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6	Msg	161415 Z	Subj: Readiness SITREP #145
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FROM: CG THIRD ARDIV  
TO: THIRD ARDIV  
INFO: CG 1st MAF  
CC: [illegible]

SHAWF OWN OPERATIONS PLANNED BY INSURANCE CO. OF N.Y.

A. CG-THIRD JARDIV 211159Z SEP 67

1. UNDER LISK ORGANIZATION, AFTER "ONE CO." 30 37

ADD "DEF. STBY, BH, " (ATTN: 10/10/10)

LIAISON ADVISORY"

2. IT IS INTENDED THAT THE FORWARD OBSERVER WILL BE

LIAISON PARTY ATTACHED TO THE 1ST BATTALION 1ST REGIMENT 1ST DIVISION 1ST ARMY

ARTILLERY BATTERY THAT NORMALLY SUPPORTS THE 30TH DIVISION

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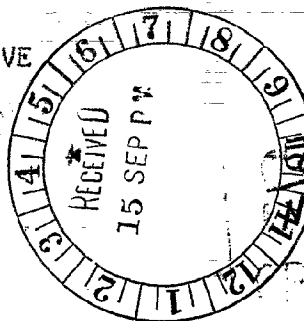
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 RUMSBJ/CDR SEVENTHAF  
 RUHHMFA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUABQL/CG FMFPAC(FWD)  
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S E C R E T  
 FORTRESS SENTRY (U)

THIS IS ANNEX GOLF TO MY OP  
 TASK ORGANIZATION: GUNFIRE SUPPORT UNIT (CTU 76.5.1)

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(C.O. OF CA).

ONE HEAVY CRUISER

ONE DESTROYER

MAPS: AMS SERIES L7014 1:50000 SHEETS 6343 II, 6443 III, 6342 I,  
6442 IV, AND 6442 I.

4. MY OPLAN 120A(UD)-67 (CH-4)

5. CTG 70.8 OPORD 320A-67 GUN TWELVE

1. MISSION: NGF SUPPORT IAW ANNEX GOLF REF A AND B WITH FOLLOWING  
ADDITIONS AND MODIFICATIONS.

2. EXECUTION: ADD FOLLOWING SUBPARAS TO PARA 3U OF REF A.

(1) FIRE SUPPORT AREA IS DESIGNATED AS FOLLOWS: FROM YD350700  
TO YD500730 TO 560920 THENCE ALONG NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF AOA TO  
SOUTH BANK OF SONG BEN HAI.

(2) NGF SHIP(S) ASSIGNED TO CATF TAKE STATION IN FSA BY H-180  
AND REPORT TO CATF WHEN ON STATION.

(3) ALL NAVAL GUNFIRE WILL BE ON CALL, INCLUDING PREPLANNED  
BACH PREP.

(4) PREPLANNED ON CALL TARGET LIST WILL BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY  
AS APPENDIX H 3.X. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS: ADD NEW SUBPARAS

(8) THROUGH (9) TO PARA 3X OF REF A. SUBPARAS FOLLOW:

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(18) NGF SHIPS ASSIGNED, RDVU WITH CATF ABOARD TRIPOLI VICINITY  
POINT BARBARA 151600H FOR BRIEFING OF WEAPS AND OPS OFFICERS.  
TRIPOLI HAS NO HELO AVAILABLE. TRANS WILL HAVE TO BE BY  
BOAT.

(19) AN ARCLIGHT MISSION BY USAF UNITS IN SUPPORT OF AMPHIBIOUS  
OPERATION HAS BEEN REQUESTED. STRIKES TO BE MADE AGAINST MAJOR  
CALIBER GUN TARGETS IN COASTAL AREA BETWEEN BEN HAI AND CAP LAY  
BEGINNING AT H-60.

(20) A SUPPORTING SHORE BOMBARDMENT MISSION HAS BEEN REQUESTED  
AGAINST KNOWN AND SUSPECTED MAJOR CALIBER GUN BATTERIES IN AREA  
FROM DMZ NORTH TO CAP LAY FROM H-90 TO H PLUS 60 (SEE PARA 21 BELOW).

(21) TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM EFFECTIVENESS AND SURPRISE BY ARCLIGHT  
MISSION, THE SUPPORTING SHORE BOMBARDMENT WILL BE HELD IN ABEYANCE  
UNTIL AFTER FIRST ARCLIGHT STRIKE. IF ARCLIGHT MISSION IS NOT LAID  
BOMBARDMENT IS TO COMMENCE AT H-90 AS SCHEDULED.

(22) NGF SUPPORT CA PARTICIPATE IN THE SUPPORTING SHORE  
BOMBARDMENT MISSION ON A "NOT TO INTERFERE WITH PRIMARY MISSION  
OF PROVIDING NGFS TO ATF" BASIS.

(23) ANTICIPATE SUPPORTING SHORE BOMBARDMENT SHIPS AND NGFS

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SHIPS ASSIGNED TO ATF WILL BOTH OPERATE IN FSA. DIRLAUTH TO AVOID MUTUAL INTERFERENCE.

(24) SUPPORTING SHORE BOMBARDMENT SHIPS ARE REQUESTED TO ACTIVATE CIRCUIT WJO 8630 KCS FOR, COORDINATION, AS NECESSARY, BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.

(25) ANY SHIP MAY CONDUCT DIRECT COUNTERBATTERY FIRE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF SACC IF ENEMY IS CLEARLY ENDANGERING THE SHIP NOTIFY SACC (COMPT4"5)73) OF MISSION IMMEDIATELY.

(26) NGFS SHIPS MANEUVER IN FAS TO OBTAIN FAVORABLE GUN TARGET LINE CONSISTENT WITH SAFE NAVIGATION.

(27) THE FOLLOWING THRUST POINTS WILL BE USED TO DESIGNATE FRIENDLY POSITS:

EXAMPLE: TUESDAY RIGHT .2 DOWN 1.3 MEANS 200 METERS TO THE RIGHT OF AND 1300 METERS DOWN FROM THRUST POINT DAYS.

SPORTS	YD250730	DOGS	YD313380
DAYS	YD200750	CARS	YD230670
MONTHS	YD240740	RANKS	YD210640
GIRLS	YD280730	BEERS	YD310610
TREES	YD220700	BOYS	YD330610

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(28) THE FOLLOWING REFERENCE POINTS WILL BE USED TO REPORT NGF SHIPS POSIT TO CATF WITHIN FSA OVER NGF NETS. REF PT USED SAME AS THRUST POINTS ABOVE:

REF POINTS:

BIRDS YD330320 FISH YD 370750

(29) SACC AND FSAC WILL BE IN COMMUNICATION FOR COORDINATION OF UNITS OPERATING IN ADJACENT AREAS.

4. REPORTS: ADD NEW SUBPARA 4F TO REF A AS FOLLOWS:

F. NGF SHIPS MUST SUBMIT CANDY REPORTS WITH VERTEX INFO TO SACC PRIOR TO COMMENCING FIRE. MISSION WILL BE FIRED ONLY WITH POSITIVE APPROVAL OF SACC WHILE CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS IS AFLOAT. (THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO SUPPORTING SHORE BOMBARDMENT NORTH OF DMZ).

5. COMMUNICATIONS: IAW ANNEX NOVEMBER REF A AS MODIFIED BELOW:

A. NGF NETS:

USE	CKT	FREQ	EMISSION
NGF COORDINATION/CONTROL	N9	8630 KCS	3-3J
SPOT NR 1	NJQPA	49.2 MCS	3SF3
SPOT NR 2	N12B	7360 KCS	3U5J

B. NGF SHIPS ACTIVATE CKT N-9 AND N-12U WHEN REPORTING FOR DUTY.

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## C. VOICE CALLS:

STATION	VOICE CALL
CAIF(SACC)	COMPANY STORE
SPOTTER (BLT2/3)	GREY REBEL 26 CHARLIE
NGLO(BLT2/3)	GREY REBEL 26 OSCAR

D. AUTHENTICATION: KAA 66.

E. NUMERICAL CODE: KAC 138.

F. US NAVY OPS CODE (VIETNAM AREA): KAC 183.

G. ALL TIMES ZULU FOR KAA 66, KAC 138, AND KAC 183.

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 RUMSBJ/CDR SEVENTH AF  
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC  
 RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHAW/CG THIRD MARDIV  
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D. CTG 76.5 110500Z SEP 67 (CTG 76.5 OPORDER 324-68)

THIS IS CTG 76.5 OPORDER 325-68 FOR FORTRESS SENTRY DERIVED FROM REF C. THIS ORDER CANCELS AND REPLACES REF D. THE FOLLOWING ANNEXES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY: DELTA, GOLF, HOTEL, INDIA, AND NOVEMBER. TASK ORGANIZATION IAW REF A.

1. SITUATION: COMSEVENTHFLT HAS DIRECTED AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN THE ICTZ IN SUPPORT OF CG III MAF.

A. ENEMY FORCES: VC AND NVA FORCES IN AOA AND ICTZ.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) CTG 70.8 PROVIDES SHORE BOMBARDMENT IN VICINITY CAP LAY TO SUPPRESS ENEMY FIRES FROM WITHIN THAT AREA.

(2) U.S. AIR FORCE PROVIDES ARCLIGHT RAIDS IN THE AREA BETWEEN THE BEN HAI RIVER AND CAP LAY.

2. MISSION: COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY, CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN ICTZ, OR OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REP. FORTRESS SENTRY IS AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION EMPLOYING A BALANCED NAVAL AND LANDING FORCE.

3. EXECUTION:

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A. THIS OPERATION WILL BE AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRINCIPLES CONTAINED REFERENCE B. THE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THREE PHASES AS FOLLOWS:

PHASE I - A WATERBORNE ASSAULT LANDING AT H-HOUR OVER RED BEACH (CTR YD 326713) AND BLUE BEACH (YD 342696) AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS TO ELIMINATE INTERFERENCE WITH NAVIGATION FROM THE NORTH BANK OF THE CUA VIET AND BO DIEU RIVER.

S. THE SLF PRIMARY AREA OF INTEREST IS THAT AREA BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ, ON THE WEST BY HIGHWAY NO. 1, AND ON THE SOUTH BY THE CUA VIET RIVER.

PHASE II - A DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE ENEMY, LOCATE AND DESTROY ROCKET AND ARTILLERY POSITIONS, DISCOVER ARMS CACHES AND SUPPLIES AND PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF COMBAT BASES.

PHASE III - AN AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL.

B. TACTICAL AIR CONTROL ELEMENT (TE 76.5.2.2)

(1) PERFORM DUTIES IAW ANNEX H.

C. SURFACE PATROL COORDINATION ELEMENT (TE 76.5.3.5)

(1) TORTUGA IS ASSIGNED DUTIES AS SURFACE PATROL COOR-

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DINATOR IAW REF A.

- D. GUNFIRE SUPPORT UNIT (TU 76.5.1)
  - (1) PROVIDE GUNFIRE SUPPORT IAW ANNEX GOLF.
- E. TRANSPORT UNIT (TU 76.5.2)
  - (1) TAKE STATION IN AOA IAW ANNEX DELTA.
  - (2) TRIPOLI ACT AS CECS AND CRS.
  - (3) TORTUGA ACT AS PCS.
  - (4) CONDUCT SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT IAW ANNEX INDIA.
- F. SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (TG 79.5)
  - (1) WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF AND CG III MAF, REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG IIIMAF.
  - (2) UNODPR USE OF RCA IS AUTHORIZED FOR TACTICAL OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AOA, CONSISTENT WITH TACTICAL SITUATION.
- X. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS
  - (1) THIS OPORD EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT FOR OPERATIONS. DOWNGRADE TO CONFIDENTIAL ON D-DAY.
  - (2) D-DAY IS 16 SEP 67 AND WILL BE CONFIRMED 9 H-HOUR AT RED AND BLUE BEACHES IS 0500H AND WILL BE CONFIRMED.
  - (3) LTLF WILL BE SIGNALLED BY CATF ON D-DAY.

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(4) ON D-DAY AT 0200H, THE AOA IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS:  
 LANDWARD AOW IS THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY TEN NM ARC  
 CENTERED AT YD 326718 DRAWN FROM YD 463590 T

RA 424560,

THENCE A LINE TO YD 315560, THEN ALONG EAST BANK SONG THACH  
 HAN TO ITS JUCTION WITH THE SONG DO DIEU, THENCE WESTWARD  
 ALONG NORTH BANK OF SONG DO DIEU TO HIGHWAY NO. 1 BRIDGE,  
 5 3, 43, 945 -)9, & 8& 2-6, 9. 1 TO YD 224630, THENCE WEST-  
 WARD ALONG HIGHWAY NR TO YD 197620, THENCE A LINE TO YD 162721  
 (LAKE), THENCE A LINE TO YD 163772 (UBANDONED RR BRIDGE OR  
 EMBANKMENT), THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH BANK OF THE SONG BEN HAI  
 RIVER TO ITS MOUTH.

THE SEAWARD AOA IS THAT SEA AREA DESCRIBED BY A LINE EXTENDING  
 EAF WARD THREE MILES FROM MOUTH OF SONG BEN HAI THENCE NORTH-  
 WARD UP THESE COAST ALONG THE THREE MILE LIMIT TO A POINT  
 OFF CAP LAY, THENCE ON A LINE

PUP DEG T TO THE INTER-

HR

SECTION OF THE TWENTY FIVE MILE ARC STRUCK FROM CENTER OF AOA  
 (YD 326718) AND EXTENDING SOUTHWARD TO COAST AT YD 683419,  
 EXCEPT THE 070 LINE SKIRTS AROUND TIGER ISLAND THREE MILES

SOUTHWARD AIRSPACE ABOVE THE AOA FROM THE SURFACE TO 25,000  
 FT MSL SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE CONTROL AREA

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- (5) UPON CHOP OF ELEMENTS OF SLF TO CG III MAF, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.
  - (6) CRUISING INSTRUCTIONS IAW REF A.
  - (7) NGFS IAW REF A AND ANNEX GOLF.
  - (8) AIR OPERATIONS IAW ANNEX H.
  - (9) WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX I TO JIF A.
  - (10) UNODIR ALL SHIPS REMAIN UNDERWAY AT ALL TIMES.
- 4. ADMIN, LOGISTICS AND MEDICAL IAW REF A.
  - 5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:
    - A. CATF IS CTG 76.5 (COMPHIBRON ELEVEN) IN TRIPOLI.
    - B. SECOND IN COMMAND IS CO TRIPOLI.
    - C. CLF IS CTG 79.5 IN TRIPOLI.
    - D. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX N.
    - E. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS OPERATION CATF WILL SUBMIT TO COMSEVENTHFLT A RECOMMENDATION FOR TERMINATION IAW REF B AND C.

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01. EIT 2/3 OPPLAN 3-67

02. BY 142014Z SEP 67

03. NMIP 22-3(B)

04. SITUATION AND MISSION IAW BASIC OPORDER AND REF C.

05. EXECUTION:

(11) EXECUTE IAW BASIC OPORDER AND PARA 3 REF A EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BELOW.

CONCEPT: THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT WILL BE ENTIRELY AIRBORNE AND WILL CONSIST OF A COMBINATION OF LUIS, LCU, AND LCM(S)/(S) CRAFT. WAVE ONE AND TWO WILL LAND OVER RED BE

H. SUBSEQUENT WAVES WILL ALL LAND OVER BLUE BEACH WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE ON CALL WAVE OF FIVE TANKS TO BE LANDED BY LCU AND LCM(S) OVER RED BEACH. THE SHORE PARTY AND NAVAL BEACH GROUP WILL BE ESTABLISHED ON BLUE BEACH ABOUT 4 PLUS NINETY. SUBSEQUENT LOGISTIC SUPPORT WILL BE LANDED OVER BLUE BEACH.

(13) BOAT LANES:

(1) BOAT LANE RED BEACH: 500 YARD WIDE LANE CENTERED BETWEEN LOD (YD 345718) AXIS 225 DEG TRUE AND CENTER OF RED BEACH (YD336728)

(2) BOAT LANE BLUE BEACH: 500 YARD WIDE LANE CENTERED AT

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(3) (YD379701) AXIS 270 DEG TRUE EXTENDING TO CENTER OF MOUTH

AT RIVER YD 344701, ( 5 3, 83 70 43:34 : -7, 3) 59 ) 5 4-.3

34-2 2- 3 9, 975 2-, (- NOTE BOATS MUST GO NORTH AROUND

BAR AT MOUTH OF CUA VIET ENTER CHANNEL.

(4) RED BEACH IS 500 YARDS WIDE CENTERED AT YD 36705.

(5) 273, 8 5 3 ) 5 4-.0 9, 975 34, 943 91 .975 91

(6) 43:34 -5 :99458, -53 68 342698.

(7) ALL LANDING CRAFT/WAVE GUIDE BOATS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH IAW TABLE OF LIGHTS, APPENDIX C TO REF D.

(8) ALL WAVE GUIDE/COMMANDER BOATS AND CONTROL BOATS WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH NANCY SIGNALLING EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDED WITH A RED SIGNALMAN.

(9) PARENT SHIPS INSPECT AND TEST RAMPS OF LANDING CRAFT PRIOR TO 1-DAY.

(10) TORTUGA DESIGNATED PCS.

(11) PCS DISPLAY 360 DEG ARC INFRARED BEACON FROM LILF TO BLUE BEACH.

(12) PCS CONTROL MOVEMENT OF ALL BOAT WAVES CROSS THE LOD AND THE BOAT LANE AND ON TO BLUE BEACH.

(13) CHALLENGE ALL RADIO GRID POSITIVE WITH NANCY.

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(D) PCS POSITION AND MAINTAIN A MARKER BOAT OFF ENTRANCE TO CUA VIET RIVER (YD 44731) TO ASSIST ONCOMING WAVES IN LOCATING RIVER ENTRANCE. MARKER BOATS WILL BE PROVIDED WITH A SHIELDED AMBER LIGHT (TO BE DIRECTED TO SEAWARD ONLY) AS AN AID IN IDENTIFICATION.

(20) WINDHAM CTY DESIGNATED SCS. SCS BE PREPARED TO ASSUME DUTIES OF PCS IF AND WHEN DIRECTED BY CAIF.

(21) PAUL REVERE PROVIDE BGC/WAVE GUIDE FOR WAVE ONE AND TWO

(LVTS) AT RED BEACH. TRANSFER BGC OFFICER TO WINDHAM CTY ON D-1. DISPATCH LCPL EQUIPPED FOR BGC TO REPORT TO WINDHAM CTY AT LTLP ON D-DAY.

(22) PAUL REVERE PROVIDE BGC TO LEAD LCM WAVES THREE AND FOUR

AND FIVE FROM THE BLUE BEACH LOD TO BLUE BEACH. WAVE THREE TO LAND BLUE BEACH AT H-HOUR.

(23) PAUL REVERE PROVIDE HEAVY SALVAGE BOAT WITH SALVAGE OFFICER EMBARKED TO FOLLOW WAVE FIVE. UPON SALVAGE BOAT ARRIVAL CUA VIET REPORT TO BGC (BLUE) FOR DUTY.

(24) WINDHAM CTY SPLASH LVT IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO CROSS RED BEACH LOD AND LAND OVER RED BEACH AT H-HOUR. BGC/WAVE GUIDE LEAD WAVE ONE AND TWO (LVTS) IN COLUMN FORMATION PARALLEL

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TO THE SHORELINE ABT 1500 YDS OFF OF THE SHORELINE. UPON ARRIVAL AT A POINT ABREAS OF RED BEACH BGC DIRECT A FLANKING MOVEMENT TO RED BEACH. LST ADVISE BGC OF CURREN AND SET UDT DET EMBARK (LVTS) AND CONDUCT BOAT LANE SPOTSURVEY FROM RED BEACH SEAWARD IN ESTABLISHED BOAT LANE. LOCATE AND MARK OBSTACLES THAT WOULD HAMPER LCU AND LCMs BOAT OPERATIONS. BGC REMAIN ABT 100-200 YDS SEAWARD OF RED BEACH AND MOVE IN TO RECOVER UDT BOATS UPON COMPLETION OF SURVEY. UPON RECOVERY OF UDT

BGC(RED) PROCEED TO MOUTH OF CUA VIET RIVER AND ACT AS TIDAL CONTROL OFFICER. DISPATCH UDT PERS WITH SURVEY TO PCS NEAREST AVAILABLE RETURNING BOAT.

(25) SOURCE SHIPS DISPATCH BOATED WAVES TO PCS AS SOON AS ORDERED. PCS ASSIGN REPORTING WAVES TO ASSEMBLY CIRCLES SEAWARD OF PCS. WEATHER PERMITTING BOATED WAVES MAY BE DIRECTED TO LIE IN VICINITY OF PCS VICE CIRCLE, WHEN DIRECTED BY PCS. (3GC BLUE BEACH LEAD WAVES THREE, FOUR AND FIVE AS A GROUP IN COLUMN FORMATION, IN PROPER SEQUENCE, CROSS THE LOD ON TO MOUTH OF CUA VIET RIVER, THENCE IN CUA VIET RIVER TO BLUE BEACH TO TOUCHDOWN AT H-HOUR. BGC DIRECT SUBSEQUENT WAVES TO BLUE BEACH AT TEN MINUTE INTERVALS. DO NOT PERMIT BOATS TO LIE TO IN CONCENTRATIONS

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DIRECT RETURNING BOATS BACK TO THE PCS.

(20) PCS WILL NOT ANCHOR. WINDHAM CTY SHOULD NOT ANCHOR, BUT MAY DO SO IF NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH ASSIGNED MISSION.

(21) (-) 79235 54990 23) 23-4 2313' - (35)

(22) D-DAY 16 SEP. H-HOUR 0500. WILL BE CONFIRMED

(23) LTLF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR 2200H AND WILL BE CONFIRMED.

(24) ALL TG 76.5 UNITS ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE.

## LANDING CRAFT EMPLOYMENT PLAN:

LINE	CRAFT	FROM	TO	TIME	REMARKS
1	1 LCPL	APA248	LST1170	LTLF	BGC WAVE ONE AND TWO.
2	1 LCPL	APA248	PCS	LTLF	BGC WAVE THREE, FOUR AND FIVE
3	1 LCPL	LSD26	PCS	LTLF	CUA VIET MARKER BOA.
4	1 LCMG	APA248	01	1501	(-); -83 79-5, SA WAVE OFFICER EMBARKED.
5	2 LCMG	APA248	LPH10	TLF	WAVE THREE "F" CO
6	1 LCMG	LSD26	LPH10	LTLF	WAVE FOUR: CP 126 FLT. RDVU WITH TWO LCMG AT PCS.
7	2 LCMG	APA248	APA248	LTLF	WAVE FOUR: "G" CO AND ENG FLT RDVU WITH LCM AT PCS
	2 LCMG	APA248	LPH10	LTLF	WAVE FIVE: "H" CO

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8 1 LCMG LSD26 PCS LTLF

STANDBY SPARE BOATS REMAIN  
ALONGSIDE PCS UNTIL  
REQUIRED.

## CONSOLIDATE LANDING AND APPROACH PLAN:

## SCHEDULED WAVES

NO	WAVE	CRAFT	SOURCE	CROSS LOG	LAND
1	5 LVT	LST1170	H-11		H-HOUR (RED BEACH).
2	6 LVT	LST1170	H-3		HPLUS3 (RED BEACH)
3	2 LCMG	LPH10	H-30		H-HOUR (BLUE BEACH)
4	1 LCMG	LPH10	H-28		HPLUS10 (BLUE BEACH)
	2 LCMG	APA248			
5	2 LCMG	LPH10	H-26		HPLUS20 (BLUE BEACH)

CALL WAVE SIX: 2 LCMG AND 1 LCU FROM LSD26 PRE-LOADED WITH

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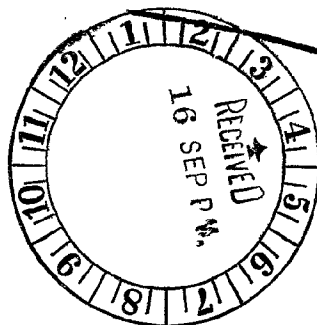
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READINESS SITREP NR 144 OF 151200Z SEP 67 (D)

1. AMPHIB READY GROUP BRAVO CONSISTING OF: NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS:

A. TG 76.5 CONTINUED TO MAINTAIN 24 HR READINESS POSTURE FOR OPERATION FORTRESS SENTRY.

B. AT 151300H CONDUCTED PREOPERATION CONFERENCE ABO TRIPOLI FOR OPERATION FORTRESS SENTRY. TG 76.5 AT 151430H CONDUCTED BRIEFING NEWS MEDIA PERSONNEL.

C. CTG 79, BGEN GLICK, CAME ABOARD TRIPOLI TO OBSERVE OPERATION. D. MT MCKINLEY RDVUED WITH TG 76.5 AND COMMENCED COMMUNICATION SUPPORT.

INTENTIONS:

1. CONTINUED PREPARATION FOR OPERATION FORTRESS SENTRY.

2. CONFIRM D-DAY AND H-HOUR AS 160500H2 SEP 67.

3. COMMENCE 12 HOUR FORTRESS SENTRY SITREPS AS OF 160300H3

SEP 67.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: ORDER TO EXECUTE OPERATIONAL FORTRESS SENTRY.

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TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

G 161415Z SEP 67  
FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
TO AIG FOUR SIX ONE  
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READINESS SITREP NR 145 AS OF 161200Z SEP 67 (U)

1. AMPHIB READY GROUP BCXVO CONSISTING ONC NO CHANGE

2. ACTIONS:

A. POSTPONED D-DAY AND H-HOUR OF OPERATION FORTRESS SENTRY TWENTY-FOUR HOURS DUE TO TORTUGA INABILITY TO ARR AT PCS POSIT IN TIME TO CONDUCT DARKENED LANDING AS SCHEDULED. DELAY IN ARRIVAL RESULTED FROM CASUALTY TO STERN GATE OF TORTUGA. DETERIORATING WEATHER ALSO A FACTOR.

B. TG 76.5 CONTINUED IN A HOLDING STATUS FOR OPERATION FORTRESS SENTRY. A QUASI-STATIONARY LOW PRESSURE AREA CENTERED OVER THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE TONKIN GULF CONTINUED TO PRODUCE A NORTH EAST MONSOON FLOW IN THE AREA, WHICH RESULTED IN OVERCAST SKYS, LOW CEI

RNGS AND NUMEROUS SHOWERS, LOW VISIBILITY, AND FOUR TO SIX FOOT SWELLS, WITH FIFTEEN TO THIRTY KNOTS OF WIND IN THE HOLDING AREA.

C. AT 161330H TORTUGA REPORTED STERN GATE OPERABLE, HAVING

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EFFECTED TEMPORARY REPAIRS.

D. CONFIRMED D-DAY AS 17 SEPT 67. H-HOUR TENTATIVELY SET AS 170500H3. MY 160740Z8 SEP 67 (NOTAL).

E. AT 161415H, BGZN GLICK, DEPARTED TRIPOLI FOR 3RD MARDIV C.P.

F. TRIPOLI: AT 161632H9 TRIPOLI HELO, GREEN BUG, RETURNED ABOARD FROM MARBLE MT AIR FACILITY AFTER COMPLETION SKED MAINT.

G. WINDHAM CTY: INTERCEPTED LCU 1614 LOST AT SEA. AFTER ESTABLISHING COMMUNICATIONS ESCORTED LCU TO LAND.

H. PRESENT WEATHER AND SEA CONDITIONS DO NOT PERMIT BOATING OF TROOPS.

I. INTENTIONS:

A. PROCEED VICINITY CUA VIET TO SEE IF WEATHER CONDITIONS BETTER. PB CONDITIONS DO NOT IMPROVE SUFFICIENTLY TO PERMIT 170500H3H-HOUR, CONSIDERING PUTTING H-HOUR ON DELAYING BASIS UNTIL CONDITIONS IMPROVE ENOUGH TO DESCM 53 H-HOUR.

4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: 8, 9, 3.1

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OPERATION PLAN 51-67 (REINFORCEMENT OF KHE SANH)

A. LOI 1-67

B. DIVO P020 0.2F

C. DIVO P2000.4C

ITEM ZONE H

TASK 0: NO CHANGE EXCEPT AS NOTED

\_\_\_ BN(=)(REIN) \_\_\_ MARINES

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DET CO \_\_\_, 3D ENGR BN

DET CO \_\_\_, 3D SP BN (DST)

# 1 SITUATION

## A. ENEMY FORCES

- (1) CURRENT INTENSUMS
- (2) TO BE ISSUED ON EXECUTION

## B. FRIENDLY FORCES

- (1) III MAF REQUEST COMUSMACV AND SEVENTH AIR FORCE TO PROVIDE FW

1/0 TO JNT REIN FD TO KHE SANH.

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(2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES LOGISTICS AND CAS AS REQUIRED.

(3) 1ST MARDIV MAINTAINS CONTINGENCY BN ON 12 HOUR NOTICE TO BE AIR LIFTED BY FW A/C FROM DANANG TO KHE SANH ON ORDER OF 1ST MAW.

#### C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

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(1) 3D MARDIV ASSIGNS OPCON OF 1ST MARDIV BN ON ORDER.

#### 2. MISSION

A. 3D MARDIV REINFORCES 26TH MARINES AT KHE SANH WITH ONE REINFORCED BATTALION ON ORDER. BATTALION WILL BE FLOWN IN BY FIXED WING A/C OR HELI-LIFTED FROM DESIGNATED FIELDS.

#### 3. EXECUTION

##### A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

(1) ON ORDER DESIGNATED REGIMENT MOVES BN (-)(REIN) TO DESIGNATED AIRFIELD OR LZ FOR MOVEMENT TO KHE SANH BY F/W A/C.

(2) C-7A A/C WILL BE USED AS F/W A/C UNTIL KHE SANH AIRFIELD IS REOPENED TO NORMAL TRAFFIC (C-123, C-130).

(3) HELI-LIFT USING CH 53 A/C WILL BE USED IF FEASIBLE AND A/C ARE AVAILABLE.

##### B. TWENTY SIXTH MAR (-)(REIN)

(1) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO DEPLOY BN (-)(REIN) ON ARRIVAL IN Y R AO IN DEFENSE OF KHE SANH AIRFIELD OR AS DIRECTED.

##### C. ALL OTHER INF REGIMENTS

(1) BE PREPARED ON ORDER TO MOVE ONE INF BN (-)(REIN) (SEE TASK 0) TO DESIGNATED AIRFIELD OR LZ FOR FW A/C LIFT OR HELI-LIFT TO KHE SANH

##### D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

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

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1. FOUR (4) MCI, W/FUEL TRIOXANE.

2. TWO (2) FULL CANTEENS PER MAN.

(B) CLASS II. T/A AND T/E AS PRESCRIBED BY ORGANIZATIONAL

COMMANDER.

(C) CLASS III

1. PACKAGED LUBRICANTS AS REQUIRED.

(D) CLASS IV. NONE, EXCEPT AS DEEMED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL

BY ORGANIZATIONAL COMMANDER.

(E) CLASS V. BASIC ALLOWANCE PLUS ONE (1) DOA.(F) MEDICAL SUPPLIES. AS DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY ORGANIZATIONAL

COMMANDER.

(3) RESUPPLY(A) GENERAL. FLSG-A IS THE SUPPLY SOURCE FOR ALL CLASSES OF  
SUPPLY FOR UNITS WITHIN OR ATTACHED TO THE 3D MAR DIV.(B) SUPPLY SOURCE. USA KHE SANH - ALL SUPPLY CLASSES. *all*B. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION. IAW APP 2 (MEDICAL) TO ANNEX Q  
(ADMIN AND LOG) TO REF A.C. TRANSPORTATION(1) TIME AND METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION OF TROOPS AND EQUIPMENT TO  
POB TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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2. BATTALIONS PREPARE A/C ASSIGNMENT TABLES FOR TASK ORG. IN FORM  
C7A, C130 AND C153 AC.

### 3. DETAILED SERVICE

- (1) UNITS RESPONSIBLE FOR 1ST AND 2D ECHELON MAINTENANCE.
- (2) LSA KHE SACH PROVIDES 3D ECHELON MAINTENANCE SUPPORT.

### 4. PERSONNEL

(1) STRENGTH. ON BOARD STRENGTH IAW TASK ORG, BN (-)(REIN) STRENGTH  
NOT TO EXCEED 800 PERSONNEL.

(2) REPLACEMENTS. PROVIDED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(3) PERSONNEL PROCEDURES. IAW APP 3 (PERSONNEL) TO ANNEX Q

(ADMIN LOG) TO REF A.

### 5. COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. COMMUNICATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE (B) AND (C).

B. DESIGNATED BATTALION AND SUPPORTING DETACHMENTS USE CURRENT VOICE  
RADIO CALL SIGNS.

C. DESIGNATED BATTALION ENTER 26TH MARINES REGT TAC NET #1 FOR  
INITIAL CONTACT. FREQUENCIES (P) 36.55 M-106 AND (S) 40.65 M-160. BE  
PREPARED TO GUARD 26TH MARINES NETS AS DIRECTED.

D. FOLLOWING RADIO FREQUENCIES ASSIGNED FOR USE BY THE DESIGNATED  
BATTALION:

<u>FREQ</u>	<u>DESIG</u>	<u>EMISS</u>	<u>POWER</u>
49.6	M-251	G	1
43.55	M-186	G	16
35.95	M-94	G	16
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PLANNED/PROPOSED OPERATIONS - OCTOBER 1967

A. CG III MAF 090628Z SEP 67

1. BATTALION AND LARGER SCALE OPERATIONS FOR OCTOBER 1967 ARE LISTED IN TWO CATEGORIES: PLANNED OPERATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS, AND PROPOSED OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED ON SHORT NOTICE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES ARISING DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE TACTICAL SITUATION, PERIODS OF FAVORABLE WEATHER, AND/OR A REDUCTION IN CURRENT COMMITMENTS TO OPERATION DYE MARKER.
2. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THE MAJOR EFFORT WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD THE CONSTRUCTION AND SECURITY OF OPERATION DYE MARKER ~~BASES~~ <sup>BASES AND STRONG POINTS</sup>. PLANNING DIRECTIVES HAVE OR WILL BE PROMULGATED SO THAT PRIOR PLANNING FOR PROPOSED OPERATIONS WILL GENERATE A QUICK REACTION CAPABILITY FOR OPERATIONS IN SELECTED AREAS WHICH ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH DYE MARKER.
3. OPERATIONS KINGFISHER, ARDMORE, AND FREMONT WILL BE RENAMED AS OF 10CT67. OPERATION KINGFISHER WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO NAMED OPERATIONS - LANCASTER FOR THE THIRD MARINE TAOR AND KENTUCKY FOR THE NINTH MARINE TAOR. NEW NAMES EFFECTIVE 10CT67 ARE SHOWN HEREIN.

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## A. PLANNED OPERATIONS NOW IN PROGRESS:

## (1) KENTUCKY (FORMERLY PART OF KINGFISHER)

(A) ONE REGIMENT (NINTH MARINES)

(B) FOUR INFANTRY BATTALIONS

(C) SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING, SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS,

SECURITY FOR COMBAT BASES AND OUTPOSTS; PROTECTION OF LOC'S, AND INTERDICTION OF ENEMY LAND AND WATER LOC'S IN TAOR; SUPPORT OF RD PROGRAM; AND SECURITY/SUPPORT OF INSTALLATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION EFFORT ANTI INFILTRATION SYSTEM (DYE MARKER).

(D) NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(E) COMMENCED: 1 OCT 67 UPON TERMINATION OF OPERATION KINGFISHER.

(F) DURATION: INDEFINITE

## (2) LANCASTER (FORMERLY PART OF KINGFISHER)

(A) ONE REGIMENT (=) (THIRD MARINES)

(B) TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS

(C) SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING, SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS;

SECURITY FOR COMBAT BASES, OUTPOSTS AND LOC'S; INTERDICTION OF ENEMY LAND AND WATERWAY LOC'S WITHIN TAOR. BE PREPARED TO ASSIST IN SECURITY/SUPPORT OF INSTALLATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION EFFORT AS DIRECTED FOR ANTI-INFILTRATION SYSTEM (DYE MARKER).

(D) NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(E) COMMENCED: 1 OCT 67 UPON TERMINATION OF OPERATION KINGFISHER.

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(F) DURATION: INDEFINITE

(3) NEOSHO (FORMERLY FREMONT)

(A) REGIMENT(-) (FOURTH MARINES)

(B) ONE TO TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS.

(C) SEARCH AND DESTROY; INTERDICTION OF ENEMY LAND AND WATER LOC'S, SECURITY OF LOC'S WITHIN TAOR; PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE QUANG TRI AIR FACILITY; AND SUPPORT RD PROGRAM WITHIN CAPABILITIES.

(D) PHONG DIEN DISTRICT (BASE AREA 114), THUA THIEN PROVINCE AND HAI LANG DISTRICT (BASE AREA 101), QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

(E) COMMENCED: 1 OCT 67 UPON TERMINATION OF OPERATION FREMONT.

(F) DURATION: INDEFINITE

(4) SCOTLAND (FORMERLY ARDMORE)

(A) REGIMENT(-) (REIN) (TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES)

(B) ONE TO TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS

(C) SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING, AND SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS; SECURITY FOR COMBAT BASE AND OUTPOSTS; PROTECTION OF LOC'S; SECURITY FOR ENGINEER OPERATIONS ALONG ROUTE #9; INTERDICTION OF ENEMY WATER AND LAND LOC'S WITHIN TAOR; COMMAND AND CONTROL KHE SANH SUPPORT BASE.

(D) WESTERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(E) COMMENCED: 1 OCT 67 UPON TERMINATION OF OPERATION ARDMORE.

(F) DURATION: INDEFINITE

(5) DYE MARKER

(A) THIRD MARDIV(-) (REIN)

(B) FORCES AS REQUIRED

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(C) ORGANIZE, CONSTRUCT AND OCCUPY ANTI INFILTRATION SYSTEM TO IMPEDE/PREVENT ENEMY INFILTRATION/INVASION OF IOTZ THROUGH NORTHERN PORTION OF THIRD MARDIV TAOR (QUANG TRI PROVINCE).

(D) QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(E) COMMENCED: 12APR67

(F) DURATION: FINAL COMPLETION DATE INDEFINITE, ATTEMPTING TO COMPLETE PROGRAMMED INSTALLATIONS PRIOR TO 1NOV67 OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS THE ENEMY SITUATION, WEATHER AND CURRENT COMMITMENTS PERMIT.

(6) PHU BAI VITAL AREA DEFENSE

(A) BATTALION(REIN) (SECOND BATTALION, TWENTY-SIXTH MARINES)

(B) ONE INFANTRY BATTALION

(C) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS WITH EMPHASIS ON PHU TU AND PHU LOC AREA, PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION, DREDGING OPERATIONS AND LOC'S, INTERDICT ENEMY GROUND AND WATERWAY LOC'S IN TAOR; PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK REACTION FORCE, AND SUPPORT RD ACTIVITIES WITHIN CAPABILITIES.

(D) THUA THIEN PROVINCE - PHU BAI VITAL AREA

(E) COMMENCED: UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF VITAL AREA.

(F) DURATION: INDEFINITE

B. PROPOSED OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED AS THE TACTICAL SITUATION, CURRENT COMMITMENTS AND THE WEATHER PERMIT. PLANNING DIRECTIVES HAVE OR WILL BE ISSUED TO INSURE A RAPID REACTION CAPABILITY SHOULD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR EXECUTION OF A PROPOSED PLAN ARISE. (FORMAT SHOWN PARAGRAPH 10-C OF

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(1) OPERATION NORTH AND WEST OF ROUTE #9 (OPERATION DOUGLAS)

(A) NORTH AND WEST OF ROUTE #9, SOUTH OF GL-XD 52, EAST OF GL-XD 87 WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO HILL COMPLEXES 490(GS 9449), 492 (GS 9249) AND TRAILS RUNNING NORTH AND SOUTH FROM THESE TERRAIN FEATURES.

(B) MULTI-BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION REINFORCED WITH APPROPRIATE COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS; THIRD MARINES CONTROL HEADQUARTERS WITH NINTH MARINES PROVIDING ONE BATTALION(REIN) ON D-1.

(C) UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME, WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY WARNING ORDER ISSUED A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

(D) ESTIMATE DURATION 5-6 DAYS.

(E) ESTIMATE PEAK HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS ON D-DAY AND FINAL DAY OF OPERATION WITH MINIMUM FIRST WAVE 350 TO 400 PERSONNEL.

(2) OPERATION IN ENEMY BASE AREA 101 (OPERATION MEDINA) /

(A) HAI LANG NATIONAL FOREST (BA 101) OF QUANG TRI PROVINCE ENCOMPASSED BY GLS-YD 41 ON THE NORTH, 37 ON THE EAST, 36 ON THE SOUTH AND 29 ON THE WEST.

(B) MULTI-BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION REINFORCED WITH APPROPRIATE COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS; FOURTH MARINES CONTROL AND COORDINATE WITH SIMILAR AND CONCURRENT ARVN OPERATIONS ANTICIPATED IN AN ADJACENT AREA.

(C) UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME; WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY WARNING ORDER ISSUED A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

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(D) ESTIMATED DURATION 6-7 DAYS

(E) ESTIMATED PEAK HELICOPTER REQUIREMENT ON D-DAY AND FINAL DAY OF OPERATION WITH MINIMUM FIRST WAVE 400 PERSONNEL.

(3) OPERATION IN ENEMY BASE AREA 114 (OPERATION GRANITE)

(A) ENEMY BASE AREA 114. AREA BOUNDED BY LINE DRAWN FROM YD 370160 TO YD 545160 THEN NE ALONG THE SONG BO RIVER TO NATIONAL ROUTE #1, NORTH ALONG NATIONAL ROUTE #1 TO THUA THIEN PROVINCE BORDER, THENCE WEST ALONG THUA THIEN PROVINCE BORDER TO GL YD 37 AND SOUTH TO GL YD 370160.

(B) MULTI-BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION REINFORCED WITH APPROPRIATE COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS; FOURTH MARINES CONTROL AND COORDINATE WITH SIMILAR AND CONCURRENT ARVN OPERATIONS ANTICIPATED IN AN ADJACENT AREA.

(C) UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME; WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY WARNING ORDER ISSUED A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

(D) ESTIMATED DURATION 4-5 DAYS

(E) ESTIMATE PEAK HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS ON D-DAY AND FINAL DAY OF OPERATION WITH MINIMUM FIRST WAVE 70 PERSONNEL.

(4) OPERATION NW OF CAM LO (OPERATION HOWARD)

(A) AREA NORTH OF GL YD 61, EAST OF GL YD 04, SOUTH OF GL YD 68 AND WEST OF GL YD 10; WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE AREA AND ROUTES OF APPROACH ABOUT THE "THREE SISTERS" (GS-YD 0765); HILL 162 (GS-YD 0763); HILL 124 (YD 0762) AND THROUGH "HELICOPTER VALLEY" (GS-YD 0565).

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(B) MULTI BATTALION SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION REINFORCED WITH APPROPRIATE COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ELEMENTS; NINTH MARINES CONTROL HEADQUARTERS WITH THIRD MARINES PROVIDING ONE BATTALION(RAIN) ON D-1.

(C) UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME; WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY WARNING ORDER ISSUED A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EXECUTION.

(D) ESTIMATED DURATION 5-6 DAYS.

(E) ESTIMATE PEAK HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS ON D-DAY AND FINAL DAY OF OPERATION WITH MINIMUM FIRST WAVE 250 PERSONNEL.

(5) ARG/SLF OPERATIONS (THIRD MARDIV TAOR). AS AVAILABLE AND DEPENDENT UPON REQUIREMENTS SLF SUPPORT WILL BE REQUESTED TO CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AND/OR SERVE AS AUGMENTATION FORCES FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS ASHORE IN CONJUNCTION WITH FORCES ORGANIC TO THE THIRD MARDIV.

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Task Organization

Marine Division (Rein) FMF

9th Marines

3d Marines

1st Amphib Battalion

26th Marines

4th Marines

12th Marines (Rein)

3d Shore Party Battalion

3d Tank Battalion

3d Antitank Battalion

2d Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein)

3d Engineer Battalion

MajGen HOCHMUTH

Col SMITH

Col LOPRETE

LtCol TONER

Col LOWNDS

Col DICK

Col SCHICK

LtCol QUINN

LtCol CHAPMAN

LtCol MCCAIN

Maj BELL

LtCol REID

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9th Motor Transport Battalion (Rein)

Maj STANLEY

## 1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See Annex C (Intelligence)

(2) Current Intelligence Estimates Intelligence Summaries, and Periodic Intelligence Reports.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) III MAF provides special support and assistance beyond the capabilities of the 3d Marine Division, as required and requested.

(2) ARVN Task Forces establishes, organizes and conducts anti-infiltration defense in assigned area adjacent to 3d Marine Division. Reference (b) refers.

(3) Force Logistic Command will requisition, and receive Project 972 materials at Dong Ha, Cua Viet, and other designated reception points, maintain control until issue to using units, and prepare appropriate records of all materials requisitioned, received and issued. Reference (c) refers.

(4) Naval Support Activity, Danang is responsible to receive, stage, store and for inter-TAOR transport between Danang and reception point as designated by CG, Force Logistic Command. Reference (c) refers.

(5) Air Support. Annex D

(6) Naval Gunfire Support. Annex D

(7) 11th Engineers will provide direct support to 3d MarDiv.

c. Assumptions

(1) That required materials and equipment will be available and stockpiled in the area of operations in sufficient time to meet target dates as prescribed.

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(2) That adequate forces will be available to provide required security and logistic support to construction units.

(3) That the monsoon season will not delay major construction effort prior to 1 November 1967.

## 2. MISSION

Prior to 1 November 1967, or as soon thereafter as practicable, the 3d Marine Division, in coordination with the 1st ARVN Division, will (a) organize and construct, strong point patrol base A-3; (b) organize, construct and occupy strong point patrol base A-4 and base areas C-2, C-3 and C-4; and (c) organize, construct and occupy combat operating bases in Northern Quang Tri Province (Annex A, Operation Overlay); conduct anti-infiltration operations to include support of the anti-infiltration system in order to impede enemy infiltration, defend friendly installations, protect lines of communications and to destroy enemy forces in zone; be prepared to provide reinforcements, on an interim basis, to 1st ARVN Division to man/assist in operation/employment of sensor and surveillance equipment until appropriate skill level is developed by ARVN units, and to provide engineer assistance as mutually determined by CG, 3d MarDiv and CG, 1st ARVN; be prepared to extend combat operating bases westward along Route #9 to the Laos border as enemy activity, weather, on site material and force availability permit. Fire support available to the 1st ARVN/3d Marine Division supports the anti-infiltration system.

## 3. EXECUTION

- a. Concept of Operations: Annex B (Concept of Operation)
- b. 9th Marines

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(1) Establish an anti-infiltration system in area of responsibility. Select specific locations for positions A-3, A-4, C-2 and C-3 and submit recommendations to this Headquarters prior to commencing permanent construction. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) With 11th Engineer Battalion in direct support, construct positions A-3, A-4, C-2 and C-3 and LOC's in zone. Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction) to Annex C to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

(3) Be prepared to man positions A-4, C-2, C-3 and other positions as directed. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(4) Be prepared to provide reinforcements, as an interim measure, to 1st ARVN Division to man/assist in operation/employment of sensor and surveillance equipment until adequate skill level is acquired by ARVN units.

(5) Be prepared to provide sensor training to other units as directed.

c. 3d Marines

(1) When directed, assume responsibility for the construction, occupation and defense of an extension of the anti-infiltration system located within assigned TAOR. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) When directed, select specific locations for Combat Operating Bases within assigned TAOR, and submit recommendations to this Headquarters for approval prior to commencement of permanent construction effort.

(3) Be prepared to assist in security operations during construction of anti-infiltration system in 9th Marines and 26th Marines TAOR's.

d. 1st AmTrac Battalion (Rein)

(1) When directed, provide transportation for personnel, supplies, and equipment from vicinity Cua Viet base during construction of positions

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A-1 and C-4.

(2) When directed, select specific locations for base area C-4 and submit recommendation to this Headquarters for approval prior to commencement of permanent construction effort. Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(3) When directed, and in conjunction with reinforced engineer company, 11th Engineers, coordinate construction of position C-4.

(4) When directed, assume OPCON of reinforced infantry company to be provided, and organized and defend position C-4 within TAOR.

e. 26th Marines

(1) When directed, assume responsibility for the construction, occupation and defense of an extension of the anti-infiltration system within assigned TAOR. See Annex A (Operation Overlay).

(2) When directed, select specific locations for Combat Operating Bases within TAOR, and submit recommendation to this Headquarters for approval prior to commencement of permanent construction effort.

(3) Be prepared to assist in security operations during construction of anti-infiltration system in 3d Marines TAOR.

f. 4th Marines. Be prepared to reinforce security effort for the anti-infiltration system within Division TAOR.

g. 12th Marines (Rein)

(1) Direct support; normal.

(2) General support/reinforcing, priority of fires to 9th Marines initially.

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(3) Be prepared to occupy and develop fire support bases of mixed light, medium and heavy artillery unit at base area C-3; medium and light artillery at base C-2 and 4.2 artillery elements at C-4; and appropriate artillery at other positions as required to support anti-infiltration system.

(4) Establish mutually agreeable fire support procedures by cooperation/coordination with 1st ARVN Division representatives.

h. 3d Shore Party Battalion

(1) Be prepared to provide a shore party team for unloading, handling of heavy construction equipment and cargo, and establishment of a class IV dump on north shore, vicinity of the mouth of the Gua Viet River.

(2) General Support.

i. 3d Tank Battalion. General Support.

j. 2d Anti-Tank Battalion. General Support.

k. 3d Reconnaissance Battalion (Rein). General Support.

l. 3d Engineer Battalion

(1) Be prepared to assist 11th Engineer Battalion.

(2) General Support.

m. 9th Motor Transport Battalion (Rein). General Support.

n. Coordinating Instructions

(1) This plan is effective on receipt for planning, coordination and liaison; and for execution on order.

(2) Tactical Commanders are responsible for selection of internal site positions and will coordinate with combat and combat service support



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elements to be located within the site before final designation of areas is made.

(3) Deep security operations encompass measures taken to prevent long range, surface delivered fires and attacks by enemy forces of significant strength against construction/occupation personnel and anti-infiltration positions. Deep security operations will be as directed by this Headquarters.

(4) Tactical Commanders are responsible to provide security for personnel, material and equipment committed to the anti-infiltration system construction effort within their TAOR. This close in security and is to provide protection from aimed SAF, ambushes local ground attack.

(5) Tactical Commanders are responsible to provide personnel to be trained in operation and maintenance of the sensor system as directed.

(6) Completion of the anti-infiltration system is given high priority within a TAOR where construction is in progress; this does not however, relieve a tactical commander of responsibility to defend his assigned TAOR and carry out other missions as assigned.

(7) 11th Engineer Battalion (-), initially in direct support of 9th Marines. One company, 11th Engineers in direct support of 1st AmTrac Battalion for the constructing of base area C-4.

(8) Provisions of reference (c) are applicable for general operations and support.

(9) Fire Support. Annex D (Fire Support Plan)

(10) Training. Annex E (Training)

(11) Informational Services. Annex F (Informational Services)

(12) Historical Record. Annex G (Historical Record)

(13) Contact will be U. S. to ARVN.

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(14) Direct liaison authorized.

(15) Distribution. Annex H (Distribution).

4. Administration and Logistics. 3d Marine Division Admin Plan 48-67.

5. Command and Communication-Electronics.

a. Communications

(1) Regiments and Separate Battalions

(a) Maintain existing communication facilities with Division Command Post at Phu Bai and Dong Ha Combat Base.

(b) On order, establish and maintain additional communication facilities in support of operations in assigned operating areas.

(c) Establish communication with ARVN units as required.

(d) Plan for the employment of sensors and related special equipment (PPS-5, PPS-6, NOD, and AN/MSS-3) on an as required basis. Advise this Headquarters of assets and assistance required for the installation, operation and maintenance of sensors and related equipment.

(e) Advise this Headquarters of additional communication-electronic assets or capabilities required in the execution of this Plan.

(2) Communication Company and Communication Support Company

(a) Maintain existing communication facilities with Division Command Post at Phu Bai and Dong Ha Combat Base.

(b) Provide personnel and equipment augmentation as directed.

(3) Radio Relay. Disposition of Radio Relay resources will vary according to the tactical situation, availability of equipment, and changing command arrangements. Disposition of resources will be as directed by this Headquarters to meet requirements as they arise.

(4) Communication procedures in accordance with reference (f)

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and (g).

b. Command Posts

(1) The 3d MarDiv Command Post will be located at Phu Bai, the alternate command post will be located at Dong Ha Combat Base.

(2) 9th Marines will establish a co-located or contiguous operation center with 2d ARVN Regiment. The 9th Marine COC will be considered contiguous with the COC established by the ARVN at Dong Ha. 9th Marines report the location to this Headquarters.

(3) All others report changes of command post from present location.

c. Command Relations

(1) Normal command relations will continue.

(2) US/ARVN command relations will be in accordance with Annex S of reference (e).

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## Annexes

- ✓ A - Operation Overlay
- ✓ B - Concept of Operations
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Annex B (Concept of Operations) to Operation Order 48-67

1. Mission. Basic Order

2. Background

a. The mission establishes a requirement to develop a system of strong Point Patrol Bases (SPPB), Base Areas (BA), and Combat Operating Bases (COB) from which to carry out anti-infiltration operations in order to maintain the greatest practicable control over the northern Quang Tri Province. See Annex A (Operation Overlay). This system will use, in addition to SPPB's, BA's and COB's, sensor devices as considered appropriate by the designated tactical commander.

b. The designated tactical commander will coordinate construction and security activities necessary to insure the uninterrupted construction of the SPPB's, BA's and COB's. This responsibility is in addition to normal mission assignments.

c. The SPPB, BA and COB systems will be constructed sequentially as programmed in Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction) of Annex C to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67, but concurrent, simultaneous construction, to the limit of capabilities will be emphasized.

d. Commensurate with the tactical situation, assigned combat, combat support and combat service support units will be committed solely to a maximum construction/close security effort.

3. Infantry Support

a. Infantry will assist engineers in constructing obstacles, installations, roads and facilities and provide close in frontal, flank

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and rear area security during construction.

b. As construction progresses, if significant numbers of personnel and equipment are exposed to unacceptable enemy reaction, appropriate tactical operations will be conducted to reduce the enemy threat. These operations may be conducted in coordination with the 1st ARVN Division, SLF's in an amphibious role or as augmentation forces for special operations ashore, and other forces made available by higher headquarters.

c. As construction is completed, USMC infantry, US artillery, ARVN and combat support elements will occupy designated positions.

d. Personnel will be trained to install, operate, and perform organizational maintenance on sensor equipment. Initial training support will be furnished by New Equipment Training Teams (NETT). Continued training is the responsibility of units employing sensors.

e. Subsequent to constructing and occupying positions, units manning SPPB's will install obstacles along the prepared trace from Con Thien to Gio Linh. Annex A (Admin Overlay) to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

f. Designated tactical commanders will select specific locations of SPPB's, BA's, and COB's and submit recommendations to this Headquarters for approval prior to commencement of permanent construction. Internal siting of installations will consider special requirements to enable combat and combat service support elements to provide maximum support. Facilities will be allocated in accordance with Appendix 2 (Site Plans) to Annex C to 3rd MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

#### 4. Fire Support

a. Air. Normal, will provide support as required.

b. Naval Gunfire. Normal, will provide support as required within cap-

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abilities.

c. Artillery

(1) Will provide support from all available calibers from established fire support bases/position areas for close and deep security operations.

(2) As construction progresses, US Artillery units of mixed calibers will occupy fire support bases at C-2, C-3 and C-4. The Division Artillery Officer may recommend additional positions as appropriate.

(3) Artillery units will be prepared to provide maximum support during the construction and occupation of the anti-infiltration system.

5. Intelligence Support

a. Maximum effort will be made to insure early warning of enemy activities/capabilities which may have an adverse affect upon construction and manning of the SPPB, BA, and COB system.

b. Sensor and night observation devices will be used to augment friendly capability to detect enemy position areas and movement patterns.

6. Engineer Support

a. Annex C (Engineer) to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

b. The 11th Engineer Battalion will be in direct support of the tactical commander charged with responsibility for construction of facilities in the anti-infiltration system. Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction) to Annex C to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

7. Limiting Factors

a. Tactical Situation. Enemy reaction to establishment of defense.

b. Weather. Severe monsoon rains may limit construction capability.

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c. Material. Limited material availability and delivery means, require strict control of material expenditure.

d. Forces. Force availability will directly affect accomplishment of this mission.

8. Phases of Accomplishment.

a. Priorities for development of anti-infiltration positions and supporting LOC's are contained in Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction) to annex C (Engineer Annex) to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

9. Command Relationship and Coordination

a. Since the installation of the anti-infiltration system imposes the requirement for a high degree of coordination, supporting plans/orders will include provision for coordination with and technical assistance to adjacent ARVN forces.

b. In the conduct of operations, a co-located or contiguous operation center will be established at US/ARVN Regimental level. It is envisioned that the 9th Marines COC will be considered contiguous to the ARVN Regimental COC at Dong Ha.

c. Designated units will organize, construct and occupy the anti-infiltration system as directed.

d. Fire support planning will coordinate available capabilities to include air, artillery and naval gunfire.

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ANNEX C (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 48-67

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 (b) III MAF Operation Plan 12-67  
 (c) 3d MarDiv LOI 1-67

Time Zone: H

## 1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. Current Intelligence Estimates, Intsums, and Perintreps.

b. Enemy Forces

(1) See Appendix 2 (Enemy Forces)

(2) Elements of the 324B NVA Division and the 325C NVA Division are deployed to oppose construction and security efforts of US/ARVN forces in Northern Quang Tri Province in the eastern DMZ area. Enemy fire support is provided from dispersed guns of the 164th Artillery Regiment and possibly the 84th Artillery Regiment. The independent 270th Regiment which possesses its own D/S artillery battalion is also active in this area. Individual battalions have infiltrated to locations between the trace and the Cam Lo River. Friendly forces have encountered extensive, well constructed bunker complexes, communication-liaison trenches, and ammo/supply caches in the area south of the DMZ.

(3) Contacts with enemy units have been characterized by excellent fire discipline, accurately aimed small arms fire, and coordinated supporting fires of automatic weapons. Mortars (60mm and 82mm) are organic to enemy company size units. Artillery fire from guns up to possibly 152mm is common with effective control exercised through forward observers. Rockets of caliber ranging up to 140mm have been encountered by maneuvering forces and outposts/combat bases. SAM's, RPG's and conventional anti-aircraft weapons pose threats to close air support, aerial observers and resupply/medical evacuation aircraft.

## 2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Determine if the enemy will defend. If so, in what strength? Where will his main defenses be located?

b. Determine if the enemy will reinforce elements now located in and adjacent to the DMZ. If so, when? With what forces? Special attention to NVA 341st Division now located in position above the eastern DMZ area.

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c. Determine if the enemy will attempt interdiction of the construction effort in the Trace. If so, in what form? To what degree?

### 3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASKS

#### a. Orders to subordinate and attached units

##### (1) 3d Marines/4th Marines/9th Marines/26th Marines

(a) Conduct intelligence collection efforts directed toward answering the EEI's.

(b) Report any indications of extension of the enemy artillery support base to the west and/or south.

##### (2) 3d Reconnaissance Battalion

(a) Conduct reconnaissance effort as directed.

#### b. Requests to higher, adjacent, and supporting units.

##### (1) III MAF

(a) Provide or arrange for aerial photography requested in support of this Operation.

(b) Provide or arrange for SLAR/Red Haze as requested in support of this Operation.

##### (2) 1st ARVN Division

(a) Provide information as obtained on enemy ground force movement or introduction of new units within your area of responsibility.

##### (3) 1stMAW

(a) Be prepared to provide aerial visual and electronic reconnaissance as requested.

##### (4) 131st USA AVN Co

(a) Be prepared to provide aerial electronic reconnaissance as requested.

##### (5) 220th USA AVN Co

(a) Be prepared to provide aerial visual reconnaissance as requested.

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

- a. Division Intelligence and related SOP's and orders/directives.

## 5. DOCUMENTS AND/OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- a. Maps and Charts

- (1) Reference (a) is designated the tactical map.
- (2) Procedures to requisition, safeguard, dispose of and care for maps are outlined in the Division Intelligence SOP and related directives.

- b. Aerial Photography

- (1) See Appendix 2 (Reconnaissance)

## 6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

- a. See Division Intelligence SOP
- b. Challenges and passwords will be issued by this headquarters under separate cover.

## 7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION

- a. See Division Intelligence SOP and current related directives.

## 8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Auxiliary Agencies

- (1) 15th Counterintelligence Team located at Dong Ha Combat Base will provide primary CI Team. Augmentation will be provided as required from the 1st CI Team.
- (2) 15th Interrogator-Translator Team located at Dong Ha Combat Base will provide primary support. Augmentation will be provided as required by the 7th and 17th IT Teams.
- (3) Interpreter Teams or sub-team support will be provided as required from the 3d, 9th and 11th Interpreter Teams.

- b. Target Information

- (1) The 3d Marine Division Target List of 24 May 1967 with monthly updated target bulletins will keep target information current in the operational area. Targets will be published by description, coordinates, and a target code number.

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## c. Weather Service Plan

- (1) See Appendix 3 (Weather and Climate)
- (2) Twenty-four and forty-eight hour weather forecasts and 72 hour outlooks are published daily through the Division Combat Operation Center.

## d. Cover and Deception

- (1) See Appendix 4 (Deception Plan)
- (2) Camouflage discipline is of utmost importance and must be maintained at all times. Troops, equipment and material should be dispersed in accordance with the Tactical Situation. Use all natural and artificial camouflage material available.

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## APPENDIX:

- ✓1 - Enemy Forces (Overlay)
- ✓2 - Reconnaissance
- ✓3 - Weather and Climate
- 4 - Deception Plan (SC)

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Ref: (a) Annex I (Reconnaissance) to 3d MarDiv LOI 1-67

1. Ground Reconnaissance

- a. Third Reconnaissance Battalion will conduct patrols, as directed, in accordance with reference (a).
- b. Subordinate commanders requesting reconnaissance patrol support must recognize the restrictions on small-size patrols in the eastern DMZ area above the Trace. The aggressive counter-reconnaissance activities of the NVA severely limit the operating area for patrols in that region.
- c. Surveillance devices. Ground patrols will incorporate the use of these surveillance devices compatible with the patrols mission and mobility requirements. The use of infra-red devices and the star-light scope are encouraged.

2. Aerial Reconnaissance

- a. Organic. The Division Air Observer Section will plan daily flight schedules to provide for continuing aerial surveillance of the entire zone of operation. Air observers will be maintained on station in sufficient numbers to assure complete coverage of the area.
- b. External. All available external aerial information collection agencies will be utilized, including maximum use of electronic means. This headquarters will coordinate requests of such resources as are available.

3. Aerial Photography

- a. Division Intelligence SOP and related orders/directives.
- b. Requests for Red Haze/SLAR and standard aerial photography will be submitted by this headquarters on a continuing basis. Read outs, interpretations, and prints will be distributed to the senior tactical commander in the area of concern.

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- c. Special requests should be submitted to this Headquarters as requests become known.

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- Ref: (a) USAF 1st Weather Wing Special Studies 105-11/\_\_\_\_ "(month) Climate of Southeast Asia"  
 (b) USAF 1st Weather Wing Special Studies 105-9/\_\_\_\_ "(month) Climate of the Republic of Vietnam"

1. September. Vietnam continues under the influence of the southwest monsoon during September; however, late in the month the north is affected by weather conditions associated with the Intertropical Convergence Zone. The ITCZ brings an increase in cloudiness with cumulus clouds normally forming by midmorning, lowering and increasing in amount to become broken overcast by midafternoon. At night these clouds break up. There are a great deal of middle and high clouds in September. Temperature decreases along the eastern coastal plain by 4 to 6 degrees F. Variations resulting from forest cover may be strong. Maximum temperature below vegetation canopies is lower while the minimum temperature is higher than those observed in open areas. In open areas, on still nights, cool air collects in sinkholes and narrow ravines and ground fog forms earlier there than over surrounding ground.

2. October. Most of the Republic of Vietnam is in the autumn transition season between the southwest and northeast monsoon. During the last half of October the northern portion of the country comes completely under the influence of the northeast monsoon. As the Intertropical Convergence Zone passes through the Republic of Vietnam there are several days of scattered heavy precipitation, but monthly totals remain low at most locations. In the northern portions of the east coast, rainfall amounts increase. The majority of precipitation falls from afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms but when signs of the northeast monsoon appear, drizzle falls from stratus along the east coast. Showers are generally intense but are of short duration. There is considerable variation in October rainfall from one year to another and from one location to another. October is a wet season month. The biggest rainfall increases are observed around Hue. October and November are the wettest months of the year along the east coast. Maximum typhoon activity in the South China Sea occurs during October. The storms tend to move farther inland before dissipating. During the period from 1947 to 1965, ten storms, of which six maintained typhoon winds (65 knots or more), moved inland over the Republic of Vietnam. Torrential rains may occur over wide areas, particularly in the mountains, resulting in flooding along river channels and in delta and coastal regions. Abnormal tides associated with high seas and swells contribute to flooding in coastal regions. The poorest tractionability occurs this

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month along the northeast coast.

3. November. All of the Republic of Vietnam is under the influence of the northeast monsoon. Most cloudiness and precipitation occur along the east coast of the Republic of Vietnam. The east coast has generally poor overall weather. "Crachin" spells, with their low stratified overcast, are responsible for most of the cloud increase. These "crachins" cause long periods of overcast skies, drizzle or rain and poor visibility over the coastal plain. Afternoon visibilities are good except when restricted by precipitation. The east coast receives the majority of the total monthly rainfall. A cooling trend continues to take place. Almost half of the total typhoon activity of the Western Pacific occurs in the South China Sea; therefore, storm activity is only slightly less in November than October. The probability of a typhoon forming and moving into the South China Sea is once every two years, while the incidence of tropical storms is one per year.

4. December. The northeast monsoon has complete influence over the weather. The east coast of the Republic of Vietnam has typically poor overall weather. There are many days of light rain or drizzle, low cloudiness and poor visibility, generally referred to as "crachin" weather. Fog reduces morning visibility in the northern valleys. The cooling trend continues with some areas showing a 4 to 5 degree F. reduction from November values. Typhoon activity is greatly diminished in December but an occasional tropical storm or typhoon may occur.

5. January. This is the coldest month of the year in North Vietnam and along the east coast of the Republic. In general, January is a month of decreasing humidity. However, the eastern coastlands retain their generally poor overall weather as in December.

6. February. "Crachin" spells which began occurring in December, reach a maximum occurrence in late February. Long periods of low overcast skies with drizzle and light rain and poor visibility prevail over the coastal plains and penetrate the river valleys far into the interior. Temperatures begin to increase toward the spring maximum in late February although the increase is slight due to high frequency of clouds.

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>Mean Max Temp</u>	<u>Mean Min Temp</u>	<u>Rpt High Temp</u>	<u>Humidity</u>	<u>Mean Monthly Precipitation</u>	<u>Max. Precipitation</u>	<u>Min Precipitation</u>
SEP	90	75	103	81%	15-21 Inches	40 Inches	3 Inches
OCT	80	50-70	99	91%	15-20 Inches	40 Inches	1-3 Inches
NOV	74-80	50-70	96	92%	20-30 Inches	50 Inches	3 Inches
DEC	74-80	50-70	89	92%	6-15 Inches	30 Inches	1 Inch
JAN	75-80	60-71	98	92%	1-6 inches	15 Inches	1 Inch
FEB	75-90	55-70	102	90%	1-3 Inches	10 Inches	1 Inch

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 6442 III and IV; Series L701 Sheets 6361 I,II,III,IV; 6460 I and  
 6461 II and IV.

(b) 3d MarDiv LOI - I - 67

(c) 3d MarDiv Order P02000.2F

(d) 3d MarDiv Order P2000.4C

(e) III MAF OpPlan 12-67

# 1. Situation.

## a. Enemy Forces

(1) Annex C (Intelligence)

(2) Current INTSUMS and PERINTREPS as issued.

## b. Friendly Forces

(1) 1st ARVN Division conducts anti-infiltration operations in Coastal/Piedmont area of northern Quang Tri Province.

(2) 7th AF interdicts infiltration routes into northern Quang Tri Province north of the DMZ, attacks targets north of the DMZ and in LAOS, and conducts high altitude bombing missions (Arc Lights) in support of the anti-infiltration system.

(3) 1st MAW provides close air support in support of the anti-infiltration system.

(4) CTU 70.8.9 provides naval gunfire support in support of the anti-infiltration system.

(5) Northern Surveillance Group (TG 115,1) conducts exfiltration/infiltration (Market Time) operations along the coastline in support of the

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anti-infiltration system.

(6) Coastal Group 11 (Junk Fleet) conducts inshore patrols from the mouth of the Cua Viet River to a point 5KM south of the Quang Tri/Thua Thien Province border in support of the anti-infiltration system.

## 2. Mission.

a. Fire support available to 1st ARVN/3d Marine Division supports mission shown in basic plan.

## 3. Execution

a. Concept of Operation. See Annex B Basic Plan.

### b. Air Support.

(1) Provide air support as required.

(2) See Appendix 1 (Air Support)

### c. Artillery Support.

(1) Division artillery, augmented by force artillery allocated in Annex D (Fire Support Plan) Reference (e) provides direct, general and reinforcing fires in support of the anti-infiltration system, reinforces 1st ARVN artillery with one medium and heavy battery, and additional fires within capabilities.

(2) Organization for combat as directed by the Division Artillery Officer.

### d. Naval Gunfire Support.

(1) Naval gunfire support units as provided by CTU 70.8.9.

(2) Units normally available.

(a) 1-5"/54 DD/DDG

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(b) 1-5"/38 DD

(c) 1-5" SSR LSMR

(3) Units available on emergency basis within 6 hours.

(a) 1-8" Cruiser

(b) 1 or 2-5"/54 DD/DDG

(c) 3 or 4-5"/38 DD/DDG

(4) FSA as designated by CTU 70.8.9 or as designated by higher authority.

(5) Provide support within capabilities as requested.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) The FSCG for each TAOR is responsible for coordination of the use of supporting arms within it's own area. Close coordination with units in adjacent TAOR's is required. Particular emphasis will be placed on providing troop safety for friendly units.

(2) Target Information. In accordance with paragraph 4 reference (b).

(3) Air Craft Safety. In accordance with paragraph 5 reference (b).

(4) Safety of ground troops. In accordance with paragraph 6 reference (b).

(5) Artillery units report position area and fire capabilities to FSCG's when established.

(6) Naval gunfire report fire capabilities to FSCG when on station and ready to fire.

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(7) For additional coordinating instructions see paragraph 3e (coordinating instructions) reference (b).

4. Administration and Logistics. Admin Plan 48-67.

5. Command and Communication-Electronics.

a. Communication-Electronics. Reference (c), (d) and (e) and paragraph 5 (Communications-Electronics) Operation Plan 48-67.

b. Command Posts.

(1) 3d Marine Division. No change

(2) Units relocating in support of this Plan report CP locations when established.

c. Command Relationships. See paragraph 5.c of Operation Plan 48-67.

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Appendix 1 (Air Support) to Annex D (Fire Support Plan) to Operation Plan A8-67

Ref: (a) 3rdMarDiv LOI 1-67, Annex F, Appendix 3

1. Air support requests will be submitted in accordance with reference (a).
2. CAS/DAS. 1stMAW will provide two aircraft every thirty minutes from 0700 to last light to be fragged daily by Shove 14 Forward Air Section. These aircraft will be available on call with ordnance suitable for neutralization of bunkers, artillery/mortar positions, storage areas and trenches. Ordnance such as napalm and Snake-eye retarded bombs for close in CAS delivered at low altitude must be rescrambled from the hot pad. This latter ordnance will not be delivered in the DMZ.
3. TPQ. Continuous TPQ day and night is available on request or for pre-planned targets. Pre-planned targets for night TPQ submitted by 1600 will be hit that same night, priority permitting.
4. Arc Light Targets. The entire area adjacent to the trace, both north and west, has been pre-targeted to enable rapid response. Regiments will forward their specific targets in accordance with reference (a) noting priority and complete intelligence. A minimum of three targets per day will be submitted by this command for strikes. When urgency and target size so justify, quick run targets may be submitted.
5. Counter Battery Fire
  - a. Targets such as active rocket/artillery and mortar positions will be

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presented via normal air request channels, and will receive an immediate response by 1stMAW/FAC/TACA controllable daytime direct strike aircraft, or night TPQ strikes on a priority basis. If a target complex so dictates, a grand slam type air effort can be requested via the same channels, but a 24 hour to 48 hour delay must be expected.

b. It should be noted that troops in the open, where friendly troop safety can be ensured, can be hit with the extremely effective CBU or daisy cutter type bombs with one to two hours delay from time of request to time of delivery. This ordnance is not included in normal hot pad loads, but for emergency situations, over short periods of time, it can be placed in a hot pad status.

c. A helo capability on stand-by status IV exists during hours of darkness to move a Sparrow Hawk and Bald Eagle force. A requirement to lift a larger force or a requirement to have an alert readiness posture to move a larger emergency force will require a specific request. Cite nature of the emergency, length of its duration and normal FRAG Helo request information.

d. The possible total reliance of helicopter for resupply during limited periods of extreme weather dictates the need to review internal control procedures to ensure that supplies requested are accepted and landing zones meet criteria and are manned by personnel with operating communications equipment. Every effort must be made to move men and supplies during daylight hours.

5. Interdiction. 1stMAW will schedule and conduct air interdiction missions.

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6. Resupply. Fixed wing and rotary wing resupply operations will be conducted in accordance with reference (a). Exceptionally large helo movements must be requested a minimum of 24 hours ahead of time for priority missions and 48 hours for routine missions. These operations will support seven (7) Marine and eight (8) ARVN battalions operating in the area, and provide for adequate response to emergency resupply needs as they occur with rotary wing or air resupply missions as the situation demands. Consideration should be given to the possible requirement of complete reliance upon helicopters for resupply during periods of inclement weather. All units concerned will effect advance planning to include resupply under these conditions.

7. Observation. One O-1 aircraft will be kept continuously on station during VFR weather and during daylight hours with on station relief to conduct joint V/R and TACA missions in the construction area. An additional O-1 will also be on station to conduct artillery spot and V/R on assigned areas supporting the construction sites. This total DMZ area requirement is 40 hours per day of O1/UH1E operations out of Dong Ha. Night operations will be limited to emergency situations due to extremely limited resources and the need to maximize daylight availability.

8. Miscellaneous

a. Helo emergency medevac operations will be supported during a 24 hour period by two H-34 helos with supporting UH1E gun ships. A nighttime standby of four H-34's will be available for all emergency medevac and emergency resupply missions. All missions classified as emergencies must be cleared with

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regimental commanders. Guidance will be reference (a) for decisions on emergencies.

b. Because of the SAM threat, illumination by fixed wing aircraft is limited to emergency situations in DMZ areas. Spooky aircraft can be requested via normal air channels. They operate on station in the DMZ area only when troops are in active contact. At other times they are assigned central orbit points by their controlling headquarters to provide flexibility. All requests for illumination or spooky are requested via 1stMAW.

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 (b) CG III MAF msg 150732Z PASEP (Notal)  
 (c) CG, 3d MarDiv msg 170205Z Sep67 (Notal)

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## 1. SITUATION

### a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex C (Intelligence) to 3d MarDiv Operation Plan 48-67.
- (2) The enemy has the capability to disrupt scheduled training at anytime by saturating training areas and facilities with artillery, mortar or rocket fire.

### b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Task Organization to this Operations Plan.
- (2) CG III MAF provides additional training assistance as requested by CG, 3d MarDiv.
- (3) Force Logistics Command supports the 3d MarDiv training and establishes a Direct Support maintenance facility in the vicinity of Dong Ha for the anti-infiltration system and electronics equipment.
- (4) 7th Comm Battalion provides cable splicers and wiremen to assist in installation of the cable data transmission system and installation of the readout devices (annunciators) in the surveillance outposts.
- (5) 11th Engineer Battalion provides Direct Support to the 3d MarDiv in installation and operation of the Intrusion Detection System (IDS) and will provide training facilities as required.

## 2. MISSION

- a. To provide formal and on the job training as required in all aspects of Sensor Installation, Operator Orientation and Radar Sets AN/PPS-5 and AN/PPS-6 Operations in conjunction with installation and operation of the Intrusion Detection System (IDS).

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b. Provide training assistance and personnel augmentation on an interim basis to 1st ARVN Division until appropriate skill level is developed within ARVN units.

### 3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Training. New Equipment Training Teams (NETT's) have conducted the initial training for unit cadres in the installation, operation, and maintenance of the Intrusion Detection System (IDS). These cadres will be utilized as a basis for further instruction of organizational/unit personnel as required in the installation and operation of the system.

b. 3d Marine Regiment. Provide student input to all scheduled instructions as and when directed.

c. 4th Marine Regiment. Provide student input to all scheduled instructions as and when directed.

d. 9th Marine Regiment.

(1) Maintain instruction team cadres trained in compliance with references (a), (b) and (c) pending installation and maintenance of the IDS. Provide instruction to classes when and as directed utilizing POI as outlined in Appendix 1.

(2) Provide student input into all scheduled instruction when and as directed.

e. 26th Marines. Provide student input to all scheduled instruction when and as directed.

f. 12th Marines. Provide student input to scheduled instruction when and as directed.

g. SU #2, HqBn. Provide assistance in training facilities as required.

h. Coordinating Instructions. Appendix 1 (Programs of Instruction).

### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

### 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Paragraph 5 Operation Plan 48-67.

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Installation Instruction Schedule		
	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
1st Day	Introduction	1
	Annunciator/Characteristics	1
	USD/Characteristics	1
	BPS/Characteristics	1
	IID/Characteristics	1
	Annunciator/Installation-Operation	2
	USD System Design & Equipment	1
2nd Day	IID/System Design & Equipment Familiarization	2
	BPS/Fundamentals of Operation	2
	BPS/Auxillary Equipment	2
	BPS/Plow & Dispenser Operation	2
3rd Day	BPS/Field Installation	4
	USD/Field Installation	4
4th Day	Supply & Maintenance	1
	Supply Procedures	
	Demonstration	2
	IID/Field Installation	4
	Review & Critique	1

Annunciator Operators Training Schedule		
	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
	Introduction	1
	Annunciator/Characteristics	1
	USD/Characteristics	1
	BPS/Characteristics	1
	IID/Characteristics	1
	Annunciator/Installation-Operation	2
	Annunciator/Circuitry	1
	Equipment Familiarization	2
	Tests and Demonstration	2
	Supply and Maintenance	1
	Review and Critique	1

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## Radar Set, AN/PPS-5 Operator Course

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Introduction to Radar Set	1
AN/PPS-5 Operators Course	
Battery BB-622/U	2
Battery Charger PP-4127/U	4
Operator Maintenance	2
Radar Operation (Practical Exercise)	31

## Maintenance Course Radar Set, AN/PPS-5

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Hours</u>
Staff Orientation	2
Introduction of Radar, AN/PPS-5	2
Receiver/Transmitter Assembly	2
Modulator	2
IF Pre-Amp and IF Amplifier	1
AFC Pre-Amp and AFC Amp	1
Gate Generator	1
Boxcar and Audio Amp	2
A-Display	1
B-Display	1
Block Diagram of Motor Control	2
Range Gate Filter Sub-Assembly	1
Schematic Analysis of Motor Control Module	2
Introduction and Operation of the Remote Cabinet Control	2
Block Diagram of the Control Indicator	2
Power Converter Schmetic Analysis	2
Low Voltage Power Converter	2
External Converter Block 3000	2
Remote Asimuth System	2
Remote Ranging System	2
Scan Drive Box Assembly	2
Practical Exercise	60
Review of Complete System	8

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## PPS-6 Operator

1st Day	General Introduction to equipment	2 hours
<u>entire class</u>	Set up procedure	1 hour
	Practice Setup including level, orient, and sector scan procedures	5 hours
2nd Day	Training tape and random target acquisition. (Includes continue practice setup)	4 hours
	Controlled target training	4 hours
3rd Day	Controlled target acquisitions (Includes practice setup) & rehear tapes	4 hours ( $\frac{1}{2}$ class) 4 hours remaining $\frac{1}{2}$ class

3rd thru 10th days are spent in using  $\frac{1}{2}$  class as controlled target - other  $\frac{1}{2}$  on radar set. This is required to totally familiarize personnel with various target sounds. Only by repetitive listening to sounds will operator become proficient. Class to consist of 8 NCO's and 2 Officers - (4 NCO's and 2 officers per Bn)  $\frac{1}{2}$  class on radar 3rd thru 10th days - other  $\frac{1}{2}$  class acting as controlled targets. Upon completion of course personnel act as couriers for equipment to parent organizations. Gear used in course to be the same as to be issued to familiarize personnel with various idiosyncrasies of their gear. This instruction is basically OJT and not formal. Each class varies individually and various portions may have to be reemphasized throughout the course. The only way for operators to catalog target sounds is by "Headset Time" during the 3rd thru 10th days.

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Annex F (Informational Services) to Operation Plan 48-67

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(b) COMUSMACV msg 091115Z Sep67

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#### 1. GENERAL

a. This annex contains instructions regarding release of information to the news media during Operation Project 972.

#### 2. BACKGROUND

a. Guidance was requested by reference (a), from CG, III MAF, concerning to what extent and in what detail, information may be given to the news media during Operation Project 972. It was pointed out that the news media were becoming more and more interested and asking many questions. Reference (a) further stated that the news media representatives are not restricted from visiting the area and observing for themselves the work in progress.

#### 3. INSTRUCTIONS

a. Reference (b) provided the following guidance:

(1) Restrictions placed on discussion of Operation Project 972 have been imposed by higher headquarters and those restrictions are specific and clear.

(2) No member of this command, officer, enlisted or civilian will discuss this matter in any way with members of the news media or any unauthorized person.

#### 4. SUMMARY

a. Questions by news media representatives involving any facet of Operation Project 972 will be answered with the following statement: "I'm sorry but the information you seek is classified and I am not authorized to divulge it." Persistent press queries may be referred to CG, 3dMarDiv.

b. Any instance of irritation or possible unfavorable press coverage by members of the news media will be passed to the Division ISO (Shove 41) by the most expeditious means.

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Annex G (Historical Record) to Operation Order 48-67

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1. GENERAL

- a. This annex provides instructions for the documentation of Project 972 for Historical Record purposes.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Division ISO has overall responsibility for historical documentation of Project 972. He will keep a running documentary account, updated weekly, until the operation is secured.
- b. Commanders of all units involved will notify the Division ISO of significant events which occur during the operation that are of historical value.
- c. The Division G-3 will provide a set of prints of all ground photography taken of construction and views of the barrier to the Division ISO
- d. The Division G-2 will provide one set of all aerial photographs taken of the barrier to the Division ISO.
- e. The Deputy Chief of Staff (Project 972) will insure that the Division ISO is informed of all important conferences held on Project 972.

3. FORMAT

- a. Format to be used in compiling the Historical Record of Project 972 is as follows:
  - (1) Part I - ORGANIZATIONAL DATA
  - (2) Part II - NARRATIVE SUMMARY
  - (3) Part III - SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS
  - (4) Part IV - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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CG, FLC	5	3d Recon Bn	2
FLSG-A	3	3d EngrBn	4
COMUSMACV	4	3d MT Bn	2
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 (c) 3d Marine Division Operation Order 48-67  
 (d) 3d Marine Division LOI 1-67  
 (e) DivO P6000.4D (SOP for Medical)  
 (f) DivO P4000.1D (SOP-4)

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## 1. SUPPLY

a. General

(1) This plan deals specifically with the supply, maintenance, engineering and disposal action of those materiel and equipment required in and provided for the construction necessary in implementing references (a), (b), and (c).

(2) By reference (a) Commander, Naval Support Activity (COMNAVSUPACT) is tasked with the responsibility to receive, stage, and store Project 972 materiel at Danang. Upon request CG, Force Logistic Command (FLC) COMNAVSUPACT will transship 972 project material to FLSU-1 Dong Ha and/or CL IV Supply Dump CuaViet.

(3) Supplies required by the 3d Marine Division and attached units will be provided in accordance with reference (d).

b. Supplies and Equipment Available

## (1) Supply Sources

(a) COMNAVSUPACT, Danang. See reference (a).

(b) Commanding General, Force Logistic Command is tasked by reference (a) with the responsibility of maintaining suitable stock levels of programmed material at FLSU-1 and Cua Viet Dump to ensure timely availability to meet construction schedule as established in Annex C (Engineer).

(c) FLSU-1 is the primary source of supply for 3d Marine Division units and attachments for all classes of supply.

(d) CL IV Supply Dump Cua Viet is the supply source for 972 materiel for A-1 and C-4.

(2) Prescribed Loads. In accordance with reference (d) and as prescribed by Unit Commanders.

## (3) Levels of Supply

(a) Units - In accordance with reference (d).

(b) FLSU-1 - In accordance with reference (d).

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(c) Project 972 materiel to meet construction schedule established by Annex C (Engineer).

(4) Water. 11th Engineer Battalion will provide water points as directed. Tentatively one will each will be dug at A-4, C-2, and C-4. Where feasible natural water sources will be used in conjunction with water purification units.

(5) Ammunition

(a) Infantry units - Maintain BA plus 5 DOA.

(b) Artillery Units - Maintain on position BA plus 10 DOA as prescribed by current regulations.

(c) FLSU-1 - Maintain 5 DOA for artillery, mortars, tanks, anti-tanks weapons and mines; 30 DOA for all other Class V.

c. Control and Distribution

(1) CG 3d Shore Party Battalion will establish and control a Class IV dump for staging Project 972 materiel at Cua Viet and provide unit distribution for 3d MarDiv (C-4) and ARVN forces (A-1). FLC will control and issue all Project 972 materiel from ISA Dong Ha and will maintain strict accountability for all Project 972 materiel received and issued at both Cua Viet and Dong Ha.

(2) CG 3d Shore Party Battalion will coordinate activities of representatives from 3d MarDiv, NAVSUPACT, FLC, 1st Amtrac Bn, 11th Engr Bn, and U.S. Army Advisors with appropriate ARVN units to ensure receiving, accounting, and issuing of Project 972 materiel to using units from Cua Viet Class IV dump. ARVN command will draw directly from Cua Viet.

(3) All Supply transactions for Project 972 materiel will be accomplished on request-for-issue-or-turn-in (DD Form 1150).

(a) Units maintain the construction schedule in Annex C and submit materiel requirements at least 24 hours in advance of time required.

(b) Materiel requirements for ARVN forces will be submitted to FLSU-1 via 11th Engineer Battalion using the same lead time period stated above. ARVN requirements for A-1 will be submitted to 3d Marine Division Project 972 representative at Cua Viet with 24 hours lead time.

(4) All project 972 materiel will be receipted for only by those personnel designated in writing to FLSU-1 from the 11th Engineer Battalion.

(5) Supply point distribution will be in effect at FLSU-1 for 3d MarDiv and ARVN forces. Unit distribution will be established at Cua Viet for A-1.

(6) Surface transportation will be controlled by the tactical commander using direct support/organic units for supply point distribution.

(7) Unit distribution at Cua Viet will be under the supervision and control of CG, 1st Amtrac Bn.

(8) Aerial Delivery. On approval of the CG 3d MarDiv on an emergency basis only.

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## 2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

a. Evacuation. In accordance with reference (e) the 3d Medical Battalion facility at Dong Ha will serve as the primary evacuation center for all casualties. No casualties will be evacuated directly from the field to offshore facilities.

b. Hospitalization. The casualty evacuation control officer of Company D, 3d Medical Battalion at Dong Ha will control further evacuation of casualties, when necessary, to definitive care facilities in RVN or to AHs and LPHs offshore.

## 3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Truck. CO, 9th Marines will coordinate the movement of materiel by the 9th Motor Transport Battalion for materiel issued at FLSU-1 to all construction points (strong points, observation posts, base areas and linear obstacles).

b. CO, 1st Amtrac Bn will coordinate the movement of all LVT transportation of supplies from Cua Viet to A-1 and C-4.

c. All unit supply from Cua Viet, other than by LVT, will be organized and controlled by CO 3d Shore Party Battalion.

d. Helicopter. In accordance with reference (d) (LOI 1-67).

## 4. SERVICE

a. Functions

(1) Construction. See Annex C (Engineer).

(2) Maintenance. See reference (d).

(3) Storage. See reference (d).

(4) Salvage. See reference (d).

(5) Civil Affairs:

(a) See Annex C to reference (a).

(b) See reference (c) and (d).

(c) For assistance required from GVN or GORDS, address inquiries to this Headquarters (ATTN: G-5).

## b. Assignment of Responsibilities

(1) 9th Marine Regiment.

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(a) See Reference (c) and Annex C.

(b) Assume overall responsibilities of construction and defensive effort, and coordinate action of all assigned units within sector.

(c) Select specific sites for location of A-4, C-2, and C-3 (other sites as directed), and submit recommendations to CG, 3d MarDiv for approval.

(d) Determine specific sites and orientation of bunkers, within the directed base areas.

(e) Select specific sites for gaps through linear obstacle system. Battalions will select lanes through the linear obstacle system.

(2) 3d Marine Regiment. Accomplish Project 972 tasks in sector as directed.

(3) 4th Marine Regiment. Accomplish Project 972 tasks in sector as directed.

(4) 26th Marine Regiment. Accomplish Project 972 tasks in sector as directed.

(5) 1st Amphibian Tractor Battalion

(a) Assume responsibility as Tactical Commander of the C-4 area.

(b) Select specific location for the C-4 base area and submit for approval to CG, 3d Marine Division.

(c) Select specific sites for bunker positions.

(d) Assume responsibility for all LVT movement of 972 materiel from Cua Viet to A-1 and C-4.

(6) 3d Engineer Battalion. General support, accomplish tasks as directed.

(7) 11th Engineer Battalion

(a) In direct support of 9th Marines for construction A-4, C-2, C-3, and for other base construction responsibilities assigned to 9th Marines.

(b) Construct A-3 as directed.

(c) Upgrade Route 561 from Cam Lo to Con Thien to CL 60 one way all weather.

(d) Maintain Route 9 in all weather CL 60 one way condition from Dong Ha to Cam Lo.

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(e) Construct Route 666 as CL 60 one way all weather from Route 1 to A-3, and extend to Route 561.

(f) Perform additional base construction and road improvement as directed.

(g) Provide technical/material assistance to 1st ARVN Division as directed.

(h) Assign one company to 1st AmTrac Bn in direct support.

(8) 9th Motor Transport Battalion. General Support. Accomplish transportation tasks, with attached U.S. Army transportation units in direct support of 9th Marines.

(9) 3d Shore Party Battalion (Rein). General Support. Establish, maintain, and control with appropriate augmentation a CL IV Supply Dump at Qua Viet. Provide Shore Party teams for landing supplies on beach as may be directed.

## 5. PERSONNEL

a. In accordance with reference (d) (LOI 1-67).

## 6. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Special Reports. See Annex D.

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## ANNEXES:

- ✓A - Administrative Overlay
- ✓B - Concept of Logistic Support
- ✓C - Engineer
- ✓D - Reports

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Annex B (Concept of Logistic Support) to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67

Ref: (a) III MAF Operation Plan 12-67  
 (b) III MAF Administrative Plan 12-67  
 (c) 3d MarDiv Operation Order 48-67

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# 1. MISSION AND CONCEPT OF OPERATION

a. Basic Mission. Reference (c).

b. Concept of Operations

(1) Period I. 21 September 1967 to about 1 November 1967

(a) Position material in Northeastern Quang Tri Province to support construction of A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4, C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, COB Ca Lu. Upgrade Route 561 from Cam Lo to Con Thien to class 60 one way all weather. Maintain Route 9 in all weather class 60 one way condition from Dong Ha to Cam Lo, and upgrade to class 60 one way all weather and develop Route 666 from vic Gio Linh to A-3.

(b) A Class IV storage dump will be established at Cua Viet to support construction at A-1 and C-4. COMNAVSUPPACT is tasked by reference (b) with responsibility to stage and store Project 972 material at Danang and to transship to Cua Viet and Dong Ha. FLSU-1 will receipt and account for Project 972 material off-loaded at Dong Ha and Cua Viet. CO, 11th Engineer Battalion, or his certified representative, is solely authorized to draw Project 972 material from FLSU-1. 1st ARVN Division will submit requisitions to CO, 11th Engineer Battalion for resubmission to FLSU-1. The Class IV Supply Dump at Cua Viet will be organized and controlled by 3d Shore Party Battalion. A TACLOG may be organized to initially coordinate movement of Project 972 material to A-1 and C-4. 1st ARVN Division will draw Project 972 material directly from Cua Viet dump. CO, 1st Amtrac Bn will be responsible for safe storage of material on LVT's and for movement of supplies to A-1 and C-4.

(2) Period II. 1 March 1968 to 1 October 1968. Position material in Northern Quang Tri Province to support construction of COB at Thon Son Lam, COB vic SD 9241, COB vic Lang Vei, OP's/Strong Points as directed along Route 9 between Ca Lu and Lang Vei, and upgrade Route 9 to class 60 one way to Khe Sanh, construct Route 666 from Route 561 to A-3, upgrade Route 9 from Khe Sanh to Lang Vei.

c. General Considerations

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- (1) Units to be supported: 3d Marine Division and 1st ARVN Division.
- (2) CG, Force Logistic Command is tasked by reference (b) with maintaining adequate levels of supplies at Dong Ha and Cua Viet to meet schedule established by Annex C (Engineer).
- (3) FLSU-1 will provide supply point distribution at Dong Ha.
- (4) Class IV Supply Dump Cua Viet will provide unit distribution to A-1 and C-4.
- (5) Routine maintenance will be accomplished by unit commanders. Maintenance of electronic sensor system will be accomplished by FLC.
- (6) Location principal support agencies. See Annex A (Administrative Overlay).

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 (b) CG III MAF Admin Plan 12-67  
 (c) CG III MAF/SA I Corps Operation Plan 12-67  
 (d) CG 3d MarDiv Operation Plan 48-67  
 (e) 3d MarDiv LOI 1-67  
 (f) 3d MarDivO P3120.3B  
 (g) FM 70-32

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Task Organization. 3d MarDiv Operation Plan 48-67.

1. Situation

a. Enemy Forces. Current intelligence estimates, intelligence summaries and periodic intelligence reports, references (c) and (d).

b. Friendly Forces. 3d MarDiv Operation Plan 48-67, III MAF/SA I Corps Operation Plan 12-67.

2. Mission. Construct facilities and perform required engineer support tasks to support reference (d). Coordinate and be prepared to assist 1st APV in the accomplishment of their mission and responsibilities as assigned in references (b) and (c). See Annex A (Administrative Overlay) to this Order for locations of construction sites and roads.

3. Execution

a. Concept of Engineer Operations: Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction).

b. Assignment of Tasks

(1) 9th Marine Regiment. With the 11th Engineer Battalion (Rein) in direct support performs all horizontal construction and vertical construction in their area of responsibility as outlined in reference (b), the assigned mission, this annex, and Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction).

(2) 3d Marine Regiment. With the 11th Engineer Battalion (Rein) in direct support performs all horizontal and vertical construction in their area of responsibility as outlined in the assigned mission, this annex and Appendix 1 (Concept of Construction).

(3) 1st Amphibious Tractor Battalion. With a Company (Rein) from the 11th Engineer Battalion construct base area at C-4.

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c. Coordinating Instructions

(1) As directed by CO, 9th Marines, 11th Engineer Battalion performs supporting engineer tasks as required by reference (e).

(2) In accordance with reference (c), the CG, I Corps is responsible for construction of facilities located within the ARVN area of responsibility with the exception of base area C-4. However, the 11th Engineer Battalion will be prepared to assist ARVN units in coordination, construction, and logistical support as directed by this Headquarters.

(3) The 3d Naval Construction Brigade is responsible for repair and maintenance of Route 1 from Dong Ha to Gio Linh.

(4) Roads and Bridges. The 11th Engineer Battalion under direction of CO, 9th Marines maintains and upgrades all routes except Route 1 within the 3d Marine Division area of responsibility for subject operation to all weather class 60 one way. First priority will be given to Route 561. Bridges will be constructed as required to meet class structure and weight limit of connecting routes. Roads will be established. Pioneer roads will be upgraded to all weather class 60. Route 9 will be upgraded from Dong Ha West to the Laotian border to class 60 all weather status.

(5) All other required engineer tasks including establishment of facilities, minefields, demolitions, water supply, repair and rehabilitation of facilities of equipment, and supporting construction will be performed on a continuous basis throughout the operation.

4. Administration and Logistics. 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67.

5. Command and Communications-Electronics. Reference (c) and (d).

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## APPENDIXES:

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- ✓ 2 - Site Plans

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1. Background. This plan envisions construction of a series of Strong Point Patrol Bases (SPPB), Base Areas (BA), Combat Operating Bases (COB) and Obstacles, intersupporting and going East to West from the East China Sea to the Laotian border and in depth from below the DMZ to Route 9. Entrenched living bunkers, command bunkers, administrative bunkers and storage bunkers will be built in designated areas. Bunker designs are contained in Appendix 3 (Bunker Design) to Annex A to III MAF Admin Plan 12-67. Positions will be surrounded by wire/mine obstacles using sensor devices, where possible, for early warning. The road net interconnecting supporting areas will be built or upgraded to class 60 all weather standards. As personnel and materiel become available, construction of the barrier obstacle along the DMZ trace will be developed between SPPB's. Typical layouts for the various fortified positions are contained in Appendix 2 (Site Plans) to this Annex. Obstacle design is contained in Tab D (Site Plan for Obstacle Trace) and Tab E (Protective wire/mine obstacle) of Appendix 2 to this Annex.

## 2. Plan

a. This plan sets forth the construction of bunkers, roads and obstacles in Northern Quang Tri Province. As C-2 and A-4 are being built, construction of A-1 should be commenced. The ARVN is tasked with the construction of A-1, A-2 and C-1. ARVN will draw from the 11th Engineer Battalion for construction of A-2 and C-1. Materiel for A-1 will be delivered on site and directly receipted for from the representative of FLSU-1. Simultaneously with the construction of the SPPB's and BA's, upgrading of the road net throughout this area to class 60 all weather roads will be accomplished, starting with Route 561 from Cam Lo to Con Thien and including Route 9 from Dong Ha to Ca Lu and Route 1 from Dong Ha to Gio Linh. The impetus of construction will shift south to C-3 and C-3-A at Cam Lo. Route 666 from Gio Linh running West from YD 213727 to A-3 will be upgraded to all weather class 60 one way. With the completion of this road into the A-3 site, construction at A-3 will be started and a pioneer road developed from the A-3 site to Route 561. The construction effort will then be switched to the COB's starting initially with Ca Lu. The construction schedule for the initial phase is shown in Tab A (Construction Schedule) to this appendix.

b. As materials and personnel become available, COB's will be constructed at designated areas along Route 9 from Camp Carroll to the Laotian border. Route 9 will be upgraded to all weather class 60 one way

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between these two areas.

c. During construction of individual Strong Point Patrol Bases and Base Areas, emphasis will be directed toward completion of total facilities prior to the initiation of subsequent construction. Because bunker material contained in combat reserve has been allocated for increased troop units, combat reserve stocks have been reduced to 9%; therefore, material wastage must be held to an absolute minimum. Emplacement of tactical wire, digging of fighting trenches, and filling of sandbags will be the responsibility of the infantry and supporting arms units occupying the designated areas. Because of the magnitude of this plan, engineers will concentrate on road work, bunker construction and mine laying.

d. Priorities of construction are as follows:

(1) Priority 1

(a) Upgrade Route 561 from Cam Lo to Con Thien to CL 60 one way all weather.

(b) Maintain Route 9 in an all weather CL 60 one way condition from Dong Ha to Cam Lo.

(c) Construct A-4 and C-2.

(d) Construct C-4 and A-1.

(2) Priority 2. Construct C-1 and A-2.

(3) Priority 3. Construct C-3 to include a protected area near bridge site at YD 148605.

(4) Priority 4

(a) Upgrade to class 60 one way all weather and extend Route 666 running west from YD 213727 vicinity of Gio Linh to A-3.

(b) Construct A-3.

(5) Priority 5

(a) Construct obstacle on trace.

(b) Construct a Combat Operating Base at Ca Lu as directed.

(c) Construct pioneer road from Route 561 to A-3.

(6) Priority 6. Upgrade Combat Operating Base and access roads at Thon Son Lam as directed.

(7) Priority 7

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(a) Upgrade Route 9 to class 60 one way to Khe Sanh as directed.

(b) Construct Combat Operating Base vicinity YD 9241 as directed.

(8) Priority 8

(a) Upgrade Route 9 from Khe Sanh to Lang Vei, as directed.

(b) Construct Combat Operating Base vicinity Lang Vei, as directed.

(9) Priority 9. Construct OP's/Strong Points as required along Route 9 between Ca Lu and Lang Vei, as directed.

e. Bunkers. The location of bunkers and barriers within the SPPB's, BA's and COB's will be the responsibility of the designated tactical commander. No deviation from the type and number of bunkers authorized in Tab B (SPPB, BA and COB Components) of this appendix or from the design shown in Appendix 3 (Bunker Design) to Annex A to reference (b) will be authorized without permission from this Headquarters. Substitute materials are authorized for use in place of the 3x12xRL and 8x8xRL shown in the BOM on the bunker designs. Bunkers must be sited to take maximum advantage of terrain. Care must be exercised to insure proper drainage. All bunkers will be built with a layered roof shown on Tab D (Overhead Cover for all Bunkers) to Appendix 3 to Annex A to reference (b) in order to reduce danger of collapse.

f. Camouflage. All installations must be thoroughly camouflaged using either natural materials or nets in order to prevent or hamper enemy observation of the positions both during construction and occupation.

3. Responsibility. Commanding Officer, 9th Marine Regiment has responsibility for the organization and construction of Strong Point Patrol Base A-3 and A-4 and Base Areas C-2 and C-3, and will be prepared to assist the CG of the 1st ARVN Division in constructing C-1, A-1 and A-2. CO, 1st AmTrac Battalion has the responsibility for the site selection, organization and construction of Base Area C-4. As directed, designated tactical commanders will be responsible for the construction of Combat Operating Bases.

4. Construction Schedule. See Tab A.

5. Strong Point Patrol Base, Base Area and Combat Operating Base Components. See Tab B.

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- ✓ B - Strong Point Patrol Base, Base Area and Combat Operating Base Components

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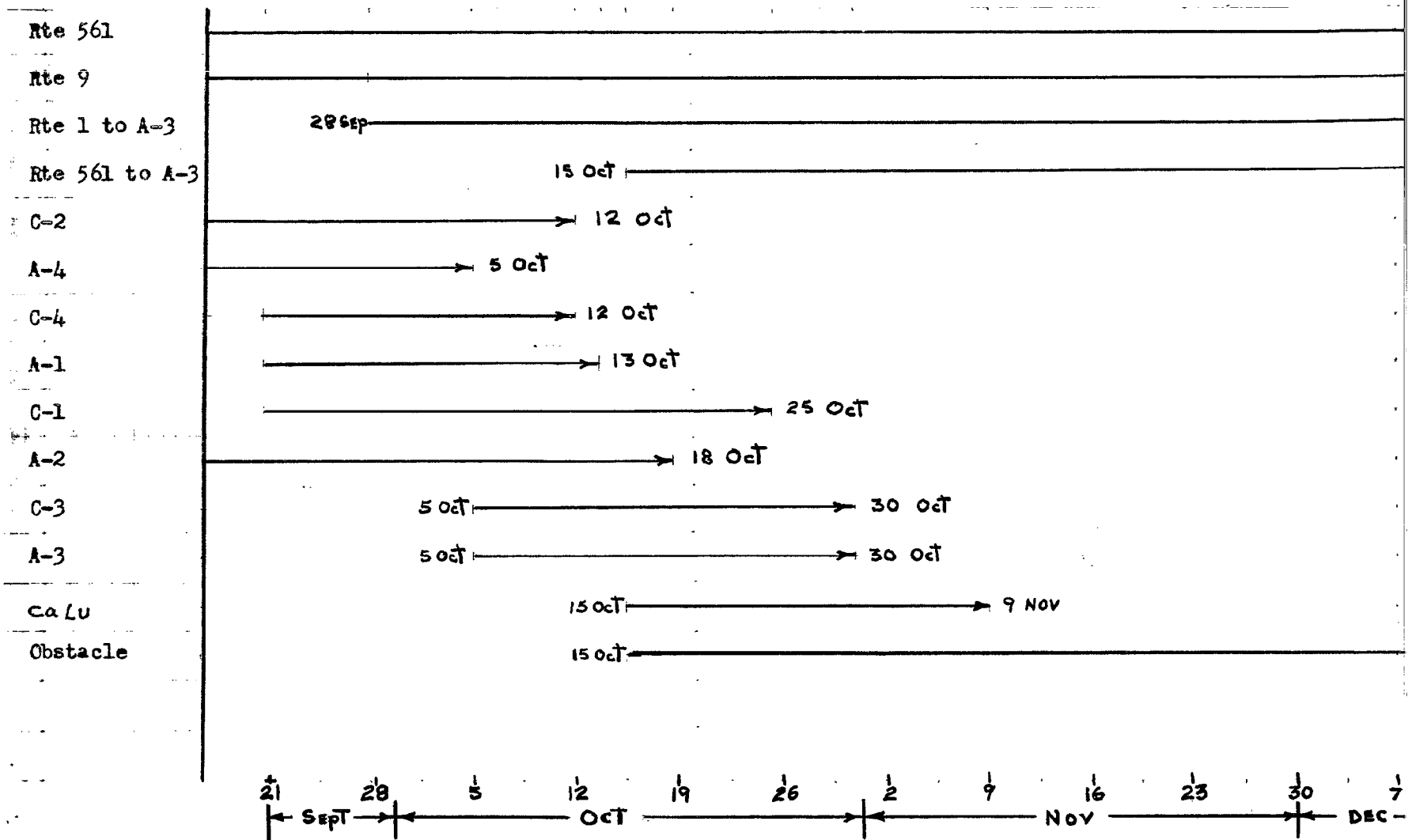
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FACILITY	BUNKERS			PROTECTIVE WIRE (M)			MINEFIELD (M)	
	18x24	8x12	12x18	Warning Fence	Barbed Std Tape	4x2 Db1 Apron	0-4-8	
<u>STRONG POINTS:</u>								
A-1	39	4	0	1965	2360	7500	2160	
A-2	39	4	0	1965	2360	7500	2160	
A-3	39	4	0	1965	2360	7500	2160	
A-4	39	4	0	1965	2360	7500	2160	
SUB TOTALS	156	16		7860	9440	30000	8640	
<u>BASE AREAS</u>								
				Warning Fence	Barbed Std Tape	4x2 Db1 Apron	0-2-4	0-4-8
C-1	56	21	1	9800	10200	23600	10000	
C-2	50	18	1	9800	10200	23600	10000	
C-3	49	17	2	9800	10200	23600	6000	
C-4	22	3	1	1965	2360	12960		2160
SUB TOTALS	177	59	5	31365	32960	83760	26000	2160
<u>BATTALION COMBAT OPERATING BASE</u>								
CA LU	22	2	0	9800	10200	23600	6000	
GRAND TOTAL	355	77	5	49025	9440 BST	147360	32000	10800
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1. PURPOSE

To give the tactical commander a general indication of the types and numbers of facilities to be incorporated in the various areas to be constructed.

2. SCOPE

Site plans included are as follows:

- a. Tab A Site plan for strong points.
- b. Tab B Site plan for base areas.
- c. Tab C Site plan for Combat Operating Bases.
- d. Tab D Site plan for obstacle.
- e. Tab E Protective wire/mine obstacles.
- f. Tab F Bunker allocations.

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Tab A (Site Plan for Strong Points Patrol Bases) to Appendix 2 (Site Plans)  
to Annex C (Engineers) to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67

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1. Strong Points A-1, A-2, A-3 and A-4 will be constructed containing thirty nine 18'X24' bunkers and five 8'X12' bunkers in an approximate 250 meter radius to provide sleeping quarters, ammunition storage, and command and control facilities. The design for the bunkers are in Appendix 3 (Bunker Design) to Annex A to reference (b). If desired, the strong points may contain one 50 ft. tower each, built by NMCB-11 to be transported to the sites.

2. Enclosure 1 (Diagram for SPPB Obstacle) to Tab E of this appendix contains the design for the perimeter wire/mine obstacle to surround the SPPB's. An O-4-8 minefield pattern will be utilized around each SPPB.

3. It is the responsibility of the designated tactical commander to determine the locations of the bunkers and tower within the SPPB. No deviation from the number or design of the bunkers in the SPPB is authorized without authority of this Headquarters. A typical layout of an SPPB is contained in enclosure 1 (SPPB Layout) to this Tab.

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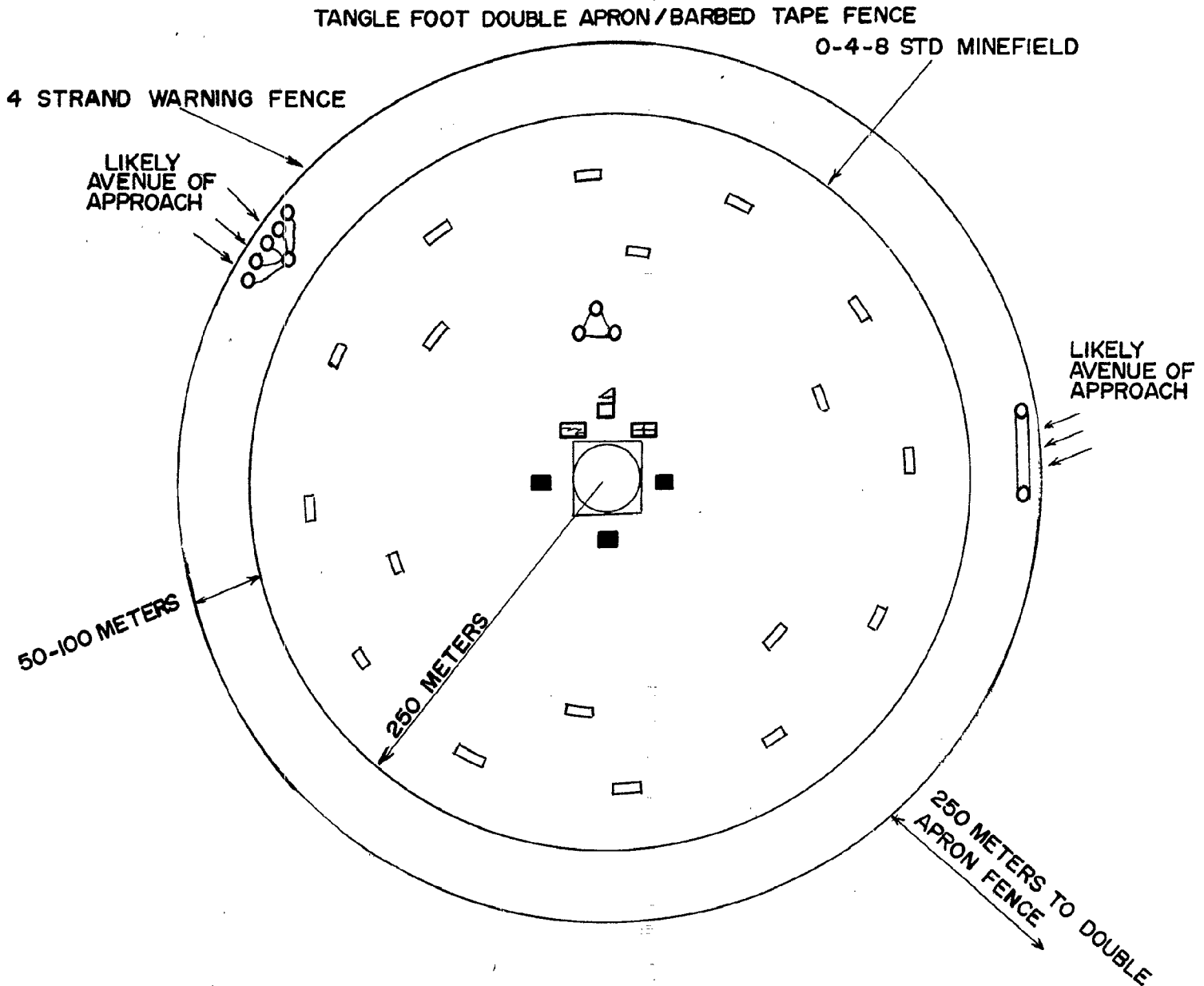
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# TYPICAL STRONG POINT PATROL BASE



HELO PAD



CP BUNKER



COMM BUNKER



SICK BAY



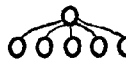
LIVING BUNKER



AMMO / SUPPLY BUNKERS



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1. Base areas will normally occupy an area approximately 1000 meters in radius and will include varying numbers of bunkers shown below. Bunker allocations are shown in Tab F (Bunker Allocations).

<u>Base Area</u>	<u>18'X24'</u>	<u>8'X12'</u>	<u>12'X18'</u>
C-1	56	21	1
C-2	50	18	1
C-3	49	17	2
C-4	22	3	1

A 50' tower may be emplaced in each area. These towers have been built at NMGB-11 and must be transported to the base areas.

2. Enclosure 2 (Diagram for BA/COB Obstacle) to Tab E of this appendix contains the design for the perimeter wire/mine obstacle to surround the base areas. An O-2-4 minefield pattern will be utilized around each area with the exception of area C-4 which will utilize a O-4-8 standard pattern minefield.

3. Base area C-3 will be divided into two areas, the main area at YD 141616 and a platoon strong point guarding the bridge at YD 148604. The portion of the platoon strong point perimeter facing the bridge will contain no obstacle to impede movement to the bridge from this position. The bunkers authorized base area C-3 in paragraph 1 of this Tab will be split between C-3 and C-3-A as directed by the tactical commander.

4. It is the responsibility of the designated tactical commander to determine the location of the bunkers and the tower within the assigned base area. No deviation from the number or design of the bunkers in the base areas is authorized without authority of this Headquarters. A typical layout of a base area is contained in enclosure 1 (Base Area Layout) to this Tab.

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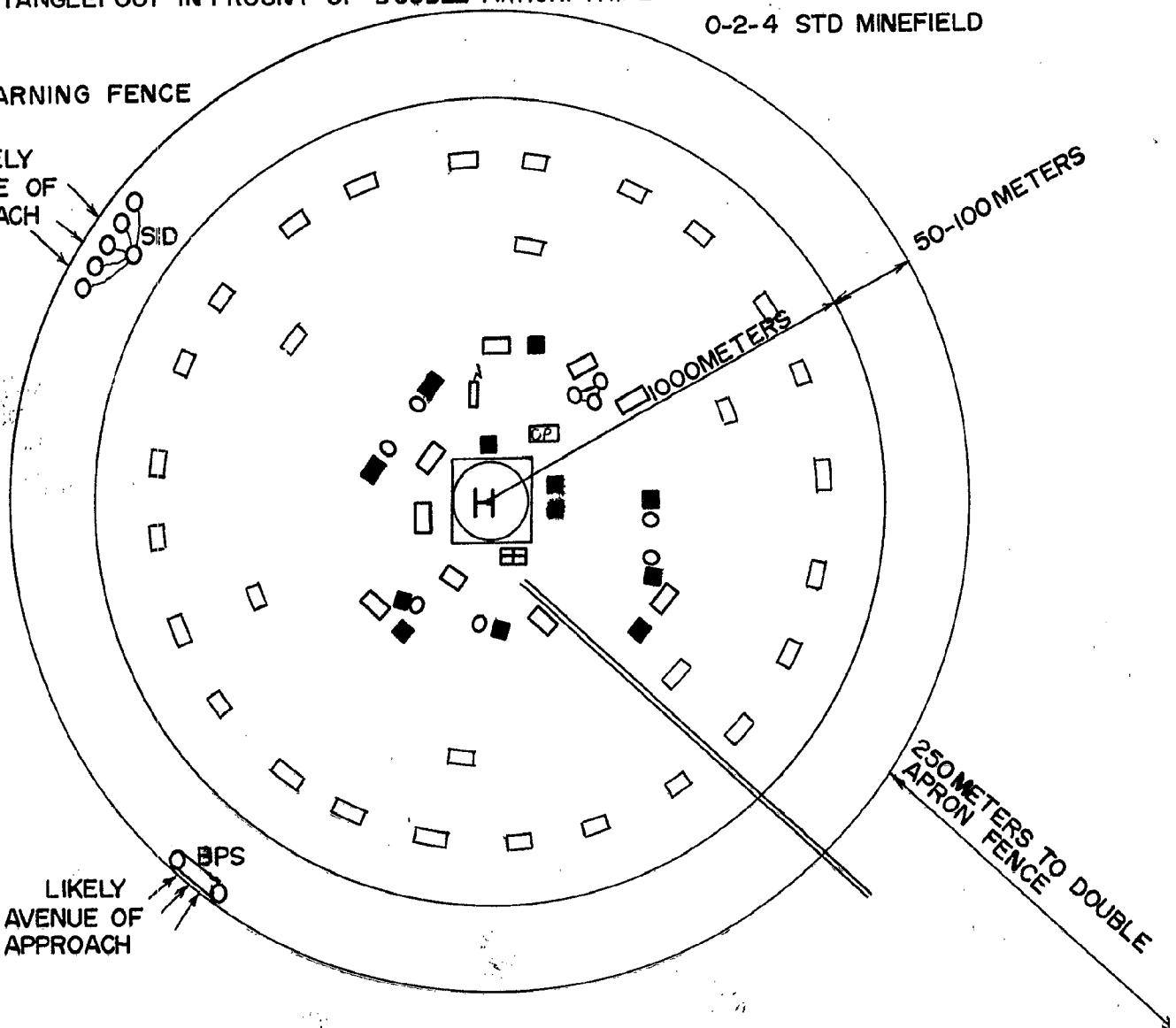
# TYPICAL BASE AREA

SCALE: 1=400 METERS

TANGLEFOOT IN FRONT OF DOUBLE APRON/TRIPLE STANDARD CONCERTINA  
0-2-4 STD MINEFIELD

4 STRAND WARNING FENCE

LIKELY  
AVENUE OF  
APPROACH



HELO PAD



CP BUNKER



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SICK BAY



LIVING BUNKER



ROAD



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50 FT TOWER



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1. Combat Operating Bases will normally occupy an area approximately 1000 meters in radius. The base will be protected by a perimeter wire/mine obstacle as indicated in enclosure 2 (Diagram for BA/COB Obstacle) to Tab E of this appendix. The size and layout of these areas will vary with the terrain and task organization of the units occupying them. Each Combat Operating Base is planned to contain a Battalion (-) with supporting arms. A typical layout of a COB is shown in enclosure 1 (COB Layout to this Tab. Bunker allocations are shown in Tab F.

2. Cantonment Requirements - Initial

- a. 150 SEA Huts (16'X32' tin roofed strong backs) - Living.
- b. 10 SEA Huts (16'X32' tin roofed strong backs) - Administration.
- c. 3 SEA Huts (16'X32' tin roofed strong backs) - Galley.
- d. 12 4 hole latrines.
- e. 2 16'X32' showers.
- f. Power distribution system - Admin area, CP Bunker, 1st aid bunker and messhall.
- g. Water distribution system - messhall and showers.

3. Cantonment Requirements - Follow up

The cantonment portion of the Combat Operating Base will be upgraded to MACV standards as resources permit. This upgrading will include messhalls installation of power to billeting area, additional billeting huts and increased water distribution.

4. Construction plans and the BOM for them will conform to III MAF standard plans. Materials for the cantonment areas will be provided initially from III MAF resources.

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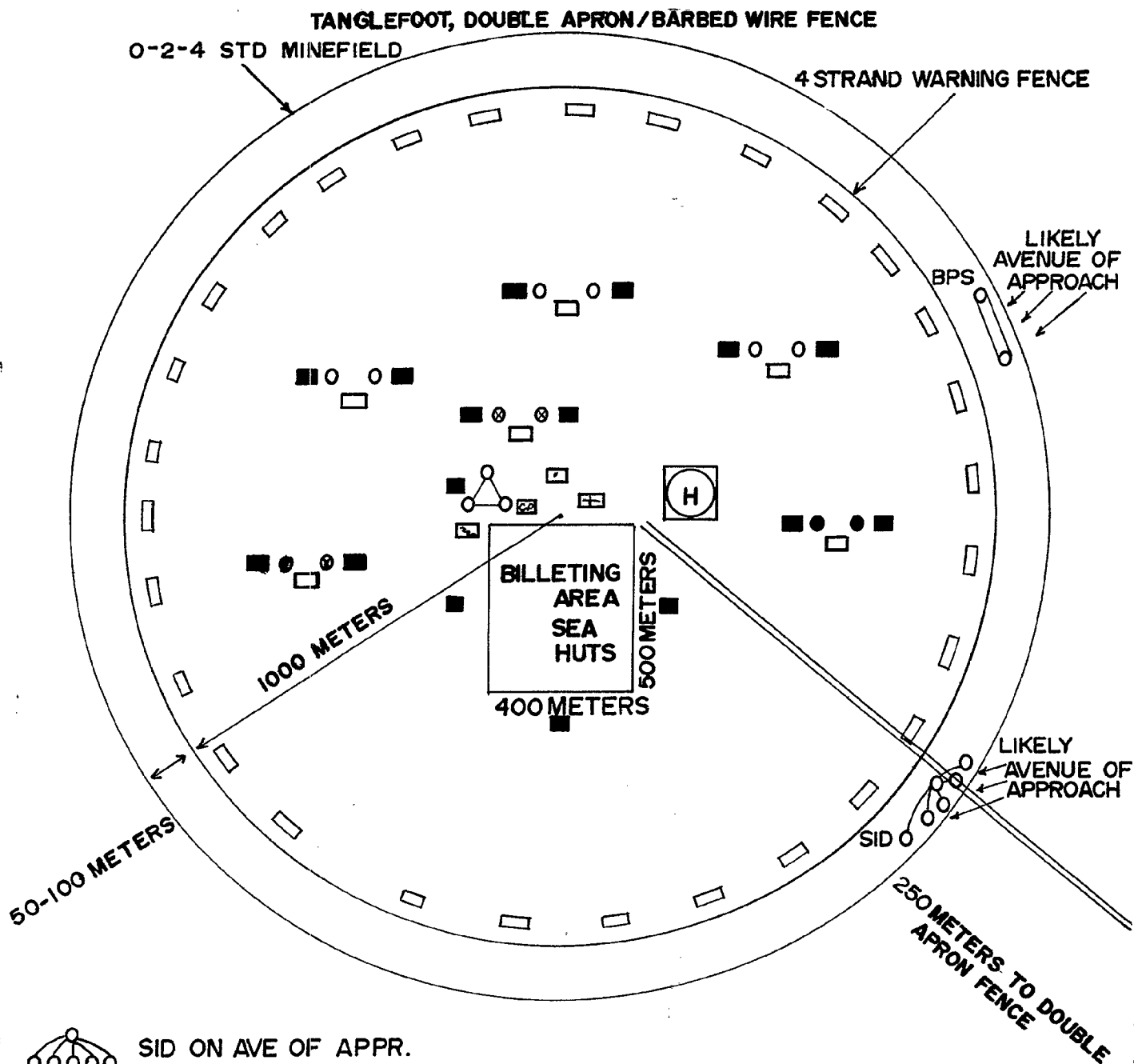
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# TYPICAL COMB OP BASE

SCALE: 1"=400 METERS



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CP BUNKER 18'X 24' (1)



SICK BAY 18'X 24' (1)



COMM BUNKER 18'X 24' (1)



FSCC 18'X 24' (1)



LIVING BUNKER 18'X 24' (34)



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AMMO BUNKER 8'X 12' (16)



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1. The obstacle along the trace will consist of a series of barbed wire fences enclosing a minefield and special sensor devices, a diagram of which is included in this Tab. The width of the obstacle will range from 100 to 200 meters and will originally be constructed from Gio Linh at YD 213746 west to Con Thien YD 111707, a distance of 10KM and east to the East China Sea a distance of 3KM. Observation Posts will be constructed approximately 1000 meters apart as a surveillance facility for the sensor and visual observation of the trace.

2. From the enemy side to the friendly side the individual obstacles will be placed as follows:

- a. Standard five strand cattle fence.
- b. Low tangle foot partially underlying front apron of double apron fence.
- c. Standard 4 and 2 pace double apron fence. Aprons will be spread approximately 3 meters to accommodate (d) below.
- d. Six rolls of steel barbed tape.
- e. Two strip 0-4-8 minefield.
- f. Sensor devices in thirty foot strip between minefield and fence. The balanced pressure detector system will be buried 15-18 inches below ground surface.
- g. Six rolls of steel barbed tape.
- h. Standard 4 and 2 pace double apron fence. The aprons are spread approximately three meters to accommodate (g) above.
- i. Low tangle foot partially underlying front apron of double apron fence.
- j. Two strand warning fence.

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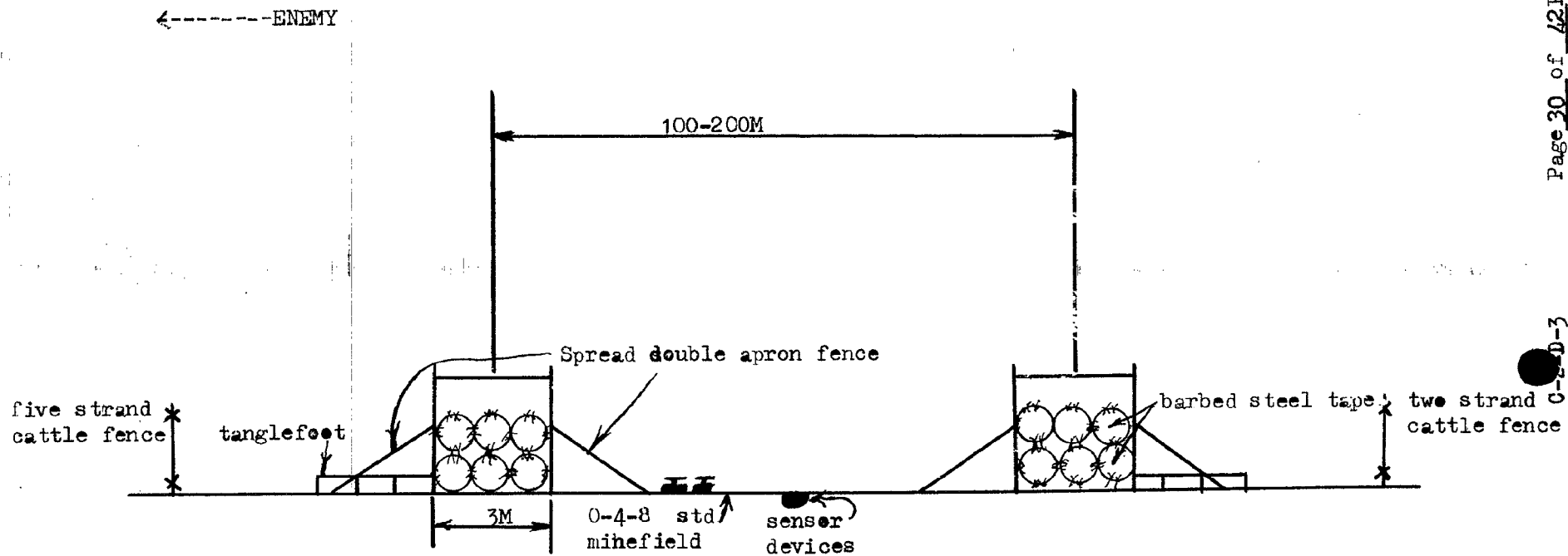
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CROSS-SECTION OF OBSTACLE



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Tab E (Protective Wire/Mine Obstacle) to Appendix 2 (Site Plans) to  
 Annex C (Engineer) to 3d MarDiv Admin Plan 48-67

Time Zone: H

1. Purpose. To promulgate the specifications for protective obstacles for use in all areas except the obstacle (Tab D).

2. Facilities. The order of discussion of facilities will be from friendly to enemy.

a. Warning Fence. A standard 4 strand fence marked with standard minefield signs will be emplaced.

b. Minefield. A standard 0-2-4 single strip minefield will be emplaced in Combat Operating Bases and in Base Areas with the exception of C-4. A standard 0-4-8 two strip minefield will be emplaced around all strong points and base area C-4. There will be no irregular outer edge on any minefield. The space cleared for the minefield will be no less than 50 meters wide and no more than 100 meters wide. Safe lanes will be placed at the discretion of the SPPB, BA or COB tactical commander. All minefields will be reported in accordance with reference (f). All minefields will be laid and plotted in accordance with reference (g).

c. Protective Fence

(1) Strong Point Patrol Bases. A standard 4 and 2 pace double apron fence spread to accept internal Barbed Steel Tape Concertina in a three on three configuration will surround the SPPB. Extralong interior pickets (8') will be used to adequately contain the barbed steel tape concertina. The tape will be staked down at 5 meter intervals to prevent lifting. A 3 meter wide belt of low 6" tanglefoot will be emplaced on the enemy side and adjacent to this double apron fence.

(2) Base Areas and Battalion Combat Operating Bases. A standard 4 and 2 pace double apron fence spread to accept an internal triple standard concertina will surround the areas. The concertina will be staked down at 5 meter intervals to prevent lifting. A 3 meter wide belt of tanglefoot will be emplaced on the enemy side of the fence.

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d. Free Fire Zone. A cleared area, minimum of 250 meters in width will extend from the inner double apron fence to the outer double apron fence.

e. Outer Warning Fence. A standard 4 and 2 pace double apron fence.

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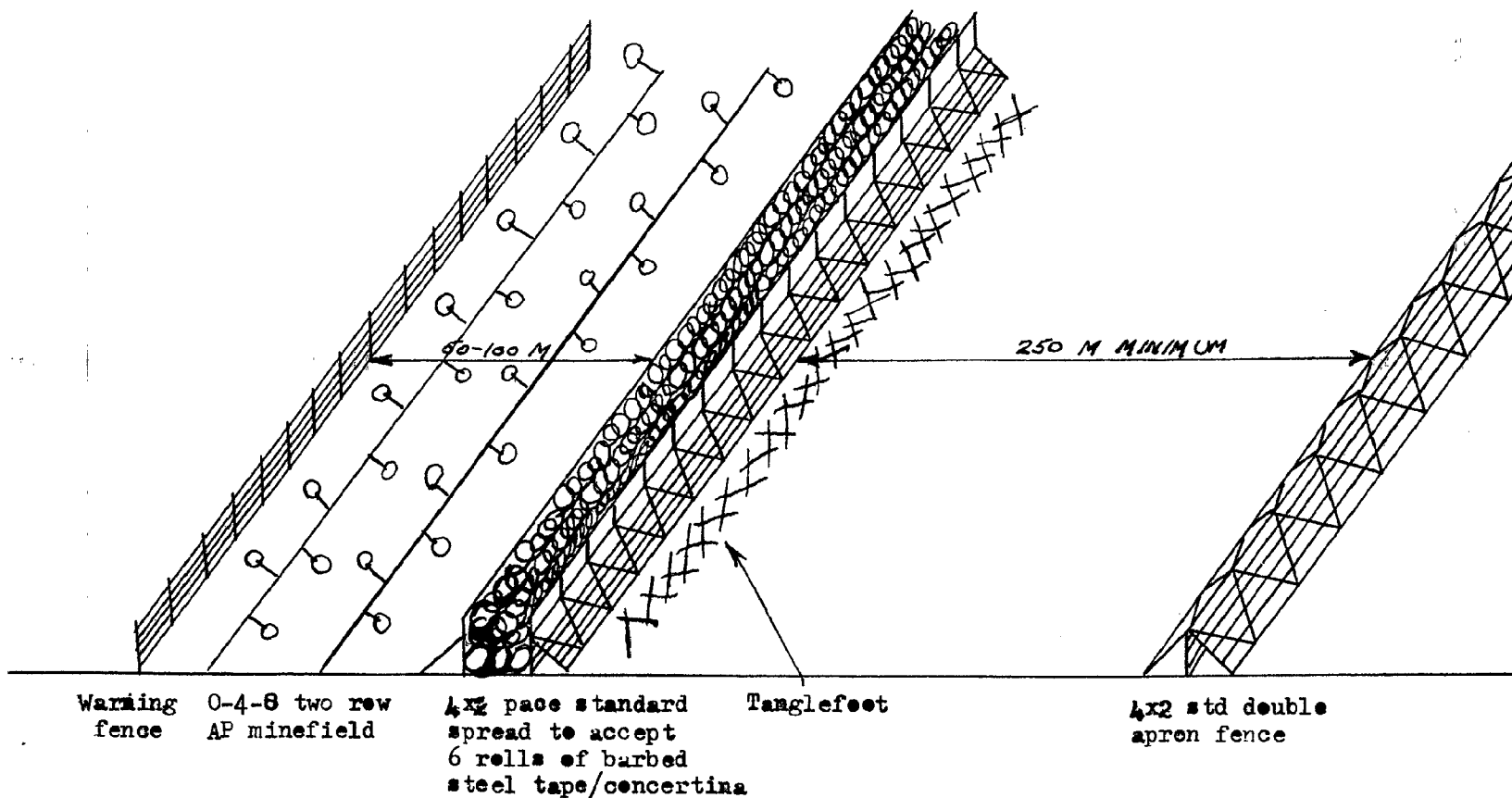
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to Appendix 2 (Site Plans) to Annex C (Engineer) to Administrative  
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TYPICAL STRONGPOINT PROTECTIVE WIRE OBSTACLE

Enemy -----



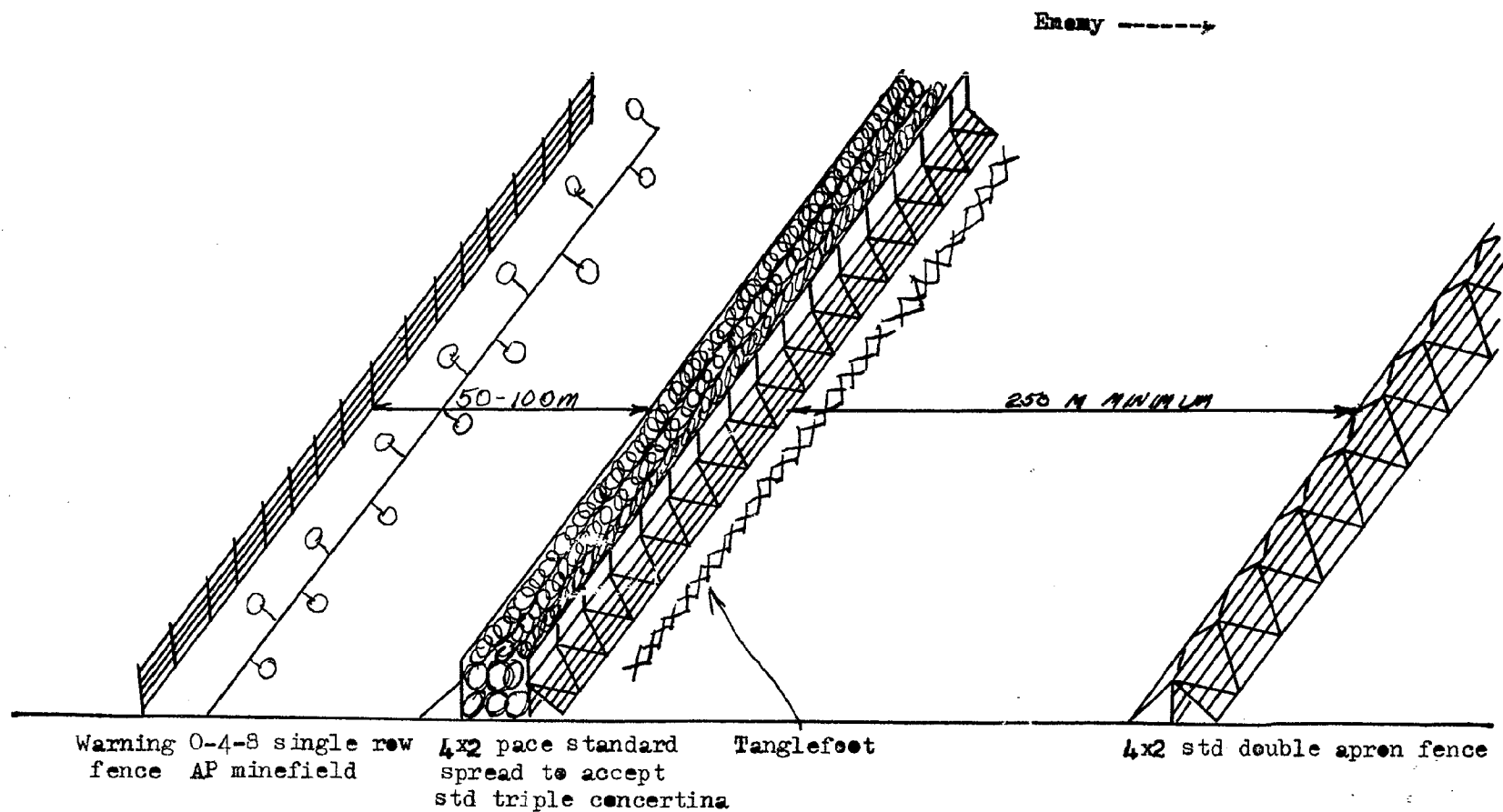
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ENCLOSURE 2 (Diagram for BA/COB Obstacle) to Tab E (Protective wire/mine obstacle) to  
Appendix 2 (Site Plan) to Annex C (Engineer) to Administrative Plan 48-67

TYPICAL BASE AREA/COMBAT OPERATING BASE PROTECTIVE WIRE OBSTACLE



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Time Zone: H

1. Purpose. To promulgate bunker allocations in all Strong Point  
Patrol Bases, Base Areas and Combat Operating Base at Ca Lu.

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LOCATION				UNIT	STRENGTH	NR	18x24 BUNKER		8x12 BUNKER		12x18 BUNKER			
A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4				Use	Unit	NR	Use	UNIT	NR	Use	UNIT
A-1	A-2	A-3	A-4	ARVN Bn	669	39	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-
Ca	Lu			USMC Bn (Rein) Arty	1,500	19	Living	Inf	1	Comm	Inf			
						1	Bn Aid	Inf	1	Cmd/FDC	Inf			
						1	FDC	Arty						
						<u>1</u>	Cmd/COC	Inf	<u>2</u>		Inf			
						<u>22</u>								
						21		Inf						
						1		Arty						
C-1				ARVN Regt(-)	800	56	-	-	21	-	-	1	-	-
C-2				USMC Bn(-) Rein	742	30	Living	Inf	3	Ammo Stor	Inf	1	Cmd/FDC (Alt)	Inf
				4.2 Plt										
				105 Btry		11	Living	Arty	5	Ammo Stor	Arty			
				155 Btry										
						1	S2/S3 COC		6	Charge Stor	Arty			
						1	Bn Aid	Inf	1	Supply	Inf			
						1	Galley	Inf	1	Cmd	Arty			
						1	FDC	Arty	1	Commo	Inf			
						1	Ammo Stor	Arty	1	Co/Alt CP	Inf			

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LOCATION	UNIT	STRENGTH	18x24 BUNKER			8x12 BUNKER			12x18 BUNKER		
			NR	USE	UNIT	NR	USE	UNIT	NR	USE	UNIT
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			1	Maint	Inf						
			1	Ord	Arty						
			50			18					
			34		Inf	6		Inf			
			16		Arty	12		Arty			
	C-3 C-3-A	USMC Bn (-) Rein 105 Btry 155 Btry	700	31	Living	Inf	3	Ammo Stor	Inf	1	FDC/Cmd (Alt)
		8	Living	Arty	5	Ammo Stor	Arty	1	Aid Sta/ Cmd(Alt)	Inf	
		1	FDC	Arty	6	Charge Stor	Arty				
		1	COC	Inf	1	Cmd/Al CP	Inf				
		1	Bn Aid	Inf	1	Supply	Inf				
		1	Galley	Inf	1	Commo	Inf				
		1	Command	Arty							
		1	Ammo Stor	Arty							
		2	Charge Stor	Arty							

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LOCATION

UNIT

STRENGTH

18x24 BUNKER8x12 BUNKER12x18 BUNKER

NR	Use	Unit	NR	Use	Unit	NR	Use	Unit
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1	Maint	Inf						
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<u>1</u>	Ord	Arty						
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<u>49</u>			<u>17</u>			<u>2</u>		
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35		Inf	6		Inf	1		Inf
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14		Arty	11		Arty	1		Arty
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15	Living	Inf	1	Ammo stor	Inf	<u>1</u>	Commo/Cmd	Inf
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4	Living	Arty	<u>2</u>	Ammo stor	Arty			
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1	Aid Sta	Inf						
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1	Galley	Inf						
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<u>1</u>	Comd/FDC	Inf						
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Annex D (Reports) to 3d MarDiv Administrative Plan 48-67

Time Zone: H

1. PROGRESS/PROBLEMS REPORT

a. Submitted to: CG, 3d MarDiv.

b. Submitted by:

(1) CO, 9th Marines

(2) CO, 3d Marines (when directed)

(3) CO, 4th Marines (when directed)

(4) CO, 26th Marines (when directed)

c. Period of report. 0000-2400 daily.

d. Time due

(1) At 3d MarDiv Hq by 1400 daily, for preceding day.

e. Format

(1) For each Strong Point/Patrol Base, Base Area and Combat Operating Base submit the following information:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>No. Completed/Installed</u>	<u>% of Total Completed</u>
Bunkers	No. Completed	% of Total Completed
Towers	No. Completed	
SEA Huts (GOB only)	No. Completed	% of Total Completed
Wells	No. Completed	
Outer DA Fence	Meters Completed	% of Total Completed
Inner DA Fence	Meters Completed	% of Total Completed
Mines	No. Emplaced	% of Total Emplaced

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(2) For each sensor system installation submit the following information:

Designate Base at which installed   Type Sensor   AZ from Base   Distance from Base

(3) For Route 561 (Cam Lo Bridge to A-4), A-3 access roads from Route 1 and Route 561, Route 9 (Cam Lo - Khe Sanh) and Route 9 (Khe Sanh to Lang Vei) submit the following information:

Final Rock Layer	Meters Completed	% of Total Completed
Final Asphalt Cap	Meters Completed	% of Total Completed

f. Special Instructions

- (a) Cite the reporting period.
- (b) Only numbers or percentages will be entered where applicable.
- (c) Where there are no changes from preceding reporting period enter the numbers/percentages last reported.
- (d) Where construction on a base or on a given item has not commenced enter zero (0) for base/item.
- (e) Enumerate problems at conclusion of report. Where no new problems have developed for the reporting period enter "No Change."

2. RESOURCES REPORT

a. Submitted to. CG, 3d MarDiv.

b. Submitted by.

- (1) CO, 9th Marines
- (2) CO, 12th Marines
- (3) CO, 1st Amtrac Bn
- (4) CO, 3d Shore Party Bn
- (5) CO, 9th MT Bn
- (6) CO, 3d Engr Bn
- (7) Other tactical commanders when directed.

c. Period of report. 0000 Tuesday to 2400 Monday, weekly.

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d. Time due

(1) At 3d MarDiv Headquarters by 0600, Tuesday for period closing 2400 the preceding evening.

e. Format

## (1) Personnel

(a) Strength (Strength reported should be total effective strength as submitted on the Weekly Personnel Summary)

(b) Construction Labor (Total should be the average daily number of personnel involved in construction or improvement of position)

## (2) Equipment (Other than weapons)

(Item)

(Hours of Operation)

(3) Consumable Construction  
Supplies (Funded with O&M, MC FUNDS)

(Item) (Cement, Lumber, etc)

(Cost)

## (4) TAD (Funded with O&amp;M, MC funds)

(Cost)

(Time)

## (5) Losses

## (a) Personnel

1. KIA

2. WIA

3. DOW

4. Injuries non-battle requiring hospitalization

## (b) Equipment (by type) (Only Combat-Essential items included in Deadline Reports submitted IAW FMFPac Order 4000.13C)

1. Number coded H.

2. Estimated cost of repair of those not coded H.

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f. Special Instructions

(1) For purposes of this report, all units within the 9th Marines AOR and 1st Amtracs AOR are considered to devote all their efforts to Project 972. All personnel, equipment and casualties should be reported.

(2) Resources of the 11th Engineer Battalion will be reported directly to III MAF, and will not be included in other unit reports.

3. MINEFIELD INITIATION REPORT. Initiation of minefield reports will be submitted in accordance with DivO P3120.3B.

4. ADDITIONAL REPORTS. As directed.

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CONSENTMENT ORDER TO TERMINATE OPERATION PORTRESS

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PROCEEDING INDEPENDENTLY TO SUBIC BAY, P.I. FOR UPR.

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MAINTAIN 30 MIN REACTION TIME READINESS POSTURE.

UPON ARRIVAL SUBIC BAY, P.I.

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## Supporting Documents

Encl 1 Msg no date Subj: Draft of Task Organization  
2 Msg 010050 Z Subj: Beacon Point Supporting Arms  
3 Msg 010138 Z Subj: Beacon Point NGFS  
4 Msg 010156 Z Subj: OPCON SLF Alpha  
5 Msg 010948 Z Subj: Transfer of Fire Support Coordination Function,  
Operation Beacon Point  
6 Msg 010952 Z Subj: Beacon Point Chop  
7 Msg 031445 Z Subj: Planning Directive, Operation Medina  
8 Erf 5 Sep 67 Subj: Tan My Port Construction Conference, Phu Bai, Agenda  
9 Msg 051204 Z Subj: County Fairs  
10 Msg 051624 Z Subj: Operation Beacon Point  
11 Msg 060811 Z Subj: Task Organization/Troop List  
12 Msg 062333 Z Subj: Termination of Operation Cumberland  
13 Msg 091205 Z Subj: Concept Amphibious Operation ARG/SLF Bravo (CTG 76.5/79.5)  
14 Msg 091344 Z Subj: Beacon Point Termination  
15 Msg 120359 Z Subj: County Fair  
16 Msg 131521 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry  
17 Msg 131556 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry  
18 Ltr 14 Sep Subj: Letter from CG, Subj: VC?NVA Base Area Data, w/7 Encls  
19 Msg 160114 Z Subj: Attack by Fire  
20 Msg 140704 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry Interpreter Support  
21 Msg 140929 Z Subj: County Fair  
22 Msg 141230 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry Initiating Directive Addendum  
23 Msg 141354 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry Bombardment Support  
24 Msg 141445 Z Subj: County Fair  
25 Ltr 15 Sep Subj: Letter from CG, Subj: Captured VC Letter Describing  
"6 Month Resolution", w/1 Encl, Captured Document  
26 Msg 150208 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry NOTAM Request  
27 Msg 150518 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry Bombardment Support  
28 Msg 150720 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry, Execute When Ready  
29 Msg 150758 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry NGFS Areas  
30 Msg 151116 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry D-Day  
31 Msg 151138 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry Red Bean Location Change  
32 Msg 151331 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry  
33 Msg 160127 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry  
34 Msg 160129 Z Subj: Termination Operation Cumberland  
35 Msg 160822 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry  
36 Msg 161638 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry H-Hour  
37 Msg 170526 Z Subj: III MAF COC 170435 Z Sep, Shortage Helos In Country  
38 Msg 180509 Z Subj: County Fair  
39 Msg 180900 Z Subj: County Fair Operations  
40 Msg 180932 Z Subj: Contingency Plan BLT 2/3  
41 Msg 181350 Z Subj: County Fair in Ap Khuc Ly  
42 Msg 200157 Z Subj: County Fair Operation in Ap Dong Lat  
43 Msg 201146 Z Subj: Contingency Plan BLT 2/3  
44 Msg 210210 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry  
45 Msg 210636 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry Operation  
46 Msg 221309 Z Subj: Artillery Location Report  
47 Msg 241830 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry Landing Force Chop Ashore  
48 Msg 250346 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry

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encl 49 Msg 260133 Z Subj: Operation Summary  
50 Msg 270912 Z Subj: Operation Fortress Sentry  
51 Msg 010032 Z Subj: Special SITREP #1, Operation Beacon Point  
52 Msg 011155 Z Subj: Special SITREP #2, Operation Beacon Point  
53 Msg 020030Z Subj: Special SITREP #4, Operation Beacon Point  
54 Msg 020530Z Subj: Special SITREP #5, Operation Beacon Point  
55 Msg 021152 Z Subj: Special SITREP #6, Operation Beacon Point  
56 Msg 021414 Z Subj: Beacon Point SITREP #11  
57 Msg 021708 Z Subj: Special SITREP #7, Operation Beacon Point  
58 Msg 030550 Z Subj: Special SITREP #9, Operation Beacon Point  
59 Msg 011946 Z Subj: Special SITREP #3, Operation Beacon Point  
60 Msg 020750 Z Subj: Special SITREP #4, Operation Beacon Point  
61 Msg 031425 Z Subj: Special SITREP #9, Operation Beacon Point  
62 Msg 021211 Z Subj: Belt Drive SITREP #14  
63 Msg 170102 Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #2  
64 Msg 170212Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #3  
65 Msg 170406Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #4  
66 Msg 170708Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #5  
67 Msg 190434Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #9  
68 Msg 201530Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #12  
69 Msg 210538Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #12, Change #1  
70 Msg 220235Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #15  
71 Msg 230328Z Subj: Fortress Sentry SITREP #17  
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WILL BE SUBMITTED  
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TO: CG III MAF  
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INFO: CG FIRST MARDIV

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SUBJ: TASK ORGANIZATION

REF: (A) III MAF ORDER 5213.2

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1. IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED  
STRENGTHS INCLUDED.

UNIT	WPNS	STATION	STRENGTH

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HQ BN (-)(REIN)

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HQ CO (-)

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SERV CO (-)

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SERV CO (-)

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DET III MHF

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COMM CO (-)(REIN)

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COMM CO (-)

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DET 5<sup>th</sup> COMM BN

0-12

MP CO (-)

4-88

DET HQ BN

DONG HA

SUB UNIT #2

43-180

DET HQ CO

9-24

DET MP CO

1-41

DET COMM CO

0-10

DET HQ BN

DANANG

DET HQ CO

5-41

DET COMM CO

1-00

DET MP CO

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DET HQ BN

HUE

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DET HQ CO		0-8
DET COMM CO		0-4
DET HQ BN	CUA VIET	
DET HQ CO		0-2
DET COMM CO		0-4
DET HQ BN	PHU LOC	
DET HQ CO		2-2
DET HQ BN	CAMP CARROLL	
DET COMM CO		0-9
DET HQ BN	CAM LO	
DET HQ CO		0-3
DET HQ BN	GIA LINH	
DET COMM CO		0-2
1ST CIT (-)	PHU BAI	2-9
DET 1ST CIT	PHU LOC	1-1
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15 <sup>TH</sup> CIT (-)	DONG HA	1-8
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7 <sup>th</sup> ITT (-)	DONG HIA	2-4
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2<sup>ND</sup> BN 26<sup>TH</sup> MAR

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4<sup>TH</sup> S CO (-)DET 3<sup>RD</sup> MA BN 3<sup>RD</sup> MARDIVDET HQ CO SCOUT SNIPER PLT HQ CO 26<sup>TH</sup> MAR

CO E (-)(REIN)

CO F (REIN)

2<sup>ND</sup> PLT CO EDET MA BN 3<sup>RD</sup> MARDIVDET SCOUT SNIPER PLT HQ 26<sup>TH</sup> MAR

CO G (REIN)

DET 3<sup>RD</sup> MA BN 3<sup>RD</sup> MARDIV

CO H (REIN)

CO B 1<sup>ST</sup> BN 9<sup>TH</sup> MAR (REIN)DET 3<sup>RD</sup> ENGR BN

3<sup>rd</sup> RECON BN (X) (REIN)

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H&amp;S CO

CO A

CO D

CO C

DONG HA

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3<sup>rd</sup> FORCE RECON CO

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3<sup>rd</sup> AT BN (-)

GIA LE

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H&amp;S CO

CO B (REAR)

(6M50A1) GIA LE

PLT CO B

(4M50A1) NAM HON

CO C

(16M50A1) GIA LE

PLT CO C

(5M50A1) CON THIEN

3<sup>rd</sup> TANK BN (-)

PHU BAI

37-537

H&amp;S CO (-)

(2-M48A3)

(3-M67A2)

CO B (-) (REIN)

(8-M48A3)

CAMP CARROLL

(3-M67A2)

(1-M51 VTR)

CO C

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HVS CO	10-LVTP-5	
	3-LVTP-5 CMD	
	1-LVTR-1	
	4-LVTE-1	
CO A	33-LVTP-5	
	1-LVTP-5 CMD	
	1-LVTR-1	
CO B (-)	29-LVTP-5	
	3-LVTP-5 CMD	
	1-LVTR-1	
2 <sup>ND</sup> PLT CO B	3-LVTP-5	CAM LO
4 <sup>TH</sup> PLT CO B	3-LVTP-5	CANTHIAN
DET CO B	11-LVTP-5	QUANG TRI
(COF 2 <sup>ND</sup> BN 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	1-LVTR-CMD	4-166
3 <sup>RD</sup> ENGR BN		PHU BAI 34-556
HVS CO (-)		
ENGR SAT CO		
CO A (REIN)		DONG HA
CO B (REIN)		CAMP EVANS
CO C (-) (REIN)		DONG HA

3 <sup>rd</sup> SP BN	PHU BAI	24-374
H+ S CO (-)		
CO B (-)(REIN)		
2 <sup>nd</sup> PLT CO B (REIN)	QUANG TRI	
1 <sup>st</sup> PLT CO B 1 <sup>st</sup> ANTRAC BN		
CO C (REIN)	DONG HA	
CO A (-)(REIN)	CAMPEVANS	
4 <sup>th</sup> MAR (-)(REIN)	CAMPEVANS	
HQ CO (-)		21-190
18 <sup>th</sup> PLT 29 <sup>th</sup> CA CO (USA)		1-5
DET HQ CO Hg BN 3 <sup>rd</sup> MAR DIV (Post Off. AX)		0-4
DET COMM CO HQ BN 3 <sup>rd</sup> MAR DIV		0-3
1 <sup>st</sup> BN (-)(REIN) 9 <sup>th</sup> MAR		36-894
DET SCOUT/SNIPE PLT 4 <sup>th</sup> MAR		0-5
3 <sup>rd</sup> BN 26 <sup>th</sup> MAR (REIN)		43-1098
DET SCOUT/SNIPE PLT 4 <sup>th</sup> MAR		0-8
3 <sup>rd</sup> MT BN (-)(REIN)	PHU BAI	
H+ S CO (-)		11-69
DET H+ S CO	CAMPEVANS	0-14
DET H+ S CO	CAMP CARROLL	0-10
DET H+ S CO	CAM LO	0-9
DET H+ S CO	QUANG TRI	0-11

CO A		3-67
CO B (-)		3-51
2 <sup>nd</sup> ALT CO B	CAMP EVANS	1-16
DET 2 <sup>nd</sup> ALT CO @ 9 <sup>th</sup> MT BN		0-03
CO C		4-106
DET 2 <sup>nd</sup> ALT CO @ 9 <sup>th</sup> MT BN	PHU BINH	0-02
513 <sup>th</sup> TRANS CO (USA)		3-160
9 <sup>th</sup> MT BN (-)	DONG HA	21-344
HVS CO		
CO A		
CO B		
CO C		
TRANS CO		



3RD MED BN (-)(REIN)

PHU BAI

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HVS CO (-) ATTACHED M. H. S. T #2

CO A

CO B

CO C (-)

1ST CLEARING PLT (REIN) CO D 5TH MED BN

CO D (REIN)

DONG HA

12-57

3RD DENTAL CO

PHU BAI

3RD MAR (REIN)

HQ CO 3RD MAR

CAMP CARROLL

21-192

DET DIV COMM CO

D-06

DET 5TH COMM CO

C-03

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THON SON LAM 41-1012

HVS CO

CO I (-)

D-5

1 PLT CO I

KHE GIA BRIDGE

CO K

CAMP CARROLL

CO L

CA LU

CO M

THON SON LAM

9<sup>TH</sup> MAR

DONG HA

HQ CO

18-197

1<sup>ST</sup> BN 1<sup>ST</sup> MAR

HYS CO

A-4

10-138

CO A

A-4

5-177

CO B

A-4

5-213

CO C

A-4

3-142

CO D

A-4

5-222

3<sup>RD</sup> BN 3<sup>RD</sup> MAR

HYS CO

C-3

20-298

CO M

C-3

6-194

CO L

C-3 BRIDGE

1-155

CO I

A-3

1<sup>ST</sup> BN 4<sup>TH</sup> MAR

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HYS CO

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CO A

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CO B

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CO C

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CO D

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3<sup>RD</sup> BN 4<sup>TH</sup> MAR

HYS CO

C-2

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CO I

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CD K	C-2 BRIDGE	0-232
CD L	C-2 BRIDGE	6-210
CD M	C-2	7-214

2nd BN 9th MAR

DONG HA

HVS CO	<del>YD170729</del>	18-245
CD E	<del>YD170729</del>	5-188
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26<sup>th</sup> MAR (-) (REIN)

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SUB UNIT #1 HQ CO 26 <sup>th</sup> MAR		13-176
1ST PLT CO C 3 <sup>rd</sup> ENGR		1-12
DET 5 <sup>th</sup> COMM BN		0-03
DET 7 <sup>th</sup> COMM BN		0-03
DET DIV POSTAL		0-05
DET DIV PHOTO		0-02
DET DIV EXCHANGE		0-05
1ST BN 26 <sup>th</sup> MAR (REIN)		43-1174
DET 2ND PLT (-) CO A 3 <sup>rd</sup> S.P. BN		0-04
1ST BN (-) (REIN) 13 <sup>th</sup> MAR		
HQ BTRY 1ST BN 13 <sup>th</sup> MAR		17-146
BTRY A 1ST BN 13 <sup>th</sup> MAR	6-105 H(TD)	8-106
DET 1ST PROV 155 HOW BTRY	1-155 H(TD)	
DET 2ND PROV 155 HOW BTRY	1-155 H(TD)	
BTRY C 1ST BN 13 <sup>th</sup> MAR	6-105 H(TD)	3-102
DET 1ST SL BTRY 12 <sup>th</sup> MAR	3-20 SL	0-08
DET 1ST PROV 155 HOW BTRY	1-155 H(TD)	
DET 2ND PROV 155 HOW BTRY	1-155 H(TD)	
W BTRY 1ST BN 13 <sup>th</sup> MAR	6-4.2 MORT	3-65
CO B 3 <sup>rd</sup> RECON BN		5-112
CO A (-) 3 <sup>rd</sup> AT BN	10-M50A1	3-55
SUB UNIT #5 HQ BN 3 <sup>rd</sup> MARDIV		6-44
2ND PLT (-) CO A 3 <sup>rd</sup> S.P. BN		1-12

3 <sup>rd</sup> PLT CO B 3 <sup>rd</sup> TANK BN (5-M48A3)	1-20
2 <sup>nd</sup> CLR PLT CO C 3 <sup>rd</sup> MED BN	1-10
SECT BTRY G 65 <sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 2-M55	0-09
LT SECT BTRY A 1 <sup>st</sup> BN 44 <sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 2-M42	1-10
DET A-101 5 <sup>th</sup> S.F. GRP (USA)	3-12
DET H45 CO 3 <sup>rd</sup> MT BN	0-09
DET CO A 9 <sup>th</sup> MT BN	0-04
DET CO B 9 <sup>th</sup> MT BN	0-02

1 <sup>ST</sup> MAR (-)(REIN)	QUANG TRI	
HQ CO		22-282
2 <sup>ND</sup> BN 1 <sup>ST</sup> MAR		25-116
2 <sup>ND</sup> BN 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAR (-)		40-1083
CO A 1 <sup>ST</sup> AT BN	8-M50A3	3-40
CO H 1 <sup>ST</sup> ENGR BN		4-78
CO H 1 <sup>ST</sup> S.P. BN		2-51
CO B 1 <sup>ST</sup> MT BN		3-49
CO B 1 <sup>ST</sup> MED BN		0-11
DET RADIO RELAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> COMM BN		0-12
3 <sup>RD</sup> SUB TH 1 <sup>ST</sup> ITT FMFMC		0-03

1 <sup>ST</sup> MAR (-)(REIN)	DONG HA	
HQ BTRY		26-288
DET MC 10-1 (1-AU/MRG-10A) CAMP CARROLL		
DET MC 10-2 (1-AU/MRG-10A) C-2		
DET MC-4-1 (1-AU/MRG-4A) CON THIEU		
1 <sup>ST</sup> 8" HOW BTRY (-)(REIN) (1-8" M55SP) CAM LO		6-176
(1-8" M55SP)		
1 <sup>ST</sup> PLT 5 <sup>TH</sup> 155G BTRY (SP) (1-155G(SP))		
HQ BTRY 1 <sup>ST</sup> FAG	PHU BAI	16-82
1 <sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY HQ SECT	DONG HA	6-105
DET SEC 2 1 <sup>ST</sup> PLT 1 <sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY (1-20" SL)		

COMPOSITE ARTY BN 5-105H(SP) GIO LINH 16-342

BTRY A 1ST BN 40TH ARTY

PLT BTRY M 4TH BN 12TH MAR 2-155H(SP)

DET 1ST 8" HOW 1-8" 155(SP)

DET 5TH 155G BTRY 1-155G(SP)

3RD PLT CO A 3RD TANK BN 4-90MM TRS

250TH CMR DET(USA) 1-AN/MPG-4A

CO K 3RD BN 3RD MAR

SECT 1 2ND PLT 1ST SL BTRY 2-20" SL

DET SOUND PLT 2ND BN 26TH ARTY (USA) - 1-GRB

1-5TH FAGE(USA)

DONG HA

18-102

BTRY C 2ND TAB 26TH ARTY (USA)

DET RADAR PLT C/2/26(USA) 1-AN/MPG-10A

DET RADAR PLT C/2/26(USA) 1-AN/MPG-10A CONTHIEN

DET RADAR 8/26(USA) 1-AN/MPG-10A DONG HA

1ST BN (-) 40TH ARTY (USA)

40-533

HQ BTRY 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA)

DONG HA

SKC BTRY 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA)

DET BTRY A 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA) 1-105H(SP)

PLT BTRY B 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA) 2-105H(SP)

BTRY C(-) 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA) 4-105(SP) C-1

PLT BTRY C 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA) 2-105(SP) DONG HA

235<sup>th</sup> CMR DET (USA) 1-AN/MPG-4A  
 238<sup>th</sup> CMR DET (USA) 1-AN/MPG-4A  
 239<sup>th</sup> CMR DET (USA) 1-AN/MPG-4A  
 240<sup>th</sup> CMR DET (USA) 1-AN/MPG-4A

2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 38-477

HQ BTRY 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) CAMP CARROLL  
 SVC BTRY 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) DONG HA  
 BTRY A 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 4-175G(SP) CAMP CARROLL  
 BTRY B 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 4-175G(SP)  
 BTRY C 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 2-175G(SP)  
 PCT BTRY C 2<sup>nd</sup> BN 94<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 2-175G(SP)

8<sup>th</sup> BN (-) 4<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) DONG HA 32-401

HQ BTRY 8<sup>th</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA)  
 SVC BTRY 8<sup>th</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA)  
 BTRY A 8<sup>th</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 4-175G(SP)  
 BTRY C 8<sup>th</sup> BN 4<sup>th</sup> ARTY (USA) 4-175G(SP)

1<sup>st</sup> BN (-) 11<sup>th</sup> MAR QUANG TRI 31-421

HQ BTRY 1<sup>st</sup> BN 11<sup>th</sup> MAR  
 BTRY A 1<sup>st</sup> BN 11<sup>th</sup> MAR 6-105 (TD)  
 BTRY B 1<sup>st</sup> BN 11<sup>th</sup> MAR 6-105 (TD)  
 W BTRY 1<sup>st</sup> BN 11<sup>th</sup> MAR 6-4.2 MORT



1ST BN (-) (REIN) 12TH MAR

CAMP CARROLL 51-667

HQ 1ST BN 12TH MAR

BTRY C 1ST BN 12TH MAR

6-105 (TD)

BTRY B 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA) 4-105 (SP) THON SON LAM

BTRY I 3RD BN 12TH MAR

6-105 (TD)

CAMP CARROLL

BTRY K 4TH BN 12TH MAR

6-155 (SP)

W BTRY (-) 1ST BN 12TH MAR

2-107 HOWTAR

CA-24

SEC 2 2ND PLT 1ST SL BTRY

1-20" SL

CAMP CARROLL

2ND BN (-) (REIN) 12TH MAR

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HQ BTRY 2ND BN 12TH MAR

DONG HA

BTRY D 2ND BN 12TH MAR

6-105 (TD)

CAM LO

BTRY E 2ND BN 12TH MAR

6-105 (TD)

CON THIEU

BTRY F 2ND BN 12TH MAR

6-105 (TD)

C-2

BTRY H 1ST BN 12TH MAR

6-105 (TD)

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W BTRY 2ND BN 12TH MAR

6-4.2" MORT

CAM LO

W BTRY 3RD BN 12TH MAR

6-4.2" MORT

CON THIEU

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CAU VIET

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4-155A (SP)

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1LT BTRY K 4TH BN 13TH MAR

2-155A (SP)

DONG HA

BTRY M (-) 4TH BN 12TH MAR

4-155N (SP)

DET W BTRY 1ST BN 12TH MAR

3-4.2 MORT

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245 CMR DET (USA)

1-AN/MP9-4A

C-2

DET RADAR PLT

BTRY C 2<sup>ND</sup> BN 26<sup>TH</sup> ARTY (USA) 1-GRB/MPB-10A CAM LO 11-237

DET SEC 1 3<sup>RD</sup> PLT 1<sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY 1-20" SL CONTWIKEN

DET SEC 2 3<sup>RD</sup> PLT 1<sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY 1-20" SL C-2

DET SEC 3 1<sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY 1-20" SL C-2

DET SEC 1 3<sup>RD</sup> PLT 1<sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY 1-20" SL PHU VIET

DET SEC 3 2<sup>ND</sup> PLT 1<sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY 1-20" SL C-2

DET SOUND PLT 2<sup>ND</sup> BN 26<sup>TH</sup> ARTY (USA) 1-GRB

3<sup>RD</sup> BN (-XREIN) 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR

CAMP ELVAUS 34-523

HQ BTRY 3<sup>RD</sup> BN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR

BTRY G 3<sup>RD</sup> BN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR 6-105(TD)

BTRY H 3<sup>RD</sup> BN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR 6-105(TD)

1<sup>ST</sup> PROV 155 HOW BTRY (-) 4-155H(TD)

2<sup>ND</sup> PROV 155 HOW BTRY (-) 4-155H(TD)

DET SEC 2 3<sup>RD</sup> PLT 1<sup>ST</sup> SL BTRY 1-20" SL

4<sup>TH</sup> BN (-XREIN) 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR

PHU OAI 40-590

HQ BTRY 4<sup>TH</sup> BN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR

BTRY B 1<sup>ST</sup> BN 13<sup>TH</sup> MAR 6-105(TD)

BTRY L 4<sup>TH</sup> BN 12<sup>TH</sup> MAR 6-155H(SP)

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 BEACON POINT SUPPORTING ARMS (U)  
 A. CTG 79.4 010940Z SEP 67  
 1. REF A ADVISED THAT THE LANDING FORCE CS ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND  
 REQUESTED THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF  
 SUPPORTING ARMS BE PASSED TO THE COMMANDER LANDING FORCE.

PAGE TWO RUMFTJM 058 C O N F I D E N T I A L  
 2. EFFECTIVE 011300H RPT 011300H CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS IS  
 PASSED TO COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CG 79.4) MEND CLF IS AXEIGNED  
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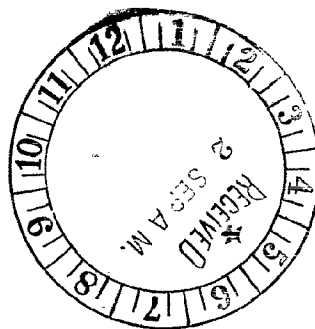
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BEACON POINT NGFS (U)

1. YOU ARE DETACHED EFFECTIVE 010300Z, REVERT TO NORMAL OPCON
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OPCON SLF ALPHA

A. COC THIRD MARDIV 010205Z SEPT 67 (S) NOTAL

1. REF A REPORTS RELIABLE INTELLIGENCE INDICATES POSSIBLE ENEMY  
ATTACK GIO LINH/CON THIEN AREA WITHIN 24 HRS.2. IF THREAT MATERIALIZES IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITY RESERVE FORCE  
WITH HELO LIFT CAPABILITY FOR REINFORCEMENT FWD OUTPOSTS CRITICAL.  
THEREFORE REQUEST OPCON SLF ALPHA BE PASSED TO CG III MAF EFFPAGE TWO RUMPMF 0016 **SECRET**

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3. IF APPD, CG III MAF PASSES OPCON SLF ALPHA TO CG 3RD MARDIV  
SAVE TIME.

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RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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TRANSFER OF FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION FUNCTION OPERATION BEACON POINT

1. THE LANDING FORCE IS ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND THE NECESSARY FACILITIES TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERALL COORDINATION ARE ESTABLISHED.)

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROL AND COORDINATION OF SUPPORTING ARMS BE PASSED TO THE COMMANDER LAND CF

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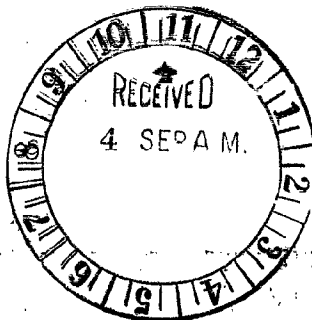
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BEACON POINT CHOP (U)

AWCOMSEVENTHFLT 24032Z AUG 67

B. CG III MAF 010456Z 6 SEP 67

1. AS PROVIDED FOR BY REF A AND PROPOSED BY REF B, CATF ECRZVS TO  
 PROPOSED TIME OF 011800Z 6 SEP CHOP (CHANGE OF OPCON) OF REQUIRED  
 ELEMENTS OF SLFI LFA TO CG III MAF.

2. UPON CHOP GT REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLFI ALFA TO CG III MAF, ARG  
 ALFA WILL REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

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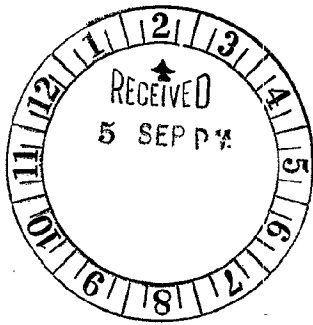
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TAN MY PORT CONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE  
PHU BAI  
HEADQUARTERS 3d MARINE DIVISION  
1000 5 September 1967

AGENDA

1. Briefing Officer: Capt S. J. WYNNE, CEC, USN  
Base Development Officer

2. Tan My Port

a. Port Design

1. Causeway Modification

(a) Estimated completion date 1 Nov 67

b. Construction Schedule

1. Dredging

2. First Increment Construction

(a) Commenced week of 28 Aug 67

3. Further Construction

(a) M8A1 matting for staging area

c. 32 NCR units engaged

1. 121st MCB

(a) Cantorment

2. 3d MCB

(a) Tank Farm

(b) POL lines

(c) Pier filling

## 3. Thon Thai Duong Ha

## a. POL Tank Farm

1. Use of steel bolted tanks - presently being staged to construction site 2-3000 bbl tanks, 4-10,000 bbl tanks, 1-1,000 bbl tank (initial increment)
2. Extent of initial construction
  - (a) Site preparation underway
3. Displacement of existing fuel cells
4. 4-6" POL lines  
1-6" Water line - 26,796 LF

## b. POL - Water Line Construction

1. Contractor Responsibility
  - (a) Seaload Lines
  - (b) Bay crossing lines
2. 3 MCB Responsibility
  - (a) Spit crossing

## c. Cantonment Construction

1. Siting
2. Size (est 550 men)
3. Well point - potable water source
4. Security
5. (a) Internal - NSA
  - (b) External - 3d MARDIV
6. Beneficial Occupancy Date
  - (a) Est. 1 Feb 68

## d. LOC Tan My to Hue

1. Assume the Col Co and Hue ramp site will continue in use for the foreseeable future.

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4. Discussion Items

- a. Confirmation of total forces to be supported? Navy? Marines?
- b. To what extent will 3d MARDIV fuel farm continue to be operated?
- c. When will NSA phase-in of personnel commence and in what order?
- d. What is USMC concept of their personnel phase-in?
- e. Will the presently planned assignment of personnel require additional real estate above that existant? If so, what is considered the best site?
- f. What does the 3d MARDIV envision for the use of Thon Thai Duong Ha R&E site?
- g. Planned construction schedules.
- h. Movement of present Marine Security Forces to accomodate construction schedules.

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- i. Occupancy on temporary basis of portion of facility by USMC forces to allow rapid disestablishment of present Marine camp and facilitate construction.
- j. Location of Marine Security Forces following completion of facility and occupancy of NSA Detachment.

5. Liaison

3d MARDIV

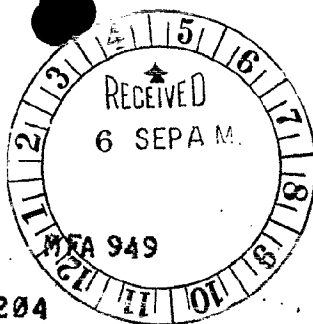
Base Development	- Capt S. J. WINNE	- Zion 860
Master Planning	- LtCol D. I. MATTHEWS	- Zion 865
Real Estate	- LtCol VOM ORDE	- Motley 132

NSA

Security	- LCdr J. SMITH
Operations	- Cdr JACKSON
Planning	- Cdr BARKER

COM 3NCB - Lt H. STANGEL (3d MARDIV Liaison)

COM 32 NCR



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COUNTY FAIRS

A. FORO 3121.3 OF 4 FEB 67

B. CG III MAF MESSAGE 262340Z JUN 67 NOTAL

1. REF A PROVIDES SOP FOR CONDUCT OF COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS.  
 COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING

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BUTED BY MAIL TO ALL EPA'S.

2. REF BREQUIRES COORDINATION WITH III MAF UNITS AND GVN IN

CONDUCT OF COUNTY FAIRS

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3. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF U.S. UNIT REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO  
 CONDUCT FAIR TO COORDINATE WITH APPROPRIATE SENIOR PROVINCE  
 ADVISOR IN ALL PHASES OF COUNTY FAIR OPERATIONS. SPECIAL EMP-  
 HASIS ON PSYOPS, PUBLIC HEALTH, CHIEU HOI AND PUBLIC SAFETY WILL  
 BE INCLUDED DURING PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF COUNTY FAIRS BY SPA  
 PERSONNEL.

4. IN ADDITION TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF (B), REQUESTS  
 TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIRS BY U.S. MILITARY UNITS WILL INCLUDE

STATEMENT THAT PLAN HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH APPROPRIATE SPA.

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INFO RUXFOR/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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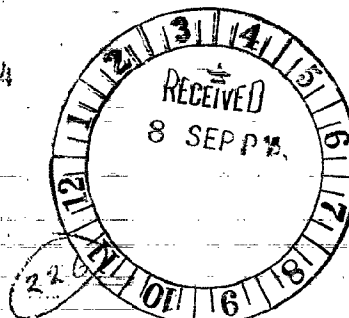
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG III MAF  
 THIRD MARDIV

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TASK ORGANIZATION/TECOP LIST

- A. III MAF FORCE ORDER 3121.10  
 B. CG THIRD MARDIV #515212 AUG 57  
 1. LAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

HQ BN (-) (REIN)

PHU BAI

HQ CO (-)

SERV CO (-)

COMM CO (-)

MP CO (-)

SUB UNIT #1 (-)

3D ITT

7TH ITT (-)

9TH IT (-)

1ST CIT (-)

1ST SSCT

17TH ITT (-)

11TH IT

1ST PLT 29TH CIVIL AFFAIRS CO (USA)

DET-HQ BN

DONG HA

SUB UNIT #2

DET MP CO

DET COMM CO

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15TH ITT

15TH CIT

DET COMM SPT CO(-) (REIN) 7TH COMM BN

7TH FLT 29TH CIVIL AFFAIRS CO (USA)

DET 9TH IT

DET HQ BN

DET HQ CO

DET SERV CO

DET HQ BN

DET 1ST CIT

DET 7TH ITT

DET COMM CO

DET 9TH IT

DET HQ BN

DET 7TH ITT

DET HQ BN

DET SUB UNIT #4

2ND BN, 26TH MAR3RD RECON BN (REIN)

H&amp;S CO

CO A

CO C

3RD FORCE RECON CO

CO D

3RD AT BN (-)

H&amp;S CO

CO A (REIN)

CO B (-)

DANANG

PHONG DIEM

CAMP CARROLL

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CAMP CARROLL

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CAMP EVANS

DET H&amp;S CO

CAMP VTP

DET ENGR SPT CO

DONG HA

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DET H&amp;S CO

DET ENGR SPT CO

3RD SP BN

GIA LE

H&amp;S CO (-)

CO B (REIN)

1ST PLT CO B 1ST AMTRAC BN

(10 LVTP-5)

COL CO

3RD PLT CO B 1ST AMTRAC BN

(10 LVTP-5)

(1 LVTP-5 CMD)

CO C (REIN)

DONG HA

CO A (-) (REIN)

1ST PLT (REIN)

COBI THAN TAN

2ND PLT (-)

KHE SANH

1TH MAR (-) (REIN)

PHONG DIEM

HQ CO (-)

2ND BN (REIN), 1TH MAR

1ST PLT CO G BLT 2/3

3RD PLT CO C 3RD MT BN

1ST BN, 1TH MAR (REIN)

NAM HAO

DET COMM PLT HQ CO (RR)

DET HQ CO (3 SHIPER TEAMS)

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H&amp;S CO (-)

CO A

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(8 M-54)

CO C (-) (REIN)

DET H&amp;S CO 9TH MT BN

(2 OFFERS)

DONG HA

9TH MT BN

H&amp;S CO

*DONG HA*

CO A

CO B (-)

CO C

TRANSPORT CO

3RD MED BN

PHU BAI

H&amp;S CO (-)

CO A

CO B

CO C (-)

1ST CLEARING FLT (REIN) CO D 5TH MED BN

CO D (REIN)

DONG HA

3D DENTAL CO (-)

PHU BAI

3RD MAR (REIN)

CAMP CARROLL

HQ CO

CO D 1ST BN 9TH MAR

BA LONG

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2ND BN (-), 9TH MAR

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3RD BN, 9TH MAR

CAM LO

CO I

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3RD BN, 14TH MAR

CON THLEN

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3RD BN (-), 26TH MAR

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26TH MAR (-) (REIN)

KHE SANH

SUB UNIT #1 HQ CO 26TH MAR

1ST FLT CO C 3RD BRIG BN

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DET DIV PHOTO

DET DIV POSTAL

DET DIV EXCHANGE

1ST BN, 26TH MAR (REIN)

DET 3RD SP BN

3RD BN, (-), 26TH MAR

1ST BN (-) (REIN), 13TH MAR

HQ BTRY

BTRY A

(6-105 HOW TD)

KHE SANH

BTRY C

(6-105 HOW TD)

COC HH

BTRY I (-) 3RD BN, 12TH MAR

(3-105 HOW TD)

DET BTRY W

(3-4.2)

DET 1ST PROV 155 HOW BTRY

(2-155 HOW TD)

DET 2ND PROV 155 HOW BTRY

(2-155 HOW TD)

DET 1ST SL BTRY 12TH MAR

(2-20" SL)

SUB UNIT #5 HQ BN

CO A (-) 3RD AT BN

(10-M5041)

CO B 3RD RECON BN

2ND CLEARING PLT CO C 3RD MED BN

DET A101 5TH S. F. GRP (USA)

LT SECT BTRY A 1ST BN ADA AW9SP) 44TH ARTY(USA)(2-M42)

SECT BTRY G 65TH ARTY (USA) (2-M55)

3RD PLT CO B 3RD TANK BN (5-M48A3)

2ND PT (-) CO A 3D SP BN

DET CO A 9TH MT BN

DET CO B 9TH MT BN

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**SECRET**12TH MAR (-) (REIN)

DONG HA

HQ BTRY

1ST 8" HOW BTRY (-) (REIN)

(5-8" HOW(SP))

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1ST PLT 5TH 155 GUN BTRY

(2-155G(SP))

1ST SEARCHLIGHT BTRY HQ SECT

(3-20" SL)

DONG HA

SECT 3 1ST PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20" SL)

SECT 3 2ND PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20" SL)

CAM LO

235TH CMR DET (USA)

(1-AN/TPQ-4A)

DONG HA

1ST BN, 12TH MAR (-) (REIN)

BTRY C 1ST BN 12TH MAR

(6-105 HOW(TD))

CAMP CARROLL

BTRY A 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (USA)

(6-105 HOW(SP))

THON SON LAM

W BTRY 3RD BN 12TH MAR

(6-4.2")

BA LONG

BTRY I (-) 3RD BN 12TH MAR

(3-105HOW(TD))

CAMP CARROLL

BTRY G 4TH BN 12TH MAR

(6-155 HOW(SP))

CAMP CARROLL

DET MC-4-1 CMR

(1-AN/TPQ-4A)

CAMP CARROLL

SECT 1 2ND PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20" SL)

CAMP CARROLL

2ND BN, 12TH MAR (-) (REIN)

HQ BTRY 2ND BN 12TH MAR

DONG HA

BTRY D

(6-105 HOW(TD))

CON THIEN

BTRY E

(6-105 HOW(TD))

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BTRY F

(6-105 HOW(TD))

W BTRY 1ST BN, 12TH MAR

(6-4.2")

CON THIEN

3D PLT ARMD AMPHIB CO

(6-LVTH-6)

CUA IET

DET 8TH TAB 26TH ARTY (USA)

(1-AN/MPQ-10)

DONG HA

BTRY K (-) 4TH BN, 13TH MAR

(4-155 HOW(SP))

SECT 1 1ST PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20" SL)

CON THIEN

SECT 3 3RD PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(1-2" SL)

CUA VIET

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3RD BN, 12TH MAR (-) (REIN)

HQ BTRY

CAMP EVANS

BTRY G

(6-105 HOW(TD))

NAM BSA

BTRY H

(6-105 HOW(TD))

CAMP EVANS

1ST PROV 155 HOW BTRY (-)

(4-155 HOW(TD))

2ND PROV 155 HOW BTRY (-)

(4-155 HOW (TD))

PLT BTRY L 14TH BN 12TH MAR

(2-155 HOW(SP))

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SECT 2, 3RD PLT, 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20<sup>th</sup> SL)

CAMP EVANS

14TH BN, 12TH MAR (-) (REIN)

PHU BAI

HQ BTRY

BTRY B 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

(6-105 HOW(TD))

BTRY L (-)

(2-155 GUN(SP))

1ST 155 GUN BTRY (-)

(5-155 GUN (SP))

SECT 1 3RD PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20<sup>th</sup> SL)

COMP ARTY BN

BTRY B 1ST BN 40TH ARTY (-) (USA)

(5-105 HOW(SP))

GIO LINH

PLT BTRY K 14TH BN 13TH MAR

(2-155 HOW(SP))

DET 1ST 8<sup>th</sup> HOW BTRY(1-8<sup>th</sup> HOW(SP))

CO F 2ND BN 9TH MAR

238TH CMR DET (USA)

(1-AN/MPQ4-A)

SECT 1 2ND PLT 1ST SL BTRY

(2-20<sup>th</sup> SL)

1ST BN, 40TH ARTY (USA)

DONG HA

HQ BTRY

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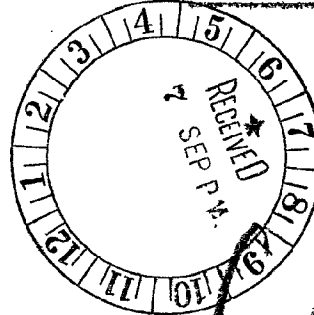
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TO: FOURTH MAR  
TWELFTH MAR  
SECOND BN TWENTY SIX MAR  
THIRD ENGR BN  
ELEVENTH ENGR BN  
INFO: THIRD MARDIV (LESS ACTION ADDRES)  
ADC THIRD MARDIV (DECB)  
CG III MAP  
CG FMAW  
CG FLC  
ELSG "A"



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TERMINATION OF OPERATION CUMBERLAND

A. MY 250401Z AUG 67

1. EXECUTE MY 250401Z AUG 67 COMMENCING PHASE OUT SCHEDULE NO LATER THAN  
10 SEPT AND COMPLETING EVACUATION NLT 15 SEPT.

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SEC G-3 PHONE SHOVE 203  
CWO 10

SECURITY 091205Z SEP 67

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG III MAF

INFO: FIRST AMTRAC BN  
TWELFTH MARINES  
THIRD RICON BN  
THIRD ENG BN  
DSCC FWD  
CG FIRST MAW

URGENT

JOINT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION ARG/SLF BRAVO (CTG 76.5/79.5)

1. CG III MAF 324000Z AUG 67

2. OF IS REQUESTED THAT ARG/SLF BRAVO (CTG 76.5/79.5) CONDUCT A SURFACE  
AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN THE COASTAL AREA OF THE DMZ COMMENCING ON  
12 SEP 67. SCHEDULE SHOWN IN REFERENCE (A) MAKES REQUESTED FORCE AVAILABLE  
TO THIS DIVISION DURING PERIOD 11-25 SEP 67.

3. INTELLIGENCE. THAT PORTION OF THE EASTERN DMZ BORDERED BY NATIONAL  
ROUTE #9, THE BEN HAI RIVER, THE GULF OF TONKIN COASTLINE, AND A SOUTHERN  
TRAIL EXTENDING FROM ROUGHLY GIO LINH OUTPOST TO THE BEACH, HAS BEEN THE  
THEATRE OF EXTENSIVE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN RECENT WEEKS. GIO LINH OUTPOST, CUA  
KHOA FACILITY AND DONG HA COMBAT BASE HAVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO ENEMY ARTILLERY,  
MORTAR AND ARTILLERY ATTACKS FROM THIS AREA. ELEMENTS OF THE 27CTM NVA  
REGIMENT ARE CONDUCTING AN AGGRESSIVE RECONNAISSANCE EFFORT AGAINST GIO LINH

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OUTPOST FROM Vantage points located in the region. VC main force units are reportedly supplied via infiltration routes extending south from the BEN HAI RIVER to the coastal lands of QUANG TRI PROVINCE below the CUA VIENT RIVER. THE GIO LINH VC LOCAL FORCE COMPANY AND THE K-400 LOCAL FORCE COMPANY ARE ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE POPULATED HAMLETS OF GIO LINH DISTRICT.

### 3. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

A. SLF "B" CONDUCTS SURFACE LANDED AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS ASHORE IN ORDER TO DESTROY ENEMY ROCKET CAPABILITY, FORCES, CACHES AND INFRASTRUCTURE LOCATED IN THE COASTAL AREA OF THE DMZ AND SOUTH.

B. FIRST AMTRAC BN WILL CONDUCT CONCURRENT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SLF "B" OPERATIONS BY ATTACKING NORTH FROM PRESENT POSITION ALONG THE CUA VIENT RIVER.

C. THIRD MARDIV COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ASSETS WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT AS REQUIRED AND APPROPRIATE.

### 4. AREAS OF OPERATION.

A. SLF "B": AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AREA (AOA) BOUNDED ON THE EAST BY THE GULF OF TONKIN, ON THE SOUTH BY GI(YD73), ON THE WEST BY ROUTE #1, AND ON THE NORTH BY THE BEN HAI RIVER.

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B. FIRST AMTRAC BN: NORMAL ZONE OF RESPONSIBILITY NORTH OF THE CUA  
VENT RIVER WITH NORTHERN LIMIT OF ADVANCE AT GL(YD73) AT THIS TIME.

C. BOUNDARY BETWEEN SIF "B" AND FIRST AMTRAC SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT  
PRIOR TO AND DURING OPERATIONS AS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE.

5. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. RECOMMENDED D-DAY 12 SEPTEMBER 67

B. H-HOUR TBA.

C. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION 5-6<sup>0</sup> DAYS.

6. REQUEST III MAF ADVISE PLANNING STAFF SIF "B" TO REPORT THIRD MARDIV  
ASAP TO PREPARE PLANS FOR PROPOSED OPERATION.

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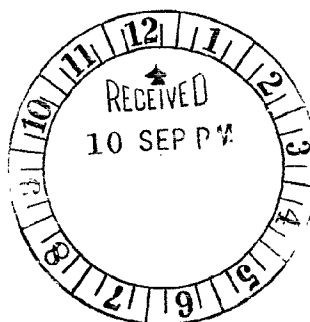
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ZNY SSSSS  
ZOC

RUMFCR ZON2 -T- TG SEVEN SCX PT FIVE  
COMUSMACV GUNLINE

P 091344Z SEP 67  
FM CTGSEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
TO AIGFOUR SIX ONE ✓ INFO 663<sup>rd</sup> DIV  
INFO RUMFCR/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
RMFTUP/CTU SEVEN SEVEN PT EIGHT PT ZERO  
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BEACON POINT TERMINATION (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-67

B. NWP 22B, ART 113

C. COMSEVENTHFLT 240838Z AUG 67

1. BACKLOAD COMPLETE 091915H5

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND B REQUEST TERMINATION OPERATION  
BEACON POINT 8 SEP 67.

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COUNTY FAIR

PRIORITY

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SEP 67

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG III MAF

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COUNTY FAIR

- A. FOR O 3121.3
- B. CG III MAF 262340Z JUN 67
- C. CG III MAF 051204Z SEP 67
- D. CG THIRD MARDIV 140003Z AUG 67
- E. CG III MAF 210640Z AUG 67

1. REF A, B AND C SET FORTH REQUIREMENTS FOR REQUESTING AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT COUNTY FAIRS. REF D RECOMMENDED COUNTY FAIR TO BE CONDUCTED IN AP KHUC LY. REF E APPROVED REF D FOR PLANNING.

2. IAW REF A, B AND C FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. TARGET AREA: A- KHUC LY (TA 522303).

B. PARTICIPATING UNITS: ~~B-60, 21ST AF, 1ST BATT, RF COMPANY~~ (100A THIRD PROVINCE) AND RF PLATOON (PHONG DIEN DISTRICT).

C. PLANS FOR PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THE AREA AFTER THE COUNTY FAIR OPERATION: ONE RF PLATOON (25 RF'S) WILL REMAIN IN HAMLET FOR ONE WEEK. UPON DEPARTURE PERIODIC SECURITY PATROLS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY RF AND USMC UNITS.

D. REASONS FOR SELECTING THE PARTICULAR HAMLET:

(1) THE HAMLET IS CONTIGUOUS TO AREAS UNDER GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

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(2) CURRENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATES EVIDENCE OF PERIODIC VC ACTIVITY WITHIN THE HAMLET.

(3) THE AREA IS CAPABLE OF BEING PHYSICALLY GORDONLY ONE TO PREVENT VC INFILTRATION.

(4) THE HAMLET WAS SELECTED IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE DISTRICT CHIEF.

3. THE PLAN FOR THIS COUNTY FAIR HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE SPA OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE.

4. IT IS PLANNED THAT THIS COUNTY FAIR WILL COMMENCE <sup>19</sup> 120030H SEP 67. *CS*

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OPN FORTRESS SENTRY

1. CG III MAF HAS RECOMMENDED TO COMSEVENTHFLT COMMITMENT ARC/SLF BRAVO (CTG 76.5779.5) IN AMPHIB OPN IN 3RD MARDIV AREA (BETWEEN CUA VIET AND DMZ) COMMENCING O/C 16 SEPT 67.
2. PENDING RECEIPT OF COMSEVENTHFLT REPLY AND TO EXPEDITE PLANNING REQUEST YOU ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH 3RD MARDIV AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE 14 SEPT 67.

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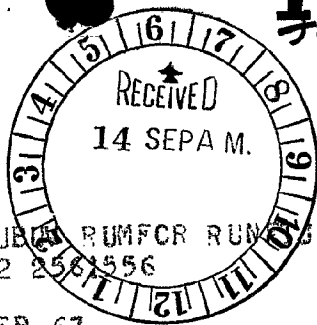
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B. COMSEVENTHFLT 131030Z SEP 67 (S)

C. COMSEVENTHFLT 101310Z SEP 67 (S)

D. III MAF 300400Z AUG 67

1. REF A, AS APPROVED BY REF B, REQUESTED ARG/SLF BRAVO (CG 76.5/79.5) BE MADE AVAIL AS III MAF RESERVE FOR OPN SWIFT.

2. INTELLIGENCE INDICATES ELEMENTS OF 270TH REGT/BDE (NVA) OPERATING IN AREA EAST OF HWAY ONE BETWEEN DMZ AND CUA VIET RIVER.

3. THIS HQ CONSIDERS ABOVE THREAT MUST BE ELIMINATED IN ORDER CONSTRUCT STRONG POINT/BN PATROL BASE IN AREA EAST OF HWY NR 1 BETWEEN DMZ AND CUA VIET AND RECOMMENDS THAT ARG/SLF BRAVO CONDUCT AMPHIB OPS FORTRESS SENTRY IAW REF C IN 3RD MARDIV AREA TO DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES IN ABOVE AREA.

4. PRESENT INTENT TO COMMENCE OPN O/A 16 SEP.

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Encl: (1) Base Area 101  
(2) Base Area 114  
(3) Base Area 512  
(4) Base Area 607  
(5) Base Area 610  
(6) Base Area 611  
(7) Intelligence Requirements

1. The Combined Intelligence Center, Vietnam (CICV) has recently published an update of an earlier special study: VC/NVA Logistical Bases and LOC (U). This new study provides information on VC/NVA Base Areas, enemy operational areas, major lines of communication and the enemy's logistical system. This letter disseminates pertinent extracts for planning base area denial operations and general information.

2. Enclosure (7) enumerates CICV intelligence requirements in the form of EEI's for operations conducted in VC/NVA Base Areas. Addressees are requested to submit replies when information becomes known.

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## BASE AREA 101

Location: I CTZ, Quang Tri - Thua Thien Provinces, YD 392370,  
YD 340312, YD 300287, YD 280290, YD 241392, YD 280440,  
YD 350464, YD 374410.

Terrain: The designated base area is located 10.5 kilometers southwest of Quang Tri city in hilly to mountainous terrain. Elevations range from 10 to 300 meters. The area is covered by dense, discontinuous, canopied, evergreen forest. A number of small streams as well as four large rivers service the area and provide an adequate year-round water supply.

Enemy Activity: Fourteen installations - 3 base camps, 5 general, 1 medical, 3 ordnance, 1 prison and 1 food. Special Agent Reports were heavy in March and remained heavy through June. Imagery interpretation detects 10 strong points and approximately 788 foxholes as well as new trail activity.

Summary: Low level agent reports, Special Agent Reports, and unit sightings indicate that this is an operational base for the 808th and 811th NVA Bns, subordinate to the 6th NVA Regt. The 5th NVA Regt, a newly formed unit, may deploy in this region. The 416th NVA Bn, a newly infiltrated unit subordinate to the 5th NVA Regt, may also deploy in this area.

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## BASE AREA 114 (RAO TRANG)

Locations: I CTZ, Thua Thien Province. YD 460136, YD 405190,  
YD 440245, YD 490245, YD 520220, YD 522200.

Terrain: The designated base area is located 20 kilometers due west of Hue in hilly to mountainous terrain. Generally, the area contains rounded valleys and lies on the leading edge of the mountains located only five kilometers from the coastal plain. The area has good sources of water. The Song Bo is navigable and could support logistical and operational movement. Vegetation is predominately evergreen forest, with brush and grass increasing at lower elevations.

Enemy Activity: The most significant development within the base area has been the greatly increased Special Agent Report activity. There were two unconfirmed Special Agent Reports received in November 1966, two unconfirmed in December 1966, two different confirmed Special Agent Reports and twenty-two unconfirmed in January and seven different confirmed and fifty-nine unconfirmed in February. Elements of the 6th Regiment have been reported in the area, as well as several unidentified companies and battalions.

Summary: The base area functions as a command center, probably for the northern sub-region headquarters. Line of sight communication from the mountain areas in the general vicinity of the base area is possible within a large area from Quang Tri to Da Buc. It is positioned along a national infiltration route reaching from the mountains to the coast.

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## BASE AREA 512

Location: Laotian - DMZ - NVN Border. XD 663752, XD 724683, XD 690658, XD 653673, XD 710760.

Terrain: This base area lies at the west corner of the DMZ at the Laos-Vietnam border. The terrain is extremely rugged, with intersecting multi-directional ridge systems and narrow valleys. Hill 995 (1001) is the prominent terrain feature in this base area. The Bang Haing River flows west across the southern portion of the base area, creating a flat, broad valley which widens as it continues past the southwest corner of the base area. The eastern part of the base area is composed of extremely rough terrain, the headwaters of the Ben Hai River, and presents a serious restriction to free movement, except along stream beds and existing trails. The base area contains the terminus of the motorable portion of route 103 with foot and cart trails continuing south and west.

Enemy Activity: There have been thirteen general storage areas reported within the delineated area. There were reported eleven bivouac areas, one commo-liaison station and eight way stations, seven secondary explosions and four troop sightings totaling one hundred twelve troops. This base area is reported to contain a large staging complex in the vicinity of XD 7477 consisting of underground shelters and surface structures. There have been numerous reported truck parks and trucks to the northwest of the base area.

Summary: The base area is a motor transshipment point and off-loading point for personnel and supplies prior to infiltration. Vehicles motor south down route 103, offload personnel and limited supplies, and return to the north. Personnel cross Hill 1001 and continue into the DMZ, stage, enter Laos, and finally infiltrate southward along the RVN-Laos border. Ho village is thought to be located within this base area in the vicinity of XD 7374, and is presumed to be a major way station for personnel infiltrating into RVN. Interrogation and ralliers reports indicate that it is in Ho village that all NVA marked equipment and uniforms are exchanged for unmarked equipment and uniforms used in the south. Infiltrating personnel usually layover here for several days to rest, organize, and receive medicine, food and ammunition for the remainder of the trek south.

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## BASE AREA 607

Location: Laos, YC 550710, YC 600760, YC 620730, YC 550740  
YC 600700, YC 480720.

Terrains: The base area is located at the headwaters of the Xe Ron River. It includes a series of rounded mountains and river valleys. The base area lies 12 kilometers southeast of A Shau, in a portion of Laos which juts into RVN. Route 923, which follows the Xe Ron River, runs from the intersection of routes 92 and 96 (north-south motorable infiltration routes) eastward to the vicinity of the base area. The delineated area lies astride the accepted personnel infiltration route. Vegetation consists of evergreen forest with some areas of grass in the valley.

Enemy activity: Nine installations are reported throughout the area -- two bases and seven food storage areas. Two way stations were also reported within the designated area.

Summary: This base area appears to have two basic missions: is primarily a transshipment point for logistical supplies supporting personnel infiltration moving along the RVN-Laos border; and it serves secondarily as a relatively secure storage area from which to resupply enemy bases in Thua Thien and Quang Nam Provinces in I CTZ. Little activity has been reported in or around the base area. In late February, infiltration was reported in the northern A Shau Valley. It is quite likely that these reported infiltrations received support from base area 607.

Enclosure (4)

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