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~~11. CG III MAF 010340Z JAN 70 (C)~~

~~FOR MGEN JONES, INFO LTGEN DICE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON~~

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12. CG III MAF 022350Z JAN 70 (U)

FOR VADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

NAVY AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM

13. ✓ CG III MAF 040150Z JAN 70 (C) *Ap-4*

FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

CTG CLEARWATER MISSION (U)

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14. ✓ CS III MAF 040330Z JAN 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
NVA SAPPER ATTACK
- ~~15. ✓ CG III MAF 050720Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR LTCOL SULLIVAN FROM MGEN BOWMAN
VISIT TO HONG KONG~~
16. ✓ CG III MAF 050950Z JAN 70 (U) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
INFORMATION ON ALLEGED INCIDENT
17. ✓ CG III MAF 070402Z JAN 70 (S) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DULACKI
ACTION AT FSB ROSS ON 5-6 JAN
18. ✓ CG III MAF 070710Z JAN 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ACTION AT FSB ROSS ON 5-6 JAN
- ~~19. ✓ CG III MAF 070000Z JAN 70 (C)
FOR VADM BRINGLE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
MORNING BRIEF~~
20. ✓ CG III MAF 090008Z JAN 70 (C) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN THRASH, RADM ADAMSON, BGEN PADALINO, LTCOL. W. T.
BALIARD, COL. D. W. BRYAN FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL (BRDP) VISIT
21. ✓ CG III MAF 100437Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN THRASH, MGEN WHEELER, RADM ADAMSON, BGEN
PADALINO FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL VIST - ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE
22. ✓ CG III MAF 101222Z JAN 70 EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
CTF CLEARWATER MISSION
23. ✓ CG III MAF 110245Z JAN 70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
SECURITY FOR USAAG AND CORDS COMPOUNDS IN ICTZ (U)
- ~~24. ✓ CG III MAF 120710Z JAN 70 (C)
PERSONAL FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO RADM ADAMSON AND RADM DILLON
FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ACTOY AND ICTZ TURNOVER BRIEFING (U)~~
25. ✓ CG III MAF 130820Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
PROJECT OI COMMUNITY RELATIONS FUNDS REQUEST FOR

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- A-16. ✓ CG III MAF 030334Z JAN 70 (TS) (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U)
- A-17. ✓ CG III MAF 060954Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING
- A-18. ✓ CG III MAF 120958Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF PROPOSED MAB
- A-19. ✓ CG III MAF 140134Z JAN 70 (TS) MCEO (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U)
- A-20. ✓ CG III MAF 140816Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR GEN ABRAMS INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCE
- A-21. ✓ CG III MAF 150954Z JAN 70 (TS) MCEO (Op-4)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
USMC COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE IN ICTZ
- A-22. ✓ CG III MAF 170930Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
HQS FOR US COMMAND ELEMENT IN ICTZ
- A-23. ✓ CG III MAF 170910Z JAN 70 (TS) MCEO (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
USMC COMMAND CONTROL STRUCTURE IN ICTZ FORWARDING OF
- A-24. ✓ CG III MAF 190255Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
HQS FOR US COMMAND ELEMENT IN ICTZ - READDRESSAL OF TWO ALTERNATIVES
- A-25. ✓ CG III MAF 211008Z JAN 70 (TS) (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF HEADQUARTERS

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- B-1. ✓ CG III MAF 211234Z JAN 70 (TS) (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING
- B-2. ✓ CG III MAF 220134Z JAN 70 (TS) MCEO (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON INFO BGEN
PADALINO
LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE (S)
- B-3. ✓ CG III MAF 221004Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF HEADQUARTERS
- B-4. ✓ CG III MAF 241306Z JAN 70 (TS) (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF HQS COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS
- B-5. ✓ CG III MAF 260926Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
HQS FOR US COMMAND ELEMENTS IN ICTZ (U) - CONTINUITY OF
OF COMMAND AND CONTROL
- B-6. ✓ CG III MAF 270830Z JAN 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FROM CG III MAF TO COMUSMACV INFO CG XXIV CORPS
HQ US COMMAND ELEMENTS IN ICTZ (U)
- B-7. ✓ CG III MAF 010550Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF COMUSMACV CITE 1478
- B-8. ✓ CG III MAF 020810Z FEB 70 (TS) (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - READDRESSAL OF COMUSMACV CITE 1517 DTG
011052Z FEB 70 (TS)
- B-9. ✓ CG III MAF 021256Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DULACKI
FORCE PLANNING (U) - PROGRAM 8 SPACES
- B-10. ✓ CG III MAF 050011Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - BOWMAN ASSIGNED AS DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS
- B-11. ✓ CG III MAF 050332Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR MAJGEN TOWNSEND INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ROK FORCES IN VIETNAM (U)
- B-12. ✓ CG III MAF 060130Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - COMUSMACV APPROVAL OF MGEN BOWMAN ASDCG XXIVCORP
- B-13. ✓ CG III MAF 061302Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (Op-4)
FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - POSSIBILITY OF REDEPLOYING AN ADDITIONAL
100,000 U. S. TROOPS FROM RVN DURING 1970 SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE III

- ~~14. CG III MAF 070857Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY ~~EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN ADAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON~~~~
~~FOR GEN ADAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON~~
~~FORCE PLANNING - VIEWS AND COMMENTS ON THE POSSIBILITY~~
~~OF REDEPLOYING AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 U.S. TROOPS FROM RVN~~
- B- 15. ✓ CG III MAF 071358Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - READDRESSAL OF CG III MAF 061302Z FEB 70 &
CG III MAF 070857Z FEB 70
- B- 16. ✓ CG III MAF 111354Z FEB 70 (TS) (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DULACKI
FORCE PLANNING - MACV'S REACTION TO USMC PROPOSED 13.2K POST
PHASE IV TROOP LIST
- B- 17. ✓ CG III MAF 120206Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - RECOMMENDED CHANGES AND ADDONS TO 8.9K MAB
- B- 18. ✓ CG III MAF 190936Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF/XXIV CORPS COMMAND RELATIONS
- B- 19. ✓ CG III MAF 190932Z FEB 70 (TS) (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF COMNAVFOR MSG 190140Z
FEB 70 RETENTION OF ONE MEB VICE ONE RLST
- B- 20. ✓ CG III MAF 201352Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - 8.9K MAB ADD ON RADIO BN & SSCT
- B- 21. ✓ CG III MAF 201310Z FEB 70 (TS) (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DULACKI
VISIT OF AMBASSADOR KOREN (U)
- B- 22. ✓ CG III MAF 230656Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - INCREASE IN RAD BN
- B- 23. ✓ CG III MAF 240600Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY (gp-4)
FOR VADM ZUMWALT INFO RADM DILLON FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING (U) - PERTINENT COMMENTS RE 9.5K MAB
- B- 24. ✓ CG III MAF 071058Z MAR 70 (TS) (gp-4)
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING - CONCURRENCE WITH COMUSMACV CITE 2950
- B- 25. ✓ CG III MAF 130856Z MAR 70 (TS) (gp-4)
EXCLUSIVE FOR MGEN THRASH FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
READDRESSAL OF COMUSMACV 110249Z MAR 70 - SEA TDS INTERFACE

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 FOR VADM ZUMWALT FROM LTGEN NICKERSON.
 NAVY AIRCRAFT SHELTER PROGRAM

A. YR 220730Z DEC 69
 B. MY 310304Z DEC 69

1. REVIEW OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR AIRCRAFT SHELTERS DISCUSSED REF A WILL PERMIT CANCELLATION OF INCREMENT II WHICH WAS DONE BY REF B AND WHICH RELEASES THE ENTIRE \$1,200,000 FOR REPROGRAMMING.
 2. THE BALANCE OF THE PROGRAM (162 SHELTERS) IS STILL REQUIRED. SOME MINOR SITING REVISIONS WILL BE REQUIRED WHICH WILL CAUSE NO INCREASE IN FUNDS. MY STAFF WILL WORK THE DETAILS OUT WITH YOUR BASE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE IN DANANG. WARM REGARDS.

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FROM CG III MAF TO CG XXIV CORPS
EXPANSION OF FSB BARBARA (S)

A-15. ✓ CG III MAF 260810Z JAN 70 (S) EYES ONLY 9p-4
FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN RAMSEY, MGEN THRASH, AND
MGEN WHEELER INFO BGEN MULLER FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
TET, 1970

A-16. ✓ CG III MAF 260908Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
PACFLT COMRELFUNDS

~~17. CG III MAF 271018Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR MGEN ANDERSON FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
TRANSFER AND CHANGE OF MOS CASE OF CYSCT ROBERT C
SHORES 1858056/0121/0141 USMC~~

~~18. CG III MAF 280226Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR LTCOL SULLIVAN FROM BGEN DULACKI
TRANSPORTATION FOR MGEN BOWMAN~~

A-19. ✓ CG III MAF 281216Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LGEN NICKERSON
2DROKMC CHANG E OF COMMAND

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- A-1. ✓ CG, III MAF 140200Z JAN 70 (C) *gp-4*
FROM LTGEN NICKERSON FOR GEN. ABRAMS
SPECIAL VCI APPREHENSION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR TET (S)
- A-2. ✓ CG, III MAF 140520Z JAN 70 (C) *gp-4*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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- A-3. ✓ CG III MAF 170150Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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- A-4. ✓ CG III MAF 170510Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
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- ~~CG III MAF 190000Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR RADM NORRIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
RETIREMENT PHYSICAL CASE OF LTCOL O. J. CORRIEVEAU~~
- ~~CG III MAF 190226Z JAN 70 (U)
FOR LTGEN DUCE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
REQ CASE OF C/ST B. R. DIAZ~~
- A-8. ✓ CG III MAF 191150Z JAN 70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
REQUEST FOR INCREASED FIRE SUPPORT
- A-9. ✓ CG III MAF 191428Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
EXTRACT FROM THE QUANG NGAI DAILY INTSUM - READDRESSAL OF
- A-10. ✓ CG III MAF 200747Z JAN 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN RAMSEY, MGEN THRASH, MGEN WHEELER,
BGEN MULLER FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ENEMY CALIBER .50 ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE
- A-11. ✓ CG III MAF 200840Z JAN 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
AMEMBASSY REPORTING ON MILITARY MATTERS */w attachments*
- A-12. ✓ CG III MAF 220150Z JAN 70 (U) EYES ONLY (~~only 2 copies~~)
FOR BGEN SMITH FROM BGEN DULACKI
R&R PROGRAM
- A-13. ✓ CG III MAF 221254Z JAN 70 (U) EYES ONLY
FROM CG III MAF TO COMUSMACV
LTCOL. WHITE'S PRESENTATION

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T O P S E C R E T / S P E C I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN

NICKERSON

FORCE PLANNING

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

QUOTE:

P 021050Z

FM MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV SAIGON

TO LGEN NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG

INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LONG BINH

LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CRPS PH BAI

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 066 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: III MAF 310724Z DEC 69 WHICH REQUESTED INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF CAPS IN PLANNING FUTURE TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS.

1. THE JCS APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES THE PHASE IV FORCE PACKAGE (MARINE HEAVY OPTION) OUTLINED AT THE COMMANDERS WIEU

PAGE TWO RHMAFA0244 T O P S E C R E T / S P E C I A L EXCLUSIVE FOR/ ON 27 DECEMBER 1969. THIS OPTION WOULD RETAIN ONE (1) RLT AT A STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY 7,500 UNTIL THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL LEVEL IS REACHED. SUPPORT FOR THIS ONE REMAINING RLT WOULD BE ENTIRELY BY THE ARMY LOGISTIC SYSTEM.

2. TO COMPENSATE FOR THE EVENTUAL LOSS OF THE CAPS, AN INCREASE OF 30 ADDITIONAL MOBILE ADVISORY TEAMS (MATS) IS CONTEMPLATED FOR I CTZ. WHEN THESE ADDITIONAL MATS ARE DEPLOYED ABOUT JUNE-JULY 1970, THE NUMBER OF MATS IN I CTZ WILL TOTAL 80.

3. THE CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT OF MATS DIFFERS FROM THAT OF THE CAPS, IN THAT MATS DO NOT JOIN THE TERRITORIAL FORCE UNIT PERMANENTLY AS IS THE CASE WITH CAPS. THEREFORE, THE CONTINUED UTILIZATION OF CAPS BY THE REMAINING RLT APPEARS APPROPRIATE WHERE REQUIRED AND WITHIN THE SUPPORT CAPABILITY OF THE RLT.

4. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE KEYED TO THE QUESTIONS POSED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFERENCE MESSAGE.

A. A DECISION TO REDEPLOY ALL OR PART OF THE CAPS WITH USMC FORCES REDEPLOYING DURING PHASE IV WILL BE BASED ON YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS (PARAGRAPH 5, BELOW) THE CAPS NOT APPROVED FOR RETENTION SHOULD BE SCHEDULED TO REDEPLOY AS PART OF THE USMC FORCES DURING PHASE IV.

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 B. ANY CAPS APPROVED FOR RETENTION AFTER PHASE IV WILL BE
 ADDITIVE TO THE APPROXIMATELY 7,500 SPACES REQUIRED FOR THE
 REMAINING RLT.

C. IT IS INTENDED THAT MATS WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
 FOR THOSE TRAINING AND ADVISORY FUNCTIONS REQUIRED BY TERRITORIAL
 FORCES IN I CTZ WHEN CAPS ARE REDEPLOYED. OTHER FUNCTIONS NOW
 PERFORMED BY CAPS WILL HAVE TO BE ELIMINATED AS US FORCES
 REDEPLOY.

5. REQUEST YOUR ASSESSMENT OF THE REQUIREMENT FOR CAPS; THE
 CAPABILITY OF THE REMAINING RLT TO SUPPORT CAPS AFTER PHASE IV;
 AND THE NUMBER OF CAPS RECOMMENDED TO BE RETAINED AFTER PHASE IV.

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FOR LIGEN ZAIS FROM LIGEN NICKERSON

CTG CLEARWATER MISSION (U)

A. COMNAVFORV 312331Z DEC 69

1. (C) REF A OUTLINED CURRENT CTG CLEARWATER MISSION AND
 REQUESTED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MISSION AS REDEFINED.

2. (C) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CLOSING OF THE CUA
 VIET RIVER AS A WATER LOC AND COMBINING OF CG ELEVEN
 AND RESIDUAL CLEARWATER FACILITIES AND FORCES AS PROPOSED

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FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
NVA SAPPER ATTACK

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED
FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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FM MG RAMSEY CG AMCAL DIV CHL RVN
TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG RVN
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ALTHOUGH YOU HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A SPOT REPORT ON THE NVA SAPPER
ATTACK AGAINST COMPANY B, 4/3 INFANTRY, ON HILL 285 LAST NIGH, I WOULD
LIKE TO GIVE YOU A FULL RUN-DOWN ON THE ACTION.

COMPANY E/4/3 INFANTRY HAD BEEN COMBAT ASSAULTED ONTO HILL 285
(GS 320 285) DURING THE MORNING OF 2 JANUARY 70 TO SECURE THE HILL
SO THAT IT COULD BE USED AS A FIRE SUPPORT BASE FOR A COMBINED MULTI-
BATTALION OPERATION WITH UNITS OF THE 11TH INF BDE AND 4TH ARVN REGT
IN THE MOUNTAINOUS AREA WEST OF FSB DEBBIE. THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY
ORGANIZED ITS DEFENSES, CONSISTING OF THREE-MAN STANDING FIGHTING
POSITIONS WITH SAND BAGS AND EARTH BERMS, AND BY DARK HAD COMPLETED
ITS PREPARATIONS, TO INCLUDE CLAYMORES IN FRONT OF EACH POSITION
AND TRIP FLARES. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS HAD PREVENTED RESUPPLY
HELICOPTERS FROM BRINGING ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE MATERIEL SUCH AS SENSORS,
SANDBAGS, TRIP FLARES AND MORTAR AMMUNITION. THE COMPANY'S FIELD
STRENGTH WAS 118 OFFICERS AND MEN, INCLUDING 31MM MORTAR SECTION WITH
3 TUBES. THE WEATHER DURING THE ENTIRE NIGHT WAS A MIXTURE OF RAIN,
FOG AND BRISK WINDS. VISIBILITY WAS VERY LIMITED. AT 2345HRS, WITHOUT
WARNING, THE COMPANY RECEIVED A HEAVY AND CONTINUOUS VOLUME
OF 32MM MORTAR, RPG, GRENADE AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE MORTAR FIRE
CAME FROM A RIDGE TO THE NORTH OF HILL 285. THE GROUND ATTACK BY AN
ESTIMATED REINFORCED NVA SAPPER COMPANY OF YP MEN ATE FROM THE
NORTH AND NORTHWEST. THE ENEMY HAD MOVED BY TEALTH IN THREE PLATOON-
SIZED ELEMENS UP THE BRUSH-COVERED DRAWS ON THE WEST SIDE OF HILL
285, HAD SILETLY CUT THE CAYMORE WIRES AND THEN OPENED FIRE WITH
AK-50'S, B-40 ROCKETS, AND CHICOM HAND GRENADES. THETWO SOUTHERNMOST
ATTACKING GROUPS, INCLUDING THE NVA COMPANY COMMNDER AND HIS THREE-
MAN COMMAND GROUP WERE CUT DOWN BY HEAVY VOLUME OF MAYPN -16,
AND M-79 FIRE LAD DOWNBY COMANY B. NE SAPPER SUCCEEDED N LOBBING
A GRENADE INTO ONE FIGHTING POSITION, KILLING ONE AND WOUNDING TWO.
BY THE TIME THE GRENADE WAS LAUNCHED BY THE ADJACENT POSITION. THE NORTHERN



SAPPER PLATOON SUCCEEDED IN KNOCKING OUT A TREE-MAN FIGHTING POSITION WITH B-40'S AND GRENADES. SIX SAPPERS MOVED INSIDE PERIMETER TOARD TH TOP O THE HLL, ENGAGING AND KILLING THE ARTILLERY FOWARD OBSERVER AS HE OVED AGAINST THEM. A QUICK REACTION BY A BCOMPAN PLATON LEADR AND IS RIO ELIMINTED THS NVA FORCE. FOLLOWING THE HEAVY INITIAL ENEMY CONTACT, THE ENEMY STUBBORNLY CONTINUED THE GROUND ATTACK ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PERIMETER, ENGAGING THE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS WITH SMALL ARMS AND HAND GRENADES UNTIL 0325 HOURS; ONE LARGE SAPPER WITH A BANDAGED HEAD AND TOURNIQUET ON HIS LEG WAS KILLED ON THE NORTHEAST EDGE OF THE PERIMETER AS HE ATTEMPTED TO EXIT AT THAT HOUR. THROUGHOUT THE FOUR HOUR ACTION THE ENEMY ATTEMPTED TO RECOVER HIS DEAD AND WAS CUT DOWN BY GUNSHIPS, ARTILLERY, AND MORTAR FIRE. A SWEEP OF THE AREA AT FIRST DAYLIGHT REVEALED

NUMEROUS DRAG MARKS WHERE BODIES HAD BEN PULLED DOWN THE WOODED SLOPES.

THE RESULTS OF THE ACTION WERE 29 NVA KILLED, INCLUDING THE COMPANY COMMANDER AND AT LEAST ONE PLATOON LEADER, AND THE FOLLOWING MATERIEL CAPTURED: 13 AK-50, FOLDING STOCK RIFLES; 1 RPG-2 WITH 2 B-40 ROCKETS; 1 M-16 RIFLE; 73-75 CHICOM GRENADES, MOST OF WHICH WERE THE SMALL PINEAPPLE TYPE; 1 9MM PISTOL; 1 COMPLETE MEDICAL KIT AND 13 FULL AK MAGAZINES. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 7 KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED EVAC.

I ESTIMATE THAT ENEMY LOSSES MAY HAVE BEEN AS HIGH AS 40-50

KILLED.

IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THIS WAS A FIRST CLASS NVA UNIT, WHICH REACTED IMMEDIATELY TO OUR PRESENCE IN THE AREA. EVERY NVA BODY WAS DRESSED IN NEW KHAKI JACKET AND SHORTS, SILK SCARF AND LEATHER BELT WITH GRENADE AND FIRST AID POUCHES. AVERAGE AGE APPEARED TO BE 12 OR 19. ALL WERE STRONG AND WELL-FED. A DOCUMENT FOUND ON ONE PLATOON LEADER INDICATES THAT THIS MAY HAVE BEEN A SAPPER BATTALION SUPPORTING THE 22ND NVA REGT. THE 432ND BN HAS RECENTLY BEEN REPORTED IN

THIS AREA, WITH THE MISSION OF ATTACKING ALLIED UNITS PRIOR TO TET. THIS IS THE THIRD ATTACK OF COMPANY OR LARGER STRENGTH AGAINST AMERICAL AND 2D ARVN DIVISION UNITS WITHIN THE PAST WEEK. THE SAPPER ATTACK AGAINST THE NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION OF CO A, 2/1 INF ON 31 DECEMBER WAS ESTIMATED TO BE OF COMPANY STRENGTH AND WAS EXECUTED

AS A GROUND ACTION WITHOUT USE OF SUPPORTING MORTAR FIRE. IN THIS CASE THE US COMPANY COMMANDER WAS NOT ALERT AND DID NOT COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS. MOVEMENT HAD BEEN REPORTED EARLIER IN THE EVENING AND HE DID NOT FOLLOW THROUGH ON THIS REPORT NOR DID HE REPORT THE INCIDENT TO HIS BN. AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK APPROXIMATELY 50 PER CENT OF HIS MEN WERE ABOVE GROUND SLEEPING OR WATCHING, BUT NOT IN THEIR HOLES. HE HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS THAT ALL MEN WOULD BE BELOW GROUND IN A NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSITION REGARDLESS OF THE ELEMENTS. THE COMPANY COMMANDER WAS BELIEVED AND A FORMAL REPORT IS BEING

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THE ATTACK BY 48TH LOCAL FORCE BN ELEMENTS AGAINST THE 4TH BN, 5TH
 ARVN REGT ON 30 DECEMBER WAS PRINCIPALLY A STAND-OFF ATTACK WITH NO
 ATTEMPT TO ASSAULT THE DEFENSIVE PERIMETER.
 I HAVE HAD BRIGADIER GENERAL DONALDSON WORKING ALL DAY WITH COMMANDERS
 AND KEY STAFF OFFICERS CONCERNED IN AN ATTEMPT TO COME UP WITH LESSONS
 LEARNED REGARDING THESE 3 ATTACKS. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT POINT IS THAT
 ALL ATTACKS WERE WELL-PLANNED, WELL-COORDINATED AND WELL-EXECUTED,
 WHICH MEANS TO ME THAT WE CAN EXPECT MORE SUCH ATTACKS. ACCORDINGLY,
 I HAVE ADVISED MY COMMANDERS OF EACH OF THESE ACTIONS AND HAVE IN-
 STRUCTED THEM TO TAKE EVERY PRECAUTION PRACTICABLE TO PREVENT SAPPER
 ATTACKS.

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A. COMUSMACV MSG CITE MAC 065 EYES ONLY DTG 021049Z

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1. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT THIS HQS TO SUBSTANTIATE ALLEGATION REFERRED TO IN REF A. NONE OF THREE SITES CONTAINED IN REF A WERE IN AO OF NAMED OPERATIONS ON 13 JAN 1969.
2. SITE AT BS 780830 IS ONE KM NORTH OF THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF OPERATION RUSSELL BEACH WHICH BEGAN ON 13 JAN 1969. SITE IS ON THE FAR SIDE OF MOUTH OF BA TO RIVER; NO INFORMATION TO INDICATE RUSSELL BEACH UNITS OPERATED OUTSIDE OF ASSIGNED AREA. RUSSELL BEACH CASUALTY FIGURES FOR 13 JAN 1969 SHOWED FOUR ENEMY KIA. TOTAL ENEMY KILLS FOR JANUARY 1969 IN RUSSELL BEACH WERE 87.
3. SITE AT BS 576357 IS 30 KM FROM COAST NEAR BA TO CIDG CAMP. ON 13 JAN 1969 NEAREST OPERATION WAS VERNON LAKE II. NEAREST VERNON LAKE II BOUNDARY WAS APPROX 20 KM FROM SITE. OPERATION VERNON LAKE II REPORTED ONE ENEMY KIA ON 13 JAN 1969 AND 121 KILLED FOR ENTIRE MONTH.
4. SITE AT YD 450595 IS ON COAST TEN KM EAST OF QUANG TRI CITY. THERE WERE NO NAMED OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA ON 13 JAN 1969.
5. BA LONG VALLEY IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE HAS BEEN SCENE OF SEVERAL OPERATIONS, HOWEVER THE CLOSEST OPERATION TO THIS AREA ON 13 JAN 1969 WAS KENTUCKY. NEAREST BOUNDARY OF OPERATION KENTUCKY TO BA LONG VALLEY WAS 12 KM. OPERATION KENTUCKY RECORDS SHOWS NO ENEMY KIA REPORTED ON 13 JAN 1969 AND 42 REPORTED FOR ENTIRE MONTH.
6. WARM REGARDS.

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LTGEN NICKERSON DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS SECTION 1 OF 2
FORCE PLANNING

A. CG FMFPAC 312121Z DEC 69 (TS/LD)SPECAT/MCEO)

1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REF WHICH REQUESTED COMMENTS/RECOM-
MENDATIONS REGARDING PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF 10,8K MAB.

2. MAB STRUCTURE BASED ON FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:

A. THE MAB WILL BE EMPLOYED PRIMARILY IN THE LOWLANDS OF QUANG
NAM PROVINCE AND/OR IN AREAS WHERE SURFACE LOC'S ARE AVAILABLE.
SUSTAINED OPERATIONS SUPPORTED EXCLUSIVELY BY HELICOPTER ARE NOT
ENVISAGED.

B. AN AMPHIBIOUS SURFACE ASSAULT CAPABILITY IS NOT REQUIRED.

C. AIR OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED FROM BOTH DANANG AIRFIELD
AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN.D. THE MAB WILL BE AN INDEPENDENT UNISERVICE UNIT UNDER THE OPERA-
TIONAL CONTROL OF A U.S. ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS AND THE ADMINISTRA-

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TIVE CONTROL OF CG, FMFPAC.

E. HEADQUARTERS AND BASE AREA FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE AND
WILL NOT REQUIRE EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENT.F. COMMUNICATION SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES
OF UNITS ORGANIC TO THE MAB WILL BE PROVIDED BY ARMY FORCES.G. DURATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF THE MAB IN VIETNAM WILL BE ABOUT
ONE YEAR.

H. SUPPLY SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE 3D FSR IN OKINAWA IN
RESPONSE TO REQUISITIONS SUBMITTED BY MAB UNITS. THE LSG WILL MAIN-
TAIN MINIMUM STOCKS FOR BACK UP OF SHOP STORES AT THE MAINTENANCE
ACTIVITY.

I. DELIVERY OF ALL CLASSES OF SUPPLY WILL BE MADE BY THE LSG ON
SURFACE LOC'S ON A PERIODIC BASIS, TO ORGANIC ACCOUNTS IN THE DANANG
TAOR. ONLY EMERGENCY AIR DELIVERY TO BE PROVIDED.

J. MAINTENANCE AT THE LSG WILL BE LIMITED TO 3D ECHELON.
UTILIZING 3D FSR AS A BACK UP WITH RAPID REPAIR PROGRAM. A MINIMUM
MAINTENANCE FLOAT WILL BE ON HAND AND AVAILABLE ALONG WITH A SMALL
SECONDARY REPARABLE FLOAT FACILITY.

K. BASE FACILITY SUPPORT WILL BE PROVIDED BY PUBLIC WORKS, OR
OTHER DESIGNATED ACTIVITY.

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 L. SUPPORT FROM EITHER ARMY OR NAVY WILL BE OBTAINED WHERE
 POSSIBLE FOR SUCH SERVICES AS BAKERY, ICE, TRASH COLLECTION, PRO-
 CUREMENT AND CONTRACTING, POST EXCHANGE, SPECIAL SERVICES, FIRE
 PROTECTION, BRIG OPERATIONS, AND MEDICAL AND DENTAL SERVICES.

3. MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE:

A. COMMAND ELEMENT:

MAB HQ & HQ CO	390
DET RAD BN, FMF	136
1ST CI TM, FMF	16
3D IT TM, FMF	11
9TH IT TM, FMF	11
1ST INTERP TM	6
2D SSCT	9
COMM SPT CO (REIN), 5TH COMM BN, FMF	235
TOTAL	814

B. GROUND ELEMENTS:

1ST MARINE REGIMENT	3,797
1ST BN (REIN), 11TH MAR	742
DS ARTY BN	(670)
DET HQ BTRY, 11TH MAR	(72)

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A BTRY (REIN), 4TH BN, 11TH MAR	120
1ST 8" HOW BTRY (SP), FMF	226
1ST 175MM GUN BTRY, FMF	171
A CO (REIN), 1ST ENGR BN	238
CO A (REIN), 1ST RECON BN	142
DET, 1ST FORCE RECON CO, FMF	30
A CO, 1ST MT BN	85
A CO (REIN), 1ST TANK BN, FMF	129
TOTAL	5,680

C. AVIATION ELEMENT:

NAG-11	1,447
H&MS-11	(327)
VMA - IMA	(34)
VMA(AW) - IMA	(69)
DET VMO-2 (4/0V-10)	(53)
MABS-11	(450)
VMA-311	(219)
VMA(AW)-242	(295)
NAG-16	1,372
H&MS-16	(262)

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HML - IMA	(29)
DET HMH-463 (6/CH-53)	(88)
MABS-16	(378)
MAICU-68	(68)
HMM-263	(237)
HML-167 (12/UH-1E, 18/AH-1)	(297)
MASS-3 (-)	68
DASC	(36)
ASRT (2)	(32)
TOTAL	2,887

D. COMBAT SERVICES:

DET, 1ST SVC BN	631
DET, 1ST FSR	527
PLT, CO A, 7TH ENGR BN, FMF	32
SHORE PARTY CO, 1ST SP BN	67
COL & CLEAR CO, 1ST MED BN	25
A CO, 1ST MP BN, FMF	121
TOTAL	1,403
GRAND TOTAL	10,784

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 4. UNITS STRENGTHS ARE IN SERIES T/O OR FUNCTIONAL T/O BLOCKS IN
 CASE OF DETACHMENTS. HQ CO IS T/O M-2117. MAB HEADQUARTERS IS
 9TH MAB T/O M-2116, LESS SLF COMPONENTS, WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
 85 SPACES:

A. G-1 SECTION: 61 SPACES FOR AWARDS, CASUALTY REPORTING,
 CAREER ADVISORY, CLUBS AND EXCHANGES.

B. G-2 SECTION: 15 SPACES FOR OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE, PHOTO
 IMAGERY, GROUND SURVEILLANCE, SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CI UNITS.

C. G-3, G-4 AND G-5 SECTIONS: 3 SPACES EACH FOR A TOTAL OF 9.

5. THE GROUND ELEMENT OF THE MAB HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO MEET SPECIAL
 REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATING IN VIETNAM. THE RLT INCLUDES A 175MM
 GUN BATTERY AND THE HEADQUARTERS BATTERY OF THE D/S ARTILLERY
 BATTALION HAS BEEN REINFORCED TO INCLUDE METRO, SURVEY, CMR,
 CHRONOGRAPH, AND IOD CAPABILITIES. A TOTAL OF 49 SPACES HAVE BEEN
 ADDED TO THE BATTERY. THE ENGINEER ELEMENT OF THE RLT IS HEAVILY
 REINFORCED, BUT ENGINEER COMPANY CONTAINED IN THE LSG PROPOSED BY
 REF A HAS BEEN REDUCED TO A PLATOON IN OUR SUBMISSION.

6. THE PROPOSED AVIATION PACKAGE CONTAINS TWO GROUPS, ONE FIXED
 WING AND ONE HELICOPTER. THIS ORGANIZATION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY
 DUE TO THE REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE EIGHT DIFFERENT TYPES OF AIRCRAFT
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 FROM LTGEN WICKERSON DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS SECTION 2 OF 2
 FROM TWO DIFFERENT AIRFIELDS. THE FIXED WING PACKAGE IS ADEQUATE
 TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING GROUND UNITS AND IS BASED ON THE EASE OF
 MAINTENANCE OF THE A4E AND THE POWER PLANT COMPATIBILITY OF THE
 A4 AND A6. THE HELICOPTER PACKAGE PROVIDES FOR THE ASSAULT SUPPORT
 OF THE GROUND PACKAGE AND COVERS THE ENTIRE SPECTRUM OF FUNCTIONS
 PERFORMED BY HELICOPTERS. THE RETENTION OF THE AH-1G PROVIDES A
 HIGH ORDER OF FIRE POWER IN SUPPORT OF GROUND UNITS. THE PROPOSED
 STRUCTURE OF THE FIXED WING GROUP DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR EXTERNAL
 SECURITY FORCES OR SERVICES SUCH AS CLUES, PX'S, ETC. THE PROPOSED
 STRUCTURE OF THE HELICOPTER GROUP IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
 IT WILL BE A TENANT ACTIVITY AT MMAF AND NOT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE
 EXTERNAL SECURITY OR AIRFIELD SERVICES.

7. THE PROVISIONAL LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AROUND
 A SERVICE BATTALION ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE COMMAND AND CONTROL.

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 AND AUGMENTED BY THOSE FORCE SERVICE REGIMENT ORGANIZATIONS REQUIRED
 TO ACCOMPLISH THE IN-COUNTRY MISSION. THE SUPPLY COMPANY IN SERVICE
 BATTALION HAS BEEN REDUCED, RECOGNIZING THE UTILIZATION OF THE STOCK
 ACCOUNT IN THE 3D FSR AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY SUPPORT, AND NO MAJOR
 STOCK ACCOUNT FUNCTION IS CONTEMPLATED. FURTHER, OTHER STRENGTHS
 HAVE BEEN REDUCED IN RECOGNITION OF THE EXISTENCE OF OTHER IN-
 COUNTRY SERVICE SUPPORT OF RATIONS, FUEL AND AMMUNITION.

8. THE UNIT DESIGNATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF THE 1ST MARDIV
 UNITS, ARE VERY TENTATIVE AND ARE DEPENDENT ON OTHER ONGOING
 PLANNING.

9. THE RECOMMENDED COMPOSITION OF THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE WILL
BE THE SUBJECT OF A SEPARATE MESSAGE.

10. I RECOMMEND THAT WAB CONTAINED IN PARA 3 BE USED FOR PLANNING
 PURPOSES.

11. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T / S P E C A T EXCLUSIVE FOR BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN DULAKI
ACTION AT FSB ROSS ON 5-6 JAN (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

1. DETAILED REPORT ON THE ACTIONS AT FSB ROSS ON THE NIGHT OF 5-6 JAN HAVE BEEN FORWARDED VIA COC CHANNELS. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MAJGEN WHEELER. QUOTE
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C. THE LATEST COUNT ON ENEMY CASUALTIES AND WEAPONS CAPTURED DURING THIS ACTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

38 ENEMY KIA

11 AK-47

5 RPG LAUNCHERS

4 RPG ROUNDS

30 SATCHEL CHARGES

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23 WIA (MINOR). MATERIAL DAMAGE AS FOLLOWS: CMR DAMAGED; 2
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3. GENERAL NICKERSON IS NEITHER SATISFIED WITH THE CONDUCT OF
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 B L U E R I B B O N D E F E N S E P A N E L (B R D P) V I S I T

1. THE FOLLOWING INFO IS PROVIDED REGARDING BRDP AREAS
 OF EMPHASIS, MODUS OPERANDI AND QUESTIONS ASKED:

A. DURING THE INITIAL COURTESY CALL THE PANEL HAS
 ASKED QUESTIONS WHICH WOULD NORMALLY BE COVERED IN SUB-
 SEQUENT BRIEFINGS.

B. THE ROLES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF
 UNIFIED COMMANDERS AND SERVICE COMPONENT COMMANDERS HAVE
 BEEN PROBED BY THE PANEL.

C. QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ASKED ON COMMAND RELATION-
 SHIPS IN THE AREAS OF LOGISTICS, FISCAL, INTELLIGENCE AND

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D. HOSTS HAVE BEEN ASKED "WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND
 OR LIKE TO SEE CHANGED IF YOU WERE SITTING AS A MEMBER OF
 THIS PANEL?"

2. THE PANEL DESIRES TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH
 COMPANY GRADE AND NON-COM OFFICERS. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO
 MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PANEL TO MEET WITH SUCH PERSONNEL
 ON AN INFORMAL AND AD HOC BASIS SHOULD THE PANEL EXPRESS THE
 DESIRE TO DO SO.

3. THE PANEL IS INTERESTED IN ALL OPERATIONS ACROSS THE
 BOARD.

4. UPON COMPLETION OF PANEL VISIT YOU ARE REQUESTED TO
 FORWARD TO THIS HQ ANY USEFUL OBSERVATIONS OR SUGGESTIONS.

5. WARM REGARDS

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 MGEN WHEELER, RADM ADAMSON, BGE PADALINO FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 BLUE RIBBON DEFENSE PANEL VISIT - ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE

1. DURING SUBJECT VISIT MAJOR EFFORT IS TO BE ON PANEL MEMBERS TALKING WITH ENLISTED MEN AND NONCOMS, BOTH U.S. AND ARVN AS PRACTICABLE. THIS SHOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY MOVING THE PANEL FROM UNIT TO UNIT, VISITING AS MANY AS FEASIBLE, MINIMIZING INDOOR BRIEFINGS AND EMPHASIZING OUTDOOR DISCUSSIONS.
2. FOR LTGEN ZAIS: REQ VISITS TO ARVN UNITS AND ESPECIALLY A MEETING WITH GEN. TRUONG.
3. REQ VISIT SUMMARIES ASAP AFTER VISIT. PLEASE INCLUDE ALL MAJOR QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES.
4. WARM REGARDS.

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LTGEN NICKERSON

CTF CLEARWATER MISSION

A. COMNAVFORV 312331Z DEC 69

B. CG XXIV CORPS 080745Z JAN 70

1. REF A STATED THAT IN VIEW IMMINENT CLOSING OF CUA VIET RIVER AS
A WATER LOC FOR USE BY U.S. FORCES, AND IN VIEW REDUCTION
IN USN SPACES, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT MISSION OF CTF CLEARWATER CAN
BE REDEFINED. IN THIS REGARD CONCUR IN COMMENTS OF REF B AND
REVISED CTF CLEARWATER MISSION STATED THEREIN.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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 SECURITY FOR USAAG AND CORDS COMPOUNDS IN ICTZ (U)

1. IN VIEW OF IMPENDING PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS AND CURRENT PLANS FOR PHASE IV, THIS HQS HAS BEEN EXAMINING NON-COMBAT FUNCTIONS BEING PERFORMED BY USMC PERSONNEL TO DETERMINE THOSE WHICH CAN BE TERMINATED AND THOSE WHICH MUST BE CONTINUED, RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHICH MUST BE REASSIGNED TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. IN MOST CASES THESE FUNCTIONS ARE BEING PERFORMED BY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN FROM MARINE COMBAT UNITS; THE LATTER MUST OF COURSE REDEPLOY AT PROGRAM EIGHT STRENGTHS.

2. THE FIRST SUCH FUNCTION WHICH MUST BE REASSIGNED IS SECURITY FOR USAAG AND CORDS COMPOUNDS IN ICTZ. CURRENTLY III MAF PROVIDES TWO OFFICERS AND 119 ENLISTED PERSONNEL FOR SUCH SECURITY. THIS FUNCTION SHOULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ORGANIZATION BY 1 MAR 70. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH SECURITY IS PROVIDED IN OTHER CORPS AREAS BY SPECIAL SECURITY DETACHMENTS AUGMENTING USAAG AND CORDS JTD'S.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT U.S. ARMY ASSUME USAAG AND CORDS SECURITY FUNCTION BY 1 MAR 70. *In ICTZ*

4. AS REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING PROGRESSES, I WILL SUBMIT FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO OTHER NON-COMBAT FUNCTIONS WHICH ARE NOW BEING PERFORMED BY MARINES AND WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE REASSIGNED AS MARINE UNITS REDEPLOY. WARM REGARDS

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PROJECT 01 COMMUNITY RELATIONS FUNDS REQUEST FOR

A. FMFPACBUL 7300 OF 15DEC69

1. COMREL FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$350.00 ARE REQUESTED TO FUND THIS COMMAND'S COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROGRAM DURING 3D AND 4TH QTRS FY70. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THESE FUNDS WILL BE USED TO ENHANCE COMMUNITY RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CIVILIAN DIGNITARIES, AND MILITARY COMMANDERS OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND OTHER FREE WORLD MILITARY FORCES. THE TOTAL 1ST AND 2ND QUARTER ALLOTMENTS WAS \$350.00. OF THAT AMOUNT \$327.12 HAS BEEN OBLIGATED TO DATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE REQUESTED ALLOCATION OF \$350.00 WILL BE ADEQUATE TO SATISFY THE NEEDS OF THIS COMMAND FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY70.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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 FROM LTGEN NICKERSON DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

III MAF PROPOSED MAB

A. TELCON BGEN MILLER, G-3, III MAF/COL GOURLEY, AG-3, FMFPAC
 OF 11 JAN 70

B. CG, III MAF 060954Z JAN 70 (TS/LD/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS ON PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO REF B AS
 FOLLOWS:

A CO (REIN), 1ST ENGR BN
 DET, 1ST SVC BN
 DET, 1ST FSR
 7TH ENGR BN, FMF

0 VICE 238
 301 VICE 631
 415 VICE 527
 699 VICE 32

2. MODIFICATION ACCEPTABLE WITH FOLLOWING COMMENT:

A. STRONG POSSIBILITY AMOUNT OF SUPPLY FUNCTIONS TO BE RETAINED
 WILL REQUIRE DATA PROCESSING PLATOON IN DET, 1ST FSR.

B. CONCUR IN INCREASED ENG CAPABILITY, HOWEVER CONSIDER FORCE

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 PROFILE MORE DESIRABLE IF MAJOR ENGINEERING CAPABILITY RETAINED IN
 RLT VICE COMBAT SERVICE UNIT.

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T O P S E C R E T/LIMDIS/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN BUSE FROM LIGEN
 NICKERSON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE PROVIDED BY CMC DURING HIS RECENT
 VISIT, I PROPOSE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMUSMACV.

QUOTE

FROM: CG III MAF

TO: COMUSMACV

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. COMUSMACV 021050Z JAN 70

1. REF A REQUESTED RECOMMENDATIONS IN REGARD TO REDEPLOYMENT OF CAPS
 ON THE BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES: MATS WILL ASSUME RESPON-
 SIBILITY FOR THOSE TRAINING AND ADVISORY FUNCTIONS REQUIRED BY
 TERRITORIAL FORCES WHEN CAPS ARE REDEPLOYED; OTHER FUNCTIONS NOW
 PERFORMED BY CAPS WILL BE ELIMINATED AS US FORCES REDEPLOY; THIRTY
 ADDITIONAL MATS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ICTZ. IN ADDITION, CAPS

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APPROVED FOR RETENTION AFTER PHASE IV WOULD BE ADDITIVE TO THE
 MARINE FORCE REMAINING.

2. THE CAP PROGRAM HAS BEEN A MOST SUCCESSFUL AND
 FAR REACHING PACIFICATION PROGRAM IN ICTZ. IDEALLY, CAPS SHOULD NOT
 BE WITHDRAWN FROM A VILLAGE OR HAMLET UNTIL AFTER THEY HAVE FULLY
 COMPLETED THEIR TASK; SUCH A SCHEDULE OF REDEPLOYMENT WOULD ENTAIL
 APPROXIMATELY A ONE YEAR TIME PERIOD. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE GRAD-
 UALLY INCREASING EFFECTIVENESS OF TERRITORIAL FORCES IN ICTZ, THE
 PLANNED AVAILABILITY OF ADDITIONAL MATS FOR ASSUMING PART OF THE
 FUNCTIONS OF THE CAPS, AND LIKELY PERSONNEL CONSTRAINTS DURING AND
 AFTER PHASE IV, THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE IN REGARD TO
 THE REDEPLOYMENT OF CAPS:

A. THE 1ST, 3D AND 4TH CAGS PHASE OUT DURING
 PHASE IV.

B. THE 2D CAG NOW LOCATED IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE REMAIN IN THAT
 PROVINCE AND BE ATTACHED TO THE MARINE FORCE REMAINING AFTER PHASE
 IV.

C. THE 2D CAG CONSIST OF APPROXIMATELY 600 US PERSONNEL WHO
 WOULD BE ADDITIVE TO THE STRENGTH OF THE MARINE COMBAT FORCE RE-
 MAINING AFTER PHASE IV.

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3. APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE CONCEPT IS REQUESTED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

UNQUOTE

2. YOUR COMMENTS AND/OR CONCURRENCE ARE REQUESTED. CMC INDICATED HIS GUIDANCE WAS SUBJECT TO A REVIEW OF YOUR ASSESSMENT.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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 INFO CG XXIV CORPS
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//NO3000// FOR GENERAL ABRAMS INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NECKERSON
 TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCE

A. COMUSMACV (MACJ-3-03) LTR OF 1 NOV 69 SUBJ: PROMULGATION OF
 COMUSMAC OPERATION PLAN NO. 186-69 (RESIDUAL SUPPORT FORCE
 (RSF) PLAN (C))

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A THIS HQ FORWARDED THE PROPOSED ANNEX
 L (STATIONING) AND THE PROPOSED COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS
 TO OPLAN 186-69. THE PROPOSALS WERE PREPARED BY XXIV CORPS AND
 FORWARDED WITH COMMENTS FROM THIS COMMAND. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE
 REGARDING THE PROPOSED COMMAND STRUCTURE WAS FORWARDED TO ME BY
 LTGEN ZAIS. QUOTE: SUBJ: TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCES (COMUSMACV
 OPERATION PLAN NO. 186-69 (RESIDUAL SUPPORT FORCE (C)))

1. (TS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBJECT REFERENCE, I RECENTLY SUBMITTED
 A PROPOSED TD AUGMENTATION TO THE 101ST ABN DIV (AM) AS COMMAND AND
 CONTROL HEADQUARTERS FOR ICTZ ALONG WITH PROPOSED SIGNAL AND
 COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS ANNEXES FOR YOUR OPLAN 186-69. THE
 PROPOSED AUGMENTATION PROVIDES A RATHER EXTENSIVE ADDITIONAL
 CAPABILITY TO ALL GENERAL AND SPECIAL STAFF SECTIONS CONCERNED.
 THE PROPOSED AUGMENTATION AND THE SIGNAL AND COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS
 ANNEXES AS WELL AS OTHER COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WERE MADE
 WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OUTLINED IN COMUSMACV OPLAN 186-69 AND HIS
 LETTER OF PROMULGATION.

2. (TS) UPON FURTHER THOUGHT, I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF
 THE DIVISION COMMANDER, EVEN THOUGH HIS STAFF IS AUGMENTED TO
 EFFECTIVELY COMMAND AND CONTROL SOME 55,000 TROOPS SPREAD OVER
 SUCH A WIDE AREA AND STILL AT THE SAME TIME, PERFORM HIS DUTIES
 IN THE CORDS AND ADVISORY AREAS PLUS FULFILL HIS REQUIREMENTS TO
 DO EXTENSIVE DUTIES AS AREA COORDINATOR AND IN THE COORDINATION
 OF LOGISTIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT. I ENVISION THE APPROXIMATE
 TROOP STRENGTHS (INCLUDING LOGISTIC SUPPORT) AT THE FOUR MAJOR
 LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS:

CHU LAI	11,000	WITH ADC BG
DA NANG	25,000	
PHU BAI	11,000	WITH ADC BG
QUANG TRI - DONG HA	8,000	WITH ADE BG

AS YOU CAN NOTE ABOVE, THE DIVISION COMMANDER WILL PROBABLY LOCATE
 HIS ADC'S AT CHU LAI AND PHU BAI AND THEREFORE, THESE ADC'S WILL
 NOT BE PRESENT TO HELP THE DIVISION COMMANDER WITH OVERALL
 DIVISIONAL PROBLEMS THAT MAY ARISE IN THE OPERATIONAL AND LOGIS-
 TICAL FIELDS.

3. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, I BELIEVE THAT INSTEAD OF AUGMENTING THE DIVISION, IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO BUILD A LIGHT FIELD FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY THE SAME SIZE AS THE AUGMENTATION AND WITH A LTG TO HANDLE OVERALL COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COORDINATION AND THUS PERMIT THE DIVISION COMMANDER TO DEVOTE THE REQUIRED TIME TO THE TACTICAL COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THE DIVISION. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR PUTTING MY VIEWS IN THE MACV PLANNING HOPPER WITH COMMENTS YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. WARM REGARDS. UNQUOTE

2. THOUGH IT HAS MERIT, IT APPERAS TO ME THAT THE PROPOSED FIELD FORCE HEADQUARTERS IS INCONSISTENT WITH YOUR OPLAN 186-69 AND WOULD HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON VIETNAMIZATION GOALS.

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PERSONAL FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM LIGEN NICKERSON

SUBJ: SPECIAL VCI APPREHENSION AWARDS PROGRAM FOR TET (U)

1. GENERAL LAM HAS PROPOSED CASH BONUS AWARDS TO POLICE AND MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR THE APPREHENSION OF SIGNIFICANT VCI DURING THE TET SEASON. HE IS AWARE THAT CURRENT REGULATIONS RESTRICT PAYMENTS TO CIVILIANS BUT HE BELIEVES THAT A CASH BONUS WOULD PRODUCE A STRONG INCENTIVE FOR POLICE AND MILITARY ACTION DURING THE CRITICAL TET PERIOD.

2. THERE IS A PRECEDENT FOR PAYMENTS OF THIS NATURE TO OTHER THAN CIVILIANS IN THE FORM OF THE SAIGON GIA DINH CITIZEN'S INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDED PAYMENTS TO MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE PERSONNEL.

3. THE BONUS WOULD CONSIST OF 1,000 PIASTERS FOR A LOW LEVEL, 5,000 FOR A DISTRICT AND 10,000 FOR A PROVINCE LEVEL VCI.

4. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE WHAT THE TOTAL COST OF SUCH A PROGRAM MIGHT BE.

5. ALTHOUGH I REALIZE THAT THERE IS A SHORAGE OF AIK FUNDS, I BELIEVE THE PROPOSAL DOES HAVE MERIT AND AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO IMPLEMENT THE CASH BONUS AWARD PROGRAM DURING THE FORTHCOMING TET PERIOD. MY DEPCORDS OPPOSES SUCH FUND EXPENDITURES.

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FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

MY LAI

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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FM MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV

TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

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SUBJ: MY LAI (4)

REF: CG, II MAF, DTG, 240114Z

ACD 1264, DTG, 240958Z

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO GIVE YOU A SUMMARY OF THE
ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND MY LAI (4) DURING THE PERIOD THE HAMLET
WAS SECURED FOR VISITORS.

2. DURING THE PERIOD 30 DEC 69 THRU 10 JAN 70, REPRESENTATIVES FROM
FIVE GROUPS NOT ASSIGNED TO THE AMERICAL DIVISION VISITED MY LAI (4).
THE FIVE GROUPS REPRESENTED WERE:

A. LTG WILLIAM R. PEERS' INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

B. SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE, OTPMG

C. COUNSELS FOR THE 1LT CALLEY COURT-MARTIAL

D. USARV MAPPING & INTELLIGENCE MAPPING TEAM

E. CIVILIAN PRESS

3. AMERICAL DIVISION MADE DETAILED PREPARATIONS TO INSURE THE SAFETY
OF VISITORS DURING THE GROUND RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS AT MY LAI (4).

A. THE 198TH INF BDE WAS TASKED TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR MY LAI
(4) DURING THE PERIOD 300900 DEC 69 - 111200 JAN 70. A TASK FORCE,
COMMANDED BY THE XO, 5TH BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY MOVED INTO MY
LAI (4) AND CONDUCTED OPERATIONS TO SECURE THE AREA. THE SECURITY
TASK FORCE CONSISTED OF THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

CO C, 5TH BN, 46TH INF

H TROOP, 17TH CAV

RECON PLAT, 5TH BN, 46TH INF

PLAT, B CO, 26TH ENGINEER BN

THIS TASK FORCE WAS AUGMENTED BY MINE AND TUNNEL DOGS,
COMBAT TRACKER TEAMS, NATIONAL POLICEMEN, REGIONAL FORCES, POPULAR
FORCES, AND D TROOP, 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY.

B. A PERIMETER WAS ESTABLISHED AROUND MY LAI (4) USING WIRE AND
BUNKERS WITH OVERHEAD COVER. A HELICOPTER PAD LARGE ENOUGH FOR ONE UH
-1 WAS CONSTRUCTED UTILIZING MSA1 MATTING. NUMEROUS BUNKERS WITH OVER-
HEAD COVER WERE BUILT THROUGHOUT MY LAI TO ASSORD PROTECTION FOR VISIT-1
94. POPULAR FORCES AND NATIONAL POLICE ESTABLISHED CHECK POINTS ON THE
ROADS LEADING IN AND OUT OF MY LAI (4) TO CONTROL CIVILIAN TRAFFIC.
NO MILITARY TRAFFIC WAS PERMITTED ON THE ROADS IN THE VICINITY OF
MY LAI (4).

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C. A PATHFINDER TEAM WAS PLACED IN MY LAI (4) AT THE QUANG NGAI AIRFIELD TO CONTROL ALL AIR TRAFFIC INTO MY LAI. ALL VISITORS WERE REQUIRED TO ENTER THE HAMLET BY HELICOPTER, AND HELICOPTERS REMAINED IN MY LAI (4) ONLY LONG ENOUGH TO DISCHARGE PASSENGERS. THE HELICOPTERS WERE THEN SENT TO A HOLDING AREA IN QUANG NGAI. VISITORS ENTERING MY LAI WERE CHECKED AGAINST AN ACCESS ROSTER AND THEN ESCORTED TO A BRIEFING TENT. AT THIS LOCATION THEY WERE ISSUED STEEL HELMETS AND FLAK VESTS. THE VISITORS WERE BRIEFED ON THE LOCATION OF SECURITY FORCES IN THE HAMLET AND THE AREAS THAT HAD BEEN CLEARED. PATHS THAT HAD BEEN CLEARED WERE MARKED WITH WHITE TAPE. ALL VISITORS WERE PROCEEDED BY A MINE SWEEP TEAM, A MINE DETECTION DOG TEAM, AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY A SECURITY FORCE. AN M577 COMMAND VEHICLE WAS AT THE DISPOSAL OF VISITORS IN THE AREA. AN AIR CAVALRY TEAM PROVIDED AIR COVER WHEN DISTINGUISHED VISITORS WERE PRESENT. DURING THEIR STAY AT MY LAI (4), VISITORS WERE KEPT DISPERSED AND IN SMALL GROUPS.

4. ON 1 JAN 70, LTG PEERS CONDUCTED A LOW LEVEL AIR RECONNAISSANCE, IN A LOH, OF MY LAI (4) WITH CWO HUGH C. THOMPSON JR. AS A PASSENGER. CWO THOMPSON, WHO HAD BEEN AN AMERICAL OH23 PILOT IN THE VICINITY OF MY LAI (4) DURING THE ALLEGED MASSACRE, CORRELATED THE TERRAIN TO HIS PREVIOUS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PEERS' COMMITTEE. IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT THIS LOW LEVEL FLIGHT STAYED WITHIN A SECURE AREA, I FLEW MY COMMAND AND CONTROL HELICOPTER ABOVE GEN PEERS IN HIS LOH. I HAD WITH ME MR MACCRATE, ATTORNEY, OF THE GEN PEERS' GROUP. ONLY ONCE DID I HAVE TO INSTRUCT THE LOH PILOT NOT TO PROCEED TOWARD AN UNSECURE AREA.

ON THE MORNING OF 3 JAN 70, LTG PEERS CONDUCTED A THREE HOUR GROUND RECONNAISSANCE OF MY LAI (4) TO GAIN FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE ALLEGED ATROCITY SCENE. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ACCOMPANIED LTG PEERS' DURING HIS VISIT TO MY LAI (4):

- A. MR. ROBERT MACCRATE (NEW YORK ATTORNEY)
- B. MR. JEROME K. WALSH (NEW YORK ATTORNEY)
- C. LTC BILLY STANDBERRY (INTERPRETER)
- D. MAJ W.F. GABELLA (PIO)
- E. 1LT LELAND R. SMITH (AMCAL INFO OFFICE)
- F. CWO ANDRE C. FEHER (INVESTIGATION)
- G. SP5 ROBERT F. FROMM (PHOTOGRAPHER)
- H. PFC LASZLO KONDOR (AMCAL INFO OFFICE)
- I. SGT PHU (INTERPRETER)
- J. SGT MINH (INTERPRETER)

5. ON 4 JAN 70, CWO HUGH C. THOMPSON OF LTG PEERS' COMMITTEE WAS TAKEN ON A SECOND AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF MY LAI (4) TO CONFIRM PREVIOUS OBSERVATIONS.

6. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE WERE IN MY LAI (4) ON FIVE OCCASSIONS TO INVESTIGATE POSSIBLE CRIMINAL ACTS COMMITTED DURING 16-18 MAR 68.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
MY LAI

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

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FM MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV

TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ACD 033 EYES ONLY SECT TWO OF THREE

A. ON 2 JAN 70, LTC S.L. MELNER SPENT APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR IN MY LAI (4) WITH ME.

B. ON 3 JAN 70, THREE INDIVIDUALS- COL KEITH DUBOIS, LTC MELNER, AND MAJ THOMAS J. MCGREEVY- SPENT THREE HOURS IN MY LAI (4).

C. ON 4 JAN 70, NINE PERSONS SPENT SIX HOURS IN MY LAI (4). THE NINE PERSONS WERE COL DUBOIS, MAJ MCGREEVY, TWO CID INVESTIGATORS, TWO US INTERPRETERS, AND TWO VIETNAMESE.

D. ON 6 JAN 70, THE NINE PERSONS WHO HAD VISITED MY LAI (4) ON 4 JAN 70 RETURNED TO MY LAI (4) ALONG WITH PFC LASZLO KONDOR (AMCAL INFORMATION OFFICE). THEY REMAINED AT MY LAI (4) APPROXIMATELY SIX HOURS.

E. ON 7 JAN 70, MAJ THOMAS MCGREEVY ACCOMPANIED COUNSELS FOR THE 1LT CALLEY COURT-MARTIAL TO MY LAI (4). THEY SPENT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT HOURS IN THE AREA.

7. COUNSELS FOR THE 1LT CALLEY COURT-MARTIAL VISITED MY LAI (4) ON 6 JAN 70 AND 7 JAN 70 TO CONDUCT PRE-TRIAL INVESTIGATION AND VISUAL OBSERVATION.

A. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, INCLUDING COUNSELS, SPENT APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS AT MY LAI (4) ON THE AFTERNOON OF 6 JAN 70:

- (1) COL HENRY J. COTMAN (DEPUTY SJA, MACV)
- (2) COL DOTUNG (ARVN LIAISON)
- (3) MAJ KENNETH RABY (DEFENSE COUNSEL)
- (4) CPT AUBREY DANIEL (TRIAL COUNSEL)
- (5) CPT ARTHUR G. HAESSIG (AMCAL SJA OFFICE)
- (6) PFC PAULWIN (AMCAL PHOTOGRAPHER)

B. FIVE OF THE ABOVE SIX PERSONS (ALL EXCEPT CPT HAESSIG) SPENT ABOUT EIGHT HOURS AT MY LAI (4) ON 7 JAN 70. MAJ MCGREEVY, SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE, ACCOMPANIED THEM.

8. DURING THE PERIOD 3-6 JAN 70, A USARV MAPPING AND INSPECTION PLANE TABLE MAPPING TEAM PERFORMED FIELD WORK IN THE VICINITY OF MY LAI (4). THE TEAM CONSISTED OF CPT JOHN W. HORNE, CW3 CARL E. HARDIN, AND SIXTEEN EM. THE MAPPING TEAM PREPARED A DETAILED MAP OF THE MY LAI (4) AREA FOR THE SPECIAL CID TASK FORCE.

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9. THE CIVILIAN PRESS VISITED MY LAI (4) ON 8 JAN 70. THEY HAD NOT BEEN PERMITTED IN THE AREA WHILE INVESTIGATORS WERE STILL IN MY LAI. AT 0730 HOURS, 8 JAN 70, DAVE ROSENZWEIG (AP), MARK GODFRIED (AP), ALLAN MAITLAND (REUTERS), VINCE SLAVIN (NEWARK NEWS), AND TOM BENIC (STARS AND STRIPES) WERE ESCORTED INTO MY LAI (4) BY MAJ JOHN PAULI (AMCAL 10). AT 1630 THAT AFTERNOON, DON BARKER (ABC NEWS) AND KENLY JONES (NBC NEWS) WERE ESCORTED THROUGH MY LAI BY MAJ PAULI. BOTH VISITS WERE LIMITED TO ONE HOUR ON THE GROUND, AND INTERVIEWS WITH THE INDIVIDUAL SOLDIERS SECURING THE AREA WERE NOT PERMITTED.

10. AMERICAL DIVISION TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TO SAFEGUARD VISITORS DURING AIR RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN THE VICINITY OF MY LAI (4):

A. LTG PEERS' AIR RECONNAISSANCE OF MY LAI (4) IN AN OH6A WAS ESCORTED BY A SECOND OH6A, TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS, AN ARMED UH-1H WITH AN INFANTRY TEAMBOARD, AND A SECOND UH-1H PROVIDING COMMAND AND CONTROL.

11. SECURITY FORCES AT MY LAI (4) HAD NEGLIGIBLE ENEMY CONTACT. ON 30 DEC 69 AT 2145 HOURS, C-COMPANY, 5TH BN, 46TH INF, OBSERVED 10 VN IN THE VILLAGE AND INVESTIGATED, FINDING TUNNELS AND BUNKERS. AT 0900 HOURS ON 31 DEC 69, C COMPANY, 5TH BN, 46TH INF, CAPTURED 4 VC IN MY LAI. AT 1810 HOURS ON 31 DEC 69, H TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY DETONATED A BOOBY TRAP HAND GRENADE RESULTING IN FIVE WOUNDED. THE FIVE WERE MEDEVACED TO HOSPITALS IN CHU LAI. TWO OF THE MEN RETURNED TO DUTY WITH THEIR UNIT ON 7 JAN 70, AND THREE WERE EVACUATED OUT OF COUNTRY. ON 1 JAN 70 AT 1810 HOURS D TROOP, 1ST SQUADRON, 1ST CAVALRY, DETAINED 2 VCI 1.5 KILOMETERS FROM MY LAI. FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER H TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE EAST. FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF THE AREA REVEALED NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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 12. AMERICAL DIVISION PROVIDED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT FOR THE
 MY LAI (4) INVESTIGATORS AS FOLLOWS:

A. TGT: 1H1289 AF
 FLOWN: 2 JAN 70
 FLYING UNIT: 245TH SURVEILLANCE COMPANY (MOHAWK).
 SUPPORT PROVIDED: 1 MOSAIC, 3 SETS OF PRINTS, 9X9, VERTICAL.
 AREA COVERED: MAP SERIES L7014, SHEET 6739II, MAP SCALE 1:50,000
 COORDINATES BS7180, 7280, 7278, AND 7178.

B. TGT: 1H1353 AF
 FLOWN: 9 JAN 70
 FLYING UNIT: SAME AS ABOVE
 SUPPORT PROVIDED: ONE SET OF PRINTS, 9X9 VERTICAL.
 AREA COVERED: MAP SERIES L7014, SHEET 6739II, MAP SCALE 1:50,000
 COORDINATES BS7282, 7575, 7582, AND 7275.

13. AMERICAL DIV ASSIGNED HELICOPTERS TO THE VISITORS FOR THEIR
 TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD 30 DEC 69 - 10 JAN 70 AS FOLLOWS:

30 DEC 69	2UH-1H
31 DEC 69 - 3 JAN 70	3 UH-1H EACH DAY
4 JAN 70 - 5 JAN 70	4 UH-1H EACH DAY
6 JAN 70 - 10 JAN 70	2 UH-1H EACH DAY

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14. ON 10 JAN 70, I COORDINATED WITH THE G3, III MAF; CG, 2ND ARVN DIV, AND PROVINCE CHIEF, QUANG NGAI PROVINCE FOR CONCURRENCE IN WITHDRAWAL OF FORCES FROM THE IMMEDIATE SECURITY ROLE AT MY LAI (4). CONCURRENCE WAS RECEIVED, AND THE AMERICAL HAS REMOVED THE SECURITY TASK FORCE FROM MY LAI (4) SO THESE UNITS CAN BE UTILIZED TO PURSUE THE DIVISION'S OFFENSIVE MISSION. H TROOP, 17TH CAVALRY DEPARTED MY LAI (4) AT 1030 HOURS ON 10 JAN 70. THE PERSONNEL FROM B COMPANY, 26TH ENGINEER BN, WERE REMOVED FROM MY LAI (4) AT 1000 HOURS ON 11 JAN 70. THE TASK FORCE HEADQUARTERS, THE PATHFINDERS, AND RECON PLATOON, 5TH BN, 46TH INF DEPARTED MY LAI (4) AT ABOUT NOON ON 11 JAN 70. COMPANY C, 5TH BN, 46TH INF LEFT MY LAI (4) AT 1600 HOURS ON 12 JAN 70. ALL SANDBAGS HAVE BEEN REMOVED AND ALL DUG-IN POSITIONS HAVE BEEN FILLED IN. THE AREA WAS PROPERLY POLICED AND INSPECTED BY BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS.

I AM VERY PROUD OF ALL ELEMENTS OF THIS DIVISION WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THIS TASK AND I CONSIDER THAT THEY PERFORMED IN THE USUAL OUTSTANDING MANNER OF AMERICAL STANDARDS. GEN PEERS HAS WRITTEN FIVE LETTERS OF APPRECIATION TO VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF THE DIVISION. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR HIS COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS. I CONSIDER WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE IN NOT HAVING MORE INCIDENTS AND VERY THANKFUL THAT NO VISITOR BECAME A CASUALTY. I HOPE THIS WILL BE THE END OF VISITORS TO MY LAI (4).

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T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE/PERSONAL FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN NICKERSON. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY. USMC COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE IN ICTZ

A. CG FMFPAC 312123Z DEC 69

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND DISCUSSIONS WITH CMC DURING HIS RECENT VISIT, IT IS PROPOSED TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMUSMACV.

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HQS FOR US COMMAND ELEMENT IN ICTZ

A. III MAF MEMO 26D/CRS 3000 SER 000122369 DTD 30 OCT 69

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2. THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE.

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3. SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF REF A, REDEPLOYMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY ALTERED; THE PREPONDERANCE OF MARINE FORCES WILL PROBABLY REDEPLOY BY THE END OF PHASE IV.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS BELIEVED THE REQUIREMENT FOR A JOINT USMC/USA HQS IS NO LONGER VALID DUE TO ITS PROBABLE SHORT LIFE. THE FOLLOWING TWO ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ARE PROPOSED.

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 WE CAN MAKE EITHER ALTERNATIVE WORK.

8. REQUEST DECISION AT AN EARLY DATE IN ORDER THAT PLANNING CAN
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2. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE MADE CONCERNING THE ABOVE ALTERNATIVES.

3. IF ALTERNATIVE ONE IS ADOPTED, THE QUESTION OF THE III MAF COMMANDER
 COMES TO THE FORE. ZAIS STATES HE WANTS TO GO "HOME" IN THE SUMMER.
 UNLESS HE DOES GO, FOR III MAF TO REMAIN AS NOW, MY RELIEF SHOULD BE
 SENIOR TO HIM. IT IS DOUBTFUL COMUSMACV WOULD ACCEPT THIS IN VIEW
 OF THE TIME FRAME AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. IF A MARINE LTGEN VICE
 ZAIS IS ACCEPTABLE TO COMUSMACV, CMC SHOULD BE SO INFORMED BY
 COMUSMACV.

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4. NOTE THAT IN ALTERNATIVE TWO, WE ARE RECOMMENDING THE RETENTION
 OF THE TITLE III MAF. IF THIS ALTERNATIVE IS ADOPTED, A MARINE LTGEN
 JUNIOR TO ZAIS COULD BE ASSIGNED AND LOCAL PROBLEMS OF SENIORITY
 AVOIDED. THERE MIGHT, HOWEVER, BE A PROBLEM IN THE MARINE CORPS
 STRUCTURE DUE TO THE RELATIVELY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME THIS NEW LTGEN
 WOULD BE IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO ME THAT ONE OF THE LTGEN
 BILLETS, WHICH WILL BECOME VACANT THIS SUMMER, COULD BE HELD FOR HIM.

5. IN REGARD TO A CANDIDATE FOR THE JOB OF CG III MAF, MAJGEN BOWMAN
 IS A SENIOR MAJOR GENERAL AND RATES FULL CONSIDERATION FOR THIS
 ASSIGNMENT RATHER THAN WORKING FOR A JUNIOR ADVANCED OVER HIM.

6. TAKING ALL THE ABOVE INTO CONSIDERATION, I BELIEVE ALTERNATIVE
 TWO IS IN THE MARINE CORPS BEST INTERESTS. ANOTHER POINT TO BE CON-
 SIDERED IS THAT DURING PHASE IV MANY EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS
 WILL ARISE. IN THE MAIN, THESE WILL BE ARMY PROBLEMS. USARV IS HAVING
 DIFFICULTY COMING UP WITH THE PEOPLE AND EQUIPMENT TO TAKE OVER COM-
 MON SUPPORT. FINDING THE PEOPLE TO TAKE OVER MANY FUNCTIONS WHICH
 WE ARE NOW PERFORMING, E.G., SECURITY OF THE AIRFIELDS, IS NOT GOING
 TO BE EASY. I BELIEVE THE III MAF COMMANDER SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON
 MARINE CORPS REDEPLOYMENT PROBLEMS WHICH IN THEMSELVES WILL BE MAJOR.

7. GENERAL ROSSON VISITED ME TODAY. HE STATED THAT HE HAD DEBRIEFED

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 MGEN TOWNSEND CONCERNING CMC'S DISCUSSION WITH HIM BUT THAT HE HAD
 NOT PERSONALLY TALKED TO COMUSMACV. HE WILL TALK TO ABE TONIGHT.
 HE ASKED FOR MY VIEWS WHICH I GAVE HIM AS FOLLOWS: (A) COMUSMACV
 SHOULD DECIDE ON THE FUTURE OF III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS S CONEST;
 (B) I HAVE REQUESTED RETIREMENT AT THE END OF MY YEAR'S TOUR; (C) PER-
 SONAL PROBLEMS WHICH BOTH YOU AND CHAPPIE KNOW WERE MENTIONED BUT
 NOT MADE AN ISSUE;
 (D) COMUSMACV DECISION ON THE ABOVE SHOULD CLARIFY THE NEED FOR
 A USMC LTGEN TO RELIEVE ME.
 8. I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD COME UP WITH THE MARINE CORPS POSITION
 EARLY. IT WOULD BE BETTER TO MAKE A CONCRETE PROPOSAL TO COMUSMACV
 BEFORE HIS STAFF DEVELOPS A POSITION WHICH MIGHT NOT BE IN OUR BEST
 INTERESTS.
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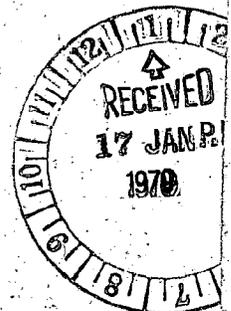
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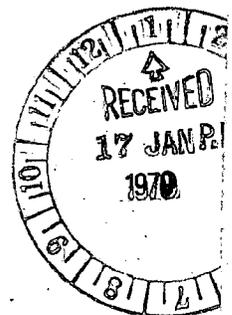
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2. WE ARE REQUESTING AND RECEIVING MORE ARC LIGHT STRIKES THAN EVER BEFORE, WITH EMPHASIS BEING PLACED ON TARGETS YOU PROVIDE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO EMPHASIZE THESE TARGETS, HOWEVER, WE MUST STILL COMPETE AT MACV WITH OTHER CORPS AREAS. NEVERTHELESS, I AM CERTAIN THAT IF THE SITUATION BECOMES CRITICAL, MACV WILL GIVE US EVEN GREATER PRIORITY ON AVAIABLE STRIKES.
3. I HAVE DIRECTED THAT PRIORITY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THE ALLOCATION OF TACTICAL AIR SORTIES TO XXIV CORPTS AGAINST HARD INTELLIGENCE TARGETS IN YOUR WESTERN AREAS. SINCE OUR TACTICAL AIR ASSETS ARE BEING REDUCED DUE TO PHASE III REDEPLOYMENTS, OUR ASSETS MUST BE MANAGEN MORE CLOSELY THAN EVER BEFORE AND OPTIMUM USE MADE OF ALLOCATED AND ADD-ON SORTIES.
4. I AM CERTAINWHAT ANY INCREASED EXPENDITURE OF ARTILLERY AMMUNITION WILL BE JUSTIFIABLE AND YOU MAY BE ASSURED OF MY ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT. WARM REGARDS.

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FM CG III MAF

TO CG XXIV CORPS

T O P S E C R E T / EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

HQS FOR US COMMAND ELEMENT IN ICTZ

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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FM CG III MAF

TO COMUSMACV

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T O P S E C R E T / EYES ONLY FOR GEN ABRAMS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
HQS FOR US COMMAND ELEMENT IN ICTZ

A. III MAF MEMO 26D/CRS 3000 SER 000122369 DTD 30 OCT 69

1. REF A PROPOSED THE AMALGAMATION OF THE III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS AND THE FORMATION OF A JOINT HQS TO COMMAND US FORCES IN ICTZ DURING REDEPLOYMENT PHASES THREE THROUGH SIX. THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION WAS BASED ON THE PREMISE THAT MAJOR MARINE FORCES WOULD REMAIN IN ICTZ THROUGH PHASE SIX.

2. THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. SINCE THE SUBMISSION OF REF A, REDEPLOYMENT PLANS HAVE BEEN CONSIDERABLY ALTERED; THE PREPONDERANCE OF MARINE FORCES WILL PROBABLY REDEPLOY BY THE END OF PHASE IV.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT IS BELIEVED THE REQUIREMENT FOR A JOINT USMC/USA HQS IS NO LONGER VALID DUE TO ITS PROBABLE SHORT LIFE. THE FOLLOWING TWO ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS ARE PROPOSED.

5. ALTERNATIVE ONE: RETAIN HQS III MAF AS THE US COMMAND ELEMENT IN ICTZ UNTIL THE MARINE DIVISION AND WING REDEPLOY (DURING PHASE IV) AT WHICH TIME III MAF WOULD BE DISESTABLISHED AND REPLACED BY XFFV. DISESTABLISH XXIV CORPS AFTER TET. AFTER DISESTABLISHMENT OF XXIV CORPS, A NUMBER OF KEY STAFF BILLETS WITHIN III MAF WOULD BE ASSUMED BY US ARMY PERSONNEL WHO WOULD BE THE NUCLEUS OF THE NEW XFFV HQS WHEN THE LATTER IS ESTABLISHED.

6. ALTERNATIVE TWO: ON A DATE TO BE DETERMINED, XFFV/XXIV CORPS ASSUME COMMAND OF US FORCES IN ICTZ. PRIOR TO THAT DATE, A NUMBER OF US ARMY PERSONNEL WILL HAVE BEEN PHASED INTO THE III MAF STAFF AND A COMPARABLE NUMBER OF MARINE PERSONNEL PHASED OUT. ON THE DATE XFFV/XXIV CORPS ASSUMES COMMAND OF US FORCES IN ICTZ, III MAF, WITH A CONSIDERABLY REDUCED STAFF, WOULD BECOME SUBORDINATE TO XFFV/XXIV CORPS. III MAF WOULD: REMAIN A UNISERVICE COMMAND; HAVE ITS HQS SATELLITED ON ONE OF THE IN-COUNTRY MARINE COMMANDS; COORDINATE REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE FORCES DURING PHASE IV; AND BE DISESTABLISHED UPON THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION AND FMAW (LATE IN PHASE IV).

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7. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ALTERNATIVE ONE WOULD RESULT IN THE LEAST AMOUNT OF TURBULENCE FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INSTALLATIONS, PERSONNEL, AND COMMAND RELATIONS AND WOULD CAUSE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF DISRUPTION IN THE VITAL CONTINUITY OF COMMAND AND CONTROL OF US FORCES IN ICTZ.
8. WE CAN MAKE EITHER ALTERNATIVE WORK.
9. REQUEST DECISION AT AN EARLY DATE IN ORDER THAT PLANNING CAN PROCEED.

10 WARM REGARDS

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~~2. WARM REGARDS.~~

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 FM CG III MAF
 TO COMUSMACV
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

EYES ONLY FOR MGEN TOWNSEND FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

QUOTE

FM MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIVISION

TO LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF

CONFIDENTIAL ACD 043 EYES ONLY

YOU MAY HAVE SEEN THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT FROM THE QUANG NGAI DAILY
 INTSUM DTG 140825Z JAN 70:

"PARA 12(C) A RALLIER; HUYNH MINH LONG, FROM THE VC PROVINCE STATED
 THE VC IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE RATED THE US ARMY AND THE ARVN ABOUT EQUAL
 AT THIS TIME. SIX MONTHS AGO, THE VC HAD LITTLE FEAR OF THE ARVN.
 SINCE THAT TIME, HOWEVER, THE 2D ARVN DIVISION HAS IMPROVED ITS
 MORALE. COMMUNICATIONS, WEAPONS, AND THE QUALITY OF ITS COMMANDERS.
 THE VC ESTIMATE THAT THE 2D ARVN DIVISION HAS BEEN MOST EFFECTIVE
 IN SON TINH, TU NGHIA, AND MO DUC DISTRICTS. THE MOST RESPECTED
 UNIT IS THE 4TH REGT OF THE 2D ARVN DIVISION."

I BELIEVE THIS IS ONE TIME THAT YOU CAN ACCEPT THE WORD OF A
 RALLIER. IF SO, IT IS A GREAT COMPLIMENT TO A GREAT DIVISION AND
 A REAL STEP FORWARD IN VIETNAMIZATION. THE AMERICAL IS VERY PROUD
 OF THE 2D ARVN DIVISION AND WE TAKE PRIDE IN ASSISTING THEM SO THEY
 CAN CONTINUE TO IMPROVE. UNQUOTE. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T/EYES ONLY/FOR LTGEN ZAIS, MGEN RAMSEY, MGEN THRASH, MGEN WHEELER, BGEN MULLER FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
ENEMY CALIBER .50 ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE

A. CG III MAF 211008Z NOV 69

1. REF A REFERS.
2. IT HAS BECOME NECESSARY FOR ME TO REITERATE MY EXTREME CONCERN ABOUT THE ENEMY'S INCREASING USE OF .50 CALIBER AND LARGER ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS THROUGHOUT ICTZ. THIS POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO OUR AIR OPERATIONS, ESPECIALLY HELICOPTER OPERATIONS, AND IT MUST BE COUNTERED.
3. RESPONSIVENESS IS THE KEY TO SUCCESSFULLY COUNTERING THIS ENEMY EFFORT. TIME LAPSE BETWEEN .50 CAL OR LARGER AA FIRE INCIDENTS AND ITS ENTRY INTO THE REPORTING (SPOT) SYSTEM TO APPROPRIATE AIR AND GROUND COMMANDERS CONTINUES TO HAMPER THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR REACTION EFFORT. IN ADDITION, THE LACK OF TIMELY AND ADEQUATE RESPONSIVE ACTION HAS BEEN NOTED IN MANY OF THOSE INCIDENTS THAT HAVE BEEN REPORTED.
4. I URGE EACH OF YOU TO JOIN ME IN AN ALL OUT EFFORT TO REDUCE THIS MOST SERIOUS ENEMY THREAT.

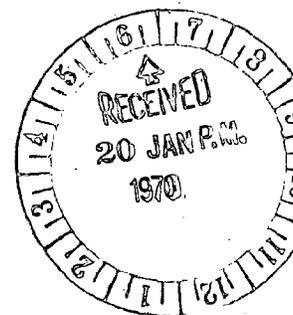
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FM CG III MAF

TO COMUSMACV

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C O N F I D E N T I A L / EYES ONLY / FOR GENERAL ABRAMS FROM
LTGEN NICKERSON

AMEMBASSY REPORTING ON MILITARY MATTERS

A. AMCONSUL DANANG TELEGRAM 002 DATED 7 JAN 70

1. REF IS A REPORT ON ARVN/RF/PF MORALE SUBMITTED BY THE AMCONSUL
DANANG TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON.

2. I DO NOT TAKE ISSUE WITH THE REPORT ITSELF ALTHOUGH IT IS SUB-
JECTIVE IN CONTENT. IT IS BASED ON THE INTERVIEW OF NUMEROUS GVN
PERSONNEL AND COULD, THEREFORE, BE MISLEADING IF USED IMPROPERLY.

3. HOWEVER, I QUESTION THE PROPRIETY OF AMEMBASSY BY-PASSING MACV
CHANNELS IN, WHAT TO ME, IS A PURELY MILITARY MATTER. AMCONSUL
DANANG STATES HE OBJECTED WHEN HE RECEIVED THIS REQUIREMENT, SINCE
IT WAS AN INTRUSION INTO AN AREA UNDER MACV COGNIZANCE, BUT WAS
DIRECTED TO SUBMIT THE INFORMATION. WARM REGARDS.

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MEMORANDUM

FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF III MAF

FOR: CG

Agreed

I don't think there is any justification whatsoever for McNamara to be reporting to the American Embassy on ARVN, RF or PF matters.

There are statements in here which are purely rumors. Others are conjecture.

I recommend that:

- a. I discuss this with him and ask him to desist.
- b. If he has a requirement from AmEmb to make such reports, we go to COMUSMACV and recommend that AmEmb cease such requirements.

If AmEmb wants military information they should go to MACV and not some "juvenile" in the field.

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 ① OK. TRY.
 ② Get FIRFER in od this
 as RF/PF are under his
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Another possibility is for CG to bring this up at next WIEU.

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TO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN
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III MAF HEADQUARTERS

1. BGEN JASKILKA HAS PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.
MY MESSAGE TO COMUSMACV IN REGARD TO THE FUTURE HQS
ELEMENT IN I CORPS WAS PASSED TO GENERAL ZAIS BY MACV WITH THE
FOLLOWING ADDENDUM.

QUOTE

IN THE INTEREST OF SEEKING A SIMPLER SOLUTION TO THE
PROPOSED ALTERNATIVES, WE VISUALIZE XXIV CORPS TAKING
OVER AREA RESPONSIBILITIES FROM III MAF DIRECTLY AT A
DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED. WE DO NOT FORESEE AMALGAMA-
TION OR MERGER OF THE TWO HQS OR A CHANGE IN NAME OF XXIV
CORPS AT THIS TIME. III MAF WOULD REMAIN, SCALED DOWN TO
HANDLE SERVICE MATTERS, SUBORDINATE TO XXIV CORPS, AND
PHASE OUT AS THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION IS REDEPLOYED. THERE

PAGE TWO RHMAFA2263 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR
COULD BE APPROPRIATE USMC REPRESENTATION AT XXIV CORPS
UNTIL THE SUPPORT FORCE LEVEL IS REACHED. REQUEST CG
XXIV CORPS PERSONAL COMMENTS AND ANY PROPOSALS AS TO
TIMING.

UNQUOTE

2. I HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED A COPY OF MY MESSAGE TO COMUS-
MACV TO ZAIS. I WILL SEE HIM TOMORROW AND UNDOUBTEDLY
RECEIVE HIS COMMENTS AT THAT TIME. THERE IS A WIEU SCHED-
ULED FOR SATURDAY 24 JAN AND IT IS LIKELY THAT COMUSMACV
WILL WANT TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT AT THAT TIME.

3. IT IS APPARENT THAT OUR SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS
RECEIVING PRIMARY CONSIDERATION, IN WHICH CASE THE NEW
III MAF COMMANDER WILL HAVE TO BE JUNIOR TO ZAIS. IT IS
SUGGESTED THAT CMC BE ALERTED TO THE NEED FOR MAKING A
DECISION EARLY IN REGARD TO BOWMAN AND DAVIS. WARM
REGARDS.

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B. CG FMFPAC 140321Z JAN 70 (IS/SPECAT/MCEO)

C. CG III MAF 060954Z JAN 70 (IS/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. REF A REQUESTED RECOMMENDED REVISIONS TO REDUCE THE 10.8K MAB
SUBMITTED TO CMC BY REF B TO A NEW TOTAL STRENGTH OF 9.5K INCLUDING
600 SPACES FOR THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE. REF C IS THE
PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATION OF CG III MAF FOR A MAB TOTALLING 10.8K.

2. ASSUMPTIONS OUTLINED IN REF C REMAIN GENERALLY VALID EXCEPT A
SINGLE FIXED WING SQUADRON WILL OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY AND ONLY AS A
TENANT FROM DANANG AIRFIELD. THE ASSUMPTION CONTAINED IN PARA 2 OF
REF B REGARDING SUPPORT TO THE ROK MARINE BRIGADE IS TENUOUS. THE
SUPPORT CAPABILITY OF THE REDUCED MAB WOULD BE EXTREMELY LIMITED.

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THE MAB SET FORTH IN DETAIL IN PARA 3 BELOW REQUIRES THE ADDITIONAL
ASSUMPTION THAT THE MAB HEADQUARTERS WILL BE COLLOCATED WITH ONE OF
THE OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE MAB.

3. MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE:

A. COMMAND ELEMENT:

MAB HQ	161
1ST CI TM, FMP	16
3D IT TM, FMP	11
1ST INTERP TM	6
2D SSCY	9
	TOTAL
	203

B. GROUND ELEMENT:

1ST MARINE REGIMENT	3797
1ST BN (REIN), 11TH MAR	742
BTRY K (REIN), 4TH BN, 11TH MAR	120
1ST 8" HOW BTRY (SP) (-), FMP	118
CO A (REIN), 1ST RECON BN	114
CO A, 1ST MI BN	79
CO A (REIN), 1ST TANK BN, FMP	129
CO A (REIN), 1ST ENGR BN	161

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 TOTAL 5260

C. AVIATION ELEMENT: 2083
 MAG-16 (354)
 H&MS-16 (639)
 MABS-16 (258)
 HMM-283 (88)
 DET HHM-463 (S/CH-53) (53)
 DET VMO-2 (4/OV-10) (326)
 HML-167 (12/UH-1E, 18/AH-1) (365)
 VMA (AW)-242 (12/A-6) 68
 MASS-3 (-) 68
 MATCU TOTAL 2219

D. SUPPORT ELEMENT: 301
 DET 1ST SERV BN 415
 DET 1ST FSR 32
 1ST FLT, CO A, 7TH ENGR BN, FMF 67
 SHORE PARTY CO, SP BN 25
 COL & CLEAR CO, 1ST MED BN 2
 11TH DENTAL CO (-)

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CO A, 1ST NP BN, FMF 121
 DET RAD BN, FMF 51
 COMM SPT CO, 7TH COMM BN, FMF 204
 TOTAL 1218
 GRAND TOTAL 8900

E. RECAPITULATION:
 COMMAND ELEMENT 203
 GROUND ELEMENT 5260
 AVIATION ELEMENT 2219
 SUPPORT ELEMENT 1218
 TOTAL 8900

4. MAJOR REVISIONS FROM TROOP LIST REF B ARE:

A. COMMAND ELEMENT: THE HEADQUARTERS HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 161. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE ELEMENT (PROBABLY GROUND OR AIR) ON WHICH THE HEADQUARTERS SATELLITES TO PROVIDE HOUSEKEEPING AND MANY ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AS WELL AS SECURITY.

B. GROUND ELEMENT: THE 175MM GUN BATTERY HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AND THE 8" HQ BTRY REDUCED TO TWO PLATOONS. THE ENGINEER COMPANY DESCRIBED IN REF C HAS BEEN REDUCED IN STRENGTH BUT THE COMBAT ENGINEER CAPABILITY IS RETAINED IN THE GROUND ELEMENT IN PREFERENCE

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TO THE LSG AS IN REF B. RECON CAPABILITY IS REDUCED, BUT STILL
EXCEEDS THAT NORMALLY FOUND IN A MAB.

C. AVIATION ELEMENT: THE AVIATION ELEMENT WAS REDUCED BY A
MAG(VA) INCLUDING THE H&MS, MABS AND A VMA(A4) SQUADRON. THE VMA(AW)
(12/A-6) AND DETACHMENT OF VMO (4/OV-10) PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED IN THE
MAG(VA) WAS INCLUDED IN THE MAG(VH). AN INCREASE IN THE H&MS, AND
MABS WAS INCLUDED IN THE NEW COMPOSITE MAG TO REFLECT THE INCREASED
SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR THE VMA(AW) WHICH WILL OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY
FROM A SEPARATE AIRFIELD. HELICOPTER STRENGTH REMAINS 21 CH-46D,
6 CH-93, 12 UH-1E AND 18 AH-1.

D. COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENT: ENGINEER SUPPORT CONSISTS
OF 1 PLATOON AS CONTAINED IN REF C. THE DETACHMENT OF THE RADIO
BATTALION IS REDUCED 85 AND THE COMM SUPPORT COMPANY 31. THERE ARE
NO OTHER CHANGES IN THIS ELEMENT.

5. THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE OF 600 SPACES IS OF COURSE
ADDITIVE TO THE MAB DESCRIBED IN PARA 3 AND A ABOVE FOR A TOTAL
STRENGTH OF 9500.

6. THE MAB SET FORTH ABOVE PRESERVES THE CONCEPT OF THE MARINE AIR-
GROUND TEAM AND INCLUDES ALL ELEMENTS NORMALLY FOUND IN A MAB. HOW-
EVER, IT POSSESSES NEITHER THE FIREPOWER (PARTICULARLY AIR AND

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ARTILLERY) NOR THE BALANCE (COMMAND AND CONTROL, ENGINEER AND
LOGISTIC SUPPORT) OF THE LARGER MAB PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED BY REFER-
ENCES B AND C. I RECOMMEND EFFORT BE MADE TO RETAIN THE 10.8 MAB.
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R&R PROGRAM

- A. AC OF S J-1 SAIGON 240240Z DEC 69
- 1. REF A REFERS. SINCE YOUR VISIT ON 18 DEC '69, CONSIDERABLE ACTION HAS BEEN INITIATED TO REMEDY THE SEVERAL ADMINISTRATIVE WEAKNESSES IN OUR R&R PROGRAM NOTED BY YOUR R&R SPECIALISTS.
- 2. MY PURPOSE HERE IS TO UPDATE YOU ON OUR PROGRESS. SUMMARY FOLLOWS.
- 3. A FIELD GRADE OFFICER (MAJOR) HAS BEEN APPOINTED AS III MAF R&R OFFICER. HE SERVES IN THE FORCE SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION AND WILL COORDINATE THE ENTIRE III MAF R&R PROGRAM.
- 4. A FOLLOW UP MESSAGE WAS RELEASED TO EACH PARTICIPATING COMMAND AFTER THE VISIT BY THE R&R SPECIALISTS. RESPONSE TO THAT MESSAGE HAS PROVIDED BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS IN THE R&R PROGRAM. TWO SPECIFIC STEPS WERE INDICATED AND HAVE BEEN TAKEN. FIRST, EACH PARTICIPATING COMMAND HAS APPOINTED AN OFFICER TO COORDINATE ITS R&R PROGRAM. SECOND, AN INITIAL MEETING OF THE R&R COORDINATORS WILL BE HELD IN THIS HEADQUARTERS 26 JANUARY. IN THAT MEETING, WE WILL IDENTIFY AND DERIVE SOLUTIONS FOR THE PROBLEMS OF TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM THE R&R PROCESSING CENTER, APPROPRIATE TROOP LEVEL PUBLICITY FOR R&R AND STANDARDIZATION OF CERTAIN COMMON ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES.
- 5. OUR OVERALL UTILIZATION OF R&R SEAT ALLOCATIONS DURING DECEMBER '69 WAS 91.6 PERCENT WHILE 92.6 PERCENT OF SEATS ALLOCATED TO USMC PERSONNEL WERE UTILIZED.
- 6. WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST PHASE OF AN OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS OF QUOTA ALLOCATION PROCEDURES AND NOW SEEK TO AUTOMATE SOME OR ALL THE DATA NECESSARY TO ACCURATELY PROJECT FUTURE ALLOCATION NEEDS.
- 6. APPRECIATE THE STIMULUS OF YOUR VISIT AND THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED. WARM REGARDS.

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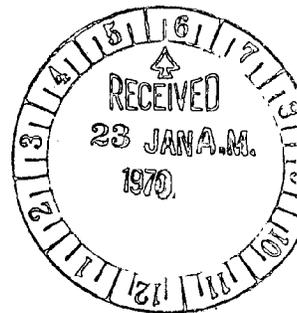
1. THE BRIEFING PROPOSED IN REFERENCE A WAS PRESENTED TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, MEMBERS OF THE III MAF STAFF AND REPRESENTATIVES OF MARINE COMMANDS ON 21 JAN AS SCHEDULED.

2. LTCOL WHITE'S PRESENTATION WAS EXCEPTIONALLY THOROUGH, SUPERBLY DELIVERED AND WELL RECEIVED. SCOPE AND CONCLUSIONS WERE IMPRESSIVE AND CONVINCING.

3. YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS IN MAKING LTCOL WHITE AVAILABLE IS APPRECIATED.

4. WARM REGARDS.

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 LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE (S)
 A. CG FMFPAC 312121T DEC 69. (SPECAT MCEO)
 1. (TS/LD) REF A REQD RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
 COMPOSITION FOR A LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE OF 1.2K.
 THE REQUIREMENT HAS BEEN CLOSELY STUDIED BY FLC. THE
 RECOMMENDED T/O, SUMMARIZED BELOW, EXCEEDS THE DESIRED
 FIGURE BY 337 MARINE CORPS SPACES OF WHICH 303 ARE
 A SECURITY COMPANY. THE PROPOSED NAME IS PROVISIONAL
 SERVICE BATTALION, DANANG.

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SECURITY CO	7	296		
TRUCK CO	6	283		
SUPPLY	22	495	3	12
N	66	1471	6	24

NOTE 1 INCLUDES MAINTENANCE FUNCTION WITH 1 OFF AND 27 ENLISTED.

2. (TS/LD) THE 1567 TOTAL IS CONSIDERED THE MINIMUM TO ACCOMPLISH THE ROLL-UP AND RETROGRADE OF THE SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT OF III MAF. SECURITY AND MESS SUPPORT ARE SEPARATELY PROVIDED FOR. IT IS ESTIMATED THE TIME TO COMPLETE THE TASK WILL BE THREE MONTHS AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE LAST MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENT BEING SUPPORTED BY FDC. THE TIME ESTIMATE DEPENDS ON SHIPPING AVAILABILITY.

3. (S) PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THIS BN SHOULD HAVE FIVE MONTHS OVERSEAS ELIGIBILITY REMAINING TO ALLOW FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TIME REQUIRED.

4. (S) SHOULD THE BN BE CO-LOCATED WITH OTHER FVMAF IT MAY BE POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE SECURITY REQUIREMENT. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE REDUCTION WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL

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STUDY AFTER TROOP DISPOSITIONS AND OTHER FACTORS ARE KNOWN.

5. (U) THE DETAILED T/O IS BEING FORWARDED VIA MAIL.

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 I I I M A F H E A D Q U A R T E R S**

1. DURING MY VISIT TO XXIV CORPS TODAY ZAIS TOLD ME HE HAD SUGGESTED EARLY MARCH AS THE DATE TO CHANGE COMMAND. ALSO, THAT HE WAS NOT SURE MACV HQTRS UNDERSTOOD ALL THE PROBLEMS AND NEED TO SET DATES, ETC. I COULD ONLY SUGGEST HE TELL HIS STORY TO COMUS AS ZAIS AND MRS ZAIS WILL BE HOUSE GUEST THIS WEEKEND IN SAIGON. I GO DOWN SATURDAY A. M. FOR WIEU. WILL FURNISH WHAT I CAN GLEAN AFTER SATURDAY MEETING. SUGGEST CMC BITE THE BULLET BY PREPARING A NOMINATION AS MY RELIEF TO BE EFFECTIVE IN MARCH. WARM REGARDS.

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III MAF Hqs COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS

1. DURING A BREAK AT TODAY'S WIEU I TALKED WITH CARTER TOWNSEND WHO INDICATED THAT COMUS WANTED TO TALK TO ZAIS AND ME IN REGARD TO THE COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN ICTZ. I LEARNED FROM TOWNSEND AT THAT TIME THAT COMUS WAS AGAINST ANOTHER THREE STARS TO REPLACE ME AS CG III MAF.
2. LATER I SAW COMUS WITH TOWNSEND. COMUS AGREED TO SEND A MESSAGE CONCERNING THIS SUBJECT. HE STATED HE WOULD SEND IT THROUGH HIS REGULAR CHANNEL SINCE, AS HE SAID QUOTE EVERYONE WILL WANT TO GET INTO THIS ACT UNQUOTE. HE INTENDS TO DESIGNATE 9 MARCH AS THE DATE FOR XXIV CORPS AND III MAF STAFFS TO SWITCH POSITIONS. HE EXPECTS BOTH STAFFS TO DRAW DOWN ON THEIR CURRENT

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STRENGTHS BEGINNING NOW. I BELIEVE HE WILL ALSO STATE
IN HIS MESSAGE THAT A THREE STAR REPLACEMENT FOR ME IS
NEITHER REQUIRED NOR DESIRED. FURTHER, I THINK GEORGE
BOWMAN IS HIS IDEA OF A SUITABLE CANDIDATE NOT ONLY AS CG
III MAF BUT ALSO AS DEPUTY FOR ZAIS IN HIS NEW POSITION
AS COMMANDER OF US FORCES IN I CORPS.

3. THIS LATTER DEVELOPMENT, THAT IS HAVING THE NEW CG III
MAF ALSO DESIGNATED DEPUTY FOR XXIV CORPS, HAS, I BELIEVE,
CONSIDERABLE MERIT ESPECIALLY FROM THE STANDPOINT OF
PROTECTING THE STATUS OF MARINE AVIATION.

4. ZAIS AND HIS WIFE ARE HOUSE GUESTS OF ABRAMS THIS WEEKEND
AND I AM CERTAIN THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED SO I
DOUBT IF THERE WILL BE ANY CHANGES IN COMUSMACV'S BASIC
POSITION.

5. WE ARE DEVELOPING PLANS FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS TO SCALE
DOWN THE CURRENT SIZE OF THE III MAF STAFF. HOWEVER, ANY
MAJOR REDUCTIONS MUST WAIT UNTIL XXIV CORPS HAS ASSUMED
RESPONSIBILITY FOR I CORPS WHICH MEANS MID-MARCH. MEAN-
WHILE, I SUGGEST IT WOULD BE PRUDENT TO TURN OFF THE
PIPELINE INTO III MAF Hqs NOW TO AVOID UNNECESSARY TRANSFERS

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S E C R E T/EYES ONLY/FOR LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
EXPANSION OF FSB BARBARA (S)

A. CG XXIV CORPS 190759Z JAN 70 (LIMDIS PHB 137)

1. REF A REQUESTED ASSISTANCE WITH GEN LAM CONCERNING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARVN PORTION OF FSB BARBARA.
 2. ON 22 JAN 70, I DISCUSSED THE EXPANSION OF FSB BARBARA AND PARTICULARLY THE ARVN PORTION WITH GEN LAM. HE CONCURRED WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF FSB BARBARA AND INDICATED THAT STEPS WOULD BE TAKEN TO HELP SUPPORT GEN TRUONG'S REQUEST FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS.
- WARM REGARDS.

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 CG FIRST MAW
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SECRET/EYES ONLY/FOR LTGEN ZAIS; MGEN RAMSEY; MGEN THRASH;
 AND MGEN WHEELER INFO/BGEN MULLER FROM LTGEN NICKERSON
 TET, 1970

A. CG III MAF 240658Z JAN 70

1. GEN LAM AND I HAVE DISCUSSED PROBABLE ENEMY INTENTIONS DURING TET. OUR G-2'S HAVE COORDINATED AND AGREED ON THE DEGREE OF THE THREAT AS OUTLINED IN MY ESTIMATE OF THE ENEMY SITUATION CONTAINED IN REF A.
2. IN ORDER TO COMPOUND THE ENEMY'S PRESENT DIFFICULTIES IN MOVING HIS FORCES INTO ATTACK POSITIONS IN THE LOWLANDS AND POPULATED AREAS, DURING THE PRE-TET SEASON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES ARE CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL.
 - A. INCREASE RECON/SURVEILLANCE STARTING IMMEDIATELY.
 - B. PREEMPT ENEMY PLANS AND THROW HIM OFF BALANCE BY USING MAXIMUM FIRE POWER (ARTY, NGF, TAC AIR, ARC LIGHTS, GUNSHIPS).
 - (1) INCREASE H&I FIRES ON LIKELY AVENUES OF APPROACH.
 - (2) STRIKE HARD AT INTELLIGENCE TARGETS.
 - (3) PROVIDE PROMPT FIRE SUPPORT TO ARVN UPON REQUEST.
 - C. PREPARE COUNTER ATTACK PLANS FOR ALL LIKELY ENEMY AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO LOWLANDS AND FRIENDLY POPULATED AREAS.
 - D. ESTABLISH RAPID REACTION FORCES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ANY ENEMY VULNERABILITY.
3. GEN LAM INDICATED THAT ARVN WAS ESTABLISHING QUICK REACTION FORCES TO BE USED AS NEEDED DURING TET. ACCORDINGLY, REQUEST YOU COORDINATE PLANS WITH ARVN TO PROVIDE LIFT, WHEN POSSIBLE, FROM AVAILABLE AIR ASSETS. INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS (G-3 AIR) IF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED.
4. IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT ANY ENEMY VULNERABILITIES, RAPID AND TIMELY EXCHANGE OF INTELLIGENCE AND OPERATIONAL INFORMATION BETWEEN U.S. AND ARVN FORCES IS ENCOURAGED.
5. PLEASE INFORM ME OF ANY CURRENT OR ANTICIPATED PROBLEM AREAS IN WHICH I MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GEN LAM.

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PACFLT COMRELFUNDS

A. CG III MAF 130820Z JAN 70

B. CG FMFPAC 212021Z JAN 70

C. FMFPAC BUL 7300 OF 15 DEC 69

1. REF A WAS SENT WITHOUT MY BEING AWARE OF THE COMPLETE PICTURE REGARDING THE SUBJ FUNDS IN III MAF. FUNDS WHICH HAD BEEN SUB-ALLOTTED TO SUBORDINATE COMMANDS WERE NOT TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ARRIVING AT FIGURES THEREIN.

2. THE REMAINING BALANCE SHOWN IN REF B SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO SATISFY 3RD QUARTER REQUIREMENTS. SHOULD ADDITIONAL FUNDS BE REQUIRED FOR 4TH QUARTER, REQ WILL BE SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF C. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

3. WARM REGARDS

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FROM LTGEN NICKERSON (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

HQ FOR US COMMAND ELEMENTS IN I CTZ (U)

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MGEN
TOWNSEND.

QUOTE

HQ FOR U.S. COMMAND ELEMENTS IN I CTZ (U)

A. III MAF 170930Z JAN 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) REFERENCE PROPOSED TWO ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR
THE TRANSITION OF U.S. COMMAND ELEMENTS IN I CTZ, BOTH OF
WHICH INVOLVED A DEGREE OF MERGER OR AMALGAMATION OF HQ
III MAF AND HQ XXIV CORPS, WITH THE LATTER BEING RENAMED
HQ XFFV.2. (TS) BOTH ALTERNATIVES HAVE BEEN CONSIDERED; HOWEVER,
IT APPEARS THAT CONTINUITY OF COMMAND AND CONTROL CAN BE
OBTAINED AND TURBULENCE MINIMIZED BY TRANSFER OF RESPON-PAGE TWO RHMMAFA2843 T O P S E C R E T / E X C L U S I V E F O R / E Y E S O N L Y /
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3. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, COMUSMACV HAS APPROVED THE FOLLOWING:

- A. XXIV CORPS IS TO ASSUME AREA RESPONSIBILITIES FROM
III MAF ON 9 MARCH 1970, AT WHICH TIME III MAF WILL
COME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF XXIV CORPS,
I.E., THE REVERSE OF CURRENT RELATIONSHIP.
- B. HQ III MAF (SCALED DOWN) IS TO REMAIN TO HANDLE
SERVICE MATTERS AND THEN PHASE OUT AS THE 1ST MARINE
DIVISION/MAW (MINUS) IS REDEPLOYED.
- C. THERE IS TO BE APPROPRIATE USMC REPRESENTATION WITH
HQ XXIV CORPS UNTIL THE SUPPORT LEVEL IS REACHED.
- D. IT IS VISUALIZED THAT THE FUNCTION OF CG, III MAF
CAN BE PERFORMED IN THE INTERIM AS AN ADDITIONAL DUTY
OF CG, 1ST MARDIV

4. (U) REQUEST THAT PLANNING AND COORDINATION WITH GEN
ZAIS BASED UPON THE FOREGOING BE INITIATED WITHOUT DELAY;
SHIFT IN COMMAND TAKE PLACE ON 9 MARCH 1970, AND THAT
COMUSMACV BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN THE INTERIM.
UNQUOTE.

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2. THE PROPOSAL IN PARA 3.D CAME AS A SURPRISE. UPON RECEIPT OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE I PHONED TOWNSEND. HE INFORMED ME THAT PARA 3 HAD BEEN TRANSMITTED TO JCS AND CINCPAC AS INSTRUCTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO XXIV CORPS AND III MAF FOR IMPLEMENTATION. I POINTED OUT THE PROBLEMS WHICH SUBPARA 3 WOULD CREATE. HE STATED THAT HE COMPLETELY MISSED THIS AND THAT WHATEVER ARRANGEMENTS I WANT WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO HIM. IN VIEW OF SENIORITY, I SUGGESTED THAT, IF CMC APPROVES, BOWMAN IS THE LOGICAL MAN FOR CG III MAF AND DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS. HE THEN STATED THAT WHATEVER ZAIS AND I WORK OUT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY.

3. I TALKED TO ZAIS WHO WAS INFO ADDRESSEE ON THE ABOVE MESSAGE. HE STATED THAT RATHER THAN HAVING CG 1ST MAR DIV DOUBLE HAT AS CG III MAF HE WOULD RECOMMEND BOWMAN AS CG III MAF AND DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS. HE WILL TRANSMIT HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO ME FOR FURTHER TRANSMITTAL TO COMUS.

4. IT IS PROPOSED THAT I INFORM COMUSMACV OF THE PROBLEMS OF COMMAND AND SENIORITY CREATED BY SUBPARA 3.D (OF WHICH

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THEY ARE ALREADY AWARE) AND RECOMMEND THAT BOWMAN BE MADE CG III MAF WITH ADDITIONAL DUTIES AS DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS.
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INFO LTGEN ZAIS FROM LTGEN NICKERSON

HQ FOR US COMMAND ELEMENTS IN ICTZ (U)

A. COMUSMACV 260225Z JAN 70

1. REF A CONTAINS IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF I CORPS AREA RESPONSIBILITIES FROM III MAF TO XXIV CORPS.

2. PARA 3.D OF REF A VISUALIZES THAT THE FUNCTION OF CG III MAF CAN BE PERFORMED IN THE INTERIM AS AN ADDITIONAL DUTY OF CG 1ST MARDIV. AS I INFORMED CARTER TOWNSEND YESTERDAY, THIS POSES SEVERAL PROBLEMS. FIRST, INCUMBENT CG 1ST MARDIV IS THE JUNIOR MARINE MGEN IN III MAF. SECOND, IN VIEW OF MANY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH FORTHCOMING REDEPLOYMENT OF DIVISION AND WING, CONCURRENT WITH THEIR MAINTAINING AN OPERATIONAL POSTURE AS LONG AS POSSIBLE, I BELIEVE IT PRUDENT NOT TO DOUBLE-HAT EITHER OF THESE COMMANDERS. FROM A PRACTICAL STANDPOINT IT WOULD BE FAR BETTER IF THE COMMANDER OF III MAF WERE DISTINCT AND ALSO SERVE AS DEPUTY COMMANDER XXIV CORPS.

3. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT CMC INTENDS TO NOMINATE AN OFFICER JUNIOR TO MEL ZAIS AND OTHER THAN MGEN BOWMAN FOR DUTY AS THREE-STAR COMMANDER OF III MAF. I AM TOLD THIS POSITION WILL BE MADE KNOWN TO CINCPAC, IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN DONE.

4. RECEIVED MEL ZAIS' COMMENTS TODAY. IN REGARD TO PARA 3.D, HE STATES IT COULD WORK BUT BELIEVES IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR THE FUNCTIONS OF CG III MAF TO BE PERFORMED BY OTHER THAN CG 1ST MARDIV CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF THE DIVISION, ADMIN, LOGISTIC AND REDEPLOYMENT DUTIES, AND THE TACTICAL SITUATION.

5. PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THE TRANSFER OF AREA RESPONSIBILITIES TO XXIV CORPS. PLANNING GROUPS FROM THE RESPECTIVE STAFFS HAVE BEEN FORMED. MY GUIDANCE TO THE III MAF STAFF IS THAT PRIMARY CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE MAINTENANCE OF OPERATIONAL CONTINUITY THROUGHOUT THE CHANGEVER.

6. I NOTE THAT THE IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET. IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY ERRONEOUS CONCLUSIONS ON THE PART OF THE PRESS WHO MIGHT BE TEMPTED TO TIE THE SHIFT IN WITH FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS, IT MIGHT BE PRUDENT TO HAVE MACCOI PREPARE AN APPROPRIATE PRESS RELEASE NOW TO PREVENT RUMORS. FURTHER, I BELIEVE I SHOULD INFORM GENERAL LAM OF OUR PLANS EARLY. WARM REGARDS.

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1. BGEN LEE DONG HO, CURRENTLY CG 2D ROKMC BRIGADE, IS
SCHEDULED TO BE RELIEVED ON 13 FEB BY BGEN LEE DONG YONG,
CURRENTLY ADC 1ST ROKMC DIVISION, POHANG.

2. WARM REGARDS

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