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STATEMENTS TO PRESS CONCERNING PROTECTIVE REACTION
- A-3. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 2092 DTG 140839Z FEB 70 (S) *gp-4*
FROM ABRAMS TO NICKERSON
VISIT RE PERSONAL EVALUATION OF ARVN COMMANDERS
- A-4. ✓ COMUSMACV CIT 2142 DTG 150754Z FEB 70 (C) *gp-4*
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COMUSMACV VISIT
- ~~5. ADMIN EMFPAC 170301Z FEB 70 (C)
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN FONTANA
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- A-6. ✓ SSO MACV 170405Z FEB 70 (S) CITE 2217 *gp-4*
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NOEL AIDE DE CAMP TO COMUSMACV SENDS
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- A-7. ✓ ADMIN FMFPAC 172315Z FEB 70 (S) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM BGEN WILSON
VISIT OF AMBASSADOR KOREN (U)
- A-8. ✓ CG FMFPAC 200043Z FEB 70 (C) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE INFO GEN
CHAPMAN
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR III MAF (C)
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FM MG TOWNSEND TO LTC NICKERSON
R&R BANGKOK~~
- A-10. COMUSMACV CITE 2357 DTG 201032Z FEB 70 (U)
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EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
DISPOSITION PROJECT 972 STOCKS NICTZ (U)
- ~~13. DUMED 202045Z FEB 70 (U)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM BR NORRIS
RESULTS OF PHYSICAL BOARD CASE OF LTCOL CORRIVEAU~~

A-14. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 2462 DTG 231053Z FEB 70 (U)
 FM BG SMITH TO GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT,
 LTG NICKERSON, LTG CORCORAN, LTG EWELL, LG ZAIS, MG MCCOWN
 R&R INCIDENTS HONG KONG

A-15. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 240329Z FEB 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
 FM BG SHEED TO BG DULACKI
 GEN ZAIS VISIT TO TASK FORCE ALFA

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 FM BG SMITH TO BG DULACKI
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A-18. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 251520Z FEB 70 (C) *gp-4*
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 KINGFISHER

A-19. ✓ CMC 261601Z FEB 70 (S) *gp-4*
 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
 GEN. CHAPMAN
 SIR B/1/7

A-20. ✓ CG FMFPAC 261915Z FEB 70 (C) *gp-4*
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~~21. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 270101Z FEB 70 (S)
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A-23. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 280317Z FEB 70 (C) EYES ONLY *gp-4*
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FORCE PLANNING
APPROVAL OF MGEN BOWMAN FOR CG XXIV CORPS
- A-2. CMC 061345Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN
VANRYZIN
FORCE PLANNING (U) - LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE
- A-3. CHIEF SOG 080654Z FEB 70 (TS) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
FROM COL CAVANAUGH TO LTGN NICKERSON INFO LTG ZAIS
LTC DONAHU
COORDINATION OF NO BOMB LINES AND MISSION PRIORITIES (U)
- A-4. CG FMFPAC 182216Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
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- A-5. COMNAVFORV 190140Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-3*
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FORCE PLANNING (U) - RETENTION OF ONE MEB
- A-6. CG FMFPAC 200301Z FEB 70 (TS) *gp-3*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - MSG FROM ADM HYLAND
- A-7. CG FMFPAC 212106Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - APPROVAL OF CHANGE IN RADBN TROOP LIST
- A-8. ADMIN FMFPAC 252212Z FEB 70 (TS) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
MGEN FONTANA.
FORCE PLANNING (U) - MODIFICATION IN TROOP LIST TO INCLUDE
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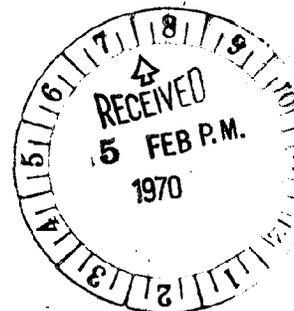
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 REFERENCES: A. CG III MAF DTG 270330Z JAN 70 (TS).
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 LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN VAN RYZIN
 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 310234Z JAN70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

B. CMC 022218Z FEB70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)

1. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO REF A, REF B DID NOT ADDRESS THE LOGISTIC
 ROLL UP FORCE.

2. (TS) THE COMPOSITION OF THE PROVISIONAL SERVICE
 BATTALION DANANG, I.E., LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE, AS SET
 FORTH IN REF A, IS CONCURRED IN SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS.

3. (TS) RECOGNIZING THE THRUST FOR MANPOWER ECONOMY IN THE
 RESIDUAL FORCE IT DOES NOT APPEAR FEASIBLE TO PROGRAM A LOG ROLL
 UP SECURITY UNIT ADDITIVE TO THE PROVISIONAL SERVICE BATTALION,
 DANANG. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE COURSES
 OF ACTIONS:

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A. PROVIDE SECURITY FORCE FROM WITHIN 1200 LOG ROLL UP FORCE

B. PROVIDE SECURITY FORCES FROM ASSETS OF THE RESIDUAL MAB.

IF A & B ABOVE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

C. IDENTIFY SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR LOGISTIC ROLL UP FORCE
 TO COMUSMACV

4. (U) YOUR COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOREGOING ARE REQUESTED

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SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF NO BOMB LINES AND MISSION PRIORITIES (C)

REF: XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 300551 JAN 70, SUBJECT: COORDINATIONS (1)
 1. (TS/LD) CO, CCM RELAYED TO MACSOG XXIV CORPS' CONCERN OVER NO BOMB
 LINES (NBL) BOTH IN AND OUT OF AVCOUNTRY AND THEIR INTERFERENCE WITH
 XXIV CORPS "HUNT AND SHOOT" OPERATIONS.

2. (TS/LD) INsofar AS NBL'S WHICH EXTEND FROM THE PRAIRIE FIRE AREA
 OF OPERATIONS (PFAO) INTO THE SVN AND OF THE 101ST ARE CONCERNED, THERE
 IS NO QUESTION OF WHO HAS PRIORITY OF INTEREST AND NBL'S WILL HEREAFTER
 BE RESTRICTED TO PFAO UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED UPON WITH THE 101ST.

3. (TS/LD) MACSOG OPERATIONS IN THE PFAO OUT-OF-COUNTRY ARE
 COMUSMACV DIRECTED AND REQUESTS TO TERMINATE RECONNAISSANCE IN PFAO
 ARE SHOULD BE FORWARDED TO COMUSMACV.

4. (TS/LD) PROSPECTIVE NBL'S ARE DISSEMINATED BY 7TH AF PRIOR TO RE-
 CONNAISSANCE TEAM (RT) INSERTIONS, HOWEVER, IN NO CASES ARE THESE
 NBL'S ACTIVATED UNTIL THE TEAM IS ON THE GROUND. DURING INSERTIONS,
 THE FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER (FAC) COORDINATES AIRSPACE WITH AIRBORNE
 COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTER (ABCCC) AND ESTABLISHES THE NBL'S THROUGH
 ABCCC UPON INSERTION OF AN RT. THUS, NO RESTRICTION ON AIR ATTACKS IS
 IMPOSED PENDING INSERTION OF AN RT. THIS HEADQUARTERS MONITORS AIRCRAFT
 MESSAGES TO ASSURE MINIMUM INTERFERENCE WITH PLANNED AIRSTRIKES.
 MACSOG FULLY SUPPORTS PRIORITY OF AIRCRAFT STRIKES OVER RT OPERATIONS.

5. (TS/LD) RECOMMEND CONTINUED COORDINATION ON NBL'S AT LOCAL LEVELS
 BETWEEN CCO AND XXIV CORPS REPRESENTATIVES. CCO WILL CONTINUE
 TO COOPERATE WITH GROUND COMMANDERS AS HE HAS DONE IN THE PAST.

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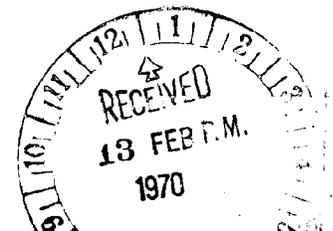
2. I PERSONALLY VISITED LT CARNEY AT THE SCENE OF THE CONTACT AT ABOUT 121530H. HE WAS THE PLT COMDR OF THE REIN PLT PRINCIPALLY INVOLVED (B-1-7). HIS MISSION WAS TO SEARCH FOR ONE OR MORE .50 CAL AA GUNS WHICH HAVE BEEN FIRING AT HELICOPTERS FROM POSITIONS ON THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN 1STMARDIV AND AMERICAL DIV. AT ABOUT 0930 AFTER HIS LEADING SQUAD ENTERED A DENSELY UNDERGROWN AREA IT WAS HIT BY A WELL LAID AMBUSH. THE ENEMY WERE EMPLACED IN HASTY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND NUMBERED ABOUT THIRTY. THEY WERE ARMED WITH TWO MG, SEVERAL RPG LAUNCHERS AND RIFLES. THE SQUAD WAS DEPLOYED IN A FORMATION ENABLING THE MEMBERS TO MAINTAIN VISUAL CONTACT IN THE DENSE UNDERGROWTH -- PROBABLY TWO - THREE METERS APART. A SCOUT DOG AND HANDLER LED THE FORMATION WHICH MOVED SLOWLY AND CAUTIOUSLY. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE DOG'S INITIAL AND ONLY WARNING, THE ENEMY OPENED FIRE AT A RANGE OF ABOUT FIVE METERS. THE INITIAL FUSILLADE KILLED FOUR MARINES, WOUNDED FOUR AND KILLED THE DOG. CARNEY'S OPENING MOVES APPEARED TO BE CORRECT IN THE SITUATION. HE DEPLOYED HIS PLATOON TO ENGAGE AND FIX THE ENEMY TO COVER HIS CASUALTIES. THE REMAINDER OF B CO CLOSED ON THE CONTACT. ARTILLERY AND AIR WERE APPLIED VIGOROUSLY, ALTHOUGH I DOUBT THAT THEY DID MUCH DAMAGE TO THE ENEMY AMBUSH FORCE SINCE THE OPPOSING FORCE WERE SO CLOSE TOGETHER. FOR THE NEXT TWO HOURS B CO ACTION WAS LARGELY DEVOTED TO RECOVERING THE CASUALTIES LYING CLOSE TO THE ENEMY POSITIONS FROM WHICH HE CONTINUED TO FIRE. THE REMAINDER OF THE CASUALTIES OCCURRED DURING THIS PERIOD -- FIVE KIA AND ONE WIA. AT ABOUT NOON THE BN COMDR FLEW TO THE SCENE WITH HIS COMMAND GROUP PLUS C-1-7. IN THE MEANTIME HE HAD REQUESTED AND RECEIVED IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FROM THE ADJACENT AMERICAL BRIGADE IN THE FORM OF TWO RIFLE COMPANIES WHICH MOVED TOWARDS THE SCENE FROM THE SOUTH. HEAVY ARTY AND AIR BOMBARDMENT WAS APPLIED CONTINUOUSLY. CONTACT WAS REGAINED WITH ENEMY ELEMENTS BY C CO MANEUVERING TO THE NORTH OF THE AMBUSH SITE IN THE EARLY EVENING HOURS. ALL FOUR COMPANIES ARE NOW ON THE MOVE IN AN ENCIRCLING OPERATION COMMENCED THIS MORNING AND CONTACT WITH THE ENEMY HAS RESUMED. FOR THIS REASON I AM UNABLE TO FURNISH FURTHER DETAILS UNTIL THE ACTION SUBSIDES. I WILL DO SO AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

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 REFERENCE: SECDEF STATEMENT TO PRESS CONCERNING PROTECTIVE REACTION.

- 1. COMUSMACV HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDANCE:
 MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND ARE NOT REPEAT NOT TO ATTEMPT TO
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FM ABRAMS
TO NICKERSON
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SECRET MAC 2092 EYES ONLY
I WILL BE UP TO SEE YOU AND MEL ZAIS
WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 70. I WANT
TO TALK WITH YOU AND MEL PRIVATELY ABOUT YOUR
PERSONAL EVALUATION OF ARVN COMMANDERS.
NEXT I WOULD LIKE TO BE BRIEFED ON
HOW THIS TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FROM
III MAF TO XXIV CORPS WILL
BE DONE INCLUDING MOVEMENTS, COMMAND
LINES AND THE FUNCTIONS OF III MAF UNDER THE
NEW ARRANGEMENTS.
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MAJ NOEL ABC COMUSMACV

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TO CG III MAF
INFO SSO XXIV CORPS
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 2142 INTEL
CG III MAF PASS TO CHIEF OF STAFF
SO XXIV CORPS PASS TO CG
MAJ NOEL ADC COMUSMACV SENDS

1. REFERENCE: SECRET BACKCHANNEL MESSAGE MAC 2092.
 2. COMUS WILL ARRIVE VIA T-39 AT DANANG AT 0840. HE WILL PROCEED TO CCN TO AWARD A DSC. AT COMPLETION OF A SHORT CEREMONY AT CCN, HE WILL PROCEED TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR A MEETING WITH CG, IIMAF AND CG, XXIV CORPS AS DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE. AT COMPLETION OF MEETING HE WILL EAT LUNCH. AFTER LUNCH HE WILL RETURN TO T-39 FOR TRAVEL TO NHA TRANG. DESIRED TIME OF DEPARTURE FROM DANANG IS 1300.
 3. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE HELICOPTER FOR TRANSPORT FROM ARRIVAL AIRFIELD TO CCN AND FROM CCN TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS. ALSO REQUEST YOU PROVIDE A LIGHT LUNCH SUCH AS CHEF SALAD OR TUNA SALAD.
 4. IF ITINERARY AS OUTLINED IS SATISFACTORY REQUEST YOU CONFIRM BY TELEPHONE.
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FM SSO MACV

TO CG III MAF

INFO SSO XXIV CORPS

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SECRET MAC 2217 INTEL

III MAF PASS TO C/S III MAF; XXIV CORPS PASS TO CBS XXIV
CORPS MAJ NOEL, AIDE DE CAMP TO COMUSMACV, SENDS

1. REFERENCES:

A. SECRET MAC 2092

B. CONFIDENTIAL MAC 2142

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH TELECON BETWEEN SJS, MACV, AND YOUR
HQ, THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND DATES IN REFERENCES
A & B ARE CANCELLED.

3. A PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

THURSDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 1970

1110- ARRIVE DA NANG (T-39)

1110-1120 ENROUTE TO CCN (UH1)

1120-1145 AWARD DSC

1145-1215 EN ROUTE TO CAMP EAGLE (UH1)

1215-1245 AWARD DSC

245-1315 ENROUTE TO III MAF (UH1)

1330- LUNCH

MEET WITH CG, III MAF, CG XXIV CORPS

ENROUTE TO SAIGON (T-39)

4. REQUEST YOU COORDINATE HELICOPTER SUPPORT FOR MOVEMENT
AS OUTLINED ABOVE. ALSO REQUEST YOU PROVIDE A LIGHT LUNCH
SUCH AS CHEF'S SALAD OR TUNA SALAD.

5. IF ITINERARY AS OUTLINED IS SATISFACTORY, REQUEST YOU CONFIRM
WITH AIDE DE CAMP TO COMUSMACV BY TELEPHONE (923-2828).

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S E C R E T PERSONAL FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM BGEN WILSON
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VISIT OF AMBASSADOR KOREN (U)

1. (S) AMBASSADOR KOREN, AS I INDICATED ON THE TELEPHONE, DESIRES TO VISIT III MAF ON 25 FEB 70. HE PLANS TO ARRIVE AROUND 0900 FROM SAIGON AND WOULD APPRECIATE BEING PERMITTED TO VISIT THE SENIOR ADVISORS AND THE PROVINCE CHIEFS, IF AVAILABLE, AT QUANG TRI, HUE AND HOI AN. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PAY A CALL ON GENERAL LAM, IF POSSIBLE. HE IS AWARE THAT GENERAL BUSE WILL BE THERE AND SUGGESTS THAT PERHAPS HE BE TURNED OVER TO COORDS IN ORDER THAT HE MAY BE AS LITTLE BOTHER AS POSSIBLE. PERHAPS YOU COULD SEND ME A SHORT ITINERARY IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.

2. WARM REGARDS.

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- A. CMC 022218Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
- B. CG FMFPAC 310234Z/JAN70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)
- 1. (TS) IN REPLY TO YOUR REQ FOR COMMENTS REGARDING
ADDITIVES (REF A) TO 8.9K MAB TROOP LIST (REF B),
THE FOLLOWING REVISED TROOP LIST IS PROVIDED:

MAB	
COMMAND ELEMENT:	
MAB HQ	161
1ST CI TM, FMF	16
3D IT TM, FMF	11
1ST INTERP TM	6

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2D SSCT (REIN)

GROUND ELEMENT:	
1ST MARINE REGIMENT	3797
1ST BN (REIN), 11TH MAR	742
BIRY K (REIN), 4TH BN, 11TH MAR	120
1ST 8" HOW BTRY (SP), FMF	226
CO A (REIN), 1ST RECON BN	114
CO A, 1ST MT BN	79
CO A (REIN), 1ST TANK BN, FMF	129
CO A (REIN), 1ST ENGR BN	161
TOTAL	5368

AVIATION ELEMENT:		1290
MAG-11		(372) (INCLUDES IMA)
VMA(AW)-225	12-A6A	(260) (INCLUDES IMA)
VMA-311	20-A4	(53)
DET VMO-2	4-OV-10A	(318)
H&MS-11	2-C117	

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MABS-11		(287)
MAG-16		1257
HMM-262	21-CH-46	(265) (INCLUDES TMA)
HML-167	12-UH-1E	(326) (INCLUDES TMA)
	18-AH-1	
DET HMM-463	6-CH-53	(88)
H&MS-16		(249)
MABS-16		(329)
MASS-3 (-)		64
DASC (1)		(48)
ASRI (1)		(16)
	TOTAL	2611

SUPPORT ELEMENT:

DET 1ST SERV BN	301
DET 1ST FSR	415
1ST PLT, CO A, 7TH ENGR BN, FMF	32
SHORE PARTY CO, SP BN	67
COL & CLEAR CO, 1ST MED BN	25
11TH DENIAL CO (-)	2

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

RECAPITULATION:

COMMAND ELEMENT	203
GROUND ELEMENT	5368
AVIATION ELEMENT	2611
SUPPORT ELEMENT	1218
	TOTAL
	9400

2. (TS) MAJOR REVISIONS FROM THE B.9K MAB TROOP LIST (REF B) ARE:

A. GROUND ELEMENT: CHANGED TO REFLECT A T/O 8" HOW BTRY (SP) VICE A BTRY (-). THE 8" HOW BTRY IS PREFERRED OVER THE 175MM GUN.

B. AVIATION ELEMENT:

(1) RESTRUCTURED TO REFLECT TWO SEPARATE AIR GROUPS VICE A COMPOSITE AIR GROUP FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

(A) SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF TACAIR RESOURCES

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REQUIRES FULL WORKING FIXED WING STAFF FOR MAXIMUM
COORDINATION.

(B) REQUIREMENT TO OPERATE FROM TWO
AIRFIELDS IN DANANG AREA.

(C) SEPARATION AND FRAGMENTATION OF H&MS,
MABS PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT CREATES SPAN OF CONTROL
PROBLEM.

(2) THE FOLLOWING LIMITATIONS APPLY TO THE
AVIATION ELEMENT:

(A) NO MARINE CRASH/FIRE FIGHTING
CAPABILITY FOR VA/MAG.

(B) VH MAG OPERATES AS TENANT FROM
MARBLE MOUNTAIN AF.

(C) NO CAPABILITY FOR HELO SATELLITE
FIELD OPERATIONS.

(D) NO PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDED FOR
PERIMETER SECURITY FOR EITHER MAG.

3. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (IS) LIAISON WITH MACJ3 STAFF INDICATES PHASE IV

CONSIDERATIONS NOW INCLUDE RETENTION OF ONE MEB
 VICE ONE RLT UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE IV. IN THIS
 ALTERNATIVE, TO COMPENSATE FOR RETENTION OF THE
 3,000 ADDITIONAL MARINES IN-COUNTRY, ADDITIONAL
 SPACES FOR REDEPLOYMENT WOULD BE SPLIT EVENLY
 BETWEEN USN AND USAF.

2. (IS) IMPLICATIONS FOR NAVY ARE REDEPLOYMENT
 OF THREE NMCB'S VICE ONE PREVIOUSLY SCHED-
 ULED FOR PHASE IV. BY THE AUGUST 70 TIME FRAME IT
 IS LIKELY THAT MOST OF THE VERTICAL CAPABILITY OF
 APPROXIMATELY TWO NMCB'S WOULD BE DEVOTED TO ACTOV
 CONSTRUCTION TO KEEP OUR VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM GOING

AND ON SCHEDULE.

3. (IS) SHOULD COMUS APPROVE THE CONCEPT IN PARA
 ONE ABOVE, AS IT STANDS, THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE
 TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE THREE NMCB'S IN PHASE IV IN

ORDER TO MEET USN QUOTA.

4. (IS) A NAVY-MARINE COMPROMISE WHEREIN MEB
 WOULD BE LIMITED TO 9,500 VICE 10,200, WITH ONLY 2

NMCB'S BEING REDEPLOYED UNDER PHASE IV MIGHT BE
 ACCEPTABLE TO MACV. REQUEST YOU CONSIDER THIS
 ALTERNATIVE AND PROVIDE COMMENTS. ADVICE FROM
 YOU AND RADM DILLON ON THE FUTURE IMPACT
 OF THE MEB ON NAVY TROOP CONSTRUCTION WORKLOAD
 AND CONSTRUCTION TROOP STRENGTH REQUIRED FOR THE
 MEB WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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 FROM LTGEN BUSE (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS) //NO0000//
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1. (TS) I RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM JOHNNY HYLAND
 THIS MORNING AND AM FORWARDING IT TO YOU FOR YOUR INFORMATION.
 QUOTE

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 FM CINCPACFLT
 TO RUHJSPA/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUHPSDD/COMPHIBPAC

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 AND SMITH AND INFO LTGEN BUSE FROM HYLAND
 FORCE PLANNING (U)
 A. COMSEVENTHFLT 301058Z JAN 70

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 B. COMSEVENTHFLT 130214Z FEB 70 (PASEP)

1. (TS) WITH THE PLANNING FOR KEYSTONE BLUEJAY COMPLETED AND THE
 MOVEMENT UNDERWAY, IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT TO UNDERTAKE GENERAL
 PLANNING AT THIS TIME FOR THE PROBABLE PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENT. EVEN
 BEFORE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE MADE. THE U.S. NAVAL PACKAGE
 LISTED BELOW IS SPECULATIVE, AND DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY, THIS
 MESSAGE BEING SENT SPECAT TO ALL ADDRES TO ASSIST IN CONTROLLING
 DISSEMINATION.

2. (TS) THE DEGREE OF PLANNING ENVISIONED WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE
 PERIOD 15 APR - 15 AUG 70 AND THE OTHER FROM 15 MAY - 15 AUG 70.
 THE PLANS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS AND
 ASSUMPTIONS.

A. REQUIREMENTS.

(1) MARINE CORPS.

THE FOLLOWING IS BASED ON FAMREP LIFT REQUIREMENTS:

DEST	PERS	VEH/ST	CARGO CUB
OKI	303	18,968	215,260
JAPAN 1/	2,105	34,299	402,264
HAWAII 2/	4,660	102,061	679,973
CONUS 3/	27,132	797,904	1,388,494

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PAGE THREE RUHMFMA2425 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS SPECAT EXCL FOR
TOTAL 34,200 4953,232 2,680,991

1/ FLIGHT FERRY: 10 RF4B, 12 B58A, 30-117

2/ TRANSPAC: 24 F4B; SURFACE: 39 CH-46D, 23 CH-53, 19 CV-10A

3/ TRANSPAC: 23 F4B, 11 A6A, 24 A4E; SURFACE: 20-117, 44 CH-46D,
8 T4F4, 3 US2B

4. DOES NOT INCLUDE AIRCRAFT SQUARE FEET.

(2) U.S. NAVY
DEST PERS VEH SOFT CARGO CUBE
CONUS 7,300 60,000 600,000

PERS WILL BE AIRLIFTED CONUS VIA MAC

&& NMCB'S EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS.

(3) MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF AUGMENTATION EASTPAC AMPHIBIOUS
SHIPPING (LESS THOSE ASSIGNED RAV AND OVERHAUL) AS SPECIFIED BY
COMPHI EPAC.

(4) UTILIZE FIVE LSTS (542 CLASS) SCHEDULED FOR INACTIVATION
DURING 1ST QTR FY71 (COMMITTED TO MSTSFE UNTIL RETURNING CONUS).
REF A REFERS.

(5) UTILIZE ONE ARG'S SHIPPING PLUS CHARLIE GROUP SHIPPING
DURING ENTIRE PERIOD. LST'S REPORTED UPAC UTILIZED ONLY FOR
INTRA-THEATER REDEPLOYMENT.

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B. ASSUMPTIONS:

(1) ONE ARG REMAINING IN WESTPAC WILL BE ON 120 HOURS
REACTION TIME TO RVN.

(2) ALL LIFTS WILL BE MADE BY ADMINISTRATIVE LOADING.
3. (S) FOR COMPHI EPAC: REQUEST PROVIDE EASTPAC AMPHIBIOUS
AUGMENTATION SHIPS AVAILABLE BOTH PERIODS BY 23 FEB INFO
CONSEVENTHFLT.

4. (S) FOR CONSEVENTHFLT: REQUEST GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANS FOR BOTH
PERIODS UTILIZING INPUT PARA 3 AND BASED ON REQUIREMENTS AND
ASSUMPTIONS PARA 2.

5. (C) REF B RECEIVED WHILE STAFFING THIS MESSAGE. UPON RECEIPT
OF OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT PHASE IV A PRELIMINARY PLANNING
CONFERENCE ALL CONCERNED WILL BE CONVENED BY CINCPACFLT.
SHORTFALLS REQUIRING MSTS LIFT WILL BE REQUIRED AT THAT TIME.

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UNQUOTE:

2. (C) OF COURSE, REQUIREMENTS REFLECTED ABOVE ARE ORDER OF
MAGNITUDE IN A WORST CASE SITUATION ONLY AND DO NOT REPRESENT
FINAL TROOP LIST, APPROVED DESTINATIONS, OR AIRCRAFT COMPOSITION.

PAGE FIVE RUHMFMA2425 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS SPECAT EXCL FOR
PROVIDED FOR INFO AND TO KEEP YOU ABBREAST OF PLANNING EFFORTS
BY CINCPACFLT. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
 LTGEN BUSE. INFO GEN CHAPMAN. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER
 DURING WORKING HOURS. //NO0000//

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR III MAF (C)

A. CG III MAF 150522Z/FEB70 (C) PASEP.

1. (C) YOUR PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A IS APPROVED

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

A. PAR 4.D.(2). INSERT THE WORDS "III MAF" BE-
 TWEEN "THE" AND "TACTICAL" APPEARING ON LINE 3 OF THE
 PAR. RATIONALE: CLARITY.

B. PAR 4.D.(5). DELETE. RATIONALE: MISLEADING
 AND COULD BE INTERPRETED TO MEAN THAT HQ III MAF IS
 NOT A TACTICAL HQ.

C. PAR 4.D.(6). DELETE THE WORDS "AN AUSTERE"
 AND SUBSTITUTE THE WORD "A". RATIONALE: THE STAFFING

PAGE 2 RUHFMA2412 **C O N F I D E N T I A L** SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR MCEO
 OF THE COC IS NOT OF CONCERN TO COMUSMACV.

2. (C) ALSO, PAR 5-8 ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF INTERNAL III
 MAF STAFF FUNCTIONING AND ARE NOT APPROPRIATE FOR DIS-
 CUSSION WITH COMUSMACV AND OTHER NON-MARINE COMMANDS.
 WARM REGARDS.

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 TO MG MAERY ADCG & C/S USARV LONG BINH
 BG BENNETT C/S 7TH AIR FORCE TAN SON NHUT
 BG DULACKI C/S III MAF DANANG
 CPT TIDD C/S NAVFORV SAIGON
 INFO LTG CORCORAN CG I FFV NHA TRANG
 LTG EWELL CG II FFV LONG BINH
 LTG NICKERSON CG III MAF DANANG

LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
 MG BURDETT CG 1ST AVN BDE LONG BINH
 MG RIENZI CG 1ST SIG BDE LONG BINH
 MG DILLARD CG USA ENGR CMD LONG BINH

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 MG MILLOY CG 1ST INF DIV LAI KHE
 MG WALKER CG 4TH INF DIV PLEIKU
 MG HOLLIS CG 25TH INF DIV CU CHI
 MG WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV CP EAGLE HUE/PHU BAI
 MG RAMSEY CG AMERICAL DIV VHU LAI
 BR MORRIS CG 18TH ENGR BDE DONG BA TINH

BG O'DONNELL CG 20TH ENGR BDE BIEN HOA
 BG BOND CG 199TH LT INF BDE LONG BINH
 BG BURKE CG 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) QUANG TRI
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 COL WHITTWER CO 18TH MP BDE LONG BINH

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UNCLAS E F T O MAC 2357 EYES ONLY

1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO INFORM YOU PERSONALLY OF THE VERY FINE R&R PROGRAM IN TAIPEI, TAIWAN. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HAWAII AND AUSTRALIA, IT IS PROBABLY OUR BEST ALL AROUND R&R SITE. THIS BECOMES IMPORTANT SINCE ANY FLIGHTS BEING DIVERTED FROM BANGKOK WILL GO TO TAIPEI.

2. IN THE INTEREST OF MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF R&R PARTICIPATION DESPITE THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF R&R IN BANGKOK, IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU PASS THE WORD THROUGH

THE CHAIN OF COMMAND THAT THE SUBSTITUTE SITE, I.E., TAIPEI, IS EVERY BIT AS GOOD AS BANGKOK, AND IN A NUMBER OF WAYS, MUCH BETTER. THE HOTELS ARE GOOD AND REASONABLE, THE CLUBS, BARS, AND GIRLS ARE PLENTIFUL,

AND THE SHOPPING IS THE BEST IN THE FAR EAST NEXT TO HONG KONG. PERHAPS THE BEST WAY TO PUBLICIZE THE

PROGRAM IN EACH UNIT IS TO HAVE A RECENT RETURNEE SAY A FEW WORDS TO HIS BUDDIES ABOUT WHAT THEY CAN EXPECT.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ADVANTAGES NOTED ABOVE, THE ABSENCE OF VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND AND THE MAINTAINANCE OF LAW AND ORDER ARE MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VISITING TAIPEI. ALSO, THE CHINESE PEOPLE ARE INDUSTRIOUS, POLITE, AND MOST HOSPITABLE. A FINAL AND VERY IMPORTANT REASON FOR CHOOSING TAIPEI IS THE WELL STOCKED POST EXCHANGE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO MOST HOTELS, PLUS EM, NCO AND OFFICERS CLUBS WITHIN SEVERAL BLOCKS OF ALL HOTELS. CAB FARE IS DIRT CHEAP AND THE DRIVERS ARE HONEST.

4. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, AN ALLOCATION/QUOTA TO BANGKOK NOW EQUALS AN ALLOCATION/KXQUOTA TO TAIPEI FOR THE REMAINDER OF FEBRUARY. REMAINING FLIGHTS FOR THE MONTH

ARE AS FOLLOWS:

21 FEB - 2 FLIGHTS (SAIGON - CAM RANH BAY)

22 FEB - 2 FLIGHTS (SAIGON - DANANG)

27 FEB - 2 FLIGHTS (SAIGON - CAM RANH BAY)

28 FEB - 2 FLIGHTS (SAIGON - DANANG)

5. RECOMMEND YOU GET THE WORD OUT TO THE SERVICEMEN ABOUT TAIPEI SOONEST. I GUARANTEE 99 PERCENT WILL COME BACK WITH A BIG SMILE ON THEIR FACES.

6. WARM REGARDS.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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SECRET EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
 MAJGEN WHEELER

1. THIS IS AN INITIAL REPORT OF POSSIBLE SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVING ELEMENTS OF B/1/7 AND VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS OF THANG TAY (1) HAMLET, QUANG NAM DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY TWO MILES SOUTHWEST OF FSB ROSS. CIVILIANS ALLEGE U. S. MARINE UNIT ENTERED HAMLET ON 19 FEB 1970 AND KILLED WOMEN AND CHILDREN. PATROL SENT TO CHECK ALLEGATION FOUND THE BODIES OF APPROXIMATELY SIXTEEN WOMEN AND CHILDREN RECENTLY SLAIN BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. M-16 AND .45 CAL CARTRIDGE CASES WERE NOTED IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. EARLIER A PATROL FROM B/1/7 HAD REPORTED A CONTACT AT 2000, 19 FEB IN THE SAME AREA WITH AN ESTIMATED 25 VC RESULTING IN 6 ENEMY KILLS. THERE ARE SOME INDICATIONS THAT THIS REPORT IS INACCURATE. FULL SCALE INQUIRY COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY. FURTHER DETAILS AS AVAILABLE.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER IMMEDIATELY

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 LTGEN BUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS
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DISPOSITION PROJECT 972 STOCKS NICTZ (U)

A. CG III MAF 190546Z/FEB70 (C-SPECAT-MCEO)

B. CINCUSARPAC MUNITIONS CONFERENCE, 16-18 FEB 70

C. CINCPAC MUNITIONS CONFERENCE 19-20 FEB 70

1. (C) REF A PROVIDED EXCELLENT INFORMATION PRIOR TO INFORMAL
 DISCUSSION WITH CINCPAC, CMC, ARMY DCSLOG AND JCS (GP-4 AMMO
 REPS.

2. (C) CINCPAC HAS BEEN PRESSED FOR EARLY DECISION BASED ON
 1 MAR 70 DEADLINE AS LATEST DATE THAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN TO
 DISPOSE OF PROJECT 972 STOCKS LOCATED AT DONG HA, USARPAC AND
 ARMY DCSLOG REPS IN ACCORD WITH THIS HQ'S POSITION THAT:

- A. MINES NOT ECONOMICALLY REPARABLE.
- B. MINES NOT REQUIRED.

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 C. MINES SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF IN-THEATER, PREFERABLY BY
 "DUMP AT SEA".

3. AS CONCLUSION TO REFS B AND C, IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT DA
 WILL ADVISE CINCUSARPAC AND CINCPAC THAT SUBJECT MATERIEL SHOULD
 BE DISPOSED OF LOCALLY (RVN). EXPECT CINCPAC APPROVAL WILL BE
 FORWARDED TO COMUSMACV BY 1 MAR 70. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CG III MAF 201352Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-NCEO)

B. CG III MAF 211234Z/JAN70 (TS-SPECAT-NCEO)

C. CG III MAF 120206Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)

1. (U) CONCUR IN YOUR RECOMMENDED CHANGES, PAR 2.

REF A.

2. (TS) REQUEST YOU IDENTIFY 25 SPACES IN TROOP
 LIST, REF B (MODIFIED BY REF C), TO BE TRADED-OFF FOR
 NET INCREASE IN RAD BN STRENGTH. WARM REGARDS.

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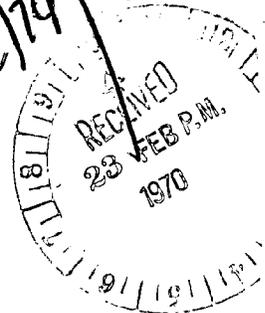
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1. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC INFORMATION IN EXTENSION OF THE 21 FEB BRIEFING ON R&R INCIDENTS IN HONG KONG.
2. MESSAGES DESCRIBING THE MOST RECENT AND SERIOUS INCIDENT ARE QUOTED BELOW:

A. (1) FOLLOWING AN ASSAULT AND/OR ROBBERY BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL OF A FRENCH CIVILIAN IN HONG KONG, A LARGE SCALE DISTURBANCE OCCURRED AT ABOUT 2200 HOURS 1 FEB 1970. ALL U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED ARE NEGRO SERVICEMEN IN HONG KONG ON R&R FROM RVN. TWO UAWVS. SERVICEMEN WILL PROBABLY BE CHARGED BY HONG KONG AUTHORITIES.

(2) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS PIECED TOGETHER BY SOURCE FROM ROYAL HONG KONG POLICE (RHKP), ROYAL MILITARY POLICE (RMP) AND COMUSNAVPHILDET HONG KONG PERSONNEL INVOLVED. AT APPROXIMATELY 2200 HOURS 8 FEB 1970 GREGORY E. JOHNSON, E-4, AUS, 267-78-5568, 148TH S&S CO, APO 96308, ASKED A FRENCH NATIONAL MALE CIVILIAN FOR HK\$10, CLAIMING HE WAS BROKE. THE FRENCHMAN GAVE JOHNSON HK\$10 AND, AS HE WALKED AWAY, WAS ACCOSTED BY THREE OTHER U.S. NEGRO SERVICEMEN WHO ASKED FOR HK\$50 EACH. WHEN THE FRENCHMAN REFUSED TO GIVE THEM MONEY, HE WAS ASSAULTED RESULTING IN A CUT OVER HIS EYE AND DISLOCATED SHOULDER. THE FRENCHMAN IS IN A HONG KONG HOSPITAL BUT DOES NOT DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED AS HE WISHES TO LEAVE HONG KONG BY 10 FEB 1970. A LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. NEGRO SERVICEMEN AND LOCAL RESIDENTS GATHERED IN THE STREET, WITH THE RESULT THAT RHKP, RMP AND U.S. R&R OFFICE PERSONNEL WERE CALLED. MOST SERVICEMEN FLED THE SCENE WHEN RHKP ARRIVED IN FORCE TO ASSIST OFFICERS WHO ARRIVED AT FIRST. IN ATTEMPTING TO QUELL THE DISTURBANCE AND REMOVE OFFENDERS FROM THE SCENE, A RMP HAD HIS UNIFORM TORN AND HIS THUMB HURT.

(3) JOHNSON AND ANOTHER NEGRO, JAMES C. MAYO, CPL, USMC, 2478320, 7TH SUP BN, 1ST FSR/FLO, FPO 96302, WERE QUESTIONED BY POLICE AND WILL PROBABLY BE CHARGED BY RHKP.

(4) THIS INCIDENT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RESULT IN PRESS COVERAGE BY BOTH ENGLISH AND CHINESE LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS IN HONG KONG. IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS WILL GIVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO THIS INCIDENT AND, AT THE SAME TIME, RECALL VARIOUS PAST INCIDENTS, ALL IN AN EXAGGERATED FORM. IT IS ALSO LIKELY THAT COMMUNIST NEWSPAPERS WILL ATTRIBUTE THE INCIDENT TO 'DRUG CRAZED' AMERICANS WHO ARE 'UNWILLING FODDER IN THE U.S. IMPERIALIST WAR IN VIETNAM'."

B. "(1) DURING THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT THERE WERE APPROX 50 AMERICAN SERVICE NEGROS ON THE SCENE. THESE INDIVIDUALS WERE OPENLY DISPLAYING SIGNS OF BLACK POWER AND WERE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ATTEMPTING TO HARRASS OR INTERFERE WITH LOCAL POLICE.

(2) THE CIVIL POLICE HAVE ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT THEY WILL NOT REPEAT NOT TOLERATE SUCH DISPLAYS OR INTERFERENCE FROM ANY BOOP. IN ADDITION, THEY HAVE STATED THAT THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS IN THE FUTURE THAT ANY LARGE GROUPS OF BLACK AMERICANS ASSEMBLING ON A PUBLIC STREET WILL BE APPREHENDED WITH THE SUBSEQUENT REQUEST THAT THEY BE RETURNED TO RVN.

(3) AMONGEN HKONG HAS EXPRESSED GRAVE CONCERN OVER INCIDENTS SCITED ABOVE AS CURRENT IMAGE OF U.S. MIL PERS IN HKONG IS OUTSTANDING. REQUEST ADVISE WHAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN IN-COUNTRY AND LOCALLY TO PRECLUDE FUTURE DISPLAYS OF BLACK POWER WHICH NOT ONLY DEGRADES THE U.S. SERVICES BUT THE UNITED STATES AS WELL."

3. THE REMAINING INCIDENTS WITH DETAILS, DATES, AND DISPOUTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. SP4 THOMAS EZELL, 414706340, CO C, 5D/503D, 173D ABN BDE; DATE: 19JAN70; OFFENSE: DRUNK & DISORDERLY, FIGHTING IN PUBLIC, STRIKING AN NCO; RESULTING ACTION: R&R TERMINATED, RETURNED TO RVN.

B. E2 WALTER J. HARON, USMC, 2553090, CO I, 3D/5TH MARINES, 1ST MAR DIV; DATE: 16JAN70; OFFENSE: CREATING A PUBLIC DISTURBANCE; RESULTING ACTION: R&R TERMINATED, RETURNED TO RVN.

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C. SP4 ROBERT E MCLELL, 088400915, D CO, 2D/503D INF, 173D ABN BDE; DATE: 18JAN70; OFFENSE: POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA; RESULTING ACTION: FINED \$200 BY HONG KONG AUTHORITIES.

D. SP4 RUSSELL D AHRENS, 508603267, A BTRY, 3D BN, 6TH FA; DATE: 12FEB70; OFFENSE: POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA; RESULTING ACTION: FINED \$250 BY HONG KONG AUTHORITIES.

E. PFC CHAUNCEY N TIDWELL, 334422240, HHC, 5TH/60TH INF, 9TH INF DIV; DATE: 13FEB70; OFFENSE: POSSESSION OF SUSPECTED HEROIN; RESULTING ACTION: FINED \$240 BY HONG KONG AUTHORITIES.

F. SP5 KENNETH C MC TIER, 178404180, HHC, 1ST/327TH INF, 101ST ABN DIV; DIED ON 16JAN70. FROM "MORPHINE POISONING AND ACCIDENTAL POISONING BY OTHER DRUGS AND MEDICANTS."

G. PFC STEPHEN G SAMPLE, RA68061826, HHC, 1ST/6TH INF, 198TH BDE, AMERICAL DIV; DIED ON 15JAN70 WHILE ON R&R FROM "MORPHINE POISONING AND ACCIDENTAL POISONING BY OTHER DRUGS AND MEDICANTS."
 4 SINCE THE 21 FEB BRIEFING, TWO ADDITIONAL INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED:

A. SP4 WILLIE O. PEBBLES, 262680649, B BTRY, 1ST/44TH ARTY; DATE: 19FEB70; OFFENSE: DRUNK & DISORDERLY, FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES, PUBLIC DISTURBANCE; RESULTING ACTION: R&R TERMINATED, RETURNED TO RVN. *

B. PVT CHARLES JONES, JR., 2521350, HS CO, 1ST/26TH MARINES; DATE: 19FEB70; OFFENSE: PUBLIC DISTURBANCE, DRUNK & DISORDERLY, FAILURE TO COOPERATE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES; RESULTING ACTION: R&R TERMINATED, RETURNED TO RVN.

5. AS A MATTER OF PAST PRACTICE, THE COMPONENT COMMAND AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S UNIT ARE NOTIFIED DIRECTLY, WITH INFORMATION COPIES TO MACV. SUBSEQUENTLY, AS ALL DETAILS IN THE CASE ARE DOCUMENTED, A MACV LETTER IS SENT THROUGH THE COMPONENT COMMANDER TO THE UNIT COMMANDER OF THE INDIVIDUAL. BASED ON DESIRES EXPRESSED AT THE 21 FEB COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE, ALL ADDRESSEES OF THIS MESSAGE WILL BE INFORMED OF ALL HONG KONG INCIDENTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

6. WARM REGARDS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHB 482 EYES ONLY

1. IN RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION OF LIG LAVELLE, DIR, DCPG, ON OCCASION OF HIS LAST VISIT TO XXIV CORPS, GEN ZAIS PLANS TO VISIT TASK FORCE ALFA, NAKHOM PHANOM, THAILAND ON 28 FEB 1970. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY COL OLIVER B. PATTON, ACOFS G-2 XXIV CORPS; CPT JOSEPH T. SNOW G-2 SECTION XXIV CORPS; AND MAJ GEOFFREY D. WITHERS, AIDE-CAMP XXIV CORPS.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO DISCUSS SENSOR OPERATIONS AFFECTING COMMON BOUNDARY AND TO RECEIVE A BRIEFING ON TASK FORCE ALFA OPERATIONS.

3. ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

28 FEB 70

DPT DANANG AF BASE 0800 HRS

ARR NKP 0800 HRS

ATTEND 0830 HRS BRIEFING AT TASK FORCE ALFA

MEET WITH CG TASK FORCE ALFA

LUNCH WITH CG TASK FORCE ALFA

DEPT NKP 1330 HRS VIA T-39 AIRCRAFT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L
 PERSONAL FROM GEN WALT TO GEN ABRAMS INFO LTGEN NICKERSON
 A. CMC 251230Z FEB 70
 1. REF A REQUESTS CLEARANCE FOR VISIT TO RVN 12-14 APRIL.
 SINCE I WILL BE IN-COUNTRY LESS THAN THREE DAYS, I AM
 PLANNING TO SPEND ALL MY TIME WITH III MAF UNLESS YOU
 CONSIDER A VISIT TO SAIGON DESIRABLE. WARM REGARDS.
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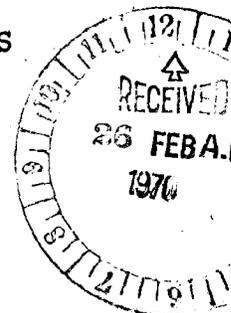
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C O N F I D E N T I A L / P E R S O N A L FOR LTGEN WICKERSON FROM MGEN WHEELER KINGFISHER

1. IN FURTHERANCE OF OUR BRIEF CONVERSATION TODAY, I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR MESSAGE CONCERNING THE SUBJECT.
2. SINCE ITS INCEPTION, I HAVE LIMITED KINGFISHERS TO NO MORE THAN ONE A DAY IN THE DIVISION AO FOR THE REASON YOU STATED, I.E. LIMITED AIR RESOURCES. IN RETROSPECT, I HAVE BEEN REMISS IN NOT MAKING THIS CLEAR TO YOU.
3. WHEN WE DISCUSSED BROADENING THE APPLICATION ACROSS THE BOARD, I CAN SEE THAT WE MUST HAVE MISLED YOU. WHAT WAS MEANT WAS THAT WE COULD SEE THE DESIRABILITY OF ONE KINGFISHER MOVING OUTSIDE OF ITS OWN REGIMENTAL BOUNDARIES FROM TIME TO TIME TO STRIKE TARGETS IN LOW-RISK ENVIRONMENTS IN THE DIV AO. WE DID NOT MEAN MULTIPLE KINGFISHERS FOR THE REASON STATED ABOVE.
4. IN ANY EVENT, I FELT THAT THIS WAS A PROPITIOUS TIME TO CANCEL KINGFISHER, AND TEND TO OUR KNITTING--WHICH MEANS ESCALATING OUR EFFORTS ON AN EFFICIENT AND SECURE TRANSITION FROM BIG TO BIGGER TAOR'S.
5. YOU'RE STILL THE BEST IN MY BOOK, BUT WHEN YOU EAT MY ASS OUT IN PUBLIC IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU DID IT MORE QUIETLY.

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B. CG FMFPAC 182216Z/FEB70 (TS-SPECAT-MCEO)

1. (TS) REQUEST TROOP LISTS CONTAINED REF A AND B
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 85 VICE 51. TO ACCOMMODATE THIS INCREASE, DELETE 2D
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 MAR FROM 742 TO 717 SPACES. THIS REPRESENTS AN
 EXCHANGE OF 34 SPACES WITH NO INCREASE IN TOTAL
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2. (U) THE ABOVE CHANGE IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE A
 MORE VIABLE RAD BN CAPABILITY. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE AND LTGEN NICKERSON FROM GENERAL CHAPMAN.

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B. CG III MAF 230734Z FEB 70 *SIA*C. CG III MAF 250550Z FEB 70 *SIA*D. CG III MAF 250820Z FEB 70 *(SPECAT)*

1. (S) THE THANG TAY INCIDENT REPORTED IN THE REFERENCES HAS HIGH LEVEL INTEREST. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN AT THIS TIME ARE THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS.

A. WHAT INSTRUCTIONS ON RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE GIVEN TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND TROOP UNITS PRIOR TO COMMITMENT?

B. WAS SUCH INSTRUCTION GIVEN TO LCPL HERROD AND MEMBERS OF THE PATROL PRIOR TO THIS ACTION?

2. (U) AN EARLY REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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3. (U) IN ADDITION I WOULD APPRECIATE A DAILY REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION WITH AS MANY DETAILS AS IT IS APPROPRIATE TO FORWARD. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CMC 261601Z FEB 70

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- A. CG III MAF 230754Z FEB 70
- B. CG III MAF 250552Z FEB 70
- C. CMC 251521Z FEB 70



1. THIS IS BACKGROUND INFO SUPPLEMENTING REF A AND B AND INITIAL REPT REF C.
2. 1STLT L.R. AMBORT 010 67 23 CO B/1/7 19FEB70 DEBRIEFED PATROL AT END OF MISSION. WHEN PATROL REPORTED IT WAS FIRED UPON AND KILLED SIX OF LARGER ENEMY GROUP BUT CAPTURED NO ENEMY WEAPONS. LT AMBORT FURNISHED SKS CAPTURED SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE AND REPORTED THIS INFO TO B. HQ. LATER HE WAS ADVISED CASUALTY FIGURE GREATER THAN SIX BUT TOLD SAME FALSE STORY TO REPT CDR AND BN CO. UPON BEING ADVISED OF BN CO SUSPICION AND BEING WARNED OF RICH'S LT AMBORT ADMITTED FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. DISCIPLINARY ACTION CASE LT AMBORT BEING WITHHELD PENDING COMPLETION ART 32 PATROL MEMBERS. CAPT F.G. ROUX JR 03 90 85 MADE AVAIL AS DC FOR LT AMBORT.
3. ALL ACCUSED HAVE BEEN ADVISED OF CHARGES. EACH COUNSEL HAS HELD INITIAL CONFERENCE. DC AND CAPT A.C. WILLIAMS 010 65 73 REP LCPL HERROD; CAPT S.J. HARGROVE 03 93 34 REP PFC GREEN; CAPT A.R. KING 09 24 37 REP PFC KRICHEN; CAPT D.H. LEGGAR JR 010 55 72 REP PVT SCHWARZ; CAPT H.P. MERRILL 03 98 33 REP PFC BOYD. ALL ACCUSED ADVISED TO WRITE PARENTS. COUNSEL HAVE WRITTEN PARENTS. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARS CALLS ARE BEING MADE.
4. VIETNAMESE DISTRICT AND PROVINCE OFFICIALS ARE NOT DISTURBED OVER INCIDENT SINCE ALL FAMILIES INVOLVED CONSIDERED TO BE VC. THEY CONSIDER SOLATIUM PAYMENTS APPROPRIATE. THESE WILL BE MADE.
5. US NEWSMEN EXPRESSING VERY ACTIVE INTEREST IN INCIDENT. INTEND TO RESTRICT INTERVIEWS OF WITNESSES.
6. LCPL HERROD RECD CI MARIAL 16 JAN 70 FOR UA AND ON 19FEB70 WAS PENDING RED IN RANK TO PVT. SENT CHL 5 MO FORF \$70.00 PAY PER MO RED PVA SUSP CONF 6 MO. CA ORD REMAINDER SENT EXEC 25FEB70. FUTURE REPT WILL REF PVT HERROD.
7. SUBJ NAME: NAME OBTAINED FROM RVN DISTRICT OFFICIALS. TRANH TAY NAME TAKEN FROM M.P. FUTURE WILL REF SUBJ NAME ONLY

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1. REFERENCES:

- A. SSO XXIV CORPS PHB 2213 INTEL 310409Z OCT 69
- B. SSO CG III MAF 010242Z NOV 69
- C. CG III MAF 051226Z NOV 69

2. PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE WITH YOUR HEADQUARTERS NOTES THAT ROK CI/CID MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE APPARENTLY OPERATING WITHIN THE XXIV CORPS AREA WITHOUT CONCURRENCE OF HQ III MAF.

3. A MEETING ON 9 NOV 69 INVOLVING PERSONNEL FROM THIS HQ AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ROK CI DETACHMENT IN HUE, RVN RESULTED IN A REQUEST BY THIS HQ TO THE ROK REPRESENTATIVE TO PROVIDE A LETTER THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS ESTABLISHING AUTHORITY FOR ROK MILITARY PERSONNEL TO OPERATE IN THE XXIV CORPS AREA. TO DATE, THIS REQUEST HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED.

4. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ROK NATIONALS ARE SUBJECT TO CONTROL BY GVN AUTHORITIES AND THAT GVN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE AND POLICE AGENCIES ARE TASKED TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH ROK NATIONALS--CIVILIAN OR MILITARY--IN XXIV CORPS AREA. IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT AUTHORITY TO GRANT OR DENY PERMISSION FOR ROKA/ROKMC CIC/CID OPERATIONS IN NICTZ RESTS WITH GVN/ARVN OFFICIALS. IN VIEW OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ROK NATIONALS (CIVILIAN) EMPLOYED BY SUCH AGENCIES AS PHILCO-FORD IN XXIV CORPS AREA, AND RECENTLY REPORTED COMMUNIST INTENTIONS TO ATTEMPT INFILTRATION AND SUBVERSION OF ROK NATIONALS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME CLEARLY DEFINED AND CO-ORDINATED OPERATIONS IN XXIV CORPS AO BY ROKA/ROKMC CIC/CID UNITS MAY BE DESIRABLE; THOUGH THIS REQUIREMENT REQUIRES ADDITIONAL STUDY AND DEFINITION. BOTH THE PROBLEM AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS SEEM TO REQUIRE EVALUATION BY ROKA/ROKMC, GVN/ARVN AND US AUTHORITIES.

5. WE DON'T WANT TO STIR ANY POLITICAL POT BUT THIS COULD BE A SOURCE OF TROUBLE. WE REALIZE THE SENSITIVITY AND REALLY DON'T KNOW IF THE ROK IS OBLIGED TO GET III MAF CONCURRENCE TO HAVE THEIR AGENCIES OPERATE IN THE AREA. THEREFORE, REQUEST GUIDANCE.

6. WARM REGARDS.
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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 2.

1. ARRANGEMENTS WERE MADE 27 FEB 70 FOR ALL FIVE PATROL MEMBERS TO
 MAKE CALLS TO FAMILIES. DEF COUNSEL OBJECTED TO ACCUSED TALKING
 OVER MARS SO CALLS WERE CANCELLED. OFFERED TO SEND TELEGRAMS FOR
 DEF COUNSEL TO FAMILIES. ALL EXCEPT COUNSEL FOR HERROD ACCEPTED.
 TELEGRAMS TO FAMILIES OF GREEN, KRICHTEN, BOYD, AND SCHWARTZ
 RELEASED.
2. ELEVEN NEWSMEN (THREE NBC, THREE CBS, TWO AP, ONE UP, ONE STARS
 AND STRIPES AND ONE NEW YORKER) WERE ESCORTED TO LZ ROSS BY DIV PAO.
 CO 4/7 BRIEFED ON ENEMY/FRIENDLY SITUATION, ESCORTED NEWSMEN
 AROUND PERIMETER DEFENSES, AND ANSWERED GENERAL QUESTIONS ABOUT

PAGE TWO RIMLLUA 3884 SECRET//SPECAT EXCLUSIVE//
 PROBLEM OF DISTINGUISHING VC FROM FRIENDLY POPULATION. NO
 INFORMATION ON INVESTIGATION WAS REVEALED NOT ALREADY RELEASED
 OTHER THAN IDENTITY OF UNIT. ONE NEWSMAN APPARENTLY IDENTIFIED
 B CO FROM DISCUSSIONS WITH MARINES IN AREA.

3. .45 CALIBER PROJECTILES FOUND BENEATH BODIES AND M16 AND .45
 CALIBER ROUNDS FOUND IN GENERAL AREA AS WELL AS WEAPONS OF PATROL
 MEMBERS TAKEN TO U.S. ARMY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION LABORATORY LONG
 BINH ON 27 FEB 70 FOR BALLISTICS TESTS.
4. AUTOPSY OF VICTIMS NOT PLANNED.

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