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A-25. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 010435Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*

EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON

FROM MAJGEN WHEELER

HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO-3

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A-9. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE MAC 2940 DTG 051227Z MAR 70 (TS) *Gp - not shown*
FM MG TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT,
LTG NICKERSON, LTG COLLINS INFO LTG ZAIS MG MILOY, MGEN
MCCOWN
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A-10. ✓ CG FMFPAC 060211Z MAR 70 (TS) MCEO *Gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GENERAL CHAPMAN AND LTGEN NICKERSON FROM
LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - TWO ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES FOR FOURTH
INCREMENT

~~11. CG FMFPAC 100001Z MAR 70 (TS)
FOR GENERAL CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEN FROM LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF GEN ABRAMS TO GEN
WHEELER, INFO ADM MCCAIN~~

~~12. CG 16FMW 110015Z MAR 70 (TS)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEN FROM MAJGEN THRASH
FORCE PLANNING (U) - AVIATION ELEMENT OF THE POST PHASE IV~~

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- B-1. ✓ CG FIRSTMARDIV 020330Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON FROM MGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NR 4
- B-2. ✓ CG FIRSTMARDIV 030250Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FR MGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) SPECIAL REPORT
- B-3. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 031435Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON
FROM MGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 5
- B-4. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 040950Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON
FR MAJGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON TRANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 6
- B-5. ✓ CG FMFPAC 042001Z MAR 70 (U)
FM CG FMFPAC TO CG III MAF
CHANGE OF COMMAND
- B-6. ✓ CG FMFPAC 042047Z MAR 70 (U)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE
ITINERARY FOR VISIT 9-10 MARCH 1970
- B-7. ✓ CG FIRST MAW 051031Z MAR 70 (C) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FROM BGEN SPANJER TO LTGEN NICKERSON
HELICOPTER CONTROL
- B-8. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE MAC 2922 DTG 050859Z MAR 70 (C) EYES ONLY *Declassified 15 Mar 70*
FM MG TOWNSEND TO GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, LTG COLLINS, LTG
NICKERSON, VADM ZUMWALT, LTG EWELL, MG MCCOWN, COL HEALY
INFO LTG ZAIS
MARCH COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)
- B-9. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE MAC 2924 DTG 050919Z MAR 70 (U) EYES ONLY
FM BG SMITH TO BG DULACKI
CITATION FOR AWARD TO LTG NICKERSON
- B-10. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE MAC 2932 DTG 051036Z MAR 70 (UN) EYES ONLY
FM BG SMITH TO LTG ZAIS INFO BG DULACKI
GENERAL ORDERS FOR TRANSFER OF COMMAND
- B-11. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 051450Z AMR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON
FROM MGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON TRANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 7
- B-12. ✓ COMUSMACV 061041Z MAR & 70 (C) *gp-4*
MAJOR NOEL, AIDE-DE-CAMP TO COMUSMACV SENDS FOR C/S III MAF,
C/S XXIV CORPS AND C/S AMERICAL DIV
ATTENDANCE CHANGE OF COMMAND XXIV CORPS

- ~~13. CG, LFFCPAC 062000Z MAR 70 (U)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON
CONGRAT~~
- B- 14. ✓ CG, FIRST MARDIV 061320Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON & FR
MAJGEN WHEELER - HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 8
- B- 15. ✓ COMUSMACV cite 3004 DTG 071007Z MAR 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp - not shown*
FM MG TOWNSEND TO LTG NICKERSON/LTG MCCUTCHEON
WIEU MEETING
- B- 16. ✓ CG FIRST MARDIV 080230Z MAR 70 (S) MCEO *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON
FROM MGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NO 9
- B- 17. ✓ CG AMERICAL DIVISION 080310Z MAR 70 (U)
FM MG RAMSEY TO LTGEN NICKERSON INFO LTGEN ZAIS
HELICOPTER VIOLATION
- B- 18. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 080253Z MAR 70 (S) EYES ONLY *gp-1*
FROM ZAIS TO NICKERSON & MGEN TOWNSEND
FORCE PLANNING - EXPANSION OF ENEMY SITUATION INNICTZ
- B- 19. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 3040 DTG 080727Z MAR 70 (U) *gp*
FM BG SMITH TO MG MABRY, BGDULACKI, CPT TIDD, BG BENNETT,
BG JOHNSON, BG KINNARD, BG SHEDD, BG CANTLEY, BG DUQUEMIN,
BG MCAULIFFE - R&R INCIDENT
- B- 20. ✓ CG 1STMARDIV 120925Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON/FR MAJGEN
WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) RPT NO 10
- B- 21. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 3248 DTG 120920Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-1*
FROM GEN ABRAMS TO GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, ADM ZUMWALT,
LTG COLLINS, LTG EWELL, LTG MCCOWN, LTG ZAIS, LTG MCCUTCHEON
MINIMIZING LIKELIHOOD OF CAMBODIA BORDER INCIDENTS
- B- 22. ✓ CG 1STMARDIV 130830Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON/
FR MAJGEN WHEELER
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 11
- B- 23. ✓ CG XXIV CORPS 180444Z MAR 70 (S) *gp - not shown*
EYES ONLY FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON
OPCON
- B- 24. ✓ COMUSMACV CITE 3574 DTG 181411Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA (S)
- B- 25. ✓ COMNAVFORV 180030Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM ZUMWALT
REQUIREMENT FOR THE MAM-O BRIDGE (S)

13. ✓ CG FMFPAC 112001Z MAR 70
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND BGEN PADALINO
FROM LTGEN BUSE
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV DEFENSE

14. ✓ CG FMFPAC
LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM BGEN PADALINO
LOGISTIC CONCEPT FOR PHASE IV DEFENSE

A-15. ✓ CG FIRST MAW 170400Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN THRASH
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A-16. ✓ CG FMFPAC 181948Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (U) - FMFPAC READDRESSAL OF CG III MAF CONCERN
OVER RESIDUAL RLT AS DEFENSE OF DNG

A-17. ✓ CG FMFPAC 181749Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
ESTABLISHMENT OF T/O FOR COMBINED ACTION FORCE (CAF) REQ FOR

A-18. ✓ CG FIRST MAW 200150Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
POST PHASE IV MAB AVIATION ELEMENT

A-19. ✓ CG FMFPAC 200239Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
LFTC CONDUCTED TACP TRAINING ON OKINAWA (U)

20. ✓ ADMIN FMFPAC 202131Z MAR 70 (TS)
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING

21. ✓ CG FMFPAC 202131Z MAR 70 (TS)
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FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
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23. ✓ CG FMFPAC 202131Z MAR 70 (TS)
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING

A-24. ✓ CMC 241443Z MAR 70 (TS) *gp-4*
FM CMC TO CG FMFPAC INFO CG III MAF, CG FORLOGCOMD
ADPE PLANNING

25. ✓ CG FMFPAC 202131Z MAR 70 (TS)
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING

- A-1. CMC 191350Z MAR 70 (C) *gp-4*
 PERSONAL FOR EGEN DULACKI FROM LTCOL KELLEY
 /ACMC WESTPAC VISIT
- A-2. CG 1STMARDIV 231315Z MAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
 FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WHEELER
 HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 12
- A-3. FIRST MAW 240900Z MAR 70 (C) *gp-4*
 CG FIRST MAW TO CG III MAF
 CRASH OF CG AMERICAL DIVISIONS UH-1H IN VICINITY OF CHU
 LAI AIR BASE ON 17 MARCH 1970
- A-4. CTF 77 240122Z MAR 70 (C) *gp-4*
 FOR LTGEN ZAIS, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON AND MGEN THRASH
 FROM BARDSHAR
 PROPOSED VISIT F/CTF 77
- A-5. CG XXIV CORPS 250917Z MAR 70 (C) *gp-4*
 FOR VADM BARDSHOW, INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN THRASH
 FROM ZAIS
 CTF 77 VISIT
- A-6. CMC 301353Z WEMAR 70 (S) *gp-4*
 WESTPAC VISIT (U)
 FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO LTGEN BUSE FROM GEN WALT
- A-7. CG FIRST MARDIV 310340Z MAR70 (S) *gp-4*
 FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FR MGEN WHEELER
 HAMLET NO 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 13

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FM CG FIRST MARDIV
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INFO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC (X-001)
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NICKERSON/FROM MAJGEN WHEELER/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER
IMMEDIATELY)

HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO-3

A. SECNAVINST 1690.10 NAV/MC AWARDS MAN PAR 117.6A

1. PVT HERROD HAS EARNED SILVER STAR FOR SERVICE IN 3DMARDIV.
WAS AWAITING PRESENTATION AT TIME ON INCIDENT. UNODIR PLAN TO
POSTPONE DELIVERY IAW REF A UNTIL AFTER DISP CURRENT CHGS.

2. PA PERS REPT NEWSMEN VISITING LZ ROSS 27 EB70 WELT PLEASED
WITH BACKGROUND BRIEFING OF CO 1/7 SIMILAR REPT RECD FR OL OFF
III MAF CIB.

3. MR. DAVE WARSH, NEWSWEEK, MADE UNSCHEDULED AND UNAUTHORIZED
TRIP LZ ROSS 28 FEB 70, AFTER BEING ADVISED BY ESCORT THAT
MOVEMENT PRECLUDES VISIT AT THAT TIME. CO 1/7 MET MR. WARSH AT
LZ ROSS, ADVISED HIM OP IN PROG DID NOT PERMIT BRIEFING, INFORMED

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HIM OF SCHEDULED PRESS BRIEFING ON INCIDENT AT III MAF CIB LATER
SAME DAY, AND ASKED HIM TO RET TO DANANG. HE DID RET AS REQUESTED
CO 1/7 REPT MR. WARSH APPEARED TO UNDERSTEN REASON FOR REQ TO
LEAVE AND HAD NO ILL FEELINGS.

4. GOVT COUNSEL HAVE SPENT LAST TWO DAYS WITH 1/7 INTERVIEWING
WITNS I PREP FOR ART 32 HEARING. NO DATE SET NOR FORMAL TESTIMONY
TO BEGIN BUT EXPECT W/IN 10 DAYS.

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 NICKERSON FR MAJGEN WHEELER/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/
 (DELIVERY DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS)

HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NR 4

1. TWO NEWSMEN (ONE NEWSWEEK ONE AP) WILL BE ESCORTED TO
 QUE SON DISTRICT HQ VIA LZ ROSS 2MAR70. NO 1/7 WILL
 PROVIDE SHORT BRIEFING AT LZ ROSS. NEWSMEN CLAIM PURPOSE
 OF VISIT IS TO INTERVIEW DISTRICT CTIEF CONCERNING RVN
 INVEST SUBJ INCIDENT.
 2. TWO OTHER NEWSMEN (ONE STARS AND STRIPES ONE NYT) WILL
 VISIT QUANG NAM PROVINCE HQ AT HOI AN 02 MAR70 TO OBTAIN INFO ON
 SAME RVN INVES.

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MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (IMMEDIATE DELIVERY)

HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) SPECIAL REPORT

A. DIVO 1610.5

B. MACV DIR 525-3

C. FOR/SA I CORPSO 3040.3A

D. CG III MAF MSG 271350Z FEB 70 (SPECAT)

E. CG FIRST MARDIV MSG 271020Z (SPECAT)

1. FOLL INFO ANS TO QUESTIONS POSED BY HQMC.

2. REF A ESTABLISHES TRNG PROG TO MAKE ALL MEMBERS AWARE OF
POLICIES CONCERNING TREATMENT OF VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS, DETAINEES
AND POWS. REQ DETAILED INST ON PRINCIPLES OF MILITARY NECESSITY
AND HUMANITY PERMITTING USE OF ONLY THAT DEGREE OF FORCE REQUIRED
AND PROHIBITION AGAINST ANY DEGREE OF VIOLENCE NOT ACTUALLY NEC-
ESSARY, EXTRACIS FROM GENEVA CONVENTIONS, TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS,
MINIMIZING NONCOMBATANT BATTLE CASUALTIES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS
TO BE PLACED ON PATIENT AND COMPASSIONATE CONDUCT IN DEALING WITH
VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS, AND CURRENT RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. INST TO

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BE GIVEN AS PART OF INITIAL ORIENTATION OF EACH MAN WHO JOINS
DIV AND EVERY TWO MONTHS THEREAFTER. REF B PRESCRIBES MORE DETAIL
ON MINIMIZING NONCOMBATANT BATTLE CASUALTIES AND IS QUOTED IN REF C
AND MADE ENCH TO REF A TO PROVIDE ADD MATERIAL FOR INST. REF B
PROVIDES TP INDOO BRIEFINGS WILL BE HELD BEFORE EACH OPERATION TO
INCLUDE LOCATION OF NONCOMBATANTS AND OTHER FRIENDLY FORCES, RULES
OF ENGAGEMENT, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS. REF C PROVIDES SIMILAR
GUIDANCE TO WHAT CONTAINED IN REF B.

3. THIS SUPPLEMENTS INFO REF D CONCERNING BRIEFING GIVEN PVT
HERROD. CO CO"B" MADE FILL STAT TO PATROL. QUOTE OK MEN LET'S GET
SOME DAMNED GOOKS TONIGHT. LET'S PAY THEM BACK FOR THE TWELFTH
AND TODAY. IF YOU SEE ANYTHING MOVING AROUND TONIGHT SHOOT FIRST
AND ASK QUESTIONS LATER. I DON'T WANT ANY MORE CASUALTIES.

UNQUOTE. /PLT SGT OF 2ND PLI CO"B" CALLED PVT HERROD OVER AFTER
BRIEFING BY CO CDR AND ADVISED HERROD THAT CO DID NOT MEAN TO KILL
ALL KINDS OF PEOPLE; ONLY ENEMY. SGT MEYERS SPECIFICALLY TOLD
HERROD TO MAKE ENEMY CONTACT AND KILL THE ENEMY BUT NOT TO KILL
CIVILIANS. SGT MEYERS FELT THIS BRIEFING WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE
WORD WAS GOING AROUND PLI THAT PATROL WAS GOING OUT TO KILL

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PAGE THREE RUMLLUA0290 S E C R E T / S P E C I A L /
ANYTHING THAT MOVED. FOLLOWING THIS SQD LDR ALSO ADVISED PATROL
NOT TO SHOOT CIVILIANS.
4. BRIEFING OF CO CO "B" WAS NOT IN ACCORD WITH BN, REGT, OR DIV
POLICY OR ANY EXISTING ORDERS ON SUBJ. BN REGULARLY EMPHASIZED RESPECT
FOR RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. AS NOTED IN REF E DISCIP ACT PEND
AGAINST FIRST LT AMBORT FOR FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS. CONTENTS
OF PATROL BRIEFING WILL BE EXPLORED IN ART 32 INVES FOR PATROL
MEMBERS AND MAY PROVIDE ADD BASIS FOR DISCIP ACT AGAINST LT AMBORT.

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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 5

1. TWO MEMBERS OF 1/7 PATROL 20FEB70 THAT DISCOVERED AND
 BURIED BODIES TOOK COLOR PICTURES OF DEAD CIVILIANS AND SURROUNDING
 AREA WITH SMALL PERSONAL CAMERAS. FILM WAS CONFISCATED BY CO 1/7
 WITH PROMISE THAT PHOTOS NOT PERTAINING TO INVES WOULD BE RET TO
 OWNERS. FILM TO BE HAND CARRIED TO SJA FMFPAC 3MAR70 FOR
 DEVELOPING SINCE UNABLE TO ACCOMPLISH IN RVN.

2. SEVERAL NEWSMEN VISITED LZ ROSS 2MAR70 AND QUE SON DISTRICT
 HQ. CO 1/7 GAVE SHORT BACKGROUND BRIEFING. ARRANGEMENTS HAVE
 BEEN MADE FOR ONE NEWSWEEK AND ONE AP CORRESPONDENT TO ACCOMPANY
 1/7 ON OP COMMENCING 4MAR70. ESTIMATE FIVE OTHER NEWSMEN WILL
 ALSO VISIT LZ ROSS 4MAR70.

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LTGEN NICKERSON FR MAJGEN WHEELER/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
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HAMLET & SON TRANG (V) DAILY REPT NO. 6

A. MACV DIR 20-4
1. INVES OFF HELD CONF 3MAR70 WITH ALL COUNSEL ASSIG ART 32 AND
SET DATES 12, 13 AND 14 MAR 70 TO TAKE SWORN TESTIMONY. WILL
RECORD VERBATIM AND USE INVES REPT AS WAR CRIMES INVES REQ BY
REF A.

2. SEVEN NEWSMEN (THREE CBS TWO AP ONE UPI ONE NEW YORKER) BRIEFED
BY SJA 4MAR70 ON LEGAL PROCEDURES INVOLVED PENDING INVES. FOLL
BRIEFING WEATHER PRECLUDED HELO FLT PREVIOUSLY ARRANGED TO LZ
ROSS. OFFERED TRIP VIA CONVOY TO LZ BALDY. ONLY AP NEWSMAN MADE
TRIP NEWSMAN PLANS REMAIN WITH 1/7 FOR SEVERAL DAYS. HAS PA NCO

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~~CHANGE OF COMMAND~~

1. FOR LTGEN NICKERSON: AS YOU DEPART VIETNAM, THERE IS MUCH YOU HAVE ACCOMPLISHED FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND YOUR CORPS THAT SHOULD BE THE SOURCE OF GREAT SATISFACTION AND PERSONAL PRIDE FOR YOU AS IT IS TO ME. UNDER YOUR ASTUTE LEADERSHIP, THE MARINES OF THE III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE AIR-GROUND TEAM HAVE CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE SUCCESS OF OUR NATION'S EFFORTS IN VIETNAM. YOUR TENURE OF COMMAND HAS BEEN AN ERA OF SINGULAR ACHIEVEMENT, MARKED BY HARD-WON VICTORIES ON THE BATTLEFIELD AND PROGRESSIVE NATION-BUILDING ON BEHALF OF THE GALLANT VIETNAMESE PEOPLE. YOU HAVE MET EACH DEMAND AND CHALLENGE WITH THE SAME DECISIVENESS AND VERSATILITY THAT HAVE BEEN THE BENCHMARKS OF YOUR ENTIRE MARINE CORPS CAREER. THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC JOIN ME IN WISHING YOU GODSPEED AND FULL MEASURE OF HEALTH AND HAPPINESS

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THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEARS.

2. FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON: AS YOU RETURN TO VIETNAM TO ASSUME COMMAND OF THE RENOWNED III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP AND HIGH SENSE OF PURPOSE THAT HAVE CHARACTERIZED YOUR PAST ASSIGNMENTS. WELCOME BACK TO FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC. LTGEN BUSE.

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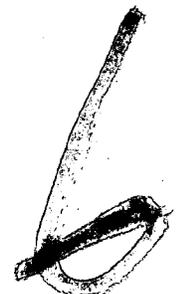
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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE

ITINERARY FOR VISIT 9-10 MARCH 1970

1. THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ITINERARY IS SUBMITTED
DATE/TIME/EVENT. ALL TIMES LOCAL.

9 MAR 70

2145

ARR HICKAM AFB BY KC-130 - RON CG'S QTRS

10 MAR 70

0700

BREAKFAST WITH CG AT QTRS

0800

MORNING BRIEFING

0830

CALL ON CG FMFPAC

0900

DEBRIEF (CMD CTR CONF RM)

1030-1130

DEBRIEF CINCPAC (CINCPAC EXEC CONF RM)

1130

CALL ON CINCPAC

1200

LUNCH WITH CG

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DEPART HICKAM AFB FOR MAUI VIA 117

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ARRIVE MAUI (HANA)

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DEPART MAUI (HANA)

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ARRIVE HICKAM AFB

1800

DEPART HICKAM AFB VIA KC 130 (DINNER ON A/C)

11 MARCH 70

0300

ARRIVE EL TORO

0400

DEPART EL TORO VIA KC 130 FOR ANDREWS AFB

1400

ARRIVE ANDREWS AFB

2. ABOVE ITINERARY CAN BE MODIFIED IF YOU SO DESIRE. PLEASE ADVISE

3. HAVE MADE MY KC 130 AVAILABLE FOR YOUR ENTIRE TRIP.

WARM REGARDS.

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

PERSONAL FROM BGEN SPANJER TO LT GEN NICKERSON
HELICOPTER CONTROL

- A. CG III MAF 040551Z MAR 70
- B. CG III MAF 021538Z MAR 70
- C. ADMIN FMAW 280635Z FEB 70

1. (U) HELO CONTROL REFERED TO IN REF A IS A MATTER OF SINCERE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CONCERN TO MYSELF AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL STAFF.

2. (C) DUE TO THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF GEN THRASH I HAVE DIRECTED A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION BE CONDUCTED INTO THE HELICOPTER CONTROL DURING THE CHANGE OF COMMAND FOR ADM DILLON. SPECIFICALLY I HAVE ASKED FOR WRITTEN STATEMENTS FROM CAPT MCINTOSH (FMAW G-3 REPRESENTATIVE) WHO WAS LOCATED AT THE PARKING AREA, MAJ NEBEL (OIC MATCU-68, MAG-16) WHO WAS LOCATED AT THE PICKUP AREA, (LZ-58), THE PILOT OF THE H-46 PARKED IN LZ-58 AND LT CLARK THE PILOT OF THE UH-1E. LT CLARK HAD BEEN WAITING AT LZ 23 AND HAD BEEN CALLED INTO LZ 58 BY ADM DILLONS AIDE TO PICK UP THE ADMIRALS PERSONAL GUEST BGEN MORRISON USA. THEIR STATEMENTS AND THE IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO GEN THRASH UPON HIS RETURN FRIDAY 6 MARCH.

3. (U) FUTURE PROCEDURES FOR FMAW CEREMONIAL SUPPORT WILL INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT FOR ALL VIP HELO PILOTS TO APPROACH THE LZ FROM AN INITIAL POINT FROM 1 TO 3 MILES DISTANT, CONSISTENT WITH LZ LOCATION, FROM WHICH INITIAL RADIO CONTACT WILL BE MADE AND LANDING INSTRUCTIONS PASSED. FOR PROPER DEPARTURE SEQUENCING LIAISON WILL BE EFFECTED WITH III MAF OR HOST UNIT PROTOCL FOR RANK PRECEDENCE AND ON-SCENE ASSISTANCE FOR VIP DEPARTURES. ADDITIONALLY, A MORE VIGOROUS PROGRAM WILL BE CONDUCTED TO INSURE FMAW HELICOPTER PILOTS ARE THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON THE HIGH CALIBER OF PERFORMANCE REQUIRED DURING FLAG/VIP MISSIONS.

4. (U) THE ACTION THAT IS CONSIDERED AN ABSOLUTE NECESSITY IN PROVIDING THE SAFE AND ORDERLY CONTROL OF HELICOPTERS FOR EVENTS SUCH AS THIS, IS TIMELY AND DETAILED PLANNING REQUIRED BY ALL UNITS INVOLVED. SUCH PLANNING WAS ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION REDEPLOYMENT CEREMONY AND THE VISIT BY MR. PACKARD (ASST SEC DEF), THE CHRISTMAS BOB HOPE SHOW. THE PLANNING, BY MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AND THIS COMMAND, FOR THE FORTHCOMING III MAF CHANGE OF COMMAND IS CONSIDERED ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF THIS. THIS PLAN IS REFLECTED IN REF B AND C. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT THAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WHICH IS CLEARLY STATED IN PARA 7 OF REF B, IS THE CLOSE COORDINATION REQUIRED BETWEEN THE PROTOCL SECTION AND THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER FOR THE RECALL OF HELICOPTERS.

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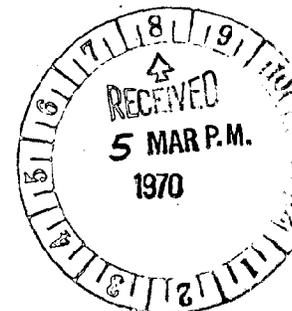
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 2922 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: MARCH COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE MARCH COMMANDER'S WIEU WILL BE HELD SATURDAY 14 MARCH 1970, COMMENCING 0900 HOURS. ALL ADDRESSEES ARE INVITED.
2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CTZ 'S ALSO ATTEND THE WIEU.
3. (U) COMMANDERS AND DEPCORDS ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV.
4. (C) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 14 MARCH 1970.
5. (C) RSVP REPEAT RSVP MACV 3044, 4958, OR 3151 NLT 12 MARCH 1970.
6. (U) DECLASSIFY EFFECTIVE 15 MARCH 1970.

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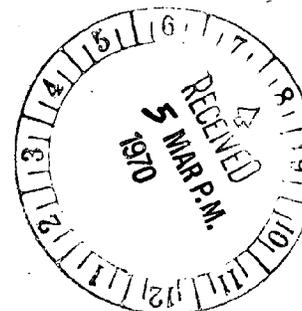
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TO BG L J DULACKI C OFS III MAF DA NANG VIETNAM
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SUBJECT: CITATION FOR AWARD TO LTG NICKERSON
FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF CITATION FOR AWARD OF THE
GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF SECOND DSM TO LTG NICKERSON:



"THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TAKES PLEASURE IN PRESENTING A GOLD STAR IN LIEU OF THE SECOND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL TO LIEUTENANT GENERAL HERMAN NICKERSON, JR., UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS, FOR SERVICE AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING CITATION: FOR EXCEPTIONALLY MERITORIOUS SERVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN A DUTY OF GREAT RESPONSIBILITY AS COMMANDING GENERAL, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE/SENIOR ADVISOR, I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, AND I CORPS COORDINATOR FOR UNITED STATES AND FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES FROM 27 MARCH 1969 TO 9 MARCH 1970. THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD, LIEUTENANT GENERAL NICKERSON PERFORMED HIS MYRIAD AND DEMANDING DUTIES WITH SUPERB LEADERSHIP AND EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONALISM, DISPLAYING UNCOMMON SKILL, COURAGE, AND FIGHTING SPIRIT, HE LED THE III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, A COMMAND COMPRISED OF SOME 150,000 UNITED STATES ARMY, NAVY, AND MARINE CORPS PERSONNEL, IN A RELENTLESS PURSUIT OF COMMUNIST AGGRESSOR FORCES, INFLECTING SEVERE LOSSES ON THE ENEMY AND CAPTURING OVER 17,000 WEAPONS AND TONS OF ENEMY MUNITIONS, SUPPLIES, AND FOODSTUFFS. EMPLOYING EXCEPTIONAL TACT AND DIPLOMACY, LIEUTENANT GENERAL NICKERSON WAS UNIQUELY SUCCESSFUL IN MOLDING THE FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND FREE WORLD MILITARY ASSISTANCE FORCES INTO A POWERFUL COMBAT ENTITY. HIS CONCERN AND COMPASSION FOR THE PEOPLE OF VIETNAM BECAME THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY ALLIED FORCES THROUGHOUT I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. AS SENIOR ADVISOR, HE ALSO CONTRIBUTED SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE DRAMATIC IMPROVEMENT IN THE COMBAT CAPABILITIES OF REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES. LIEUTENANT GENERAL NICKERSON'S EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE, UNSWERVING DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS REFLECTED GREAT CREDIT UPON HIMSELF AND WERE IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST TRADITIONS OF THE MARINE CORPS AND THE UNITED STATES NAVAL SERVICE." FOR THE PRESIDENT,
JOHN H. CHAFEE, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

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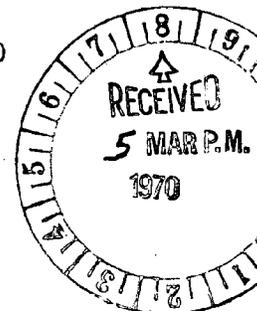
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 KNIVES AND WERE THEREBY DECAPITATED AND DISMEMBERED.
 A. STATEMENTS WERE REVIEWED. INDICATE DEATH OF ALL CIVILIANS
 RESULT GUNFIRE. NO INDICATION OF USE BAYONETS OR KNIVES. SOME
 MUTILATION AND DISMEMBERMENT OF BODIES DID RESULT FROM GUNFIRE
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 B. 5MAR70 SENT SJA AND PAO TO DISCUSS RVN INVESTIGATION

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 WITH US ADVISERS AT QUE SON DISTRICT AND QUANG NAM PROVINCE.
 RECD ASSURANCE NO RVN SPOKESMAN HAS MADE ANY RELEASE ON INCIDENT
 AND HAVE NO PLANS TO DO SO. DISTRICT ADVISER DID KNOW OF RUMORS
 AMONG VIETNAMESE THAT DEATHS HAD BEEN CAUSED BY KNIVES. SIMILAR
 REPT RECD FROM VIETNAMESE WOMAN BY 1/7 PATROL 20FEB70 THAT
 DISCOVERED BODIES.

2. CBS NEWSTEAM HEADED BY TONY SARGENT MADE TRIP TO SUBJ HAMLET
 5MAR70 WITH RF ESCORT. NO ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF TRIP GIVEN TO US
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 DISTRICT ADVISER DISCOVERED CREW ON RET TO QUE SON DIST HQ AND
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 TOOK PICTURES OF VILLAGE, GRAVES OF SIXTEEN CIVILIANS, AND OF
 LOCAL RESIDENTS BURNING INCENSE ON GRAVES. TM TALKED TO VILLAGE
 AND HAMLET CHIEFS. ADVISER DOUBTS THAT CHIEFS PROVIDED ANY
 SIGNIFICANT INFO ON INCIDENT. THERE IS GOOD POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER,
 THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS TOLD GORY STORY OF DEATHS EVEN THOUGH NONE
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1. REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A IS MACV ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN VIETNAM AS OF
 28 JAN 70.

B. REF B IS MACV INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION
 IN CAMBODIA AND ITS EFFECTS ON SOUTH VIETNAM.

C. REF C IS MACV CODEWORD INTELLIGENCE ASSESSMENT OF THE
 NVA CRAS LOGISTICS CAMPAIGN THROUGH LAOS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE DEVELOPING SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA IT
 APPEARS PRUDENT TO PROVIDE CINCPAC AND THE CJCS THE NEXT MACV
 ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION ABOUT MID-MARCH. THE ASSESSMENT
 UPDATE WHICH FOLLOWS IS BASED ON THE SITUATION TO-DATE AND
 HIGHLIGHTS THE CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURED SINCE THE 28 JAN
 ASSESSMENT. REF A. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING BY
 8 MAR 70. UP DATE INFORMATION ON RVNAF PERFORMANCE AND
 STATUS OF PACIFICATION IS PARTICULARLY REQUESTED TO OFFSET
 LAG TIME IN MACV REPORTS.

3. THIS MESSAGE IS IN TWO PARTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. PART I-SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS.

B. PART II-DETAILED ASSESSMENT.

(1) THE ENEMY SITUATION

(2) THE ALLIED SITUATION

(A) BY CTZ

(B) GENERAL RESERVE

(C) AIR SUPPORT

(D) LOGISTIC CONSIDERATIONS

(3) PACIFICATION

(4) RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS

PART I - SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

4. SUMMARY

A. AFTER A CONTINUING DECLINE DURING 1969, ENEMY STRENGTH IN
 AND ADJACENT TO SVN LEVELED OFF TO APPROXIMATELY 228,600.

B. THE GENERAL TEMPO OF ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LOW FOR THIS
 TIME OF YEAR WITH THE GREATEST INTENSITY CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY
 IN I CORPS AND IV CORPS.

C. THE CURRENT INCREASED ENEMY LOGISTIC EFFORT THROUGH
 LAOS IS INDICATIVE THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE HIS
 CAPABILITY FOR INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING 1970.



D. NORTH VIETNAM'S CRASH LOGISTIC PROGRAM HAS BEEN A SUSTAINED EFFORT FROM LATE DECEMBER 1969 TO DATE, TO MOVE LARGE QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES THROUGH LAOS OVER ITS EXPANDED LOGISTIC SYSTEM WHILE PROTECTING THE LOC'S WITH SAM'S AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS. IT NOW APPEARS THE ENEMY CAN MAINTAIN RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION CONCURRENTLY.

E. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT CAMBODIA IS INCREASING ITS INTERDICTION OF SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION ROUTES AND HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF VC/NVA SANCTUARIES IN CAMBODIA.

F. THE ENEMY THREAT IN I CORPS HAS REMAINED SUBSTANTIAL THROUGHOUT THE SIZE OF US REDEPLOYMENTS FROM THAT AREA.

G. THE FIVE ENEMY REGIMENTS IN NORTHERN AND WESTERN IV CORPS POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE CONSOLIDATION AND PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE DELTA. IF REINFORCEMENT OF IV CORPS IS NECESSARY, US TROOPS IN III CORPS WILL HAVE TO COVER FOR THE ARVN FORCES PLANNED TO BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

H. DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES, THE ENEMY HAS MANAGED TO RETAIN A FORCE STRUCTURE IN SVN POSSESSING A CAPACITY TO ABSORB REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL RAPIDLY AND TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER OPERATIONAL HIGH DURING 1970.

IN PACIFICATION PROGRESS AND RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS CONTINUE TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT.

J. IN I CORPS, RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS REMAINS BEST IN COUNTRY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1ST REGIMENT WHICH WAS ONE OF ARVN'S LOWEST UNITS IN OVERALL RESULTS DURING 4TH QUARTER 69. DUE TO THE SITUATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AND SOUTHERN I CIZ THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION SHOULD REMAIN THROUGH EARLY SUMMER.

K. IN II CORPS, OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 23D ARVN DIVISION HAS IMPROVED; THE 22D DIV REMAINS LARGELY UNTESTED; AND THE 42D REGIMENT CONTINUES TO BE ARVN'S LOWEST IN OVERALL RESULTS.

L. WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D BDL, 4TH INF DIV FROM THE HIGHLANDS, THE 47TH ARVN REGIMENT WILL MOVE TO PLAIKU FROM PHU YEN PROVINCE. TROOP READJUSTMENTS IN PHU YEN PROVINCE AND VIETNAMIZATION OF THE HIGHLANDS WILL BE CRITICAL TO PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN II CORPS.

M. DUE TO THE THREAT POSED BY ELEMENTS OF THE 3D NVA DIVISION IN BINH DINH PROVINCE, THE REMAINDER OF THE 4TH INF DIV SHOULD REMAIN IN THAT AREA AT LEAST THROUGH THE SUMMER AND TO COVER POSSIBLE REINFORCEMENT OF THE HIGHLANDS BY ARVN FORCES.

N. SAIGON MUST REMAIN A NO RISK AREA. REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 1ST INF DIV WILL REQUIRE ARVN UNITS IN III CORPS TO ASSUME INCREASING RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERDICTION ENEMY ROUTES OF APPROACH TO SAIGON. THE THREE ARVN DIVISIONS IN III CORPS WILL NEED TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE READJUSTMENTS AND BECOME FULLY EFFECTIVE. THIS MAY REQUIRE THE 199TH LT INF BDL AND THE 3D BDL, 9TH INF DIV TO REMAIN WELL INTO THE SUMMER.

O. THE 25TH ARVN DIVISION HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING PROGRESS;

HOWEVER, EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 9TH AND 18TH DIVISIONS DECLINED DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69.

P. IN IV CORPS ARVN/VNMC AND TERRITORIAL FORCES HAVE PERFORMED WELL AGAINST THE NEW ENEMY FORMATIONS. THE 9TH AND 21ST ARVN DIVISIONS HAVE SHOWN ENCOURAGING PROGRESS BUT THE 7TH DIV DETERIORATED DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69.

Q. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RVNAF GENERAL RESERVE WILL SHORTLY EXCEED THEIR CAPABILITY. MASSED AIR STRIKES HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN THE ONLY REAL ALLIED RESERVE AND WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF VIETNAMIZATION AS US PRESENCE IN SVN DECREASES. THE REALITIES OF THE COMBAT SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MILITATES AGAINST A REDUCTION OF AIR UNITS IN THAILAND OR A REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE B-52 AND TACTICAL AIR SORTIES WITHOUT TAKING THE SERIOUS RISKS OF INCREASING US AND ALLIED CASUALTIES AS WELL AS REDUCING THE CAPABILITY TO PREEMPT, DELAY OR DEFEAT ENEMY INITIATIVES AS THEY DEVELOP.

R. LOGISTICAL READJUSTMENTS NECESSITATED BY US REDEPLOYMENTS REQUIRE A CONSOLIDATION PERIOD AFTER 15 APRIL.

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5. CONCLUSIONS

A. THE ENEMY LOGISTICAL BUILD-UP IN LROS, THE SHIFTING OF FIVE REGIMENTS FROM III CORPS TO IV CORPS AND THE PRESENCE OF SUBSTANTIAL CACHES IN II AND III CORPS PORTEND AN INCREASE IN VC/NVA OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER OF 1970.



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B. US GROUND, AIR AND NAVAL FORCES COMMITTED TO THE CONFLICT IN SVN ARE ALL AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE RESOURCES REQUIRED TO MAKE VIETNAMIZATION SUCCEED AS WE CONTINUE TOWARDS THE GOALS SET FOR 1971. A REDUCTION IN ANY ONE OF THESE ELEMENTS, ARRIVED AT INDEPENDENTLY OF THE "CUI AND TRY" METHOD WHICH ASSESSES THE IMPACT OF ALL ELEMENTS ON THE TOTAL SITUATION, COULD UPSET THE MILITARY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BALANCE IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND JEOPARDIZE THE ULTIMATE SUCCESS OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM.

C. BEYOND 15 APRIL 1970, NO REPEAT NO FURTHER REDUCTION IN B-52 SORTIES OR USAF AND USN ATTACK/FIGHTER SORTIES CAN BE SUSTAINED.

D. US REDEPLOYMENTS TO-DATE HAVE STRETCHED RVNAF ABILITY TO TAKE OVER NEW AND EXTENDED AREAS OF TACTICAL RESPONSIBILITY AND HAVE REDUCED THEIR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN SUFFICIENT RESERVE FORCES AT CORPS AND NATIONAL LEVEL TO RESPOND TO EMERGENCIES. RVNAF NEEDS A BREATHING SPELL AFTER PHASE 3 US REDEPLOYMENTS TO ADJUST TO HIS NEW SITUATION.

E. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, FURTHER US REDEPLOYMENTS DURING THE SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER OF 1970 ARE NOT RECOMMENDED.

PART II - DETAILED ASSESSMENT

6. THE ENEMY SITUATION

A. AFTER A CONTINUING DECLINE DURING 1969, THE ENEMY STRENGTH IN AND ADJACENT TO SOUTH VIETNAM LEVELLED OFF TO APPROXIMATELY 228,600.

B. IN GENERAL, THE TEMPO OF ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN LOW FOR THIS TIME OF YEAR WITH THE GREATEST INTENSITY OF COMBAT CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY IN I CORPS AND IN IV CORPS.

C. TO-DATE THE ENEMY HAS MADE NO POSITIVE RECIPROCAL RESPONSE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA TO ALLIED INITIATIVES TO DE-ESCALATE THE CONFLICT. ON THE CONTRARY, CURRENT INCREASED ENEMY LOGISTIC ACTIVITY THROUGH LAOS IS INDICATIVE THAT THE ENEMY IS ATTEMPTING TO IMPROVE HIS CAPABILITY FOR INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY DURING 1970.

D. THE TWO MAIN SOURCES OF SUPPLIES FOR ENEMY FORCES IN SVN REMAIN NVN AND CAMBODIA. IT APPEARS THAT CAMBODIA IS ATTEMPTING TO RESTRICT THE ACTIVITIES AND CONTROL THE PRESENCE OF THE VC/NVA WITHIN ITS TERRITORY. THERE ARE RECENT INDICATIONS WHICH SUGGEST THAT THE CAMBODIAN GOVERNMENT HAS:

(1) CONTINUED TO SEND SUPPLIES OTHER THAN ARMAMENTS TO THE VC/NVA.

(2) FULFILLED ITS OBLIGATIONS FOR THE IMPORT OF MUNITIONS DESTINED FOR THE VC/NVA AND AT THIS TIME APPEARS UNWILLING TO ASSUME ANY FURTHER COMMITMENTS.

(3) DELIVERED TO BORDER AREAS, ALL MUNITIONS IN THE DELTA'S OF KOMPONG SPED AND LOVER WHICH WERE earmarked FOR THE VC/NVA, BY THE END OF DECEMBER 1969.

(4) INCREASED ITS INTERDICTION OF VC/NVA SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION ROUTES AND HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF VC/NVA SANCTUARIES IN CAMBODIA.

E. DUE TO THE APPARENT VC/VVA SUPPLY PROBLEM IN THOSE AREAS TRADITIONALLY SUPPLIED THROUGH SIHANOUKVILLE, THERE ARE INCREASING INDICATIONS THAT SUPPLIES ARE BEING PUSHED INTO CAMBODIA FROM LAOS DESTINED FOR THE COSVN AREA OF SVN. THE ENEMY SUPPLY PROBLEMS WERE EXACERBATED BY THE CAPTURE IN-COUNTRY OF ALMOST 300 CACHES OF ENEMY MATERIAL IN 1969, A 41 PERCENT INCREASE OVER 1968. THE ENEMY'S LOGISTICS PROBLEMS WILL BE FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY THE 272 CACHES SEIZED IN JANUARY 1970 AND THE DISCOVERY OF THE EXTENSIVE CACHES IN II AND III CORPS IN FEBRUARY, TOTALLING OVER 80 AND 360 TONS RESPECTIVELY.

F. SINCE EARLY FALL THE ENEMY HAS IMPROVED HIS LOGISTIC POSTURE BY EXTENSIVE ROAD REPAIR (COMPLETING 400 KILOMETERS OF NEW ROAD IN LAOS), PUL PIPELINE EXTENSIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ, AND PROTECTION OF HIS LOC'S. TWENTY-FIVE (25) SAM SITES (5 OCCUPIED) AND POSSIBLE 100MM AA POSITIONS REFLECT THE EXTENT OF HIS DETERMINATION TO DEFEND HIS SUPPLY ROUTES.

G. THE SHARP INCREASE IN ENEMY LOGISTIC ACTIVITY CONTINUED IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND EARLY MARCH 1970, WITH SENSOR ACTIVATION AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. IN SPITE OF THE INCREASED EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ALLIED INTERDICTION PROGRAM, THE ENEMY REMAINS CAPABLE OF MOVING LARGE QUANTITIES OF SUPPLIES THROUGH THE LAOTIAN PANHANDLE.

H. THE ENEMY CRASH LOGISTICS PROGRAM MAY HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DECLINE IN PERSONNEL INFILTRATION NOTED IN THE LATTER PART OF 1969. IT APPEARS THAT PRIMARY EMPHASIS WAS PLACED ON MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES ONCE IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE EXPANDED LOGISTIC SYSTEM COULD NOT HANDLE THE LARGE QUANTITIES OF BOTH MEN AND MATERIALS. HOWEVER, DUE TO HIS SUSTAINED EFFORTS, IT NOW APPEARS HE CAN MAINTAIN RELATIVELY HIGH LEVELS OF LOGISTIC AND PERSONNEL INFILTRATION CONCURRENTLY.

I. THE ENEMY RETAINS A SIGNIFICANT CAPABILITY FOR INITIATING OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY ON RELATIVELY SHORT NOTICE IN SELECTED AREAS, BUT HE DOES NOT CURRENTLY HAVE THE CAPABILITY TO SUSTAIN SUCH ATTACKS. PRESENT ENEMY STRATEGY REPRESENTS A BLEND OF POLITICAL AND MILITARY ACTIVITY CALCULATED TO ACHIEVE DOMESTIC ANTI-WAR PRESSURE IN THE US LEADING TO A RAPID REDPLOYMENT OF US FORCES, THE COLLAPSE OF THE GVN AND THE CREATING OF A COALITION GOVERNMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

J. ALL CURRENT INDICATIONS UNDERSCORE THE FACT THAT THE ENEMY HAS CONTINUED TO DEVELOP INFILTRATION ROUTES AND SUPPORT FACILITIES AND TO MAINTAIN AND IMPROVE FIELD LOGISTICS SUPPORT TO INCLUDE STOCKPILING OF SUPPLIES IN BASE AREAS. DESPITE HEAVY LOSSES, HE HAS MANAGED TO MAINTAIN A FORCE STRUCTURE POSSESSING CAPACITY TO ABSORB REPLACEMENT PERSONNEL RAPIDLY AND TO ACHIEVE ANOTHER OPERATIONAL HIGH DURING 1970.

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7. THE ALLIED SITUATION

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(1) THE ENEMY THREAT TO NORTHERN I CORPS IS SUBSTANTIAL AND HAS REMAINED UNDIMINISHED THROUGHOUT SIZEABLE US REDEPLOYMENTS FROM THAT AREA. IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ, THERE ARE 17 ENEMY MANEUVER BATTALIONS AND SEVEN ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, AND THE NVA CAN REINFORCE WITH UP TO THREE DIVISION EQUIVALENTS IN SEVEN DAYS. WEATHER IN THIS AREA FROM NOW THROUGH THE SUMMER WILL BE INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE FOR MOVEMENT.

(2) THE THREE PROVINCES OF SOUTHERN I CORPS CONTINUE TO BE A SECURITY PROBLEM, WITH 13 ENEMY INFANTRY AND TWO ARTILLERY REGIMENTAL EQUIVALENTS IN THIS AREA TARGETED PRIMARILY AGAINST US ELEMENTS AND THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. MOST OF THE RECENT ACTIVITY HAS CENTERED IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

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(3) IN QUANG DA STZ (QUANG NAM PROVINCE), THE 51ST REGIMENT CONTINUES TO SHOW A DOWN-TREND IN RESULTS ATTAINED. IT'S POTENTIAL IS STILL RATED HIGH EVEN THOUGH ITS OVERALL RESULTS WERE ONE OF ARVN'S LOWEST FOR THE 4TH QUARTER 69. THE HIGH DESERTION RATE OF THE 51ST REGIMENT IS ALSO OF CONCERN. TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 51ST REGIMENT HAVE BEGUN COMBINED OPERATIONS WITH ELEMENTS OF THE US 5TH MARINE REGIMENT. THE MOVE OF THE 51ST REGT OUT OF DANANG INTO A MORE OPERATIONAL POSTURE IS EXPECTED TO IMPROVE ITS PERFORMANCE. DUE TO THE SITUATION IN QUANG NAM AND IN SOUTHERN I CTZ THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION SHOULD REMAIN THROUGH EARLY SUMMER.

(4) RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS IN I CORPS REMAINS THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY. EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 1ST ARVN DIV CONTINUES TO BE RATED HIGH; HOWEVER, OPERATIONAL RESULTS OF THE 2D ARVN DIV EXCEEDED THAT OF THE 1ST DIV FOR THE 4TH QUARTER 69.



B. II CTZ

(1) SINCE THE ENEMY UNITS WITHDREW FROM BU PRANG/DUC LAP UNDER RVNAF PRESSURE, WITHOUT ACHIEVING ANY SIGNIFICANT OBJECTIVES, THE HIGHLANDS HAVE REMAINED QUIET. THE PRIMARY THREAT IN II CORPS IS POSED BY THE CURRENT DISPOSITION OF 3 REGIMENTS OF THE 3D NVA DIV IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. REPORTS INDICATE THAT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA WILL BE DIRECTED AGAINST PACIFIED AREAS ALONG THE POPULOUS COASTAL PLAIN. NEUTRALIZATION OF THE 3D NVA DIVISION HAS BEGUN AND WILL BE PURSUED WITH AVAILABLE FORCES, TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE DRY SEASON DURING THE SUMMER. THIS HAS ALREADY RESULTED IN AN INCREASED NUMBER OF ENEMY CONTACTS AND SIZEABLE CACHES SEIZED.

(2) A POTENTIAL THREAT ALSO EXISTS IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS AREA WHERE FOUR NVA INFANTRY REGIMENTS AND ONE NVA ARTILLERY REGIMENT ARE REFITTING AND REPLACING THE HEAVY LOSSES SUFFERED IN THE BU PRANG/DUC LAP CAMPAIGN. BY LATE SPRING THESE UNITS ARE AGAIN EXPECTED TO TEST ARVN CAPABILITIES BY LAUNCHING UP TO MULTI-REGIMENTAL OPERATIONS IN THE BEN HET/DAK TO AREAS.

(3) WITH THE BU PRANG/DUC LAP OPERATIONS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, THE 23D ARVN DIV HAS A NEW FOUND CONFIDENCE IN ITS CAPABILITY. THE 22D DIV ON THE OTHER HAND HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO PACIFICATION MISSIONS IN RECENT MONTHS, AND ITS CAPABILITIES ARE LARGELY UNTESTED. THE 42D REGT CONTINUES TO SHOW POOR RESULTS AND ITS OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS IS THE LOWEST IN THE COUNTRY.

(4) WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 3D BDE, 4TH INF DIV, THE SUCCESSFUL MOVEMENT OF THE 47TH ARVN REGIMENT FROM PHU YEN PROVINCE TO PLEIKU AND THE VIETNAMIZATION OF THE HIGHLANDS WILL BE A CRITICAL FACTOR IN THE PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN II CORPS. ABDUCTION INCIDENTS IN PHU YEN PROVINCE TRIPLED IN FEBRUARY OVER THE PREVIOUS MONTH AND WILL REQUIRE INCREASED ATTENTION WITH THE DEPARTURE OF THE 47TH REGIMENT. THIS SITUATION COULD PROVE TROUBLESOME DURING THE READJUSTMENT OF FORCES.

(5) THE REMAINDER OF THE 4TH INF DIV SHOULD REMAIN AT LEAST THROUGH THE SUMMER TO MAINTAIN THE PACIFICATION MOMENTUM IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND TO COVER ARVN FORCES WHICH MAY HAVE TO BE DEPLOYED FROM THE COASTAL PLAIN OF II CORPS TO COUNTER ENEMY INITIATIVES IN THE HIGHLAND.

C. III CTZ

(1) COMBAT ACTIVITY IN III CORPS CONTINUED AT A LOW LEVEL; HOWEVER, THREE ENEMY DIVISIONS REMAIN POISED IN THE NORTH-WESTERN BORDER AREAS. IT APPEARS THE ENEMY HAS BEEN CONCENTRATING ON LOGISTIC ACTIVITIES. THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF SIZEABLE CACHES OF AMMUNITION, WEAPONS AND RICE IN THE BORDER PROVINCES AND IN WAR ZONE D ATTESTS TO THE CONTINUED DETERMINATION OF THE ENEMY TO MOUNT ATTACKS BY FIRE AND BY SAPPERS ON THE CAPITAL AND ITS ENVIRONS.

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(2) SAIGON MUST REMAIN A NO RISK AREA. THE BORDERING PROVINCES OF HAU NGHIA AND LONG AN STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO. POPULATION SECURITY HAS REGRESSED SLIGHTLY IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE AND ACCORDING TO THE LATEST HES/70 RATINGS IT IS SIXTH FROM THE BOTTOM. LONG AN IS RATED 23 WITH POPULATION SECURITY STATUS REMAINING STEADY. EFFORTS ARE CONTINUING TO NEUTRALIZE THE ENEMY IN THESE AREAS. SINCE 1 JAN THREE VMC COMBAT BATTALIONS HAVE LEFT THE CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT, WITH THIRTEEN ARVN/VNMC BATTALIONS REMAINING. OF SIGNIFICANCE, DURING THE TET PERIOD, SECURITY FOR SAIGON WAS MAINTAINED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE TERRITORIAL FORCES WITHOUT SERIOUS INCIDENT. IF VIETNAMIZATION IS TO PROGRESS, NATIONAL POLICE AND TERRITORIAL FORCES MUST DEVELOP A SIMILAR CAPABILITY NATIONWIDE TO SECURE POPULATION CENTERS WHILE REGULAR FORCES KEEP THE ENEMY AT BAY IN REMOTE AREAS.

(3) LONG KHANH AND PHUOC TUY PROVINCES STILL HAVE SIZEABLE COMBAT EFFECTIVE ENEMY FORCES IN THE VICINITY. RECENTLY, COMBAT ACTIVITY IN LONG KHANH INCREASED SLIGHTLY. THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE US 1ST INF DIV WILL REQUIRE THE 5TH, 18TH AND 25TH ARVN DIVISIONS TO ASSUME INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR INTERDICTING ENEMY ROUTES OF APPROACH TOWARD SAIGON. THESE DIVISIONS WILL NEED TIME TO ACCOMPLISH THE READJUSTMENTS AND BECOME FULLY EFFECTIVE.

(4) THE 25TH ARVN DIVISION HAS SHOWN OUTSTANDING PROGRESS AND HAS ADVANCED TO ONE OF THE FOUR TOP DIVISIONS IN OPERATIONAL RESULTS ACHIEVED. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 5TH AND 18TH ARVN DIVISIONS DECLINED IN THE 4TH QUARTER 69 DUE MAINLY TO THE LEADERSHIP OF SEVERAL OF THEIR BATTALIONS AND INDECISIVENESS IN COMBAT.

(5) THE 199TH LIGHT INF BDE AND THE 39 BDE, 9TH INF DIV SHOULD REMAIN IN LONG KHANH AND LONG AN RESPECTIVELY WELL INTO THE SUMMER IN AN EFFORT TO ALLOW ARVN TO MOVE OUTWARD FROM POPULATION CENTERS AND PLAY A GREATER ROLE IN HOLDING THE ENEMY AT BAY IN THE BORDER AREAS.

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D. IV CTZ

(1) IN IV CORPS, ENEMY CONTACTS HAVE DECREASED SOMEWHAT; HOWEVER, THE FIVE ENEMY REGIMENTS WHICH HAVE MOVED INTO NORTHERN AND WESTERN IV CORPS POSE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE DELTA. THE ARVN/AVNMC AND TERRITORIAL FORCES HAVE PERFORMED WELL SO FAR IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH THESE NEW ENEMY FORMATIONS; HOWEVER, THE ENEMY HAS NOT YET MADE HIS MOVE. WHEN HE DOES, REINFORCEMENT BY ADDITIONAL GENERAL RESERVE FORCES FROM III CORPS MAY WELL BE NECESSARY. IN THIS EVENT, US TROOPS WILL BE NEEDED TO COVER FOR THOSE ARVN FORCES DEPLOYED FROM III CORPS.

(2) THE 9TH AND THE 21ST ARVN DIVISIONS HAVE SHOWN ENCOURAGING PROGRESS WHILE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 7TH DIV HAS DETERIORATED IN THE 4TH QUARTER 69. IMPROVEMENT IS EXPECTED IN THE 7TH DIV UNDER ITS NEW LEADERSHIP. THE AGGRESSIVENESS, FLEXIBILITY AND OPERATIONAL RESULTS OF THE 9TH DIV IMPROVED MEASURABLY AS CONFIDENCE IN ITS ABILITIES INCREASED DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69. EMPLOYMENT OF THE 9TH DIV AS A MOBILE FORCE, OPERATING OUT OF ITS DTA, MARKS A SIGNIFICANT STEP FORWARD IN INCREASED ARVN OPERATIONAL CAPABILITY.

E. GENERAL RESERVE

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RVNAF GENERAL RESERVE WILL SHORTLY EXCEED ITS CAPABILITY. BY 15 APRIL 1970, ALLIED LOSS OF FLEXIBILITY RESULTING FROM US REDEPLOYMENTS WILL MAKE IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO RESPOND WITH GROUND COMBAT FORCES TO SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY INITIATIVES IN TWO AREAS SIMULTANEOUSLY SUCH AS NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN I CORPS, THE DELTA OR IN III CORPS.

F. AIR SUPPORT

(1) QUITE ASIDE FROM ANY REDEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE REDUCED US MANEUVER BATTALIONS BY 30 PERCENT, BUDGET REDUCTIONS HAVE IMPOSED A CUT OF OVER 20 PERCENT IN B52 AND TACAIR SORTIES SINCE 1 JULY 69. THIS HAS REDUCED ALLIED CAPABILITY TO RESPOND TO MULTIPLE CONTINGENCIES WITH MASSES FIREPOWER. MASSES AIR STRIKES HAVE IN THE PAST BEEN THE ONLY REAL ALLIED RESERVE AND WILL BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO THE SUCCESS OF THE VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS AS US PRESENCE IN SVN DECREASES. THIS SITUATION HAS BEEN AGGRAVATED BY INCREASED DEMANDS FOR AIR SUPPORT FOR THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT ARMED FORCES IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO DETER THE NVA/PATHEP LAO CAMPAIGN IN NORTHERN LAOS. NVA DISPOSITION IN LAOS AND THEIR CONTROL OF KEY LAOTIAN TERRITORY HAVE A DIRECT EFFECT ON THE WAR IN SVN AND MUST BE TREATED AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE ENEMY'S OPERATIONALITIES.

(2) THERE ARE NOW INDICATIONS THAT ADDITIONAL BUDGET CUTS WILL BE IMPOSED IN FY 71 WHICH WILL REDUCE US FORCES IN THAILAND AND FURTHER REDUCE B52 SORTIES BY 14 PERCENT AND TACAIR SORTIES BY 22 PERCENT FROM PRESENT LEVELS. THIS APPROACH WOULD ABANDON THE "CUT AND TRY" CONCEPT BY FIXING US REDUCTIONS WITHOUT REGARD TO THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE ENEMY SITUATION OR THE PACE OF VIETNAMIZATION WHICH IS GATHERING SPEED GRADUALLY AS VIETNAMESE COMPETENCE AND CONFIDENCE GRADUALLY DEVELOPS. IN ADDITION, THE EXTENT OF THE AIR EFFORT THAT WAS DIVERTED TO NORTHERN LAOS DURING THE MILITARY ACTION THERE IN FEBRUARY, HIGHLIGHTS THE GROWING DANGER THAT WILL INCUR IF AIR RESOURCES ARE ARBITRARILY REDUCED BY BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS AT THE VERY TIME THE ENEMY MAY WELL DECIDE TO MAKE A MAJOR MILITARY TEST OF VIETNAMIZATION AND/OR PRESS ON IN LAOS TO TIP THE DELICATE MILITARY BALANCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA. THE REALITIES OF THE COMBAT SITUATION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA MILITATES AGAINST A REDUCTION OF AIR UNITS IN THAILAND OR A REDUCTION IN AVAILABLE SORTIES FOR THE REASONS STATED BELOW:

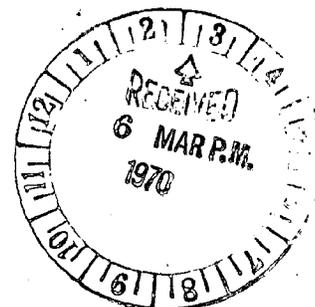
(A) THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY SUPPLIES BEFORE THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO BEAR AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES IN SVN IS A PRE-REQUISITE FOR MAINTAINING THE PACE OF VIETNAMIZATION. THE INTERDICTION STRATEGY IS TO ATTACK ALL ELEMENTS OF THE ENEMY LOGISTIC SYSTEM WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF MAINTAINING CONSTANT PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY RESUPPLY EFFORTS. WHEN THE ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO MOVE HIS SUPPLIES AT NIGHT, HIS VEHICLES ARE ATTACKED. WHEN HE PARKS THE VEHICLES OR STORES THE SUPPLIES TO HIDE FROM AIR ATTACK DURING THE DAY, THE TRUCK PARKS AND STORAGE AREAS ARE SOUGHT OUT AND ATTACKED. CONSTANT PRESSURE IS KEPT ON HIS LOG'S TO SLOW AND CHANNEL HIS MOVEMENT THEREBY LENGTHENING THE TIME HIS SUPPLIES DESTINED FOR RVN ARE EXPOSED TO ATTACK.

(B) TACTICAL AIR SORTIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA ARE UNDER A SINGLE MANAGER, DEPCOMUSMACV FOR AIR, WHICH PROVIDES THE FLEXIBILITY OF ALLOCATING AIR ASSETS TO THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TARGETS. OF NECESSITY, OPERATIONS ARE CONSTANTLY VARIED TO INTERACTION WITH THE ENEMY. PREPLANNED SORTIES AGAINST ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS IN RVN DENY HIM THE INITIATIVE, DISRUPT HIS PLANNING, FORCE HIM TO TAKE EXTENSIVE PROTECTIVE MEASURES, DESTROY HIS MATERIAL AND KILL HIS PERSONNEL. THE IMMEDIATE AIR SUPPORT SORTIES HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE MOST RESPONSIVE MEANS OF FIRE SUPPORT FOR TROOPS IN CONTACT. HOWEVER, IF SORTIES WERE REDUCED TO A POINT WHERE THERE ARE ONLY SUFFICIENT SORTIES AVAILABLE FOR TROOPS IN CONTACT, THE ENEMY WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GROUP HIS FORCES, MOVE AND ASSEMBLE HIS SUPPLIES AND STRIKE FRIENDLY FORCES AT HIS DISCRETION. SINCE ALLIED CASUALTIES ARE MARKEDLY HIGHER DURING MASSES ENEMY ATTACKS, THE ABILITY TO PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS IS A CRITICAL ELEMENT IN MINIMIZING FRIENDLY LOSSES ESPECIALLY DURING THE PHASE DOWN OF US FORCES. INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES GIVE NO INDICATION OF A SHARP DECLINE IN ENEMY STRENGTH IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WHILE US FORCES ARE WELL INTO A REDEPLOYMENT PHASING WHICH MAY CONTINUE FOR SOME TIME. THIS REDUCTION IN US GROUND COMBAT POWER MEANS FEWER GROUND PATROLS (AND LESS AREAS WHERE THE PRESENCE OF US FORCES IS FELT). PREPLANNED AIR ATTACK SORTIES ARE NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN US PRESENCE, BOTH AS A PSYCHOLOGICAL LIFT FOR RVNAF AND AS A REAL DETERRENT TO ENEMY ACTIVITY.

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(3) BEYOND 19 APRIL 1970, NO REPEAT NO FURTHER REDUCTION IN B52 STRIKES OR USAF AND USN ATTACK/FIGHTER SORTIES CAN BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT TAKING THE SERIOUS RISKS OF INCREASING US AND ALLIED CASUALTIES AS WELL AS REDUCING THE CAPABILITY TO PREEMPT, DETER, OR DEFEAT ENEMY INITIATIVES AS THEY DEVELOP. BATTLES AT BEN HET/DAK TO AND BU PRANG/DUC LAP HAVE DEMONSTRATED THAT ADEQUATE AND TIMELY APPLICATION OF AIR SUPPORT IS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IN MINIMIZING ALLIED CASUALTIES AND DEFEATING WELL-ARMED AND WELL-TRAINED NVA FORCES CLOSE TO THEIR SANCTUARIES.

G. LOGISTIC CONSIDERATIONS

(1) THE REDEPLOYMENT OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT FORCES HAS GENERALLY KEPT PACE WITH THE OVERALL STRENGTH REDUCTION IN VIETNAM. HOWEVER, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE LOGISTICS SUPPORT MISSIONS PROPORTIONATELY. EXPERIENCE HAS PROVEN THAT ROLL-UP OPERATIONS CAUSE A MAJOR SURGE IN WORKLOAD OVER AND ABOVE NORMAL MISSIONS DURING AND AFTER EACH REDEPLOYMENT PHASE. THIS ADDITIONAL WORKLOAD INVOLVES THE TURN-IN, CLASSIFICATION, MAINTENANCE AND DISPOSITION OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES, PREPARATION AND RELEASE OF EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES TO RVNAF, AND RELOCATION OF FACILITIES BEING VACATED. IN THE CASE OF KEYSTONE BLUE JAY THIS WILL AMOUNT TO SOME 120,000 ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT TO BE PROCESSED BY USAFV ALONE AND OVER 19 COMPANY MONTHS OF ENGINEER EFFORT IN THE TRANSFER/RELOCATION OF FACILITIES. THERE IS ALSO A CURRENT BACKLOG OF SOME 16,000 SHORT TONS OF RETROGRADE MATERIAL AT DANANG PORT WHICH WILL BE PROCESSED BETWEEN NOW AND MAY.

(2) THE ARMY SUPPORT STRUCTURE IS ORGANIZED LARGELY ON AN AREA BASIS. IN REDUCING THIS SUPPORT STRUCTURE, THE ELIMINATION/REDUCTION OF BASES AND GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN REDUCING THE NUMBER OF TROOPS SUPPORTED. IN MOST AREAS THE VIETNAMIZATION PROCESS HAS NOT HAD SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT THE CONSOLIDATION OF US FORCES SINCE THEIR PRESENCE PROVIDES THE REQUIRED STIFFENING INFLUENCE TO RVNAF AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCESS.

(3) WITH THE ASSUMPTION OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CTZ, USAFV IS FACED WITH AN INCREASE IN SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. 1ST LOGISTICS COMMAND, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELOCATE ALMOST 2000 PERSONNEL INTO I CTZ BY 1 JULY TO ASSUME THIS NEW MISSION. REQUIREMENTS FOR ARMY AVIATION, ENGINEER, MEDICAL, MP, AND SIGNAL SUPPORT ARE ALSO INCREASED. WITH THE ALREADY THINLY SPREAD SUPPORT ASSETS AND INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES, FURTHER REDEPLOYMENT OF USAFV SUPPORT FORCES WILL HAVE TO BE CAREFULLY LIMITED UNTIL SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS ARE MADE IN THE OVERALL FORCE STRUCTURE OR UNTIL FURTHER PROGRESS IS MADE IN CLOSING OR ELIMINATING AND REDUCING AREAS OF SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITY.

(4) BY 30 JUNE 1970 APPROXIMATELY 85 PERCENT OF THE US COMBAT CRAFT WILL HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE VNN. HOWEVER, THE CURRENT INADEQUACY OF THE VNN LOGISTIC SYSTEM REQUIRES RETENTION OF ESSENTIAL US SUPPORT FORCES UNTIL THE VNN BECOMES LOGISTICALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT.

(5) A BREATHER AFTER PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD PERMIT THE REDUCTION OF THE RETROGRADE AT DANANG, CONSOLIDATION OF ARMY COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW LOGS AND LOGISTIC ARRANGEMENTS IN I CORPS IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE US REDEPLOYMENTS. PACIFICATION.

A. THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM CONTINUES TO SHOW IMPROVEMENT. SINCE THE NUMERICAL RATING (PERCENT ABC) PRODUCED BY THE NEW HES, IMPLEMENTED ON 1 JANUARY, IS BASED ON DIFFERENT CRITERIA THAN THAT PREVIOUSLY USED, IT WILL BE LATE APRIL BEFORE MEANINGFUL TRENDS BASED ON THE NEW HES CAN BE DETERMINED.

B. THE NUMBER OF RALLIERS HAS RETURNED TO THE DECEMBER 1969 LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 600 PER WEEK AFTER THE EXPECTED SHARP DROP OFF DURING THE TET HOLIDAYS.

C. THE PSDF CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED BY THE ENEMY, PARTICULARLY IN III AND IV CORPS. TO UPGRADE THEIR COMBAT CAPABILITY, THE GVN IS ORGANIZING 15,000 35-MAN UNITS CALLED INTERTEAMS. SPECIAL TRAINING HAS BEGUN FOR 7,795 OF THE PROPOSED 60,000 LEADERS OF THESE TEAMS. THIS PROGRAM WILL BE MONITORED CAREFULLY SINCE THESE KEY INTERTEAM MEMBERS WILL SERVE AS CIVILIANS WITHOUT COMPENSATION AND THEIR PSDF DUTIES WILL TAKE TOO MUCH TIME AWAY FROM NORMAL PURSUITS.

D. THE NUMBER OF VCI NEUTRALIZED IN JANUARY (NEUTRALIZED INCLUDES KILLED, RALLIED AND SENTENCED TO ONE YEAR OR MORE) IS DOWN 420 FROM THE DECEMBER 1969 TOTAL OF 1637. THIS IS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED CRITERIA WHEREBY A CAPTURED VCI MUST BE SENTENCED TO A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR IN PRISON BEFORE HE CAN BE CONSIDERED NEUTRALIZED. AN ADDITIONAL 691 WERE CAPTURED IN JANUARY AND ARE AWAITING TRIAL.

E. MANY PROVINCES HAVE REPORTED INCREASED ASSASSINATION AND ABDUCTION ATTEMPTS DURING JANUARY DIRECTED TOWARD PSDF AND VILLAGE/HAMLET OFFICIALS. THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE INCREASING VC RECRUITMENT OF YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS, IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

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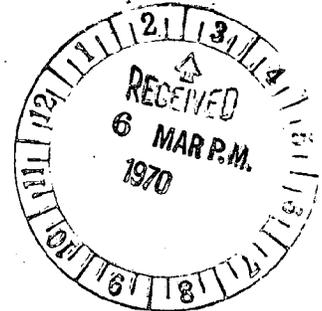
9. RVNAF EFFECTIVENESS

A. THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN THE SITUATION AS REPORTED ON 28 JAN. NO DEGRADATION IN THE QUALITY OR COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS OF RVNAF UNITS HAS BEEN CAUSED BY NON-AVAILABILITY OF EQUIPMENT. DESERTIONS CONTINUE TO BE A MAJOR PERSONNEL PROBLEM. FOR RVNAF AS A WHOLE, THE AVERAGE MONTHLY DESERTION DROPPED FROM 15.4 PER 1000 ASSIGNED IN 1968 TO 11.5 IN 1969. ALTHOUGH DIVISIONS AND SEPARATE REGIMENTS AVERAGED 32.2 PER 1000 IN DEC 69, ARVN UNITS AS A WHOLE SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVED WITH THE DESERTION RATE LOWERED FROM 17.7 PER 1000 ASSIGNED IN 1968 TO 14.9 IN 1969. CONSIDERABLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE BY THE JCS AND MACV IN UNDERSTANDING THE DESERTION PROBLEM AS MEANINGFUL PROGRAMS CONTINUE TO BE DEVELOPED.

B. RAPID MOBILIZATION OF BOTH RVNAF AND PARAMILITARY FORCES HAS STRETCHED THE SUPPLY OF CAPABLE LEADERS. FURTHER PROGRAMMED EXPANSION OF FORCES WILL CUT DEEPLY INTO THE LIMITED NUMBERS OF TRAINED AND COMBAT EXPERIENCED PERSONNEL IN UNITS, WITH THE SHORTAGE OF OFFICERS AND NCO'S POTENTIALLY ACUTE. IMPROVEMENT IS CONSTRAINED BY THE LARGE PROPORTION OF AVAILABLE TALENT THAT IS CONCENTRATED IN ELITE ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE VNAF. WITHIN ARVN UNITS, A LEADERSHIP EVALUATION IN FEBRUARY 1970 OF THE 243 OFFICERS COMMANDING DIVISION, REGIMENTS AND BATTALIONS SHOWS THAT 59 PERCENT ARE ABOVE AVERAGE IN LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, 23 PERCENT AVERAGE AND 13 PERCENT BELOW AVERAGE. FIVE PERCENT WERE RECENTLY ASSIGNED AND COULD NOT BE RATED AT THIS TIME.

C. ARVN

165 OF THE 186 ARVN/VNMC INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND ARMORED CAVALRY SQUADRONS HAVE BEEN COMBAT TESTED AGAINST ENEMY UNITS OF PLATOON OR SMALLER SIZE IN CONTACTS OF SHORT DURATION. CONTACTS REQUIRING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARVN FORCES LARGER THAN COMPANY AND BATTALION HAVE BEEN FEW RECENTLY. SEVENTY PERCENT OF THE ARVN BATTALIONS ARE CONSIDERED TO BE IMPROVING AND ONLY 4 PERCENT REGRESSING.



D. VNN

VNN EXPANSION IS CONTINUING TO PROGRESS ON OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. WITH US ADVISORY ASSISTANCE IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE VNN WILL BE CAPABLE OF ASSUMING ALL WATERBORNE COMBAT MISSIONS EXCEPT UNCONVENTIONAL WARFARE BY JANUARY 1971. PROBLEMS CONTINUE TO EXIST IN LOGISTICS, LEADERSHIP, COMMUNICATIONS AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION, SIMILAR TO THOSE FACED IN OTHER SERVICES, NONE IS CONSIDERED INSURMOUNTABLE.

E. VNAF

THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF VNAF AIRCRAFT IS PROCEEDING AS SCHEDULED. RECENTLY, VNAF HAS SHOWN AN IMPROVEMENT IN TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN. THEY PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY 27 PERCENT OF THE ATTACK/FIGHTER SORTIES FLOWN IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE 4TH QUARTER 69. PRIMARY WEAKNESSES CONTINUE IN AREAS OF MIDDLE MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL, LACK OF SKILLED TECHNICAL PERSONNEL AND A CONCENTRATION OF

DECISION- MAKING AT VNAF HEADQUARTERS.

F. TERRITORIAL FORCES

SINCE THE JANUARY ASSESSMENT, REFA, 28 NEW RF COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ORGANIZED AS A RESULT OF CIDE CONVERSION. AN ADDITIONAL 15 PF PLATOONS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING AND HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED. THE TRAINING OF NEWLY ORGANIZED RF AND PF UNITS IS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE NUMBER OF ARVN BATTALIONS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF PACIFICATION REMAINED AT SEVENTEEN (17). THE GVN IS GOING AHEAD WITH PLANS TO RELEASE THESE UNITS FROM PACIFICATION SUPPORT BY REPLACING THEM WITH RF BY 1 JULY 1970.

G. OVERALL, RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS REMAIN GENERALLY ON OR AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. HOWEVER, SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN PACIFICATION AND VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAMS COULD BE ANTICIPATED FROM A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND TERRITORIAL FORCES, WHOSE TRAINING AND SUPERVISION HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BY THE RAPID FORCE EXPANSIONS.

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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

1. (TS) FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF GEN WHEELER'S 051519 MAR 70
 TO ADM MCCAIN AND GEN ABRAMS. PLEASE PROTECT OUR SOURCE.

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFS: A. JCS 01773; B. MAC 2009; C. CINCPAC 142514Z
 FEB 70; D. JCS 03112

1. (TS) REFERENCE A REQUESTED INFORMATION ON COMPOSI-
 TION OF TWO ALTERNATIVE PACKAGES FOR A FOURTH INCREMENT
 REDEPLOYMENT FROM RVN IN THE APR - AUG 70 TIMEFRAME.
 REFERENCES B AND C PROVIDED THE INFORMATION REQUESTED,
 RECOMMENDING THAT NO REDEPLOYMENTS BE MADE IN SPRING OR
 EARLY SUMMER OF 1970. REFERENCE D REQUESTED SIMILAR

PAGE TWO RUHNFNA2608 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCL FOR HQSO
 INFORMATION FOR A 70,000 INCREMENT.

2. (TS) AS IT STANDS NOW, I BELIEVE WE WILL BE ASKED
 FOR AN ASSESSMENT AND FORMAL RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING A
 FOURTH INCREMENT BY MID-MARCH. THOUGH I CONCUR IN YOUR
 RATIONALE FOR DEFERRAL ON THIS INCREMENT, THE PROCESS
 MOST PROBABLY WILL BE DRIVEN BY BUDGETARY AND INTERNAL
 POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS, AND WE THEREFORE CAN BE EXPECTED
 TO REDUCE MANPOWER AUTHORIZATIONS SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE
 SPRING AND SUMMER.

3. (TS) ALTHOUGH THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN
 REFERENCES A AND D SHOULD PREPARE US FOR THE MORE
 OBVIOUS PACKAGE SIZES AND TIMING, ONE ADDITIONAL POSSI-
 BILITY HAS ENTERED THE PICTURE. THE PHILOSOPHY OF THIS
 PACKAGE WOULD BE TO REDUCE MACV AUTHORIZATION TO A
 FIGURE BELOW 400,000 BY 30 JUN 70. THOUGH I HAVE THE
 COMPOSITION OF A PACKAGE OF THE PROPER SIZE IN
 REFERENCE B, YOU MAY WISH TO MODIFY IT IN VIEW OF THE
 TIME FRAME COMPRESSION. I, THEREFORE, WOULD APPRECIATE
 IT IS YOU WOULD ADVISE ME BY 12 MAR OF THE CHANGES YOU
 DESIRE TO UPGRADE YOUR 35,900 PACKAGE TO 36,000 TO BE
 REDEPLOYED 15 APR TO 30 JUN 70, WITH THE ASSOCIATED

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CHANGES IN THE LIST OF FORCES REMAINING.

4. (TS) IN A CLOSELY RELATED ACTION, WE EXPECT SECDEF
TO ACT MOMENTARILY ON OUR PHASE III REPORT. WE ANTICI-
PATE BEING ASKED FOR A REASSESSMENT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT
THE GVN PROPOSALS OF 12 JAN 72, THE REDUCTION TO 32,200
IN THAILAND, AND ANY TRADEOFFS AND ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED
TO REMAIN WITHIN THE FY71 BUDGET. THE FOURTH INCREMENT
REDUCTION WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED INTO THE REASSESSMENT
AND THE SUCCEEDING ILLUSTRATIVE REDEPLOYMENTS REVISED
ACCORDINGLY. A SUSPENSE TO OSD OF 15 APR IS EXPECTED ON
THIS REASSESSMENT. ACCORDINGLY, WE WILL ENSURE THAT YOU
RECEIVE ADVANCE WARNING IN THE FORM OF COPIES OR EXTRACTS
OF RELEVANT OSD INSTRUCTIONS, FOLLOWED AS RAPIDLY AS
POSSIBLE BY IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE JCS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 2972 INTEL
 MAJOR NOEL, AIDE-DE-CAMP TO COMUSMACV SENDS FOR C/S,
 III MAF, C/S, XXIV CORPS, AND C/S AMERICAL DIVISION.
 1. COMUSMACV WILL ATTEND THE III MAF/XXIV CORPS CHANGE OF
 COMMAND CEREMONY ON 9 MARCH AND WILL PROCEED TO THE
 AMERICAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS AFTER LUNCH. A PROPOSED
 ITINERARY FOLLOWS:



1015	ARRIVE DANANG (T-39)
1015-1025	ENROUTE TO III MAF (UH1)
1030-1100	CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY
1100-1200	BUFFET LUNCH
1200-1210	ENROUTE TO AIRFIELD (UH1)
1215-1230	ENROUTE TO CHU LAI (T-39)
1230-1320	G2, G3, AND G5 UPDATE AT AMERICAL DIVISION HEADQUARTERS
1320-1330	ENROUTE TO AWARDS CEREMONY
1330-1350	AWARDS CEREMONY
1350-1400	ENROUTE TO AIRFIELD
1400-	DEPART CHU LAI

2. IF ITINERARY AS OUTLINED IS SATISFACTORY, REQUEST YOU CONFIRM,
 BY TELEPHONE TO MACV 2828, ON RECEIPT
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 LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN NICKERSON FR MAJGEN WHEELER/MARINE CORPS EYES
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 HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) DAILY REPT NO 8
 A. FONECON SMAR70 BGEN HOUGHTON TO MAJGEN WHEELER
 1. IAW REF A THIS IS LAST DAILY REPT. ONLY SIGNIFICANT
 DEVELOPMENTS SUBJ INCIDENT WILL BE REPORTED AS THEY OCCUR.
 2. III MAF CIB RECD QUERY FROM MACOI, SAIGON ON ACCESSIBILITY
 OF SUBJ HAMLET RESULT SMAR70 VISIT BY CBS TM. REPLY TO INDICATE
 NEWSMEN WILL BE ASSISTED IN TRAVEL TO LZ ROSS AND QUESON DIST
 HQ BUT NO SPECIAL USMC PATROL WILL BE MADE TO HAMLET JUST TO
 ESCORT NEWSMEN. IF OP DICTATE PATROL IN THAT AREA NEWSMEN WILL
 BE NOTIFIED AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY PATROL.

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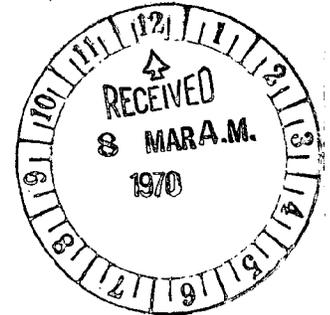
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1. CONCUR IN REFERENCE. THIS HAS BEEN OUR INTENTION. IT WILL BE SOP.
2. GEN MCCUTCHEON IS INVITED TO WIEU' 14 MAR 70.
3. WARM REGARDS.

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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NO 9

A. MY 05 1450Z MAR 70 (SPECAT)

1. UPON FURTHER INVES OF CBS NEWS TV VISIT TO SUBJ HAMLET, RVN
 OFFICIALS DENY GRANTING PERMISSION TO TV AS STATED IN REF A.
 DISTRICT CHIEF HAS PERSONALLY VISITED HAMLET AND CONFIRMS REPT
 THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE TELLING STORY THAT MARINES KILLED
 SIXTEEN VICTIMS WITH LONG KNIVES AND DID MUTILATE BODIES.
 2. WILL JOHNSON FR AP HAS FBQ COMMENT ON CBS STORY CONCERNING
 KNIFE WOUNDS AND MUTILATION OF BODIES. HAVE ANS AS FOLLOWS QUOTE
 INFO HAS ALREADY BEEN RELEASED THAT THE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE
 FIVE ACCUSED CHARGE THAT THE MURDER OF THE SIXTEEN CIVILIANS WAS
 COMMITTED THROUGH THE USE OF SMALL ARMS FIRE. NO FURTHER AMPLI-
 FICATION OR EXPLANATION OF THE INCIDENT WILL BE MADE UNTIL AFTER
 THE INVESTIGATION. UNQUOTE.

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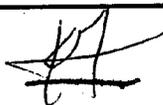
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INFO LTG ZAIS, CG, XXIV CORPS, PHU BAI, RVN
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1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR 070630Z MARCH 1970 MESSAGE REGARDING
ARMY CH-47 TAIL NO. 18453 WITH TROOPS LANDING AT LZ-1 ON THE
AFTERNOON OF 6 MARCH.

2. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO EXCUSE FOR THIS INCIDENT. THE AIRCRAFT
COMMANDER HAD SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO LAND AT LZ-3. WHEN HE
ARRIVED AT LZ-3, IT WAS CROWDED THEREFORE HE MADE THE
DECISION TO GO TO LZ-1 WHICH WAS ENTIRELY INCORRECT. THIS OFFICER
HAS BEEN THOROUGHLY ADMONISHED FOR HIS POOR JUDGEMENT. I HAVE TAKEN
STEPS TO INSURE THAT ALL AIRCRAFT COMMANDERS ARE THOROUGHLY ORIENTED
CONCERNING LZ-1 AND LZ-3.

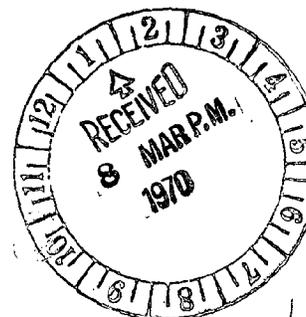
3. I TRUST ANOTHER INCIDENT OF THIS NATURE WILL NEVER OCCUR WITH
AMERICAL DIV AIRCRAFT.

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B. CG III MAF DTG 071058Z MAR 70 (IS/EYES ONLY)

1. (U) IN ADDITION TO COMMENTS ON REF A CONTAINED IN REF B, RECOM-
MEND EXPANSION OF ENEMY SITUATION IN NICTZ (PARA 7A(1), PART II,
REF A) AS FOLLOWS.

2. (S) A. QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES: DEPLOYED IN OR IMMEDIATELY
ADJACENT TO NICTZ UNDER CONTROL OF NVA HOS MILITARY REGION TRI-
THIEN-HUE (RTH) ARE 8 INF REGTS CONSISTING OF 22 INF BNS, 6 SAPPER
BNS AND 1 RECON BN; SUPPORTED BY 3 RKT/ARTY AND 3 FIELD ARTY BNS.

B. NICTZ: TOTAL ENEMY FORCES AFFECTING NICTZ ON BOTH DMZ FRONT
AND IN RTH ARE 14 INF REGTS COMPRISING 39 INF BNS, 8 SAPPER BNS
AND 1 RECON BN; SUPPORTED BY 9 RKT/ARTY AND 9 FIELD ARTY BNS. TOTAL
INF, SAPPER, RECON, RKT AND FIELD ARTY BNS CONFRONTING NICTZ ARE 66.
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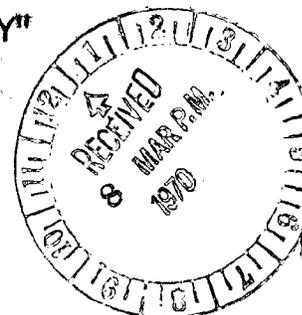
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SUBJECT: R&R INCIDENT (U)

THE FOLLOWING HONG KONG INCIDENT IS RELATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

A. THE DEFENDANT, A U.S. SOLDIER ON R&R IN HONG KONG WAS CHARGED WITH TRAFFIC IN DANGEROUS DRUGS NAMELY CANNABIS - 93.7 GRAMS.

B. THE DEFENDANT APPEARED AT MAGISTRATE'S COURT ON 12 JANUARY 1970 AND WAS REMANDED INTO CUSTODY UNTIL 15 JANUARY.

C. ON 15 JANUARY THE DEFENDANT PLEADED NOT GUILTY AND A TRIAL WAS FIXED FOR 12 FEBRUARY 1970. THE RESULT OF THE TRIAL WAS THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS FOUND GUILTY AS CHARGED AND FINED HK \$1,500.00 (\$250.00 U.S.).

D. THE BASIS OF THE DEFENDANT'S DEFENSE WAS THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE THAT THE OFFENDING DRUGS WERE IN HIS POSSESSION.

E. THE DEFENDANT TESTIFIED THAT WHILE AT CAM RANH BAY R&R CENTER HE NEEDED CIGARETTES, BUT HAD SECURED HIS RATION CARD BACK IN HIS UNIT. A FELLOW SOLDIER, NAMED JIM, HAD A CARTON OF KOOLS IN EXCESS TO HIS REQUIREMENTS AND GAVE DEFENDANT THE CARTON AND AN OPENED PACK CONTAINING 12 CIGARETTES.

F. THE DEFENDANT PUT THE CARTON IN HIS SUIT CASE AND THE OPENED PACK IN HIS VEST POCKET ALONG WITH SOME WINSTONS.

G. DURING THE FLIGHT THE DEFENDANT SMOKED ONLY THE WINSTON CIGARETTES AND ACCORDING TO HIS EVIDENCE WAS UNAWARE THAT THE OPENED PACK OF KOOLS IN HIS POCKET CONTAINED ANY OFFENSIVE DRUG.

H. AT CUSTODIAN EXAMINATION AT KAI TAK AIRPORT THE DEFENDANT EMPTIED HIS POCKETS AND PLACED THE OPEN PACK OF KOOLS IN HIS HAT THEN ON A TABLE FOR EXAMINATION BY



I. THE CUSTOMS INSPECTOR ON EXAMINING THE PACK IMMEDIATELY SAID THE CIGARETTES CONTAINED SUSPECTED MARIJUANA. THE DEFENDANT WAS TAKEN INTO A SEARCH ROOM AND WAS ASKED TO COLLECT THE REST OF HIS BAGGAGE FOR INSPECTION. THE DEFENDANT WENT OUT AND CAME BACK WITH HIS DUFFLE BAG BUT DID NOT CLAIM HIS SUITCASE WHICH WAS OUTSIDE THE CUSTOMS INSPECTION ROOM. THE SUITCASE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY BROUGHT IN BY ONE OF THE HONG KONG BASED R&R PERSONNEL AND THE DEFENDANT ADMITTED, WHEN ASKED, THAT IT WAS HIS SUITCASE. THE SUITCASE WAS OPENED AND THE CARTON OF KOOLS WAS EXAMINED, 3 PACKS CONTAINED 13 SUSPECTED MARIJUANA CIGARETTES. THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY SUBSEQUENT LABORATORY ANALYSIS.

J. IT WAS LEFT TO THE DEFENDANT TO CONVINCE THE COURT THAT HE WAS UNAWARE THAT THE CIGARETTES CONTAINED MARIJUANA.

K. THE DEFENDANT TOLD HIS STORY WHICH THE MAGISTRATE DID NOT ACCEPT TO THE EXTENT HE WAS NOT SATISFIED THAT THE DEFENDANT WAS IGNORANT OF THE CONTENTS OF THE CIGARETTES. THE MAGISTRATE GAVE THREE REASONS WHICH HE CONSIDERED IMPORTANT IN REACHING HIS DECISION.

(1) HE DID NOT ACCEPT THAT THE FELLOW G.I. WOULD GIVE, GRATIS, A WHOLE CARTON OF CIGARETTES, 144 OF WHICH CONTAINED MARIJUANA.

(2) HE DID NOT ACCEPT THAT THE G.I. NAMED JIM WOULD GIVE THE DEFENDANT THE CIGARETTES WITHOUT TELLING HIM THAT THEY WERE MARIJUANA AND LET HIM RUN THE RISK OF BEING CAUGHT WITH THEM.

(3) THE MAGISTRATE CONSIDERED THE DEFENDANT'S BEHAVIOUR IN TRYING TO DISCLAIM OWNERSHIP OF THE SUITCASE WAS ONE OF A GUILTY PERSON "CAUGHT IN THE ACT."

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALERT YOU TO THE HARD LINE THE BRITISH COURTS ARE TAKING ON THOSE INDIVIDUALS ATTEMPTING TO SMUGGLE MARIJUANA INTO HONG KONG. CONTINUED ATTEMPTS COULD LEAD TO LONG TERM JAIL SENTENCES OR POSSIBLE DISCONTINUANCE OF THE R&R PROGRAM TO THAT SITE.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CMC MSG 1115539Z MAR 70 (NOTAL)

1. B&W AND COLOR PHOTOS OF SIXTENEN DEAD CIVILIANS WERE PROCESSED
BY FMFPAC AND RET THIS COMD OFF COURIER 10MAR70. PHOTOS WILL BE
USED ONLY IF CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO CASE.

2. ART 32 INVES OFF BEGAN HEARING 12MAR70. DISPOSED OF SEVERAL
PRELIMMOTIONS AND HEARD ONE WIIN. REF A ADVISED ENTRANCE CIV
DOUNSEL PVT HERROD. MUST DETERMINE IF MR STRIPE INTEDNDS TO PART-
ICIPATE ART 32. WILL ATTEMPT TO DO THIS BY PHONE ASAP.

3. EIGHT NEWSMEN (THREE NBC ONE ABC, ONE CBS, TWO AP, ANONE UPI)
ARR 0830 OUTSIDE HEARING RM TOOK PICTURES, SILENT MOVIE FILM OF
FIVE ACCUSED ARRIVAL. NO WIIN WERE INTERVIEWED.

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SUBJECT: MINIMIZING LIKELIHOOD OF CAMBODIA BORDER INCIDENTS DURING
ASTRONAUTS VISIT TO CAMBODIA

1. APOLLO 12 ASTRONAUTS GORDON, BEAN, AND CONRAD WILL VISIT PHNOM
PENH, CAMBODIA DURING THE PERIOD 17-18 MARCH 1970, ON A GOOD WILL
TOUR AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESIDENT.

2. ADDRESSEES ARE TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION, IN SO FAR AS SECURITY
OF FORCES WILL PERMIT, TO MINIMIZE THE LIKELIHOOD OF BORDER INCIDENTS
DURING THE PERIOD OF 15-18 MARCH 1970.

3. THE FOREGOING HAS ASSUMED PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE IN VIEW OF THE
REPORTS THAT STUDENT RIOTS IN PHNOM PENH ON 11 MARCH 70 CULMINATED IN
THE BURNING AND SACKING OF THE PRG EMBASSY AND THE BURNING OF THE
US EMBASSY. STUDENTS WERE REPORTED TO BE PROTESTING AGAINST VC
PRESENCE IN CAMBODIA AND AGAINST THE VISIT TO PHNOM PENH OF PHAN VAN DONG
THE VICE MINISTER OF NVN.

4. THE FULL MEANING OF THESE STUDENT ACTIONS IS YET TO BE DETERMINED;
HOWEVER, IT APPEARS AT THE MOMENT THAT A CHANGE MAY BE TAKING PLACE
WHICH COULD BE OF BENEFIT TO THE U.S. AND OTHER FREE WORLD FORCES.

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1. MR. GENE STRIPE, CIVILIAN COUNSEL PVT HERROD, CONTACTED VIA
 MARS 13MAR70 BY APPT DEF COUNSEL CAPT R. C. WILLIAMS 0106073.
 MR. STRIPE DOES NOT INTEND TO APPEAR AT ART 32 INVES. RESULT
 HEARING CONTINUED 0900 13MAR70. PROGRESS IS SLOW BECAUSE FIVE DEF
 COUNSEL EACH HAVE RIGHT CROSS EX WITN. HEARING MAY LAST FIVE
 OR SIX DAYS.

2. 121910H CAPT JOHN P. NOVAK 091336, PAC THIS CMD, WAS IN DANANG
 PRESS CENTER. MR. TONY SARGENT, CBS TV, TOLD CAPT NOVAK ATTY
 MELVIN BELLI WAS ON PHONE FR OFFICE OF MR. MILLER, CBS BUREAU
 CHIEF, SAIGON, AND DESIRED TO TALK TO HIM. INDIVIDUAL ON PHONE
 IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MELVIN BELLI, INDICATED HE HAD JUST FINISHED

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GREEN BERET COURT-MARTIAL, WOULD BE IN RM 101 CARAVELLE HOTEL,
 SAIGON, UNTIL SAT MORN AND WONDERED IF ACCUSED MARINES SUBJ
 CASE WOULD LIKE TO TALK TO HIM. HE OFFERED TO FLY UP IF THEY
 NEEDED HIM. CAPT NOVAK REFERRED HIM TO SJA BUT MR. BELLI INDI-
 CATED HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO ANY JAG. WANTED NAMES OF APPT
 DEF COUNSEL. CAPT NOVAK TOLD HIM THE NAMES HAD BEEN RELEASED
 BUT HE DID NOT HAVE THEM WITH HIM AND AGAIN SUGGESTED HE CALL
 SJA.

3. SHORT TIME LATER MR. WILL JOHNSON, AP NEWSMAN
 CONTACTED CAPT NOVAK AND ASKED IF MELVIN BELLI HAD OFFERED SER-
 VICES. CAPT NOVAK ACKNOWLEDGED PHONE CALL FROM MR. BELLI BUT
 ADVISED MR. JOHNSON HE WOULD HAVE TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH SJA BEFORE
 MAKING ANY COMMENT.

4. 122030H MR. WILL JOHNSON CALLED SJA ON PHONE. ASKED IF SJA
 INTENDED TO PASS ON OFFER OF MR. BELLI TO ACCUSED OR APPT DEF
 COUNSEL. SJA REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT INTEND TO PASS IT ON SINCE
 OBTAINING CIVILIAN COUNSEL WAS PERSONAL CHOICE OF INDIVIDUAL.

5. NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME WHETHER MR. MELVIN BELLI WAS ACTUALLY
 ON PHONE. NO INDICATIONS THAT HE HAS ACTUALLY CONTACTED ACCUSED
 OR APPT COUNSEL. PAO EXPECTS SOME PRESS COMMENT ON MATTER.

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1. CG III MAW 130352Z MAR 70 (TS)
2. AS REQUESTED BY REF A, THE POSSIBILITY OF HOUSING BOTH FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT OF THE MAW AVIATION ELEMENT IN THE PRESENT MAG-11 OPERATING AREA HAS BEEN INVESTIGATED. THERE IS ADEQUATE RAMP AND REVEINMENT SPACES TO ACCOMMODATE ALL AIRCRAFT IN THE NUMBERS CURRENTLY ENVISIONED.
3. WHILE THIS RAMP/REVEINMENT AREA IS LARGE ENOUGH TO HOUSE AND PROTECT BOTH HELICOPTERS AND FIXED WING, IT IS NOT DESIGNED TO PERMIT HELICOPTER OPERATIONS OF ANY SCOPE. TAXIWAY AND REVEINMENT DESIGN AND MEASUREMENTS ARE SUCH THAT EACH TYPE HELICOPTERS WOULD HAVE TO BE SHUT DOWN ON THE TAXIWAY; THE CH-46 AND CH-53 WOULD REQUIRE BLADE FOLDING BEFORE BEING TOWED INTO THE PARKING AREAS. FOR THE LARGER AIRCRAFT, THIS TOWING OPERATION, BOTH INTO AND OUT OF THE REVEINMENTS, WOULD BE CONDUCTED IN VERY CLOSE QUARTERS AND WOULD RESULT IN CONGESTION. COMBINED OPERATIONS FROM THE SAME AREA WOULD CREATE MUTUAL PROBLEMS: FOREIGN OBJECT DAMAGE (FOD) FOR FIXED WING DUE TO HELO DOWN WASH, AND AIR-TAXI DIFFICULTIES DUE TO JET BLAST FOR THE UNIC/ANIG.
4. DANAANG AB CONDUCTED APPROX 93,200 TAKE OFF AND LANDING OPERATIONS IN DECEMBER, 53,400 IN JANUARY AND 45,700 IN FEBRUARY. IT IS DOUBTFUL IF THESE FIGURES WILL DECREASE BY MUCH IN THE COMING MONTHS. IT IS ALSO DOUBTFUL IF THIS HEAVY TRAFFIC COULD ACCOMMODATE HELICOPTER OPERATIONS FROM EITHER THE WEST RUNWAY OR TAXIWAY. THEREFORE A LANDING ZONE, POSSIBLY TO THE NORTH OF THE EXISTING MAG-11 RAMP AREA, WITH AN ACCESS THROUGH WHERE THE TWO NORTH-EASTERN-MOST SOFT COVERED REVEINMENTS NOW STAND, WOULD BE REQUIRED.
5. IF A COMPOSITE GROUP IS A NECESSITY, I FULLY CONCUR IN THE SINGLE SITE CONCEPT. THE DESIGN OF THE MAG-11 AREA WOULD, HOWEVER, SERIOUSLY DEGRADE IF NOT PROHIBIT ANY DEGREE OF HELICOPTER OPERATIONS. AS A POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE, THE FEASIBILITY OF UTILIZING THE SUPPORT GROUP AREAS, IE: H&MS-17 AND MARINE AIR-FREIGHT RAMP AREAS, FOR HELICOPTERS HAS BEEN STUDIED. WITH MINIMUM CONSTRUCTION (EXPEDITIONARY REVEINMENTS) THESE AREAS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY FOR HELO OPERATIONS HOWEVER THE SAME TRAFFIC CONTROL/LANDING-TAKEOFF AREA PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MAG-11 AREA ARE APPLICABLE TO THIS AREA.
6. IN VIEW OF CG FMFPAC INTEREST IN THIS SUBJECT AS EXPRESSED DURING HIS LAST VISIT (MY OPPIQZ MAR 70 APPLIES), IT IS REQUESTED THAT THESE CONSIDERATIONS AND YOUR DECISION/RECOMMENDATION BE PASSED TO HIM BY YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

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 MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY.
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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM KEITH MCCUTCHEON (WHICH IS QUOTED BELOW) IN WHICH HE CITES HIS CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESIDUAL RLt WHOSE SOLE MISSION WOULD BE DEFENSE OF THE DANANG VITAL AREA AND RECOMMENDS A 9.4K MAB AS A RESIDUAL FORCE TO PRECLUDE ASSIGNMENT OF A SOLELY DEFENSIVE MISSION.
2. (TS) I HAVE PROVIDED YOU WITH OUR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMPOSITION OF A 8.9K, 9.4K, AND 10.8K MAB. HOWEVER, I DO CONSIDER THAT OUR AIR/GROUND CAPABILITY IS BEST REPRESENTED BY A 10.8K MAB AND, AS A MINIMUM,

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 A 9.4K MAB.

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- A. CG III MAF 120206Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)
- B. CG III MAF 201352Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)
- C. CG III MAF 230656Z FEB 70 (TS/SPECAT/MCEO)

1. REF A WAS THE RECOMMENDED TROOP LIST FOR A 9.4K MAB. REF B MODIFIED REF A TO INCREASE THE DET, RADIO BN AND REF C FORWARDED THE REQUIRED TRADE OFF.
2. I AM CONCERNED AT INDICATIONS THAT THE MARINE CORPS FORCE REMAINING AFTER PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS MAY BE USED PRIMARILY TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR FIXED INSTALLATIONS IN THE DANANG AREA.

A. USARV REFS CHAIRED A MEETING TO DISCUSS DEFENSE OF THE DANANG VITAL AREA ON 15MAR70. DURING DISCUSSION IT BECAME APPARENT THAT USARV PLANS TO REINFORCE THE DANANG AREA WITH ONLY ONE COMPANY FOR SECURITY FUNCTIONS. WHEN THE INADEQUACY OF THIS FORCE WAS POINTED OUT BY XXIV CORPS REFS, THEY WERE REMINDED BY USARV REFS THAT A MARINE RLt WOULD BE IN THE AREA.

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B. III MAF REP WAS QUESTIONED REGARDING REDEPLOYMENT PLANS FOR THE 1ST MP BN NOW GUARDING DANANG AIR BASE.

C. PLANS AND INITIATIVES FOR RVNAF ASSUMPTION OF SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DANANG AIR FIELD WERE REJECTED LOCALLY AND HAVE BEEN AT THE JGS LEVEL FOR OVER ONE MONTH WITH LITTLE SIGN OF MOVEMENT.

D. CG, I CORPS HAS STATED THAT HE IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE ESSO PLANT OR THE I CORPS BRIDGE IN ITS ENTIRETY DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF RF/PF FORCES.

3. EMPLOYMENT OF MARINES SOLELY IN A STATIC SECURITY ROLE WOULD SUPPORT MACV POSITION THAT RLTI IS ONLY MARINE CORPS FORCE REQUIRED SINCE HELICOPTER MOBILITY WOULD BE UNNECESSARY AND NEED FOR SUPPORTING ARMS (INCLUDING AIR) GREATLY REDUCED. APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SUCH A FORCE STRUCTURE WOULD NOT BE IN BEST INTEREST OF MARINE CORPS AND WOULD ERODE STATUS AS AN INTEGRAL AIR/GROUND TEAM OF COMBINED ARMS.

4. I REALIZE THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS BASED ON STAFF DISCUSSIONS AND THAT CG XXIV CORPS HAS NOT ONLY NOT MADE A DECISION IN THAT REGARD BUT PROBABLY HAS NOT EVEN CONSIDERED THIS PROBLEM. HOWEVER, LOCAL SECURITY WILL BE A

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PROBLEM AFTER PHASE IV AND I WANTED TO ALERT YOU TO WHAT COULD BE THE XXIV CORPS SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM, I.E., THE USE OF THE MARINE RLTI PRIMARILY FOR LOCAL SECURITY. IF THAT IS THE DEVELOPMENT, WE MAY WANT TO START THINKING NOW ABOUT THE ADVISABILITY OF KEEPING ANY FORCE LESS THAN 9.4K AFTER PHASE IV.

UNQUOTE:

3. WARM REGARDS.

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ESTABLISHMENT OF I/O FOR COMBINED ACTION FORCE (CAF)
REQUEST FOR (U)

- A. CMC 121248Z MAR 70
- B. CG III MAF LTR 14/TAI 3320 OF 19 DEC 69.
- 1. (U) REF A QUERIED THIS HEADQUARTERS AS TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR A CAF HEADQUARTERS IN VIEW OF EVENTS WHICH HAVE TRANSPIRED SINCE ORIGINATION OF REF B.
- 2. (S) THE REQUIREMENT CONTAINED REF B IS DESIRED. BULLETS ARE PRESENTLY BEING STAFFED BY MOVEMENT OF PERSONNEL FROM HQ III MAF INTO THE CAF. FURTHER THE REQUIREMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS HAVING HISTORICAL VALUE AND PROCESSED ACCORDINGLY.
- 3. (TS) POST PHASE IV PLANS FOR RVN REFLECT A REQUIREMENT FOR A.6K CAG WHICH WILL BE ATTACHED TO AND

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WITHDRAWN WITH THE RESIDUAL MAB. THERE WILL BE NO REQUIREMENT FOR A CAF HEADQUARTERS, HOWEVER GRADES AND SKILLS ASSIGNED TO THE CAG HEADQUARTERS MAY DEVIATE FROM THOSE PRESENTLY CONTAINED IN THE TABLE OF ORGANIZATION DUE TO ITS PROJECTED EMPLOYMENT AS A SINGLE CAG. THE GRADE AND SKILL REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS CAG AND ITS HEADQUARTERS WILL BE FORWARDED FOLLOWING RESOLUTION OF A TROOP LIST FOR RESIDUAL FORCES.

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TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DNG

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1. I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SEVENTEEN MARCH MESSAGE REGARDING OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF III MAF UNITS. THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU PROPOSE ARE COMPLETELY ACCEPTABLE TO ME AND I ASSURE YOU THAT WE WILL TAKE PARTICULAR CARE THAT YOUR WISHES WITH REGARD TO OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE MAF UNITS ARE FULLY CARRIED OUT.

2. YOUR MILITARY POLICE COMPANY IS ALREADY WORKING WITH OUR PROUST MARSHAL. THE CORPS G-3 IS WORKING WITH GENERAL MILLER AND COLONEL BETZGER TO PREPARE A LETTER G

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INSTRUCTION PERTAINING TO
ACTION OF THE COMBINED ACTION FORCE AS REFLECTED IN YOUR MESSAGE.

- 3. I ENJOYED MY VISIT WITH ED WHEELER'S DIVISION YESTERDAY, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THE TIME TO ACCOMPANY ME.
- 4. WARM REGARDS.

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S E C R E T MAC 3574EYES ONLY

SUBJECT:ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA (S)

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO MAC 3548 INTEL
2. (S) ACCORDING TO THE LATEST INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THIS HEAD-
QUARTSYS THERE IS EVERY INDICATION THAT A COUP MAY BE UNDERWAY IN
CAMBODIA. THE PRECISE NATURE IS UNKNOWN.
3. (S) PENDING CLARIFICATION OF THE SITUATION AND FURTHER INSTRUC-
TIONS, ALL COMMANDS WILL ADHERE TO THE CURRENT PUBLISHED RULES OF
ENGAGEMENT. PARTICULAR CARE WILL BE TAKEN TO AVOID BORDER INCI-
DENTS, BUT PLANNED OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF THE BORDER NEED
NOT, REPEAT NOT, BE CANCELLED.
4. (S) SHOULD ANY ELEMENT OF MACV BE APPROACHED BY CAMBODIAN
REPRESENTATIVES FOR ASSISTANCE, NO COMMITMENTS WILL BE MADE BUT THE
DETAILS WILL BE REFERRED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS BY FLASH MESSAGE.
5. (S) YOU WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF EVENTS AS THEY UNFOLD.

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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM ZUMWALT

REQUIREMENT FOR THE NAM-O BRIDGE (S)

1. (S) I HAVE BEEN REQUESTED BY MACV TO MAKE KNOWN MY FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THROUGH SEPTEMBER. I AM ALSO UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO ELIMINATE ALL BUT THE HARD REQUIREMENTS IN THE MILCON AREA. ONE PROJECT FOR WHICH A HARD REQUIREMENT IS NOT CLEAR AT THE PRESENT TIME IS THE NAM-O BRIDGE. THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN PLACED IN BOTH THE ARMY'S AND NAVY'S MILCON PROGRAM AT VARIOUS TIMES DURING THE PAST. PRESENTLY MACV SAYS IT IS IN THE NAVY'S PROGRAM IF THE REQUIREMENT STILL EXISTS.

2. (S) SINCE OUR FUTURE FUNDING OUTLOOK SHOWS A SIZEABLE SHORTFALL OF FUNDS, I AM LOOKING CLOSELY AT EACH PROJECT TO DETERMINE IF SOME MEANS CAN BE DEvised TO CUT COSTS OR SATISFY THE REQUIREMENT BY ALTERNATIVE MEANS.

3. (S) LOOKING TO THE FUTURE I QUESTION WHETHER THE NAM-O BRIDGE IS A DEFINITE REQUIREMENT, OR WHETHER YOUR FORCES WILL ENJOY ITS BENEFIT. PAGE TWO RUMUGKD3341 SECRET

I AM INCLINED TO RECOMMEND THAT THIS PROJECT BE PLACED INTO THE ARMY'S MILCON PROGRAM. IF THEY JUDGE IT TO BE A HARD REQUIREMENT. HOWEVER, IF YOU BELIEVE A DEFINITE FUTURE REQUIREMENT FOR THE BRIDGE FOR YOUR FORCES DOES EXIST AND AN APPROPRIATE BENEFIT WILL BE OBTAINED BY OURSELVES IN RELATION TO THE EXPECTED COST (APPROX \$2.2 BILLION) THEN I WILL INCLUDE THE BRIDGE IN MY FUTURE PROGRAM.

4. (S) AT THE PRESENT TIME THE BRIDGE DESIGN HAS COMMENCED AND IS EXPECTED TO BE SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETE TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN IN AUGUST 1970. CONSTRUCTION IS ESTIMATED TO TAKE APPROXIMATELY 12 MONTHS.

5. (U) PLEASE ADVISE YOUR EVALUATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT IN LIGHT OF OUR AUSTERE FUNDING SITUATION.

6. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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ACMC WESTPAC VISIT

A. CG III MAF 180701Z MAR 70

PERSONAL FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM LTCOL. WILLEY

1. ACMC DESIRES MUCH BROADER EXPOSURE TO I CTZ THAN PROVIDED BY REF A. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT 1ST ARVN DIV AND UNITS ON DMZ, 2D ARVN DIV AND 101 ABN DIV. ADDITIONALLY, HE WOULD LIKE TO VISIT 1ST MAR. SUGGEST FAR LESS TIME WITH ILC.

2. FOR YOUR GUIDANCE, ACMC DESIRES QUOTE TO GET A FEEL FOR ALL OF I CORPS, NOT JUST QUANG NAM PROVINCE UNQUOTE.

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POST PHASE IV MAB AVIATION ELEMENT

A. CG FMFPAC LTR 3/FXQ/LMC 0091 DTD 12 FEB 1970 (S)

1. (S) REFERENCE A DISCUSSES THE REQUIREMENT FOR A FULL HMH TO SUPPORT THE 1ST MARBRIG AT KANEOME BAY HAWAII. THIS HEAVY AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT IS JUSTIFIED BASED ON THE PLANNED NONAVIALABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING TO TRANSPORT UNITS TO PRINCIPAL TRAINING AREAS. ADDITIONALLY REFERENCE A IDENTIFIES THE PROBLEM OF SPLIT SQUADRON OPERATIONS AND DUPLICATION OF AMSE.

2. (TS) HMH SPLIT SQUADRON OPERATIONS AND DUPLICATION OF AMSE IS A NECESSITY IN WESTPAC DUE TO THE AVIATION ASSAULT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OF THE SLF. THE FURTHER SPLINTERING OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL IN WESTPAC WITH THE CURRENTLY PLANNED DET HMH TO REMAIN IN RVN WILL COMPOUND THE PROBLEMS STATED IN REFERENCE A.

3. (TS) BASED ON THE PROJECTED REQUIREMENTS OF THE 1ST MARBRIG AND THE RECOGNIZED AMSE PROBLEM IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DET OF HMH SCHEDULED TO REMAIN IN RVN BE DELETED FORM THE MAB TROOP LIST. IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE HEAVY LIFT REQUIREMENT OF THE MAB WILL BE LIMITED AND THAT IT CAN BE PERFORMED BY USA CH-54 HELICOPTERS WHEN REQUIRED.

4. (TS) IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT THE 4 OV-10, SHOWN IN THE TROOP LIST AS DET VMO-2, BE ASSIGNED TH H&MS-11 AND THE "DET VMO-2" BE DELETED. THIS WILL ELIMINATE ANY POSSIBLE CONFUSION IN ADMIN/LOGISTIC SUPPORT SINCE VMO-2 WILL BE REDEPLOYED TO CONUS. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS

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LFTC CONDUCTED TACP TRAINING ON OKINAWA (C)
1. (S) THE NEXT LFTC CONDUCTED AUGMENTATION TACP
COURSE ON OKINAWA IS SCHEDULED FOR 27 APRIL. IN VIEW
OF THE ANTICIPATED PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS, REQUEST
YOUR REQUIREMENTS BY 24 MAR 70 FOR REPLACEMENT
FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS DURING THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS.
2. (C) BASED ON YOUR REQUIREMENTS, A DETERMINATION
CAN BE MADE AS TO THE COMUS TRAINED FAC'S FULFILLING
THE QUOTAS AND THE NECESSITY FOR HOLDING THE
27 APRIL OKINAWA COURSE.

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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 12

1. ART 32 HEARING BEGAN 12 MAR 70 CONCLUDED 230900Z MAR 70. 14
 WITN CALLED INCLUDING 3VN. HEARING IN SESSION FOR 9 SEPARATE
 DAYS. EXPECT VERBATIM RECORD APPROX 700 PAGES TO BE PREPARED
 ABOUT 15 APR 70.

2. APPT DEF COUNSEL FOR PFC SAMUEL G GREEN JR. NOTIFIED THAT
 MR. JAMES A. CHIARA 1914 SUPERIOR BLDG, 815 SUPERIOR AVE,
 CLEVELAND OHIO 44114 EXPECTS TO ACT AS CIVILIAN COUNSEL SHOULD
 HIS CASE BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL. APPT DEF HAS WRITTEN MR. CHIARA
 ABOUT CASE.

3. NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MADE ADVISING END ART 32 AND OTHER FACTS
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PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN THRASH
SUBJ: CRASH OF CG AMERICAL DIVISIONS UH-1H IN VICINITY OF
CHU LAI AIR BASE ON 17 MARCH 1970

1. THE PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE SUBJECT CRASH HAS BEEN COMPLETED. THE REPORT IS CURRENTLY BEING WRITTEN. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE FINAL REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO WEEKS.
2. A COMPLETE BRIEFING BY COLONEL DUNWIDDIE, SENIOR MEMBER OF THE BOARD, HAS ASSURED ME OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:
 - A. THAT THE RADAR AND IFF EQUIPMENT UTILIZED TO CONTROL MAJ GEN RAMSEYS AIRCRAFT WERE IN GOOD WORKING ORDER AND HAD BEEN PROPERLY CERTIFIED BY THE USAF ON 11 MARCH 1970.
 - B. THAT BOTH CONTROLLERS WERE WELL EXPERIENCED AND LICENSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FAA REGULATIONS AND OPNAV REQUIREMENTS.
 - C. THAT THE PROCEDURES UTILIZED BY CHU LAI APPROACH CONTROL WERE SOUND AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING REGULATIONS.

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- D. THAT THE CRASH WAS NOT THE RESULT OF NEGLIGENCE BY ANY MEMBER OF THE NAVAL SERVICE.
3. THE FINAL WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED UPON RECEIPT OF CERTAIN REQUIRED INFORMATION FROM THE ARMY ACCIDENT INVESTIGATIVE TEAM.
4. ALL INFORMATION OBTAINED BY FMAW INVESTIGATIVE BOARD HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO THE ARMY INVESTIGATIVE TEAM.
5. THE FINAL WRITTEN REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED TO CG III MAF AND A COPY SENT TO CG AMERICAL DIVISION.

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FOR LT GEN ZAIS, INFO LT GEN MCCUTCHEON AND MAJ GEN THRASH
FROM BARDSHAR

1. (C) PROPOSE TO VISIT DANANG ON 31 MARCH AND RON. ORIENTATION VISIT TO XXIV CORPS, III MAF, FIRST MAW, MONKEY MOUNTAIN COMPLEX, VO-1 DET AND USA 32 ARE DESIRED. YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL VISITS/CALLS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
2. (C) I PROPOSE TO ARRIVE DANANG 310930H6 MAR VIA CIA FROM YANKEE STATION AND DEPART AM 1 APRIL ON COMPLETION OF SCHEDULE. LCDR LANING, CIC OFFICER, LT ESBECK, AEW OFFICER AND LTJG HARRIS, MY AIDE, WILL ACCOMPANY.
3. (U) IF THE ABOVE IS INCONVENIENT AT THIS TIME, I CAN ADJUST OR RESCHEDULE.
4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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ADPE PLANNING (TS)

1. (TS) U.S. ARMY HAS EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN TAKING OVER ASC RVN SYSTEM 360/50 FOR LOGISTIC PROCESSING DURING JULY 1979. A MEETING WAS HELD ON THIS SUBJECT AT HMCAC 15MAR79 ATTENDED BY CMC R&PS, DA R&PS, LTCOL REEDY FMFPAC AND LTCOL UTLEY FLC.
2. (TS) TENTATIVE PLAN PROPOSED BY ARMY IS FOR ARMY TO TAKE OVER OPERATION OF COMPUTER APPROX 1 JUL 79 PRIOR TO ARMY TAKE OVER FLC TO PROVIDE TEST TIME TO ARMY ON ISSA. AFTER ARMY TAKE OVER ARMY FURNISHES COMPUTER TIME TO FLC ON ISSA FOR SUPPLY UPDATE DURING FLC ROLLUP PERIOD.

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3. (TS) REQUIRED ARMY CONFIGURATION IS JUYK, ONE 2314 AND LIGHT TAPE DRIVES. CONCURRENT USE OF PRESENT CONFIGURATION BY ARMY AND FLC APPEARS FEASIBLE DURING OVERLAP PERIOD. AFTER FLC REQUIREMENT CEASES, ARMY WILL REDUCE CONFIGURATION.
4. (S) PLAN FAVORED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS SINCE IT PROVIDES CONTINUITY OF SSGO SUPPORT TO FLC BEYOND POINT AT WHICH SUCH SUPPORT WOULD BE OTHERWISE UNECONOMICAL, SEVERE BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS DURING FY71 ADD TO ATTRACTIVENESS OF ARMY PROPOSAL.
5. (S) NO COMMITMENT ON CURRENT KYSITE HAS BEEN MADE ALTHOUGH ARMY APPEARS ANXIOUS TO LEAVE COMPUTER IN PRESENT LOCATION.
6. (S) LTGEN HEISER, DCSLOG, DA PLANS TO VISIT FLC 31MAR79 TO VIEW ASC FACILITY.

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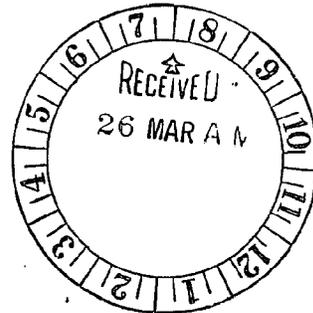
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

FOR: VADM HARDSHOW, INFO LT GEN MCCUTCHEON, MAJ GEN THRASH

FROM: LT GEN ZAIS

MG THRASH HAS REQUESTED TO HOST YOUR VISIT AND HE IS PREPARING

AN ITINERARY WHICH WILL INCLUDE A VISIT W/ME AT 310945H. A

COPY OF THIS ITINERARY WILL BE SENT TO YOU PRIOR TO YOUR

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LIGEN BUSE FROM GEN WALT "MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY"

WESTPAC VISIT (U)

1. (S) THANK YOU FOR YOUR 281141Z. DO NOT PLAN TO GO TO SAIGON THIS TRIP UNLESS ESPECIALLY INVITED TO DO SO.

PLEASE EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION AND THANKS TO GEN LAM.

WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LIGEN BUSE/LIGEN MCCUTCHEON FR MAJGEN WHEELER (MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY) (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

HAMLET NO 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 13

A. MACVDIR 20-4 (ENCL TO FIRST MARDIV O 1610.5)

1. INVES OFF ART 32 FOR PATROL MEMBERS SUBMITTED PRELIM FINDINGS TO CN 1/7 28MAR70 SUMMARIZED AS FOL:

A. THAT FIVE ACCUSED MURDERED SIXTEEN VIETNAMESE IN SUBJ HAMLET ON 19FEB70

B. THAT FIRST LT L. R. AMBORT 010 67 23 USMCR COMMITTED THREE OFFENSES VIOL UCMJ ON WHICH DISCIPLINE SHOULD BE TAKEN

C. CHG SHEET FWD TO CO 1/7 BY INVES OFF LISTS TWO VIOL ART 92. SPEC 1 ALLEGES FAILURE TO REPORT INCIDENT THOUGHT TO

PAGE TWO RUMLLUA4313 SECRET/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR (MCEO) BE A WAR CRIME VIOL REF A. SPEC 2 ALLEGES DERELICTION PERFORM DUTIES BY NEGLIGENTLY FAILING TO TAKE EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO MINIMIZE NONCOMBATANT CASUALTIES AMONG VIETNAMESE AND MAKING NO EFFORT TO INSURE THAT ALL PERS IN CO WERE AWARE OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. SECOND CHG ART 107 ONE SPEC ALLEGES LT AMBORT MADE FALSE OFFICIAL STAT WITH INTENT TO DECEIVE TO CO AND S-3 QUOTE THE KILLER TM CAPTURED ONE SKS IN EXCELLENT COND UNQUOTE.

2. CHG AGAINST LT AMBORT FWD TO CO SEVENTH MAR FOR AC BECAUSE CO 1/7 IS WITH TO FALSE OFFICIAL STAT. CO SEVENTH MAR CONVENED NEW ART 32 30MAR70. APPT LT COL J. P. KING DIVISION DEPUTY SJA AS INVEST OFF. CAPT F. G. ROUX, JR., 08 96 00/4405 USMCR WHO WAS ASSIG DEVENSE COUNSEL LT AMBORT 24FEB70 WILL BE APPT DEF COUNSEL AT ART 32.

3. NEWS RELEASE WILL BE MADE GIVING ONLY ESSENTIAL DETAILS OF NEW INVES. NO MENTION WILL BE MADE OF DETAILS OF SPECIFICATIONS.

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