THE ABOVE IS ALSO PREDICATED ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE ORIGINAL 1104 SPACES TO BE PROVIDED BY NSA DANANG IN PHASE 3 IS NO LONGER REQUIRED AND THAT THE ENTIRE NAVY TOTAL FOR I CORPS IS THE 1500 WHICH YOU MENTIONED PLUS THOSE WHICH ARE SUPPORTING THE MARINES. ALSO, I UNDER-STAND THAT THE 500 SPACES MENTIONED IN YOUR REF BARE NO LONGER APPROPRIATE AND THAT THAT MESSAGE HAS BEEN CAN-

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4. (TS/LD) THE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED TROOP LIST AND THE ABOVE TOTAL 17,680. SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, IT IS MY INTENT TO PROVIDE THIS TOTAL TO MACV AS A STARTING POSITION.
5. (TS/LD) IN THE EVENT WE ARE STILL REQUIRED TO COME UP TO THE 19.1K FIGURE, I PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING UNITS FOR

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6. (TS/LD) IN ADDITION, IN THE EVENT III MAF AND XXIV CORPS ARE CONSOLIDATED, 350 ADDITIONAL USMC PERSONNEL COULD BE REDEPLOYED LESS WHATEVER THE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FOR THE MEF STAFF.

7. (TS/LD) IT IS UNLIKELY THAT YOUR STAFF WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT

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2. GEN ROSSON'S VISIT CONSISTED OF THREE PARTS: THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT ISTMARDIV: VISIT TO USAAG FOLLOWED BY AN AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON AT I CORPS, AND BRIEFING AND TOUR OF DANANG NATIONAL POLICE BASIC TRAINING CENTER.

3. PART I - GEN ROSSON ARRIVED AT DNG BASE OPS AT 150945H DEC 69, WAS MET BY LTGEN NICKERSON, AND ESCORTED TO ISTMARDIV TO OBSERVE THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY. 4. PART II - FOLLOWING THE CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY AT 151050H, GEN ROSSON, ACCOMPANIED BY BGEN MULLER, VISITED ADVISORY GROUP I CTZ FOR DISCUSSIONS. PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS COVERED BY BGEN MULLER WERE: REQUIREMENT TO UPGRADE STATUS OF QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE TO BE EFFECTIVE, COMMAND FOR ARVN TACTICAL OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM PRO-VINCE, PROPOSAL TO IMPROVE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF KEY ADVISORY PERSONNEL IN I CTZ, AND PLANNED RELOCATION OF ADVISORY GROUP SUPPORT INSTALLATIONS OUT OF DANANG CITY TO A MILITARY COMPOUND ADJACENT TO FUTURE US RESIDUAL FORCE HEADQUARTERS THIS AREA. BGEN MULLER EXPRESSED OPINION THAT A PRIMARY REASON FOR PROGRESS IN MODERNI-ZATION OF ARVN UNITS IN I CORPS WAS EXCEPTIONALLY CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS COORDINATION OF SENIOR US TACTICAL COMMANDERS WITH ARVN COUNTERPARTS. THIS COORDINATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE HOWEVER IS LIMITED AT PRESENT BY COMMAND STRUCTURE WHICH DOES NOT PROVIDE CG ISTMARDIV WITH A TRUE TACTICAL COUNTERPART SUCH AS 1ST AND 2D ARVN DI-VISIONS IN XXIV CORPS AND AMERICAL DIVISION AREAS OF OPERATION. QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE DOES NOT IN FACT COMMAND ALL TACTICAL OPERATIONS IN QUANG NAM AND IS TIED DOWN WITH DETAILS OF DEFENSE OF DANANG CITY. THE COM-MANDER HAS INSUFFICIENT RANK AND PRESTIGE VIS-A-VIS HIS SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS. THE PROVINCE SECTOR COMMANDER AND MAYOR OF DANANG. THE QDSZ IS A JURY RIGGED ORGANI-ZATION WITHOUT ITS OWN HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY AND UNABLE TO SUPPORT ITSELF IN A FIELD LOCATION AWAY FROM DANANG CITY. FIRST STEP IN UPGRADING COMMAND WOULD BE PROMOTION OF COMMANDER, COLONEL THIEN, TO BRIGADIER GENERAL. GENERAL LAM HAS RECOMMENDED THIS AND ACTION IS NOW PENDING IN JGS. SECOND IMPERATIVE STEP IS APPROVING HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANIES TO MAKE QDSZ SELF-SUFFICIENT AND ABLE TO MOVE TO A FIELD CP ADJACENT TO MARDIV HEADQUARTERS. GENERAL LAM REQUESTED APPROVAL OF HEADQUARTERS AND SERVICE COMPANY FOR QDSZ IN AUGUST BUT REQUEST WAS DENIED BY JGS. DSA IN NOVEMBER ASKED MACV TO SUPPORT THIS WITH JGS BUT IT WAS NOT FAVORABLY CON-SIDERED. BGEN MULLER BELIEVES THE REAL ISSUE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CLEARLY STATED TO JGS OR IN THE ADVISORY GROUP MESSAGE TO NACY. UNLESS THE QDSZ BECOMES AN EFFECTIVE. SELF SUFFICIENT TACTICAL COMPAND FOR QUANS HAM IT IS



DIFFICULT TO FORSEE ARVN CAPABILITY TO TAKE OVER OPER-ATIONS IN THIS PROVINCE CONCOMITANT WITH FUTURE DRAW-DOWN OF US TACTICAL UNITS. PARTLY AS CONSEQUENCE OF TROOP ASSIGNMENT PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED IN APRIL 1969 BY MACV WHICH PLACES I CTZ ADVISORY GROUP BELOW OTHER CTZ 'S AND AFTER ALL CORDS ADVISORY TEAMS, I CTZ ASSIGNED STRENGTH IS APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT AS COMPARED WITH CORDS' TEAMS NORMALLY AT OR OVER 100 PERCENT. DSA SUB-MITTED THAT THESE PRIORITIES MAY NO LONGER BE APPROPRIATE WITH NEW EMPHASIS ON UPGRADING ARVN TACTICAL UNITS AND THAT ADVISORY PERSONNEL ASSETS SHOULD NOW BE DISTRIBUTED EQUALLY BETWEEN PACIFICATION AND ARVN MODERNIZATION OB-JECTIVES. BGEN MULLER BELIEVES A MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM IS QUALITY OF KEY ADVISORY PERSONNEL COMPARED WITH COM-MANDERS OF SIMILAR RANK IN US TACTICAL UNITS. HE RECOMMENDED INCREASED INTERCHANGE OF OFFICERS AT LIEU-TENANT COLONEL AND MAJOR LEVEL BETWEEN US TACTICAL UNITS AND ARVN ADVISORS. FOR EXAMPLE, A US BATTALION COMMANDER AFTER SIX MONTHS IN COMMAND SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR REASSIGNMENT AS AN ARVN REGIMENTAL ADVISOR IN SAME AREA OF OPERATIONS WHERE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF TERRAIN, SITUATION AND US AND ARVN UNITS WOULD MAKE HIM A PARTICULARLY EFFECTIVE ADVISOR AS WELL AS PROVIDE HIM THE ESSENTIAL PRESTIGE WHICH ARVN COMMANDERS ATTACH TO FORMER US TACTICAL COMMANDERS. CONVERSELY A SUCCESSFUL ADVISOR MIGHT BE REWARDED WITH A TACTICAL COMMAND IN SAME AREA OF OPERATION AFTER SIX MONTHS ADVISORY DUTY. WHILE THIS IS THEORETICALLY POSSIBLE UNDER EXISTING PERSONNEL AS-SIGNMENT POLICY, IN PRACTICE IT SELDOM OCCURS. DSA RECOMMENDED THIS INTERCHANGE OF LIEUTENANT COLONELS AND MAJORS BETWEEN US TACTICAL UNITS AND ADVISORY POSTS BE DELEGATED TO FIELD FORCE/III MAF LEVEL WITH A FORMAL INTERCHANGE PROGRAM SUPERVISED BY FIELD FORCE G-1. DSA BRIEFED GENROSSON ON PLAN TO RELOCATE ALL ADVISORY BILLETS, MESSES AND OTHER SUPPORT ACTIVITIES OUT OF DANANG TO A COMPOUND ADJACENT TO THE BASE OF RESIDUAL FORCE WHEN THIS LOCATION HAS BEEN FIXED. THIS MOVE WOULD TERMINATE PRESENT 350,000 DOLLAR LEASING EXPENSE FOR BUILDING NOW OCCUPIED IN CITY AND IS IN CONSONANCE WITH OBJECTIVE OF REDUCING US MILITARY PRESENCE IN CITY.

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P 180145Z ZFF-4 FM UCG III MAF TO COMUSMACV S E C R E T/EYES ONLY/SECTION TWO OF THREE FOR MGEN TWONSEND FROM LIGEN NICKERSON VISIT OF GEN ROSSON THIS PLAN HAS APPROVAL OF CG III MAF BUT ACTUAL DESIGNA-TION OF NEW CANTONMENT AREA HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING CLARIFICATION OF FUTURE WITHDRAWALS AND CONSEQUENT AVAIL-ABILITY OF SUITABLE COMPOUND. FUNDS WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR REHABILITATION OF NEW AREA IN PREPARATION FOR LONG HAUL ADVISORY EFFORT. MGEN CONROY HAS INFORMALLY INDI-CATED TO DSA THAT FUNDS IN REASONABLE AMOUNT COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE. DSA CONSIDERS IT IMPAR-ATIVE THAT ADVISORY COMPOUND BE CO-LOCATED OR AT LEAST ADJACENT TO RESIDUAL FORCE IN THIS AREA WHOSE COMMANDER WOULD PRESUMABLY BE SENIOR ADVISOR I CORPS AS WELL AS US TACTICAL COMMANDER. SELECTION OF NEW ADVISORY GROUP COMPOUND SHOULD BE MADE AFTER FUTURE LOCATION OF RESIDUAL FORCE HEADQUARTERS IS FIRM TO AVOID POSSIBILITY OF A SECOND MOVE AFTER FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION HAVE ALREADY BEEN SPENT. FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS AT DSA I CORPS GEN ROSSON ATTENDED AN AWARDS CEREMONY AND LUNCHEON IN HONOR OF RADM BONNER AT I CORPS HEADQUARTERS HOSTED BY LTGEN LAM. AT 1350 GEN ROSSON DEPARTED I CORPS HEAD-QUARTERS FOR DANANG BASE OPS ACCOMPANIED BY LIGEN LAM AND BGEN MULLER. GEN ROSSON DEPARTED DANANG BASE OPS AT 1400 FOR YANKEE STATION. 5. PART III - GENERAL ROSSON ARRIVED FROM YANKEE STATION AT DANANG BASE OPS AT 160900H AND WAS MET BY LTGEN NICKERSON, LTGEN LAM, MR. FRITZ, ACTING DEPUTY FOR CORDS, II MAF, AND BGEN MULLER . DEPUTY SA I CORPS. GEN ROSSON. ACCOMPANIED BY LIGEN LAM, MR. FRITZ, AND BGEN MULLER DEPARTED FOR THE DANANG NATIONAL POLICE BASIC TRAINING CENTER AND ARRIVED AT 160915H. HE WAS MET BY LTC TIEP, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL POLICE, I CORPS, AND COMMISSIONER THINH, DIRECTOR OF THE TRAINING CENTER. DURING THE TRIP TO THE TRAINING CENTER GEN ROSSON MENTIONED THAT HE HAD READ ALL OF THE EXISTING FILES IN SAIGON ON THE SUBJECT. HE MENTIONED HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE TRAINING CENTER AND ITS PRESENT CONDITION AND WHETHER IT COULD DO THE JOB IT HAD TO DO DURING THE COMING YEAR. HE MENTIONED SPECIFIC-ALLY THAT ALL OF THE PROBLEMS STEMMED FROM THE LACK OF CONSIDERATION GIVEN THE NATIONAL POLICE IN THE BUDGETARY PROCESS. HE HAD PERSONNALLY SPOKEN TO THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THIS, BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE SO FAR TO PRODUCE ANY CHANGE. COMMISSIONER THINH BRIEFED GEN ROSSON ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TRAINING CENTER, ITS STAFFING AND ITS PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION. HE SPOKE OF UNMET REQUIREMENTS FOR LUMBER TO FIX DOORS AND WINDOWS, AND MORE DESKS AND CHAIRS AND MATTRESSES. HE ALSO MENTIONED THAT 60 PIAS-



TERS A DAY WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO FEED THE STUDENTS. HE

STATED HE NEEDED 500 MATTRESSES. GEN ROSSON OBSERVED THAT MANY VIETNAMESE DO NOT USE MATTRESSES IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND THAT PERHAPS BED BOARDS WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE AS AS CHEAPER. LIGEN LAM AGREED WITH THIS. GEN ROSSON ASKED WHETHER THE MILITARY TRANSFEREES, OF WHICH THERE ARE OVER 77 AT THE TRAINING CENTER, WERE VOLUNTEERS OR FORCED TO JOIN THE NATIONAL POLICE. LTGEN LAM STATED THAT THERE WERE BOTH VOLUNTEERS AND PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN FORCED. AS THERE WERE NOT SUFFICIENT VOLUNTEERS TO MEET THE CORPS QUOTA, HE HAS SET QUOTAS FOR THE VARIOUS MILI-TARY UNITS TO MEET. A DISCUSSION ENSUED WITH RESPECT TO THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY THE TRANSFER OF MILITARY PERSONS TO THE NATIONAL POLICE. GEN ROSSON ASKED WHETHER THE TRANSFEREES KNEW THAT THEY SOONER OR LATER WOULD HAVE TO ACCEPT THE LOWER PAY OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND WHETHER THEY KNEW THEY WERE SUBJECT TO TRANSFER. LIGEN LAM REPLIED THAT AT THE MOMENT ALL OF THE TRANSFEREES WERE RECEIVING PAY FROM THEIR ORIGINAL MILITARY UNIT. HE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO SEND THE I CORPS MILITARY TRANS-FEREES BACK TO THEIR HOME DISTRICT. HE WAS NOT RESPON-SIBLE FOR THE II CORPS TRANSFEREES ATTENDING THE TRAINING CENTER. SO FAR AS THEIR EVENTUAL PAY WAS CONCERNED HE THOUGHT THAT MAYBE TIME WOULD TAKE CARE OF IT. EITHER THEY MIGHT TRANSFER BACK TO THE ARVN OR THEY MIGHT DECIDE TO JOIN THE NATIONAL POLICE. GEN ROSSON STATED THAT SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO HAVE TO FACE UP TO THIS PROBLEM. GP-4

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CHOPPER PAD GEN ROSSON STATED THAT HE WOULD SEE COMNAV-FORV ON THE MATTER OF THE LUMBER FOR THE TRAINING CENTER. INDIVIDUAL CHAIRS WERE PROBABLY NOT NECESSARY BUT LUMBER COULD BE FURNISHED FOR A SELF-HELP PROJECT TO PRODUCE BENCHES. WE COULD EXPECT A VISITOR FROM SAIGON FOR THIS PURPOSE. HE ALSO STATED THAT HE WOULD TALK TO THE MAC-CORDS PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION TO SEE WHETHER THEY COULDN'T GIVE MORE SUPPORT TO NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER . PART-ICULARLY THROUGH BETTER TRAINING AIDS. HE WOULD ALSO PURSUE THE MATTER OF GETTING A BETTER BUDGET FOR THE NATIONAL POLICE. LIGEN LAM WAS ASKED WHAT CONCRETE STEPS WE SHOULD TAKE TO ASSURE TRANSFER OF THE ARVN-LAND-TO-THE-NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD SIGN A REQUEST PLACED IN FRONT OF HIM. HE SAID THAT THE NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR HAD NOT BROUGHT THE PROBLEM TO HIS ATTEN-TION. OUR PUBLIC ADVISORS ARE MEETING WITH LTC TIEP TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS ACTION IS DONE. 6. AT 161210H DEC 1969 GEN ROSSON DEPARTED AREA FOR DANANG BASE OPS ESCORTED BY LIGEN LAM, MR. FRITZ, AND BGEN MULLER. GEN ROSSON WAS MET BY LIGEN NICKERSON AND DEPARTED FOR ISN AT 161220H DEC 1969.

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2. REFERENCES C AND D INDICATE MY REQUEST FOR
EARLIER SHOW TIME IS RECEIVING WELL APPRECIATED
ATTENTION. HOWEVER, A TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN
A MEMBER OF MY STAFF AND YOUR OPERATION HOLLY PROJECT
OFFICER DURING THE EVENING OF 15 DEC INDICATED THAT
NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON OUR REQUEST.
3. I WOULD APPRECIATE ALL REASONABLE ASSISTANCE IN
OBTAINING AN EARLIER SHOW TIME AND STAND READY TO
MODIFY OUR SUPPORTING EFFORT AS NECESSARY.
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SECRETZEYES ONLY FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LIGEN NICKERSON PROQUEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INTEGRATED OBSERVATION DEVICES (IODS)

I. DUE TO YOUR INTEREST IN RESULTS ATTAINED THROUGH OUR IOD EVALUATION, THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THE COMMANDANT HAS APPROVED MY REQUEST FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL DEVICES. ROW (PRIME CONTRACTOR) WAS CONTACTED IN TIME TO PRECLUDE THE RELEASE OF IOD PRODUCTION PERSONNEL.

2. IT APPEARS THE EARLIEST DELIVERY DATE WILL BE APRIL 1973.

3. I THOUGHT THIS INFORMATION WOULD EE OF PERSONAL INTEREST TO YOU AND MAY AFFECT THE MATTER OF ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR ARMY USE.

4. WARM REGARDS

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1. (TS/LD) COMUSMACV HAS REQUESTED A 10.8K TROOP LIST BY COB 20 DEC 69. THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR APPROVAL: RLT-26

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| VMA-211                          | 218       |
| VMA-223                          | 233       |
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(1) IMA SUPPORT FOR ONE A4 SQUADRON WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO H&MS-13 (34 SPACES).

(2) DET H&MS-11 IS IMA SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSFERRED WITH VMFA-542 (52 SPACES).

(3) DET MAG-16 INCLUDES 164 SPACES THAT WILL BE DELETED BY RELOCATING HELO ASSETS FROM PHU BAI TO MMAF AND 36 SPACES THAT ARE IMA SUPPORT FOR HMH-361.

2. (TS/LD) IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE ABOVE TROOP LIST VARIES FROM THAT CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B AS FOLLOWS: THE HMM AND 2 ASRTS ARE NOT INCLUDED; IN ADDITION; A VMA IS PROVIDED VICE A VMFA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RATIONALE FOR THE ABOVE:

VMFA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RATIONALE FOR THE ABOVE:

A. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE ASRTS IN COUNTRY WHICH GIVE
COMPLETE COVERAGE FOR ICTZ WITH TPQ. FMAW PROVIDES 90 PER CENT OF THE
FIXED WING SORTIES IN I CORPS. OF ALL FIXED WING SORTIES, 22 PER CENT
ARE UNDER TPQ CONTROL DURING NIGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. ALL SETS ARE OLD AND REQUIRE CONSTANT MAINTENANCE. TWO
SETS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING IN IST MARDIV AO TO PROVIDE COMPLETE 24 HOUR COVERAGE. STRONGLY BELIEVE FIVE OPERATING TPQ'S
ARE REQUIRED IN ICTZ TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER/...IGHT CLOSE AIR
SUPPORT. THIS SUPPORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER WITH THE

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B. STRONGLY BELIEVE FOUR HMM'S REQUIRED TO SUPPORT III MAFFORCES. ALTHOUGH RLT IS BEING REDEPLOYED, THE 1ST MARDIV AO WILL REMAIN THE SAME; THIS WILL, IN FACT, INCREASE HELD REQUIREMENTS. IF JGS DECIDES TO MOVE ADDITIONAL ARVN FORCES INTO I CORPS, SUCH FORCES WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON FMAW FOR HELD SUPPORT. THERE IS CURRENTLY A SHORTAGE OF TOTAL HELD ASSETS IN I CORPS; REQUESTS TO COMUSMACV TO AUGMENT ARMY HELD RESOURCES HAVE BEEN DISAPPROVED. CONSIDER FOUR HMM'S AND DAVE HMH MINIMUM REQUIRED FOR TROOP LIFT, RESUPPLY, AND OTHER FUNCTIONS SUCH AS RECON INSERT, MED EVAC, ETC.

C. THE RECOMMENDATION TO REDEPLOY MAG-12 WITH TWO A-4 SQUADRONS AND RETAIN MAG-13 IN COUNTRY WITH THREE F-4 A.D ONE A-4 SQUADRON INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(1) ESTABLISHED HAMS SUPPORT FOR SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS SYSTEM OF F4 IS IN-BEING IN MAG-13 AND PROVIDING MAINTENANCE/AVIONICS SUPPORT TO THREE F4 SQUADRONS. ASSIGNING ONE A4 SQUADRON TO MAG-13 WITH IMA SUPPORT (34 PERSONNEL) TO HAMS-13 WOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE AND NOT DEGRADE THE A4 MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY.

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(2) THE F4 WEAPONS SYSTEM CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED IN THE NIGHT/ALL WEATHER ATTACK ROLE THAN THE A4. CROSSWIND RESTRICTIONS ON THE A4 AND THE CUMBERSOME PROCESS OF USING JATO DEGRADES THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE A4 DURING WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT MONSOON SEASON WHICH DOES NOT END UNTIL LATE FEB/EARLY MARCH.

(5) THE F4 HAS THE CAPABILITY OF CARRYING MORE EXTERNAL ORDNANCE THAN THE A4 WHEN UTILIZED IN THE ATTACK ROLE AND HAS A

GREATER RANGE AND TIME ON STATION.

(4) THE F4 IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN THE FIGHTER ROLE WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE EVENT THE ENEMY SHOULD INITIATE AIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PHASES OF GROUND UNITS. ADDITIONALLY. THE FIGHTER/ATTACK GAPABILITY WOULD BE UTILIZED

PAGE TWO RHMMAFAI 937 T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR /LIMDIS/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY IN THE EVENT AIR OPERATIONS SHOULD BE REINSTITUTED OVER NORTH VIET NAM.

(5) THE ONE A4 SQUADRON WILL PROVIDE THE WING WITH THE CAPABILITY OF LOW LEVEL CLOSE-IN-SUPPORT. WHEN THE WEATHER IS MARGINAL, VFR UNDER 1500 FEET CEILING AND LESS, A MORE MANUVER-ABLE AIRCRAFT IS REQUIRED. THIS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN RECON INSERTS/EXTRACTS.

3. (TS/LD) IN VIEW OF THE SHORT FUZE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT THE ABOVE TROOP LIST TO MACY AS A PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

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# MEALQUARTERS III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE

TOP SECRET III MAP FORM 5216 (REV 8-69) OPERATION CODE FROM DATE . ACTION/COCHIZACE COMMENT/SECOND CG III MAF 21 DEC 69 SERIAL MO/CONTEDL DATE INFORMATION SIGNATURE 211410Z DEC 69 I "I COPIES RECT SUBJECT DATE SECTION CODE INITIAL 087 FORCE PLANNING ČĞ DCG REMAR: C/S DC/S DISPOSTION: DCS PLANS DEP CORDS Retain for \_\_\_\_ months. DSA ICTZ 5/5 Destroy after routing. G-1 G-2 Section Signature G-3 G-4 G-5 REMARIS: This document may not be G-6 retained over night except as noted in Force Order P5511.4\_\_\_. ADJ AWARDS The Record of Disclosure must be CAP signed by all persons sighting this CHAP CIB COMP DENT ORIG.: G-3 REL .: AC/S. G-3 **ENGR** FOODS FSEO EXCLUSIVE HQ CMDT INSP MTO NJA. OPANAL ORD PMO **POSTAL** MARINE CORPS **PROTO PSYOPS** RDT E REPRO SJA SPL SERV SUPPLY ORMED O SIC TCC

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6. (TS/LD) THE TROOP LIST IS DUE AT MACV BY 221500H. THERE-FORE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT ABOVE TROOP LIST, AS MODIFIED BY PARAGRAPH 4, AS A PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION. 7. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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TOP SECRET III MAT FORM 5216 (REV 8-69) OPERATION CODE FROM ORIGINATOR ACTION/COGNIZANCE COMMENT/RECOMMENDATION SERIAL NO CONTROL DATE PA OCC - INFORMATION - SIGNATURE O POSRAGO DEC 60 COPIES REC'R SUBJECT TOPSECRET DATE BOUTE SECTION CODE INITIAL IN OUT CG FORCE PLANNING DCG REMARI C/S DC/S DISPOSTION: DCS PLANS DEP CORDS Retain for \_\_\_\_ months. DSA ICTZ 5/5 Destroy after routing. G-1 G-2 Section Signature A G-3 G-4 G-5 RFMARIS: This document may not be G-6 retained over night except as noted in Force Order P5511.4\_\_. ADJ AWARDS The Record of Disclosure must be CAP signed by all persons sighting this CHAP CIB COMP DENT **ENGR FOODS** FSEO HQ CMDT INSP MTO ALM 9 #2 to Funce Planning Folden **OPANAL** ORD PMO **POSTAL PROTO PSYOPS** RDT E REPRO SJA SPL SERV SUPPLY ORMED O SIC TCC (USE REVERSE FOR ADDITIONAL SPACE) SCT MAJ

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III WILL REQUIRE THE ADDITION OF 337 ARMY PERSONNEL
TO MAINTAIN A CORPS HEADQUARTERS IN ICTZ THROUGH
PHASE VI. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE 220 ARMY
PERSONNEL INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED
HRS.
C. NOT APPLICABLE.
D. 12.62! C 12.88! CS 16.343CSS.
E. NO CHANGE .
PARA 8. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT RLT-26 WILL COMMENCE
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A. MY 110530Z DEC 69 (S)

B. COMUSMACV CITE 16164 DTG 151110Z DEC 69 (S)

C. CG XXIV CORPS 160934Z DEC 69 (5)

D. CG III MAF 300919Z SEPT 69 (S)

1. (S) REF A STATED THAT DETAILED REVIEW OF HELO ASSETS IN ICTZ HAD BEEN MADE AND REALLOCATION WAS NOT FEASIBLE. SITUATION IN XXIV CORPS WITH RESPECT TO HELD SUPPORT WAS RECOGNIZED AS VALID OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENT, AND RECONSIDERATION WAS RECOMMENDED TO COMUSMACV.

2. (S) REF B WAS COMUSMACY DECISION TO ADHERE TO CURRENT

DISTRIBUTION OF HELICOPTER ASSETS.

3. (S) REF C REQUESTED FURTHER, CONSIDER AT 10 N BE GIVEN TO STATIONING AN ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY AT QUANG TRI TO SUPPORT US AND GVN FORCES IN XXIV CORPS AREA OF OPERAT IONS.

- 4. (S) AS PREVIOUSLY STATED REF A AND D'IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO REALLOCATE ICTZ HELO RESOURCES WITHOUT CREATING UNACCEPTABLE DEGRADATION FOR OTHER FORCES. UNLESS THERE SHOULD OCCUR A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN FORCE ALIGNMENT, THIS MUST REMAIN MY DEGISION.
- 5. (S) EMERGENCY REQUESTS WILL BE HANDLED ON A MESSION BASIS AND ALL SUCH REQUESTS WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE OVERALL TACTICAL SITUAT TO N.

6. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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1. DURING GEN ABRAMS VISIT TO I CORPS IN

DECEMBER HE GAVE ME A COPY OF A RAND REPORT CONTAINING

ALLEGATIONS OF KOREAN ATROCITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM. AT

THE SAME TIME HE ASKED THAT I SEND ALL THE INFORMATION

WE HAD IN OUR FILES ON KOREAN ATROCITIES TO MACV.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO THAT REQUEST, WE SEARCHED OUR FILES

AND LOCATED A REPORT WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY FORWARDED

TO MACV ON 16 APRIL 1968. THE REPORT WAS FORWARDED

DIRECTLY TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND AND WAS PROBABLY

INCLUDED IN HIS PERSONAL FILES. A COPY OF THIS REPORT

WAS PICKED UP ON 18 DEC 69 BY YOUR COL FRIETAG AND MAJOR

MILLER. THESE TWO REPRESENTATIVES ALSO VISITED CORDS.

AS FAR AS I AM ABLE TO DETERMINE, THEY HAVE COPIES OF

EVERYTHING THAT HAS BEEN IN OUR FILES ON THIS SUBJECT.

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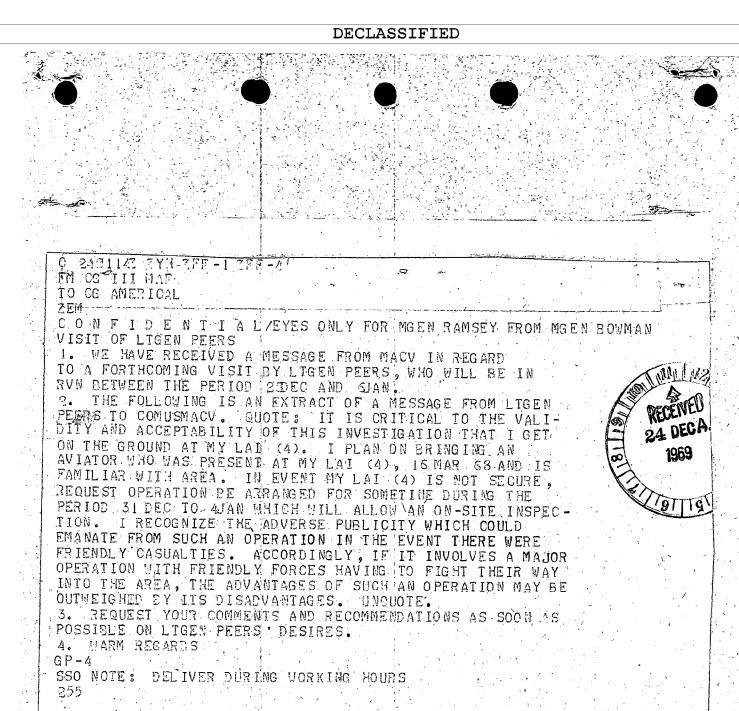
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PTTSZYUW RHMMAFA2858 3620740-SSSS--RUHHFMA. ZNY SSSSS P 280740Z DEC 69. FM CG III MAF TO RUNHFMA/CG FMFPAC S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN BUSE FROM MAJGEN BOWMAN // NØ Ø Ø Ø Ø Ø // • ` COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT ICTZ A. CG FMFPAC 241842Z DEC 69. 1. HAVE REVIEWED REF A AS REQUESTED. CONSIDER FOLLOWING COMMENTS PERTINENTS A. I AGREE THAT IT IS TIME TO REVIEW NAVAL SUPPORT AC-TIVITIES AND THEIR MISSION PARAMETERS. TO THAT END WE HAVE ASKED COMNAVFORV FOR BRIEFINGS ON ACTOV 6 JAN 1970 AND ON THE COMMON SERVICE TURNOVER PLAN. BETWEEN 3-5 JAN B. I AM NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE COMBINING OF NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES DANANG AND SAIGON THOUGH I BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THE CHANGE SHOULD BE KEYED TO TURN-OVER OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ RATHER THAN ACTOV TURNOVERS. COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT TURNOVER, IN MY

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA2858 S E C R E I/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR OPINION, SHOULD BE EFFECTED DURING PHASE SIX UPON COM-PLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE COMBAT FORCES. C. WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO INVOLVE MYSELF IN NAVY COMMAND STRUCTURE I CONSIDER THAT THE NEED IS GREATER AT DANANG FOR A FLAG OFFICER TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS DURING NAVY PHASE-DOWN AND ARMY BUILD-UP THAN AT SAIGON FOR PRESTICE PURPOSES D. I FIND BAUMBERGER'S PROPOSALS TO PAUL FONTAMA AND COMBS EMINENTLY PRACTICAL AND I SUPPORT THE PO-SITION TAKEN IN HIS MESSAGE. 2. I WILL BE ALERT FOR MENTION OF THE PROPOSALS CONTAINED REF A DURING THE ACTOV AND COMMON SERVICE TURNOVER PLAN BRIEFINGS. GP-4 BT 2858

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2. IT IS DEEMED, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CAPS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO INSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OR ELIMINATION OF THE FUCTIONS OF THE CAPS.

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III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS AMALGAMATION

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1. I PROPOSE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMULMACV. QUOTE

A. III MAF MEMO 26D/CRS 3000SER 000122369 DTD 300CT69 B. MACV MISSION COORDINATED PLAN: VIETNAMIZING THE WAR, 20JUL69

1. REF A PROPOSED THE AMALGAMATION OF THE III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS AND THE FORMATION OF A JOINT HQS TO COM-MAND USMC AND ARMY FORCES IN ICTZ DURING PHASES THREE THROUGH SIX REDEPLOYMENTS AS ESTABLISHED BY REF 3. THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION ENVISIONED THAT MAJOR MARINE FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN ICTZ THROUGH PHASE SIX.

2. THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. CURRENT PLANNING INDICATES THAT EXCEPT FOR A TRANS-

PAGE TWO RHMMAFA3123 TO PSECRET/LIMDIS/EXCLUSIVE FOR/ITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND AN RLT, THE PREPONDERANCE OF MARINE FORCES WILL REDEPLOY DURING PHASE FOUR.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT APPEARS THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT ARMY/MARINE HQS IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.

IN ITS STEAD THE FOLLOWING CONCEPT IS PROPOSED?

A. AT A DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED, HQS III MAF WILL BE RELIEVED BY HQS XXIV CORPS. A SMALL USMC LIAISON GROUP CONSISTING OF NO MORE THAN FIVE PERSONNEL WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE XXIV CORPS HQS.

B. ESTABLISH A REDUCED STRENGTH MEF HQS SUBORDINATE TO XXIV CORPS TO CONTROL THE COMBINED MARINE AIR GROUND ELEMENTS REMAINING UNTIL THE MAJORITY OF THE MARINE FORCES REDEPLOY.

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE CONCEPT BE APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES AND THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO BEGIN PLANNING WITH XXIV CORPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT TRANSPER OF COMMAND. UNQUOTE 2. YOUR COMMENTS AND OR CONCURRENCE ARE REQUESTED. 5. WARM REGARDS

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PAGE TWO RHMMAFA3142 TO PSECRETSPECATEXCLUSIVE FOR 3. GUIDANCE IS THEREFORE REQUESTED CONCERNING THE FOL-LOWING FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

A. SHOULD WE PLAN FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ALL OR A PART OF THE CAPS WITH THE USMC FORCES REDEPLOYING DURING PHASE FOUR?

B. IF ANY OR ALL OF THE CAPS ARE RETAINED, IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WILL BE ADDITIVE TO THE USMC TRANS-ITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND THE REMAINING RLT.

C. IF THE CAPS ARE REDEPLOYED DURING PHASE FOUR, IS IT INTENDED THAT THEIR CURRENT FUNCTIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED OR TRANSFERRED TO THE ARMY FORCES REMAINING IN ICTZ? UNQUOTE.

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