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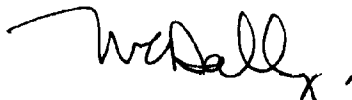
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Encl: ✓(1) 3d Marine Division Command Chronology for the period 1-31 July 1966
with supporting documents
✓(2) List of supporting documents

1. In accordance with the provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosures (1) and (2) are submitted.
2. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1) and (2).


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3D MARINE DIVISION

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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY

for the month of

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ORGANIZATION DATA

THIRD MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE

COMMAND CHRONOLOGY FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 1966 TO 31 JULY 1966

SUBMITTED AUGUST 1966

FROM THE DIVISION COMMAND POST BUNKER (AT 957751)

DANANG, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

COMMANDING GENERAL

MAJOR GENERAL WOOD E. KYLE, U. S. MARINE CORPS

ASSISTANT DIVISION COMMANDER

BRIGADIER GENERAL LOWELL E. ENGLISH, U. S. MARINE CORPS

CHIEF OF STAFF

COLONEL JOHN B. SWEENEY, USMC

GENERAL STAFF

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1 COLONEL GLEN E. MARTIN, USMC (1-7 JULY)
COLONEL JOHN P. LANIGAN USMC (8-31 JULY)

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2 COLONEL THOMAS M. HORNE, USMC

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3 COLONEL NOBLE L. BECK, USMC (1-30 JULY)
COLONEL WILLIAM F. DOEHLER, USMC (31 JULY)

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-4 LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES S. WILDER, USMC (1-9 JULY)
COLONEL ROBERT M. RICHARDS USMC (10-31 JULY)

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, G-5 LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWARD H. MACKEL, USMC

ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, COMPTROLLER, LIEUTENANT COLONEL ARTHUR T. HILL, USMC

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SUBORDINATE UNITS

Headquarters Battalion	Maj Herbert L. FOGARTY, USMC (1-9 July) Col Robert M. JENKINS, USMC (10-31 July)
3d Marine Regiment	Col Harold A. HAYES Jr., USMC
4th Marine Regiment	Col Donald W. SHERMAN, USMC (1-29 July) Col Alexander D. GREGG, USMC (1-31 July)
9th Marine Regiment	Col Edwin H. SIMMONS, USMC (1-5 July) Col Drew J. BARRETT Jr., USMC (6-31 July)
1st Marine Regiment	Col Bryan B. MITCHELL, USMC
12th Marine Regiment	Col James M. CALLENDER, USMC (1 July) Col Benjamin S. READ, USMC (2-31 July)
3d Anti Tank Battalion	LtCol Bruce A. HEFLIN, USMC (1-12 July) Maj Eddis R. LARSON, USMC (13-31 July)
3d Engineer Battalion	Maj Conway J. SMITH, USMC (1 July) Maj Charles D. WOOD, USMC (2-31 July)
3d Medical Battalion	Comdr John T. VINCENT, (MC) USN
3d Motor Transport Battalion	Maj Freddie J. BAKER, USMC
3d Reconnaissance Battalion	Maj Thomas R. STUART, USMC (1-4 July) Maj Gary WILDER, USMC (5-31 July)
3d Shore Party Battalion	Maj Thomas W. JONES, USMC
3d Tank Battalion	LtCol Milton L. RAPHAEL, USMC
1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion	LtCol William D. POMEROY, USMC

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AVERAGE STRENGTH DURING JULY

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>ENLISTED</u>
HqBn	181	1392
3d Marines	118	2975
4th Marines	116	2886
9th Marines	115	3002
1st Marines	114	3135
12th Marines	177	2331
3d AT Bn	21	342
3d Engr Bn	32	835
3d Med Bn	38	368
3d MT Bn	17	272
3d Recon Bn	16	371
3d SP Bn	25	430
3d TK Bn	36	550
1st AmTrac Bn	<u>29</u>	<u>611</u>
TOTAL	1035	19500

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PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION1. Personnel and Administration

a. Casualties sustained during the month included: 88 KIA, 635 WIA, 14 DOW, 1 MIA returned to military control, 3 NHD, and 31 NHI.

b. During the period, 193 officers and 2574 enlisted personnel joined the Division. In addition, 109 officers and 2273 enlisted personnel were transferred by normal rotation; 8 officers and 296 enlisted personnel were transferred by service records.

c. Awards presented were 546 Purple Hearts, 7 Silver Stars, 25 Bronze Stars, 35 Navy Commendation Medals, and 2 Legions of Merit. Recommendations for medals forwarded to FMFPac included: 3 Navy Crosses, 25 Silver Stars, 11 Legions of Merit, 1 Distinguished Flying Cross, 3 Navy and Marine Corps Medals, 102 Bronze Stars, 4 Air Medals, 72 Navy Commendation Medals, and 10 Secretary of the Navy Commendations for Achievement.

d. Discharges: 5 Hardship Discharges approved, 2 Hardship Discharges disapproved, and 1 Unfitness Discharge pending.

2. Field Exchanges

a. LtCol W. C. COOK, Director, Marine Corps Exchange Service, who was accompanying the Inspector General, came from Okinawa to Vietnam for a two day tour of Exchange facilities under III MAF cognizance. The 3d MarDiv Exchange Officer escorted LtCol COOK to 1/9 on Hill 55, thence to Phu Bai, and a visit to the 4th Marines Exchange.

b. Two additional retail stores were opened during the first 10 days of the month. One is located at the 3/9 CP, An Hoa, in a tropical hut, and the second is at the 2/9 CP, situated in a Hobbs Van.

c. Operation Home Front Mail Order Catalogs and order blanks were distributed to all Regiments and separate Battalions for dissemination to the Companies and Platoons. In addition, catalogs were made available for reference at all 3dMarDiv Exchange locations.

3. Special Services

a. Division Special Services relocated its warehouses to Hill 327 during the period 1 through 9 July 1966. During this time limited issues were made and upon completion of the move, inventory, and change of Custodian, issues of property again began on 21 July.

b. GED testing still remains suspended. As a means of off-duty education, division personnel are participating in increasing numbers in USAFI and MCI courses.

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c. Several shows and performers visited the 3d Marine Division during the period, among these were:

(1) Show Case - A musical group composed of six service men of units of the 3d Marine Division on 7 July 1966. Performances took place at 3d Medical Battalion and the 12th Marines Command Post.

(2) "Big Band and Boondocker Show" - Twenty-six members of the 1st Marine Division Band provided excellent entertainment during ninety (90) minute performances at 3d Shore Party Battalion, 3d Marines, 7th Engineer Battalion and the 4th Marines, 9 through 12 July 1966.

(3) Movie-TV star and celebrated Toastmaster, Mr. George Jessel, along with Diane Findlay, singer, and Ronald A. Richardello, accordionist appeared at 3d Engineer Battalion area for one show on 16 July 1966.

(4) "Stateside Capers" - a musical variety show featuring three male and two female performers gave performances on 22 July at 3d Motor Transport Battalion and 3d Shore Party Battalion.

(5) A musical combo, "The Four of Us" appeared for one show at the USO in the Hill 327 area on 25 July 1966.

d. The number of personnel who participated in the R&R program was as follows:

Okinawa	307
Hong Kong	137
Bangkok	280
Taipei	228
Tokyo	234
Manila	55
Singapore	68
Penang	53
Kuala Lumpur	54

(1) Hawaii has been added to the list of R&R locations. A total of 46 quotas to Hawaii have been allocated to 3d Marine Division units for the month of August.

e. The Division MARS station provided its special Sunday night operation during the month of July with 70 radio phone patches placed for patients. In addition a total of 3,877 Radiograms were sent and received. Radio phone patches placed from the station also totaled 804.

4. Informational Services

a. The section continued press coverage of the 3d Marine Division activities releasing 182 news and feature releases through the Force Information Office, III Marine Amphibious Force. Also a total of 1,670 hometown releases were sent to the Fleet Home Town News Center, Great Lakes, Ill.. The decrease in hometown releases this month is due to the large number of troops participating in Operation Hastings.

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b. The most significant operational coverage during the month of July was Operation Hastings and Operation Macon.

c. Other coverage during the month included the George Jessel visit, civil affairs programs, human interest stories, unique incidents throughout the 3d Marine Division and personal experiences of Marines involved in combat against the Viet Cong.

d. A total of 726 minutes and 22 seconds of tape recorded air time was produced by the Radio-TV Section during the month of July.

5. Postal

a. The Directory Section readdressed and forwarded approximately 1,879 pounds of airmail and 13,718 pounds of all other classes of mail, for a total of 15,597 pounds processed during the 30 day period covered by this report.

b. The following figures represent pounds of U. S. Mail this command received and dispatched during July 1966:

<u>AREA</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>DISPATCHED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
DANANG	413,645	171,922	585,567
PHU BAI	<u>76,592</u>	<u>27,759</u>	<u>104,351</u>
TOTAL	490,237	199,681	689,918

c. During July 1966, air letter mail was not received at Danang on July 23, 29, 31. Phu Bai area did not receive air letter mail on July 16, 20, 23, 31. However, this mail was received along with the next day's mail in all cases.

d. The Rewrap Section of the Division Post Office handled 292 parcels, which were damaged to the extent that further handling would result in loss of contents unless rewrapped. Minor repairs were made to numerous other parcels which required only temporary reinforcement to permit further dispatch to the addressee.

6. Band

a. The Band returned on 18 July 1966 from their tour of Okinawa and Japan.

b. While on tour of both Okinawa and Japan, the Band participated in 49 separate performances aside from regular Colors formations at both of these places. Performances included, Concerts, Honor Guards, Parades, Guard Mounts, and Change of Command Ceremonies.

c. The Band is currently engaged in forming a variety show which will be performed on 14 August 1966 with Arthur Godfrey as Host Master-of-Ceremonies.

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7. Division Clubs

a. A Staff NCO Club was opened at 4th Bn, 12thMar on 10 July 1966.

b. Estimated Gross Sales

COM(Open)	\$ 9,832.45
SNCO	49,000.00
Enlisted	<u>324,291.85</u>
	\$383,124.30

c. Miscellaneous

(1) The financial reports were submitted to the Commanding General on 29 July. Net profits were as follows:

COM(Open)	\$ 6,529.69
SNCO	43,798.27
Enlisted	170,707.16

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INTELLIGENCE

1. Operation HOIT. This operation was initiated on intelligence gained during operation JAY that was conducted 25-26 June. At the conclusion of JAY a VC force ambushed an ARVN Marine convoy on National Route 1 and Marine forces participated in the relief of the convoy. Prisoners taken during this relief indicated that they were the 802d VC Battalion and that plans for the ambush included withdrawal to a VC base camp area in the jungle covered mountainous area west of the city of HUE.

Operation HOIT was conducted west of HUE to exploit the intelligence gained from these prisoners. The operation was conducted between 2 and 6 July. No major contact was made with large VC forces during this operation. Light contact was made periodically and intelligence did not confirm the presence of the 802d VC Battalion. Viet Cong losses during this operation included 16 KIA (Confirmed), 16 KIA (Probable), 1 VCC and 8 weapons captured.

2. Operations HASTINGS. This operation was conducted from 7 July until 3 August in northern QUANG TRI Province west of CAM LO. An NVA rallier to ARVN forces in the CAM LO area on 19 May stated that the 324B NVA Division was to infiltrate into South Vietnam through the DMZ. Between 19 May and 15 June an increase in low level agent reports concerning the infiltration of the 324B Division resulted in planning a reconnaissance effort in the area west of CAM LO.

Operation HASTINGS commenced with the insertion of the first reconnaissance elements on 1 July. Of the first 18 attempted insertions of reconnaissance patrols, 14 either had to be retracted early or completely aborted because of enemy activity in the area. As a result of the heavy enemy activity discovered by the reconnaissance operation, Task Force Delta was activated and moved into the field for operations commencing 15 July.

During the operation, heavy contact was made with NVA forces. An analysis of interrogations of prisoners, translation of captured documents and location of major contacts with enemy forces indicated that six of the nine infantry battalions of the 324B NVA Division had infiltrated South Vietnam across the DMZ and were present in the HASTINGS area.

Sightings and contacts by Marine Reconnaissance patrols commencing 1 July, and information obtained from one rallier to ARVN Forces and several captives, along with the contacts made by elements of Task Force Delta indicate that initially the elements of the 324B Division were disposed west of CAM LO in a north-south arc about 25 kilometers long and 6-9 kilometers wide centered on CAM LO. Enemy patrolling action increased the width of this zone to about 14 kilometers or to within 5 kilometers of CAM LO. No contacts were made in the southern one third of this arc by ARVN Airborne forces during LAM SON 289, the ARVN counterpart to operation HASTINGS, although the Airborne force did take one captive and uncovered a large ammunition cache in that area.

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Subsequent contacts with the NVA west and northwest of CAM LO by elements of Task Force Delta indicate a hasty expansion and improvement of defensive positions in depth by the NVA while undergoing Marine ground and air attacks as well as ARC LIGHT Strikes. The abandoned caches of ammunition and supplies and numerous crew served weapons found by Marines in and around fortified positions indicate hasty withdrawals by NVA units to the northwest as Marine elements attacked.

Operation HASTINGS and the attendant use of ARC LIGHT Strikes disrupted NVA dispositions and forced the abandonment or postponement of the stated mission of the 324B Division to attack key installations and areas in QUANG TRI Province.

NVA losses during the Operation include 785 KIA (Confirmed), 908 KIA (probable), 11 NVAC, 3 NVA returnees, 197 individual weapons, and 25 crew served weapons.

3. During 12 to 24 July the 3d Interrogation Translation Team supported Operation HASTINGS. Three County Fair operations were also supported; 2/3 County Fair on 12 to 14 July and 1/3 County Fairs on 21-22 July and 26-27 July. During the month the team interrogated 302 Viet Cong suspects of which 236 had Viet Cong associations.

4. The document Translation section of the 3rd Interpreter Team received 82 batches of documents with 1619 total documents.

5. The 3rd Counterintelligence Team conducted 89 interrogations of Viet Cong or Viet Cong suspects during the month. Immediate reaction to information disclosed during interrogation resulted in the apprehension of two (2) confirmed Viet Cong by Team Personnel. Members of the team participated in two County Fair operations and one search and clear operation. Nine special inquiries were made and the Team is continuing surveillance of DANANG Air Force Base perimeter.

6. The final accumulative VC losses inflicted by Marines for the month of July were 223 KIA (Confirmed), 255 KIA (Probable) and 26 VC captured. These figures are exclusive of Operation HOLT and HASTINGS.

785 KIA (conf)
908 KIA (prob)
11 NVAC

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255 KIA (prob)
26 VC

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OPERATIONS

1. General. A total of 10,492 offensive actions were conducted by the Division during the month of July, resulting in 656 contacts with the Viet Cong. Weather conditions were generally favorable for the conduct of offensive operations. The Division conducted three major operations during the month. These were operations HOLT, MACON, and HASTINGS. A brief summary of the Major Operations follows:

a. HOLT. Operation HOLT was a battalion "Search and Destroy" operation conducted during the period 2-6 July 1966 in the CO BI THANH TAN area. The Third Battalion, Fourth Marines Commanded by LtCol S. A. VALE, was the participating unit and the Headquarters Fourth Marine Command Group, Commanded by Col D. W. SHERMAN, was the Control Headquarters. Contact with the enemy was light throughout the operation and final results were:

Friendly Casualties:	KIA	WIA
	0	4

Enemy Casualties:	KIA(Conf)	KIA(Prob)	VCC
	16	16	1

b. MACON. Operation MACON is a multi-Battalion "Search and Destroy" operation in the HU HOA-BAREN AREA OF QUANG NAM, with the mission of destroying enemy forces, facilities and influence in that area. The operation was conducted during the period 4 July through 31 July and is continuing into August 1966. The Third Battalion, Ninth Marines, commanded by Major G. R. GRIMES was the participating unit and the Ninth Marines commanded by Colonel Edwin H. SIMMONS (4-5 July) and Colonel Drew J. BARRETT (6-31 July) was the Control Headquarters. Contact with small groups of the enemy was fairly frequent the first week of the operation and sporadic thereafter. The results through 31 July were:

Friendly Casualties:	KIA	WIA
	9	51

Enemy Casualties	KBGF(Conf)	KBGF(Prob)
	142	268

c. HASTINGS. Commenced on 7 July, 1966 as a Reconnaissance Operation. This operation was changed to a "Search and Destroy" operation on 13 July when reconnaissance patrols and intelligence indicated the presence of a Reinforced North Vietnamese Army Division in QUANG TRI Province (YD 1259). Between 15 July, D-Day, and 3 August when the operation terminated, seven Marine Infantry Battalions, Artillery, and Air Support were employed. Normal activity during day light consisted of company or smaller units. The NVA normally broke contact when artillery and air were called. At night the NVA mortared and probed battalion positions, but again broke contact when supporting arms were employed. The most significant contact of the operation came on 181400 July when the NVA attacked 3rd Bn, 4th Marines in column and separated the column in several places. At the same time approximately 1,000 NVA attacked two platoons in the rear of the column, vicinity YD 0364, and heavy

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close in fighting ensued. Artillery and air strikes were called and were extremely effective and inflicted heavy casualties on the NVA. After approximately 20 minutes, the two platoons withdrew and met reinforcing elements sent to meet them. Sporadic small arms fire continued until about 1800. This action resulted in an estimated 500 NVA KIA. Final results for the operation were:

Friendly Casualties:	KIA	WIA
	124	440

Enemy Casualties:	KIA	KIA(Prob)	NVAC
	785	908	11

Weapon: Captured: 222

2. A total of thirteen Rough Rider convoys were conducted during July. Two received a few rounds of small arms fire and the others were conducted without incident.

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TRAINING1. Schools

a. <u>In Country Schools</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Off</u>	<u>Enl</u>
USMACV/USAID/JUSPAC ADVISOR	Saigon	2	
Mine Warfare and Booby Trap	3dEngrBn		824
Field Fortification	3dEngrBn		19
b. <u>Out of Country Schools</u>			
CRYPTO/COMM Security	Yokosuka	3	2
RPS Custodian	Yokosuka	2	
Motion Picture Operator	Yokosuka		8
Basic Infantry Weapons Repair	Okinawa		15
Basic Ammo Technician	Okinawa		7
Vietnamese Language	Okinawa	1	6
Nuclear Weapons Refresher	Okinawa	3	8
Scuba Diver	Subic Bay		11
Field Radio	Okinawa		5
Field Wire	Okinawa		5
NCO Leadership	Okinawa		8
M-16 Transition	Okinawa		9

2. Intra Division Training

a. Number of personnel firing HOA CAM Range during July 1966 - 2,095.

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COMBAT AIR SUPPORT1. Significant Events.

a. At 1600 on 1 July 2 UH-34's of HMM-163 rescued an Army pilot and Marine Aerial Observer from an Army O-1 which had been shot down by small arms fire in the 9th Marines operating area. At 1645 a CH-46 made a successful external pickup of the downed aircraft but while enroute to DANANG the aircraft began to oscillate violently and had to be jettisoned. The aircraft was badly damaged and later destroyed in place.

b. Operation HOLT commenced on 2 July with 4 CH-46's lifting a 50 man security force into the operating area. At 0730 4 F-4's provided 30 minute LZ prep followed by 14 CH-46's lifting 550 Marines of 3/4 into LZ. Twenty-eight F-4's/F-8's provided LZ cover, helo escort, and general fixed wing air support throughout the day. Daily aircraft requirements throughout the remainder of the operation were 2 UH-34's for Med-Evac/Resupply and 1 UH-1E for Command/Control and TAC(A). Operation Jay secured on 2 July with the lifting of 600 Marines of 2/1 from the operating area. This lift was escorted by 4 F-4's.

c. From 1700-1900 on 4 July Sparrow Hawk aircraft evacuated 16 casualties from "K" 3/9. During this lift there was heavy fire which accounted for helos receiving 11 hits, none of which were vital. Two A-4's and 4 F-4's were scrambled with 2 UH-1E gunships acting as TAC(A). They were later joined by 4 more aircraft and the total expended Napalm, Zuni Rockets, 20mm, and 7.62mm for a BDA of 55 VC KBA (Confirmed), 30 VC KBA (Probable), 8 structures destroyed and 1 secondary explosion. At 2030 10 CH-46's escorted by armed UH-1E's lifted 140 Marines of "M", 3/9 into AN HOA as reinforcements. Intense AW fire was encountered in pick up zone with 2 aircraft being hit. No pertinent damage recorded.

d. Operation MACON commenced on 5 July with A-4's providing 20 minute LZ prep's in two separate LZ's followed by 20 CH-46's lifting 663 Marines of 1/3 and 3/3 into the two separate LZ's. Ten A-4's covered the landing and expended ordnance resulting in a damage assessment of 11 structures destroyed. Daily aircraft requirements were 4 UH-34's for Med-Evac/Resupply stationed at AN HOA. At 1400 on 6 July, Operation HOLT secured with 10 UH-34's and 6 CH-46's lifting 550 Marines of 3/4 (-) from the operating area to PK-17. Helo escort was provided by 2 F-4's.

e. At 1825 on 8 July a CH-46 was hit by heavy ground fire during a recon insertion, crashed and burned. All 4 crewmen and 7 troops exited the aircraft and were picked up by Air Force H-43's and other Marine Helo's.

f. On 9 and 10 July 6 UH-34's and 4 CH-37's lifted 640 troops of the 9th Marines in support of Operation MACON. Helo escort was provided by 4 F-4's. On 14 July 4 CH-46's lifted 405 Marines of 1/3 and 3/3 from the MACON operating area to 1/3 rear positions. At 1000 on 15 July 8 UH-34's lifted 150 Marines of 3/9 in support of Operation MACON.

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g. On 15 July air operations for Hap... KICKED OFF WITH 20 CH-46's, 4 CH-37's, and 10 UH-34's lifting 1200 troops into two separate LZ's with 4 A-4's conducting LZ prep's in each LZ. One F-4 and 2 CH-46's were lost operationally and 1 CH-46 was hit by enemy fire. Fifteen seconds after landing, the aircraft exploded. The 4 crewmembers and 12 passengers were missing in action. Daily air support requirements for the duration of the operation consisted of 14 UH-1E's for Recon Insertions / Command & Control/TAC(A)/Helo Escort/Reaction Force and 34 UH-34's for Med-Evac/LSA Direct Support/Radio Relay/Reaction Force. The statistical summary of the operation is as follows:

~~ASTINGS~~

(1) Sorties Flown.

(a) Helicopter	10,769	Fixed Wing Transport	1,056
(b) Close Air Support	458		
(c) Interdiction	782		
(d) Radar Controlled Bombing	427		

(2) Ordnance Expended.

(a) Bombs/Napalm	1,176 tons
(b) 20mm	26,800 rounds
(c) Helicopter Rockets	6.2 tons
(d) 7.62	26,000 rounds
(e) 50 cal	18,000 rounds

(3) Supplies/Troops Flown.

(a) Fixed Wing Transport	5,250 tons/5,665 troops
(b) Helo	1,213 tons/16,979 troops

(4) The Bomb Damage Assessment is as follows:

Structures	92 Destroyed	13 Damaged
KBA	2 Confirmed	29 Probable
Elephants	2 KBA	
Secondary Explosions	17	
Secondary Fire's	2	
AW Positions	32 Destroyed	5 Damaged
Caves	3 Destroyed	
Bunkers	36 Destroyed	2 Damaged
Trenches	5 Destroyed	
AW (gun)	11 Destroyed	3 Damaged
Storage Area	3 Destroyed	

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2. New Developments. None

3. Problem Areas. No new problems were encountered during the month of July.

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LOGISTICS1. Significant Events

a. Colonel Robert M. RICHARDS relieved LtCol Charles S. WILDER as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4 on 10 July 1966.

b. At the close of this period, there were 80 separate items on the Red Ball program. This is an increase of 28 items over the last report.

c. Requirements for Critipak 7 have been submitted to Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific.

d. The 3d Marine Division Embarkation Officer coordinated the debarkation of the USNS GORDON which arrived at DANANG on 28 July 1966 with 771 replacements for 1st Marine Division, 3d Marine Division, Force Logistic Command, 1st Marine Air Wing and III Marine Amphibious Force.

e. A total of 262 S/T of "A" and "B" rations were moved by commercial trucks from DANANG to PHU BAI during the period covered.

f. A total of 65 LCU loads of supplies were moved from DANANG to PHU BAI for logistical support of 3d Marine Division units.

g. During the period covered 2 Rough Rider convoys traveled between DANANG and PHU BAI, and returned and 1 traveled between DANANG and DONG HA and returned.

h. There were 18 mine incidents in which 8 tanks M48A3 and 10 LVTP5's were damaged. 2 LVTP5's were damaged by 57mm machine rifle fire in separate actions.

i. 1 LVTP5 and 1 Howitzer Self Propelled 9" M55 were submerged during this period, not as a result of enemy action. Both have been recovered.

j. 8 Ontos (M50A1) were delivered to 3d Anti-Tank Battalion and 3 M55 Howitzers (SP) (M109) were delivered to the 4th Battalion 12th Marines in conjunction with the R&E program.

2. Special Operations

a. Operation HASTINGS was conducted during this period. The following logistical support missions were conducted:

(1) 514 Aircraft sorties (KC-130) were flown to DONG HA airlifting 5 Infantry Battalions, two 105 Howitzer Batteries, one 4.2 Mortar Battery and 4,277 tons of cargo. Airlift was the primary means of support.

(2) 2 YFU's containing 244 tons of Class V and 3 YFU's with 5 M48A3 Tanks were transported to DONG HA.

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(3) Two Rough Rider overland convoys containing 83.6 tons of Class I, II, IV and V to PHU BAI and 1 convoy containing 70 tons of Class V to DONG HA were carried out without incident.

3. New Developments

a. During this period 98% of Division units completed recomputation of inventory data and have submitted listings of excess property. Excess will be turned into the Force Logistics Command.

4. Problem Areas

a. The newly formed Division Supply Management Teams visited each unit in the DANANG Enclave to determine:

- (1) Excess problem type items on hand
- (2) Validity of customer demands for problem type items
- (3) If quantities requested were based on past usage
- (4) If inventory control data was correctly computed

b. Units were notified of discrepancies and informed of corrective action to be taken.

c. Units that submitted a negative report of excess and/or a small number of excess items as a result of the quarterly recomputation of inventory control data were visited by the Division Supply Management Teams. Records were screened and each unit was furnished a list of items that should have been declared excess.

d. A supply Management Team is scheduled to visit PHU BAI units commencing 1 August 1966.

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CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION1. General

a. Documents published by this section and Civil Affairs Situation Reports from subordinate commands were:

- (1) Division Civil Affairs Newsletter Number 10
- (2) Unit Civic Action SITREPS

2. Highlights

a. Civil Government. With U. S. and ARVN forces engaging in pacification operations throughout QUANG NAM and THUI THIEN provinces, the central and provincial governments image and influence has been significantly enhanced by the provisioning of more services and commodities to the populace. In DAI LOC District (915577) Lt MAN relieved 1st Lt PHUONG as District Chief after several hundred bags of rice and bulgar intended for refugee relief could not be accounted for. Dr CHI, QUANG NAM Province Chief openly and frankly brought this matter to light and made profuse apologies on behalf of the Vietnamese government, to U. S. officials, promising that appropriate action would be taken. Increasing awareness of the coming elections is being demonstrated by the people. Even in recently secured remote areas of QUANG NAM province, posters and banners proclaiming the election have been widely distributed by the GVN. However, it seems doubtful at this point that the rural populace possesses sufficient information to make considered selection in September.

b. Legal. Preliminary steps have been taken to initiate indemnification proceedings for crop and house damage in DAI LOC District. Claims from other areas in the TAOR are being expeditiously processed. Immediate indemnification in commodities and cash was made by the GVN to families at DIEN BAN District (065583) 31 July.

c. Public Health. Posters on basic sanitation and personal hygiene were obtained from C-1 Special Forces G-5 and distributed. Wells, well covers and heads continue to be constructed and renovated. Rodent eradication programs have been carried out in LOC AN (908578), LOC PHONG (916582) and LOC HUNG (915577) villages. Extensive medical care continues to be dispensed through the MEDCAP program, especially at DIEN BAN and DAI LOC Districts. In excess of 61,000 persons received medical assistance this month.

d. Public Education. The school construction program went into high gear during July. Of the 34 classrooms programmed for erection within the next three months, 26 are already under construction. The furnishing of teachers and actual site selection has been coordinated with Provincial and District officials to ensure GVN support. Villages and hamlets have been consulted relative to providing skilled and unskilled labor for construction. The bulk of building

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materials (cement and tin) are being provided by USAID. Lumber, hardware, gravel and supervision is being provided by U. S. Marine Corps. Teacher kits and school kits are being procured through CARE. 150 language books were issued to HqBn, 3d Tank Bn, 1st M.P. Bn, 3d AT Bn and 12th Marines all of which are conducting English classes. Earth block machines (presses), provided by III MAF are being utilized by 7th Engineer Bn to produce concrete/earthen building bricks. With refugees performing the actual labor over 20,000 blocks have been made. These blocks will be used to construct schools throughout the TAOR. Shortages of voluntary skilled Vietnamese labor and the limited numbers of block presses available have slowed the pace of 3d Marine Division's school construction program. However, during July the material logjam appears to have broken and construction is now progressing smoothly. Continuous liaison is being maintained with Province and District officials to ensure the school program is compatible with Phase I NGU HANH SON campaign.

e. Labor. With the increased tempo of school construction, stone masons, carpenters and semi skilled laborers are being trained at each construction site. Likewise, at DAI LOC carpenters and blacksmiths are being trained while refugee houses are being reconstructed during the resettlement phase. In both school construction and resettlement projects CARE and USAID furnished carpenter kits and masonry kits are being utilized. OJT for nurses is being conducted by 3d AT Bn. Classes in maintenance and repair of irrigation pumps are being conducted for local rice farmers by 3d AT Bn.

f. Commerce and Industry. Development of the industrial complex at AN HOA (875468) continues under the protection of 3d Battalion, 9th Marines. With security of the complex significantly improved by the Marine battalion, industrial activity can progress in an uninterrupted manner. During July USAID initiated a daily shuttle by C-123 into AN HOA. This provided a direct means of supply for civil affairs commodities. Production of anthracite coal continues. Ground has been broken for a fertilizer production facility. As road construction leading into the area is completed wider markets will be available for these commodities. The three generators at AN HOA are now supplying electricity for all residents of the area. The generators currently in use will be replaced by two larger diesel generators as soon as road construction is completed. Likewise, four 40 ton liquifiers are programmed for the fertilizer plant.

g. Food and Agriculture. An excellent corn harvest is being enjoyed in the DAI LOC area surpassing previous years. Peanut and rice crops continue prosperous growth. 38 boatloads of banana, betel nut, sweet potatoes, coconuts, breadfruit, pineapples, tapioca, grapefruit and bamboo have been harvested by refugees at LE MY (AT 899817) under security of Lima Co, 3d Bn, 3d Marines.

(1) 3d AT Pig farm at YEN BAC (985702) and 3d Marines Pig farm at KHANH SON (AT 950760) continue to prosper. Both units have had swine inoculated and are showing healthy growth. Local farmers have demonstrated keen interest in the breeding program and additional pens have already been constructed.

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(2) During 2d Bn, 3d Marines County Fair, 30 July, two pigs were raffled off to 600 persons at TRUNG AN (AT 935579). This innovation was enthusiastically received by local residents.

(3) Approximately 1,000# of excess edible foodstuff is being distributed on a daily basis by 3d Marine Division units in the DANANG and HUE-PHU BAI TAOR. Garbage is being used as livestock feed by farmers.

(4) On 29 July the 3d Bn, 3d Marines conducted their first farmers' seminar in the AN HOA area in cooperation with DUC DUC District and QUANG NAM Province officials. 100 farmers attending the conference received information on the use of insecticides, vaccination of animals, irrigation, and the forming of cooperatives. During the question and answer period farmers requested that representatives from cooperatives return with an agent from the National Agriculture Credit Organization (NACO) to help form fertilizer and pig cooperatives.

h. Civilian Supply. Efforts in this functional area have been primarily concentrated in support of the school construction and refugee projects. Both are discussed elsewhere in this report. Lumber, cement, food and hardware continue to be provided on a regular basis to the indigenous populace throughout the TAOR. On 1 July, 120 tons of rice captured in Operation Jay was subsequently turned over to THUA THIEN Province officials. A three month portion was retained to feed local refugees and residents. Also on 5 July 3,000# of rice was captured by 1st Battalion, 9th Marines. This was transported to DIEN BAN District Headquarters to feed refugees.

i. Public Transportation. Military road and bridge construction and improvement throughout the TAOR has established and facilitated civilian traffic to move with ease in many formerly inaccessible or marginally accessible areas. Route 3 has undergone extensive culvert construction, drainage, widening, fill and compaction from HOA THINH (953713) to DAI LOC. Alternate routes likewise are being repaired. These improvements are providing civilian foot and vehicular traffic ease of travel heretofore unknown to large numbers of the province residents.

j. Public Information. 19 Sony 911 radios with external speakers were purchased and presented to CACs on behalf of the Commanding General, 3d Marine Division. These radios will enable district and village officials to maintain and relay current accurate information.

k. Refugees. During the second week in July new tactical refugees ceased arriving at DAI LOC and DIEN BAN District Headquarters' collection points.

Registration completed 12 July at DIEN BAN, produced the following:

VC Families	122
ProGVN Families	1,466
Total registered families	1,588
Total registered persons	8,567

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Registration completed 26 July at DAI LOC produced the following:

VC Individuals	1,982
ProGVN Individuals	8,452
Neutrals	2,752
Total registered persons	13,186

In both areas refugees have been screened, registered and issued ID cards by GVN officials. Temporary bamboo/thatch/tarpaulin shelters have been constructed for those not otherwise housed. Over 150 tons of commodities have been transported to DAI LOC for emergency refugee relief. 6,000 medical treatments have been administered. At DIEN BAN over 100 tons of commodities have been utilized. Extensive Psy Ops are being conducted in both areas. Likewise, resettlement plans are firm and await imminent execution. U. S. Army Refugee Teams from the 29th CA Company continue in direct support at both locations.

3. Projects.

a. Self Help and Construction.

- (1) Aid station constructed at (AT 92272B) by CAC #32, 3dBn, 3d Marines.
- (2) Foot Bridge constructed at the hamlet of YEN BA (AT 985708) by 3d Anti Tank Battalion.
- (3) Bridge repaired in hamlet of AI NGHIA (AT 914578) by 2d Battalion, 3d Marines.
- (4) Seven houses constructed at LE MY (AT 987875) by 1st Bn, 3d Marines.
- (5) Market place constructed at PHUC TRUNG hamlet (BT 029751) by 3d Shore Party Battalion.
- (6) School built and opened in village of HOA CUONG (2) (BT 020734) by 3d Tank Bn.
- (7) School painted at NAM O (AT 935835) by 1st Bn, 12th Marines.
- (8) School furniture project consisting of desk and chairs for HOA CUONG school by 3d Tank Bn. (BT 020735)
- (9) School furniture project consisting of school desk for CAM HOA hamlet (AT 970704) by 3d AT Bn.
- (10) School repaired with new floor and roof at CAM HOA hamlet (AT 970704) by 3d AT Bn.
- (11) School painted at LE MY (AT 987815) by 1stBn, 3d Marines.

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(12) 500 Temporary bamboo/thatch/tarpaulin shelters for refugees constructed at DAI LOC District Headquarters by 29th Civil Affairs Company.

(13) New well constructed in YEN BAC (AT 989708) hamlet and two wells repaired by 3d AT Bn.

(14) Three new wells constructed at CAM HOA hamlet at (AT 970704) by 3d AT Bn.

(15) Five wells at OHING BAC (AT 995705) by 3d Tank Bn.

(16) Well constructed at HOA MINH (AT 901775) by 1st Bn, 3d Marines.

(17) Windmill installed in the hamlet of PHONG BAC (AT 998708) by 3d Tank Battalion.

(18) Bulletin board erected in the hamlet of YEN BAC at (AT 985708) by 3d AT Bn.

b. English Classes.

<u>Total Classes</u>	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Hours</u>
103	962	721	148

c. Programs.

(1) USAID. During the month of July the following commodities were received and distributed from USAID: 994 cases salad oil, 83,000 lbs of bulgar wheat, 651 - 220lb bags of rice, 1,500 bags of corn, 2,000 lbs of clothing, 1,500 sheets of roofing tin.

(2) CRS. A total of 795 cases of powdered milk was received from the Catholic Relief Service during the month of July, the bulk of which went to DAI LOC District to assist refugees.

(3) C.A.R.E. The below listed items were received from CARE and distributed during the month of July:

School Kits	2,265
Woodworking Kits	58
Textile Kits	10
Physical Education Kits	2

(4) Hand Clasp. 25 tons of Hand Clasp supplies were received and distributed by the 3d Division during the month of July. They consisted of clothing, soap, shoes, toys, candy, medicines, hardware supplies, paint, and other misc. needy items.

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d. Monthly recap of Civic Action.(1) Medical Assistance

No. female adults assisted	11,832
No. male adults assisted	8,250
No. children under 18 assisted	40,985
Total persons assisted	61,067

(2) Dental Assistance

No. of Examinations	1,537
No. of Extractions	1,394
No. of Fillings	275
Total procedures	3,206

(3) Personal Assistance

No. pounds of food distributed	124,005
No. persons receiving food	41,953
No. pounds of clothing distributed	6,287
No. persons receiving clothing	6,903
No. bars of soap distributed	22,164
No. persons receiving soap	22,548

(4) Evacuation Assistance

No. adults evacuated medically	96
No. children under 18 evacuated medically	40

(5) Contacts with local personnel

Contacts with public officials	138
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DIVISION SURGEON1. General

a. During a routine MEDCAP visit on 17 May 1966, the 1st case of bubonic plague was diagnosed from HOA PHAT village. Additional cases were clinically diagnosed from HOA KHNAH, NAM O, and AP TRUNG SON villages. A total of 32 cases of bubonic plague among vietnamese civilians was diagnosed and treated. As a result of the combined efforts by medical officers of this Division, the Preventive Medicine Section of the 3rd Medical Battalion, and the confirmation of diagnoses by the Bacteriology Section of the Preventive Medicine Unit NSA, the Vietnamese Public Health Service became alerted and commenced an immunization campaign which resulted in 11,000 Vietnamese civilians receiving plague vaccine. It is noteworthy that there were no cases of plague among USMC personnel. Additional measures instituted to control the outbreaks consisted of prophylactic treatment of contacts, isolating areas of epidemics, and rodent trapping and insecticiding. In addition the PMS and PMU personnel initiated an intensive sanitary guidance program to areas concerned.

b. A Tuberculosis Control Program within the Division was initiated in July. (DivO 6224.1).

c. During the month of July, 24 USMC personnel were hospitalized with clinically diagnosed meningoencephalitis. The cause of this outbreak has not been established, but it is suspected to be Japanese B encephalitis of viral origin.

d. A survey of all units in the Division was instituted to determine the utilization of medical department personnel in the Medical Civil Action Program as opposed to their primary duties of treating USMC personnel.

e. Correspondence was promulgated to standardize malarial treatment received by Marine personnel in the I Corps area.

f. A program to determine the effectiveness of Gamma Globulin as a prophylaxis against Infectious Hepatitis was begun during July.

g. To determine the readiness of the Division in event of Biological or Chemical warfare, a survey is currently undertaken to ascertain amount of specific medical material needed to effectively combat BC agents.

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DIVISION CHAPLAIN

1. July began with 29 chaplains aboard. Chaplain SEELAND rotated and Chaplain Randall HARRIS was evacuated to CONUS with ulcers. Chaplain BARTHOLOMEW reported aboard and the month ended with 28 chaplains in the 3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF.

2. Chaplains conducted 428 Sunday Services during July with an attendance of 10,706, and 505 weekday services with 6,438 attending.

3. Chaplains participated in operations as follows:

OPERATION HASTINGS: Chaplain POWELL
 Chaplain HUBBLE
 Chaplain HANDLEY
 Chaplain MCHORSE
 Chaplain SIMS
 Chaplain WITT
 Chaplain HANSEN
 Chaplain KINZLER
 Chaplain CORY

OPERATION HOIT: Chaplain POWELL
 Chaplain HUBBLE
 Chaplain HARRIS
 Chaplain HANDLEY
 Chaplain MCHORSE

OPERATION MACON: Chaplain WITT
 Chaplain MCPARTLAND
 Chaplain COLLINS
 Chaplain DUNKS
 Chaplain MCDELMOTT
 Chaplain KENNY

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 7. Order - Plans issued in July
 8. Civil Affairs

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5 Msg 011515 Z Subj: Concept of Operation Holt
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10 Msg 050745 Z Subj: Operation Macon Frag Order 408-66
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18 Msg 220903 Z Subj: Operation Plan 410-66
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TO: CG III MAF
INFO: FIRST MARINES

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OPERATION BUCKS - REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORT

1. REQUEST YOU PROVIDE FOLLOWING FORCES FOR SUBJ OP PERIOD 3 AUG - 8 AUG:
 - A. DET, SCOUT DOG FLT (FOUR SCOUT DOG TEAMS)
 - B. DET, PSY WAR COMPANY
 - C. ONE SWIFT BOAT TO BE ON STATION CONTINUOUSLY DURING OPERATION.
2. REQUEST REPS FORGOING FORCES REPORT 3/1 GP (BT 071712) FOR
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IMMEDIATE 010710 JULY 1966

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FOURTH MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF**HOLT**

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PLANNING DIRECTIVE 7-66

1. MISSION. COMMENCING 2 ^{JULY} ~~1966~~ 1966 FOURTH MARINES CONDUCT BN SIZE COORDINATED SEA OPN TO EXPLOIT ARC LIGHT STRIKE AND TO ENGAGE AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN AREA OF OPNS (CO BI THANH TAN).

2. FORCES ASSIGNED

A. 3D BN, 4TH MARINES (-)(REIN).

B. AIR SUPP AS ASSIGNED BY CG FMAW.

C. GVN FORCES AS ASSIGNED.

D. 3D BN, 1ST MARINES (-).

E. 4TH MARINES CMD GRP.

3. DESIGNATED CMDR. CO FOURTH MARINES.4. COM RELATIONSHIPS

A. CONTROL LOGS IS FOURTH MARINES.

B. USMC UNITS IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN UNITS; COORDINATED FIRE SUPP AND AIR CONTROL.

5. AREA OF OPN. CO BI THANH TAN AREA BOUNDED BY BT 607265, 574277, 518185, 558168 NORTH ALONG SONG BO TO 607265.

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6. UNCLASS CODE NAME. "HOLT".
7. SPECIAL NBC INSTR. RCE AUTHORIZED IN AREA OF OPNS.
8. TERMINATION OF OPN. UPON COMPLETION OF S&D OPN CO, FOURTH MARINES OBTAIN PERMISSION THIS HQ TO COMMENCE RETRACTION.
9. SPECIAL/COORDINATING INSTR. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPN IS SEVEN DAYS. SUBMIT CONCEPT TO THIS HQ BY 2400 1 JULY AND SUPT REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: THIRD TANK BN
THIRD AT BN
THIRD ENGR BN
1ST AMTRAC BN
INFO: FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARINES
NINTH MARINES

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SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS OPN BUCKS

1. OPN BUCKS SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD 2-8 AUGUST. LISTED BELOW ARE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO THOSE NOW PROVIDED FIRST MARINES

2. FOR THIRD TANK BN

A. MOVE ONE PLT "A" CO(-) CURRENTLY IN SUPPORT OF 3D MAR, AND ONE PLT "B" CO CURRENTLY IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINES AT TIME AND TO AREA SPECIFIED B. CO FIRST MARINES. PLTS WILL BE IN DIRECT SUPPORT.

3. FOR THIRD AT BN. MOVE ONE PLT "A" CO AND ONE PLT "C" CO AT TIME AND TO AREA SPECIFIED BY CO FIRST MARINES. PLTS WILL BE IN DIRECT SUPPORT.

4. FOR THIRD ENGR BN. ATTACH TWO ENGR PLTS TO FIRST MARINES FOR PERIOD OF OPERATION.

5. FOR FIRST AMTRAC BN. MOVE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL TRACTORS AT TIME AND TO AREA SPECIFIED BY CO FIRST MARINES IN DIRECT SUPPORT ROLE: TWO SECTIONS LVT-6 LVT-5; ONE ~~LVT-6~~ ONE LVT-6.

6. FOR ALL. HAVE REPS YOUR UNITS REPORT CP 3/1 (BT 068713) NLT 020800H FOR PLANNING.

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 TO: THIRD MARDIV
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 CG FIRST MAF
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FRAG ORDER 406.46

DIVISION REAR AREA

A. CG 3D MARDIV LTR 550183 OF 31 MAY 66 (NOTAL)

B. 3D MARDIV OPN ORDER 347-65

C. 3D MARDIV ORDER 02000.20

D. 3D MARDIV ORDER 03300.2

1. SITUATION. REFS (A) AND (B)

2. MISSION. REFS (A) AND (B)

3. EXECUTION. REFS (A) AND (B)

- A. CONCEPT. UPON EXECUTION OF REFERENCE (A) THIRD MARDIV ESTABLISHES A DIVISION REAR AREA TO RELIEVE INFANTRY REGIMENTS OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DEFENSE OF REAR AREA UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS. THE DIVISION REAR AREA IS DIVIDED INTO NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SECTORS. SECTOR COMMANDERS ARE DESIGNATED TO COORDINATE OVERALL DEFENSIVE MEASURES OF ALL TENANT UNITS WITHIN THE REAR AREA AND AREA DAMAGE CONTROL. INTERNAL AND PERIMETER SECURITY OF UNITS LOCATED WITHIN THE REAR AREA IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH RESPECTIVE UNIT. INFANTRY AND ARTILLERY REGIMENTS WILL BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO REINFORCE SECTOR COMMANDERS WITH INFANTRY FORCES AND SUPPORTING ARMS FIRES AS REQUIRED.

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3d MarDiv - 2100/1C. THIRD MARINES (-) (REIN)

- (1) DESIGNATED COMMANDER, NORTHERN SECTOR, DIVISION REAR AREA.
- (2) COORDINATE OVERALL ORGANIZATION DEFENSE AND AREA DAMAGE CONTROL OF THE NORTHERN SECTOR.
- (3) PROVIDE ARTY FIRE SUPPORT AND COORDINATION THEREOF TO COMMANDERS, NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SECTORS, ON REQUEST.

C. THIRD TANK BN

- (1) DESIGNATED COMMANDER, SOUTHERN SECTOR, DIVISION REAR AREA.
- (2) COORDINATE OVERALL ORGANIZATION DEFENSE AND AREA DAMAGE CONTROL OF THE SOUTHERN SECTOR.
- (3) REQUEST NECESSARY FIRE SUPPORT FROM CO 12TH MARINES.

D. FIRST MARINES. PREPARE ON ORDER TO PROVIDE INFANTRY FORCES AS REQUIRED.E. THIRD MARINES. PREPARE ON ORDER TO PROVIDE INFANTRY FORCES AS REQUIRED.F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) NON-DIVISIONAL TENANT UNITS WITHIN THE DIVISION REAR AREA TO BE INFORMED OF PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDER BY CG III MAP.
 - (2) BOUNDARIES AND EXTENT OF DEFENSE SECTORS OUTLINED IN OVERLAY ENCLOSURE TO REF A.
 - (3) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT, EXECUTION ON 11JUL66.
 - (4) REAR AREA DEFENSE DRILLS WILL BE SCHEDULED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.
- REF(D) APPLIES.

4. ADMIN AND LOG. REF (B).

5. COMMAND AND COMM.

A. REF (C)

B. THE DIVISION INSPECTOR IS ASSIGNED STAFF COGNIZANCE OF SCHEDULING AND EVALUATING REAR AREA DEFENSE DRILLS.

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TO 111 MAF COC

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SUBJECT: CONCEPT OF OPERATION HOLT.

OPERATION SOUTH OF CO BI THANH TAN.

Z(1) INTELLIGENCE GAINED FROM ENEMY PRISONERS CAPTURED FOLLOWING
RE AMBUSH OF THE VN MARINE CONVOY ON 29 JUNE INDICATED THAT THE THE BASEOF THE 802D BN, THE AMBUSHING UNIT IS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF YD 5820EE
YD 5821. 5820. 5921.(2) IT IS PLANNED TO CONDUCT A COORDINATED OPERATION WITH UNITS
OF THE 1ST ARVN DIVISION TO EXPLOIT THIS INFORMATION. THE CONCEPT
OF OPERATION IS AS FOLLOWS. USMC UNITS TO OPERATE IN AREA
BOUNDED BY 607265, 574277, 518185.

5501 68 NORTH ALONG ESOWGBO TO 607265.

ARCLIGHT IS TO BE CONDUCTED AT 0645 2 JULY. 66 IN AREA. 3D BN. 4TH MAR
MINUS CO M IS TO LAND AT 0800H IN LZ AT YD 572178 AND COMMENCE
SEARCH AND DESTROY NORTH THROUGH AREA OF ARCLIGHT SEARCHING FOR
ENEMY PERSONNEL PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS. 3/4 WILL CONTINUE
SEARCH NORTH THROUGH CANOPT TO THE LOWLAND AREA IN VIC YB05229
2D BN, 4TH MAR WILL CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS JAY UNTIL
021300H JULY 1966 AND WILL CONSTITUTE RESERVE FOR THIS OPERATION
4TH MAR CP AND 3D. 12TH MAR AND CMD GRP AND BTRY WILL
DISPLACE TO VIC OF 635250

M, BTRY 1 WILL DISPLACE FROM HUE

PHU BAI TO SAME AREA.

(3) 3D REGT 1ST ARVN WILL OPERATE IN AREA BOUNDED BY 607265. 650246.
585150. 558168. ALONG SONG BO TO 60725, 2D BNS, OF QRVNEEEE ARVN
WILL MOVE OVERLAND FROM VIC 2635250 TO ESTABLISH BLOCKS ALONG RIVER
FROM 583193 TO 605217.

(4) ESTIMATED LENGTH OF 9034-589, 4-5 DAYS

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MAF DE DIV3 PLS QSL FOR NR 25KKKK

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MAND 25 KKKK PARA TWO LINE FIVE WORD AFTER ALONGV AND LINES 24

MAF COC DE T87L IMI TO RD

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LINE24 AND 25.

585150. 558168. ALON SONFEEF SONG BO TO 60725. 2D BNS OF ARVN
WILL MOVE OVERLAND FROM VIC 635250 TO ESTABLISH BLOCKS ALONG RIVER

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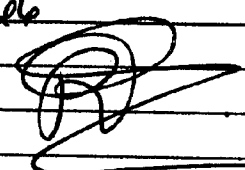
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4 JUL 1965

SUBJECT: Military Support for Revolutionary Development (U)

TO: Commanding General
III Marine Amphibious Force
APO 96337

1. (U) The military forces in Vietnam have a number of responsibilities, all of which are important to achieving the ultimate objective of a free, independent, non-communist South Vietnam. The role of the military in Revolutionary Development is to create an environment within which there is sufficient security to pursue programs for expanding government control. Priority areas have been established to concentrate efforts in this regard, and continuing effort should be directed to coordinating and integrating resources with special attention in these areas.

2. (C) An analysis of progress so far in 1966 indicates that local security must be increased in order for Revolutionary Development to progress at the desired rate. It is essential that military forces undertake those type operations which will establish the requisite cleared areas, and be emplaced to maintain the level of security required.

3. (C) From your position as Senior Advisor, operating through the US advisory structure with regular ARVN units, Regional and Popular Forces, paramilitary forces, and at sector and subsector level, you should endeavor to influence the positioning of forces and the conduct of clearing and securing operations to support Revolutionary Development.

4. (C) Search and destroy operations by US and other MACV tactical units are designed primarily to engage main force enemy units, but they too should be planned to complement to the maximum extent possible the overall plan for security in the Corps Tactical Zone.

5. (C) In addition, there are operational techniques by which US units, as well as RVNAF, can be used to enhance village/hamlet security. Two such techniques which have already been undertaken to a limited extent by certain elements of the command - the Combined Action Company and County Fair Operation by III MAF, and the Hamlet Search type operation by II Field Force V - are described in the inclosure to this letter.

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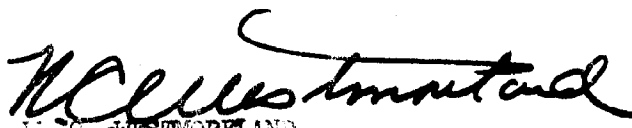
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These operations are not appropriate for universal employment throughout all of Vietnam, and should not be permitted to dissipate US strength to the detriment of our primary responsibility for destroying main force enemy units. They do offer the prospect, however, for a modest investment in US forces yielding a major improvement in local security; and to the extent that this is the final goal of all our military operations, and the task which is proving to be the most difficult, every opportunity for achieving this goal must be pursued.

6. (U) I desire that you survey your command to determine to what extent it is practical to employ these techniques. The provision of adequate local security is a problem of major concern to me, and I solicit your ideas regarding what actions we can take to improve this effort.

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W. C. WESTMORELAND
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OPERATIONAL TECHNIQUES (U)

I. COMBINED ACTION COMPANY (U)

1. (C) III MAF has introduced a technique for integrating PF into a comprehensive village/hamlet defense scheme which is called the Combined Action Company Operation. Basically this consists of assigning a US rifle company responsibility for participating in the defense of a specific number of hamlets on a semi-permanent basis. The company is broken down into squad-sized elements which are stationed out in various hamlets to augment the Popular Forces there. The company headquarters is positioned in a central location, ideally at the district town, and coordinates with the subsector advisor. The US squads operate with the PF on patrols, ambushes, and all the actions which comprise hamlet defense.

2. (C) The US troops enhance the effectiveness of the PF by the added manpower they provide, but more importantly by the influence of sound US operational techniques. In addition, the US squads' communications capability enables US artillery fire, flare ship support, air strikes and reinforcements to be rapidly directed and coordinated in support of the PF.

3. (C) This is a very appealing concept for significantly increasing security in areas surrounding the base camps in many US units. In the areas where this technique is appropriate it provides a means for discriminantly applying US tactical power in direct pursuit of local security. With the accomplishment of real village/hamlet security being the extremely elusive and difficult accomplishment that it is, we must capitalize upon every opportunity to achieve it. In addition, it is hoped that the increase in Popular Forces' esprit and military proficiency gained from close association with US soldiers will be lasting, and will result in improved PF performance after the US units are withdrawn.

II. HAMLET SEARCH OPERATIONS (U)

1. (C) The hamlet search operation technique was developed to counter VC guerrilla units which use the built-up hamlet complex as a base, and to neutralize the local VC infrastructure so that cadre teams can initiate their aspect of pacification operations. The selection of a hamlet for this type operation should normally be based on availability of both ample information concerning local VC activities and personalities, and adequate cadre and security forces to follow-on the neutralization of local VC influence.

2. (C) Forces for conducting the hamlet search operations are normally divided into three components - the external cordon, the search force, and the Hamlet Festival force. External cordon elements, normally consisting of US and ARVN regular units, seal the hamlet so as to prevent escape of the VC, ARVN deserters, and draft dodgers. Search forces, consisting of Provincial Regional Forces and/or Police Field Force elements, then enter the hamlet and assemble all men ages 15 - 45 for transport to the local

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police headquarters where they are screened. Once the men have departed the area, the search forces redeploy to designated areas throughout the hamlet, and search houses in 5 - 6 man search teams.

3. (C) While the search is underway, the remaining residents in the hamlet are assembled for a Hamlet Festival, patterned after the III MAF "County Fair". The festival operation should include private intelligence interview stations, MEDCAP stations, entertainment programs, youth and agricultural service stations, and VIS, ARVN, and US Psywar activities. Internal control within the area is best provided by the cadre team which will eventually operate in the area.

4. (C) The duration of these operations can vary from a few days to several weeks, depending upon the number of civic action projects to be conducted and the requirement for continued military protection. Experience has indicated that the operation must last a minimum of two days. The villagers are not permitted to return to their homes the first evening since VC in hiding will often attempt to escape the first night, and can be isolated and apprehended more successfully in a deserted hamlet.

5. (C) As with the Combined Action Company technique, Hamlet Search operations cannot be undertaken to the extent that they monopolize the entire energies and resources of US units. These operations tie down the US units involved and require the retention of a reserve to reinforce or relieve the task force in the event of a large-scale enemy attack. On the other hand, the Hamlet Search concept offers a realistic prospect for developing meaningful and lasting security in areas where it is conducted; and to the extent that this is the real objective of all our military operations, every opportunity for successful achievement of this goal should be pursued.

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TO: THIRD MARDIV
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OPN MACON FRAG ORDER 408-66

A. THIRD MARDIV OPN O 343-65

B. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D

C. MY 280335Z JUNE 1966

1. SITUATION. SEE ANNEX A PASEP2. MISSION. COMMENCING 4 JULY 1966 THIRD MARDIV CONDUCTS MULTI-BN
S&D OPN IN AN HOA A. BAREN AREA TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, FACILITIES
AND INFLUENCE IN AREA.3. EXECUTION.A. CONCEPT. THIS OPN TO BE CONDUCTED IN THREE PHASES. PHASE
I WAS INITIATED AT 041500H WITH 3/9 ENGAGING ENEMY FORCES AT GS
(AT 9054). PHASE II OPNS COMMENCE 6 JULY WITH HELILIFT OF TWO BNS
INTO OBJ AREA TO COMMENCE S&D OPNS. PHASE III OPNS WILL COMMENCE
ON ORDER. ARVN PARTICIPATION: IN PHASES I AND II AS ARRANGED BY
CO, NINTH MARINES WITH ARVN FORCE AN HOA AREA; IN PHASE III AS
ARRANGED BY THIS HQS. OPN OVERLAY PASEP.

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(1) PROVIDE TWO BN CWO GREFS WITH TWO COMPANIES EACH TO CHOP
OPCON NINTH MARINES BY 060700H.

(2) ASSUME OPCON TWO COMPANIES OF 4TH MARINES FOR USE IN
REGT TACR EFFECTIVE ARRIVAL DANANG AIR BASE. ETA 061000H.

C. FOURTH MARINES. DEPLOY TWO COMPANIES BY FIXED WING A/C
FROM PHU BAY TO DANANG WLT 060700 TO CHOP OPCON THIRD MARINES ON
ARRIVAL DANANG.

D. NINTH MARINES.

(1) ASSUME OPCON TWO BNS(-) FROM THIRD MARINES.

(2) CONDUCT MULTI - BN S&D OPNS IN OPERATING AREA IAW
FOLLOWING:

(A) PHASE I. IN AREA I CONTINUE S&D OPNS.

(B) PHASE II. IN AREA II AT 061000H HELILIFT TWO BNS(-)
INTO LZS SELECTED BY CO NINTH MARINES TO PARTICIPATE IN S&D;
INITIALLY IN BLOCES; SUBSEQUENTLY AS REQUIRED.

(C) PHASE III. ON ORDER, BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPNS
IN AREA III. BLOCK ALONG AREA II/III BOUNDARY.

(D) BLOCK ALONG NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF OPERATING AREA WITH
ASSIGNED FORCES.

E. TWELFTH MARINES. PROVIDE ARTY SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

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(1) COORDINATING HQ : LS FIFTH MARINES. USMC/ARVN RELATION-
SHIP TO BE ON COORDINATED BASIS.

(2) DURATION OF OPN APPROX 14 DAYS.

(3) DIRECTION.

(4) EMPHASIZE PSY WAR OPNS.

4. ADMIN AND LOG.

A. SOURCE OF SUPPLY. FLSC (A), AND LSU AN HOA, FOR EMERGENCY.

B. RESUPPLY. BE HELD FROM FLSC (A), AND LSU AN HOA, FOR EMERGENCY.

C. PRESCRIBED LOAD.

(1) AS PRESCRIBED BY UNIT CMDR.

COMM REF B.

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ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) TO DIV FRAGO 408-66 (MACON)

- A. MAP: 1:50,000, AMS L701, SHEETS 6658 I, II, III AND AMS L704
SHEET 6640 III
B. DIVO P3800.1F
C. 3D MARDIV OPO 343-65

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

A. EN DISPOSITION

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>	<u>APPROX STR</u>	<u>AREA OF OPS</u>
R.20 BN	CONF	400-500	SOUTHERN AREA OF TAOR & S OF SSN TAOR BOUNDARY
DUY SUYEN LF CO (Q.13)	CONF	100	DUY XUYEN DIST
* V.25 BN (5TH)	PROB	400-500	S OF S TAOR BDRY & W OF N-S GRID LINE 90
* DIEN BAN LF CO (Q.15)	CONF	100	DIEN BAN DIST
* DAI LOC LF CO (Q.14)	CONF	100	DAI LOC DIST
* QUE SON (H.55)	CONF	100	QUE SON DIST

* POSS REINF UNITS NR OBJ AREA.

- B. EN ACTIVE. NUMEROUS REPORTS HAVE IDENTIFIED A SIZABLE VC UNIT IN THE OPERATIONS AREA IN THE PAST. ON 1 JULY, A DEFECTOR FROM THE R.20 BN STATED THAT THE R.20 BN MINUS THE HQ AND 5TH BN ELEMENTS, WAS LOC IN VIC (AT 977532) TO (BT 027551). THE HQ AND BN ELEMENT WAS IN VIC (AT 880532) AND (AT 910534). THIS INFO PROB TRUE. ON 4 JULY, MAR UNITS ENG EST 2 VC CO PLUS, IN VIC (AT 9150 - 9151). ALTHO NO CONFIRMED, THIS PROB

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WAS R.20 BN MOVING FM A COMPROMISED PSN. DIR OF MVT OF THIS VC UNIT FOL CONTACT NOT EST AT THIS TIME. PROB SOME ELMS REMAIN IN OBJECTIVE AREA. POSS THAT SOME EXFILTRATED ACROSS SONG THU BON TO THE WEST.

C. EN STR

(1) IN OBJ AREA

R.20 BN (-)	400
Q.15 LF CO	<u>100</u>
	* 500

(2) WITHIN REINF DISTANCE

V.25 BN	400
Q.14 LF CO	100
Q.15 LF CO	100
H-53 LF CO	<u>100</u>
	* 700

* TOTALS DO NOT INCLUDE UNDETERMINED GUER STR IN OBJ/ADJ AREAS.

D. BN CAPABILITIES

(1) ENUMERATION

- A. CAP 1 - CONDUCT SMALL SCALE ATKS, AMBUSHES AND HARRASSING ACTIONS W/UP TO ONE BN AND ONE CO AUGMENTED BY GUERRILLAS.
- B. CAP 2 - DEF W/UP TO ONE BN AND ONE CO AUGMENTED BY GUER.
- C. CAP 3 - REINF UNITS IN THE OBJ AREA W/UP TO ONE BN AND THREE COS.
- D. CAP 4 - WITHDRAW OR EXFIL FM OBJ AREA INTO SURROUNDING AREAS.

(2) ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

- A. CAP 1 - AREA KNOWLEDGE, TRNG, CONTROL OF THE POPULATION AND DESIRE TO RETAIN LOC THRU AREA FAVOR THIS CAP, ESP AGAINST RELATIVELY ISOLATED FRIENDLY ELMS. VULNERABILITY TO FRIENDLY SUPPORTING FIRES AND OUR SUPERIOR MOBILITY WHEN MASSED MILITATES AGAINST ADOPTION OF THIS CAP.
- B. CAP 2 - AREA KNOWLEDGE, KNOWN PREPARED PSN AND RETENTION OF POPULATION CONTROL AND IMP LOC FAVOR THIS CAP. RELATIVE LACK OF CMPT POWER MILITATES AGAINST A SUSTAINED DEF.

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- C. CAP 3 - RELATIVE FREEDOM OF MVT TO AREA IM THE S, DESIRE TO DEFEAT MAR FORCES AND IMP OF THE AREA AS BASE OF OPS AGAINST DA NANG TAOR FAVOR THIS CAP. RISK OF DETECTION AND SUBSEQUENT PUNITIVE ACTION WHILE MASSED AND MOVING MILITATE AGAINST ADOPTION OF THIS CAP.
- D. CAP 4 - EFFECTIVE EN INTEL NET, KNOWN TRANSITORY NATURE OF OUR OPS, AVOIDANCE OF CASUALTIES AND DOCTRINE OF CHOOSING TIME AND PLACE OF BATTLE FAVOR THIS CAP. EXFILTRATION IS EXPECTED TO BE ONLY TO DEGREE NEC TO AVOID FR OPS. EN MAY EVADE BY BLENDING W/LOCAL VC ORIENTED POPULATION.

(3) CONCLUSIONS. EN WILL PROB ADOPT CAP 1, SWITCHING TO CAP 2 ONLY TO THE EXTENT NEC TO COVER WITHDRAWING FORCES. CAP 3 IS CONSIDERED IMPROBABLE SINCE THESE FORCES ARE GENERALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING CONTROL IN THEIR PRESENT OP AREAS. CAP 4 MAY BE EXERCISED AT ANY TIME THE ENEMY IS OR BELIEVES HE IS AT A TACTICAL DISADVANTAGE. EXTENSIVE MINE AND BOOBY TRAPPING MAY BE ANTICIPATED THROUGHOUT THE OP AREA AND MORTARS, UP TO 81MM AND 57MM RR MAY BE USED IN SPT OF CAP 1 OR 2.

2. CHARACTERISTICS OF AREA OF OPS

- A. WEATHER. SEE DAILY WEATHER FORECASTS AS ISSUED IN INTSUNS.

CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA

JULY

ABSOLUTE MAX TEMP	105
MEAN MAX TEMP	90
MEAN MIN TEMP	70
MEAN REL HUMIDITY (%)	
MEAN PRECIP (IN)	4
LEAST PRECIP (IN)	1/2
GREATEST PRECIP (IN)	7
MEAN NO DAYS W/PRECIP	7
PREVAIL WIND	SSW

B. TERRAIN

- (1) RDS, TRLS AND BRGS - SEE OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY.
- (2) HLZ - SEE OVERLAY ISSUED SEPARATELY.

3. ESSENTIAL ELEM OF INFO

- A. DETERMINE IF EN WILL ATK OUR FORCES IN OBJ AREA. IF SO, WHEN? WHERE? WITH WHAT FORCES?

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- B. DETERMINE IF EN WILL REINF THEIR FORCES IN OBJ AREA. IF SO, WHEN? WITH WHAT FORCES? THROUGH WHICH RTS?
- C. DETERMINE MISSION, STRENGTH, IDENTITY, LOC, ARMAMENT OF EN FORCES IN OBJ AREA. SPL ATTN TO NVA UNITS.
- D. DETERMINE TYPES AND QTY'S OF HVY WPN'S WITHIN RPT DISTANCE OF OBJ AREA. SPL ATTN TO 120MM MORT AND ARTY.
- E. DETERMINE EXTENT OF EN AA ACTY IN OBJ AREA. SPL ATTN TO TYPES AND LOC OF AA WPN'S OF 12.7MM OR LARGERS.
- F. DETERMINE LOC OF EN INFIL RTS THRU AREA, DEGREE OF USE, NO OF ALT RTS, WAY STATIONS AND ASSOCIATED SPT FACS.
- G. DETERMINE LOC, CAPAC, AND EXTENT OF VC FACS IN OBJ AREA: CAMPS, STORAGE, ASSY, TRNG, ETC.

4. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

A. ORDERS TO NINTH MARINES

- (1) CONDUCT NORMAL UNIT RECON/OBS AS SET FORTH IN REF B.
- (2) RPT INFO AS OBTAINED ON REI'S BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS TO DIV G-2.
- (3) EXPEDITE RPTS OF EN AA ACTY TO SPTG AIR INTEL OFF THIS HQ.

B. REQ TO HIGHER, ADJ AND SPTG UNITS

(1) CG III MAF

- (A) PROVIDE, AS REQ, SPL AERIAL PHOTOS ON AREA OF OPS.
- (B) PROVIDE CURRENT AND PREDICTED WEATHER DATA THAT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE OP FM 01 JUL.

(2) CG FMAW. PROVIDE OBS A/C F/AIR RECON AND SURVEIL AS REQ.

5. MEASURES FOR HANDLING OPTER PERS, DOGS AND MATS

A. EXPEDITE CAPTIVES FOUND BY ON-SPOT SCREEN TO BE VC/NVA TO DIV COLDET DA NANG BY HELO:

- PRI I - VC OFF, ALL NVA PERS, KEY CADRE.
- PRI II - VC NCO'S, GUER LDERS, ALL COMM PERS.
- PRI III - ALL OTHER VCC.

B. PRIOR ARRANGEMENTS W/APPROP ARVN/SECTOR HQ WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING AND PROCESSING OF VCS. RPT LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS ASAP TO DIV G-2.

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- C. NO REPEAT NO OLD, ENFERBLED PEOPLE OR WOMEN AND CHILDREN WILL BE APPREH AS VCS UNLESS CAUGHT IN OVERT ACT OF HOSTILITY THAT PHYSICALLY ENDANGERS FRNDLY TRPS.
- D. ALL PATROLS AND OPL UNITS WILL BE PROVIDED W/SUFFICIENT CAPTURE TAGS SO THAT CAPTURE CIRCUMS MAY BE PROPERLY RECORDED THEREON. TRPS WILL BE CAUTIONED AGAINST DEFACING DOCS BY WRITING OR MARKING ON THEM IN ANY MANNER.
6. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOS
- A. REF A IS TAC MAP FOR THIS OP.
- B. ADDL COPIES REF A WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.
7. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE. SEE APP 2 (CI) TO ANEX B (INTEL) TO REF C.
8. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION. SEE PAR 8 OF ANEX B (INTEL) TO REF C.
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A. YOUR 050150Z

1. REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF (A) TO TERMINATE SUBJ OPN AT 061500H APPD.

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TO: CG TASK FORCE DELTA
FOURTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF
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THIRD MARDIV

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SUBJ: PLANNING DIRECTIVE 3-66

REF: A. CG THIRD MARDIV 121352Z
B. FOURTH MARINES 110616Z

1. MISSION. COMMENCING 15 JULY TASK FORCE DELTA CONDUCT MULTI-BATTALION SEARCH AND DEVIANT OPERATION AS AN EXPANSION OF OPERATION HASTINGS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE (CAM LO - DONG HA AREA).
2. FORCES ASSIGNED. TASK FORCE DELTA (HQ FOURTH MARINES PLUS AUGMENTATION FROM HQ THIRD MARDIV).

FOURTH MARINES (-) (REIN)
BLT 3/5 (SLF) (TENTATIVE)
FLSU AS ASSIGNED BY FLSG(A)
A/C AS ASSIGNED BY CG, FMAW
3. DESIGNATED COMMANDER. BRIGADIER GENERAL LOWELL B. ENGLISH. REF A.
4. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. USMC UNITS IN COORDINATION W/ARVN UNITS COORDINATED CPS, FIRE SUPPORT, AND AIR CONTROL.
5. AREA OF OPERATIONS. CAM LO - DONG HA AREA AS PROVIDED IN REF B.

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6. UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME. HASTINGS.
7. SPECIAL MSG INSTRUCTIONS. DCA AUTHORIZED.
8. TERMINATION OF OPERATION. UPON TERMINATION OF SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN AREA OF OPERATIONS.
9. OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF HASTINGS. NOME.
10. SPECIAL/COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
 - A. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPNS IS 7-10 DAYS.
 - B. SUBMIT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, INCLUDING PERSONNEL AUGMENTATION TASK FORCE DELTA, AS SOON AS KNOWN.

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 FIRST MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES
 TG 79.5
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG FMAW
 FLC
 COMNAV SUPACT DANANG
 FLSC (A)
 THIRD MARDIV
~~TF 79~~

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PLANNING DIRECTIVE 9-66 (FURTHER BUILD-UP OFN HASTINGS)

A. MY 121368Z (PLANNING DIRECTIVE 8-66)

B. FOURTH MARINES 110616Z (NOTAL)

1. THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PLANNING DIRECTIVES PROVIDED ADDRES FOR
 INFORMATION/COMPLIANCE ~~REMARKS~~ AS APPLICABLE.

2. ADDITIONAL FORCES ASSIGNED

INF BN (-)(REIN) 3D MARINES

A. CO 3D MARINES HAS DESIGNATED 1/3.

B. BN TO CONSIST OF BN CMD GRP AND 3 RIFLE COS.

C. SCHEDULED FOR FIXED WING AIRLIFT FROM DANANG TO

DONG HA 15 JULY.

3. FORCES ALERTED

A. REGTL CMD GRP 1ST MARINES ASSUME 12 HOUR ALERT.

POSSIBILITY OF COMMITMENT MANDATES INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF DEVELOPING
 SITUATION. FREQUENT VISITS THIS HEAD, ORDERS ENCOURAGED AND DURLAUGH
 CG TF DELTA.

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CO 1ST MARINES. POTENTIAL FLIGHT PART OF REINTEGRATED BN TO

ASSUME 8 HOUR ALERT; NLT 150000H.

4. ADDITIONAL SPECIAL COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. AIR HELIX STRIKES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PREP FIRES AND DESTRUCTION OF MAJOR VC FACILITIES. MAXIMUM NOTIFICATION DESIRED OF TARGET NOMINATION TO THE HEADQUARTERS. NOMINATION MUST BE INITIATED NLT 20 HOURS OF DESIRED OP. USE PLAS PRECEDENCE MSG FOR TARGET NOMINATIONS.

B. CONTINUE INTENSIVE RECON EFFORT PARTICULARLY IN NORTHERN PORTION OF USMC OPERATING AREA AND TO THE WEST THEREOF. (SEE PARA 1B OF REF B)

C. CONDUCT INTENSIVE PSYWAR OPS. SUBMIT DEFINITIVE PSYWAR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ASAP.

D. PROXIMATE TO DMZ INCREASES POSSIBILITY OF ENEMY AIR ATTACK. PARTICULAR ATTENTION MUST BE GIVEN TO ALL ACTIVE AND PASSIVE MEANS OF ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENSE.

5. SUP OPTING OPS

A. REIN (-)(REIN) 1ST ARVN DIV CONDUCTS OPS IN ZONE A (SEE PARA 1B OF REF B).

B. ARVN AIRBORNE TF CONDUCTS OPS IN ZONE C. (SEE PARA 1C OF REF B)

C. ARG/SIC CONDUCT OPS IN ACA NE OF DONG HA. ANTICIPATE OPCON TO BE PASSED TO CG III MAF ON COMPLETION AMPHIB PHASE.

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INTELLIGENCE AND COMBAT SUPPORT EFFORT CONSISTS OF PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE
 AIRBORNE RECONNAISSANCE AND PHYSICAL RECONNAISSANCE.

(1) PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT CONSISTS OF FOLLOWING AREAS AND
 TYPES OF COVERAGE.

(A) PHOTO, VERTICAL, AREA BOUNDED BY (XD 9064) (YD 2075)
 (YD 2036) (XD 9036). REQUEST TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE OVERLAY,
 EMERGENCY SITUATION OVERLAY AND ROAD, TRAIL AND BRIDGE OVERLAY.

(B) PHOTO, VERTICAL, AREA BOUNDED BY (YD 1274) (YD 2976)
 (YD 4461) (YD 1259). REQUEST TO PROVIDE HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE OVERLAY
 EMERGENCY SITUATION OVERLAY AND ROAD, TRAIL AND BRIDGE OVERLAY.

(C) PHOTO, VERTICAL. AREA BOUNDED BY (YD 2077) (YD 2461)
 (YD 3470) (YD 2878). REQUEST TO PROVIDE AREA STUDY TO INCLUDE TERRAIN
 ANALYSIS, TRAFFICABILITY STUDY, BEACHES AND OFF SHORE APPROACHES, BEACH
 TRAFFICABILITY AND BEACH SKIDS, HYDRO DATA TO THE 6 FATHOM LINE.

(2) INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE: AN INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE HAS BEEN
 REQUESTED FOR THE AREA BOUNDED BY NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE XD 90 ON THE
 WEST, DEMILITARIZED ZONE ON THE NORTH, NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE YD 25 ON
 THE EAST AND EAST-WEST GRID LINE XD/YD 36 ON THE SOUTH.

(3) INFRARED (RED NAZE) COVERAGE HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE
 AREA BOUNDED BY THE DMZ ON THE NORTH, GRID LINE XD 90 ON THE WEST,
 COAST LINE ON THE EAST AND EAST WEST GRID LINE XD/YD 36 ON THE SOUTH.

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C. INTELLIGENCE INFO GAINED FROM THIS COLLECTION PLAN
WILL BE PASSED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

7. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. PRIMARY SOURCE OF SUPPLY ILSG (A) - SECONDARY SOURCE FLSU #2.

B. RESUPPLY FOR LSA FROM ILSG (A) WITH BACKUP FROM FLSU #2.

EXPEDITE RESUPPLY REQUIREMENTS. RESUPPLY VIA:

(1) PRIMARY - FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

(2) SECONDARY - TRUCK CONVOY.

(3) EMERGENCY - AIR DROP (~~AT PRE-SELECTED DROP ZONE~~ DROP ZONE (S) TO
BE PRE-SELECTED BY CG, TFD, WITH NOTIFICATION TO THIS HQS AS

C. FLY AWAY BLOCKS "A" AND "B" AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

D. PRESCRIBED LOADS AS PRESCRIBED BY CG, TASK FORCE DELTA.

E. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

(1) EVACUATION

(A) BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS CONSISTENT WITH TACTICAL
SITUATION TO LSA FOR TRIAGE AND/OR FURTHER EVACUATION.

(B) EVACUATION FROM LSA BY:

1 HELICOPTER TO PHU BAI OR OFF SHORE SHIPS IF AVAILABLE
AND AS COORDINATED WITH TF 79.

2 FIXED WING AIRCRAFT TO PHU BAI OR DANANG.

(C) CASUALTY RECEIVING FACILITY WILL BE ESTABLISHED DANANG
AIRFIELD (MARINE AIR FREIGHT) AS REQUIRED FOR RECEIVING CASUALTIES VIA
FIXED WING AIRCRAFT. DIVISION AIR OFFICER NOTIFY 3D MEDICAL BATTALION
OF INBOURD CASUALTY FLIGHTS TO DANANG AIRFIELD.

(2) HOSPITALIZATION - AS DIRECTED BY CO, 3D MEDICAL BATTALION.

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(2) ALL RECORDS INCLUDING OFFICER'S QUALIFICATION RECORDS (OQR'S) AND SERVICE RECORD BOOKS (SRB'S), WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE RECORDS OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE ^{FIRST} ~~THIRD~~ BATTALION, THIRD MARINES, WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CASUALTY OFFICER, FOURTH MARINES FOR CUSTODY AND CONTROL. AN ORIGINAL ROSTER WITH 5 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (SLF) WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE CASUALTY OFFICER.

(3) ROUTINE ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

(4) GRAVES REGISTRATION - KIA PERSONNEL WILL BE EVACUATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT DIRECTIVES.

(5) COMPLETING D-1 SUBMIT PERSONNEL SUMMARY AS OF 2400H D-DAY BY 1200H FOLLOWING DAY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVO 1080.3A.

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6. CAPTURED PERSONNEL AND DOCUMENTS - IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIVO P3800.1F.
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1. SERVICE - DRIVER/OPERATOR AND CREW MAINTENANCE. EVACUATE
 EQUIPMENT TO FLOT (A) FOR HIGHER ECHELON MAINTENANCE. REQUESTS FOR
 ENGINEERING ASSISTANCE BY TD ORS-110 CAPABILITY WILL BE SUBMITTED TO
 THIS HEADQUARTERS

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THIRD MARDIV
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PLANNING DIRECTIVE 9-66 (FURTHER BUILD-UP ON HASTINGS)

A. BY 141010Z (B)

1. LAST SENTENCE PARA 7. E. (C) OF REF A MODIFIED TO READ:

LSC CMDR DIRECT PILOT OF EVAC A/C TO RADIO DANANG TOWER CASUALTY A/C

AND ASK FOR ETA DANANG. LSC CMDR FURTHER NOTIFY SOCIALITE VIA

SIGNAL PARTY CMD HET OF CASUALTY A/C DEPARTURE FOR RELAY TO 3D MEDICAL BN

IN ADDN CG: DIVISION AND OFFICER NOTIFY 3D MEDICAL BATTALION OF INBOUND

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IMMEDIATE ROUTINE 152331Z JULY 1966FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: THIRD MARDIV
INFO: III MAF (ROUTINE)
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OPN PLAN 409-66

- A. MAPS: VIETNAM, 1:50,000 AND SERIES L701, SHEETS 66558 I AND II, 6360 I AND IV
- B. IIF MAF 030718Z APR 1966
- C. THIRD MARDIV OPN C 343-65
- D. THIRD MARDIV O 02000.2D
- E. FIFTH SPL FOR GRP (ABN), FIRST SPL FOR, DET C-1 SOI

TASK ORGANIZATION: TO BE ANNOUNCED.

1. SITUATION

- A. ENEMY FORCES: ANNEX A (INTELLIGENCE) TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.
- B. FRIENDLY FORCES: REF C. FOR THIS PLAN SPECIAL FORCES CAMPS LOCATED AT THUONG DUC (AC 152541) AND KHE SANI (XD 846381) ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THIRD MARDIV.

2. MISSION. THIRD MARDIV PROVIDES RELIEF FOR THREATENED SPECIAL FORCES CAMPS THROUGH MEANS OF SPOILING ATTACKS, REINFORCEMENT, OR COUNTERATTACK AS NECESSARY.

3. EXECUTION

- A. CONCEPT. THROUGH CLOSE LIAISON AND EFFECTIVE COMM WITH RVNAF UNITS AND U.S. ADVISORS DETECT THREAT OF OCCURRENCE OF ATTACK

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WITH THEM TO PROVIDE FOR RELIEF OF CAMPS THROUGH SPOILING ATTACKS, REINFORCEMENT, OR COUNTERATTACK AS APPROPRIATE. PREPARATIONS WILL INCLUDE PLANS FOR AGGRESSIVE PURSUIT.

B. THIRD MARINES. PREPARE COMBINED AND UNILATERAL PLANS IN SUPPORT OF THIS OP PLAN FOR THE RELIEF OF THUONG DUC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP BY SPOILING ATTACK, REINFORCEMENT, AND COUNTERATTACK.

C. FOURTH MARINES. PREPARE COMBINED AND UNILATERAL PLANS IN SUPPORT OF THIS OP PLAN FOR THE RELIEF OF KHE SANH SPECIAL FORCES CAMP BY SPOILING ATTACKS, REINFORCEMENT, AND COUNTERATTACK.

D. TWELFTH MARINES.

(1) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT SPECIFIC OPNS DEVELOPED BY THIS PLAN.

(2) PROVIDE PLANNING SUPPORT AS REQUIRED BY THIRD MARINES AND FOURTH MARINES.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) PLANS WILL PROVIDE FOR RAPID BUILD UP OF STRENGTH WITH INITIAL ELEMENTS PREPARED ON ORDER TO MOVE ON ONE HR NOTICE.

(2) PLANS WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED TO ENABLE PROMPT EXECUTION BY FRAG ORDER.

(3) DISCUSS WITH RVNAF FOR COMBINED PLANS AND WITH U.S. ARMY ADVISORS AND ALL UNITS THIRD MARDIV FOR UNILATERAL PLANS.

(4) THIS PLAN EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT AND FOR EXECUTION ON ORDER.

4. ADMIN AND LOG

A. SUPPLY

(1) SOURCE OF SUPPLY:

(A) FLSG (A)/FLSU

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3d MarDiv - 2100/3) LSU AN HOA AND ISA DONG HA FOR EMERGENCY

(2) RESUPPLY

(A) FISC (A)/FLSU

(B) LSU AN HOA AND ISA DONG HA FOR EMERGENCY

(3) FLYAWAY BLOCKS "A" AND "B" AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED.

B. PRESCRIBED LOAD: AS PRESCRIBED BY CMDR CONCERNED.C. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION:

(1) NORMAL

(2) BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH FACILITIES IN ISA SHOULD SITUATION

REQUIRE.

D. PERSONNEL: REF C.E. MISCELLANEOUS:

(1) BE PREPARED TO ESTABLISH ISA AT KHE SANH SHOULD SITUATION

DICTATE.

(2) BE PREPARED TO AUGMENT LSU AN HOA WITH MEDICAL FACILITIES

SHOULD SITUATION DICTATE.

(3) UNIFORM AND EQUIP: AS DIRECTED BY CMDR CONCERNED.5. COM AND COME

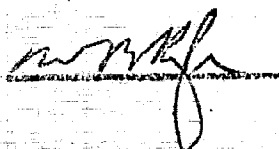
A. COM RELATIONSHIP WITH RVNAF ON COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BASIS.

B. COME LAW REF D FOR MARINE CORPS UNITS.

C. COME FOR MARINE CORPS UNITS WITH SPECIAL FORCES UNITS AS
COORDINATED UTILIZING REFS D AND E.

D. DISTRIBUTION OF REF E THROUGH DIV SAC.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: NINTH MARINES
 THIRD RECON BN
 INFO: CG III MAP (ROUTINE)
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TWELFTH MARINES

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OP PLAN 410-66

A. THIRD MARDIV OP 0 543-65

B. THIRD MARDIV 0 02000.2D

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES. RECENT RECON OPS IN AN HOA, OPERATING AREA AND CONTIGUOUS RZ INDICATE NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS OF SMALL GROUPS OF VC, ON RECURRING BASIS MOVING THROUGH AREA, PARTICULARLY GS's (AT 9444) (AT 9445) (AT 9446) (AT 9447).

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. REF A.

2. MISSION. THIRD MARDIV EMPLOYS RECON BN OPS IN AN HOA OPERATING AREA AND CONTIGUOUS RZ BY COMMITMENT OF A HELIBORNE INF STRIKE FORCE WHEN ENEMY SIGHTINGS RESUME IN SUPPORTING ARMS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR, AND THERE IS SIGNIFICANT OPPORTUNITY TO POLICE THE BATTLEFIELD FOR PRISONERS, WPNS, AND DOCUMENTS.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. FOLLOWING THE SIGHTING OF A GROUP OF VC BY A RECON OP IN AN HOA OPERATING AREA AND CONTIGUOUS RZ AND THE EMPLOYMENT OF SUPPORTING ARMS, A HELIBORNE INF STRIKE FORCE LANDS TO POLICE BATTLEFIELD.

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SIZE OF STRIKE FORCE WILL DEPEND ON NATURE OF THREAT AND DAY RANGE FROM PLT TO BN SIZE FORCE. THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA APPLIES FOR DETERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT OF INF STRIKE FORCE:

- (1) SUITABLE LZ FOR INSERTION OF STRIKE FORCE IN VIC OF ENEMY CONTACT SITE MUST BE AVAILABLE.
- (2) BOTH LZ AND ENEMY CONTACT SITE WILL BE WITHIN RANGE OF SUPPORTING ARTY. EGT AREA MUST BE IN LOC WITHIN OBSERVATION OF RECON OP.
- (3) IN ADDITION, EGT AREA LOC SHOULD BE OF SUCH NATURE TO PRECLUDE ENEMY AMBUSH OF STRIKE FORCE FROM A PSN NOT UNDER OBSERVATION.
- (4) BEFORE STRIKE FORCE IS COMMITTED PROBABILITY MUST EXIST THAT STRIKE FORCE WILL BE ABLE TO CAPTURE PRISONERS, WPNS, OR DOCUMENTS.

B. NINTH MARINES

- (1) PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INF STRIKE FORCE PREPARED ON ORDER OF CO NINTH MARINES TO EXPLOIT RECON SIGHTINGS IN AN HOA OPERATING AREA AND CONTIGUOUS RZ FOLLOWING SUPPORTING ARMS EMPLOYMENT, TO POLICE THE BATTLEFIELD AND CAPTURE PRISONERS, WPNS, AND DOCUMENTS.
- (2) SIZE OF INF STRIKE FORCE TO BE COMMITTED AND DECISION TO COMMIT WILL BE DETERMINED BY CO NINTH MARINES BASED ON CRITERIA CONTAINED PARA 3.A. ABOVE.
- (3) STRIKE FORCE CMDR ASSURES OPCON OF INSERTED RECON PLT ON LANDING IN EGT AREA.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO REIN COMMITTED INF STRIKE FORCE AS REQUIRED.

C. THIRD RECON BN

- (1) CONTINUE TO COORDINATE ALL RECON UNIT INSERTIONS IN AN HOA OPERATING AREA AND CONTIGUOUS RZ WITH NINTH MARINES.

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(2) INSERTED RECON PTL REPORT TO CO NINTH MARINES IMMEDIATELY
RECON SURVIVORS TO INCLUDE CONDITIONS THAT MEET CRITERIA SET FORTH PARA
3-A. ABOVE.

(3) ON LANDING OF INF STRIKE FORCE IN EXPLOITATION AR A, INSERTED
FROM PTL REPORTS TO OPR STRIKE FORCE FOR OPCON.

D. 2d BATTAL MARINES

(1) SUPPORT RECON PTL'S AND INF STRIKE FORCE AS REQUIRED.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT AND EXECUTION
OF ORDER CO NINTH MARINES.

(2) DEBRIEF ALL PARTICIPANTS.

(3) NOTIFY THIS HQS ON DEPLOYMENT OF INF STRIKE FORCE AND
HOWEVER SOON REPORTS THEREAFTER.

(4) FURN SUPPORT COORDINATION LAW REF A AND AS DIRECTED BY
CO NINTH MARINES.

F. ATTACH AND LOG

A. SOURCE OF SUPPLY. FISC(A). LSU AN HOA FOR EMERGENCY.

B. RESUPPLY. BY DROG FROM FISC(A). LSU AN HOA FOR EMERGENCY.

C. RESCUED ROAD. AS PRESCRIBED BY UNIT CMDR.

5. ORD AND COM. REF B AND CURRENT COM DIRECTIVES.

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TO: FIRST MARINES
INFO: CG III MAF (ROUTINE)
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1. MISSION. COMMENCING ABOUT 1 AUG 1966 (AFTER TERMINATION OF HASTINGS)FIRST MARINES CONDUCT BN SIZE S&C OP SOUTH OF DANANG TO DESTROY VO
GUERRILLA UNITS AND INFLUENCE IN AREA OF OPS.2. FORCES ASSIGNED

A. INF BN, FIRST MARINES.

B. AIR SUPPORT AS ASSIGNED BY CG FMAV.

C. GVN FORCES AS AVAILABLE AND AS ASSIGNED.

D. ADDITIONAL USMC FORCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST THIS HQS.

3. DESIGNATED CMDR. CO FIRST MARINES.4. CMD RELATIONSHIPS

A. CONTROL HQS IS FIRST MARINES.

B. USMC UNITS IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN UNITS; COORDINATED FIRE
SUPPORT AND AIR CONTROL.5. AREA OF OPS. AREA BOUNDED GENERALLY BY (BT 070700), (BT 086700),
(BT 080650) AND (BT 115650).6. UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME. BUCKS.7. SPECIAL NBC INSTRUCTIONS. RCA AUTHORIZED.

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8. TERMINATION OF OPS. UPON COMPLETION S&O OPS CO, FIRST MARINES
OBTAIN PERMISSION THIS HQS, TO TERMINATE OP. *MCM*

9. SPECIAL/COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OP FIVE
DAYS. SUBMIT CONCEPT AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS BEYOND ORGANIC CAPABILITIES
AS SOON AS KNOWN. CONCEPT WILL INCLUDE SATURATION OF AREA WITH TROOPS
AND THOROUGHLY SCRUBBING IT OF VC GUERRILLAS FACILITIES AND INFLUENCE.

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 TO: FIRST MARINES
 THIRD MARINES
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 TWELFTH MARINES
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG FMAN

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OF ORDER 411-66 (BLUE SPRINGS)

A. MAP: VIETNAM 1:50,000 SERIES 1701, SHEETS 6658 I, II, III AND IV,
 6659 I, II, III AND IV; 6559 I, III AND IV.

B. III MAF OP O 309-66

1. SITUATION. ANNEX A (TS) (ISSUED SEPARATELY) TO REF B.

2. MISSION. THIRD MARDIV PROVIDES AN ALERT SECURITY FORCE PREPARED TO
 PROVIDE PERIMETER SECURITY FOR DRONE A/C THAT LAND WITHIN DANANG TACR,
 AND PREPARES TO PROVIDE SECURITY FORCE FOR DRONE A/C WHICH LAND OUTSIDE
 TACR.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT

(1) CG III MAF ALERTS THIRD MARDIV AND FMAN THAT A BLUE SPRINGS
 MEN IS INITIATED AND PROVIDES APPROXIMATE TIME FOR HELO PICK UP OF ALERT
 FORCE, LOC OF DRONE RECOVERY AREA, AND OTHER PERTINENT DATA REQUIRED FOR
 FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION.

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(TO MORE THAN 22 PERS) ON ALERT FOR HELO PICK-UP AT DESIGNATED TIME.
 (3) DESIGNATED REEF PROVIDES THIRD MARDIV THE LZ LOC FOR PICK
 UP OF ALERT FORCE. THIRD MARDIV INFORMS III MAF OF PICK UP LOC.
 (4) THIRD MARDIV INITIATES ACTION FOR THE NECESSARY FIRE SUPPORT
 COORDINATION TO ENSURE ESTABLISHMENT OF NO FIRE ZONE IN THE AREA OF DRONE
 RECOVERY DURING THE SPECIFIED TIME PERIOD.
 (5) IF DRONE LINES WITHIN TAGR, ALERT FORCE/ IS LIFTED BY HELO
 TO DRONE LOC AND PROVIDES THE NECESSARY PERIMETER SECURITY WHILE A
 RECOVERY/SALVAGE CREW COMPLETES ITS WORK.
 (6) DESIGNATED REEF PROVIDING ALERT FORCE WILL BE PREPARED
 TO RELIEVE AND/OR REIN ALERT FORCE.
 (7) SPARROW HAWK FORCE MAY BE USED FOR ALERT FORCE ON APPROVAL
 THIS HQ.
 (8) IF THE DRONE LANDING LOC IS OUTSIDE THE TAGR THE DECISION
 TO LAUNCH THE ALERT FORCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THIS HQ.

B. FIRST MARINES, THIRD MARINES AND NINTH MARINES

- (1) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO FURNISH REIN SQD FOR BLUE SPRINGS
 SECURITY TAC CONCEPT SEE FORMS ABOVE.
- (2) ON DESIGNATION AS REQUIRED FOR BLUE SPRINGS SECURITY MSH:
 - (A) FURNISH THIS HQ LOC OF LA FOR HELO PICK UP OF REIN SQD.
 - (B) ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY AS COMBAT HQ FOR THE BLUE SPRINGS
 SECURITY MSH UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED.

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(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE SUPPORTING FIRES AS REQUIRED.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS(1) IN EVENT DESTRUCTION OF DROGUE IS DIRECTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY,
SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE ISSUED.(2) OBTAIN AUTHORIZATION THIS HQ FOR USE OF SPARROW HAWK SQD
FOR BLUE SPRINGS SECURITY MISSION.(3) REFER ANY REQUEST TO USE ALERT FORCE OUTSIDE TAOR TO
THIS HQ FOR DECISION.4. ADMIN AND LOG. NO CHANGE.5. CMD AND COME-ELECA. CMD. CO TAC HQ WILL BE DESIGNATED NEXT. ALERT FORCE REMAINS
UNDER CMD OF GROUND UNITS CDR. DETACHMENT 10, 35TH COMBAT SUPPORT CPT
RECOVERY CREW ACTS IN ADVISORY CAPACITY ONLY IN RESPECT TO TECHNICAL
PROBLEMS REGARDING DROGUE.B. COME ELEC. NO CHANGE.

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1. MISSION. COMBINED BY CG 20 AUGUST 1966 THIRD MARINES CONDUCT
 HURRY IN SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS IN AN AREA CENTERED AROUND (AT 8552)
 TO DESTROY ENEMY TOWERS, BARRICADES AND ESTABLISH IN AREA.

2. FORCES ASSIGNED

- 1ST BN (1ST) THIRD MARINES.
- 1ST BN (-) (1ST) THIRD MARINES.
- AIR SUPPORT AS ASSIGNED BY CG III MAF.
- OWN FORCES AS AVAILABLE AND AS ASSIGNED.
- ADDITIONAL USMC TO BE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST THIS HEAD HEADERS.

3. DESIGNATED COMMANDER. CG THIRD MARINES.4. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

- CONTROL HEADQUARTERS US THIRD MARINES.
- USMC UNITS IN COORDINATION WITH ARVN UNITS: COORDINATED FIRE

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6. UNCLASSIFIED CODE NAME (AT 810530)
7. SPECIAL NBC INSTRUCTIONS. FOR AIRBORNE TO:
8. TERMINATION OF OPERATIONS. NBC COMPLETION OF SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED TO BE NEARLY COMPLETE TO COMMENCE RETRACTION.
9. SPECIAL/COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. GENERAL CONCEPT INCLUDES INITIAL HELIBORNE ASSAULT BY USMC FORCES, VICINITY (AT 8552) AND DROPSHARE RIVER CROSSING BY TRACKED VEHICLES FOLLOWED BY A SEARCH AND SEIZURE OPERATION TO THE NORTHEAST. OBJECTIVE AREA TO BE CONDUCTED BY BATTAL BATTALION (AT 8154) TO (AT 81253) ALONG SONG VU GIA AND FROM (AT 8153) TO (AT 81253) ALONG RUC THU BOU PRIOR TO ASSAULT. ARVN FORCES AS AVAILABLE TO ESCORT THE USMC TEAM BY OPERATING FROM INITIAL HELIBORNE ASSAULT AT OF SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSION IN AREA TO SOUTHWEST OF NBC OPERATIONS. INITIAL FEASIBLE USE TANKS AND OTHER TRACKED VEHICLES.

B. MINTH BATTALIONS PROVIDE PROXIES ALONG RIVERS WITHIN TAOR AND FIRE SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY BATTAL BATTALIONS.

C. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPS IS SEVEN DAYS. SUBMIT PLANS AND SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS AS SOON AS KNOWN, DETAILED.

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