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HANDED A SON THANG, REPORT NO 25

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 280145Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

B. CG FIRST MARDIV 290900Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

C. CG FIRST MARDIV 310400Z MAY 70 (S) (SPECAT)

1. THIS SUPPLEMENTS INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN
REFERENCES A, B, AND C.

2. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED 2 JUNE 1970 FROM
MR HOWARD P. TROCKMAN: QUOTE: MR WALTER J. DILBECK
JR IS A MATERIAL CHARACTER WITNESS ON BEHALF OF MR
BOYD, REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF YOUR PREVIOUS
DENIAL OF SUBPOENA FOR MR DILBECK. YOUR EARLY AND

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FAVORABLE RESPONSE WILL BE APPRECIATED. UNQUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING REPLY HAS BEEN SENT TO MR. TROCKMAN
BY STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE ON 3 JUNE 1970: QUOTE:
IN REPLY TO YOUR REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF SUBPOENA FOR MR DILBECK AS
CHARACTER WITNESS, MANUAL FOR COURTS-MARTIAL, PARA
115, REQUIRES YOU TO SUBMIT

SYNOPSIS OF HIS TESTIMONY WITH FULL
REASONS WHICH NECESSITATE HIS PERSONAL APPEARANCE
AND ANY OTHER MATTERS SHOWING EXPECTED TESTIMONY
IS NECESSARY TO MEET ENDS OF JUSTICE. LEADING CASE FOR
REFERENCE IS U. S. V SWEENEY, 14 USCMA 599, 34 CMR
379 DECIDED 19 JUNE 1964. UNQUOTE.

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O 050700Z JUN 70
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 LTJG COLLINS, CG IFFORCEV NHA TRANG VIETNAM
 LTJG SAUVAGE, CG IFFORCEV LONG BINH VIETNAM
 MG SUTHERLAND, CG IFFORCEV LONG BINH VIETNAM
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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAC 7495 EYES ONLY
 SUBJECT: JUNE COMMANDER'S VIEU (U)

1. (U) THE JUNE COMMANDER'S VIEU WILL BE HELD 27 JUNE 1970, COMMENCING 0900 HOURS. ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE INVITED.
2. (U) COMUSMACV REQUESTS THAT THE DEPCORDS OF THE CIZ'S ALSO ATTEND THE VIEU.
3. (U) VIEU ATTENDEES ARE INVITED TO LUNCHEON BEING HOSTED BY COMUSMACV.
4. (C) SESSIONS EXPECTED TO TERMINATE ON OR ABOUT 1530 HOURS, 27 JUNE 1970.
5. (C) RSVP REPEAT RSVP MACV 151, 3044 OR 4958 HLT 25 JUNE 1970.
6. (U) DECLASSIFY EFFECTIVE 28 JUNE 1970. GP-4

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SIR 5-18-70; LE BAC 2 HAMLET (U)

A. CMC 041735Z JUN 70
 B. CG III MAF 051319 JUN 70
 C. CG III MAF 131241Z MAY 70

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCES A AND B AND TO SUPPLEMENT REFERENCE C.
 2. INVESTIGATION OF THE ALLEGED INCIDENT IS CONTINUING. BASED ON INFORMATION CURRENTLY AVAILABLE, THE FOLLOWING IS PERTINENT:

A. LE BAC IS AN AREA OF KNOWN FREQUENT VC/NVA ACTIVITY. ALL VIETNAMESE RESIDENTS HAD BEEN ORDERED TO LEAVE THE AREA BY THE DISTRICT OFFICIALS SOME MONTHS

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 PRIOR TO THE OPERATION CONDUCTED IN THE AREA ON 15 APRIL 1970.

B. VC/NVA FORCES WERE OPERATING IN AND AROUND THE HAMLET OF LE BAC ON 15 APRIL 1970.

C. INITIAL SIGHTING OF ENEMY WITH WEAPONS IN LE BAC AREA WAS MADE BY AERIAL OBSERVER. AFTER OBTAINING CLEARANCE AND APPROVAL FROM FIFTH MARINES HEADQUARTERS AND COMMANDING OFFICER B COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION FIFTH MARINES, WHO WAS IN VICINITY, AN AIR STRIKE WAS CALLED AGAINST THE ENEMY SIGHTED.

D. ALTHOUGH THE HAMLET WAS NOT ACTUALLY THE TARGET OF THE AIR STRIKE, IT DID RECEIVE DAMAGE AND AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE LIVING IN THE HAMLET WERE KILLED BY THE AIR STRIKE. THE EXACT NUMBER IS NOT KNOWN AND MAY VARY FROM 12 TO 30.

E. THE GROUND TROOPS OF "B" COMPANY RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THE VILLAGE AFTER THE AIR STRIKE. THEY RESPONDED WITH GRENADES AND SMALL ARMS FIRE DIRECTED AT THE BUNKERS SITUATED NEAR THE VILLAGE.

F. THERE WAS NO MASSACRE AT LE BAC ON 15 APRIL

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1970, OR ANY OTHER TIME, AS CHARGED BY PROPAGANDA
BROADCASTS FROM HANOI.

3. DURING THE COURSE OF THIS INVESTIGATION IT WAS
DISCOVERED, ON 4 JUNE 1970, THAT AN OLD VIETNAMESE
WOMAN, ESTIMATED 50 YEARS, WHO WAS FATALLY WOUNDED
BY FRAGMENTS FROM THE AIR STRIKE, WAS SHOT IN AN ALLEGED
ATTEMPTED ACT OF MERCY BY A MARINE. INVESTIGATION OF
THIS INCIDENT IS BEING CONDUCTED SEPARATELY FROM LE
BAC INVESTIGATION.

4. EXCEPT FOR INCIDENT DISCUSSED PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE
NO CRIMINAL ACTION OR MISCONDUCT ON THE PART OF ANY
PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN THE LE BAC OPERATION HAS BEEN
DISCOVERED.

5. ANTICIPATE THAT INVESTIGATION OF LE BAC OPERATION
WILL BE COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY 20 JUNE 1970. WILL
ADVISE RESULTS OF CONTINUING INVESTIGATION.

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VIDECKE (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

HAMLET 4 SON THANG (V); REPORT NO 25
1. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM RECEIVED 6 JUNE 1970 FROM
SENATOR GENE STRIPE, 323 E. CARL ALBERT PARKWAY, MOALES-
TER, OKLAHOMA, TELEPHONE OFFICE 918-GA3-042; RESIDENCE
918-GA3-6368, CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR PRIVATE
RANDALL D. HERROD 256 34 59 USMC:

QUOTE: I WILL APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR
MY TRANSPORTATION TO BE IN VIETNAM AT LEAST 2 DAYS
PRIOR TO FIRST TRIAL OF ANY OF THE DEFENDANTS WHO HAD
A JOINT ARTICLE 32 WITH PVT. HERROD. ALSO, PLEASE
EXPEDITE TRANSMITTAL OF THE SPECIFICATIONS, AS AGAINST
PVT HERROD, TO ME AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE; AS I DO
DESIRE TO FILE PRELIMINARY MOTIONS. UNQUOTE

2. FOLLOWING TELEGRAM SENT TO SENATOR STRIPE BY STAFF
JUDGE ADVOCATE 7 JUNE 1970:

QUOTE: YOUR TELEGRAM OF 3 JUNE 1970
RECEIVED 6 JUNE 1970. WAS MAILED FROM

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SAN FRANCISCO. WILL FORWARD YOUR REQUEST FOR ASSIST-
ANCE IN MAKING YOUR TRIP TO VIETNAM TO HEADQUARTERS
MARINE CORPS. TRIAL PVT SCHWARZ BEGINS 15 JUNE. PFC
BOYD 22 JUNE. DATE TRIAL PFC GREEN WAS TENTATIVELY
SET FOR 29 JUNE BUT DEFENSE COUNSEL DESIRES POSTPONE-
MENT. PVT HERROD'S CASE COULD BE MOVED FORWARD FROM
6 JULY TO 29 JUNE, IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE. PLEASE ADVISE
IF YOU DESIRE THIS CHANGE IN TRIAL DATE. DUPLICATE
CHARGE AND SPECIFICATIONS MAILED 6 JUNE. IN FUTURE
SEND ANY TELEGRAMS IN CARE OF NAVAL COMMUNICATIONS
STATION, SAN FRANCISCO, AND THEY WILL BE TRANSMITTED
DIRECTLY TO THIS COMMAND. UNQUOTE.

3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT SENATOR STRIPE BE CONTACTED BY
TELEPHONE TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT HE DESIRES TO
COME TO VIETNAM BY 13 JUNE WHICH WOULD BE TWO DAYS
PRIOR TO SCHWARZ TRIAL. HERROD CASE WAS SCHEDULED
LAST BECAUSE ON PREVIOUS TRIP TO VIETNAM SENATOR
STRIPE ADVISED STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE THAT HE COULD NOT
BE READY FOR TRIAL PRIOR TO JULY.

CAPTAIN JOHN J. HARGROVE, 08 98 84,
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USMCR, APPOINTED DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR
PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL G. GREEN, JR., 254 82 27,
USMC, WAS ADVISED 5 JUNE BY CIVILIAN DEFENSE COUNSEL,
MR. JAMES A. CHIARA, 1914 SUPERIOR BUILDING, 815
SUPERIOR AVENUE, CLEVELAND, OHIO, 44114, THAT HE DESIRED
THREE WEEK POSTPONEMENT IN GREEN TRIAL TENTATIVELY
SCHEDULED 29 JUNE TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR RESEARCH AND
TIME TO FILE SUIT IN WASHINGTON, D. C., RELATING TO
GREEN CASE. TYPE SUIT UNKNOWN BUT PROBABLY HABEAS
CORPUS. TRIAL COUNSEL PLANS TO SUBMIT ISSUE OF DELAY
TO MILITARY JUDGE AT ARTICLE 39A SESSION IF CIVILIAN
COUNSEL PERSISTS IN DESIRE FOR LENGTHY DELAY.

5. FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE TO BE MADE 8 JUNE:

QUOTE: DANANG, VIETNAM--A GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL WILL
CONVENE JUNE 15 FOR ONE OF FOUR MARINES REFERRED FOR
TRIAL IN THE ALLEGED MURDER OF 16 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS
ON FEB 19.

THE MARINE, PRIVATE MICHAEL A. SCHWARZ, 21 (WEIRTON, W. VA.) WILL
BE TRIED UNDER A CHARGE IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 118, UNIFORM
CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE (UCMJ). THREE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE

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CHARGE AGAINST PVT. SCHWARZ ALLEGE HIM TO HAVE MURDERED,
WITH PREMEDITATION, 16 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS OF HAMLET
NO 4, SON THANG, VILLAGE, QUE SON DISTRICT, QUANG NAM
PROVINCE, WITH SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE ON PATROL.
CAPTAIN DANIEL H. LEGEAR, JR., 28 (KIRKWOOD, MO),
OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE
WILL SERVE AS DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR PVT SCHWARZ.

CONVENING DATES HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR THE
GENERAL COURTS-MARTIAL OF THE REMAINING THREE MARINES
REFERRED FOR TRIAL IN THE SAME INCIDENT. UNQUOTE.

6. FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE TO BE MADE 10 JUNE:

QUOTE: DANANG, VIETNAM--A GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL WILL
CONVENE JUNE 22 FOR THE SECOND OF FOUR MARINES REFERRED
FOR TRIAL IN THE ALLEGED MURDER OF 16 VIETNAMESE CIVIL-
IANS ON FEB 19.

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS THOMAS R. BOYD, JR., 20
(EVANSVILLE, IND.), WILL BE TRIED UNDER A CHARGE IN
VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 118, UNIFORM CODE OF MILITARY
JUSTICE (UCMJ). THREE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE CHARGE
AGAINST PFC BOYD ALLEGE HIM TO HAVE MURDERED, WITHOUT

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 PREMEDITATION, 16 VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS
 OF HAMLET NO 4, SON THANG VILLAGE, QUE SON
 VILLAGE, QUE SON DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, WITH
 SMALL ARMS FIRE WHILE ON PATROL.
 MR. HOWARD P. TROCKMAN, AN ATTORNEY AT LAW FROM
 EVANSVILLE, IND., AND CAPTAIN MICHAEL P. MERRILL, 28
 (NEVADA CITY, CALIF.) OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION STAFF
 JUDGE ADVOCATE'S OFFICE, WILL SERVE AS DEFENSE COUNSEL
 FOR PFC BOYD.
 THE GENERAL COURT-MARTIAL FOR PRIVATE MICHAEL A.
 SCHWARZ, 21 (WEIRTON, W. VA.), WILL COMMENCE JUNE 15.
 CONVENING DATES HAVE NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED FOR THE GENERAL
 COURTS-MARTIAL OF THE REMAINING TWO MARINES REFERRED FOR
 TRIAL IN THE SAME INCIDENT. UNQUOTE.
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 FROM MAJ GEN WIDDECKE (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
 ATTACK ON POPULATION CENTER (S)

1. (S) COMMENCING ABOUT 110200H JUN 70 THE BA REN BRIDGE AND VILLAGE
 AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE BRIDGE CAME UNDER INTENSE 60MM AND 82MM
 MORTAR FIRE. ANY ESTIMATE OF ROUNDS RECEIVED BY THE RF UNIT GUARD-
 ING THE BRIDGE, THE VILLAGE, AND THE CUPP UNIT SURROUNDING THE
 VILLAGE WOULD BE HIGHLY SPECULATIVE AND VERY PROBABLY CONSERVATIVE.
 THE MORTAR ATTACK LASTED FOR ABOUT ONE AND ONE HALF HOURS WITH
 MORTARS DETONATING EVERY FEW SECONDS. IT IS SURMISED THAT THE 82MM
 MORTARS WERE PROBABLY FIRED FROM THE NORTH, WHILE THE 60'S CAME FROM
 THE SOUTH, BUT THIS IS NOT CONFIRMED AT THIS TIME. FOLLOWING THE
 PROLONGED MORTAR BARRAGE, DURING WHICH TIME THE VILLAGERS CROWDED
 INTO THEIR FAMILY BUNKERS, AN ESTIMATED TWO COMPANY ATTACK BY
 SAPPERS WAS LAUNCHED HITTING THE VILLAGE AT TWO SEPARATE POINTS.
 ONE ATTACK CAME IN FROM THE SOUTHEAST AND ONE FROM THE SOUTHWEST

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 GEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJ GEN WIDDECKE

WHERE THE PENETRATIONS WERE MADE BY VC SAPPERS RUNNING THROUGH
 THE VILLAGE TOSSING SATCHEL CHARGES AND GRENADES INTO FAMILY
 BUNKERS. FROM ONE FAMILY BUNKER 35 DEAD CIVILIANS WERE REMOVED.
 THE CIVILIAN DEAD WERE CAUSED MOSTLY BY THE FAMILY BUNKERS BEING
 BLOWN AND THE RESULTING SMOKE AND FIRES.

2. (S) THE RF POSITION ON THE SOUTH END OF THE BRIDGE WAS UNDER HEAVY
 ATTACK AT THE SAME TIME THE VILLAGE WAS BEING ASSAULTED. THE RF'S
 ON THE BRIDGE FOUGHT WELL BUT WERE UNABLE TO MOVE INTO THE VILLAGE
 TO ASSIST IN THE DEFENSE THERE. THE PF UNIT WITH OUR CUPP SQUAD
 WAS DEPLOYED AROUND THE VILLAGE SOUTH OF THE BRIDGE IN THEIR
 VARIOUS NIGHT ACTIVITIES. THESE SMALL PATROLS, AMBUSHES, AND
 LISTENING POSTS WERE TOTALLY ENGAGED BY THE MORTARS AND
 SAPPERS. SOME OF THE PF'S LEFT THEIR NIGHT ACTIVITIES WHEN THE
 ATTACK STARTED AND WITHDREW INTO THE VILLAGE TO PROTECT THEIR
 FAMILIES.

3. (S) AT THE SAME TIME THE BRIDGE AND VILLAGE WAS UNDER ATTACK, THE
 NEXT TWO CUPP UNITS TO THE SOUTHEAST WERE ALSO BEING ENGAGED BY
 ENEMY FORCES.

4. (S) AS SOON AS THE ATTACKS STARTED AND CASUALTIES OCCURRED, THE
 FMAW MEDEVAC HELOS CAME ON STATION AND HAD TO CIRCLE ABOVE UNTIL

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A LULL IN THE ACTION GAVE THEM A CHANCE TO LAND AND TAKE ON WOUNDED. THE CUPP CORPSMEN ON THE SPOT IMMEDIATELY STARTED TENDING THE WOUNDED AND CORPSMEN WERE BROUGHT OUT FROM LZ EALDY TO ASSIST. LATER REGIMENTAL DOCTORS ARRIVED AND BY ABOUT 0830 A FULL FLEDGED MEDCAP WAS IN PROGRESS. ALL OF THE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED WERE EVACUATED BEFORE DAYLIGHT; THE PRIORITY EVACS WERE COMPLETED BY ABOUT 0830. THE MEDCAP CONTINUED TO HANDLE THE WOUNDED NOT REQUIRING EVACUATION.

5. (S) THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER, 7THMAR, WAS ON THE SPOT AT 0810 TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE OF THE SITUATION AND TO SUPERVISE RECOVERY OPERATIONS. THE DIVISION COMMANDER ARRIVED AT ABOUT 1020 TO SURVEY THE SITUATION.

6(S) ARMED PROPAGANDA TEAMS WERE WORKING IN THE VILLAGE BY ABOUT 1030.

7. (S) THE OVERALL ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE RF AND CUPP UNITS FOUGHT VALIANTLY BUT WERE OVERWHELMED BY A CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY MORTARS AND SAPPERS. THE CUPP UNIT (MPS) CALLED IN ARTILLERY AT ABOUT 0210H AND A STINGER AIRCRAFT SOMETIME LATER, IN ADDITION TO UTILIZING ALL ORGANIC WEAPONS. THIS ATTACK WAS OBVIOUSLY WELL PLANNED AND COORDINATED WITH SIMULTANEOUS ATTACKS ON OTHER FRIENDLY UNITS NEARBY. THE VC KIA'S FOUND IN THE WIRE WERE YOUNG BOYS ABOUT

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14-16 YEARS OLD AND NOT VETERAN CAMPAIGNERS.

8. (S) THE LATEST CONSERVATIVE CASUALTY COUNT IS AS FOLLOWS:

70 CIV KIA

67 CIV WIA

4 RF WIA (E)

2 PF WIA (E)

12 USMC WIA (E) (1 LATER DOW)

1 USN WIA (E)

4. VC KIA

2 DET (1 PW, 1 HOI CHANH)

156 HOUSES DESTROYED

35 HOUSES DAMAGED

VILLAGE 85 PERCENT DESTROYED.

9. (S) THIS DIVISION AND PROVINCE AUTHORITIES ARE ASSISTING IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE IN THE RECOVERY OPERATIONS AT THE VILLAGE.

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T O P S E C R E T MAC 7915 EYES ONLY
SUBJECT: FORCE PLANNING (M)
REF: MAC 7702/878752Z JUNE 1978

1. (TS) REFERENCE ESTABLISHED INITIAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF 58,000 US SPACES FROM RVN BY 15 OCT 1978 AND REQUESTED PROVISION OF DETAILED TROOP LISTS TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT COB 13 JUN 1978.
2. (C) AN URGENT PLANNING REQUIR

MENT PLACED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY NECESSITATES THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REFERENCE BE PROVIDED TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT COB 12 JUN 1978. IN THIS REGARD, THERE MAY BE ADDITIONAL PLANNING REQUIREMENTS WHICH, IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE, WILL BE HANDLED DIRECTLY WITH YOUR FORCE PLANNING POINTS OF CONTACT.00

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 EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN PUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGENNWIDDECKE
 (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

CAPTAIN LEE H. ANDERSON 09 19 21 USMC

1. FORMAL INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT AGAINST
 CAPTAIN ANDERSON CONCERNING HIS ACTIONS WHILE HE WAS EXECUTIVE
 OFFICER OF FIRST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY NOW COMPLETED. FACTS
 SHOW THAT DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH 1970 CAPTAIN ANDERSON
 ILLEGALLY FINED FOUR LIEUTENANTS IN HIS COMPANY BETWEEN \$150.00 AND
 \$175.00 FOR FAILING TO GET UP AT REVEILLE. THEY WERE THREATENED
 WITH OFFICIAL NONJUDICIAL PUNISHMENT IF THEY FAILED TO PAY THESE
 FINES. MONEY WAS NOT USED FOR PERSONAL GAIN, BUT WAS APPARENTLY
 USED TO BUY PLAQUES FOR PERSONNEL LEAVING COMPANY.

2. SYSTEM OF LEVYING FINES ON OFFICERS ADMINISTERED BY CAPTAIN
 ANDERSON INFLUENCED BY SIMILAR SYSTEM ADMINISTERED BY FIRST

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 SERGEANT RAYMOND R. FLORES 65 96 77 USMC AGAINST ENLISTED PERSONNEL
 OF FIRST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY FOR MINOR DISCIPLINARY INFRAC-
 TIONS. CAPTAIN ANDERSON WAS AWARE OF SYSTEM USED BY FIRST SERGEANT
 FLORES BUT DID NOT SUPERVISE IT OR INTERFERE WITH IT EXCEPT ON ONE
 OCCASION WHEN HE REQUIRED THE FIRST SERGEANT TO REDUCE A FINE LEVIED
 AGAINST AN ENLISTED MAN AFTER THE PLATOON COMMANDER COMPLAINED THE
 FINE WAS TOO HIGH.

3. MAJOR W. H. BOND JR, 07 36 16 USMC, COMMANDING OFFICER OF
 FIRST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY FROM 4 OCTOBER 1969 TO 4 JUNE
 1970, WAS DESIGNATED A PARTY TO THE INVESTIGATION, ALONG WITH
 CAPTAIN ANDERSON. MAJOR BOND REPORTED ALLEGATIONS OF MISCONDUCT
 AGAINST FIRST SERGEANT FLORES AND CAPTAIN ANDERSON TO STAFF JUDGE
 ADVOCATE IN MARCH 1970 AFTER NEW EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAD MADE REPORT
 TO HIM. INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT MAJOR BOND KNEW THERE WAS
 PLAQUE FUND IN COMPANY ADMINISTERED BY FIRST SERGEANT BUT THOUGHT
 FUNDS WERE RECEIVED VOLUNTARILY FROM DONORS WITHIN COMPANY. HE
 DISCLAIMED ANY KNOWLEDGE OF SYSTEMS OF FINING EITHER OFFICERS OR
 ENLISTED MEN. CAPTAIN ANDERSON CLAIMED THAT HE SUGGESTED TO MAJOR
 BOND IN NOVEMBER 1969 THAT THE LIEUTENANTS BE DISCIPLINED BY QUOTE:
 HITTING THEM IN THE POCKETBOOK, UNQUOTE. ALTHOUGH CAPTAIN ANDERSON

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DID NOT RECEIVE PERMISSION TO INSTITUTE HIS SYSTEM OF FINING OFFI-
CERS, HE BELIEVED MAJOR FOND WAS AWARE OF IT AND DID NOT OBJECT.

4. AS A RESULT OF MISCONDUCT DESCRIBED ABOVE, FOLLOWING ACTION
TAKEN:

A. NONPUNITIVE LETTER OF CAUTION HAS BEEN ISSUED TO MAJOR
FOND FOR HIS FAILURE PROPERLY TO SUPERVISE ACTIONS OF EXECUTIVE
OFFICER AND FIRST SERGEANT AND HIS LAXNESS IN INSPECTING SOURCE
AND ADMINISTRATION OF PLAGUE FUND IN COMPANY. ON 4 JUNE 1970
MAJOR FOND WAS TRANSFERRED TO DIVISION STAFF.

E. PUNITIVE LETTER OF REPRIMAND HAS BEEN ISSUED TO CAPTAIN
ANDERSON FOR HIS ACTS OF EXTORTION IN ILLEGALLY OBTAINING MONEY
FROM SUBORDINATE OFFICERS AND HIS PARTICIPATION ON AT LEAST ONE
OCCASION IN THE SYSTEM OF FINING ENLISTED MEN ADMINISTERED BY
FIRST SERGEANT FLORES.

C. FIRST SERGEANT FLORES HAS BEEN REFERRED TO A SPECIAL
COURT-MARTIAL BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER, HEAD QUARTERS BATTALION,
FOR TWELVE VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE 107, UCMJ (EXTORTION), REFERRED
TO ABOVE, AND, IN ADDITION, ONE VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 39, UCMJ
(DISRESPECT TO A COMMISSIONED OFFICER), AND THREE VIOLATIONS OF
ARTICLE 107, UCMJ (ASSAULT ON A FIRST LIEUTENANT, STAFF SERGEANT,

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AND A CORPORAL). COURT-MARTIAL BEING PROCESSED BY HEADQUARTERS
BATTALION BECAUSE COMMANDING OFFICER, FIRST FORCE RECONNAISSANCE
COMPANY, WAS A ACCUSER.

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LTGEN PUSE/LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM MAJGEN WIDDECKE (DELIVER DURING
WORKING HOURS)

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A. CMC 121832Z JUN 70 (NOTAL)

1. RESULT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY REFERENCE A,
SUPPORT HAS BEEN MAILED TO MR. WALTER J. DILBECK REQUIRING HIS
PRESENCE AT TRIAL OF PFC THOMAS P. BOYD 25 12 670 USMC WHICH BEGINS
22 JUNE 1970. HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS (CODE A1) HAS BEEN
REQUESTED TO ARRANGE FOR HIS ORDERS, PASSPORT, AND TRAVEL BY
SEPARATE MESSAGE. APPROPRIATION DATA WAS SUPPLIED.

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PERSONAL FOR GEN CHAPMAN INFO LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM
 LTGEN BUSE (DELIVER DURING WAKING HOURS) MARINE CORPS
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1. JUST HAD CALL FROM KEITH WHO WAS IN SAIGON. ABE
 WANTS TO MODIFY TROOP LIST PREVIOUSLY SENT TO YOU
 BY RETAINING FOLLOWING:

- A. ONE F-4 SQUADRON
- B. ONE CH-46 SQUADRON
- C. 1ST RADIO BN (MILS)
- D. MACS-4

2. ABE STATED HE WILL GIVE US COMPENSATORY ADDITIONAL
 SPACES. KEITH ASKED DURATION OF ABOVE RETENTION AND
 WAS NOT GIVEN DEFINITIVE ANSWER. MCCAIN WILL BE IN
 SAIGON IN NEXT 24 HRS AND ABE WILL SUBMIT PROPOSED
 CHANGE TO HIM. OUR STAFF WILL ANALYZE AND KEEP YOU
 INFORMED OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.

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SUBJECT: SUMMER CAMPAIGN PLAN (U)

1. SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS OF COMUSMACV FOR THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN TO CG, XXIV CORPS INCLUDE:

A. IN CONJUNCTION WITH RVNAF AND FWMAF CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS TO ELIMINATE NVA/VC FORCES, BASE AREAS, AND LOC IN THE DMZ AREA, THE A SHAU VALLEY, THE DA KRONG VALLEY, THE KHE SANH PLAIN AND BASE AREAS 112 AND 127 IN CENTRAL QUANG NAM PROVINCE.

B. SUPPORT GVN PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS WITH EMPHASIS ON QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN, AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

2. ANALYSIS OF (A) ABOVE INDICATES THAT MORE OF OUR INTELLIGENCE GATHERING EFFORTS AND OUR COMBAT OPERATIONS SHOULD BE TARGETED AGAINST THE NVA/VC "SUPPORT SYSTEM" IN THE DMZ AND ICTZ. THE NVA/VC "SUPPORT SYSTEM" INCLUDES THE INFILTRATION AND SUPPLY ROUTES, BASE AREAS IN ICTZ, FORWARD CACHES IN THE PIEDMONT AND COASTAL PLAIN, FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT, REAR SERVICE GROUP PERSONNEL, AND COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES.

3. THE XXIV CORPS/I CORPS SUMMER CAMPAIGN PLAN IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT AND WILL BE PUBLISHED O/A 1 JULY 70. LTG LAM AND I NEED BEFORE 1 JULY A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMANDERS VIEWS AND ESTIMATE OF THE NVA/VC "SUPPORT SYSTEM" IN QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT YOU OR MG WIDDECKE AS YOU DESIRE, DEVELOP, IN COORDINATION WITH COL THIEN A BRIEFING ON THE NVA/VC "SUPPORT SYSTEM" IN QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE.

4. LTG LAM AND I WILL COME TO HQ, III MAF OR HQ, 1ST MARDIV FOR THE BRIEFING. IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU PROPOSE A PRIMARY AND AN ALTERNATE DATE FOR THE BRIEFING FROM AMONG THESE DATES: 25, 26, 28 OR 29 JUNE.

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SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS
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SECRET PERSONAL FOR LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN
 BUSE. MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY. //NO0000//

1. (S) AT BREAKFAST THIS MORNING SECNAV EXPRESSED
 CONCERN OVER NAVAL AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE RATES.
 HE REFERRED TO BOTH AIR AND SHIP AMMO RATES (ALTHOUGH
 EMPHASIS ON LATTER) AND THE NECESSITY THEREFOR. HE
 DOUBTS NEED FOR SO MUCH H&I FIRE BY NAVAL GUNS.
 ALSO ASKED IF FIRST DIV USED MORE NAVAL GUN FIRE THAN
 AMERICAL. WE ANSWERED HIS QUESTIONS BUT I ANTICIPATE
 HE WILL POSE THEM TO YOU.

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WIDECR FROM LT GEN BUSE
COLONELS TRANSFER (U)
REF A: CG III MAF 230535Z JUN 70 (SPECAT)

1. CHANGES REQUESTED IN REF A ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.
2. COLONELS HAFNEY'S AND KELLEY'S ORDERS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED.
COLONEL HAFNEY WILL DEPART TRAVIS AIR FORCE BASE AT 2200 8JUL,
ONWARD TRANSPORTATION THRU HAWAII AND CKI WILL BE EXPEDITED.
COLONEL KELLEY ARRIVES CKI 0815 27JUN VIA TWA 743 (LOCAL TIMES).
3. REASG OF COLONEL ESTLY AND MODIFICATION OF ORDERS OF COLONEL
UTTER ARE CONTAINED IN SEPARATE MSSGS. WARM REGARDS.

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 LTGEN MCCUTCHEON FROM LTGEN BLISE, MARINE CORPS
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 REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING (U)

A. CG III MAF 232124Z/JUN70 (TS) (PASEP)

1. (TS) REF A HIGHLIGHTS AGAIN A PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN
 WITH US FOR SOME MONTHS NOW. THIS PROBLEM SIMPLY IS
 THAT, WHILE ALL RECENT DEPLOYMENT PLANS SHOW THE
 MARINE CORPS REDUCING FROM ITS CURRENT AUTHORIZED
 SPACES OF 42.6K IN RVN TO A .6K SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL
 FORCE BY END OF FY-71, THERE ARE CURRENTLY .8K SPACES
 ALLOCATED TO THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE. SINCE
 THESE ARE ALL NON-III MAF UNITS, WEITH CANNOT PROVIDE
 RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THEIR REDUCTION. ONLY
 COMUSMACV CAN DO THAT AND APPARENTLY TO DATE HIS STAFF

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 IS RELUCTANT TO FACE THE ISSUE AS TO THE PLANNED SIZE OF
 THE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE. HOWEVER, THIS PROBLEM
 WILL COME TO A HEAD WHEN MARINES IN RVN ARE REDUCED
 TO THE MAF LEVEL OF 10.8K PLUS .6K CAG, 1.2K ROLL-UP
 FORCE, AND .8K SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE, FOR A TOTAL
 OF 13.4K VICE THE 13.2K COMMONLY USED.

2. (TS) IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT FORCING THE ISSUE NOW
 COULD CAUSE COMUSMACV TO COMMENCE A REDUCTION OF
 THE NON-III MAF MARINES IN THE NEAR FUTURE, INCLUDING
 THOSE IN HIS HEADQUARTERS. ON-THE-OTHER-HAND, IF WE
 DON'T FORCE THE ISSUE NOW, COMUSMACV COULD DIRECT
 A .2K REDUCTION OF THE MAF, CAG, OR ROLL-UP FORCE IN
 ORDER TO REDUCE THE MARINE TOTAL TO 13.2K DURING ONE
 OF THE NEXT DEPLOYMENT INCREMENTS. ALSO, IT IS
 ENTIRELY POSSIBLE THAT, FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF
 RECOMMENDING REDUCTIONS NOW FOR THE SUPPORT/TRANSI-
 TIONAL FORCE, COMUSMACV COULD ACCEPT THE MARINE
 SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE AS .6K AND PASS THE .2K
 WITHDRAWAL TO ONE OF THE OTHER SERVICES.

3. (TS) ON BALANCE, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE ISSUE OF

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 THE SIZE OF THE MARINE SUPPORT/TRANSITIONAL FORCE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED NOW. WHILE IT COULD BE POSSIBLY RESOLVED BY III MAF POSING THE PROBLEM TO COMUSMACV, IT IS BELIEVED THAT A MORE RAPID AND COMPLETE RESPONSE CAN BE OBTAINED BY INTRODUCING THE ISSUE HERE IN HAWAII. CINCPAC WILL HAVE TO PASS THE PROBLEM TO COMUSMACV, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO COMMENT ON THE MACV REPLY.

4. (TS) THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING DRAFT MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED AND IF YOU APPROVE, I WILL SEND IT TO ADMIRAL MCCAIN.

QUOTE

FROM : CG FMFPAC

TO: CINCPAC

INFO: CMC

CINCPACFLT

CG III MAF

U. S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING VIETNAM (U)

A. CINCPAC 102145Z/MAY70 (TS)

B. CINCPAC SER: 031907 OF 22 JUNE 1970

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1. (TS) REF A PROVIDED TWO ALTERNATIVE PLANS FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF 150.0K U. S. TROOPS FROM RVN BY 1 MAY 1971. WITH RESPECT TO MARINE SPACES, THE ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE:

	ALT A	ALT B
1ST INCREMENT	29.4K	10.8K
2ND INCREMENT	12.6K	31.2K
TOTAL	42.0K	42.0K

2. (TS) IT IS APPRECIATED THAT THE EXACT SIZE OF EACH DEPLOYMENT INCREMENT IS SUBJECT TO REVISION AND REFINEMENT. HOWEVER, THE TOTAL MARINE WITHDRAWALS OF 42.0K DOES CREATE A PROBLEM.

3. (TS) REF B IDENTIFIES A TOTAL OF 42.0K MARINE SPACES IN RVN. OF THIS TOTAL, 41.8K SPACES REPRESENT UNITS ASSIGNED TO III MAF WHILE THE REMAINING .2K SPACES CONSIST OF ELEMENTS WHICH ARE IN SUPPORT OF NON-MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES. THIS .2K CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:

FRN	UNIT	STRENGTH
99K039	NAVFORV	23
99K040A	HQ STAFF JTD MACV	92

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99K041	AFRTS JTD	248
99K042A	JUSPAO JTD USMACV	7
99K043	FLD ADV ELM JTD	47
99K044	NAV ADV GRP JTD	78
99K045	SOG JTD	17
99K046	AID DEPT STATE	3
99K047	DEF COMM AGENCY JTD	11
99K048	SL MRI, 1ST ANGLICO	197
99K050	EMBASSY SECURITY	151
99K101	CO L, MAREPTEN	75
99K104A	COORDS JTD	35
05J001	DCPG LMO JTD	3
05J047	DGD SPEC REP	1
05J048	ARPA JTD	1
05J050	NAVY/MC JUD ACT	1
	TOTAL	756

SSHOWN AS 32 IN REF B BUT HAS BEEN REDUCED TO 24
 4. (TS) THEREFORE, CG III MAF CAN SUBMIT DEPLOYMENT
 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ONLY A TOTAL OF 41.8K. THE
 REMAINING .2K WILL HAVE TO COME FROM THE UNITS LISTED

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 IN PAR 3 ABOVE. SINCE NEITHER III MAF NOR THIS HEAD-
 QUARTERS ARE IN A POSITION TO RECOMMEND THE SIZE OR
 TIMING OF ANY REDUCTIONS TO THOSE UNITS, IT APPEARS
 THAT COMUSMACV MUST MAKE SUCH RECOMMENDATIONS.
 5. (TS) THERE ARE TWO SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM:
 A. REDUCE THE TOTAL MARINE WITHDRAWALS BY
 1 MAY 71 AT 41.8K. THIS HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF AVOIDING
 THE NEED FOR AN UNPROGRAMMED .2K REDUCTION AMONG
 THE UNITS LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE. HOWEVER, IT WILL
 REQUIRE THE .2K TO BE ADDED TO OTHER SERVICE TOTAL
 WITHDRAWALS IN ORDER TO REACH THE GRAND TOTAL OF 150.0K.
 B. RETAIN THE TOTAL MARINE WITHDRAWALS BY
 1 MAY 71 AT 42.8K AND REQUEST COMUSMACV TO IDENTIFY
 .2K SPACES FROM THE UNITS LISTED IN PAR 3 ABOVE, TO
 INCLUDE TIMING OF WITHDRAWAL. THIS .2K WOULD BE
 ADDED TO THE 41.8K FOR III MAF, THUS, PROVIDING A
 MARINE TOTAL OF 42.8K SPACES.
 6. (U) ACCORDINGLY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THIS
 PROBLEM BE RESOLVED AT AN EARLY DATE TO PERMIT
 ORDELY REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING.

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5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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