

- B-3. CG XXIV CORPS 011045Z MAY 70 (U)  
FM LTG ZAIS TO LTGMCCUTCHEON, MG WRIGHT, MG MILLOY, BG BURKE INFO  
LTG MILDREN LTG COLLINS, LTG DAVISON, MG MCCOWN - ASSESSMENT  
OF THE EFFECTS OF THE MY LAI INCIDENT
- B-4. CG FMFPAC 050345Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION (U) - RE: MGEN BOWMAN'S RELIEF
- B-5. CG XXIV CORPS 050755Z MAY 70 (U)  
FM CG XXIV CORPS TO CMC INFO CG FMFPAC & CG III MAF  
LOCATION OF GENERAL OFFICER
- B-6. COMUSMACV CITE 6044 DTG 050755Z MAY 70 (C) *Declassified 24 May 1970*  
FM MG DOLVIN TO GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, LTGEN COLLINGS, MG BROWN,  
VADM ZUMWALT, LTG DAVISON, MG SUTHERLAND, LTG ZAIS, LTG MCCUTCHEON  
MG MCCOWN & COL HEALY - MAY COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)
- B-7. CG FMFPAC 062245Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN THRASH, WIDDECKE & BGEN PADALINO FROM  
LTGEN BUSE - COLONEL ASSIGNMENTS
- B-8. COMUSMACV CITE 6206 DTG 071100Z MAY 70 (U)  
FM MGEN DOLVIN TO LTG MCCUTCHEON  
PFC BOYD'S AVAILABILITY TO SUBCOMMITTEE AT CHU LAI
- B-9. 7TH AF TSN AFLD RVN 070940Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR MGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN HARDIN  
RETENTION OF M-21 AIRCRAFT ARRESTING SYSTEM
- B-10. CG FIRST MARDIV 090550Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPT NO 16
- B-11. CG FORLOGCOMD 100253Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN BUSE INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM BGEN PADALINO  
WESTPAC COLONEL ASSIGNMENTS
- B-12. CG FIRST MARDIV 110629Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMELT NUMBER 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 17

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B-12. CG FMFPAC 022244Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
FORPLANNING (U) COMMENTS RE CG III MAF 021325Z AMY 70

B-13. COMUSMACV CITE 21631 DTG 060008Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR ADM MCCAIN, GEN HAINES, ADM HYLAND, GEN NAZZARO, LTG BUSE,  
GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT & LTG MCCUTCHEON FROM  
GEN ABRAMS - US TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETNAM (U)

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- B-13. COMFAIRWESTPAC 110558Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM RADM RIERA  
AVAILABILITY OF CT-39E
- B-14. COMNAVFORV 120151Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM VADM ZUMWALT  
CLOSURE OF NSAD HOSPITAL (S)
- B-15. COMUSMACV CITE 6554 DTG 140433Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-3*  
FM MGEN DOLVIN TO BGEN DULACKI  
ICF/C&CI FUNDS (U)
- B-16. ADMIN FMFPAC 142101Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN THRASH & BGEN PADALINO FR BGEN HOUGHTON  
COLONEL ASSIGNMENTS
- B-17. COMUSMACV CITE 6615 DTG 150415Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FM GEN ABRAMS TO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO LTGEN ZAIS  
FORCE PLANNING (U)-NO REDEPLOYMENT OF ENGRBN/FORCERECON/BRIDGECO
- B-18. CG 1STMARDIV 150935Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET NUMBER 4 SON THANG (V) RPT NO. 18
- B-19. C/S XXIV CORPS 180400Z MAY 70 (U)  
FROM BGEN SHEDD TO BEEN GREENE INFO BGEN BOWERS & BGEN DULACKI  
ASSIGNMENTS FOR COLONEL HIXSON, USMC & COL. WHITEHEAD, USA
- B-20. CG 1STMARDIV 181012Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
FIRSTLT COLLIN C. ROBERTS 010 87 69 USMCR
- B-21. ADMIN FMFPAC 200003Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM BGEN HOUGHTON  
RETROGRADE OF M-6 BRIDGING
- B-22. CG FIRST MARDIV 200555Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET NUMBER 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 19
- B-23. CMC 201824Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR MGEN WIDDECKE/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM GEN CHAPMAN  
HAMLET NR4 SON THANG
- B-24. CG FIRST MARDIV 210949Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
LE BAC (2) INCIDENT, REPORT NUMBER ONE
- B-25. CG 1STMARDIV 220345Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NUMBER 20

- B-14. CG FMFPAC 090541Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE CONCERNING COMUSMACV  
PROPOSED PLAN
- B-15. CG FMFPAC 091839Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4 (Re-all Civil Becht 090431x)*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN & LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FOR INFO FROM LTGEN BUSE  
U. S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETAM (U) -CINCPACFLT COMMENTS
- B-16. CG FMFPAC 111915Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN BUSE  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REDEPLOYMENT OF ENGR/BRIDGE & FORCE RECON
- B-17. CG FMFPAC 111930Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FOR INFO FROM MGEN ADAMS  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - READDRESSAL OF CINCPAC PLAN FOR 150,000  
*4/02/45 x may 70*
- B-18. CG XXIV CORPS 130930Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4 not shown*  
FROM LTGEN ZAIS TO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO MGEN DOLVIN  
FORCE PLANNING (U) - REDEPLOYMENT OF ENGRBN/3DFORCERECON
- B-19. CG FMFPAC 132124Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN ADAMS  
FORCE PLANNING(U) -SECURITY OF LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE
- B-20. COMUSMACV CITE 6637 DTG 151057Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FM GEN ABRAMS TO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON INFO LTGEN ZAIS  
FORCE PLANNING(U) -PROPOSED UNITS FOR REDEPLOYMENT EARLY SHIPPING
- B-21. ADMIN FMFPAC 200312Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM BGEN HOUGHTON  
COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT, ICTZ (U)
- B-22. CG FMFPAC 231948Z MAY70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BUSE  
PERSONNEL STRENGTH IN RVIN (U)
- B-23. COMUSMACV 311256Z MAY 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
DISTRIBUTION LIST INFO CG IIIMAM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM ABRAMS  
SUMMARY OF ROE AUTHORITIES FOR CAMBJODIAN OPERATIONS
- B-24. COMUSMACV CITE 7702 DTG 070752Z JUN 70 (TS) *gp-4*  
FM GEN ABRAMS TO GEN BROWN LTGEN MILDREN VADM KING LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
INFO LTGE N COLLINS LTGEN DAVISON LTGEN ZAIS MGEN MCCOWN  
FORCE PLANNING (U) GUIDELINES FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 50,000

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- A-1. CG 1STMARDIV 220425Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
FIRST LIEUTENANT COLLIN C. ROBERTS 0108769 USMCR, REPORT NUMBER 2
- A-2. CG FMFPAC 230228Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN THRASH, MGEN WIDBECKE,  
MGEN WILSON, BGEN JOHNSON, BGEN PADALINO, BGEN BARROW FROM LTGEN BUSE  
PROCESSING PERSONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCHARGES
- A-3. COMSEVENTHFLT 260130Z MAY 70 (C) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM WEISNER  
CINCPACFLT VISIT
- A-4. CG FIRST MARDIV 260700Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NO 21
- A-5. CG 1STMARDIV 280146Z MAY70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON/FR MGEN WIDDECKE  
e HAMLET NO. 4 SON THANV (V), REPORT NO. 22
- A-6. CG 1ST MARDIV 290900Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NO. ~~22~~ 23
- A-7. CG 7TH AF 290145Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN HARDIN  
M-21 AIRCRAFT ARRESTING SYSTEM AT DANANG AB
- A-8. ADMIN FMFPAC 302129Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR BGEN DULACKI FROM BGEN HOUGHTON (MCEO)  
OFFICER REPLACEMENTS FOR HQ III MAF
- A-9. CG FIRST MARDIV 310400Z MAY 70 (S) *gp-4*  
FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LTGEN BUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MGEN WIDDECKE  
HAMLET NO4 SON THANG, REPORT NO 24

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TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DNG RVN

MG WRIGHT CG 101ST ABN DIV (AMBL) CEE RVN

MG MILLOY CG AMERICAL DIV CHL RVN

ZEN/CG BURKE CG, 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH) QTR RVN

INFO LTG MILDREN DCG USARV LBN RVN

LTG COLLINS CG IFFV NHA RVN

LTG DAVISON CG IFFV LBN RVN

CG MCCOWN DEAC CTO RVN

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UNCLAS E F T O DNG 997 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE MY LAI INCIDENT

REF: MSC MAC 5563, 261101Z APR 70

1. THE BELOW QUOTED MESSAGE WAS SENT TO COMUSMACV BY ME THIS DATE AND IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

QUOTE

O 212325Z ZYH ZFF4 ZFF1

FM LTG ZAIS CG XXIV CORPS DNG RVN

TO GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV SGN RVN

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SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF THE EFFECTS OF THE MY LAI INCIDENT

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1. SENIOR COMMANDERS IN NORTHERN, CENTRAL, AND SOUTHERN I CORPS WERE QUERIED, WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS.

A. NORTHERN I CORPS. NUMEROUS CONVERSATIONS WITH ENLISTED MEN AND OFFICERS INDICATE THAT THE PUBLICITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE MY LAI INCIDENT HAS HAD NO EFFECT ON TROOP MORALE, MORALE AND ATTITUDE OF COMMANDERS, PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF GROUND OPERATIONS, OR TROOP ATTITUDE TOWARD THE VIETNAMESE POPULATION.

B. CENTRAL I CORPS. THERE HAS BEEN NO ADVERSE EFFECT ON MORALE OF GROUND COMBAT TROOPS. WHERE TROOPS ARE IN INTIMATE AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH VIETNAMESE IN AREAS OF UNKNOWN OR QUESTIONABLE LOYALTY, THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT MARINES HAVE A GENERAL FEELING OF SYMPATHY FOR THE AMERICANS INVOLVED IN THE MY LAI INCIDENT AND BELIEVE THAT THE INCIDENT COULD POSSIBLY BE JUSTIFIED RATIONALLY. NO CHANGE IN MORALE OR ATTITUDE OF COMMANDERS IS EVIDENT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME NEWLY ARRIVED JUNIOR LEADERS WHO APPEAR SOMEWHAT UNCERTAIN AND WONDER ABOUT THE TRUE DEFINITION OF "ATROCITY". NO MEASURABLE IMPACT ON THEIR PERFORMANCE IS APPARENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF GROUND OPERATIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GREATER EMPHASIS ON AND AWARENESS OF THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, MORE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF TARGETS FOR FIRE CLEARANCE, AND MORE STRESS ON SUCH SUBJECTS AS PRISONER HANDLING, SEARCH PROCEDURES, AND PERSONAL RESPONSE DURING TRAINING PERIODS. EXCEPT AS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED, THERE IS NO INDICATION OF A CHANGE IN TROOPS TOWARD THE VIETNAMESE POPULATION.

1. SOUTHERN I CORPS. LITTLE EVIDENCE WAS FOUND THAT THE MY LAI INCIDENT HAS HAD A PRONOUNCED EFFECT ON TROOP MORALE, PARTICULARLY AMONG GROUND COMBAT SOLDIERS. THERE IS A GENERAL RELUCTANCE TO BELIEVE THAT THE ALLEGED INCIDENT OCCURRED, AND THOSE SOLDIERS INTERVIEWED DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH THE SOLDIERS WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT. HOWEVER, THE NORMAL FRUSTRATIONS OF CONDUCTING COMBAT OPERATIONS IN AN AREA WHERE THE ENEMY IS NOT EASILY IDENTIFIED HAVE BEEN COMPOUNDED BY THE PROGRESSIVELY MORE STRINGENT INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, WHICH HAVE NECESSARILY EVOLVED AS THE WAR MOVED BACK INTO ITS COUNTERINSURGENCY PHASES IN THE AMERICAN TAOI. SOME SOLDIERS FEEL THAT THE ENEMY IS GETTING MORE THAN AN EVEN BREAK.

THE MY LAI INCIDENT HAS HAD A MORE PRONOUNCED IMPACT ON THE GROUND COMBAT COMMANDERS THAN ON ANY OTHER GROUP. AMONG THE LOWER LEVEL GROUND COMMANDERS THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF CONCERN WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF BEING LATER CONDEMNED FOR DECISIONS THEY TOOK IN GOOD FAITH IN A COMBAT SITUATION. THERE ARE ALSO INDICATIONS THAT PUBLICITY ADVERSE TO THE ARMY WILL HAVE A DETRIMENTAL EFFECT ON JUNIOR OFFICER RETENTION. IN GENERAL, JUNIOR OFFICERS AND NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS INDICATED THAT THE MY LAI INCIDENT HAS INTENSIFIED THEIR AWARENESS REGARDING THEIR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES FOR ASSURING THAT THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT ARE NOT VIOLATED. SENIOR COMMANDERS AND SENIOR NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AS A GROUP EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE WAY SOLDIERS ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED WERE APPARENTLY CONDEMNED PRIOR TO A THOROUGH INVESTIGATION. THEY EXPRESSED A FEELING OF INSECURITY BASED ON WHAT WAS FELT TO BE OVER-REACTION BY THE ARMY IN RESPONSE TO THE PRESSURES OF POLITICIANS AND THOSE VOCAL ELEMENTS WHO CONDEMN THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN VIETNAM FOR ANY NUMBER OF REASONS.

WITH REGARD TO THE PLANNING AND CONDUCTING OF GROUND OPERATIONS, THE MY LAI INCIDENT HAS RESULTED IN SENIOR COMMANDERS PLACING ADDITIONAL EMPHASIS ON THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT. EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO AVOID INJURIES TO INNOCENT CIVILIANS WHILE PROSECUTING AGGRESSIVE OPERATIONS AGAINST THE VC, VCI, AND THE NVA. OPERATIONS ARE STILL PLANNED AND CONDUCTED WHEREVER NECESSARY TO FACILITATE PACIFICATION. SENIOR COMMANDERS ARE CONSCIOUS OF THE MY LAI INCIDENT AND THE REQUIREMENT TO EXERCISE TIGHT CONTROL OVER THE APPLICATION OF COMBAT POWER IN PROXIMITY TO POPULATED AREAS. MY LAI HAS NOT BASICALLY CHANGED HOW OR WHERE COMBAT UNITS OPERATE; RATHER IT HAS MADE SENIOR COMMANDERS MORE AWARE OF THE CONSEQUENCES RESULTING FROM THE INDISCRIMINATE USE OF FIREPOWER. AT THE SAME TIME, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE JUNIOR LEADERS HAVE DEVELOPED A MORE CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO COMBAT OPERATIONS WITH AN ATTENDANT REDUCTION IN AGGRESSIVENESS. IN PARTICULAR, SENIOR COMMANDERS ARE MORE RELUCTANT TO PRESS AN ENGAGEMENT IN A POPULATED AREA.

THE MY LAI INCIDENT HAS HAD NO NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON TROOP ATTITUDE TOWARD THE VIETNAMESE POPULACE LIVING IN AREAS WHERE THE ORIENTATION OF THEIR LOYALTY IS UNKNOWN, MIXED, OR IN FAVOR OF THE ENEMY. COMBAT TROOPS VIEW ANY PERSON OUTSIDE AN AREA WITH SUSPICION. THEY REALIZE THAT THE RURAL POPULACE MAY BE LOYAL TO THE ENEMY BY CIRCUMSTANCE RATHER THAN BY CONVICTION AND THAT THEY RESPOND TO WHOEVER CONTROLS THE AREA. SOLDIERS CONTINUE TO BEFRIEND CHILDREN AND THE AGED, AND THIS DEMONSTRATED KINDNESS IS USUALLY RECIPROCATED. HOWEVER, SOLDIERS OPERATING IN HEAVILY BOOBY-TRAPED AREAS FEEL INTENSE RESENTMENT TOWARDS THE VIETNAMESE POPULATION BECAUSE OF THE FRUSTRATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH FIGHTING AN UNSEEN ENEMY APPARENTLY HARBORED BY THE LOCAL POPULACE.

ONE PERCEIVABLE PHENOMENON WHICH COULD WELL HAVE BEEN A DIRECT OUTGROWTH OF THE MY LAI INVESTIGATIONS IS THE GREATER NUMBER AND MAGNITUDE OF EMOTIONAL REACTIONS BY VIETNAMESE TO CASUALTIES CAUSED BY US FIREPOWER, EQUIPMENT, OR VEHICLES ON THE LOCAL POPULACE. SOME DEMONSTRATIONS OR COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN LEGITIMATE, BUT THE INCREASE AND VITUPERATIVE NATURE OF THESE PROTESTS HAVE BEEN NOTICABLE.

THE VARIOUS REACTIONS GENERATED BY THE MY LAI AFFAIR WERE DEPENDENT ON SUCH VARIABLES AS A MAN'S JOB, EDUCATION, RANK, AND AREA OF OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, AN INTERESTING NOTE WAS THE FACT THAT THE ATTITUDES AND REACTIONS OF THE MEN OF THE MY LAI COMPANY (COMPANY C, 1/20 INFANTRY) WERE SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME AS THOSE OF THE MEN IN OTHER INFANTRY COMPANIES INTERVIEWED THROUGHOUT THE DIVISION.

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 LTGEN BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //NO0000//  
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A. CG III MAF 021325Z/MAY70 (TS) (SPECAT)

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

2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO PAR 3 OF REF A, BE ADVISED OF THE  
 FOLLOWING:

A. WE ARE COORDINATING WITH CINCPACFLT AND COMPHIBPAC  
 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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A. CG III MAF 301031Z APR 70 (S)

1. (S) REF A MENTIONED, IN PART, INQUIRY MADE TO YOU  
BY ABRAMS CONCERNING A RELIEF FOR GEORGE BOWMAN UPON  
EXPIRATION OF HIS PRESENT TOUR IN JULY 1970.2. (S) BE ADVISED THAT CMC DOES NOT PLAN TO PROVIDE  
A RELIEF FOR GEORGE. REQUEST YOU APPRISE ABE AND MEL  
ZAYS OF THIS.3. (S) VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOU KEEPING ME INFORMED  
OF DEVELOPMENTS AS YOU HAVE BEEN. WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJECT: LOCATION OF GENERAL OFFICER

A. HQD 5200.13

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AGE. G.S. DOWMAN, JR. DEPUTY CG XXIV CORPS WILL DEPART

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 SUBJECT: MAY COMMANDER'S WIEU (U)

1. (C) THE MAY COMMANDER'S WIEU WILL BE HELD 23 MAY 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) WIEU ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV.
4. (C) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 23 MAY 1970.
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T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS IVY TREE SENSITIVE 21631 (J3) SEC I OF III  
 FOR ADM MCCAIN, GEN HAINES, ADM HYLAND, GEN NAZZARO, LTG BUSE,  
 GEN BROWN, LTG MILDREN, VADM ZUMWALT, AND LTG MCCUTHCHEON FROM  
 GENERAL ABRAMS.

SUBJ: US TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING, VIETNAM (U)

REF: A. JCS 7183/271845Z APR 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

B. CINCPAC 290430Z APR (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) REFERENCES SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

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A. REF A REQUESTS PLAN FOR REDUCING 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY  
 1971, WITH 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT BY 15 OCT 70.

B. REF B REQUESTS RESPONSE BY 5 MAY, TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION  
 ON RELATED LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCES A AND B, THIS MESSAGE PRESENTS  
 ALTERNATE PLANS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 150,000 SPACES BY 1 MAY  
 1971 AND INFORMATION CONCERNING LOGISTICAL MATTERS.

3. (TS) ASSUMPTIONS. THE ALTERNATIVE REDEPLOYMENT PLANS OUTLINED  
 HEREIN ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS:

A. PROGRESS IN VIETNAMIZATION WILL CONTINUE.

B. SUFFICIENT FLEET SHIPPING CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO REDEPLOY  
 USMC ELEMENTS IN THE TIME PHASING DESIRED.

4. (TS) ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALFA.

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,

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THE MARINE FORCES WOULD BE REDEPLOYED AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS

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 PERMITTED BY FLEET SHIPPING AVAILABILITY. ASSESSMENTS OF THE

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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.

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:

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MEDIUM AND HEAVY ARTILLERY

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2 ATK/FTR SQDNS  
2 HELD SQDNS  
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 US FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. REGARDING THE ARMY LOGISTICAL FORCE, APPROXIMATELY 45,000 PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE REMAINING US/ FMAF/RVNAF UNITS. DETAILED TABULATIONS SHOWING APPROXIMATE DISTRIBUTION OF LOGISTICS EFFORT BY SUPPORT CATEGORY ARE CONTAINED IN ANNEX D TO MACV LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL DATED 6 APR 70, SUBJECT: "VIETNAMIZATION- CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I&M (PHASE III) AND RELATED US PLANNING."

	AFTER 60,000	AFTER 90,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMD CAV SQ	3	3
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SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21	18
SEP HELD COS/SQDN	48	37 1/
SEP AIR CAV SQ	3	3
ATK/FTR 2/	20	18
AIRLIFT SQ 3/	11	11
RECON SQ	5	5
SEP ARMY ENGR BNS4/	23	17
SEP ARMY BNS5/	21	16

NOTES:

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

2/ BASED UPON MAINTAINING USAF SORTIE RATE OF 14,000 PER MONTH THROUGH FY 71 WITH CURKNET FORCE. IF FISCAL CON-

DITIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF TACTICAL

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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. 3/INCLUDES 3 SODNS FROM 834TH AIR DIVISION. THE VNAF CURRENTLY AIRLIFTS APPROXIMATELY 30 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF REQUIREMENTS. THE DEFICIT IS MADE UP BY THE USAF. UPON COMPLETION PAGE 6 RHMSMVA9034 T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS IVY TREE SENSITIVE OF PHASE II I&M IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE VNAF WILL HAVE A CAPABILITY TO AIRLIFT 85 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF REQUIREMENTS. BASED UPON CONSOLIDATED I&M PROPOSALS, IT IS ESTIMATED THE VNAF WILL HAVE A CAPABILITY TO AIRLIFT VITUALLY ALL THE VNAF REQUIREMENTS AS PROJECTED BY THE JGS.

4/ DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS, 70 PERCENT OF THE ENGINEER EFFORT OF THE C-E LOGISTICAL EFFORT FOR RVNAF. A FORTHCOMING REVISION OF THIS PLAN WILL INCLUDE A SPECIFIC ANNEX DETAILING TASKS ASSIGNED, TIME REQUIREMENTS, DISTRIBUTION OF EFFORT AND FUNDED PROGRAMS.

5. (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 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 BY.

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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.

B. COMPOSITION.

(1) 60,000 INCREMENT.

USMC 1 RLT/SUPPORT	10.8
USN SUPPORT	9.2
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
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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
TOTAL	100.0

C. FORCES REMAINING. THE FORCES REMAINING AFTER REDEPLOYMENT  
OF EACH INCREMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW. (NOTES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 4C,  
ABOVE ALSO APPLY.)

	AFTER 50,000	AFTER 100,000
DIVISION EQUIVALENTS	6	3
SEP ARMD CAV SQ	3	3
SEP ARMY ARTY BNS	21 <sup>00</sup>	18
SEP HELD COS/SQDN	50 <sup>00</sup>	37
SEP AIR CAV SQ	3	3
ATK/FTK SQ	22	18
AIRLIFT SQ	11	11
RECON SQ	5	5
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SEP ARMY ENG BNS	23 <sup>00</sup>	17
SEP ARMY SIG BNS	21 <sup>00</sup>	15

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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  
IMPACT ON FORCES REMAINING AFTER THE 100,000 INCREMENT.

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6. (TS) TENTATIVE SCHEDULE. A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF DECISION POINTS RELATING TO EITHER ALTERNATIVE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

MID JUNE 70	ASSESSMENT.
1 JULY 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE INITIAL INCREMENT.
15 JULY 70	MOVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR INITIAL INCREMENT.
MID DEC 70	ASSESSMENT
LATE DEC 70	DETERMINATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE SECOND INCREMENT.
EARLY JAN 71	MOVEMENT CONFERENCE FOR SECOND INCREMENT.

## 7. (TS) FLEXIBILITY.

A. THE NEED FOR FLEXIBILITY 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, POSSIBLE ENEMY COUNTERACTIONS IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE REPUBLIC OR IN LAOS, AND THE FINAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS ON CRITICAL AIR RESOURCES CAN, ALONG WITH OTHER FACTORS, SIGNIFICANTLY INFLUENCE SPECIFIC REDEPLOYMENT PLANS. MOST IMPORTANTLY THOSE FACTORS DETERMINE 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 I AND III CORPS ZONES; THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN I CORPS CONTINUES TO BE PARTICULARLY CRITICAL. MOREOVER, AS INDICATED IN NOTE 2/ UNDER PARAGRAPH 4C, ABOVE, IF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRE A REDUCTION IN TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, THE SPACES ACCRUING WOULD BE APPLIED TO RETAIN ADDITIONAL GROUND COMBAT POWER.

B. THE ALTERNATIVE PLANS SET FORTH ABOVE REFLECT THE KIND OF FLEXIBILITY CONSIDERED MANDATORY AT THIS TIME. ALTERNATIVE ALFA IS ESSENTIALLY A CONTINUATION OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING AS IT HAS BEEN SEEN TO DATE. HOWEVER, THE CONCEPT TO REDEPLOY III MAF (-MAB) 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. IN THIS REGARD, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY EFFORT BE MADE TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FLEET SHIPPING ON PHASING OF MARINE REDEPLOYMENTS.

C. REGARDING FLEXIBILITY TO PERMIT EITHER ACCELERATION OR TEMPORARY DELAY OR REDEPLOYMENTS, ACCELERATIONS COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME JUSTIFIED BY THE SITUATION AND WITHIN THE CONFINES OF LOGISTICS CONSTRAINTS. FLEXIBILITY FOR DELAY IS BEST MAINTAINED BY RETENTION OF OVERALL FLEXIBILITY TO DESIGNATE 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 OVERRIDING SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF POSSIBLE.

## 8. SUPPORT LOGISTICS.

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A. CONSIDERATIONS. THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS COMMON TO BOTH PLANS CENTER ON PROCESSING AND REPAIR OF A LARGE VOLUME OF EQUIPMENT DURING AND AFTER THE SECOND INCREMENT. BASED ON ASSUMED REDEPLOYMENT OF ONE BASE LINE DIVISION WITH ITS EQUIPMENT, THE MAGNITUDE OF TOTAL EFFORT ASSOCIATED WITH THE TURN-IN, REHABILITATION, TRANSFER TO ARVN, AND RETROGRADE OR DISPOSAL OF EQUIPMENT WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE THAT OF KEYSTONE BLUEJAY. IN KEYSTONE BLUEJAY SOME 100,000 ITEMS OF ARMY EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN REPORTED FOR DISPOSITION BY REDEPLOYING UNITS. DISPOSITION OF 85P OF THESE ITEMS HAS BEEN DETERMINED; HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL 90-120 DAYS IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE MAINTENANCE ACTIONS ON EQUIPMENT RETAINED. FOR A THREE DIVISION EQUIVALENT FORCE REDEPLOYING WITHOUT EQUIPMENT, APPROXIMATELY 120 DAYS ARE REQUIRED TO PROCESS THE EQUIPMENT TO ITS FIRST DESTINATION, I.E., IN-COUNTRY DEPOT OR PORT. AFTER INSPECTION AND IDENTIFICATION OF NON-REPAIRABLE ITEMS FOR DISPOSAL, ADDITIONAL TIME AND EFFORT WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REFURBISH THE REPAIRABLE EQUIPMENT FOR TURN-OVER TO ARVN OR REISSUE TO US UNITS.

B. 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 ALTERNATIVES ARE BEING CONSIDERED:

(1) ESTABLISHMENT OF A DEDICATED LOGISTICAL SUPPORT FORCE.

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T O P S E C R E T LIMDIS IVY TREE SENSITIVE 21631 (J3) FINAL SEC OF 3 TO ACCOMPLISH TURN-IN, REPAIR AND PROCESSING OF EQUIPMENT. RETENTION OF A TEMPORARY KOLL-UP FORCE IN THE FORCE STRUCTURE OF APPROXIMATELY 2,000 PERSONNEL AFTER 1 MAY 71 MAY BE REQUIRED TO PROTECT THE SIGNIFICANT CAPITAL INVESTMENT REPRESENTED.

(2) ESTABLISHMENT OF OFF-SHORE COLLECTING POINTS TO RECEIVE EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIR AND REDISTRIBUTION. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS ARE A PRIMARY CONSIDERATION RELATIVE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE.

(3) CREATION AND BUILDUP OF AN IN-COUNTRY CONTRACTOR

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MAINTENANCE CAPABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH NECESSARY EQUIPMENT PROCESSING AND REPAIR. BUDGETARY CONSTRAINTS AND CAPABILITY OF MARSHALLING AN ADEQUATE SKILLED WORK FORCE ARE THE PRIMARY CONSIDERATIONS RELATIVE TO THIS ALTERNATIVE.

9. (5) LOGISTICS CAPABILITIES OF RVNAF. PROGRESS OF THE RVNAF TOWARD LOGISTICS SELF-SUFFICIENCY IS GENERALLY SATISFACTORY. THE VIETNAMESE ARE STILL DEPENDENT ON US ASSISTANCE FOR AIRLIFT, OFF-SHORE REBUILD OF MAJOR COMPONENTS, AND MARINE MAINTENANCE. SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN MARINE MAINTENANCE WILL BE ATTAINED IN FY 72. THE IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM CONTAINS SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO DEVELOP RVNAF CAPABILITY FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT OF THE APPROVED FORCE STRUCTURE.

A. IN ARVN, PROGRESS IS BEING MADE IN LOGISTICAL TRAINING WITH OVER 24,000 SOLDIERS TRAINED TO DATE. ARVN HAS ALSO REACHED 98 PERCENT SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN SURFACE MOVEMENT AND WILL BE TOTALLY SELF SUFFICIENT IN THIS AREA BY 4 TH QUARTER OF FY 71. THE VIETNAMESE ARE NOW DISCHARGING RVNAF CARGO IN THE DELTA AND ARE TAKING OVER PORT OPERATIONS AT SAIGON, NHA TRANG, QUI NHON AND DA NANG. THEY ARE GENERALLY SELF-SUFFICIENT IN PORT OPERATIONS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE DISCHARGE AND LOCAL WATER MOVEMENT OF AMMUNITION: SELF-

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SUFFICIENCY IN THIS AREA IS ANTICIPATED DURING THE 2ND QUARTER OF FY 72. THE DEPOT UPGRADE PROGRAM IS ON SCHEDULE WITH CONSTRUCTION STARTED IN 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 ADEQUATE SERVICE TO DEPLOYED COMBAT UNITS. HOWEVER, AMMUNITION OPERATIONS WILL INCREASE AS US

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UNITS ARE WITHDRAWN. A STUDY IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS TO DEFINE REQUIREMENTS IN STORAGE, SURVEILLANCE, MAINTENANCE AND INVENTORY MANAGEMENT OF AMMUNITION.

B. THE VIETNAMESE NAVY HAS COMMENCED LOGISTICS SUPPORT AT THREE OF A PROGRAMMED 30 SUPPORT BASES AND 10 ADVANCED TACTICAL SUPPORT BASES. IT IS ESTIMATED THE VNN WILL REQUIRE A MINIMUM OF ONE YEAR TO REACH THE DESIRED LEVEL OF SELF-SUFFICIENCY TO SUSTAIN FIELD OPERATIONS.

C. IN THE VNAF, ESSENTIALLY ALL BASE LEVEL MAINTENANCE IS CURRENTLY BEING PERFORMED BY THE VIETNAMESE. HOWEVER, A REQUIREMENT FOR SOME 2,000 ADDITIONAL TRAINED MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL IS ANTICIPATED TO COMPLETE THE PHASE II IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM. RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF THESE PERSONNEL MUST BE PAGE 4 RHMSMVA9036 T O P S E C R E T LINDIS GEARED TO THE PHASE II ACTIVATION SCHEDULE. SIMILARLY, IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONSOLIDATED (PHASE III) IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM HINGES ON A LEAD TIME OF 18 TO 24 MONTHS REQUIRED TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN PERSONNEL. THE VNAF DEPOT IS CURRENTLY ACCOMPLISHING SELECTED COMPONENT REPAIR, J-85 ENGINE OVERHAUL, AND CRASH AND BATTLE DAMAGE REPAIR ON SELECTED AIRCRAFT. DEPOT MANNING IS EXPECTED TO REACH 100 O/O BY DECEMBER 1971. VNAF CURRENTLY AIRLIFTS SOME 30 O/O OF TOTAL RVNAF REQUIREMENTS. THIS CAPABILITY IS EXPECTED INCREASE TO 85 O/O IN PHASE II AND APPROACH 100 O/O CAPABILITY UPON COMPLETION OF CONSOLIDATED (PHASE III) IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION.

10. (TS) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT:

A. FUTURE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS CONCERNING THE 15,000 SPACE REDUCTION BE LIMITED TO IDENTIFYING MAJOR COMBAT UNITS AT TIME OF UNIT STANDDOWN AND TO WEEKLY MACV STRENGTH REPORTS.

B. DEFINITIVE INFORMATION ON AVAILABILITY OF FLEET SHIPPING FOR USMC REDEPLOYMENTS BE PROVIDED MACV.

C. 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. GP-4.

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 SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN THRASH,  
 MGEN WIDDECKE AND BGEN PADALINO FROM LT GEN BUSE //N00000//  
 COLONEL ASSIGNMENTS

1. THE TENTATIVE SLATING OF COLONELS TO BE ASSIGNED  
 TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS IS  
 AS FOLLOWS:

A. HQ III MAF

COLONEL	MOS	ETA
K MCLENNAN (1)	9906	NLT 15MAY
C H LUDDEN	9907	10/20JUN
R L WILLIS	9906/2502	10/20JUN
P X KELLEY	9906/0302	10/20JUN

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L J CLYMER	9907/7501/7596	10/20JUL
C H SCHMID	9908/3002	NLT 10JUL
R W KERSEY	9907/7531/7592	20/30AUG
A C SMITH	9906/0302/0303	10/20JUL
H A HATCH	9906/0302/5715	10/20JUL

FOOTNOTE (1) FROM THIRD MARDIV RTD 27DEC70

B. FIRST MAW

COLONEL	MOS	ETA
R L MCLEROY (1)	9907/7532/5715	JUN
A C POMERENK	9907/7531/6002	20JUN
J R SLOAN	9907/7531/7501	20JUN
W L REDMOND	9907/757/7520	30JUN
B J FRANKOVIC	9907/7501/7561	30JUL
S FISHER	9907/7501	8JUL
C T WESTCOTT	6702	10/20JUL
R C DENNY	9907/7561/7592	10/20AUG
R P MAWYER	9907/7521/6708	10/15AUG
L C STREET III	9907/7540/7561	BY 20AUG

FOOTNOTE (1) PRESENTLY SK USNH BEAUFORT, S.C.;  
 ESTIMATE 3 WKS HOSPITALIZATION

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C. FIRST HARDY

COLONEL

W K ZAUDTKE

M G TRUESDALE (1)

E W YOUNG (2)

F J HUNT

R H FIEL (3)

G V JUDGE

L W UYER

E W RUDE IS

D H BLANCHARD

FOOTNOTES: (1) FROM CAMP BUTLER RFD 28JUL PLANS SHORT EXT  
(2) FROM THIRD HARDY RFD 2JAN71  
(3) FROM THIRD HARDY RFD 10FEB71

MOS

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20/30JUL

10/20JUL

7/17AUG

D. FORLOGSOND

COLONEL

G K STURDEVAN

C F LANGLEY

D F MCCONNELL

2. I TRUST THESE ASSIGNMENTS WILL MEET YOUR REQUIRE-

MOS

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9906/0302/5000

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20/30JUL

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MENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN MADE IN CONSIDERATION OF MANY FACTORS. ADDITIONAL LATE SINGER INPUT, AS YET, NOT FULLY RESOLVED AT HQMC, IS ANTICIPATED. PLEASE SUBMIT ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE BY 13MAY70.

3. EXTRACTS FROM MASTER BRIEF SHEETS PERTAINING TO EACH COMMAND WILL BE MAILED AS SOON AS TENTATIVE ASSIGNMENTS ARE CONFIRMED.

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 TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DA NANG VIETNAM  
 ZEM

UNCLAS E F T O FOUO MAC 6206 EYES ONLY

REF: DA MSG DTG 012128Z MAY (FOUO) (PASEP)

1. PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFERENCED MESSAGE REQUESTED THAT PFC  
 THOMAS R. BOYD JR. 25 12670 USMC AND HIS MILITARY DEFENSE  
 COUNSEL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SUBCOMMITTEE AT CHU LAI  
 ON 13 MAY 70.

2. PLEASE ADVISE.

WARM REGARDS

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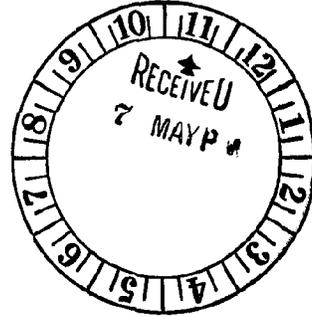
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S E C R E T / D O  
FOR MAJ GEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJ GEN HARDIN  
SUBJECT: RETENTION OF M-21 AIRCRAFT ARRESTING  
SYSTEM.

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  
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A. DA MSG 012128Z MAY 70 (NOTAL)

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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 M.P. MERRILL  
USMCR.

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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DEPLOYMENT OF SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF ARMY, NAVY AND  
MARINE PERSONNEL WITH THEIR EQUIPMENT.

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

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

3. (U) I CONCUR IN THE NEED FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF THE  
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U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING, VIETNAM (U)

A. CINCPAC 290438Z 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

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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 5,896,640 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. (CS) 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 76.

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

D. AUGMENT WESTPAC AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING NOT TO INTERFERE WITH  
SCHEDULED RAV/AVML, 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 9-6 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.

3. (CS) 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 1/	772	26,595	56,100	217,292
JAPAN	2,813	109,229	178,710	103,812
HAWAII 2/	1,133	30,797	36,015	22,379
CONUS 3/	24,662	745,227	1,096,187	545,736
TOTAL	29,400	911,848	1,267,012	889,219

1/ FLUS 20 CH-46  
2/ FLUS 38 CH-46  
3/ 15 CV-10, 21 CH-46, 36 UN-1E, 6 TF-42

(\*) TO BE TRANSPORTED DURING INCREMENTS I AND II

INCREMENT II 16 OCT - 31 DEC 70

DEST	PERS	VEH SQFT	CARGO CUFT
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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 11,400 690,000 850,000

ACFT: 4 G-10A, 21 CH-46, 6 CH-53, 12 UH-1E, 18 AH-1G, 3 TA-40, 1 C-117

NOTE: ALL USN SUPP CRT WILL BE MAC AIRLIFTED.

A. A TENTATIVE MOVEMENT CAPABILITIES PLAN FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT  
 INCLUDING NO CBS EQUIPMENT IS AS FOLLOWS:

	PERS	VEH SQFT	CUFT CARGO
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 30 MAY DANANG		
TIOGA CRY	360	11,000	1,000
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 10-12 JUNE DANANG		
TRIPOLI	1,802	4,101	40,749
ODEN	926	29,470	49,962
SEMINOLE	53	14,293	78,093
PI DEFIANCE	357	24,261	2,974
	3,138	72,125	171,678
EMBARK UNIT THREE	LD 25-26 JUNE DANANG		
DENVER	852	27,743	41,688
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645

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ANCHORAGE	346	30,067	1,232
MOBILE	226	36,215	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		
TWO JIMA	1,700	4,175	44,958

EMBARK UNIT SIX	LD 2 AUGUST DANANG		
PAGE CRT	125	8,300	-0-

EMBARK UNIT SEVEN	LD 10-11 AUGUST DANANG		
DENVER	852	27,743	41,688
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,645
ANCHORAGE	346	30,067	1,232
MOBILE	226	36,215	74,853
	1,660	129,311	194,368

EMBARK UNIT EIGHT	LD 18 AUGUST DANANG		
PERSEUS	430	16,000	4,200
ISLANDIA	430	16,000	4,200

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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	125,534
EMBARK UNIT NINE	LD 13-14	SEPTEMBER	DANANG
PREDERICK	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
WQNTICELL O	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	319	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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CHENNAI	1,743	-0-	71,187
DULUTH	227	-0-	125,482
MOBILE	226	-0-	453,000
ANCHORAGE	346	30,067	1,232
	3,242	30,067	606,911
GRAND TOTAL	4,640	55,045	1,211,345

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

	PERS	VEH SOFT	CARGO CUFT
EMBARK UNIT ONE	LD 22-23	JANUARY 1971	DANANG
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,468
ST. LOUIS	226	36,000	74,000
FRESNO	430	16,000	4,200
	1,515	79,743	118,668
EMBARK UNIT TWO	LD 23-24	FEBRUARY 1971	
IWO JIMA	1,700	4,175	44,958
CLEVELAND	859	28,033	39,130
TILARE	322	12,491	86,503
PEORIA	430	16,000	4,200
FREDERICK	430	16,000	4,200

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PAUL REVERE	1,615	7,742	19,189
	5,356	84,441	192,188
EMBARK UNIT THREE	LD 9-10	MARCH 1971	DANANG
JUNEAU	859	27,743	40,468
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
TILARE	322	12,491	86,503
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
SUNTER	430	16,000	4,200
MANITOWOC	430	16,000	4,200
DURHAM	226	35,286	76,648
DENVER	862	27,743	41,638

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PT DEFIANCE	357	24,261	2,974
DULUH	927	30,344	49,646
MOBILE	226	36,215	74,853
	3,458	155,849	254,156
GRAND TOTAL	15,898	531,453	859,621

D. THIS MODIFIED PLAN ALPHA WILL RESULT IN A SHORTFALL OF ONLY 6,443 FERS, 198,547 SQFT AND 3,784,897 CUFT AT A COMBINED MAC/MSIS COST OF 4.9 MILLION DOLLARS.

6. (U) BASED ON THE REQUIREMENTS AND THE CAPABILITIES, CINCPACFLT RECOMMENDS THAT MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE PLAN ALPHA BE CONSIDERED. IT OFFERS THE OPTIMUM SOLUTION IN REALIZING REDEPLOYMENT GOALS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AVAILABLE 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 REGARDS.

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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 G. F. LANGLEY IS AS CO SUPPLY BN. REQUEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO REPLACING COL LANGLEY BY EITHER COL H. W. EVANS OR K. C. REED BOTH NOMINATED BY REF A FOR WESTPAC DUTY. CONSIDER EITHER OF THESE OFFICERS BETTER SUITED

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 THAN LANGLEY AS CO SUPPLY BN BECAUSE OF THEIR BROADER  
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A. ARTICLE 32, UCMJ

B. PARAGRAPH 33I, 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 REVIEWED 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

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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  
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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 TRAILS 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, 089884, 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  
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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  
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U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETNAM (U)

A. JCS 7183/271845Z 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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ON HOW WELL THE VIETNAMESE ARE PROGRESSING TOWARD LOGISTIC  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY.2. (TS) THE NEED TO RETAIN FLEXIBILITY IN PLANNING IS PAR-  
TICULARLY 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 ALFA 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 I&M 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 ALFA.

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 3 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/RUNAF  
 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 RUHHHQA 1246 T O P S E C R E T LINDIS/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

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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/ATR 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 & M 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 & M 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 45 PERCENT OF THE RVNAF JCS ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT.  
WITH THE ADDITION OF 48 U/E C-7A AIRCRAFT REQUESTED IN THE  
CONSOLIDATED RVNAF I & M 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  
USABLE 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  
 STRENGTH REPORT.

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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.

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CLOSURE OF NSAD HOSPITAL (S)

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L. (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 TWELVE 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 ANESTHESIOLOGISTS 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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 FROM COLVIN, COFS MACV

TO: SECRET LINDIS DNG 1104 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REFERENCE: III MAF 100840Z EYES ONLY MAY 70

1. TO CONCUR WITH YOUR PROPOSAL FOR REDEPLOYMENT OF 9TH ENGR BN AND 30 FORB RECON CO.

2. TO CONCUR 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 TACTICAL 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.

3. ALTHOUGH REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO USARV FOR AN ARMY 1ST BRIDGE COMPANY TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO XXIV CORPS, THERE ARE NONE THAT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

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

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

6. 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 WOULD NOT OBJECT TO THE RETROGRADING AT THIS TIME OF THE MS PANEL BRIDGE ASSETS TO THE 10 (-), RETAINING ITS FLOAT BRIDGE ASSETS AND NECESSARY RECON TO FULLY EMPLOY THEM.

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AG CG III MAF 060017/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 SUBSEQUENT TO MAY71 TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE ROLL-UP FORCE. SHOULD PLAN ALFA BE EXECUTED, THE LOCATION OF THE MAB MAY WELL PRECLUDE THE SECURITY ARRANGE-

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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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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 6554 EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: ICF/C&CI FUNDS (U)

1. (C) IN SEPTEMBER 1969, BASED ON REQUESTS FROM USING COMMANDS, THIS HQ REQUESTED ADDITIONAL FY 70 INTELLIGENCE FUNDING. SOME ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE CONTINGENCY FUNDS (ICF) (US ARMY INTELL OPNS) WERE MADE AVAILABLE. NAVY COLLECTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION (C&CI) FUNDS (NAVY INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS AND ADVISORY ACTIVITIES) WERE NOT INCREASED BUT REMAINED AT THE PROGRAMMED LEVEL.
2. (C) REDUCTION IN US TROOP STRENGTH AND THE CURRENT SITUATION RESULTED IN A MARKED DECREASE IN BOTH ICF AND C&CI EXPENDITURES.
3. (C) THE OVERALL REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES AND RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL DA FUNDS HAS RESULTED IN AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR REDISTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPROPRIATE ICF/C&CI REGULATIONS.
4. (U) ALTHOUGH PREVIOUS SURVEYS OF REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, I BELIEVE A FINAL SURVEY OF REQUIREMENTS, PRIOR TO RELEASING FUNDS TO HIGHER HQ, IS APPROPRIATE.
5. (U) I WOULD APPRECIATE SUCH A REVIEW BEING CONDUCTED AN ANY REQUIREMENT FOR FUNDS OVER AND ABOVE PRESENT FUND ALLOCATIONS BE SUBMITTED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. GP-3

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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 HAFNEY, ETA 20/30 JUL AND F J HUNT,  
ETA 10/20 JUN.

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B. FOR CG FIRST NAV: 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 TRUESDALE TO BE ORDERED TO FIFTH MES/DUR JUL.

(2) ADD: COLONELS A C SMITH ETA 10/20 JUL AND D E HOLBEN MOS  
9914, ETA 12/15 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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SECRET MAC 6615 EYES ONLY  
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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SECRET /SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR GEN CHAPMAN/LT GEN  
 BUSE/LT GEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJ GEN WIDDECKE/MARINE  
 CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)  
 HAMLET 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 LIEUTENANT 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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 GENERAL COURT MARTIAL FOR THREE VIOLATIONS OF  
 ARTICLE 118, UCMJ ALLEGING UNPREMEDITATED MURDER  
 OF SIXTEEN VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. FIRST LT AMBORT  
 010 67 23, 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 (WEINTON,  
 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 0  
 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 20 MAY -  
 10 JUNE 70.

2. (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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SUBJECT: ASSIGNMENTS FOR COLONEL NIXSON, USMC, AND COLONEL  
 WHITEHEAD, USA

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1. THE DC/SO REQUESTED ANSWERS TO THREE QUESTIONS. THESE QUESTIONS  
 AND ANSWERS ARE:

A. QUESTION: CAN COLONEL NIXSON BE MORE CONSTRUCTIVELY USED AS  
 DC/SO THAN IN THE CORPS POSITION? IF SO, WHAT IS YOUR  
 REASONING?

ANSWER: (FIRST PART) YES. (SECOND PART) SINCE EARLY 1970 THE  
 REDEPLOYMENT OF FORCES IN ICTZ HAS BEEN ARMY RATHER THAN MARINES.  
 THIS RESULTED IN THE SWITCH IN ROLES OF XXIV CORPS AND III MAF  
 ON 11 11 1970 WHEREBY XXIV CORPS BECAME THE SENIOR HEADQUARTERS  
 IN ICTZ. AS MARINE FORCES ARE REDUCED, ARMY INTEREST, PARTIC-  
 IPATION AND CONTROL IN ALL PHASES OF OPERATIONS IN ICTZ IN-  
 CREASES. IN THIS REGARD, AN EXPERIENCED ARMY COMBAT COMMAND  
 QUALIFIED COLONEL IS REQUIRED ON THE CORPS STAFF AS ARMY TECH-  
 NICAL AND OPERATIONS COME MORE INTO PLAY IN ICTZ. ON THE OTHER  
 HAND AS LONG AS USMC FORCES REMAIN IN ICTZ, CORPS HQS SHOULD  
 REMAIN WITH ARMY-MARINE STAFFING. COLONEL NIXSON BECAUSE OF HIS  
 KNOWLEDGE OF THE CORPS AREA OF OPERATIONS AND THE MANNER IN  
 WHICH CORPS AND III MAF OPERATE IN RELATIONSHIP TO ONE ANOTHER  
 IS NOT QUALIFIED TO SERVE ON THE CORPS STAFF AS THE DC/SO. HIS  
 ASSIGNMENT TO THIS POST IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT IN VIEW OF THE  
 ANTICIPATED LOSS OF MG BOWMAN, USMC, THE DEPUTY CORPS COMMANDER  
 WHO WILL NOT BE REPLACED BY A MARINE GENERAL OFFICER.

B. QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR PHASING OTHER MARINE  
 PERSONNEL OUT OF I CORPS CORDS?

ANSWER: NO AT THIS TIME.

C. QUESTION: ARE THERE ANY PLANS FOR PHASING OUT THE CORPS  
 DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF POSITION IN VIEW OF REDEPLOYMENT PLANS FOR  
 MARINE UNITS?

ANSWER: NO. AS LONG AS A MARINE FORCE OF RLT SIZE OR LARGER  
 REMAINS IN ICTZ IT IS PLANNED THAT THE DC/SO POSITION WOULD BE  
 FILLED BY A MARINE OFFICER.

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A. CMC MSG 141241Z MAY 70 (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 REFERRED 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  
 25MAY70.

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 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 YOUR 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  
 IS AFFIRMATIVE.

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HAMLET NUMER 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

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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.

PROPOSED 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 031435N 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 WRIGHTEN 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 WRIGHTEN 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: 10  
 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 THE  
 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-  
 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; NOR 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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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 DOES

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APPEAR TO BE UNANIMITY IN THEIR OPINION THAT MATTERS HAVE PROGRESSED TOO FAR ALONG, WITH BLESSING FROM BOTH WASHINGTON AND SAIGON AND APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT OF FUNDING, TO DELAY THE PLANNED ARMY ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY 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.

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A. YOUR 200555Z MAY70 (S)  
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 2. (S) ANSWER ALL PRESS QUERIES LOCALLY WITHIN PREV  
 ESTAB GUIDELINES AND INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF QUERIES  
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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 OV-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 GVM 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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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 BOYD 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  
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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 P. 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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C O N F I D E N T I A L PERSONAL FOR LIGEN MCCUTCHEON, MGEN  
THRASH, MGEN WIDDECKE, MGEN WILSON, BGEN JOHNSON,  
BGEN PADALINO, BGEN BARROW FROM LIGEN BUSE. MARINE  
CORPS EYES ONLY //N00000//

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 PER-  
SONNEL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE DISCHARGE WAS RAISED IN  
SEVERAL COMMANDS.

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

PAGE 2 RUHFMA2826 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 WESTNCOAST, 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 AD-  
MINISTRATIVE DISCHARGE THE PROCESSING SHOULD BE DONE  
ASAP AND THAT WHILE AWAITING THIS ACTION MARINES, WHEN-  
EVER 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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BT  
 T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LT GEN MCCUTCHEON  
 FROM LT GEN BUSE MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY //NOB000//  
 PERSONNEL STRENGTH IN RVN (U)  
 A. CINCPAC 220335Z MAY70 PASEP (O)  
 B. JCS 9471/210041Z MAY70 PASEP (S)  
 1. (O) BY REFERENCE A CINCPAC 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 QUIRIED 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 42610 WHICH FIGURE  
 INCLUDES 576 DOD SPECIAL/JTD 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 81,743 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 OUT 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 HQMC 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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MESSAGE READDRESSAL

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CG III MAF

DRAFTED BY:

GEN MILLER

TO:

CG FIRST MAW FOR MAJGEN THRASH

CONCURRED BY:

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ORIGINATOR:

GEN ABRAMS COMUSMACV

DTG

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SUMMARY OF ROE AUTHORITIES FOR CAMBODIAN OPERATIONS (S)

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

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 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 REITERATES THIRTY KM LIMIT OF PENETRATION 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.

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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 RUYER 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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SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. (TS) THIS MESSAGE PROVIDES GUIDELINES AND ESTABLISHES INITIAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 50,000 US SPACES FROM RVN BY 15 OCT 1970 ON WHICH DATE THE MACV SPACE CEILING WILL BE 84,000.
2. (TS) MAJOR COMBAT UNITS TO BE REDEPLOYED AND COMPONENT SPACE REDUCTIONS ARE TENTATIVELY ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

	THOUSAND SPACES
USA 2 BDE, PLUS CBT SPT AND CBT SVC SPT UNITS	17.4
USN SPT AND NAVY W/MARINES	10.1
USAF ELEMENTS	2.7
USMC 1 RLT W/AIR & SPT	19.8
TOTAL	50.0

3. (TS) GUIDELINES.

A. THIS PLANNING SHOULD BE HANDLED ON A CLOSE HOLD BASIS WITHOUT NOTIFICATION IN ANY MANNER TO THE UNITS TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED. FINAL DECISION REGARDING THE SPECIFIC COMPOSITION OF THIS INCREMENT IS NOT PLANNED UNTIL PUBLICATION OF A REVISED APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A, MACV OPLAN 183, ON OR ABOUT SEP JUNE.

B. COMBAT UNITS ARE TO REMAIN OPERATIONAL AS LATE IN THE PERIOD AS PERMITTED BY ADMINISTRATIVE AND LOGISTICAL REQUIREMENTS. THEREFORE, STANDDOWN DATES SHOULD BE BASED ON A MAXIMUM LOGISTICAL EFFORT AND ESTABLISHED BY BACKWARD PLANNING FROM 15 OCTOBER.

C. SPECIFIC PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL BE INCLUDED IN APPENDIX 1 TO ANNEX A, MACV OPLAN 183. THE GENERAL POLICY IS, HOWEVER, THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF COMBAT UNIT REDEPLOYMENTS WILL BE MADE ROUTINELY BY MACV ON STANDDOWN/ NORMAL MACV STRENGTH REPORTING WILL REFLECT DRAWDOWN FROM REDEPLOYMENT OF OTHER UNITS.

4. (TS) BASED ON THE FORCE PACKAGE OUTLINED IN PARAGRAPH 2, COMPONENT COMMANDERS ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE DETAILED TROOP LISTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTER WLT GOB 13 JUN 1970. INFORMATION REQUESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE TROOP LIST SUBMISSION IS:

A. UIC; FRN; UNIT; AUTHORIZED STRENGTH; LOCATION AND FUNCTION (COMBAT, COMBAT SUPPORT, OR COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT). AUTHORIZED STRENGTHS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT CURRENTLY REFLECTED IN PROGRAM 9. INDICATE BY ASTERISK NEXT TO STRENGTH FIGURES INSTANCES WHERE THOSE FIGURES REPRESENT A DRAWDOWN IN AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF A UNIT REMAINING IN COUNTRY.

B. PROPOSED STANDDOWN DATE FOR EACH MAJOR COMBAT UNIT, E. G., BRIGADE, BTL, TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS, AVIATION COMPANIES AND SEPARATE ARTILLERY BATTALIONS.

C. STATEMENT OF IMPACT.

5. (U) DIRECT COORDINATION BETWEEN COMPONENT AND FIELD COMMANDERS IS AUTHORIZED AND ENCOURAGED. WHERE APPROPRIATE, FIELD COMMANDERS PROVIDE STATEMENTS OF IMPACT TO COMPONENT COMMANDERS ADDRESSED FOR INFORMATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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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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HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V), REPORT NO 21  
1. ON 20 AND 21 MAY 1970 CAPTAIN R. C. WILLIAMS  
O10 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., O10 60 73,  
U. S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

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

REF: (A) PACIFIC STARS AND STRIPES, THURSDAY 21 MAY  
1970, PAGE 6

(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 7-187 OF REFERENCE (C) CAUTIONS  
ALL LAWYERS IN A CRIMINAL MATTER AGAINST EXPRESSING  
PUBLICLY OPINIONS "AS TO THE GUILTY 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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HAMLET NO. 4, SON THANG (V), REPORT NO. 28

A. CG FIRST MARDIV MSG 291316Z MAY 70 (NOTAL)

1. ON 25 MAY 1970 THE DIVISION STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE

RECEIVED A LETTER, DATED 26 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 MOI

EARLIER THAN 6 JUNE 1970. HE STATED THAT HE HAD

REQUESTED SUBPOENAS BE ISSUED FOR MR WALTER J. DLEBCK,

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 DLEBCK 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 26 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. D. BLACK, JR. AND MR. JOHN F. HOWENS 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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HANLET 4 SON THANG (V) REPORT NO 23  
A. CG FIRST MARDIV 260146Z (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 2512670 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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 Put note in Tech file to let them know who will make proposal to pull out M-21. Not until long after leave I presume. *KA*

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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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OFFICER REPLACEMENTS FOR HQ III MAF  
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 B. CMC 251917Z MAY70 (S)  
 C. CG III MAF LTR 1/PC 5320 OF 18MAR70  
 D. ADMIN FMFPAC 150232Z 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 28 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 OPCON 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 1A 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 3 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 WCQL 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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- 1. THIS SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE A AND B.
- 2. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED 30 MAY 70.

FROM MR HOWARD P. TROCKMAN:

QUOTE: IN REPLY TO YOUR TELEGRAM OF THIS DATE I AM NOW WITHDRAWING FROM  
THE BOYD CASE AND HAVE ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION

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

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

QUOTE: YOUR REQUEST FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSPORTATION FOR MR. ROGERS  
AND MR. EDILBECK 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. TROCKMAN'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. TROCKMAN OF  
DECISION ON THIS MATTER.

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