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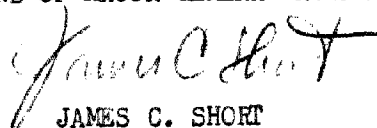
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Change 3 to Operation Order 301-68

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Encl: √(1) Revised Basic Order, Annex A, Annex B, Annex C, pages E-1 and E-2 of Annex E, Annex F, pages I-1, I-2, I-5 and I-6 of Annex I, pages L-3, L-4, L-5 and L-6 of Annex L and Annex N

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1. Remove the present basic order, Annex A, Annex B, Annex C, Annex D, pages E-1 and E-2 of Annex E, Annex F, pages I-1, I-2, I-5 and I-6 of Annex I, and pages L-3, L-4, L-5 and L-6 of Annex L and Annex N and replace them with the like lettered and numbered pages and annexes contained in enclosure (1). The obsolete annexes and pages may be destroyed without report to this headquarters.
2. This change provides for:
  - a. Incorporation of tasks contained in CG III MAF LOI 7-68 including a revised statement of mission and concept of operations.
  - b. A revision of tasks based on the changed command structure and unit locations resulting from activation of TF XRAY, its displacement to THUA THIEN Province and the incorporation of the 27th Marines into the division and their occupation of positions within the DA NANG TAOR.
  - c. A division task organization current as of 10 April 1968.
  - d. A revised intelligence annex reflecting changed collection tasks.
  - e. A new operations overlay showing boundaries and CP locations current as of 10 April 1968.
  - f. A revised fire support coordination annex reflecting the changed division organization and including TF XRAY and the 27th Marines.
  - g. A new artillery annex reflecting the current organization for combat and tasks.

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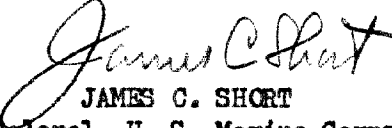
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- h. A change to the alert/defense postures annex which reflects the revised division organization and includes passive air defense conditions as established earlier by message.
- i. A change to the communications-electronics annex reflecting the revised division organization.
- j. An updated distribution annex.

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Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6540 I, II; 6541 I, II, III, IV; 6542 III; 6640 I, II, III, IV; 6641, III, IV; 6441 I, II.

- (b) CG III MAF LOI 7-68
- (c) CG 1st MarDiv 130003Z Mar67 (S) (FragO 30-67 w/ch 1, 2)
- (d) 1st MarDiv OPlan 319-67 (PW Breakout Plan)
- (e) 1st MarDiv OPlan 303-68 (Relief/Rein of CIDG Camp)
- (f) 1st MarDiv OPlan 3-67 (Non-combatant Emergency and Evacuation Plan)
- (g) CG III MAF OperO 308-67 (Base Defense)
- (h) 1st MarDiv Administrative Order 301-68
- (i) 1st MarDiv OperO 304-67 (Revised) (Alert Forces)
- (j) 1st MarDiv OPlan 102-68 (Provisional Infantry Companies)
- (k) III MAF Combined Campaign Plan 1-68
- (l) DivO P3410.1 (Psychological Operations SOP)
- (m) DivO 3480.1 (Operational Reports)
- (n) DivO P02000.2 (CEOI)

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization) and current monthly Task Organization Report.

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence), current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS.

b. Friendly Forces

- (1) CG III MAF conducts military operations in the I Corps Tactical Zone (ICTZ) in support of and in coordination with CG I ARVN Corps and in other areas of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) as directed by COMUSMACV; defends the RVN border along the DMZ and the border with LAOS; locates and destroys enemy forces, bases and logistic systems within ICTZ; conducts operations to support the Revolutionary Development Program and pacification in established TAOR's and other areas; provides security for areas, installations and LOC's of greatest economic, political and military significance in agreement with CG, I ARVN Corps; and conducts other operations as directed by COMUSMACV.

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- (2) Commander, U. S. 7th Fleet provides shore bombardment and gunfire support to forces operating ashore in South Vietnam.
- (3) Commander, U. S. 7th Air Force conducts offensive and defensive tactical air operations.
- (4) Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, in coordination with Commander, Vietnamese Navy (VNN), detects and restricts enemy sea-borne infiltration traffic into ICTZ.
- (5) CG I ARVN Corps, in coordination with CG III MAF, supports the Revolutionary Development Program; conducts operations in ICTZ to protect and control natural resources, open and secure LOC's and eliminate the VC infrastructure; and actively defends principal capitals and district towns.
- (6) CG, Provisional Corps Vietnam exercises operational control of ground tactical units in QUANG TRI and northern THUA THIEN Province and conducts operations against enemy forces in assigned area of responsibility.
- (7) CG Americal Division conducts operations in assigned area of responsibility (QUANG NGAI and QUANG TIN Provinces and a portion of QUANG NAM Province).
- (8) CG 1st Marine Aircraft Wing conducts aerial counter-insurgency operations against the enemies of GVN within ICTZ, and such other places as directed by higher authority; provides fixed and rotary wing aircraft for all-weather support of III MAF ground forces, RVNAF, and other FWMAF; and, participates in the air defense effort of Mainland Southeast Asia Air Defense Region from assigned bases and such other locations as may be directed by higher authority.
- (9) MACV Advisory Groups provide advice to RVNAF and perform liaison functions between RVNAF and U. S. and other FWMAF.
- (10) CG 1st ARVN Division conducts operations and supports the Revolutionary Development Program in the 12th DTA (QUANG TRI and THUA THIEN Provinces).
- (11) CG 2d ARVN Division conducts operations and supports the Revolutionary Development Program in the 12th DTA (QUANG NGAI and QUANG TIN Provinces).
- (12) Commander, QUANG NAM Sector conducts operations and supports the Revolutionary Development Program in QUANG NAM Province.

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- (13) CO, 35th Engineer Battalion, USA, conducts engineering operations to upgrade National Route One between DA NANG and PHU BAI.
- (14) CG, 2d Brigade, ROKMC, conducts operations within assigned TAOR and denies enemy access to the rocket belt and the DA NANG vital area from the south.
- (15) CO, 10th POLWAR Battalion, ARVN, conducts psychological operations in ICTZ.
- (16) CO, 7th PSYOP Battalion, U. S. Army, advises the CO, 10th POLWAR Battalion and supports psychological operations conducted by the CO, 10th POLWAR Battalion and the CG III MAF.
- (17) CO, Company C, 5th Special Forces Group (Abn) and subordinate detachments, advises, assists and supports Vietnamese Special Forces and selected District Chiefs at Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) camps throughout the ICTZ.

## 2. MISSION

1st Marine Division locates and destroys enemy forces, installations and LOC in zone; provides security for the DA NANG and PHU BAI TAOR's; locates and interdicts infiltration routes in area of operations, provides security for engineering effort on National Route One; provides security for logistics craft in inland waterways; conducts surveillance and reconnaissance in zone and other such areas as assigned; supports the RVNAF RD and pacification programs; provides supporting fires and reaction forces for CAP's, CIDG camps and district headquarters within assigned area and performs duties as sub-zone coordinator for the central sector ICTZ.

## 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations. Annex C (Concept of Operations).

b. Task Force XRAY

- (1) Conduct unilateral and joint offensive operations within assigned AO to locate and destroy enemy forces, bases and logistic installations with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.
- (2) Deploy forces throughout assigned AO to provide security for National Route One, the PHU BAI TAOR and vital areas and installations.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct offensive and reconnaissance operations within the EZ on order and to perform such additional reconnaissance tasks as may be assigned.

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- (4) Support the Revolutionary Development Program within assigned AO. Prepare specific reaction plans for each district headquarters and CAP in AO. Coordinate with ARVN forces as applicable. Reference (c).
- (5) Be prepared to conduct offensive operations exterior to assigned AO and RZ on order.
- (6) Locate and interdict routes of infiltration in AO.
- (7) Provide security, in coordination with NMCB units in the area, for dredges and NMCB port construction effort in the TAN MY-COL CO area.
- (8) Provide security for POL pipeline from TAN MY to HUE and the POL storage facilities at TAN MY.
- (9) Provide security for logistics craft in inland waterways.
- (10) Be prepared to provide one reinforced battalion for employment anywhere in RVN on a 12-hour notice.
- (11) Upon commitment of the reinforced battalion in the preceding paragraph, be prepared to deploy the remainder of a regiment within an additional 12 hours.
- (12) Provide security for engineer projects, rock crusher site and the upgrading of National Route One and other critical roads within the AO, with particular attention to vital bridges.
- (13) Be prepared to provide a company-size reaction force to defend the LAAM Battery at HAI VAN Pass.

c.. 7th Marines (Rein)

- (1) Conduct unilateral and joint offensive operations within assigned TAOR to locate and destroy enemy forces, bases and logistic installations with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.
- (2) Deploy forces throughout assigned TAOR to provide defense of the DA NANG complex; emphasis on routes of approach to probable rocket/mortar launch positions, to include waterways.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct offensive and reconnaissance operations within the RZ on order and to perform such other reconnaissance tasks as may be assigned.

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- (4) Support the Revolutionary Development Program within assigned TAOR. Prepare specific reaction plans for each district headquarters in assigned TAOR. Coordinate with ARVN forces as applicable. Reference (c).
  - (5) Be prepared to conduct offensive operations exterior to assigned TAOR and RZ on order.
  - (6) Provide security for the following bridges: Golden Gate Bridge (AT 965606), DAI LOC Bridge (AT 913557), Liberty Bridge (AT 923553), NAM O Bridge (AT 928841), CAP 2-1-4 Bridge (AT 945695), Marshall Bridge (AT 919598), London Bridge (AT 914587), CAP 2-2-4 Bridge (AT 867573), and White Bridge (AT 926866).
  - (7) Provide security for the ESSO Plant (AT 935865).
  - (8) Be prepared to provide one reinforced battalion for employment anywhere in RVN on a 12-hour notice.
  - (9) Upon commitment of the battalion in paragraph above be prepared to deploy the remainder of the regiment within an additional 12 hours.
  - (10) Be prepared to provide a relief force for the CIDG camp at THUONG DUC (ZC 142533). Reference (e).
  - (11) Be prepared to provide a rifle company (-) (rein) to CO, Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Battalion) for employment in the DA NANG area in connection with evacuation of noncombatants. Reference (f).
  - (12) Provide security for engineer projects and upgrading Routes # 14 and #5 and other critical roads within the TAOR with particular attention to the security of bridges and culverts.
  - (13) Provide a field grade officer for installation coordinator and a reinforced rifle company as security for AN HOA Combat Base vicinity grid AT 8747.
  - (14) Locate and interdict routes of infiltration in AO.
- d. 27th Marines (-)
- (1) Conduct unilateral and joint offensive operations within assigned TAOR to locate and destroy enemy forces and logistic installations



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with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.

- (2) Deploy forces throughout assigned TAOR to provide defense of the DA NANG vital area and military complex; emphasis on routes of approach to probable rocket/mortar launch positions, to include waterways.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct offensive and reconnaissance operations within the RZ on order.
- (4) Support the Revolutionary Development Program within assigned TAOR. Be prepared to provide a reaction force for relief of HOA VANG District Headquarters (BT 012723). Coordinate with ARVN forces and CO, 1st MP Bn as applicable. Reference (c).
- (5) Be prepared to conduct offensive operations exterior to assigned TAOR and RZ on order.
- (6) Be prepared to provide a company-size reaction force for the defense of SEA ANCHOR (BT 092690).
- (7) Be prepared to provide a company-size reaction force to the CO, Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Bn) for the purpose of blocking the escape of prisoners of war from the compound at grid BT 075715.
- (8) Be prepared to provide a relief force for the CIDG camp at THUONG DUC (ZC 142533). (Secondary responsibility - 7th Marines have the primary responsibility). Reference (e).
- (9) Be prepared to provide one reinforced battalion for employment anywhere in RVN on a 12-hour notice.
- (10) Upon commitment of the reinforced battalion in the preceding paragraph, be prepared to deploy the remainder of the regiment within an additional 12 hours.
- (11) Provide security for the following bridges: PU CAU (BT 036646), HA DONG (AT 990642), THANH QUAT (BT 042621) and New VINH DIEN (BT 055588).
- (12) Be prepared to provide a rifle company (-) (rein) to the CO, Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Bn) for employment in the DA NANG area in connection with evacuation of noncombatants. Reference (f).
- (13) Locate and interdict routes of infiltration in AO.

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- (14) Provide security for engineer projects and the upgrading of Routes #1 and #14, and other critical roads within the TAOR.

e. 11th Marines (Rein)

- (1) Organization for combat. Annex F (Artillery).
- (2) Provide artillery support in defense of the DA NANG base area, airfield and ancillary facilities.
- (3) Provide a controlling headquarters and artillery support as required for Task Force XRAY.
- (4) Provide fires in support of offensive operations within and beyond the TAOR's, AO and RZ.
- (5) Be prepared to provide fires to ARVN and other FWMA forces as directed.
- (6) Be prepared to provide fire support to the Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Bn) on order in defense of East and West DA NANG.
- (7) Be prepared to provide fire support to units performing assigned contingency tasks.
- (8) Command the Northern Sector Defense Command. Establish control and coordination facilities necessary to coordinate defense of assigned sector. Annex I (Alert/Defense Postures).
- (9) Train and maintain Rocket Investigation Teams. OperO 306A-68.

f. 1st Reconnaissance Battalion (-)

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) General support.
- (3) Conduct reconnaissance operations in the division TAOR's, AO, RZ and in such other locations as directed.

g. 1st Tank Battalion (Rein), FMF

- (1) General support.
- (2) Provide Co A (Rein) (AT) and one tank company (-) (rein) to TF XRAY.
- (3) Provide one company (rein) DS 7th Marines.
- (4) Provide one company DS 27th Marines.

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- (5) Be prepared to provide support as directed to 2d Brigade ROKMC.
  - (6) Be prepared to support units assigned contingency tasks.
  - (7) Command the Southern Sector Defense Command. Establish control and communications facilities necessary to coordinate defense of assigned sector. Provide security for the SONG TUY LOAN Bridge (AT 945705) and the SONG CAU DO Bridge (AT 998706).
- h. 3d Amphibian Tractor Battalion, FMF
- (1) General support.
  - (2) Provide one company (-) DS 2d Brigade ROKMC.
  - (3) Be prepared to provide one company (-) DS TF XRAY.
  - (4) Be prepared to support units assigned contingency tasks.
  - (5) Be prepared to provide reaction force to the CO, Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Bn) for the purpose of blocking the escape of prisoners of war from the compound at grid BT 075715.
- i. 1st Engineer Battalion (-)
- (1) General support.
  - (2) Provide one company (-) to TF XRAY.
  - (3) Provide one company DS 7th Marines.
  - (4) Conduct road sweep operations daily, as required, to open the critical roads throughout the TAOR's/AO.
  - (5) Be prepared to provide engineer support to units assigned contingency tasks.
- j. 11th Motor Transport Battalion
- (1) General support.
  - (2) Be prepared to provide direct support on order.
  - (3) Be prepared to provide motor transport support to units assigned contingency tasks.
  - (4) Reference (h).

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k. 1st Shore Party Battalion

- (1) General support.
- (2) Provide one company (-) to TF XRAY.
- (3) Provide Helicopter Support Teams as requested within capabilities.
- (4) Be prepared to support units assigned contingency tasks.

l. 1st Medical Battalion (-) (Rein)1st Hospital Company (Rein)

- (1) General support.
- (2) Be prepared to provide direct support as required.
- (3) Reference (h).

m. 7th Communication Battalion (-) FMF

- (1) General support.
- (2) Be prepared to provide direct support on order.
- (3) Be prepared to provide communication support to task organized headquarters as directed.

n. 9th IT Team (Rein), FMF. Provide interrogation and translation support as required.o. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Be prepared to provide local defense, or participate in the defense of other US or GVN installations within the TAOR and AO.
- (2) Be prepared to provide alert forces as required. Reference (i).
- (3) Conduct all operations so that noncombatant casualties and damage to civilian property are minimized. Annex J (Rules of Engagement).
- (4) Establish control measures to limit enemy access to foodstuffs, weapons, medicine and money. Annex K (Controlled Items).
- (5) Defense Readiness Conditions and MACV Security Conditions. Annex I (Alert Postures/Defenses).

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- (6) Make maximum use of VN liaison personnel during the conduct of operations for identification of friendly forces and as a means of contact with VN civilians.
- (7) Establish liaison with GVN officials at province, sector, district and village level, as appropriate, to facilitate the coordination of intelligence and operational activities.
- (8) Infantry regimental and battalion commanders be prepared to field a primary and a secondary command group, each capable of exercising tactical control of two or more maneuver elements.
- (9) Supplement and assist the Revolutionary Development Program whenever and wherever possible. Annex M (Revolutionary Development).
- (10) Psychological operations (PSYOP) are conducted in accordance with references (k) and (l).
- (11) Reports. Reference (m).
- (12) OPlan 120-67 (Air Reinforcement of KHE SANH).
- (13) OPlan 102-68 (Provisional Infantry Companies).
- (14) OperO 302-67 (Golden Fleece).
- (15) OperO 307-67 (County Fair).
- (16) OperO 306A-68 (Counter-Rocket).
- (17) OperO 308-68 (Waterway Control).
- (18) OPlan 107-68 (Counterattack Plan).
- (19) Annex E (Air Support, Coordination).
- (20) Annex F (Artillery).
- (21) Annex G (Naval Gunfire).
- (22) Annex H (Air Support).
- (23) Annex O (Antimechanized).

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Reference (h).

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## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Annex L (Communications-Electronics) and reference (n) (Div CEOI).

b. Command Relations

## (1) Marine forces command relations.

- (a) 1st Marine Division is under the command, less OPCON, of CG FMFPac and under the OPCON of CG III MAF.
- (b) The relationship between the supported unit commander and the supporting unit commander is normally that of direct support. For special tasks or operations, attachments for operational control (OPCON) only are made.

## (2) Marine and ARVN command relations

- (a) The basic concept underlying command relations between the 1st Marine Division and ARVN forces is one of cooperation and coordination in the mutual endeavors of both. As a matter of U. S. policy, U. S. forces are not placed under command or OPCON of allied commanders. However, this restriction does not preclude temporary tactical direction of U. S. forces by ARVN commanders under exceptional circumstances and by mutual agreement, or temporary direction of ARVN forces by U. S. commanders under certain circumstances. Matters of this nature will be referred to this headquarters.
- (b) The 1st Marine Division exercises coordination/cooperation/liaison with the Commander, QUANG NAM Sector and with the Senior Advisor, QUANG NAM Sector.
- (3) In regard to the defense of the DA NANG vital area, CG 1st Marine Division establishes necessary command, control and coordination facilities within the DA NANG TAOR and vicinity in order to direct and supervise the execution of assigned tasks.

c. Command Posts. Annex D (Operations Overlay).

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Headquarters Battalion (Rein)

Headquarters Bn

Hq Co (Rein)

Hq Co

Det, Hq Co, Hq Bn, 5th MarDiv

Comm Co (-)

Serv Co (-) (Rein)

Serv Co (-)

Det, Serv Co, Hq Bn, 5th MarDiv

MP Co (-) (Rein)

MP Co (-)

MP Plat, MP Co, Hq Bn, 5th MarDiv

1st Dental Co (-) (Rein), FMF

1st Dental Co (-), FMF

Det, 15th Dental Co, FMF

3rd CIT (Rein), FMF

3rd CIT, FMF

Det, 19th CIT, FMF

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2nd SSCT (-), FMF

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TF Hq & Hq Co

1st CIT, FMF

7th IT, FMF

13th ITT, FMF

Det, 2nd SSCT, FMF

Det, 1st Dental Co, FMF

5th Marines

1st Bn, 27th Marines (Rein)

1st Bn

H&S Co

Co A

Co B

Co C

Co D

Det, Co B, 5th Engr Bn

1st Medical Bn

1st Motor Transport Bn (-)

H&S Co

Co B

Co C

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1st Force Reconnaissance Co (Rein), FMF

1st Force Recon Co, FMF

Co C, 1st Recon Bn

Comm Co (-) (Rein), 7th Comm Bn, FMF

Comm Co (-)

Det, Radio Relay and Constr Co

Det, Comm Co, Hq Bn

7th AA Plat, 29th CA Co, USA

Btry D (-), 1st Bn, 44th Arty, USA

7th Marines (Rein)

Hq Co

1st Bn

2nd Bn

3rd Bn

3rd AA Plat, 29th CA Co, USA

27th Marines (-)

Hq Co

2nd Bn

3rd Bn (-)

H&S Co

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Co K

Co L

Co M

11th Marines (Rein)

Hq Btry

1st Field Artillery Grp, FMF

Hq Btry

2d Bn, 11th Mar

Hq Btry

Btry D

Btry E

Btry F

107mm Mortar Btry, 2d Bn, 13th Mar

Btry B, 1st Bn, 11th Mar

Btry L, 4th Bn, 11th Mar

2d Plat, 3d 8" How Btry (SP), FMF

3d Bn

4th Bn (-)

Hq Btry

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2d Bn, 13th Mar (-)

Hq Btry

Btry D

Btry E

Btry F

3d 8" How Btry (SP) (-), FMF

3d 155mm Gun Btry (SP), USA

1st Armored Amphibian Company (-), FMF

Btry B, 8th Bn, 4th Arty (SP), USA

Btry G (-), 29th Arty (SL), USA

1st Reconnaissance Battalion

H&S Co

Co A

Co B

Co D

Co E

Co B, 5th Recon Bn

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1st Tank Battalion (Rein), FMF

H&S Co

Co A

Co B

Co C

Co A (Rein) (AT)

Co A (AT)

Det, H&S Co, 1st AT Bn

1st Plat, Co B, 5th AT Bn

Co B (Rein), 5th Tank Bn

Co B

Det, H&S Co

Sect, Flame Plat, H&S Co

1st Engineer Battalion (-)

H&S Co (-)

Engr Spt Co (-) (Rein)

Engr Spt Co (-)

1st Plat, Co B, 5th Engr Bn

Co B (Rein)

Co B

Det, H&S Co

Det, Engr Spt Co

Co C (Rein)

Co C

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1st Plat Co A, 3rd Engr Bn

1st Shore Party Battalion (Rein)

H&S Co

Co B (Rein)

Co B

Det H&S Co

Co C (Rein)

Co C

1st Plat, Co A

Co B (Rein), 5th SP Bn

Co B

Det, H&S Co, 5th SP Bn

1st Hospital Company (Rein), FMF

1st Hosp Co, FMF

Co B, 5th Medical Bn

Clearing Plat, Co D, 1st Med Bn

3rd Amtrac Battalion, FMF

H&S Co (Rein)

H&S Co

1st Plat, Co B, 5th Amtrac Bn, FMF

Co A

Co B (-)(Rein)

Co B (-)

1st Plat, Co B, 1st Amtrac Bn, FMF

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7th Communication Battalion (-), FMF

Hq Co

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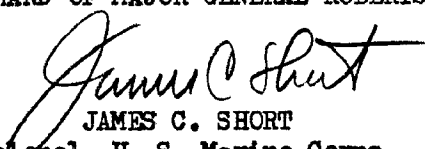
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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 301-68

Ref: (a) Maps: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS Series L7014, Sheets 6540 I, II;  
6541 I, II, III, IV; 6542 III, 6640 I, II, III, IV;  
6641 III, IV; 6441 I, II

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## 1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

- a. See 1st Marine Division Daily Intelligence Summary and all periodic and special intelligence reports as issued.
- b. See the 1st Marine Division Daily Enemy Indications for the next twelve hours.

## 2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

### a. Essential Elements of Information

- (1) Determine if the VC/NVA will attack Marine positions in the DA NANG and PHU BAI TAOR's. If so, where, when, in what strength, with what forces, and from what direction?
- (2) Determine if the VC/NVA will defend VC/NVA-held or controlled areas against Marine forces. If so, when, where, in what strength and with what forces?
- (3) Determine if the VC/NVA will reinforce units presently in or near the 1st Marine Division AOR. If so, when, where, how and with what forces?
- (4) Determine if the VC/NVA will withdraw his forces from the 1st Marine Division AOR. If so, when, to where, and for what reason?

### b. Other Intelligence Requirements

- (1) What defenses do the VC/NVA employ in and around their combat positions? Give special attention to the employment of automatic weapons and supporting arms, weak/strong points in the defensive system, routes of egress, routes of infiltration, hiding places for personnel/material, and tunnel patterns.

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- (2) Determine if the VC/NVA will use artillery, heavy mortars or rockets to shell or support an attack upon targets in the vital airfield areas and 1st Marine Division positions/installations. If so, by whom, from what position, when, and on which targets.
- (3) Determine the locations of VC/NVA headquarters, camps, rest areas, training areas, special cultivation areas, supply points, and weapon/ammunition storage areas.
- (4) Determine the VC/NVA defenses and counter-measures against reconnaissance, surveillance, and detection techniques/devices. Give special attention to methods of avoiding detection and contact.
- (5) Determine VC/NVA land and water routes for the infiltration of personnel and material in RVN. Give special attention to routes leading into and through the division's area of operations.
- (6) Determine suitable LZ's in projected areas of operation in the AOR.
- (7) Determine the methods and techniques employed by the VC/NVA to gain access to friendly positions/installations. Give special attention to infiltration of individuals or units by deceptive or clandestine means to include tunnelling and use of inland waterways.
- (8) Determine the VC/NVA methods/techniques of communication. Give special attention to the types of radios and telephones utilized and methods of employment; also note signs and signals used for warning; breaking contact; opening fire; and marking minefields, stake traps, and booby traps.
- (9) Determine the attitude of the local population toward the Marines and VC/NVA forces in areas defined as pacified, under pacification, cleared, neither GVN nor VC/NVA controlled, and VC controlled. What factors affect these attitudes?
- (10) Determine methods employed by the VC/NVA to control the population and to instill and maintain a hostile attitude toward Americans in the minds of the local population. What is the relative effectiveness of these different methods?
- (11) What is the effect of aircraft bombing, artillery, naval gunfire and tank fire on enemy emplacements with regard to material damage, casualties, and the morale of both VC and civilian population?

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- (12) What actions or attitudes on the part of the local population are indicative of the presence of the VC/NVA in the immediate and/or general area?
- (13) What is the enemy's rocket capability; what kind of rockets does the enemy possess, where are rockets stored, how are they stored and over what routes are they brought for resupply?
- (14) What effect does friendly aerial broadcasting and leaflet dropping have upon enemy morale? What is enemy morale and why?
- (15) What GVN controlled main routes and bridges are of interest to the enemy?
- (16) What is the enemy's capability of employing and/or defending against NBC warfare?
- (17) What are the enemy's intentions on Revolutionary Development Teams, CAP units and populated centers including district headquarters?
- (18) What agricultural areas are controlled by the enemy? What areas are actually cultivated by the enemy?
- (19) What is the enemy's anti-vehicular; anti-mechanized capability?
- (20) What is the enemy's capability to employ anti-personnel and antitank mines? Where are these mines manufactured and by whom?
- (21) What is the enemy's capability to defend against an amphibious assault? What counters will the enemy use against amphibious assault vehicles, swift boats, etc.?

## 3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

a. Area of Collection Responsibility

- (1) 1st Marine Division is responsible for the overall collection effort in the division AOR.
- (2) Task Force XRAY is responsible for coordinating the collection effort in their AOR and for coordinating with ARVN and FAMA forces in the overall intelligence effort in zone.
- (3) All units are responsible for the collection effort within their areas of responsibility.

b. Orders for Subordinate Commands

- (1) 27th Marines
  - (a) Conduct intelligence operations in AOR with emphasis on daylight and night patrolling, especially in those areas con-

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sidered the rocket belt, main and subsidiary avenues of approach, waterways and coastal areas.

- (b) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in any area assigned throughout SVN.
  - (c) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations at the company level when assigned in support of the Base Defense Battalion (1st MP Bn) in the DA NANG area.
- (2) 7th Marines (Rein)
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations in AOR with emphasis on daylight surveillance and night patrolling of the eastern end of Happy Valley, Elephant Valley, THUONG DUC Valley, main and subsidiary avenues of approach and waterways.
  - (b) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in areas as assigned throughout SVN.
- (3) 11th Marines (Rein)
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations within sector and conduct AO/VR daily coverage of the rocket belt.
  - (b) Conduct VR from established OP's.
  - (c) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations exterior to the division AOR/RZ in support of tactical units.
- (4) 1st Reconnaissance Bn
- (a) Conduct area, route and point reconnaissance throughout the RZ.
  - (b) Conduct reconnaissance screen for company, battalion, regimental and other operations as directed.
  - (c) Conduct reconnaissance operations to cover all likely avenues of approach and egress the enemy could use to launch or withdraw from an attack on the vital area.
  - (d) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations with swimmers in checking key bridges to ascertain the threat against same.
- (5) 1st Tank Bn (Rein), FMP
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations within sector.

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- (b) Conduct VR from established OP's.
  - (c) Conduct special intelligence operations with emphasis on acquiring information relative to enemy mechanized and/or anti-mechanized capability.
  - (d) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in support of infantry units assigned contingency tasks.
- (6) 3rd Amphibian Tractor Bn
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations with emphasis on acquiring information relative to enemy amphibious and/or anti-mechanized capability.
  - (b) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in support of infantry units assigned contingency tasks.
- (7) 1st Engineer Battalion (-)
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations with emphasis on acquiring information relative to enemy capability to disrupt travel over major roads and key bridges in AOR.
  - (b) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in support of infantry units assigned contingency tasks.
- (8) 11th Motor Transport Bn, FMF
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations with emphasis on road and bridge surveillance over main routes in AOR.
  - (b) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in support of infantry units assigned contingency tasks.
- (9) 1st Shore Party Bn
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations in support of infantry units within AOR.
  - (b) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in support of infantry units assigned contingency tasks.
- (10) 1st Medical Bn (Rein)/1st Hospital Company (Rein), FMF
- (a) Conduct intelligence operations with emphasis on acquiring

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information relative to new or unusual VC/NVA medical practices and/or use of medical supplies and their origin of manufacture.

(11) 7th Communication Bn (-), FMF

- (a) Conduct intelligence operations with emphasis on acquiring information relative to new or unusual VC/NVA communication procedures and/or use of communication equipment.

(12) Aerial Observation Unit

- (a) Conduct aerial reconnaissance flights as directed.
- (b) Report all indications of VC/NVA construction of fixed fortifications.
- (c) Report all VC/NVA early warning devices and measures.
- (d) Report all sightings of VC/NVA.

(13) 3rd and 9th Interrogation-Translation Teams and the 1st Interpreter Team. Report all significant information obtained from detainee(s) through interrogation; report significant information obtained from captured documents that have been translated.

(14) Headquarters Bn (Rein)

- (a) Conduct intelligence operations within AOR.
- (b) Conduct VR from established defensive positions.
- (c) Be prepared to conduct special intelligence operations in support of infantry units assigned contingency tasks.

(15) All Units Report Immediately

- (a) All VC/NVA sightings and contacts.
- (b) The size, direction, and location of all VC/NVA movements.
- (c) All fighting holes, tunnels, bunkers, caves and other fortifications destroyed.
- (d) Any sudden increase/decrease in attendance at unit market-places.

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- (e) Any sudden increase/decrease in attendance at unit MEDCAP.
- (f) The location and type of all mines and booby traps found.
- (g) Any trails, paths, or areas which VN civilians avoid using.
- (h) All supply and arms caches found.
- (i) All secondary explosions noted.
- (j) All suspicious or unusual river or road traffic.
- (k) All instances of VC/NVA warning measures and devices.
- (l) Any other information obtained to satisfy the intelligence requirements.

c. Requests to Higher and Adjacent Commands

(1) CG III MAF

- (a) Provide, as obtained, any information to satisfy the intelligence requirements.
- (b) In addition, provide information as obtained on:
  - 1. Hostile ground forces located in areas contiguous to the 1st Marine Division AOR.
  - 2. Nature and extent of enemy or potential enemy threat against 1st Marine Division AOR.
  - 3. Movement of additional enemy forces into division AOR.
  - 4. Enemy supply and infiltration routes into and within 1st Marine Division AOR.
  - 5. Degree of VC/NVA control of population and resources in areas of projected operations.
  - 6. Beach and surf conditions in objective areas of any projected amphibious operations.
  - 7. Suitable helicopter LZ's or projected operations outside 1st Marine Division AOR.
- (c) Provide requested aerial photography in support of current or projected operations as required.

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- (d) Provide assistance in special photo intelligence studies and provide targeting information material as acquired.
- (e) Provide additional intelligence specialist support as required.
- (f) Provide on call IR, night/day photography and SLAR as requested.
- (2) CG, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. Provide observation aircraft for aerial reconnaissance and surveillance.
- (3) CO, 1st Bn, 525th M.I. Grp. Provide unilateral intelligence coverage.

#### 4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

- a. Captured Personnel and Documents. Detainees and captured documents will be processed in accordance with existing directives.
- b. Commanders are referred to the following directives for guidance:

(1) Division Order 3461.2\_.

(2) Force Order 3461.2\_.

Division Order 3461.2\_.

Subj: Processing, exploiting, evacuating and accounting for detainees.

Force Order 3461.2\_.

Subj: Processing, exploiting, evacuating and accounting for prisoners of war.

- c. Captured Material. Routine processing of captured material will be effected through normal channels. Special emphasis, however, will be placed on rapid evacuation of captured material having significant intelligence value. Items of specific intelligence interest are as follows and will be forwarded to higher echelons as the tactical situation permits:
  - (1) All captured material (weapons, ammunition, foodstuffs, medical supplies, documents and maps) that have not heretofore been encountered.

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- (2) All communications equipment to include telephones, radios, and electronics.
- (3) All chemical warfare material (protective masks, decontamination kits, and chemical munitions).
- (4) VC/NVA uniforms, all types including head gear and accouterments.
- (5) Miscellaneous items such as flags, banners, political propaganda, pictures, etc.

## 5. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Maps and Charts

- (1) The standard tactical map for operations in Vietnam is: Map Vietnam, 1:50,000, AMS Series L7014. The following sheets are required for the DA NANG TACR.

6640 I, II, III, IV  
 6641 II, III, IV  
 6540 I, II  
 6541 II

- (2) Map sheets providing coverage of THUA THIEN, QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN and QUANG NGAI Provinces with overlap on North, South and West L7014 Series 1:50,000 scale are as follows:

6738 I, II, III, IV	6441 I
6739 I, II, III, IV	6541 I, IV
6740 III	6341 I
6638 I, IV	6342 II, III
6639 I, II, III, IV	6442 II, III
6640 I, II, III, IV	6542 III
6641 II, III, IV	
6539 I, II, III, IV	
6540 I, II, III, IV	
6541 II, III	
6440 I, II, III, IV	

- (3) Map sheets not shown above are available for other areas of SVN in limited quantities upon request. Map requests in large volume should be requested in advance.

- b. Requisition and Distribution. Requisition and distribution will be made on an as required basis.



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c. Aerial Photographs

- (1) A limited amount of "on hand" aerial photography is maintained at the P/IIU film library for the DA NANG TAOR/RZ. Also, a larger film library is maintained and is available at the III MAF P/IIU. This photo coverage is readily available to subordinate units on a temporary loan basis.
- (2) Photography can be obtained by submitting a photo request (in writing) to ACoS, G-2 (Attn: P/IIU) in accordance with Division Intelligence SOP.
- (3) Requests for high-performance aerial photography should be submitted at least ten days prior to desired delivery date. Additional delay may be anticipated during periods of inclement weather, particularly during the monsoon season. This factor should be acknowledged, permitting sufficient lead time for processing.

## 6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

- a. Counterintelligence personnel are available upon request. Assistance should be requested from the Commanding General (Attn: G-2).
- b. Counterintelligence personnel are authorized direct liaison for dissemination of counterintelligence information to using units.
- c. Area counterintelligence studies for special operations are available upon request. Requests should be submitted to the Commanding General, (Attn: G-2).
- d. Blacklists will be disseminated to 1st Marine Division units as published.

## 7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

a. Reports

- (1) Spot Reports. All contacts, sightings, and other intelligence information of an urgent nature will be immediately reported to this Headquarters by spot reports. The spot report will be in the format specified in current directives and will answer the questions who, what, where, when and how.
- (2) Shell Report/Mortar Report (SHELREP/MORTREP)
  - (a) See Division Order P3800.1.

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Subj: Standing Operating Procedures for Intelligence.

- (b) VC/NVA use of mortars/artillery/rockets will be reported immediately.
- (c) Crater analysis will be performed as soon as practicable and the results reported to this Headquarters and to the 11th Marines.

- (3) Intelligence Summary (INTSUM). Regiments and separate battalions will submit daily INTSUM's covering the period 0800-0800 to reach this Headquarters by 1200 daily. The INTSUM will be in the format as specified in DivO P3800.1. -/-

b. Distribution of Intelligence Reports

- (1) INTSUM's. 1st Marine Division INTSUM will be distributed to higher/adjacent headquarters, regiments and separate battalions.
- (2) Interrogation-Translation Reports. Information of immediate tactical value will be passed to the units concerned by the most rapid means available. Distribution of final reports will be as follows:

(a) Distribution:

G-2 III MAF	25	DOICC, HIEU DUC	1
Task Force XRAY	15	S-2 27th Marines	5
G-2 1st MarDiv	5	S-2 7th Marines	5
G-5 1st MarDiv	1	3rd ITT	1
SCI 1st MarDiv	1	9th ITT	1
SIO, QN SS HOI AN	1	AFIC, DA NANG	1
DSA, I Corps	1	NSDC	4
Cdr, 3rd CIT	1	SSDC	4
DOICC, HOA VANG	1	G-2 1st MAW	1
DOICC, DUC DUC	1	G-2 FLC	1
DOICC, DIA LOC	1	DOICC, DIEN BAN	1
DOICC, HIEU NHON	1		<u>79</u>

- (3) Special Intelligence Reports. When intelligence of special significance or timeliness is available, it will be disseminated by a Special Intelligence Report which will receive appropriate distribution.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. Normal reconnaissance and observation will be carried out by all

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units in their assigned areas of operation.

b. Units in contact make maximum effort to take prisoners daily.

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Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 301-68

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## 1. MISSION

1st Marine Division locates and destroys enemy forces, installations and LOC in zone; provides security for the DA NANG and PHU BAI TAOR's; locates and interdicts infiltration routes in area of operations, provides security for engineering effort on National Route One; provides security for logistics craft in inland waterways; conducts surveillance and reconnaissance in zone and other such areas as assigned; supports the RVNAF RD and pacification programs; provides supporting fires and reaction forces for CAP's, CIDG camps and district headquarters within assigned area and performs duties as sub-zone coordinator for the central sector ICTZ.

## 2. DEFINITIONS

- a. Division Tactical Area of Responsibility. The areas assigned to the 1st Marine Division in which the responsibility and authority for the development and maintenance of installations, control of movement and the conduct of tactical operations involving troops under division control is vested in the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. All fire and maneuver conducted within TAOR's or the effects of which impinge upon TAOR's, must be coordinated with the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division.
- b. Division Area of Operations. The division AO is that area exclusive of the division TAOR's which has been assigned to the division to enable accomplishment of assigned tasks. The Commanding General, 1st Marine Division has the same authority/responsibility in the AO as prescribed for a TAOR. All fire and maneuver conducted within the AO or the effects of which impinge upon it are coordinated with the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division. Coordination of operations within the division AO must be effected with the 11th DTA Commander (CG 1st ARVN Division).

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- c. Division Area of Responsibility. The area assigned to the 1st Marine Division, to include the TAOR's and AO, over which the Commanding General, 1st Marine Division has cognizance, but in which he conducts operations outside the TAOR's after coordination with the appropriate GVN authority. The division AOR consists of QUANG NAM Province except for that portion in the south occupied by the 2d Brigade ROKMC and the Americal Division, and the southern portion of THUA THIEN Province.
- d. Annex D (Operations Overlay) to Operation Order 304-68..

## 3. TASKS

- a. Tasks assigned and/or deduced are as follows:
  - (1) Locate and destroy enemy forces, bases and logistic installations in assigned area, with primary emphasis on those forces and bases which pose the greatest threat to GVN control of important population and economic centers and to the security of friendly military installations.
  - (2) Defend the DA NANG vital area and other areas, installations and LOC's of greatest political, economic and military importance in assigned area. Emphasis to the rocket belt and ingress and egress routes thereto.
  - (3) Provide security for DA NANG and PHU BAI TAOR's. Conduct high density day and night patrolling in the rocket belt and vicinity.
  - (4) Locate and interdict routes of infiltration in assigned area.
  - (5) Provide security for NMCB/engineer construction effort in upgrading and maintaining Route One.
  - (6) Provide security for logistics craft in inland waterways.
  - (7) Conduct surveillance and reconnaissance in assigned area and perform such additional reconnaissance tasks as may be assigned by Commanding General, III MAF.
  - (8) Assist RVNAF, as requested and appropriate, in support of revolutionary development and pacification to include:
    - (a) Provision for security in areas undergoing revolutionary development.

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- (b) Elimination of the VC infrastructure and the VC tax collection system with special emphasis on a coordinated intelligence effort with ARVN forces and GVN civil authorities.
  - (c) Denying the enemy the use of resources from the national economy.
  - (d) Military civic action activities, as appropriate.
  - (e) Cooperation with, and temporary support of refugee authorities, as required, when refugees are generated by military operations.
- (9) Provide supporting fires and be prepared to provide a reaction force for Combined Action Platoons within assigned area.
  - (10) Coordinate with and provide support as required to CIDG camps within assigned area. Be prepared for relief operations for CIDG camps and district headquarters.
  - (11) Provide alert forces as required.
  - (12) Conduct psychological operations in support of GVN and US/FWFAF objectives as appropriate.
  - (13) Perform duties as sub-zone coordinator for the central sector, IOTZ.

## 4. CONCEPT

- a. General. 1st Marine Division deploys its forces throughout the assigned area of responsibility and establishes necessary control and coordination facilities in order to direct, control, coordinate and supervise the execution of assigned tasks.
- b. Offensive operations are conducted within the AOR to seek out, capture or destroy enemy forces, bases and logistic installations, with special emphasis to those posing a threat to population/government/economic centers and to friendly military installations. Operations are conducted with division forces, plus supporting forces from 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, ARVN, ROKMC, U.S. Army and U.S. Navy as available or as required. Battalion and larger size operations are conducted only with approval of CG III MAF. Less than battalion size operations are planned and conducted by the participating unit, which keeps higher headquarters informed.

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- c. Maneuver elements and supporting arms are disposed to provide maximum security for the DA NANG TAOR and vital area, the PHU BAI TAOR and other areas, installations and LOC's of greatest political, economic and military importance in the division AOR. Emphasis is placed on the rocket belt and routes of ingress and egress thereto. High density patrolling is established within the rocket belt. Positive control is maintained over waterways. Check points are established and interdiction of waterways is accomplished to deny the enemy the use thereof. All available mechanical/electrical devices are used to assist with surveillance. Artillery and aerial observers provide aerial surveillance. Artillery and infantry units operate OP's along enemy routes of ingress.
- e. Security is provided for engineer effort in the maintenance and upgrading of National Route One and other critical roads within the division AOR. Security is provided for logistics craft in inland waterways.
- e. Reconnaissance and surveillance operations are conducted within TAOR's, AO and reconnaissance zone as required and such additional reconnaissance tasks as may be assigned by III MAF are accomplished. These operations are conducted to deny the enemy the opportunity to launch an organized attack against or within TAOR and AO and important installations therein. Enemy lines of communications are disrupted, either through ground action or as the result of observed fire controlled by ground or aerial reconnaissance forces.
- f. Assistance is rendered, as requested and appropriate, to RVNAF in support of revolutionary development and pacification. The revolutionary development program receives continuing support from the division in the conduct of all operations. Directly, such operations as GOLDEN FLEECE have an immediate and beneficial effect. Indirectly, the presence of Marine forces contributes to the program by providing area security. Often lines of communication are open to indigenous travel only through the efforts of Marine engineer and security forces.
  - (1) The elimination of the VC infrastructure and tax collection system with special emphasis on coordinated intelligence efforts with ARVN forces and GVN civil authorities is given consideration in operational planning, as is the denial to the enemy of resources from the national economy.
  - (2) Military civil action activities are conducted based on guidance from higher authority in support of the GVN Revolutionary Development Program. Those having a long term impact are

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conducted in coordination with appropriate GVN officials and CORDS/MACV Advisors. Military civic action operations in support of unilateral tactical operations are of short term, immediate impact type, designed to favorably establish the image of U. S. Forces in support of the GVN, and to render immediate assistance to the populace. These include cooperation with, and temporary support of refugee authorities, as required, when refugees are generated by military operations, rendering medical assistance, the provision of emergency food needs and possibly temporary shelter.

- g. Support is provided for Combined Action Platoons, district headquarters and CIDG camps within the assigned area. Plans for reaction/relief forces and fire support are formulated and executed as required.
- h. Alert forces are dispatched as required, to provide immediate security, reinforce an engaged unit, or to relieve a unit in contact. The alert force is prepared for employment anywhere in SVN. A battalion is prepared to deploy on 12 hours notice. When this battalion is committed, the remainder of a regimental size force is prepared for deployment on an additional 12 hour notice.
- i. Psychological operations are conducted in support of combat operations with military psychological operations assets available. Psychological operations emphasize Revolutionary Development and Chieu Hoi, and are designed to nullify enemy propaganda and to gain popular understanding and support of the herbicide program. Planning for the conduct of psychological operations is concurrent and closely coordinated with combat operational planning.
- j. Commanding General, 1st Marine Division functions as sub-zone coordinator for the Central Sector, ICTZ and as such coordinates specific functions or activities involving two or more services or two or more forces of the same service.
- k. Commanding General, Task Force XRAY controls and coordinates division operations in THUA THIEN Province and functions as sub-zone coordinator for that portion of the Central Sector, ICTZ in zone.
- l. The 1st Marine Air Wing provides fire support with tactical aircraft, helicopter support for tactical lift of troops, resupply and medical evacuation and other aircraft wing services in support of division operations.
- m. Naval gunfire support is provided by Seventh Fleet as available and as required.



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