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TO RUMLM PA/CG III MAF
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TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //N00000//
FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 021325Z/MAY70 (TS) (SPECAT)

1. (U) INFO PROVIDED BY REF A APPRECIATED.

2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO PAR 9 OF REF A, BE ADVISED OF THE
FOLLOWING:

A. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH CINCPACFLT AND COMPHIEPAC
TO DETERMINE AVAILABILITY OF AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING TO
MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED.

B. PRIMARY IMMEDIATE CONCERN IS THAT REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE
INDICATED WILL NOT PERMIT MAXIMUM UTILIZATION OF PHIBRON-9
CAPABILITY (I.E. PERS - 3,120, SQFT - 43,300 AND CUFT -148,200)
IF PHIBRON LOADS FOR RETURN TO CONUS ON 5-7 JUNE 1970 AS
CURRENTLY SCHEDULED.

3. (U) WILL ADVISE EARLIEST. WARM REGARDS. GP-4
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S E C R E T/DO
FOR MAJ GEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJ GEN HARDIN
SUBJECT: RETENTION OF M-21 AIRCRAFT ARRESTING
SYSTEM.
REFERENCE PROGRAMMED WITHDRAWAL OF NAVY/MARINE
FORCES FROM DANANG AB, RVN. TO CONTINUE THE USE
OF DANANG AS A HEAVILY USED, EMERGENCY RECOVERY
BASE. I AM HOPING IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO RETAIN THE
MARINE M-21 AIRCRAFT ARRESTING SYSTEM. WARM
REGARDS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LT GEN MCCUTCHEN FROM LT GEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS. //N00000//

1. (TS) FOR YOUR INFORMATION I HAVE TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING MSG TO ADM MCCAIN INFO ADM HYLAND IN RESPONSE TO COMUSMACV'S 060000Z MAY 70.

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C. H. J. July 1970
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QUOTE:

FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. CINCPAC 290430Z/APR 70 (TS-LIND IS-IVY TREE-SENSITIVE)
- B. COMUSMACV 060000Z/MAY 70 (TS-LIND IS-IVY TREE-SENSITIVE)
- C. CG MFPAC LTR 3/CRS/LM SER: 000171 OF 10 MARCH 1970
- 1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED BY COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE CON-

PAGE TWO RUMHMA 1077 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR CERNING COMUSMACV'S PROPOSED PLAN (REF B) FOR REDUCING 150,000 SPACES IN RVN BY 1 MAY 1971.

2. (TS) THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE PROVIDED AS THEY RELATE TO EACH OF THE PROPOSED PLANS:

A. ALTERNATE PLAN ALPHA. THIS PLAN DEPENDS ON THE AVAILABILITY OF BOTH AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AND FINANCING TO MEET THE INCREASED FLIGHT HOUR COSTS WHICH WILL OCCUR BETWEEN 15 OCT-3 DEC. BOTH OF THESE ELEMENTS ARE CONTROLLED BY CINCPACFLT.

B. ALTERNATE PLAN BRAVO.

(1) THIS PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR A LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE BEYOND MAY 71, AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY IN REF C. IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY 3-5 MONTHS AFTER RECEIPT OF EQUIPMENT OF THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION IN ORDER TO RETROGRADE EQUIPMENT AND STOCKS.

(2) ALTHOUGH THE AMPHIBIOUS LIFT CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN IS BEING ADDRESSED IN DETAIL BY CINCPACFLT, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THERE IS SOME QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THE DANANG PORT THROUGH-PUT

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CAPABILITY WILL PERMIT A SIMULTANEOUS (4 MONTHS) RE-
DEPLOYMENT OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ARMY, NAVY AND
MARINE PERSONNEL WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT.

(3) THE CEILINGS ON AVAILABLE MARINE CORPS
MANAGED FUNDS FOR SMCAC WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

(4) ADDITIONALLY, PRESENT AUTHORIZED FUNDING
FOR MARINE FLIGHT OPS WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

3. (U) I CONCUR IN THE NEED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE
SITUATION PRIOR TO THE DECISION CONCERNING THE CON-
POSITION OF EACH INCREMENT.

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CHAFFMAN/LT GEN BUSE/LT GEN MCCUTCHEON FR MAJ GEN WIDDECKE (DELIVER
DURING WORKING HOURS)

HANLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 16

- A. DA MSG 012128Z MAY 70 (NOTAL)
- 1. REFERENCE A PROVIDES ITINERARY FOR WEBERT SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE
SON MY OF HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE. DURING VISIT CHU LAI
ON 13MAY70 REPRESENTATIVE DICKINSON HAS REQUESTED MEETING WITH PFC
T. R. BOYD USMC AND HIS MILITARY COUNSEL CAPTAIN N. P. MERRILL
USMC.
- 2. PFC BOYD IS ONE OF FOUR ACCUSED CONFINED III MAF BRIG RESULT
SUBJECT INCIDENT. PFC BOYD AND CAPTAIN MERRILL WILL BE SENT TO CHU
LAI AS REQUESTED.

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(FOR GEN CHAPMAN AND LT GEN MCCUTCHEON

FOR INFO FROM LT GEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS

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FOR ADM MCCAIN INFO LT GEN BUSE FROM ADM HYLAND

U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING, VIETNAM (U)

A. CINCPAC 290434Z APR 70

B. COMUSMACV 060000Z MAY 70

1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS ON REF B WHICH PRESENTED TWO ALTERNATE PLANS FOR REDUCING 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 1971. REF B ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FLEET SHIPPING FOR USMC REDEPLOYMENTS BE PROVIDED MACV AND THAT PLANS FOR REDEPLOYMENTS IN 1970 BE ADOPTED FOLLOWING FURTHER MACV ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT 15 JUNE, AND FOR REDEPLOYMENTS THEREAFTER THRU 1 MAY 1971 BE ADOPTED IN LATE DECEMBER 1970.

2. (TS) THE AMOUNT OF SHIPPING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT BOTH COMUSMACV PLANS WOULD BE IDENTICAL. NONETHELESS, THERE WOULD BE THE FOLLOWING

PAGE TWO RUHHBRA3889 TOP SECRET LINDIS IVY TREE SENSITIVE SHORT FALLS:

A. ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA AS OUTLINED BY COMUSMACV, ASSUMING A COMMENCEMENT DATE OF 1 AUG 70 PRECEDED BY A 15 JULY MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE WILL RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF 12,359 PERS, 226,457 SQFT AND 5,479,598 CUFT AT A COMBINED MAC/MSTS COST OF 8.5 MILLION DOLLARS.

B. ALTERNATE PLAN BRAVO AS OUTLINED BY COMUSMACV, ASSUMING A COMMENCEMENT DATE OF 1 AUG 70 PRECEDED BY A 15 JULY MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE, WILL RESULT IN SHORTFALL OF 11,717 PERS, 352,571 SQFT AND 5,596,640 CUFT AT A COMBINED MAC/MSTS COST OF 9.4 MILLION DOLLARS. HOWEVER, THERE WOULD BE AN OVERAGE OF SHIPPING AVAILABLE TO LIFT ONLY ONE FLT IN THE FIRST INCREMENT. FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT DURING THE PERIOD 1 JAN - 30 APR 71 THERE WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY IN FLEET SHIPPING AVAILABLE.

3. (TS) CINCPACFLT FAVORS THE COMUSMACV ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA OVER PLAN BRAVO PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF ITS LOWER COST. IN ADDITION THERE WOULD BE LESS CHANGE OF DELAYS DUE TO PRRO WINTER WEATHER. IF WITHDRAWALS OF MARINE UNITS COULD BE SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE IN JUNE WICE AUGUST 1970 A MORE EFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WOULD RESULT. HOWEVER THIS WOULD HAVE TO DEPEND UPON THE JUDGEMENT OF COMUSMACV AS TO WHETHER THE TACTICAL SITUATION WOULD PERMIT THIS

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THE ADVANTAGES OF A MODIFIED PLAN ALFA ARE EXPLAINED BELOW.

A. (TS) FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT ACCELERATION OR DELAY OF REDEPLOYMENTS IS
RECOGNIZED. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS TASK, WAIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE
MINIMUM SHORTFALL AND GREATER SAVINGS OF DOLLARS. MAXIMUM AMPHIBIOUS
SHIPPING CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE PREDICATED UPON THE FOLLOWING:

A. ACCELERATED LOADING OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS DURING JUNE AND JULY.
IF THIS IS DISALLOWED A SHORTFALL IN EXCESS OF 230,000 SQFT WILL RESULT

B. REDUCE TO ONE ARG (LPH) AND USE PHIBRON SEVEN TO CYCLE CONUS
REMAINDER OF ITS DEPLOYMENT. THIS PROCEDURE WOULD CONTINUE USING
RELIEVING PHIBRONS TO CYCLE UNTIL PHASE IV (KEYSTONE ROBIN) IS COMPLETED

APPROX 1 MAY 71.

C. LOAD AND SAIL MIDN TRAINING SHIPS WANGOUVER AND CLEVELAND FROM
DANANG 10 JULY 1970.

D. AUGMENT WESTPAC AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING NOT TO INTERFERE WITH
SCHEDULED RAV/OVHL, LEAVE AND UPKEEP FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT OR TRAINING
CYCLE PREPARATORY TO DEPLOYMENT. AS A BASIS FOR AUGMENTATION,
PHIBRONS CAN BE CYCLED FOR ONE TRIP SIXTY DAYS FOLLOWING DEPLOYMENT,
AND NEW CONSTRUCTION SHIPS CAN BE CYCLED FOLLOWING COMPLETION SKED
TRAINING AND PRIOR COMMENCEMENT TRAINING FOR DEPLOYMENT.

E. UTILIZE 5-6 1156 CLASS LST'S FOR ONE CYCLE TO MIDPAC:

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EASTPAC PRIOR TO ONSET OF ADVERSE WEATHER LATE FALL.

F. UTILIZE RETURNING PHIBRONS FROM SCHEDULED DEPLOYMENT MAXIMUM
EXTENT POSSIBLE.

5. (TS) THE FOLLOWING PROVIDES DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY
OF FLEET SHIPPING AS REQUESTED BY COMUSMACV AND DELINEATES A MODIFIED
ALTERNATE PLAN ALFA. THIS PLAN UTILIZES MAXIMUM AVAILABLE SHIPPING
AND ENVISIONS MOVEMENT OF USMC AS FOLLOWS:

INCREMENT I 1 AUG - 15 OCT 70

DEST	PERS	VEH SQFT	CARGO CUFT	(*) GARRISON PROJ CUFT
OKI V	772	26,595	56,100	217,292
JAPAN	2,813	109,229	178,740	103,812
HAWAII 2/	1,133	30,797	36,015	22,379
CONUS 3/	24,682	745,227	1,096,187	545,736
TOTAL	29,400	911,848	1,267,042	889,219

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CONUS 1,234 28,000 4,000,000

INCREMENT III 1 JAN - 1 MAY 71

DEST PERS VEH SQFT CARGO CUFT

CONUS/HAWAII 11,400 550,000 850,000

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NOTE: ALL USN SUPPORT WILL BE MAC AIRLIFTED.

A. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT INCLUDING NMCS EQUIPMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEH SQFT	CUFT CARGO
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 30 MAY DANANG		
TIOGA CTY	360	11,000	1,000
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 10-12 JUNE DANANG		
TRIPOLI	1,502	4,101	40,749
ODEN	926	29,470	49,962
SEMINOLE	53	14,293	78,093
PT DEFIANCE	357	24,261	2,974
	3,158	72,125	171,678
EMBARK UNIT THREE	LD 25-26 JUNE DANANG		
DENVER	862	27,743	41,638
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645

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ANCHORAGE 346 30,067 1,232

MOBILE 226 35,215 74,853

1,660 129,311 194,368

EMBARK UNIT FOUR LD 10 JULY DANANG

CLEVELAND 70 17,036 39,130

VANCOUVER 70 14,979 23,188

140 32,015 62,318

EMBARK UNIT FIVE LD 18 JULY DANANG FOR HAWAII

IWO JIMA 1,700 4,175 44,958

EMBARK UNIT SIX LD 2 AUGUST DANANG

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EMBARK UNIT SEVEN LD 10-11 AUGUST DANANG

DENVER 862 27,743 41,638

DURHAM 226 35,286 76,645

ANCHORAGE 346 30,067 1,232

MOBILE 226 35,215 74,853

1,660 129,311 194,368

EMBARK UNIT EIGHT LD 18 AUGUST DANANG

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JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
	2,258	110,721	125,834
EMBARK UNIT NINE	LD 13-14	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
PREDECKER	430	16,000	4,200
EMBARK UNIT TEN	LD 19-20	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
TRIPOLI	1,802	4,101	40,749
ODEN	926	29,470	49,962
	2,728	33,571	90,711
EMBARK UNIT ELEVEN	LD 25-26	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
DENVER	862	27,743	41,638
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645
MONTICELLO	301	22,668	2,956

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MOBILE	226	36,215	74,853
	1,615	121,912	196,092
EMBARK UNIT TWELVE	LD 3-4	OCTOBER	DANANG
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
	1,398	88,721	117,433
EMBARK UNIT THIRTEEN	LD DATE	DTMD	DANANG
6 1156 CLASS LST	2,160	66,000	6,000
GRAND TOTAL	19,372	813,852	1,208,960
NMCB SHIPPING REQUIREMENTS	80,000	600,000	

B. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE SECOND INCREMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEH	SOFT	CARGO	CUFT
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 15-16	NOVEMBER	DANANG		
JUNEAU	859	-0-	204,460		
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974		
ST. LOUIS	226	-0-	403,000		
	1,398	24,978	610,434		
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 5-6	DECEMBER	DANANG		

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OKINAWA	1,743	-0-	71,187
DILUTH	927	-0-	125,492
MOBILE	226	-0-	403,000
ANCHORAGE	346	30,067	1,232
	3,242	30,067	600,911
GRAND TOTAL	4,640	55,045	1,211,345

C. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE THIRD INCREMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEH SQFT	CARGO CUFT
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 22-23 JANUARY 1971	DANANG	
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
FRESNO	430	16,000	4,200
	1,515	79,743	118,660
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 23-24 FEBRUARY 1971		
IWO JIMA	1,700	4,175	44,958
CLEVELAND	859	28,033	39,130
TULARE	322	12,491	80,503
PEORIA	430	16,000	4,200
FREDERICK	430	16,000	4,200

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FAUL REVERE	1,615	7,742	19,189
	5,356	84,441	192,180
EMBARK UNIT THREE	LD 9-10 MARCH 1971	DANANG	
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,460
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
ALAMO	313	24,978	2,974
	1,398	88,721	117,434
EMBARK UNIT FOUR	LD 12-13 APRIL 1971	DANANG	
IWO JIMA	1,700	4,175	44,958
CLEVELAND	859	28,033	39,130
TULARE	322	12,491	80,503
FRESNO	430	16,000	4,200
PEORIA	430	16,000	4,200
FREDERICK	430	16,000	4,200
	4,171	92,699	177,191
EMBARK UNIT FIVE	LD 15-16 APRIL 1971	DANANG	
SUMTER	430	16,000	4,200
MANITOWOC	430	16,000	4,200
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645
DENVER	862	27,743	41,638

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PT DEFIANCE	357	24,261	2,974
DULUTH	927	30,344	49,646
MOBILE	226	36,215	74,853
	3,458	185,849	254,156
GRAND TOTAL	13,898	531,453	859,621

D. THIS MODIFIED PLAN ALFA WILL RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF ONLY 6,443 FERS, 195,547 SOFT AND 3,754,897 CUFT AT A COMBINED MAC/MSTS COST OF 4.9 MILLION DOLLARS.

6. (U) BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS AND THE CAPABILITIES, CINCPACFLT RECOMMENDS THAT MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA BE CONSIDERED. IT OFFERS THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION IN REALIZING REDEPLOYMENT GOALS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AVAILAABLE AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING WHICH WILL RESULT IN ACHIEVING GREATEST SAVINGS IN DOLLARS.

7. (U) COMFFAC WILL ADDRESS USMC OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTICAL ASPECTS SEPARATELY.

8. (U) BEST RECORDS.

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 INFO LTGEN MC CUTHCEON FROM BGEN PADALINO
WESTPAC COLONEL ASSIGNMENTS

A. COLONEL'S SLATE

B. YOUR 062245Z MAY 70

1. REF A INDICATED ASSIGNMENT CERTAIN COLONELS TO WESTPAC. REF B NOMINATED COLS STURDEVAN AND LANGLEY FOR DUTY WITH FLC.
2. COL G. K. STURDEVAN IS TO RELIEVE COL J. L. TOBIN AS FLC CHIEF OF STAFF, SINCE COL TOBIN IN POSSESSION ORDERS TO DEPART 19 JUNE REQUEST COL STURDEVAN'S PRESENT REPORTING DATE 10-20 JULY BE MODIFIED TO PERMIT EARLIEST ARRIVAL.
3. CONTEMPLATED ASSIGNMENT COL C. F. LANGLEY IS AS CO SUPPLY BN. REQUEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REPLACING COL LANGLEY BY EITHER COL H. W. EVANS OR H. C. REED BOTH NOMINATED BY REF A FOR WESTPAC DUTY. CONSIDER EITHER OF THESE OFFICERS BETTER SUITED

PAGE TWO RUMLMPA1520 **C O N F I D E N T I A L / S P E C A T**
 THAN LANGLEY AS CO SUPPLY BN BECAUSE OF THEIR BROADER
 BACKGROUND AND PREVIOUS DUTY IN VIETNAM WITH FL5G.

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

FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM RADM RIERA

A. YOUR 070950Z MAY 70

B. NALCOWESTPAC 080130Z MAY 70

C. TELECON YOUR BGEN MILLER/MY NALCOWESTPAC 11 MAY 70

1. YOUR REQUEST REF A AND OUR REPLY REF b HAS RECEIVED MY PERSONAL ATTENTION AND I WOULD LIKE TO FURTHER ELABORATE ON THE ACTION TAKEN.

2. WITHIN THE WESTPAC AREA RAPIDAIR ASSETS CONSIST OF ONLY THREE CT-39E JET TRANSPORTS. PRESENTLY TWO AIRCRAFT ARE NOT AVAIL FOR SCHEDULING DUE TO OVERHAUL. ONE IS SCHEDULED TO COMPLETE PAR 28 MAY 70 AND THE OTHER, DUE TO EXTENSIVE FIRE DAMAGE AND SUBSEQUENT SCHEDULED PAR INDUCTION, IS NOT EXPECTED ON THE LINE UNTIL LATE JUNE 70.

3. THE REMAINING CT-39E IS COMMITTED IN THE ATSUGI AREA DURING THE PERIOD OF YOUR REQUEST AND WILL REQUIRE 9 HRS 45 MINS OF DEAD HEAD TIME TO POSITION FOR SATISFYING YOUR REQUIREMENT. THE ORIGINAL DECISION TO REGRET WAS BASED UPON THIS EXCESSIVE DEAD HEAD TIME. I CERTAINLY CONSIDER YOUR REQUEST A MOST VALID ONE AND IN VIEW OF REF C, I WILL

PAGE TWO RUADMSA0091 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**
ORDER THE T-39 POSITIONED AT DANANG. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF OUR VERY LIMITED ASSETS (1 T-39) RECOMMEND THAT IF FEASIBLE YOU CONSIDER UTILIZATION OF THE FMAW BACK-UP ACFT REQUESTED PARA 2 REF A. FOR THIS TRIP. REQUEST ADVISE.

4. PLEASE BE ASSURED I AM DOING MY UTMOST TO IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF OUR RAPID AIR ASSETS AND AM ENSURING THAT OUR PRESENT LIMITED ASSETS ARE BEING EQUITABLE SCHEDULED FOR ALL USERS.

WARM REGARDS. EMMETT

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

FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM KADM RIERA

A. YOUR 070950Z MAY 70

B. NALCOWESTPAC 080130Z MAY 70

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MCCUTCHEN FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY
(DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

HAMLET NUMBER 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 17

- A. ARTICLE 32, UCMJ
- B. PARAGRAPH 331, MCM, 1969 (REV)
- C. CMC MESSAGE 05192Z MAY 70

1. ARTICLE 32, UCMJ, INVESTIGATION SUBJECT INCIDENT AND SEPARATE
ARTICLE 32, UCMJ, INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES AGAINST FIRST LIEUTENANT
L.R. AMBORT, USMC, BEING RECEIVED AT THIS TIME.

EXPECT DECISION ON BOTH APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS.

2. AS REQUIRED BY REFERENCES A AND B, AND AS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
BY THREE ACCUSED INVOLVED, COPIES OF ARTICLE 32, UCMJ, INVESTIGATION

PAGE TWO RUMLL UA 1565 SECRET (MCEO) (SPECAT)
ON SUBJECT INCIDENT WILL BE AIR MAILED TO FOLLOWING CIVILIAN
DEFENSE COUNSEL ON 11 MAY 1970:

A. ACCUSED: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS T.R. BOYD, 2512670, USMC
COUNSEL: MR HOWARD P. TROCKMAN, 20 NORTHWEST SIXTH STREET,
EVANSVILLE, INDIANA 47708

B. ACCUSED: PRIVATE R.D. HERROD, 2503459, USMC
COUNSEL: SENATOR GENE STIPE, BOX 10, MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA
74501

C. ACCUSED: PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S.G. GREEN JR, 2548227, USMC
COUNSEL: MR JAMES A. CHIARA, 1914 SUPERIOR BUILDING,
815 SUPERIOR AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, 44114

3. LANCE CORPORAL M.S. KRICHEN, 2504176, USMC WAS GRANTED
IMMUNITY FROM FURTHER PROSECUTION ON 26 APRIL 1970, BY MAJOR
GENERAL WHEELER. PRIVATE M.A. SCHWARZ, 2366542, USMC DOES
NOT HAVE CIVILIAN COUNSEL BUT IS ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN ONE AT THIS
TIME.

4. ALL ADDRESSEES WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY WHEN DECISION IS
MADE ON BOTH ARTICLE 32, UCMJ, INVESTIGATIONS MENTIONED ABOVE.
DO NOT EXPECT ANY TRIALS ORDERED CAN BE HELD PRIOR TO JUNE SINCE
WITNESSES WILL HAVE TO BE RETURNED FROM UNITED STATES AND CIVILIAN
COUNSEL WILL NEED THAT MUCH TIME TO PREPARE CASES.

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 5. AS DIRECTED BY REFERENCE C PRIVATE FIRST CLASS S. G. GREEN
 WAS ALLOWED TO CALL CONGRESSMAN STOKES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ON
 8 MAY 1970. CONGRESSMAN INTERESTED IN PROGRESS OF CASE.
 APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL, CAPTAIN J.J. HARGROVE, 889884, USMCR,
 ALSO TALKED TO CONGRESSMAN AND ADVISED STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE AFTER
 CALL THAT CONGRESSMAN DESIRES COPY OF ARTICLE 32, UCMJ, INVESTIGA-
 TION. EXTRA COPY OF INVESTIGATION BEING AIR MAILED TO CODE AI,
 HEADQUARTERS, MARINE CORPS FOR DELIVERY TO CONGRESSMAN STOKES
 IF CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE.

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GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE, MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. DELIVER
DURING WORKING HOURS //N00000//.

FORCE PLANNING
A. CG III MAF 101343Z/MAY70 (PASEP)
1. REF (A) PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT OF 9TH ENGR BN (-),
1ST BRIDGE CO(-), AND 3D FORCE RECON CO.
2. CONCUR IN REDEPLOYMENT OF THESE FORCES IN THE
IMMEDIATE TIME FRAME AND IN YOU RECOMMENDING SAME
TO XXIV CORPS AND COMUSMACV.

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FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FOR INFO FROM MAJGEN

ADAMS MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //NO0000//

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TO RUEKJCS/JCS

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FOR GENERAL WHEELER, INFO GENERAL ABAMS, GENERAL HAINES,

ADMIRAL HYLAND, GENERAL NAZZARO AND LIEUTENANT GENERAL BUSE

FROM ADMIRAL MCCAIN

U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETNAM (U)

A. JCS 7123/271845Z APR 70

1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED THAT A PLAN BE FORWARDED FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 FROM RVN BY 1 MAY 71. IN ADDITION REF A INDICATED THE REDEPLOYMENT SHOULD INCLUDE AT LEAST 50,000 BY 15 OCT 70, BUT NEED NOT BE MORE THAN 60,000 BY 31 DEC 70. IN ADDITION REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS

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DATE 12 MAY 70 III MAF S&C

C. F. Leahy SSgt

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PAGE 2 RUHNFMA 1245 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS/SENSITIVE/IVY TREE ON HOW WELL THE VIETNAMESE ARE PROGRESSING TOWARD LOGISTIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY.

2. (TS) THE NEED TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT AT THIS TIME WHEN EVENTS ARE SERVING TO MAGNIFY UNCERTAINTIES.

WHILE PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION IS AN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN PLANNING REDEPLOYMENTS, THE OUTCOME OF OPERATIONS AGAINST CAMBODIAN SANCTUARIES, AS WELL AS POSSIBLE ENEMY COUNTERACTIONS AND THE FINAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS ON CRITICAL AIR RESOURCES CAN ALL SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE SPECIFIC REDEPLOYMENT PLANS, MOST IMPORTANTLY, THOSE FACTORS DETERMINE THE TIMING FOR REDEPLOYMENTS AND THE COMPOSITION, IDENTIFICATION, AND DISPOSITION OF FORCES REMAINING. IT IS POSSIBLE, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT A REDUCED THREAT IN THE III AND IV CORPS ZONES WILL PERMIT WITHIN OVERALL SPACE PARAMETERS, RETENTION OF INCREASED FORCES IN OTHER AREAS. MOREOVER, AS INDICATED IN NOTE 2 UNDER PARAGRAPH 5C BELOW, IF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN FORCES OTHER THAN THOSE INCLUDED IN THE ALTERNATIVES ALFA AND BRAVO BELOW, THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO RETAIN ADDITIONAL

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GROUND COMBAT POWER.

3. (TS) THE ALTERNATIVE PLANS SET FORTH BELOW REFLECT THE KIND OF FLEXIBILITY CONSIDERED MANDATORY AT THIS TIME. ALTERNATIVE ALPHA IS ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING AS IT HAS BEEN SEEN TO DATE. HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT TO REDEPLOY THE MARINES AS THE LAST ELEMENT OF THE 60,000 INCREMENT REFLECTS A GROWING CONCERN FOR PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION IN SOUTHERN I CORPS. SIMILARLY, ALTERNATIVE BRAVO HAS BEEN DESIGNED TO PROVIDE EVEN GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MEETING THAT CONCERN; IT WOULD RETAIN THE BULK OF THE MARINE FORCE INTO THE SPRING OF 1971.

4. (TS) ACCELERATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IF JUSTIFIED BY THE MILITARY SITUATION, PROGRESS IN THE RVNAF ICM PROGRAM AND WITHIN THE CONFINES OF LOGISTICS CONSTRAINTS. FLEXIBILITY FOR DELAY IS BEST MAINTAINED BY RETAINING THE ALTERNATIVES UNTIL THE ASSESSMENTS IN JUNE AND DECEMBER. WITHIN THESE ALTERNATIVES ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY CAN BE ACHIEVED BY DESIGNATION OF REDEPLOYING UNITS AS LATE AS POSSIBLE IN RELATION TO A UNIT'S STANDDOWN DATE. DELAY AFTER A UNIT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED FOR REDEPLOYMENT CAN HAVE AN ADVERSE MORALE IMPACT WHICH WHILE NOT

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OVERRIDING SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

5. (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALPHA.

A. CONCEPT. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 71 WOULD BE IN TWO INCREMENTS OF 60,000 AND 90,000 SPACES. THE 60,000 INCREMENT TO BE REDEPLOYED BY 31 DEC 70 WOULD BE MARINE HEAVY WITH 50,000 SPACES OF THIS INCREMENT REDEPLOYED BY 15 OCT 70. THE 90,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71. WITHIN EACH INCREMENT THE MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENTS WOULD BE RETAINED UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF THE TIME PERIOD; FOR THE 60,000 INCREMENT, THE MARINE FORCES WOULD BE REDEPLOYED AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS PERMITTED BY SHIPPING AVAILABILITY. ASSESSMENTS OF THE SITUATION WOULD BE MADE IN JUNE AND DECEMBER TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF FORCE PACKAGES. SPECIFIC ANNOUNCEMENTS OF REDEPLOYMENT INCREMENTS WOULD BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV UPON STANDDOWN AND OTHER REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD BE REFLECTED IN NORMAL MACV STRENGTH REPORTING.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 60,000 INCREMENT.

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USMC III MAF (-MAB) 1/	29.4
USN SUPPORT	10.5
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
USA 2 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	17.4
TOTAL	60.0

NOTE:

1/ USMC MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE (MAB) COMPOSED AS FOLLOWS:

RLT
MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTILLERY
2 ATK/FTR SQNS
2 HELO SQNS
1 COMBINED ACTION GROUP (CAG)

(2) 90,000 INCREMENT.

USMC MAB & ROLL-UP FORCE	12.6
USN SUPPORT	6.0
USA 8 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	71.4
TOTAL	90.0

C. FORCES REMAINING. MAJOR U.S. FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. REGARDING

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THE ARMY LOGISTICAL FORCE, APPROXIMATELY 45,000 PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING U.S./FMAR/RVNAF UNITS. DETAILED TABULATIONS SHOWING APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF LOGISTICS EFFORT BY SUPPORT CATEGORY ARE CONTAINED IN ANNEX D ENCL (3) TO CINCPAC LETTER 000123-70 DATED 10 APR 70, SUBJECT: LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL.

	AFTER	AFTER
	60,000	90,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMY CAV SQ	3	3
SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21	18
SEP HELO COS/SQDN	48	37 1/2
SEP AIR CAV SQDN	3	3
ATK/FTR 2/	20	18
AIRLIFT SQDN	11	11
RECON SQDN	5	5
SEP ARMY ENGR BNS	23	17
SEP ARMY SIG BNS	21	16

NOTES:

1/ EXCLUDES 9 ARMY HELO COS TURNING OVER EQUIPMENT TO VNAF.

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2/ BASED UPON MAINTAINING USAF SORTIE RATE OF 14,000 PER MONTH THROUGH FY 71 WITH CURRENT FORCE. IF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO REDUCING EITHER THE MARINE OR THE ARMY PORTION OF THE FIRST INCREMENT. SQUADRON FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS BASED IN THAILAND OR 2 CVA'S ON STATION.

6 (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN BRAVO

A. CONCEPT. THIS PLAN ENVISIONS THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY 71 IN TWO INCREMENTS OF 50,000

PAGE 2 RUHHRGA 1246 **T O P S E C R E T** LIMDIS/SENSITIVE/IVY TREE AND 100,000. THE 50,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE ARMY HEAVY AND WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 31 DEC 70; THE REMAINING 100,000 INCREMENT WOULD BE REDEPLOYED BY 1 MAY 71. MAJOR COMBAT ELEMENTS WOULD BE RETAINED UNTIL THE LATTER PART OF EACH TIME PERIOD. ASSESSMENTS WOULD BE MADE IN JUNE AND DECEMBER AS IN ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA TO DETERMINE THE COMPOSITION AND TIMING OF EACH INCREMENT. THIS PLAN COULD BE MODIFIED TO MEET THE 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT BY 15 OCT AND 60,000 BY 31 DEC 70 SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES DICTATE.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 50,000 INCREMENT.

USMC 1 RLT/SUPPORT	10.8
USN SUPPORT	9.2
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
USA 3 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	27.3
TOTAL	50.0

(2) 100,000 INCREMENT.

USMC III MAF (-)	31.2
USN SUPPORT	7.3
USA 7 BRIGADES/SUPPORT	61.5

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TOTAL 100,0

C. FORCES REMAINING. THE FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. (COMMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 5C ABOVE ALSO APPLY.)

	AFTER 50,000	AFTER 100,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMD CAV SQDN	3	3
SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21	18
SEP HELO COS/SQDN	52	37
SEP AIR CAV SQ	3	3
ATK/FTF SQDN	22	18
AIRLIFT SQDN	11	11
RECON SQDN	5	5
SEP ARMY ENG BNS	23	17
SEP ARMY SIG BNS	21	15

NOTE:

TO ATTAIN THE SPECIFIED ARMY SUPPORT SPACES IN THIS INCREMENT WOULD PROBABLY REQUIRE SOME UNDETERMINED REDUCTION AMONG THE COMBAT SUPPORT UNITS INDICATED, WITH ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE

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IMPACT ON FORCES REMAINING AFTER THE 100,000 INCREMENT.

7. (TS) IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED AT THIS TIME, DUE TO THE PRESENT SITUATION IN SEASIA, THE FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DECISION POINTS RELATING TO EITHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS PROPOSED.

A. MID JUNE	ASSESSMENT.
B. 1 JULY 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL INCREMENT.
C. 15 JULY 70	MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR INITIAL INCREMENT.
D. MID DEC 70	ASSESSMENT
E. LATE DEC 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECOND INCREMENT.
F. EARLY JAN 71	MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE FOR SECOND INCREMENT.

8. (TS) LOGISTICS.

A. CONSIDERATIONS: DUE TO THE NECESSITY TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY, MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AND THEIR DIRECT SUPPORT NON-ORGANIC UNITS WILL STANDDOWN AS LATE AS POSSIBLE IN BOTH INCREMENTS. CONSEQUENTLY, THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATION COMMON

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 TO BOTH ALTERNATIVES IS THE COMPRESSION OF TIME WHICH
 REQUIRES THE PROCESSING OF
 EQUIPMENT DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND INCREMENT, BASED
 UPON AN ASSUMED REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE BASE LINE DIVISION
 WITH ITS EQUIPMENT. THE MAGNITUDE OF THE TOTAL EFFORT
 ASSOCIATED WITH THE TURN-IN, REHABILITATION, TRANSFER
 TO RVNAF AND RETROGRADE OR DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE
 MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT OF KEYSTONE BLUEJAY. IN THE BLUEJAY
 OPERATION SOME 100,000 ITEMS OF U.S. ARMY EQUIPMENT WERE
 REPORTED FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS BY REDEPLOYING UNITS.

B. EQUIPMENT PROCESSING. AT THIS TIME, 85 PERCENT OF THE
 BLUEJAY REPORTED ITEMS HAVE RECEIVED DISPOSITION; HOWEVER,
 AN ADDITIONAL 90-120 DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE
 MAINTENANCE ACTIONS ON EQUIPMENT TO BE RETAINED. FOR A TWO
 AND ONE-THIRD DIVISION EQUIVALENT ARMY FORCE REDEPLOYING WITHOUT
 EQUIPMENT, 120 DAYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE EQUIPMENT
 TO ITS FIRST IN-COUNTRY DESTINATION, I.E. DEPOT OR PORT.
 AFTER INSPECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF
 NON-REPAIRABLE ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL, ADDITIONAL TIME AND
 EFFORT ARE REQUIRED TO REFURBISH THE REPAIRABLE EQUIPMENT

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 FOR TURN-OVER TO RVNAF OR REISSUE TO U.S. UNITS. THIS WOULD
 TAKE AN ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED 120 DAYS.

C. ALTERNATIVES: LOGISTICS EFFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE
 SECOND INCREMENT WILL BE REDUCED IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO
 THE NUMBER OF UNITS REDEPLOYED WITH EQUIPMENT. TO MINIMIZE
 THE IMPACT OF EQUIPMENT RETROGRADE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS
 INCREMENT, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED:

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT
 FORCE (LSF) TO ACCOMPLISH TURN-IN, REPAIR AND PROCESSING OF
 EQUIPMENT. THIS INVOLVES RETENTION OF A TEMPORARY ROLL-UP
 FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 TO 3,000 PERSONNEL AFTER 1 MAY 71
 PLUS A MARINE ROLL-UP FORCE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE MARINE
 EQUIPMENT.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFF-SHORT COLLECTING POINTS TO
 RECEIVE EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIR AND REDISTRIBUTION, BUDGETARY
 CONSTRAINTS NOTWITHSTANDING.

(3) CREATION AND BUILDUP OF AN IN-COUNTRY CONTRACTOR
 MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT
 PROCESSING AND REPAIR (DEPENDENT UPON TACTICAL ENVIRONMENT).
 BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND CAPABILITY OF MARSHALLING AN
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ADEQUATE SKILLED WORK FORCE ARE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS
RELATIVE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE. HOWEVER, SOME SPECIALIZED
CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE, IN COMBINATION WITH A LSF MAY BE A
MORE COST EFFECTIVE APPROACH.

D. MOBILITY RESOURCES. TRANSPORTATION AT THIS POINT DOES
NOT APPEAR TO BE A SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM. AS IN PAST REDEPLOY-
MENTS, TRANSPORTATION CAPABILITIES WILL BE APPLIED AGAINST
REQUIREMENTS DURING THE CINCPAC MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE.

E. LOGISTIC CAPABILITIES OF RVNAF. THE PROGRESS OF
RVNAF TOWARDS COMPLETE LOGISTICAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY HAS BEEN

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GENERALLY SATISFACTORY; HOWEVER, U.S. ASSISTANCE IS STILL
REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS: 1) AIRLIFT, 2) WATER
TRANSPORT, 3) TERMINAL SERVICE, 4) OFF-SHORE REBUILD OF
MAJOR COMPONENTS, AND 5) MARINE MAINTENANCE.

(1) ARVN. OVER 24,000 ARMY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN
TRAINED IN LOGISTICAL SKILLS TO DATE. TOTAL SELF-SUFFICIENCY
IN SURFACE LAND TRANSPORTATION HAS BEEN ATTAINED AND NO
DEFICIENCIES IN THIS AREA ARE ANTICIPATED. SUBSTANTIAL
IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN NOTED IN TERMINAL SERVICE OPERATIONS WITH
ARVN EMPLOYED PERSONNEL NOW HANDLING 74 PERCENT OF ALL RVNAF REQ-
UIREMENTS; SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS PROJECTED FOR 2ND QTR FY 72.
ARVN NOW OPERATES THE PORT OF CAN THO/BINH TUY AND MOST OF
SAIGON PORT. THEY ARE INCREASING OPERATIONS AT NHA TRANS,
QUI NHON, AND DA NANG. THE DISCHARGE AND LOCAL WATER MOVE-
MENT OF AMMUNITION IS CURRENTLY THEIR AREA OF PRIME DEFICIENCY.
THE DEPOT UPGRADE PROGRAM IS ON SCHEDULE WITH CONSTRUCTION
STARTED ON THE ENGINEER, ORDNANCE, AND SIGNAL BASE DEPOTS.
PROCUREMENT OF ARVN PERSONNEL IN SUPPORT OF THE DEPOT PROGRAM
IS EXCELLENT AND OFF-SHORE TRAINING OF KEY PERSONNEL IS IN
PROGRESS. THE ARVN AMMUNITION SYSTEM IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING

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ADEQUATE SERVICE TO DEPLOYED COMBAT UNITS; HOWEVER, AMMUNITION
OPERATIONS WILL INCREASE AS U.S. UNITS ARE WITHDRAWN AND A
STUDY IS NOW UNDERWAY TO DEFINE TOTAL REQUIREMENTS IN AMMUNI-
TION STORAGE, SURVEILLANCE, MAINTENANCE, AND INVENTORY CONTROL.

(2) VNN. LOGISTICAL WATER-BORNE LIFT PROVIDED BY THE
VNN WITH ARVN AND GVN CONTRACTOR PARTICIPATION APPROXIMATES
80 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL RVNAF REQUIREMENT, WITH U.S. AND ROK SHIPPING
MAKING UP THE DIFFERENCE. AS ADDITIONAL SHIPS AND CRAFTS ARE
ADDED, SELF-SUFFICIENCY SHOULD BE ATTAINED BY 4TH QTR FY 71.
THE VNN CONDUCTS LOGISTICAL SUPPORT AT THREE OF 30 SUPPORT
BASES AND 10 ADVANCED TACTICAL BASES; BASE TURNS ARE
SCHEDULED THROUGH END FY 72. DEPOT LEVEL MAINTENANCE TO
SUPPORT BOTH VNN AND ARVN CRAFT IS PROGRAMMED FOR TOTAL
VIETNAMIZATION IN FY 72.

(3) VNAF. ESSENTIALLY ALL BASE LEVEL MAINTENANCE IS
PERFORMED BY VNAF ASSETS, HOWEVER THE LARGE SCALE EXPANSION
OF VNAF ENVISIONED IN THE CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I & N PROGRAM
CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL LOGISTICAL ASSETS, PARTICULARLY IN
MAINTENANCE. SOME 2,000 ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ARE REQUIRED
TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM II (ACCELERATED) FORCE AND ANOTHER 1,453

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ARE PROJECTED IN THE CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I&N PROGRAM. FOR MANY
OF THESE HIGHLY SKILLED PERSONNEL, AN 18-24 MONTH LEAD TIME
IS REQUIRED FOR RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING. THE VNAF DEPOT IS
CURRENTLY ACCOMPLISHING SELECTED COMPONENT REPAIR, J-85 ENGINE
OVERHAUL, AND CRASH AND BATTLE DAMAGE ON SELECTED AIRCRAFT.
DEPOT MANNING IS SCHEDULED TO REACH 100 PERCENT BY DECEMBER 1971.
VNAF IS CURRENTLY PROVIDING APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF
LOGISTICAL AIRLIFT REQUIRED. THE ADDITION OF 48 U/E C-123
AIRCRAFT IN 2ND QTR FY 72, WITH FULL OPERATIONAL READINESS (O/R)
SCHEDULED FOR 2ND QTR FY 73, WILL INCREASE THE VNAF AIRLIFT
CAPABILITY TO 85 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF JCS ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT.
WITH THE ADDITION OF 48 U/E C-7A AIRCRAFT REQUESTED IN THE
CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I & N PROGRAM FOR ACTIVATION IN 1ST QTR
FY 72 AND A PROBABLE O/R DATE OF 1ST QTR 73, IT IS ESTIMATED
THE VNAF WILL HAVE A CAPABILITY TO AIRLIFT VIRTUALLY ALL THE
RVNAF REQUIREMENTS AS PROJECTED BY THE JCS.

F. LOGISTICS CONCLUSION: WHETHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN A OR
B IS SELECTED, A SIZEABLE COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT FORCE MUST
BE FORMALLY IDENTIFIED TO ROLL-UP, CLEAN-UP AND PREPARE
USEABLE EQUIPMENT FOR REDISTRIBUTION. SUCH A FORCE DEDICATED

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 TO THIS MISSION WILL BE REQUIRED DURING THE REDEPLOYMENT OF
 MAJOR UNITS AND SHOULD REMAIN IN-COUNTRY AFTER COMPLETION
 OF THE LAST INCREMENT IN EITHER ALTERNATIVE FOR APPROXIMATELY
 120 DAYS. ALSO SOME SPECIALIZED CONTRACTOR MAINTENANCE MAY BE
 REQUIRED.

9. (TS) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

A. THE PLANNING SEQUENCE OUTLINED IN PARA 7 ABOVE BE
 APPROVED.

B. THE CONCEPTS OUTLINED IN ALTERNATIVES A AND B BE
 APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

C. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THE 150,000 SPACE
 REDUCTION BE LIMITED TO:

(1) IDENTIFYING MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AT TIME OF UNIT
 STANDDOWN; (ANNOUNCEMENT TO BE APPROVED BY CINCPAC AND ASD/PA).

(2) MACV DAILY COMMUNIQUE WHICH ANNOUNCES UNIT
 DEPARTURE;

(3) MACV DAILY COMMUNIQUE WHICH INCLUDES WEEKLY
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- B. CG USARV 030915Z APR 70
- C. BUMED 132200Z MAR 70
- D. COMSEVENTHFLT 180758Z MAR 70
- E. CG III 240951Z APR 70
- F. COMNAVFORV 290814Z APR 70
- G. COMNAVFORV 030821Z MAY 70
- H. CG III MAF 300818Z APR 70
- I. COMUSMACV 260957Z APR 70
- J. COMUSMACV 101234Z MAY 70
- K. CG III MAF 100214Z MAY 70

1. (S) AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT SERIES OF MESSAGES INDICATING CONCERN ABOUT THE CLOSURE OF THE NSA DANANG HOSPITAL, I HAVE PAGE TWO RUMUGKD4625 **S E C R E T** JUST REVIEWED THE AREAS IN QUESTION WHICH ARE ENUMERATED BELOW.

(A) PROBLEM: REF A. CG III MAF EXPRESSED CONCURRENCE IN DEPARTURE OF REPOSE AND REDUCTION/CLOSURE OF NSAD HOSPITAL SUBJECT TO THREE PROVISIONS

- (1) ADDITIONAL HOSPITAL BEDS.
- (2) ASSIGNMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEDICAL SKILLS
- (3) TRANSITION OF SANCTUARY TO DANANG AREA AND MINIMUM

ABSENCES. SOLUTION: ACTION HAS TAKEN TO SATISFY 1 AND 2 ABOVE BY REF B AND C. ITEM 3 WAS ADDRESSED BY REF D AND STATED IT WAS FELT THAT THE SANCTUARY COULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SATISFACTORY SUPPORT TO I CORP PERSONNEL WITHOUT ALTERING HERE ESTABLISHED OPERATING/ SCHEDULING PROCEDURES.

(B) PROBLEM: REF E THLEVE OPERATING ROOMS BARELY ADEQUATE AFTER CLOSURE OF NSAD HOSPITAL, AND DURING ABSENCE OF SANCTUARY REDUCTION TO 9 UNACCEPTABLE. SOLUTION: REF F ADDRESSED THE AVAILABLE OPERATING ROOMS AND STATED THAT WITH ADDITION ANESTHEOLOGISTS REQUESTED BY REF G A TOTAL OF 15 OPERATING ROOMS WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING NORMAL CONDITIONS AND A MINIMUM OF 12 WOULD BE AVAILABLE DURING SANCTUARY RAV.

(C) PROBLEM: REF H AS A RESULT OF DELAY IN PHASE IV REDUCTIONS PAGE THREE RUMUGKD4625 **S E C R E T**

AND THE STATEMENT CONTAINED IN REF (I) THAT HOSPITALIZATION WAS A COMPONENT RESPONSIBILITY, THERE WOULD BE A SHORTAGE OF HOSPITAL BEDS AND OPERATING ROOMS. SOLUTION REF J STATES THAT JOINT UTILIZATION OF ALL U.S. FORCES MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITIES IS DIRECTED. THUS THE JOINT UTILIZATION WILL SATISFY THE BED AND U.R. REQUIREMENT.

D. PROBLEM: REF (K), CLINICAL AND LAB SERVICES ARE BEYOND THE COMBINED EQUIPMENT/PERSONNEL CAPABILITIES OF THE 95TH EVAC, FIRST MED BATTALION, AND SANCTUARY AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED.

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SOLUTION: THE EQUIPMENT/PERSONNEL LOAN IS NOW BEING ADDRESSED BY MY STAFF AND AUTHORITY FOR LOAN IS BEING REQUESTED.

2. (C) I HAVE PRESENTED THE PROBLEMS RAISED AND SOLUTIONS PROVIDED WHICH IN MY OPINION WILL ADEQUATELY PROVIDE FOR ANY CONTINGENCY. IN ADDITION IN THE CASE OF D ABOVE I FEEL THAT, IF THESE SERVICES ARE NOT NORMALLY PROVIDED FOR BY OUR COMBAT MEDICAL BATTALION, OUR ARMY EVACUATION HOSPITALS AND OUR HOSPITAL SHIPS, THEY MAY FALL IN THE CATEGORY OF NICE TO HAVE RATHER THAN ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. (I.E., ANNUAL PHYSICALS ARE WAIVED IN-COUNTRY EXCEPT FOR FLAG OFFICERS AND AVIATORS.) NEVERTHELESS, I WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO REQUEST THE LOAN.

3. (S) IN SUMMARY I FEEL SUITABLE SOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED FOR EACH OF THE PROBLEMS PRESENTED AND MUST CONCLUDE THAT THE HOSPITAL SHOULD CLOSE ON THE 15TH OF MAY AS SCHEDULED. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REVIEW OF THE ABOVE PROPOSED SOLUTIONS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE MUCH LARGER RISKS, THAT WE ARE TAKING, ALL THROUGH SVN TO MEET THE REDEPLOYMENT QUOTAS IN SUPPORT OF NATIONAL POLICY DECISIONS.

4. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFERENCE: III MAF 120840Z EYES ONLY MAY 70

1. CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSAL FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 9TH ENGR BN AND 3D FORCE RECON CO.

2. NONCONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT OF 1ST BRIDGE CO (-) AT THIS TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. 1ST BRIDGE CO (-) IS THE ONLY NON DIVISIONAL US FLOAT BRIDGE UNIT AVAILABLE IN ICTZ. FLOAT BRIDGING IN THE POSSESSION OF THE AMERICAN DIVISION AND 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) IS SUFFICIENT ONLY TO PROVIDE REQUIRED COMBAT SUPPORT BRIDGING AND RAFTING REQUIRED FOR THEIR OWN TACTICAL OPERATIONS.

B. ALTHOUGH REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO USARV FOR AN ARMY FLOAT BRIDGE COMPANY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO XXIV CORPS, THERE ARE NONE THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

C. BRIDGES HAVE BEEN A MAJOR TARGET IN THE RECENT UPSURGE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE LAST 30 DAYS AND AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT BRIDGES WILL CONTINUE TO BE A PRIMARY TARGET IN THE CONTINUING ENEMY ACTIVITIES DURING MAY AND JUNE. IN THE LAST 60 DAYS 6 BRIDGES HAVE BEEN INTERDICTED ON QL-1 AND OF THESE IT HAS BEEN NECESSARY FOR THE 1ST BRIDGE COMPANY TO INSTALL TACTICAL BRIDGING AT 3 LOCATIONS.

D. ARVN FLOAT BRIDGE ASSETS IN ICTZ CONSIST OF SOME 1500 FEET OF BRIDGE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE ZONE. CONSIDERING THE FACT THAT THERE ARE OVER 12 RIVERS IN ICTZ CROSSING QL-1 WHOSE WIDTH EXCEEDS 500 FEET PLUS THE VERY LARGE NUMBER OF SMALLER RIVERS, THE ARVN ASSETS ARE TOTALLY INADEQUATE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE FLOAT BRIDGE CAPABILITY OF THE 1ST BRIDGE COMPANY (-) BE RETAINED. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO MAKE USE OF AVAILABLE SHIPPING I COULD NOT OBJECT TO THE RETROGRADING AT THIS TIME OF THE M6 PANEL BRIDGE ASSETS OF THE CO (-), RETAINING ITS FLOAT BRIDGE ASSETS AND NECESSARY PERSONNEL TO FULLY EMPLOY THEM.

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AG CG III MAF 060017Z/MAY70 (TS)

1. (TS) REF A STATED THAT PRESENT PLANNING FOR
SECURITY OF THE LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE WILL BE
PROVIDED BY ONE RIFLE COMPANY FROM THE MAB.2. (TS) UPON REVIEW OF COMUSMACV'S ALTERNATE PLAN
ALFA AND BRAVO FOR FUTURE REDEPLOYMENTS, IT APPEARS
JUDICIOUS TO RE-EVALUATE THE PROVISIONS OF REF A.
SHOULD PLAN BRAVO BE EXECUTED, THERE WILL BE NO
MARINE GROUND FORCES (INFANTRY TYPE) IN RVN SUBSE-
QUENT TO 1MAY71 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE ROLL-UP
FORCE. SHOULD PLAN ALFA BE EXECUTED, THE LOCATION
OF THE MAB MAY WELL PRECLUDE THE SECURITY ARRANGE-PAGE 2 RUHFMA1537 TOP SECRET SPECAT MCOE
MENTS STATED IN REF A. THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THESE
UNCERTAINTIES, IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT THAT THE
LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE PLAN ON PROVIDING ITS OWN
SECURITY AND ANY INCREASE IN TIME IN COMPLETING THE
ROLL-UP MISSION OR, ANY REQUIREMENT FOR INCREASE IN
SPACES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN YOUR PLANS AND
DISCUSSED WITH MACV SOONEST.3. (U) YOUR COMMENTS IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.4. (U) GEN. BUSE HAS CONCURRED IN THE ABOVE.
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COLONEL ASSIGNMENTS (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 062245Z MAY70 (C) (SPECAT)

B. CG III MAF 100108Z MAY70 (C) (SPECAT)

1. THIS WILL CONFIRM COLONELS ASSIGNMENTS ADDRESSED IN REF A
SUBJ TO THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS SUGGESTED IN PART BY REF B/

A. FOR CG III MAF:

(1) DELETE: COLONELS A C SMITH AND H A HATCH. COLONEL
SMITH WILL BE ASSIGNED TO FIRST MARDIV AND COLONEL HATCH TO
THIRD MARDIV.

(2) ADD: COLONELS E H HAFPEY, ETA 20/30 JUL AND F J HUNT,
ETA 10/20 JUN.

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B. FOR CG FIRST MAW: DELETE: COLONEL S FISHER. ORDERS
CANCELLED BY CMC. A REPLACEMENT WITH ETA EARLY JUL IS UNDER
DISCUSSION WITH HQMC.

C. FOR CG FIRST MARDIV:

(1) DELETE: COLONELS F J HUNT AND M G TRUESDALE.

COLONEL BRUESDALE TO BE ORDERED TO FIFTH MEB/DUR JUL.

(2) ADD: COLONELS A C SMITH ETA 10/20 JUL AND D E HOLLEN MOS
SS 14, ETA 10/15 JUN.

D. FOR CG FORLOGCOMD:

(1) CHANGE ETA FOR COLONEL STURDEVAN TO 22-25 JUN.

(2) REGRET COLONELS H W EVANS AND H C REED NOT AVAILABLE

WESTPAC UNTIL OCT.

2. BRIEF SHEET EXTRACTS FOLLOW BY MAIL. WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJECT : FORCE PLANNING (U)
REFERENCE: III MAF MSG 140550Z MAY 1970.
(S) PENDING DECISION ON YOUR REQUEST IN REF MSG, STANDDOWN OF
UNITS INVOLVED IS NOT DESIRED.
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 HANLET NUMBER 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 18
 1. HAVE COMPLETED REVIEW OF ARTICLE 32 INVESTIGATION
 SUBJECT INCIDENT AND SEPARATE ARTICLE 32
 INVESTIGATION OF FIRST LT WENANE L. R. AMBORT.
 2. FOLLOWING ACTION TAKEN: PVT R.D. HERROD,
 250 34 59, USMC, AND PVT M.A. SCHWARZ, 236 65 42
 USMC HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO GENERAL COURT MARTIAL
 FOR THREE VIOLATIONS ARTICLE 118, UCMJ, ALLEGING
 PREMEDITATED MURDER OF SIXTEEN VIETNAMESE CIVIL-
 IANS. PFC T.R. BOYD 251 26 70, USMC AND PFC
 S. G. GREEN JR, 254 82 27 HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO

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 ARTICLE 118, UCMJ ALLEGING UNPREMEDITATED MURDER
 OF SIXTEEN VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. FIRST LT AMBORT
 010 67 25, USMC, WAS AWARDED LETTER OF REPRIMAND
 AND FORFEITURE OF \$250.00 PAY PER MONTH FOR
 TWO MONTHS FOR FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENT TO
 S-3 AND COMMANDING OFFICER 1/7 ON 19
 AND 20 FEBRUARY 1970 IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 107, UCMJ.
 NO APPEAL WILL BE MADE BY LT AMBORT.
 3. FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASES WILL BE MADE ON 16 MAY 1970
 CONCERNING REFERRAL OF FOUR ACCUSED TO GENERAL COURT
 MARTIAL AND NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT TAKEN AGAINST LT
 AMBORT:
 A. QUOTE-DANANG, VIETNAM, MAY - MAJOR GENERAL
 CHARLES F. WIDDECKE, COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE 1ST
 MARINE DIVISION, TODAY REFERRED FOUR MARINES ACCUSED OF
 MURDER OF 16 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS TO TRIAL BY GENERAL
 COURT MARTIAL.
 THE FOUR MARINES, MEMBERS OF 1ST BATTALION,
 SEVENTH MARINES ARE CHARGED WITH THE DEATHS OF FIVE

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 WOMEN AND 11 CHILDREN, FEB 19 IN HAMLET 4, SON THANG
 VILLAGE, IN THE QUE SON VALLEY 27 MILES SOUTH OF HERE.
 THE ACCUSED ARE PRIVATES RANDELL D. HERROD, 20
 (CALVIN, OKLA.) AND MICHAEL A. SCHWARZ, 21 (WEIRTON,
 W. VA), AND PRIVATES FIRST CLASS THOMAS R. BOYD, JR. 19
 (EVANSVILLE, IND) AND SAMUEL G. GREEN, 18 (CLEVELAND
 OHIO).

TRIAL DATES HAVE NOT BEEN
 ANNOUNCED AT THIS TIME. UNQUOTE.

B. QUOTE-DANANG, VIETNAM, MAY --MARINE FIRST
 LIEUTENANT LOUIS R. AMBORT, 23 (LITTLE ROCK, ARK.)
 WAS AWARDED A LETTER OF REPRIMAND AND FORFEITURE OF
 \$250.00 PAY PER MONTH FOR TWO MONTHS, IN CONNECTION
 WITH THE CASE OF FOUR MARINES ACCUSED OF MURDER
 INVOLVING 16 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS ON FEB 19.
 THE LIEUTENANT WAS INITIALLY CHARGED WITH
 TWO VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 92, UCMJ (FAILURE TO OBEY
 ORDER OR REGULATION) AND ONE VIOLATION OF ARTICLE
 107, UCMJ (FALSE OFFICIAL STATEMENT).
 AFTER THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, THE LIEUTEN-

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 ANT WAS PUNISHED FOR MAKING A FALSE OFFICIAL STATE-
 MENT CONCERNING THE AFTER ACTION REPORT ON A PATROL,
 MADE UP OF MEMBERS OF HIS COMPANY. THE PATROL'S
 MISSION HAD TAKEN IT THROUGH HAMLET 4, SON THANG
 VILLAGE, IN THE QUE SON VALLEY 27 MILES SOUTH OF
 HERE, WHERE THE ALLEGED MURDERS TOOK PLACE. UNQUOTE.
 4. NO TRIAL DATES ESTABLISHED. WILL EXPEDITE
 CONSISTENT WITH REQUIREMENT TO BRING WITNESSES BACK
 FROM CONTINENTAL LIMITS UNITED STATES AND ALLOW
 CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNSEL TIME TO PREPARE CASE.

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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFERENCE: III MAF MSG 140550Z MAY 1970 (TS)

1. (TS) REFERENCE PROPOSED UNITS FOR REDEPLOYMENT IN ORDER TO
 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE SHIPPING RETURNING TO CONUS 30 MAY-2
 10 JUNE 70.

WM (TS) IN VIEW OF ON GOING OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT VIETNAM, TO
 INCLUDE CRITICAL OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT
 MACV RETAIN AN OPERATIONAL POSTURE COMMENSURATE WITH THE SIT-
 UATION. THEREFORE, I DO NOT INTEND TO REDEPLOY ANY UNITS PRIOR
 TO AN ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL SITUATION, ABOUT 15 JUNE. AT
 THAT TIME I AM COMMITTED TO MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS ON REDEPLOYMENTS
 FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1970.

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SUBJ: COUNTERMEASURES FOR ENEMY HIGHPOINTS OF ACTIVITY (C)

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B. MY 160100Z MAY 70 (S)

C. COMUSMACV 160100Z MAY 70 (S) (NOTAL) (PASEP)

1. (S) ADV A DENOTES INCREASED ALLIED COUNTERSURGES TO PREEMPT THE EXPECTED ENEMY HIGH POINTS OF ATTACK. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATE AN ENEMY HIGH POINT OF ACTIVITY IS IMMINENT AS INDICATED IN REF B.

2. (S) REF C OUTLINES PROCEDURES FOR US UNITS IN THE EVENT A CESSATION OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IS DIRECTED ON OR ABOUT 19 MAY 1970 (BUEDNA'S BIRTHDAY). EXACT TIMES OF ANY CEASE FIRE WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY FLASH PRECEDENCE MESSAGE.

3. (S) ALL COMMANDERS WILL EXECUTE PLANNED OPERATIONS PER REF A FROM 170000Z MAY TO 190800Z MAY OR UNTIL NOTIFIED TO TERMINATE SAID OPERATIONS, IF APPLICABLE.

4. (S) UPON NOTIFICATION OF A TRUCE PERIOD BY FLASH MESSAGE ALL COMMANDERS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THE PROVISIONS

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5. REF C. COMMANDERS SHOULD BE PLACED ON RETAINING ALL FORCES IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS DURING THIS PERIOD.

6. (S) HE THEN TO REPORT COUNTERSURGE ON ORDER.

7. (S) ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MESSAGE AND REF C TO XXIV CORPS AND 105 AVIATION BATTALION 32 (35). MC CUTCHEON SENDS.

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A. CMC MSG 141241Z MAY70 (NOTAL)

1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED ACTION TAKEN OR PLANNED SUBJECT NAMED OFFICER.
2. ON 16APR 70 ARMY VIETNAM WARRANT OFFICER REPORTED SUBJECT NAMED OFFICER HAD, ON 28MAR 70, SHOT A PREGNANT VIETNAMESE WOMAN WITH A SNIPER RIFLE IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 119 (DUY XUYEN DISTRICT). HIS INVESTIGATION WAS INITIATED IMMEDIATELY. NUMEROUS MARINE WITNESSES SUPPORT INITIAL REPORT. NO INDICATION VICTIM WAS ARMED OR COMMITTING HOSTILE ACT. ON 17MAY70 SUBJECT

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 NAMED OFFICER, AFTER PROPER WARNINGS FROM HIS
 AGENT, DECLINED TO MAKE A STATEMENT CONCERNING
 THE ALLEGATION.

3. ALTHOUGH HIS INVESTIGATION STILL IN PROGRESS,
 ONE SPECIFICATION ALLEGING VIOLATION
 ARTICLE 118, UCMJ (PREMEDITATED MURDER)
 WAS PREFERRED AGAINST SUBJECT NAMED OFFICER ON 18MAY70.
 COMMANDING OFFICER FIRST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION
 ORDERED ARTICLE 32 INVESTIGATION ON 18MAY70 AND
 APPOINTED LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES P. KING, USMC,
 DEPUTY STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, INVESTIGATING OFFICER.
 LIEUTENANT ALLEN C. RUDY JR, USNR, GOVERNMENT COUNSEL,
 CAPTAIN JOHN J. HARGROVE, USMCR, DEFENSE COUNSEL.
 BOTH COUNSEL CERTIFIED ARTICLE 27B UCMJ.

4. SUBJECT NAMED OFFICER NOT UNDER ANY RESTRAINT.
 EXPECT ARTICLE 32 HEARING TO BEGIN APPROXIMATELY
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 BGEN HOUGHTON MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //N00000//
 RETROGRADE OF M-6 BRIDGING

A. ADMIN III MAF 191310Z/MAY70 (SPECAT)

1. (C) REF A ADVISED OF RETROGRADE PLANS FOR M-6 BRIDGING
 AND REQUESTED RETROGRADE DESTINATION.

2. (C) PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER THIS IS IN KEEPING WITH GEN
 ABRAMS POLICY ON REDEPLOYMENT PASSED BY QOUR 161314Z/MAY70
 (TS MCEO).

3. (C) WE WILL REQUEST DESIRED DESTINATION FROM CMC TODAY
 TO ENSURE INFO IS AVAIL TO YOU IF YOUR ANSWER TO PAR 2 ABOVE
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COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT, ICTZ (U)

A. ADMIN III MAF 191353Z/MAY70 (TS)

B. ADMIN III MAF 191352Z/MAY70 (S)

C. CG FMFPAC 090346Z/MAY70 (S)

1. (U) YOUR MESSAGES, REF A AND B, RECEIVED THIS MORNING WERE APPRECIATED. AS AN INTERIM REPLY TO YOUR REQUEST IN REF A THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED.

2. (TS) STAFF COORDINATION WITH CINCPACFLT RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT INDICATES NO DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE NAVY TO ABROGATE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT MARINE FORCES IN VIETNAM ARE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED. ON THE CONTRARY ONE AND ALL SEEM EAGER TO ASSIST IN THE RESOLVE OF ANY SIGNIFICANT PROBLEM AREAS IDENTIFIED. HOWEVER, THERE DIES

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APPEAR TO BE UNANIMITY IN THEIR OPINION THAT MATTERS HAVE HROGRESSED TOO FAR ALONG, WITH BLESSING FROM BOTH WASHINGTON AND SAIGON AND APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT OF FUND NG, TO DELAY THE PLANNED ARMY ASSUMPTION OF RESPTNSIBILITY FOR THE SUBJECT SUPPORT.

3. (S) THE FUNDING IMPACT OF THE PENDING TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUBJECT SUPPORT, AS ADDRESSED IN REF C, CONTINUES AS A PRIMARY CONCERN OF THIS HEADQUARTERS. EARLIEST SPECIFIC AND DETAILED IDENTIFICATION OF PROBLEMS AREAS IN THIS CONNECTION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

4. (TS) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED AS AVAILABLE. IT DOES APPEAR FROM YOUR ANALYSIS AND THE NAVY'S FISCAL POSTURE THAT THE ARMY TAKE OVER OF SUBJECT SUPPORT IN I CORPS WILL PROCEED ESSENTIALLY AS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED. WARM REGARDS.

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HAMLET NUMBER 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 19 DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

1. THIS HEADQUARTERS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING QUERIES FROM MR. BOB SULLIVAN, UPI CORRESPONDENT, DANANG PRESS CENTER, ON 19 MAY. MR. SULLIVAN STATED THAT ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES WERE REQUESTED FROM HIS BUREAU IN SAIGON. FOLLOWING EACH QUERY FROM MR. SULLIVAN ARE FACTS RELATIVE TO THE QUERY AND THE REPLY PROPOSED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. 2. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT FROM MR. SULLIVAN PRECEDED THE QUERIES: QUOTE, ALLEGATIONS FROM THE DEFENSE PEOPLE IN THE

PAGE TWO RUMLLUA2949 ~~SECRET~~ /SPECAT /MCEO CASE OF THE FOUR MARINES ACCUSED OF THE MURDER OF 16 CIVILIANS. MOST ARE FROM A DEFENSE LAWYER. NEED MARINE CORPS COMMENT, DENIAL, CONFIRMATION, OR WHATEVER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, UNQUOTE.

3. ALL QUERIES THAT FOLLOW ARE DIRECT QUOTES FROM MR. SULLIVAN THE QUERIES AND PROPOSED REPLIES BY THIS HEADQUARTERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

QUERY 1. QUOTE, DAILY REPORTS TO COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, ON PROGRESS OF THE INVESTIGATION? UNQUOTE. FACTS: REPORTS ARE MADE TO THE COMMANDANT ROUTINELY ON ANY ALLEGED SERIOUS INCIDENT.

OPROPOSED REPLY 1. REPORTS ARE MADE TO HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, INCLUDING THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS, ROUTINELY ON ANY ALLEGED SERIOUS INCIDENT.

QUERY 2. QUOTE, NO AUTOPSY EVER MADE. VICTIMS' BODIES NEVER DUG UP. UNQUOTE.

FACTS: IT WAS NOT FELT NECESSARY TO PERFORM AUTOPSY DUE TO AVAILABILITY OF PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE VICTIMS. (SEE 1ST MARINE DIVISION MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY MESSAGE 031435H MAY70).

PROPOSED REPLY 2. CERTAIN AVAILABLE EVIDENCE RENDERED

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 AUTOPSY OF THE VICTIMS UNNECESSARY.

QUERY 3. QUOTE, KRICHTEN GIVEN IMMUNITY IN ORDER TO TESTIFY
 AGAINST OTHERS? CHARGES COULD BE REFERRED AGAINST HIM TOO; I.E.,
 HAVE NOT BEEN DROPPED? UNQUOTE.

FACTS: KRICHTEN WAS GIVEN A GRANT OF IMMUNITY BY THE
 COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, ON 24 APRIL 1970. THE
 CHARGES HAVE NOT BEEN DROPPED.

PROPOSED REPLY 3. WE HAVE NO STATEMENT TO MAKE CONCERNING
 FIRST PART OF QUERY 3. CHARGES AGAINST KRICHTEN HAVE NOT BEEN
 DISMISSED. FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CHARGES AGAINST KRICHTEN HAVE
 NOT BEEN MADE.

QUERY 4. QUOTE, HERROD HAS BEEN AWARDED A SILVER STAR BUT IT
 HAS NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO HIM? UNQUOTE.

FACTS: PRESENTATION OF THE SILVER STAR TO PRIVATE HERROD HAS
 BEEN WITHHELD PENDING OUTCOME OF TRIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
 PROVISIONS OF TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 6249.

PROPOSED REPLY 4. PRESENTATION OF THE SILVER STAR TO PRIVATE
 HERROD FOR ACTION WITH THE 3RD MARINE DIVISION HAS BEEN WITHHELD
 PENDING OUTCOME OF TRIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF
 TITLE 10, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 6249.

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QUERY 5. QUOTE, COMMANDING OFFICER OF 1/7 RECOMMENDED LESSER
 CHARGES BUT GENERAL WIDDECKE UPGRADED, IN SOME CASES, IF NOT ALL?
 UNQUOTE.

FACTS: THIS MATTER IS NOW PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THE DIVISION
 STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE SENT A COMPLETE COPY OF THE ARTICLE 32
 INVESTIGATION TO ALL DEFENSE COUNSELS. IN ADDITION HE ALSO SENT
 ALL DEFENSE COUNSELS A COPY OF HIS ARTICLE 34 PRE-TRIAL ADVICE
 LETTER CONTAINING HIS RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL.
 THERE IS NO NEED TO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THIS. THE COMMANDING
 GENERAL ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE.
 HE DID NOT UPGRADE THE CHARGES NOR DID HE ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS
 OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, TO
 DOWNGRADE THEM.

PROPOSED REPLY 5. ON 28 MARCH 1970, THE INVESTIGATING
 OFFICER RECOMMENDED ALL FIVE MARINES ACCUSED BE REFERRED TO TRIAL
 BY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER. ON
 27 APRIL 1970, THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES,
 FORWARDED THE REPORT OF THE PRETRIAL INVESTIGATION RECOMMENDING
 THAT PRIVATES HERROD AND SCHWARZ BE CHARGED WITH UNPREMEDITATED
 MURDER; THAT PRIVATES FIRST CLASS GREEN AND BOYD BE CHARGED WITH

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 VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND THAT LANCE CORPORAL KRICHTEN NOT BE CHARGED. ON 5 MAY, THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE RECOMMENDED, IN HIS ARTICLE 34 ADVISE LETTER TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, THAT PRIVATES HERROD AND SCHWARZ BE CHARGED WITH PREMEDITATED MURDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS; THAT PRIVATES FIRST CLASS GREEN AND BOYD AND LANCE CORPORAL KRICHTEN BE CHARGED WITH UNPREMEDITATED MURDER. AFTER AN ANALYSIS OF THE RECORD OF INVESTIGATION, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, ON 16 MAY 1970, REFERRED PRIVATES HERROD AND SCHWARZ TO GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND PRIVATES FIRST CLASS GREEN AND BOYD TO GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF UNPREMEDITATED MURDER. QUERY 6. QUOTE, GENERAL BUSE ARRIVED FOR MEETING WITH GENERAL WIDDECKE THE DAY REFERRAL TO GENERAL COURT MARTIAL WAS MADE... ALSO, WHAT DAY WAS ACTUAL REFERRAL TO COURT MARTIAL MADE: I.E., SIGNED, SEALED, OR WHATEVER, BY GENERAL WIDDECKE? UNQUOTE. FACTS: GENERAL BUSE DID ARRIVE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ROUTINE INSPECTION VISIT TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION ON 15 MAY 1970. THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS VISIT AND REFERRAL OF THESE CHARGES TO TRIAL BY THE COMMANDING

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 GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION ON 16 MAY 1970. PROPOSED REPLY 6. GENERAL BUSE ARRIVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON A PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ROUTINE INSPECTION VISIT TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION ON 15 MAY 1970. THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN HIS INSPECTION VISIT TO THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION AND THE REFERRAL OF THE CHARGES TO TRIAL BY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL BY THEO COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION ON 16 MAY 1970. QUERY 7. QUOTE, IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONSPIRACY CHARGE, IS IT LEGAL TO USE TESTIMONY OF A CO-DEFENDANT AGAINST ANOTHER CO-DEFENDANT?

UNQUOTE.
 FACTS: THIS IS PURELY AN EVIDENTIARY QUESTION DEPENDING ON THE FACTS OF EACH CASE AND WHICH WILL BE DECIDED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE IN A COURT MARTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF EVIDENCE. PROPOSED REPLY 7. THIS IS PURELY AN EVIDENTIARY QUESTION DEPENDING ON THE FACTS OF EACH CASE WHICH WILL BE DECIDED BY THE TRIAL JUDGE IN A COURT MARTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES OF EVIDENCE.
 4. REQUEST APPROVAL OF PROPOSED REPLIES. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE ADVISE IF IT IS STILL DESIRED THAT ALL QUERIES BE CLEARED THROUGH HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS AS INDICATED IN CONVERSATIONS
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BETWEEN COLONEL FIELDS, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION : MARINE
 CORPS, AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS HEADQUARTERS, DURING HIS
 VISIT HERE ON 13-16 APRIL 1970; IS IT DESIRED THAT THIS
 HEADQUARTERS BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE TIME LAG, ANSWER THEM LOCALLY
 WITHIN PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED GUIDELINES AND INFORM THE COMMANDANT
 OF QUERIES AND RESPONSES?

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- A. YOUR 200555Z MAY70 (S)
1. (S) NO OBJECTION TO PROPOSED REPLIES TO PRESS QUERIES
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 2. (S) ANSWER ALL PRESS QUERIES LOCALLY WITHIN PREV
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DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

LE BAC (2) INCIDENT, REPORT NUMBER ONE

A. CG III MAF P131241Z MAY70 (C)

B. CG FIRST MARDIV 200555Z MAY70 (S) (SPECAT)

1. THIS IS AN UPDATE ON REFERENCE (A) IN WHICH THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF INFORMED THE COMMANDANT OF A SERIOUS INCIDENT INVOLVING THE ALLEGED MURDER OF APPROXIMATELY 36 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

2. ON 15 APR 1970, COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES, ENGAGED IN HOSTILE CONTACT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LE BAC (2). THE OPERATIONS WERE SUPPORTED BY FIXED WING, COBRA AND CV-10 AIRCRAFT. THERE WERE

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NINE KNOWN ENEMY KILLED IN ACTION BY FRIENDLY GROUND UNITS AND THREE KNOWN ENEMY KILLED BY AIR STRIKES REPORTED BY COMPANY B, 1ST BATTALION, 5TH MARINES. ON 16 APRIL APPROXIMATELY 36 RESIDENTS OF LE BAC (2) APPROACHED MARINES ON HILL 119, LOCATED ABOUT 3,000 METERS SOUTHWEST OF LE BAC (2), CARRYING THE BODIES OF THREE CHILDREN AND TWO MEN. THE VILLAGERS CLAIMED THERE WERE MORE DEAD IN THE VILLAGE THAT HAD BEEN KILLED BY SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE DIVISION'S INVESTIGATION COMMENCED ON 17 APRIL AND AS OF THIS DATE HAS REVEALED THE FOLLOWING:

A. CHIEF OF DUY XUYEN DISTRICT HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT, ADDING THAT LE BAC (2) IS NOT UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL, NO REPRESENTATIVE LOCATED THEREIN; IS IN FREE FIRE ZONE; CONSIDERED IN VIET CONG CONTROLLED TERRITORY; VILLAGE A VIET CONG REST HAVEN.
 B. THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF DUC DUC DISTRICT, AS WELL AS THE CHIEF OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE, HAD RECEIVED NO REPORTS OR COMPLAINTS OF THE INCIDENT.

C. ACCORDING TO VIETNAMESE IN THE AREA, MOST OF THE VILLAGERS HAD MOVED TO REFUGEE CENTERS OR TO DANANG CITY, BETWEEN 16 APRIL AND 13 MAY.

D. OF 25 INHABITANTS REMAINING IN LE BAC (2) VILLAGE, ONLY

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THREE WOULD TALK TO AN INVESTIGATING TEAM ON 13 MAY 1970. THEY REPORTED THAT APPROXIMATELY 30 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS HAD BEEN KILLED, PREDOMINANTLY BY AIR STRIKES DURING THE BATTLE ACTION BETWEEN U.S. MARINES AND VIET CONG. THEY ALL STATED, HOWEVER, THAT THEY WISH THE MARINES WOULD REMAIN NEAR THE VILLAGE TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE VIET CONG.

E. DURING THE TIME THE INVESTIGATING TEAM WAS IN THE VILLAGE ON 13 MAY 1970, MARINE RIFLE COMPANIES OPERATING ADJACENT TO LE BAC (2), IN CONJUNCTION WITH VIETNAMESE REGIONAL FORCES, DETAINED 24 PERSONS (LATER CONFIRMED AS 20 ENEMY MEDICAL PERSONNEL AND THE REMAINDER AS COMMUNIST LIAISON PERSONNEL OR CIVIL DEFENDANTS), CAPTURED ONE .50 CALIBER MACHINE GUN, TWO INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, AND NUMEROUS MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

F. FROM INTERROGATION OF VIETNAMESE RESIDING IN LE BAC (2) IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DEATHS ON 15 APRIL 1970 AS A RESULT OF THE HOSTILE ACTION IN AND AROUND LE BAC (2). IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO ASCERTAIN HOW MANY HAD DIED, NOR WAS ANY EVIDENCE FOUND TO SUBSTANTIATE THE VIET CONG ALLEGATION OF MURDER AS NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 3.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE BY THE VIET CONG AND SET

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FORTH IN A NEWS RELEASE ON 12 MAY BY THE UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI), AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: VIET CONG TODAY ACCUSED TROOPS OF THE U.S. FIFTH MARINE REGIMENT OF MURDERING 38 SOUTH VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS, INCLUDING 13 CHILDREN, IN A RAID ON A VILLAGE OF APRIL 15. THE VIET CONG CHARGE WAS QUOTED BY THE VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY IN A BROADCAST HEARD IN TOKYO. THE MARINES BURNED HOUSES AND ROBBED THE PEOPLE OF LE BAC IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. UNQUOTE.

4. IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, FLEET MARINE FORCE, PACIFIC, APPROVED THE POSITION PROPOSED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE, QUOTED AS FOLLOWS: AN ALLEGATION OF THIS TYPE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND HAS BEEN UNDER INVESTIGATION FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS. A FIREFIGHT BETWEEN MARINES AND VIET CONG DID OCCUR IN THIS AREA ON 15 APRIL 1970. NO SUBSTANTIATION OF THE ALLEGATION HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED, HOWEVER, THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL IN PROGRESS. UNQUOTE.

5. SUBSEQUENTLY, QUERIES WERE RECEIVED RELATIVE TO THE LE BAC (2) INCIDENT FROM: MR. WILL JOHNSON, ASSOCIATED PRESS; MRS. EVE SHARBUTT, ASSOCIATED PRESS AND AN ARMY COLONEL FROM THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE COMMAND VIETNAM OFFICE OF INFORMATION (MACOI), SAIGON. THE QUERIES ALL ASKED THE FOLLOWING: QUOTE: WHAT IS THE LATEST

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 ON THE ALLEGED MASSACRE OF THE VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS? ANYTHING NEW
 ON THE LE BAC INCIDENT? UNQUOTE. ALL QUERIES WERE ANSWERED WITH
 THE APPROVED RESPONSE CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE. ON 20 MAY,
 THE DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER RECEIVED THE QUERIES INDICATED
 IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH FROM MR. JAY SHARBUTT, ASSOCIATED PRESS.
 6. THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL RELEASE THE FOLLOWING REPLIES TO THE
 QUERIES QUOTED BELOW THAT WERE RECEIVED FROM MR. JAY SHARBUTT,
 ASSOCIATED PRESS (AP), PRESENTLY AT THE DANANG PRESS CENTER.
 QUERY 1. QUOTE: WHERE DID ALLEGATIONS COME FROM? UNQUOTE.
 PROPOSED REPLY 1. ON 16 APRIL 1970 A GROUP OF VIETNAMESE
 CIVILIANS, CLAIMING TO BE FROM LE BAC (2), APPROACHED A MARINE
 OBSERVATION POST ON HILL 119, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 17 MILES SOUTH-
 WEST OF DANANG. THE VIETNAMESE REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF VILLAGERS HAD
 BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE ACTION BETWEEN MARINE AND VIET CONG
 FORCES ON 15 APRIL 1970. 1ST MARINE DIVISION INVESTIGATION COMM-
 ENCED THE FOLLOWING DAY, 17 APRIL 1970. SUBSEQUENTLY, THE VIET
 CONG, IN A RADIO BROADCAST RECEIVED IN JAPAN ON 12 MAY 1970,
 ALLEGED THAT U.S. MARINES HAD MURDERED 38 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.
 THIS BROADCAST WAS MONITORED BY UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL (UPI)
 AND SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED IN A NEWS STORY.

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 QUERY 2. QUOTE: ACTUAL DATE INVESTIGATION STARTED? UNQUOTE.
 PROPOSED REPLY 2. THE INVESTIGATION COMMENCED ON 17 APRIL
 1970. MARINES WHO HAD OCCUPIED THE OBSERVATION POST
 ON HILL 119 AND MARINES FROM THE UNIT
 INVOLVED IN THE 15 APRIL 1970 OPERATION AROUND LE BAC (2)
 WERE INTERVIEWED. THE DISTRICT CHIEFS OF DUY XUYEN AND DUC DUC
 DISTRICTS WERE ALSO QUESTIONED. THE INVESTIGATING TEAM VISITED
 LE BAC (2) AND INTERVIEWED SEVERAL VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS OF THE
 VILLAGE. THEY REAFFIRMED THAT A NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE HAD BEEN KILLED
 ON 15 APRIL 1970 DURING THE ENGAGEMENT FOUGHT IN THEIR AREA BETWEEN
 U.S. MARINES AND VIET CONG.
 QUERY 3. QUOTE: HAVE CHARGES BEEN PLACED AGAINST ANYONE? IF
 SO, WHO? UNQUOTE.
 PROPOSED REPLY 3. THE INVESTIGATION HAS FOUND THAT A NUMBER OF VIET-
 NAMESE HAD BEEN KILLED AS A RESULT OF THE HOSTILE ACTION OF 15 APRIL
 1970. IT COULD NOT BE ASCERTAINED WHETHER THE DEATHS WERE A RESULT
 OF MARINE OR VIET CONG FIRE. NO INFORMATION WAS DEVELOPED TO
 SUBSTANTIATE THE ALLEGATIONS BROADCAST BY THE VIET CONG ON 12 MAY
 1970. NO CHARGES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT AGAINST ANYONE.
 7. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, CIVILIAN CORRESPONDENTS MR. BOB

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SULLIVAN OF UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AND MR. JAY SHARBUTT OF ASSOCIATED PRESS, HAVE INDICATED TO CAPTAIN JOHN P. NOVAK, 1ST MARINE DIVISION PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, THEIR DESIRE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE OF LE BAC (2). THEY FURTHER INDICATED THAT THEY DESIRED TRANSPORTATION AND SECURITY. THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS ADVISED THE CORRESPONDENTS INDICATED ABOVE, THROUGH CAPTAIN JOHN P. NOVAK, THAT THIS AREA IS CONSIDERED HOSTILE AND THAT MARINE SECURITY IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THEIR PROTECTION. SINCE BEING INFORMED OF THE ABOVE, NEITHER CORRESPONDENT HAS INDICATED ANY FURTHER DESIRE TO VISIT THE VILLAGE.

8. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES CONCERNING THE ABOVE MAY BE RECEIVED DURING THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS, CONCURRENT

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WITH QUERIES RELATIVE TO PROCEEDINGS ARISING FROM HAMLET NUMBER 4
SON THANG (V) AS ADDRESSED IN REFERENCE (B).

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FIRST LIEUTENANT COLLIN C. ROBERTS #108769 USMCR, REPORT NUMBER 2

- A. CMC 201108Z MAY70 (NOTAL)
- B. CG 1STMARDIV 181012Z MAY70 (S)
- C. CG III MAF 181411Z APR70 (C)
- D. CG III MAF 111002Z MAY70

1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED PUBLIC AFFAIRS ACTION TAKEN ON INCIDENT AND INVESTIGATION DISCUSSED REFERENCES B, C, AND D.
2. FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE PLANNED FOR RELEASE AFTER SUBJECT NAMED OFFICER HAS HAD OPPORTUNITY TO NOTIFY FAMILY OF PENDING INVESTIGATION: QUOTE: DANANG, VIETNAM, MAY -- AN ARTICLE 32 INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN CONVENED TO EXAMINE THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST

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FIRST LIEUTENANT COLLIN C. ROBERTS, U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE, OF THE 1ST RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION, 1ST MARINE DIVISION (REINFORCED) FLEET MARINE FORCE. LIEUTENANT ROBERTS, 24 (LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA), WAS SERVING AT HILL 119, 17 MILES SOUTH OF DANANG, ON MARCH 28, 1970, WHEN HE WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE MURDERED A VIETNAMESE. HE IS CHARGED WITH PREMEDITATED MURDER. LIEUTENANT COLONEL JAMES F. KING, 40 (PUTNAM, NEW YORK), DIVISION DEPUTY STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED INVESTIGATING OFFICER. HE WILL BE REQUIRED TO INQUIRE INTO THE TRUTH OF THE CHARGES TO DETERMINE WHAT DISPOSITION SHOULD BE MADE OF THEM. UNQUOTE.

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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 20

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 200555Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

B. CMC 201824Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

1. ANSWERS TO NEWS QUERIES AS OUTLINED IN REFERENCE A AND APPROVED FOR LOCAL RELEASE BY REFERENCE B WILL BE RELEASED 22 MAY 70 WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS IN REPLIES 5 AND 6:

A. REPLY 5, CHANGES IN PARENTHESES:

ON (19 APRIL) 1970, THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER RECOMMENDED ALL FIVE MARINES ACCUSED BE REFERRED TO TRIAL BY GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER. ON 27 APRIL 1970, THE COMMANDING OFFICER, 1ST BATTALION, 7TH MARINES, FORWARDED THE

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REPORT OF THE PRETRIAL INVESTIGATION RECOMMENDING THAT PRIVATES HERROD AND SCHWARZ BE CHARGED WITH UNPREMEDITATED MURDER; THAT PRIVATES FIRST CLASS GREEN AND BOYE BE CHARGED WITH VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER AND THAT LANCE CORPORAL KRICHTEN NOT BE CHARGED. ON 5 MAY, THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE RECOMMENDED, IN HIS ARTICLE 34 ADVICE LETTER TO THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, THAT PRIVATES HERROD AND SCHWARZ BE CHARGED WITH PREMEDITATED MURDER IN ACCORDANCE WITH INVESTIGATING OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS; THAT PRIVATES FIRST CLASS GREEN AND BOYD (AND LANCE CORPORAL KRICHTEN) BE CHARGED WITH UNPREMEDITATED MURDER. AFTER AN ANALYSIS OF THE RECORD OF INVESTIGATION, THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 1ST MARINE DIVISION, ON (14) MAY 1970, REFERRED PRIVATES HERROD AND SCHWARZ TO GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF PREMEDITATED MURDER AND PRIVATES FIRST CLASS GREEN AND BOYD TO GENERAL COURT MARTIAL ON CHARGES OF UNPREMEDITATED MURDER.

REASON: (1) 19 APRIL 1970 WAS SUBSTITUTED FOR 28 MARCH 1970. INVESTIGATING OFFICER SUBMITTED PRELIMINARY REPORT ON 28 MARCH 1970.

FINAL REPORT WAS DATED 19 APRIL 1970. (2) WORDS "AND LANCE CORPORAL KRICHTEN" WERE DELETED. NO REFERRAL LETTER WAS SUBMITTED ON HIM BECAUSE HE WAS GRANTED A LETTER OF IMMUNITY ON

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 24 APRIL 1970. (3) 16 MAY 1970 SHOULD BE 14 MAY 1970 TO CONFORM
 TO ACTUAL DATE OF REFERRAL AS EVIDENCED BY ORIGINAL CHARGE SHEET
 AND LETTERS OF STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE TO CIVILIAN COUNSEL.

B. REPLY 6, CHANGES IN PARENTHESES:

GENERAL BUSE ARRIVED IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON A
 PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED ROUTINE INSPECTION VISIT TO THE 1ST MARINE
 DIVISION ON 15 MAY 1970. (THE FOUR ACCUSED IN THE HAMLET 4 SON
 THANG VILLAGE INCIDENT WERE REFERRED TO TRIAL BY THE COMMANDING
 GENERAL OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION ON 14 MAY 1970.) THERE (WAS)
 NO CONNECTION BETWEEN (THE) INSPECTION VISIT OF GENERAL BUSE AND
 THE REFERRAL OF CHARGES (AGAINST THE FOUR MARINES).

REASON: ALTHOUGH PRESS RELEASE WAS NOT MADE UNTIL AFTER
 GENERAL BUSE'S VISIT, ACTUAL REFERRAL OF CHARGES WAS MADE ON
 14 MAY 1970.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, NGEN THRASH, MGEN WIDDECKE, MGEN WILSON, BGEN JOHNSON, BGEN PADALINO, BGEN BARROW FROM LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //N 00000//

1. DURING MY RECENT VISIT TO WESTPAC THE SUBJECT OF THE CORROSIVE EFFECT ON MORALE CAUSED BY THE DELAY (SOMETIMES AS MUCH AS TWO WEEKS) IN PROCESSING PERSONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCHARGE WAS RAISED IN SEVERAL COMMANDS.

2. I AM SURE THAT THE PROBLEM HAS BECOME MORE AP-

PAGE 2 RUHHFMA2826 C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR PARENT BECAUSE OF OUR RECENT DIRECTIVE THAT MARINES TO BE DISCHARGED ADMINISTRATIVELY BE ACCOMPANIED TO CONUS BY COMPLETED ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION. THE PROBLEMS ACCRUING FROM THESE MARINES AWAITING DISCHARGE ON THE WESTINCOAST, IDLING THEIR TIME AND, WHEN PERMITTED, CLUSTERING IN DISSIDENT AND TROUBLE FOMENTING GROUPS, ARE PRECISELY THE PROBLEMS WHICH REQUIRED THAT DIRECTIVE TO BE ISSUED. THE SAME PROBLEMS EXIST IN YOUR COMMANDS.

3. WHEN A MARINE IS IDENTIFIED AS A CANDIDATE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCHARGE THE PROCESSING SHOULD BE DONE ASAP AND THAT WHILE AWAITING THIS ACTION MARINES, WHENEVER POSSIBLE SHOULD BE RETAINED IN UNITS, NOT GROUPED IN CASUAL STATUS, AND BE REQUIRED TO PERFORM USEFUL WORK WITHIN THEIR CAPABILITIES.

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PERSONNEL STRENGTH IN RVN (U)
A. GINGPAC 220335Z MAY70 PASEP (C)
B. JCS 9472210041Z MAY70 PASEP (S)
1. (C) BY REFERENCE A GINGPAC HAS REQUESTED COMUSMACV
TO PROVIDE A RESPONSE TO THE REFERENCE B REQUEST TO
MAINTAIN RVN STRENGTH AT A LEVEL AT OR BELOW THE
ON BOARD STRENGTH OF 30 APR 70. I ANTICIPATE THAT
III MAF WILL SHORTLY BE QUIRRED ON PROPOSED METHODS
OF STRENGTH MANAGEMENT TO COMPLY WITH SECDEF GUIDANCE.
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING INFO MAY BE HELPFUL. THE MARINE
END INCREMENT III CEILING IS 426 TO WHICH FIGURE
INCLUDES 576 DOD SPECIAL/STD AUTHORIZED SPACES
REPORTED ON BY COMNAVFORV. MANNING LEVEL FOR III MAF
FORCES IS NOW 296 BELOW THAT AUTHORIZED CEILING AS A

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RESULT OF SPACE REDUCTIONS EFFECTED. IN MARCH IN HQ
III MAF. TOTAL MARINE STRENGTH IN RVN AS OF 30 APR
WAS REPORTED AS 41,745 AND WE ARE PROJECTING A 31 MAY
ON ROLL STRENGTH AT ABOUT THAT SAME FIGURE. IT
WOULD APPEAR FROM REFERENCES A AND B THAT WE MAY BE
ASKED TO STAY WITHIN OUR 30 APR STRENGTH AT LEAST
UNTIL 1 JUNE - PERHAPS BEYOND THAT DATE. OBVIOUSLY,
OUR GREATEST FLEXIBILITY IS GAINED IF WE CAN AVOID
SUCH A LIMITATION AND BE RESTRICTED ONLY TO OUR
PROGRAM CEILING. IN ANY EVENT AT THIS TIME IT WILL
NOT SERVE OUR PURPOSES TO INDICATE THAT OUR MANNING
LEVEL GOAL IS BELOW THAT CEILING. WE WILL CONTINUE
TO MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT AT MAINTAINING IN-
COUNTRY STRENGTH AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO WHATEVER
CEILING IS IMPOSED. CERTAINLY HMCV IS MAKING A MOST
EXTENDED EFFORT TOWARDS THAT GOAL. OUR MANAGEMENT
OF PERSONNEL INS AND OUTS HAVE BEEN, I BELIEVE,
EFFECTIVE AND THE PRESENT REPORTING SYSTEM WOULD
SEEM ADEQUATE. NEW METHODS OF STRENGTH MANAGEMENT
FOR MARINE FORCES APPEAR TO BE UNNECESSARY.

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3. (TS) SEPARATE BUT RELATED - SECRETARY LAIRD MADE THE COMMENT IN REFERENCE B " - AND TO EFFECTING SOME GRADUAL REDUCTION, IF POSSIBLE, WHILE THE FULL FY 1971 SCHEDULES ARE BEING FORMULATED". THIS MAY PROVIDE YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO REOPEN AT THIS LATE DATE THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE MOVEMENT OF THE 9TH ENGR BN (-), RECON CO (-) AND THE BRIDGE CO (-) BY AMPHIB SHIPPING IN EARLY JUNE. I NOTE THAT JUST TODAY MACV, IN A MSG FROM CINCPAC, WAS ADVISED OF SHIPPING AVAILABILITY OVER INCREMENT IV TIME FRAME AND THE SHORTFALLS AND COSTS INVOLVED WITH OPTIONS A AND B. THIS IS THE SAME INFO YOU HAD FROM US EARLIER IN SOMEWHAT GREATER DETAIL. IF NOT NEEDED IN-COUNTRY, A MOVE OF THESE UNITS AT THIS TIME WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FROM SEVERAL STANDPOINTS: PERSONNEL SAVINGS, TRANSPORTATION COSTS, GREATLY REDUCED CONGESTION IN WEST COAST AS WELL AS DANANG PORTS AND ENHANCEMENT OF MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES DURING AND AFTER INCREMENT IV.

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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V), REPORT NO 21

1. ON 20 AND 21 MAY 1970 CAPTAIN R. C. WILLIAMS
010 60 73 USMC, APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL IN
GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL OF U. S. V. HERROD, WAS
QUOTED ON AFVN RADIO AND IN STARS AND STRIPES AS
SAYING THE CASE IS POLITICAL IN NATURE AND
CONTROLLED BY HEADQUARTERS TO MAKE SURE THE
MARINE CORPS IS NOT GOING TO GET CAUGHT LIKE THE
ARMY DID, COVERING UP AT MY LAI. ALSO THE STARS
AND STRIPES FURTHER REPORTED HE SAID EVIDENCE
PRESENTED AGAINST THE MEN AT A PRETRIAL HEARING

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WAS NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT A COURT-MARTIAL BUT
THAT ONE WAS ORDERED BY AUTHORITIES HIGHER THAN
THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION.

2. NO INVESTIGATION OF THIS MATTER HAS BEEN MADE
NOR IS ONE CONTEMPLATED AT THIS TIME. THE FOLLOWING LETTER
HAS BEEN SENT TO CAPTAIN WILLIAMS

BY THE DIVISION STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE ON 26 MAY 1970:
FROM: STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

TO: CAPTAIN ROBERT C. WILLIAMS, JR., 010 60 73,
U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

SUBJ: PRETRIAL PUBLICITY; GCM U. S. V HERROD

REF: (A) PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES, THURSDAY 21 MAY
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(B) PARA 44B MCM, 1969 (REV)

(C) AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION, CODE OF PROFES-
SIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, CANON 7

1. ON 21 MAY 1970 YOU WERE QUOTED IN REFERENCE (A) AS
SAYING THE SUBJECT CASE AND RELATED CASES WERE ORDERED
TO TRIAL FOR POLITICAL REASONS AND THAT THERE WAS

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INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE AT THE PRETRIAL HEARING AGAINST
THE ACCUSED TO WARRANT A COURT-MARTIAL.

2. I DO NOT KNOW WHETHER THE ABOVE NEWSPAPER REPORT
IS COMPLETELY ACCURATE. NEVERTHELESS, THE MATTER IS
SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT FOR ME TO CALL THE FOLLOWING
REFERENCES TO YOUR ATTENTION.

A. REFERENCE (B) STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

"AS PUBLICATION IN THE PUBLIC PRESS, OR ON THE
RADIO OR TELEVISION, OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A PENDING
CASE MAY INTERFERE WITH A FAIR TRIAL AND OTHERWISE PRE-
JUDICE THE DUE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, COUNSEL SHOULD
REFRAIN FROM DISCUSSING ANY SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRESS, RADIO, OR TELEVISION
UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE CONVENING AUTHORITY OR OTHER
COMPETENT SUPERIOR AUTHORITY."

B. DISCIPLINARY RULE 7-107 OF REFERENCE (C) CAUTIONS
ALL LAWYERS IN A CRIMINAL MATTER AGAINST EXPRESSING
PUBLICLY OPINIONS "AS TO THE GUILT OR INNOCENCE OF THE
ACCUSED, THE EVIDENCE OR THE MERITS OF THE CASE."

3. I DO NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION IN RE-

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LATION TO THE STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO YOU IN REFERENCE
(A). YOU SHOULD BE ADVISED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY FURTHER
PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS OF THIS TYPE WILL BE CLOSELY
EXAMINED AND MAY REQUIRE THE TRIAL COUNSEL TO REQUEST

OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION OF THEM PRIOR TO TRIAL, BY THE
DULY APPOINTED MILITARY JUDGE IN THE SUBJECT CASE.

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

FOR LGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM WEISNER

CINCPACFLT VISIT (C)

A. CG III MAF 091415Z MAY 70

1. I INTEND TO ACCOMPANY ADM HYLAND DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO YANKEE STATION AND DANANG AND WILL TRAVEL WITH HIM TO CAM RANH BAY AND REJOIN COMMAND SHIP IN CAM RANH BAY AREA. UNLESS IT WILL BE INCONVENIENT TO YOU I WILL PLAN ON JOINING HIM FOR HIS VISIT TO III MAF SET FORTH IN REF A. I WILL BE ACCOMPANIED ONLY BY MY FLAG LT, LCDR MULLINS.

2. ALL BEST WISHES.

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(DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

NAVLET NO. 4, SON THANG (V), REPORT NO. 22

A. CG FIRST MARDIV MSG 251316Z MAY 70 (NOTAL)

1. ON 25 MAY 1970 THE DIVISION STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE
RECEIVED A LETTER, DATED 20 MAY 1970, FROM MR HOWARD P. TROCKMAN,
CIVILIAN COUNSEL FOR PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS R. BOYD 251 26
70 USMC, WHICH INDICATED THAT HE HAD MADE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS
WITH HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS (CODE A1)
AND EXPECTED TO DEPART TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE MT
EARLIER THAN 6 JUNE 1970. HE STATED THAT HE HAD
REQUESTED SUBPOENAS BE ISSUED FOR MR WALTER J. DILBECK,
JR. AND MR JOHN F. ROGERS II, BOTH OF EVANSVILLE,

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INDIANA. SO, THEREFORE, TRANSPORTATION WOULD BE REQUIRED
FOR THREE PEOPLE.

2. ON 23 MAY 1970 THE COMMANDING GENERAL HAD DISAPPROVED
THE DEFENSE COUNSEL'S PREVIOUS REQUEST DATED 26 APRIL 1970 FOR THE
TWO WITNESSES NOTED ABOVE BECAUSE NEITHER ONE HAS ANY
PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUBJECT INCIDENT AND NUMEROUS
OTHER WITNESSES IN THIS AREA COULD TESTIFY TO SAME
POINTS. THE DEFENSE REQUEST OF 26 APRIL 1970 INDICATED THEY QUOTE
WILL TESTIFY AS TO THEIR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WHILE
OPERATING AS MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN THE GENERAL
AREA WHERE THE ALLEGED MASSACRE TOOK PLACE, AND THEIR
KNOWLEDGE OF THE TERRAIN, INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL, AND
RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. FURTHER, IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE
DEFENSE COUNSEL TO USE MR DILBECK AS AN AIDE IN INVESTIGATING THE
FACTUAL BASIS OF THE ALLEGED MASSACRE UNQUOTE.

3. ON 25 MAY THE STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE SENT MR
TROCKMAN THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM:
QUOTE RECEIVED YOUR LETTER OF 20 MAY 1970. GENERAL
COURT-MARTIAL CASE OF PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS R.
BOYD, 251 26 70, USMC HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED TO BEGIN

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22 JUNE 1970. HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS HAS BEEN NOTIFIED (REFERENCE A) OF CHANGE IN TRIAL DATE ON 25 MAY 1970. THE CONVENING AUTHORITY DISAPPROVED DEFENSE REQUEST FOR WITNESSES MR. WALTER J. DILBECK, JR. AND MR. JOHN F. ROGERS II, BECAUSE NUMEROUS WITNESSES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM TO TESTIFY CONCERNING PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF TERRAIN, RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, AND A TRAINED INVESTIGATOR HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST DEFENSE COUNSEL IN THIS CASE. UNQUOTE

4. ON 27 MAY 1970 FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED FROM MR TROCKMAN. QUOTE IN VIEW OF THE DENIAL OF MY REQUEST FOR WITNESSES I REFUSE TO GO TO TRIAL ON YOUR BASIS AND WILL NOT TAKE PART IN A RAILROAD JOB. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN MY PRACTICE OF LAW OVER THE LAST TWELVE YEARS THAT I HAVE EVER BEEN TOLD HOW TO CONDUCT THE TRIAL OF A CASE. PLACE MY OBJECTIONS ON RECORD. UNQUOTE.

5. ABOVE INFORMATION SUBMITTED SINCE IT APPEARS MR. TROCKMAN MAY TRY TO MAKE ISSUE OF DENIAL OF REQUEST FOR WITNESSES WITH PRESS.

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S E C R E T/DO

FOR LT GEN MCCUTHEON FROM MAJ GEN HARDIN

SUBJECT: M-21 AIRCRAFT ARRESTING SYSTEM AT DA NANG AB.

TO ENSURE UNINTERRUPTED BARRIER SERVICE AT DA NANG AB, REQUEST

NOTIFICATION WHEN DEFINITE DATE TO REDEPLOY MARINE M-21

BARRIER IS ESTABLISHED. WARM REGARDS.

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HANLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NO 23

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 250146Z (S) (SPECAT)

1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION REFERENCE A. THE FOLLOWING
TELEGRAM WAS SENT ON 29 MAY 1970 BY THE DIVISION STAFF JUDGE
ADVOCATE TO MR HOWARD P. TROCKMAN, CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS R. BOYD 251267W USMC QUOTE DENIAL OF YOUR
REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT SUBPOENAS FOR MR DILBECK AND MR ROGERS
DOES NOT PRECLUDE THEM FROM COMING TO VIETNAM AND TESTIFYING AT
TRIAL AT DEFENSE EXPENSE. PLEASE ADVISE IF YOU ARE OFFICIALLY
WITHDRAWING FROM THE BOYD CASE UNQUOTE.

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OFFICER REPLACEMENTS FOR HQ III MAF

- A. CG III MAF 280512Z MAY70 (S) SPECAT
- B. CMC 251912Z MAY70 (S)
- C. CG III MAF LTR 1/PC 5500 OF 18MAR70
- D. ADMIN FMFPAC 150252Z MAY70

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1. APPRECIATE THE CONCERN EXPRESSED IN REF A. OUR
G-1 AND PERSONNEL FOLKS HERE HAVE REVIEWED THE OFFICER
STAFFING SITUATION CAREFULLY. THEY HAVE BEEN AND WILL
CONTINUE TO PROGRAM TO THE EXTENT THAT CONUS INPUT WILL
PERMIT FOR OFFICER RELIEFS WITHIN ALL OF WESTPAC WITH
PARTICULAR PRIORITY TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS. REF B
OUTLINES THE REASON FOR THE CURRENT/PROJECTED SHORT-
FALL OF FIELD GRADE OFFICERS AND CAPTAINS IN WESTPAC.

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THAT SITUATION WILL BE FURTHER AGGRAVATED BY THE NEED
TO SUSTAIN PREVIOUSLY UNPROGRAMMED
XXIV CORPS AUGMENT REQUIREMENTS. PAR 2B OF REF C
REFERS. I NOTE THAT THIS AUGMENT INITIALLY REPRESENTED
A TOTAL OF 37 OFFICERS, PRINCIPALLY FIELD GRADE.
HOPEFULLY YOUR REQUEST FOR SUSTAINED AUGMENT WILL
SHOW A CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION, ALTHOUGH WE HERE
CERTAINLY AGREE THAT SOME CONTINUING AUGMENTATION
OVER THE MONTHS AHEAD IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE
MARINE CORPS. OUR PRIORITY MUTUAL CONCERN MUST LIE IN FAIR SHARE
STAFFING OF HQ III MAF AND ALL III MAF OPCOM COMMANDS.

2. AS FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS ADDRESSED IN YOUR MESSAGE:

A. REPLACEMENTS FOR COLONELS AT LEAST THROUGH
JULY HAS BEEN RESOLVED. INFO ON LATE SUMMER/FALL INPUT
WILL BE PROVIDED SOON.

B. THE WESTPAC LTCOLS SLATE WAS RECENTLY PUBLISHED
IN REF D. WE EXPECT SOME ADDED INPUT DURING AUGUST.
PAR 14 OF REF B REFERS.

C. THE WESTPAC MAJORS SLATE IS UNDERGOING FINAL
STAFFING. TENTATIVELY IT LOOKS LIKE AN INPUT FOR HQ

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III MAF AND IT'S ADMIN ATTACHED UNITS OF 8 DURING
JULY AND 5 IN AUGUST. SEP DATA IS NOT SUFFICIENTLY
FIRM AS YET.

D. CAPTAINS IN ALL OF WESTPAC WILL CONTINUE TO
BE SERIOUSLY SHORT. PAR 1B OF REF B REFERS.

E. ACTION TO REPLACE LTCOL ROGERS REFERRED TO IN
PAR 13 OF REF A WAS IN PROGRESS AND CAN BE RESUMED, HOWEVER
INFORMALLY WE WERE REQUESTED TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE
ANY PROPOSED ACTIONS CONCERNING HIS RELIEF UNTIL YOUR
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FIRST MARDIV WERE COMPLETED.

F. REGARDING UNDERLAP AS IT RELATES TO THE SIZE
OF YOUR HEADQUARTERS. WE WILL AVOID IT THERE AND WITH
ALL IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY
BASED ON AVAILABLE INPUT AND IN KEEPING WITH GUIDANCE
IN PAR 2 OF REF B.

G. PROJECTED SHORTFALL OF OFFICERS IN THE CAF/
CAG PROGRAM DURING JUNE AND JULY IS RELATED PRIMARILY
TO LACK OF CAPT WITHIN WESTPAC. THE CRITERIA FOR
ASSIGNMENT TO THIS VERY VITAL PROGRAM IS DIFFICULT TO
SUPPORT. REQUEST EVERY CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO

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GRADE SUBSTITUTION I.E. LTS FOR CAPTS; CAPTS FOR MAJ, ETC.

H. I UNDERSTAND THE DEPUTY C/S XXIV CORPS REPLACE-
MENT FOR COLONEL COOK HAS WORKED OUT SATISFACTORILY.
COLONEL MCLENNAN WAS SPLIT TOURED AS A NUMERICAL
REPLACEMENT. EZBSEQUENTLY COL HIXSON FROM MACV ASSETS
SHOULD BE REASSIGNED TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS FOR THE BILLET.

3. UPON RECEIPT OF THE DETAILS REFERRED TO IN PAR 19
OF REF A THE OFFICER SITUATION OF HQ III MAF AND IT'S
ADMINISTRATIVELY ATTACHED UNITS WOULD BE REEVALUATED
IN DEPTH. THIS COUPLED WITH THE ADDITIONAL OFFICER
INPUT REFERRED TO IN REF B SHOULD PROVIDE SOME MEASURE
OF RELIEF. MEANINGFUL IMPROVEMENT MAY NOT OCCUR UNTIL
JULY AND AUGUST AS JUNE IS A LOW PERSONNEL INPUT MONTH.

4. THE SITUATION AS IT RELATES TO THE CONTINUED
PRESENCE OF MAJOR MARINE CORPS UNITS IN ICTZ AND THE
RELATIONSHIP THAT MUST EXIST WITH XXIV CORPS IS FULLY
APPRECIATED. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING
EXPENDED MARINE CORPS WIDE TO REGAIN NECESSARY
PIPELINE MOMENTUM TO WESTPAC.

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HAMLET NO 4 SON THANG, REPORT NO 24

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 230146Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

B. CG FIRST MARDIV 290000Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

1. THIS SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE A AND B.

2. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED 30 MAY 70.

FROM MR HOWARD P. PROCKMAN:

QUOTE: IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF THIS DATE I AM NOT WITHDRAWING FROM
THE BOYD CASE AND HAVE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION

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SUBJECT TO MY REIMBURSEMENT THEREOF. WILL GOVERNMENT PROVIDE MILITARY
TRANSPORTATION FOR MR ROGERS AND MR WILBECK SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT
WHICH THEY ARE WILLING TO MAKE? PLEASE ADVISE. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING REPLY SENT TO MR. PROCKMAN 31MAY1970 BY STAFF
JUDGE ADVOCATE:

QUOTE: YOUR REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION FOR MR. ROGERS
AND MR. WILBECK SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT BY THEM HAS BEEN
FORWARDED TO HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS FOR DETERMINATION IF SUCH
ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE UNDER CURRENT TRAVEL REGULATIONS.
YOU WILL BE ADVISED AT AN EARLY DATE. UNQUOTE.

4. IT IS REQUESTED THAT MR. PROCKMAN'S REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT
TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TWO WITNESSES INVOLVED, TO VIETNAM AND
RETURN SUBJECT TO REIMBURSEMENT, BE GRANTED, IF IT CAN BE DONE
UNDER CURRENT REGULATIONS ADDITIONALLY, REQUEST HEADQUARTERS
MARINE CORPS ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS AND MR. PROCKMAN OF
DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE MAC 7371 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF ROE AUTHORITIES FOR CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS (CS)

REF: A. MAC 6026/050150Z MAY 70 (TS/EO)
B. MAC 6021/081056Z MAY 70 (TS/EO)
C. MAC 6027/050152Z MAY 70 (TS/EO)
D. MAC 6366/110346Z MAY 70 (TS/EO)
E. MAC 24786/211027Z MAY 70 (TS)
F. MAC 7291/290754Z MAY 70
G. CJCS 9785/240136Z MAY 70 (TS)

1. (TS) SUMMARIZED FOR YOUR INFORMATION ARE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AUTHORITIES FOR AIR AND SURFACE BATTLES CURRENTLY APPLICABLE TO OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA:

A. REFERENCE A EXTENDS MACV DIR 525-13, ROE FOR AIR AND SURFACE BATTLES IN RVN, TO COVER APPROVED OPERATIONS TO A UNIFORM DEPTH OF 30 KILOMETERS INTO CAMBODIA. OTHER SPECIAL OPERATING AUTHORITIES FOR CAMBODIA REMAIN IN EFFECT. ANY CONFLICTS OR EXCEPTIONS TO ABOVE WILL BE REFERRED TO MACV.

B. REFERENCE B REITERATION INTO CAMBODIA BY US FORCES. SHOULD RVNAF FORCES PENETRATE DEEPER THAN THIRTY KM, US ADVISORS ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN AT THE THIRTY KM POINT.

C. REFERENCE C STIPULATES THAT WHEN AN APPROVED AREA OF OPERATION FOR AIR AND SURFACE BATTLES IN CAMBODIA IMPINGE ON SALEM HOUSE ZONE, SOG IS RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT AREA OF THE ZONE AND REMOVES OPERATIONS AND ASSETS THEREFROM. SOG COORDINATES WITH COMMANDER OF GROUND OPERATIONS TO ENSURE SOG OPERATIONS ARE NEITHER ENDANGERED BY, NOR INTERFERE WITH AIR AND SURFACE BATTLES.

D. REFERENCE D IS AN EXTENSION OF STANDARD MARKET TIME (M/T) OPERATIONS INTO CAMBODIAN WATERS, INNER BARRIER ONLY, MANNED BY VNN CRAFT WITH US ADVISORS, PLUS EXISTING MIDDLE BARRIER OF US SHIPS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS. OUTER BARRIER US VP PATROLS 70 MILES OFF SHORE. NO REPEAT NO US UNITS COMMITTED TO INNER BARRIER EXTENSION INTO CAMBODIAN WATERS. US UNITS TO COMPLY WITH CJCS ROE, VNN BEING URGED TO COMPLY. REGULAR M/T COMMUNICATIONS APPLY WITH PROVISIO FOR DIRECT LIAISON BETWEEN M/T UNITS AND CAMBODIAN NAVY.

E. REFERENCE E GRANTS AUTHORITY FOR CONDUCT OF TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE OVER CAMBODIA IN AN AREA BOUNDED ON EAST BY RVN BORDER; ON NORTH BY LAOTIAN BORDER; AND ON WEST AND SOUTH BY A LINE 1 KILOMETER WEST OF THE MEKONG RIVER TO A POINT INTERSECTED BY THE 60 N MI LINE TO THE GULF OF THAILAND. RESTRICTIONS: NO FLIGHTS OVER ENVIRONS OF PHNOM PENH, FLIGHTS BEYOND 30 KM FROM RVN BORDER WILL BE UNARMED AND NO FLAK SUPPRESSION. THIS

MESSAGE SUPERSEDES PREVIOUS BACK CHANNEL AUTHORITIES FOR RECONNAISSANCE OVER-FLIGHTS OF CAMBODIA.

F. REFERENCE F AUTHORIZES AIR OPERATIONS IN CAMBODIA TO A DEPTH OF 40 KILOMETERS FROM SVN BORDER AGAINST CLEARLY IDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF COSVN HEADQUARTERS. TACTICAL AIR STRIKES TO BE CONDUCTED IN VISUAL CONDITIONS UNDER POSITIVE FAC CONTROL. B-52 STRIKES REQUIRE 1 KM SEPARATION BETWEEN TARGET BOXES AND NEAREST CIVILIAN HABITATION. AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED THROUGH 30 JUNE 70.

G. REFERENCE G OUTLINES PLAN FOR TACTICAL AIR OPERATIONS IN EASTERN CAMBODIA TO 30 JUNE 70 TO INCLUDE: INTERDICTION STRIKES AGAINST ENEMY BASE AREAS, STORED SUPPLIES AND MOVEMENT OF MEN AND MATERIAL ALONG LOC'S; RECONNAISSANCE AND ARC LIGHT STRIKES AGAINST AREAS TYPE TARGETS. AREA OF OPERATION ENCOMPASSES THAT PART OF CAMBODIA BOUNDED BY A LINE 200 METERS WEST OF THE MEKONG RIVER ON THE WEST, LAOTIAN BORDER ON THE NORTH, RVN BORDER ON THE EAST AND ROUTE 13 ON THE SOUTH. COORDINATION WITH FANK AND RVNAF HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AND AGREEMENT REACHED ON ROE. INTERDICTION STRIKES UNDER THIS AUTHORITY WERE INITIATED ON 30 MAY.

2. (U) IT IS TO BE NOTED THERE IS NO, REPEAT NO, AUTHORITY FOR US TO FURNISH TRAINING SUPPORT TO FANK UNITS.

3. (U) ANTICIPATE THESE AUTHORITIES WILL BE TERMINATED 30 JUNE. GP-4

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