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~~FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON~~

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3. I WELCOME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE 95-4. BELIEVE WE ARE IN A GOOD POSITION TO GET OUR VIEWS INCORPORATED INTO THE REVISED DIRECTIVE. MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT THE DIRECTIVE WILL CLEARLY STATE THAT III MAF RETAINS OPCON OF ISTMAV BUT AT THE SAME TIME ACKNOWLEDGES

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5. WELCOME TO FMFPAC AGAIN. GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD. LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR VISIT. WARM REGARDS.

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 THAT MISSION DIRECTION OF MARINE CORPS AIRCRAFT IS EXERCISED BY  
 DEPUTY COMUSMACV (AIR). THE TERM "MISSION DIRECTION" WHICH WAS IN  
 THE BASIC SINGLE MANAGEMENT DOCUMENT IS NOT DEFINED SO ONE OF  
 OUR COMMENTS WILL BE THAT THE TERM DOES NEED A DEFINITION AND  
 WE WILL PROPOSE ONE FOR INCLUSION IN 95-4.

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I CORPS SUMMER CAMPAIGN PLAN

A. COMUSMACV 100148Z JUN 70 (S)

1. PLANS ARE BEGINNING TO BE DISCUSSED IN EARNEST HERE FOR AN AGGRESSIVE SUMMER CAMPAIGN WITH A POSSIBLE KICK OFF DATE OF 7 - 10 JULY 70.

2. TO THE SOUTH, SOUTHERLAND AND LAM ARE PLANNING FOR THE AMERICAL AND THE 2ND ARVN DIVS TO ESTABLISH A FORWARD OPERATING BASE AT KHAM DUC (ZC0108) AND FROM THERE CONDUCT COMBINED MOBILE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN PORTION OF GUANG TIN TO LOCATE AND DESTROY EN LOGISTIC SYSTEMS AND MF UNITS. TO THE NORTH 101ST AND 1ST ARVN ARE TO CONDUCT SIMILAR OPNS IN DA KRONG BASIN - A SHAU VALLEY AREAS.

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COMMANDO PUNT

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1. PLANS ARE BEGINNING TO BE DISCUSSED IN EARNEST HERE  
FOR AN AGGRESSIVE SUMMER CAMPAIGN WITH A POSSIBLE  
KICK OFF DATE OF 7 - 10 JULY 70.

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2. TO THE SOUTH, SUTHERLAND AND LAM ARE PLANNING FOR  
THE AMERICAL AND THE 2ND ARVN DIVS TO ESTABLISH A  
FORWARD OPERATING BASE AT KHAV DUC (ZC0108) AND FROM  
THERE CONDUCT COMBINED MOBILE OPERATIONS IN THE WESTERN  
PORTION OF QUANG TIN TO LOCATE AND DESTROY EN LOGISTIC  
SYSTEMS AND MF UNITS. TO THE NORTH 101ST AND 1ST ARVN ARE  
TO CONDUCT SIMILAR OPNS IN DA KRONG BASIN - A SHAU VALLEY AREAS.3. HERE IN QUANG NAM THE PLAN IS TO CONDUCT OPNS IN  
BASE AREAS 112 AND 127, AND POSSIBLY TO THE WEST, AS  
WELL AS CONTINUING SECURITY AND PACIFICATION OPNS  
IN POPULATED AREAS AND OPNS IN QUE SONS.4. 51ST ARVN REGT AND MSF (CIDG) WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE  
TO CONDUCT OPNS IN HILLS TO WEST OF THOUNG DUC AND TO NW IN  
BA 127.5. ARVN RANGERS (2 BNS), VIETNAMESE MARINE BDE, AND US  
MARINES (1-2 BNS) WILL WORK BA 112 OR AREA TO WEST ALONG  
YC95 N-S GRID LINE. GENERAL SCHEME IS STILL BEING DISCUSSED.6. SAM JASKILKA HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE JGS HAS APPROVED  
SENDING A VIETNAMESE MARINE BDE TO I CORPS ABOUT 5 JULY.  
DETAILS OF FORCE, IDENTIFICATION AND INTENDED LOCATION (TAOR)

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 STILL ARE UNKNOWN EXCEPT THAT THERE IS SOME INDICATION  
 THAT LAM INTENDS TO BASE THEM. INITIALLY OUT OF AN HOA BUT  
 KEEPING THEM MOSTLY WELL OUT IN THE BUSH. AT THIS TIME  
 IT LOOKS LIKE OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM CONCERNING THEM MAY BE  
 HELO SUPPORT. WE ARE WATCHING THIS VERY CLOSELY.  
 7. SUTHERLAND RECOGNIZES HIS SHORTFALL IN HELOS TO SUPPORT  
 ALL THESE ENTERPRISES AND HAS ASKED ABRAMS TO ATTACH ONE  
 AIR ASSAULT HELO CO TO XXIV CORPS FROM 7 JULY TO 1 OCT.  
 HE HAS ALSO ASKED ME TO HELP SUPPORT THE KHAM DUC OPN  
 WITH SOME HEAVY LIFT HELOS.  
 M I WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED AS THESE PLANS PROGRESS. WARM  
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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
FORCE PLANNING (U)

1. XXIV CORPS HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY MACV TO PROVIDE AND IMPACT STATEMENT CONCERNING THE EARLIER STAND-DOWN DATES FOR INCREMENT IV REDEPLOYMENTS AS PROVIDED BY CINCPAC. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE IS QUOTED AND PROVIDES THE XXIV CORPS RESPONSE.

QUOTE

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FM BG SHEDD C/S XXIV CORPS DNG RVN

TO MG COWLES J3 MACV SGN RVN

INFO BG MILLER C/S III VAF

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REFERENCE: MY TELECON THIS MORNING WITH LTGEN KRAFT CONCERNING PROPOSED REDEPLOYMENT DATE CHANGES FOR SOME MARINE COMBAT ELEMENTS.

1. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER THE IMPACT THAT THE EARLIER DATES WILL HAVE ON THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN. THOUGH, THE CHANGE OF ABOUT TWO WEEKS FOR THE

PAGE TWO RUMVPA 12 13 SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT/EXCL FOR INFANTRY UNITS AND SOMEWHAT MORE FOR THE ARTILLERY MAY SEEM MINOR, WHEN VIEWED IN CONNECTION WITH OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE IN PROGRESS AT THE TIME, THE IMPACT WILL BE SIGNIFICANT. WE PLAN TO PRESS THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN UNTIL THE ONSET OF BAD WEATHER IN LATE SEPTEMBER. UNTIL THEN, ALL MAJOR AREAS OF THE CORPS WILL BE ENGAGED IN INTENSIFIED ACTIVITY.

2. IN CENTRAL ICTZ, ARVN FORCES HAVE BEGUN SUBSTANTIAL MOVES TO THE WEST. AS THESE FORCES LEAVE THE POPULATED AREAS, THE IMPORTANCE OF USMC INFANTRY CONTINUING TO OPERATE IN THOSE AREAS INCREASES. FURTHER, THE ARVN OFFENSIVE WILL REQUIRE AN INCREASE IN ARTILLERY SUPPORT, A REQUIREMENT THAT WILL GROW WHEN THE VN MARINE BRIGADE ARRIVES AND IS EMPLOYED IN AND TO THE WEST OF BA 112.

3. IN SOUTHERN ICTZ, THE AMERICAL AND 2D ARVN DIVISIONS WILL BE MAKING A DEEP PENETRATION TO THE VICINITY OF KHAM DUC. IT IS NOT ONLY IMPORTANT THAT THE DEEP ARVN OPERATIONS IN CENTRAL ICTZ CONTINUE IN ORDER TO PREVENT ENEMY FORCES THERE FROM CONCENTRATING AGAINST THE KHAM DUC FOR; BUT THAT US MARINE FORCES (THE 7TH MARINES) REMAIN ACTIVE IN THE QUE SON VALLEY TO COMPENSATE FOR A SHIFT OF NOW ADJACENT AMERICAL UNITS TO THE KHAM DUC AREA.

4. IN NORTHERN ICTZ, THE 1ST ARVN AND 101ST DIVISIONS WILL BE

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5. IN SUM, THE DATE CHANGE WOULD PROBABLY MEAN SCALING DOWN SUMMER CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES EARLIER THAN PLANNED, WITH A RESULTING REDUCTION OF NEEDED PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY.

UNQUOTE

2. ALTHOUGH WE WERE AWARE OF THE CONTENTS AND POSITION TAKEN BY XXIV CORPS WE CHOSE NOT TO CONCUR OR NONCONCUR WITH ITS CONTENTS. WE DID POINT OUT THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF THE VNMC BDE IN I CORPS ON OR ABOUT 10 JULY THAT THE TROOP DENSITY AND COMBAT SUPPORT WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS IT IS NOW, AFTER INCREMENT IV REDEPLOYMENTS.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN  
MCCUTCHEON/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/DELIVER DURING WORKING  
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FORCE PLANNING (U)

- A. FMFPAC 080143Z JUL 70 (TS) (SPECAT) (MCEO)
- B. MY 151740Z JUN 70 (S) (MCEO)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, I HAVE NOTHING SIGNIFICANT TO  
ADD AT THIS TIME TO THE INFORMATION I PROVIDED IN REF B.  
2. THE VMFA, HMM, MACS, AND RAD BN (-) WERE DELETED FROM  
THE 50,000 INCREMENT FOUR REDEPLOYMENT AND THEIR SPACES  
REALLOCATED TO THE OTHER SERVICES. PENDING ANNOUNCEMENT  
OF FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS, CURRENT THINKING IS THAT THESE  
UNITS WILL NOW REDEPLOY IN INCREMENT FIVE BETWEEN 15 OCT  
AND 31 DEC 70, BUT THIS IS ONLY SPECULATION. THERE IS  
NO INTENTION ON MY PART TO RETAIN THESE UNITS WITH THE  
3D MAR, EXCEPT FOR THE PREVIOUSLY AGREED 85 SPACES IN

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THAT XXIV CORPS AND COMUSMACV WILL MAKE A STRONG PITCH TO  
RETAIN AS MUCH OF THE BATTALION FOR AS LONG AS THEY CAN.

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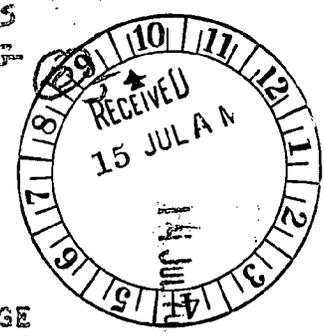
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S E C R E T /FOR MGEN WIDDECKE FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON

1. RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE THIS DATE FROM LTGEN SUTHERLAND. QUOTE

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FM LTG SUTHERLAND CG XXIV CORPS DNG RVN  
TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DNG RVN

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S E C R E T DNG-1708 EYES ONLY

AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE PLANNING THE REDISPOSITION OF FORCES IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE GEARED TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF USMC FORCES. OUR STAFFS, WITH THOSE OF I CORPS AND THE ROK MARINE BRIGADE, ARE CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE CONFIGURATIONS WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WILL PERMIT US TO AVOID A SIGNIFICANT RETRENCHMENT FROM OUR CURRENT SECURITY POSTURE. SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD CONTINUE TO COVER SUCH VITAL LOCATIONS AS AN HOA, ROSS, RYDER, AND BALDY, AND CONTINUE TO ATTRIT THE ENEMY IN THE QUE SON MOUNTAINS. THE STAFFS ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES, AMONG OTHERS, OF DISPOSING THE RVN MARINES IN THE QUE SON AREA (THOUGH THEIR PERMANENCY IS UNCERTAIN); EXPANDING THE ROK MARINE AO; AND ASSIGNING THE 51ST REGIMENT AN AO OF ITS OWN--AS OPPOSED TO SHARING AN AREA WITH A US UNIT. OBVIOUSLY, THIS ADDS UP TO A THINNING OF EXISTING FORCES--AN UNAVOIDABLE CONSEQUENCE OF FORCE REDUCTIONS.

YET, CURRENT PLANNING HAS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBLE THINNING OF FORCES AROUND DA NANG, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE EXAMINING THIS IN MORE DETAIL. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AREA, BUT FEEL THAT THERE MAY BE SOME POINT AT WHICH, IN LINE WITH REDUCTIONS ELSEWHERE, TOGETHER WITH A REDUCED ENEMY CAPABILITY, ITS DEFENSES CAN BE REDUCED, WHILE MAINTAINING A REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL BE ADEQUATELY SECURED. CONSIDERING THE DENSITY OF RF/PF AND ARVN FORCES AS WELL AS USMC ELEMENTS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR

THOUGHTS ON HOW UNITS IN THE DA NANG AREA COULD BE THINNED, HOW FORCES THUS GENERATED COULD BEST BE USED, AND THE NATURE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
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2. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS MATTER SO THAT I MAY TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING A REPLY TO SUTHERLAND. WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET DMC 1703 EYES ONLY

AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE PLANNING THE REDISPOSITION OF FORCES IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE GEARED TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF USMC FORCES. OUR STAFFS, WITH THOSE OF I CORPS AND THE ROK MARINE BRIGADE, ARE CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVE CONFIGURATIONS WHICH, HOPEFULLY, WILL PERMIT US TO AVOID A SIGNIFICANT RETIREMENT FROM OUR CURRENT SECURITY POSTURE. SPECIFICALLY, I WOULD HOPE THAT WE COULD CONTINUE TO COVER SUCH VITAL LOCATIONS AS AN MOA, ROSS, RYDER, AND BALDY, AND CONTINUE TO ATTRIT THE ENEMY IN THE QUE SON MOUNTAINS. THE STAFFS ARE CONSIDERING THE POSSIBILITIES, AMONG OTHERS, OF DISPOSING THE RVN MARINES IN THE QUE SON AREA (THOUGH THEIR PERMANENCY IS UNCERTAIN); EXPANDING THE ROK MARINE AO; AND ASSIGNING THE 51ST REGIMENT AN AO OF ITS OWN--AS OPPOSED TO SHARING AN AREA WITH A US UNIT. OBVIOUSLY, THIS ADDS UP TO A THINNING OF EXISTING FORCES--AN UNAVOIDABLE CONSEQUENCE OF FORCE REDUCTIONS.

YET, CURRENT PLANNING HAS NOT TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT THE POSSIBLE THINNING OF FORCES AROUND DA NANG, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD BE EXAMINING THIS IN MORE DETAIL. I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURITY FOR THE DA NANG AREA, BUT FEEL THAT THERE MAY BE SOME POINT AT WHICH, IN LINE WITH REDUCTIONS ELSEWHERE, TOGETHER WITH A REDUCED ENEMY CAPABILITY, ITS DEFENSES CAN BE REDUCED, WHILE MAINTAINING A REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT IT WILL BE ADEQUATELY SECURED. CONSIDERING THE DENSITY OF RF/PF AND ARVN FORCES AS WELL AS USMC ELEMENTS, I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR

THOUGHTS ON HOW UNITS IN THE DA NANG AREA COULD BE THINNED, HOW FORCES THUS GENERATED COULD BEST BE USED, AND THE NATURE OF THE RISKS INVOLVED.

SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS  
UNQUOTE.

2. REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THIS MATTER SO THAT I MAY TAKE THEM INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING A REPLY TO SUTHERLAND. WARM REGARDS.

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P 201533Z JUL 70

FM CG III MAF

TO RUHFMMA/CG FMFPAC

INFO RUHFMMA/CMC

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SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/PERSONAL FOR LTGEN JONES

INFO GEN CHAPMAN FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON

REDEPLOYMENT PLANNING

A. CG FMFPAC 270225Z JUN 70 (IS)

1. MGEN COWLES, MACV J-3, VISITED HERE TODAY AND AMONG OTHER THINGS HE WAS WORKING ON THE PROBLEM OF IDENTIFYING 200 MARINES FROM THE 766 MARINES WHICH ARE IN SUPPORT OF NON-MARINE CORPS ACTIVITIES FOR IDENTIFICATION FOR WITHDRAWAL DURING KEYSTONE ROBIN. ONE ELEMENT THAT HE IS LOOKING AT ARE THE MARINES IN MACV HQ. HE ASKED IF CMC HAD ANY PARTICULAR DESIRES TO RETAIN ANY MARINES ON THAT STAFF AND IF SO HOW MANY AND WHICH ONES. I TOLD HIM I THOUGHT WE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO RETAIN SOME BILLETTS BUT WE COULD CUT DOWN PROPORTIONATELY AS THE OVERALL MACV STAFF IS

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2. REF A. STATED THERE ARE 92 MARINE BILLETTS IN THE MACV JTD. SPECIFICALLY REQUEST ADVICE AS TO HOW MANY OF THESE CMC WOULD LIKE TO RETAIN. FURTHER THAT ANY SPECIFIC BILLETTS THAT ARE PARTICULARLY DESIRED BE IDENTIFIED. UPON RECEIPT OF REPLY I WILL NOTIFY COWLES AND FEEL REASONABLY SURE WE CAN GET WHATEVER WE WANT. WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET

PERSONAL FOR VADM KING FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
MARINE CORPS ADVISORS FOR VIETNAMESE GROUND UNITS ATTACHED TO SEA  
FLOAT/SOLID ANCHOR ATSB (U)

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A. COMNAVFORV 101128Z JUL 70

1. (S) I HAVE STUDIED YOUR PROPOSAL THAT III MAF PROVIDE A MARINE  
ADVISORY CONTINGENT ON A TAD BASIS TO DEVELOP AN EFFECTIVE VIETNAMESE  
NAVAL INFANTRY FOR SEAFLOAT/SOLID ANCHOR OPERATIONS. I CONCUR IN  
YOUR CONCEPT AND SINCERELY APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY  
TO MEET THE NEED.

2. (S) AS YOU ARE AWARE, III MAF WILL LOSE SUBSTANTIAL MANPOWER ASSETS  
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3. (S) I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU REQUEST ADVISOR SPACES IN THE

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4. IF A VISIT BY MEMBERS OF MY STAFF WILL ASSIST, PLEASE  
ADVISE.

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PERSONAL FOR VADM KING FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
MARINE CORPS ADVISORS FOR VIETNAMESE GROUND UNITS ATTACHED TO SEA  
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FM CG III MAF

TO RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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SECRET/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LIGEN JONES FROM LIGEN

MCCUTCHEON (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

FLOAT/SOLID ANCHOR ATSB (U)

1. THIS IS THE MESSAGE I SENT TO VADM KING CONCERNING HIS REQUEST FOR MARINE ADVISORS. QUOTE

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TO RUMUGK/COMNAVFORV

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SECRET

PERSONAL FOR VADM KING FROM LIGEN MCCUTCHEON

MARINE CORPS ADVISORS FOR VIETNAMESE GROUND UNITS ATTACHED TO SEA

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FM CG III MAF

TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

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ARMSTRONG FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
DAILY OPS SUMMARY

1. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM LTGEN  
SUTHERLAND. QUOTE

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FM LTG SUTHERLAND CG XXIV CORPS DNG RVN  
TO LTG MCCUTCHEON CG III MAF DNG RVN  
MG MILLOY CG AMERICAL DIV CHL RVN  
BG BERRY ACTING CG 101ST ABN DIV (AMBL) CEE RVN  
ZEN/BG HILL CG Q1/5 MECH BDE QTA RVN  
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UNCLAS E F T O DNG 1726 EYES ONLY

SUBJECT: DAILY OPS SUMMARY

1. I PLAN TO PROVIDE GENERAL ROSSON THROUGH BACK CHANNEL A DAILY  
UPDATE OF MAJOR OPERATIONS IN THE I MR. THEREFORE, I NEED FROM YOU  
A SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO YOUR MAJOR ON-GOING OPERATIONS  
EACH DAY.

2. ALTHOUGH QUANTITATIVE RESULTS SHOULD BE INCLUDED, YOUR REPORTS ARE  
DESIRED ESSENTIALLY IN NARRATIVE FORM SUMMARIZING THE DAY'S ACCOMP-  
LISHMENTS, SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS AND UNIT MOVEMENTS; AND ANY PERTINENT  
COMMENT YOU MIGHT DESIRE TO MAKE RELATIVE TO THE MAJOR OPERATION  
INVOLVED. ADDITIONALLY, ANY SIGNIFICANT OPERATION  
OR CONTACT OTHER THAN MAJOR PLANNED OPERATIONS OCCURRING DURING  
THE REPORTING PERIOD SHOULD ALSO BE DESCRIBED. A BRIEF COMMENT  
ABOUT THE NEXT 24 HOUR PERIODS' PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR THESE MAJOR  
OPERATIONS WILL ALSO ASSIST ME IN KEEPING GENERAL ROSSON INFORMED.  
PLEASE INCLUDE RVNAF//IWMAF ACTIVITIES INCIDENT TO THE MAJOR  
OPERATIONS ON WHICH YOU REPORT AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS  
APPROPRIATE.

3. TO MEET ESTABLISHED TIME REQUIREMENTS I NEED YOUR REPORTS BY  
1800H HOURS DAILY AS OF 1600H HOURS, VIA BACK CHANNEL, COMMENCING  
21 JULY 1970.

SSO NOTE DELIVER DURING DUTY HOURS

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2. I WOULD LIKE EACH OF YOU TO PROVIDE MY G-3, BY 1700  
DAILY, THE NECESSARY INFORMATION FOR A CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY  
FOR MY RELEASE. SINCE THE SUMMARY CONCERNS ONLY MAJOR  
OPERATIONS IT SHOULD BE KEPT SHORT.

3. SINCE OUR RECON TEAM OPERATIONS ARE EXTENSIVE, THEY  
SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN TOTAL AS A MAJOR OPERATION AND  
SHOULD BE SUMMARIZED ON A DAILY BASIS.

4. DUE TO THE LIMITED RESPONSE TIME I WOULD APPRECIATE  
YOUR PROMPT RESPONSE. WARM REGARDS.

(SSO NOTE: DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)

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S E C R E T/SPECAT/EYES ONLY/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN SUTHERLAND  
 FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON/NO3100  
 DAILY OPS SUMMARY TO 211600H (U)

1. (S) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT CAT III OPNS SOUTH OF NONG SON CIDG CAMP AND THROUGHOUT SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY. SINCE 16JUL 7TH MAR UNITS HAVE UNCOVERED SEVEN LARGE BASE CAMPS, KILLED 31 VC/NVA, DETAINED 171 AND CPTD FIVE POW. CACHE DISCOVERIES INCLUDE NINE CSWS, 27 IWC, 1,009 MORTAR RDS, 45 RPG RDS, 182 57MM RR RDS, 30 MINES, 10,600 PULL PIN FUZES, 602 LBS C4 EXPLOSIVE, 11,755 LBS FOODSTUFFS, LARGE QUANTITIES FUZES, SA AMMO, GRENADES. FR CAS ONE KIA, FOUR WIA(E), THREE WIA(M), 19 NBC.
2. (S) PICKENS FOREST FORECAST FOR 22JUL IS FOR 1ST BN 7TH MAR TO HELOLIFT TO VIC AT 795537 ABT 221000, WITH JUMP CP 7TH MAR, G/3/11, AND C/1/5 ON FSB DEFIANT, B/1/7 WILL SEARCH AND CLEAR FOUR K. NORTHEAST OF DEFIANT, C/1/7 FOUR K. EAST OF DEFIANT, E/2/7 THREE K. SOUTH OF DEFIANT, D/1/7 FOUR K. WEST OF DEFIANT. 2/7 CP WILL REMAIN AT FSB DART (ZC 149283). F/2/7 AND G/2/7 WILL SWEEP TO NORTHEAST FROM POSNS CM (ZC 1824).
3. (C) PACIFIER ( RAPID REACTION FORCE) OPN CONCLUDED YESTERDAY TOOK PLACE CM (BT 0463) WITH ONE PACIFIER COMPANY (D/1/5) AND TWO COMPANIES OPCON TO 1/5 FOR OPN (H/2/1) AND (C/1/1). IN COORDINATION WITH RECON DIVERS, DANANG NATL POLICE SPECIAL BRANCH, AND CIT TEAM, CORDON AND SEARCH SCREENED 650 VN'S AND DETAINED TOTAL OF 33 PROBABLE VCI, BLEW UP FIVE TUNNELS AND FOUND ONE AK 47 AND ONE NEW 122MM ROCKET.
4. (C) THREE DAY CORDON AND SEARCH IN ARIZ TERRITORY BY G/2/5 (REIN) TERM 20JUL. G/2/5 AND CIT PERS LANDED IN THREE LZ'S ON 18JUL AFTER DIVERSIONARY AIR STRIKES AND HELO FEINTS AWAY FROM IGT AREA AT CM (AR 8649). FINAL RPT TOTALED FIVE VC/NVA KIA, TWO DET, ONE AK 47 AND ONE SKS CPTD, SIX B/T DEST, TEN TUNNELS/ SPIDER HOLES DEST, TEN M-26 AND CHICOM GRENADES DEST, TWO BOATS DEST. FRIENDLY CAS THREE WIA(E).
5. (C) A/1/1 COND DAY LONG RIF OF MORTAR VALLEY CM (AT 8765) 20JUL WITHOUT INCIDENT UNTIL RETURNING AT 1630 WHEN TWO FIVE LB BOX MINES WERE TRIPPED. FRIENDLY CAS SEVEN WIA(E).
6. (C) RECON BN OPS INCLUDED SIX INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 25 TEAMS AT 16 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 211430H. AT 201340 IN VIC (AT 979394) TEAM BAD ACTOR WAS EXTRACTED AS TACTICAL EMERGENCY AFTER CONTACT WITH 15-20 VC/NVA RESULTING IN NINE VC/NVA KIA AND ONE USMC WIA(M). ANOTHER LARGE EN SIGHTING WAS AT 201850H IN VIC (AT 827479) WHEN TEAM NOTED FIVE VC/NVA. RESULT ONE VC/NVA KIA.

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7. SIX CH-46 AND 2 GUNSHIPS FM FMAW SUPPORTED BY KC 130 FLARE-SHIP, LIFTED 140 MARINES IN A PREDAWN ASSAULT INTO TWO SEPARATE ZONES S. OF MMAF IN CONJUNCTION WITH A ROK BDE OP. THE LIFT WAS COMPLETED IN LESS THAN 1 HOUR.

8. (S) PLANNED OPNS FOR 22JUL INCLUDE CONT OF PON PICKENS FOREST AND SEVERAL SMALLER UNIT ACTIONS. D/1/5 AS PACIFIER WILL INSERT INTO SPIDER LAKE REGION IN PHU LOC VALLEY CM (AT 9746) TO CLEAR AND SWEEP POSSIBLE BASE CAMPS FOR ONE DAY. IN ARIZ TERRITORY, G/2/5 AND F/2/5 WITH TANK PLT IN SPT WILL COND CORDON AND SWEEP AGAINST REPORTED INTELLIGENCE LOCATIONS IN PHU NHUANS CM (AT 9050). F/2/1 AND H/2/1 WITH TANK PLT (-) WILL CONCLUDE COMBINED OPN WITH KMC, CM (BT 0864).

9. (S) ~~RECON WILL INSERT THREE ADDITIONAL TEAMS ON 22JUL AND EXTRACT ONE, FOR TOTAL OF 27 TEAMS THAT WILL BE OPERATING IN TAOR.~~

10. (C) OPERATIONS BY OTHER FREE WORLD FORCES IN TAOR INCLUDE:  
 A. KOREAN MARINE OPNS BEGAN THIS MORNING ON BARRIER IS CM (BT 1953) AND ACROSS OUR MUTUAL BOUNDARY CM (BT 0864). RESULTS TO DATE OF BARRIER IS OPN, COND BY 10TH CO 2D KMC BRIGADE, TWO VC KIA, THREE VCI DET, ONE M16 CPTD. OTHER OPN COND IN COORD WITH F/2/1 AND H/2/1 IN BLOCKING POSNS WHILE 5TH BN 2D JMC BRIG SWEEPS TO N. RESULTS THUS FAR SEVEN VC KIA, FIVE IWC, 22 CHICOM GREN CPTD. FR CAS BY 2/1 INCL ONE KIA, THREE WIA(E), ONE HUSKIE DEST.

B. FOURTH BN 51ST ARVN REGT WAS SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE SECOND BN 51ST CONT OPN HUNG QUANG 1/32 CM (AT 8260) IN COMPANY WITH THIRD BN 51ST CM (ZC 0654). SECOND BN 51ST WAS TO BE RET TO HILL 55 AND ASSUME DEF POSN THERE.

C. FIFTH MOBILE STRIKE FORCE OPN BB 1A, KONG WAS TO COMMENCE 210730 WITH 1ST BN 5TH MSF MOVING BY FOOT TO FSB MCNUIT (YC 998 613) AND 2D BN 5TH MSF HELOLIFTING INTO LZ (YC 945647) COMMENCING AT 211300.

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B. YOUR 220228Z JUL 70 (TS) (SPECAT) (NOAL)

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ON 14 JUL RELATIVE AGENDA ITEMS POSED IN REF A. SUBJECT  
MATTER WAS NOT DISCUSSED WITH CMC DURING HIS VISIT HERE.

2. PROPOSED SEQUENCE OF EVENTS FOR TRANSITION FROM III  
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ABOUT 23 OFFICERS AND APPROPRIATE ENLISTED ASSISTANTS FROM  
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B. ON/ABOUT 15 OCT 70: UNDER 1ST MARDIV ASSIGN MAB RESPON-  
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 DAILY OPS SUMMARY TO 221600H (U)

1. (S) FIRST MAR DIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT INTO SEVENTH DAY. TODAY'S FINDS TOTAL SEVEN HUTS, PLUS BASE CAMP OF FOUR BUNKERS AND ONE ADDTL STILL UNDER CONST, TWO MORE VC/NVA KIA, INCLUDING ONE WEARING FLAK JACKET, PROBABLY KBA TWO DAYS AGO. FIVE MORE IWC AND MISC CONSTRUCTION TOOLS, FOODSTUFFS AND SMALL MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOUND. TOTAL EN CAS TO DATE 31 VC/NVA KIA, THREE VC PW, 171 DET, 30 IWC, 9 CSWC. FR CAS TO DATE ONE KIA, FOUR WIA(E) THREE WIA(M), 27 NBC.
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONTINUE 23 JULY WITH SWEEP BY 2ND BN, 7TH MAR AGAINST SUSPECTED EN BASE CAMP, HQ AND HOSPITAL AREA CM (AT 7927). 2/7 WITH F/2/7, G/2/7 AND D/1/7 WILL ATK OBJ AREA TO NE FROM INITIAL POSITIONS CM (ZC 1925), LEAD BY RECON TEAM MAYFLY WHICH WAS EMERG EXTRACTED FROM OBJ AREA ON 20 JULY, TM HAD RPTD EST 60 BKRS IN VIC. BLOCKING TO SOUTH WILL BE CO C, 31ST INF, AMERICAL DIV CM (AT 8224). REMAINDER OF PICKENS FOREST FORCES WILL BE DETAILED SWEEPING IN SONG THU BON VALLEY VIC OF FSB DEFIANT (ZC 203325).
3. (C) PACIFIER RAPID REACTION FORCE WAS COMMITTED 220630H IN FOUR HOUR OPN TO CHECK POSSIBLE BASE CAMP AND BUNKERS IN SPIDER LAKE/PHU LOC VALLEY VIC CM (AT 9746). TWO PLTS OF D/1/5 WERE EXTR- ACTED AT 221030H AFTER FINDING AND DEST FOUR BUNKERS AND MISC GEAR, GRENADES, SA AMMO.
4. (CL TANK/INF OPN BY G/2/5 AND F/2/5 IN PH NHUAN (8) VIC CM (AT 8950) COND DETAILED SWEEP OF AREA 21 JUL AND ENG IN FIVE CONTACTS. THREE EN WERE FOUND HIDING IN SPIDER HOLES, TWO NURSES AND ONE MALE WHO CLAIMED TO BE NVA LT(UNIT UNK). RESULTS OF THIS OPN TO DATE INCLUDE THREE EN KIA, THREE PW, ONE AK-47, ONE .38 CAL PISTOL, 2 CHICOM GREN, 1 US COMPASS, 2 MAPS, MISC MED GEAR.
5. (C) HOI CHANHS WORKING WITH A/1/7 CUPP LED TWO PATROLS TO FOLLOWING FINDS ON 21 JULY: FIVE CROCKS CONTAINING 1,600 LBS RICE, ONE AK-47, AND CROCK CONTAINING 4,00 RDS OF .30 CAL AND 7.62MM SA AMMO.
6. (C) F/2/1 AND H/2/1 COMP COMB CORDON AND SWEEP WITH 5TH BN ROKMC BDE IN BOUNDARY AREA CM (BT 0764), AS REPORTED YESTERDAY. FINAL TOTALS REPORTED BY ROKMC INCLUDED TEN VC KIA, ONE FEMALE DETAINEE CLAIMING TO BE COMM LIAISON AGENT FOR VC IN DIST 3 DANANG, AND EIGHT ADDTL DETAINEES. ALSO CPTD TWO AK-47, TWO M-16, ONE M-1 CARBINE.

7. (C) IN RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS, RECON BN COMPLETED TWO INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS. FOR RECON CO COMPLETED NO INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS. A TOTAL OF 32 TEAMS AT 23 LOCATIONS ARE IN THE TAOR AS OF 221430H. AT 211630H VIC AT 822871 MINK COAT CALLED AN ARTILLERY MISSION RESULTING IN THREE CONFIRMED VC/NVA KIA.

8. (C) AT 0730 THIS MORNING THREE (3) FLIGHTS OF MARINE F-4'S CLEARED AND PREPPED TWO LZ'S TWENTY KILOMETERS NORTH WEST OF THUONG DUC. AT 0800H THE FIRST WAVE OF CIDG TROOPS FROM THE FIFTH MOBILE STRIKE FORCE WERE LIFTED INTO THE ZONE BY 6 CH-46'S SUPPORTED BY 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS, AND CAPPED BY 1 FLIGHT OF MARINE F-4'S. THE ASSAULT LANDINGS WERE COMPLETED BY 1030H. OVER 500 TROOPS WERE CARRIED INTO THE TWO ZONES WITHOUT INCIDENT.

9. (S) PLANNED OPNS FOR 23 JULY INCLUDE K/3/1 HELO INSERTS VIC DONG DEN AND TWO NEARBY LZ'S CM (AT 8282) FOLLOWED BY FIVE-DAY SWEEPS FOR EN LOC AND BASE CAMPS FROM LZ'S SOUTHEASTWARD. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY D/1/5 WILL COND CORDON AND SWEEP WESTERN GO NOI IS CM (AT 9753) TO INCLUDE BURNING OF UNDERBRUSH TO ELIMINATE COVER AND CONCEALMENT OF VC/NVA INFILTRATION ROUTES.

10. (S) THREE RECON INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. TEAM SEASIDE IN VIC ZC1888 WILL ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE A PRISONER. TEAM ALLENTOWN VIC YC 9736 IS BEING INSERTED TO READOUT NEW SENSOR STRINGS IMPLANTED IN THE BEN GIANG VALLEY VIC YC 9636.

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1. (S) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONTINUED INTO EIGHT DAY IN SONG THU BON VALLEY. 2/7 (-) (REIN) COMMENCED SWEEP TOWARD RIVER FROM POSNS 4 KM TO WEST, EMPLOYING F/2/7, G/2/7 AND D/1/7 (OPCON TO 2/7) WITH E/2/7 AS BLOCKING FORCE CM (AT7950). CO C, 31ST INF, AMERICAL DIV, IN BLOCKING POSN W/IN AMERICAL AO, VIC (AT8224). ALTHOUGH NO CONTACT THUS FAR BY SWEEPING FORCES, E/2/7 FOUND BASE CAMP AND HAD ONE CONTACT RESULTING IN TWO VC/NVA KIA, THREE AK-47, MISC GRENADES, AMMO AND MED SUPPLIES CPTD. CUM RESULTS TO DATE 34 VC/NVA KIA, THREE PW, 171 DET, 33 IWC, NINE CSWC. FR CAS ONE KIA, SEVEN WIA (E), THREE WIA (M), 27 NBC.
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST PLANS FOR TOMORROW ARE FOR 2/7 (-) (REIN) TO CONTINUE SWEEP TOWARD SONG THU BON AND REPORTED EN BASE CAMP/ HOSPITAL/CP COMPLEX CM (AT7927), WITH E/2/7 AND C OF 31ST INF AS BLOCKING FORCES. 2/7 CP AND 4.2 MORTAR BATTERY WILL HELOLIFT FROM FSB DART (ZC149283). 2/7 JUMP CP WILL EST POSN HILL 100 (ZC2133). MORTAR BTRY WILL JOIN E/2/7 BLOCK.
3. (S) PACIFIER RAPID REACTION FORCE, D/1/5, LAUNCHED AT 231300H TO VIC WESTERN GO NOI ISLAND CM (AT9654) TO SWEEP FOR SUSPECTED VC/NVA INFILTRATION ROUTES AND TO BURN COVER AND CONCEALMENT PROVIDED BY UNDERBRUSH. NO CONTACT AS OF LAST REPORT.
4. (C) RECON OPERATIONS INCLUDED FIVE INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS, FOR TOTAL OF 32 TEAMS AT 22 LOCATIONS AT THIS TIME. RECON TEAM AUNT MABEL EXTRACTED 221600H ENDING 31-HR PATROL IN QUE SON MT CM (AT9742) WHICH HAD NINE SIGHTINGS OF 16 EN, 5 CAMPFIRE, ONE GRAVE, THREE HUIS, THREE BKRS, SEVERAL CAVES, AND ONE CONTACT WITH EST 15-20 EN THAT RES IN FIVE VC/NVA KIA. ESTIMATED EN BSE CAMP/HOSPITAL/RADIO HQ SURROUNDED BY EN POSNS (AT972425). EN FIRED ON HELO DURING EXTRACT. RECON TEAM BAG SHAW, ALSO IN QUE SON MT (AT9943), MADE CONTACT 231211H WITH FIVE VC/NVA, RES TWO VC/NVA KIA. NO FR CAS EITHER CONTACT.
5. (C) COMBINED TANK/INF SWEEP BY F/2/5 AND G/2/5 OF PHU NHUANS CM (AT8849) ENDED 22JULY AFTER SEVERAL CONTACTS WITH EN OVER THREE-DAY PRD. FINAL RESULTS FOUR VC/NVA KIA, FIVE PW'S, ONE AK-47, 2 .38 PISTOL, 6 GRENADES, MISC GEAR, MAPS AND DOCUMENTS CPTD. NO FR CAS DESPITE HIGH DENSITY OF B/T IN AREA.
6. (C) K/3/1 HELO SWEEP OP IN HOA VAN VALLEY CM (AT8281) INSERTED AT 230800H ON DONG DEN AND ONE LZ TO SW CM (AT8181). FOLLOWING PRE-H-HR AIR AREA PREP, S-2 SCOUT PTL FROM H&S/3/1 OBS FIVE EN MVG FROM AREA, KILLED ONE VC/NVA IN SA CONTACT. SEARCH OF BODY FOUND FIVE LBS DICUMENTS AND ONE 9MM PISTOL. OPN MAIN FORCE NO CONTACT THUS FAR.

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7. (S) PLANNED OPNS FOR 24 JULY INCLUDE CONTINUATION K/3/1 SWEEP HOA VAN VALLEY AND COMMENCEMENT OF OPN BARREN GREEN. LATTER IS NEW/ OPN EST TO LAST FOUR DAYS IN MY HIEP VIC CM (AT8955) TWO SWEEP FOR VC/NVA FOOD PRODUCTION PERSONNEL AND DESTROY CORN CROPS IN AREA. VIC PREVIOUSLY WAS SITE 15-16 JULY OF CORN HARVEST OF 33 TONS BY REFUGEES THAT ENDED WHEN B/T AND NVA/VC AMBUSHES INFLICTED PROHIBITIVE CAS. OPN WILL BE COND BY SECOND BN (-) (REIN) FIFTH MARINES, INCL F/2/5 AND E/2:5 SETTING CORDON ACROSS PENINSULA CM (AT8955) THEN SWEEPING TO N. I(-)/ 3/5 WILL CORDON ACROSS SONG VU GIA TO NORTH. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION CO, D/1/5, WILL BE AIRBORNE FOR INSERT AS EN SIT DICATES. CORDON WILL BE REINF BY ONE PLT (REINF) TANKS AND PSYOPS TEAMS.

8. (S) RECON PLANS FOR 24 JULY INCLUDE FIVE INSERTS AND SEVEN EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 30 TEAMS TO REMAIN IN AREA. TEAM ALLENTOWN WILL OPERATE WITH RVN MARINES TO READ OUT SENSORS IN BEN GIANG VALLEY (YC9636).

9. FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT DAY, THE F-4S, A-4S AND A-6S OF THE FIRST MAW EMPHASIZED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT OF THE 101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION IN THE OPERATIONS AROUND FSB RIPCORD. SO FAR ON 23 JULY, THE WING HAS FLOWN 28 PREPLANNED SORTIES AND 10 SCRAMBLE SORTIES DROPPING 500 AND 1000 POUND BOMBS AND NAPALM ON THESE MISSIONS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 231600H-241600H JULY 1970 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONTINUED INTO INTS NINTH DAY IN SONG THU BON VALLEY. ONE BASE CAMP WAS FOUND BY C/1/5 IN VIC OF FSB DEFIANT CM (ZC2032) CONTAINING 1,100 LBS OF UNPOLISHED RICE, 800 LBS CORN, AND MISC MED GEAR. 2/7 (-) (REIN) CONT SWEEP ACROSS SOUTHERN PORTION OF OPN AC CM (AT7927) WITH E/2/7 AND C CO OF THE 31ST INF IN BLOCKING POSITIONS AS NOTED IN YESTERDAYS OPN SUMMARY. CUMULATIVE TOTALS TO DATE FOR OPN ARE 35 VC/NVA KIA, THREE PW, 171 DET, 34 IWC, NINE CSWC. FR CAS ONE KIA, SEVEN WIA (E).
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST PLANS FOR 24 JULY INCLUDE CONT OF SWEEP BY 2/7 (-) (REIN) AGAINST SUSPECTED EN BASE CAM/HQ/HOSPITAL CM (AT7927). B/1/7 WILL HELOLIFT TO VIC (AT796354) TO COND CAT III OPNS ON WESTERN BANK OF SONG THU BON.
3. (S) NEW OPN BARREN GREEN COMMENCED 240600H WITH INSERT F/2/5 AND G/2/5 INTO CORN PRODUCTION AREA OF MY HIEP CM (AT8955). REINF BY PLT (REIN), C CO, FIRST TANK BN, COMPANIES SWEEP TO NORTH THROUGH CORN AREA MANAGED BY 38TH NVA REGT. 1/3/5 (-) BLOCKED TO NORTH ACROSS SONG VU GIA. D/1/5, AS PACIFIER AIRBORNE RAPID REACTION FORCE, WAS INSERTED AGAINST ENEMY TGTS OF OPPORTUNITY. RESULTS TO 241400H, TWO NVA/VC KIA, TWO IWC, FIVE TONS OF CORN (MOST OF IT SHELLED), MISC GRENADES AND EXPLOSIVES, 72 DETAINEES. FR CAS: FOUR USMC WIA (E) AND ONE DOG WIA (E), ALL FROM B/T.
4. (S) OPN BARREN GREEN WILL CONT INTO SECOND DAY 25 JULY WITH SAME FORCES. LATER IN DAY 2/5 JUMP CP AND ONE CO WILL EXTRACT AND 3/5 JUMP CP WILL TAKE OPCON OF OPN.
5. (S) NEW OPN (UNNAMED) IN QUESTION MTS COMMENCED 241030H VIC (AT 978420) WITH INSERT OF C/1/7 AGAINST HOSPITAL/HQ/COMM CENTER LOCATED ON 22 JULY BY RECON TEAM AUNT MABEL. PLT LDR AND PT MAN FROM AUNT MABEL ACCOMPANIED LEAD ELEMENTS OF C/1/7. INSERT WAS PRECEDED WITH HEAVY ARTY PREP THROUGHOUT 23 JULY AND ARTY AND AIR PREP PRIOR TO H-HOUR ON 24 JULY. NO CONTACT BY C/1/7 AS OF END OF RPTG PRD.
6. (S) ON 25 JULY C/1/7 WILL CONT SWEEP TOWARD HOSPITAL/HQ/COMM CENTER, TO BE JOINED BY ONE RECON TEAM. MISSION WILL BE TO KILL/CPTR EN IN AREA AND TO DESTROY CAVE COMPLEX.
7. (C) K/3/1 UNNAMED OPN CONTINUED INTO THIRD DAY WITHOUT CONTACT BUT FOUND ONE BASE CAMP CM (AT8181). WILL CONTINUE SWEEP IN VIC ON 25 JULY.

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8. (C) AT 241030H, TWO CUPP SQDS FROM A/1/7 IN VIC (BT1242) ENG EST 10 EN IN FIREFIGHT. SWEEP OF AREA AFTER ENG FOUND TWO VC/NVA KIA AND ONE AK-47.

9. (C) RECON OPNS DURING PERIOD INCLUDED FOUR INSERTS AND EIGHT EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 30 TEAMS AT 13 LOCS IN TAOR AS OF 241400H. AT 231525H VIC (AT9946) TEAM BAGSHAW WAS EXTRACTED AFTER CONTACT IN WHICH TWO VC/NVA WERE KIA, AND TWO USMC WIA (E) FROM GREN FRAGMENTS. AT 240755H, VIC (ZC2144) TEAM DONAHUE HAD POINT-TO-POINT CONTACT RESULTING IN TWO VC/NVA KIA. TEAM WAS EXTRACTED AT 241056H WITH TWO USMC WIA. RECON PLANS FOR 25 JULY INCLUDE FOUR INSERTS AND THREE EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 31 TEAMS TO BE OPERATING IN TAOR.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 241600H-251600H JULY 1970 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONTINUED TO SWEEP SONG THU BON VALLEY FOR VC/NVA HEADQUARTERS/BASE CAMP/COMM CENTER. ONE CONTACT BY B/1/7 WAS MADE IN VIC (AT7936) RESULTING IN EXCHANGES OF SMALL ARMS AND GRENADES, DET OF FIVE BOOBY TRAPS, AND DEST OF SEVERAL BUNKERS AND CAVES. CUMULATIVE RESULTS OF OPN AS IT GOES INTO ELEVENTH DAY ARE ONE USMC KIA, SEVEN WIA (E), THREE WIA (M); 35 VC/NVA KIA, THREE POW, 171 DET, 34 IWC, NINE CSWC.
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST PLANS FOR 26 JULY ARE TO CONTINUE ATTACK TOWARD SONG THU BON RIVER AND TO SWEEP BASE CAMPS IN VICINITY. CORN FIELDS IN AREA ARE TO BE CLEARED OF CROP BY VN CIVILIANS WITH CROP DISTRIBUTED TO RESETTLEMENT HAMLETS.
3. (C) OPN BARREN GREEN HAS COMMENCED NEUTRALIZATION OF VC/NVA FOOD PRODUCTION AREA BY COMBINED TANK/INFANTRY FORCE FROM FIFTH MARINES. 1/3/5 UNCOVERED SPIDER HOLES, DETAINING THREE VC/NVA FOUND IN ONE HOLE. ALSO CPID WERE TWO AK-47, 11 CHICOM GRENADES, ASSORTED NVA UNIFORMS, MISC MED GEAR, DOCUMENTS, AND OTHER SMALL ARMS. DURING NIGHT OF 24-25 JULY, HELO OPERATING WITH NOD OBSERVED TWO VC/NVA IN OP AREA, KILLING THEM WITH ON BOARD ORDNANCE. CUMULATIVE RESULTS TO DATE INCLUDE 5 TONS OF CAPTURED SHELLED CORN, FOUR VC/NVA KIA, FIVE IWC, AND FIVE DETAINEES (EVALUATED AS VC/NVA). FR CAS SEVEN WIA(E), TWO WIA(M), ALL FROM BOOBY TRAPS.
4. (S) OPN BARREN GREEN WILL CONTINUE INTO THIRD DAY 26 JULY UNDER OPCON OF THIRD BN (-)/FIFTH MARINES. EMPHASIS WILL BE ON LEVELING VC/NVA CORN FIELDS FOR SUBSEQUENT BURNING. DETAILED TANK/INFANTRY SWEEPS OF AREA WILL WATCH FOR VC/NVA INFILTRATION AND BOOBY TRAPS. HELO EQUIPPED WITH NOD WILL COVER AREA BEGINNING 260430H IN ATTEMPT TO INTERDICT VC/NVA SUPPLY TRAINS.
5. (C) UNNAMED OPN BY C/1/7 IN QUE SON MTS CONTINUED INTO SECOND DAY. OTHER THAN TWO BOOBY TRAP INCIDENTS, ACTIVITIES THUS FAR HAVE CONSISTED OF LOCATING BUNKERS AND DETONATION OF LOCATED BOOBY TRAPS. CUMULATIVE RESULTS TO DATE INCLUDE THREE USMC WIA(E) AND TWO WIA(M).
6. (S) C/1/7 OPN IN QUE SON MTS WILL CONT 26 JULY IN ATTEMPT TO FIND HQ/COMM CTR VIC (AT978420).
7. (C) K/3/1 SWEEP IN VIC OF DONG DEN CM (AT8181) CONTINUED INTO THIRD DAY WITH NEG CONTACTS OR CAS. OPN WILL TERMINATE 261500H WITH HELOLIFT TO ITS BASE.
8. (C) RECON ACTIVITY 25 JULY INCLUDED SIX INSERTS AND FOUR EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 28 TEAMS OPERATING IN 18 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 251400H. ONE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED AT 250940H WHEN TEAM MINK COAT WAS FIRED UPON WHILE INSERTING INTO QUE SON MTS VIC (AT9341). TEAM WAS INSERTED AFTER ARTY FIRE MISSION.
9. (S) RECON PLANS FOR 26 JULY ARE FOR FIVE INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS FOR ANTICIPATED TOTAL OF 31 TEAMS TO BE OPERATING IN TAOR.

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1. (C) FOUR BASE CAMPS HAVE BEEN UNDERCOVERED WITHIN PAST 24 HOURS BY OPERATION PICKENS FOREST, NOW IN ITS ELEVENTH DAY. G/2/7 FOUND FIVE-HUT CAMP WITH CONCEALED BUNKERS UNDER EACH HUT. AREA WAS RIGGED WITH TWO BOOBY TRAPS. SKS AMMO, NVA UTILITIES, AND OTHER MISC GEAR WERE FOUND. SAME PATROL FOUND SECOND BASE CAMP OF FOUR HUTS, OBSERVATION TOWER, OP SITE, AND TUNNEL 20-FT LONG, 3-FT WIDE. FOUND IN AREA WERE COLLECTION OF SHOVELS, HOES, AXES; NVA UTILITIES, WEAPONS PARTS, TROP FLARES, SURGICAL SYRINGES, AND CIV RADIO. E/2/7 FOUND 10-HUT BASE CAMP OCCUPIED BY 51 PERS. ONLY TWO ERE MEN, REMAINED WOMEN AND CHILDREN, PROBABLY FAMILIES OF VC/NVA ROUTED BY SWEEP. C/1/5 (OPCON 7TH MAR) FOUND 3-HUT BASE CAMP CONTAINING MISC NVA UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT ITEMS. AT 260930H 1/7 JUMP CP AND B/1/7 HELOLIFTED FROM AREA TO LZ BALDY, TERMINATING THEIR PARTICIPATION IN OPN. CUMULATIVE RESULTS TO DATE ONE U.S. KIA, SEVEN WIA(E), THREE WIA(M); 35 VC/NVA KIA, THREE VC/NVA PW, 222 DETAINEES, 38 IWC, NINE CSWC. 95 REFUGEES WERE HELOLIFTED FROM LZ BALDY TO PICK VC/NVA CORN NEAR FSB DEFIANT. CLEARED 8 TONS WHICH WILL BE DIST TO RESETTLEMENT HAMLETS.

2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONTINUE INTO TWELFTH DAY 27 JULY WITH 2/7 (-) (REIN) CONT SWEEP ALONG SOUTHERN BOUNDRY FOR BASE CAMPS CM (AT927). C/31ST INF CONT BLOCK TO SOUTH IN AMERICAL AO. SCTY WILL CONTINE FOR REFUGEES PICKING VC/NVA CORN.

3. (C) FOURTEEN VC/NVA WERE KIA EARLY IN START OF THIRD DAY OF FIFTH MARINES OPN BARREN GREEN. CORN DENIAL OPN IN MY HEIP AREA CM (AT8954) CONT UNDER OPCON JUMP CP THIRD BN FIFTH MAR WITH I/3/5 AND G/2/5 (OPCON TO 3/5) AND REIN PLT TANKS LEVELING CORN PRODUCTION AREA. CROCK CONTAINING 650 LBS SHELLED CORN WAS FOUND, TO BE ADDED TO FIVE TONS PREVIOUSLY CAPTURED. DURING PRE-DAWN NIGHT HAWK FLIGHT BY HELO EQUIPPED WITH NOD, 17 UNIFORMED VC/NVA WERE SIGHTED; 14 WERE KILLED IN TWO SEPERATE GUNSHIP STRIKES. CUMULATIVE RESULTS TO DATE INCLUDE SEVEN U.S. WIA(E), TWO U.S. WIA(M); 18 VC/NVA KIA, FIVE IWC, FIVE DETAINEES CLASSIFIED AS VC/NVA.

4. (S) OPN BARREN GREEN WILL PHASE DOWN LATE 26 JULY WITH DET OF G/2/5 FROM OPN. OPN WILL TERMINATE 27 JULY AFTER LEVELING OF CORN PRODUCTION AREA IS COMPLETE.

5. (C) QUE SON MT OPN BY C/1/7 TERMINATED 26 JULY AFTER COMPLETION OF SEARCH OF VC/NVA BASE CAMP/HOSPITAL FOUND ON 25 JULY. AREA AT (AT972425) INCLUDED 19 BUNKERS. ENTRANCES TO FIVE WERE RIGGED WITH WIRES ATTACHED TO BOOBY TRAPS. ONE BUNKER WAS 10X10X6 FEET, BUILT OF 6-IN LOGS, WATERPROOFED WITH PONCHOS, REACHED BY WELL-CONSTRUCTED STAIRWAY UNDER BOULDER. FOUND WERE TWO GRAVES CONTAINING UNIFORMED VC/NVA DEAD APT TWO WEEKS, TWO AK-47, 1SKS, 2 CARBINES, 1M-16, AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES, LARGE ASSORTMENT OF HOSPITAL SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT, TWO TONS CORN, AND OTHER EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS. CUMULATIVE RESULTS UPON TERM OF OPN INCLUDED THREE USMC WIA(E), TWO WIA(M) AND TWO VC/NVA KIA.

6. (C) K/3/1 OPN IN VIC OF DONG DEN (AT8181) ENDED WITHOUT FURTHER CONTACT 261500H. RESULT OF FOUR DAY OPN WAS ONE VC/NVA KIA.
7. (S) NEW OPN LYON VALLEY WILL BEGIN 271000H ALONG SOUTHWESTERN EDGE OF ARIZONA TERRITORY. UNDER OPCON OF SECOND BN (-)(REIN) FIFTH MARINES, OPN WILL SWEEP VIC OF TECON TM DONAHUE 24 JULY CONTACT VIC (AT7943) FOR POSSIBLE HQ OF 38TH NVA REGT. FORCES WILL INCLUDE THREE REIN COMPANIES, FIFTH MARINES, IN HELO INSERTS SUPPORTED BY TEAMS FROM RECON BN AND INTELLIGENCE TEAMS. OPN IS EXPECTED TO LAST APT FIVE DAYS.
8. (S) FIRST MARDIV REGIMENTS WILL SUPPORT TWO ALLIED OPNS BEGINNING 27 JULY. D/1/5 WILL HELOLIFT TO CM (AT9852) TO ESTABLISH ONE DAY BLOCKING POSNS FOR ROKMC CORDON AND SWEEP OF CENTRAL GO NOI IS EAST OF HILL/119 OP. SECOND BN FIRST MAR, REIN WITH ONE TANK SECTION, WILL COND COMBINED SWEEP OPNS WITH TWO RF COMPANIES AGAINST SUSPECTED VC/NVA CAMPS IN BN AIO.
9. (S) RECON ACTIVITIES DURING PERIOD UNCLUDED FIVE INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 31 TEAMS AT 21 LOCATIONS IN TAOR. ONE INSERT WAS MADE ON MONKEY MTN TO SEARCH FOR SUSPECTED RADIO JAMMING STN. THREE INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS ARE SCHEDULED FOR 27 JULY FOR TOTAL OF 32 TEAMS TO BE IN OPN.
10. MISSION 72 (DEEP RECON FOR CCN) COMMENCED 0935 THIS MORNING AND WAS COMPLETED AT 1310.
11. A HUEY COBRA FROM MAG-16 ON A MEDEVAC ESCORT WAS DOWNED BY GROUND FIRE IN THE VIC OF FSB ROSS. ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST MARDIV FROM FSB ROSS PROVIDED SECURITY AND THE COBRA WAS RECOVERED BY CH-53 TO MMAF BY 1130.
12. FIXED WING AIRCRAFT OF THE 1ST MAW HAVE FLOWN 20 SORTIES TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE 101ST DIVISION, CONTINUING THE HEAVY EFFORT IN THE 101ST TAOR.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 261600H-271600H JULY 1970 (U)

1. (C) OPERATIONAL TEMPO OF FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST INCREASED IN ITS TWELFTH DAY AS TWO BASE CAMP FINDS REVEALED 139 SKS RIFLES, 24 MORTER ROUNDS, 100 PUSH-PULL FUSES, EXPLOSIVES AND SA AMMO. IN ADDITION TO THESE CAMPS UNCOVERED BY AN RF INTELL TM AND E/2/7, D/1/7 FOUND BOOBY TRAPPED HOSPITAL THAT INCLUDED 18 GRAVES, MEDICAL TABLES, INSTRUMENTS, 1 SKS, MEDICINES AND OTHER MISC MED GEAR AND DOCUMENTS. SEVENTH MAR UNITS ALSO ENG IN FOUR CONTACTS WITH EN UNITS, RES IN 10 US WIA(E) AND TWO WIA(M). EN CAS UNK AT PRESENT. CUM RESULTS OF OPN TO DATE INCLUDE ONE US KIA, 17 WIA(E), FIVE WIA(M); 53 VC/NVA KIA, THREE POW, 222 DET, 174 IWC (ADD 139 SKS FD BY RE/E/2/ SWEEP CREDITED TO QDSZC, NINE CSWC.

2. (S) PLANS FOR OPN PICKENS FOREST ON 28 JULY ARE FOR JUMP OP, 7TH MAR, AND C/1/5 TO HELOLIFT OUT OF OPN. TWO 105MM HOW OF G/3/11 WILL REMAIN ON HILL 110 WITH 2/7 JUMP CP AND FOUR 4.2 MORTARS (ZC211329). 2/7 (-) (REIN) WILL CONT SWEEPS IN SOUTHERN PORTION OF OP AREA AND UP SONG THU BON TOWARD HILL 110. C/31ST INF CONT TO PROV BLOCKING FORCE SOUTH OF AO BOUNDARY. USA ARTY ON FSB'S MELON AND SIBERIA PROVIDING SPT AS REQ FOR G/1/7 SWEEPS NEAR MUTUAL BOUNDARY.

3. (C) OPN BARREN GREEN TERM 270800 WITH CORN PRODUCTION AREA 90 PERCENT LEVELED. WP WILL BE USED TO COMPLETE CLEARING VC/NVA CROPS IN MY HIEP AREA (AT8954). CUM RESULTS OF FOUR-DAY OPN INCLUDE MORE THAN 6 TONS OF SHELLED CORN DENIED TO VC/NVA, 18 VC/NVA WIA, FIVE IWC, FIVE DET (CLASSIFIED AS VC/NVA PW), SEVEN US WIA(E), TWO WIA(M).

4. (S) OPN LYON VALLEY, SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE 270645H, WAS CANCELLED 270300H WHEN AO CLEARANCE COULD NOT BE OBTAINED FROM NONG SON CIDG. EXPECT OPN MAY GO AFTER 1 AUG IF AO CLEARANCE PROVIDED.

5. (C) C/1/7 SWEEP OF HOSPITAL/HQ/COMM COMPLEX IN QUE SON MT CM (AT9742) FOUND TWELVE MORE BUNKERS, TWO 82MM MORTAR RDS, 2 CHICOM GREN, UNIFORMS AND MED SUPPLIES. ONE VC/NVA WITH BROKEN LEG WAS FOUND HIDING AMONG ROCKS; SAID MORE WOUNDED WERE HIDDEN BUT C/1/7 WAS UNABLE TO FIND. OPN ENDED WITH EXTRACT PRIOR NOON 27 JULY.

6. (C) SMALL UNIT ACTIONS INCLUDED ONE LOB BOMB BEING RECD BY H/2/5 VIC (AT924518) AT 261905H. BOMB SEEMED TO HAVE MULTIPLE PROJECTILES. RES ONE USMC WIA(E). THREE 250 LB LOB BOMBS WERE FOUND VIC (AT908694) BY C/1/1 PATROL LATE ON 26 JULY. BOMBS WERE 25 METERS APART. CAP 2-1-7 SQD PATROL FOUND BUNKER (AT936736) CONTAINING 1 AK-47, 4 B-40 RDS, 25 LBS C-4, THREE HOMEMADE ROCKETS, ONE B-40 BOOSTER, AND OTHER MISC EXPLOSIVE AND OTHER GEAR. B/1/5 SQD AMB (OPCON TO 3/5) VIC (AT974583) ENG EN FORCE APPARENTLY BOOBY TRAPPING ALONG RT 4 AT 262140H. AFTER EN FLED, SQD FOUND ONE 45 LB SHAPE CHARGE, ONE AK-47, ONE M-16, BLOOD TRAILS AND DRAG MARKS.

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7. (S) PLANNED OPNS FOR 28 JULY INCLUDE TWO COMPANY-SIZE OPNS BY FIRST MAR REGT. AT 280600 D/1/1 WITH PLT FROM C/1/1 WILL HELOLIFT TO HILL 419 (AT8662) TO SWEEP FOR POSSIBLE EN BASE CAMP AND INFILTRATION RTS. EXPECT TO EXTRACT BY 281600H. AT 280600H, E/2/1 (-) WILL HELOLIFT TO BANKS OF SONG VINH LIEN BETWEEN 60 AND 63 GRID LINES. WITH RECON DIVERS, E/2/1 WILL SWEEP RIVER AND BANKS FOR RPTD LOCATIONS OF ROCKETS AND OTHER CACHES. CAP 2-7 WILL SCREEN ALONG WEST BANK, 27TH CO, 5TH BN, 2D ROKMC BDE WILL BLOCK ALONG EAST SIDE OF RIVER.

8. (C) RECON HAD TWO EXTRACTS DURING PRD FOR TOTAL OF 25 TEAMS AT 15 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 271400H. AT 261955H TEAM FORGERY VIC (YC9335) RPTD OBS 10 ROCKETS LAUNCHED TOWARD RADIO RELAY SITE TANGO AT 271007H VIC (AT934426) TEAM MINK COAT ENG FOUR VC/NVA, RES TWO VC/NVA KIA, ONE US INJ WITH SPRAINED ANKLE. AT 271440H TEAM IMPOSSIBLE VIC (BT1282) WAS EXTRACTED WITH ONE POW. TEAM WAS SEARCHING MONKEY MT FOR SUSPECTED RADIO JAMMING STN.

9. (S) RECON ACTIVITIES FOR 28 JULY WILL INCLUDE NINE INSERTS AND FIVE EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 29 TEAMS TO BE OP IN DIV TAOR.

10. CH-46, AH-1G AND UH1E HELOS INSERTED PACIFIER CO 270800H AS BLOCKING FORCE FOR ROKMC BDE VIC AT 990500.

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2. GEN LAM IS NOW DESIROUS OF PUSHING THREE TO FIVE VN BATTALIONS ANOTHER 20 TO 30 KILOS FURTHER WEST AND HE WANTS ME TO DISPLACE MY BATTALIONS GENERALLY TO THE CURRENT OPERATING AREAS OF THE VIETNAMESE MARINE CORPS IN ORDER TO COVER HIM. HE SEEMS TO THINK THIS WILL BE HIS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL THE ENEMY A BLOW THAT FAR WEST AND HE APPARENTLY BELIEVES THE ENEMY'S LOGISTIC

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4. I INTEND TO SEE SUTHERLAND TODAY TO FIND OUT WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT THE CONCEPT AND TO GIVE HIM MY VIEWS ON THE OPERATION AND THEN SEE LAM ON TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY. BRIEFLY I WILL TELL HIM THAT I DO NOT SEE THE STRATEGIC OR TACTICAL VALUE OF THE OPERATION, THAT IT WILL SORELY TAX MY HELICOPTER ASSETS AND I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE MORE PROFITABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE POPULATED PACIFICATION AREAS, BUT THAT IF HE BELIEVES THERE IS OVERRIDING REASON TO LAUNCH THE OPERATION WE CAN SUPPORT IT, BUT IT WILL BE MARGINAL FROM THE HELICOPTER POINT OF VIEW.

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1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST FOUND TWO MORE ENEMY BASE CAMPS AS IT ENTERED ITS THIRTEENTH DAY. TOTAL OF DOZEN HUTS HAD UNDERGROUND BUNKERS AND APPEARED RECENTLY USED. RESULTS OF CONTACT OF 26 JULY ALSO WERE LEARNED. SWEEP OF AREA REVEALED BODIES OF FIVE VC/NVA KIA, 24 PACKS, THREE IWC, TEN MINES INCLUDING SIX UNDERWATER TYPES, 279 BLASTING CAPS, ONE PR BINOCULARS, AND MISC MEDICINE.

2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT INTO FOURTEENTH DAY 29 JULY WITH 2/7 (-) (REIN) COND SWEEPS OF SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY IN VIC OF FSB DEFIANT (ZC2132). C/31ST INF OCNT BLOCK SOUTH OF MUTUAL AO.

3. (C) IN SMALL UNIT OPNS, COMB AMB VIC (AT913823) RES IN ONE VC/NVA KIA, ONE AK-47, 2 NVA UNIFORMS, AND ONE BAG CONTAINING FIVE CHICOM GREN RIGGED AS B/T. ANOTHER ACTION VIC (AT879573) RES IN FIVE VC/NVA KIA AFTER LONG RANGE SNIPER FIRE USING IOD.

4. (C) RECON OPNS INCLUDED FIVE INSERTS AND THREE EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 26 TEAMS AT 15 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 281400H. ON 29 J.L RECON INTENTIONS ARE FOR SIX INSERTS AND THREE EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 29 TEAMS IN TAOR.

5. AT 0600 THIS MORNING 153 MARINES FROM THE 1ST MARINE REGT WERE LIFTED INTO A ZONE OF CHARLEY RIDGE AT (AT844627). THE LIFT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY 4 CH-46'S ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS. AT 0800 OPERATION GOLDEN DRAGON 5-33 WAS COMMENCED WHEN 3 CH-53'S ESCORTED BY 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS LANDED A COMPANY OF ROK MARINES ON BARRIER ISLAND IN THREE ZONES.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 281600H-291600H JULY 1970 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKEN FOREST MADE ONE LARGE FIND 29 JULY WHEN SQD PRTL FOUND 11 100-LB CANS OF UNPLISHED RICE BURIED NEAR TRAIL. ACTIVITIES CONTINUED LIGHT IN OPN'S FORTIETH DAY. REFUGEES CONT PICKING VC/NVA CORN NEAR FSB DEFIANT, AVERAGING EIGHT TONS OF UNSHELLED CORN DAILY. CUM RES TO DATE ONE US KIA, 21 WIA(E), 5 WIA(M); 58 VC/NVA KIA, 3PW, 222 DET, 38 IWC (NOT COUNTING 139 CREDITED TO QDSZ); 9 CSWC.

2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL ENTER FIFTEENTH DAY 30 JULY WITH 2/7 (-) CONT SWEEPS IN SONG THU VALLEY. AFTER DEP OF ONE CO 29 JULY, 2/7 (-) IS NOW OPERATING WITH THREE COMPANIES, ITS JUMP CP, AND COMPOSITE 105 HOWITZER AND 4.2 MORTAR BTRY.

3. (S) FIFTH MARINES COMMENCED CORDON AND SWEEP OF TAN MY HAMLET (CM AT 8453) AT 291503H WITH TWO CO'S OF 2/5 AND HQ COMPOSITE INTELL SQD INCLUDING KCS/HOI CHANHS. SIX DIFFERENT LZ'S WERE EMPLOYED TO LAND THE 300 TROOPS IN A LIFT ACCOMPLISHED BY 10 CH-46, 4 CH-53 HELO'S AND ESCORTED BY 4 AH-1G HELO'S. THE LANDING WAS CAPPED BY 2 A-4 JETS CONTROLLED BY AND OV-10. THE FORCE LANDED WITHOUT INCIDENT, AS OF REPORTING TIME, TO HUNT FOR VC AND FOOD PRODUCTION CADRE KNOWN TO KCS/HOI CHANHS. OPN EST TO LAST TWO DAYS.

4. (S) RECON ACTY FOR PRD INCLUDING SIX INSERTS AND THREE EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 27 TEAMS AT 16 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 291400H. RECON PLANS FOUR INSERTS AND NOEXTRACTS IN NEXT 24 HOURS FOR TOTAL OF 31 TEAMS TO BE IN OPERATION.

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SECRET SPECAT/EYES ONLY/EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN SUTHERLAND  
 FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON//N03100//

DAILY OPN SUMMARY 291600H-301600H JULY 1970 (U)

1. (S) AT RPT TIME FIRST MARDIV OPN PICKEN'S FOREST WAS IN CONTACT WITH EST 50 EN IN BKRS VIC (AT818278). E/2/7 HAD EN UNDER SA, AV, ARTY FIRE WITH AIR ON STN. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY C/1/5 WAS PLACED OPON TO 7TH MAR AND ENROUTE TO LZ BALDY AND POSSIBLE INSERT AT VIC (AT805258) IN ORDER TO ATK EN FORTIFIED POSNS FROM REAR. UNITS WILL WORK IN COORD WITH AMERICAL COMPANY C, 4TH BN, 31ST INF VIC (AT8125).

2. (C) PRIOR TO CONTACT E/2/7 HAD SEVERAL CONTACTS AND FINDS IN OPN PICKENS FOREST IN LAST 24 HRS. WITH AID OF HOE CHANH, E/2/7 LOCATED THREE DET, 500 LB SHELLED CORN, 9 LIVESTOCK, 350 LB RICE, 1 M-1 CARBINE, 2 SKS RIFLE, 10 82MM RDS, 30 60MM RDS, SIX RPG RDS, 3720 AK-47 RDS, TWO BOATS, PACKS, DOCUMENTS, NVA UTILITIES, DETONATING CORD AND MISC EQUIPMENT. PREV EN SIGHTING THIS VIC WAS BY E/2/7 OF 35 EN AT 291730H.

3. (C) IN OTHER PICKENS FOREST ACTION, H/2/7 MADE CONTACT 291830H VIC (AT798347), RES TWO VC KIA AND 6 DET.

4. (C) CUM RES OPN PICKENS FOREST TO DATE: ONE USMC KIA, 21 WIA (E) FIVE WIA (M); 60 VC/NVA KIA, THREE PW, 227 DET, 43 IWC, NINE CSWC.

5. (C) FIFTH MAR CORDON AND SEARCH BY TWO CO'S IN THANH MY HAMLET (AT8451) CONT INTO SECOND DAY WITH 32 BKRS AND SPIDER HOLES AND BUNKERS DEST AND 31 DET. CO'S TO STAY IN VIC OVERNIGHT AND HELOLIFT IN AFTERNOON OF 31 JULY TO CU BAN HAMLET (AT9452) TO CORDON AND SWEEP. UNITS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY CIT, KCS/HOI CHANH'S FAMILIAR WITH AREA AND LOCATIONS OF PROBABLE VC/UCI.

6. (C) RECON OPNS FOR PRD INCLUDED FIVE INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 29 TEAMS AT 18 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 301400H. AT 2035 LAST NIGHT TWO CH-46 AND TWO AH-1 G HELICOPTERS EXTRACTED TEAM DONAHUE, OF THE FIRST RECON BN, UNDER ILLUMINATION AND CONTROL OF AN OV-10, FROM THE QUE SON MTS, 25 MILES SOUTH OF DANANG. TEAM MINK COAT WAS EMERG EXTRACTED 200810H WITHOUT CAS AFTER BEING SURROUNDED BY USEF FIRING SA. RECON PLANS FOR 31 JULY INCLUDE SEVEN INSERTS AND ONE EXTRACT FOR TOTAL OF 35 TEAMS TO BE IN OPN.

7. AT 0800 THIS MORNING, SIX CH-46 HELICOPTERS ESCORTED BY FOUR AG-1G GUNSHIPS INSERTED 285 TROOPS OF THE ARVN FIFTH MOBILE STRIKE FORCE AT ZC 007578, NINE MILES NW OF THOUNG DUC. THE LZ WAS PREPPED BY 3 FLIGHTS OF F-4'S CONTROLLED BY AN OV-10. ANOTHER FLIGHT OF F-4'S PROVIDED CAP DURING THE LANDING.

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T O P S E C R E T / EXCLUSIVE FOR LYGEN JONES LAFD GEN CHAPMAN  
FROM LTGER MCCUTCHEIN/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY (DELIVER  
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COMBINED OPERATIONS WEST OF THOUNG DUC (U)

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1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT INTO SIXTEENTH DAY WITH 2 CONTACTS IN PRD AFTER INSERTION OF PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY 301800H. TOTAL 3 NVA/VC KIA, 8 DET, 2 AK-47 IN OPN IN LAST 24 HRS. CUM RES TO DATE INCLUDE 1 US KIA, 25 WIA(E), 7 WIA(M), 2 MIA (LOST WHEN BOAT SANK IN SONG THU BON 30 JULY); 63 VC/NVA KIA, 9 PW, 227 DET, 45 IWC, 9 CSWC.
2. (S) PLANS FOR SEVENTEENTH DAY OF PICKENS FOREST INCLUDE CONTINUATION OF SWEEP OF SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY. HARVESTING OF VC/NVA CORN BY REFUGEES FLOWN INTO FSB DEFIANT AREA WILL CONTINUE AT EST RATE OF 8 TONS DAILY. INTEND CHOP C/1/5 PACIFIER RAPID REACTION CO BACK TO PARENT CONTROL 1 AUG.
3. (S) CORDON AND SEARCH BY 2/5 (-) OF THANH MY VIC (AT8451) UNCOVERED SPIDER HOLE HOLDING 2 MALE DET, 1 PISTOL CAL 38, 1 M-26 GREN, AND MISC EQUIP. ONE STATED THAT HE WAS QUANG DA DIST CADRE, OTHER THAT HE WAS HAMLET CHIEF. THANH MY OPN TERM AT 311500H AND 2/5 (-) WAS THEN LIFTED BY 10 CH-46, 4 CH-53, AND 1 UH-1E (S), ESCORTED BY 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS, INTO 6 DIFFERENT LANDING ZONES VIC (AT9452) TO CORDON AND SWEEP FOR SUSPECTED VC/VC1 IN REPUTED HQ/BASE CP AREA. THE LANDING WAS CAPPED BY TWO FLIGHTS OF A-4'S.
4. (S) RECON OPS INCLUDE 4 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT FOR TOTAL OF 32 TEAMS AT 19 LOCATIONS IN DIV TAOR AS OF 311400H. PLANS FOR 1 AUG INCLUDE 8 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR EXPECTED TOTAL OF 37 TEAMS TO BE IN OPN DURING PRD.

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