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1. 3d Marine Division Operation Plan 37-64 prepared for CO, RLT____ is a RLT level plan which provides for the deployment of a RLT to the REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN) as a ground element of the 9th MEB. This plan supports reference (a) and specifies certain military operations designed to assist in the stabilization of the situation in RVN.

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6658 IV
(b) 3d MarDiv Order P3000.1_

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.

a. General.

- (1) This plan provides for the rapid deployment of a RLT to DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (RVN) and initial dispositions in that area.
- (2) A U.S. National decision has been made to take political, economic and military action to improve the situation in RVN and stabilize the existing government, while making concomitant contingency plans for a sequence of expanded U.S. and RVN pressures outside of RVN.
- (3) In furtherance of the above decision, plans have been made which provide for U.S. forces to support or participate with RVN forces in the conduct of graduated operations to eliminate or reduce to negligible proportions the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM's (DRV) support of the VIET CONG (VC) insurgency in RVN. These graduated actions are in three categories:

(a) Category 1 - Control or curtailment of VC

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activity on or through the RVN/LAOS and RVN/CAMBODIAN borders. During this category the RLT will either be activated or prepares to activate for operations.

(b) Category 2 - Selective retaliatory actions by RVN forces against DRV. If not previously activated, the RLT will be activated for operations and prepares for rapid deployment.

(c) Category 3 - Expanded military pressures by both U.S. and RVN forces against DRV. This is the specific category covered by this plan; the deployment to DANANG, RVN.

(4) For security reasons, the information in this plan is limited to that which subordinate units need to know. Accordingly, most of the information pertaining to U.S. and RVN higher and supporting units will be limited.

b. Enemy forces. Annex D (Intelligence).

c. Friendly forces.

(1) 9th MEB, on order CG, III MEF, moves by air and sea, and commencing D-day, lands in DANANG, RVN; and immediately assumes a tactical and logistical posture for the initiation of combat operations as directed.

(2) I Corps, ARVN is deployed throughout I Corps Tactical Zone, which is coincident with the 9th MEB zone of action. RVN forces in I Corps include 2 Infantry Divisions, 9 combat support and service support units, 55 Civil Guard Companies, 10 Civilian Irregular Defense Group Companies and 281 Self Defense Corps Platoons. The RVN Navy has various patrol craft and junks in the area.

(3) Artillery. D/S ArtyBn, 12th Mar attached. See Annex A (Task Organization).

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(4) Air.

- (a) 315th Air Division, USAF and MATS provide airlift to the objective area and initial aero-medical evacuation.
 - (b) 2nd Air Division, USAF provides aviation support and services in RVN including deployment of 1 Troop Carrier Squadron, 1 Fighter Interceptor Squadron and control facilities to DANANG.
 - (c) A USN VPRON deploys to DANANG for ASW and surveillance operations.
 - (d) A USN Carrier Strike Force is positioned to conduct air strikes in support of operations.
 - (e) Task Element 79.3.3.6, a USMC HMM Squadron, provides airlift for logistical resupply, air evacuation and continues current missions.
 - (f) Composite MAG, 9th MEB, deploys by air and sea to DANANG, prepared to assume early control of the HMM Squadron of the SLF; establishes tactical operating base to include a separate facility for helicopters, if required; establishes air control agencies, prepared to conduct air operations, as required.
- (5) Brigade Logistics Support Group (ELSG). On order, deploys by air and sea to DANANG, prepared to conduct operations, as required.
- (6) Brigade Engineer Group (BEG). On order, deploys by air and sea to DANANG, prepared to conduct operations, as required.
- (7) 7th Fleet and MSTs shipping provide sea lift, as required.

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d. Attachments and detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

e. Assumptions.

- (1) That DANANG will be under friendly control at the time this plan is executed.
- (2) That the armed forces of RVN will cooperate to the degree necessary during the deployment to DANANG.
- (3) That current restrictions on U.S. operations in SOUTHEAST ASIA will be lifted to permit implementation of actions included in this plan.

2. MISSION. Commencing on order, RLT___ deploys by air and sea to DANANG, prepared to assume early control of the BLT with the SLF; and conducts reconnaissance operations, security missions and offensive/defensive operations, as directed.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation. Annex B (Concept of Operation).

b. BLT #1.

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air and sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) Upon arrival at DANANG airfield, occupy an assembly area to be designated, prepared for immediate deployment as required.
- (3) On order, be prepared to occupy and defend RLT objectives A, B, C and D or others to be designated in zone.
- (4) On order, be prepared to establish roadblocks number 6 and 7 or others to be designated in zone.
- (5) On order, be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations in accordance with Annex D (Intelligence).

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- (6) On order, be prepared to provide security to occupy or control the key Esso Standard Eastern POL storage facility outside of zone at LIEN CHIEU, vic coor 936864, and to provide security for other key installations/facilities which may be assigned.
- (7) Be prepared to conduct offensive/defensive operations as may be directed.

c. BLT #2.

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air and sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) Upon arrival at DANANG airfield, occupy an assembly area to be designated, prepared for immediate deployment as required.
- (3) On order, be prepared to occupy and defend RLT objectives E and F or others to be designated in zone.
- (4) On order, be prepared to establish roadblocks number 4 and 5 or others to be designated in zone.
- (5) On order, be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations in accordance with Annex D (Intelligence).
- (6) On order, be prepared to provide security forces to protect critical installations/facilities to be assigned.
- (7) Be prepared to conduct offensive/defensive operations as may be directed.

d. BLT (SLF).

- (1) Commencing on order of CG, 9th MEB, land by

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helicopter at DANANG airfield and by surface means over Beach BLUE, or if directed, alternatively over Beach RED; occupy the airfield and landing beach area, prepared for immediate deployment as required. See Annex B (Concept of Operation).

- (2) Be prepared at any time after landing, to revert to RLT___ control.
- (3) Upon reversion to RLT___ control and on order, be prepared to:
 - (a) Occupy and defend such RLT___ objectives as may be assigned.
 - (b) Establish roadblocks number 1, 2, and 3 or others to be designated in zone.
 - (c) Conduct reconnaissance operations in accordance with Annex D (Intelligence).
 - (d) Conduct offensive/defensive operations as may be directed.
- (4) When under RLT___ control and on order, be prepared to provide security forces to protect critical installations/facilities as follows:
 - (a) DANANG airfield complex to include control facilities, radio station, hangars, shops, hydrant refueling system, POL storage, ordnance and other storage areas, barracks and DUY TAN military hospital.
 - (b) Army POL pier and storage on TOURANE River at DANANG.
 - (c) Shell POL pier and storage on TOURANE River at DANANG.
 - (d) THUONG GANG Wharf, MUNICIPAL Wharf, NEW CUSTOMS Pier, MILITARY Wharf and their associated storage facilities; all located on the TOURANE River at DANANG.

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- (e) Bridge across the TOURANE River at DANANG.
- e. Amphibian Tractor Co (-)(Rein), 1st Amphibian Tractor Bn, FMF.
 - (1) Commencing on order, deploy by sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
 - (2) General support.
- f. Anti-Tank Co (-)(Rein), 3d Anti-Tank Bn.
 - (1) Commencing on order, deploy by sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
 - (2) General support.
- g. D/S Artillery Bn (-), 12th Marines.
 - (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air and sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
 - (2) General support.
- h. Engineer Co (-)(Rein), 3d Engineer Bn.
 - (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air and sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
 - (2) General support.
 - (3) On order, be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations in accordance with Annex D (Intelligence).
- i. Reconnaissance Co (-), 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 - (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
 - (2) General support.
 - (3) On order, be prepared to conduct reconnaissance operations in accordance with Annex D (Intelligence).

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j. Tank Co (-)(Rein), 3d Tank Bn.

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air and sea to DANANG in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.

k. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) D-day is defined as the day landing operations commence at DANANG.
- (2) Be prepared to protect U.S. citizens and property and assist in the evacuation of U.S. and other designated non-combatants.
- (3) Report situation with respect to RVN forces immediately, to include when feasible, strength, composition, dispositions and combat effectiveness.
- (4) Be prepared at all times for overt or covert DRV/CHICOM intervention.
- (5) Passive air defense and dispersion will be emphasized.
- (6) Be prepared to submit reports in accordance with para 104 of reference (b), when required.
- (7) Be prepared to release attachments to parent units, on order.
- (8) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt, and for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Plan 37-64.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex G (Communications - Electronics).

b. Command posts.

(1) Planning.

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RLT___ - - - - - CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA
ELSG - - - - - CAMP MCTUREOUS, OKINAWA
BEG - - - - - CAMP KINSER, OKINAWA

(2) Deployed.

9th MEB - - - - - To be announced
RLT___ - - - - - See Annex B (Concept
of Operation)

Subordinate units report locations when established.

c. Command relationships.

- (1) Command relationships between BLTs, RLT___ and 9th MEB are normal.
- (2) BLT(SLF) will come initially under operational command of the CG, 9th MEB and then to CO, RLT___ upon his arrival in the DANANG area.

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- B - Concept of Operation
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO,
 RLT____

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv Op Order 201-64

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

(All attachments effective upon activation for operations)

RLT

Hq Co (-)(Rein), Inf Regt
 MT Co (-)(Rein), 3d MT Bn
 Det, Comm Spt Co, FMF

BLT #1

Inf Bn, Inf Regt
 Det, Hq Bn
 Det, Hq Co, Inf Regt (Radio Relay)
 105mm How Btry (Rein), D/S Arty Bn, 12th Mar
 AT Plat (Rein), AT Co, 3d AT Bn
 Engr Plat (Rein), Engr Co, 3d Engr Bn
 Det, 3d Svc Bn
 Trk Plat (Rein), Trk Co, 3d MT Bn
 Det, EOD Plat, Ammo Co, ASD Bn, 3d FSR
 Det, Coll Plat, C&C Co, 3d Med Bn

BLT #2

Inf Bn, Inf Regt
 Det, Hq Bn
 Det, Hq Co, Inf Regt (Radio Relay)
 105mm How Btry (Rein), D/S Arty Bn, 12th Mar
 AT Plat (Rein), AT Co, 3d AT Bn
 Engr Plat (Rein), Engr Co, 3d Engr Bn
 Det, 3d Svc Bn
 Trk Plat (Rein), Trk Co, 3d MT Bn
 Det, EOD Plat, Ammo Co, ASD Bn, 3d FSR
 Det, Coll Plat, C&C Co, 3d Med Bn

BLT (SLF) (when attached to RLT____)

Inf Bn, Inf Regt
 Det, Hq Bn
 105mm How Btry (Rein), D/S Arty Bn, 12th Mar
 Tk Plat (Rein), Tk Co, 3d Tk Bn
 AT Plat (Rein), AT Co, 3d AT Bn
 AmTrac Plat (Rein), AmTrac Co, 1st AmTrac Bn
 Engr Plat (Rein), Engr Co, 3d Engr Bn
 Recon Plat (Rein), Recon Co, 3d Recon Bn
 Det, 3d Svc Bn

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Trk Plat (Rein), Trk Co, MT Bn
 Det, Coll Plat, C&C Co, 3d Med Bn
 Det, EOD Plat, Ammo Co, ASD Bn, 3d FSR
AmTrac Co (-)(Rein), 1st AmTrac Bn, FMF
AT Co (-)(Rein), 3d AT Bn
D/S Arty Bn (-), 12th Mar
Engr Co (-)(Rein), 3d Engr Bn
Recon Co (-), 3d Recon Bn
Tank Co (-)(Rein), 3d Tk Bn

NOTE: Actual units to fit the above task organization will be those from current contingency assignments. Detailed organization will be in accordance with reference (a).

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RLT___

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Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. MISSION. Commencing on order, RLT___ deploys by air and sea to DANANG, prepared to assume early control of the RLT with the SLF; and conducts reconnaissance operations, security missions and offensive/defensive operations, as directed.
2. GENERAL. This annex provides for the rapid deployment of a RLT to DANANG, RVN and assigns initial dispositions in that area. The deployment of RLT___ will be accomplished during Category 3 (Expanded military pressures by both U.S. and RVN forces against DRV) as developed in the basic plan. Execution of these graduated military pressures against DRV may result in DRV and/or CHICOM intervention. Accordingly, RLT___, as part of the 9th MEB, deploys to DANANG prior to operations against DRV to act as a deterrent force, and to be in a position for offensive/defensive operations if deterrence fails.
3. CONCEPT.
 - a. RLT___ is activated for operations as part of the actions under Category 1 or 2 of this plan. Category 3, the deployment to DANANG, envisages 30 days notice prior to implementation.
 - b. Appendix 1 (Deployment of Forces) to this annex contains a general plan for the deployment of RLT___ by air and sea.
 - c. Appendix 2 (Operation Overlay) to this annex indicates landing beaches, zones of action and tentative RLT objectives and roadblocks.

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- d. Prior to D-day, a liaison group from the 9th MEB, including RLT representatives, will proceed by air to DANANG to facilitate the deployment. This group will insure orderly landing of the RLT and select assembly areas and routes. New missions may be assigned subordinate units depending on the situation at that time.
- e. On order of CG, 9th MEB, the RLT of the SLF lands at DANANG. The helicopterborne elements land at and secure the airfield. The surface elements land over Beach BLUE or alternatively Beach RED and secure the beach area. This RLT will revert to RLT___ control on order, prepared to execute the missions contained in paragraph 3 of the basic plan.
- f. RLT___ airlift echelon and RLTs #1 and 2 airlift echelons deploy by air on D-day and D plus 1. Upon arrival DANANG airfield, units will move as directed to assembly areas as designated, prepared to execute the missions contained in paragraph 3 of the basic plan.
- g. RLT___ surface echelon and RLT seatails will embark aboard ship as directed, and close on DANANG by D plus 8. Upon arrival at DANANG, they will deploy as directed by parent units.
- h. As early as practicable, RLT___ units will be ordered to commence reconnaissance operations in accordance with Annex D (Intelligence).

4. SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS.

- a. RLT___ continues to conduct reconnaissance operations and maintains a readiness posture from positions assigned.
- b. RLT___ prepares to conduct such operations during the deterrent stage of deployment as required and as directed by CG, 9th MEB. Possible operations include:

(1) Reinforcement and support of RVN operations.

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- (2) Amphibious raids against targets in DRV.
- (3) Counterinsurgency operations against VIET CONG.
- c. In the event of DRV and/or CHICOM intervention, conduct such offensive/defensive operations as ordered.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Deployment of Forces
- 2 - Operation Overlay

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Appendix 1 (Deployment of Forces) to Annex B (Concept of
Operation) to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO, RLT___

Ref: None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

UNIT	MOVEMENT MEANS	CURRENT LOCATION	DESTINATION	CLOSING DATE
RLT (-)	Air	OKINAWA	DANANG	D plus 1
BLT #1 (-)	Air	OKINAWA	DANANG	D-Day
BLT #2 (-)	Air	OKINAWA	DANANG	D plus 1
BLT (SLF)	Sea	At Sea	DANANG	D-Day
RLT (Seatail)	Sea	OKINAWA	DANANG	D plus 8
BLT #1 (Seatail)	Sea	OKINAWA	DANANG	D plus 8
BLT #2 (Seatail)	Sea	OKINAWA	DANANG	D plus 8

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Annex D (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO, RLT____

Ref: (a) OOB, S 005-64, Hq, 3d MarDiv
(b) 3d MarDiv Order P3800.1_ (SOP Intel)

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1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. Enemy forces in VC military region V, QUANG NAM Province, in which DANANG is located, include 2 regular, hard core VC battalions, 2 provincial companies and 1 separate platoon. Unconfirmed reports of 3 separate companies also exist. Recent intelligence indicates the total enemy strength in the DANANG area is 720. In all of VC military region V, there is a total of 7,230 VC.
- b. For detailed information concerning organization, composition, disposition, armament, tactics and techniques, see reference (a).
- c. See current ISUMs, as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. Determine any movements of enemy forces into areas from which attacks against RLT dispositions can be launched.
- b. Determine the identity, strength, composition and disposition of enemy forces in RLT zone of responsibility.
- c. Determine if the VC will conduct guerrilla warfare operations against the RLT prior to the commitment of regular DRV/CHICOM forces and/or support of DRV/CHICOM military operations. If so, to what extent and in what strength?

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- d. Determine the current conditions in the RLT zone to include: civil security, VC operations, attitude of local populace and disposition of RVN forces.
- e. Determine usability of in-area facilities such as roads, trains, airfields, etc.
- f. Determine any general movement of DRV/CHICOM forces from normal operating areas toward the RLT zone.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

- a. Orders to subordinate units. See Appendix 1 (Reconnaissance and Surveillance) and Sections 4 and 5 of reference (b).
- b. Requests to higher, adjacent and supporting units.
None.
- c. Coordinating instructions. Appendix 2 (Area Study) contains basic information on the objective area.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PRISONERS, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND CAPTURED MATERIEL.

a. Prisoners.

- (1) Units below battalion level will confine their questioning to information of immediate tactical importance or necessary for the control of prisoners.
- (2) Unless IT Teams are attached to or placed in support, battalions will limit their interrogation to developing information of immediate tactical significance.
- (3) The capturing unit is responsible for providing guards and transportation to move prisoners to the rear.

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- (4) Location of BLT ___ POW collection point. To be announced.
- (5) Persons participating in VC activities or suspected VC sympathizers will be treated as prisoners of war.
- (6) See sections 6 and 7 of reference (b).

b. Captured documents. See sections 6 and 7 of reference (b).

c. Captured materiel.

- (1) Materiel will be evacuated to a salvage collection point to be designated. Reports will be made to this Headquarters (S-2) to insure proper processing.
- (2) See sections 6 and 7 of reference (b).

5. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

a. Planning maps and charts.

- (1) A limited quantity of planning maps and charts will be issued upon activation for planning.
- (2) BLT (SLF) embarks with contingency map packets.

b. Operational maps and charts.

- (1) Upon activation for operations, maps and charts will be issued. Requests for additional copies or resupply will be submitted to this Headquarters.
- (2) The standard map for planning is 1:250,000.
- (3) The standard tactical map is 1:50,000.

c. Position referencing system.

- (1) The UTM Grid System will be used for ground operations.

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(2) Geographic coordinates will be used in any area not covered by the UTM Grid System. If a possibility of confusion exists as to which system is being used, state the reference system in the message.

(3) When referring to towns, villages, etc., include coordinates in addition to the name.

d. Aerial photographs.

(1) A limited quantity of aerial photographs will be made available for planning.

(2) Upon activation for operations and in the objective area, specific requests for aerial photographs will be submitted to this Headquarters utilizing the format contained in section 9 of reference (b).

(3) Automatic distribution of aerial photo interpreters' reports will be made as they become available.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. See section 8 of reference (b).

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.

a. ISUMs. ELTs will submit intelligence summaries (ISUMs) as of 0800 and 2000 to reach this Headquarters by 1000 and 2200 daily, after arrival in the objective area. For format see reference (b), section 12.

b. The following guide will be used in establishing the precedence for the submission of intelligence reports.

(1) Flash Reports (Z). Only that information of extreme urgency, ie.;

(a) Initial sighting of enemy armor and mechanized forces.

(b) Air or airborne attack.

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- (c) Enemy counterattack.
 - (d) Indications of CBR usage.
 - (e) Initial enemy contact.
- (2) Immediate Reports (O). Used for the purpose of amplifying Flash Reports or for information which gravely menaces the command. For examples of this category, see section 12 of reference (b).
- (3) Priority Reports (P). Information that is less critical, either in point of time or in the degree to which it may effectively impede operations. For examples of this category, see section 12 of reference (b).
- (4) Routine Reports (R). Used for all messages which justify transmission by rapid means not covered in the above.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Reconnaissance and Surveillance
- 2 - Area Study

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Ref: (a) TACCTA, DANANG Area, 1:250,000
(b) Map: INDOCHINA, 1:50,000, AMS Series L701, Sheets
6659 II and III, 6658I and Series L005, Sheet
6658 IV

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1. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

a. Orders to subordinate units.

(1) BLT #1.

- (a) Upon arrival in zone of action, establish and maintain observation over entry into DANANG from the northern portion of National Route 1 and Railroad Line 1 to south from patrol objective number 10 to AN CU.
- (b) On order, establish and maintain observation over the roadway running approximately 3000 meters southwest and east approximately 4000 meters to railroad line from THAN SON at vic coor 924793.
- (c) On order, maintain observation over any attempt to navigate the CA DE SONG River from the bend at vic coor 861859 east to the BAY OF TOURANE.
- (d) On order, be prepared to conduct patrols to patrol objectives number 7, 8, 9 and 10 in zone. Helicopters will be used, if available, otherwise motorized/foot patrols will be conducted.

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- (c) Report as obtained, all information on the movement of non-U.S./RVN military forces or civilian personnel.
- (2) BLT #2.
 - (a) Upon arrival at DANANG, report on occurrence, the location, strength, identity and activity of all non-U.S./RVN military or civilian personnel.
 - (b) On order, establish and maintain observation over the roadway running east toward DIA LA vic coor 932734.
 - (c) Maintain observation over National Route 1 entering zone from the south.
 - (d) On order, be prepared to conduct patrols to patrol objectives 4, 5 and 6 in zone. Helicopters will be used if available, otherwise motorized/foot patrols will be conducted.
 - (e) Observe and report any attempts to navigate the SONG THU LON and SONG CAM LE Rivers.
- (3) BLT (SLF).
 - (a) Upon arrival in the objective area, report on occurrence, location, strength, identity and activity of any U.S./RVN military or civilian group(s).
 - (b) On order, establish and maintain observation over the ferry located vic coor 038782.
 - (c) Maintain observation over attempts to navigate the TOURANE River and the SONG VIEN DIEN River.
 - (d) Maintain observation over the southern portion of National Route 1.

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- (e) On order, be prepared to conduct patrols to patrol objectives 1, 2, and 3 in zone. Helicopters will be used, if available, otherwise motorized/foot patrols will be conducted.

(4) Reconnaissance Co (-)(Rein). 3d Reconnaissance Bn.

- (a) On order, be prepared to establish observation posts and to conduct reconnaissance missions, as directed.
- (b) Report as obtained, all information on location, identity, strength, and activity of all non-U.S./RVN or civilian personnel.

(5) Engineer Co (-)(Rein). 3d Engineer Bn. On order, be prepared to reconnoiter routes, bridges and streams, as directed.

(6) Coordinating instructions.

- (a) All units report immediately any signs of active hostility on the part of civilians in respective zones.
- (b) Submit detailed patrol overlay to this Headquarters by 1400 daily to include OP's and patrol routes/plans.
- (c) For patrol areas and objectives, see Tab A (Patrol Area) to this appendix.

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TABS:

A - Patrol Area

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Ref: (a) Amphibious Objective Study, ONI 41-20 (TOURANE)
 (b) 3d MarDiv SIS 001-62
 (c) DIIR 103-63
 (d) FICP, SPIR 001-62

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1. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA.

a. Location. The DANANG (TOURANE) area is located on the east coast of RVN, equidistant between HANOI and SAIGON and extends approximately 20 miles inland from the coast. The city of DANANG is situated on a low sandy plain and occupies an area of two square miles on the south shore of the BAY OF TOURANE. The built up area is bordered on the east by the TOURANE River. The level terrain extends about five miles west and twenty miles south. Beyond these limits, wooded hills rise to elevations of more than 1,000 feet in the west and over 2,000 feet in the southwest. Rugged headlands to the northeast and northwest, with elevations between 2,000 and 4,000 feet shelter the harbor from the force of the sea. In addition to access via the SOUTH CHINA SEA, there is access by railroad, air and road.

b. The City of DANANG.

(1) Physical Characteristics.

(a) DANANG is second only to the SAIGON complex in importance. The urban area consists mainly of the port area, business, military and residential areas. Adjacent to the port area is the central business district, the more densely built-up part of the city. Retail shops are housed mainly in two-story, stucco masonry structures. Most of the retail business is owned by the Chinese who have their living quarters on the second floor of these buildings.

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- (b) The street pattern of the urban area is generally rectangular. The layout of the streets is north-south and east-west, conforming generally to the alignment of QUAI-COURBET, the principal street along the bank of the TOURANE River, and of BOULEVARD DE LA REPUBLIQUE, which is perpendicular to QUAI-COURBET and connects the river front with the main SAIGON-HANOI highway. The city can be bypassed through this north-south coastal route. The main railway station is in the northwest portion of the city. Nearby are repair shops, a 50-foot turntable and a turning "Y". The population is estimated at 60,000.

(2) Utilities, Services, Facilities and Industries.

- (a) DANANG is supplied with electrical power from a power plant having four thermal units with a capacity of 500 kilowatts. These units generate three phase 50-cycle alternating current supplied at 120 and 200 volts, used mainly for lighting.
- (b) There is no gas or municipal water supply. The principle source of water is public and private wells. Bottled purified water is sold in hospitals. All water should be boiled before use.
- (c) Detailed information on sewage disposal and collection is lacking. There are no underground sewers.
- (d) In comparison to other cities in RVN, DANANG is relatively healthy. Diseases commonly found in the city, scabies and dysentery, seldom reach the epidemic stage.
- (e) There are two hospitals located in DANANG, a civilian hospital (Indigee) and a military hospital.

(3) Port of DANANG (TOURANE).

- (a) General. The port consists of an inner and outer harbor, and that part of the city containing the harbor storage facilities.
- (b) For detailed information, see references (a) and (b).

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- c. Climate. The climate of the objective area is tropical in character and is largely controlled by the monsoonal wind systems, of which there are two major seasons and two transitional seasons. Surface winds are generally light to moderate, shifting with the seasons according to the prevailing monsoon.

(1) Major Seasons.

- (a) Southwest monsoon season (May to August). During this period it is generally fair and dry along the coast. The ceiling and visibility are generally adequate for low level air operations. Mean temperatures: High 94 degrees, low 76 degrees. Mean Precipitation: 4 inches per month. Mean relative humidity: 77 per cent.
- (b) Northeast monsoon season (January to March). Ground fog and haze are prevalent in the mountainous areas. Conditions generally improve in the late morning and afternoon along the coast. Mean temperatures: High 80 degrees, low 63 degrees. Mean Precipitation: January, 7.0 inches; March, 2.4 inches; Mean relative humidity, 91 percent. Occasional weakening of the monsoonal flow will improve conditions for periods of 3 to 5 days.

(2) Transitional Seasons.

- (a) Spring transitional (April). Thunder storms occur frequently. There is ground fog during the morning, burning off in afternoon. Mean temperatures: High 87 degrees, low 72 degrees. Mean Precipitation is 3 inches. Mean relative humidity is 86 percent.
- (b) Fall transitional (September-October). There are increased periods of heavy rain. The ceiling is lowered to where it would seriously hamper air operations. Mean temperatures: High 86 degrees, low 73 degrees. Mean precipitation: 25 inches per month. Mean relative humidity: 90 percent.

2. SPECIFIC DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA.

- a. A flat coastal plain extending south and southwest from

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DANANG dominates the terrain in the area. An east-west hill mass, northwest of DANANG and the mountainous PRESQU' ILE DE SONTRA Peninsula, provide the only major relief in the area. The mountainous areas are covered by dense rainforest, with extensive rice cultivation found in the plains. Silty sand is the dominant soil found throughout the area.

- b. The major highway in the area is National Route 1, an all weather, hard surfaced road that passes through DANANG, connecting the city with other coastal cities.
- c. Railroad Line 1, a single track meter gauge railroad, roughly parallels National Route 1.
- d. National Route 14 and Local Route 13, fair-weather gravel and hard surface roads, complete the road network in the area.
- e. The Naval Observatory Station, located in the BAY OF TOURANE, is a base for Naval patrol ships in the area.

3. VEGETATION.

- a. The hill masses north of the CA DE SON River, and PRESQU' ILE DE SONG Peninsula northeast of DANANG are covered by dense rainforests, as are the series of ridgelines 10 kilometers west of DANANG. Vegetation thins out near the peaks and scattered patches of grass are found along the ridges and peaks. Throughout the forested mountain areas, undergrowth varies from sparse to dense.
- b. Rice cultivation is common in the large coastal plain covering the majority of the area south from the CA DE SONG River to the SONG THU BON River.

4. MILITARY ASPECTS OF THE TERRAIN.a. Observation.

- (1) Aerial observation over the coastal plain is excellent. Built-up areas, brush and clumps of trees would restrict aerial observation locally. Aerial observation over the major approaches, landing beaches, routes and railroads entering and traversing the area is excellent.

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- (2) In the highlands, dense rainforests restrict aerial observation.
- (3) Ground observation ranges from good to excellent. From the highlands overlooking the coastal plain ground observation is excellent. It is hindered locally by built-up areas and scattered trees.
- (4) The terrain favors defense of the area. From the hill masses to the north and west, the defender has excellent observation of DANANG and adjacent areas. The rain forests on these slopes offer excellent camouflage from surface/air observation. Excellent fields of fire are offered in the lowlands.
- (5) The one restricting feature both to defending and attacking forces would be that all movement would be channelized along existing roads and water ways where they would be subject to interdiction by ambush, supporting arms, or varying weather conditions.

b. Critical Terrain Features.

- (1) The hill mass north of the city contains COL DES NUAGES which is the only major vehicle route into the DANANG area from the north. It contains numerous railroad tunnels which permit rail traffic into the area. This hill mass permits observation and possible firing sites that overlook the entire area and particularly the bay.
- (2) The hill mass which forms PRESQU' ILE DE TIENSHA (CAPE TOURANE) offers observation of both the bay and the coast toward the south.
- (3) The hill mass which overlooks the area from the west.
- (4) The rail and highway bridges which are a major part of the north-south road and rail net. Control of these provides control of surface transportation.
- (5) The canal and river system south of the city to include the FAIFO River, provides an alternate means of transportation. The FAIFO River is the first natural east-west barrier south of the city.

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- (6) The DANANG (TOURANE) airfield.
- (7) The city and port of DANANG (TOURANE)
- (8) For detailed studies of these areas, see reference (b).

c. Cover and concealment.(1) Cover.

- (a) Cover is very limited on the flat plain areas. Some cover is provided by dikes, river banks, and scattered stone buildings. No cover is provided in selected landing beaches and helicopter landing zones.
- (b) Cover along National Routes 1 and 14, Local Route 13, and Railroad Line 1 is limited to dikes, road embankments, the railroad tunnel at LIEN CHIEU, and river banks where these routes cross rivers.
- (c) In the mountainous areas, fair cover from direct fire weapons is provided by the highly dissected terrain. The banks of the major rivers which dissect the area also afford some cover from direct fire weapons.
- (d) The soil lends itself to the construction of underground bunkers and foxholes for artificial cover.

(2) Concealment.

- (a) Concealment is excellent in the mountainous areas. Some concealment is provided by the paddy dikes, river banks, scrub and scattered trees. The buildings and dryland crops will provide limited concealment. Concealment along National Routes 1 and 14, Local Route 13, and Railroad Line 1, is generally poor.
- (b) The hill mass north of the CA DE SONG River, the ridge line 10 kilometers west of DANANG, and the PRESQ' ILE DE SON TRA Peninsula have excellent concealment provided by the dense rain forest.

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(c) Concealment is poor in selected helicopter landing areas and landing beaches.

d. Fields of fire.

- (1) Points of high elevation on the PRESQU' ILE DE SON TRA Peninsula afford excellent observation for the employment of indirect fire weapons covering the city of DANANG. Fields of fire for direct fire weapons will be restricted locally in the mountains by the dense rain forest covering the area.
- (2) The hill mass of DANANG provides excellent observation for indirect fire weapons covering National route 1 and Railroad Line 1 from LIEN CHIEU, coor (925860) south down the coast to DANANG. Fields of fire for indirect fire weapons from this same hill mass also cover DANANG, the airfield, and port facility within the city, as well as approaches into the area from the BAY OF TOURANE.
- (3) The large flat plain extending south and southwest from the CA DE SONG River, affords an excellent field of fire for both direct and indirect fire weapons. Fields of fire for both direct and indirect fire weapons along National Routes 1 and 14, National Route 13, and Railroad Line 1, will be excellent. They will be restricted locally by scattered trees and buildings found around the built up area. There is no limit to the use of indirect fire weapons in this flat, open, coastal plains area.

5. RELIEF AND DRAINAGE.

a. Relief.

- (1) This area consists of 37 kilometers of the coastal plain extending south from HOA VAN, vic coor 954890, through DANANG vic coor 030778, and FAI FO, vic coor 145570, to vic coor 140522 at the southeast edge of the area. The major portion of the area is comprised of a flat lowland extending south along the coast 31 kilometers from the CA DE SONG River, vic coor 100550.

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- (2) The plain is 10 kilometers wide in the north where it extends west from the coastal city of DANANG to the ridge lines in the vic coor 990750.
- (3) From its northern limits, the coastal plain gradually expands southwest from the coast to its width of 42 kilometers at its southern edge, where it extends west along the SONG CUA DAI River from vic coor 215575 to vic coor 790545. Wet rice paddies and sand flats characterize this extensive plain, with elevations rarely exceeding 10 meters.
- (4) The PRESQ' ILE DE SON TRA Peninsula, a mountainous area 13 kilometers long and 5 kilometers wide, is located 5 kilometers northeast of the port of DANANG. Elevations average 300 meters from mean sea level with peaks rising to 693 meters from mean sea level.
- (5) North of CA DE SONG River, a hill mass rises in elevation to 693 meters from mean sea level, and extends east-west across the area from the BAY OF TOURANE from vic coor 940880 to vic coor 792880.
- (6) West of DANANG, a series of ridge lines extends from vic coor 989739 northwest 13 kilometers to vic coor 920789. Average height is 200 meters and rises to peaks 370 meters high. An additional north-south ridge line extends south 4 kilometers from vic coor 920789 to vic coor 885720.
- (7) Highest elevations are found in the western edges of the area. At vic coor 812617 in the southern portion a height of 1066 meters is found, to a height of 1075 meters in the northern portion, south of the CA DE SONG River.

b. Drainage.

- (1) Drainage in the area is provided by three large rivers, the CA DE SONG River, the RIVER OF TOURANE and the SONG THU BON, flowing in a generally east-erly direction from the mountains in the north and west into the BAY OF TOURANE and the SOUTH CHINA SEA.
- (2) The extensive coastal plain is drained by the SONG CAM LE and SONG VINH DIEN Rivers, which empty into the TOURANE River at coor 045725.

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- (3) The TOURANE River varies in depth from 3 to 25 fathoms and in width from 250 meters to 1 kilometer.
- (4) The SONG VINH DIEN River, has its origin at coor 056573, 3 kilometers south of DIEN BAN where a canal connects it with the SONG THU BON River. The river flows in a northerly direction 23 kilometers, emptying into the TOURANE River at coor 045735. The SONG VINH DIEN varies in width from 45 to 225 meters and is navigable only by sampans and small river craft.
- (5) The SONG CAM LE River, carries the runoff from the mountains in the vic coor 890700 east, emptying into the TOURANE River at coor 045735.
- (6) The southern portion of the area is drained by the SONG THU BON and SONG CUA DAI Rivers and their tributaries. The SONG THU BON flows east from its confluence with the SONG VU GAI River at coor 920530, emptying into the SONG CUA DAI River at coor 180545. For further information see reference (d).
- (7) The SONG CUA DAI River flows east from its junction with the SONG THU BON for 4 kilometers to coor 210570, where it empties into the SOUTH CHINA SEA.
- (8) The SONG DE YOUNG and SONG DE VONG Rivers flow together parallel to the coast from coor 127620 southeast 7.5 kilometers to coor 201568, where they empty into the SONG CUA DAI River.
- (9) For further information, see reference (c).

6. OBSTACLES.

- a. The east-west hill mass from coor 940880 to coor 792880 is an obstacle to cross-country movement inland from the BAY OF TOURANE for both wheel and track vehicles.
- b. The unfordable TOURANE River and its major tributary, the SONG VINH DIEN River, extending south from coor 035804 to coor 056573 and varying in width from 100 to 1000 meters, is an obstacle to east-west cross-country movement.

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- c. The unfordable SONG THU BON and SONG CUA DAI Rivers together form an obstacle to cross-country movement, extending east across the entire southern portion of the area from coor 920530 to coor 210570. These two rivers vary in width from 250 to 1000 meters.

7. MOVEMENT.

- a. In the mountains north of the CA DE SONG River, ridge lines located 10 kilometers west of DANANG, and mountainous terrain on the PRESQ' ILE DE SON TRA Peninsula, cross-country movement for wheel and track vehicles is impossible; movement for foot troops is difficult.
- b. Rice paddies, canals and large rivers, south and southwest of DANANG make cross-country movement for wheel vehicles impossible, for tracked vehicles, difficult. Foot troops would be hindered by flooded paddies.
- c. Main vehicular route is National Route 1, an all weather road in good condition. Bridges are approximately 8 ton capacity.
- d. No difficulty for foot troops and vehicles moving along Railroad Line 1, which roughly parallels National Route 1.
- e. Shallow draft vessels having a 14 foot clearance can navigate the TOURANE River for 10 kilometers to CAM LE BAE, coor 013720. Shallow draft vessels can navigate the SONG CUA DAI and SONG THU BON Rivers as far south as HOA QUAN CHAU, at coor 093547.

8. ROUTES OF COMMUNICATION, AIRFIELD AND BEACHES.a. Highways.

- (1) National Route 1. This highway connects all major coastal cities from SAIGON north to the boundary with NORTH VIETNAM. It is an all weather, asphalt macadam highway averaging 3.4 to 4.3 meters in width in poor to good condition. It extends 42 kilometers from coor 932890 to coor 098524. In the southern portion, from coor 050590 to coor 010700, it is subject to flooding during the rainy season. Alinement is good, with few curves and no steep grades. The COL DES NUAGES PAS, at coor 930920, has sharp curves, whip-backs and steep grades.

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- (2) National Route 14. Extends from coor 053590 (junction with National Route 1) to coor 786459, a distance of 29 kilometers. The section from coor 786459 east to coor 950580 is fair weather, earth surfaced and poorly drained. The remainder from coor 950580 to the junction of National Route 1 at coor 053590 is all weather, gravel surfaced. Alinement is generally good and the road bed is well drained.
- (3) Local Route 13. Extends from its junction with National Route 1, coor 060580 east thru FAI PO and north along the coast to coor 025841, a distance of 45 kilometers. This is an all weather road with an asphalt surface averaging 3.6 to 4.2 meters in width. Road alinement is generally good, with moderate grades and curves. Drainage is fair, but during the rainy season, the area along the coast is subject to flooding.

b. Railroads.

- (1) Railroad Line 1. Extends south from coor 941893 to coor 002523, a distance of approximately 40 kilometers. This is a single track, meter-gauge railroad, with moderate grades and curves. The LIEN CHIEU TUNNEL, located at coor 940869 is single tracked and 930 meters long.
- (2) DANANG Railroad Yard. Located at coor 020787, it contains passenger and freight facilities as well as a major classification yard. This is also the major repair facility in the northern part of the country. Eight tracks totaling 2100 meters of track, a turning loop, and a 15 meter turntable comprise this yard.
- (3) A Marine Railroad 4 kilometers in length serves DANANG Port from coor 022786 to coor 037782. This ties into the main marshalling yard at coor 020787.

c. Ferry. A Ferry site at coor 038782 crosses the TOURANE River from DANANG to AN HOI. The water gap is approximately 106 meters.

d. DANANG Airfield. This airfield is located at coor 009750. It is an all-weather strip in excellent condition, and can handle pre-century type jets and

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C-124/C-130 type aircraft. Its elevation is 5 meters above mean sea level.

- (1) Runway. Northwest-southeast (17°35') 2410x60 meters, asphalt surface in good condition with a 183 meter concrete touchdown area on each end of the runway.
- (2) Taxiways. 22 meter wide PSP taxiway with 5 cross-overs parallel to runway on the east. A 93 meter wide gravel taxiway connects the gravel parking apron west of the runway with southeast (35) end of the runway.
- (3) Parking Apron. 680x175 meter (Military Parking Apron), gravel and asphalt, east of northwest (17) end of runway; PSP civil parking apron 600x76 meter, east of southeast (35) end of runway; gravel parking apron 300x100 meters, west of southeast (35) end of runway.
- (4) Hangars. Two metal military hangars 61x55 meters located east of northwest (17) end of runway and two metal and masonry hangars 44x32 meters east of southeast (35) end of runway.
- (5) Landing obstructions: Hill, 330 meters above mean sea level and 3.4 kilometers northeast; mountain, 690 meters above mean sea level inland 11.4 kilometers west.
- (6) POL: An underground hydrant refueling system is at coor 010766. It has a capacity of 265,000 gallons of 100/130 octane AVGAS. A STAN-VC 15,850 gallons capacity system for jet fuel is under construction. Drum storage at coor 013765 has a capacity of 6,420 gallons of 115/145 octane AVGAS and 5,115 gallons of 80 octane AVGAS. The Shell POL depot 3.4 kilometers northeast at coor 034766 has a 1,484,000 gallon capacity.
- (7) Maintenance: Shops located in the civil parking area coor 012753 perform organizational maintenance of L-19 aircraft and minor repairs on C-47 and C-54 aircraft.
- (8) Extension capabilities: Northwest-southeast runway can be extended 1225 meters (4000 feet).

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(9) For more detailed information, see reference (c).

e. Beaches.

- (1) General. This is the same beach coverage contained in FIGP, SPIR 001-62 for Blue Beach (Primary) comparable to NIS beach No. 7, and Red Beach (Alternate) comparable to NIS beach No. 6.

(a) Blue Beach (Primary) NIS beach 7.

1. Location. Centered 10.25 miles southwest of CAPE TOURANE, between 160545 north, 108 16 15 east and 15 53 45 north, 108 23 00 east.
2. Length and usable beach. 18.25 miles, slightly concave, terminated to northwest at sandbars off stream mouth and to southeast at base of sandspit. All the beach is usable.
3. Width. 85 to 165 yards at low water; 70 to 150 yards at high water.
4. Beach gradients. 1 on 15, L.W. to H.W.; 1 on 10 or steeper, H.W. zone.
5. Surf and tidal range. Surf 4 feet or greater expected to occur 50% of the time in winter, 20% in spring, 5% in summer, and 33% in fall.
6. Material and firmness. Sand: firm in wetted area, soft where dry.
7. Terrain behind beach. Beach backed by sparsely brush-covered dunes extending 100 to 400 yards inland, dunes backed by lowland covered with rice fields, and extending to opposite shore of barrier; all in turn backed by lowland covered with rice fields, traversed by numerous streams, and extending 25 miles inland to forested hills and mountains; DANANG is 1.25 miles behind northwest part of beach; villages are located in dunal area and on lowland.
8. Exits and communications inland. Exit cross-country or by track and surfaced road leading

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inland from northwest part of beach to surfaced road 100 yards to 1 mile inland. Network of surfaced roads lead inland from DANANG; meter-gauge railroad 1.75 to 12.5 miles inland to secondary PORT OF DANANG.

2. Remarks. This beach is separated from the interior by a network of streams, marshes, and rice paddies. There is a fair lateral road running behind the beach and trafficability on the beach will be fair for 4 wheel drive vehicles. Bridging, water crossing materials, and matting would be required for a large scale operation to insure adequate routes inland.

(b) Red Beach (Alternate) NIS beach 6.

1. Location. TOURANE, between 16 08 30 north, 108 08 00 east and 16 04 30 north, 108 12 45 east.
2. Length and usable length. 8 miles, usable length 7.5 miles. Concave beach, rocky headlands to northwest, sandbars off river to southeast. Separated in northwest partly by a river mouth and rocky point and in the central part by the mouth of a lagoon; interrupted by stream mouths.
3. Widths. 15 to 145 yards at L.W.; 10 to 100 yards at H.W.
4. Beach gradients. 1 on 5 to 1 on 45, L.W.; 1 on 5 to 1 on 15, H.W. zone.
5. Approach. Nearshore bottom slopes gently to flat shoreward of 18 feet depth contour to 1000 yards off L.W. line; 30 feet depth contour 1,200 yards to 1.5 nautical miles off L.W. line; off-shore approach restricted to the BAY OF TOURANE; nearshore approach partly obstructed by shoals, with least depth of 10 feet, 750 yards off L.W. line of central part of beach and by rocky point separating beach; nearshore approach flanked to northwest by

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rocky headland and to southeast by sandbars off river mouth; bottom is sand, shell, and mud; fleet anchorage bottom is mud.

6. Surf and tidal range. Surf 4 feet or greater expected to occur 19 % of the time in winter - 7% in spring, and 13% in fall, is infrequent in summer, tidal range 3 feet. Surf will have greater affect on southern portion during winter months due to northeast monsoon.
7. Material and firmness. Sand: firm in wetted area, soft where dry.
8. Terrain behind beach. Central part backed by partly brush-covered dunes extending 1.5 miles inland; dunes and remainder of beach backed by lowland partly covered with brush but mostly covered with rice fields, traversed by several rivers and streams, and extending 1,600 yards to 15 miles or more inland to wooded mountains. Lowland flanked to south by river; lagoon in dune area behind central part of beach, villages behind beach; DANANG behind southeast end of beach.
9. Exits and communications inland. Exit cross country or by trails and village streets to surfaced roads 120 to 600 yards behind center and southeast parts of beach, surfaced roads connect with surfaced coastal road 150 yards to 1.5 miles inland; network of surfaced roads lead inland from TOURANE; meter-gauge railroad 100 yards to 1.5 miles behind beach, airfield 1.5 miles behind southeast end of beach and secondary port at DANANG.
10. Remarks. This beach is partially protected from the ocean seas by points of land on each end. The northern half of the beach is the preferred area for amphibious operations due to better exits and better beach gradients. Dunes in the southern portion of the beach run 10-15 feet in height and would provide an obstacle to vehicles leaving the beach because the railroad bed

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rises from 3 to 10 feet above surrounding terrain.

11. For further details and information see reference (d).

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for CO, RLT

Ref: (a) FMFPac Order 02000.2B
(b) 3d MarDiv Order 02000.2B
(c) 9th MEB OpPlan 37-64

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces.

(1) See Annex D (Intelligence) and ISUMs as issued.

(2) Assumptions.

- (a) That the CHICOM forces will employ an effective intercept and analysis service and will make the product thereof available to the DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV).
- (b) That the DRV/CHICOM Bloc will have the capability of employing communication-electronic countermeasures (jamming) on all supporting communication-electronic facilities to include point-to-point circuits, mobile communications, radars, and navigational aids.
- (c) That tactical radio communications, including UHF, will be extremely vulnerable to jamming when in close proximity to communist controlled territory.
- (d) That geographical locations of all friendly, vital communication facilities and terminals will be known to the DRV/CHICOM Bloc.

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- (e) That the enemy will attempt to sabotage communication facilities.
- (f) That the enemy will attempt to enter radio nets of friendly forces to gain information, create confusion, and practice deception.

B. Friendly forces.

(1) See Operation Plan 37-64.

(2) Command posts.

(a) Planning.

9th MEB - - - - - CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA

SLF - - - - - Afloat with TG 76.5

RLT___ - - - - - OKINAWA

COMP MAG - - - - - MCAS, IWAKUNI, JAPAN

ELSG - - - - - CAMP MGTUREOUS, OKINAWA

BEG - - - - - CAMP KINSER, OKINAWA

(b) Deployed.

9th MEB - - - - - To be announced

RLT___ - - - - - See Annex B (Concept of Operation)

Subordinate units report location when established.

MISSION. Commencing on order, communication and electronics elements will install, operate and maintain the communication systems required to support the RLT mission and concept of operation.

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3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

- (1) See Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) This plan provides for initial deployment to DANANG. The establishment of air control communications will receive first priority. Communications during consolidation will be primarily radio.
- (3) Communications will conform to principles, methods, and procedures established in reference (b) and this annex.

b. RLT.

- (1) Det. 1st Communication Support Co (FMF). Install, operate, and maintain AN/MRC-62 Radio Relay terminal at RLT headquarters for communication to higher headquarters in accordance with Appendix 2 (Radio Relay, Wire and Teletype).
- (2) Regimental Communication Plat.
 - (a) Install, operate and maintain communications required to support the RLT concept of operation in accordance with reference (b) and this annex.
 - (b) Provide radio relay teams and equipment to support radio relay employment plan, Appendix 2 (Radio Relay, Wire and Teletype).
 - (c) Be prepared to provide communications to attached units for independent operations, when directed.
- (3) RLT #1.
 - (a) Install, operate and maintain communications

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required to support the RLT concept of operation.

- (b) Establish normal internal communications.
- (c) Coordinate and support attached radio relay teams.
- (d) Be prepared to provide communications for separated tactical units.

(4) BLT #2.

- (a) Install, operate and maintain communications required to support the RLT concept of operation.
- (b) Establish normal internal communications.
- (c) Coordinate and support attached radio relay teams.
- (d) Be prepared to provide communications for separated tactical units.

(5) BLT (SLF).

- (a) Install, operate and maintain communications systems in support of assigned mission.
- (b) Establish internal communications as required.
- (c) Be prepared to provide communications for separated tactical units.

(6) D/S Artillery Bn(-), 12 Mar.

- (a) Install, operate and maintain communications systems in support of assigned mission.
- (b) Establish internal communications as required.

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- (7) Anti-Tank Co(-)(Rein), 3d Anti-Tank Bn. Install and operate communications in accordance with this annex.
- (8) Engineer Co(-)(Rein), 3d Engineer Bn. Install and operate communications in accordance with this annex.
- (9) Motor Transport Co(-)(Rein), 3d Motor Transport Bn. Install and operate communications in accordance with this annex.
- (10) Reconnaissance Co(-)(Rein), 3d Reconnaissance Bn.
 - (a) Install and operate communications in accordance with this annex.
 - (b) Establish internal communications as required.
- (11) Tank Co(-)(Rein), 3d Tank Bn.
 - (a) Install and operate communications in accordance with this annex.
 - (b) Establish internal communications as required.

c. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) See references (a) through (c).
- (2) In the event of casualty to the 9th MEB Headquarters all 9th MEB subordinate units establish communications with 9th MEB alternate Headquarters (RLT___).
- (3) Maintain strict communication and physical security of all communication-electronics facilities.
- (4) Communications Center.
 - (a) Use Greenwich Mean Time (Zulu) for all message date-time-groups. Local time (Hotel) may be used within message text.

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(b) Cryptographic.

1. Off-line effective editions KAK 2697.
2. On-line effective editions KAK 2641.
3. All units will carry two (2) months ROB in addition to current effective editions.

(c) Authentication. KAA-29 will be used in all joint operations.

(d) Numerical Code. KAC-138 effective for joint use to encrypt numerals in plain language messages during tactical situations.

(e) Internal teletype tape relay operating procedures will use CW call signs as routing indicators.

(f) Teletype tape relay procedures to external addressees (DCS, STARCOM, etc.) will be in accordance with ACP 127.

(g) Teletype circuits equipped with on-line cryptographic equipment will pass all traffic on-line.

(h) CW call signs will be used as routing indicators in teletype operations.

(i) When referring to messages originated by other services, nations, or allied commands, include both date-time-group and reference or cite number, in accordance with DNC-5(B).

(5) Messenger Service.

(a) Scheduled helicopter and motor messenger service will be established in the 9th MEB zone. (Schedules to be published). Special messenger service will be provided as required.

(b) All units will establish helicopter landing points in the vicinity of their headquarters. Landing points will be marked in accordance with Appendix 3 (Helicopter Landing Point Identification).

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- (c) Commanders will instruct liaison and visiting staff officers to check with communication centers for courier services before departing command posts.

(6) Radio.

- (a) Radio silence will be lifted on order of this Headquarters.
- (b) Radio nets, call signs and frequencies. See Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).
- (c) Report all attempts at jamming or imitative deception to this Headquarters immediately. Use format contained in Appendix 4 (Electronic Warfare).

(7) Radio Relay. Radio Relay (AN/TRC-27) equipment and personnel will be provided to the BLT's to provide a radio relay link between this Headquarters and the separate HLT's. See Appendix 2 (Radio Relay, Wire and Teletype).

(8) Wire.

- (a) Wire will be used for internal CP installations.
- (b) Telephone numbers. See Appendix 2 (Radio Relay, Wire and Teletype).
- (c) Voice call signs will be used as switchboard call signs.
- (d) When lines are installed across roads, they will be overheaded at least 18 feet or buried to the depth of at least 8 inches. A conspicuous flag or panel will be secured to the center of spans over roadways. Overhead wire spans in clear areas will be conspicuously marked with white streamers or other markers to enable helicopter pilots to see them during approach and landing.

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(9) Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics. See Appendix 5 (Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics).

(10) Fire Support Coordination Center Communications.
See Appendix 1 (Radio Plan).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See RLT___ Administrative Plan 37-64.
- b. Third echelon electronic supply and maintenance will be provided by Brigade Logistic Support Group.
- c. Expedite delivery of captured enemy communications equipment to this Headquarters for processing.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Radio Plan
- 2 - Radio Relay, Wire and Teletype
- 3 - Helicopter Landing Point Identification
- 4 - Electronic Warfare
- 5 - Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics

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to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO, RLT____

Ref: None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. NET DISCUSSION. The radio nets described herein comprise the principal circuits which may be employed by the RLT. However, due to the crowded HF frequency spectrum in the area of operations, wire and radio relay will be monitored in accordance with Tab A (Frequency Chart).
 - a. FMF Mobile Command. This is a HF DURATT circuit between the MEB and NAVCOMMSTAPHIL. Stations on this net are NAVCOMMSTAPHIL (Net Control) and 9th MEB. Purpose of this net is to provide 9th MEB with an entry into the Defense Communication System.
 - b. MEB/CAMP COURTNEY Liaison. This is a HF DURATT circuit between 9th MEB and CG, 3d MarDiv. Purpose of this net is to provide a direct communication channel between MEB and Division. Stations on this net will be MEB (Net Control) and CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA.
 - c. MEB #1. This is a HF-RATT half duplex net between the MEB (Net Control), RLT, and MAG. The purpose of this net is to provide a rapid means of passing both classified and unclassified traffic between the MEB, RLT, and MAG.
 - d. MEB #3. This is a FM-voice net. Stations on this net are MEB (net Control), RLT, MAG, Brigade Logistic Support Group, and Brigade Engineer Group. Purpose of this net is to provide the MEB Commander and his staff with a voice channel for contact with major subordinate commanders and their staffs.

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- e. MEB #4. This is a HF-SSB-CW net. stations on this net are MEB (Net Control), RLT, MAG, Brigade Logistic Support Group, and Brigade Engineer Group. The purpose of this net is to provide an overload circuit for MEB #1 and #3.
- f. MEB Alert/Broadcast. This is a HF/CW net. Stations on this net are MEB (Net Control), RLT, MAG, Brigade Logistic Support Group, and Brigade Engineer Group, Special Landing Force, and BLTs. Purpose of this net is to furnish the MEB Commander a channel to exercise command of subordinate units by the rapid transmission of multiple address, alert type messages, and to provide alternate communications in the event the point-to-point system fails.
- g. MEB Air Observation. This a VHF-FM-voice net. Stations on this net are MEB Airborne Aerial Observers, Recon elements, and ground units as directed. The purpose of this net is to provide a channel for transmission of information from observers to the MEB and other Brigade units.
- h. D/S Artillery Bn Command/Fire Direction Net. This is an FM-voice net. Stations on this net are RLT FSCC, FDC (Net Control), and Artillery Batteries. The purpose of this net is to provide the Artillery Battalion Commander with a channel to exercise command and tactical control of subordinate units.
- i. Artillery Air Spot Net. This is a FM-voice net. Stations on this net include FSCC, Artillery Bn FDC, Battery FDC's, other artillery elements as required and the airborne observers. The purpose of this net is to supply a channel for airborne observers to transmit information to artillery units and to adjust artillery fire.
- *j. RLT Command Net. This is a HF-SSB-CW net. Stations on this net include the RLT Headquarters (Net Control), BLTs and such supporting and attached units as may be directed to enter the net. The purpose of this net is to furnish the RLT Commander with a channel to exercise command of his subordinate units.

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- k. RLT Tactical Net. This is a FM-voice net. The stations on this net include the RLT Headquarters (Net Control), ELTs and such attached and supporting units as may be directed to guard this net.
- l. TAD Net. This is a UHF-voice net. Stations on this net will include strike aircraft, Tactical Air Coordinator (Airborne), Air Liaison Officers at MEB, RLT, and ELT, Forward Air Controllers, DASC (Net Control), and ASRT. The purpose of this net is to furnish a channel for the direction of support aircraft. Damage assessment is passed over this net.
- m. TAR Net. This is a HF-SSB-voice net. Stations on this net are the TACP's at MEB, RLT, and ELT; ASRT's, DASC (Net Control), and other control agencies as required. The purpose of this net is to furnish a channel for requesting air support. MEB will monitor requests from subordinate units. Silence by higher headquarters indicates approval.
- n. TAO Net. This is a UHF-voice net. Stations on this net are the TAO Aircraft, TACC, DASC, and other units of the MEB who monitor as desired. The purpose of this net is to provide a channel for reporting action observed, enemy movement, and progress of friendly forces by the TAO aircraft.

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- A - Radio Frequency Channel Chart (To be issued)
- B - Radio Frequency Plan (To be issued)
- C - Call Signs (To be issued)

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Appendix 2 (Wire, Radio Relay, and Teletype) to Annex G
 (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO,
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Ref: (a) FMFPac Order 02000.2B
 (b) 3d MarDiv Order 02000.2B

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. GENERAL. Wire and radio relay are the primary means of communications and will be installed in accordance with references (a) and (b) and this appendix.
2. WIRE. Priority of installation within subordinate command posts will be established in local SOP's.
3. TELEPHONE OPERATION.
 - a. Unit tactical voice call signs will be used as telephone directory code names. When answering the telephone, individuals will identify themselves by the switchboard code name and telephone directory number.
 - b. Switchboards will be operated in accordance with ACP 134.
 - c. When two or more telephones are installed in the same office, the number designation will be preceded by the number one, two, or three (depending on the number of additional telephones) and zeros sufficient to raise the number to a three digit number.

EXAMPLES: Adjutant - - - - - 7
 1st Additional Telephone - - - - - 107
 2d Additional Telephone - - - - - 207

 Air Officer- - - - - 14
 1st Additional Telephone - - - - - 114

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- d. Telephone directories and traffic diagrams will be prepared by each unit operating a switchboard.

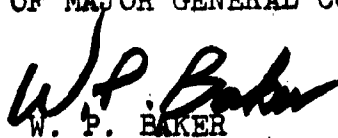
4. TELETYPE OPERATION.

- a. Unit tactical CW radio call signs will be used as routing indicators in field teletype systems.
- b. Teletype equipment will be installed in accordance with Tab A (Radio Relay Diagram).

5. RADIO RELAY OPERATION.

- a. Low power will be used on all circuits in order to minimize interference.
- b. Report any interference immediately to this Headquarters (Attn: CEO). Report form published in Appendix 4 (Electronic Warfare).
- c. Radio relay teams attached to subordinate commands will operate under the cognizance of the command's communication officer, who will provide wire lines to unit's switchboards, logistic support, local security, and second echelon vehicle maintenance to the assigned team.
- d. Radio relay will be installed in accordance with Tab A (Radio Relay Diagram).

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TABS:

- A - Radio Relay Diagram (To be issued)
- B - Telephone Directory

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Tab B (Telephone Directory) to Appendix 2 (Radio Relay, Wire and Teletype) to Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO, RLT___

Ref: None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. GENERAL.

a. When answering the telephone, the person answering will identify himself by using the telephone number with the switchboard code name prefixed.

b. Name, rank, and organization will not be used.

2. Office Numbers.

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
1	G-1/S-1
2	G-2/S-2
3	G-3/S-3
4	G-4/S-4
5	Chief of Staff/Executive Officer
6	CG/CO
7	Adjutant
8	Ordinance Officer
9	Assistant Unit Commander
10	Communications-Electronics Officer
11	Communication Center (Incoming)
12	Communication Center (Outgoing)
13	Aide
14	Air Officer or Senior Air Controller
15	Engineer Officer
16	Surgeon/Medical Officer
17	Legal Officer
18	Disbursing Officer
19	Chaplain
20	Postal Officer
21	Supply Officer
22	Artillery Officer or Tactical Air Control Officer
23	NBC (Special Weapons) Officer

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<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
24	Liaison Officer
25	Amphibian Tractor Officer or Air Safety Officer
26	NGF Officer
27	PMO
28	Radio Officer
29	Recon Officer
30	Teletypewriter and Crypto Repair
31	Telephone Wire Chief
32	Inspector
33	Public Telephone
34	Headquarters Commandant
35	Motor Transport Officer
36	Anti-Tank Officer
37	Special Services Officer
38	Staff Secretary
39	Embarkation Officer
40	Dental Officer
41	PIO
42	Anti-Aircraft Officer
43	Historical Officer
44	Post Exchange Officer
45	Tank Officer or Target and Flak Officer
46	Military Government Officer
47	Personnel Officer
48	Radar Officer
49	Electronics Officer (Maintenance or Supply)
50	Fiscal Officer
51	Electronic Warfare Officer
52	Radio Relay Officer

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Appendix 3 (Helicopter Landing Point Identification) to Annex
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RLT____

Ref: None

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1. Helicopter Landing Points (General Information).

- a. Helicopter Landing Points should be selected which provide helicopter pilots adequate space to maneuver into the wind in order to take advantage of increased performance of the helicopter under a favorable wind direction.
- b. All landing points will be at least 100 feet in diameter, paying particular attention to insure overhead wire or antennas do not obstruct the landing area.
- c. Areas of hard ground, solid rock or grass are the best natural landing points for helicopters. Graveled areas should never be selected. Dry barren areas should also be avoided since dust clouds created by the helicopter may reveal landings and take-offs to the enemy.

2. Safety Precautions. It is mandatory that all landing point personnel be briefed on the following precautions:

- a. Personnel will stand clear of the landing and departing aircraft.
- b. Approach only after a beckoning signal from the pilot or co-pilot.
- c. Approach and depart OH-43D helicopters directly from the front.
- d. Approach and depart other type helicopters from the right front of the aircraft.

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3. Landing Point Communications.

- a. Unit communication officers will install a local telephone from the landing point area to unit switchboards. The telephone will be properly marked and the landing point messengers will maintain a telephone watch on this telephone.
- b. To prevent unnecessary landing at the helicopter landing point when there is no outgoing traffic, the letter "N" will be displayed in the immediate vicinity of the triangle.

4. Helicopter Landing Point Marking System.

- a. All landing points will be marked with an equilateral triangle by using three panels from either Panel Set AP-30C or AP-30D. The color selection will contrast with the landing point in order to be easily recognized by aircraft.
- b. Prevailing wind directions will be shown by installing a short pole (approximately 3 feet) with streamers, flag or pennants of sufficient length to allow the pilot to see the local wind conditions. This wind indicator will be installed near the landing point.
- c. Once a helicopter point has been established with the triangle, the type and size of the unit will be identified as follows:
 - (1) Type of Unit. Identified by one or more panels from panels VS-4/U (Red) or VS-6/U (yellow) in the center of triangle.

TYPE OF UNITIDENTIFICATION

Infantry/Reconnaissance
 Artillery/Tanks
 Aviation
 Service and Support

One yellow panel (VS-6/U)
 One red panel (VS-4/U)
 Two yellow panels (VS-6/U)
 Two red panels (VS-4/U)

- (2) Size of Unit. Identified by one or more panels from Panel Set AP-30C or AP-30D placed directly above and centered on top of the triangle.

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<u>SIZE OF UNIT</u>	<u>IDENTIFICATION</u>
Company/Battery	Roman numeral One
Battalion/Squadron	Roman numeral Two
Regt/MAG/MEU	Roman numeral Three
Brigade/MEB	Letter "X"
Div/Wing	Letter "XX"
MEF/MEC	Letter "XXX"

- (3) Panel Set AP-30C or AP-30D as appropriate, in conjunction with Panels VS-4/U or VS-6/U, provides all the necessary equipment and color arrangements needed to effect the above displays.
- (4) Upon receiving an air raid warning/alert, the helicopter landing point markings will be removed without delay. The markers will be replaced immediately after "All Clear" is sounded.
- (5) The senior headquarters designator will be displayed when composite headquarters are established. Report to this Headquarters (Attn: CEO) units served by the common helicopter landing point.
- (6) Helicopters will not be diverted from their assigned route without approval of this Headquarters.
- (7) Night markings for the helicopter landing point will depend upon the tactical situations, however, satisfactory night markings may consist of three flashlights placed at the apex of the triangle sight marker, or vehicle lights flashed from a vehicle parked down-wind of the landing point and illuminating the landing area.
- (8) Care must be exercised in securing panels to the ground to prevent destruction of the displays each time a helicopter lands or takes off.
- (9) The following examples of helicopter landing point markings are provided for guidance and instructional purposes:

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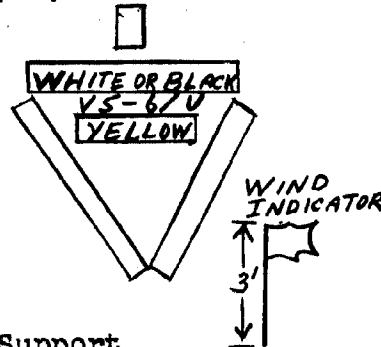
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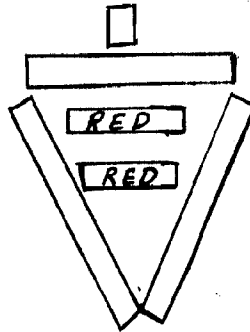
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EXAMPLE 1: Infantry Company

Panels from set AP-30C
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EXAMPLE 2: Service and Support



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Appendix 4 (Electronic Warfare) to Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 37-64 for CO, RLT____

Ref: (a) None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. CONTROL OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ELECTRONIC WARFARE IN RVN.

a. Approval from this Headquarters must be obtained prior to the conduct of active ECM in all operations, except that commanders of major subordinate units engaged in active combat in the command may employ EW as indicated below when in their considered judgement, such measures are essential to the conduct of the campaign, or for the safety of military forces when time does not permit authorization by higher headquarters.

(1) Employ active ECM against non-communications electromagnetic radiations.

(2) Employ electronic jamming against communication circuits passing clear text voice traffic which has an immediate effect on the local tactical situation. Electronic jamming of other communication circuits will not be conducted without prior approval of this Headquarters.

b. Electronic Warfare conditions may be imposed by this, or higher headquarters.

2. JAMMING OR DECEPTION REPORTS.

a. Scope. CLIFF Reports, as outlined below, apply to any case of known intentional jamming or interference from an unknown source (mutual interference, etc.) experienced by electronic communications systems, radars, navigational aids, etc., assigned this command.

b. Purpose. To provide the CEO with notification of electronics interference of either an intentional or unintentional nature experienced by electronics units of this command. Also to provide information when

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radar and/or UHF/VHF air-to-ground channels are experiencing ECM/Jamming or interference. These reports will provide data for evaluating the effectiveness of enemy active EW efforts.

c. Reports.

(1) When incidents of jamming which cannot be credited to friendly forces or malfunctions are experienced by ground radio, ground radar, navigational aids, or any other electronics systems within or under the jurisdiction of this command, a CLIFF Report will be forwarded to this Headquarters (Attn: CEO). Method of transmission will be by the most expeditious method available. Security classification of this report is SECRET. The following format will be used in submitting this report:

- (a) Unit submitting report and date-time-group.
- (b) Location of site facility (site number, code name, designation).
- (c) Type of equipment.
- (d) Nomenclature of equipment.
- (e) Frequency interfered with.
- (f) Bandwidth affected.
- (g) Source of interference.
- (h) Location of interference source.
- (i) Azimuth of interference.
- (j) Type of interference (noise, pulse, spot, sweep, barrage, chaff).

(2) Termination report format will be as follows:

- (a) Location of site/facility (site number, code name, designation).
- (b) Date and time interference started.

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(c) Date and time interference stopped.

d. Conditions of jamming deception and/or unknown interference will be as follows:

- (1) Condition 1 - light interference.
- (2) Condition 2 - moderate interference.
- (3) Condition 3 - heavy interference.

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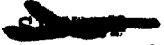
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Appendix 5 (Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics) to
 Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 37-64
 For CO, RLT____

Ref: (a) ACP 136
 (b) ACP 168
 (c) FMFPac Order P02000.2B (COMPLAN FIVE)

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1. GENERAL.

- a. See references (a), (b), and (c).
- b. Visual signals are supplementary means of communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signal flags and pyrotechnics.
- c. Units tactical CW call signs will be used on all visual circuits.

2. WARNING AND ALERT SIGNALS.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>	<u>How Disseminated</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Air Defense warning "RED"	Air attack imminent or taking place	FLASH msg, short repeated sound of sirens or word of mouth	Sirens will not be used for any other signal within objective area.
"YELLOW"	Air attack is probable	Msg, word of mouth	
"WHITE"	Air attack is improbable	Msg, telephone, word of mouth	May be declared before or after Air Defense warning "YELLOW" or "RED"

3. MISCELLANEOUS VISUAL SIGNALS.

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a. Flag displayed from tank turret:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
"RED"	Tank in distress, require infantry assistance.
"ORANGE"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.
"GREEN"	Request contact on telephone at rear of tank.

b. Aircraft Maneuver Signals.

<u>Aircraft Maneuver</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
360 degree left turn	Display CP identification
360 degree right turn	Mission completed
*Alternate dips and climbs	Display front line markings
Rock wings	Message display understood
*Yaw right-left	Standby for message drop
Sharp S - turn	Will support you, mark target
Circle right, rocking wings	Am trying to contact you by radio
*It is not practical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals.	

c. Smoke Signals.

(1) Smoke signals displayed by ground troops.

<u>Color</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
RED	Friendly troops
GREEN	Need aid
YELLOW	This is a friendly front line
VIOLET	Available for local assignments

(2) One or more white phosphorous shells fired on a target indicates an assigned target.

d. Pyrotechnic Signals.

(1) See references (b) and (c).

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- (2) Meanings assigned to pyrotechnic signals will not be altered.
- (3) Meanings may be assigned to signals not specifically assigned by higher authority provided coordination with interested commander is effected.
- (4) Any red pyrotechnic light displayed singly or in succession is an international signal meaning aircraft in distress.
- (5) The below listed pyrotechnic signals with assigned meanings are standard within this RLT when fired by ground troops.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
White Star, parachute	Reserved for illumination
White Star, cluster	Reserved for illumination
Amber Star, parachute	*Assault waves have landed
Amber Star, cluster	*Objective taken (mission completed)
Green Star, parachute	*Friendly fire falling in own lines
Green Star, cluster	*Friendly fire falling in own lines
Red Star, parachute	*Emergency
Red Star, cluster	*Emergency
*Will be repeated at least once.	

e. Panels.

- (1) See references (a) and (c).
 - (2) Panels are employed by ground forces as a means of recognition and identification. The panel sets VS-4/U and VS-6/U are normally used to identify front line markings and identify vehicles.
 - (3) Use VS-4/U (Red) panels to identify vehicles and armor in forward areas on odd dates. Use VS-6/U (Yellow) panels on even dates.
4. SOUND. Sound devices will be used in accordance with locally prepared SOP's.

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(b) 3d MarDiv Order P3000.1

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival in RVN)

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Annex D (Intelligence).

b. Friendly forces.

- (1) III MEF, on order, deploys by air and surface means to RVN, secures the air facilities, landing beaches and associated logistic support installations at DANANG and QUANG NGAI, and air facilities at TAM KY; releases maximum RVN forces for offensive operations; conducts military operations, as directed, to destroy the Viet Cong; and coordinates with RVN forces in the conduct of coordinated air/ground operations as directed.
- (2) Special Landing Force (SLF). Upon arrival in the DANANG area, and when directed, operational control will pass to the CG, III MEF. If directed, the SLF lands to secure key terrain and installations to ensure the uninterrupted landing of initial air-lifted III MEF forces and/or occupies key installations, the early control of which would facilitate the accomplishment of III MEF mission. As early as practicable, elements of the SLF will revert to control of parent commands; however, if the situation warrants, the SLF will be temporarily retained under direct control of CG III MEF to accomplish

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specific tasks or to serve as a reserve rapid-reaction force to meet unusual contingencies during the early stages of initial operations.

- (3) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (-)(Rein) deploys on order to RVN by sea and air to establish tactical operating bases at DANANG, QUANG NGAI, and TAM KY as required; establishes appropriate control agencies for assumption of control of all air operations in III MEF zone, prepared to assume control of the HMM squadrons with the SLF and at DANANG.
- (4) Force Logistic Support Group deploys on order to DANANG by sea and air and conducts operations as directed.
- (5) Force Engineer Group deploys on order to DANANG and QUANG NGAI and conducts operations as directed.
- (6) Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, VIETNAM (COMUSMACV) assists the RVN and, in conjunction with RVN, conducts combat operations to ensure friendly control of the RVN. COMUSMACV has been designated as operational joint commander of Phase II operations in support of RVN and exercises operational command over all forces assigned or attached upon their arrival in RVN. Overall operational command is exercised through his respective service component commanders. CG, III MEF has been designated Naval Component Commander.

c. Attachments and detachments. Annex A (Task Organization).

d. Assumptions.

- (1) That the situation in RVN has deteriorated to a point that the RVN has requested immediate assistance of U.S. and/or SEATO armed forces to defeat Communist controlled insurgency.
- (2) That nuclear weapons will not be used.

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- (3) That the DANANG and QUANG NGAI areas and TAM KY air field will be under friendly control.
2. MISSION. 3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), on order, deploys initially to DANANG by sea and air; occupies and defends air facilities, landing beaches and associated logistic support installations at DANANG and QUANG NGAI, and air facilities at TAM KY; prepared to assume control of the SLF, or the BLT of the SLF; prepared to conduct ground operations to destroy the Viet Cong in the III MEF zone.
3. EXECUTION.
- a. Concept of operation. Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- b. Airlift RLT.
- (1) Commencing on order, deploy by air to DANANG on B-Day in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation). On arrival, be prepared to assume operational control of the SLF or the BLT of the SLF in the event the SLF has been or is being deployed to the DANANG area.
 - (2) Occupy and defend Division objectives 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. See Appendix 2 (Description of Objectives) to Annex B (Concept of Operation) and Annex C (Operation Overlay). Be prepared to pass responsibility for Division objective 2 to the Surface RLT.
 - (3) Be prepared to deploy a BLT or elements thereof to occupy and defend Division objectives 9, 10, 11, and 12 on order. See Appendix 2 (Description of Objectives) to Annex B (Concept of Operation) and Annex C (Operation Overlay).
 - (4) Be prepared to move RLT Headquarters to QUANG NGAI and assume control of security operations in the QUANG NGAI - TAM KY area.
 - (5) Ensure by appropriate means that the Presqu'ile de Son Tra (GC 030840-160840) is denied to enemy forces.

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- (6) Be prepared to be relieved of responsibility for security of Division objectives 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 by ~~Surface~~ RLT Commander or Division Logistic Support Group Commander in order to free personnel for rapid reaction/strike forces and aggressive patrolling operations.
- (7) Be prepared to conduct counter-insurgency operations to destroy the Viet Cong.

c. Surface RLT.

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy by sea to DANANG by B-Day plus 8 in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) Provide one RLT as Division reserve upon landing.
- (3) Occupy and defend Division objectives 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17. See Annex C (Operation Overlay). Relieve Airlift RLT of responsibility for Division objective 2.
- (4) Be prepared to assume control of security operations in the DANANG area when the airlift RLT Headquarters is deployed to QUANG NGAI.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct counter-insurgency operations to destroy the Viet Cong.

d. 12th Marines (-)(Rein).

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.

e. 3d AT Bn (-).

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by air and/or surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.

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f. 3d Recon Bn (-).

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by air and/or surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.
- (3) Be prepared to conduct surveillance missions of routes of access into the DANANG area.
- (4) Be prepared to provide a detachment to the security commander of the QUANG NGAI/TAM KY area for surveillance missions of access routes into the area.

g. 3d Engineer Bn (-).

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by air and/or surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.

h. 3d MT Bn (-).

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by air and/or surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.

i. 3d Med Bn (-).

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by air and/or surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) General support.

j. 3d Tank Bn (-), FMF.

- (1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).

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(2) General support

k. 1st AmTrac Bn (-), FMF.

(1) Commencing on order, deploy to DANANG by surface means in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).

(2) General support.

l. Division Logistic Support Group.

(1) Deploy an airlift LSG to DANANG on B-Day plus 2 and the remainder of the Division LSG to DANANG by surface by B plus 8 in accordance with Annex B (Concept of Operation).

(2) Provide logistic support to the 3d Marine Division in DANANG and the QUANG NGAI/TAM KY area.

(3) Be prepared to relieve the airlift RLT of responsibility for providing security to Division objectives 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, in order to relieve RLT's for rapid reaction/strike forces and aggressive patrolling operations.

(4) Be prepared to revert attachments to parent units in the Force Logistic Support Group, on order.

m. Division Reserve, RLT, Surface RLT.

(1) Upon landing, move to assembly area vicinity TONG VU SU (GC 985745). See Annex C (Operation Overlay).

(2) Be prepared to deploy by air, sea, or land as a rapid reaction/strike force for operations in zone of either RLT.

(3) Be prepared to conduct counter-insurgency operations to destroy the Viet Cong.

n. Coordinating instructions.

(1) The III MEF zone is coincident with the RVN I Corps tactical area.

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- (2) Be prepared for partial implementation of this plan.
- (3) Be prepared to protect U.S. citizens and property and assist in the evacuation of U.S. and other designated noncombatants.
- (4) Be prepared to execute assigned tasks despite enemy initiation of chemical and/or biological operations.
- (5) Avoid unnecessary destruction of civilian life and property.
- (6) Report situation with respect to RVN forces immediately, to include where feasible, strength, composition, disposition and combat effectiveness.
- (7) Authority is granted to use:
 - (a) Smoke and incendiary agents in appropriate military operations.
 - (b) Riot control agents in suppressing civil disturbances.
- (8) Be prepared to conduct or participate in psychological operations in accordance with Annex O (Psychological Operations).
- (9) Critical EEI's to be determined by all ~~DIVISION~~ units are:
 - (a) Determine the strength, compositions, locations, capabilities and vulnerabilities of the Viet Cong in the ~~DIVISION~~ zone.
 - (b) Determine the indications of DEMOCRATIC PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (DRV) and/or COMMUNIST CHINA (CHICOM) intervention in RVN.
- (10) Upon execution, this plan will be downgraded to SECRET.
- (11) For coordination purposes, B-Day denotes the day on which execution of this plan is directed.

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- (12) All combat support and combat service support units be prepared to relieve RLT's of responsibilities for local security of Division objectives and other assignments requiring local security, in order to free infantry personnel for rapid reaction/strike forces and aggressive patrolling operations.
- (13) RLT commanders make maximum use of combat support and combat service support troops in local security assignments in order to free infantry personnel for rapid reaction/strike force and aggressive patrolling operations.
- (14) Be prepared to release attachments to parent units, on order.
- (15) Be prepared to submit reports in accordance with para 103 of reference (b), when required.
- (16) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt and for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Plan 32-65 II (RVN).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex G (Communications-Electronics).

b. Command posts.

(1) Planning.

III MEF - - - - -	CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA
SLF - - - - -	Afloat, embarked in TG 76.5 shipping
3d MarDiv(-)(Rein) - - - - -	CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA
1st MAW(-)(Rein) - - - - -	MCAS IWAKUNI, JAPAN
FLSG - - - - -	CAMP SUKIRAN, OKINAWA
FEG - - - - -	CAMP KINSEY, OKINAWA

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(2) Deployed.

(a) III MEF CP will be located in the vicinity of the CP of CG 3d MarDiv (-)(Rein) or CG 1stMAW(-)(Rein).

(b) Subordinate units report locations when established.

(c) 3d Marine Division Command Post, to be designated.

c. Command relationships. Normal.

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ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 32-65 II (RVN)

Ref: (a) 3d MarDiv OpOrder 201-yr

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival in RVN)

(All attachments effective upon activation for operations)

3d MarDiv (-)(Rein). FMF

HqBn (-)(Rein)

3d CI Team

Det, Comm Spt Co, FMF

RLT (Airlift)

RLT Hq (Airlift)

(pg A-3-1, ref (a))

1st BLT (Airlift)

(pg A-4-1, ref (a))

2nd BLT (Airlift)

(pg A-4-1, ref (a))

RLT (Surface)

RLT Hq (Surface)

(pg A-5-1, ref (a))

1st BLT (Surface)

(pg A-2-1, ref (a))

2nd BLT (Surface)

(pg A-2-1, ref (a))

12th Marines (-)(Rein)

1st 8" HowBtry (SP)(-), FMF

3d AT Bn (-)

3d Recon Bn (-)

3d Engr Bn (-)

3d MT Bn (-)

3d Med Bn (-)

3d Tank Bn (-). FMF

1st AmTrac Bn (-). FMF

Division Logistic Support Group

Service Bn (-)

Shore Party Bn (-)

Det, 3d FSR

9th MT Bn (-)

WestPac Det NBC-1

CHB-2

Det, MWSG, FMAW (AvnOrd)

Division Reserve. 3d BLT (Surface) (pg A-2-1, ref (a), MOD)

NOTE: Actual units to fit the above task organization will be those from current contingency assignments.

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Annex B (Concept of Operation) to Operation Plan 32-65 II (RVN)

Ref: (a) Maps: Series AMS L605, scale 1:100,000, Sheets 125
E,W; 126; 131 E,W; 132 E,W; 136 E,W; 137 E,W; 138 W;
142 E; 143 E,W; 144

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival RVN)

1. MISSION. 3d Marine Division (-)(Rein), on order, deploys initially to DANANG by sea and air; occupies and defends air facilities, landing beaches and associated logistic support installations at DANANG and QUANG NGAI, and air facilities at TAM KY; prepared to assume control of the SLF or the HLT of the SLF; prepared to conduct ground operations to destroy the Viet Cong in the III MEF zone.
2. GENERAL.
 - a. This plan is designed to support Phase II, the Insurgency Phase, for SOUTH VIETNAM. It extends from the time that a request for U.S. and/or other allied assistance has resulted in a decision to initiate U.S. action to deal with the situation, until the time of reestablishment of stability and friendly control, or of expansion of the conflict by Communist resort to overt external aggression.
 - b. In the event of a deterioration of the situation in SOUTH VIETNAM which indicates the probability for execution of this plan, the alert posture may be increased for 3d Mar Div forces. During such increased alert posture, the CG 3d MarDiv may be directed to take action to deploy air-lifted troop elements to the DANANG area, and/or the embarkation and movement of troop elements to the SOUTH CHINA SEA area near DANANG. Other action may include the positioning of the Amphibious Ready Group (TG 76.5), with the Special Landing Force embarked, near DANANG.
 - c. In the execution of this plan, the recognized RVN authorities will retain responsibility for operations in RVN.

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3d MarDiv forces insofar as possible, will not be employed to aid the RVN authorities to enforce civil law. The right of local authorities, however, should not prevent the employment of force against insurgents in any degree necessary to accomplish approved objectives.

- d. During the execution of this plan, 3d MarDiv forces will be prepared for implementation of Phases III or IV. Execution of this plan may result in DRV and/or CHICOM intervention into Southeast Asia with little or no warning.
- e. During the execution of this plan, the 3d MarDiv will be prepared for other contingencies not provided for herein. These may include the extension of operations into LAOS, securing such strategic areas in RVN as QUI HNON, PLEIKU, KONTUM, and BAN ME THOUT, and action to deter or discourage DRV support of the Viet Cong.

3. OBJECTIVES.

- a. General. The overall objective for 3d MarDiv forces as part of the III MEF is to assist the recognized RVN authorities in eliminating Communist controlled insurgents in order to insure the stability and friendly control of the REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.
- b. Initial objectives.
 - (1) To secure and control installations and facilities of military value at DANANG, QUANG NGAI and TAM KY that will facilitate accomplishment of the mission.
 - (2) To release the maximum number of RVN forces in the DANANG area for offensive operations.
- c. Subsequent objectives. After the initial objectives have been attained, and as directed by proper authority, the major subsequent objective will be to seek out and destroy the Viet Cong in the Division zone of action.

4. DEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE.

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- a. Appendix 1 (Deployment of Forces), to this annex shows deployment/phasing of 3d MarDiv forces into the DANANG area.
- b. See Annex A (Task Organization) for information on deployment/phasing of specific airlift/sealift echelons.

5. CONCEPT.

- a. It is envisioned that 3d Marine Division operations will include three phases. These are:
 - (1) Phase ALPHA. Deployment.
 - (2) Phase BRAVO. Initial operations.
 - (3) Phase CHARLIE. Rapid reaction/strike force aggressive patrolling and combat operations.
- b. These three phases are not mutually exclusive. Units of the 3d MarDiv may be employed in several phases at the same time.
- c. Phase ALPHA. Deployment.
 - (1) Units of the 3d MarDiv deploy from OKINAWA to RVN in accordance with deployment schedule, Appendix 1 (Deployment of Forces) to this annex. Units are task organized for deployment in accordance with Division Op Order 201-yr, designed to place units in the objective area ready to fight and sustain themselves.
 - (2) Elements of airlift ELT #2 may be flown directly from OKINAWA to QUANG NGAI.
- d. Phase BRAVO. Initial Operations.
 - (1) During this phase, units occupy and defend Division objectives assigned in paragraph 3 of this Operation Plan, and such other objectives as are necessary. Units will conduct aggressive patrolling.
 - (2) As soon as possible, commanders will assign

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combat service and combat service support units and personnel to security missions in order to relieve infantry units and personnel for strike force/quick reaction, aggressive patrolling operations.

- (3) After initial deployment of the 1st MAW, subsequent deployment will provide for a fighter MAG at DANANG, an attack MAG at QUANG NGAI (pending the establishment of a tactical operating base), a helicopter MAG at TAM KY and other locations as may be determined. Prior to the commencement of operations to establish these bases, the Airlift RLT will deploy a RLT, or elements thereof depending on the situation, to QUANG NGAI and TAM KY for security. Initial deployment will be by air to QUANG NGAI, and helicopter to TAM KY from QUANG NGAI or DANANG, and probably will be within the first two days.

- e. Phase CHARLIE. Rapid reaction/strike force aggressive patrolling and combat operations.

- (1) Local security will be provided for the most part by combat service and combat service support units and personnel. Infantry units will be prepared to seek out and destroy the Viet Cong throughout the Division zone of action.
- (2) The Airlift RLT Headquarters will have deployed from DANANG to QUANG NGAI. Infantry units consisting of at least two rifle companies will be located at TAM KY as a rapid reaction/strike force prepared for operations throughout the Division zone of action. Strike/rapid reaction forces will also be positioned at other locations as required.

6. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. QUANG NGAI - TAM KY AIRFIELDS.

- a. CG, 3d Marine Division retains responsibility for local security at these airfields until commencement of their use as tactical operating bases. Airfields are designated tactical operating bases when flight operations commence.
- b. Upon commencement of flight operations, and when directed,

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CG, FMAW is responsible for local security of those fields. At the same time CG, FMAW assumes operational control of 3d MarDiv local security forces at those fields.

- c. If local security at QUANG NGAI and TAM KY airfields is threatened to the extent that additional 3d MarDiv forces are required, rapid reaction, heliborne forces of the 3d MarDiv will be deployed accordingly. Depend-ent on the extent of the threat and the size of the heliborne forces committed, CG III MEF at that time, may assign responsibility for local security and airfield defense to CG, 3d Marine Division..
7. CIVIL ADMINISTRATION - DANANG. Although several physical objectives are within or contiguous to the city of DANANG, the city will remain under civil administration of RVN authorities. If required, any assumption of civil control authority by CG, III MEF will be accomplished through agreement with proper RVN authorities.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Deployment of Forces
- 2 - Description of Objectives

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Operation) to Operation Plan 32-65 II (RVN)

Ref: None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival in RVN)

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MOVEMENT MEANS</u>	<u>CLOSING DATE</u>
AIRLIFT RLT (-)	AIR	B - DAY
ADV ECH DIV LSG	AIR	B plus 2
ADV ECH 3D MARDIV HQ	AIR	B plus 3
3D MARDIV HQ (-)	AIR	B plus 8
SEALIFT RLT	SEA	B plus 8
DIV LSG (-)	SEA	B plus 8
SEATAIL, AIRLIFT RLT	SEA	B plus 10
3D MARDIV (-)(REIN)	SEA	B plus 15

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Ref: None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival in RVN)

1. The following is a description of objectives shown graphically in Annex C (Operation Overlay):

- Objective 1. DANANG airfield complex to include control facilities, radio station, hangars, shops, hydrant refueling system, POL storage, ordnance and other storage areas, barracks, and DUY TAN military hospital.
- Objective 2. Esso Standard Eastern POL storage at LIEN CHIEU, at the northeast end of NIS Beach No. 6, seven miles NW of DANANG.
- Objective 3. Army POL pier and storage on TOURANE River at DANANG.
- Objective 4. Shell POL pier and storage on TOURANE River at DANANG.
- Objective 5. THUONG GANG Wharf, Municipal Wharf, New Customs Pier, Military Wharf and their associated storage facilities; all located on TOURANE River at DANANG.
- Objective 6. Bridge across the TOURANE River at DANANG.
- Objective 7. A landing beach in the SE portion of NIS Beach No. 6 suitable for beach unloading operations.
- Objective 8. A landing beach in the north portion of NIS Beach No. 7, east of TOURANE River bridge, suitable for beach unloading operations.

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- Objective 9. TAM KY air field complex.
- Objective 10. QUANG NGAI airfield complex.
- Objective 11. A landing beach in the north portion of NIS Beach No. 15 suitable for beach unloading operations.
- Objective 12. Railroad and highway bridges over the SONG VE and SONG CAI BAA Rivers between landing beach and QUANG NGAI airfield.
- Objectives 13. - 16. Prominent hill masses to the south and west of DANANG.
- Objective 17. Roads and approaches across the SONG CAM LE River leading into DANANG.

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Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 32-65
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Ref: (a) III MEF OPLAN 32-64 II (RVN)
(b) III MEF Admin Plan 32-64 II (RVN)
(c) FMFPAC ORDER P02000.2 (a) (Communication Plan Five)
(d) DivO 02000.2_ (COMMSOP)
(e) DivO 2000.4_ (COI)

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1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces. Annex D (Intelligence).

b. Friendly forces.

(1) Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) COMUSMACV will maintain long line communications network facilities which are capable of limited expansion.

(3) STARCOM. (DCS) Station SAIGON, VIETNAM will provide 16 teletype and 3 voice common user channels between SAIGON and OKINAWA.

(4) Air Force Component Commander (AFCC) will provide the air control/defense system and establish the combined Air Operations Center (AOC) in accordance with CINCPAC Order 003120.3.

(5) CINCPACFLT.

(a) Will be prepared to provide a Communication Contingency Package with KW-26 devices to establish covered on-line external circuits as required.

(b) Will be prepared to provide the Navy Section

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of the Air Operation Center (AOC) with Contingency Communications Package No. 5 and equipment for an on-line pony loop to the local STARCOM message center to establish alternate routing as required.

- (c) Will be prepared to provide access for CG, III MEF to establish the Navy High Command Voice SSB Net (Pacific Area Circuit EI.3) and the NAVOPNET.
- (6) COMSEVENTHFLT.
 - (a) Will be prepared to provide Mobile Air Coordination Team (CTU 70.2.1) detachment ALFA communication personnel and equipment for the Navy Section of the COC and AOC.
 - (1) Voice call sign CHARMING.
 - (2) Routing Indicator RUMFZZ.
 - (b) Will be prepared to assign a MUX/DURATT ship to shore termination circuit to the supporting Carrier Task Group and the Navy Section of the AOC for on-line communications to NAVCOM-STAPHIL as required.
- (7) COMNAVPHIL. Will be prepared to provide an entry into the Defense Communication System (DCS) by activating a covered DURATT circuit with CG, III MEF.
- (8) III MEF. Headquarters III MEF, with Communications Support Company, FMF attached, will provide communications to the 3d Marine Division in the objective area and communications external to the objective area commencing B-Day.
- (9) Command posts.
 - (a) Planning.

III MEF - - - - - CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA

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3d MARDIV - - - - - CAMP COURTNEY, OKINAWA
1st MAW - - - - - MCAS, IWAKUNI, JAPAN
FLSG - - - - - CAMP SUKIRAN, OKINAWA
FEG - - - - - CAMP KINSER, OKINAWA

(b) Deployed. 3d MARDIV vicinity DANANG, VIETNAM.
Subordinate headquarters report CP locations
when established.

2. MISSION. On order, communications-electronics elements of
the Third Marine Division (-)(Rein) provide communication
and electronic support for the Division in deployment and
subsequent operations in the objective area.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation.

- (1) See Annex B (Concept of Operation).
- (2) This plan provides for communications during the
deployment of the division and subsequent operations
ashore. During deployment reliance will be made on
existing DCS communications circuits, FMF mobile
command circuit, a III MEF movement control circuit
between DANANG and OKINAWA, and circuits existing
in the objective area. Upon arrival of division
units in the objective area, normal division communi-
cation circuits will be established with certain
modifications. These modifications will be
necessary to overcome the communication difficulties
foreseen due to the distances involved.

b. Communication Company, Hq Bn.

- (1) See Appendix 5 (Communications-Electronics) to Annex
I of reference (b).
- (2) Install, operate, and maintain an internal communi-
cation system and facilities in accordance with
references (c), (d), and (e) and this Annex.

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- (3) Be prepared to provide communications and crypto guard for SLF when directed.
- (4) Be prepared to provide augmentation personnel and equipment to establish III MEF FSCC when activated in accordance with Annex A (Task Organization) and Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) of reference (a).
- (5) Install, operate and maintain the communication system required to support the Division Headquarters.
- (6) Attach radio relay teams to each RLT upon activation of the RLT (airlift) and the RLT (surface).
- (7) Attach radio relay teams to the 12th Marines and the Division Logistic Support Group on arrival in the objective area.
- (8) Prior to B-Day provide the CAMP HAUGE (III MEF CP) terminal (AN/TSC-15 equipment) for a point-to-point circuit between DANANG, RVN and CAMP HAUGE, OKINAWA. See Appendix 2 (Radio Nets and Frequencies).
- (9) Be prepared to attach AN/TSC-15 and other single side band equipment with radio and communication center teams to elements of the Third Marine Division located at QUANG NGAI and TAM KY to establish voice, CW, on-line or off-line circuits.

c. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) See references (c), (d), and (e).
- (2) Maintain strict communication and physical security of all communication electronics facilities due to the probability of Viet Cong activity. See Annex D (Intelligence).
- (3) Communication Center.
 - (a) Use GMT (ZULU) time for all message date-time-groups. Local time (HOTEL) may be used within message text.

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- (b) Cryptographic, authentication, and numeral codes. See Appendix I (Cryptographic instructions).
- (c) Internal teletype tape relay operating procedures will use CW call signs as routing indicators.
- (d) Teletype tape relay procedures to external addressees (DCS, STARCOM, etc.) will be in accordance with ACP 127.
- (e) When referring to messages originated by other services, nations, or allied commands, include both date-time-group and reference or cite number in accordance with DNC-5(B).

(4) Messenger service.

- (a) Upon arrival in the objective area, scheduled helicopter, motor, and high performance aircraft messenger service will be established.
- (b) The Division Headquarters Commandant and each subordinate unit will establish a helicopter landing point in accordance with Chapter Nine of reference (d).
- (c) The Adjutant Section will establish, control and schedule messenger service to senior and subordinate units.

(5) Radio.

- (a) See Appendixes 2 and 3.
- (b) Radio silence will be lifted on order of this Headquarters. Radio silence until that time.
- (c) Division Tactical Net #2 (SSB) will be activated on order. Thereafter units upon request may deactivate Division Command #1.
- (d) Be prepared to employ call sign encryption and address when directed by this Headquarters.
- (e) Report immediately to this Headquarters any enemy attempts to jam or employ imitative deception. See Appendix 4 (Electronic Warfare).

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- (6) Radio relay. See Appendix 5 (Radio Relay Plan).
- (7) Wire.
 - (a) See Appendix 5 (Radio Relay Plan) and Chapter 7 to reference (d).
 - (b) Telephone lines are in existence between DANANG, QUANG NGAI, and TAM KY. On order, units in these areas will enter the area switchboard.
- (8) Visual and sound. See Chapter 8 to reference (d) and Appendix 6 (Warning, Visual, Sound and Pyrotechnics).
- (9) Movement reports. Each subordinate unit submit classified movement report to CG, 3d MarDiv prior to embarkation.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See CG, 3d Marine Division Admin Plan 32-65 II (RVN).
- b. Third echelon electronic supply and maintenance will be provided by the Division Logistic Support Group.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Cryptographic
- 2 - Radio Nets and Frequencies
- 3 - Radio Call Signs (To be issued)
- 4 - Electronic Warfare

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5 - Radio Relay Plan

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Appendix 1 (Cryptographic Instructions) to Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to CG 3d Marine Division OpPlan 32-65
II (RVN)

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1. JOINT OPERATIONS CODE KAC-132/TSEC.

- a. All portions are effective except the authenticator portion which has been replaced by the KAA-29.
- b. Authorized for communications to aircraft only, unless time prohibits the use of other systems held by surface units.

2. KAC-140 SERIES/TSEC. COMUSMACV Joint Operations code for use in RVN will be held by USMACV crypto distribution authority for issue to CG, III MEF, as required.

3. AUTHENTICATION.

- a. KAA-60. Will be used for all joint authentication purposes.
- b. KAA-38. Will be used for combined (U.S./U.K./N.Z./AUSTRALIA) authentication.
- c. KAA-57. Will be used for challenge and reply authentication only between U.S. Forces and RVNAF Forces.

4. NUMERAL CODE.

- a. KAC-138. Effective for joint use to encrypt numerals in plain language messages during tactical situations.

5. CRYPTO CHANNELS.

- a. KN-7 (Orestes). Will be the common on-line SECRET CRYPTO channel with effective additions of KAK 2641 for III MEF internal communications.

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- b. KL-7 (Adonis). A limited combined ADONIS crypto capability will be available using KAR-3005/3005A rotors, TOP SECRET key list KAK 2631, and SECRET key list KAK 2630. Holders are listed in CSPM-1C, page 4-12.
- c. A joint ADONIS crypto capability consisting of KAR-202A rotors, TOP SECRET key list KAK 2640 and SECRET key list KAK 1753 will be provided for contingency operations. Limited holders of key list KAC-1842 authorized for use with KAK 1753 by Marine Corps crypto holders.
- d. Crypto Liaison Teams will use KAK 1753 to establish crypto channels.
- e. Following encryption systems are authorized for encryption of classified information and U.S. Forces classified information specifically released to the REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

(1) ADONIS unique rotor system.

(2) PYTHON using the SSM-33.

6. ALLOWANCES. All units will carry two months ROB in addition to the effective additions.

7. SECURITY.

- a. Security measures established in KAG-1 will be strictly enforced in accordance with ACP 122.
- b. Compromises will be reported immediately in accordance with ACP 122 with CG, 3d MarDiv as an information addressee on all reports.

8. CRYPTOGRAPHIC SYSTEM. Information concerning the currently effective SEATO Cryptomaterial and its degree of availability to SEATO member nations is contained in the current issue of the Monthly SEATO Cryptomaterial Status Report prepared and distributed by the SEATO Military Planning Office. SEATO cryptomaterial currently authorized for use by PACFLT units include:

- a. SMSP-201. Operating Instruction for SEATOTRITON authentication system.

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- b. SMSP-202. Operating Instructions for SEATO Multilingual Operations Code.
- c. SMSP-203. Operating Instructions for SEATO Numeral Code.
- d. SMSP-204. Operating and Maintenance Instructions for CSP 1750 KA-2 Call Sign Cipher Devices.

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Appendix 4 (Electronic Warfare) to Annex G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 32-65 II (RVN)

Ref: (a) COMUSMACV CEI-CEOI

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1. CONTROL OF EMPLOYMENT OF ELECTRONIC WARFARE IN RVN.

- a. COMUSMACV approval must be obtained prior to the conduct of active ECM in all operations, except that commanders of major subordinate units engaged in active combat in the command may employ EN as indicated below when in their considered judgement, such measures are essential to the conduct of the campaign, or for the safety of military forces, when time does not permit authorization by higher headquarters.
- (1) Employ active ECM against non-communications electromagnetic radiations.
 - (2) Employ electronic jamming against communication circuits passing clear test voice traffic which has an immediate effect on local tactical situation. Electronic jamming of other communication circuits will not be conducted without prior approval of COMUSMACV.
- b. Electronic Warfare conditions may be imposed by this, or higher headquarters.

2. PROCEDURES FOR OBTAINING COMUSMACV APPROVAL FOR CONDUCT OF ACTIVE ECM.

- a. Requests for implementation of that portion of an Operations Plan which pertains to the conduct of active ECM shall be submitted to this Headquarters for approval and forwarding in accordance with reference (a), and shall specify:
- (1) Type of Active ECM and equipment to be employed.

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- (2) Frequency(ies) or band(s) effected.
- (3) Any special operational or technical characteristics involved.
- (4) Time of intended jamming or deception.

3. JAMMING OR DECEPTION REPORTS.

- a. Scope. CLIFF Reports as outlined below apply to any case of known intentional jamming or interference from an unknown source (mutual interference, etc.), experienced by electronic communications systems, radars, navigational aids, etc., assigned this command.
- b. Purpose. To provide the CEO with notification of electronic interference of either an intentional or unintentional nature experienced by electronics units of this command. Also to provide information when radar and/or UHF/VHF air to ground channels are experiencing ECM/Jamming or interference. These reports will be collated to provide data for evaluating the effectiveness of enemy active EW efforts.
- c. Reports.
 - (1) When incidents of jamming which cannot be credited to friendly forces or malfunctions are experienced by ground radio, ground radar, navigational aids, or any other electronics systems within or under the jurisdiction of this command, a CLIFF Report will be forwarded to CG, 3d Marine Div (Attn: CEO). Method of transmission will be by the most expeditious method available. Security classification of this report is **SECRET**. The following format will be used in submitting this report.
 - (a) Unit submitting report and date-time-group.
 - (b) Location of site facility (site number, code name, designation).
 - (c) Type of equipment.
 - (d) Nomenclature of equipment.

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- (e) Frequency interfered with.
 - (f) Bandwidth effected.
 - (g) Source of interference.
 - (h) Location of interference source.
 - (i) Azimuth of interference.
 - (j) Type of interference (noise, pulse, spot, sweep, barrage, chaff).
- (2) Jamming of radar and/or associated Air/Ground UHF/VHF systems or deception activities will additionally be reported directly to the JOC by the most expeditious means available. UNCLASSIFIED voice circuits may be used if the situation dictates. The following format will apply to this report:
- (a) Location (Site number or geographic coordinates. Installations may use coordinates only if site numbers have not been assigned).
 - (b) Date and time (ZULU) for start of incident.
 - (c) Type of jamming or deception (radar, chaff, radar electronics, music radio, tone, radio noise, radio code, radio voices, homing devices, etc.).
 - (d) Condition of jamming (ground radar only).
- (3) Termination report format for both of the above outlined reports will be as follows:
- (a) Location of site/facility (Site number, code name, designation).
 - (b) Date and time interference started.
 - (c) Date and time interference stopped.
- (4) Conditions of jamming deception and/or unknown interference will be as follows:

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- (a) Condition 1 - Light interference.
- (b) Condition 2 - Moderate interference.
- (c) Condition 3 - Heavy interference.

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Appendix 6 (Warning, Visual, Sound, and Pyrotechnics) to Annex
 G (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 32-65 II (RVN)

Ref: (a) ACP 136
 (b) ACP 168
 (c) FMFPACO 02000.2_ (Comm Plan Five)

Time Zone: Hotel (Effective upon arrival in RVN)

1. GENERAL.

- a. See references (a), (b) and (c).
- b. Visual signals are supplementary means of communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signal flags, and pyrotechnics.
- c. Units tactical CW call signs will be used on all visual circuits.

2. WARNING AND ALERT SIGNALS.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>	<u>HOW DISSEMINATED</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
Air Defense Warning "RED"	Air Attack imminent or taking place	Flash message, short repeated sound of sirens, or word of mouth	Sirens will not be used for any other signal within objective area
"YELLOW"	Air attack is probable	Message, word of mouth	
"WHITE"	Air attack is improbable	Message, telephone word of mouth	May be de- clared before Air Defense Warning "YELLOW" or "RED"

3. MISCELLANEOUS VISUAL SIGNALS.

- a. Flag displayed from tank turret:

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<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
"RED"	Tank is in distress, require infantry assistance.
"ORANGE"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.
"GREEN"	Request contact on telephone at rear of tank.

b. Aircraft Maneuver Signals.

<u>AIRCRAFT MANEUVER</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
360 degree left turn	Display CP Identification.
360 degree right turn	Mission completed.
*Alternate dips and climbs	Display front line markings.
Rock Wings	Message or display understood.
*Yaw right-left	Standby for message drop.
Sharp S-turn	Will support you, mark target.
Circle right-rocking wings	Am trying to contact you by radio.

*It is not practical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals.

c. Smoke Signals.

(1) Smoke signals displayed by ground troops.

(2) <u>COLOR</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
RED	Friendly troops.
GREEN	Need aid.
YELLOW	This is a friendly front line.
VIOLET	Available for local assignments.

(3) One or more white phosphorous shells fired on a target indicates an assigned target.

d. Pyrotechnics Signals.

(1) See references (b) and (c).

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- (2) Meanings assigned to pyrotechnic signals will not be altered.
- (3) Meanings may be assigned to signals not specifically assigned by higher authority provided coordination with interested commander is effected.
- (4) Any red pyrotechnic light displayed singly or in succession is an international signal meaning aircraft in distress.
- (5) The below listed pyrotechnic signals with assigned meanings are standard with III MEF when fired by ground troops.

<u>SIGNAL</u>	<u>MEANING</u>
White Star, Parachute	Reserved for illumination.
White Star, Cluster	Reserved for illumination.
Amber Star, Parachute	*Assault waves have landed.
Amber Star, Cluster	*Objective taken (mission completed).
Green Star, Parachute	*Friendly fire falling in own lines.
Green Star, Cluster	*Friendly fire falling in own lines.
Red Star, Parachute	*Emergency.
Red Star, Cluster	*Emergency.
*Will be repeated at least once.	

e. Panels.

- (1) See references (a) and (c).
- (2) Panels are employed by ground forces as a means of recognition and identification. The panel sets VS-4/U and VS-6/U are normally used to identify front line markings and identify vehicles.
- (3) Use VS-4/U (Red) panels to identify vehicles and armor in forward areas on odd dates. Use VS-6/U (Yellow) panels on even dates.

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4. SOUND.

- a. Sound devices will be used in accordance with locally prepared SOP's.

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Annex O (Psychological Operations) to Operation Plan 32-65 II
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Ref: None

Time Zone: H (Effective upon arrival in RVN)

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION.

a. General.

- (1) This annex provides guidance for planning and conducting psychological operations (PsyOps) in support of this plan under a counter-insurgency environment.
- (2) This Headquarters (G-3) exercises overall direction of PsyOps within the 3d Marine Division.
- (3) Subordinate Commanders are responsible for the conduct of PsyOps in accordance with this annex.

b. Enemy forces. Annex D (Intelligence).

c. Friendly forces.

- (1) III MEF requests and coordinates PsyOps support from higher headquarters.
- (2) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (-)(Rein) has a limited capability to provide aircraft for loud speaker broadcasts, mercy flights and leaflet drops.
- (3) USIA overtly supports PsyOps in RVN.

2. MISSION. 3d Marine Division, to the maximum extent capable, conducts PsyOps with particular emphasis directed at exploring the opportunities provided lower tactical units

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in their day to day contact with Vietnamese forces and civilians.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

(1) General.

- (a) This Headquarters (G-3) coordinates and directs all PsyOps of subordinate units in accordance with CG, III MEF policy and guidance.
- (b) 3d Marine Division forces have no inherent specialized PsyOps capability and rely for such support on higher headquarters.
- (c) The greatest potential PsyOps capability within this Division is the personal relations established through contact with the populace in local areas of operations.

(2) PsyOps objectives. Efforts will be made to accomplish the following objectives:

- (a) Develop among the friendly populace an attitude of acceptance and cooperation toward U.S. forces.
- (b) Decrease and eventually eliminate the civilian population's support of insurgent military forces.
- (c) Sustain the morale, loyalty and support of the populace for their established government.
- (d) Reduce the morale of Communist-dominated insurgents or forces and destroy their will to continue hostilities.

(3) Concept of PsyOps support. PsyOps support will be achieved as follows:

- (a) Indoctrination of all personnel in the reasons for U.S. military operations in RVN as indicated

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in the themes stated in Appendix 1 (Psychological Operations Themes).

- (b) Indoctrination of all personnel in proper conduct and association with the friendly populace.
- (c) Maximum utilization of PsyOps support from higher headquarters.
- (d) Maintenance of continuous liaison as authorized with PsyOps teams and/or other agencies that may be operating in the Division zone.
- (e) Indoctrination of all personnel in the objectives and principles of PsyOps to the extent required to enable them to be alert for indications of psychological strengths and vulnerabilities in the below target groups.
- (f) Employment of personnel and equipment to achieve the objectives set forth in paragraph 2. above.

(4) Principles.

(a) Attitudes and Actions of individuals.

1. The attitude and conduct of individual Marines are primary factors contributing to psychological effect on the civilian populace.
2. The rights and customs of the civilian populace must be respected.
3. Individual attitudes and actions must support the concept that U.S. forces are in RVN to assist the government forces in protecting the Vietnamese people and sovereignty of the RVN.

(b) Target groups. The primary target groups include:

1. Civilian population friendly to RVN.
2. Civilian population sympathetic to the VC insurgents.

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3. Uncommitted civilians.

- b. All subordinate units. Insure that appropriate steps are taken to implement the above concept of operation, within existing capabilities.
- c. Coordinating instructions.
 - (1) Formal PsyOps programs will be undertaken only with the approval of this Headquarters (G-3).
 - (2) Effect close coordination in PsyOps planning to provide appropriate and timely support for military operations.
 - (3) Treat prisoners of war and enemy defectors in such a way as to encourage defection and discourage hostilities.
 - (4) Employ countermeasures as necessary to neutralize the effect of enemy PsyOps.
 - (5) Where feasible, indoctrinate all personnel in PsyOps objectives as authorized above prior to arrival in RVN.
 - (6) Requests for PsyOps assistance will be forwarded to this Headquarters (G-3).
 - (7) No foreign nationals and/or Vietnamese personnel will be employed in PsyOps without the express approval of this Headquarters (G-3).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Plan 32-65 II (RVN).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS. See basic plan.

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1. GENERAL. This Division does not possess the capability to conduct specialized propaganda campaigns or formal psychological operations; however the themes and objectives set forth below are of value for troop instruction, especially those in a position to direct these themes against civil population targets.
2. CIVILIAN POPULATION FRIENDLY TO GRVN.
 - a. Objective. To convince the populace that Communist VC rule would mean the end of RVN ~~sovereignty~~ and independence, the following themes may be employed:
 - (1) The VC and their followers are controlled by foreign interests.
 - (2) The VC are not interested in the legitimate aspirations of the Vietnamese people.
 - (3) The VC seeks to make VIETNAM a satellite of the Sino-Soviet bloc.
 - (4) A communist regime never enjoys popular support but maintains power by force.
 - b. Objective. To convince the population that VC rule would deprive them of basic rights and freedoms, the following themes may be employed:
 - (1) Communist regimes do not recognize the individual's basic rights and freedom.
 - (2) VC rule would deprive the individual of his freedom.

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- (3) Under Communism the government decides everything and individuals lose the right of self determination.
 - (4) Under Communism the people are forced to conform to the political purpose of the state, whereas a free government exists solely for the people's benefit.
 - (5) Communism degrades human dignity by denying civil liberties and human rights.
- c. Objective. To convince the rural populace that Communism means slavery, the following themes may be employed:
- (1) The VC will make the individual work harder and longer for less reward.
 - (2) Communism makes farmers slaves of the state.
 - (3) The VC will take away the individual's land and make him a regimented productive unit of the state.
 - (4) The VC will make the individual work harder for food, then take it away.
- d. Objective. To convince the populace that our objective is to assist the RVN Armed Forces in protecting them from Communist control and to support the GRVN, the following themes may be employed:
- (1) External aggression against the REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM will be dealt with swiftly and efficiently.
 - (2) RVN Armed Forces are a force of the people.
 - (3) RVN Armed Forces are protecting the people from Communist domination.
 - (4) The U.S. is helping the RVN Armed Forces to protect the Vietnamese people from Communist domination.
 - (5) VC cannot win because GRVN and U.S. are stronger and fight for human dignity and freedom.

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- e. Objective. To convince the populace that by supporting VC they are destroying their sovereignty and freedom, the following themes may be employed:
- (1) The Communist regime in the North does not enjoy the popular support of its people.
 - (2) By cooperating with the VC the populace helps the Communists in the North to maintain totalitarian control in that area, and in their attempt to enforce their tyranny in the South.
 - (3) Vietnamese Communists are not nationalists but are loyal to foreign interests.
 - (4) No Communist satellite nation has ever retained its independence.
 - (5) Communist domination would mean destruction of the individual's religion.
 - (6) Communism seeks world domination.
 - (7) Communist promises of a good life for the people, have never been kept in Communist dominated countries.
 - (8) A Communist government will not represent the people's interest but will maintain ~~oppressive~~ rule over the people by force and terrorism.

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