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FORCE PLANNING - 3D MAB

A. CG III MAF LTR SER 00038070 DTD 2 JUN 70 (TS)

B. CG XXIV CORPS 150320Z JUN 70 (S) (PASEP)

1. REF A PROVIDED PLANNING DATA FOR KEYSTONE ROBIN REDEPLOYMENTS TO INCLUDE UNIT DESIGNATIONS AND STRENGTHS TO REMAIN IN COUNTRY AS 3D MAB DURING PERIOD 1 JAN - 1 MAY 70

2. MAB PLANNING IN REF A WAS BASED ON EARLIER CGFMFPAC/CMC PREFERENCES FOR 10.8K MAB PLUS .6K CAG AND 1.2K ROLL-UP FORCE. COMPOSITION OF MAB WAS BASED ON PROVISION OF ALL AROUND BALANCED FORCE (CAPABLE OF OPERATING ANYWHERE IN I MR BUT NOT PROVIDING AIR FIELD DEFENSE.

3. REF B AND EXPRESSIONS FROM XXIV CORPS STRONGLY INDICATE

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3D MAB WILL REMAIN IN DANANG AREA AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEFENSE OF VITAL AREA AND ROCKET BELT. TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF MAB MISSION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

4. TO MEET DANANG VITAL AREA/ROCKET BELT DEFENSE MISSION, III MAF NOW EMPLOYS FOUR INF BNS, AN MP BN, AND LOCAL SECURITY/REACTION FORCES PROVIDED BY ALL UNITS IN AREA. IN THE MAB ONLY THREE INF BNS AND NO MP BN WILL BE LEFT. ADDITIONALLY, ABOUT 15,000 PERSONNEL WHO NOW CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL SECURITY IN THE AREA WILL HAVE DEPARTED.

5. IN VIEW THESE CONSIDERATIONS, IT APPEARS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO BEEF UP INFANTRY STRENGTH OF MAB BY A FOURTH BN. THERE IS NO WAY TO GET THIS BN WITHIN 12.6K WITHOUT GIVING UP SOMETHING. A CLOSE REVIEW OF MAB STRUCTURE INDICATES IT IS HEAVY ON LONG RANGE ARTILLERY AND AIR SUPPORT FOR DANANG AREA MISSION. ALSO TANKS WOULD BE OF LITTLE VALUE IN THIS AO.

6. I THEREFORE INTEND TO PROPOSE AS THE PREFERRED MAB STRUCTURE FOUR INF BNS AND ONE FIXED WING SQDN. I AM STUDYING WHETHER THE A-4 OR THE A-6 WILL GIVE ME THE MOST RETURN. TO GAIN PROGRAM SPACES FOR THE 4TH INF BN, I WILL DELETE THE OTHER FIXED WING SQDN AND ITS SHARE OF H&MS/MABS, MAB-11 HQ,

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 THE 175MM GUN BTRY, THE 155MM-SP HOW BTRY, AND THE TANK CO,  
 AND WILL REDUCE 2D CAG TO 400. THE 200 CAG SPACES RECOUPED  
 WILL BE RETAINED AS CUPPS, SO NO DEGRADATION IN THIS PROGRAM  
 WILL OCCUR. AS A HEDGE ON LONG RANGE ARTY, I WILL RETAIN  
 THE UNMANNED TOWED 155MM HOWS NOW IN HQ BTRY WITH WAR.  
 7. INFORMAL LIAISON WITH XXIV CORPS AND 7TH AF AND OUR  
 EXPERIENCE WITH MACV IN INCREMENT 4 INDICATES THEY MAY  
 FAVOR RETENTION OF FW AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER BELIEVE WE SHOULD  
 LEAD WITH 4 BN OPTION BECAUSE IT IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO OUR  
 JOB AND SECONDLY IT WILL FORCE A DECISION ON MAB MISSION  
 OR PROVISION OF OTHER FORCES FOR VITAL AREA SECURITY. WE  
 WILL BE PREPARED TO FALL BACK ON TWO SQDN MAB IF NECESSARY.  
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TO CG XXIV CORPS

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FROM MGEN ARMSTRONG//N03100//

DAILY OPN SUMMARY 311500H JUL - 011500H AUG 70 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT INTO SEVENTEENTH DAY AS ONE BASE CAMP, OF TEN BUNKERS, WAS FOUND AND DEST, ONE VC/NVA KIA AND TWO DET IN OPN AREA. IN ADDITION, BODY OF MARINE DROWNED 30 JUL WAS RECOVERED; SEARCH CONT FOR SECOND BODY. CUM RES TO DATE INCLUDE TWO USMC KIA, 25 WIA (E), SIX WIA(M), ONE MIA (LOST WHEN BOAT SANK 30 JUL): 65 VC/NVA KIA, 45 IWC, NINE CSWC, NINE PW, 236 DET.

2. (S) PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT INTO EIGHTEENTH DAY 2 AUG WITH THREE COMPANIES, SEVENTH MARINES, SWEEPING SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY. REFUGEES, FLOWN IN FROM LZ BALDY, WILL CONT TO HARVEST VC/NVA CORN VIC FSB DEFIANT.

3. (C) CORDON AND SEARCH OPN BY SECOND BN (-) FIFTH MAR MOVED INTO THANH MY VIC (AT9551). CUM RES TO DATE SIX VC/NVA KIA, 72 DET, 2 SKS, TWO B/T FD, ONE B/T DET, ONE DUD BOMB FD. FR CAS TWO WIA(E). OPN WILL END LATER TODAY.

4. (S) OPNS FOR 2 AUG INCLUDE INCREASED READINESS FOR HIGH THREAT PRD. ONE CO FIRST BN, FIFTH MAR OPCON TO FIRST MAR AND REIN KEY OUTPOSTS ARE INCLUDED IN HIGH THREAT COUNTERMEASURES.

5. (S) RECON OPNS FOR PRD INCLUDED FOUR INSERTS AND EIGHT EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 29 TEAMS AT 16 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 011400H. PLANS FOR 2 AUG INCLUDE FOUR INSERTS FOR TOTAL OF 33 TEAMS IN OPN.

6. (S) AT 1515 THE DANANG MEDEVAC PACKAGE EXTRACTED TEAM THINMAN FROM THE QUE SON MTS 19 MILES SOUTH OF DANANG. TWO OF THE TEAM MEMBERS WERE EMERGENCY MEDEVACS.

7. (S) AT 0700 THIS MORNING TWO A-6 UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10 USED THEIR BEACON SYSTEM TO CLEAR ONE LZ 15 MILES SW OF THOUNG DUC FOR THE ARVN. THE BEACON LOCATED AT LZ FOIL IS BEING USED BY FOUR MORE A-6 THIS AFTERNOON TO BLAST OPEN ANOTHER LZ.

8. (S) TOMORROW, HELICOPTERS FROM THE FIRST MAW WILL LIFT SIX 105 MM HOWITZERS INTO FSB 1 IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN SUMMER CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY WEST OF BASE AREA 112.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 011500-021500H JULY 70 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT INTO EIGHTEENTH DAY WITH SWEEP OF SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY. RES WERE 39 DET FOUND IN AREA WITHOUT ID CARDS, PROBABLE FAMILIES OF VC/NVA WHO FLED UPON ARRIVAL OF MARINE UNITS IN AREA. SMALL FOOD CACHES ALSO WERE FOUND. CUM RES TO DATE: 3 US KIA (INCLUDING TWO PREVIOUSLY LISTED MIA BUT BODIES HAVE BEEN RECOVERED FROM RIVER IN WHICH LOST 30 JUL), 25 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY 65 VC/NVA KIA, 47 IWC, 9 CSEC, 234 DET.
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT 3 AUG INTO NINETEENTH DAY WITH 3 COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON RIVER VALLEY. 100 REFUGEES CONT TO HARVEST VC/NVA CORN IN THE AREA AT EST RATE OF 8 TONS DAILY UNDER PROTECTION OF 2/7 (-).
3. (C) 2 CORDON AND SEARCH OPNS HAVE HAD PRODUCTIVE YIELDS. 2 CO'S OF FIFTH MAR CONDUCTING CORDON AND SEARCH IN CU BAN AREA (AT9551) WERE LED TO 2 HIDDEN M-16 RIFLES BY DETAINEE. CUM RES TO DATE: 6 VC/NVA KIA, 73 DET, 4 IWC; 2 US WIA(E). ANOTHER CORDON AND SEARCH BY 7TH MAR COMPANY UNCOVERED VC/NVA HQ AND HOSPITAL COMPLEX. CUM RES OF OPN INCLUDE 6 VC/NVA KIA, 14 IWC, 1 CSWC, LARGE AMT OF DOCUMENTS, MED GEAR, CLOTHING AND FOOD.
4. (C) ROK MARCORPS PLT CORDON AND SEARCH IN AO EXT INTO SEVENTH MAR AO CM (BT1048) 020600H-021700H RES IN 1 VC/NVA KIA, 2 DET, 3 IWC.
5. (C) AT 0945 THIS MORNING 2 CH-46 HELOS ESCORTED BY 2 UH-1E(G) GUNSHIPS INSERTED A REINFORCED SQUAD FROM 3/1 MAR 13 MILES NW OF DNG TO ACT AS AN OP DURING CURRENT FIRE ARROW PERIOD. 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS ESCORTED AN ARMY LOH-6 IN THE ROCKET BELT SECURITY CHECK THIS MORNING AND EVENING WHILE 3 CH-46 HELOS AND 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS STAND-BY AT MMAF FOR QUICK REACTION DURING CURRENT FIRE ARROW PERIOD.
6. (S) OPN PLANS FOR 3 AUG INCLUDE TWO-COMPANY FIFTH MAR CORDON AND SEARCH OF WISHBONE LAKE VIC (AT8959). PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ACTIVITY DURING CURRENT HIGH THREAT ALERT, WITH EMPHASIS ON RESPONSE TO RECON CONTACTS IN EASTERN QUE SON MTS.
7. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 4 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT FOR TOTAL OF 31 TEAMS AT 18 LOCATIONS IN TAOR AS OF 021300H. PLANNED FOR 3 AUG ARE 4 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS FOR TOTAL OF 33 TEAMS IN OPN.
8. (C) SCHEDULED MOVE OF ARTILLERY INTO VU NINH 12 USING III MAF AIR ASSETS WAS CANCELLED FOR TODAY AND IS RESCHEDULED FOR TOMORROW.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 021500H-031500H JULY 1970 (U)

1. (S) AT 1900H LAST NIGHT 2 CH-46 HELO'S WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS CONTROLLED BY AN OV-10 EXTRACTED RECON TEAM SERVICEMAN AFTER 2 TEAM MEMBERS HAD BEEN WOUNDED.
2. (C) 1ST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST IN NINETEENTH DAY CONT SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY. RES A SMALL FOOD CACHE OF 500 LBS UNPOLISHED RICE AND 2 FIRE FIGHTS RESULTING IN 5 NVA KIA, 2 IWC AND MED GEAR AND 500 LBS OF RICE CAPT. CUM RES TO DATE: 3 USMC KIA, 25 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY 70 VC/NVA KIA, 49 IWC, 9 CSWC, 285 DET.
3. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT 4 AUG INTO TWENTIETH DAY WITH 3 COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY AND 100 REFUGEES CONT TO HARVEST VC/NVA CORN AT EST RATE OF 8 TONS DAILY.
4. (C) THE 5TH MAR TWO-COMPANY CORDON AND SEARCH OF WISHBONE LAKE AREA (VIC AT8959) HAS THUS FAR RES IN THE FIND OF ONE SMALL WPNS AND MUNITIONS CACHE. AMONG ITEMS DISCOVERED WERE AN M-60 MG, IN EXCELLENT CONDITION, ANTI-PERSONNEL MINES AND SMALL ARMS AMMO.
5. (S) PACIFIER RAPID REACTION PACKAGE OF 4 CH-46 HELO'S WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS INSERTED A COMPANY OF 1/5 MAR AT 1220H IN RESPONSE TO A RECON TM SIGHTING OF 15-20 EN AND A POSSIBLE BASE CAMP IN THE QUE SON MTNS (VIC BT0242).
6. HELO RESUPPLY CONTINUES FOR OPERATION VU NINH 12, GOLDEN DRAGON 5-33, PICKENS FOREST, AND THE ARVN FIFTH MOBILE STRIKE FORCE.
7. (S) FMAW A-6'S RECOMMENCE SORTIES IN STEEL TIGER AREA OF LAOS ON 2 AUG.
8. (S) OPN PLANS FOR 4 AUG INCLUDE ONE COMPANY 1ST MAR SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN VIC (BT0763), IN RESPONSE TO INTELL OF VCI BUNKER AND TUNNEL COMPLEX. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING CURRENT HIGH THREAT PERIOD, WITH EMPHASIS ON RESPONSE TO RECON CONTACTS IN EASTERN QUE SON MTNS.
9. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 4 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 33 TMS AT 19 LOCATIONS IN THE TAOR AS OF 031300H. PLANNED FOR 4 AUG ARE 2 INSERTS AND 7 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 28 TMS IN OPN.

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 REDISPOSITION OF FORCES, QUANG NAM PROVINCE

1. I HAVE REVIEWED THE OVERLAY PROVIDED BY COL LEE LAST WEEK WHICH  
 INDICATES:

A. ASSUMPTION BY THE 5TH MARINES OF THE PRESENT AO'S OF  
 BOTH THE 5TH AND 7TH MARINES.

B. EXPANSION OF THE ROKMC AO TO THE NORTH AND TO THE  
 SOUTH

C. MOVEMENT OF 2D BN 5TH MARINES TO LZ BALDY.

D. TRANSFER OF AN HOA, ROSS AND RYDER TO ARVN AND  
 COLLOCATION OF 2/5 AND ARVN AT BALDY.

2. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A WORKABLE SOLUTION ALTHOUGH  
 NOT AS DESIRABLE AS THE ARVN ASSUMING AN AO ON THEIR  
 OWN AS WAS PROPOSED BY THE I CORPS STAFF AT YOUR HQ ON  
 20 JUL 70.

3. IN THE REDISPOSITION, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO  
 BE CONSIDERED:

A. THE RESULTING 5TH MARINES AO IS VERY LARGE AND IT WILL  
 NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR TWO USMC BNS TO PHYSICALLY CONTROL  
 THIS MUCH TERRAIN. THEREFORE IT SHOULD BE UNDERSTOOD THAT  
 MUCH OF THE AREA WILL HAVE TO BE COVERED BY RECON, AERIAL  
 OBSERVATION, OR THE ARVN.

B. THE EARLY TRANSFER OF AN HOA, ROSS AND RYDER TO THE  
 ARVN IS NECESSARY FOR SMOOTH REDEPLOYMENT AND REPOSITIONING.  
 ADDITIONALLY, IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR LZ BALDY TO BE  
 TRANSFERRED TO THE ARVN, WITH 2/5 REMAINING AS A TENANT,  
 THEREBY FACILITATING ULTIMATE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 5TH  
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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 031500H-041500H JUL 70 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY. NO CONTACTS OR FINDS HAVE BEEN REPORTED DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. CUM RES TO DATE: 3 USMC KIA, 25 WIA (E) AND 6 WIA (M); ENEMY 71 VC/NVA KIA, 51 IWC, 9 CSWC, AND 285 DETS.
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT 5 AUG WITH 3 COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY AND 100 REFUGEES CONT TO HARVEST CORN AT EST RATE OF 8 TONS DAILY.
3. (S) AT 0150 THIS MORNING FIRST FORCE RECON TEAM HANSWORTH, LOCATED 19 MILES NW OF DNG, WAS HIT BY AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE. FMAW KC-130 FLARESHIP AND OV-10 AIRCRAFT ARRIVED ON SCENE AND DROPPED 241 FLARES TO PROVIDE ILLUMINATION FOR THE TEAM. AT FIRST LIGHT THE DNG MARINE MEDEVAC PACKAGE EXTRACTED 2WIA AND 1KIA FROM THE TEAMS POSITION.
4. (S) PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY IN 5 CH-46 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS WAS COMMITTED AT 1330 TODAY IN RESPONSE TO A RECON TM SIGHTING OF 3 GROUPS OF ENEMY NUMBERING UP TO 26 IN MINS SOUTH SOUTHWEST OF THE ARIZONA TERRITORY VIC AT 8045.
5. (S) NO SPECIAL OPNS ARE PLANNED FOR 5 AUG. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING CURRENT HIGH THREAT PERIOD, WITH EMPHASIS ON RESPONSE TO RECON CONTACTS IN EASTERN QUE SON MINS.
6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 5 EXTRACTS AND NO INSERTS FOR A TOTAL OF 23 TMS AT 12 LOCATIONS IN THE TAOR AS OF 041300H. PLANNED FOR 5 AUG ARE 5 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 26 TMS IN OPN.
7. (S) FMAW FIXED WING AND HELICOPTERS CONT TO SUPPORT USMC OPN PICKENS FOREST, ROMC OPN DRAGON FLY 5-33 AND ARVN OPN VU NINH-12.
8. (S) TOMMORROW, FMAW HELOS PLAN TO MOVE A 105MM BATTERY FROM LZ MAXWELL IN SUPPORT OF OPN VU NINH-12.

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1. INFORMAL CONTACT WITH ACTION OFFICER ON MACV-J3 STAFF INDICATES  
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OFFICERS WILL VISIT SAIGON TOMORROW FOR MORE INFORMATION BUT  
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COUNTRY UNTIL 1 JUL 71 OR LATER. ADDITIONALLY, UNITS WITHHELD  
BY MACV FROM INCREMENT FOUR (VMFA, HMM, MAC-4, RADIO BN) MAY  
NOT REDEPLOY IN INCREMENT FIVE AS NOW THOUGHT, BUT MAY BE HELD  
AS MAB ADD-ONS.

2. SUGGEST YOU OBTAIN REFS IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HOLD. WILL KEEP  
YOU ADVISED AS THINGS DEVELOP.

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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 041500H - 051500H JUL 70 (U)

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT SWEEPING OF SONG THU BON VALLEY. ONE CONTACT WAS REPORTED RESULTING IN ONE NVA KIA AND THE CAPTURE OF 50 LBS RICE. CUM RES TO DATE 3 USMC KIA, 25 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY 72 VC/NVA KIA, 51 IWC, 9 CSWC, 285 DET.

2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT 6 AUG WITH THREE COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY. 100 REFUGEES CONT CORN HARVEST AT EST RATE OF EIGHT TONS DAILY.

3. (C) ELEMENTS OF 2/1 CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN IN THE QUANG HA AREA (BT 0763) ON THE AFTERNOON OF 4 AUGUST. TROOPS WERE INSERTED INTO AN UNPREPPED LZ BY FOUR CH-46'S ESCORTED BY TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS AT 1500H. THE TARGET, AN ENEMY BUNKER COMPLEX, WAS ATTACKED RESULTING IN 12 EN KIA, 8 IWC AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ORDANCE AND DOCUMENTS CAPT. TWELVE VN FOUND IN THE BUNKER COMPLEX WERE DETAINED. SOME HAVE BEEN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS HIGH RANKING VCI. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. AT 0630H TODAY TROOPS WERE HELILIFTED TO THE SITE OF THE BUNKER COMPLEX TO DESTROY IT.

4. (C) AT 0900H THIS MORNING, THREE CH-53'S ESCORTED BY TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS LIFTED A 105MM BATTERY FROM LZ MAXWELL INTO FSB-2 (YC9843).

5. (S) OPN PLANS FOR 6 AUG INCLUDE A TWO-COMPANY FIFTH MAR CORDON AND SEARCH OPN OF THE ARIZONA TERR VIC AT9053. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING CURRENT HIGH ALERT, WITH EMPHASIS ON RESPONSE TO RECON CONTACTS IN EASTERN QUE SON MTNS. FIRST MAW HELICOPTERS ARE SCHEDULED TO LIFT AN ARVN 155MM BATTERY FROM LZ DAGGER INTO FSB-2 IN SUPPORT OF OPN VU NINH-12. HELICOPTER SUPPORT WILL ALSO INCLUDE TRANSPORTING VN MARINES IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME OPN.

6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED FIVE INSERTS AND ONE EXTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF 27 TEAMS AT 18 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 051500H. PLANNED FOR 6 AUG ARE 4 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 28 TEAMS IN OPN.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 051500H-061500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY. A LARGE ENEMY BASE CAMP CONSISTING OF 10 LARGE HUTS AND NUMEROUS CAVES WAS DISCOVERED THIS MORNING. THUS FAR 1 WEAPON, CLOTHING AND FOOD STUFFS HAVE BEEN UNCOVERED. SEARCH OPNS ARE CONTINUING. ONE CONTACT WAS REPORTED, RESULTING IN 3 EN KIA (S. CUM RES TO DATE: FRD 3 USMC KIA, 25 WIA (E), 6 WIA (M); ENEMY 75 VC/NVA KIA, 52 IWC, 9 CSWC, 286 DEFS.
2. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT 7 AUG WITH 3 COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY. REFUGEES CONT TO HARVEST CORN.
3. (S) AT 0900H 2 CH-53'S, 2 CH-54 (ARMY) AND 2 AH-1G'S TRANSPORTED A 155MM BATTERY FROM GSB DAGGER (ZC144410) TO FSB 2 (YC985437), AND LATER AT 1300H 1 CH-53 TRANSPORTED 300 CIDG TROOPS FROM THOUNG DUC TO LZ 60A (BT 065730).
4. (S) OPN PLANS FOR 7 AUG INCLUDE A REINFORCED COMPANY INSERTION INTO THE QUE SON MTNS BY ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MARINES TO CONDUCT CAT III OPNS, VIC (AT 9541). PACIFIER COMPANY OPERATING WITH A RECON TM WILL ALSO INSERT INTO THE QUE SON MTNS TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS VIC (BT 0242). RMAW WILL PROVIDE HELOS FOR LIFT AND FIXED WING FOR COVER DURING INSERTS.
5. (S) TOMMOROW, RMAW HELOS PLAN TO LIFT A 105MM BATTERY AND TROOPS FROM AN HOA INTO FSB 1 IN SUPPORT OF VU NINH-12.
6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 2 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 27 TEAMS AT 16 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAONGAS OF 061500H. THERE ARE 5 INSERTS AND 5 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 7 AUG FOR A TOTAL OF 27 TMS IN OPN.

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T O P S E C R E T SENSITIVE EYES ONLY  
 SUBJECT: APPRAISAL OF ALLIED EFFORT IN SVN (UD)  
 1. (S) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN SVN  
 IS BEING CONDUCTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETERMINATION OF  
 REDEPLOYMENTS DURING THE OCT-DEC PERIOD AND TO ASSIST  
 IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE ULTIMATE COMPOSITION AND  
 DISPOSITION OF THE TRANSITIONAL SUPPORT FORCE. IT IS  
 ESSENTIAL THEREFORE THAT THE ASSESSMENT BE COMPREHENSIVE.  
 2. (S) YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THE COMPILATION OF DATA FOR  
 THE ASSESSMENT IS SOLICITED. SPECIFICALLY DESIRED ARE  
 YOUR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE FOLLOWING AS APPROPRIATE  
 TO YOUR GEOGRAPHICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY:  
 A. APPRAISAL OF VIET NAMESE AND P/MAF MILITARY AND  
 VIET NAMESE PARAMILITARY PERFORMANCE, AND PROGRESS IN  
 PACIFICATION AND DEVELOPMENT.  
 B. APPRAISAL OF US ADVISORY EFFORTS.  
 C. ATTITUDE OF THE VIET NAMESE POPULACE MILITACY  
 AND CIVILIAN TOWARD SVIET NAMIZATION AND THE GVN.  
 D. CRITICAL PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO VIET NAMIZATION.  
 E. STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES AND WHAT SHOULD BE DONE  
 ABOUT THEM.  
 F. US UNITS (BRIGADE SIZE) THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED  
 FOR EARLY REDEPLOYMENT DURING THE TIME PERIOD UNDER CON-  
 sideration.  
 3. (S) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS INCLUDE AN APPRAISAL OF  
 THE EFFECTS AND BENEFITS OF THE CAMBODIAN CROSS-BORDER  
 OPERATIONS AND CURRENT SUMMER SOGNS.

4. (U) REQUEST RECEIPT OF YOUR VIEWS ON THE FOREGOING  
AND ON ANY RELATED ISSUES BY 8 AUGUST. UNQUOTE  
2. REQUEST YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS IN SUFFICIENT  
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1. ON 6 AUG 70, ACTION OFFICERS FROM G-3, III MAF VISITED MACV-J3  
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B. MACV IS LOOKING VERY CLOSELY AT THE ARMY PERSONNEL PROBLEMS  
 A N D I S C O N S I D E R I N G H A V I N G T H E A R M Y P I C K U P 2900 SPACES IN INCREMENT

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2. MACV-J3 HAD DRAWN UP AN IMPACT STATEMENT RELATIVE TO THE MAB  
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3. IF USMC INCREMENT 4 AND 5 STRETCHOUTS ARE APPROVED, MOST OF  
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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 061500H-071500H AUG 70

1. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OPNS IN SONG THU BON VALLEY. FINAL TOTALS FOR THE BASE CAMP REPORTED IN YESTERDAY'S SUMMARY INCLUDE 1 IWC, 1700 LBS OF UNPOLISHED RICE, MISC DOCUMENTS 2 MED KTS AND A SEWING MACHINE. 2 CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PD RESULTED IN 3 NVA KIA. CUMRES TO DATE: FRD 3 USMC KIA, 25 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY: 78 VC/NVA KIA, 52 IWC, 9CSEC, 286 DET. IN ADDITION 25,000 LBS OF RICE AND CORN AND 93,000 RDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMO HAVE BEEN CAPT.
2. (C) ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MAR OPERATING IN CONJUNCTION WITH NPFF ON THE EASTERN QUE SON AO, VIC BT0949, REPORTED KILLING 4 VC AND CAPT ASST MED SUPPLIES AND 782 GEAR.
3. (C) ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH MAR CONDUCTING A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN IN THE ARIZONA TERR VIC AT 8952 CAPT 7 ENEMY FOUND IN A BUNKER WITH 11 GRENADES, ASST DOCUMENTS AND MED SUPPLIES. ALSO FOUND DURING THE PAST 24 HRS WAS 4,000 LBS OF CORN.
4. (S) AT 0800H 3 CH-53'S ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G'S TRANSPORTED 6 105MM HOWITZERS, 960 RDS OF AMMO, 90 VIETNAMESE MARINES AND MISC CARGO INTO FSB-1 IN SUPPORT OF OPN VU NINH-12.
5. (S) FMAW FIXED WING AND HELOS CONTINUE TO SUPPORT USMC OPN PICKENS FOREST, ROKMC OPN GOLDEN DRAGON 6-11 AND ARVN OPN VU NINH-12.
6. (S) OPN PLANS FOR TONIGHT CALL FOR PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY TO CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ENEMY ACTIVITY DURING CURRENT HIGH THREAT ALERT, WITH EMPHASIS ON TOMMORROW RESPONSE TO RECON CONTACTS IN EASTERN QUE SON MINS.
7. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT 8 AUG WITH 3 COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY. REFUGEES CONT TO HARVEST CORN.
8. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 5 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 24 TEAMS AT 13 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 071300H. THERE ARE 3 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 8 AUG FOR A TOTAL OF 26 TMS IN OPN.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 071500H - 081500 AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY WITH NEG CONTACTS OR FINDS REPORTED. CUM RES TO DATE: 3 USMC KIA, 25 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY: 78 VC/NVA KIA, 52 IWC, 9 CSWC, 287 DET.
2. (S) AT 2115H LAST NIGHT A CH-46 MEDEVAC HELICOPTER WAS DOWNED BY GROUND FIRE AT BT 057597 WHILE CLIMBING OUT OF AN LZ, 9 MILES SE OF DANANG. TWO USMC (CREW) AND 1 ARVN (MEDEVAC) AND ONE ARVN (MEDEVAC) WIA.
3. (C) ACTY CONT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DIV TAOR DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MAR EXPLOITED THE FIND OF AN ENEMY BASE CAMP VIC AT8030, UNCOVERING 500 LBS OF UNPOL RICE, 500 LBS OF TOBACCO AND 200 LBS OF BEANS. PACIFIER COMPANY WAS INSERTED INTO THE QUE SON MINS VIC BT 0242 AND FOUND AN ENEMY BASE CAMP. A SEARCH PRODUCED 90 LBS OF FOODSTUFFS, MED SUPPLIES, CLOTHING AND ONE SHORTWAVE RADIO RECEIVER.
4. (C) AT 1300H TODAY, AN HOA COMBAT BASE REPORTED RECEIVING 9 X 122MM RTKS WITH NEG CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE. A CONFIRMED LAUNCH SITE WAS OBS BY A RECON TM VIC AT8145. ELEMENTS OF 5TH MAR WERE AIRBORNE AT 1400H IN 3 CH-46 WITH 2 AH-1G AND 1 UH-1E(S) FOR INSERTION INTO THE AREA TO COND SEARCH OPNS.
5. (S) OPN PLANS FOR 9 AUG CALL FOR PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY TO CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ENEMY ACTY DURING CURRENT HIGH THREAT ALERT. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT WITH FURTHER SWEEP OPNS IN SONG THU BON VALLEY.
6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 04 INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 27 TMS AT 16 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR. THERE ARE 2 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 9 AUG.
7. (S) FIRST MAW HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING CONT SUPPORT OF OPNS PICKENS FOREST, GOLDEN DRAGON 6-11 AND VU NINH - 12.

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COMBINED OPNS WEST OF THOUNG DUC (U)

A. NY 270020Z JUL 70 (TS) (SPECAT)

1. REF A PROVIDED DETAILS ON PLANNED COMBINED OPERATIONS  
WEST OF THOUNG DUC AND SOME OF MY RESERVATIONS  
CONCERNING SAME.2. OUR PORTION OF THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN, PICKENS  
FOREST, COMMENCED 16 JULY. VN PORTION, NAMED VU  
NINH-12, COMMENCED 31 JULY. VN HAD INITIAL DIFFICULTY  
CLEARING OBSTACLES FROM LZ'S. USMC RABFAC AND RECON  
TEAMS ASSISTED AND ZONES WERE CLEARED. THIS, AND OTHER  
FACTORS, CAUSED VN TIME SCHEDULE TO SLIP SEVERAL DAYS.3. AS VN VACATE TWO FSB'S, WIDDECKE WILL MOVE ONE  
COMPANY INTO EACH TO COVER FOR EVENTUAL RETURN OF VN.  
THESE TWO ARE FSB HATCHET (ZC 0016418) AND FSB SCIMITARPAGE TWO RUMLNPA1124 S E C R E T/SPECAT/MCEO/EXCLUSIVE FOR  
(ZC 070499).4. ARMSTRONG'S FIXED WING HAVE EXECUTED 40 STRIKE SORTIES  
IN SUPPORT OF VN. HELOS HAVE LIFTED 507 PAX, 586.5 TONS  
CARGO, 10 ARTY PIECES, AND PROVIDED CHASE BIRDS FOR ARMY  
CH-54'S TO LIFT IN 6 X 155MM HOWITZERS.5. I ANTICIPATE NOTHING SPECTACULAR FROM VU NINH-12, NOR  
FROM USMC OCCUPATION OF FSB'S HATCHET AND SCIMITAR. ON THE  
OTHER HAND PICKENS FOREST HAS PRODUCED:

78 EN KIA

296 DETAINEES

52 IWC

9 CSWC

36 CHI-COM GRENADES

1 X 500 LB BOMB

1 X 250 LB BOMB

7 CHI-COM CLAYMORES

51 RPG RDS

447 82MM RDS

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FOR BGEN HOUGHTON FROM BGEN MILLER  
THIRD MAR DIV MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

1. IN OUR TELCON OF 5 AUG 70 YOU STATED THAT CG FMFPAC DESIRES THAT THE BALANCE AVAILABLE IN THE FUND FOR THE SUBJECT HOSPITAL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN AND FOR NO OTHER PURPOSE.
2. IT IS MOST UNFORTUNATE THAT THE HOSPITAL FACILITIES CAN NOT BE COMPLETED FOR THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH FUND DONATIONS WERE SOLICITED. IT IS, HOWEVER, IN THE BEST INTEREST OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED THAT THE FACILITIES BE COMPLETED SUFFICIENTLY TO BE USABLE FOR SOME MEDICAL OR SOCIAL WELFARE PURPOSE. POSSIBLE CRITICISM RESULTING FROM FAILURE TO ATTAIN THE ORIGINAL GOAL WILL BE FAR LESS IF THE FACILITIES ARE PUT TO SOME GOOD USE RATHER THAN BEING ABANDONED.

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3. THE SIX BUILDINGS THAT CONSTITUTE THE SUBJECT FACILITY ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY COMPLETED TO BE USABLE. THE WALLS AND ROOFS ARE COMPLETE BUT NO DOORS OR WINDOWS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. PLUMBING AND ELECTRICAL WORK HAVE ONLY BEEN BARELY STARTED. THE FACILITIES ARE DEPENDENT UPON THE QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE UTILITIES SYSTEM FOR POWER AND WATER. SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO MAKE THE FACILITIES USABLE FOR ANY PURPOSE.
4. WHILE THIS SUBJECT HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED WITH THE GVN, THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO AT LEAST REQUEST SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE IN COMPLETING THE FACILITIES FOR SUCH USE AS THEY MAY INTEND TO MAKE OF THEM. ALTERNATIVELY, THE WORLD RELIEF COMMISSION HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE POSSIBLE USE OF THE FACILITIES FOR A VETERANS AND WAR VICTIMS REHABILITATION AND TRAINING CENTER. SHOULD THE GVN DESIRE THAT THE WRC OPERATE THE FACILITIES FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE MARINE CORPS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE EXPECTED TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF THE BURDEN OF PLACING THE FACILITIES IN A USABLE CONDITION.
5. DURING NEGOTIATIONS TO DETERMINE THE USE OF THE HOSPITAL

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 FACILITIES, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO LIMIT MARINE CORPS  
 FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO A MINIMUM. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO  
 HAVE THE GVN, USAID OR OTHER AGENCIES PROVIDE ALL OR AS  
 MUCH AS POSSIBLE OF THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS REQUIRED.  
 HOWEVER, SHOULD MARINE CORPS FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAKE THE  
 DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE USE OF THE FACILITIES FOR A WORTH  
 WHILE SOCIAL WELFARE PURPOSE AS OPPOSED TO ABANDONING  
 THEM AS A TOTAL LOSS, I BELIEVE WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO  
 SPEND THE ADDITIONAL FUNDS, IF AVAILABLE, TO SEE THE PRO-  
 JECT THROUGH TO SOME WORTHWHILE USE. THIS COURSE OF ACTION,  
 WHILE KNOWINGLY SPENDING SOME OR ALL OF THE REMAINING FUNDS  
 FOR OTHER THAN THE STRICTLY INTENDED PURPOSE, DOES PROVIDE  
 SOME REALIZED VALUE FOR THE LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY ALREADY  
 SPENT. IT PROVIDES SOME RETURN TO THE DONORS WHOSE FUNDS  
 HAVE BEEN SPENT, PROVIDES A USEFUL SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE  
 OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND HOPEFULLY WILL AVOID THE WASTE  
 AND CRITICISM THAT WILL RESULT IF THE FACILITIES ARE LEFT  
 AS AN UNCOMPLETED HULK UPON THE LANDSCAPE AS A MEMORIAL  
 TO GOOD INTENTIONS THAT WENT SOUR.  
 6. I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE COMMANDING GENERAL, III MAF

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 BE AFFORDED THE NECESSARY LATITUDE IN THE USE OF THE  
 REMAINING FUNDS TO SEE THIS PROJECT THROUGH, IF POSSIBLE,  
 TO SOME CONSTRUCTIVE SOCIAL WELFARE PURPOSE. WARM REGARDS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 081500H-091500H AUG 70.

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY. TWO FINDS AND ONE CONTACT HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN THE LAST 24 HRS. TWO SMALL WEAPONS CACHES WERE FOUND, ONE CONTAINING 2 X 60MM MORTARS AND THE SECOND 1 X SKS AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF ORDANCE. THE ONE CONTACT REPORTED RESULTED IN 1 VC KIA. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC; 3 KIA, 25 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY: 79 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 286 DET.
2. (S) AT 1315 TODAY, ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MAR BEGAN HELOLIFTING INTO FSB HATCHET VIC ZC 0141 TO COND CAT-III OPNS. PLANNED OPNS FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS CALL FOR EXTENSION OPN PICKENS FOREST INTO FSB HATCHET BY COMPLETING HELOLIFT 7TH MAR ELEM TO CONDUCT CAT III OPN THAT VICINITY.
3. (C) ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST MAR COND A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN IN COOP/COORD WITH HIEU DUC DIST FORCES OF DUYEN SON VILLAGE VIC AT8855 YESTERDAY. 641 VN WERE SCREENED WITH 12 DET FOR FURTHER QUESTIONING BY ITT.
4. (C) AT 0600 THIS MORNING 3 X 140MM RKTS IMPACTED AT HOA CAM ARVN CAMP WITH NEG CASUALTIES AND LIGHT DAMAGE. ONE ROCKET ALSO IMPACTED AT 1/5 CP ON HILL 34 WITH NEG CAS OR DAM. CONFIRMED LAUNCH SITE HAS BEEN LOCATED VIC AT 9085. ELEMENTS OF THE FIRST MAR HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE AREA.
5. (S) AT 1400 YESTERDAY TWO CH-46 HELICOPTERS ESCORTED BY TWO UH-1E GUNSHIPS, WITH 3 FLTS OF FIXED WING UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10, EXTRACTED RECON TEAM CLAYPIPE BY LADDER FROM AT987437. AFTER EXTRACTION THE OV-10 DIRECTED THE THREE FLIGHTS OF F-4/A-4'S ON THE TARGET RESULTING IN ONE SECONDARY FIRE. THE OV-10 THEN DIRECTED 152 ROUNDS OF 155MM IN THE VIC OF HILL-845.
6. (S) AT 1200 TODAY THREE CH-53 HELICOPTERS WITH TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT LIFTED A VIET-MARINE 105 BATTERY FROM LZ HATCHET TO FSB-4.
7. (S) THIS AFTERNOON AT 1415 A TA-4F ON A VR IN THE STEEL TIGER AREA RECEIVED A HIT IN THE STARBOARD WING. DUE TO LOSS OF FUEL THE PILOT MADE AND EMERGENCY LANDING AT PHU BAI AIRFIELD.
8. (S) IN THE PLANNED OPNS FOR THE NEXT 24 HRS, ELEMENTS OF THE 5TH MAR WILL COMMENCE OPN LYON VALLEY, A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPN VIC AT8045. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS OR REACT TO ENEMY ACTY DURING CURRENT HIGH THREAT ALERT.
9. (S) TOMMORROW, FOUR CH-53 HELICOPTERS ESCORTED BY FOUR AH-1G GUNSHIPS PLAN TO LAND A BATTALION OF REGIONAL FORCE TROOPS (460) IN THE QUE SON MINS. THE TWO LZ'S WILL BE PREPARED BY TWO FLTS OF F-4/A-4 UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10.
10. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 23 TMS AT 13 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST MAR DIV TAOR AS OF 091300H. THERE ARE 4 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 10 AUG 70.

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A. PROGRESS IS SLOW. THERE IS LITTLE VN APPRECIATION FOR THE TIME AND SPACE FACTORS INVOLVED IN AN OPERATION, NOR OF THE LOGISTIC EFFORT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT ONE.

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C. LACK OF MINE DETECTOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IS A FACTOR, TURN-OVER OF ROAD SWEEPS HAS BEEN DELAYED, AND LAST MINUTE DISCOVERIES OF WEAPON SHORTAGE, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, AND BOATS, HAS CAUSED OTHER POSTPONEMENTS TO BE MADE.

D. SKILL LEVELS ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET ALL NEED. GENERATORS BECOME INOPERABLE FOR EXAMPLE, DUE TO LACK OF TRAINED MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR SKILLS.

E. III MAF UNITS ARE TRAINING RVNAF PERSONNEL TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ON GENERATORS, WATER PUMPS, ETC.

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DAMAGE TO ENEMY CAN BE LOGICALLY ASSUMED, ENEMY LOCS ENTER HERE  
VIA LAOS, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT TRAFFIC HAS DIMINISHED.  
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WESTERN QUANG NAM IS JUST NOW GETTING UNDERWAY, ANY ASSESSMENT  
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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 091500H-101500H AUG 70.

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G. CRITICAL PROBLEMS WITH RESPECT TO VIETNAMIZATION:

A. PROGRESS IS SLOW. THERE IS LITTLE VN APPRECIATION FOR THE  
 TIME AND SPACE FACTORS INVOLVED IN AN OPERATION, NOR OF THE  
 LOGISTIC EFFORT REQUIRED TO SUPPORT ONE.

B. ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR BASES AND AO'S IS SLOW.  
 THERE IS A RELUCTANCE TO TAKE AO'S AND INSISTENCE ON COLLOCATION  
 WITH US UNITS. THE RESULT HAS BEEN THAT US UNITS CONTINUE TO  
 HAVE DE FACTO RESPONSIBILITY FOR INSTALLATION SECURITY WHILE  
 SIMULTANEOUSLY KEEPING UP OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE  
 AO.

C. LACK OF MINE DETECTOR AND OTHER EQUIPMENT IS A FACTOR, TURN-  
 OVER OF ROAD SWEEPS HAS BEEN DELAYED, AND LAST MINUTE DISCOVERIES  
 OF WEAPON SHORTAGE, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, AND BOATS, HAS CAUSED  
 OTHER POSTPONEMENTS TO BE MADE.

D. SKILL LEVELS ARE INADEQUATE TO MEET ALL NEED. GENERATORS  
 BECOME INOPERABLE FOR EXAMPLE, DUE TO LACK OF TRAINED MAINTENANCE  
 AND REPAIR SKILLS.

E. III MAF UNITS ARE TRAINING RVNAF PERSONNEL TO THE EXTENT  
 POSSIBLE ON GENERATORS, WATER PUMPS, ETC.

F. THE GREATEST SINGLE GVN MILITARY WEAKNESS IN QUANG NAM IS  
 THE LACK OF QUALIFIER LEADERSHIP. THIS PROBLEM IS HIGH-LIGHTED  
 BY THE RECENT LOSS OF THE COMMANDER, QDSZ. TO DATE HIS SUCCESSOR  
 IS NOT NAMED, NOR DOES THE NEXT-IN-LINE HAVE THE AUTHORITY WE  
 NORMALLY EXPECT TO BE VESTED IN AN INTERIM COMMANDER. THIS  
 PROBLEM IS OF A PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THOSE IN THE 1ST MARDIV WHO  
 MUST WORK WITH HIM. THE PROBLEM OF LEADERSHIP EXISTS AT ALL  
 LEVELS, BUT IN PARTICULAR AT THE HIGH AND MIDDLE ECHELONS.

G. THE ANSWER TO ALL THESE PROBLEMS IS, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS,  
 LEADERSHIP. WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN, AND HAVE DONE SO IN  
 QUANG NAM FOR ALMOST FIVE AND ONE HALF YEARS, ENCOURAGING  
 AGGRESSIVENESS, ORGANIZATION, THE ABILITY TO DELEGATE, AND TO  
 HAVE CONFIDENCE IN SUBORDINATES. WE SHALL CONTINUE.

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7. US UNITS (BRIGADE SIZE) THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR EARLY REDEPLOYMENT DURING THE TIME PERIOD UNDER CONSIDERATION: THE PRESENTLY PLANNED INCREMENT V REDEPLOYMENT IN THE OCT-DEC PERIOD WITH RESPECT TO III MAF (SCALING DOWN TO A MAB) IS PROPER AND PROPORTIONATE WHEN THE DESIRES OF THE US GOVERNMENT ARE BALANCED AGAINST OUR TASKS IN SVN.

8. THE CAMBODIAN CROSS-OVER OPNS AND CURRENT SUMMER OPNS.

A. THE CAMBODIAN OPN GAVE A PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOST TO GVN FORCES IN QUANG NAM. DIRECT EFFECTS OF THE CROSS-OVER ON NVA/VC CAPABILITIES IN QUANG NAM ARE MORE DIFFICULT TO MEASURE. WHILE DAMAGE TO ENEMY CAN BE LOGICALLY ASSUMED, ENEMY LOCS ENTER HERE VIA LAOS, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT TRAFFIC HAS DIMINISHED.

B. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT GEN LAM'S CURRENT MOVEMENT INTO WESTERN QUANG NAM IS JUST NOW GETTING UNDERWAY, ANY ASSESSMENT ON THE IMPACT OF THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN OF VIETNAMIZATION IS PREMATURE AT THIS TIME.

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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 101500H-111500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY AND VIC FSB HATCHET. TWO CONTACTS WERE REPORTED RES IN 2 ENEMY KIA AND THE CAPTURE OF ASST GEAR. CUM RES TO DATE: 3 USMC KIA, 26 WIA(E), 6 WIA (M); ENEMY 83 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 288 DET.
  2. (C) OTHER ELEMENTS OF THE 7TH MARINES OPERATING WITH PF'S ENGAGED 4 ENEMY RES IN 2 VC KIA, 1 DET AND 1 IWC.
  3. (C) AT 110700H 3 CH-46 HELOS WITH A UH-1E(S) AS HCA AND 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT INSERTED 72 MARINES OF 3/5 AT (AT836503) AND AT (AT836489). THE LZ'S WERE PREPPED BY 2 A-4'S WITH D-24 GUNPODS UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10. THE TROOPS WERE LOOKING FOR 11 VCI'S AND A B-40 CACHE. THE TROOPS WERE EXTRACTED FROM (AT836489) AT 111400H AND RETURNED TO HILL 65.
  4. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 12 AUG OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH TWO COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY AND TWO COMPANIES SWEEPING VIC FSB HATCHET. A PACIFIER COMPANY WILL INSERT IN THE NORTHERN ARIZONA TERR VIC (AT9053) TO COND A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN. FMAW HELOS PLAN TO EXTRACT FOUR 105MM HOW AND 50,000 LBS OF CARGO FROM FSB MCNUTT (YC 997614) TO THOUNG DUC FOR THE CIDG.
  5. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED ONE INSERT AND NO EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 24 TMS AT 14 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 111300H. THERE ARE TWO INSERTS AND ONE EXTRACT SCHEDULED FOR 12 AUG.
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PERSONAL FOR VADM WEISNER FROM LIGEN MCCUTCHEON

A. YOUR 070614Z AUG 70 (C)

1. SORRY TO BE LATE IN REPLY BUT WAS ON R&R.
2. I HAVE MADE HMCM REED AWARE OF YOUR DESIRES TO HAVE HIM JOIN YOUR STAFF AND HE WAS FLATTERED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND CONSIDERED FOR SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT. HOWEVER, HE IS IN RECEIPT OF PCS ORDERS TO GREAT-LAKES USNH, WHERE HE EXPECTS TO CONTINUE AN ACCELERATED DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM.
3. CHIEF REED IS ENTHUSASTIC AND ANXIOUS TO CARRY OUT HIS ORDERS TO GREAT LAKES BECAUSE OF THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE HIS DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM AMONG MANY YOUNG NAVY RECRUITS. IN ADDITION, AFTER COMPLETING HIS CURRENT UNACCOMPANIED TOUR HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING IN A JOB WHICH WILL ENABLE HIM TO BE WITH HIS DEPENDENTS.
4. WITH THE BACKGROUND OF HIS EXPERIENCE IN SOUTH

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PAGE TWO RUMLMPA1507 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**

VIETNAM AND HIS UNIQUE CAPABILITIES, I AM SURE CHIEF REED WILL MAKE A MOST LASTING IMPRESSION ON YOUNG NAVY RECRUITS.

5. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, DO YOU STILL DESIRE TO HAVE HIM REPORT TO YOU AT YOKOSUKA? WARM REGARDS:

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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 111500H-121500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY AND VIC FSB HATCHET. NO CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. CUM RES TO DATE: FRD USMC 3 KIA, 26 WIA(E), 5 WIA(M); ENEMY 83 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 288 DET.

2. (C) ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST MARINES REPORTED KILLING 2 VC AND CAPTURING 1 AK-47 IN A NIGHT AMBUSH.

3. (S) AT 111730H 2 CH-53 HELOS ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS LIFTED 2X105MM HOW FROM FSB-4 BACK TO AN HOA AND LIFTED 10,000 LBS OF 155MM AMMO TO FSB-4. THIS MORNING 2 CH-54 HELOS LIFTED 2X155MM GUNS FROM FSB-2 TO FSB-4 WITH CH-53'S FINISHING UP THE AMMO MOVE.

4. (S) AT 120730H 3 CH-53 HELOS EXTRACTED 400 ARVN TROOPS FROM THE 1ST BN 51ST ARVN FROM (ZC090536) BACK TO HILL-55. AT THE SAME TIME 6 CH-46 HELOS EXTRACTED 430 ARVN FROM THE 4TH 51ST ARVN FROM (AT823605) TO (AT992578). THE EXTRACTS WERE ESCORTED BY AH-1G GUNSHIPS.

5. (S) AT 121300H 4 CH-46, 1 CH-53, AND 1 UH-1E(S) HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT LIFTED THE PACIFIER PACKAGE INTO THE ARIZONA AREA. THE TWO LZ'S WERE CAPPED BY TWO F-4'S WITH AN OV-10 AS CONTROL.

6. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 13 AUG PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY CONT STAND BY TO REACT TO TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY IN THE 1ST DIV TAOR. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT WITH 2 COMPANIES SWEEPING SONG THU BON VALLEY AND 2 COMPANIES AND JUMP CP OPERATING VIC FSB HATCHET. AN INTELL TM WILL BE INSERTED TO SEARCH FOR A SUSPECTED ENEMY CACHE SITE VIC FSB HATCHET. FMAW HELOS PLAN TO FLIP/FLOP 1000 CIDG TROOPS AT FSB MCNUIT.

7. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 2 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 25 TMS AT 14 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR OF 121300H. THERE ARE 3 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS SCHEDULED FOR 13 AUG IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR.

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 B. CG III MAF 061544Z AUG 70 (TS/SPECAT)
- REF A QUOTED CINCPAC'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO JCS RELATIVE TO KEYSTONE ROBIN FORCE PLANNING IN WHICH AN ALTERNATE C REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE WAS PROPOSED. ALTERNATE C INCLUDES SLIPPAGES OF THE III MAF INCREMENT 5 PACKAGE OF 10.8K TO INCREMENT 6 AND SLIPPAGE OF THE MAF (12.6K) FROM INCREMENT 6 TO A MAY-JUN 1971 TIME FRAME.
  - REF B IS THE REPORT OF MY ACTION OFFICERS TRIP TO SAIGON ON 6 AUG 70 DURING WHICH THESE SLIPPAGES WERE DISCUSSED. AT THAT TIME AN ADDITIONAL SLIPPAGE OF 2.9K SPACES FROM III MAF INCREMENT 4 TO INCREMENT 6 WAS BEING CONSIDERED BY MACV. AS NOTED IN REF B, A

PAGE TWO RUM LMPA1766 T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT/EXCL FOR/M C E O  
 SLIPPAGE OF THIS NATURE WOULD BE DESIRABLE IF THE INCREMENT 5  
 PACKAGE IS SLIPPED SINCE THE PACKAGE IN INCREMENT 5 WAS NOT DESIGNED  
 FOR LONG TERM OPERATIONS.

- WHEN THE 9.6K USMC SPACES FIRST COMPRISING INCREMENT 5 WERE PULLED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL 29.4K INCREMENT 4 SPACES, MACV DESIRED THAT INCREMENT 5 INCLUDE AN RLT TOGETHER WITH FIXED WING AND HELICOPTER SUPPORT. THIS LEFT BUT VERY FEW SPACES AVAILABLE IN THE 9.6K FOR MAF, DIV, AND WING HQ ELEMENTS AND OTHER SUPPORT TROOPS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT CONTINUED OPERATION OF THESE HEADQUARTERS AND RELATED TASKS. ADD-ON OF AN ADDITIONAL 1.2K VMFA, HMN, MACS, AND RADIO BN SPACES FROM INCREMENT 4 FURTHER COMPOUNDED SUPPORT PROBLEMS. NEVERTHELESS, SO LONG AS THE PERIOD WAS KEPT SHORT DURING WHICH THE INCREMENT 5 FORCES WERE RETAINED IN-COUNTRY AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORT FORCES IN INCREMENT 4, THE PLAN WAS CONSIDERED SUPPORTABLE.
- IF THE SLIPPAGE OF THE USMC INCREMENT 5 PACKAGE AS RECOMMENDED IN REF A IS APPROVED, SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN INCREMENT 4 MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO RETAIN THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT THE INCREMENT 5 FORCES FOR THE ADDITIONAL FOUR MONTH PERIOD. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED TO PROVIDE THIS CAPABILITY.

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## A. DELETE FROM INCREMENT 4:

UNIT	SPACES	FOOTNOTE	SDD
HQBNC(-), 1STMARDIV	473	1	16SEP
1STMPBN(-)	302		16SEP
1STENGRBN(-)	477		20AUG
HQBTRY, 11THMAR	123		20SEP
1STRECONBN(-)	151	2	18AUG
1STMIBN(-)	55	3	20SEP
DET FLC	170		1OCT
DET 1ST MAW HQ	156		6AUG
DET H&S-1	27		6AUG
DET MWCS-1	125		6AUG
H&S-1B	217		15SEP
MASS-3	139		15SEP
TOTAL	2395		

## B. ADD TO INCREMENT 4:

UNIT	SPACES	FOOTNOTE
VMFA-314	324	4

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DET H&S-13(INS)	58	5
1ST 175MM GUN BTRY	158	6
CO C, 1ST TK BN	129	6
TOTAL	659	

C. NET REDUCTION IN INCREMENT 4 TO BE FILLED BY OTHER SERVICES: 1736 SPACES MINIMUM.

D. IF THIS INCREASE TO POST INCREMENT 4 USMC STRENGTH IN GUNTRY IS DISALLOWED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER AND WE ARE FORCED TO FIND EQUIVALENT TRADE OFFS, SUCH TRADE OFFS WOULD HAVE TO COME IN LARGE PART FROM TACTICAL COMBAT UNITS TO INCLUDE POSSIBLY ONE INFANTRY BATTALION OR SOME NUMBER OF COMPANIES FROM RESIDUAL BATTALIONS.

E. THE UNITS SHOWN IN PARA 4A AND 4B ARE STILL BEING SCRUTINIZED AND DO NOT REPRESENT OUR FINAL CONCLUSIONS. THEY DO REPRESENT OUR INITIAL THINKING.

FOOTNOTES:

1. DET, HQBN 1ST MARDIV WITH 494 SPACES REMAINS IN INCREMENT 4.

2. 2 COS, 1ST RECON BN WITH 245 SPACES REMAINS IN INCREMENT 4.

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PAGE FIVE RUMLP1766 T O P S E C R E T/SPECAT/EXCL FOR/M C E O

3. CO, 1ST MT BN WITH 66 SPACES REMAINS IN INCREMENT 4.
4. LIMITATION TO 1300 USMC SORTIES PER MONTH FOR FY71 MAKES THIS SQDN EXCESS.
5. INS FOR VMFA-314.
6. NOT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT.
5. IF YOU CONCUR WITH ABOVE, I WILL INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS ALONG THESE LINES WITH COMUSMACV.
6. WHILE THE ABOVE OUTLINES ACTIONS WE NEED TO TAKE TO IMPROVE OUR POSTURE IF THE INCREMENT 5 PACKAGE IS DELAYED, I WOULD LIKE TO REEMPHASIZE MY DEEP MISGIVINGS WITH THE WHOLE IDEA OF SLIPPING INCREMENT 5. THE IMPACT OF SUCH A PROPOSAL IF IT IS IMPLEMENTED, EVEN WITH THE ADJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED, WOULD BE SERIOUS:
  - A. MANY OF THE UNITS WE WOULD NEED TO RETAIN IN WHOLE OR IN PART ARE BEYOND EXTRACTING FROM INCREMENT 4. OF THOSE WE CAN HOLD, IN MANY CASES REQUISITIONS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, REAL ESTATE AND EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN OFFERED UP TO THE ARVN OR REDISTRIBUTED, STANDOWN HAS COMMENCED, THE PERSONNEL PIPELINE HAS BEEN CLOSED, AND PERSONNEL GUIDANCE IMPLEMENTED. THESE UNITS WOULD HAVE TO BE PUT BACK ON THEIR FEET AND

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COULD EXPECT SEVERE SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL PROBLEMS FOR SOME TIME TO COME.

B. THE AREA OF OPERATIONS OR THE ENEMY OPPOSING III MAF, AND THE DIVISION IN PARTICULAR, WILL NOT HAVE BEEN ALTERED, YET WE WILL BE EXPECTED FOR A PERIOD OF OVER SIX MONTHS TO PRODUCE WITH TWO RLT'S AND FAR LESS SUPPORT ESSENTIALLY WHAT SEVERAL MONTHS AGO WE ACCOMPLISHED WITH FOUR RLT'S AND A FULLY REINFORCED DIVISION SUPPORT PACKAGE. THIS WILL TAX OUR UNITS TO THE UTMOST, FURTHER COMPOUNDING SUPPLY, MAINTENANCE, AND PERSONNEL PROBLEMS.

C. DELAYED DEPLOYMENT OF UNITS WILL CREATE SEVERE PERSONNEL TURBULENCE AND CORRESPONDING MORALE PROBLEMS. THE PERSONNEL PIPELINE WILL NEED TO BE REEXAMINED IMMEDIATELY NOT ONLY TO SUSTAIN ALL UNITS THROUGH THE EXTENDED PERIOD BUT ALSO TO REFLECT THE CHANGED REQUIREMENTS IN GRADES AND SKILLS. AS AN EXAMPLE THE STRETCHOUT WILL REQUIRE A COMPLETE REEXAMINATION OF THE COLONEL REQUIREMENTS.

7. ACCORDINGLY, IF THE DELAY CAN BE AVOIDED, IT SHOULD BE BY ALL MEANS. IF IT CANNOT BE, THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION OF THE MATTER AND OF MY PROPOSALS WOULD HELP

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REDUCE ATTENDANT PROBLEMS, AS INDICATED IN PARAS 4 AND 6,  
SOME UNITS ARE ALREADY STANDING DOWN.  
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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 121500H-131500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY AND VIC FSB DEFIANT. NO CONTACTS OR INDICENTS WERE REPORTED DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC 3 KIA, 26 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY 83 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 9 PW, 288 DET.
2. (S) IN RESPONSE TO AN INTELLIGENCE RPT OF AN EMEY HQS AT (AT9940), AT 130730 FOUR CH-46 AND FOUR CH-53 HELOS LIFTED L/3/7 AND A/1/5 INTO (AT979410) AND (AT993414). 1/3/7 MOVED BY FOOT INTO BLOCKING POSITIONS TO COMPLETE THE CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION. 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS UNDER CONTROL OF THE FAC IN A UH-1E(S) ACTED AS ESCORT. 2 FLIGHTS TO FIXED WING PROVIDED CAP UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10.
3. (S) AT 130800, 4 CH-46 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT LIFTED 500 CIDG TROOPS FROM (ZC000697) TO FSB MCNUIT. AT 130930H 2 CH-53 HELOS COMMENCED A LIFT OF THE 500 CIDG ON FSB MCNUIT TO AN HOA. THE 1000 TROOPS ARE FROM THE 5TH MOBILE STRIKE FORCE.
4. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 14 AUG 2/5 WILL COND A 2-COMPANY CORDON AND SEARCH OPN IN THE PHU NHUANS VIC (AT8850). 3/7 WILL PROVIDE A 1 COMPANY BLOCKING FORCE FOR A 2 BN ROKMC OPN (BT1249). OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT WITH THE SWEEP OF SONG THU BON VALLEY AND VIC FSB HATCHET. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE DIV TAOR. FMAW HELOS PLAN TO LIFT 350 ROKMC TROOPS INTO VIC (BT1249) AS THE START OF GOLDEN DRAGON-6, AND LIFT 250 CIDG TROOPS OUT OF THUONG DUC IN TO THE WESTERN CHARLIE RIDGE AREA.
5. (S) RECON OPNS INSLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 23 TMS AT 13 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 131300H. THERE ARE 4 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 14 AUG.

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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 13 1500H-14 1500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF THE SONG THU BON AND SONG CAI VALLEYS. OPN PICKENS FOREST REPORTED KILLING 3 VC/NVA DURING THE LAST 24 HRS. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC 3 KIA, 26 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY 86 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 9 PW, 288 DET.
2. (S) AT 140630H, 5 CH-46 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS REINSERTED TWO COMPANIES OF MARINES AT (AT993414). THE LZ WAS PREPPED BY TWO A-4'S UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10, AS THIRD BN SEVENTH MARINES(-) CONT THEIR SEARCH OPNS IN THE QUE SON MINS FOR A SUSPECTED ENEMY FWD HQS. AT NOON TODAY THE BN REPORTED FINDING AN ENEMY CAMP, KILLING 1 NVA AND CAPTURING 5 PACKS AND ASST CRDNANCE.
3. (S) AT 140730H 5 CH-53 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT INSERTED 300 ROKMC TROOPS INTO THREE UNSECURE LANDING ZONES NORTH OF FSB BALDY TO COMMENCE OPN GOLDEN DRAGON-6. THE LZ'S WERE PREPPED BY FIXED WING UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10.
4. (S) AT 141000H, 3 CH-53 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT AFTER PREP BY FIXED WING UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10 LANDED 275 CIDG ARVN TROOPS AT (ZC199619), FIVE MILES NE OF THOUNG DUC.
5. (S) AT 141300H 2 CH-53 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G HELOS AS ESCORT LIFTED 150 ARVN TROOPS FROM THE 51ST REGT INTO OLD FSB BUSH-WACKER IN THE QUE SON MTS. THE TROOP INSERT WAS FOLLOWED BY 4X 105MM HOW, 960 RDS OF AMMO AND 8 OTHER LOADS OF GEAR. THE LZ LOCATED AT (BT017464) WAS PREPPED BY AN OV-1 AND FIXED WING.
6. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 15 AUG 3/7(-) WILL CONT SEARCH OPN IN QUE SON MINS. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT WITH SWEEP OF THE SONG THU BON AND SONG CAI VALLEYS. FMAW HELOS PLAN TO LIFT 900 ARVN TROOPS OF THE 51ST ARVN INTO 4 LZ'S IN THE QUE SON MINS. THE LZ'S (AT 970416), (AT954415), (AT032433) AND (AT870390) WILL BE PREPPED BY FIXED WING.
7. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 4 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 25 TMS AT 13 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST DIV TAOR AS OF 14 1300H. THERE ARE 5 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT PLANNED FOR 15 AUG.

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A. YOUR 140240Z AUG 70

1. THE OVERALL DRUG PROBLEM WAS REVIEWED BY THE DRUG ABUSE PERSONNEL ON THE HQTS STAFF AND THEY IN TURN CONTACTED THEIR COUNTERPARTS AND THE CID PERSONNEL AT THE MAJOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDS. NO SPECIFIC FACTUAL INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED THAT COULD SHED LIGHT ON THE TWO SPECIFIC INCIDENTS AND THERE HAS BEEN NO REPORT OF A "DRUG-CRAZED PRIVATE" ROLLING A GRENADE INTO A SERGEANT'S HUT. THERE HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTS OF THROWING GRENADES INTO HUTS BUT INVESTIGATIONS HAVE NOT SHOWN DRUGS TO BE A FACTOR IN THESE CASES.

2. THE FOLLOWING RECAP OF DRUGS, NARCOTICS AND MARIJUANA IS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION.

	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	TOTAL
(A)	62	74	71	56	67	45	375
(B)	61	74	71	61	73	65	405
(C)	34	35	31	32	29	22	183
(D)	34	35	31	32	37	23	192
(E)	3	0	1	1	4	4	13
(F)	3	0	1	1	5	6	16
(G)	16	34	39	30	49	31	199

USE OF FOLLOWING CODE IS NECESSARY:

- (A) NUMBER OF MARIJUANA INVESTIGATIONS:
- (B) NUMBER OF MARINES INVOLVED:
- (C) NUMBER OF DANGEROUS DRUG INVESTIGATIONS:
- (D) NUMBER OF MARINES INVOLVED:
- (E) NUMBER OF NARCOTICS INVESTIGATIONS:
- (F) NUMBER OF MARINES INVOLVED:
- (G) NUMBER OF ADMIN DISCHARGES FOR DRUGS:

DURING THIS SAME PERIOD THE AVERAGE STRENGTH OF MARINES IN I MR HAS BEEN ABOUT 43,000.

3. ON THE AVERAGE THERE HAVE BEEN ABOUT 67 MARINES INVOLVED IN MARIJUANA MONTHLY OR A LITTLE OVER ONE TENTH OF ONE PERCENT OF THE COMMAND. I DO NOT CONSIDER THIS TO BE WIDESPREAD USAGE, HOWEVER THE STATISTICS MERELY MEAN THAT WE CATCH AND INVESTIGATE THAT NUMBER, AND WE KNOW THERE ARE SOME MORE. AS NOTED IN SUBPARAGRAPH G, ABOUT 30 MARINES MONTHLY ARE PROCESSED FOR UNDESIRABLE DISCHARGES FOR DRUGS, MARIJUANA REPRESENTING THE BIGGEST PART OF THESE DISCHARGES.

5. WE HAVE A PROBLEM WE FEEL WE ARE ON TOP OF IT. WE HAVE AN EXCELLENT DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM AND ARE TAKING ADMINISTRATIVE AND PUNITIVE ACTION.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 141500H - 151500H AUG 70

1. (C) FIRST MARDIV'S OPN PICKENS FOREST CONTINUED WITH SWEEP OF SONG THU BON AND SONG CAI VALLEYS. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC 3 KIA, 26 WIA E, 6 WIA M, ENEMY 86 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC (PLUS 139 CREDITED TO QDSZ), 11 CSWC, 308 DET.

2. (S) SEVENTH MAR SWEEP CONDUCTED BY FIRST BN FIFTH MAR (-) (&) IN QUE SON MTS CONTINUED INTO SECOND DAY SEARCHING FOR REPORTED NVA FORWARD HQ. SMALL BASE CAMP WAS FOUND THIS MORNING AND OTHER RELIABLE INDICATIONS WERE RECEIVED THAT FR UNITS MAY BE OPERATING CLOSE TO ENFORCE. OPN IS EXPECTED TO LAST FOR AT LEAST ONE MORE DAY FOLLOWED BY RECON INSERTS IN SAME AREAS AS INF TROOPS ARE EXTRACTED.

3 (S) AT 0800, 7 CH-46'S AND 3 CH-53'S ESCORTED BY 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS, INSERTED TWO ARVN BATTALIONS OF THE 51ST REGIMENT INTO 4 LANDING ZONES IN THE QUE SON MOUNTAINES: AT 970416, AT 982433, AT 954415 AND AT 970390. TWO FLIGHTS OF FIXED WING UNDER THE CONTROL OF AN OV-10 PREPPED THE LZ'S PRIOR TO THE 900 MAN LANDING. THE OPERATION WAS CONTROLLED BY AN FAC IN A UH-1E(S).

4. PLANNED OPERATIONS

A. (S) FIFTH MAR OPN LYON VALLEY WILL COMMENCE ON 16 AUG, CM (ZC 1942) WITH HELOLIFT OF THREE COMPANIES AND 2/5 CMD GRP INTO LZ'S SOUTH OF SUSPECTED NVA REGT HQ. INF UNITS WILL SWEEP TO NORTH. RECON TEAMS WILL SCREEN ALONG NORTHERN BOUNDRY OF OPN AREA, CM (ZC 2145) BTRY E(-) 2/11, WILL PROVIDE D/S ARTY FROM FSB DAGGER (ZC 1441).

B. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST UNITS IN SONG THU BON VALLEY ARE SCHEDULED TO REDEPLOY 16 UAG TO LZ BALDY AND FSB HATCHET.

C. (S) FMAW HELICOPTERS PLAN TO LIFT 128 ROMC TROOPS INTO BT 467650 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION GOLDEN DRAGON 6.

5. (S) RECON COMPLETED 3 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT FOR TOTAL OF 27 TEAMS AT 15 LOCATIONS AS OF 151300H. SCHEDULED ARE 6 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS DURING NEXT 24 HOURS FOR TOTAL OF 29 TEAMS TO BE OPERATING.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 151500H-161500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF THE SONG CAI VALLEY. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC 3 KIA, 26 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY 86 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 9 PW, 308 DET.
2. (S) AT 160930H, G/3/7 AND BRTY G(-) 3/11, BEGAN LIFTING FROM THE SONG THU BON VALLEY TO LZ BALDY AND FSB HATCHET.
3. (S) AT 160700H, 2 CH-53 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT, LANDED 128 ROKMC TROOPS AT (BT067650). AN OV-10 CONTROLLED THE FIXED WING CAP.
4. (S) SEVENTH MAR SWEEP IN QUE SON MINS FOR REPORTED NVA HQ'S CONT. NO CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS REPORTED. A/V/5 WILL BE EXTRACTED LATE THIS AFTERNOON; I AND L/3/7 WILL CONT OPN.
5. (S) 2/5(-) COMMENCED OPN LYON VALLEY CM (AT8043) AT 160830H. INSERT UTILIZED 5 CH-46 AND 4 CH-53 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORTS. ZONES WERE PREPPED BY THREE FLIGHTS OF A-4/A-6 FIXED WING WITH ANOTHER FLIGHT AS CAP, UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10. THUS FAR 8 VC/NVA KIA'S AND ASST 732 GEAR CAPTURED HAS BEEN REPORTED. A RECON TM PROVIDING A SCREEN FOR THIS OPN WAS EMERGENCY EXTRACTED FOLLOWING A CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 6 ENEMY THIS MORNING. A CO FM 3/5 WILL BE INSERTED THIS AFTERNOON TO EXPLOIT CONTACT.
6. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 17 AUG 3/7(-) WILL CONTINUE SEARCH OPN IN QUE SON MINS. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG CAI VALLEY. OPN LYON VALLEY WILL CONT AS CAT III OPN.
7. (S) IN RECON OPNS THERE WERE 2 EXTRACTS AND NO INSERTS FOR A TOTAL OF 24 TMS AT 13 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST CIV TAOR AS OF 161300H. TM AIR HOSE WAS EXTRACTED AT 151445H AFTER A CONTACT WHICH RES IN 3 NVA KIA AND 1 AK-47 CAPTURED. THERE ARE 6 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 17 AUG FOR A TOTAL OF 26 TMS IN OPN.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 161500H-171500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG CAI VALLEY AND COMPLETION OF THE EXTRACTION OF G/2/7 AND BTRY G(-)/3/11 FROM THE SONG THU BON VALLEY. ONE CONTACT WAS REPORTED YESTERDAY RES IN 1 VC KIA. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC; 3 KIA, 26, WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY: 87 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 11 PW, 309 DET.

2. (S) TWO COMPANIES OF 3/7 CONT SWEEPING THE QUE SON MINS IN SEARCH OF AN NVA HQS. A/1/5 WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE OPN YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. RECON TM MILLBROOK OPERATING IN THE VICINITY (BT0141) MADE CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED 30 ENEMY AT 2100 LAST NIGHT AND WAS EMERGENCY EXTRACTED BY 2 CH-46 HELOS WITH 2AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORTS. THE EXTRACT WAS CONTROLLED BY AN OV-10 UNDER THE FLARES OF A KC-130. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY IS STANDING BY TO INSERT IN THE AREA WHEN THE WEATHER LIFTS.

3. (C) SECOND BN FIFTH MAR(-) REPORTED ONE GROUND CONTACT IN OPN LYON VALLEY YESTERDAY RES IN 2 VC KIA. COBRA GUNSHIPS OPERATING IN THE AREA ENGAGED AN USEF WITH ON BOARD ORDNANCE RES IN 7 VC KBA.

4. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 18 AUG OPN LYON VALLEY WILL CONT AS CAT III OPN. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG CAI VALLEY.

5. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF 29 IMS AT 17 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST DIV TAOR AS OF 171300H. PLANNED FOR 18 AUG ARE 5 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS.

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 LTGEN JONES AND LTGEN SUTHERLAND FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON/EYES ONLY/  
 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS//N23100//  
 FORCE PLANNING (C)

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT A STRETCHOUT OF PREVIOUSLY PLANNED MARINE  
 KEYSTONE ROBIN REDEPLOYMENTS, INCREMENT 5 TO 6 AND  
 THE MAB FROM INCREMENT 6 TO A MAY-JUNE 1971 TIME FRAME, HAS BEEN  
 APPROVED. I BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS  
 IN INCREMENT 4 NOW BE MADE TO SUPPORT THESE SLIPPAGES.  
 2. DURING MY ACTION OFFICERS VISIT TO YOUR HEADQUARTERS ON 6  
 AUG, THESE SLIPPAGES WERE DISCUSSED ALONG WITH A J-3 PROPOSED  
 DELETION OF SOME 2,900 MARINE SPACES FROM INCREMENT 4. MY ACTION  
 OFFICERS ADVISED THE MACV J-3 PLANNERS THAT IF THE INCREMENT 4  
 PACKAGE WAS SLIPPED, CERTAIN COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE  
 SUPPORT UNITS PROGRAMMED FOR INCREMENT 4 WOULD HAVE TO BE DELETED AND  
 RETAINED IN COUNTRY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR THE USMC INCREMENT  
 5 PACKAGE ALSO REMAIN IN COUNTRY SINCE THIS PACKAGE WAS NOT DESIGNED  
 FOR LONG TERM OPERATIONS.

3. WHEN THE USMC SPACES FIRST COMPRISING INCREMENT 5 WERE  
 PULLED OUT OF THE ORIGINAL USMC INCREMENT 4 SPACES, YOU DESIRED  
 THAT INCREMENT 5 INCLUDE AN RLT TOGETHER WITH FIXED WING AND  
 HELICOPTER SUPPORT. INCREMENT 5 WAS TO BE ONLY 10,000 SPACES.  
 THIS LEFT BUT VERY FEW SPACES AVAILABE FOR MAF, DIV AND WING  
 HQ ELEMENTS AND OTHER SUPPORT TROOPS NECESSARY FOR CONTINUED  
 OPERATION OF TWO RLT'S, A MAF, NECESSARY HEADQUARTERS AND RELATED  
 TASKS. ADD-ONS, AT YOUR REQUEST, OF ADDITIONAL UMFA, HMM, MACS  
 AND RADIO BN SPACES FROM INCREMENT 4 FURTHER COMPOUNDED SUPPORT  
 PROBLEMS. NEVERTHELESS, SO LONG AS THE PERIOD WAS KEPT SHORT  
 DURING WHICH THE INCREMENT 5 FORCES WERE TO BE RETAINED IN-  
 COUNTRY AFTER DEPARTURE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORT FORCES IN  
 INCREMENT 4, THE PLAN WAS CONSIDERED SUPPORTABLE AND I CONCURRED  
 IN IT.

4. WITH THE SLIPPAGE OF THE USMC INCREMENT 5 PACKAGE NOW APPROVED,  
 SOME ADJUSTMENTS IN INCREMENT 4 MUST BE MADE IN ORDER TO RETAIN  
 THE CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT THE INCREMENT 5 FORCES FOR THE ADDITIONAL  
 FOUR MONTH PERIOD. THE FOLLOWING CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED TO  
 PROVIDE THIS CAPABILITY. THESE CHANGES WILL NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL  
 SHIPPING OR CHANGES IN SHIPPING SCHEDULES.

A. DELETE FROM INCREMENT 4:

UNIT	SPACES	FOOTNOTE	SDD
HQBN(-), 1ST MARDIV	473	(1)	16SEP
1ST MP BN (-)	302		16SEP
1ST ENGR BN (-)	477		20AUG
HQ BTRY, 11THMAR	123		20SEP
1ST RECON BN (-)	131	(2)	10AUG
1ST MR BN (-)	55	(3)	20SEP
DET FLC	170		10OCT
DET 1ST MAW HQ	156		6AUG
DET H&HS-1	27		10OCT
DET MWCS-1	125		6AUG
H&HS-18	217		15SEP
MASS-3	139		15SEP

TOTAL

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## B. ADD TO INCREMENT 4:

UNIT	SPACES	FOOTNOTE
VMFA-314		(4)
DET H&MS-13(IMS)	58	(5)
1ST 175MM GUN BTRY	158	(6)
CO C, 1ST TK BN	129	(6)
5TH COMM BN (-)	176	(7)
TOTAL	845	

C. NET REDUCTIONS IN INCREMENT 4 TO BE FILLED BY OTHER SERVICES: 1550 SPACES MINIMUM.

D. IF THIS INCREASE TO POST INCREMENT 4 USMC STRENGTH IN-COUNTRY IS DISALLOWED FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER AND WE ARE FORCED TO FIND EQUIVALENT TRADE OFFS, SUCH TRADE OFFS WOULD HAVE TO COME IN LARGE PART FROM TACTICAL UNITS TO INCLUDE POSSIBILITY ONE INFANTRY BATTALION OR SOME NUMBER OF COMPANIES FROM RESIDUAL INFANTRY BATTALIONS.

## FOOTNOTES:

(1) DET. HQBN 1ST MARDIV WITH 494 SPACES IN RESULTS INCREMENT 4.

(2) 2 COS, 1ST RECON BN WITH 245 SPACES REMAINS IN INCREMENT 4.

(3) CO, 1ST MT BN WITH 66 SPACES REMAINS IN INCREMENT 4.

(4) WITH THE LIMITATION OF 1300 USMC SORTIES PER MONTH FOR FY71, THIS SQDN IS EXCESS. SORTIE RATE WITHOUT IT WILL BE .92 RO FLY 1300 PER MONTH.

(5) INTERMEDIATE MAINTENANCE SUPPORT FOR VMFA-314.

(6) NOT CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

(7) FOR 5TH COMM BN INCREMENT 4 TOTAL OF 426 SPACES.

5. THE MOST EXPEDITIOUS RESOLUTION OF THESE ADJUSTMENTS IS NECESSARY SINCE, AS INDICATED IN PARA 4, SOME UNITS ARE ALREADY

STANDING DOWN. MY ACTION OFFICERS ARE WORKING WITH YOUR ACTION OFFICERS ON THIS PROPOSAL FOR YOUR APPROVAL.

6. GLAD TO KNOW YOU ARE BACK IN THE SADDLE.

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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 171500H-181500 AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF THE SONG CAI VALLEY. NO CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC 3 KIA, 26 WIA (E), 6 WIA (M); ENEMY: 87 VC/MVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 11 02, 309 DET.

2. (C) ELEMENTS OF 1/7 OPERATING IN THE EASTERN QUE SON AO REPORTED KILLING 4VC/NVA AND CAPTURING 2 IW IN 3 CONTACTS, 2/5 (-) CONDUCTING OPN LYON VALLEY REPORTED FINDING 2 SMALL ENEMY BASE CAMPS YESTERDAY. A SEARCH OF THE CAMPS PRODUCED ONE AK-47 RIFLE WITH 27 MAGAZINES, ASSORTED ORDNANCE AND MISC EQUIP.

3. (C) PACIFIER RAPID REACTION PLT AND TWO RECON TMS WERE INSERTED VIC (AT 8868) BY 2 CH-46 HELOS WITH 2 AHIG GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT, TO CONDUCT RECOVERY OPNS FOR THE CREWS OF 2F-4'S THAT CRASHED IN THE AREA LAST NIGHT. AS OF 181500H, ALL FOUR BODIES HAD BEEN RECOVERED.

4. (S) AT 181250H A UH-1E GUNSHIP WITH A CREW OF FOUR WAS SHOT DOWN VIC (BT 1849). 3 CREWMEN KIA AND 1 MIA. AIRCRAFT DESTROYED BY FIRE.

5. (S) PLANNED OPNS FOR 19 AUG CALL FOR PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY TO CONT STANDBY TO EXPLOIT TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR. PICKENS FOREST WILL CONTINUE SWEEPING THE SONG CAI VALLEY. TWO COMPANIES OF 2/5 WILL CONTINUE OPN LYON VALLEY. FMAW WILL CONT WITH NORMAL SUPPORT FOR OPNS IN PROGRESS.

6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 4 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 29 TMS AT 15 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST DIV TAOR AS OF 181300H AUG 70. THERE ARE 4 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 19 AUG 70.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 181500H - 191500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT SWEEPING THE SONG CAI VALLEY DURING THE PAST 24 HRS, NO CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC; 3KIA, 26 WIA(E), 6 WIA(M); ENEMY; 87 VC/NVA KIA 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 309 DET.
2. (S) OPN LYON VALLEY CONT SWEEPING DURING THE PAST 24 HRS, WITH NO CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS REPORTED.
3. (S) A SORTIE CEILING HAS BEEN IMPOSED ON FIRST MAW FIGHTER/ ATTACK COMBAT FLYING. ACCORDINGLY, THE STRIP ALERT HAS BEEN CUT BY ONE HALF AND THE PRE-PLANNED SORTIE LEVEL REDUCED. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT A FEW "ADD-ON" SORTIES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO BE OFFERED TO XXIV CORPS EACH DAY, AS THEY HAVE BEEN IN THE PAST.
4. (S) OPNS PLANNED FOR 20 AUG CALL FOR PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY TO CONT STANDBY TO REACT TO TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE DIV TAOR. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT SWEEPING THE SONG CAI VALLEY. OPN LYON VALLEY WILL CONT AS CAT III OPN. FMAW HELICOPTERS PLAN TO EXTRACT SIX 105 HOW, 300 RDS OF AMMO, TWO WATER IRLRS, AND 100 TROOPS FROM FSB-2 TO ZC075496 (HILL510) FOR THE ARVN 1ST RANGER GROUP.
5. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 29 TMS AT 15 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 191300H. PLANNED FOR 20 AUG ARE 3 INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS.

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TOP SECRET/MARINE CORPS EYES ONLY/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE  
FOR LTGEN JONES FROM LTGEN MCCUTCHEON  
CINCPAC VISIT (U)

1. ADM MCCAIN VISITED THIS AREA 19 AUG. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH LTGEN SUTHERLAND AND HE SHOWED US A DRAFT MESSAGE HE HAD PREPARED TO SEND TO JCS ADVOCATING INCREASED AUTHORITY FOR ALLIED TROOPS IN THE AREA OF THE DMZ. HE ASKED FOR OUR COMMENTS.
2. SUTHERLAND GENERALLY INDICATED THAT IT WAS MILITARILY DESIRABLE AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE IT. I AGREED THAT IT WAS MILITARILY SOUND BUT STATED I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS OF SUFFICIENT PRIORITY AT THIS TIME TO EXPEND THE EFFORT AND TRY TO GET SOMETHING THAT WOULD PROBABLY BE TURNED DOWN ANYWAY. THAT I BELIEVED HE SHOULD SAVE HIS EFFORTS FOR SOMETHING OF GREATER IMPORTANCE LATER ON.
3. AT A LATER MEETING IN GEN LAM'S OFFICE HE ASKED

PAGE TWO RUMLMPA2779 TOP SECRET/MCEO/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE FOR LAM WHETHER THE ENEMY COULD MOUNT AN ATTACK THROUGH THE DMZ. LAM SAID YES THEY COULD BUT HE DIDN'T THINK THEY WOULD BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE AN OPEN VIOLATION OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS AND THEY COULD ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THING BY COMING AROUND THROUGH LAOS.

4. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THE ADMIRAL WILL SEND THE MESSAGE OR NOT, BUT I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE ALERT TO THE FACT THAT HE WAS EVEN THINKING OF SUCH A MESSAGE.
5. A SEPARATE BUT RELATED ITEM. HIS MAIN CONCERN DURING THIS VISIT WAS WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE U.S. MILITARY AS A RESULT OF ALL THE ACTIONS THAT ARE BEING TAKEN BACK IN THE WASHINGTON AREA OF WHICH THE BUDGET AND BLUE RIBBON PANEL ARE TWO OF THE MORE IMPORTANT.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 191500H - 201500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT SWEEP OF THE SONG CAI VALLEY. AT 1000 "H" 2/7 MADE CONTACT WITH USEF VIC FSB HATCHET. F 2/7 REINFORCED H ON THE GROUND WHILE G 2/7 WAS HELO LIFTED INTO VIC (ZC 0400445) USING 6 CH-46'S ESCORTED BY 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC; 3KIA, 26 WIA (E), 6 WIA (M); ENEMY: 90 VC/NVA KIA, 56 IWC, 11 CSWC, 310 DET.
2. (C) SECOND BN FIFTH MAR(-) COND OPN LYON VALLEY REPORTED ONE CONTACT AND THE FIND OF THREE BASE CAMPS VIC (ZC 2041) DURING THE PAST 24 HRS. RES OF THE 4 INCIDENTS ARE 1 VC KIA AND THE CAPTURE OF 1X122MM RKT, 1 RUSSIAN ARTY SIGHT, 1 AK-47 RIFLE, 4,500 LBS OF CORN, 1,800 LBS OF RICE, 1,000 LBS OF SALT, ASST MED GEAR, DOCUMENT AND CLOTHING.
3. 2S) AT 0300 THREE CH-53 HELICOPTERS WITH TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT EXTRACTED SIX 105 HOW, 300 ROUNDS 105 AMMO, TWO WATER TRAILERS, AND 273 VNBC TROOPS FROM FSB FOIL TO AN HOA. THE MOVE WAS CAPPED BY TWO OV-10 AIRCRAFT.
4. (S) AT 1100, THE HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING PACKAGE ABOVE, MOVED FOUR 105 HOW, 600 ROUNDS 105 AMMO, AND ONE WATER TRAILER FOR THE ARVN RANGERS FROM FSB-2 TO HILL 510 (ZC 075498).
5. (S) AT 1300, TWO CH-46'S AND TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS PERFORMED AN EMERGENCY RESUPPLY TO FSB HATCHET.
6. (S) SIX FMAW F-4 JETS SUPPORTED BY THREE FMAW KC-130 TANKERS WILL PROVIDE BARCAP FROM 1800-2400 IN SUPPORT OF CTF 77.
7. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 21 AUG, PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO REACT TO TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE DIV TAOR. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT SWEEPING THE SONG CAI VALLEY. OPN LYON VALLEY WILL CONT AS CAT III OPN. FMAW HELOS PLAN TO MOVE 510 CIDG ARVN TROOPS FROM FSB MCNUTT TO (YC 997613) AND TWO 155 HOW, FOUR 105 HOW, 25 TONS CLASS V, SIX TONS CLASS I, AND 230 VNBC TROOPS FROM FSB-4 (YC 890350) TO AN HOA.
8. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF 31 TMS AT 17 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 201300H. PLANNED FOR 21 AUG ARE 5 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS.

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1. (U) THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS/INFORMATION ARE PROVIDED  
IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS POSED IN PARA 8 OF REF A.

2. (U) PARA 8 A:

A. (U) THE APPROXIMATE UNCOMMITTED BALANCE OF THE  
USMCR CIVIC ACTION FUND IS \$20,000 PLUS AND DONATIONS RE-  
CEIVED BY CARE AFTER 30 APR 70, IAW LATEST FINANCIAL RPT  
RECEIVED FROM CARE.

B. (U) THE USMCR CIVIC ACTION FUND HAS BEEN RESERVED  
PRIMARILY FOR SUPPORT OF THE SUBJ HOSPITAL WITH EXPEND-  
ITURES TO SUPPORT OTHER CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS HELD TO A  
MINIMUM FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS.

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C. (C) IN ORDER TO CONSERVE THE HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTION  
FUND 41 VIETNAMESE EMPLOYED IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
HOSPITAL HAVE BEEN PAID, SINCE 10 JUL 70, FROM THE MCRCA FUND.  
TEN OF THESE ARE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WHO WILL BE DIS-  
CHARGED 10 SEP 70 WHEN SEABEE SUPPORT WILL BE TERMINATED.  
THE REMAINING 31, CONSISTING OF 21 NURSES/NURSES AIDES,  
1 CLERK, 2 INTERPRETERS, 1 LABORATORY ASSISTANT AND 6  
LABORERS, ARE EMPLOYED AT THE PEDIATRIC FACILITIES OF THE  
ARMY'S 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL AT QUAN G TRI. ESTIMATED  
MONTHLY PAYROLL FOR THESE 31 EMPLOYEES WILL BE \$3,500.  
SINCE THESE PERSONNEL ARE DIRECTLY SUPPORTING THE PED-  
IATRIC FACILITIES OF THE 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL, THE  
SUCCESSOR TO THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION CHILDREN'S HOS-  
PITAL (TEMPORARY), THEIR PAYROLL COULD WELL BE PAID FROM  
THE HOSPITAL FUND IAW OBLIGATION EXPRESSED IN PARA 4,  
REF A.

D. (U) THE CURRENT AVAILABLE BALANCE OF THE MCRCA FUND  
PLUS EXPECTED MONTHLY INCOME IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE SUFF-  
ICIENT TO MEET MINIMUM FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINISH-  
ING SUBJ FACILITIES IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE C/W.

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3. (U) PARA 8 B: IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF FINISHING THE SUBJECT FACILITIES PRIOR TO DETERMINATION OF THEIR FINAL USE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO ENVISION COMPLETING THE FACILITIES IN A MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO THE GVN AT A COST LESS THAN AN ADDITIONAL \$50,000 OR MORE. SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL COST WILL RESULT IF THE FACILITY CANNOT UTILIZE THE ELECTRICAL POWER AND WATER SYSTEMS OF THE QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE, THE CURRENT SOURCE OF THESE UTILITIES.

4. (U) PARA 8 C: A PROPOSED LETTER REPLYING TO INQUIRIES RECEIVED FROM DONORS TO THE SUBJ HOSPITAL WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL.

5. (U) PARA 8 D: A LISTING OF DONORS WHO CONTRIBUTED FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100 OR MORE OR WHO HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT DONATIONS OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE FORWARDED BY MAIL.

6. PARA 8 E:

A. (U) CONCUR THAT THE AVAILABLE BALANCE OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FUND TO THE WRC'S HOA KHANH CHILDREN'S HOS-

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PITAL WOULD BE A SUITABLE USE FOR THE SUBJECT FUND.

B. (U) RECOMMEND THAT THE FUNDS NOT BE DONATED TO THE WRC UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE FUTURE OF THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

C. (U) IN VIEW OF THE POLICY SET FORTH IN REF A AND IN ORDER TO CONSERVE THE MCRCA FUND FOR POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS, THE 31 VIETNAMESE EMPLOYEES AT THE PEDIATRIC FACILITIES OF THE 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL WILL BE PAID FROM THE HOSPITAL FUND INSTEAD OF THE MCRCA FUND COMMENCING WITH PAYMENT DUE 1 OCT 70. HAVING UNDERTAKEN TO SUPPORT THE 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL IN THIS PORTION OF THE HOSPITAL PROJECT WHEN THE THIRD MARINE DIVISION REDEPLOYED, THE SUPPORT SHOULD BE CONTINUED UNTIL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE, IF POSSIBLE, TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE FOR THE CHILDREN OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE. UPGRADING OF THE PROVINCE HOSPITAL CAPABILITIES AND INTEGRATION OF THE CURRENT 18TH SURGICAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM AND EMPLOYEES INTO THE PROVINCE HOSPITAL IS BEING EXPLORED AS A POSSIBLE MEANS OF RESOLVING THE FUTURE OF THIS ASPECT OF THE PROJECT.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 201500H - 211500H AUG 70

1. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF THE SONG CAI VALLEY. RES OF THE H CO2/7 MAR CONTACT REPORTED YESTERDAY ARE 5 NVA KIA, 1 USMC KIA, 9 WIA(E), AND 1 WIA(M). CUM RES TO DATE; USMC4 KIA, 34 WIA(E), 7 WIA(M); ENEMY: 95 VC/NVA KIA, 51 IWC, 11 CSWC, 309 DET.
2. (S) 2/5(-) CONT OPN LYON VALLEY, WITH 3 BASE CAMPS/ REPORTED FOUND VIC (ZC2043). UNCOVERED IN THE CAMPS WAS A SMALL AMOUNT OF INDIV EQUIP, CLOTHING, AND 1 FRESH GRAVE CONTAINING THE BODY OF 1 NVA KIA.
3. (S) AT 210730H 2 CH-53 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT EXTRACTED 510 CIDG TROOPS FROM FSB MCNUIT (YC997613). THE FSB WAS DESTROYED AFTER EXTRACTION BY PRE-SET DEMOLITIONS.
4. (S) AT 211330H 2 CH-46 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS LAUNCHED FROM MMAF TO (ZC1661) TO POSSIBLY RECOVER TWO BODIES OF A CH-46 CRASH 1 JUNE 1970. THE CRASH WAS DISCOVERED BY CIDG TROOPS THAT HAD BEEN INSERTED 14 AUG AT (ZC199619) BY FMAW HELOS.
5. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 22 AUG, PACIFIER RAPID REACON COMPANY WILL CONT STANDBY TO REACT TO TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR. OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT SWEEPING THE SONG CAI VALLEY. OPN LYON VALLEY WILL CONT AS CAT III OPN. FMAW HELOS PLAN TO EXTRACT 510 VNBC TROOPS FROM (YC932346) TO AN HOA. FOLLOWING THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL, MOVE 6 105MM HOW, 290 VNBC TROOPS AND CARGO FROM FSB-1 (YC940331) TO AN HOA.
6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED 4 EXTRACTS AND NO INSERTS FOR A TOTAL OF 26 TMS AT 12 LOCATIONS IN THE 1ST DIV TAOR AS OF 211300H. PLANNED FOR 22 AUG ARE 7 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 211500-221500H AUG 70

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF THE SONG CAI VALLEY. NO CONTACTS WERE REPORTED; HOWEVER, TWO SMALL BASE CAMPS WERE FOUND VIC (ZC0345), BOTH OF WHICH CONTAINED A SMALL AMOUNT OF ORDNANCE. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC; KIA 4, WIA(E) 37, WIA (M) 7; ENEMY; 99 VC/NVA KIA, 51 IWC, 11 CSWC, 310 DET.

2. (S) OPN LYON VALLEY CONT WITH DISCOVERY OF ONE SIGNIFICANT ARMS CACHE VIC (ZC205431), CONTAINING ONE 12.75 MG, 3SKS RIFLES, 400 LBS POL RICE AND ASSORTED ORDNANCE. 2/5(-) CONDUCTING LYON VALLEY IS CURRENTLY BIENG HELO LIFTED BY 2 CH-53, 2 CH-46 ESCORTED BY 2 AH-12 GUNSHIPS TO AN HOA. THIS UNIT WILL BE INSERTED 23 AUGUST INTO THE ARIZONA TERRITORY, VIC (AT8751) TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPNS FOR ENEMY FORCES INTO THE AREA BY PHASE ONE OF LYON VALLEY. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC; NO CASUALTIES; ENEMY: 14 VC/NVA KIA, 4 IWC 1 CSWC.

3. (S) AT 0800 NINE CH-46 HELO'S WITH 2 AH-1G AND 2 OV-10'S AS ESCORT LIFTED 510 VNMC OF THE 6TH BN FROM (YC932346) TO AN HOA. 3 CH-53 HELO'S WITH 2 AH-1G AND 2 OV-10 AS ESCORT MOVED FSB-1 TO AN HOA.

4. (S) AT 1700, A 10 YR OLD VN BOY APPROACHED HILL 119 OP CLAIMING VC TERRORISTS WERE IN VILLAGE VIC (AT9551) KILLING VILLAGERS, INCLUDING HIS PARENTS. 1/3/5 AND RF/PF FORCES WERE HELO LIFTED BY 4 CH-46 WITH 2 AH-1G AS ESCORT AT 1115. NO CONTACT HAS BEEN REPORTED.

5. (S) IN PLANNED OPERATIONS FOR 23 AUGUST, PACIFIER AND RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT CORDON AND SEARCH FOR COUNTER INTELLIGENCE TGT CM (AT0061). OPN PICKENS FOREST WILL CONT SWEEPING THE SONG CAI VALLEY. OPN LYON VALLEY WILL SWEEP IN ARIZONA TERRITORY VIC (AT8750).

6. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDED SIX INSERTS AND FOUR EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 28 TEAMS AT 14 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR AS OF 221300H. THERE ARE FOUR INSERTS AND TWO EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 23 AUGUST.  
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DAILY OPNS SUMMARY 221500H - 231500H AUG 1970

1. (C) OPN PICKENS FOREST CONT WITH SWEEP OF SONG CAI VALLEY WITH SEVERAL SIGHTINGS OF SNIPERS AND ENEMY MOVEMENT IN VIC OF FSB HATCHET. CUM RES TO DATE INCL 4 U.S. KIA, 44 WIA (E), 10 WIA (M); 99 VC/NVA KIA, 11 PW, 310 DET, 52 IWC, (PLUS 139 CREDITED TO QDSZ), 11 CSWC.

2. (S) OPN LYON VALLEY CONTINUED WITH THE HELOLIFT OF TWO COMPANIES OF 2/5 (-) FROM AN HOA INTO SIX LZ'S CM (AT8549). SIX CH-46 AND TWO CH-53 HELO WITH 4 AH-1G AS ESCORT WERE USED IN THIS LIFT. CUM RES TO DATE: USMC, NO CAS; 14 VC/NVA KIA, 4 IWC, 1 CSWC.

3. (S) AT 230800H, THREE CH-53'S EXTRACTED FOUR 105 HOW, 200 PAX, AND CARGO FROM FSB-2 TO AN HOA. THE LIFT WAS ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AND 2 OV-1A.

4. (S) AT 231230H, SIX CH-46 HELO'S WITH TWO AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT LANDED A/1/5 AT (BT 005615) TO COMMENCE A PACIFIER OPERATION.

5. (S) INSERT OF 1/3/5 AND RF/PF FORCES VIC (AT 9551)X IN RESPONSE TO REPORTED MASSACRE ON 22 AUGUST PROVED NEGATIVE.

6. (S) 1/3/7 CONT TO SWEEP FOR SUSPECTED NVA HQ IN QUE SON MTS. CM (BT 0140) WILL TERMINATE 27 AUGUST.

7. (S) IN PLANNED OPERATIONS FOR 24 AUGUST OPN PICKENS FOREST AND OPN LYON VALLEY WILL TERMINATE. FSB HATCHET AND FSB DEFIANT WILL BE EVACUATED TO FSB ROSS, RYDER AND BALDY.

8. (S) RECON INSERTS INCLUDED THREE INSERTS AND ONE EXTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF 30 TEAMS AT 16 LOCATIONS IN TAOR. TWO INSERTS AND THREE EXTRACTS ARE PLANNED FOR NEXT 24 HOURS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 231500H-241500H AUG 70

1. (S) OPN PICKENS FOREST ENDED TODAY WITH THE HELOLIFT OF 2/7(-) FROM VIC FSB HATCHET. 8 CH-53 HELOS WERE UTILIZED TO MOVE THE 2 105MM HOW, AND 750 TROOPS AND 40 TONS OF CARGO TO FSB'S ROSS, RYDER AND BALDY. THE FLIGHT WAS CAPPED BY A-4/F-4 JETS UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10, WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT. SUMMARY OF OPN PICKENS FOREST: US, 4 KIA, 44 WIA(E), 9 WIA(M); ENEMY: 99 VC/NVA KIA, 310 DET, WITH THE FOLLOWING ENEMY EQUIP CAPTURED OR DESTROYED: 52 IWC, 11 CSWC, 1026 MORTAR RDS, 54 GRENADE, 93,913 SA RDS, 6 TONS RICE, 300,000PDS UNHARVESTED CORN, 7 TONS SHELLED CORN, 2 TONS TOBACCO, 10,820 FUZES, 51 RPG RDS, 13 BOATS AND 121 BLASTING CAPS.
2. (S) OPN LYON VALLEY TERMINATED AT 241200H WITH THE RETURN OF 2/5(-) TO AN HOA. SUMMARY OF OPN LYON VALLEY: US, NO CASUALTIES; ENEMY: 14VC/NVA KIA, WITH THE FOLLOWING ENEMY EQUIP CAPTURED OR DESTROYED, 7 IWC, 1 CSWC, 1 X 122MM ROCKEY, 5 MORTAR RDS, 33 GRENADES, 1 RR, 1 RUSSIAN ARTY SIGHT, 1 RPG BOOSTER, 1 TON RICE AND 2 TONS SHELLED CORN.
3. (S) YESTERDAYS RAPID REACTION PACIFIER OPN VIC (BT0061) RESULTED IN 4 VC/NVA KIA, 27 DET, 3 IWC, 1840 LAUNCHER AND ROUND CAPTURED.
4. (S) IN PLANNED OPN FOR 25 AUG, 1ST MARDIV WILL CONDUCT CAT I AND II OPN IN TAOR. FMAW PLANS TO LIFT 410 CIDG TROOPS OF 5TH MSF, 2 X 105MM HOW AND 30 TONS OF CARGO FROM AN HOA TO (ZC-4708).
5. (S) RECON OPNS FOR PRD INCLUDED 2 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 26 TMS AT 13 LOCATIONS. RECON OPNS FOR 26 AUG WILL INCLUDE 5 INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 241500H-251500H AUG 1970

1. (C) 1ST MARDIV HAD SERIES OF SMALL CONTACTS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, LARGEST BEING NIGHT AMBUSH BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST MARINES OF EST 35 VC IN MORIAR VALLEY, CM (AT8966), RESULTING IN 4 VC/NVA KIA. A 250715 THREE PLTS OF 1/1 WERE HELOLIFTED INTO AREA BY 2 CH-46 HELOS ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS TO SWEEP FOR REMAINING ENEMY. SWEEP IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS.
2. (C) AT 250800H, 8 CH-46 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCOR LIFTED 410 CIDG TROOPS OF THE 5TH MSF FROM AN HOA INTO (ZC134703), ONE CH-46 CRASHED IN LZ INJURING 1 CREWMAN AND 1 CIDG. A/C TOTAL LOSS. 2CH-53 HELOS ALSO LIFTED 2X105MM HOW AND 30 TONS OF CARGO FROM LZ 450 AND AN HOA TO SAME CIDG LZ.
3. (C) AT 251145H A CH-46 IN SUPPORT OF 1ST RECON BN CRASHED IN LZ (AT814384). A/C DESTROYED. PILOT AND ONE PAX RECD MAJOR INJURIES.
4. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 26 AUG, 2/7 WILL SWEEP IN EASTERN QUE SON MINS CM (BT0139), 3/5 WILL MOVE 1 PLT OF INFANTRY WITH A SECTION OF GUNS FROM D/2/11 TO FSB DAGGER AS VN 1ST RANGER BDE EXTRACTS, PURPOSE TO CONDUCT VISUAL AND OTHER SURVEILLANCE AND ARTY SUPPORT IN RECON AREA. FMAW WILL ALSO MOVE 300 VN RNGRS, 4X105MM HOW AND 91 TONS OF CLASS 1 & 5 SUPPLIES FROM FSB DAGGER AND FSB SCIMITAR TO AN HOA.
5. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDE 2 INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS DURING PERIOD FOR TOTAL OF 28 TMS AT 15 LOCATIONS. NO INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR NEXT 24 HRS.

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1. (TS) REF A PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE MARINE CORPS INCRE-  
 MENT FOUR TROOP LIST. REF SPROPOSED CERTAIN CHANGES IN INCREMENT  
 4 WHICH ARE INDEPENDENT OF THE MACV ALTERNATIVE.
2. (TS) BOTH OF YOUR PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED IN DETAIL AND  
 ARE BEING FAVORABLY CONSIDERED. BY SEPARATE MESSAGE CINCPAC HAS  
 BEEN REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE THE ACTION YOU PROPOSED IN REF B.  
 WITH RESPECT TO THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE REF A PROPOSAL, YOUR  
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 US ARMY AND MARINE CORPS SPACES WILL BE APPROVED; HOWEVER, UNTIL  
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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 251500H-WYQTPPH AUG 73

1. (C) 1ST MARDIV CONTINUES TO EXPERIENCE SMALL UNIT CONTACTS THROUGHOUT TAOR. AN HOA COMBA BASE RECEIVED 7X122MM ROCKET RDS AT 260645H. NO DAMAGE OR CAS RESULTED.
2. (C) A 260645H, 4CH-46 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT HELOLIFTED 160 MARINES OF 3/5 FROM (AT922559) TO (AT974584) FOR A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN.
3. (C) AT 261100H, 4 CH-53'S WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AND 2 OV-10'S AS ESCORT HELOLIFTED 275 ARVN RNGRS, 4X105MM HOW AND 14 LOADS OF EQUIP FROM FSB DAGGER AND SCIMITAR TO AN HOA. SAME HELOS WERE UTILIZED TO MOVE 75 MARINES FROM 3/5 AND D/2/11 PLUS 2X105MM HOW AND 13 TONS OF CARGO AND AMMO FROM HILL 65 TO DAGGER.
4. (C) AT 251500H, 2 CH-46 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS EXTRACTED 120 MARINES FROM CM (AT8764) O HILL 19.
5. (S) TONIGHT MAG-13 F-4B'S WILL FLY BARCAP FROM 1800-2400.
6. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 27 AUG, 2/7 WILL CONT SWEEP OF EASTERN QUE SON MINS CM (BT0139). PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT SANDBY O REAC TO IGTS OF OPPORTUNITY. FMAW WILL LIFT 200 ROKMC ROOPS INTO (BT1757) TO START A THREE DAY OPN.
7. (S) RECON OPNS INCLUDE 3 EXTRACTS AND NO INSERTS FOR THE PERIOD. THERE ARE 23 TMS OPERATING AT 10 LOCATIONS IN THE DIV TAOR. 3 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE NEXT 24 HRS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 261500H-271500H AUG 70 (U)

1. (C) THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS REPORTED DURING THE PAST 24 HRS IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR.
2. (C) AT 270900H, 4 CG-53 AND 1 UH-1E HELOS ESCORTED BY 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS, INSERTED 200 ROK MARINES INTO 2 LZ'S AT (BT17876) AND (BT18365). ONE FLIGHT OF A-4 AIRCRAFT UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10 PREPPED THE LZ'S. AN ADDITIONAL FLIGHT OF F-4'S FLEW CAP DURING HE INSERT.
3. (C) IN SUPPORT OF THE DALLAS PLAIN VISIT, 2 CH-46 HELOS COMMENCED TRANSPORTING TROOPS AT 270945H TO FREEDOM HILL. AT 281100H, 6 CH-53 HELOS AUGMENTED THE TROOP LIFT. 1/5 WAS TASKED WITH PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE FREEDOM HILL AREA DURING THE VISIT.
4. (S) IN PLANNED OPN FOR 28 AUG, 2/7 WILL CONTINUE SWEEP IN EASTERN QUE SON MINS CM(BT0139). UNILIZING 6 CH-46 HELOS AND 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS 2/5 WILL MOVE 100 TROOPS FROM (AT947520) TO LZ'S (A951542) AND (AT962534) TO CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH OPNS.
5. (S) RECON OPNS: 3 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS TOOK PLACE DURING THE LAST 24 HRS. THERE ARE 4 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS PLANNED FOR 28 AUG 70.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 271500H-281500H AUG 70 (U)

1. (C) ACTIVITY IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR CONTINUES AT A REDUCED LEVEL DURING THE LAST 24 HOURS, NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS OR CONTACTS WERE REPORTED.
2. (C) AT 281445H, 6 CH-46 HELOS ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS LIFTED A COMPANY OF 2/5 FROM (AT 947523) INTO TWO LZ'S VIC (AT 951542) AND (AT 962534). AN OV-10 WAS ON STATION TO CONTROL ONE CAP FLIGHT OF FIXED WING.
3. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 29 AUG, A TWO COMPANY OPERATION BY 3/5 WILL SWEEP 2 SUSPECTED VC RENDEZVOUS SITES SOUTH SOUTH EAST OF HILL 55 VIC (AT 9956). FMAW WILL LIFT 111 TROOPS AND 78,000 LBS OF CARGO IN SUPPORT OF QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE FROM (AT 95463) TO (AT 939348).
4. (S) RECON OPNS FOR PERIOD INCLUDED 2 INSERTS AND NO EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 25 TMS OPERATING IN THE 1ST MARDIV AQ PLANS FOR 29 AUG INCLUDE 3 INSERTS AND 5 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 25 TMS IN OPN.

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A. MACV 260426Z AUG 1970 (TS) (GENSER)

B. MY 180540Z AUG 1970 (TS) (SPECAT)

C. MY 221600Z AUG 1970 (TS) (SPECAT)

1. REF A, QUOTED BELOW, FORWARDS PROPOSAL I SET FORTH IN REF B  
 FOR READJUSTMENT OF INCREMENT 4 DUE TO PROBABLE SLIPPAGE OF IN-  
 CREMENT 5, LESS THOSE INTERIM READJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED IN REF C  
 WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED:

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TO CINCPAC

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T O P S E C R E T 44382 (J3)

THIS IS A KEYSTONE ROBIN MESSAGE

SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING (U)

REF: A. JCS 7544/142250Z AUG 70 (TS) (NOTAL)

B. MACV MSG, DTG 051445Z AUG 70 (TS)

C. MACV MSG, DTG 241945Z AUG 70 (TS)

D. CINCPAC MSG, DTG 260410Z AUG 70 (TS)

1. (TS) REFERENCES ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. REF A PROVIDED E-52, ARC LIGHT, GUNSHIP AND TAC AIR SORTIE  
 LEVELS FOR FY 71.

B. REF B PROPOSED A MACV MODIFICATION TO JCS ALTERNATIVE B-  
 REFERRED TO AS ALTERNATIVE C- WHICH AMONG SEVERAL CHANGES RETAINED  
 MARINE FORCES IN RVN FOR A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME THAN WAS ORIGINALLY  
 SCHEDULED.

C. REF C REQUESTED CINCPAC APPROVAL TO MAKE CERTAIN DELETIONS/  
 ADDITIONS TO THE MARINE CORPS INCREMENT FOUR TROOP LIST TO COMPENSATE  
 FOR THE SORTIE RATE CHANGE CONTAINED IN REF A.

D. REF D APPROVED REF C AND REQUESTED OFFICIAL CHANGES TO TROOP

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LISTS NLT 28 AUG 70.

2. (TS) THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 OF REF C. INFORMAL INFORMATION INDICATES THAT ALTERNATIVE C HAS RECEIVED FAVORABLE RESPONSE BY CINCPAC AND JCS.

3. (TS) THE LONGER PERIOD OF RETENTION OF MARINES IN RVN PROPOSED IN REF B REQUIRES ADDITIONAL COMMAND, CONTROL AND SUPPORT (CCS) ELEMENTS TO SUPPORT III MAF(-) OPERATIONS. THE REQUESTED DELETIONS/ADDITIONS PROPOSED IN REF C WILL PARTIALLY ASSIST IN OBTAINING THE NEEDED CCS ELEMENTS; HOWEVER, AN ADDITIONAL 1610 SPACES ARE REQUIRED. THESE 1610 MARINE VACATED SPACES CAN BE FILLED BY US ARMY SPACES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE 2900 SPACE PACKAGE HELD IN ABEYANCE PENDING A DECISION ON THE SORTIE LEVEL CONTAINED IN REF A.

4. (S) THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO INCREMENT FOUR TROOP LISTS ARE RECOMMENDED.

A. DELETE FROM THE MARINE CORPS TROOP LIST:

UNIT	SPACES
HQ BN(-), 1ST MAR DIV	473
1ST MP BN (-)	302
HQ BTRY, 11TH MAR	123

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1ST RECON BN (-)	131
1ST MT BN (-)	55
DET, FLC	170
H&HS-18	217
MASS-3	139
TOTAL	1610

B. ADD TO THE US ARMY TROOP LIST:

UNIT	SPACES
2/3 INF BN, 199 LT INF BDE	920
7/13 FA BN	528
520 AG CO	13
USARV DEBIT/CREDIT ACT	149
TOTAL	1610

C. THE SERVICE TOTALS FOR INCREMENT FOUR AFTER ADJUSTMENT ARE SHOWN BELOW:

USA	15.8
USN	8.8
USAF	7.4
USMC	17.0
TOTAL	50.0

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 D. NO SPECIAL LIFT TRANSPORTATION IS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THIS  
 ACTION. OFFICIAL CHANGES TO INCREMENT FOUR TROOP LISTS AND THE  
 CINCPAC MOVEMENT PROGRAM WILL BE SUBMITTED UPON APPROVAL OF THE  
 ABOVE RECOMMENDED ACTION.

5. (U) NO ACTION OTHER THAN PLANNING WILL BE TAKEN UNTIL REF B AND  
 THE PROPOSAL IN THIS MESSAGE ARE APPROVED. GP-4  
 BT UNQUOTE.

2. IN DRAFTING REF A, MACV STAFF INADVERTENTLY OMITTED 60 SPACE  
 DIFFERENCE IN 5TH COMM BN BETWEEN REFS B AND C AND INCLUDED THESE  
 SPACES AS ARMY ADD-ONS (I.E. 1610 VICE 1550) INSTEAD OF USMC ADD-  
 ONS. DO NOT BELIEVE RECTIFYING THIS ERROR WORTH ATTENDANT DELAYS  
 IN RESTAFFING AT MACV AND USARV. WOULD PREFER TO GET APPROVAL OF  
 REF A AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO PLANNING BY ALL CONCERNED CAN PROCEED.  
 FOR EXAMPLE, I UNDERSTAND NAVY NEEDS IMMEDIATE ANSWER AS TO  
 WHETHER SEMINOLE (LKA-104) REQUIRED FOR MASS-3 TO AVOID MAJOR  
 UNNECESSARY EXPENDITURES. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, I WILL  
 COUNTERBALANCE MACV ERROR BY NOT MANNING 60 EXTRA IN-COUNTRY  
 5TH COMM BN SPACES, SO FORESEE NO PERSONNEL OR FUNDING PROBLEMS  
 INVOLVED. WARM REGARDS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 281500H-291500H AUG 70

1. (C) ENEMY ACTIVITY TODAY IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR CONTINUES TO BE LIGHT AND SPORADIC. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURED IN THE PAST 24 HOURS.

2. (C) AT 290400H, 1ST MP BN REIN BY ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST MAW, 504TH MP BN, RF/PF UNITS AND NATIONAL POLICE CONDUCTED A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN VIC (BT068815). APPREHENDED WERE 1 USN (UA), 13 VCI, 3 ARVN (UA), 23 ILLEGAL RESIDENTS, 750 VN DETAINED BUT LATER RELEASED.

3. (C) AT 290600H, 7 CH-46 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT INSERTED 2 COMPANIES OF 2/5 INTO (A8951) TO CONDUCT A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN. INITIAL REPORT, 7NVA KIA, 4 NVA POW. INSERT WAS CAPPED BY OV-10 AND 2 AF JETS.

4. (C) AT 290700H, 7 CH-46 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT LIFTED ONE COMPANY OF 3/5 FROM HILL 65 INTO 3 LZ'S CM (BT002604) TO CONDUCT CORDON AND SEARCH OPN. INITIAL REPORT: 4VC KIA.

5. (C) AT 291100H, 3CH-53 HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT MOVED 111 CIDG TROOPS, 4X105MM HOW, 1 WATER TRL, 600RDS 105MM AMMO AND 10 TONS OF CARGO FROM (BT015463) TO (BT039348).

6. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 30 AUG, 15 MARDIV IN SUPPORT OF SECURITY PRECAUTIONS FOR GVN ELECIONS WILL COMMIT 2 COMPANIES FROM 7TH MARINES TO AUGMENT COUNTER-INFILTRATION EFFORTS SOUTH OF MARBLE MTN. IN ADDITION A/1/1 WILL SWEEP MORTAR VALLEY AND 3 COMPANIES OF 2/7 WILL CONT SWEEPING FOOT HILLS OF EASTERN QUE SON MINS. 2 COMPANIES OF 2/5 WILL BE HELOLIFTED IN TO LE NAM CM (AT9652) TO CONDUCT A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN. FMAW WILL LIFT 275 CIDG TROOPS, 2X105MM HOW AND 560 RDS OF 106MM AMMO FROM AN HOA TO (ZC1370) AND 400 TROOPS FROM LZ-60 TO (ZC189649).

7. (S) RECON OPNS FOR PERIOD INCLUDED 3 INSERTS AND 3 EXTRACTS. PLANNED FOR NEXT 24 HRS INCLUDE 7 INSERTS AND 1 EXTRACT FOR A TOTAL OF 31 TEAMS IN OPN.

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A. CG FMFPAC 261917Z AUG70 (S)

1. FURNISHED BILL DOENLER A COPY OF REF A TODAY AT  
 MONTHLY WIEU AT HG MACV. ALSO GAVE SANITIZED VERSION  
 INCORPORATING BILLETS LISTED IN PARA TWO TO MGEN COWLES.  
 HE WAS MOST APPRECIATIVE.

2. I TOLD DOENLER IF HE THOUGHT THERE WERE BILLETS OF  
 GREATER IMPORTANCE THAN THOSE LISTED TO LET ME KNOW AND  
 I THOUGHT WE COULD WORK OUT COMPROMISE AS LONG AS TOTAL  
 NUMBERS WERE NOT EXCEEDED. FOR EXAMPLE, HE THOUGHT A  
 BILLET SHOULD BE RETAINED IN SJS AS THAT IS POINT WHERE  
 ALL PAPERS MUST TRANSIT AT SOME POINT IN TIME.

3. THIS MONTH'S WIEU WAS PRETTY ROUTINE BUT GEN ABRAMS  
 DID HAVE COMMANDERS ASSEMBLE IN HIS OFFICE FOR SOME  
 PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS. I'LL CUT YOU IN ON THESE WHEN

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 YOU VISIT NEXT. WARM REGARDS.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 291500H-301500H AUG 70

1. (C) ACTIVITY WITHIN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR DURING THE PAST 24 HRS HAS BEN SCATTERED WITH TWO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS.

A. AT 300100H AN HOA CB RECEIVED 25X82MM MORTAR RDS WITH NEG CAS. THEN AT 300115H, A BUDDHIST ORPHANAGE/HOSPITAL COMPLEX VIC

(AT898473) RECEIVED 50 MIXED 60/82MM MORTAR RDS FOLLOWED BY A SAPPER ATTACK FROM AN ESTIMATED 30 NVA. RESULTS: 15 VN CIV KIA, 45 VN CIV WIA, ORPHANAGE DESTROYED, HOSPITAL HEAVILY DAMAGED.

B. A F/2/7 PATROL ENGAGED 12 NVA SOLDIERS VIC (BT0343), RESULTS: 9 NVA KIA, 3 POW, 4 IWC, 19 GRENADES AND MISC DOCUMENTS, CLOTHING AND FOOD CAPTURED. THERE WERE NO FRD CASUALTIES.

2. (C) AT 300600H, 6 CH-46 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT, LIFTED ONE COMPANY OF 3/5 FROM AN HOA TO SIX LZ'S CM (AT965519) O CONDUCT A CORDON AND SEARCH OPN. THE TROOPS WERE EXTRACTED AT 301500H.

3. (C) AT 300700H, 3CH-53 HELOS ESCORTED BY 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS LIFTED 275 CIDG TROOPS FORM AN HOA AND 2X105MM HOW WITH 360 RDS AMMO FROM LZ-60 INO FSB QUAMO (ZC134708).

4. (C) AT 301000H, 3 CH-53 HELOS WITH 4 AH-1G GUNSHIPS AS ESCORT MOVED 400 CIDG TROOPS FROM AN HOA AND INSERTED THEM INTO VIC (ZC189649). LZ WAS PREPPED BY 4 A-4'S AND CAPPED BY 2 F-4'S UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10.

5. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 31 AUG, 2/7(-)(REIN) WILL COMMENCE OPN IMPERIAL LAKE, 5 DAY CAT III OPN, CM(BT0044). PURPOSE TO LOCATE AND DESTROY SUSPECTED EN HQ. FMAW WILL SUPPORT OPN WITH 28 AIR ATTACK SORTIES AND 30 HELO SORTIES. PACIFIER RAPID REACTION COMPANY WILL CONT TO STANDBY TO REACT TO TGTS OF OPPORTUNITY IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR.

6. (S) RECON OPNS FOR PERIOD INCLUDE 6 INSERTS AND 1 EMERGENCY EXTRACT AT 300935H. A TOTAL OF 4 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS ARE PLANNED DURING HE NEXT 24 HRS FOR A TOTAL OF 30 TMS IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR.

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DAILY OPN SUMMARY 301500H - 311500H AUG 70

1. (S) OPN IMPERIAL LAKE COMMENCED AT 310100H WITH A 13,626 RDS ARTILLERY PREP ON 49 TGTS FMAW FIXED WING A/C COMMENCED AN AREA PREP UTILIZING 3 SECTIONS OF A-4'S AND A-6'S EACH PLUS 4 SECTION OF F-4'S TO DELIVER 74 TONS OF ORDNANCE PLUS 16.5 TONS OF NAPALM ON SPECIAL TGTS IN THE AREA.

2. (S) AT 310800H, 2 SECTIONS OF F-4'S COMMENCED PREP OF 5 LZ'S UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10. AT 310925H, 16 CH-46 AND 2 CH-53 HELOS LIFTED 685 MARINES OF 2/7 FROM FSB BALDY INTO OPN AREA CM (BT0143).

3. (S) COMMENCEMENT OF OPN IMPERIAL LAKE TERMINATED THE SWEEP OF PREVIOUSLY UNNAMED OPN BY 1/5 AND 2/7 THAT BEGAN 13 AUG. LATTER OPN NOW REFERRED TO AS RIPLEY CENTER: CUM RES: FRD; 27 WIA(E); ENEMY; 25 VC/NVA KIA, 8 POW, 29 DET, 7 IWC.

4. (S) AT 310800H, 4CH-56'S HELOS WITH 2 AH-1G GUNSHIPS WERE SECURED FROM THE QUICK REACTION STANDBY IN SUPPORT OF GVN ELECTIONS THIS COMMITMENT WAS IN EFFECT FROM 270800H-310800H AUG 70.

5. (S) IN PLANNED OPNS FOR 1 SEPT, OPN IMPERIAL LAKE WILL CONTINUE SWEEPING QUE SON MINS FOR SUSPECTED EN HQ. A/1/1 WILL CONTINUE SWEEPING MORTAR VALLEY CM(AT8665). QDSZ WILL COMMENCE A MULTI BN SIZED CAT III OPN IN SOUTHERN QUE SON MTNS. FMAW WILL LIFT 830 TROOPS OF 51ST ARVN RGT INTO 4 LZ'S (BT046419)(BT017416)(AT971384)(AT962358) UTILIZING 5 CH-53, 4AH-1G AND 1 AH-1E(S) HELOS. THE LZ'S WILL BE PREPPED BY 4 SECTIONS OF A-4/F-4 A/C UNDER CONTROL OF AN OV-10.

6. (S) RECON OPNS FOR PD HAD 4 INSERTS AND 4 EXTRACTS. PLANS FOR NEXT 24 HRS INCLUDE 3 INSERTS AND 2 EXTRACTS FOR A TOTAL OF 31 TMS IN THE 1ST MARDIV TAOR.

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1. MON. EGIL KROGH VISITED III MAF HQ 290340 - 291030 FOR THE PURPOSE OF GAINING FIRSTHAND INFORMATION ON THE MAGNITUDE AND CONSEQUENCES OF DRUG ABUSE PROBLEMS OF U. S. TROOPS IN RVN. HIS VISIT TO III MAF WAS PART OF A TWO DAY VISIT TO MR-1 ARRANGED BY CG XXIV CORPS.
2. IT WAS MR. KROGH'S DESIRE THAT HE VISIT WITH SERVICEMEN OF ALL RANKS AND SERVICE BOTH REAR AREAS AND REMOTE FIRE BASES TO GET A FEEL FOR THE MAGNITUDE OF THE DRUG PROBLEM. UPON COMPLETION OF THE VISIT TO RVN HE WILL REPORT HIS FINDINGS TO THE PRESIDENT. IT DID NOT APPEAR IN ANY WAY THAT HE WAS HERE TO FIND SUPPORT TO PROVE THAT DRUG ABUSE IS RAMPANT IN RVN.

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3. IN VIEW OF THE SHORT TIME FOR A III MAF VISIT I DECIDED TO UTILIZE THE TIME IN A BRIEFING/DISCUSSION FORMAT. AN OVERVIEW OF THE III MAF DRUG STATISTICS AS PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED TO EACH OF YOU WAS PRESENTED BY MY G-1 AND THEN THE INSPECTOR, 1ST MAJINT DIVISION DISCUSSED THE PROBLEM FROM THE DIVISION LEVEL FOLLOWED BY THE DIVISION DRUG INSTRUCTOR, HM-1 KANIA, WHO GAVE AN EXCELLENT TEN MINUTE LECTURE COMPLETE WITH IMPRESSIVE TRAINING AIDS. THE MEETING WAS THEN OPENED UP AND SPECIFIC QUESTIONS WERE ADDRESSED. PORLOGGONE AND FMAW REPRESENTATIVES WERE ALSO PRESENT.

4. MR. KROGH HAS AN EXCELLENT INSIGHT CONCERNING DRUG ABUSE. HE QUOTED FACTS AND FIGURES EASILY. HE ASKED OUR VIEWS ON LEGALIZING MARIJUANA AND READILY AGREED THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE LEGALIZED, AS HE POINTED OUT, WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH OF A PROBLEM WITH ALCOHOL. IT WAS AGREED BY ALL THAT SETTING ASIDE THE ILLEGALITY OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION/USE THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF MARIJUANA VS ALCOHOL LEAVES AN INSTRUCTOR/LECTURER IN AN EXTREMELY AWKWARD POSITION TO PROVE TO THE YOUNGSTER THAT MARIJUANA IS ALL BAD.

5. HE INDICATED A FINDING THAT HARD DRUGS ARE NOW COMMON TO THE SOUTHERN MR'S. SOME (RED ROCK) IS BEING BROUGHT FROM THAILAND AND SOLD TO AMERICAN SOLDIERS. HE SAID THAT SOME SERVICEMEN HAVE WESTERN

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 THAT THEY CAN SNIFF HEROIN AND NOT BECOME ADDICTED. HE POINTED OUT  
 THAT HEROIN FOUND HERE IS OVER 90 PERCENT PURE WHEREAS IN CHINA THEY  
 SELL HEROIN RATED AT 5 PERCENT. IN NYC LAST YEAR OVER 900 PEOPLE  
 UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE DIED OF OVERDOSE OF HARD DRUGS. IN NYC IT IS  
 THE MAJOR CAUSE OF DEATH IN AGE GROUPS 17-30. WE AGREED THAT HARD DRUG  
 USE IS RARE TO ALMOST NON EXISTENT IN MR-1. THE PRACTICE OF LACING  
 OPIUM IN MARIJUANA CIGARETTES WAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT. THIS SEEMED TO BE  
 A RECENT REAR AREA PROBLEM OF CONSEQUENCE AND COULD BECOME SERIOUS.  
 A READILY AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF MARIJUANA IN THE REAR AREAS WAS DISCUSSED  
 AND AGREED BY ALL TO BE FACTUAL. HOWEVER, USE IN FORWARD AREAS AND  
 AT FSB'S HAS NOT BEEN ENCOUNTERED. NOR IS IT CONSIDERED A PROBLEM.  
 SINCE MOST REALIZE THAT THEY MUST HAVE COMPLETE CONTROL OF THEIR  
 DRUG ABUSE TEND NOT TO BE TOLERATED BY ONE'S PEERS. UNDER THESE  
 CONDITIONS.

6. HE WAS HERE TO GATHER INFORMATION TO ENABLE THE PRESIDENT TO CONFRONT  
 SOME OF THE CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES AND IRRESPONSIBLE REPORTING IN THE  
 PRESS. HE SAID THAT LAST WEEK A VICE ADMIRAL TESTIFIED BEFORE A  
 CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY, "IN MY OPINION ALL THE MEN AT MY LAI WERE  
 ON DOPE." COUNTERING THIS KIND STATEMENT IN THE PRESS IS DIFFICULT.  
 THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO REPORT TO THE NATION THAT THERE ISN'T

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 WIDESPREAD USE OF MARIJUANA AND DANGEROUS DRUGS BY SERVICEMEN IN RVN  
 AND THAT THERE ISN'T A DETERIORATION OF THE SERVICES. ANOTHER EXAMPLE  
 HE GAVE OF HOW THIS PROBLEM IS BEING USED AS A POLITICAL TOOL WAS THAT  
 THE ADMINISTRATION WAS "KENT STATE WAS WORTH 30 DAYS IN CAMBODIA, WE  
 NEEDED THAT OTHER 30 DAYS."

7. MR. KROGH WAS ACCOMPANIED (ON THIS VISIT) BY MR. JOHN LEHMAN, A  
 MEMBER OF DR. KISSINGER'S STAFF.

8. MR. KROGH ASKED SPECIFICALLY IF WE KNEW OF ANY INCIDENT WHERE  
 USE OF MARIJUANA HAD JEOPARDIZED A COMBAT MISSION. WE KNEW OF NONE  
 AND HE SAID TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE HAS BEEN NO KNOWN INSTANCES IN  
 RVN NOR HAS HE FOUND ANY EVIDENCE TO THIS EFFECT.

9. I HAVE INCLUDED THE SALIENT POINTS AND HOPE MR. KROGH CAN DEVELOP  
 A SIGNIFICANT PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP CORRECT THIS PROBLEM.

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1. LESSON WILL COMMENCE AT 031500H SEP. WILL PICK YOU UP. HOPE YOU ARE READY. REGRET DINNER ARRANGEMENTS, AM COMMITTED.

2. OLD CAPTAINS ARE EASY - TOM.

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