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#3 Rpt 1 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Report of Task Organization
#4 Ltr 1 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Planning Guidance for Monsoon Season/Severe Storm
#5 Nte undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Notes on Locations & Sites
#6 Msg 010446Z III MAF DaNang Subj: ARG/SLF Scheduled 1st Quarter FY 69
#7 Msg 011406Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: BLT 2/26 Operations
#8 Msg 020019Z COMNAVFORV JP DaNang Subj: Base Camp 1/5 Mech
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#10 Msg 021050Z III MAF DaNang Subj: Monsoon Requirements for 1968 - 1969 Season
#11 Msg 021452Z III MAF DaNang Subj: Amphibious Training for BLT 2/26
#12 LTR 3 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Planning Guidance for Monsoon Season/Severe Storm
#13 Msg 030230Z COM 7th Fleet Subj: Amphibious Employment
#14 Msg 031231Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 08-02/1
#15 Mem 4 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: After Action Report on Rice Denial
#16 Rpt 4 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intelligence Estimate of Enemy Situation in the Khe Sanh Area
#17 Msg 040020Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Space & Facilities for 9th Marines Forward CP's during Monsoon
#18 Msg 041144Z III MAF DaNang Subj: Security for Dredging Operations Cua Viet/w Handwritten Note
#19 Msg 041330Z CO BLT 2/26 Subj: Report of AMTRAC Plt Leader on Operational Weaknesses
#20 Msg 041431Z CTC 79.4 Subj: BLT 2/26 AMTRAC Loading
#21 Msg 041458Z III MAF DaNang Subj: Amphibious Employment
#22 Msg 050402Z CG PCV PHE Subj: Suspected Misdirected Artillery
#23 Msg 050519Z 9th MAB Subj: Movement Order
#24 Msg 051350Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations: Khe Sanh Plateau & Lang Vei Area
#25 Msg 051358Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Amphibious Training BLT 2/26
#26 Msg 051501Z CTC 79.4 Subj: BLT Rotation
#27 Msg 051535Z CTC 76.4 Subj: UDT Operations
#28 Mem 6 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: 1st Endorsement & Memorandum, Subj: Conference on Civilian Traffic Using the Cua River
#29 Msg 6 Aug 68 CTC 79.4 Subj: Proposed Training Area
#30 Msg 060330Z 9th MAB Subj: Movement Order
#31 Msg 060724Z III MAF DaNang Subj: Dredge Security RVN
#32 Msg 060821Z CG PCV PHE Subj: Termination of Temporary Boundary Modification
#33 Msg 060830Z CTC 76.4 Subj: UDT Operations
#34 Msg 060859Z COMNAV SUPPACT DaNang Subj: BLT Rotation
#35 Msg 060905Z CTF 79 Subj: Movement Order
#36 Msg 061608Z CTC 79.4 Subj: Shipboard Indoctrination/Training for BLT 2/26
#37 Rpt 7 Aug 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Terrain Study of Scotland II Area of Operations
#38 Msg 070619Z CG PCV PHE Subj: Security for Dredging Operations on the Cua Viet River
#39 Msg 070620Z BLT 2/4 Subj: Movement Order
#40 Msg 071205Z BLT 2/26 Subj: OPSTATS
#41 Msg 071230Z BLT 2/26 Subj: BLT 2/26 Shore Fire Control Party
#42 Msg 071310Z CTF Clearwater Subj: INTSUM 30-68
#43 Msg 071512Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: BLT Rotation
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#45 Msg 080232Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Possible Misdirected Friendly Fire
 #46 Msg 080718Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Final Section of 2 of Operation Plan
 #47 Msg 081508Z III MAF DaNang Subj: SLF Alpha
 #48 Msg 081605Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Annex G to Operation Order 302-68
 #49 Msg 081606Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Status of Readiness
 #50 Msg 081607Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Amphibious Training BLT 2/26
 #51 Msg 081930Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Coordinating Instructions for BLT 2/26 LEX in
 Napoleon/Saline Area of Operations
 #52 Msg 081950Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: SLF Landing Exercise
 #53 Msg 090023Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Change 1 to Annex H of Operation Order 302-69
 #54 Msg 090310Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Change 2 Annex h to Operation Order 302-68
 #55 Msg 090440Z 9th MAB Subj: Disposition of BLT 2/4 & Activation of BLT 2/26
 #56 Msg 090800Z 9th MAB Subj: Status of LVTP5S
 #57 Msg 091300Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Amphibious Operations
 #58 Msg 091329Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Change to Operation Order 302-68
 #59 Msg 091334Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Frag Order 1-68 for Landex I
 #60 Msg 091635Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Change in AOA for Landex I
 #61 Msg 091732Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Employment of BLT 2/26 during the Period 10-31 Au
 #62 Rpt 10 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: I Corps Situation Report for the Period 4-10 Aug
 #63 Msg 100130Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Amphibious Operations
 #64 Msg 100636Z III MAF Subj: SLF Alpha
 #65 Msg 100729Z OICC RVN DIRCON North Subj: Security for Dredging Operations Cua
 Viet River
 #66 Msg 110440Z CTG 76.4 Subj: COMSEC on Violations of Communications Security
 #67 Msg 110754Z III MAF Subj: Concept for Amphibious Operations ARG/SLF
 #68 Msg 111113Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Amphibious Employment
 #69 Msg 111200Z COMUSMACV Subj: SLF Alpha
 #70 Msg 111201Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Back Load of BLT 2/26
 #71 Msg 111238Z CG FORLOGCMD Subj: Cua Viet Fuel Farm
 #72 Msg 111521H CTG 79.4 Subj: Back Load of BLT 2/26
 #73 Msg 120330Z III MAF Subj: BLT Rotation
 #74 Msg 120832Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: SLF Landing Exercise
 #75 Msg 120834Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Frag Order 2-68 Change #1 Ref A
 #76 Msg 120920Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Employment of BLT 2/26
 #77 Msg 121402Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Security for Dredging Operations on Cua Viet
 #78 Msg 121402Z CTF Clearwater Subj: Security for Dredging Operations on Cua Viet
 River
 #79 Msg 121521Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Movement Order
 #80 Msg 121630Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Contingency Operations in the Cua Viet Area
 #81 Msg 130720Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Denial Barrier Gravel Seeding in Scotland II
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 #82 Msg 130722Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Assumes & Passes OPCON
 #83 Msg 130705Z CTG 79.4 Subj: SLF Alpha Air Observer
 #84 Msg 131030Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Area for CTG79.4 to use for Training
 #85 Msg 131036Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Security for Dredging Operations on Cua Viet
 #86 Mem 131400H 3rd Mar Div Subj: Task Force Glick
 #87 Msg 132302Z 1st AMTRAC Bn Subj: Clearing Beach of Fishermen from Cua Viet to
 Base Camp C-4
 #88 Msg 141322Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations: Nui Tia Pong Area
 #89 Msg 141322Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations: Nui Tia Pong Area
 #90 Mem 15 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: Combined Operations North of the DMZ Involving a
 Marine Infantry Regiment, ARVN Forces & ARG/SLF
 #91 Brf 15 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: Action Brief on Operations in the Southern half
 of the DMZ
 #92 Msg 150246Z III MAF Subj: Forecast of Operations DMZ
 #93 Msg 151412Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Change 1 to CTG79.4 Frag Order 2-68
 #94 Msg 151640H Task Force Hotel Subj: 2 Questions on Message, Handwritten

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#95 Msg 151930H Task Force Hotel Subj: Assum & Pass OPCON
 #96 Msg 152355Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Employment of BLT 2/26
 #97 Brf 16 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: Action Brief on DMZ Raid
 #98 Msg 161445H Task Force Hotel Subj: Relinquishing all Additional Required Terrein
 in the Ba Long Area Handwritten Message
 #99 Msg 161750Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: DMZ Raid
 #100 Msg 162132Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Mission Assignment
 #101 Msg 170516Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: BLT Rotation
 #102 Msg 171034Z III MAF Subj: Amphibious Operations ICTZ
 #103 Msg 171310Z CTG 79.4 Subj: ITT & Interpreter Support
 #104 Msg 171335Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Special Operations NGFS
 #105 Msg 171352Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Amplifying Information for Amphibious Operations in
 Napoleon/Saline Area of Operations
 #106 Msg 171404Z COM 7th Fleet Subj: Amphibious Operations ICTZ
 #107 Msg 171407Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Frag Order 2-68 for Continuation of BLT 2/26
 Amphibious Training
 #108 Msg 171416Z COM 7th Fleet Subj: Initiating Directive
 #109 Msg 171530Z CTU 70.8.9 Subj: Special Operations NGFS
 #110 Msg 171535Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Special Operations
 #111 Msg 171735Z CTG 76.4 Subj: ARVN Representative
 #112 Msg 171750Z BLT 2/26 Subj: Relief of 2nd Bn/1st Marines
 #113 Msg 171818Z CTG 76.4 Subj: NOTAM Request
 #114 Msg 171905Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Annex H to CTG 76.4 Operation Order 304-69
 #115 Msg 171910Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Operation Proud Hunter
 #116 Mem 18 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: Short Range Employment for 2nd Bn/1st Marines
 #117 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Amphibious Operations in ICTZ
 #118 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Planning Guidance
 #119 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Employment of ARG/SLF
 #120 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operation: Kentucky North Operation
 #121 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operation: Kentucky North Operation
 #122 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations: Kentucky North Operation
 #123 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations: Kentucky North Operation
 #124 Msg undtd 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operation: Kentucky North Operation
 #125 Msg 180020Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Frag Order 3-68
 #126 Msg 180150Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Operation Proud Hunter
 #127 Msg 180310Z CTG 76.4 Subj: ARG Alpha Readiness SITREP #157
 #128 Msg 180440Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Operation Proud Hunter
 #129 Msg 180715Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Chop OPCON
 #130 Msg 180723Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Change 1 to CTG 76.4 Operation Order 304-69
 #131 Msg 181720Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON of Units Responsibility Napoleon/Saline
 Area of Operations
 #132 Msg 190140Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Warning Order
 #133 Msg 190815Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Operation Plan 19-68 (Alpena Beach)
 #134 Msg 191250Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Amphibious Operations
 #135 Msg 191335Z CTG 79.4 Subj: OPCON of Units in AOA
 #136 Msg 191540Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Operation Proud Hunter NGFS
 #137 Msg 192330Z 2nd Bn/4th Marines Subj: BLT Rotation
 #138 Msg 201400Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: DMZ Operation Up Date of Ref A
 #139 Msg 201540Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Operation Proud Hunter
 #140 Msg 201720Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Proud Hunter Withdrawal Frag Order
 #141 Msg 202340Z III MAF Subj: Operation Proud Hunter
 #142 Msg 210000Z CTG 76.5 Subj: ARG Bravo Readiness SITREP #43
 #143 Msg 210210Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Planning Conference
 #144 Msg 210518Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Forecast of Operation DMZ
 #145 Msg 210930Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Termination of Operation Proud Hunter

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#146 Msg 211430Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: Additional Information on 2/1 Activities in DMZ 19 Aug 68

#147 Msg 211542Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON & Area of Operations Responsibility

#148 Msg 211550Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: 3rd Mar Div Monsoon Posture

#149 Msg 211925Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: Arc Light Nominations for Multi-Battalion Operations in Section I of III Sections

#150 Rpt 22 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: Northeast Monsoon

#151 Msg 220140Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Boundary Change

#152 Msg 220141Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Extension of Cua Viet Perimeter

#153 Msg 220730Z CTF 79 Subj: Training SAR BLT 2/26 SFCP at Subic

#154 Msg 220732Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON & Area of Operations Responsibility

#155 Msg 222037Z CG XXIV Corps Subj: Request for SLF

#156 Msg 230352Z III MAF Subj: SFCP for BLT 2/26

#157 Msg 230532Z III MAF Subj: Employment of SLF Bravo

#158 Msg 230600Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: Intention to Conduct Operations in Scotland II Area of Operations

#159 Msg 231230Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Scotland/Trousdale Action

#160 Msg 231337Z CG XXIV Corps PNB Subj: Boundary Change

#161 Msg 231545Z CDR Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 08-24/1

#162 Msg 231954Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Request for ANGLICO Team

#163 Msg 232000Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Troop 1/9 Air Cavalry

#164 Msg 240030Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Area of Operations Responsibility

#165 Msg 240030H QTCB Base Defense Subj: Area Clearance Proposed Reconnaissance Area for QTCB Handwritten Message

#166 Msg 240220Z 4th Marines Subj: Notification of Mine Field

#167 Msg 240605Z 9th MAB Subj: SFCP for BLT 2/26

#168 Msg 240700Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Movement of Forces & Modification of Area of Operations Boundary

#169 Msg 241440Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Frag Order 58-68

#170 Msg 242143H Task Force Hotel Subj: Passof OPCON Modified Handwritten Message

#171 Msg 250436Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Ref A Planning for Amphibious Operations in ICTZ

#172 Msg 250710Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Boundary Change between 3rd Mar Div & 1st ARVN Regt

#173 Msg 25 1142Z CTG 79.4 Subj: OPSUM BLT 2/26 Recon/HRNG Napoleon/Saline Area of Operations

#174 Msg 251310H CTG 79.4 Subj: BLT 2/26 Operation Napoleon/Saline Area of Operation

#175 Msg 251430H SLF A BLT 2/26 Recon/Training Napoleon/Saline Area of Operations

#176 Msg 251631H Task Force Hotel Subj: Assumes & Passes OPCON

#177 Msg 260725Z CTG 79.4 Subj: OPSUM #2 for BLT 2/26 Recon/Training Napoleon/Saline Area of Operations

#178 Mem 27 Aug 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Note on Apply to Request for SLF A for Mai Loc

#179 Msg 270248Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Boundary Modification

#180 Msg 270502Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: FSB Pedro

#181 Msg 270750Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Request for Commitment SLF Alpha

#182 Msg 271317Z CG XXIV Corps PNB Subj: Commitment SLF Alpha

#183 Msg 271317Z CG XXIV Corps PNB Subj: Commitment of SLF Alpha

#184 Msg 271600Z COM 7th Fleet Subj: Amphibious Operations ICTZ

#185 Msg 271642Z COM 7th Fleet Subj: Employment of ARG/SLF Initiating Directive

#186 Msg 280343Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Annex D to CTG 79.4 Frag Order #1

#187 Msg 280358Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Operation Swift Pursuit

#188 Msg 280415Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Operation Swift Pursuit

#189 Msg 280800H QTED Subj: New Boundaries for QTED

#190 Msg 281022H Palladium Subj: Operations Swift Pursuit

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FM: CTG 76.4
TO: COMSEVENTHFLT
INFO: COMUSMACV
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CG III MAF
CG THIRD MARDIV
CG FIRST MAF
CTF 76
CTF 77
CTF 79
CTF 115
CTF CLEARWATER
CTG 76.5
CTG 79.4
CTG 115.1

Proposed

AMPLIFYING INFORMATION FOR OPERATION _____

- A. CG III MAF _____
B. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 201-68
C. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-68
D. CG III MAF 241030Z JUN 68
1. PURSUANT TO REF A CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THAT ARG/SLF ALFA

CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF THE QUANG TRI PROVINCE, RVN, DURING THE PERIOD OF 13-31 AUGUST 1968.

2. MISSION. COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY ARG/SLF ALFA CONDUCTS, IN COORDINATION WITH THIRD MARDIV FORCES, AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN THE AOA TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, FORTIFICATIONS AND MATERIAL IN THE AOA AND THEN WITHDRAW.

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3. PROPOSED CONCEPT OF OPERATION:

A. PHASING

(1) ^{Re} D-DAY. COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 13 AUG 68.

(2) D-DAY - AT DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED WHEN CONDITIONS LISTED IN PARA 3C(4) HAVE BEEN MET.

(3) OPERATIONS ASHORE. BETWEEN D-DAY AND W-DAY. APPROXIMATELY 5 DAYS.

(4) WITHDRAWAL. WHEN CONDITIONS LISTED IN PARA 3C(2) ARE MET.

(5) POST OPERATION ACTIVITIES. AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED BY REFERENCE D AND MODIFICATIONS THERETO.

B. SCHEME OF MANEUVER.

(1) PRE D-DAY. RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS AS MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TO CG 3RD MARDIV AND CATF WILL CHOP FROM CATF TO CG 3RD MARDIV TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING INTELLIGENCE IN THE AOA.

(2) D-DAY. PRE-PLANNED ON-CALL NGF, AIR STRIKES, AND ARTILLERY FIRES FROM THIRD MARDIV WILL BE USED AS NECESSARY. PRE-H-HOUR BEACH PREPARATION FIRES WILL BE PLANNED, BUT WILL ONLY BE USED IF NECESSARY. PRE-PLANNED ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE WILL BE USED FOR SUPPRESSING FIRES WITHIN THE AOA AND THE DMZ. COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY ARG/SLF ALFA WILL CONDUCT A COORDINATED ASSAULT BY SURFACE AND HELICOPTERBORNE FORCES, AND WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF ALL FRIENDLY FORCES IN THE AOA, IN ORDER TO COUNTER-ATTACK OR TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, MATERIAL, AND FORTIFICATIONS IN THE AOA.

(3) OPERATIONS ASHORE. THE LANDING FORCE WILL CONDUCT NECESSARY OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THE AOA, SUPPORTED BY ATF AND 3RD MARDIV. CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS WILL REMAIN AFLOAT.

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(4) WITHDRAWAL OPERATION. WHEN THE CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED IN PARA 3C(2) ARE MET, A COVERED WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/26 WILL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH NWP 22(B) AND CATF WILL CHOP REMAINING FRIENDLY FORCES IN THE AOA TO CG 3RD MARDIV. THE AOA WILL BE DISSOLVED AFTER THE WITHDRAWAL IS COMPLETED.

C. ^{CONDITIONS} ~~CONTINUOUS~~ FOR EXECUTION.

(1) AS STATED IN REF A AN ATTACK BY VC/NVA FORCES IS CONSIDERED IMMINENT WITHIN THE AOA. IN ORDER TO ASSIST 3RD MARDIV FORCES IN REPELLING THIS ATTACK, AND TO ACHIEVE SURPRISE, THE ATF WILL BE EMPLOYED IN A COUNTER-ATTACK ROLE OR TO EXPLOIT HARD TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE. D-DAY WILL BE ESTABLISHED WHEN THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS HAVE BEEN MET:

(A) SUFFICIENT INTELLIGENCE IS AVAILABLE TO INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY HAS LAUNCHED THE ANTICIPATED ATTACK.

(B) CG 3RD MARDIV AND CATF MUTUALLY AGREE THAT A TARGET OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE EXISTS WITHIN THE AOA TO WARRANT COMMITTING THE ATF.

(2) WHEN CG 3RD MARDIV AND CATF CONCUR THAT THE ENEMY FORCES IN THE AOA HAVE EITHER BEEN DEFEATED OR HAVE WITHDRAWN THE LANDING FORCE WILL MAKE A COVERED WITHDRAWAL, ELEMENTS OF 3RD MARDIV IN THE AOA WILL CHOP FROM CATF TO CG 3RD MARDIV, AND THE AOA WILL BE DISSOLVED.

D. POST OPERATIONS ACTIVITIES. ARG/SLF ALFA WILL MAINTAIN AVAILABILITY FOR SPECOPS WHILE CONTINUING TO PREPARE FOR THE SCHEDULED REHAB OF BLT 2/26 AND THE INTRA-THEATRE ROTATION OF HMM-362 AND HMM-363.

4. FORCES ASSIGNED

A. CATF - CTG 76.4. ~~CTF~~ - CTG 79.4. BOTH EMBARKED IN PRINCETON.

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B. TG 76.4 CONSISTING OF PRINCETON, DUBUQUE, POINT DEFIANCE, WASHOE COUNTY.

C. TG 79.4 CONSISTING OF SLF, BLT 2/24, HMM 362. EMBARKED IN SHIPS OF TG 76.4

5. FORCES REQUESTED

A. SUPPORTING ARMS:

- (1) FM COMUSMACV CAS ACFT CONSISTING OF _____
- (2) FM COMUSMACV FOUR UH-1E (G)
- (3) FM CTG 70.8 ONE CA, TWO 5"/38 DD.
- (4) FM CG 3RD MARDIV _____
- (5) FM COMUSMACV SMOKE LAYING ACFT.

B. AIR TRANSPORT

(1) FM COMUSMACV TWO UH-1E(S), FOR COMMAND AND LIAISON AND AIR OBSERVATIONS.

(2) _____ CH-46 AND _____ CH-53. FOR HEAVY LIFT REQMTS.

C. ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION SUPPORT

(1) FM CTG 115 PATROL CRAFT FOR CONTROL/SURVEILLANCE SEAWARD COAST OF AOA.

6. AOA

A. SEAWARD: A TWENTY-FIVE NAUTICAL MILE TRUNCATED ARC CENTERED AT YD 306740 BOUNDED TO THE NORTH BY GRID LINE YD 770 AND BOUNDED TO THE SOUTH BY A LINE PASSING THROUGH YD 335710 TO YD 343700 TO YD 363721 THEN ALONG A RADIAL BEARING 130°T.

B. LANDWARD: FROM A POINT ON THE BEACH AT YD 282771 SOUTHWEST ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ TO YD 265761 THENCE TO YD 267752 THENCE YD 269746 THENCE YD 278734 THENCE TO YD 225709 THENCE ALONG A LINE 500 M WEST AND FOLLOWING THE TRACE OF "JONES CREEK" TO YD 281672 THENCE NORTHEAST ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AT YD 335710.

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C. AIR

(1) SEAWARD AOA: SURFACE TO 20,000 FT COORDINATED WITH I CORPS
DASC.

(2) LANDWARD AOA: SURFACE TO 20,000 FT COORDINATED WITH I CORPS
DASC AND APPROACH CONTROL

(3) SAFE TRANSIT OF CIVIL ACFT TO BE PROVIDED BY NOTAM.

7. D-DAY AND H-HOUR CONTINGENT UPON CONDITIONS OF EXECUTION PARA 3.

8. AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED IAW NWP-22(B) AND COMSEVENTHFLT
OPLAN 201-68.

9. WITHDRAWAL AND TERMINATION IAW COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-65.

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From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, Provisional Corps Vietnam

Subj: Storm Contingency Plan (U)

Ref: (a) CG PCV msg 260915Z Jul 68

Encl: (1) CG 3d MarDiv ltr Planning Guidance for Monsoon
Season/Severe Storm w/encl (1)

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith as this Division's Storm Contingency Plan and monsoon season/severe storm planning guidance.

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From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, Provisional Corps, Vietnam

Subject: Task Organization; report of

Ref: (a) PCV-TOC msg 220730Z Apr68

1. In accordance with reference (a), the following report is submitted, personnel strengths included.

UNIT	STATION	STRENGTH
<u>Hq Bn (-) (Rein)</u>	Quang Tri	
HqCo (-)		146/648
ServCo (-)		4/150
MPCo (-)		4/83
Det, CommCo		0/27
Det, HqBn	Phu Bai	
Det, HqCo		4/8
Det, ServCo		1/32
Det, HqBn	Dong Ha	
Det, HqCo		47/94
Det, ServCo		15/146
Det, MPCo		1/32
CommCo		18/392
Det, HqBn	LZ STUD	
Det, HqCo		20/29
Det, CommCo		0/6
Det, HqBn	III MAF DNG	
Det, HqCo		4/60
Det, ServCo		0/2
Det, CommCo		0/6
Det, HqBn	NSA DNG	
Det, HqCo		0/12
Det, ServCo		0/2
Det, MPCo		0/3

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Det, HqCo		0/3
Det, CommCo		
Det, HqBn	Camp Carroll	0/4
Det, HqCo		0/6
Det, CommCo		
Det, HqBn	Rock Pile	0/3
Det, CommCo		
Det, HqBn	Okinawa	3/5
Det, HqCo		0/1
Det, ServCo		0/1
Det, MPCo		
Det, HqBn	26th Marines	2/10
Det, ServCo		
Det, HqBn	HQ 9th Marines	0/6
Det, CommCo		
Det, HqBn	Cam Lo	0/2
Det, HqCo		
Det, HqBn	Ca Lu	1/7
Det, CommCo		0/6
Det, MPCo		
Det, HqBn	Hue	0/2
Det, ServCo		0/1
Det, MPCo		
Det, HqBn	TF Hotel	0/3
Det, ServCo		0/1
Det, CommCo		
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Det HqBn	LZ Stud	0/6
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5th Prov 155 Gun Btry (2-8"SP) Ca Lu		2/35
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Hq Btry (1-SL-XENON)	LZ Pintail	0/2
(USA) (3-SL-AN/GSS-14)	LZ Stud	1/11
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Btry V/2/94 (USA) (3-175-SP) Ca Lu		5/75
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(4-M48A3)	Gua Viet	1/15
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 (Eight-M48A3)(TANKS)
 (Two-M67)(Flame Tanks)
 (Four-M55)(Dusters)

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Gio Linh

Det MC 10-3 (1-AN/MPQ 10-A)

C-2

Det MC 10-4 (1-AN/MPQ 10-A)

Camp Carroll

Det MC 25-1 (1-AN/TPS-25)

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(1-23" SLT) 1st Mar

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(1-23" SLT) CAC-3

Cam Lo

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Det Co C (13-M48A3)

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Det Co A (1st ACD) (1-M48A3)

Camp Evans

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Ca Lu

Det Co C (1st Mar) (4-M48A3)

Gua Viet

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Co D

Quang Tri

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Quang Tri

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Co E

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→ 1st Plt Co A 5th Recon Co

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3d Force Recon Co (-)

Dong Ha

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3d Shore Party Bn

Quang Tri

H&SCo (-)

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Co A (-) (Rein)

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Det H&SCo

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Det Co B

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1st Plt Co A

LZ Stud

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2d Plt Co A (26th Mar)

Cao Doi

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Det H&SCo

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Det Co A (1/3)

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Det H&SCo

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Det Co A (2/3)

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Det Co A (3/3)

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Det Co B (1/4)		0/9
Det H&SCo		0/3
Det Co B 3/4		0/15
Det H&SCo		0/5
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Det H&SCo		0/20
Det Co C 3/9		0/6
Det H&SCo		0/3
Det Co C	Camp Carroll	0/2
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 Danang 2/0

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 Dong Ha 0/7
 Camp Carroll 0/6
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 Rock Pile 0/2
 LZ Cates 0/2
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Ref: (a) CG III MAF msg 290716Z Jul 68 (NOTAL)
(b) Appendix 6 (Severe Weather Plan) to Annex Q
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1. The monsoon season in the 3d Marine Division Area of Responsibility occurs from October through February. During this season extremely heavy rainfall can be expected, and there will be periods of several days and sometimes weeks of continuous rain and flooding. All movement, whether by surface vehicles, air, or foot will be drastically restricted. Ceiling and visibility will limit helicopter operations to emergency missions much of the time. It will be virtually impossible to anticipate rare periods of reasonably good weather which may occur for a few hours at a time on a sporadic basis. The monsoon conditions vitally affect tactical operations.

2. As descriptively pointed out in reference (a) it is essential that 3d Marine Division organizations be aware of expected weather conditions and make plans accordingly to prepare for the monsoon/severe weather season. The contemplated force

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dispositions listed below and the general guidance based on experience during the past monsoon are provided for planning purposes.

3. Anticipated force dispositions during the monsoon season:

Napoleon/Saline and Kentucky AOs - 1 USA Infantry Brigade
Mechanized

Lancaster AO - 1 Infantry Regiment (3 Infantry Battalions)

Scotland II AO - 1 Infantry Regiment (3 Infantry Battalions)

Exploitation/Reaction Force - 1 Infantry Regiment (3 Infantry
Battalions)

Dong Ha Combat Base AO - Tenant Forces

Quang Tri Combat Base - Tenant Forces

Combat support, and combat service support units essentially as currently deployed. One or both SLF's may be available for operations of short duration at various times during the monsoon season.

4. Operational Considerations and Guidance

a. General. The effects of monsoon weather/severe weather on combat operations are so significant that they dominate virtually all aspects of both planning and operations. The successful accomplishment of a mission will depend upon detailed preparation of plans which are designed to accomplish missions under the most unfavorable weather conditions and to exploit short periods of advantageous weather.

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b. Primary Plans. Normally, primary operations plans will be based on courses of action which can accomplish the task in any weather. This precludes reliance on air support in any form. With limitations imposed by loss of aerial lifts, resupply, medevac, reconnaissance, and observation, the range and scope of the primary plan is reduced. The staying power of a deployed unit becomes an important consideration. The duration of an operation is calculated on the unit's ability to sustain itself without resupply, to care for and move casualties without ^{immediate} evacuation, and to accomplish its mission without reinforcement. Thus, plans for monsoon operations must allow for increased combat loads and provide for the combat power necessary to compensate for loss of flexibility.

c. Alternate Plans. More ambitious alternate plans must be prepared which will capitalize on the use of air support in the event weather conditions permit. Deploying units must be prepared to exploit the advantage of brief periods of good weather during any phase of the operation. In dense canopy or other unfavorable terrain the location and availability of helicopter landing zones become of vital concern. Deployed units may use possible LZ's for tactical objectives, maintaining their readiness to increase the range and scope of operations by keeping "one foot in an LZ" at all times.

d. Time - Space Factors. These considerations vary widely. For example, a movement to the objective area might be made in 15 minutes by helicopter in good weather, 5 hours by foot in marginal weather, and 24 hours by foot in bad weather when

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a circuitous route is required to avoid impassable terrain. Planners of operations down to small patrols must be constantly aware of the sudden and drastic changes in streams, rivers, watersheds, lakes, ditches, rice paddies and lowlands caused by the heavy rainfall of the Vietnamese monsoons.

5. Concept of Operations. All positions will be improved prior to start of the monsoon to provide for the best possible defense posture to protect base installations and artillery facilities. Detailed surveys should be made to identify potential problem areas and action initiated to "Monsoon/severe weather proof" bunkers, roads, ASPs, ~~gun~~ pads and landing zones. Aggressive patrolling will be conducted out to ranges which may be supported by ^{surface transport} ~~ground movement~~. Maximum use will be made of OP's and/or ground surveillance devices to maintain surveillance over routes of potential movement, and supporting arms (primarily artillery and TPQ air strikes) will be utilized to interdict such routes. Extensive reconnaissance operations will be conducted, by foot when necessary and by air when possible, to screen vital areas. Operations of up to battalion (Rein) size will be conducted by regiments in assigned areas to search for and destroy enemy forces and installations. Plans for such operations will be prepared in accordance with guidance outlined in paragraph 4 above. From time to time multi-battalion operations will be planned and directed by this headquarters or Task Force Hotel to exploit contacts or intelligence. SLF units may be employed in these operations. Collection of all possible information about enemy locations and activities will

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be emphasized at all levels. As practicable, rough rider convoys will traverse principal lines of communication to maintain open routes and assist in logistic efforts. Support will be provided to GVN headquarters and RD groups to improve their security and eliminate guerilla forces which threaten them. Throughout the monsoon season, every feasible means will be pursued to maintain the initiative and actively seek out and destroy NVA/VC units. Operations of the 3d Marine Division will be characterized by alertness, offensive action, and aggressive exploitation of every opportunity to engage the enemy.

6. Administrative/Logistic Considerations and Guidance ^{are} ~~is that~~ outlined in reference (b).

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B APPEARED TO SATISFY CONDITIGNS LISTED IN REF C.

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5. BASED ON INTERPRETATION OF CONDITIONS OF REF C AND
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6. IN VIEW REF H, CANCEL REF F. THE ENTRIES IN PARAGRAPH
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22 JULY - 12 AUG BLT OPCON THIRD RDIV, ARG IN SUPPORT

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV

TO: CG III MAF

INFO: ~~CGS COMNAV-3RD MAF~~ DEK~~CGS COMNAV-3RD MAF~~ DEK

CG NINTH MAB

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BLT 2/26 OPERATIONS

A. CG 3D MARDIV MSG 311330Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. RECENT ENEMY LOCATIONS AND TROOP MOVEMENTS IN AND SOUTH OF THE DMZ PRESENT A TANGIBLE THREAT TO 3D MARDIV FORCES IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE.

2. THE PRESENT POSTURE OF FORCES IS PRIMARILY ORIENTED TO THE NORTH AND WEST TOWARD WHAT PORTENDS TO BE THE MAIN THREAT. HOWEVER SUBSTANTIAL ENEMY FORCES, PRESENT IN THE EASTERN DMZ AREA ALONG THE COAST, POSE A THREAT TO THE CUA VIET/DONG HA AREA.

3. IN ORDER TO COUNTER A POTENTIAL INCURSION OF ENEMY FORCES INTO THE CUA VIET AREA A LANDING FORCE POSITIONED OFF THIS AREA WOULD BE IN AN IDEAL POSTURE TO EFFECTIVELY BLOCK OR COUNTER ATTACK SUCH A FORCE.

4. IN ORDER TO ATTAIN THIS POSTURE, AND IN CONSONANCE WITH MY PROPOSAL IN REF A. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BLT 2/26 BE LOADED ABOARD SLF-A ^{ALFA} SHIPPING IMMEDIATELY AND CONDUCT A PRACTICE LANDING(S) TO PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN AN ASSAULT LANDING IN THE CUA VIET AREA, IF THE ENEMY SITUATION SO DICTATES. POSSIBLY ANYTIME FROM 6 AUG ON.

5. DUE TO THE CONTINGENCY REQUIREMENT FOR SLF-A IT IS RECOGNIZED

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THAT BLT 2/26 SHOULD BE CHOPPED TO SLF-A ONCE EMBARKED.

ACCORDINGLY IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IF THE FOREGOING PROPOSAL
IS APPROVED THAT BLT 2/26 CHOP TO SLF-A FOR OPERATIONS UPON
EMBARKATION AND THAT BLT 2/4 CHOP TO 3D MARDIV.

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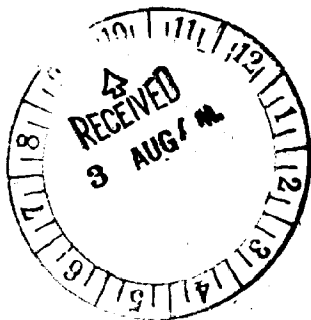
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BASE CAMP 1/5 MECH (U)

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C. CG THIRD MARDIV 301154Z JUL 68

D. NAVFACENL COM 181810Z SEP 67 NOTAL

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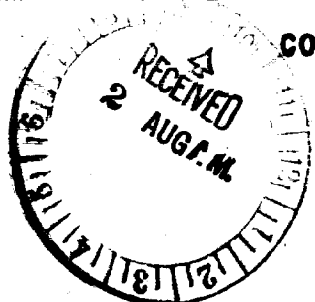
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TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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RUMHMA/CG FIRST MARDIV

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RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMHMA/TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

RUMHVP/SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

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BLT ROTATION (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 240712Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

B. FMFPACON001300.13A

C. CG NINTH MAB 190725Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. PARA 2 REF A REQUESTS THIS COMMAND PROVIDE DET, HQCO 26TH MARINES (RADIO RELAY), SFCP, AND FORCE RECON PLT FOR ASSIGNMENT TO BLT2/26.

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2. NINTH MAB HAS NO FORCE RECON ASSETS AS PER ENCLOSURE 4 OF REF

B. SFCP ASSETS ARE CURRENTLY IN SLF BLTS. SUPPLY RECORDS THIS HQ INDICATE HQCO 26TH MARINES (OPCON FIRST MARDIV) IS AUTHORIZED SIX AN/TRC-27. BLT 2/4 AND BLT 2/7 EACH HAVE TWO AN/TRC-27. BASED ON THE FOREGOING, NINTH MAB CANNOT PROVIDE FORCE RECON, SFCP, AND RADIO RELAY AS REQ IN REF A.

3. AS INDICATED REF C FOLLOWING UNITS ATTACHED TO BLT 2/4 WILL REMAIN IN PLACE FOR ATTACHMENT TO BLT 2/26 ON RELIEF OF BLT 2/4:

A. FIRST CLEARING PLAT (-) (REIN), CO D, 5TH MED BN, 9TH MAB

B. DET, 15TH HMDENTAL CO.

C. FIRST PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH AT BN, NINTH MAB.

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MONSOON REQUIREMENTS FOR 1968-69 SEASON

1. CG III MAF 170504Z JUL 68 (C)

2. BLT TWO SLANT FOUR 210046Z JUL 68 (C)

REF A PROVIDED A LISTING OF MONSOON MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR
 ALLOCATION TO YOUR CMD, AND REQUESTED CERTAIN INFO INCLUDING THE
 APPROPRIATE UNIT CODE TO BE USED BY THIS HQ TO DEVELOP THE COST
 CODE REQUIRED TO FORCE ISSUE MONSOON REQUIREMENTS. REF B REQUESTED
 INCREASES FOR FSN'S 0033-00-0226, 0083-000-0001, AND 8030-838-7789.
 REF B DID NOT FURNISH A COST CODE.

2. THE INCREASES REQUESTED BY REF B ARE APPROVED.

3. FURNISH UNIT CODE REQUESTED BY REF A ASAP.

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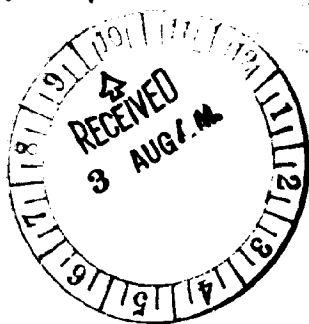
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AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING FOR BLT 2/26 (U)

1. THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT THE 320TH NVA DIVISION MAY AGAIN BE PREPARING TO MOVE SOUTH THROUGH THE DMZ IN THE DIRECTION OF CAMP CARROLL - DONG HA - CUA VIET. IF THIS OCCURS IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO HAVE AN AMPHIBIOUS FORCE PREPARED TO LAND ON THE FLANK OF THIS DIVISION. AT THE PRESENT TIME BLT 2/4 (SLF ALPHA) IS HEAVILY ENGAGED IN THE KHE SANH AREA AND CANNOT BE EASILY EXTRICATED WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE TACTICAL RISK AND LOSS OF MOMENTUM IN OPERATIONS AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THAT

AREA.

2. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, DESIRE TO CONDUCT ABOUT TWO DAYS AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING FOR BLT 2/26 IN ORDER TO PREPARE IT FOR POSS-

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IBLE COMMITMENT AS INDICATED IN PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE. BLT 2/26 WILL BE THE NEXT SLF ALPHA BLT AND IS SCHEDULED TO RELIEVE BLT 2/4 IN THIS ROLE ON 1 SEPT 68. DESIRE TO CONDUCT THIS TRAINING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, ON OR AFT 6 AUGUST 68.

3. FOR COMSEVENTHFLT - IF ABOVE MEETS WITH APPROVAL COMUSMACV AND COMSEVENTHFLT, REQUEST DIRECT LIAISON BE AUTHORIZED BETWEEN CG THIRD MAR DIV AND DESIGNATED AMPHIBIOUS COMMAND FOR PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THIS TRAINING.

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From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: Planning Guidance for Monsoon Season/Severe Storm

Ref: (a) CG 3dMarDiv ltr 3/LGA/gtp over 3010/1 Ser 03A21768
of 9 Aug 1967
(b) CG III MAF msg 290716ZJul68 (NOTAL)
(c) Appendix 6 (Severe Weather Plan) to Annex Q (Admin-
istration and Logistics) to LOI 1-67 dtd 8 Jul 68 (C)

1. Reference (a) is superseded and may be destroyed.
2. The monsoon season in the 3d Marine Division Area of Responsibility occurs from October through February. During this season extremely heavy rainfall can be expected, and there will be periods of several days and sometimes weeks of continuous rain and flooding. All movement, whether by surface vehicles, air, or foot will be drastically restricted. Ceiling and visibility will limit helicopter operations to emergency missions much of the time. It will be virtually impossible to anticipate rare periods of reasonably good weather which may occur for a few hours at a time on a sporadic basis. The monsoon conditions vitally affect tactical operations.
3. As descriptively pointed out in reference (b) it is essential that 3d Marine Division organizations be aware of expected weather conditions and make plans accordingly to prepare for the monsoon/severe weather season. The contemplated force dispositions listed below and the general guidance based on experience during the past monsoon are provided for planning purposes.
4. Anticipated force dispositions during the monsoon season:
 - Napoleon/Saline and Kentucky AO's - 1 USA Infantry Brigade
Mechanized
 - Lancaster AO - 1 Infantry Regiment (3 Infantry Battalions)
 - Scotland II AO - 1 Infantry Regiment (3 Infantry Battalions)
 - Exploitation/Reaction Force - 1 Infantry Regiment (3 Infantry
Battalions)

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Dong Ha Combat Base AO - Tenant Forces

Quang Tri Combat Base - Tenant Forces

Combat support, and combat service support units essentially as currently deployed. One or both 3LF's may be available for operations of short duration at various times during the monsoon season.

5. Operational Considerations and Guidance

a. General. The effects of monsoon weather/severe weather on combat operations are so significant that they dominate virtually all aspects of both planning and operations. The successful accomplishment of a mission will depend upon detailed preparation of plans which are designed to accomplish missions under the most unfavorable weather conditions and to exploit short periods of advantageous weather.

b. Primary Plans. Normally, primary operations plans will be based on courses of action which can accomplish the task in any weather. This precludes reliance on air support in any form. With limitations imposed by loss of aerial lifts, resupply, medevac, reconnaissance, and observation, the range and scope of the primary plan is reduced. The staying power of a deployed unit becomes an important consideration. The duration of an operation is calculated on the unit's ability to sustain itself without resupply, to care for and move casualties without immediate evacuation, and to accomplish its mission without reinforcement. Thus, plans for monsoon operations must allow for increased combat loads and provide for the combat power necessary to compensate for loss of flexibility.

c. Alternate Plans. More ambitious alternate plans must be prepared which will capitalize on the use of air support in the event weather conditions permit. Deploying units must be prepared to exploit the advantage of brief periods of good weather during any phase of the operation. In dense canopy or other unfavorable terrain the location and availability of helicopter landing zones become of vital concern. Deployed units may use possible LZ's for tactical objectives, maintaining their readiness to increase the range and scope of operations by keeping "one foot in an LZ" at all times.

d. Time - Space Factors. These considerations vary widely. For example, a movement to the objective area might be made in 15 minutes by helicopter in good weather, 5 hours by foot in marginal weather, and 24 hours by foot in bad weather when a circuitous route is required to avoid impassable terrain. Planners of operations down to small patrols must be constantly aware of the sudden and drastic changes in streams, rivers,

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watersheds, lakes, ditches, rice paddies and lowlands caused by the heavy rainfall of the Vietnamese monsoons.

6. Concept of Operations. All positions will be improved prior to start of the monsoon to provide for the best possible defense posture to protect base installations and artillery facilities. Detailed surveys should be made to identify potential problem areas and action initiated to "monsoon/severe weather proof" bunkers, roads, ASPs, gun pads and landing zones. Aggressive patrolling will be conducted out to ranges which may be supported by surface transport. Maximum use will be made of OP's and/or ground surveillance devices to maintain surveillance over routes of potential movement, and supporting arms (primarily artillery and TPQ air strikes) will be utilized to interdict such routes. Extensive reconnaissance operations will be conducted, by foot when necessary and by air when possible, to screen vital areas. Operations of up to battalion (Rein) size will be conducted by regiments in assigned areas to search for and destroy enemy forces and installations. Plans for such operations will be prepared in accordance with guidance outlined in paragraph 4 above. From time to time multi-battalion operations will be planned and directed by this headquarters or Task Force Hotel to exploit contacts or intelligence. SLF units may be employed in these operations. Collection of all possible information about enemy locations and activities will be emphasized at all times. As practicable, rough rider convoys will traverse principal lines of communication to maintain open routes and assist in logistic efforts. Support will be provided to GVN headquarters and RD groups to improve their security and eliminate guerrilla forces which threaten them. Throughout the monsoon season, every feasible means will be pursued to maintain the initiative and actively seek out and destroy NVA/VC units. Operations of the 3d Marine Division will be characterized by alertness, offensive action, and aggressive exploitation of every opportunity to engage the enemy.

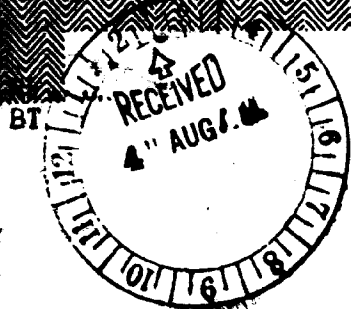
7. Administrative/Logistic Considerations and Guidance are outlined in reference (c).

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AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 0214521 AUG 1968

1. INVIEW OF IMMINENT THREAT POSED BY 320TH NVA DIVISION AND THE TACTICAL RISK OF EXTRICATING BLT 2/4 AS STATED REF A, CONCUR EARLIEST BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 (O/A 6 AUG) AS SLF ALFB BLT VICE BLT 2/4 TO COMMENCE RAPID AND INTENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING.

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THIS RECONSTITUTED AMPHIB FORCE TO BE PREPARED TO LAND AS REQUIRED TO COUNTER ENEMY OFFENSIVE OPNS WHICH MAY DEVELOP FROM THE VICINITY OF THE EASTERN DMZ.

2. CTG 104 AND CTG 79.4 DESIGNATED CATF AND CLF RESPECTIVELY FOR TRAINING, PLANNING AND EXECUTION IF REQUIRED. DIRLAUTH ALCON.

3. DO NOT CONSIDER THAT ABOVE PRECLUDES REQUIREMENT FOR SCHEDULED REEQUIP AND REHAB OF BLT 2/26 EARLIEST, AS TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS

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RUMHVM/1ST ARVN REGIMENT

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARINES

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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2. THIS CONTINUES RIF (A).

2. EOD ANALYSIS OF DEVICE INDICATES IT TO BE NON-QS MINE DETONATING DEVICE WHICH WAS NOT 746-GIGGED BUT DEFINITELY DESIGNED FOR THIS PURPOSE. DEVICE WAS DARK GREEN IN COLOR AND CONSISTED OF BALLOON ON TOP EMVLOSED BY WIRE CAGE, 2 VILMBER PRESSURE DIFFERENTIAL WITH BELLOWS LOCATZD IN CENTER PANEL AND DETONAORS. A NET WAS LOVATED ON BOTTOM OF DEVICE TO HOLD MINE. WHEN DEVICE LIFTED NET PARTED DUE TO DETERIORATION CAUSED BY LONG IMMERSION. (APPROX 3 MONTHS OR LONGER. HAN INNER TUBE WAS ALSO FOUND IN AREA THAT SHOWED SIGNS OF BEING IN WATER LONG PERIOD OF TIME.

3. SAME AS REF (A)

4. SAME AS REF (A)

5. NAVY EODE NADD SEARCH AREAS TO HIGH

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CLEARNEVE AT VP OF 2ND BN/1ST MARINES. WILL SEARCH FOR INERT MINE AS SOON AS THIS ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED.0

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4 August 1968

MEMORANDUM

For: ACoS, G-3

Subj: After Action Report on Rice Denial *File*

Encl: (1) 3d MarDiv COC Memo of 2 Aug 68
(2) G-5 input for subject report

1. Enclosure (1) was received by G-5 on 4 August 1968 and indicates that PCV Plans desires the subject report between 5-10 August 1968.
2. G-5 does not have the expertise or knowledge to prepare paragraphs 2, 3, 4a and 4b of the required report. Further, it is considered that Rice Denial Operations are under the primary cognizance of G-3 in coordination with G-5 as an interested staff section.
3. Therefore, it is requested that G-3 prepare this report for PCV Plans.
4. G-5 has compiled all available information of which it is aware on this subject and submits enclosure (2) as input for this report.
5. By copy of this Memo, ACoS, G-2 is informed that the subject report requires an input on intelligence matters.

Very Respectfully

R. B. Thompson

R. B. THOMPSON
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

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2 August 1968

From: COC
To: G-5

Subj: PCV Report of Rice Denial

The attached check was forwarded to 3d MarDiv from PCV to obtain an after action report for rice denial operations this past season. LtCol BERNARD, PCV, Plans Section Chief is project officer for PCV. Report due PCV during period 5-10 August. 3d MarDiv Liaison Officer to PCV hand carried to Dong Ha.

Respectfully

/s/ J. A. DONNELLY
Ass't Opns Officer

Enclosure (1)

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AFTER ACTION REPORT for RICE DENIAL

1. Compare the Quang Tri operation with the Thua Thien.
 - a. Was the committee worth while.
 - b. Harvest machines.
2. Plot NVA/VC rice caches.
 - a. Is there a pattern established? ✓
 - b. Identify route. ✓
 - c. Identify possible ambush site. *ambush possible so many?*
 - d. Conclusion.
3. Use of the free fire zone to stop the VC from harvesting the rice.
4. Benefits from the program.
 - a. Enemy losses.
 - b. Infrastructures.
 - c. Improved cooperation.
 - d. New techniques.
5. Recommendation: How can the program be improved?

Enclosure (1)

C-5 Input to After Action Report on Rice Denial:1. a. Was the committee worthwhile?

Comment: It was agreed by all members of the Quang Tri Province Combined Sub-Committee that the Committee was a very useful organization. It directly contributed to the successful rice denial operations during the rice harvest in Spring, 1968.

b. Harvest Machines

Comment: 3d MarDiv issued 50 rice threshers to farmers for the Spring rice harvest on a loan basis with option to purchase. Farmers were extremely satisfied with these machines and purchased 29 of the 50 threshers at 3,500 \$VN each. These machines are far superior to the water buffalo "trampling" method and reduce threshing time in half. Since the period immediately after threshing is the time when the NVA/VC attempt to confiscate the rice, the use of the threshers on a wide scale would disrupt the enemy's timetable. It would expedite the harvest and permit earlier movement of the rice to secure storage places. 3d MarDiv has ordered 100 machines for the Fall 1968 rice harvest to issue along with the 21 not purchased but returned from loan after Spring 68 harvest.

4. c. Improved cooperation.

Comment: The Committee was an excellent vehicle for 3d Mar Div staff officers to participate in joint planning and coordination with GVN and ARVN officials, U. S. CORDS officials and officers of other FWMAF commands. 3d MarDiv officers had an opportunity to witness the functioning of the Provincial and Sector staffs and to gain an insight into their planning process. Noteworthy in this regard were the preliminary joint planning meetings of 15 and 18 April 1968 at which the Province staff presented their plans.

4. d. New Techniques.

Comment: The Province staff utilized a rice storage receipt system for accountability of the rice in lieu of outright purchase. Rice in excess of specified household levels for a designated time frame was collected

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from the VN people and they were given receipts, redeemable as they required rice for family consumption at a later date. The rice was then moved to GVN secure storage warehouses. Since 13,076 tons of rice (or 75.5% of the total harvest of 17,306 tons in the Province) were moved to the warehouse, it is evident that this new technique was very effective.

5. Recommendations: How can the program be improved?

Comments:

a. That planning and coordination commence earlier to achieve maximum results. Planning for the Spring 68 rice denial began in mid-April for a harvest that began in late May. Planning must commence at least ten weeks, not six weeks, before the harvest begins.

b. That extensive psychological operations and information programs utilize every type of media available in order to inform the people of the reasons for and techniques of rice denial.

c. That procurement of a sufficient quantity of rice bags be initiated early as this was a major limiting factor in collecting the Spring 68 rice harvest until the last 2 weeks of the harvest.

d. That the need for more lead time in ARVN requests for logistical support (helos and trucks) from RVNAF units be stressed.

e. That the Sub Committee hold a preliminary meeting at least four weeks prior to the actual commencement of denial operations.

Khe Sanh *As of 04 Aug*
 Intelligence Estimate

1. The enemy situation in the Khe Sanh area is not entirely clear at this time due to lack of recent contacts and certain collection activities. However, the location of principal enemy forces and their intent can be estimated with relative accuracy. An NVA force of estimated battalion size has developed vicinity XD 8854 west of the Rock Pile *currently identified as a 2/c Bu* This *of the 52d Rgt, 370th Div.* force (vicinity XD8854) is positioned on a route leading to BA 101 *protrayed* on a map captured by the 1st Air Cav and disseminated to 3d Marine Division regiments by overlay *it's* harbor area may also include an LOC/supply *complex*. This grouping has been noted to increase in size; subsequently forces have exited this area to the south-east and very apparently been detected-later-infiltrating through the BaLong and DaKrong corridors. In addition, probable elements of the Van An rocket regiment are demonstratedly operating in this same vicinity to conduct continued rocket attacks against USMC units and fixed installations such as Thon Son Lam and La Stud.

2. To the West, dispersed vicinity XD 6744 along the Laotian border, an unidentified force was detected about 20 July 1968. This force was initially estimated to consist of a significant command and control element and unidentified combat or combat support elements. NVA forces in this location have continued to expand to estimated regimental size; this force may be associated with the 308th Division and

and supporting artillery elements. *11/10/68* The 88th and 102d regiments, 308th Division are currently unlocated. These regiments are estimated at operational strength following reported provision of replacements by the 304th Division prior to its total withdrawal from the Khe Sanh area. In the vicinity of the previous operational area of the 88th regiment (XD 8734) 308th Division, the 246th NVA regiment has apparently assumed its mission. Little is known of this unit other than as provided by two associated documents and one POW. Although the 246th is tentatively identified as an independent regiment it has previously been associated as an organic regiment of the NVA 338th Division.

3. Recent captured documents have revealed the possible presence of the 8th and 9th battalions, 29th Regiment. The place of capture, following contact, of these documents was in the vicinity of the original base area of the 8th battalion, 29th regiment which operated in the area for some time and was responsible for at least three ambushes on route 9 vicinity LZ Stud and Ca Lu during 1968. This unit may have participated in the TET Offensive attacks against Hue. In any event, *indications* ~~indications~~ are that at least the 8th battalion, 29th regiment (probably independent) may have reoccupied its previous base area for resumption of operations in the Scotland II AO.

4. NVA artillery units known to be in the Laos border area vicinity CO Roc ridge must relocate or enter SVN to engage

USMC installations at Ca Lu, LZ Stud and the Rock Pile.

From positions in Laos vicinity XD 9729 or just over the border in SVN, NVA arty of 122mm and 130mm can engage the foregoing positions from a "sanctuary" area. It ~~is not considered likely~~ ^{as possible} ~~that the enemy will introduce his modern tube artillery into~~ ^{could} ~~from Laos except to position it partially~~ ^{the Seelands AD} employing route 926. It should be noted that 130mm artillery positioned south of the Ben Bai River in the DMZ can effectively engage targets as far south as Ca Lu.

5. Currently, the enemy threat in the Khe Sanh area consists of an estimated two regiments and a battalion sized force.

In addition, at least the 88th and 102d Regiments of the 308th Division ^{are} ~~may~~ be in a position to influence the action in the area ^{probably} within 48 to 72 hours ^{of commencing movement}. All of these forces can be supported by artillery to 130mm previously known to be in the area, and possibly light armor such as the PT 76 tank and APCs. Organic and attached support includes 82mm and 120mm mortars, 102mm, 107mm, 122mm and 140mm rockets.

6. Probable enemy courses of action are as follows:

a. To conduct light, limited objective attacks, ambushes and attacks by fire - avoiding any decisive combat or engagement with significant forces until repositioning, regrouping and logistic preparations are complete about mid-August or early September.

b. In conjunction with related, but separate operations of the 320th Division and 7th Front forces (Quang Tri Liberation Front) launch concerted attacks to attempt to interdict

route 9, to fix USMC forces in place and to attempt to inflict maximum casualties and interrupt activity at Ca Lu, LZ Stud, and Thon Son Lam. Khe Sanh area forces may attempt to exploit any unforeseen opportunities such as the destruction of *Route 9* *and the interdiction* of route 9 and principal HLZs, etc.

c. In conjunction with separate, but related operations of 320th Division and 7th Front forces, increase "pressure" in the Khe Sanh area by attacks by fire, ground and sapper attacks over the August-November period in purely an attritive campaign.

d. Capabilities b and c above are designed to generate maximum political and propaganda advantage.

e. In relative probability of adoption, the NVA will probably continue CA I until mid-August or early September at which time CA 2 may be the opening move of the widely reported third general Offensive designed to attract untoward attention to the West away from principal coastal targets and objectives.

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A Major threat has developed in the central DMZ area with the completion of the westward redeployment of the 320th Division to its initial operating area. At this time the regiments of the 320th are deployed in an attack capable posture with apparently the 52d and 64th Regiments forward. The headquarters 320th Division is in a position to exercise close tactical control over maneuver units. Division operations can be supported by artillery ~~to~~ to 152mm caliber located in and north of the DMZ. From the vicinity of its current location the division launched an attack against Cam Lo(D) headquarters in early February and attempted to interdict route 9 in the Camp Carroll, Cam Lo areas. Visual Reconnaissance

The 48, 52d and 64th Infantry regiments are at operational strength following receipt of significant numbers of replacements since June, and regrouping. Locations of units and elements of the 320th are as stated in OOB Updates ~~and~~.
EPTD Div strength is 8000-9000.
~~Visual Reconnaissance~~

It is estimated that the 320th will reoccupy its initial harbor area in the vicinity of Mutters Ridge and Helo Valley refurbish bunkers and installations in this area and position supplies, units and personnel forward for large scale offensive activity in conjunction with NVA operations in the Khe Sanh area, the Eastern DMZ and those operations of 7th Front Forces.

The 320th is apparently moving to positions from which it can conduct operations against route 9, the Rockpile, Camp Carroll, Cam Lo(D) headquarters and Con Thien, which has been

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midely reported as an imminent target.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARINE DIV
 TO: CG 1ST MAF
 FIRST MDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
 THIRD MARINES
 FOURTH MARINES
 INFO: FIRST AMTRAC BN
 NINTH MARINES

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A. MY MSG 281516Z AUG 1968.

REF A REQUESTED SPACE AND FACILITIES FOR NINTH MARINES
 FORWARD CP'S DURING THE MONSOON. REPLY WAS REQUESTED 31 AUG
 PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TAKEN ASAP.

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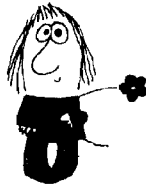
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anything from them, 2nd has
talked to dredge people

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FM CG PCV PHU BAI

TO RUMHMA/CG THIRD MAP DIV
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FM CG III MAP DCS

TO RUMHMA/CG PCV PHU BAI

P 212322Z JUL 68

FM OICG RVN-DINCON NORTH

TO CG III MAP DCS COURIER

INFO OICG RVN SGN

COMNAVFORV REP ONE (COURIER)

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CG PROV CORPS V

OIC NSAD CUA VIET

SUBJ: SECURITY FOR DREDGING OPERATIONS CUA VIET

1. WITH INCREASED DREDGING OPERATIONS STARTING AT CUA VIET
REQUEST SECURITY COVERAGE BE CHANGED TO PROVIDE NECESSARY
PROTECTION FOR FOLLOWING OPERATIONS:

A. DREDGE HUONG GIANG WILL GO FROM DAYLIGHT PUMPING TO 24 HOUR
PUMPING OPERATIONS IN PRESENT LOCATION (ABOUT HALFWAY DOWN CUA VIET
RIVER TO DONG HA) ABOUT 27 JULY. IT WILL WORK THERE ABOUT A
WEEK THEN PROCEED TO OTHER LOCATIONS NEAR DONG HA WORKING ON
24 HOUR BASIS FOR APPROX 2-4 WEEKS LONGER.

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B. THE QUARTERS BARGE WILL REMAIN IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION FOR
APPROX ONE MONTH TO HOUSE CREWS FOR HUONG GIANG AND SEABEE 1.

C. THE PIPE LINE DREDGE SEABEE 1 WILL ARRIVE IN CUA VIET ABOUT
2 AUGUST. IT WILL WORK ON OUTER CHANNEL ON 24 HOUR BASIS BUT
HAVE LAND AND FLOATING PIPE LINE CONNECTED TO NORTH SHORE.

D. THE HOPPER DREDGE SWELLMASTER WILL START 24 HOUR OPERATIONS
IN THE OUTER CUA VIET CHANNEL ON OR ABOUT 23 JULY. THE CREW LIVES
ABOARD.

E. IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE CREWS BETWEEN THE QUARTERS
BARGE, HALFWAY DOWN RIVER, BETWEEN SEABEE 1 AND HUONG GIANG
AT ABOUT 0700 AND 1900 DAILY.

2. REQUEST GENERAL AREA SECURITY BE PROVIDED FOR THE THREE AREAS
NOTED ABOVE, (1) CHANNEL, (2) QUARTERS, BARGE AND (3) HUONG GIANG
WORKS AREAS FOR 24 HOUR OPERATION. ALSO SECURITY FOR SEABEE 1
SHOULD INCLUDE PROTECTION AGAINST SWIMMERS AND ANY PERSONNEL
MOVEMENT OVER LAND AND FLOATING PIPE.

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CUA VIET. ADVISE ACTION TAKEN

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CAPT N. J. MAGNUSON, CEC, USN

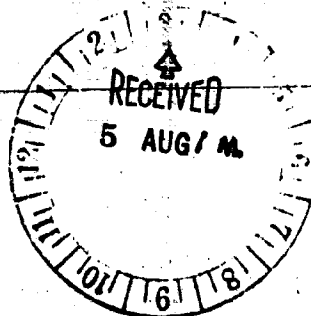
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FM: CG BLT 2/26

TO: CG 3RD MAR DIV

INFO: CG 1ST MAR

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1. AIRTRACK PLT LDR REPORTED THIS PM TO BLT 2/26 AS REQUESTED.
 2. FOLLOWING OPERATIONAL WEAKNESSES EXIST.
 - A. PLT HAS NO LIFE JACKETS FOR EMBARK TROOPS.
 - B. ONLY 6 OF 10 LV#5'S CONSIDERED SAFE TO CARRY TROOPS IN AMPHIB ASSAULT. OF REMAINDER 3 REQUIRE REPLACEMENTS OF ENGINES. 1 HAS BAD SUSPENSION.
 - C. PLT HAS NO CORPSMAN. RATES 1
 - D. PLT HAS NO MOS 2531. RATES 2.
 - E. PLT HAS NO MOS 2841. RATES 1.
 3. REQ ASSISTANCE.
- BT

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TO RUMHVP/FIRST AMTRAC BN
INFO ZEN/COMPHIBRON SEVEN
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A. YOUR 031435H

1. EARLIEST LOADOF BLT 2/26 AMTRACS IN DUBUQUE APPEARS TO BE 6
AUGUST. MAY BE DAYS LATER.2. MAY BOAT OR SWIM ABOARD. IF SWIMMING, ENTER BOAT-NET PRIMARY
36.3 ALTERNATE 56.90.

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 RUYEUAG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 INFO RUMUHFA/COMUSMACV SGN
 RUHHHQA/CINCPACFLT
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUYNBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC
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AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT (U)

REF (A) CG III MAF 021452Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)
 (B) COMUSMACV 2600 CTG 040714Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)
 (C) COMSEVENTHFLT 030230Z AUG 68
 (D) CG III MAF 041030Z JUNE 68.

1. REF (A) EXPRESSED DESIRE TO CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING FOR BLT

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2/26 IN ORDER TO PREPARE IT FOR POSSIBLE AMPHIBIOUS LANDING IN
 NORTHERN ICTZ. REF (B) CONCURRED AND AUTHORIZED DIRECT LIAISON, REF
 (A C) CONCURRED IN BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/26 FOR RAPID
 AND INTENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING AND PREPARATION FOR AMPHIBIOUS
 OPERATIONS.

2. FOR CG THIRD MARDIV - EMBARKATION OF BLT 2/26 FOR AMPHIBIOUS
 TRAINING IS AUTHORIZED. EFFECT DIRECT LIAISON WITH CTG 76.4 AND 79.4
 FOR TRAINING, PLANNING AND PREPARATION FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

3. FOR CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4 - REQUEST
 ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS WHEN IN THE JUDGEMENT OF ALL CONCERNED BLT
 2/26 IS ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO EXECUTE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATIONS.

4. THIS IN NO WAY MODIFIES THE REQUIREMENT TO PREPARE BLT 2/26 FOR
 REHAB CYCLE AS SCHEDULED IN REF D FOR PERIOD 1 - 21 SEPT 1968.

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 O 050402Z AUG 68
 FM CG CPV PHB
 TO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DGH
 INFO RUMLBPR/CTF CLEARWATER CVT
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SUBJ: SUSPECTED MISDIRECTED ARTILLERY (U)

REF: CTF CLEARWATER CONFIDENTIAL MSG DTG Z311331Z JUL 68

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1. (C) REQUEST INCIDENTW ENUMERATED ON THE REFERENCED MESSAGE BE INVESTIGATED TO DETERMINE IF FRIENDLY FIRES WERE MISDIRECTED.
2. (U) REQUEST A COPY OF THE FINAL REPORT OF INVESTIGATION BE PROVIDED CTF CLEARWATER AND THIS HEADQUARTERS

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O P 050519Z AUG 68

FM CG NINTH MAB
TO RUYEUAC/ CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
RUMHVP/ CG THIRD MARDIV
ZEN/ CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
INFO RUHHFMA/ CG FMFPAC
RUHQUL/ COM SEVENTHFLT
RUMUGRA/ CG III MAF
ZEN/ CG FMFPAC (FWD)
RUMFKRW/ CTF SEVEN SIX
RUHQUAC/ CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RUMLMFA/ DPI ONE SIX DANANG
ZEN/ DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER
RUABSR/ THIRD FSR
RUMHVP/ BLT TWO SLANT FOUR
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MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

A: CG III MAF 241030Z JUN 68

1. SITUATION

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A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES: CG THIRD MARDIV ORDERS BLT 2/26 TO ROTATE TO SLF ALFA.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: FIRST CLEARING FLT (-)
(REIM, CO A, 5TH MED BN, NINTH MAB; DETACHMENT 15TH DENTAL CO;
AND FIRST FLT (REIM) CO A, 5TH AT BN, NINTH MAB WILL NOT ROTATE
WITH BLT 2/4, BUT WILL BE DETACHED AND REMAIN WITH THE SLF FOR
ATTACHMENT TO BLT 2/26.

2. MISSION: THIS ROTATION CONSTITUTES NO CHANGE TO THE MISSIONS
ASSIGNED TO THE NINTH MAB

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT

(1) WHEN DIRECTED AUGUST 68 BLT 2/4 ROTATES TO THE THIRD MARDIV.

(2) CTG 79.4: WHEN DIRECTED AUGUST 68 OFFLOAD SUCH ELEMENT
OF BLT 2/4 THAT MAY BE ABOARD ARG SHIPPING. DIRLAUTH ALCON
TO DETERMINE EXACT TIME AND PLACE FOR SUCH OFFLOAD.

(3) CTG 79.1: WHEN DIRECTED AUGUST 68 PASS COMMAND LESS
OPCON OF BLT 2/4 LESS DETACHMENTS LISTED IN PARA 1. C. ABOVE TO
CG III MAF.

(4) THIS IS A ROUTINE I MAF ROTATION.

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- COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
- (1) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT.
 - (2) MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY CONCERNING MOVEMENT.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
- AWM ADMIN
- (1) SUBMIT MAIL ROUTING REQUEST IAW FMFPACO 2800.3D AND CG NINTH MAB MSG 250803Z MAY 67.
 - (2) ENSURE GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS, ID CARDS, ID TAGS, AND RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA ARE CURRENT AND CORRECT.
 - (3) ENSURE ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETED. BUMED INSTS 6230.1E AND 6230.1E REFER.
 - (4) BLT FILES WILL ROTATE. FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO NINTH MAB WILL BE RETURNED TO SLF.
 - (5) COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF NWIP 10-1 (B) SUPPLEMENT. ENSURE CG FMFPAC, COMSEVENTHFLTIN CG III MAF, CG THIRD MARDIV, CG NINTH MAB, CTG 76, CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.1 ARE INFO ADDRESSEES ON ALL MOVEMENTS AND CHOP MSGS.
 - (6) BLT 2/4 SUBMIT NECESSARY OPSTAT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER CHOP.
 - (7) SUBMISSION OF UNIT DIARIES WILL BE IAW FMFPACO 1080.4.
 - (8) CMD CHRON IAW BRIGADE 0 5750.1G. ENSURE REPORT OF MOVE

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IS INCLUDED.

(9) FOR CTG 79.4: DIRECT BLT 2/4 TO SUBMIT TO THIS HQS BY MSG UPON DETACHMENT AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK, SERNO, MOS, AND RTD, PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL. ROTATING WITH BLT 2/4. INFO CG FMFPAC AND CG THIRD MARDIV.

(10) FOR THIRD MARDIV: REQUEST AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK, SERNO, MOS AND RTD, PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL OF BLT 2/26 REFLECTING ON BOARD STRENGTH UPON DETACHMENT TO CTG 79.4. INFO CG FMFPAC.

B. LOGISTICS

(1) BLT 2/4 DESARK WITH T/E EQUIP, ORGANIC SUPPLIES AND B/A AMMO.

(2) FOLLOWING SUPPLY BLOCKS TO REMAIN ABOARD ARG/SLF SHIPPING:

- 15 DAY RATION BLOCK
- BLT CLOTHING BLOCK
- LSU BLOCK
- MEDICAL BLOCK
- LFORM BLOCK

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT.

PAGE 5 FIVE RUABQL 210R S E C R E T

A. FOR CTG 79.1: EFFECTIVE WHEN DIRECTED AUGUST 68 PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON OF BLT 2/4 TO CG III MAF. INFO CG THIRD MARDIV AND THIS HQS.

B. EFFECTIVE WHEN DIRECTED AUGUST 68 BLT 2/4 WILL REPORT TO CG III MAF FOR COMMAND.

C. FOR CTG 79.4: UPON CHOP OF BLT 2/26 TO CTG 79.4 DIRECT BLT 2/26 TO REPORT TO CTG 79.4 FOR COMMAND LESS OPCON. CTG 79.4 WILL RETAIN OPCON. INFO THIS HQS.

D. DIBLANTH ALCON

FOR CTG 79.4 AND CTG 79.1 TO KNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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PRIORITY/INFO ADDRES

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
INFO: CG III MAF
CG XXIV CORPS
CG FIRST ARVN DIV (COURIER)
CG FIRST MAU



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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: KHE SANH PLATEAU AND LANG VEI AREA

- A. THIRD MARDIV LOT 1-67 (NOTAL)
- B. THIRD MARDIV OP PLAN 21-68
- C. THIRD MARDIV ORD P2000.40 (COMM SOP)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF ENEMY FOOT AND MOTORIZED

ACTIVITIES IN THE KHE SANH PLATEAU AND LANG VEI AREA.

B. FRIENDLY.

- (1) TWO BN'S FROM 1ST ARVN DIV CONDUCT OPNS IN KHE SANH AREA IN CONJUNCTION WITH TASK FORCE HOTEL.
- (2) 7TH AF PROVIDES SUP. ORT AS REQUESTED.
- (3) 1ST MAU PROVIDES HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.

2. MISSION

TASK FORCE HOTEL CONDUCTS MULTI-BN OPERATION IN WESTERN SCOTLAND II AO IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH TWO ARVN BNS TO DETERMINE EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AND TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY THE ENEMY IN THE WESTERN SCOTLAND AO (KSCB, LANG VEI, HILLS 881N, 881S, 689, 861 AND 558).

A. CONCEPT. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT THIS OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN FOUR PHASES WEATHER PERMITTING:

PHASE I. ALL RECONNAISSANCE MEANS AND AGENCIES AVAILABLE WILL BE

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PHASE II. ESTABLISH FIRE BASES AS REQUIRED IN WESTERN SCOTLAND AREA TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS.

PHASE III. EXTENSIVE PREP FIRES WILL BE USED TO NEUTRALIZE ENEMY ARTILLERY, MORTARS AND ROCKETS. PARTICULAR EFFORTS WILL BE DIRECTED TOWARD NEUTRALIZATION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY FROM WITHIN LAOS.

PHASE IV. TWO BN'S OF THE FOURTH MAR CONDUCT A HELICOPTERBORNE ATTACK IN THE VICINITY KHE SANH PLATEAU AND LANG VEH TO FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS AND TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITIES IN THE KHE SANH AREA.

TWO BN'S OF 1ST ARVN DIV TO CONDUCT HELICOPTERBORNE ATTACK IN VICINITY OF HILLS 881N, 881S, 861 AND 558 TO FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES SUPPLY CACHES AND EQUIPMENT IN AREA.

B. TASK FORCE HOTEL

1. DEVELOP AND SUBMIT DETAILED PLAN FOR DESCRIBED OPERATION BY 9 SEPT.

C. 12 MARINES

1. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR ARTILLERY SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS.
2. ASSIST TF HOTEL IN PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING FIRE SUPPORT BASES IF REQUIRED.
3. ENSURE ARVN FORCES HAVE FIRE SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE AS NECESSARY.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. D-DAY: TBA ON OR ABOUT 12 SEPT.
2. DURATIONS OF OPNS: ABOUT SEVEN DAYS
3. AREA OF OPERATION: WESTERN SCOTLAND II AO
4. UTILIZE TO FULLEST DEGREE POSSIBLE EVERY INTELLIGENCE GATHERING MEANS TO PINPOINT ENEMY LOCATIONS.

PLAN EXTENSIVE USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS FROM THE KHE SANH

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6. PLAN EXTENSIVE USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS TO PREP LZ'S AND TO INTERDICT AO.
7. CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WILL BE EXERCISED WITH ARVN FORCES.
8. ALTERNATE PLANS FOR EXTRACTION OTHER THAN BY AIR WILL BE PLANNED.
9. DIR IN AUTH ALCON.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WILL BE FROM VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE IN THE PROVISIONS OF REF (A) AND (B).
5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS
 - A. SEE REF (C)
 - B. COORDINATE FREQUENCY PLAN WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CTG SEVENTY SIX PT FOUR
CTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR
BLT TWO SLANT TWENTY SIX
BLT TWO SLANT FOUR
INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
CG FLC
CTF SEVENTY SIX
CTF SEVENTY NINE
COMSEVENTHFLT

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AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING BLT 2/26

A. CG III MAF MSG 041458ZAUG68
B. COMSEVENTHFLT 030230ZAUG68

1. REF A AUTHORIZED THE EMBARKATION OF BLT 2/26 FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING.
2. REF B CONCURRED IN THE EARLIEST BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/26 (O/A 6AUG) AS SLF ALFA BLT VICE BLT 2/2 TO COMMENCE RAPID AND INTENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING. THIS RECONSTITUTED AMPHIB FORCE TO BE PREPARED TO LAND AS REQUIRED TO COUNTER ENEMY OFFENSIVE OPNS WHICH MAY DEVELOP FROM THE VICINITY OF THE EASTERN DMZ. CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4 WERE DESIGNATED AS (CATP AND CLP RESPECTIVELY FOR TRAINING, PLANNING AND EXECUTION IF REQUIRED. DIRLAUTH ALCON WAS GRANTED.
3. ACCORDINGLY, BLT 2/26 WILL COMMENCE BACKLOADING AS REQUIRED FOR AMPHIB TRAINING ABOARD ARG ALFA SHIPPING ON 6AUG68 BY LCM-8, LCU AND HELO AS APPROPRIATE FROM THE DONG HA RAMP AND QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE.

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A. EMBARKATION OF BLT 2/26.

B. SHIPBOARD INDOCTRINATION AND TRAINING.

C. CONDUCT OF A LANDING EXERCISE OF SUFFICIENT SCOPE

AND DURATION TO INCLUDE:

(1) DEBARKATION AND LANDING BY COMBINED HELO AND SURFACE MEANS OF SUFFICIENT BLT ASSETS TO EXERCISE SLF AND ARG STAFF, UNITS, AND SHIPPING.

(2) OPERATIONS ASHORE OF SUFFICIENT MAGNITUDE AND DURATION TO REQUIRE USE OF LIMITED LOGISTIC SUPPORT FROM THE SEA.

(3) PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF A COVERED AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL.

(4) THE AREA FOR THE LEX WILL BE ASSIGNED SEPARATELY BY THIS HQ.

(5) DURING THE LEX THE LANDING FORCE MUST BE PREPARED FOR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL IF THE TACTICAL SITUATION SO DEMANDS.

5. TIME PHASING FOR THIS TRAINING IS:

A. 6-7AUG - EMBARKATION

B. 8AUG - SHIPBOARD INDOCTRINATION AND TRAINING.

C. 9-10AUG - LEX

D. 11AUG - REHAB AT SEA AFTER LEX.

E. 12AUG - AVAILABLE FOR SPECOPS. (IF DESIGNATED ~~AS~~

SLF ALPHA BLT)

6. FOR BLT 2/26. REPORT TO CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4 INFO THIS HQ WHEN IN YOUR JUDGEMENT BLT 2/26 IS ADEQUATELY TRAINED FOR

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AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

7. FOR CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4. WHEN BLT 2/26 REPORTS AS DIRECTED IN PARA 6 AND WHEN IN YOUR JUDGEMENT THE ARG/SLF IS ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO EXECUTE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATIONS YOU ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT THIS TO CG III MAF IAW REF A, INFO THIS HQ.

8. FOR BLT 2/4. UNTIL PROPERLY RELIEVED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY BLT 2/4 CONTINUES AS THE SLF ALFA. ACCORDINGLY ALL ATTACHMENTS WILL BE KEPT IN A STATE OF READINESS TO PERMIT AN IMMEDIATE BACKLOAD IF SO DIRECTED. THIS INCLUDES THE LOG SUPT UNIT WHICH WILL BE OFF LOADED AT DNG APPROX 7AUG68.

9. UPON THE RECEIPT OF THE INFO REQUESTED BY PARA 7 IT IS THE INTENTION OF THIS HQ TO REQUEST CG III MAF TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO ASSIGN BLT 2/26 AS THE SLF ALFA BLT VICE BLT 2/4.

10. IAW REF A PREPARATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO PREPARE BLT 2/26 FOR THE REHAB CYCLE SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD 1-21 SEPT 1968.

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 O P 051501Z AUG 68

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G-3 W O.

G-2 W O.

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ACTION

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO RUMLEPA/CG FREEDOM
 RUYVSYB/COMNSA DANANG
 INFO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF DNG
 RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUYJSYB/CG NINTH MAF
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUYPSYG/BLT TWO SIX

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BLT ROTATION (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 20630Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 041458Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

REF A ACTIVATED BL 2/26 AS DESIGNATED RELIEF FOR BLT 2/4 WITH SLF
 ALFA 5 431 7 -75 94IZED EMBARKATION ON BLT 2/26 FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAIN-
 ING AND PREPARATION FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. BLTHJWXR LESS SELECTED
 ELEMENTS HAS DISPLACED ASHORE TO FACILITATE EMBARKATION OF BL 2/26
 FOR TRAINING. BLT 2/4 REMAINS GROUND ELEMENT OF 3 79.4 UNTIL CHOP.
 2. EMBARKATION OF BLT 2/26 LOG SUPPORT UNIT REQUIRES DEBARKATION OF

051501Z Aug

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BLT 2/4 LOG SUPPORT UNIT. TIME FOR EMBARKATION LIMITED TO 6-7 AUG 68.
 ACCORDINGLY INTEND USS DUBUQUE TO PROCEED TO DANANG MORNING OF 7 AUG
 8 TO DEBARK LSU BLT 2/4 AND EMBARK LSU BLT 2/26
 9. FOR CG FORLOGCOMD.

A. REQUEST STAGE LSU BL 2/26 AT RED BEACH CAUSEWAY BY 070730H
 10. REQUEST USE OF RED BEACH CAUSEWAY 0700-1200 7 AUG 68. IF NOT
 11. REQUEST DESIGNATE ALTERNATE SITE AND ADVISE ALCON.

B. FIVE LSU BLT 2/4 VEHICLES (M543, M107, LUBER, HPCU AND RTFL
 12. REQUEST PROVIDE FOUR LCM-8 TO SUPPORT DEBARK/EMBARK IN ORDER
 13. PERMIT FULL UTILIZATION OF ARG LANDING CRAFT FOR LOADING MAIN BODY
 14. BLT 2/26.

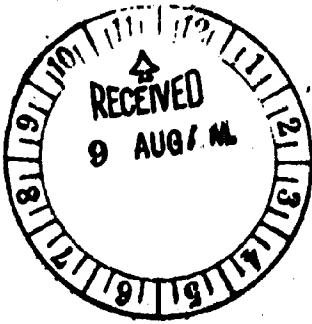
C. LSU BLT 2/4 REMAINS PART OF BLT 2/4 UNTIL CHOP. REQUEST ENSURE
 15. REQUEST USE OF RED BEACH CAUSEWAY 0700-1200 7 AUG 68. IF NOT
 16. REQUEST DESIGNATE ALTERNATE SITE AND ADVISE ALCON.
 17. REQUEST PROVIDE FOUR LCM-8 TO SUPPORT DEBARK/EMBARK IN ORDER
 18. PERMIT FULL UTILIZATION OF ARG LANDING CRAFT FOR LOADING MAIN BODY
 19. BLT 2/26.

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G-3 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

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DE RHYEHRN 381 2181652
 ZNY SEEN 380 RHYEHRN
 O 051535Z AUG 65

FM CIG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 TO RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF
 RUYPSYE/FIRST MAR REGT
 RUYPSYG/FIRST ANTRAC BN
 RUMNVHE/CIG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 RUYVSYB/CIG SEVEN SIX
 LEN/USF PT DEFIANCE
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 UDT OPS (U)

PT DEFIANCE KEEP FOR INFO. PASS TO OING UDT TWELVE DET ECHO FOR INFO.

1. (S) UNODIR ORIG WILL CONDUCT COVERT, NIGHT UDT SURVEY BTWN YD
 294755/2 AND YD 318727/8 BTWN 062000H AND 070300H FROM WATER
 LINE TO SEAWARD FOR 500 YDS.

2. (S) MAX OF 10 UDT PER'S WILL BE INSERTED AND RECOVERED BY MARKET
 TIME PCF. PCF MAY BE CONTACTED ON 37.5 MHZ, CALLSIGN ENFIELD
 COBRA ALFA.

3. (C) REQ APPROPRIATE FRIENDLY UNITS BE NOTIFIED AND BE PREPARED

051535Z AUG

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 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IF SWIMMERS ENGAGED BY ENEMY.

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Plans Officer

The info may be
useful in prep of
waterway control / river
control plans

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File: River Denial

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FIRST ENDORSEMENT on Capt RANDOLPH's Memo of 4 Aug 68

From: ACoS, G-5
To: ACoS, G-3

Subj: Conference on civilian traffic using the Cua River;
report on

1. Forwarded for information as requested by telecon of
Colonel KLUCKMAN, Ass't G-3, with LtCol THOMPSON of 2 Aug
1968.


R. B. THOMPSON

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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4 August 1968

MEMORANDUM

For: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5

Subj: Conference on civilian traffic using the Cua River;
report on

1. Meeting. The conference took place at 1030, 2 August 1968, in the Sector Headquarters briefing room. The following individuals attended: Colonel AM, Province Chief; Colonel THRASHER, Deputy Province Senior Advisor; Captain SPAW, USN, TASKFORCE CLEARWATER; Mr. BREWER, Province Senior Advisor, plus various officers representing interested or concerned commands. Captain H. W. RANDOLPH, G-5 represented 3d Marine Division.

2. Purpose. Two major subjects were discussed at the conference:

- a. Rice transportation by water.
- b. Review of 3 Km off-shore prohibited area.

3. Rice Transportation.

a. Subject. Plans for opening the Cua Viet River to specific civilian vessels, to permit the transportation of rice directly from Danang by water to Dong Ha and possibly Quang Tri City, were discussed.

b. Background. The Cua River is presently off-limits to all civilian boat traffic, with the exception of fishermen and ferry services. The U.S. Navy, with its Junk Fleet and other craft constantly patrolling, is in complete control of this waterway. The conference grew out of a suggestion by General LAM to Colonel AM for the opening of the river to rice shipments from Danang. The cost of transportation would be cut by about one-half using this method.

c. Discussion. Since all parties present agreed to the feasibility of the proposed plan soon after the meeting opened, most of the ensuing period was devoted to solving problems of a more or less technical nature.

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(1) Captain SHAW, USN, felt that an escort for such vessels, mostly in the 50-ton category, will not be necessary due to the pervasive U. S. Navy presence on the river. Identification of vessels at the river's mouth would suffice as a control measure. The vessels would be required to conform to the 1845-0700 curfew. Further, they would need a pilot familiar with the Cua to guide them through the river's channel, and in case of hazardous conditions, i.e. mine alerts, they would have to submit themselves to U. S. control.

(2) On Colonel AM's prompting, the possibility of transporting rice by boat all the way to Quang Tri City was explored. It was soon concluded that this is not feasible during the hot season, since the Thach Han's water level is not more than four feet during that time of year. Offloading into boats with a more shallow draft was touched on but dropped, presumably as being too costly and unwieldy. Use of the river during the monsoon season will have to await actual observation of the water level then.

(3) It was decided by the conferees not to use the Navy ramps at Dong Ha as a terminal facility for the rice vessels, since they are already congested with normal U. S. traffic. Instead, it was agreed to off-load at an adjacent site, from which waiting trucks will then carry the rice to its final destination.

(4) The effective date of the plan is 1 Aug 68. No shipments are planned for the immediate future. However, Colonel AM will notify the proper U. S. commands when the first vessel can be expected to depart Danang.

4. 3 km off-shore area.

a. Subject. A discussion of the 3km. off-limits area off-shore from Cua Viet to My Thuy was held.

b. Background. The area in question is a strip of water extending 3km from the shore and from Cua Viet to My Thuy. It is prohibited to all Vietnamese craft, including fishermen. As originally planned during or shortly after Tet this measure was to help quarantine the VC infested coast between the two above-mentioned points.

c. Discussion. Col. THRASHER and several others present felt that the prohibited zone is on its way to becoming a dead issue, difficult to enforce, and is working hardships on the fishermen along the coast by depriving them of choice fishing grounds.

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(1) As an alternative, the extension of government control into the area was proposed using two principal means--one, the concentration of the coastal population into two large centers manned by GVN troops and, two, the completion or reopening of roads to the coast to allow GVN troops easy access to the area in the event of enemy activity.

(2) The scope of the problem and the number of details to be worked out did not permit the participants in the discussion to reach any definite conclusion by the time the meeting adjourned. No course of action was recommended except to study the problem further.

Very Respectfully

H. W. RANDOLPH
Capt USMCR

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FROM: CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO: CG THIRD MAR DIV

INFO: CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

HMM THREE SIX TWO

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PROPOSED TRAINING AREA (U)

1. FOLLOWING AREA PROPOSED FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING OF BLT 2/26 ON 9-10 AUG 68:

FROM YD 359684 SOUTHWEST TO YD 329666, THENCE SOUTHEAST ALONG EAST BANK OF
STREAM TO YD 340640, THENCE SOUTHEAST TO YD 356627, THENCE SOUTHEAST TO

JH YD 356627, THENCE NORTHWEST ON ★ AZIMUTH 040 TO YD 369643, THENCE ALONG ITERMITS
TENT STREAM BED TO YD 385658.

2. ALL POPULATED AREAS WILL BE AVOIDED.

3. TG 79.4 REPS WILL VISIT YOUR CP APPROX 070830 AUG 68.

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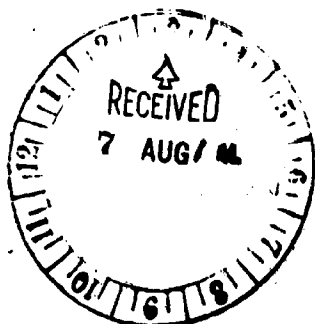
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 PP RUMHVP
 ZNY EEEEE
 PQTEZYUW RUABONA6673 2190300-EEEE--PUMHVP.
 DE RUABQL 263B 2190330
 ZNY EEEEE

P R 060330Z AUG 68

FM CG NINTH MAB
 TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
 INFO RUMHFWA/CG FMFPAC
 RUYNBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 ZEN/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 RUMFKRV/CT SEVEN SIX
 RUHGUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUMLMPA/DPI ONE SIX DANANG
 ZEN/DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER
 RUABSP/THIRD FSR
 RUEUAG/BLT TWO SLANT FOUR
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 MOVEMENT ORDER

A. CG NINTH MAB 0019Z AUG 68

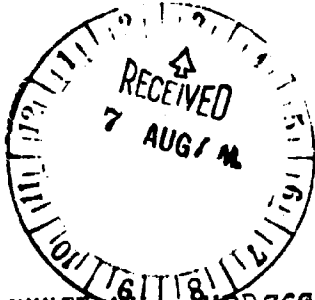
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 CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE TO REWD CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO.
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060330Z Aug 68

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G-2 W. C.

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ACTION 2

NNNTT 0118 VPB860 ZVA 87ITZCZCKCB915VV

LPP RUMHVP

ZNY CCCCC

PTTCZYUW RUMUGRA0685 2190724-CCCC--RUMHMA/RUMHMB RUMHMA

ZNY CCCCC

P 060724Z AUG 68

FM CG III MAF DNG RVN

LTO RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS V PHB RVN

INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DGH RVN

RUMHMB/CG ONE ZERO ONE ACD PHB RVNHT

P 051230Z AUG 68

FM COMUSMACV

TO OCC RVN SAIGON

CG III MAF DANANG

CG I FFV NHA TRANG

CG II FFV BIEN HOA

SA IV CTZ CAN THO

INFO CG USARV LONG BINH

COMNAVFORV SAIGON

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SUBJ: DREDGE SECURITY RVN (U)

REF: COMUSMACV MESSAGE DG 071040Z JUL 68 (C)

1. (C) REFERENCE ABOVE ADVISED CRITICAL NATURE OF US DREDGE ASSETS

C-3 Stance 03 060724Z Aug 68

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IN COUNTRY AND REQUESTED ALL REASONABLE MEJIS TO EFFECT POSITIVE
SECURITY FOR THESE VZYSLS.

2. (C) ON 28 JUL 68. THE 12' PIPELINE DREDGE THU BON WAS SUNK BY
ENEMY ACTION AT DONG TAM. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT
NO ACTIVE SECURITY MEASURES WERE INLZXPECT.

13. Q) ADDRESSEES ARE AGAIN ENJOINED TO THOROUGHLY REVIEW DREDGE
SECURITY MEASURES IN ORDER TO ASSURE THWT EFFECTIVE SECURITY
MEASURES ARE ENFORCED.

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RUYPSE

COMM CNTR

THIRD MARDIV

ZNY RHYEHRN 417 2190842

ZNY SSSSS ZYG RUYE

060830Z AUG 68

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 TO RUYPSE/CG THIRD MARDIV
 ZEN/USHPPOINT DEFIANCE
 RUMRVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 INFO RUYPSE/CG THIRD MAF
 RUYPSE/FIRST MARINE REGT
 RUYPSE/FIRST AMTRAC BN
 RUYSYB/CTF SEVEN SIX

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UDT OPS (C)

PT DEFIANCE TAKE FORAC; PASS TO UDT 12 DET ECHO FORAC

A. MY 051535Z AUG 68

1. (S) UDT SURVEY SKED FOR NIGHT 6-7 AUG IN REF (A) REQUESTED FOR 072100H TO 060300H. LOCATION AND COMMS REMAIN AS IN REF (A).
2. (S) FOR CTG 115.1: REQ PCF DOWN WITH PT DEFIANCE AT 16-56N 81-07-23E3 AT 072000H. PT DEFIANCE CAN SHOW DIMMED RUNNING LIGHTS TO FACILITATE RVN IF DESIRED.

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060830Z Aug 68



See 1st Mar msg
 080203Z Aug
 Apparently 1st Marine
 did not receive this
 msg in time.

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CP CHIEF

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00 RUYPSTG

ZNY CCCCC ZOV RHYEHRN

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VV YEAI14VV ZJYFGQWRH0407

00 RHYEHRN

ZNY CCCCC

OTTCZYUW KUMUFGA7415 219; 59-CCCC--RHYEHRN.

ZNY CCCCC

OP 060859Z AUG 68

FM COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG

TO RUEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

INFO RUMLEMPA/CG FORLOGCOMD

RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB

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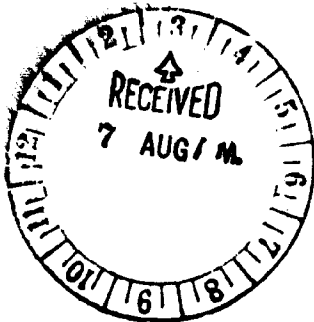
A. YOUR 051501Z AUG 68

1. RED BEACH CAUSEWAY AVAIL. REGRET LCM-8 CRAFT NOT AVAIL

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OP CHIEF	<i>[Signature]</i>
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THIRD MARDIV

**SHOVE OUT**

OP CHIEF

G-3 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

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ACTION

NNNNNVZCZCYP082ZVV YED362VV HKN273

00 RUYPSYG

ZNY SSSSS ZOV RHYEHRN

BEV11 YEA042VV FFC1871800

00 RUYEUAC

ZNY SSSSS

QTSZYUW RUABCMAS5964190000-SSSS--RUMFKRV RUYEUAC.

DE RUABQL 292B 2190905

ZNY SSSSS

O 060905Z AUG 68

FM CTF SEVEN NINE

TO RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUYNBUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

ZEN/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMLMPA/DPI ONE SIX DANANG

RUYEUAC/BLT TWO SLANT FOUR

RUABSK/THIRFOFORSEHVREGT

ZEN/DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER

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MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

A. COM SEVENTHFLT 030230Z AUGJVI

B. CTF SEVEN NINE 050519Z AUG68

060905Z AUG 68

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1. (S) REF A CONCURRED BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 AS SLF ALPHA BLT VICE BLT 2/4.

2. (S) EXECUTE REF B 6AUG68. RPT TIME OF EXECUTION.

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OP CHIEF	<i>[Signature]</i>
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ACTION	

085VV YEC850VV HRN274

PP RUYPsyG
 DE RHYEHRN 442 2191618
 ZNW 08000 ZPD ZYO RUYE
 P R 061608Z AUG 68

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO RUYPsyG/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX
 ZEN/HMM THREE SIX TWO
 INFO RUYPsyG/CG THIRD MAR DIV
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/USS PRINCETON

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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SHIPBOARD INDOCTRINATION/TRAINING FOR BLT 2/26

A. CTG 76.4 051443Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF KA) SET THE SHIPBOARD INDOCTRINATION/TRAINING SKED.
 2. THE FOLLOWING TRAINING IS SKED FOR 7-8 AUG ABOARD USS PRINCETON.

- A. SHIPBOARD ROUTINE
- B. SHIPBOARD EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
- C. HELO PROCEDURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS
- D. EN/DEPLANEING EVOLUTIONS

3. FOR BLT 2/26: ENSURE THAT APPROPRIATE TRNG IS CONDUCTED WITH
 EMPHASIS ON TRANSPORT MODE TO BE USED BY UNITS IN ANY FUTURE OPERATIONS

061608Z AUG C-3

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FOR BLT 2/26 PERSONNEL ON OTHER SHIPS. TRNG TO BE SKED IN COORD-
 INATION WITH EACH SHIP. DINKLAUTH ALCON.

4. FOR HMM 362: PROVIDE NECESSARY A/C AND CREWS FOR REQUIRED TRNG
 ABOARD USS PRINCETON.

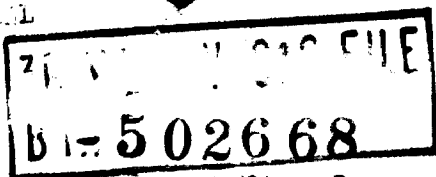
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DONG HA, QUANG TRI PROVINCE,
VIETNAM

Ser:

7 August 1968

TERRAIN STUDY OF SCOTLAND II AO

Ref: (a) 3d Mar Div 515 8-67 and 11-67
(b) Maps: Vietnam AMS Series L7014, 1:50,000 Sheets 6342 II, III
IV, LAOS AMS Series L7015, 1:50,000 Sheets 6341 I and IV.

incl: (1) Helicopter Landing Zones overlay
(2) Roads and Trails overlay
(3) Trafficability overlay

1. General. Boundaries of the study area are indicated on Enclosure (1). The heart of the study area is the Khe Sanh Valley, which is surrounded on all sides by mountains varying in elevation from 457 meters, Xam Cham at XD 8541, to 1739 meters at XD 8354.

2. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA.

a. Relief. The study area is mountainous and highly dissected by numerous perennial and intermittent streams. Khe Sanh Valley is located in the north central section. This valley is aligned on a northwest-southeast axis and joins the Quang Tri and Da Krong River Valleys at a common juncture at XD 9240. The Da Krong Valley runs in a meandering path toward the southeast and exits the study area at XD 9936. Relief is extremely rugged in the northern and eastern portions of the study area and progressively diminishes toward a rolling plateau with isolated areas of high relief in the southern corner of Vietnam. A sharply delineated scarp, which rises to an elevated tableland in LAOS, generally parallels the Vietnam border along the southwestern and southern boundaries of the study area. The majority of the slopes in the AO are generally between 40 and 60 percent and are often 100 percent. The only regions characterized by gentle slopes are the northern-southern entrance of the Khe Sanh Valley; the immediate area bordering Route 9 west of the former Combat Base, and elevated plains in the vicinity of XD 8420.

b. Drainage. Drainage runoff is into the MAO QUAN River which transports the entire Khe Sanh Valley drainage flow and exits the southeastern portion of the area at XD 9040. Drainage in the northeast is provided by the QUANG TRI River which flows into the Gulf of Tonkin. All other drainage flows into the X'e Pene River (XD 7833) which flows north and west on the VIETNAM-LAOS border before exiting the study area at XD 6937. The entire study area is interlaced with numerous perennial and intermittent streams. It is of significance that intermittent streams rapidly empty during dry periods. They retain water only for short periods immediately following rainfall.

c. Vegetation.

(1) Valleys are generally covered with elephant grass six to twelve feet in height and low brush. Small areas in the immediate vicinity of villages are utilized for rice and "Truck" crops. A rubber plantation is located in the southern portion of Khe Sanh Valley at XD 859395. A broad band of elephant grass crosses the study area from XD 6646 to XD 8630. In addition, bamboo thickets and dense jungle are prevalent in the southwest portion of the area.

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(2) Mountains are covered by dense broadleaf evergreen forestation with interspersed areas of pine and deciduous trees. Tree height increases with elevation. Heights average 75 to 90 feet with some ranging to 150 feet. Canopy is generally continuous with more than 25 percent of the ground covered by 2 to 4 layers of canopy. Trees have shallow roots. Trunks are commonly straight and average 0.3 meters in diameter, increasing somewhat in higher elevations. Trees are commonly 2 to 3 meters apart. In inaccessible areas of heavy canopy, the sun rarely reaches the forest floor. In formerly cleared areas of shifting cultivation subsequently abandoned, extremely dense undergrowth is encountered; spiny rattans, full bushes, vines and briars are interwound around trees or between bushes making penetration difficult.

d. Surface Materials.

(1) Soils consist of sand, silt and clay mixtures. Surface soils are silty sand, silt and clay. Deep deposits of clayey soils are found on the broad alluvium plains of the river valleys. The soil is generally suited as fill.

(2) Rock. Base materials consist of granite, slate and quartzite rock in the mountains. These bed materials underlie relatively shallow soils on the upper slopes, but are progressively buried deeper under alluvium (clay, silt, sand, gravel, or similar detrital material deposited by running water) deposits in basins. Exposed rock is evidenced on the upper slopes and in drainage defiles.

e. Cultural Features.

(1) Currently, the local population is small and widely dispersed. Indigenous personnel are predominantly MONTAGNARDS of the BRU tribe.

(2) Village-type rural hamlets are located along National Route 9. The majority of these hamlets indicated on current maps are either abandoned or destroyed. New life hamlets were previously located in the vicinity of the former Special Forces Camp at LANG VEI (XD 7943) and the former KHE SAM Combat Base (XD 840410).

3. Military Aspects of The Area.

a. Observation and Fields of Fire.

(1) Long range observation is poor throughout the area due to dense undergrowth and difficult highly dissected terrain; however personnel traversing Route 9 can be observed from many preselected vantage points. Short range observation is limited for the same reason.

(2) Fields of fire for flat trajectory weapons are seriously curtailed. High trajectory weapons have good fields of fire in the northern and eastern portions of the study area which decrease rapidly toward the mountains. Heavy canopy and steep slopes can be expected to impair the effects obtained by supporting arms against targets in mountainous terrain.

b. Cover and Concealment. Excellent cover and concealment throughout most of the area limits the effectiveness of friendly surveillance. Excellent cover and concealment provides both friendly and enemy forces with covered approaches to attack positions.

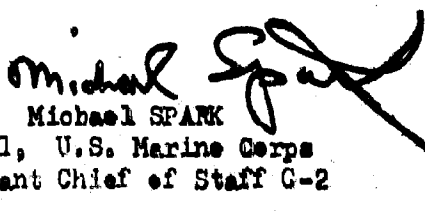
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c. Obstacles.

(1) Natural. Vegetation and relief in the area make it unsuitable for cross country movement by troops and vehicles except on existing roads, trails and natural corridors such as along streams and rivers.

4. Key Terrain.

- a. Hill 1739 at XD 831546
- b. Deng Pa Thien Hill 1371 at XD 814519
- c. Deng Tri Hill 1015 at XD 854454 (overlooking Khe Sanh)
- d. Hill 950 at XD 844456 (overlooking Khe Sanh)
- e. Hill 832 at XD 874447 (overlooking Khe Sanh)
- f. Hill 689 at XD 803409
- g. Hill 471 at XD 846394 (overlooking Khe Sanh)
- h. Hill 881S at XD 777438
- i. Hill 881N at XD 774458
- j. Hill 861 at XD 803443
- k. Hill 691 at XD 927443
- l. Hill 587 at XD 901359
- m. Hill 843 at XD 897328
- n. Hill 663 at XD 828321
- o. Hill 527 at XD 789383
- p. Hill 728 at XD 730416
- q. Hill 632 at XD 828483
- r. Hill 926 at XD 755489


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d. III MAF MSG DTG 0200022Z Aug 68 (NOTAL)						J41 J42	
THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS. PART I FOR ALL.						J43 J44	
1. (C) Ref a emphasized requirement for security along Cua Viet						J45 J46	
LOC during the dry season to ensure continuous dredging on this						J47 J48	
vital supply link in NICTZ. Ref b tasked CTF Clearwater to provide						J49 J50	
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and coordinate security to ensure uninterrupted dredging operations. Ref b also tasked CG, 3d Mar Div, to assist operations by securing specific locations along the bank of the Cua Viet River as requested by CTF Clearwater. Ref c informs all concerned that the dredging operation will be increased to a 24 hour work day and that an additional dredge will be used at Cua Viet. Ref d passed action on reference c to this headquarters.

PART II FOR CG, 3D MAR DIV AND CTF CLEARWATER.

2. (C) Request that you survey the additional security requirements in ref c to determine if additional assets will be required. Inform this headquarters as to results of the survey. DIRLAUTHALCON.

PART III FOR CG III MAF.

3. (C) If onboard security is deemed necessary for the quarters barge and dredges, recommend appropriate naval forces be tasked to provide the required military personnel.

4. (C) Water surveillance is being provided by CTF Clearwater, shoreline security is being provided by CG, 3d Mar Div.

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FM BLT TWO SLANT FOUR
 TO CG NINTH MAB
 INFO CTA SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
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 RECEIVED
 CG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 CG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 CG SEVENTH LT
 CG III MAB
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 CG SEVEN SIX
 CG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 DPI ONE SIX DANANG
 DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER
 THIRD FSR
 BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

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MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

A. CG NINTH MAB 050519Z AUG68

1. PARA 1 C OF REF A STATES CERTAIN UNITS WILL BE DETACHED FM THIS BLT AND REMAIN WITH THE SLF FOR ATTACHMENT TO BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX.

2. INFO RECD THIS HQS AT PLANNING CONF INDICATED 4TH PLAT CO B 1ST AMTRACBN WOULD BE REASSIGNED TO BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX UPON CHOP OF BLT TWO SLANT FOUR FM SLF ALPHA. UNIT NOT LISTED IN PARA 1 C OF REF A.

3. REQUEST ADMSG WHETHER 4TH PLT CO B 1ST AMTRAC BN WILL CHOP TO PARENT UNIT OR BE REASSIGNED TO BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX.

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UNIT: BTRY B 1ST BN, 15TH MAR

CRPER C-2/C-1 010001 SEP 68

CRSUP C-3/C-1 010001 SEP 68

CREQP C-2/-1 010001 SEP 68

CRING C-2/C-1 110001 AUG 68

MEQPT 105 HOW TD

MECAP CONV

MEPSD 006

MEORCO 006

UNIT: W BTRY 1ST BN, 12TH MAR

CRPER C-1

CRSUP C-1

CREQP C-2/C-1 010001 SEP 68

CRING C-2/C-1 110001 AUG 68

MEQPT M-50 MORTAR

TJ MECAP CONV

MEPSD 006

MEORCO 006

UNIT: PLT CO C, 3D MT BN

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CRSUP C-1

CREQP C-1

CRINCAWXC-1 110001 AUG 68

UNIT: HLT CO A, 5TH RECON BN

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CRSUP C-1

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67,6: PLT CO C, 3D ENGR BN

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CRSUP C-1

CREQP C-1

CRING C-2/C-1 110001 AUG 68

UNIT: PLT, 3D SP BN

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UNIT: PLT, 3D AMT BN

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CRJUP C-3/C-1 010001 SEP 68
 CREQP C-4/C-1 010001 SEP 68
 CRTNG C-2/C-1 110001 AUG 68
 MEQPT F/LVIP-5

MECAP CONV

MEPSD 010

MEORC WPPG

3. THE FOLLOWING UNITS ARE EMBARKED WITH BLT 2/26 BUT HAVE NOT YET
 BEEN CHOPPED FROM BLT 2-4.

UNIT: PLT, CO A, 5TH AT BN

CRPER C-1

CRSUP C-2/C-1 010001 SEP 68

CREQP C-2/C-1 010001 SEP 68

CRTNG C-2/C-1 110001 AUG 68

MEQPT M50 UNTOS

MECAP CONV

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UNIT: Det 15TH DENT CO

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 OPSTAT UNK

4. THE FOLLOWING UNIT IS NOT EMBARKED WITH BLT 2/26

UNIT: ~~100~~, BLT 2-26

LOC: DANANG, RVN

OPSTAT UNK

5. PART II

UNIT NAME HAS BEEN CHANGED TO BLT 2-26. ALL UNITS DECLARED CRTNG
 C-2 IN VIEW OF AMPHIB TRAINING MISSION ASSIGNED BLT WWAWY. WILL BE
 CRTNG C-1 UPON COMPLETION SKED AMPHIB TNG ON/ABT 11AUG68. WILL
 ADVONE. OPSTAT OF AMTRACPLT PREVIOUSLY RPTD. IMMED CORRECTIONS
 REQD IF BLT TO CONDUCT AMPHIB OPNS OF BLT SCALE. FINAL CORRECTION
 IN AREAS OF PER, SUP, EQP WILL BE EFFECTED UPON COMPLETION BLT
 REHAB ON/ABT 1SEP68. WILL ADVISE. CREQP C-2 ASSIGNED AT PLT, BTRY
 B, AND 4.2 MORT BASED ON FINDING LT I TEAM. ALL TO BE CORRECTED
 UPON COMPLETION BLT REHAB ON/ABT 1SEP68. CRSUP C-2 OF BTRY B
 AND AT PLT NOT CONSIDERED TO BE OF POTENTIAL DANGER SINCE
 REQUISITION HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED COVERAGES OG BOTH UNITS.
 CRJUP STATUS FOR BOTH SHOULD BE CORRECTED UPON COMPLEION
 BLT REHAB ON/ABT 1SET68. COMPLETE CRSUP ECKLUATION OF BLT WILL

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BE MADE AFTER EXAMINATION OF CARGO CURRANTLY BEING LOADED
 ABOARD LPD AT DANANG. AT THIS POINT NO SPECIAL HIGHER LEVEL
 REQUISITION EXCEPT AS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN CASE OF AMTRACPLT IS

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FM CG BLT 2/26

TO CG 3RD MAR BIV 3D MARINE DIVISION
INFO CG 1ST MAR

68/07 AUG

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BLT 2/26 SHORE FIRE CONTROL PARTY (C)

1. REQUEST INFORMATION CONCERN STATUS AND LOCATION OF SUBJECT

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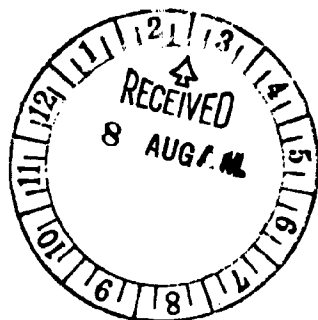
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ZNR CCCCC

PTICZYUW RUMUFG00049 2201430-CCCC--RUMHVP RUMHLA

ZNY CCCCC ZOV RUMUFG0

P 071310Z AUG 68

FM CTF CLEARWATER

TO ZEN/CG PROV CORP VIEL

INFO RUMSBB/COMNAVFORU

RUMUFGA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG

RUMUGRA/CG III MAF

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARINES

RUMHVP/CG FIRST AMIRAC BN

RUMDVHE/FIRST COASTAL ZONE INTEL OFFICER

ZEN/CDR DONG HA RIVSECGRP

RUMLDNA/NIL QUANG TRI

ZEN/PBR MSB ONE TAN MY

RUMFSAA/CTG 70.5

RUMFSAA/CTG 76.4

ZEN/CDR HUE RIVSECGRP TAN MY

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1. FOLLOWING INFO RECD FROM 15 CI TEAM DET B RATED F/3 AND DATED 7

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AUG 68. ON THE NIGHT OF 5-6 AUG YIN ELEMENTS OF THE VC C-59 CO ENTERED BO BANG (H) YD 337628, LE XUYEN (H) YD 365621, LINH AN NR 2 (H) YD 370005, AND GIA DANG NR 2 (H) YD 440600. THE SIZE OF THE ELEMENT IN EACH HAMLET VARIED FROM ONE TO THREE SQUAD SIZE UNITS, EACH SQUAD HAVING APPROX TEN MEN. IN EACH HAMLET, THESE VC WENT FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE AND TOLD ALL THE PEOPLE TO STAY OFF THE CUA VIET RIVER BETWEEN 7 AUG AND 19 AUG 68. THE VC C-59 CO HAS APPROX EIGHTY MEN PLUS TEN MEN FROM THE 10TH VC SAPPER BN, MAKING A TOTAL OF APPROX NINETY MEN. THESE NINETY MEN ARE PRESENTLY HIDING IN BO BANG, LE XUYEN, GIA DANG NR 2, AND LINH AN NR 2 HAMLETS, ACCORDING TO WHICH HAMLET THEY ENTERED ON THE NIGHT OF 5-6 AUG 68. THEY ARE PRESENTLY AWAITING WORD FROM THE VC DISTRICT CHIEF, WHICH WILL COME SOMETIME BETWEEN 7 AND 19 AUG 68, TO BEGIN THEIR MISSION. THEIR MISSION IS TO STOP THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON THE CUA VIET RIVER BETWEEN DONG HA AND CUA VIET BASE. THE VC C-59 CO IS WORKING IN COORDINATION WITH THE 10TH VC SAPPER BN AND HAS OBTAINED A LARGE NUMBER OF COMMAND LOCATED MINES AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF TNT FROM THE 10TH VC SAPPER BN. BOTH THE MINES AND THE TNT ARE TO BE USED ON THE CUA

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PAGE THREE RUMUFG80049 C O N F I D E N T I A L
MINES IN THE CUA VIET RIVER SEVERAL HUNDRED METERS NORTH OF GIA DO
AND CONTINUE THE SAME PROCESS AT VARIOUS OTHER UNKNOWN LOCATIONS
ALONG THE CUA VIET RIVER. THE PERSONNEL OF THE C-59 CO ARE WEARING
MIXED UNIFORMS AND ARE ARMED WITH ONE 60 MM MORTAR, LIGHT B-40S,
A LARGE NUMBER OF LIGHT MACHINEGUNS, SUB-MACHINEGUNS, AUTOMATIC
RIFLES, AND A LARGE QUANTITY OF MINES AND EXPLOSIVES. THE VC C-59
CO IS COMMANDED BY VO KHAC LAM.

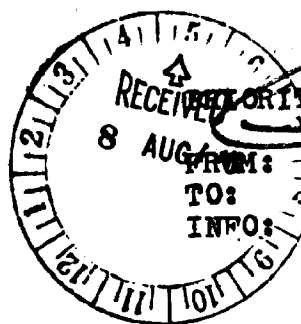
2. COMMENT. THIS REPORT INDICATES CONTINUING ENEMY EFFORT TO CLOSE
THE CUA VIET LOC.

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SEC G-3 PHONE DIV 180
CWO *[Signature]*PRIORITY 071512 Z AUG 68
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG PCV
 CG NINTH MAB
 TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
 FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES

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BLT ROTATION

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 240712ZJUL68

B. CG 9TH MAB 020719ZAUG68

1. REF A REQUESTED THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN SFOP AND RADIO RELAY DET FROM 9TH MAB ASSETS. REF B INDICATED THAT SFOP'S CURRENTLY ASSIGNED SLF BLTS AND THAT RADIO RELAY EQUIPMENT (AN/TRC-27) UNAVAILABLE FROM 9TH MAB ASSETS.

2. REQUESTED ^{REF} CG FIRST MARDIV DIRECT THE ASSIGNMENT OF AN SFOP FROM 1STBN 13TH MARINES AND A RADIO RELAY DET WITH EQUIPMENT FROM HQCO 26TH MARINES FOR DUTY WITH BLT 2/26 WHEN DESIGNATED SLF ALFA.

3. PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT ASSIGNED SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO REPORT TO BLT 2/26 AT QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE PRIOR TO 13AUG68.

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REL BY

P. D. Sanford

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DTG 080203Z 0000/PPPTFM FIRST MARINES
TO CG, THIRD MAR DIVINFO DIT 2/26
SIF ALFA

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1. AT 072315H, OP VRO OCEANVIEW OBSERVED A BOAT STANDING
APPROX 400 METERS OFF SHORE AND DETECTED THREE SWIMMERS
MOVING TOWARD THE SHORE FROM THE BOAT.
2. SWIFT BOATS WERE NOTIFIED AND REQUESTED TO INTERCEPT
THE BOAT. PREPARATIONS WERE MADE TO ENGAGE THE
SWIMMERS WITH 90MM BEEHIVE.
3. SWIFT BOATS RESPONDED THAT THE ACTIVITY WAS FRIENDLY,
AND A SERIOUS INCIDENT WAS AVERTED BY MERE SECONDS.
4. SUBSEQUENT INQUIRY INDICATED THAT THE SWIMMERS WERE
ONE (CALL SIGN: ROSEMARY) FROM THE POINT DEFIANCE
(CALL SIGN: THERESA BRAVO) CONDUCTING BEACH RECON
IN CONNECTION WITH SIF OPERATIONS.
5. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT FRIENDLY ELEMENTS PLANNING
INCURSIONS INTO FIRST MARINES AO COORDINATE THEIR
PLANNED ACTIVITIES WITH THIS HEADQUARTERS.

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**SHOVE COC**

OP CHIEF

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DRAFTER 3/JAB/11W.O.
SEC G-3 PHONO 140
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ACTIONIMMEDIATE 080232 ZAUG68FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: FIRST MARINES

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POSSIBLE MISDIRECTED FRIENDLY FIRE

- A. CTF CLEARWATER 311331ZJUL(PASEP)
- B. CG PCV 050402ZJUL (NOTAL)

1. REF A REPORTED SEVERAL PATROL CRAFT RECEIVING MORTAR OR ARTILLERY ALONG THE CUA VIET.
2. REF B REQUESTED THAT INCIDENTS BE INVESTIGATED TO DETERMINE IF FRIENDLY MORTARS OR ARTY MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THOSE INCIDENTS FOR WHICH PLACE AND TIME ARE GIVEN.
3. REQUEST RESULTS OF YOUR INVESTIGATION BE FORWARDED TO THIS HQ.

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 TO ZEN/TG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 INFO ZE /CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 ZEN/CO BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX
 ZEN/CO HMM THREE SIX TWO
 RUMHLA/CO FIRST MAR
 RUYPSTG/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUMVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUYVWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 TORUYVSYB/CTF CLEARWATER
 RUYPSTG/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 RUYJUKL/CONSEVENTHFLT
 RUYPSTG/CG III MAF
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(65 RADAR/EOM GUARD IAW ANNEX OSCAR REF A.

(7) CRUISING INST IAW ANNEX DELTA REF A. MOVEMENT IAW JKNE

DELTA THIS MSG OPORD.

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(8) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IAW ANNEX ROMEO REF D.

(9) ALL SUPPORTING ARMS FIRE WILL BE OBSERVED UNDER POSITIVE

CONTROL GROUND OR AIR SPOTTERS AND THE APPROPRIATE IN-COUNTRY CONTROL AGENCY.

(10) A TACTICAL WITHDRAWAL WILL BE CONDUCTED IAW APPENDIX III TO ANNEX I.

(11) NGFS IAW ANNEX GOLF THIS MSG OPORD.

(12) SITREPS DAILY AS OF 1800 AND 0800.

(13) A CRITIQUE WILL BE HELD ON THE FLAG SHIP UPON COMPLETION OF THE EXERCISE AT TIME TBA.

(14) PAO IAW ANNEX VICTOR REF A.

(15) CAS TO BE PROVIDED VIA DONG HA DASC.

(16) DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED FOOD STUFFS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, MATERIAL, ARMS AND DOCUMENTS IAW MACV 381-24, 523.A AND ANNEX C. OFPI

REF A.

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 . ALL MEDEVAC INITIALLY TO
 PRINCETON.

(2) PRINCETON DESIGNATED CECS.
 RGTM COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. CATF AND C

H ENBWGDED PRINCETON

B. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX NOVEMBER REF A AND ANNEV ,.43.734
 5 8 .& 9394D.

C. JAECOND IN COMMAND CO, PRINCETON.

D. COMMAND RELATIONS IAW REF E.

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FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE

INFO RUHFMAC/CG FMFPAC

RUABOL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV

RUABOL/CG FMFPAC FWD OKI

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX FT FOUR

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE FT FOUR

RUMLMFA/OPI ONE SIX DNG

RUMUFGA/BLT TWO SLANT FOUR

RUABSR/THIRD FORSEVENTHREGT

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SLF ALFA (U)

A. CTG SEVEN NINE 080905Z AUG 68 (S)

B. CTG SEVEN NINE 080919Z AUG 68 (S)

C. CG III MAF 041453Z AUG 68

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1. REF A DIRECTS EXECUTION REF B. REF B PREDICATED ON RELIEF OF BLT 2/4 AS BLT FOR SLF ALFA.

2. REF C APPROVED BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/26 FOR AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING BUT DID NOT PROVIDE FOR EXCHANGE OF 2/26 FOR 2/4 AS THE SLF ALFA BLT. THIS CHANGE CANNOT BE EFFECTED UNTIL BLT 2/26 IS CONSIDERED ADEQUATELY TRAINED FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AND UNTIL THE SEITCH OF BLTS IS APPROVED BY CG FMFPAC AND COMUSMACV. THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL REQUEST THIS APPORVAL AT SUCH TIME AS CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4 REPORT THAT 2/26 HAS COMPLETED AMPHIBIOUS READINESS TRAINING AS REQUESTED PARA 3, REF C. REQUEST ACTION DIRECTED REF B BE WITHHELD PENDING SUCH APPROVAL.

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TASK ORGANIZATION

TU 76.4.1-NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT UNIT-CG NGF SHIP (CONSTRUCTIVE)

 . MISSION. TU 76.4.1 WILL PROVIDE SIMULATED DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE
 LANDING AND OPERATIONS ASHORE OF IG 79.4, LANDING FORCE.
 . EXECUTION.

 A. TU 76.4.1 WILL BE A CONSTRUCTIVE UNIT WHOSE SUPPORTING ACTIVITIES
 WILL BE SIMULATED THROUGH INTERNAL SA

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 B. SHOULD ACTUAL NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT BE NEEDED, A NON-EXERCISE
 CONDITION WILL BE DEEMED TO EXIST.

C. ALL ACTUAL NAVAL GUNFIRE WILL BE COORDINATED BETWEEN THE SFCP

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 AND THIRD MARDIV FSCC.

 D. TRANSMISSIONS CONCERNING IG 76.4.1 (CONSTRUCTIVE) WILL NOT BE MADE
 TO SFCP OR TO NGF UNITS ACTUALLY ON STATION IN NORTHERN ICTZ.

X. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

 (1) CG THIRD MARDIV WILL PROVIDE HMAS HOBART TO GENERAL SUPPORT
 OF BLT 2/26 DURING THE LANDEX.

 (2) SACC WILL ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH THIRD MARDIV NGLO
 ONCKT C, -23 PRIOR TO THE LANDEX. AT THIS TIME THIRD MARDIV NGLO WILL
 ASSIGN A THIRD MARDIV SFC SPOT FREQ TO BE EMPLOYED BY THE SFCP IN
 CASE OF AN ACTUAL MISSION. EXERCISE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN SACC AND
 SFCP WILL BE CONDUCTED ON CKT N-S. IN THE EVENT THAT AN ACTUAL MISSION
 IS REQUIRED, SACC WILL DIRECT SFCP TO SHIFT TO THE DESIGNATED THIRD
 MARDIV SFC SPOT CKT.

 (3) UPON RECEIPT OF A REQUEST BY BLT 2/26 SFCP FOR NGF SUPPORT
 AND IF OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS PERMIT, THIRD MARDIV NGLO WILL APPROVE
 THE MISSION AND WILL DIRECT HMAS HOBART TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS
 WITH BLT 2/26 SFCP ON A DESIGNATED THIRD MARDIV SFC SPOT CKT.

 (4) HMAS HOBART WILL REMAIN OPCON TO CTU 70.8.9 AND UNDER MISSION
 CONTROL OF CG THIRD MARDIV WHEN PROVIDING NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT FOR

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(5) THIRD MARDIV FSCC WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING CLEARANCE NECESSARY TO APPROVE NGF MISSIONS INCLUDING SAVAPLANES, POLITICAL CLEARANCE AND MILITARY CLEARANCE.

(6) WHEN REQUESTING NGF SUPPORT FROM THIRD MARDIV NGLO, BLT 2/26 SFCP WILL INCLUDE CERTIFICATION OF MILITARY CLEARANCE FOR BLT 2/26 WHEN TARGETS ARE WITHIN THE LANDEX AOA.

(7) THIRD MARDIV WILL AVOID POSITIONING NGF SHIPS TO SEAWARD OF THE LANDWARD PORTION OF THE LANDEX AOA. IN CASE OF AN ACTUAL NGFS MISSION, THIRD MARDIV WILL POSITION THE GENERAL SUPPORT SHIP IN FSA IA IF REQUESTED BY SACC. FSA IA COORDINATES AS FOLLOWS:
YD 430700/4 TO YD 470650/2 TO YD 400680/8 TO YD 440630/7

3. COMMUNICATIONS.

A. THIRD MARDIV NGF CKTS.

DESIG	TITLE	FREQ	EMISSION
C-28	NGFS ADMIN NET	43.4 KHZ	3A3J
C-30	SFC SPOT NR 1	42.9 MHZ	30F3
C-31	SFC SPOT NR 2	38.0 MHZ	30F3
C-32	SFC SPOT NR 3	44.9 MHZ	30F3
C-33	NGF AIR SPOT NR 1	30.9 MHZ	30F3
C-34	NGF AIR SPOT NR 2	34.1 MHZ	30F3

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B. CTG 76.4 NGF NETS

DESIG	TITLE	FREQ	EMISSION
N-9	NGF SPOT (P)	50.6 MHZ	30F3

C. CALL SIGNS

SACC	PALLADIUM	HALLMARK 26 "O"
THIRD MARDIV NGLO		HANWORTH 26 "O"
FIRST MAR NGLO		WHITEFISH 26 "A"
ALFA-1 NGF SPOTTER		HANWORTH 26 "B"
OCEAN VIEW NGF SPOTTER		HANWORTH 26 "C"
C-4 NGF SPOTTER		GODMOTHER 26 "D"
ALFA-2 NGF SPOTTER		HASTY FOOT 26 "O"
BLT 2/26 NGLO		HASTY FOOT 26 "C"
BLT 2/26 SFC SPOTTER		ROYAL PURPLE
HMAS HOBART		

D. CRYPTOGRAPHIC.

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STATUS OF READINESS (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 081006Z AUG 68 NOTAL

B. CG III MAF 041458Z AUG 68

1. AS REQUESTED BY REF A, FOLLOWING INFO PROVIDED:

A. BLT 2/26 BACKLOAD COMPLETE EXCEPT FOR ELEVEN LVT, TWO TANKS,
TWO ONTOS AND DRIVERS, AND SHIFT OF LCU VEHICLES AND PALLETS FROM
LPD TO LST. ETC 091200H2.

B. RECOMMEND TERMINATION OF FORTESS ATTACK IV WHEN BLT 2/26 ASSIGNED
AS SLF ALFA BLT VICE BLT 2/4. EXPECT BLT 2/26 TO BE ADEQUATELY

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TRAINED FOR SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT OF REF B BY 12 AUGUST, AFTER COMPLETION
OF LANDING EXERCISE ON 10-11 AUGUST.

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AMPHIB TRNG BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX (S)

A. CTG 79.4 CONFERENCE WITH G-3 THIRD MARDIV OF 8 AUG 68

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 051358Z AUG 68

1. AS DISCUSSED AND MUTUALLY AGREED TO DURING REF A, AND DUE TO
 UNFORESEEN DELAYS IN EMBARKATION, PRELIMINARY TRAINING A PLANNING,
 THE TIME PHASING SHOWN IN REF B FOR THE SUBJECT TRAINING IS CHANGED
 AS FOLLOWS:

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A. 6-8 AUG- EMBARKATION AND SHIPBOARD TROOP INDOCTRINATION.

B. 9 AUG COMPLETE EMBARKATION, COMPLETE SHIPBOARD TROOP
INDOCTRINATION AND TRAINING.

C. 10-11 AUG-- PHIBLEX

D. 12 AUG- REHAB AT SEA AFTER PHIBLEX.

E. 13 AUG- AVAILABLE FOR SPECOPS (IF DESIGNATED AS SLF. BLT).

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 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
 FIRST BN, SEVENTH MARINES
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COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR BLT 2/26 LEX IN NAPOLEON/SALINE AO

1. AREA OF OPERATION. FROM YD 353691 ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO ROAD AND TRAIL JUNCTION AT YD 338677; FOLLOW ROUTE 560 WEST TO CULVERT AT YD 332668; SOUTHEAST ON A LINE 500 METERS EAST OF ROUTE 560 TO YD 339659; EAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO YD 365675.
2. 2D BN, 26TH MARINES DURING LEX WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR LOCATING AND DESTROYING ENEMY FORCES IN ASSIGNED AO IN ADDITION TO SUCH OTHER MISSIONS AS MAY BE ASSIGNED BY COMPETENT AUTHORITY. OPERATIONS WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES OF ENGAGEMENT PRESCRIBED IN 3D MAR DIV LOI 1-67.
3. FIRE SUPPORT. FIRE SUPPORT MAY BE OBTAINED FOLLOWING ESTABLISHED "IN COUNTRY" PROCEDURES AS REQUIRED, AND AS FOLLOWS:

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- A. FCS WILL SUBMIT REQUESTS TO TERRAPIN (1/11 FDC)
ON M737 (45.65) ⁵⁰ MARINE DIVISION
- B. GROUND AND AIR CLEARANCE WILL BE OBTAINED FROM 2/26 FSCC
AND 1ST MAR FSCC PRIOR TO FIRING EITHER ARTILLERY OR
ANY CALIBER MORTAR. M1140 (66.05) WILL BE USED TO
OBTAIN CLEARANCE.
- C. AIR SUPPORT WILL BE CLEARED AND OBTAINED THROUGH
HANWORTH 14 ON M531 (42-8).
- D. NGF SUPPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECTLY TO 1ST MARINES
NGF LNO AT CUA VIET (HANWORTH 26 "0") ON FREQ 34.10 (M212).
- E. FIRE SUPPORT COMMS:

CALL SIGN	UNIT	FREQ	REF
HANWORTH BAILEY	1ST MAR FSCC	66.05 (M1140)	FD
TERRAPIN	1/11 FDC	66.05 (M1140)	FD
		45.65 (M737)	COF
HASTY FOOT 24	2/26 FSCC	66.05 (M1140)	FD
		45.65 (M737)	COF
HANWORTH 26 "0"	MAR. NGF LNO	34.10 (M212)	FD

4. COMMENCING H-30 ON D DAY REQ BIE 2/26 MAINTAIN COMM TO INCLUDE
COVERED CAPABILITY WITH HANWORTH FORWARD ON M559 (55.70).
5. REQUEST BIE 2/26 PROVIDE FIRST MARINES WITH LANDING PLAN
AND CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

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 TO: FIRST MARINES
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 SA SECOND ARVN REGT
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 CTF SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
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 FIRST AMTRAC BN
 BLT TWO TWENTY-SIX
 SECOND BN, FIRST MAR
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 CG PCV
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SLP LANDING EXERCISE

 A. CG THIRD MARDIV ^{081930 2 AUG 68}
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1. AN AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY BLT 2/26 SOUTH OF THE GUA VIET RIVER ON 10 AUG 1968. THE AREA OF OPERATIONS FOR THE LANDING IS BOUNDED BY A LINE FROM YD 353691 ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO TRAIL AND ROAD JUNCTION AT YD 338677, THEN WEST ALONG ROUTE 560 TO CULVERT AT YD 331668, THEN SOUTH EAST ALONG A LINE 500 METERS EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO ROUTE 560 TO YD 339659, THEN EAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO YD 365675.
2. BLT 2/26 WILL EFFECT FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION WITH FIRST MARINES IN THE CONDUCT OF THE EXERCISE. ALL FIRES INTO THE ABOVE AO INCLUDING MORTARS WILL BE CLEARED BY BOTH 2/26 TSCC AND 1ST

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MARINES PSOC. AIR SUPPORT FOR ~~FORWARD~~^X ~~ED~~ ~~SION~~ WILL BE REQUESTED AND
CLEARED THROUGH 1ST MARINES AIR NET.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS IN REF A.

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A. MY 081634Z AUG 68

1. PARA 4 REF (A) NET FREQ H-4 IAD/ACI (RED ALPHA) 1 97)S
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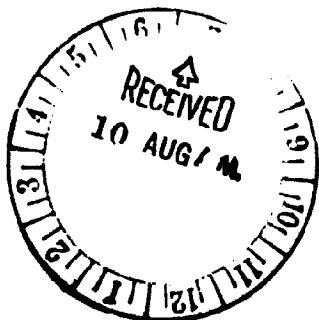
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2. HELICOPTER APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES PARA (1) LINE

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A. BLT 2/4 070620Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

B. CG NINTH MAB 050519Z AUG 68

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 250630W JUL 68 (NOTAL)

D. FMFPACO 001300.13A

E. FMFPACO 04400.8

1. REF A REQ INFO CONCERNING DISPOSITION BLT 2/4 AMTRAC PLAT,
(4TH PLAT, CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN) WHEN BLT IS RELIEVED AS SLF ALFA

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BLT. REF B ANSWERS REF A.

2. BY REF C BLT 2/26 WAS ACTIVATED AND TASK ORGANIZED ON 26JUL 68.
TASK ORGANIZATION INCLUDES FIRST PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH AMTRAC BN.
THIS PLAT SHOULD BE ORGANIZED IAW REF D AND E AND SHOULD INCLUDE
ENLISTED, ONE (1) PLAT, 10 LVTP-5 AND ONE

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STATUS OF LVTP5S (U)

A. CG BLTHWO SLANT TWO SIX 071205Z (NTAL)

REF A (OPSTATFATA BUE) REPORTED ONLY NINE LVTP5 OUT OF TEN
 ASSIGNED BLT 2/26 IN OPERATIONAL READY CONDITION IEW OF
 POSSIBILITY OF THIS BEING REQUIRED O COKCT AMPH OPVRIG
 TMREHAB/TRNG PERIOD, REQUEST ASSISTANCE IN REPAIR OF AMTRACS IN
 DOWN STATUS AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF ONE LVP A1 (CMD) TO BLT 2/26.

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AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS (U)

A. CG III MAF 041458Z AUG 68

B. CIG 79.4 081607Z AUG 68

C. CG III MAF 021452Z AUG 68

D. CINCPACFLT/COMUSMACV AGREEMENT FOR U.S. NAVAL SUPPORT OPS IN RVN

1. (S) BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/26 COMPLETE. IAW RAAS A AND B, READY TO COMMENCE TRAINING EXERCISE LANDEX I ON 10 AUGUST, AND EXPECT TO BE READY FOR BLT ROTATION ON 12 AUGUST AND SPECOPS ON 13 AUGUST.

2. (S) PER REF C PURPOSE OF EMBARKATION AND SPECIAL TRAINING OF BLT 2/26 IS TO PREPARE IT FOR

POSSIBLE COMMITMENT BY LANDING ON FPINK
OF 320TH NVA DIVISION SHOULD IT MOVE TOWARD CUA VIET.

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3. (S) FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES EXIST FOR EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26 UPON COMPLETION OF REQUIRED AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING AND IN PREPARATION FOR SUCH COMMITMENT (EVALUATIONS OF AMPHIBIOUS FEASIBILITY OF EACH INCLUDED).

A. BACKLOAD, CHOP TO BLF, AND PREPARE FOR SPECOPS NORTH OF CUA VIET. THIS MAXIMIZES ATF READINESS TO COMMIT FULL BLT AGAINST SKEMY THRUST IN SHORTEST TIME, BUT MINIMIZES ASHORE TRAINING AND TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OF BLT DURING PERIOD PRIOR EXPECTED ATTACK.

B. BACKLOAD, CHOP TO CATF, AND INITIATE SPECOPS NORTH OF CUA VIET WITH TWO-PART MISSION. FIRST, USING ONE COMPANY STRENGTH (ROTATING), K ON AREA EAST OF NHI HA/A-CNE TO DEVELOP HARD INTELLIGENCE OF ENEMY PRESENCE RETAINING REMAINDER BLT ABOARD. SECOND, CONDUCT AMPHIB ASSAULT ON SEAWARD FLANK OF ENEMY WHEN DETECTED, EXTENDING AOA TO 1000 METERS WEST OF JONES CREEK. THIS MAXIMIZES REACTION CAPABILITY OF ATF TO EXPECTED ENEMY THRUST, WITH SOME TRAINING AND OTHER TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

C. BLT REMAIN ASHORE, ASSIGNED TO DIVISION AO, CONTINUING TRAINING IN AREA SOUTH OF CUA VIET. THIS IMPROVES TRAINING AND INTERIM TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT POSSIBILITIES, BUT ADDS ABOUT TWELVE HOURS TO REACTION TIME DUE BACKLOAD, PLUS UNKNOWN LEAD TIME FOR CHOP AND ORDER TO EXECUTE,

ASSUMING ALL OPERATIONS REQUIRED TO BE MADE IN ADVANCE

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D. BLT REMAIN ASHORE, ASSIGNED TO DIVISION AO NORTH OF CUA VIET. THIS MAXIMIZES OTHER TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, BUT ADDS TWENTY OR MORE HOURS TO AMPHIB ASSAULT REACTION TIME, DUZLTO BACKLOAD USING RIVER PLUS LEAD TIME AS IN C ABOVE. IF CUA VIET RIVER MOUTH IS BLOCKED, AS IS REPORTED TO BE ENEMY INTENTION ANDHOITHIN HIS CAPABILITY, EMBARKATION OF BLT WOULD BDIIMPOSSIBLE BY BOATS, USING CUA VIET. IF ENEMY ATTACK IN PROPOSED AOA IN PROGRESS, SUCCESSFUL EMBARKATION OVER BEACH NORTH OF CUA VIET IS IMPROBABLE.

4. (C) RECOMMEND ADOPT ALTERNATIVE B. INITIAL LIAISON WITH THIRD MARDIV, FIRST MARINE REGT, AND FIRST AMTRACK BN HAS BEEN CONDUCTED. AMPLIFYING DETAILS FOR INITIATING DIRECTIVE READY FOR SUBMISSION.

(U) CG THIREVMARDIV COMMECUS REQUESTED.

6. (U) CSLF ALFA CONCURS.

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RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE

RUYVWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUMHMA/CTF CLEARWATER

RUYPSAA/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUYGUKL/CONSEVENTHFLT

RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

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CHANGE TO CTG 76.4 MSG OPORD 302-69 (U)

A. CTG 76.4 MSG OPORD 302-69

1. MAKE THE FOLLOWING CHANGES TO REF A.

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A. WHERE APPEARING IN THE OPORD CHANGE H - HOUR TO 1100H2 RPT 1100H2
AND L - HOUR TO 1130H5 RPT 1130H5 BOTH TO BE CONFIRMED.

B. ANNEX HOTEL:

(1) CANCEL PARA FOXTROT (2X)15. REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING:

QUOTE FOXTROT (2X)15: HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES; COORD AS FOLLOWS:

LANDING ZONES: OAK (PRIMARY)-YD349686 RPT YD349686

ASH (ALTERNATE)-YD349682 RPT YD349682

HELICOPTER APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES; COORD AS FOLLOWS:

(1) PRIMARY ROUTE NEW JERSEY. POINT OF DEPARTURE IS PT PRINCETON
058 RPT 058W DEG RADIAL 14 RPT 14 NM DONG HA TACAN CHAN 109 RPT
109, THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST TO IP PT TRENTON 052 RPT 052
DEG RADIAL 08 RPT 08 NM, THEN DIRECT TO EITHER LZ OAK OR ASH.
INBOUND TFC WILL FLY AT 1500 RPT 1500 FT MSL AND OUTBOUND TFC
WILL FLY AT 2500 RPT 2500 FT MSL.(2) SECONDARY ROUTE OREGON. PT OF DEPARTURE IS PT PRINCETON 058
RPT 058 DEG RADIAL 14 RPT 14 NM DONG HA TACAN THEN TO PT
GRANTS PASS 046 RPT 046 DEG RADIAL 10 RPT 10 NM THEN TO IP
PT SALEM 049 RPT 049 DEG RADIAL 08 RPT 08 NM THEN DIRECT TO
EITHER LZ OAK OR ASH. INBOUND TFC WILL FLY AT 1500 RPT 1500
FT MSL AND OUTBOUND TFC WILL FLY AT 2500 RPT 2500 FT MSL.
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FRAG ORDER ONE DASH SIX EIGHT FOR LANDEX I (U)

A. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000, QUANG TRI SHEET 6442 IV, EDITION 2 - AMS

B. HO CHART 6211

C. CTG 79.4; 90-- , 120A - (YR)

D. NWP 22 (B)

E. CTG 76.4 080718Z AUG 68

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) IAW ANNEX (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C.

(2) CURRENT INSTUMS

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(3) CTG 79.4 INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE ISSUED SEPARATELY

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) IAW REF C

(2) CG 3RD MARDIV PROVIDES ACTUAL ARTILLERY SUPPORT. SEE PARA 3D (12).

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

(1) IAW ANNEX A (TASK ORGANIZATION) TO REF C.

(2) ONE USMC AND ONE ARVN INTERPRETER ATTACHED TO BLT 2/26

2. MISSION

A. SLF ALFA CONDUCTS AN AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE OF LIMITED SCALE IN THE ASSIGNED AOA IN ORDER TO IMPROVE PROFICIENCY IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT AT H & L HOURS ON D - DY SLF A FA LANDS BY AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE, LANDING CRAFT, AND HELICOPTER OVER RED BEACH AND IN HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES OAK AND ASH, SEIZES OCCUPIES AND DEFENDS LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVES 1 AND 2 CONDUCTS COORDINATED TANK, LVT, AND INFANTRY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AOA TO IMPROVE PROFICIENCY IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. A COVERED WITHDRAWAL IAW REF D WILL BE CONDUCTED AT M - HOUR ON D

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- (1) IAW REF C
- (2) AT H HOUR LAND BY AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE AND LANDING CRAFT OVER RED BEACH, AND AT L HOUR BY HELICOPTER IN HLZ'S OAK AND ASH.
- (3) SEIZE, OCCUPY AND DEFEND LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVE 1 AND 2.
- (4) CONDUCT COORDINATED TANK, LVT, AND INFANTRY OPERATIONS WITHIN THE AOA TO DEVELOP PROFICIENCY AND SPEED OF MOVEMENT IN THESE OPERATIONS.
- (5) ESTABLISH NECESSARY DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AND PATROLS ALONG THE AOA BOUNDARY TO PRESERVE THE SECURITY OF THE LANDING FORCE.
- (6) AT W HOUR ON D-1 CONDUCT A COVERED WITHDRAWAL.
- (7) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY FOR USE AS LANDING FORCE RESERVE.

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- (1) IAW REF C.
- D. LANDING FORCE RESERVE. BLT 2/26 WILL DESIGNATE ONE RIFLE COMPANY AS LANDING FORCE RESERVE WHICH WILL BE COMMITTED ONLY WITH LANDING FORCE AUTHORITY. THE SPARROW HAWK FORCE WILL COME FROM THIS COMPANY.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

- (1) IAW REF C.
- (2) HJEOLESSIS 10 AUG 68
- (3) H-HOUR IS 101100H3 AUG 68. L-HOUR IS 101130H6 AUG 68.

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BOTH TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED.

(4) LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVE ONE IS AT YD358670/19. LANDING FORCE OBJECTIVE TWO IS AT YD348676/4.

(5) AVOID CONTACT WITH CIVILIANS IN AREA, AND DAMAGE TO CROPS OR PROPERTY.

(6) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLY. ANNEX B (RULES OF ENGAGEMENT) TO REF C.

(7) EEI ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C.

(8) LAND AOA FROM YD 355691/7 ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO TRAIL AND ROAD JUNCTION AT YD338677/4, THEN WEST ALONG ROUTE 560 TO CULVERT AT YD331668/7, THEN SOUTHEAST ALONG A LINE 500 METERS EAST OF AND PARALLEL TO ROUTE 560 TO YD339659/5, THEN EAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO YD365675/2.

(9) RED BEACH. CENTERED AT YD356688/6. BEACH IS 600 METERS WIDE.

(10) REPORTS IAW ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO REF C.

(11) HLZ OAK LOCATED YD342673/5 HLZ ASH LOCATED YD352677/0

(12) FIRE SUPPORT. IAW REF C AND THE FOLLOWING:

(A) ALL SUPPORTING AND FOR LEX WILL BE COORDINATED AND

SACC.

BLT 2/26 WILL ESTABLISH AN FSOC.

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(C) PREARRANGED ON CALL BEACH PREP AND LZ PREP FIRES WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CLF FOR COORDINATION WITH CATF.

(D) RESTRICTIVE FIRE AREAS IAW CTG 79.4 RESTRICTIVE FIRE OVERLAY (SEPARATELY ISSUED) (NOTAL)

(E) SAVE-A-PLANE REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED DIRECT TO SACC THROUGH FSOC CHANNELS IAW FOLLOWING FORMAT.

(1) TGT NR

(2) GRID SQUARE FIRING FROM

(3) GRID SQUARE OF TGT

(4) MAX ORDINATE

(5) TIME OF OPENING FIRE

(F) SAP'S WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE FIRING UNIT TO SACC, AND THE MISSION WILL BE CONSIDERED CLEARED TO FIRE WHEN THE FIRING UNIT RECEIVES THE SAP DESIGNATOR FROM SACC.

(G) SAP'S MUST BE TERMINATED BY THE FIRING UNIT. SACC WILL NOT TERMINATE SAP UNTIL A CEASE FIRE IS RECEIVED FROM THE FIRING UNIT.

(H) UPON ESTABLISHMENT ASHORE, BLT FSOC WILL MONITOR ALL SAP REQUESTS AND SILENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED CONSENT.

(I) SACC WILL COORDINATE ALL SAP WITH DONG HA DASC.

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(J) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE USED WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY. THE RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE CALLED CHECKMATE AND WILL FOLLOW THE FORMAT FMFM 7-1.

(K) REQUESTS FOR RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS WILL BE INITIATED BY THE LOWEST FSOC AND APPROVED BY SACC. IN NO CASE OTHER THAN EMERGENCY WILL SACC IMPOSE A RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN OTHER THAN RECOMMENDED BY FSOC.

(L) ALL MISSIONS WITHIN 1000 M OF THE AOA BOUNDRIES WILL BE CLEARED WITH ADJACENT UNITS BY SACC.

(M) ARTILLERY UNITS OPERATING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LZ'S WILL ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THE LZ CONTROL ELEMENT AND WILL NOTIFY THEM ON A TIMELY BASIS OF ALL FIRING.

(N) ALL FIRING UNITS WILL ESTABLISH AIR SENTRIES AND CHECK FIRE WHEN NECESSARY.

(O) NFL'S, FCL'S, FSCL'S AND OTHER COORDINATING MEASURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY CLF BASED ON RECOMMENDATION OF SUBORDINATE UNITS.

(P) ARTY UNITS SUBMIT FIRECAPS AS SOON AS ESTABLISHED.

(Q) FIRECAPS WILL BE SUBMITTED THROUGH FSOC TO SACC UPON COMPLETION OF EVERY MISSION. FIRECAPS TO BE IN FOLLOWING FORMAT;

(1) TGT NR

(2) COORDINATES OF TGT

(3) WPN & NO OF RDS FIRED

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(4) BSA

(5) ARTY COMMUNICATION FOR LEX IAW COI AS FOLLOWS

(1) ALL FOS ON C-OF F NR 1

(2) ALL FIRING UNITS ON C-OF F NR 1, 2 AND 3 AND ARTY AIR

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(3) BLT FSOC AND SACC ON C-OF F NR 1, 2 AND 3 AND ARTY AIR

AND ARTY AIR SPOT.

(4) BLT AD ON ARTY AIR SPOT.

(5) C-OF F NR 2 WILL BE USED BY FSOC AND SACC AS COORDINATION

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(6) BSA & RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS, FIRECAPS & FIREREPS WILL BE PASSED OVER ARTY CMD/CD.

(7) IF THE BLT IS SHIPPED TO "IN COUNTRY FORCES" FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION WILL BE REQUESTED THROUGH NORMAL FSOC CHANNELS ESTABLISHED ON SHORE.

(8) ACTUAL FIRE SUPPORT, IF REQUIRED, WILL BE CONTROLLED AND COORDINATED BY 1ST MAR FSOC IAW FOLL PLAN:

ARTY REG	CONTACT	FREQ	DESIG
ARTILLERY	THIRTEEN	45.65	M 737
AIR	HAMMOUTH 4	42.80	M 1140
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(9) FOR ACTUAL FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION MATTERS, BLT FSOC CONTACT 1ST MAR FSOC (HAMMOUTH BAILEY) ON FD/CMD, FREQ 6605, M-1140.

(10) HELICOPTER LAUNCH REF (C) AND THE FOLLOWING:

1. HELICOPTER LAUNCH ZONE COORDINATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(1) C-OF F PRIMARY-YD342673/5, 459 DEGREES RADIAL, 6.5 NAUTICAL MILES, DONG HA TIAN

(2) A-OF F SECONDARY-YD352677/0, 062 DEGREES RADIAL, 8 NAUTICAL MILES, DONG HA TIAN

2. HELICOPTER LAUNCH RETIREMENT LANE COORDINATES ARE AS



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FOLLOWS:

(1) PRIMARY ROUTE OREGON. PT OF DEPARTURE, PT MEDFORD, 047 DEGREES RADIAL XMT NAUTICAL MILES, DONG HA TACAN CH 109 THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST TO 043 DEGREES RADIAL 15.5 NAUTICAL MILES, PT PORTLAND, THEN TO IP, PT SALEM AT 049 DEGREES RADIAL 8.5 NAUTICAL AND DIRECT TO LZ OAK. INBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 1500 FT MSL AND OUTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 2500 FT MSL.

(2) SECONDARY ROUTE NEW JERSEY. PT OF DEPARTURE, NEWARK, 059 DEGREES RADIAL 17.5 NAUTICAL MILES DONG HA TACAN CH 109 THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST TO PT TRENTON 052 DEGREE RADIAL 8 NAUTICAL MILES THEN DIRECT TO LZ ASH. INBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 1500 FEET MSL AND OUTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 2500 FT MSL.

C. HELO RENDEZVOUS POINT IS LPH-5 OR LPD-8 AS REQUIRED.

D. IF ARTY/NGF FIRES IN AOA, SAVE-A-PLANE WILL BE USED.
SAVE-A-PLANE AVAILABLE FROM DONG HA DASC ON PRIMARY 264.2 SECONDARY 333.4.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. IAW ANNEX AE (ADMIN AND LOGISTICS) TO REF C.

B. IN-297,546 700)6 SOURCES ARE AUTHORIZED.

C. USS PRINCETON IS DESIGNATED PRIMARY CASUALTY RECEIVING SHIP.

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D. CIVILIAN AND POW CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO DELTA MED IF FEASIBLE.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

(1) IAW ANNEX G (COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS) TO REF C.

(2) CALL SIGNS IAW TG 79.4 COI DTD 5 AUG 68. ISSUED SEPARATELY

(3) RADIO PLAN ISSUED SEPARATELY.

B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) AFLOAT

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(2) ASHORE: REPORT WHEN ESTABLISHED

C. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS. IAW ANNEX C (COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS) TO REF C. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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RUYPJSYB/CTG SEVEN NINE

RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE

RUMHMA/CTF CLEARWATER

RUYPSTG/CO FIRST MARINES

RUYPSTG/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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ZEN/CO HMM THREE SIX TWO

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 081447Z AUG 68 NOTAL

B. MY 080718Z AUG 68

1. (S) IN CONSONANCE WITH REF A LANDWARD AOA PROMULGATED

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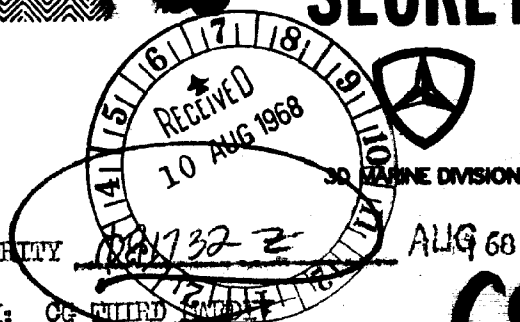
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PARA X.(3)(B) REF B IS CHANGED TO READ AS FOLLS: QUOTE LANDWARD
 FROM A POINT ON THE BEACH AT YD 353691 RPT 353691 ON A STRAIGHT LINE
 TO ROAD AND TRAIL JUNCTION AT YD 338677 RPT 338677; FOLLOW ROUTE 560
 WEST TO CULVERT AT YD 331668 RPT 331668 SOUTHEAST ON A LINE 500 METERS
 OF ROUTE 560 TO YD 339659 RPT 339659 THEN EAST ON A STRAIGHT LINE TO
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EMPLOYMENT OF BLP 2/26 DURING THE PERIOD 10-31 AUG 68

A. CG III MAF 041458Z AUG 68

- UPON COMPLETION OF TRAINING AUTHORIZED BY REF (A) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT BLP 2/26 REMAIN ASHORE ORCON TO 3D MARDIV TO FURTHER PREPARE FOR THE RE-HAB CYCLE SCHEDULED FOR 1-21 SEP. COMBAT ELEMENTS OF BLP 2/26 WILL BE EMPLOYED NEAR THE CUA VIE WHERE THEY WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY EMBARKATION AND EMPLOYMENT AGAINST NVA FORCES. THE PRESENCE OF BLP 2/26 ASHORE WILL ALSO ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF THE 3D MARDIV TO LOCATE AND FIX NVA FORCES EARLY IN ANY OFFENSIVE.
- IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT ADVANCE APPROVAL BE ACQUIRED FOR THE EMERGENCY EMBARKATION AND SUBSEQUENT LANDING OF 2/26 AGAINST THE FLANK OF NVA FORCES WHEN AND IF THEY MOVE SOUTH FROM THE DMZ. SUCH AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT WILL REQUIRE PRIOR PLANNING AND APPROVAL IF IT IS TO BE EXECUTED ON A TIMELY BASIS.

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VIETNAM, DANANG (15 AUGUST 1968)

FIELD NO. FVG-4345

SOURCE:

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PREPARED BY CAS OFFICERS ON 10 AUGUST 1968.

SUMMARY: AN UNCHARACTERISTIC LULL PREVAILED OVER I CORPS DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, 8-10 AUGUST, AS REPORTS INDICATED ENEMY PERSONNEL AND SUPPLIES INFILTRATING TOWARD AND DISPERSING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORING HAMLETS OF LARGER POPULATION CENTERS. INFORMANTS REPORTED A NUMBER OF HIGH-LEVEL JULY MEETINGS OF THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE AND MILITARY REGION WHICH CONCERNED PREPARATIONS FOR AN AUTUMN CAMPAIGN. AUGUST 19 AND 8 SEPTEMBER ARE THE MOST FREQUENTLY MENTIONED TARGET DATES FOR A NEW OFFENSIVE. IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, PREPARATIONS WERE BEING MADE DURING EARLY AUGUST FOR ESTABLISHING LIBERATION COMMITTEES AND PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY COUNCILS FROM THE HAMLET TO THE PROVINCE LEVEL. IN DANANG, THE YOUTH AND STUDENT LIBERATION ORGANIZATION APPEARED TO BE ONE MORE VC-CONTROLLED GROUP WITH THE MISSION OF GENERATING POPULAR SUPPORT FOR THE VC EFFORT. THE EFFECT OF DEGRADATION OPERATIONS WAS EVIDENT AS 200 REFUGEES LEFT TIEN PHUOC DISTRICT, QUANG TINH PROVINCE, TO BE RESETTLED IN THE T. AREA. IN TURN, VC FINANCE/ECONOMY CADRES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO VILLAGE-LEVEL CADRES

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REPORTS RISE IN GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM MARKETS. A
 REPORT INDICATED THAT YOUTHS RECRUITED BY THE VC
 WOULD BE TRAINED IN NORTH VIETNAM. RECRUITMENT CENTERS
 AND OUTPOSTS CONTINUE TO BE TARGETS OF VC PROPAGANDA
 TRAVEL WHICH RESORT TO TERRORISM AND HARASSMENT WHEN
 REPORTING OPPOSITION. END SUMMARY.

ALLIED MILITARY AND VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN INTELLIGENCE
 SOURCES DURING THE PAST WEEK REPORTED SUBSTANTIAL MOVEMENT
 OF TROOP FORCES AND MATERIAL AS AN UNEASY QUIET GENERALLY
 EXISTED THROUGHOUT I CORPS. OF PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE
 WERE REPORTS OF ARMY MILITARY PERSONNEL AND LABORERS MOVING
 TOWARD AND ABANDONING TOWNSHIP POPULATION CENTERS AND ALLIED
 TROOP FORCES AND DISPERSING THESE THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORING
 COMMUNITIES. SPECIFIC FACTS ABOUT THE ACTIVITY OF THE VIET
 CONG (VC) INFRASTRUCTURE ARE AS ELABORATIVE AS ARMY UNITS
 WITH INCIDENTS OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE DURING THE WEEK
 CONCERNING REPORTS OF FAIRLY ROUTINE VC OPERATIONS
 CONCERNING FOOD AND TAX COLLECTION, IMPRESSMENT OF LABORERS,
 DISSEMINATION AND PROPAGANDA SESSIONS.

REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM A VIETNAMESE
 SECURITY SERVICE AND FROM STATIC CENSUS GRIEVANCE (SCG)
 CONCERNING AN IMPORTANT MEETING OF MILITARY AND POLITICAL
 LEADERS OF THE QUANG DA SPECIAL ZONE. THE REPORTS ARE NOT
 VERIFIED AND DIFFER IN SEVERAL RESPECTS. THE SECURITY
 SERVICE AGENCY SOURCES IN QUANG NAM INDICATED THAT
 THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY A NORTH VIETNAMESE MAJOR.
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SOUTH VIETNAM (COSVN) HAD ORDERED A GENERAL ATTACK DURING AUGUST AGAINST DISTRICT AND PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS AND AGAINST CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE QUANG DA ZONE. THE ATTACK WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY TANKS AND WOULD BE DECISIVE IN DETERMINING THE FUTURE COURSE OF THE WAR. IF THE AUGUST OFFENSIVE FAILS, VC AND NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY (NVA) FORCES WILL CONDUCT LARGE-SCALE ATTACKS BY FIRE IN ORDER TO IMPRESS UPON THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT HOW INSECURE THEIR SITUATION IS. MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PROSELYTING CAMPAIGNS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE MILITARY ACTION. SCG REPORTED THAT THE QUANG DA ZONE MEETING WAS HELD AT COSVN'S DIRECTION ON 31 JULY IN THE MOUNTAINS IN DUC DUC DISTRICT. IT WAS PRESIDED OVER BY NGO NGUINH, SECRETARY OF THE QUANG DA PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE, AND DUONG BA LOI, COMMANDER OF THE 31/S REGIMENT. ORDERS WERE GIVEN TO ATTACK AND MORTAR REMOTE OUTPOSTS AND MILITARY BASES, TO LAY MINES AND DESTROY COMMUNICATION ROUTES AND TO DEVELOP GREATER SAPPER CAPABILITY IN URBAN AREAS. POLITICALLY, THE PEOPLE WERE TO BE EXHORTED TO GREATER EFFORTS IN THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE AND IN PERSUADING DEFECTORS OF GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM (GVN) OFFICIALS. CADRES WERE ORDERED TO REMAIN IN ALL AREAS WHERE THE EIGHTH-MONTH RICE CROP WILL BE HARVESTED AND TO USE ALL AVAILABLE WOMEN AND CHILDREN TO BUY FOOD SUPPLIES IN GVN SEIZURE AREAS.

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3. THE INTERROGATION OF A RALLIER, NGUYEN VAN GIA, REVEALED THAT HIS FORMER UNIT, THE K/3 BATTALION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, HAD RECEIVED POLITICAL INDOCTRINATION BETWEEN 18 AND 19 JULY. IN A BRIEFING CONCERNING THE TRI-THIEN-HUE BATTLEFIELD, THE VC COMMANDERS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT U.S. MILITARY STRENGTH HAD BEEN INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY, MAKING THE VC/NVA EFFORT MORE DIFFICULT. THE K/3 BATTALION WAS THEN ASSIGNED THE MISSION OF ATTACKING GVN POPULAR FORCES IN TRIEN PHONG AND HAI LANG DISTRICTS AND DESTROYING GVN-CONTROLLED HAMLETS. GIA INDICATED THAT MORALE OF HIS UNIT HAD BEEN UNDERMINED SINCE LAST MAY WHEN U.S. FORCES CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN THE HAI LANG AREA. THE UNIT NOW LACKS CLOTHING AND SUPPLIES AND HAS BEEN FORCED TO MOVE CONTINUALLY IN ORDER TO AVOID ARVN OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM (ARVN) AND U.S. OPERATIONS. PRIOR TO HIS RALLYING ON 31 JULY, GIA STATED THAT HIS BATTALION HAD BEEN PREPARING FOR AN OFFENSIVE WHICH ALLEGEDLY WOULD BE SUPPORTED BY SPONTANEOUS UPRISINGS OF THE PEOPLE.

4. AN INFORMANT OF UNDETERMINED RELIABILITY OF THE VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICE IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS PRESENT AT A DISCUSSION WITH DISTRICT-LEVEL CADRES WHICH CONCERNED A MILITARY REGION-5 (MR-5) JULY MEETING IN THE SON THUNG AREAS OF QUE SON DISTRICT, QUANG NAM PROVINCE. HE REPORTED THAT THE VC PLAN TO UPGRADE AND IMPROVE THE ARMAMENTS OF LOCAL FORCES. NEWLY FORMED BATTALIONS WERE TO BE SENT TO PHUONG BONG VILLAGE, HAU DUC DISTRICT, FOR MILITARY TRAINING. THEY WOULD THEN RETURN

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TO THEIR LOCAL AREAS WHERE THEY WOULD BE REINFORCED BY NVA ELEMENTS BEFORE A THIRD OFFENSIVE ON OR ABOUT 15 AUGUST. A REORGANIZATION OF VC CARRIES, NOW IN PROGRESS, HAS ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE MR-5 MEETING. PLANS CALLED FOR SELECTING RELIABLE CARRIES TO FORM A VANGUARD COALITION YOUTH ASSOCIATION.

5. RUMORS ORIGINATING FROM VC-CONTROLLED AREAS HAVE BEEN WIDESPREAD IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE, INDICATING THAT THE VC WILL LAUNCH MAJOR ASSAULTS ON THE TWO FORTHCOMING HOLIDAYS, 15 AUGUST AND 2 SEPTEMBER, ACCORDING TO SOC AND VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICE SOURCES. THESE ASSAULTS ARE TO BRING AN END TO THE WAR. IF THEY FAIL, THE RUMOR CONTINUES, THE VC WILL ESTABLISH A COALITION GOVERNMENT MADE UP OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT AND THE ALLIANCE OF NATIONAL, DEMOCRATIC AND PEACE FORCES. NEUTRAL BUT PRO-VC RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL IN LEADERS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

6. SOC REPORTS THAT ELECTION INSTRUCTION CLASSES ARE BEING HELD IN VC-CONTROLLED AREAS OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY COUNCILS AND LIBERATION COMMITTEES AT HAMLET, VILLAGE, DISTRICT AND PROVINCE LEVELS. THESE CLASSES WERE HELD IN HIEU DUC AND TUYEN HUYEN DISTRICTS. IN THE TUYEN HUYEN AREA OF THE LATTER DISTRICT, THE CLASSES WERE HELD ON 3, 4 AND 5 AUGUST AND VOTER ROLLS WERE DRAWN UP AS WELL AS LISTS OF CANDIDATES. TWENTY PEOPLE WERE TO BE GROUPED ON ONE NAMELIST AND WERE TO ELECT A REPRESENTATIVE WHO WOULD CAST

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A SINGLE VOTE FOR THEM. THIS REPRESENTATIVE HAD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE "VC HAND", POSSIBLY REFERRING TO PEOPLES' REVOLUTIONARY PARTY MEMBERSHIP.

7. INTERROGATION OF PHAN THANH KIEM BY DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ PROVIDED INFORMATION ON THE YOUTH AND STUDENT LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. KIEM, WHO HAD BEEN RECRUITED IN SEPTEMBER 1967 AND WHO WAS ARRESTED THREE WEEKS AGO, STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN ACTIVE IN PROSELYTING AMONG BUDDHIST YOUTHS AND STUDENTS IN ORDER TO ENCOURAGE DEMONSTRATIONS AND STRUGGLE MOVEMENTS AGAINST THE GVN. ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED THIS PAST MAY, THE YOUTH AND STUDENT LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS TO BE CONVERTED INTO THE "INTERNAL SUPPORT ARMED FORCE". ITS MISSION WAS TO ASSIST THE MAIN DANANG LIBERATING ARMED FORCE BY ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN THE POPULAR SUPPORT OF THE DANANG CITIZENS. KIEM STATED THAT 65 AGENTS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO TWO ARMED PLATOONS RE AND ONE PROSELYTING SQUAD.

8. DURING THE WEEK, SOME 200 REFUGEES ARRIVED IN TAM KY CITY, QUANG TIN PROVINCE, FROM TIEN PHUOC DISTRICT FOLLOWING ARVN/U.S. DEFOLIATION OPERATIONS. INTERVIEWS WITH THESE PEOPLE DISCLOSED THAT SOME HAD TRIED TO LEAVE THE VC AREA ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS, BUT WERE PREVENTED FROM DOING SO. A SOLDIER FROM THE V/14 LOCAL FORCE COMPANY IN LY TIN DISTRICT, QUANG TIN PROVINCE, WHO DALLIED DURING JULY STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO JOIN THE VC IN APRIL 1968. AFTER THREE MONTHS WITH LITTLE FOOD AND ENDLESS HOURS OF VC INDOCTRINATION, HE HAD DECIDED TO DEFECT.

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9. A NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICE AND DGO INFORMANTS IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE, ESPECIALLY IN KY THINH VILLAGE, REPORTED ON VC DISTRIBUTION OF RELATIVELY LARGE SUMS OF GVN CURRENCY TO VILLAGERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF RICE. THE REPORTS SUGGEST THAT ALLIED RICE DENIAL OPERATIONS ARE HAVING SOME EFFECT. A SECURITY SERVICE INFORMANT STATED THAT ON 8 AUGUST THE VC V/12 UNIT ESCORTED TWO PROVINCIAL-LEVEL ECONOMIC CADRES TO KY THINH VILLAGE, TAM KY DISTRICT, WHERE THEY GAVE VN\$60,000 (US\$2,966.66) TO THE VILLAGE ECONOMIC SECTION, AS WELL AS VN\$500,000 (US\$4,237.25) TO THE KY NGHIA VILLAGE ECONOMIC SECTION. (DOLLAR EQUIVALENT GIVEN IN THIS REPORT ARE BASED ON THE OFFICIAL EXCHANGE RATE OF VN\$116 TO US\$1.00.) THE MONEY WAS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO VILLAGERS TO PURCHASE RICE FOR THE AUTUMN-WINTER CAMPAIGN. A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT, THE SAME SOURCE REPORTED THAT VN\$10,000 (US\$84.75) HAD BEEN ISSUED TO KY THINH AND KY AN VILLAGES FOR THE SAME PURPOSE. ON 21 JULY AN ECONOMIC CADRE OF KY LONG AND KY NGHIA VILLAGES IN TAM KY DISTRICT WAS ESCORTED BY FOUR GUERRILLAS TO KHANH THO DONG HAMLET, KY NGHIA VILLAGE, WHERE HE HELD A MEETING. HE STATED THAT VC UNITS HAVE BEEN REINFORCED AND ARE READY TO LAUNCH THEIR AUTUMN OFFENSIVE. LARGE AMOUNTS OF RICE AND SALT WOULD BE NEEDED FOR THE CAMPAIGN. THE ECONOMIC OFFICER GAVE VN\$60,000 (US\$508.47) TO A VC ENTERED /AUTONOMOUS COMMITTEE CADRE TO PURCHASE RICE. THE VC HAVE ALSO INSTRUCTED CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY AGES 10 TO 14, TO PURCHASE RICE IN SMALL

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QUANTITIES IN GVN MARKETS IN ORDER TO AVOID DETECTION BY
THE AUTHORITIES.

10. THE QUANG NAM CHIEF OF THE CHIEU HOI (OPVN ARMS)
PROGRAM REPORTED THAT VN\$500,000 (US\$4,237.28) WORTH
WORTH OF KOREAN RICE IS BEING PURCHASED BY THE VC EACH DAY.
THE VC PAY A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER PRICE FOR RICE IN COMPARISON
TO NORMAL PRICES IN GVN AREAS. THE RICE IS TRANSPORTED
TRANSPORTED IN SMALL AMOUNTS DURING THE DAYTIME BY WOMEN AND
IN BULK BY THE MEN AT NIGHT. CANNED GOODS ARE ALSO BEING
PURCHASED, ESPECIALLY THOSE VARIETIES WHICH DO NOT NEED
TO BE HEATED. THE FLOW OF GOODS IS UNINTERRUPTED FROM
GVN TO VC AREAS. OTHER REPORTS INDICATE THAT LARGE AMOUNTS
OF AMERICAN DOLLARS ARE BEING USED BY THE VC TO BUY
FOODSTUFFS.

11. ALONG WITH CONTINUING INDICATIONS OF VC
RECRUITMENT AND IMPRESSMENT OF YOUTHS WAS A QUANG TRI
REPORT CONCERNING RECRUITING YOUTHS FOR TRAINING IN
NORTH VIETNAM. A VIETNAMESE SECURITY SERVICE INFORMANT
WHOSE RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WHO
ALLEGEDLY ATTENDED THE MEETING, REPORTED THAT A MEETING
TOOK PLACE IN EARLY AUGUST ATTENDED BY RESIDENTS OF HA
THUONG AND LAC TAN HAMLETS. VC CADRES EXHORTED THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE TO SEND THEIR CHILDREN, RANGING IN AGE FROM 14
TO 18, TO NORTH VIETNAM WHERE THEY WOULD BE EDUCATED. THE
SAME APPEAL WAS MADE AT THE XUAN KHANH RESETTLEMENT CENTER
AND BA LOC AND AN TRUNG HAMLETS.

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12. RESETTLEMENT CAMPS CONTINUED TO BE THE TARGET OF VC PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. BOTH THE THANH TAY RESETTLEMENT CAMP AND THE CAM THANH CAMP WERE INFILTRATED BY VC PROPAGANDA UNITS. LEAFLETS WERE CIRCULATED WHICH EXPLAINED THE POLICY OF THE LIBERATION FRONT TOWARD GVN OFFICIALS AND SOLDIERS AND WHICH APPEALED FOR THEIR DEFECTION TO THE VC. IN THE THANH TAY RESETTLEMENT CAMP, THE VC RESORTED TO TERRORISM BY BURNING A NEW HOUSING UNIT AND KIDNAPPING TWO 19-YEAR-OLD-YOUTHS.

13. TERRORISM CONTINUES TO RISE IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE, PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AREAS. RAPID REACTION BY THE 101ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION FOILED A VC ATTEMPT TO ABDUCT TEN CIVILIANS FROM NAM HOA DISTRICT EARLY IN THE WEEK. THE VC FLED FREEING THEIR HOSTAGES WHEN THE AIR CAV ~~REMARK~~ APPROACHED. ON 4 AUGUST THE WIFE OF A POPULAR FORCES SOLDIER WAS ASSASSINATED IN PHU LOC DISTRICT. ON THE 6TH, A SQUAD OF VC KIDNAPPED A CIVILIAN CONTACT OF THE HUONG THUY DISTRICT S-2. FOLLOWING A PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP A BRIDGE IN LUONG XUAN HAMLET OF HUONG THUY DISTRICT ON THE 6TH, THE VC WOUNDED THE HAMLET CHIEF AND TWO CIVILIANS ON THE FOLLOWING NIGHT. AN INFORMANT OF A VIETNAMESE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE REPORTED THAT THE VC HAVE ORDERED THE ASSASSINATION OF WARD CHIEFS, INTER-FAMILY CHIEFS, CIVILIAN SELF DEFENSE CADRES AND POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS IN HUE.

14. FIELD DISSEM: STATE USMACV 7TH AIR FORCE III MAY
CORDS CINCPAC PACAF ARPAC PACFLT.

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ZNY USSOC ZVO RHYESH

O 100130Z AUG 68

FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

TO RUYP SYD/CG THIRD MAF

RUYGUKL/COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUYP SYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYP WDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYP JSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

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AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS (U)

A. MY 091300Z AUG 68

1. FIRST SENTENCE PARA FOUR SHOULD READ, "RECOMMEND ADOPT
ALTERNATIVE BRAVO".

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U P 100636Z AUG 68

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TO RUMHFA/COMUSMACV SGM

R YN2UL/COMSEVENTHFLT

R HHFMA/CG FMFPAC

R A0CL/CG NINTH MAB

INFO RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS V PHB

R MHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DNG

R MLMPA/CG FORLOGCMD DNG

R BSR/THIRD FORSERVREGT OKI

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN SIX

R BQL/CG FMFPAC FWD OKI

R YEUCAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

R YEUCAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

R MLMPA/DPI ONE SIX DNG

R BQL/DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER

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SLF ALFA (U)

REF: (A) CG III MAF 031508Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

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(B) COMSEVENTHFLT 030250Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

(C) CG NINTH MAB 00519Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

(D) CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR 031008Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF (A) STATES THAT APPROVAL WILL BE REQUESTED TO DESIGNATE 2/26 AS THE SLF ALFA BLT VICE 2/4 AS SOON AS 2/26 HAS COMPLETED AMPHIBIOUS READINESS TRAINING. REF (B) CONCURS IN EARLY BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 AS SLF ALFA BLT VICE BLT 2/4. REF (C) IS PLAN FOR ROTATION OF BLT 2/4 AND BLT 2/26. REF (D) STATES THAT BLT 2/26 EXPECTED TO BE ADE-
TELY TRAINED FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS BY 12 AUGUST 1968.

2. IN ANTICIPATION OF COMPLETION OF AMPHIBIOUS READINESS TRAINING FOR BLT 2/26, ABOUT 12 AUGUST, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE CONTEMPLATED SUBJECT CONCURRENCE ALCON:

A. ON OR ABOUT 130800 AUG68 PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON BLT 2/4 FROM 9TH MAB TO III MAF AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO 3D MARDIV; CHOP BLT 2/26 FROM THIRD MARDIV TO III MAF AND SIMULTANEOUSLY TO 9TH MAB. (ACTION: 3D MARDIV, III MAF, 9TH MAB)

B. ON OR ABOUT WQE AUG68 BACKLOAD BLT 2/26; 13AUG-31AUG68 SLF ALFA AVAILABLE FOR SPECOPS AT SUCH LOCATION IN I CORPS AREA AS THE
MAY DICTATE (ACTION: 76.4, CTG WHOMBN COMSEVENTH)

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PAGE THREE RUMUGRA1179 S E C R E T
C. 13AUG-31AUG CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR BLT 2/26 REHAB.
(ACTION: 3D MARDIV, 9TH MAB, FLC, 3D FSR, CTG JUVMRN CTG 79.4)
D. 1-22 SEPT BLT JWXWY REHAB/TRNG OKINAWA (9TH MAB, 3D FSR,
CTG 76.4, CTG 79.4)
3. REQUEST ACTION ADDEES CONCURRENCE/COMMENTS PARA 2.
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P 100729Z AUG 68
FM OICC RVN DIRCON NORTH
TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
INFO RUMHVP/CG PROV CORPS V PNB
RUMEBB/CICG RVN SAIGON
ZEN/COMNAV SUPPACT DANANG
ZEN/COMNAV FORV REP DANANG
RUMHVP/CG THERD MARDIV
RUMHVP/CGT CLEARAATER
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SECURITY FOR DREDGING OPERATIONS CUA VIEK (U)

A. MACV 071040Z JUL 68 NOTAL

B. DIRCON NORTH OICC RVN -12322Z JUL 68 NOTAL

1. DREDGE HUONG GIANG AND SEABEE I WILL MOVE TO NEW STATIONS ABOUT 13 AUG 68.

2. IN CONSONANCE WITH REF A AND REQUESTED BY REF B REQUEST STATUS ON SECURITY FOR DREDGING OPERATIONS

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DE RHYEARN 780 2246500

ZNY 33353 ZEL ZYO ROYE

O 110440Z AUG JYI ZEL

FM CIG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

TO RUMHMA/CTF CLEARWATER

R MHVP/FIRST AMTRAC BN

R YVSYB/NSAD CUA VIET

ZEN/IG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

ZEN/SECOND BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES

INFO RUMHVP/THIRD MARINE DIVISION

R YVSAF/FIRST MARINES

R YVSAF/SECOND BN FIRST MAR

R YPSYF/FIRST MAW

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CONSEC C)

1. (C) REPORTS FROM CONSEC DETACHMENT DURING THE PAST 48 HOURS
OPRIND TO REVEAL VIOLATIONS OF COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY.
2. (C) THERE IS GOOD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT PAST ARG/SLF SPECOPS
WAS ALSO EFFECTIVELY COMPROMISED BY VIOLATIONS OF STANDARD
COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURES.

O 110440Z AUG

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3. (C) THE PRESENT POSTURE/ACTIVITY OF THE ARG/SLF IS DEFINITE
INDICATION THAT SPECOPS ARE PENDING OF NECESSITY, UNCOVERED
NETS MUST BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS BOAT AND HELO CONTROL.
SECURITY VIOLATIONS COULD INDICATE TO THE ENEMY THAT A
PROBABILITY MAY SOON BECOME A CERTAINTY.
4. (C) THE COOPERATION OF ALL PERSONS HAVING ACCESS TO UNCOVERED
CITIZENSHIP BY A STATE AND ESPECIALLY THOSE HAVING
KNOWLEDGE OF THE LOCATION/INTENTIONS OF THE ARG/SLF

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P 110754Z AUG 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUMHAW/CG I CORPS VJ PHE

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HAI

RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF DNG

RUMHLA/CG FORLOGCOMD DNG

RUMFARV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYEAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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CONCEPT FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPNS AR/SLF (U)

A. CG III MAF 100636Z AUG 68 (S)

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 091732Z AUG 68 (NOTAL) (S)

C. CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR 091300Z AUG 68 (S)

1. BLT 2/26 WILL BACKLOAD NO LATER THAN 12 AUG AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SPECOPS 13-31 AUG 68, IAW REF A, AT SUCH LOCATION IN I CORPS AREA AS EMERGENCY SITUATION MAY DICTATE. COMMITMENT WILL BE BY DIRECTION THIS HQ.

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2. REF B PROPOSES AMPHIBIOUS LANDING AGAINST FLANK OF NVA FORCES IF THEY MOVE SOUTH FROM THE EASTERN DMZ. THE CONCEPT APPROVED FOR PLANNING. HOWEVER, PRESENT THREAT TO DANANG REQUIRES SIMILAR PLANNING FOR AMPHIBIOUS LANDING IN HOI AN, E. DANANG, OR ELEPHANT VALLEY AREAS AND THIS WILL ALSO BE DONE. DIR LAUTH ALCO.

3. THIS MSG AND REF A CONSTITUTE REPLY REFS B AND C.

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OO RUYPBYG

DE RHYEHN 798 2241130

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O 111113Z AUG 68

FM CIG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

TO RUYPBYG/CG III MAF

INFO RUYPBYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYPVDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYPJYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

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AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 041458Z AUG 68

B. CG III MAF 021452Z AUG 68

1. (S) IAW REF A AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING OF BLT 2/26, FOR POSSIBLE COMMITMENT IN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT ON THE FLANK OF NVA FORCES MOVING SOUTH TOWARDS CAMP CARROLL -DONG HA- CUA VIET, HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

2. (S) CIG 76.4 AND CIG 79.4 CONSIDER BLT 2/26 ADEQUATELY TRAINED TO CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATIONS PER PARA ONE.

3. (S) BLT 2/26 IS BACKLOADED IN ARG ALFA SHIPS. PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR SUBJECT OPS IN PROGRESS.

4. (S) REQ AUTHORIZATION FOR FORMAL PREPARATORY PLANNING WITH CG

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THIRD MARDIV FOR POSSIBLE SPECOPS IN NICTZ.

5. CIG 79.4 CONCURS.

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O P 111200Z AUG 68

FM COMUSMACV

TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DANANG

INFO RUMGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMHMA/CG PROV COMPS V PHU BAI

RUMHVP/CG 3RD MARDIV DONG VA

RUABQL/CG 5TH MAB

RUMLNPA/CG FORLOGCMD

RUABGR/3RD FORSERVREGT

RUMFSA/CTF 76

RUABQL/CTF 79

RUYENAG/CTG 76.4

RUYENAG/CTG 79.4

RUMLNPI 16 DANANG

RUABQL/PI 27 CAMP BUTLER

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SUBJ: SLF ALPHA

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CONCUR PARA 2 OF REF.

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Concurs w/III MAF
 But recommendation that
 2/26 chop to SLF affs
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VV HRN689

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DE RHYEHAN 799 2241218

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0111201Z AUG 68 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO RUYPsyGB/CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYPJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYPsyGB/FIRST MARINES

ZEN/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

ZEN/HMM THREE SIX TWO

RUYPsyGB/FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES

AUMH P/FIRST AMTRAC BN

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BACKCOADEBT TWO SLANT TWO SIX K5)

CG THIRD MARDIV 081950Z AUG 68

1. COMPLETED BACKLO D BLT 2/26 AT 111500H AUG 68. ONE LVT P-5
DOWN ON BEACH. EVAC TO 1ST AMTRAC BN.

2. REQUEST AO ASSIGNED BY REF A BE DISSOLVED.

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ZNY CCCCC

R 111233Z AUG VI

FM CG FORLOGCMD DNG RVN

TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DNG RVN

INFO WEN/FLSG BRAVO DONG HA RVN

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV QUANG TRI RVN

RUMUFGA/COMNAV SUPPACT DNG RVN

RUMHVP/NSAD CUA VIET DONG HA

RUMUFGA/CMBU THREE ZERO ONE RVN

RUMHVP/FIRST AMTRACBN RVN

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OA. CG III MAF MSG- 290830Z AUG 68 (C)

1. RE A REQUESTED ADVISE PROBLEM AREAS REGARDING INSTALLATION FUEL FARM CUA VIET.

2. REQUEST ADDITIONAL ENGR EFFORT FOR BERM CONSTRUCTION OF 65 FUEL BERMS. SECURITY PERIMETER MUST BE EXTENDED TO ACCOMMODATE FUEL EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION.

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FM CTC-78.4
TO CG 3RD MAR DIV
INFO DLT 2/26

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BACKLOAD DLT 2/26 (S)

REFERENCE A 081050Z AUG 68

1. COMPLETED BACKLOAD DLT 2/26 1115. CH. 1 LTVD-5 DO N
ON BEACH EVAC TO 1ST ATRAC DN.
2. REQUEST AD ASSIGNED BY REF. A BE DEBOLVED.

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RZNY CCCCC

O P 120302Z AUG 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA

RUMHMA/CG NINTH MAB

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

INFO RUMHMA/CG COMKMACV SGN

RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC

RUYNBUL/CG SEVEN 7LT

RUMHMA/CG PROV CORPS V PHN

RUMHMA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

RUMHMA/CG FIRST MAF DNG

RUMHMA/CG FORLOGCOMD

RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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BLT ROTATION (U)

A. CG III MAF 100636Z AUG 68 (S)

12 0320Z AUG 68

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B. FMFPAC O 001300.15A (NOTAL)

1. REF A PROVIDES FOR BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 ON OR ABOUT 13 AUG AND AVAILABILITY SIF ALIA FOR SPECOPS 13-31 AUG 68.

2. FOR CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR: REQUEST YOU CHOP OPCON TO CG THIRD MARDIV REMAINING ELEMENTS BLT 2/4 PRIOR TO 130800H AUG 68 AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE CG THIRD MARDIV.

3. FOR CG THIRD MARDIV: PASS COMMAND BLT 2/26 TO CG III MAF 130800H AUG 68. CG III MAF PASSES OPCON BLT 2/26 TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR AND COMMAND LESS OPCON TO CG NINTH MAB SAME TIME. UPON ASSUMPTION COMMAND WIT VNA DEACTIVATE BLT 1AM REVER AND RETURN ELEMENTS PARENT ORGANIZATIONS.

4. FOR CG NINTH MAB: REQUEST YOUR PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON BLT 2/4 TO CG III MAF 130800H AUG 68. CG III MAF PASSES COMMAND LESS OPCON CG THIRD MARDIV SAME TIME.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: FIRST MARINES
 FIRST ARVN DIV
 SA FIRST ARVN REGT
 SA SECOND ARVN REGT
 SA QUANG TRI PROVINCE
 TWELFTH MARINES
 OTG SEVENTY SIX PT FOUR
 OTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR
 OTF CLEARWATER
 FIRST AMTRAC BN
 BLT TWO SLAND TWO SIX
 SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES
 FIRST BN ELEVENTH MARINES
 INFO: CG III MAP
 CG POV
 FIRST AGD



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SLF LANDING EXERCISE

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 081950Z AUG 68

1. AOA FOR AMPHIBIOUS LANDING EXERCISE AS SET FORTH IN REF

(A) DISSOLVED REF 111200Z AUG 68.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: THIRD MARDIV
 CG FIRST AIRCAV DIV (PASS TO 1ST HDE)
 CG PCV
 CG III MAF
 CG FMAW
 MAG THIRTY-NINE
 CTG SEVENTY SIX PT FOUR
 CTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR

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FRAGO 2-68, CHANGE NO. ONE REF (A) CG THIRD MARDIV
 111900ZAU668

1. CHANGE PARA 3D(1) OF REF (A) TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. BE PREPARED TO OCCUPY ASSEMBLY AREA NORTH OF CAM LO
 RIVER IN VICINITY OF CAM LO RIVER BRIDGE (YD 149605).

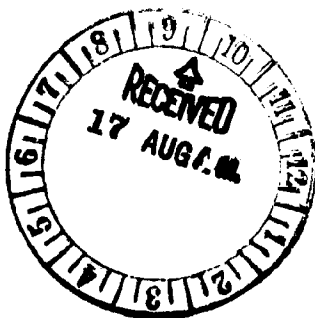
2. CHANGE PARA 3H(1) OF REF A TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO SLF ALFA FOR THE CONDUCT
 OF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN THE OVA VIET AREA, OR AS DIRECTED
 BY CG III MAF (SEE CG III MAF 110754ZAU668).

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IMMEDIATE 120920 ZAUG68

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



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EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26

A. CG III MAF MSG 100636ZAUG68

1. THE INCREASING THREAT OF ENEMY OFFENSIVE ACTION FROM THE DMZ AREA DICTATES THE NEED TO RETAIN BLT 2/26 IN THE 3D MARDIV AO. ACCORDINGLY IT IS REQUESTED THAT BLT 2/26 BE POSITIONED ASHORE IN CUA VIET AO UNDER THE OPCON OF 3D MARDIV PREPARED TO RE-EMBARK AND SHIPPING IMMEDIATELY AT SUCH TIME AS AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATIONS AGAINST NVA FORCES ARE INDICATED.
2. THIS EMPLOYMENT SHOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE PREPARATIONS FOR BLT 2/26 REHAB NOR THE ~~SECRET'S PLANNING~~ ^{CONTINGENCY PLANNING} FOR PERIOD 13-31AUG68.

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FROM: CG THIRD MAR DW

TO: CG PCV

SUBJECT: FIRST MARINES

INFO:

~~CG PCV~~
CTF CLEARWATER
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CLASSIFICATION/REMARKS/INITIALS

SUBJECT: SECURITY FOR DREDGING OPNS ON CUA VIET
CTF CLEARWATER 121402Z AUG

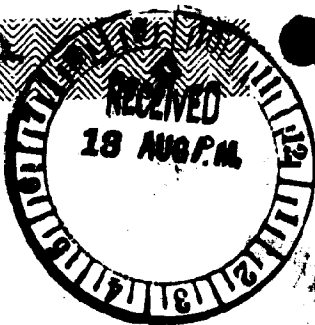
FOR FIRST MARINES:

1. PROVIDE SECURITY ~~FOR~~ ON BANKS OF CUA VIET AT LOCATIONS LISTED PARAS 2 AND 3 FOR SECURITY OF DREDGES AND ^{QUARTERS} ~~BARBERS~~

FOR CG PCV:

2. ~~FOR~~ PARA 3 REF A REQUESTED COMMENT ON MARINE FORCES PROVIDING SECURITY AGAINST SWIMMERS AND FLOATING MINES FROM THE SHORELINES. SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE BANKS AS REQUESTED IN PARAS 2 AND 3 REF A. SECURITY FOR SWIMMERS AND FLOATING MINES IS PROPERLY THE MISSION OF NAVAL FORCES, AS LISTED IN PARA 2 REF A: OMOR DONG HA RIVER SECURITY GROUP. SECURITY ~~FOR~~ AGAINST MORTAR/ROCKET ATTACK WILL BE PROVIDED BY FIRST MAR.

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 FM CTF CLEARWATER
 TO ZEN/CG PCV
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
 INFO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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SECURITY FOR DREDGING OPNS ON CUA VIET RIVER (U)

A. CG PCV 070619Z AUG 68 NOTAL

1. IAW REF A, SURVEY HAS BEEN MADE OF DREDGE SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

2. PRESENT STATUS OF SECURITY FOR DREDGES IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. DREDGE SWELLMASTER - WORKING CUA VIET CHANNEL AND TURNING BASIN
 ON 24 HOUR BASIS. 1ST ANTRAC BN IS PROVIDING SHORELINE SECURITY NORTH
 AND SOUTH OF BANKS; CDR DONG NA RIVER SECURITY GROUP IS PROVIDING

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 WATER SURVEILLANCE.

B. DREDGE HUONG GIONG - WORKING NEW CHANNEL VICINITY YD 295660 ON
 24 HOUR BASIS. 2ND BN/1ST MAR IS PROVIDING SHORELINE SECURITY; CDR
 DONG NA RSG IS PROVIDING WATER SURVEILLANCE.

C. QUARTERS BARGE AND DREDGE SEABEE I BOTH LOCATED VICINITY YD
 296663. SEABEE I IN STATUS OF BEING READIED FOR WORK IN CHANNEL
 MOUTH. SAME SECURITY AS BEING PROVIDED IN PARA 1B.

D. IN ADDITION, DREDGE AND QUARTERS BARGE PERSONNEL ARE PROVIDING
 LOCAL ONBOARD SECURITY WATCH WITH RADIO CONTACT REPORTING IN HOURLY
 DURING H

OURS OF DARKNESS AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN FUTURE DREDGING
 OPNS. THESE ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITH ENS. FUNK, ROICC CUA VIET.

3. FUTURE OPNS OF DREDGES CUA VIET:

A. DREDGE SWELLMASTER - CONTINUE TO WORK CHANNEL AND TURNING BASIN.

B. DREDGE HUONG GIONG - O/A 13 AUST MOVE TO YD 26762.

C. DREDGE SEABEE I - O/A 13 AUGUST MOVE TO MOUTH OF CUA VIET AND WORK CHANNEL.

D. QUARTERS BARGE - REMAIN AT YD 296663. POSSIBILITY EXISTS, DUE TO
 DISCUSSION BETWEEN ROICC CUA VIET AND CO, 2ND BN/1ST MAR, THAT
 QUARTERS BARGE MAY BE MOVED UP RIVER FOR IMPROVED SECURITY.

4. SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE OPNS OF DREDGES CUA VIET:

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A. DREDGES SWELLMASTER AND SEABEE I - SHORELINE SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED BY 1ST AMTRAC BN; CDR DONG HA RSG WILL PROVIDE WATER SURVEILLANCE.

B. DREDGE HUONG GIONG AND QUARTERS BARGE - 2ND BN/1ST MAR WILL PROVIDE SHORELINE SECURITY; CDR DONG HA RSG WILL PROVIDE WATER SURVEILLANCE.

C. ALL OF THE ABOVE HAS BEEN WORKED OUT AND AGREED TO BY THIRD MARDIV STAFF.

5. HOWEVER, ONE AREA OF CONCERN TO CTFCW IN REVIEW OF CONTINUOUS REPORTS OF ENEMY'S INTENTIONS TO CLOSE THE CAU VIET IS THAT AT YD 257626 WHERE THE HUONG GIONG WILL BE WORKING FOR APPROX 2 - 3 WEEKS. THIS LOCATION IS NEAR THE DAI DO AREA, BOUNDARY BETWEEN US/ARVN FORCES AND

IS ALSO AT THE JUNCTION OF THE DONG THACH HAN AND THE SONG HIEN GIANG, THERE ARE THREE SHORELINES AND THREE WATERWAYS INVOLVED. CDR DONG HA RSG CAN PROVIDE WATERWAY SURVEILLANCE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL FORCES. SHORELINE SECURITY (NORTH, SOUTH, AND EAST) MUST PROVIDE FOR POSSIBLE ATTACKS ON THE DREDGE BY SWIMMERS AND FLOATING MINES, USING FAVORABLE TIDAL CONDITIONS, AND MORTARS AND/OR ROCKET ATTACKS. USMC FORCES ARE NOT PRESENTLY DEPLOYED IN THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SECTORS. BELIEVE LAND FORCES ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS NECESSARY SECURITY.

3. THIRD MARDIV IS REQUESTED TO COMMENT ON THE ABOVE.

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TO RUMHVP/BLT TWO SLANT FOUR

RUYPSTG/THIRD MARDIV

INFO RUYHSA/CG FMFPAC

RUYGUKL/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUYPSTG/CG III MAF

RUHSA/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

RUWVDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUJJSYB/CG NINTH MAB

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUOSYB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

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ZEN/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

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MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

A. CG NINTH MAB 050519Z AUG 68

1. SITUATION

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A. ENEMY FORCES. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES. CG THIRD MARDIV CHOPS BLT 2/26 TO SLF
ALFA TO REPLACE BLT 2/4.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. FIRST CLEARING PLT(-) REIN,
CO A, 5TH MED BN, NINTH MAB; DETACHMENT 5TH DENTAL CO
NINTH MAB; AND FIRST PLT(REIN) CO A, 5TH AT BN, NINTH
MAB WILL NOT ROTATE WITH BLT 2/4, BUT WILL BE DETACHED AND
REMAIN WITH THE SLF FOR ATTACHMENT TO BLT 2/26.

D. BLT 2/4(-) LOCATED IN SCOTLAND II AO; BLT 2/4 SUPPLY AND
ADMIN REAR LOCATED AT DONG HA COMBAT BASE. BLT 2/26
LOCATED ABOARD ARG/SLF ALFA SHIPPING.

2. MISSION. THIS ROTATION ONSTITUTES NO CHANGE TO THE MISSION
ASSIGNED TO CTG 79.4.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT.

1. AT 130700H AUG 68 BLT 2/4 CHOPS TO THE THIRD MARDIV.

2. BLT 2/4 HAS DISPLACED ASHORE EXCEPT FOR ASSES LISTED

IN PARA C ABOVE AND CONVALESCENT PATIENTS.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

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2. MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY CONCERNING MOVEMENT.
 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. ADMI .

- (1) SUBMIT MAIL ROUTING REQUEST IAW FMFPACO 2800.3D AND CG NINTH MAB MSG 250800Z MAY 67.
- (2) ENSURE GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS, ID CARDS, ID TAGS, AND RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA ARE CURRENT AND CORRECT.
- (3) ENSURE ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETED. BUMED INSTS 6230.1E AND 6230.1S REFER.
- (4) BLT FILES WILL ROTATE. FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO NINTH MAB WILL BE RETURNED TO SLF.
- (5) COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF NLIP 10-1 (b) SUPPLEMENT. ENSURE CG FMFPAC, COMSEVENTHFLT, CG III MAF, CG THIRD MARDIV, CG NINTH MAB, CTG SEVEN SIX, CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR, CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR AND CTG SEVEN NINE PT TMXZGRMHWAELFHOUDEFCTIYEMW MOVREPS AND CHOP MSGS.
- (6) SUKPKFRN SHUBCS DIARIES WILL BE IAW FMFPACO 1080.4.
- (7) SUBMIT CMD CHRONOLOGY FOR PERIOD 1-13 AUG IAW BRIGADE O 5750.1C. ENSURE REPORT OF MOVE IS INCLUDED.
- (8) FOR BLT 2/4. SUBMIT TO CTG SEVEN NINE BY MSG UPON

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DETACHMENT AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK, SER NO, MOS, AND RTD PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL ROTATING WITH BLT 2/4. INFO FMFPAC AND CG THIRD MARDIV.

B. LOGISTICS

- (1) BLT 2/4 DEBARK WITH T/E EQUIP, ORGANIC SUPPLIES, AND B/A AMMO.
- (2) FOLLOWING SUPPLY BLOCKS TO REMAIN ABOARD ARG/SLF SHIPPING:
 - 15 DAY RATION BLOCK
 - BLT CLOTHING BLOCK
 - LSU BLOCK
 - MEDICAL BLOCK
 - L FORM BLOCK

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT

- A. UPON CHOP, BLT 2/26 REPORT TO CTG 79.2 FOR COMMAND LESS OPCON AND TO CTG 79.4 FOR OPCON
- B. DIRLAUTH ALCON.
- C. FOR BLT 2/4; ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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 O 121630Z AUG 68
 FM CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO RUYEUAC/CTG SEVENTY SIX PT FOUR
 RUYEUAC/CTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR
 ZENI/SECOND ARVN REGT
 INFO RUMLBPA/CG PCV
 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
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 ZEN/FIRST ANTRAC BN

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CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS IN THE CUA VIET AREA

A. CTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR REQ 12AUG68

1. IN THE EVENT THAT SLF-ALFA IS COMMITTED BY CG III MAF
 IN SUPPORT OF 3D MARDIV OPNS IN THE CUA VIET AREA THE
 FOLLOWING MISSION IS ASSIGNED.

MISSION: ON ORDER CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT
 OPERATIONS IN THE DESIGNATED AOA IN THE CUA VIET AREA
 TO COUNTERATTACK ENEMY FORCES ATTACKING SOUTHWARD FROM

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THE EASTERN DMZ.

LANDWARD PORTION OF AOA FOR CONTINGENCY OPNS AS
 FOLLOWS: FROM A POINT OF THE CAOS AT YD 282772 ALONG
 THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ TO YD 265761 THEN SSE
 TO YD 269745 THEN SE TO THE TRAIL AT YD 277733 THEN SW
 IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO YD 251703 THEN PARALLEL TO AND
 1000 METERS WEST OF JONES CREEK TO YD 274669 THEN IN A
 STRAIGHT LINE NE TO THE COAST AT YD 335710.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG PCV
INFO: CG III MAF
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DENIAL BARRIER GRAVEL SEEDING IN SCOTLAND II AO

- A. CG 3D MARDIV 3P/GCC/WLK TO CG PCV SUBJ: KHE SANH DENIAL BARRIER PLAN INFO DTD 11 JUL 68 (NOTAL)(COURIER)
- B. COMUSMACV 210226Z JUL 68
- C. CG PCV 240728Z JUL 68
- D. MY MSG 281230Z JUL 68

1. REF A REQUESTED A DENIAL BARRIER IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH. REFS B AND C REQUESTED JUSTIFICATION OF THE DENIAL BARRIER CONTAINED IN REF A. REF D RESTATES JUSTIFICATION CONTAINED IN REF A TO ANSWER REFS B AND C.

2. THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THIS BARRIER REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN REFS A AND D. HOWEVER CONTINUING ESTIMATES OF THE ENEMY AND FRIENDLY SITUATION DICTATES A MODIFICATION TO THE BASIC PLAN. THIS CHANGE IN THE WESTERN TO NORTH-WESTERN PORTION OF THE BELT WILL ALLOW MORE FREEDOM OF MANEUVER FOR FRIENDLY FORCES YET STILL ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF DELAYING, HINDERING AND CANALIZING THE ENEMY AND TO DENY HIM FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THAT AREA AS INDICATED IN THE ORIGINAL CONCEPT.

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3. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE BARRIER AS PREVIOUSLY DEPICTED
ON THE OVERLAY CONTAINED IN REF A BE CHANGED. NEW OVERLAY
TO BE DELIVERED BY COURIER WITH SECTOR PRIORITIES INDICATED.

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FM CG THIRD MARDIV

TO RUMHAW/CG 111 MAP

RUMHAW/CG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMHAW/CG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMHAW/CG TWO TWO SIX

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FM CIG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO RUYSYP/CG NINTH MAE

INFO RUYPSC/CG III MAF

RUYPSC/CG THIRD MARDIV

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SLF ALFA AIR OBSERVER (U)

1. SUEJ TO YOUR CONCURRENCE INTEND TO MAKE SLF A AIR OBSERVER AVAILH TO 3D MARDIV SUEJ TO IMMED RECALL IF REQUIRED FOR AMPHIB OPNS.
2. CONSIDER THIS TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT MOST BENEFICIAL TO AC AS CJT TO MAINTAIN PROFICIENCY AND TO 3D DIV AS AUGMENTATION TO AC SECTPON.
3. THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO VEREAL REQUEST BY 3D DIV G-2 ON 13 AUG 68.

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IMMEDIATE 131030 ZAUG68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: OTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 OTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 FIRST MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES
 FIRST ATRAC BN
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG PGV
 SA FIRST ARVN DIV
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A. VERBAL REQ OTG 79.4 131000HAUG68

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 081930ZAUG68 (NOTAL)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A THE FOLLOWING AREA IS DESIGNATED FOR
 THE USE OF OTG 79.4 FOR TRAINING FROM 0600 to 1800 DAILY
 FROM 14 THROUGH 18 AUG 1968:

FROM THE COAST AT YD 366676 IN A STRAIGHT LINE SW TO THE
 ROAD/RIVER JUNCTION AT YD 333656, THENCE SE ALONG THE RIVER TO
 YD 341640, THENCE IN A STRAIGHT LINE NE TO THE COAST AT YD
 363660.

2. FOR OTG 79.4. ENSURE ELEMENTS ASHORE MAINTAIN RADIO
 COMMUNICATIONS WITH 1ST MARINES.

3. SUPPORTING ARMS FIRES IAW REF B.

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IMMEDIATE 131036 Z AUG68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG PCV
 FIRST MARINES
 INFO: CTF CLEARWATER
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SECURITY FOR DREDGING OPS ON CUA VIET

A. CTF CLEARWATER 121402Z AUG

1. FOR FIRST MARINES: PROVIDE SECURITY ON BANKS OF CUA VIET AT
 LOCATIONS LISTED PARAS 2 AND 3 ^{REF A} FOR SECURITY OF DREDGES AND QUARTERS
 BARGE.

2. FOR CG PCV: PARA 5 REF A REQUESTED COMMENT ON MARINE FORCES
 PROVIDING SECURITY AGAINST SWIMMERS AND FLOATING MINES FROM THE
 SHORELINES. SECURITY WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE BANKS AS REQUESTED
 IN PARA'S 2 AND 3 REF A. SECURITY FOR SWIMMERS AND FLOATING MINES
 IS PROPERLY THE MISSION OF NAVAL FORCES, AS LISTED IN PARA 2 REF A:
 CMDR DONG HA RIVER SECURITY GROUP. SECURITY AGAINST MORTAR/ROCKET
 ATTACK WILL BE PROVIDED BY FIRST MAR.

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131400H AUG

for: H. Col. Cryan
from: May Dalney

Subj: T F GLICK

file w/Scotland II

Re:

T F Glick became operational at 150800H Apr 68 upon termination of Opn Pegasus and inception of Scotland II. T F Glick was redesignated T F Hotel at 250001H Apr 68.

Cumulative casualties for Scotland II while controlled by T F Glick are as follows:

friendly		enemy	
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WIA(M)	75	IWC	39
MIA	22	CSWC	5

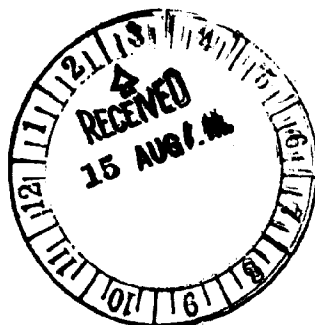
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P 132302Z AUG 68

FM FIRST AMTRAC BN

TO ZEN/CO FIRST MARINES

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REQUEST PASEP, CG, 3D MARINE DIVISION

SUBJ: CLEARING BEACH OF FISHERMEN FROM CUA VIET TO
BASE CAMP C-4.

1. 3 LVTH AND 2 OTTERS HAVE BEEN MINED ON THE BEACH BETWEEN CUA VIET AND BASE CAMP C-4, SINCE 8 JUNE 68. MININGS HAVE RESULTED IN 1 KIA, 6 MIA (MEDEVAC) AND 2 MIA (PRESUMED KIA). IT IS NECESSARY THAT TRACKED VEHICLES TRAVEL THIS ROUTE DAILY TO SUPPLY C-4 AND OCEANVIEW. MINES ARE THOUGHT TO BE PLANTED DURING THE DAY BY VC OR NVA DISGUISED AS FISHERMEN. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE BEACH AREA (GULF OF TONKIN) BETWEEN YD 343702 & YD 323723 BE DECLARED A NO ENTRY ZONE FOR VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS.

2. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SURVEILLANCE OF THE BEACH AT NIGHT, IT IS REQUESTED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL STARLIGHT SCOPES BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM DUEL BLADE ASSETS FOR USE BY 1ST AMTRAC BATTALION

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IMMEDIATE 1413.22 Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG TF HOTEL

ORIGINAL

INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
CG FIRST MAW
THIRD MARDIV

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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: NUI TIA PONG AREA

A. 3D MARDIV LOI 1-67 (NOTAL)

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. CONTINUING EVIDENCE OF PRESENCE OF UNIDENTIFIED
NVA BN IN THE NUI TIA PONG AREA. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS
AND PERINTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) 7TH AF PROVIDES AROLIGHTS.

(2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES OTHER ROTARY AND FIXED WING
AIR SUPPORT.

~~(3) TASK FORCE PROVIDES NOT SUPPORT~~

2. MISSION

TASK FORCE HOTEL CONDUCTS A ONE BN SIZE HELICOPTERBORNE
ASSAULT IN THE SCOTLAND AO TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY
FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS AND TO INTERDICT INFILTRATION
ROUTES IN OBJECTIVE AREA.

3. EXECUTION

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AND UP TO FOUR ARC LIGHTS;*

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~~ARE GENERAL ARC LIGHTS WILL BE REQUESTED PRIOR~~
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C. 12TH MARINES.

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. SEE REF A FOR METHOD OF LOG SUPT FOR TF HOTEL.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. SEE ANNEX C (COMM/ELEC) OF REF A.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV ^{3D MARINE DIVISION}
 TO: CG TF HOTEL
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG PCV
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C. D. Sanford**SECRET**

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HEADQUARTERS
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF
FPO San Francisco 96602

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15 Aug 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
To: Commanding General

Subj: Combined Operations North of the DMZ Involving a
Marine Infantry Regiment, ARVN Forces and ARG/SLF

1. To obtain the participation of the ARVN forces in the combined operation tentatively planned in the time of the next 5-7 days it is suggested that the Commanding General 1st ARVN Division be approached on a personal basis.

2. Items that should be covered are:

a. The employment of forces to include two battalions of infantry, a troop of APC's, two platoons of tanks, and direct support artillery.

b. Temporary boundary changes on the ARVN's west to the NS grid line 16 and movement of the eastern boundary to the vicinity of Highway #1 will provide for an adequate AOA for the ARG/SLF.

c. The general concept of operations.

PAUL D. LAFOND

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15 AUGUST 1968

ACTION BRIEF

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

SUBJ: OPERATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ

1. In General Stillwell's discussion to members of this staff concerning a "raid" type operation in the DMZ north of A-4, he stated his staff would prepare a planning directive to confirm his oral instructions. Following his departure, staff officers from PCV have called, requesting certain information on which to build the planning directive. This has been particularly true in the fire support coordination area.

2. Since the Commanding General has issued his guidance, it is considered prudent to set forth his theory of the operation to PCV prior to the receipt of instructions. It is recognized that the two messages might cross in the teletype system but it is hoped that the attached message will reach PCV prior to their message being released. By doing this, it is conceivable that the Commanding General's plans could be reflected in the initial guidance from PCV, thus eliminating the need to argue with their point of view.

Recommendation

Inform CG PCV of the desire to expand the concept of operations in the DMZ prior to receiving his written instructions.

P. D. Lafond
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 FM CG III MAF DNG
 TO RUMLEPA/CG PROV CORPS PGB
 INFO RUMHFA/COMUSMACV
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA
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FORECAST OF OPN DNZ (U)

- A. TELEPHONE CONVERSATION LTCOL BOYLES MACV COC AND MAJ LEVEY III MAF 11 AUG 68.
- B. COMUSMACV MSG DG 110355Z JUN 68 (C)
- C. III MAF MSG DTG 160605Z JUN 68 (C)
- D. III MAF MSG DG 230636Z MAY 68 (IS)
- E. CG PCV MSG DTG 160557Z AUG 68 (U)
- F. THIRD MARDIV MSG DG 290352Z AUG 68 (IS)

1. PER REF COMUSMACV REQUIRED REPORTS FOR OPERATIONS IN DZM NSCHL OF THE MDL

INCLUDING RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS, *(ARE AS Follows)*

- A. SEPERATE FORCAST OF OPN IN THE SAME FORMAT AS REQUIRED BY REF B.
- B. SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS AND OTHER THAN NON ROUTINE EXTRACTS SHOULD BE REPORTED BY MESSAGE.

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- 2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE FOLLOWING REPORTS ARE REQUIRED:
- A. SEPERATE FORCAST OF OPERATIONS REPORT TO REACH THIS HEADQUARTERS NLT 1200 EACH WEDNESDAY FOR THE PERIOD 0001H SUNDAY THROUGH 2400H THE FOLLOWING SATURDAY (SEE REF C).
- B. CHANGES BY SECURE VOICE A LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO START OF APPROVED OPN.
- C. MSG REPORT OF SIGNIFICANT CONTACT OR OTHER THAN ROUTINE EXTRACTION.
- D. NEGATIVE REPORTS NOT REQUIRED.
- 3. REF D IS CANCELLED. FOR CG PCV THIS NEGATES YOUR REQUIREMENT FOR READDRESSAL IN REF E. THIS MSG ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON REPORTING PROCEDURES IN REF F.

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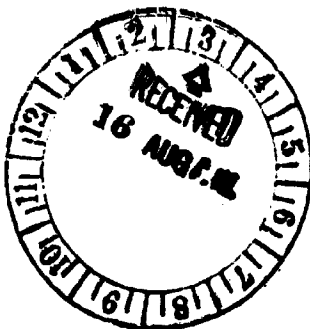
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RIJPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

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RIJPSYG/FIRST MARINES (CUA VIET)

RIJPSYG/FIRST AMTRAC BN

RIJPSYG/SECOND BN FIRST MARINES

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CHANGE ONE TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR FRAG ORDER TWO DASH SIX EIGHT
FOR CONTINUATION OF FLT 2/26 AMPVIB TVNG (U)

A CTG79.4 141507Z AUG 68

1. CHANGE PERA 3 D(2) REF A TO READ: HH-HOURS AS FOLLOWS: 160000H/

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54 AUG 68, 170000H/04 AUG 68, 180000H/7 AUG 68. L-HOURS AS FOLLOWS:

160000H/2 AUG 68, 170000H/7 AUG 68, 180000H/0 AUG 68; W-HOUR IS

1600 DAILY, ALL TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED.

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SCOTLAND II

SECRET Z 151640 H
 FM S-2 A TFH"
 TO 3RD MAR DIV 3X

1. TWO QUESTIONS ON YOUR MSG SENT 151619 H
 - A. ORDERED TO CHOP 9TH MARS W/ 2 ORGANIC Bn's TO 3RD MAR DIV. ALX-6 STATED WE MAY TAKE CHARGE OF LANCASTER AO.
 - B EXPLAIN: "REQ HQ SPECIFIC AO TO FOLLOW."
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1704 H/15AUG68/TNT/DIV KY-6

Commented JWD

No info here that you take over Lancaster if you do them properly you may keep them. A cond message is on the wire with another mission for them following tomorrow morn.

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FROM TFH		TO 3RD MAR DIV			
INFO: 3RD + 9TH MAR					
EFFECTIVE 151730H AUG					
CG TFH ASSUMS OPCON					
2/9 FROM 9TH MAR AND					
PASSES OPCON TO					
3RD MAR, SAME DTG. OK					
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DM CG XXSV CORPS PHB

TO RUMUGRA/CG III MAF DNG

INFO RUMHVP/CG3D MAR DIV DG

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SECRET AVID-GCP 05116

SUBJ:EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26(U)

REF:A.III MAF MSG DTG 100636Z AUG 68, SUBJ:SLF ALPHA(U)

B. 3D MAR DIV MSG DTG 120920Z AUG 68, SUBJ:EMPLOYMENT

OF BLT 2/26(U)

(S)RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF CG 3D MAR DIV PROPOSALS CONTAINED I REF

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ACTION BRIEF FOR COMMANDING GENERAL

16 Aug 1968

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3
 To: Commanding General

Subj: DMZ Raid

1. The attached message has been prepared for the purpose of requesting that BLT 2/26 be tasked, under OPCON of the 3d MarDiv, to conduct the one day battalion size raid into the DMZ.
2. It should be noted, but not overweighted in making this decision, that CG III MAF* has stated the policy in the event 3d MarDiv needs reinforcement, the 1st ACD will be used west of Highway 1 and the ARG/SLF will be used east of Highway 1.
3. This one day raid is considered to be an excellent opportunity to exploit the unique features of the ARG/SLF with the minimum amount of formal and detailed planning. The 1st Marines are now in the process of making detailed plans.
4. Recommendation:

Request CG III MAF and CG PCV concurrently approve the employment of the ARG/SLF as the DMZ raid force while alerting the Naval elements to initiate action.

P. D. Lafond
 P. D. LAFOND

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* Received Telecom 1000 this date from Col White, Asst G-3
 that Gen Eushman personally had concurred with this plan

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16 1445H

FM: CG TFM

TO: CG 3RD MAR DIV

INFO: 9TH MAR

1. AS SOON ~~HA~~ AS IT CAN BE
ARRANGED CG TFM DESIRES
TO RELINQUISH ALL ADDITIONAL
REQUIRED TERRAIN IN THE
DRA LONG AREA ~~FROM~~ FROM THE
1ST CHV AND 1/5 INF DIV.

2. UPON NOTIFICATION WILL ASSUME ORIGINAL
3RD MAR DIV / AIR CAV AS MODIFIED FOR 1/5.

FM: JUNCTION OF RIVER AND "APPROX ALLINE-
MENT DOTTED LINES AT GRID 103332, FOLLOW
THIS DOTTED LINE TO QT RIVER AT 113418, NORTH
TO 113440, NNW TO 119450, CURVE N.E. TO 113459,
N 113463, CURVE E.N.E. 120468 CURVE ENE
130470 TO 140472 A SOUTHERNLY DIP AT 146471
AND THEN N.E. TO 150475, N. ON 15 GL
TO 150480 & JOINS DELTA-S BOUNDARY

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FLASH 161750 Z AUG 26 1968

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG PCV
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG FIRST MARINES

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DMZ RAID

1. THIS DIVISION CONDUCTS A ONE DAY BATTALION SIZE RAID TO EXPLOIT THE SLOW RATE OF SCHEDULED ARCLIGHT STRIKES IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ. THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE RAID IS BETWEEN NSGL 10 TO NSGL 15 WITH THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY THE EWGL 72. TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM SURPRISE AND SMOCK THE PRIMARY MEANS OF INSERTION WILL BE BY HELICOPTER WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ARMORED/MECH THRUST TO SUPPORT JOINT EFFORTS OF THE DELIBERATE LANDED FORCES AND COVER ITS WITHDRAWAL. THE MISSION OF THE FORCE IS TO DETERMINE THE NATURE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, GAIN ENEMY INTENTIONS, TAKE PRISONERS AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND EQUIPMENT. D-DAY H-HOUR ESTIMATED TO BE 191000H. EXACT TIME TO BE CONFIRMED UPON APPROVAL OF REQUESTED ARCLIGHT STRIKES.
2. THE INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE WEST AND NORTHWEST OF THE DIVISION AREA OVER THE LAST 24 HOURS HAS DICTATED THE COMMITMENT OF ALL ORGANIC BATTALIONS OF THE 3D MARINES AGAINST ELEMENTS OF THE 320TH NVA DIVISION. TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 9TH MARINES ARE COMMITTED FOR



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BATTLE AREA BY THE 320TH NVA DIVISIONS IN CONTACT WITH THE 3D MARINES. THE THIRD BATTALION OF THIS REGIMENT IS COMMITTED TO PLANNING AND CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN BATTALION STRENGTH IN THE MU GIA PONG AREA WHERE SIGNIFICANT ENEMY ACTIVITY HAS BEEN OBSERVED. THE 4TH MARINES CONTINUE TO SCREEN THE EXTREME WESTERN FLANK AND WITHIN THE PAST TWELVE HOURS HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH AN UNDETERMINED SIZE ENEMY FORCE SW OF THE SANH. THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE INITIAL CONTACTS ARE WITH THE LEADING ELEMENTS OF THE 246TH REGT NORMALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE 338TH NVA DIVISION. THE KENTUCKY AND NAPOLEON SALINE AO'S ARE MAINTAINED BY THE 1ST MARINES (1/1 IN KENTUCKY AND 2/1 IN NAPOLEON SALINE). THE 1ST MARINES ARE NOW TASKED WITH THE CONDUCT OF THE RAID, BUT MUST OF NECESSITY, CONTINUE TO PROTECT THE DUEL PLATE POSITIONS IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE AND MAINTAIN CONTROL OF THE MAJOR COASTAL INFILTRATION ROUTE AND THE SECURITY OF THE CRITICAL CUA VIET RIVER COMPLEX.

3. EXECUTION OF THE DMZ RAID, WHILE MAINTAINING POSITIVE CONTROL OVER THE DIVISION AO, STRESSES THE DIVISION INFANTRY ASSETS TO THE MAXIMUM. ACCORDINGLY, IT IS REQUESTED THAT BLT 2/26 BE TASKED TO CONDUCT THE DMZ RAID UNDER THE OPCON OF THIS DIVISION. OPCON TO PASS AS THE ELEMENTS ENTER THE DIV AO. THIS DIVISION IS PREPARED TO REQUEST ASSIGNMENT OF CH-46 HELICOPTERS FROM 1ST MAW FOR THE OPERATION. THIS SUPPORT IS CONSIDERED TO BE UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE CINCPACFLT.COM SMACV AGREEMENT FOR THE CONDUCT OF NAVAL SUPPORT

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THE SAID FORCE, IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED THAT BLT 2/26 BE ASSIGNED THE NAPOLEON SALINE AREA AS AN AOA THEREBY RELIEVING 2/1 FOR RAID OPERATIONS. ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THE AOA BY BLT 2/26 NLT 181200H WITH THE CATP/CLF PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF ALL US FORCES IN THE AREA (OCEANVIEW, C-4, 1ST AIRTRAC BN). THE AO RESPONSIBILITY REVERTING TO 1ST MARINES AND 2/1 AT 200600H.

5. IF BOTH OF THE ABOVE PROPOSALS ARE DISAPPROVED IT IS REQUESTED THAT CG PCV PROVIDE RELIEF FORCES FOR 2/1 NLT 181200H.

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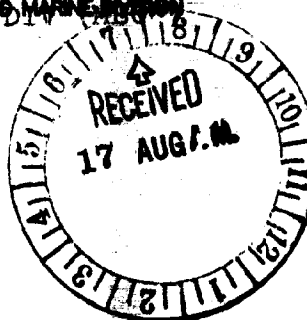
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FROM: MCC THIRD MARDIV
 TO: FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV
 CC TASK FORCE HOTEL
 FIRST MARINES
 SECOND MARINES
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 CC TASK FORCE HOTEL
 FIRST MARINES
 SECOND MARDIV



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ASSIGNMENT

1. 1 AUG 68 DISPLACE FORCES TO OCCUPY AND DEFEND POSITIONS AT
 CAMP CARROLL, THE GIA BRIDGE, AND THON SON LOM (ROCK-
 PILE). IN ADDITION PROVIDE REINFORCING ELEMENTS TO MAJLOC SPECIAL
 FORCE. BE PREPARED TO REINFORCE CAN LO DISTRICT HQ.

2. 1 AUG 68 TO EFFECTIVE OF OCCUPATION SET FOR LATER THAN 171300H
 AND 171500H. SOUTHEAST ALONG STREAM BED TO 946553; THEN
 EAST TO 944561; THEN SW TO THE RD AT 938564.
 THEN SW TO 927569. THEN SW TO DRAW TO 925580. THEN
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 953603; EAST TO HIGH CD AT 953603; EAST TO HIGH CD. 958603;
 EAST TO 958603; SOUTHEAST TO HIGH CD 970597; CONT, SE TO HIGH
 CD 978585; SE ALONG ROAD TO 987577; EAST TO
 987577; ACROSS DRAW TO YD 003576 (HILL 146); THEN TO STREAM.
 THEN TO STREAM TO ROCK 012579; EAST TO HIGH CD 016530;

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(HILL 328); SE TO HIGH GD 05457 (HILL 152); NORTHEAST TO TRAIL AT 060534; ALONG TRAIL TO 066584; NORTHEAST TO NOSE 074592; NORTHEAST TO HIGH GD AT 080597 (KVO XA); TO HIGH GD 086597; EAST TO 092599 (HILL 52); NORTH TO TRAIL AT 093603; EAST ALONG TRAIL 100601; NE TO STREAM FORK 104604; N ALONG STREAM TO TRAIL CROSSING 101618; THEN A STRAIGHT LINE NE TO 110625; NORTH TO 110630; EAST ALONG 63GL TO 151630; SOUTH ALONG STREAM TO FORK AT 168611; SOUTH TO SOUTH BANK OF CAN LO RIVER AT 166608; ALONG SOUTH BANK OF CAN LO TO THE PRESENT DO DANG AT 186589. THEN EAST AND SOUTH ALONG PRESENT BOUNDARY EXCLUDING DO DANG COMBAT BASE AND QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE TO 300510; SOUTHWEST ALONG 3D BARRIER/18 ACB BDY TO 113034; NORTHEAST ALONG PERMANENT 18 ACB BDY TO 150480; NORTH ALONG 48GL TO 560480; WEST ALONG 56GL TO 100560; ~~THE~~ SOUTHWEST IN A STRAIGHT LINE 080540; SOUTH ALONG 08GL TO 080530; WEST ALONG 53 GL TO 030530; SOUTH ALONG 03GL TO 030520; WEST ALONG 52GL TO XD 968520; NORTHWEST IN A STRAIGHT LINE TO THE STARTING POINT AT 940550.

3. COMMENCING ON 18 AUG 68 CONDUCT ROAD SWEEPS ON ROUTES 561 IN AO AND ROUTE 9 FROM ROCKPILE TO DONG HA.

4. MAINTAIN MINIMUM FORCES ^{REQUIRED} LZ PEDRO AND ASP QUANG TRI.

5. FOR FIRST 24 HOURS: GROUP OPCON BASK FORCE LIKE TO FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV (REGU) 171300 AUG. BASK FORCE WIFE TO CONTINUE CONDUCT ROAD SWEEPS RTE 561 AND ROUTE 9 FROM CAN LO TO DONG HA.

6. FOR 24 HOURS: ^{PASS CONTROL} ~~GROUP~~ ENG S&P TEARS TO FIRST BDE FIFTH INF (REGU) FOR CONDUCT ROAD SWEEP ROCKPILE TO CAN LO.

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7. FOR AVIATION MARINES: PROVIDE D/S, G/S ~~ORDR~~ ^{FIRE} TO 1ST

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 FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG III MAF
 INFO: CG PCV
 CG FIRST MARDIV

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BLT ROTATION

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 101556ZAUG68

1. PARA 4 REF (A) REQ FMFPAC BE QUERIED ON RELEASE OF 1ST BN 13TH MARINES SFCP ASSETS AT SUBIC FOR ASGMT TO BLT 2/26 WHEN DESIGNATED SLF ALFA.
2. BY TELCON BETWEEN LTCOL GARDSON III MAF OPNS AND LTCOL ORYAN THIRD MARDIV OPNS IT WAS AGREED THAT THIRD MARDIV WOULD PROVIDE SFCP FROM THIRD MARDIV ASSETS RATHER THAN REQ FMFPAC TO RELEASE 1ST BN 13TH MARINES SFCP AT SUBIC BAY.
3. UPON RE-EVALUATION OF ASSETS WITHIN 12TH MARINES IT IS EVIDENT THAT SFCP CANNOT BE CONSTITUTED FROM 12TH MARINE ASSETS. 12TH MAR ARE SHORT 41 COMPANY GRADE ARTY OFFICERS. MANNING LEVEL FOR OF 0849 IS 41 HOWEVER THERE ARE ONLY 13 ON ROLLS, AND THESE BARELY MEET THE COMMITMENTS FOR THE DIVISION.
4. ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND CG III MAF REQ CG FMFPAC TO RELEASE SFCP FROM 1/13 PRESENTLY AT SUBIC BAY FOR ASGMT TO BLT 2/26. AS AN INTERIM MEASURE A COMPOSITE SFCP WILL PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR BLT 2/26, IN THE EVENT BLT 2/26 IS COMMITTED IN THE THIRD MARDIV AO ON CONTINGENCY OPS DURING THE PRESENT HIGH STORMY THREAT PERIOD. HOWEVER IT IS AN INTERIM

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MEASURE ONLY AND WOULD SERIOUSLY DEGRADE FSCG/FSC CAPABILITIES
IN DIV AND 12TH MAR HQ IF DEPLOYED WITH BLT 2/26 FOR ENTIRE
SLF DEPLOYMENT.

5. THIS HQ WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION TO SFCP FROM 1/13, IF PRO-
VIDED FROM FMFPAC, TO CONDUCT QUALIFYING SHOTS FOR NGFS
AT SUBIC DURING PERIODS THAT ARG/SLF ALFA WAS IN SUBIC/
OKINAWA AREAS.

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RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHAW/CG FMAW DNG

RUMLRPA/CG FORLOGCMD.DNG

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AMPHIB OPN ICTZ (U)

A. CG III MAF 102636Z AUG 68 (S)

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 161750Z AUG 68 (NOTAL) (S)

1. REF A PROVIDED FOR BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/26 AND AVAILABILITY FOR SPECOPS 15-31 AUG68 SUBJ CONCURRENCE ALCON.

2. REF B PROPOSED A ONE DAY ONE BN RAID IN THE DMZ AREA NORTH OF CON.

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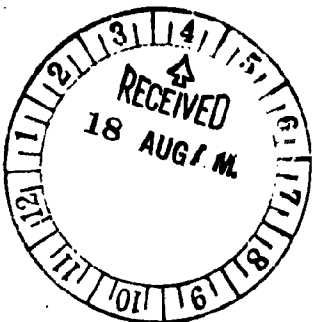
THIEN TO EXPLOIT SHOCK ACTION OF ARCLIGHT STRIKES. THE RAID IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY 2/1 WHICH MUST BE RELIEVED IN NAPOLEON SALINE AO.

3. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE COMSEVENTHFLT REQ LAND BLT 2/26 PRIOR TO 181200H WITHIN NAPOLEON SALINE AO WITH AO AS AOA. COMMAND SLF REMAINS WITH CATE. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT UPON RETURN OF 2/1 ABOUT 200600H 2/26 WILL BACKLOAD ABOARD ARG ALFA SHIPPING, SITUATION PERMITTING.

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A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR 090250Z AUG 68

B. TIG THIRD MARDIV 101830Z AUG 68

C. CG III MAF 171034Z AUG 68

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1. REFERENCE A REQUESTED THAT AN INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST TASK GROUP (ISIG) CONSISTING OF AN INTERROGATOR-TRANSLATOR TEAM OF TWO (2) INTERROGATORS AND THREE (3) TRANSLATORS AND A GROUP OF THREE (3) VIETNAMESE INTERPRETERS BE PLACED IN DS SLF ON A 12 HOUR STANDBY AT DONG HA.

2. REFERENCE B APPROVED REFERENCE A

3. REFERENCE C DIRECTS LANDING SLF IN NAPOLEON SALINE AC WITH AC AS ACA, CATE IN COMMAND, BY 0010WOPH AUG 68.

4. THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A AND BN REQUEST YOU HAVE INTELLIGENCE SPECIALIST TASK GROUP AT DHCP LZ KIWI AT 180800H AUG 68.

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5. IT IS ALSO REQUESTED THAT COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE TEAM SUPPORT BE PROVIDED THIS COMMAND TO BE PICKED UP AT THE SAME TIME AND LOCATION.

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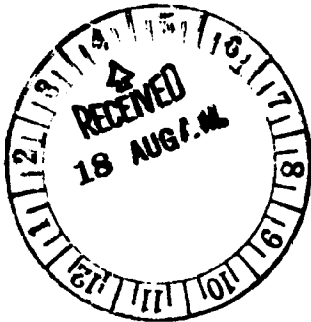
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 RUYPNUL/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO
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 RUYPSY/CG THIRD MARDIV
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A. CG III MAF 171034Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

1. IAW REF A APC/SLF ALFA WILL CONDUCT AN AMPHIB OPERATION
 IN NORTHERN ICTZ AT SELECTED LOCATIONS ALONG CUA VIET RIVER COMMENCING
 AT 191200H2.

2. REQUEST THAT ONE 5/32 DD BE ASSIGNED TO PROVIDE ON-CALL FIRE
 IN SUPPORT OF THE LANDING AND OPERATIONS ASHORE OF PLT 2/26

3. REQ 5/32 DD REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION FOR APPROX 48 HRS

4. REQ ASSN NGFS UNIT RDVN WITH USS PRINCETON VIC 16-53N5

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5. NGFS UNIT SHOULD EST COMM CKT NIA, NIP, CTG 76.4 TO CRESTES

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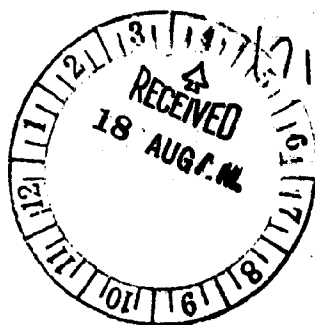
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AMPLIFYING INFORMATION FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN NAPOLEON SALINE
 AO (S)

A. CG III MAF 171034Z AUG 68

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B. COMSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-67

C. MY 171335Z AUG 68

1. SITUATION. BY REF A CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/
 SLF ALFA IN THE I CTZ. THE OPERATION, 2/3, 3/3: 7536, WILL BE CONDUCTED
 IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.

2. MISSION. COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY ARG/SLF ALFA CONDUCTS AN
 AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN THE AOA: TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY
 FORCES, FORTIFICATIONS AND MATERIAL; TO RELIEVE 2/1 MAF IN THE
 NAPOLEON SALINE AO; AND TO WITHDRAW ON ORDER.

3. PROPOSED CONCEPT OF OPERATION. COMMENCING ON H-HOUR ON D-DAY
 ARG/SLF ALFA CONDUCTS A COMBINED AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT BY SURFACE
 AND HELICOPTER BORNE FORCES IN THE AOA TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY
 ENEMY FORCES, FORTIFICATIONS AND MATERIAL AND TO RELIEVE 2/1
 MARINES IN THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO. DURATION OF OPERATION:

APT TWO DAYS.

4. CTG 76.4 (COMPHIBRON SEVEN) EMBARKED IN USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)
 IS COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF)

5. CTG 79.4 (COMMANDER SLF ALFA) EMBARKED IN USS PRINCETON
 IS COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF)

6. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA (1) AND (3) OF REF B.

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7. COMUSMACV TO PROVIDE ANTI-INFLTRATION/EXFILTRATION FOR THIS OPERATION, AND TO PR

VIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED
UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1E(1) OF REF B.8. CTR - SC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ONE 5/38 DD NGFS
SHIP BY REF C.9. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE FORWARDED BY
SEPARATE MESSAGE.10. TENTATIVE D-DAY FOR THE OPERATION IS AUGUST. HOTEL AND LIMA
HOUR 1200H3.

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AMPHIC COM ICTZ (11)

A. YOUR 171034Z AUG 68

P. MY OPLAN 201-67

1. CONCUR REF A. INITIATING DIRECTIVE TO BE ISSUED SEPAR

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FRAG ORDER TWO DASH SIX EIGHT FOR CONTINUATION OF BLT 2/26 AMPHIB
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A. MY 141507Z AUG 68

B. MY 151412Z AUG 68

I. CANCEL XREFS A AND B.

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RUYPSTG/CTG SEVEN THREE

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RUYPSTG/CTG FIRST MARDIV

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RUYPSTG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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 IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN ICTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE TG 76.4
 /79.4 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION.
 INITIATING DIRECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN
 EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED NLT 181200H CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS
 OPERATION IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE OF NORTHERN ICTZ TO LAND BLT 2/26 AS
 RELIEF FOR BLT 2/1 IN THE NAPOLESALINE AO OR FOR THE CONDUCT OF OTHER
 OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF, OR HIS DESIGNATED RE-
 PRESENTATIVE.Y

3. CTG 76.4 (COMPHIBR

SEVEN) EMBARKED IN USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)
 DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG 79.4 (COMMANDER SLF ALFA) EMBARKED IN USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)
 DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X. (2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT
 FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED
 UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1E(1) OF REF A.

7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE WITHIN THE NAPOLESALINE
 SALINE AO.

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2. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE PROUD HUNTER WITH TENJA
 TTIVE D-DAY 18 AUG. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND
 CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO
 ORIG STAF OF READINESS AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING D-DAY,
 H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE
 DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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B. UPON LANDING OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF S

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SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX V TO REF A.

12. B510N ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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SPECOPS NGFS (U)

A. CTG 76.4 171335Z AUG 68

2. PROVIDENCE 1746Z AUG NOTAL

1. (S)USS A J ISRELL ASSIGNED PROVIDE ON CALL FIRES FOR SUB OPS

181000H2 FOR FOUR HOURS IAW REF A.

2. (C) FOR ISRELL: COMPPY PARA FOUR AND FIVE REF A.

3. (C) FOR CG III MAF: USS PROVIDENCE AVAIL PT BETTY 181100H TO 181600H IAW REF B.

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SPECOPS (U)

1. (S) WILL HAVE LONGAIS TRANSITING CUA VIET TO MAI XI THI - FROM APPROX 1200H UNTIL 1800H LANDING PLT 2/26 ON SPECOPS.

2. (C) REQUEST YOU PROVIDE TRANSIT SECURITY.

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ARVN REPRESENTATIVE (U)

1. REQUEST THAT ARVN REP BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORTING ARMS COORD CENTER ABOARD USS PRINCETON DURING SPECOPS 18-20 AUG 68.
2. REQ THAT ARVN REP HAVE AUTHORITY TO CLEAR FIRES IN AREAS ADJACENT TO FIRST AND SECOND ARVN REGT AO.
3. CASE PLANNERS WILL ARRIVE THIRD MARDIV FSCC AT 180000H. REQ THAT ARVN REP BE PRESENT AT THAT TIME IS FEASIBLE.

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A. WORKING COPY ANNEX H TO OPPLAN 120A-68

1. PASS ON TO ALL EMBARKED UNIT CDRS

2. JB RELIEVES 2/1 OF DEFENSE RESPONSIBILITIES IN NAPOLEAN - SALINE AREA COMMENCING 181200H. RELIEF TO BE DONE BY 181700H.

3. UNIT LOCATIONS AS FOLLOWS: CO E AND BLT CP VIC 281667. CO F GENERAL VIC 321635. EXACT POS TBA. CO G 258624. CO H VIC 275704. ALL EXCEPT CO G ARE RELIEVING ON-POS 2/1 CO. BTRY B AT 344694. 4.2" MORTARS VIC BLT CP. RECON, TANKS, ONTOS, 81 PLT(-), 106 PLT (-) INITIALLY BLT CP.

4. CO G. LAND BY HELO AT L HR VIC 281667. ON ORDER CONDUCT APPROACH MARCH TO 258624.

5. CO H. ON ORDER LAND AS SERIAL 600 IAW REF A MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: TAKE ONLY TWO MINE DETECTORS WITH OPERATORS. RIDE AMTRACS TO ASSIGNED POS. ROUTE TBA. KEEP AMTRACS WITH YOU IN D/S ROLE UNTIL DIRECTED OTHERWISE.

6. CO F. ON ORDER LAND BY HELO AS SERIAL 612 IAW REF A. EXACT POS TBA.

7. CO E. ON ORDER LAND IN SIX LCM VIC 281667. TAKE ENGR PLT (-). LOAD AT/ABOUT 1045.

8. BTRY B. ON ORDER, LAND AS SERIAL 603 IAW REF A IN LCM AT CUA VIET RAMP. D/S BLT 2/26. LOAD AT/ABOUT 0900.

9. 4.2" MORTARS. LAND AS SERIAL 605 IAW REF A VIC BLT CP. PROVIDE REIN FIRES.

10. TANKS, ONTOS, DET 106 PLT, DET 81 PLT LAND AS SERIAL 601 VIC BLT CP. REPORT TO CO 2/1, AWAIT ARRIVAL BLT 2/26 FOR FURTHER ORDERS. LOAD AT/ABOUT 0600.

11. MISSION ALL UNITS NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME. EXACT BLT MISSION NOT KNOWN. EXPECT DEFENSE, PATROLLING, AMBUSH TYPE MISSIONS.

12. SEQUENCE OF LANDING AS FOLLOWS: SERIAL 601 MINUS CO E AT/ABOUT 0800. SERIAL 603 ON TURN AROUND LCM AT/ABOUT 1000. CO E (REIN) AND ENGR PLT (-) AT/ABOUT 1200. SERIAL 600 AT/ABOUT 1200. HELI-LIFTED UNITS IAW REF A COMMENCING ABOUT 1200.

13. HELO LIFT AT 0915 OF ALL UNIT CDRS EXCEPT SER 601, 603, CO CMDR CO E AND PLT LDR ENGR PLT TO PRINCETON FOR 181000 CONF. WILL BRIEF ABSENTEES ASHORE.

14. BE PREP FOR BACKLOAD COMMENCEING 200600.

15. BA AMMO ALL WPNS. MCI - THREE MEALS. BAS AT BLT CP.

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RUYPSYC/CG FMAV

RUYVSYD/CTF SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RHYEWQV/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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NOTAM REQUEST (U)

1. (U) REQUEST NOTAM BE ISSUED FOR OPERATION PROUD HUNTER.
2. (C) EXTENSIVE AIR, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE ASSOCIATED WITH AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION VICINITY OF AREA 2 TO 12 MILES NORTH EAST OF DONG HA C

BEGINNING 18 AUG. FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT 2 DAYS.

AIRCRAFT OPERATING BELOW 10,000 WITHIN 10 MILES OF THIS AREA SHOULD CONTACT ICEPACK ALPHA ON 357.0 MHZ RPT 357.0 MHZ FOR CLEARANCE AND ARTILLERY ADVISORIES.

3. (U) WILL ADVISE OF ANY CHANGES TO ABOVE REQUEST. WILL ADVISE OF TERMINATION OF OPERATION.

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1. THIS IS ANNEX HOTEL TO CTG 76.4 OPOPD 304-69 OPERATION
 PROUD HUNTER (U) AND SUPPLEMENTS CTG 76.4 OPLAN 101-68.
 A. 2X(3) CAS WILL BE PROVIDED BY FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING.
 B. 2X(7) CONTROL OF AIR WILL NOT BE PASSED ASHORE.
 C. 2X(9) MAPS TO BE USED: AMS SERIES L7014 SHEETS 6442 IV,
 171905Z AUG 68 A-AIRO 3

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 6443 III, 6442 I, 6442 II.
 D. 2X(11) LANDWARD AO

TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

SEAWARD AOA IS DESCRIBED BY THE FOLLOWING:

COMME CING AT COORDINATES YD280770, THE SEAWARD AOA PROCEEDS
 NORTHEASTERLY TO A POINT FIFTEEN (15) NAUTICAL MILES ON THE
 00 DEGREE RADIAL OF DONG HA TACAN, CH 109 THENCE EASTERLY TO
 A POINT 33 NAUTICAL MILES ON THE 070 DEGREE RADIAL DONG HA
 TACAN, CH 109, THENCE IN A SOUTH SOUTHWESTERLY ARC, THE RADIUS OF
 WHICH IS STRUCK FROM A POINT AT YD342702, THENCE TO U POINT
 JOINING THE SHORE LINE AT COORDINATES YD714410, THEN NORTHWESTERLY
 ALONG THE SHORELINE TO COORDINATES YD385660. THE
 SEAWARD AOA ENCOMPASSES THE AREA ABOVE DESCRIBED AND EXTENDS
 TO AN ALTITUDE OF 10,000 FT MSL.

E. 2X(14) PRIMARY CASUALTY SHIP - USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) -
 CALL FAIRMONT ALPHA (HDC) ON 258.6 MHZ RPT 258.6 MHZ OR BULLHORN
 TOWER ON 330.6 MHZ RPT 330.6 MHZ: IF HOMER 225.2 MHZ RPT 225.2
 LF HOMER 522 KHZ RPT 522: TACAN CH 9 RPT CH 9 (XP)

2X(15) HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES - COORDINATES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 LANDING ZONES (LZ)

STREETER - PRIMARY - YD300050 070 DEGREE RADIAL,

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FOUR (4) NAUTICAL MILES, DONG HA TACAN, CH 109.
 BISHOP - PRIMARY - YD 263632, 030 DEGREE RADIAL,
 TWO (2) NAUTICAL MILES, DONG HA TACAN.
 HAMLET - PRIMARY - YD281662, 030 DEGREE RADIAL,
 FOUR (4) NAUTICAL MILES, D

G HA TACAN

C-4 - SECONDARY - YD312720, 030 DEGREE RADIAL,

SEVEN PT FIVE (7.5) NAUTICAL MILES, DONG HA TACAN

HELICOPTER APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES - COORDINATES
 ARE AS FOLLOWS C

(1) PRIMARY ROUTE VIRGINIA. PT OF DEPARTURE PT ARLINGTON,
 056 DEGREE RADIAL 10 NAUTICAL MILES DONG HA TACAN,
 CH 109, THEN PROCEEDING SOUTHWEST TO PT LYNCHBURG,
 051 DEGREE RADIAL 7.5 NAUTICAL MILES DONG HA TACAN,
 THEN DIRECT TO LZ STREETER AND DIRECT LZ BISHOP.
 INBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 1500 FT MSL AND OUTBOUND
 TRAFFIC WILL FLY AT 2000 FT MSL. 1748

(2) SECONDARY ROUTE PENNSYLVANIA. PT OF DEPARTURE
 PT. ARLINGTON, 056 DEGREE RADIAL 10 NAUTICAL MILES
 DONG HA TACAN, CH 109, THEN PROCEEDING NORTHWEST TO
 PT SCRANTON, 030 DEGREE RADIAL, 8 NAUTICAL MILES

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DONG HA TACAN, THEN SOUTHWEST TO LZ C-4. THE DIRECT
)" HAMLET, THEN DIRECT LZ BISHOP. INBOUND TRAFFIC
 WILL FLY AT 1500 FT MSL AND OUTBOUND TRAFFIC WILL FLY
 AT 2000 FT MSL

CROSSOVER LANE JOINS LZ HAMLET AND
 LZ STREETER. INBOUND/OUTBOUND ALTITUDES APPLY.

WHEL HELICOPTER WAVE RENDEZVOUS POINT IS LPH-5.

G.; 2X(16) USS PRINCETON (LPH-5)

2. APPENDIX I, TAB A - NOT APPLICABLE

3. A. APPENDIX I, PARAGRAPH 6

(1) SAR REFERENCE POINT WILL BE DONG HA TACAN CH 109-DMZ
 RPT CH 109-DMZ - PRIMARY. USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) WILL
 TACAN CH 93XP - RPT CH 9-XP - SECONDARY.

(2) ORBIT POINT: PT GINGER LOCATED ON 080 DEGREE
 RADIAL, TWENTY (20) NAUTICAL MILES ON DONG HA TACAN CH 109.

F. APPENDIX I, PARAGRAPH 9: THE FOLLOWING NAVAIDS ARE APPLICABLE:
 READ IN FOUR C

UMNS:

NAME	TACAN	IDENT	REMARKS
DONG HA	CH 109	DMZ	SAR REF PT (P)
CH 5	CH 9	XP	SAR REF PT (S)
CH 5	522 KHZ	XP	LE HOMER

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LP4-5	285.2 MHZ	XP	UHF HOMER
LPD-6	CH 55	DF	TACAN
LPD-8	236.8 MHZ	DF	U F HOMER
LPD-8	496 KHZ	DF	I.F HOMER

C. APPENDIX I, PARAGRAPH 10, (TAG B A AIR SCHEDULE
TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY

4. APPENDIX III, PARAGRAPH 2, TAG A: AIR COMMUNICATION

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NET	FREQUENCY	DESIG	COLOR CODE
TATC (P)	357.0	H-3	GOLD ALPHA
TATC (S)	368.2	H-3A	SILVER ALPHA
TAD/ACI	254.2	M-460	RED ALPHA
TAC	370.6	H-5	BLUE ALPHA
HD-1	277.0	H-6	ORANGE ALPHA
HD-2	258.6	H-6A	GREEN ALPHA
TAR (P)	730.0	H-2	
TAR (S)/HR	53.2	M-268	
SAR	364.2		
NAVY CROSSTELL	4171 (USED)	VOICE CALL "PANAMA"	
UHF GUARD	243.0	H-17	

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VHF GUARD 121.5 H-18

5. D-DAY - 18 AUGUST 1968

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RUMSAW/C MUMMACV

RUYHSA/C G FMF PAC

RUKRSYH/C CMPIEPAC

PUY GUKL/C CMSEVENTHFLT

RUYPSYD/C G III MAF

RUYPSY G/C G THIRD MARDIV

RUYPSYF/C G FIRST MAW

RUYVSYD/C CNAVF CRV

RUYVWD/B/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

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ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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RUMHVP/TWELTH MARINES

RUYPSY G/FIRST EN ELEVENTH MAR

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OPERATION PROUD HUNTER (S)

A. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000, QUANG TRI SHEET 5442 IV EDITION 2-AMS L7:14

B. HO CHART 6211

C. CTG 79.4 OPLAN 120A - (YR)

D. CMSEVENTHFLT 171416Z AUG 68

E. NWP22(B)

SCOP: THIS IS CTG 79.4 MSG FRAG ORDER FOR CONDUCT OF OPERATION PROUD HUNTER. IT IS DERIVED FROM REFS C AND D. FOLLOWING ANNEXES TO ISSUED SEPARATELY: ANNEX AA (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION), ANNEX AC (ARTY SUPPORT) AND ANNEX AD (NGF SUPP

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A. ENEMY FORCES

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(1) IAW ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C

(2) CURRENT INTSUMS

(3) ILG 79.4 INTELSA GENCE ESTIMATE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) IAW REF C

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS

(1) IAW ANNEX A (TASK ORGANIZATION) TO REF C.

2. MISSION. SLF ALFA CONDUCTS AN AMPHIBIOUS ASS- AT AND 974
ON D DAY TO FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, INSTALLATION, AND
MATERIAL WITHIN THE AOA, AND WITHDRAWS ON ORDER.

3. AECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION. AT H AND L HRS ON D-DAY SLF ALFA LANDS IN
AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE, LANDING CRAFT AND HELICOPTER OVER BLACK BEACH
AND IN HLZ STREETER, RELIEVES 2/1 MAR IN PLACE, CONDUCTS AMBUSHES
COMBAT PATROLS AND SWEEPS IN ASSIGNED AOA.

(SEE OPERATIONS OVERLAY TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

B. SLT 2/26

(1) IAW REF C

(2) AT H HOUR LAND BY AMPHIBIAN VEHICLE AND LANDING CRAFT OVER
BLACK BEACH, AND AT L HOUR BY HELICOPTER IN HLZ 'S STREETER.

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(3) PROVIDE ONE RIFLE COMPANY EMBARKED ABOARD LPH-5 FOR USE AS
LANDING FORCE RESERVE. REPORT UNIT DESIGNATION TO THIS HEADQUARTERS. TO
BE COMMITTED ONLY WITH PERMISSION OF CLF. SPARROW HAWK FORCE TO
COME FROM THIS COMPANY.

C. HMM 362

(1) PROVIDE HELICOPTER SUPPORT IAW REF C.

(2) PERFORM ADDITIONAL MISSIONS AS ASSIGNED BY CLF.

D. LANDING FORCE RESERVE. BE PREPARED TO LAND BY HELICOPTER IN
ASSIGNED HLZ TO ASSUME ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MISSIONS ON ORDER:

(1) REINFORCE OR RELIEVE ANY COMMITTED UNIT.

(2) EXPLOIT ANY TACTICAL ADVANTAGE.

(3) PROVIDE SPARROW HAWK FORCE AS NECESSARY.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) IAW REF C.

(2) D-DAY IS 18 AUG 68.

(3) H AND L-HOUR IS 1200H/3. BOTH ITEMS TO BE CONFIRMED.

(4) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT APPLY. JFNEX S (RULES OF ENGAGEMENT)

TO REF C.

(5) EEI'S IAW ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF C.

(6) BLACK BEACH CENTERED AT YD 342721/7 AND IS 200 METERS WIDE.

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GREEN BEACH AT YD 283669/4.

(7) HLZ STREETER LOCATED AT YD 301649/3, HLZ HAMLET LOCATED AT YD 280664/5 ALT HLZ BISHOP IS LOCATED AT YD 265630/2, SEC HLZ GA IS LOCATED AT YD 312722/5.

(8) LAND AQA TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

(9) REPORTS IAW ANNEX R (REPORTS) TO REF C EXCEPT CIVIL ACTION.

(A) SUBMIT SITREP NLT H PLUS 30 MIN STATING SITUATION A SHORT.

(10) THRUST POINTS TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

(11) FIRE SUPPORT IAW ANNEX AA & FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATIONS

(TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

(12) AIR OPERATIONS IAW ANNEX AB & AIR OPERATIONS) TO REF C, ANNEX HOTEL (AIR OPERATIONS) TO REF F, AND THE FOLLOWING:

(A) HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES.

1. PRIMARY PENNSYLVANIA FROM DEPARTURE POINT ARLINGTON. 66 DEGREES RADIAL 13 NAUTICAL MILES DONG HA TACAN CH 129. PROCEED SOUTHWEST TO 051 DEGREES PKIAL 7.5 NM LYNCHBURG IF THEN DIRECT TO LZ STREETER 347 RADIAL 4 NM AND DIRECT TO LZ BISHOP 330 RADIAL 2 NM. INBOUND TRAFFIC 1500 FT MSL. OUTBOUND 2200 FT MSL.

2. SECONDARY VIRGINIA FROM DEPARTURE POINT ARLINGTON 065 DEGREE RADIAL 13 NM DONG HA TACAN THEN PROCEEDING NORTHWEST TO PT BRANTON IF

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030 DEGREE RADIAL 8 NM THEN SOUTHWEST TO LZ C-4 030 DEGREE RADIAL 7.5 NM THEN DIRECT TO LZ HAMLET 330 RADIAL 4 NM THEN TO LZ BISHOP 330 RADIAL 2 NM. INBOUND TRAFFIC 1500 FT MSL. OUTBOUND 2200 FT MSL.

3. CROSSOVER LANE JOINS LZ HAMLET AND LZ STREETER.

4. LZ'S MARKED WITH PANEL, CONTROLLED BY JOHN BROWN 14 ON 37.3 FREQUENCY

5. HELO APPROACH/RETIREMENT/LZ CLEARANCE

A. ALFA ON 277.3 OR 258.6.

B. CAS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY SACC.

(13) ARTY IAW ANNEX AC REF C AND ANNEX AC TO THIS FRAG ORDER (TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

(14) NG SUPPORT IAW ANNEX AD REF C AND ANNEX AD TO THIS FRAG ORDER (TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY)

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. IAW ANNEX AE (ADMIN AND LOGISTICS) TO REF C.

B. IN-COUNTRY SUPPLY SOURCES ARE AUTHORIZED.

C. USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) IS DESIGNATED PRIMARY CASUALTY RECEIVING SHIP.

D. CIVILIAN AND POW CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO IN-COUNTRY MEDICAL FACILITIES.

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Memorandum for the Commanding General

Subj: Short Range Employment for 2dBn, 1st Marines

1. In looking ahead during the next four to five days an opportunity exists that could provide an increase in flexibility ~~for~~ the offensive operations of the division.
2. In general, we now have BLT 2/26 ashore with the responsibility of the Napoleon/Saline AOA in the hands of CTG 76.4/CTG 79.4. This mission not only is helping the divisions mobility but in actual practice is enhancing the combat capability of BLT 2/26 and other ATF support agencies.
3. Based on the following paragraphs it is conceivable that CG III MAF and COMSEVENTHFLT would approve extending the time BLT 2/26 is ashore and retaining Napoleon/Saline as an AOA.

a. CG III MAF 171034Z.

- (1) PARA 3..." IT IS ENVISIONED THAT UPON RETURN OF 2/1 ABOUT 200600H 2/26 WILL BACKLOAD ABOARD ARG ALPHA SHIPPING, SITUATION PERMITTING. "

b. COMSEVENTHFLT 171416Z.

- (1) PARA 2...MISSION... OR FOR THE CONDUCT OF OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON BY CG III MAF, OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

4. The attached message establishes the requirement and justification for retaining BLT 2/26 ashore in the NAPOLEON/SALINE area and discusses the employment of 2/1 as a "swing" battalion. This proposal is considered to be within the context of CG III MAF's comment vis-a-vis his desires BLT 2/26 to be retained in a posture for a quick withdrawal in the event a requirement develops elsewhere.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG XXIVTH CORPS
 INFO: CG III MAF
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 CTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR
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AMPHIB OPNS IN ICTZ (DMZ)

- A. CG III MAF 171034Z AUG68 (NOTAL)
- B. COMSEVENTHFLT 171416Z AUG68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A AND B APPROVED THE AMPHIB OPERATION IN THE NAPOLEON SALINE AREA THUS RELEASING 2/1 FOR A RAID INTO THE DMZ.
2. THE RECENT UPSURGE OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN LANCASTER AREA, AND THE WESTERN FLANK OF THE DIVISION AO CONTINUES TO PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON THE LIMITED INFANTRY ASSETS OF THIS DIVISION. MORE RECENT, THREE CONTACTS BY RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE REVEALS REINTRODUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES IN THIS AREA. THESE RECON PATROL CONTACTS REVEAL THE PRESENCE OF ~~SEVERAL~~ ENEMY UNITS IN AN AREA ENCOMPASSED BY NS GL 15 ON THE WEST, THE 19 NS GL ON THE EAST FROM THE TRACE ON THE NORTH AND EW GL 63 ON THE SOUTH.
3. IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION THE FOLLOWING CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS IS RECOMMENDED:

A. FOR 2/1: UPON COMPLETION OF RAID OPERATIONS IN DMZ AND IN CONCERT WITH WITHDRAWAL OPERATIONS FROM THE DMZ,

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THE BATTALION HELILIFTS INTO DESIGNATED AREAS OF LEATHERNECK SQUARE AND CONDUCTS COORDINATED COMPANY SIZED SEARCH OPERATIONS, OPERATING WITHIN SUPPORTING DISTANCE OF ONE ANOTHER. ONCE SUBSTANTIAL CONTACT IS MADE, CORDON OPERATION WILL BE QUICKLY IMPLEMENTED. OPERATION TO CONTINUE FOR AN ESTIMATED 4-6 DAYS.

B. FOR CATF (CTG 76.4): ~~RETAIN~~ PRESENT NAPOLEON SALINE AREA AS AN AOA AND CONTINUE TO COVER FOR THE ABSENCE^{OF} 2/1 WITH THE MISSION OF: CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS, DEFEND¹⁰⁶ CUA VIET PORT FACILITY AND OTHER VITAL INSTALLATIONS IN THE AOA, MAINTAIN¹⁰⁶ IN AN OPEN AND SECURE STATUS, LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN THE AOA; MAINTAIN¹⁰⁶ ACTIVE GROUND SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING OPERATIONS AND SPOILING ATTACKS AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES.

4. THIS PROPOSAL ~~WILL NOT ONLY~~ DIRECTLY ASSIST THIS DIVISION IN COVERING THE VITAL AND CRITICAL AREA OF LEATHERNECK SQUARE BUT IN EFFECT PROVIDES COMBAT FLEXIBILITY IN THE EMPLOYMENT OF UNITS TO MEET THE THREAT IN THE WEST AND NORTH. LIKEWISE, CONTINUATION OF THE ATF OPERATIONS IN THE AOA PROVIDES EXCELLENT TRAINING AND OPERATIONAL EXPERIENCE WHILE CONCURRENTLY PROTECTING A VITAL ^{WATERWAY} ~~LINK~~ THAT DAILY SUPPORTS THIS DIVISION'S COMBAT OPERATIONS.

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mid Aug 68

FLASH 2AUG68

FROM: CG THIRD MAR DIV
 TO: CG TP HOTEL
 NINTH MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES
 THIRD TARK BN

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PLANNING GUIDANCE

1. SIGNS OF RECENT ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE EAST RE LMZ REGION PARTICULARLY NORTH OF CONTHIEN, HAVE INCLUDED THE REPEATED SIGHTING OF LOW, SLOW MOVING LIGHTS DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS WHICH COULD WELL EMANATE FROM ENEMY HELICOPTERS OR VTOL AIRCRAFT. THE ENEMY MIGHT WELL BE USING AIRCRAFT TO RESUPPLY FORWARD POSITIONS WITH HIGH PRIORITY CARGO SUCH AS AMMUNITION AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES OR CONDUCTING MED EVACS AFTER OUR TECHNIQUES. OF VITAL INTEREST TO THIS DIVISION IS THE GATHERING OF ON THE SPOT INTELLIGENCE IN THE AREAS IN WHICH FREQUENT SIGHTING OF LIGHTS INDICATE POSSIBLE ENEMY LZ'S. NO LESS IMPORTANT IS THE DESTRUCTION OF ENEMY FORCES, ARTILLERY AND SUPPLIES WHICH MIGHT BE FOUND IN THE AREA.
2. CONCEPT: TO SEARCH OUT PROBABLE ENEMY LANDING SITES TO DETERMINE WHAT PERSONNEL SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT ARE LOADED NEARBY TO EXPLOIT PLANNED AIRLIGHT STRIKES, TO TAKE PRISONERS IF POSSIBLE AND TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND EQUIPMENT IN AO. 9TH MARINES WITH ONE BATTALION MAKES AN EARLY MORNING BELIBORNE ASSAULT IN TO THE OBJECTIVE AREA. ANOTHER BATTALION, 9TH MARINES NEARBY AVAILABLE FOR RAPID BELIBORNE EXPLOITATION OF ANY PROFITABLE GROUND CONTACT GAINED. THE PRINCIPAL AREA

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INTEREST

OF INTEREST IS BETWEEN NS GL 10 AND NS GL 15 IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE PML. SITES AT WHICH AIRBORNE LIGHTS HAVE BEEN OBSERVED TO TOUCH DOWN ARE CENTERED ON YD 1174 IN THE VICINITY OF TRUNG SON. SOUTH BOUNDARY OF 9TH MAR AO FOR THIS OPERATION IS GL 72. COMBAT SUPPORT WILL CONSIST OF TRADITIONAL D/B ARTILLERY BATTERIES PLUS 8" HOWITZERS AT FORWARD POSITIONS TO PROVIDE PRECISION DESTRUCT/COUNTERBATTERY FIRES. AIR PREPARATION WILL CONSIST OF UP TO TEN ABOLIGHT STRIKES OR SIXTEEN FIXED WING STRIKE SORTIES. DURING OPERATIONS CONTINUAL AO COVERAGE WILL BE PROVIDED MANEUVERING BATTALIONS WITH ADDITIONAL NORMAL AO COVERAGE OF ENEMY ARTILLERY POSITIONS NORTH OF THE DMZ. FIXED WING SORTIES DURING OPERATION IAW NORMAL PROCEDURES. M48 GUN TANKS AVAILABLE FOR LIMITED MOVEMENT TOWARD OBJECTIVE AREA AND DIRECT FIRE SUPPORT FROM STATIC POSITIONS.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

A. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES D-DAY IS 18 AUGUST. DURATION OF OPERATION ONE DAY.

B. VR FLIGHTS OVER OBJECTIVE AREA TO BE LIMITED TO ABSOLUTE MINIMUM TO PREVENT DISCLOSURE OF INTENTIONS.

4. ACTION.

A. CG TF HOTEL: PASS OPCON 9TH MARINES (-) ONE BATTALION TO CG THIRD MARDIV AT 170001HAUG68.

B. 9TH MARINES: PREPARE PLANS TO EXECUTE HELIBORNE ASSAULT INTO OBJECTIVE AREA TO DETERMINE NATURE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN AREA ENEMY INTENTIONS, TAKE PRISONERS AND TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND EQUIPMENT.

C. 12TH MARINES: DISPLACE TRADITIONAL D/S BATTERIES TO SUPPORT 9TH MARINES OPERATIONS IN DMZ. DISPLACE OR MAINTAIN IN FORWARD POSITIONS AVAILABLE 8" HOWITZERS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY PRECISION DESTRUCTION/COUNTERBATTERY FIRES IN SUPPORT OF 9TH MARINES. PRIORITY OF 8" FIRES TO MANEUVERING ELEMENTS 9TH MARINES.

D. 3D TANK BN: PROVIDE M48 GUN TANK SUPPORT TO 9TH MARINES ON REQUEST FROM VANTAGE POSITIONS WHICH CAN BE REACHED THROUGH TRAFFICABLE TERRAIN.

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3D MARINE DIVISION FMF



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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG III MAF
 CG PCV
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 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

Mid Aug 68

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EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF

(DMZ)

A. CG PCV

(NOTAL.)

1. REF A APPROVED THE CONCEPT FOR A MULTI-REGIMENT OPERATION INTO THE DMZ FOR THE PURPOSE OF VALIDITY THE MANY HELICOPTER SIGHTINGS AND TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THROUGH THE EASTERN PORTION OF THE DMZ.
2. CONCEPT: A COORDINATED US/ARVN MULTI-REGIMENTAL HELIBORNE, AMPHIBIOUS AND ARMORED ASSAULT ON NVA FORCES, ARTILLERY, DEFENSIVE POSITIONS, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE PMDL. THE MISSION WILL BE DESIGNED TO DESTROY THE ENEMY FORCES, DETERMINE HIS INTENTIONS AND DESTROY HIS WHEREWITHAL TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF AND IN THE EASTERN DMZ AREA. INTERDICTION OF THE BATTLEFIELD BY MASSIVE ARTILLERY, NAVAL GUNFIRE AND AIR ATTACKS TO KEEP HIS MORE NORTHERLY GUNS SILENT IS A NECESSITY. THIS CONCEPT ENVISIONS A NIGHT LANDING OR ONE UNDER LIMITED VISIBILITY CONDITIONS BY THE ARG/SLF ON THE ENEMIES LEFT FLANK. IN THE CENTER THE ARVN REGIMENT WITH TWO BATTALIONS INITIALLY IN APC'S AND ACCOMPANIED BY ARMOR SHOULD ATTACK TO THE NORTH ON

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THE EAST OF ROUTE ONE TO THE CEMETERY SOUTH OF TRUNG LUONG (YD 193783) THEN WHEEL WEST AND SOUTH THROUGH VO XA, KINH MON AND TAN MON. ON THE ENEMIES RIGHT FLANK THE 9TH MARINES, WITH THREE BATTALIONS WOULD ATTACK IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS FROM ASSEMBLY AREAS BEHIND CON THIEP TO ADVANCE INTO THE DMZ IN THE VICINITY OF YD 1073. THIS OPERATION COULD INCLUDE THE EMPLOYMENT OF HELIBORNE FORCE. DRIVING NORTH TO THE BEN HAI THE REGT WOULD TURN TO THE NE AND ATK ON TWO AXES SEARCHING OUT AND DESTROYING THE ENEMY, HIS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT. THIS REGT WOULD TURN SOUTH AT 16 GRID LINE AND CONTINUE THE OPERATION THROUGH LEATHERNECK SQUARE.

3. THE FOLLOWING COORDINATION ASPECTS ARE FORWARDED FOR CONSIDERATION:

A. ARC/SLF AOA: THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE LANDWARD AOA FROM THE MOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER ON THE COAST, WESTERLY ALONG THE RIVER TO YD 193786 THENCE EASTERLY TO YD 200780, THENCE SOUTHEAST TO YD 220750, THENCE SOUTHEAST TO YD 230720, THENCE TO YD 240700 AND THEN TO THE COAST AT YD 305740. THE SEAWARD PORTION AS DETERMINED IAW THE PROVISIONS OF THE CINCPACFLT COMUSMACV AGREEMENT FOR NAVAL SUPPORT IN VIETNAM.

B. ALL FIRES NORTH OF THE BEN HAI COORDINATED WITH 3D MARDIV F300. ORGANIC FLAT TRAJECTORY WEAPONS MAY BE FIRED NORTH OF THE BEN HAI AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CATF/CLP.

C. AIR SUPPORT: TENTATIVE APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR 10 ARC LIGHT STRIKES. CAS/DAS REQUIREMENTS SUBMITTED IAW THE CINCPACFLT-COMUSMACV AGREEMENT.

D. A REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR AN 8 INCH CRUISER AND -

5th/54 DESTROYERS TO SUPPORT BOTH ARG/SLP OPERATIONS AND IN-COUNTRY FORCES.

E. ANTICIPATED THAT THE OPERATION WILL LAST 5-10 DAYS.

F. D-DAY IS 2-AUG68. H-HOUR TBA.

G. DIRLAUTH IS REQUESTED.

H. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT THIS REQUEST IS SHORT NOTICE, HOWEVER THE OPPORTUNITY EXIST TO EXPLOIT THE RESPONSIVENESS AND FLEXIBILITY OF THE ARG/SLP AGAINST FIRM AND LUCRATIVE TARGETS.

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Plan for
TWELFTH MARINES
Go via ACH to

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Original Plan
DMZ

DRAFTER 3P/GCC/wlk
SECTION 3P PHONE 203
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IMMEDIATE Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG TF HOTEL
~~NINTH MARINES~~ NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
~~SECOND BDE~~

INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
CG FIRST ARVN DIV
FIRST MARINES
SECOND ARVN REGT (COURIER)
THIRD MARDIV
CG 9TH MAB

TASK FORCE 76.9
~~TASK FORCE~~

Early
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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: KENTUCKY NORTH OPN

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INCREASED EVIDENCE OF ENEMY GROUND ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF BEN HAI RIVER IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ. KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTES ACROSS BEN HAI RIVER. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY.

- (1) 2D ARVN REGT SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDUCTS GROUND OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.
- (3) PCV PROVIDES SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

2. MISSION

3D MARDIV CONDUCTS ~~REGT~~ ^{BDE} SIZE OFFENSIVE ~~GROUND~~ ^{AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT} /ARMOR OPERATION IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH 2D ARVN REGT TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS NORTH OF THE DMZ TO THE ₁ BEN HAI RIVER.

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~~OF POSITIONS A-2, A-3 AND A-4 IN~~ ^{OF} THE DMZ TO THE BEN HAI RIVER.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. ONE USMC INF REGT (3 BNS) AND ONE ARVN REGT (MINIMUM 2 BNS) CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE GROUND/ARMOR OPERATIONS IN ZONE OF ACTION. OPNS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED IN THREE PHASES.

- (1) PHASE I. COMMENCING D-DAY TWO USMC INF BNS AND 1 USMC INF BN REIN W/ARMOR CROSS LINE OF DEPARTURE VICINITY SOUTH OF A-3, A-4 PSNS AND ATTACK IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION IN ZONE OF ACTION TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS AND TO SEIZE ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES IN ZONE.
- (2) PHASE II. UPON SECURING PHASE I OBJECTIVES AND UPON ORDER ARMORED INFANTRY COLUMN ATTACKS IN A NORTH EASTERLY DIRECTION IN ZONE AND PASSES IN VICINITY AND NORTH OF CENTER INF BN. UPON REACHING A DESIGNATED POINT IN EASTERN FLANK OF ZONE OF ACTION PROCEEDS SOUTH WITH EASTERN INF BN PROVIDING SCREENING/BLOCKING FORCE EAST AND WEST ALONG ROUTE OF ADVANCE.
- (3) PHASE III. UPON ARMORED INF COLUMN ARRIVING SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF DMZ AND UPON ORDER ~~CENTER~~ INF BN AND EASTERN (RIGHT FLANK) INF BN COMMENCE ATTACK IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION TO AN AREA SOUTH OF SOUTHERN EDGE OF DMZ.

3. EXECUTION

A. CG TF HOTEL.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON OF 9TH MARINES TO THIS HQ ON ORDER.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF 3D MARINES AND CONTROL OF LANCASTER AO.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO FURNISH ADDITIONAL FORCES AS REQUIRED.
- (4) CONTINUE OPNS IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCOTLAND II AO WITH 14TH MARINES.

B. 9TH MARINES.

- (1) DEVELOP PLAN FOR SUBJECT OPN AND BE PREPARED TO BRIEF CG AND STAFF BY 20 AUG.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON THIS HQ.
- (3) SUBMIT INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQS EARLIEST.

C. 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE^{AT A} MINIMUM^{ONE} TANK COMPANY FOR ARMORED FORCE IN SUBJ OPNS.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INF/MECH/ ARMORED FORCES AS REQUIRED.
- (3) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSION.

D. 12TH MARINES.

- (1) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF ARTILLERY SUPPORT PLAN AND PLAN FOR ESTABLISHING AND USING FIRE SUPPORT BASES.

- (2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT FOR OPN TO INCLUDE ENEMY ARTILLERY SUPPRESSION IN AND NORTH OF DMZ.

E. COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT UNITS.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPN.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) D-DAY: TBA (ESTIMATE ON OR SUBSEQUENT 22 AUG).
- (2) DURATION OF OPNS: TO BE DETERMINED (ESTIMATE 6-8 DAYS).
- (3) AREA OF OPNS: OVERLAY PASEP.
- (4) FORCES AVAILABLE: 9TH MARINES WITH 3 ORGANIC BNS. ONE TANK COMPANY FROM 1ST BDE.
- (5) SUBMIT COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS BEYOND ORGANIC CAPABILITIES TO THIS HQ VIA NORMAL CHANNELS AT EARLIEST.
- (6) THIS HQ WILL ASSIST IN PLANNING AND CONDUCT OF RECON/INTELLIGENCE GATHERING EFFORT IN OBJECTIVE AREA.
- (7) REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THIS HQ PRIOR TO ENTERING DMZ.
- (8) DIRLAUTH ALCON.

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1. Where is:

"En Trps

" Arty

2. Bde Plan

Armd/Int Atk.

3. SLF Ldg

4. ARVN Block

5. 9th Mar assume Bde Msn.

} 1 Bn A/Helo lift
A/exploitation

6. Develop Concept

7. Opn, Sept

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SECTION 3P PHONE 203
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IMMEDIATE _____ Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG TF HOTEL
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
TASK FORCE SEVEN SIX PT ~~FOUR~~ FOUR

*1st Rev
DMZ*

INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
CG FIRST ARVN DIV
FIRST MARINES
SECOND ARVN REGT (COURIER)
THIRD MARDIV
CG NINTH MAB

*Early
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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: KENTUCKY NORTH OPN

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INCREASED EVIDENCE OF ENEMY GROUND, ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF BEN HAI RIVER IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ. KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTES ACROSS BEN HAI RIVER. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY.

- (1) 2D ARVN REGT SIMULTANEOUSLY CONDUCTS GROUND OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO.
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.
- (3) PCV PROVIDES SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

2. MISSION

3D MARDIV CONDUCTS BDE SIZE OFFENSIVE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT/ ARMOR OPERATION IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH 2D ARVN REGT TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS

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NORTH OF THE DMZ TO THE BEN HAI RIVER.

3. CONCEPT. 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH), 2D ARVN REGT (-), AND SLF ALPHA CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN DMZ SOUTH OF BEN HAI RIVER. OPNS TO BE CONDUCTED IN 4 PHASES.

A. PHASE I. ON D-DAY 1ST BDE ADVANCES NORTH FROM VICINITY OF CON THIEN INTO DMZ AND ATTACKS NE ALONG AN AXIS OF ADVANCE PARALLEL TO THE BEN HAI RIVER TO FIND, FIX, AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS AND TO SIEZE ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES IN ZONE.

B. PHASE II. UPON SECURING PHASE I OBJECTIVES, AND UPON ORDER, 2D ARVN REGT (-) ATTACKS NORTH IN THE EASTERN AND WESTERN ENDS OF THEIR ASSIGNED AO, SIEZES ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES, AND ESTABLISHES TWO BLOCKING POSITIONS ORIENTED TO THE EAST AND WEST. SLF ALPHA CONDUCTS SURFACE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT NORTH OF OCEANVIEW AND ATTACKS WEST TO SIEZE ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES.

C. PHASE III. UPON SECURING PHASE II OBJECTIVES AND UPON ORDER, 1ST BDE ATTACKS NE AND DESTROYS ENEMY IN ZONE BLOCKED BY 2D ARVN REGT AND BEN HAI RIVER; SLF - ALPHA ATTACKS SW AND DESTROYS ENEMY IN ZONE BLOCKED BY 2D ARVN REGT; ^{AND BEN HAI RIVER} 2D ARVN REGT SUPPORTS BY FIRE ATTACKS BY BDE AND SLF.

D. PHASE IV. UPON COMPLETION OF PHASE III AND UPON ORDER, 1ST BDE, 2D ARVN REGT (-) AND SLF ALPHA CONDUCT RETROGRADE MOVEMENT TO SOUTH AND OUT OF DMZ. 1ST BDE AND 2D ARVN RETURN AND RESUME NORMAL MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO. SLF ALPHA BACK LOADS SOUTH OF C-4.

4. EXECUTION

A. CG TF HOTEL.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON 9TH MARINES AND TO OCCUPY AND DEFEND POSITIONS IN KENTUCKY AO DURING OPERATION.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF 3D MARINES AND LANCASTER AO DURING OPERATION.
- (3) CONTINUE OPNS IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCOTLAND II AO WITH 14TH MARINES.

B. 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH).

- (1) DEVELOP PLAN FOR ARMOR ~~ATTACK~~ IN DMZ BY 17 AUG.
- (2) SUBMIT INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQ EARLIEST.

C. TASK FORCE

- (1) DEVELOP PLAN FOR AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT BY 17 AUG.
- (2) SUBMIT INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQ EARLIEST.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP OPCON SLF-ALPHA TO CG 3D MARDIV UPON SECURING BEACHHEAD.

D. 12TH MARINES.

- (1) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF FIRE SUPPORT PLAN.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE FIRE SUPPORT IN AND NORTH OF DMZ.

E. COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT, 3D MARDIV.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPN.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) D-DAY: TBA (EST ON OR AFTER 15 SEPT).
- (2) DURATION OF OPNS: EST 6-8 DAYS.
- (3) AREA OF OPNS: OVERLAY PASEP.
- (4) THIS HQ WILL ASSIST IN PLANNING AND CONDUCTING
OF RECON/INTEL GATHERING EFFORT IN OBJECTIVE AREA.
- (5) REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THIS HQ PRIOR TO ENTERING
DMZ.
- (6) DIRLNAUTH ALCON.

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IMMEDIATE _____ Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG TF HOTEL
FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
NINTH MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES
FIRST MARINES
THIRD TANK BN
FIRST AMTRAC BN

2d Rev
DMZ

INFO: CG III MAF
CG PCV
CG FIRST ARVN DIV
THIRD MARDIV
SECOND ARVN REGT

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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: KENTUCKY NORTH OPN

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INCREASED EVIDENCE OF ENEMY GROUND, ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF BEN HAI RIVER IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ. KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTES ACROSS BEN HAI RIVER. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY.

- (1) 2D ARVN REGT EXECUTES DIVERSION NORTH OF A-²~~A~~ ON D-DAY AND DURING PHASE I, SUPPORTS BY FIRE PHASE II.
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES ROTARY AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.
- (3) ~~TASK FORCE~~ ^{CTU 70.8} PROVIDES NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.
- (4) ~~XXIV CORPS~~ ^{XXIV CORPS} PROVIDES COMBAT SUPPORT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.

2. MISSION

3D MARDIV CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH 2D ARVN REGT TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS ^{within} NORTH-OF THE DMZ TO THE BEN HAI RIVER.

3. CONCEPT. ^{ONE} ~~THIRD~~ BN, 9TH MAR REINFORCED WITH ONE TK CO (REIN) 3D TK BN, ONE AM TRAC CO (-), 1ST AMTRAC BN, AND ONE MECH INF CO (-) (REIN) ^{USA} CONDUCT A TWO PHASE ARMORED COLUMN ATTACK NORTH INTO DMZ TO BEN HAI RIVER.

- A. PHASE I. AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY ^{BN, 9TH MAR} ~~379~~ (REIN) ADVANCES FROM ASSEMBLY AREA IN REAR OF CON THIEN, CROSSES LD AT RJ TIGER AND ATTACKS ALONG AN AXIS OF ADVANCE TO THE NE, SIEZES OBJECTIVE 1 AND DESTROYS ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN ZONE. 2D ARVN REGT CONDUCTS DIVERSION NW OF A-2, 1ST MARINES CONDUCTS DIVERSION NE OF A-3.
- B. UPON SECURING OBJ 1 AND ON ORDER, ^{BN, 9TH MAR} ~~379~~ (REIN) EXECUTES TURNING MOVEMENT SE, AROUND A-2, AND WITHDRAWS SOUTH ALONG HIGHWAY 1. 2D ARVN REGT AND 1ST MARINES SUPPORT WITHDRAWAL BY FIRE.

4. EXECUTION

A. CG TF HOTEL.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON ^{9th Marines} ~~379~~ TO 3D MARDIV ON D-1.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF 3D MARINES IN LANCASTER AO DURING OPN.
- (3) CONTINUE OPNS IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCOTLAND II AO WITH 4TH MARINES.

B. 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV.

- (1) PROVIDE ONE MEDIUM TANK CO ON D-1 OPCON TO 1ST MARINES FOR DEFENSE OF POSITIONS IN KENTUCKY AO DURING OPN.
- (2) PROVIDE ONE MECH INF CO (LESS INFANTRY), TWO ALVB'S AND ONE M548 OPCON TO 9TH MARINES ON D-1.
- (3) CONTINUE NORMAL MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

C. 9TH MARINES.

- (1) DEVELOP PLAN FOR ARMORED COLUMN ATTACK BY 20 AUG.
- (2) SUBMIT INTELLIGENCE REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HQ EARLIEST.
- (3) PREPARE TO ASSUME OPCON TK CO (REIN), AMTRAC CO (-) AND MECH INF CO (-)(REIN) ON D-1.
- (4) ~~CONTINUE~~ MISSION OF DIV RESERVE **EFFECTIVE D-1.**

D. 12TH MARINES.

- (1) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF FIRE SUPPORT PLAN.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO MASS FIRES IN AND NORTH OF DMZ.

E. 1ST MARINES.

- (1) PREPARE TO ASSUME OPCON OF MED TK CO, 1ST BDE ON D-1.
- (2) PREPARE TO SUPPORT ARMORED COLUMN BY FIRE DURING ~~XXXXX~~ OPN.
- (3) EXECUTE A DIVERSION NE OF A-3 ON D-DAY.
- (4) CONTINUE NORMAL MISSION.

F. 3D TK BN.

- (1) PROVIDE ONE MED TK CO REINFORCED WITH ONE FLAME-THROWER TANK SECTION OPCON TO 9TH MARINES ON D-1.
- (2) CONTINUE NORMAL MISSION.

G. 1ST AMTRAC BN.

- (1) PROVIDE ONE AMTRAC CO (-) TO CONSIST OF TWO PLATOONS PLUS A COMMAND VEHICLE, OPCON TO 9TH MAR ON D-1.
- (2) CONTINUE NORMAL MISSION IN ASSIGNED AO.

COMBAT SUPT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPT, 3D MARDIV.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPN.
- (2) CONTINUE NORMAL MISSION.

F. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) H-HOUR + D-DAY: TBA (EST ^{ABOUT 5 SEPT} ON OR AFTER 23 AUG).
- (2) DURATION OF OPN: EST 1 DAY.
- (3) AREA OF OPNS: OVERLAY PASEP
- (4) THIS HQ WILL ASSIST IN PLANNING AND CONDUCTING OF RECON/INTEL GATHERING EFFORT IN OBJECTIVE AREA.
- (5) ~~THIS HQS WILL CLEAR CROSSING DMZ~~ ^{OPERATION} ~~REQUEST APPROVAL FROM THIS HQ PRIOR TO ENTERING DMZ.~~
- (6) DIRLMOUTH ALCON.

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IMMEDIATE _____ Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
 NINTH MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES
 THIRD TANK BN

INFO: CG III MAF
 CG XXIV CORPS
 CG 1ST ARVN DIV
 CG TF HOTEL
 THIRD MARDIV
 SECOND ARVN REGT
 FLSG BRAVO
 TWENTY-SIXTH GSG (QTCB)

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REF: A. OPPLAN 21-68

B. LOI 1-67

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: KENTUCKY NORTH OPN

1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INCREASED EVIDENCE OF ENEMY GROUND, ARTILLERY
 AND MORTAR ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF BEN HAI RIVER IN
 SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ. KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTES ACROSS
 BEN HAI RIVER. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY.

- (1) 2D ARVN REGT EXECUTES ~~DIVERSION~~ ^{ATTACK} NORTH OF A-2 ON D-DAY.
~~D-DAY AND DURING PHASE I, SUPPORTS BY FIRST PHASE II~~
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES ROTARY AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.
- (3) CTU 70.8 PROVIDES NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.

2. MISSION.

3D MARDIV CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH 2D ARVN REGT TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS WITHIN THE DMZ TO THE BEN HAI RIVER.

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~~2ND ARVN REGT BATTAL AT A-2 AND~~ EDE FORCES AT A-3 SUPPORT WITHDRAWAL BY FIRE. TROOP "A", 4/12 CAV

(-) (REIN) SCREENS WITHDRAWAL.

4. EXECUTION.

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- (2) BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE ~~INDIRECT SUPPORT ON~~ ^{IN DIRECT SUPPORT} ONE TANK CO, 3D TANK BN FOR SECURITY MISSION ON C-3 BRIDGE DURING OPERATION.
- (3) CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR KENTUCKY NORTH AO.
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- (2) CONTINUE MISSION OF DIVISION RESERVE AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR KENTUCKY SOUTH AO.

(C) TWELFTH MARINES.

(1) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF FIRE
SUPPORT PLAN.

(2) BE PREPARED TO MASS FIRES IN AND NORTH OF DMZ.

(D) THIRD TANK BN.

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ON D-1 FOR DURATION OF OPN.

(E) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) H-HOUR & D-DAY: TBA (EST ABOUT 8SEPT).

(2) DURATION OF OPN: EST 1DAY.

(3) AREA OF OPNS: OVERLAY PASEP

(4) THIS HQ WILL ASSIST IN PLANNING AND CONDUCTING
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(6) DIRLNAUTH ALCON.

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(1) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF ~~PLAN~~ ^{ARTY} ~~SUPPORT PLAN~~ ^{PROVIDE REQUIRED G/S AND D/G}

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FROM: CG THIRD ARMY

TO: FIRST MARINES

THIRD MARINES

INFO: CG III MAF

CG XXIV CORPS

CTG 76.4

CTG 79.4

ONE ZERO EIGHTH ARTY GROUP (USA)

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A. MAPS: 6312 I, 6312 III AND IV

B. CG THIRD ARDIV 161750Z AUG 68 NOTAL

C. CG XXIVTH CORPS 170735Z AUG 68 NOTAL

D. MFP 228

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INFORMS, PERINTREPS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) COMUSMACV APPROVES A D P PROVIDES ATTENTION TO

ARCLIGHT STRIKES

(2) COMSEVENTHFLT PROVIDES ATTENTION TO PURPOSE OF

ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAPOLEON/SALINE AREA.

(3) FIRST MAW PROVIDES HELO SUPPORT.

ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: NO CHANGE.

(4) CTU 30.8.9 PROVIDES NGF SPT

2. MISSION:

3D ARDIV CONDUCTS A ONE DAY BATTALION SIZE RAID TO

EXECUTE PRE-PLANNED ARCLIGHT STRIKES IN THE SOUTHERN

HALF OF THE DZ.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIRST MARINES (-) (REIN)

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ON D-DAY AT H-HOUR 1000 HELICOPTERS WILL BE IN POSITION TO
 SIZE RAID IN ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE AREA TO DETERMINE THE
 NATURE OF THE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, ENEMY
 INTENTIONS, TAKE PRISONERS AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND
 EQUIPMENT. BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER RESPONSIBILITY OF
 NAPOLEON/SALINE AREA AND C/OOP ALL 3D MARDIV FORCES IN
 THE AO TO CATF (CTG 76.4) AT 1800¹²⁰⁰ H. BE PREPARED TO
 ASSUME NAPOLEON/SALINE AO RESPONSIBILITY AT 200600H.

- B. TWELFTH MARINES (-) (REIN) TO 1ST MAR.
 (1) PROVIDE DS AND GS FIRES TO OBTAIN
 (2) PROVIDE MAXIMUM SUPPRESSIVE AND COUNTERBATTERY

FIRES AS REQUESTED BY 1ST MARINES.

C. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) OBJECTIVE AREA IS CONSIDERED (BETWEEN NS
 GL 10 TO NS/CL 15 BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY THE
 BEI HAI RIVER AND ON THE SOUTH BY EW GL 72.

(2) UPON CATF RELIEF OF 1ST MAR ELEMENTS IN
 NAPOLEON/SALINE AREA THE AO IS REDESIGNATED AT AOA
 IAW REF D.

(3) FIVE ARCLIGHT STRIKES SCHEDULED DURING
 DAYLIGHT HOURS ON D-1. FIVE ARCLIGHT STRIKES CENTERED
 AT YD 112750 SCHEDULED FOR D-DAY WITH LAST BOMBS ON
 TARGET AT 190930H. TIMES TO BE CONFIRMED BY THIS HQS.

(4) D-DAY 19 AUG 68

H-HOUR 1000 HOTEL

(5) DIRLAUREN ALSON

(6) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT.

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(7) INSTRUCTIONS CONSIDERED UNDER THE PURVIEW
CINCPACFLT - COMUSMACV AGREEMENT FOR NAVAL SUPPORT OPNS
IN VIETNAM. 3D MARINE DIVISION

(8) IN THE EVENT NGF SPT IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT
SUPPORT ATF AND SUPPORT FIRES ARE REQUIRED IN EXCESS OF THAT
ORGANIC TO CTF, ATF REQUEST ADDITIONAL FIRES THROUGH 1ST
MARINES WHO WILL GIVE PRIORITY TO THE REQUEST.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS:

A. NORMAL.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELEC:

A. NORMAL EXCEPT CATF/CLF REQUESTED TO ENTER 3D MARDIV
COMMAND NET NLT 181200H.

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ARG ALFA READINESS STREP 157 AS OF 180001 AUG 68 (U)

1. (C) ARG ALFA COMP: ADD USS A.J. ISBELL (DD869)

2. (C) ACTION TAKEN:

A. ARG/SLF ALFA:

- (1) RECEIVED INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR OPERATION PROUD HUNTER IN NAPOLEON/SALINE AREA AT 171635Z AUG 68
- (2) ISSUED MSG OPORD FOR CONDUCT OPERATION PROUD HUNTER AT 172135Z AUG 68. D-DAY 18AUG 68. H/L-HOUR 180400Z
- (3) CTG 76.4/79.4 VISITED CTG 76.5/79.5 ON TRIPOLI.
- (4) CTG 76.4/79.4 PLANNERS CONDUCTING FINAL IN-COUNTRY LIAISON FOR CONDUCT OPN PROUD HUNTER

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B. ARG ALFA

- (1) STEAMING IN ASSIGNED HOLDING AREAS MAKING FINAL PREPS FOR C

DUCT OPN PROUD HUNTER.

- 2) CONT INUED COMM/LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO REPERSE.

C. SLF ALFA.

- (1) POSITIONS: NO CHANGE
- (2) SUMMARY: CO F (REIN), PLT 2/26 CONDUCTED AMPHIBIOUS TRNG/SEARCH AND DESTROY QPNS IN ASSIGNED AO. H-HOUR 170000Z WITH THE COVERED WITHDRAWAL AT 171630H. NO ENEMY CONTACT DURING DAY. HMM-362 MAINTAINED 15 MIN DAY MEDEVAC STANDBY, MADE ADMIN AND LIAISON FLIGHTS, AND PROVIDED 4 AIRCRAFT FOR AUGMENTATION TO FMAV.
- (3) ENEMY CONTACTS: NONE
- (4) SIGNIFICANT EVENTS: NONE
- (5) CASUALTIES: NONE

JCS HELO STATISTICAL DATA FM 162101H TO 172100H AUG 68.

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3. (C) COMMENT

A. PRINCETON HELO DAA: TASK 1, SORTIES 1,
PAX 3, CARGO 0.3 TON, HOURS 2.0.

4. (C) INTENTIONS

A. ARG/SLE ALFA:

(1) CONDUCT OPN PROUD HUNTER.

B. ARG ALFA

(1) CONDUCT OPN PROUD HUNTER.

(2) CONDUCT UNREP WITH CHEMUNG NIB OPS.

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F ALFA HMM-362 MAINTAIN 15 MIN MEDEVAC STANDBY,
MAKE LIAISON AND ADMIN FLIGHTS, AND CONTINUE IN
SUPPORT OF FLT 2/26 MAKE AMPHIBIOUS
MOVEMENT TO RELIEVE 2/1 IN NAPOLEAN/SALINE AREA.

5. (C) ACTION REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTH: NONE.

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 HHSYW/COMPHIBPAC
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 HPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
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OPERATION PROUD HUNTER (U)

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CTG 79.4 OP PLAN 120A-6K

CTG 79.4 MSG FRAG ORDER FOR OPERATION

HOPE. THIS IS ANNEX AA (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATE
 FOR OPERATION) W

TO CTG 79.4 MSG FRAG ORDER

1. SITUATION

A. GENERAL AS IN REF (C)

B. ENEMY FORCES

1. IAW ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO REF P.

2. INTSUMS AS ISSUED

C. FRIENDLY FORCES. IAW ANNEX'S AB, AC, AND AD TO REF (P)

2. MISSION. THE SACC WILL EXERCISE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR
 PLANNING, CONTROLLING AND COORDINATING ALL SUPPORTING ARMS OF
 THE LANDING FORCE WITHIN THE AOA

3. EXECUTION. AS IN REF (P) EXCEPT AS M IDIFIED BELOW

A. SPECIFIED

B. FIRE ZONES WILL BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY

C. FLT 2/206 WILL ESTABLISH AN FSC ASHORE

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C. ALL PREPLANNED FIRES, INCLUDING BEACH PREP AND LZ PREP, WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE PLT TO CLF FOR COORDINATION WITH CATF.

D. RESTRICTIVE FIRE AREAS IAW CTC 79.4 RESTRICTIVE FIREOVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY) (NOTAL).

E. ALL MISSIONS UNCHIN 1000 METERS OF THEAOA BOUNDRIES WILL BDE CEARED AIN ADJACENT UNITS BY SACC.

F. THE BOUNDRY BETWEEN 1ST AM TRAC BN AND BLT 2/26 WIP FBE A FCL. BLT 2/26 WILL COORD WEET OF LINE AND 1ST AMTRAC BN WILL COORD EAST OF LINE. FIRST MAR FSCC WILL COORD ALL FIREE WITHIN 1000N OF FCL.

4. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

A. ALL FIRING UN

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CHECK FIRE WHENEVER TRAJECTORIES MAY ENDANGER FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT.

B. RESTRICTIVE FIREPLANS WILL BE UTILIZED WHEN DEMOED NECESSARY. RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE CODE NAMED CHECKMATE AND WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED IN FMFM 7-1.

C. RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS WILL BE REQUESTED BY THE LOWEST FSCC ACP APPROVED, PROMULGATH AND NUMBERED BY SACC.

D. SAVE-A-PLANES WILL BEUSED TO ALLOW ARTY/NGF GREATER FLEX-TEILITY IN SUPPORTING MANEUVER ELEMENTS WHEN ISSUED, SAP-'S RESTRICT A/C FROM FLYING IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

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E. SAP'S WILL BE REQUESTED FOR ALL MISSIONS EXCEPT NIGHT H&I AND NDF

F. SAP'S WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SACC THROUGH FSCC CHANNELS IAW FOLLOWING FORMAT

- (1) TGT NR
- (2) GRID SQUARE FIRING FROM
- (3) COORDINATES OF TGT
- (4) MAX ORDINATE
- (5) TIME OF OPENING FIRE

G. SAP'S MUST BE TERMINATED BY THE FIRING UNIT. THEY WILL NOT BE TERMINAED BY SACC EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.

H. ALL SAP REQUESTS WILL BE MONITORED BY THE BLT FSCC AND SILENCE WILL BE CONSIDERED CONSENT.

I. SACC WILL COORDINAE SAP'S WITH DONG HA DASC.

J. MISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED CLEARED TO FIRE WHEN THE FIRING UNIT RECEI

VES THESAP DESIGNATOR FROM SACC.

K. ARTILLERY UNITS OPERATING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LZ'S WILL ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH LZ CONTROL ELEMENTS AND WILL NOTIFY THEM ON A TIMELY BASIS OF ALL FIRING

L. FLAK SUPPRESSION FIRES TIL

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ARMS TO MOST EFFECTIVELY PROTECT SUPPORT A/C FROM ENEMY GROUND FIRE.

6. TROOP SAFETY

A. NFL'S, FCL'S, FSCL'S AND OTHER COORDINATING MEASURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY CLF ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF SUBORDINATE UNITS.

7. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATION

(1) ANNEX G (COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS) TO REF B AND CURRENT COI

B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) AFLCAT - AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (TG 16.4) (SACC)
 USS PRINCETON LPH-5 LANDING FORCE (TG 79.4) (FSCC) USS
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(2) ASHORE - TO BE ANNOUNCED

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1. CG III MAF 180111Z AUG 68

2. IAW REF ORIG ASSUMES OPCON ACTION ADEEE.

3. ACTION ADEES DIRECTED TO CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS IAW PREVIOUS INST.

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 ONE ONE TO CTG 16400000 334-695 (U)
 A. MY 170000Z AUG 63
 1. (S) CAG PARA 1A/EF A TO READI

3 FOLG:

" MISSION: AN/BLF ALFA CONDUCTS AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT AT H AND
 L-HOURS ONM

- DAY IN ORDER TO FINDN FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES,
 FORTIFICATIONS AND MATERIAL WITHIN THE AOA, TO ALLOW SAFE AND
 UNINTERRUPTED PASSAGE OF THE COM VIET WITHIN THE AOA AND TO WITHDGN
 ON ORDEROM

2. (S) PARA X(3) OF REF A. THE AOA FOR OPERATION PROUD HUNTER IS
 ESTABLISHED AS FOLG:

A. SEAWARD: BEGINNING AT YD 234772 RPT 234772 SEAWARD AOA PROCEED
 NORTHEASTERLY TO A POINT 33 RPT 33 NM ONSZHE 73 DEG RAD OF THE DOM A
 TACAN, THEN IN A SOUTH SOUTHWESTERLY ARC, NHE

YD 234772

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TO A POINT JOINING THE SHORE LINE AT YD 714412 RPT -14412, THEN NORTHWESTERLY ALONG THE SHORE LINE TO YD 325633 RPT 325632.

B. LAND: COMMENCING AT YD 222772 RPT 222772 THE LAND AOA BOUNDARY PROCEEDS IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION

ALONG THE DMZ TO 269764 RPT 269764 WHERE IT TURNS IN A SOUTHEASTERLY DIRECTION TO YD 237739 RPT 237739 THENCE TO YD 292722 RPT YD 292722 TO YD 233722 RPT 233722 TO YD 252730 RPT 252730 TO YD 243633 RPT 243633 THENCE IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE EAST BANK OF AN UNNAMED POND AND STREAM TO YD 241631 RPT YD 241631 THENCE TO YD 243633 RPT YD 243633 ALONG THE EAST BANK OF AN UNNAMED STREAM IN A SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION TO YD 251622 RPT YD 251622 WESTERLY ALONG THE BED OF THE SONG BO DIEN TO YD 243317 RPT YD 243317 TO YD 251613 RPT YD 251613 EASTERLY ALONG UNNAMED ROAD TO YD 265612 RPT YD 265612 TO YD 272622 RPT 272622 THENCE ALONG GRID LINE 622 RPT 622 TO YD 295623 RPT 295623 TO YD 346624 RPT YD 346624 THENCE IN A SOUTHEASTERLY THEN EASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG THE BED OF AN UNNAMED RIVER TO YD 346622 RPT YD 346622, THENCE ALONG GRID LINE 622 RPT 622 TO YD 373623 RPT YD 373623 THENCE TO THE COAST AT YD 325633 RPT YD 325633.

C. AIR: THE AIR SPACE OVER THE LAND AND SEA PORTIONS OF THE AOA EXTENDS TO AN ALTITUDE OF 10,530 FT MSL.

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FLASH 181720 ZAUG68
 FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: FIRST MARINES
 TWELFTH MARINES
 CTG 76.4
 CTG 79.4
 INFO: CG III MAF
 CG XXIV CORPS

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OPCON OF UNITS RESPONSIBILITY NAPOLEON/SALINE AO

1. EFF 181700H AUG68, RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAPOLEON/SALINE OPERATION PASSES FROM FIRST MARINES TO CTG 76.4 AS NAPOLEON/SALINE AOA.

2. EFF 181200HAUG68 CG THIRD MARDIV PASSES OPOON FIRST AMTRAC BN AND B/1/11 TO CTG 79.4.

~~3. UPON DEPLACEMENT OF B/1/11 FROM NAPOLEON/SALINE ON OR ABOUT 1 AUG OPOON THAT UNIT RESUMED BY CG THIRD MARDIV.~~

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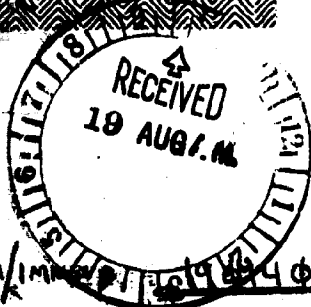
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG FIRST EDE FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
INFO: THIRD MARDIV
CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
CG 24TH CORPS
CG III MAP
OTG SEVENTY SIX PT FOUR
OTG SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR
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WARNING ORDER

- A. THIRD MARDIV OPO 28-68 (KENTUCKY)
B. THIRD MARDIV OPO 22-68 (NAPOLEON/SALINE) RPE

- ON OR ABOUT 1 SEP 1968 BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON OF THE KENTUCKY AO AND NAPOLEON/SALINE AO (SEE OVERLAY).
- THE BRIGADE WILL OCCUPY ALL FIXED POSITIONS AS INDICATED AS FOLLOWS: A-3, A-4, C-2 BRIDGE, C-2, C-3, AND BRIDGE, AND C-4. IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT SUFFICIENT FORCES BE POSITIONED AT EACH FIXED POSITION INDICATED ABOVE IN ORDER TO INSURE THE SECURITY THEREOF.
- AS PART OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR EACH FIXED POSITION IS THE CUSTODY, CONTROL AND USE OF CERTAIN DUEL BLADE/ DETECTION DEVICES. CUSTODIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THESE DEVICES AND PIECES OF EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE COORDINATED BETWEEN 1ST EDE, DIV G-4, DIV GEO AND GROUND SURVEILLANCE OFFICER (G-2 SECTION).
- IN ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE KENTUCKY AND NAPOLEON/SALINE AO'S, THE FOLLOWING MISSION IS ALSO ASSUMED:

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MISSION. CONDUCT OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE KENTUCKY AND NAPOLEON/SALINE AO'S TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES^{30 MARINE DIVISION} INSTALLATIONS AND/OR MATERIEL AND TO PREVENT ENEMY ^{INCURSION} ~~MOVEMENT~~ WITHIN THE AO; CONDUCT AN ACTIVE GROUND SURVEILLANCE DEVICE PROGRAM, AND SCREENING OPERATIONS, PROVIDE SUPPORT AND REACTIO^{FORCES} TO GVN INSTALLATIONS AND RESETTLEMENT AREAS IN AO. DEFEND CUA VIET PORT FACILITY AND OTHER VITAL INSTALLATIONS IN AO, MAINTAIN IN AN OPEN AND SECURE STATUS LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITHIN AO, TO INCLUDE NORTH AND SOUTH BANKS OF THE CUA VIET RIVER.

5. A CORRIDOR, 2 KILOMETERS ^{WIDE} ~~WIDE~~ ^{APX} WILL BE NEGOTIATED BY THIS HQ AND 2D ARVN REGT TO PROVIDE ACCESS FOR BRIGADE FORCES BETWEEN KENTUCKY AND NAPOLEON/SALINE AO'S.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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FM CG XXIV CORPS PHB

TO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DGM

RUMLBPE/CG 101ACD CEE

RUMLBPF/CG 1ACD CES

RUMHVP/CG 1ST BDE 5TH MECH QIR

INFO RUMUGRA/CG 111 MAF DNG

RUMHLA/CG 1ST MAR DIV DNG

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SUBJ: OPLAN 19-68 (ALPENA BEACH) (U)

REF: A. PCV OPLAN 19-68 (ALPENA BEACH) (U)

B. 3D AMR DIV MSG TS DTG 171410Z AUG 68, SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR 1ST BDE (NOTAL)

1. (S) DELETE ALL REFERENCES TO 1/5MECH BDE (-) ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR TF X-RAY AO IN OPLAN 19-68 ANNEX E (CONTINGENCY PLAN B) TO OPLAN 19-68 AND OTHER SUPPORTING ANNEXES.
2. (S) 1/5MECH BDE WILL REMAIN OPCON 3D MAR DIV.
3. (S) 101ST ACD WILL ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR TF X-RAY AO ON ORDER OF THIS HQ AS OUTLINED IN THE OPLAN.

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4. (S) CHANGE PARA 3C (2), REF A, TO READ: "BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ONE BDE-SIZE TF (2R03BNS) TO 1ST MAR DIV FOR INSERTION BEHIND ATTACKING ENEMY FORMATIONS WITH PRIORITY IN THE AN HOA, THUNG DUC, HAPPY VALLEY AND ELEPHANT VALLEY AREAS."

5. (U) WRITTEN CHANGE OF OPLAN 19-68 WILL BE FORWARDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER

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FLASH 191250 2AUG68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CTS SEVENTH SIX PT FOUR
INFO: CG III MAF
CG XXIV CORPS
COMSEVENTHFLT
CTS SEVENTY NINE PT FOUR

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1. ENEMY CONTACTS IN 2/1 LZ'S TO INCLUDE LOSS OF TWO CH-46
A/C PREVENTS THE WITHDRAWAL OF 2/1 TO NAPOLEON/SALINE AREA
AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED. TWO COMPANIES OF 2/9 COMMITTED
191530H TO GORDON ENEMY.
2. REQUEST CAMP RETAIN AOA RESPONSIBILITY UNTIL 210600H.

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 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO ZEN/PLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX
 INFO RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
 ZEN/CTG SEVE
 SIX PT FOUR
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OPCON OF UNITS IN AOA (C)

1. ASSUME OPCON OF ALL ELEMENTS OF SECOND BN, FIRST MARINES A THEY RETURN TO NAPOLEON/SALINE EOA.
2. ADVISE WHEN CO 2/1 IS PRESENT IN THE AOA AND CAPABLE OF RESUMING CONTROL ELEMENTS HIS BN IN AOA.

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TO RUMFSA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

INFO RUYPBYM/ CK 3;3, "349 05 388 5

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RUYPSC/CG III MAF

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/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUYPSC/CO FIRST MARINES

ZEN/TWO SLANT TWO SIX

ZEN/USS A. J. ISPELL

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OPERATION PROUD HUNTER NGFS (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 191250Z AUG 68 NOTAL

B. MY 171335Z AUG 68

1. IAW REF A CATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR 40A EXTENDED.

2. REQUEST EXTENSION NGF SUPPORT WSSIGNMENT REQ REF A UNTIL

21 1600H AUG 68.

3. WILL MAKE NECESSARY UNREL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ISPELL.

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MAJOR CHARLES W. KNAHE

PRIORITY

19 AUG 1968

19 2330Z AUG 68

FM: SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES

TO: CG THIRD MARDIV

3D MARINE DIVISION

INFO: FOURTH MARINES

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BLT ROTATION (U)

A. YOUR 130722Z AUG 68

B. MY 160300Z AUG 68

1. DEACTIVATION/REDESIGNATION OF BLT TWO SLANT FOUR A3 SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES COMPLETED THIS DATE WITH TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT OF 3DPLT, COG, 3D LT BN TO 3D MTBN.

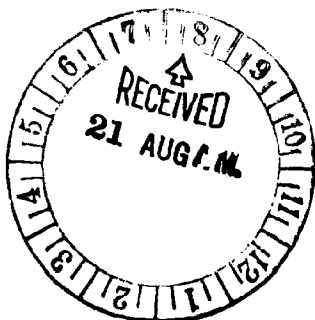
2. SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES ADMIN REAR, RELOCATED TO QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE EFF 201200H AUG 68.

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DE RUMHPV 975C 253140Z
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O 201400Z AUGUST 68
FM THIRD MARDIV COC
TO UUMSEM/XXIV CORPS COC
PASS CG XXIV CORPS
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REF A. THIRD MARDIV MSG 191815Z AUG 68

AMZ OPN UP DATE OF REF A.

AT 200705 CAS E AND F ARIE THE CMD GRP. 2/1 COMMENCED MOVE
SOUTH TO A-4 FM NIGHT PSNS VIC YD 123760. PTH USMC

AND USA TANK UNITS G AND H COS 2/9 MOVED FM VIC A-4 TO
HILL 56 IN ORDER TO SUP THE WITHDRAWL OF 2/1(-). AT 0932
THE FORCES AT HILL 56 MADE CONTACT W/EST 2 SQDS. TO A PLT

OF NVA. RECD SA. AUTOWPNS FURE
RPG'S, MTRS AND 130MM ARTY.

FR REY SA AUTO WPNS TANKS

AND SUPPRESSIVE ARTY. RES FR 1 KIA, 7 WIA

3 AK47, 3 LMG 4 RPG CAPTD 20 NVA KIA 1 DET CONTACT LAST ED
UNTIL 1530. AT 220950 2/1(-) HAD SECURED AN LZ VIC YD 124756

FOR HELO RESUPPLY AND MED. OF 2 KIA CREWMEN FM HELO
DOWNED PREVIOUS EVENING. TWO MINOR WIA ARE ALSO MED.

BY 1430 2/1(-) HAD REACHED VIC YD 125753 AND REPTD
REC POS 22 RR FIRE. ALSO REP 1 WIA AND APPROX 24

HEAT CAS. AN LZ WAS SECURED AT THIS LOC AND AT 1730
HELO EXTRACTION BEGAN. ME

OF 2/1(-) TO VIC A-4 WAS COMPLETED AT 1900. G AND H CO
AND TANKS HAD BEGUN WITH DREWL FM HILL 56. AT

1530 S OF TRACE. NO FURTHER

INFO IS AVAIL AT THIS TIME REGARDING

DEBRIED OF CITS ECJACTED.

THIS WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS IS AVAIL.

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 FM CTC SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 TO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF
 RUYGSAA/COMSEVENTHFLT
 INFO RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUYVWDE/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYJSYE/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/TO SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
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OPERATION PROUD HUNTER (U)

A. YOUR 171034Z AUG 68

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 171416Z AUG 68

C. MY 171000Z AUG 68

1. (S) REF A REQ EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26 IN THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO FOR AET TWO DAYS TO RELIEVE EN 2/1 FOR CONDUCT OF A RAID IN THE DMZ.
2. (S) REF E APPROVED EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF ALFA TO REL

AND TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO
 (PROUD HUNTER ACA).

3. (U) THE ABOVE ACTION WAS IMPLEMENTED BY REFERENCE (C).

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4. (S) AT THE PRESENT TIME TWO COMPANIES OF EN 2/1 HAVE RESUMED THEIR ASSIGNED POSITIONS WITHIN THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO AND PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE TO HAVE THE REMAINING TWO COMPANIES ASSUME THEIR NAPOLEON SALINE POSITIONS ABOUT 211200H.

5. (S) IN VIEW RETURN OF EN 2/1 TO NAPOLEON SALINE AO 21 AUG AND THE APPROACH OF TROPICAL STORM SHIRLEY, INTEND TO BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 FOR POSSIBLE STORM EVASION AND TO BE READY FOR POSSIBLE SPECOP ASSIGNMENT PRIOR TO BLT 2/26 SEPT REHAB PERIOD, COMME
 ING BACKLOAD
 OF SELECTED ELEMENTS AT 210000H1 AND COMPLETING BACKLOAD OF THE BLT
 EZ 211000H2.

7. (C) FOR COMSEVENTHFLT EET: REQ TERMINATION OPERATION PROUD HUNTER AT 211000H2.

8. (C) FOR CG III MAF: REQUEST CONCURRENCE.

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RUYPSTG/CG THIRD MARDIV
RUYPSY/CG EN TWO SLANT ONE
RUYPSD/CG III MAF
RUYPS/CG CLEARWATER
RUYPS/CG FIRST AMTRAC FLT
RUYPSY/CG EN ONE SLANT ONE ONE
RUYPSIA/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
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 CLOUD HUNTER WITHDRAWAL FRAG ORD CUB
 A. CTG 16.4 MSG OPORD 304

E. CIG 714 OPLAN 101A-62
C. NWP 821B

THIS IS CTG 76.4 FRAG ORD FOR THE COVERED WITHDRAWAL OF FLT 2/26
HAS ORGN IAW REF AL

4. AS SITUATION: UPON BEING REL.

REVED IN PLACE BY EN 2/10

BLT 2/26 WILL CONDUCT A COVERED WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PROUD HUNTER AREA ON
OR AET 21 AUGUST.

A. ENEMY FORCES THW REF A AND CURRENT INTSUMS.

1. FRIENDLY FORCES IAW REF A.

2. (S) MISSION: COMME

2. (S) MISSION: CONDUCTING AT 14-HOUR ARG/SLE ALPHA CONDUCTS A COMBINED HELICOPTERBORNE AND SURFACE WITHDRAWAL OF BLT 2/26 FROM THE PROUD HUNTER AOA. IN ORDER TO MAKE ARG/SLE AVAILABLE FOR SPECOP ASSIGNMENT.

3. (S) EXERCUTION

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A. THIS FORCE WILL CONDUCT COVERED WITHDRAWAL OF ELT 2/26 BY HELICOPTER AND SURFACE MEANS XAM ANNEX INDIAOF REF B AND REF C AND IS DIRECTED BY CATF. THE SURFACE WITHDRAWAL OF ELT 2/26 WILL BE CONDUCTED UNDER BLACK AND DARK.

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OR 210820H1.

E. TO 76.4

(1) DUEBUQUE/PT DEFIANCE WHEN DIRECTED PROCEED TO AREA ALFA ZERO,
LAUNCH SIX LCM 8. POS DUEBUQUE DISPATCH LCM 8 TO MEET FOLLOWING SCHEDULE
FOR BACKLOADING ELT 2/26 EQUIP/PERS: READ IN FIVE COLUMNS:
PRIORITY SERIAL/UNIT CRAFT LOADING POINT DESTINATION

PRIORITY	SERIAL/UNIT	CRAFT	LOADING POINT	DESTINATION
1	SER 603	6 LCM 8	CVRM SAND RAMP	PT DEFIANCE
2	(SER 602 EC 0 CO, WHISKEY ELT 17/26 106 RE PLT(-), 81 MM MORTAR PLT(-), ENG PLT, RECON PLT)	6 LCM 8	GREEN BEACH	DUEBUQUE

ZONE

SER 600 HOTEL CO IN BLACK BEACH
ALL AVAILABLE
LVT

DUEBUQUE

(SER 601 TANK 6 LCM 8 GREEN BEACH
PLT AT PLT(-))

DUEBUQUE/
PT DEFIANCE
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LOADS)

(2) PRINCETON WHEN DIRECTED CONDUCT HELICOPTER BORNE WITHDRAWAL IAW
FOLLOWING SCHEDULE: READ IN FOUR COLUMNS:

PRIORITY	SERIAL/UNIT	LOADING POINT	DESTINATION
1	SER 511 (GOLF CO)	YD 261649 RPT YD 261649	PRINCETON
2	SER 607 (ALFA CMD GP)	ELT 2/26 CP	PRINCETON
3	SER 608 (31 MM PLT(-))	ELT 2/26 CP	PRINCETON
4	SER 609 (BRAVO CMD GP)	ELT 2/26 CP	PRINCETON
5	SER 610 (106 MM PLT(-))	ELT 2/26 CP	PRINCETON
6	SER 612 (FOXTR)		
COX	YD 325645	PRINCETON RPT YD 325645	PRINCETON

(3) PRINCETON OPERATE IN MTA ASSIGNED RED A, REMAINING AS
CLOSE TO CUA VIET AS CONDITIONS PERMIT

C. DUEBUQUE/PT DEFIANCE
TO CONDUCT SURFACE WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX INDIA
REF E AND THIS FRAG ORD, NA

MAINTAINING MAXIMUM READINESS TO EVADE

ENEMY ARMY.

D. PRINCETON C
DUEBUQUE/PT DEFIANCE WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX INDIA REF A AND
THIS FRAG ORD.

K. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(1) THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT FOR PLANNING A

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 EXECUTION WHEN DIRECTED

- (2) W-HOUR TO BE CONFIRMED.
- (3) ALL SHIPS REMAIN UNDERWAY
- (4) DUELQUE DESIGNATED PCS. REPORT LOADING OF SERIALS AS OCCURRING TO CTG 76.4 VIA CKY N-3. PT DEFIANCE DESIGNATED SCS.
- (5) PT DEFIANCE POSITION HELD SAFETY BO T VICINITY POINT SQUAD (YD 400700 RPT YD 400700) WHEN DIRECTED BY HDC.
- (6) SAR IAW CONSEQUENTLY OPOD 201-YR ANNEX SIERRA.
- (7) HDC REPORT PROGRESS PRINCETON BACKLOAD TO CTG 76.4 UPON COMPL. BACKLOAD EACH SERIAL.
- 4. (C) ADMIRAL 198052, AND MEDICAL IAW PARA FOUR REF A.
- 5. (C) COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS
 - A. CATF AND CLF EME PRINCETON
 - E. SECOND IN COMMAND CO, PRINCETON AND IAW NAVY REGS.
 - C. COMMAND RELA
 - ONS IAW REF C.
 - D. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX NOVEMBER REF A AND B.

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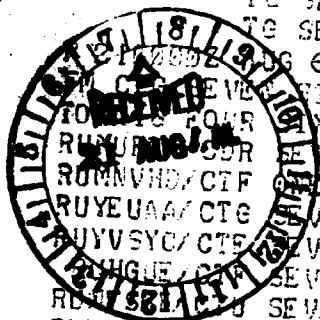
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ARG BRAVO READINESS SITREP NR 43 AS OF 2100Z 00Z AUG 68 (U)

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO COMP: NO CHG.

2. ACTION:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO:
(1) CONTINUED ENROUTE SUBIC BAY, R.P.

B. ARG BRAVO:

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(1) SUNNERY EXERCISES CANCELLED DUE WX.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUED TO PREPARE FOR SUBIC TRNG/REHAE.

(2) CONDUCTED MAINT ON VEHICLES AND PREPARED MATERIAL FOR OFFLOAD ON ARR SUBIC BAY.

3. COMMENTS:

1. SK - CEILING: 1500-2000 FT OCCASIONALLY 1000 FT IN SHOWERS. VIS 5-7 MI OCCASIONALLY 1-3 MILES IN SHOWERS. WDS SOUTHWESTERLY 16-22 W TH GUSTS TO 28 KTS DECREASING TO 7-14 KTS I SUBIC BAY. SWELL: WESTERLY 8 TO 12 FT IN OPEN SEAS. SEAS SOUTHWESTERLY 3-5 FT DECREASING TO 1-3 FT IN SUBIC BAY. TEMPS MAX 85 MIN 78 DEG F.

4. INTENTIONS:

A. ARG/SLF BRAVO:

(1) MAINTAIN STATE OF READINESS TO CONDUCT ARG/SLF OPS WITH 96 HOURS NOTICE.

E. ARG BRAVO:

(1) TRIPOLI CONDUCT ULQ-6 TEST VIC GRANDE ISLAND ENR SUBIC.

(2) TG ARR SUBIC BAY

(3) OFFLOAD ELT 2/7 PERS AND EQUIP UPON ARR SUBIC AND COMMENCE UPKEEP/TRNG.

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(4) COMPHIERON NINE RELIEVE COMPHIERON ONE AS CTG 76.5.

C. SLF BRAVO:

(1) CONTINUE PREPARATIONS FOR TRNG/REHAE ON ARR SUBIC BAY.

5. ACTION REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE.

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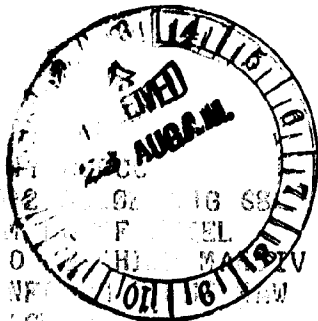
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DURING THE IMPENDING MONSOON, AND POOR FLYING WE MAY EXPECT WITH IT WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL PLANNING TO CONTINUE A HIGH PACE OF OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. THEREFORE, I RECOMMEND THAT A SERIES OF MEETINGS BE HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSEMBLING IDEAS AND TECHNIQUES TO MINIMIZE THE INHIBITING EFFECTS OF

OPERATION IS KEYED PARTICULARLY TO HELICOPTERS
MISSION SHOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARD HELICOPTER RE-

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OP MOVEMENT, MEDEVAC, AND AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE.
HELPFUL TO HAVE 1ST MAW, AND MAG-39 REPRESENTA-
TIVES IN THE EFFORT.

ALL. IT IS PROPOSED THAT THE FIRST CONFERENCE BE
 NG AT COMBAT BASE AT 231400 H AUGUST. AS A BE-
 THE AGENDA, THE FOLLOWING COULD BE DIS-

OF ESTABLISHING A 4 TO 8 PLANE CH-46 DE-
SCRIPT DURING THE MONSOON.

INSTRUMENT APPROACH AND DEPARTURE FROM

UNIT 3 NEEDED AT VANDEGRIFT?

ON AIRFIELD FACILITIES NEEDED?

STOCK LEVELS THAT CAN BE HELD AT THE
SUPPORT BASES, OP'S AND LZ'S?

OF THE KEYHOLE RECON PROGRAM BASED ON RE-
FOR HELO INSERT AND EXTRACT.

IF HOTEL AIR OFFICER IS DESIGNATED AS POINT
STAFF ACTION IN THIS MATTER.

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 TO: XXIV CORPS
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FORECAST OF OPN DMZ

A. CG III MAF MSG 150246ZAUG68

1. PER REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED REGARDING 2/1 RAID INTO DMZ PERIOD 19-20 AUGUST. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NEITHER SIGNIFICANT CONTACT NOR WAS THE EXTRACTION OTHER THAN ROUTINE THE SIZE AND MISSION OF THE OPERATION IS CONSIDERED TO WARRANT REPORTING.
2. ARCLIGHTS WERE DEPLOYED IN SUPPORT OF THE OPN WITH 5 DELIVERED ON 18 AUG AND 5 ON 19 AUG. THE LAST ARCLIGHT WAS DELIVERED AT 190820H. 2/1 MADE A HELO ASSAULT INTO THE DMZ VIC YD 107758-YD110746-YD108736 AT 0904 WITH THE MISSION TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE PRESENCE OF ENEMY HELO ACTIVITY BY MEANS OF GROUND EXPLOITATION OF THE ARCLIGHT STRIKES. INSERTION WAS NORMAL WITH INITIAL LINTS RECEIVING AN FIRE SOUTH OF THE DMZ. BY 0910H 2/1 CONSOLIDATED ITS PSN AT INITIAL LZ'S AND PREPARED TO CONT ATK TO SEIZE THREE SETS OF OBJ TO THE EAST. TWO NVA WITH PACKS, BUT NO WPNS WERE KIA WITH SA FIRE. TEN PARTIALLY DESTROYED BUNKERS WERE LOC.

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SUBSEQUENTLY ONE CASE OF 140 MM RKT AMMO WAS DISCOVERED. 2/1
 CONT TO MOVE THROUGH INTERMEDIATE ~~OPNS~~ WITHOUT OPPOSITION, ALTHOUGH
 AO REPORTS INDICATED FAIRLY SIGNIFICANT NUMBERS OF NVA IN THE
 GENERAL AREA MOVING TO THE SOUTH AND WEST. AT 1500H 2/9(-) WAS
 HELO LIFTED INTO LZ'S IN THE 0970 GRID SQUARE TO BLOCK ENEMY
 EGRESS FROM THE AREA OF SIGHTINGS. AT 1740H 2/1 COMMENCED EXTRACTION
 OPNS VIC YD 135765. OF THE INITIAL WAVE OF 4 CH 46'S, ONE WAS
 DESTROYED AND ONE DAMAGED, BUT LATER EXTRACTED. PRDLY CAS IN
 LZ WERE 4 KIA AND 4 WIA. EXTRACTION WAS CONT UNTIL COS G AND H
 WERE LIFTED TO A-4. AT THAT TIME EXTRACTION OPNS WERE TERMINATED
 DUE FADING LIGHT. COS E AND F AND THE CMD GRP 2/1 CONSOLIDATED NDP
 NDP. AT 200705H 2/1(-) COMMENCED FOOT MOVEMENT SOUTH TO A-4. AT
 0950 AN LZ WAS SECURED AND RESUPPLY AND MED EVAC MISSIONS WERE
 ACC MPLEISHED APPROX 400 METERS S NDP.. 2/1(-) CONT MOVEMENT SOUTH
 UNTIL 1430 WHEN REC'D R FIRE. A SECOND LZ WAS SECURED VIC YD125753.
 AT 1730 HELO EXTRACTION OPN COMMENCED WITH LAST LEFT TO A-4
 COMPLETED BY 1800. TOTAL CAS REP WERE 3 NVA KIA, 4 USMC KIA,
 6 WIA MINOR.

3. ELEMENTS OF 1/1 AND 2/9 WITH A COMBINED FORCE OF USA AND USMC
 TANKS PROVIDED FIRE SUPPORT FROM VIC HILL 56 ON 19-20 AUG. ALTHOUGH
 SOUTH OF THE DMZ, THESE UNITS HAD SPORADIC CONTACT WITH SQD TO PLT
 SIZE VN UNITS AND ACCOUNTED FOR 43 NVA KIA AND 1 POW(DOW).

4. NO EVIDENCE OF ENEMY HELICOPTER ACTIVITY WAS NOTED.

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 RUYPYSG/3RD C-1 ONE SLANT ELEVEN
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 RUYPYSG/CO III MAF
 RUYPYSG/CO NAAGORD
 RUYWU/CO SEVEN SIX
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TERMINATION OF OPN PROUD HUNTER CO
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 B. CG III MAF DNG 202548Z AUG 68 TOTAL

1. (S) REF A AND B CONCURRED IN TERMINATION OF OPN PROUD HUNTER AT 211800H AUG 68.
2. (S) PROUD HUNTER AOA DISESTABLISHED AT 211800H AUG. ALL FRIENDLY FORCES WITHIN PROUD HUNTER AOA (NAPOLEON SALINE AO) REVERT TO PREVIOUS OPCON AT THAT TIME.
3. (S) CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS WITHIN SALINE AO REVERTS TO CG THIRD MARDIV AT 211800H.

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ADDITIONAL INFO ON EXACTLY IN 07Z 19 AUG 68.
INITIAL DEBRIEF OF LANDING UNIT REVEALS
THAT THE FIRST L R HELO CAME INTO PREPARED
ZONE AND EXTRACTED W/NO DIFFICULTY. THE
HELLO THAT WAS DESTROYED AND ANOTHER HELLO
LANDED ON THE ROAD ADJACENT TO AND PARALLEL TO
THE BEV HALL WHILE ABOUT FOUR FEET ABOVE
THE GROUND AN EXPLO WHICH SOME OBSERVERS
THOUGHT CAME FROM UNDERNEATH DAMAGED THE
AC WHICH CRASHED AND BURNED. ANOTHER
HELLO ON THE GROUND IN THE SAME AREA EVACUATED
THEIR AC WHEN ACED TO IT AND FLEW IT OUT.
A LARGE BURNING TOWARD THE BURNING HELLO
TO ASSIST IN GETTING OUT THE CREW WAS KIA
BY ANOTHER EXPLO OF THE CRASH.
PREVIOUSLY A BOMB REPORTED TO BE OF A COMMAND
DET TYPE WAS FOUND. THIS WAS MADE UP
OF CRICKET CLAYMORE AND A STACK OF 324B
BOMBS RODE COVERED OVER WITH A TYPE OF WESH-
LEVELER. THE GROUND.
THE ACTUAL LZ WAS CHOSEN AND SEPT
FOUR HELLO LANDED SIMULTANEOUSLY AND
EXTRACTED INCREASINGLY AND
UNIT INVOLVED WAS DEPLOYED TO
DURING. FORMER FIELD. THIS REPORT WILL
BE FORWARDED WITH OTHER INFO.
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
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 THIRD MARDIV (LESS ACTION ADDRESSES)
 CG XXIV CORPS

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OPCON AND AO RESPONSIBILITY

1. EFF 211700HAUG CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON F/2/26
 AND 1ST PLT CO A, 5TH AMTRAC BN ^{From CTG 79.4} AND SAME DTG PASSES
 OPCON TO FIRST MARINES.

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2. EFF 211700HAUG CTG 79.4 RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY
 FOR NAPOLEON/SALINE AO AND SAME DTG FIRST MARINES ASSIGNED
 RESPONSIBILITY THAT AO.

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IMMEDIATE 211550 2 AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MAR DIV

TO: ~~THIRD MAR DIV~~

INFO: CG 1ST MAF

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CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
FIRST BDE FIFTH MECH
THIRD MAR
FOURTH "
NINTH "

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3D MAR DIV MONSOON POSITIVE

A. 3D MAR DIV OP PLAN 22-68

B. 3D MAR DIV OP PLAN 28-68

C. 3D MAR DIV OP PLAN 58-67

D. 3D MAR DIV OP PLAN 23-68

1. DUE TO THE APPROACHING NORTHEAST MONSOON, DEPARTURE OF THE 1ST MARINES, AND READINESS OF THE 1ST BDE, 5TH MECH TO BEGIN COMBAT OPNS A MAJOR REALIGNMENT OF FORCES AND CORRES-

PONDING CHANGES TO AREAS OF OPNS WILL OCCUR ^{BETWEEN 24 AUG AND} ~~ON 24 AUGUST 1~~

1. CPT.

2. REF (A) THROUGH (D) WILL BE REVISED AS REQUIRED AND A NEW OP PLAN WILL BE DEVELOPED FOR AN AO AS YET UNNAMED TO GENERALLY INCLUDE THAT AREA USED BY THE BDE FOR OPNS/TRNG. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS NEAR 1 SEPT AS IS PRACTICABLE.

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4. THE 3D MAR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LANCASTER AO AS MODIFIED. THE EASTERN BOUNDARY ADJOINING KENTUCKY AO WILL BE MOVED GENERALLY 3000 METERS WEST OF ITS PRESENT TRACE. THE WESTERN EXTREMITY OF THE LANCASTER AO WILL BE EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE UPPER CAM LO VALLEY AND AN AREA ALL THE WAY TO THE LAOTIAN BORDER. THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY WILL BE ALONG THE NORTH RIDGE OF D-5 AND FROM D-5 WEST ALONG GL 52 BUT DROPPING SOUTH TO INCLUDE THE KHE GRANG THROAN VALLEY. THE 3D MAR CT WILL BE AT CAMP CARROLL. THE 3D MAR ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROTECT OF THE NAI LOG SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AND RESETTLEMENT VILLAGE. THE 3D MAR WILL MAN: CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIA BRIDGE, KHEON BOE LAI AND DONG HA OP.

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1.54. THE 4TH MARINES WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SCOTLAND AO. ^{REINFORCED WITH A MARINE RT-LE CO TO BE DESIGNATED}
 AS MODIFIED. THE NORTHERN ~~BOUNDARY~~ ^{THE} WILL BE MOVED SOUTH AS
 DESCRIBED IN PARA 5 ABOVE. THE EASTERN BOUNDARY WILL BE MOVED
 EAST SO THAT THE HIGH GROUND OVERLOOKING THE VALLEY FROM
 CA LU NORTH TO TSL WILL BE IN THE SCOTLAND AO. THE SOUTHERN
 AND WESTERN BOUNDARIES REMAIN THE SAME. THE 4TH MAR WILL
 MAN CB VANDEGRIFT, CA LU, FB CATES, FB SHEPHERD AND OP 950.
 THE 4TH MAR CP WILL BE AT CB VANDEGRIFT.

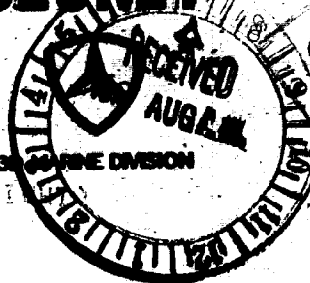
6. THE 9TH MAR WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR A NEW, UNNAMED AO.
 THE EASTERN BOUNDARY WILL BE ALONG DHCB, RTE #1 AND QTCB.
 THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY ALONG SONG AI TU CREEK. THE WESTERN
 BOUNDARY WILL BE ALONG GL 10 IN THE NORTH AND SOUTH AND
 ALONG THE D-5 EASTERN EDGE IN THE CENTER. THE 9TH MAR CP
 WILL BE AT QTCB AND ONE BN WILL BE LOCATED THERE. ANOTHER
 BN WILL BE IN A CAMP IN CUA VALLEY INSIDE THE D-5 AREA. THE
 3D BN WILL BE MOVING THROUGHOUT THE AO. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT
 THE BN WILL ROTATE ABOUT EVERY TEN DAYS.

7. CG 12 HOTEL WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR NO AREA ON A CONTINUING
 BASIS AND WILL BE ASSIGNED AO'S AND FORCES ON A MISSION
 FROM TIME TO TIME.

8. OVERLAY BASEP.

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ARC LIGHT NOMINATIONS FOR MULTI-BN ORN SECTION I OF III SECTIONS
1. ON 2-DAY SCHEDULED ON 25 AUG 63, A MULTI-BN OPERATION
WILL BE CONDUCTED AGAINST ELEMENTS OF THE 320TH NVA DIVISION
IN THE NUI TIA PONG AREA (XD 3353). IN GROUND EXPLOITATION
OF ARC LIGHT STRIKES AND EXTENSIVE AIR AND ARTY PREP FIRES,
HELICOPTERBORNE BNS WILL BE INSERTED INTO LZ'S VIC XC 937546
AND XD 923534 TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTAL-
LATIONS, AND TO INTERDICT INFILTRATION ROUTES. EXISTING AND
NEW LZ'S AND FIRE BASES WILL BE USED TO PERMIT MAXIMUM
FREEDOM OF MANEUVER WITH MUTUAL SUPPORT. THE AREA OF OPNS IS
BOUNDED ON SOUTH BY E-W 52 GL, ON WEST BY N-S 35 GL, ON
NORTH BY SOUTH TIEN HIEU (XD 3353 SE TO XD 9354) AND ON EAST
BY N-S 92 GL.

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2. AREA INTELLIGENCE - NUI TIA PONG AREA IS THE CENTER OF A
EXTREMELY RUGGED MTK MASSIF OVERGROWN WITH TRIPLE CANOPY AND
DISSECTED BY NUMEROUS MOUNTAIN STREAMS. EVIDENCE HAS
MOUNTED TO THE POINT OF BEING VIRTUALLY CONCLUSIVE THAT THIS
AREA IS A SIGNIFICANT ENEMY BASE AREA HARBORING FORCES OF AT
LEAST REGIMENTAL AND POSSIBLY MULTI-REGIMENTAL SIZE. THIS AREA
HAS NEVER BEEN SUBJECTED TO SIGNIFICANT FRIENDLY FIRES OR
MANEUVER. NATURE OF TERRAIN AND DENSITY OF CANOPY FRUSTRATES
VISUAL, PHOTOGRAPHIC AND APD DETECTION OF ENEMY ACTIVITY.
IR IS SEVERELY ATTENUATED. PATROLS INTO OR ALONG THE PERIPHERY
OF THE AREA HAVE UNIFORMLY SIGHTED OR MADE CONTACT WITH ENEMY
FORCES. SINCE 1 AUG 63 THERE HAVE BEEN 11 SIGHTINGS OR CONTACTS
BY RECON PATROLS. SINCE 12 JULY 68 URS HAVE BEEN RECORDED.
THESE HAVE BEEN WIDELY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE AREA. PATTERN
ANALYSIS OF THESE URS AND OTHER TECHNIQUES CLEARLY ESTABLISH
PRESENCE OF SEVERAL DISTRICT NVA UNITS. EVIDENCE OF ACTIVITY
TO THE NORTH INCLUDING URS AND RECON PATROL CONTACTS AND TO
THE SOUTH INCLUDING THE DISCOVERY OF MAJOR CACHES FURTHER SUBSTANTIATE

THE AREA AS A MAJOR BASE AREA FOR NVA FORCES OPERATING IN THE
EASTERN DMZ/KFE SANN AREA. AREA IS RIPE FOR EXPLOITATION BUT

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PRESENTS SEVERAL OBSTACLES TO FWWF WHICH HAVE INFLUENCED THE ENEMY IN SELECTING IT AS A BASE FOR OPERATIONS. THESE INCLUDE FRUSTRATION OF RECON EFFORTS, INACCESSIBILITY, IMPEDED GROUND MANEUVER, LACK OF AMBUSH, AND "RAZOR BACK" TYPE RIDGES WHICH COMPEL LOCATIONS OF LZ'S IN THE STREAM VALLEYS. WITH SUFFICIENT FIREPOWER APPLICATION, RISKS TO GROUND UNITS CAN BE MARKEDLY REDUCED, SURPRISE ACHIEVED AND THE AREA VIGOROUSLY PENETRATED.

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3. FIFTEEN ARC LIGHTS STRIKES ARE REQUESTED TO BE DELIVERED IN THREE GROUPS. FIRST GROUP (SIX STRIKES) IS REQUESTED ON D-2 (23 AUG 68). SECOND GROUP (FIVE STRIKES) IS REQUESTED ON D-1 MORNING (242520H - 241100H AUG 68. D-1 AFTERNOON MUST BE CLEAR FOR LZ CONSTRUCTION. THIRD GROUP (FOUR STRIKES) IS REQUESTED ON D-DAY MORNING (250520H - 250930H AUG 68) TO ELIMINATE HOSTILE AA/AV THREAT TO HELICOPTERBORNE FORCES AND TO DESTROY ENEMY WPN POSITIONS AND BUNKER COMPLEXES IN VICINITY OF LZ'S. FIFTY PER CENT DELAY AND FIFTY PERCENT INSTANTANEOUS FUZING REQUESTED ON ALL STRIKES.

4. NOMINATIONS FOR D-2 (23 AUG 68)

A. MAP SERIES L7014 SHEETS I, II, III, IV.

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(1) UTM COORDINATES

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D. TA-21-113 RPT TA-21-113

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XD 872546

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E. TA-21-114 RPT TA-21-114

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To: Distribution List

Subj: Northeast Monsoon

Encl: (1) Weather for months of August through March
(2) Helpful Hints
(3) Climatological Data
(4) Trafficability Overlay

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WEATHER STUDY

1. The study covers the Northeast Monsoon Season (Oct - Mar), which in the 3D MarDiv AO, is synonymous with the Rainy Season. There are three distinct regions or areas in Quang Tri (P) that are affected in different ways by the Northeast Monsoons which in turn affect you and your operations in the field. The three areas are shown in enclosure (3).

It is emphasized that figures contained in this study on temperature, rainfall, etc., have been derived by averaging out data from past years. This study is intended as a working aid to assist in planning, and is not a weather forecast. For instance, temperatures have ranged considerably higher and lower than what is indicated in enclosure (3). Also it is pointed out that last year the rainy season began about a month earlier than expected. In other words, it will be to your advantage to prepare for the rainy season now.

2. The effects of the Rainy Season on trafficability, cross country movements, ground and air operations, will vary depending on which of the three areas you are operating in. Some general observations are as follows:

a. In the eastern most region (the low flat coastal plains) September through December are the months of maximum rainfall. Rainfall decreases during January and should have minimal effect on operations in February and March. During the Northeast Monsoon, this region will be flooded. Movement by foot through the predominant rice fields will be slow and tedious. Water in the flooded rice paddies is about 1.5 meters in height. This covers ankledeep mud. More rapid movement through these fields can be made by using the surrounding dikes which are .5 - 1 meter in height. Movement across the rice fields can be best accomplished by use of APC's. Most of the numerous streams, rivers and canals in this coastal area are too deep to be forded. Movement across sandy areas, however, is improved when the sand is wet. This region will have heavy cloud coverage approximately 20 days out of each month. Rain, fog and haze restrict visibility to less than six miles fairly frequently, however, visibility rarely drops below $\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Minimum visibility occurs in the early morning hours.

b. In the low hills (the central area of enclosure 3) water drainage is good and movement will not be overly impeded by wet and muddy ground conditions; however, while raining the ground becomes very slippery, slowing movement somewhat. During the Monsoon Season an increasing number of streams will be encountered. The primary restriction to visibility will be the rain and fog. The heaviest rainfall occurs from August to October. Rainfall begins to slacken during November and from December on is no longer of major concern. Low ceilings (less than 1000 ft) and visibilities of less than $\frac{1}{2}$ miles during the early mornings will restrict heavy weapons and close air support. Visibility will improve somewhat during the day. Ceilings and visibilities will be lower at higher elevations such as the Rock Pile and Dong Ha Mt. Early morning hours will be the best time for the enemy to move undetected. The same holds true for our forces.

c. In the Northern Highlands (mountains), the rainfall pattern is similar to that of the central area. The highlands are cut by numerous streams generated by the rain. Ceilings below 1000 feet are common during the nighttime and early morning hours and often will remain below 1000 feet through the day. Mountains will frequently be obscured with clouds, especially during the mornings. Visibilities of less than $\frac{1}{2}$ miles are most common during the mornings of November through March. This low visibility often persists throughout the morning and occasionally all days causing severe restrictions on heavy weapons and close air support and air resupply. Careful consideration must be given to weather conditions when planning air supported operations. This weather affords friend and foe alike excellent concealment.

3. A month by month description of the weather follows:

a. **AUGUST:** August receives a light amount of rain (average 3.9 in.), which is about the same amount that falls during each of the three preceding months. The weather follows somewhat of a regular daily pattern during the month, with afternoon showers occurring over most of Quang Tri (P).

b. **SEPTEMBER:** September and early October generally covers the time between the dry season (summer) and the rainy (monsoon) season. September is characterized by an overall increase in cloudiness over most of the province. Rainfall in the mountains reaches its peak during the month. Normally, low hanging clouds form by midmorning, lowering and increasing to become broken to overcast by midafternoon and breaking up at night. Thunderstorms normally occur during the late afternoon and generally last only a few hours. Showers and thunderstorms reduce visibility to less than 5 miles. The occurrence of fog increases during September which reduces ground and aerial observation, particularly during early morning hours. September is also the month of maximum typhoon activity in the western Pacific; however, it is expected that tropical storms will have little effect, if any, on the weather in this area.

c. **OCTOBER:** The weather during early October is similar to what it was in September. However, during the last half of the month, Quang Tri (P) usually comes completely under the influence of the Northeast Monsoon. Cloudiness increases in the coastal areas, but decreases over the remainder of the province. Temperatures can vary considerably from those of September. The full onset of the Northeast Monsoon includes an abrupt change in rainfall which increases in intensity, and temperatures become much cooler/colder particularly at higher elevations. The majority of rain, particularly in the Eastern portion, occurs in the form of afternoon and evening showers or thundershowers. It is not uncommon to have daily rain coupled with mist and overcast skies through most or all of each day in October and early November, particularly at higher elevations. October is normally the wettest month in the lowlands. It is to be noted that there is considerable variation in October rainfall from one year to the next and from one location to another. In addition, rains, mist and overcast which began in late September become progressively apparent during October, November, December and January. During these months temperatures also continue to drop.

d. **NOVEMBER:** During the month, lower ceilings are expected over the east and northeast coastal areas. Temperatures in general continue to decrease during the month. In open areas on still night, cool air has a tendency to collect in sinkholes or small narrow ravines, resulting in an appreciable temperature difference within the space of a few feet. Along the east coast, cloudiness increases and rainfall remains close to the seasonal peak reached during October. Rainfall occurs on more than 15 days of the month.

e. **DECEMBER:** During the month, the cooling trend continues over the province with most areas experiencing 3 to 4 degree drops in the average temperatures. Rainfall decreases during the month. Showers are generally intense, but of short duration. Isolated exposed higher locations receive greater rainfall than the coastal plains during this period. Cloudiness continues to increase and ceilings below 5000 feet can be expected along the coastal plain, however, clouds usually break by midmorning to become scattered with bases at 3 to 4 thousand feet. During December, occurrence of fog increases during predawn hours and dissipates rapidly after sunrise. However, in valleys it may form earlier and persist throughout morning hours.

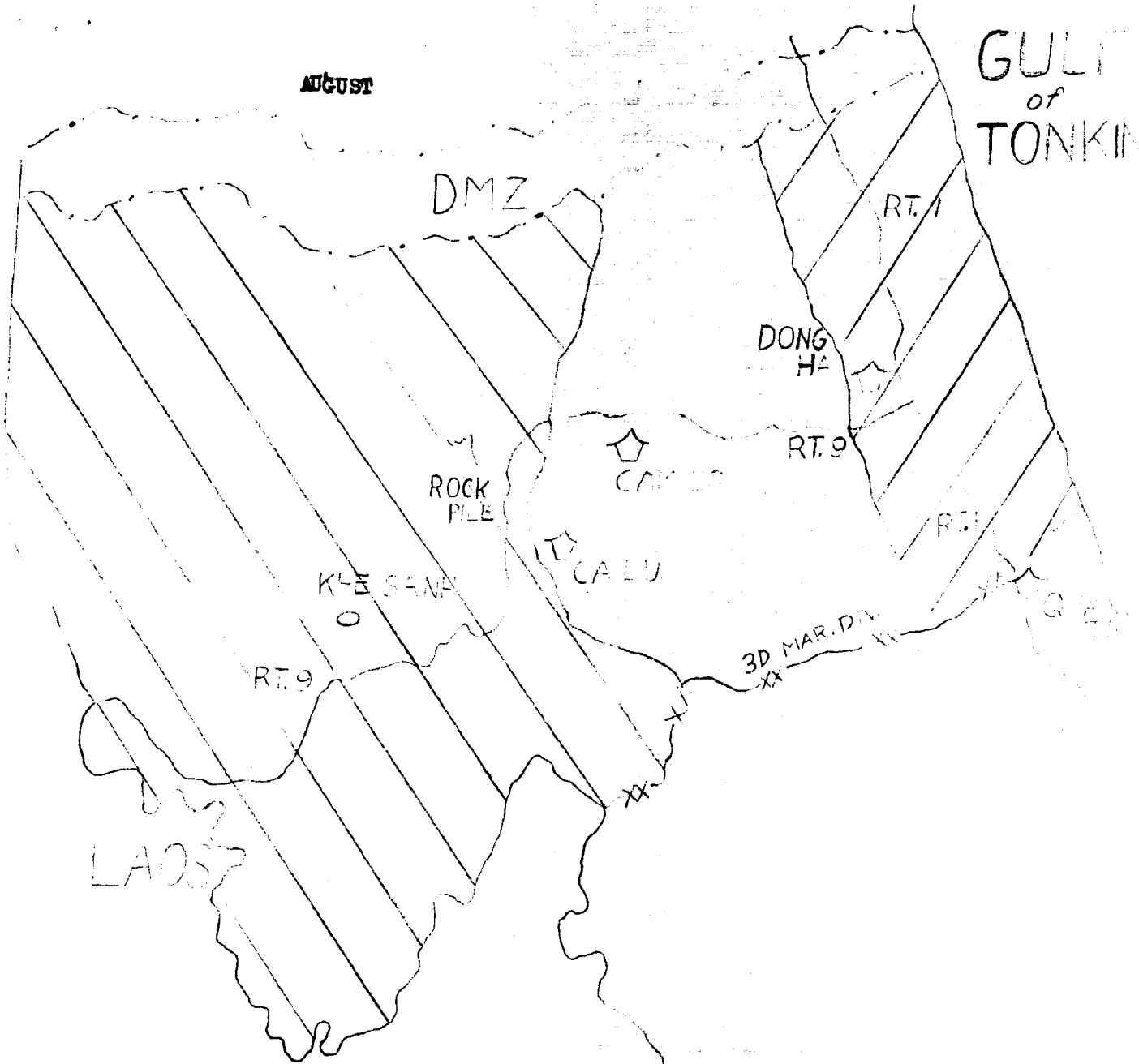
f. **JANUARY:** During the month, the downward trend in temperatures which has continued since August halts, and temperatures may rise somewhat, through only a degree during the month. Low visibilities continue as does cool weather, dampness, mist and drizzle, except in the western portion of the province. Surface visibilities are best during afternoons.

g. **FEBRUARY:** During this month temperatures continue to rise slightly, however it is still cold-about equal to December except that the rainfall has dropped off somewhat. Generally, with this continued slackening of rain, operations in the field are less affected by the weather. The Northeast Monsoon continues, but much abated. Some days of low visibility still occur. Observation will be restricted the most during the early morning hours.

h. **MARCH:** This month sees the final influences of the Northeast Monsoon disappear. Rainfall is comparable with that of the previous month (average 2-3 in.). Temperatures begin to rise especially during the latter part of the month. Rainfall is generally light, however, it should be noted that there is considerable variation in March rainfall from one year to the next and rainless or nearly rainless months

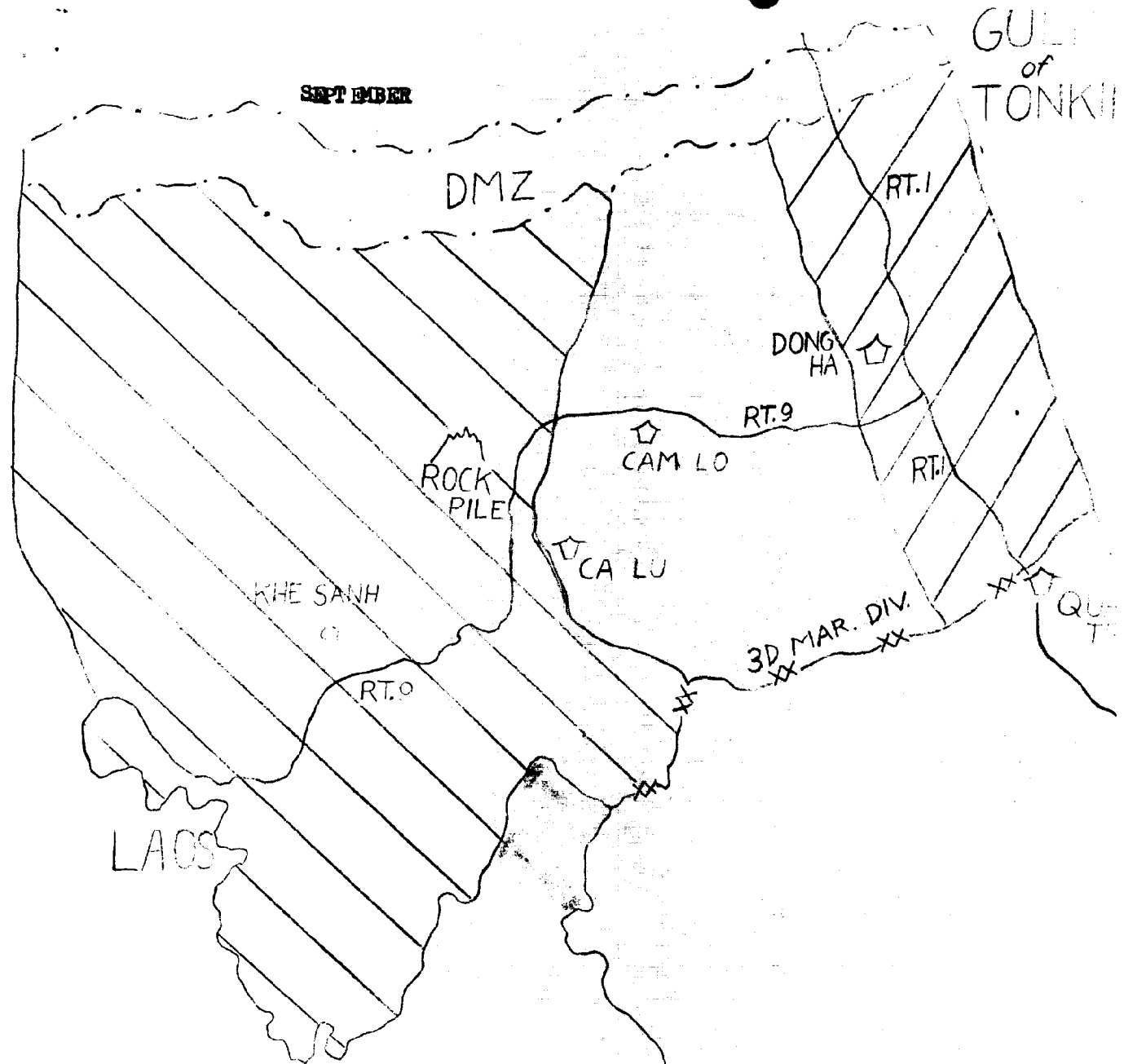
The following are helpful hints for all personnel

1. Dry socks are mandatory to prevent immersion foot. Wet socks when carried next to the body, under outer clothing, soon dry to a satisfactory degree. Carry at least 1-2 pairs in a plastic bag.
2. Carry 1-2 light set of gloves for trench digging as wet and puffed hands will get extremely raw when moving and digging daily.
3. Troops should air feet at least 1 hour per day.
4. Carry 2-3 candles to keep dryness in poncho hooch and also for company staff to read maps, draft and send messages and plot defensive fires.
5. Do not break seals of mortar rounds until actually ready for use (wet increments and short rounds result).
6. Weapons must be heavily oiled, ammunition should be carried in waterproof metal containers until ready for use, in so far as possible. Mortar tubes should be capped in defensive positions. Magazines must be frequently emptied, oiled and ammo dried.
7. Patrols should carry 50 - 100' length of rope to use as life lines in stream crossings. Long bamboo poles can also be used. First elements across stream should set up security to cover water crossing, personnel on near bank provide automatic and SA fires to cover men in water.
8. Fighting positions should be erected above ground in many locations. Empty 60 and 81 mortar ammo boxes, 105 artillery shell casings and standard 7.62 metal ammo boxes can all be used for flooring. Care must be exercised that hand grenades, hand illumination flares, and individual rounds of small arms ammunition are not accidentally lost in mud in and around fighting holes. Close supervision must be provided to IPs, OPs, and defensive positions to assure desired observation is available from shelters erected to provide protection from the weather.
9. The erection of drying tents in platoon and company size patrol bases is an excellent accommodation when the tactical situation permits. Yukon stoves can provide ample heat for drying clothes and warming personnel.
10. Company size patrol bases should contain pre-stocked supplies of water, rations, and medical supplies in the event weather hampers resupply/evacuation. In a static situation 5 to 7 day stockage is desirable.
11. Units should requisition rain suits for all personnel and other monsoon requirements well in advance of the onset of the Northeast Monsoon.



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	93	76	14.8	0.7	3.9	8
	91	76	14.8	0.7	6.5	8
	83	71	32.3	0.8	12.7	16

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	88	74	37.6	2.7	15.5	15
	88	73	37.6	2.7	25.0	16
	82	69	54.5	3.6	20.3	18

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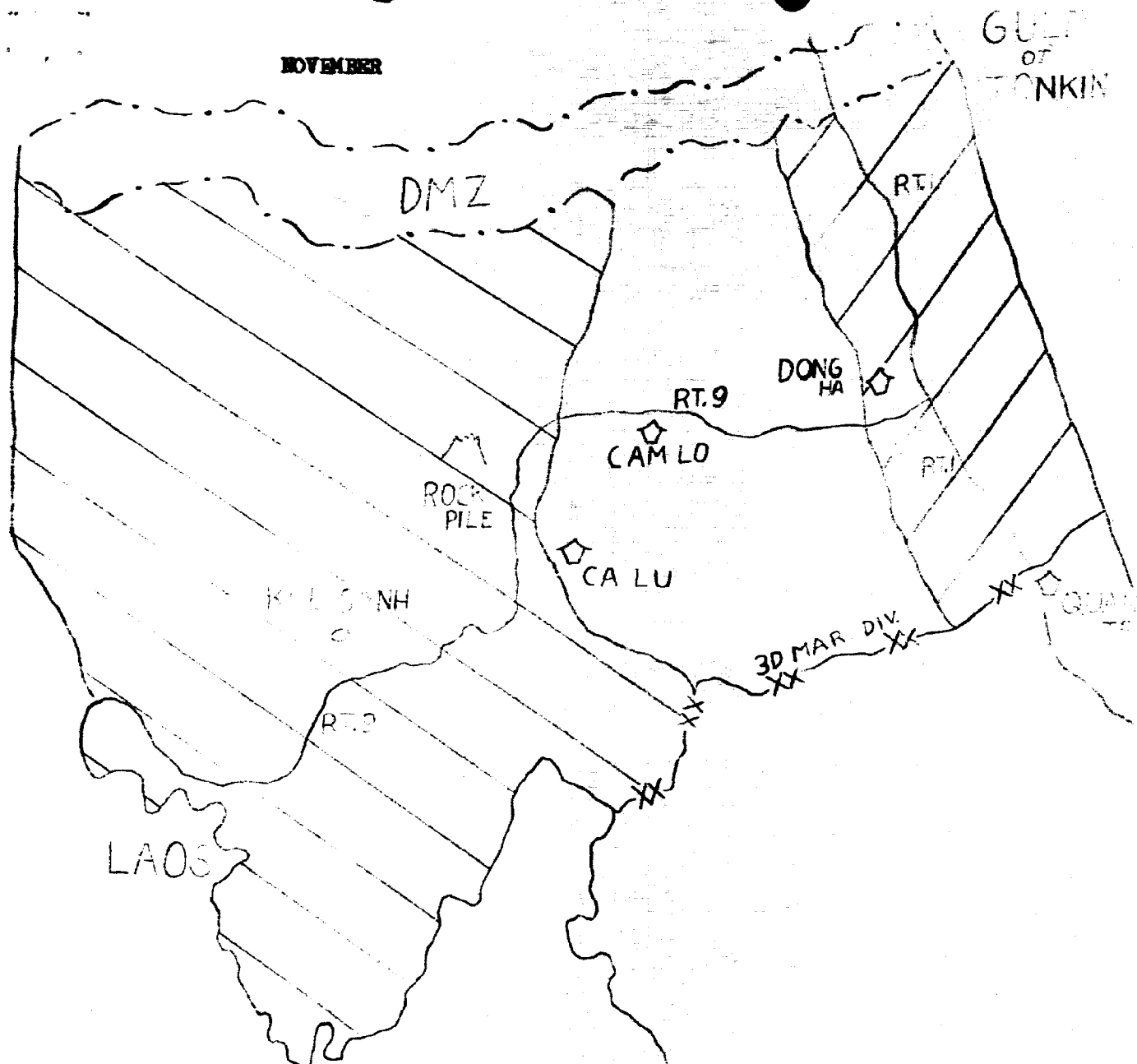
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83	72	48.5	0.1	22.5	18
84	70	48.5	0.1	21.0	18
79	65	34.9	1.4	14.8	15

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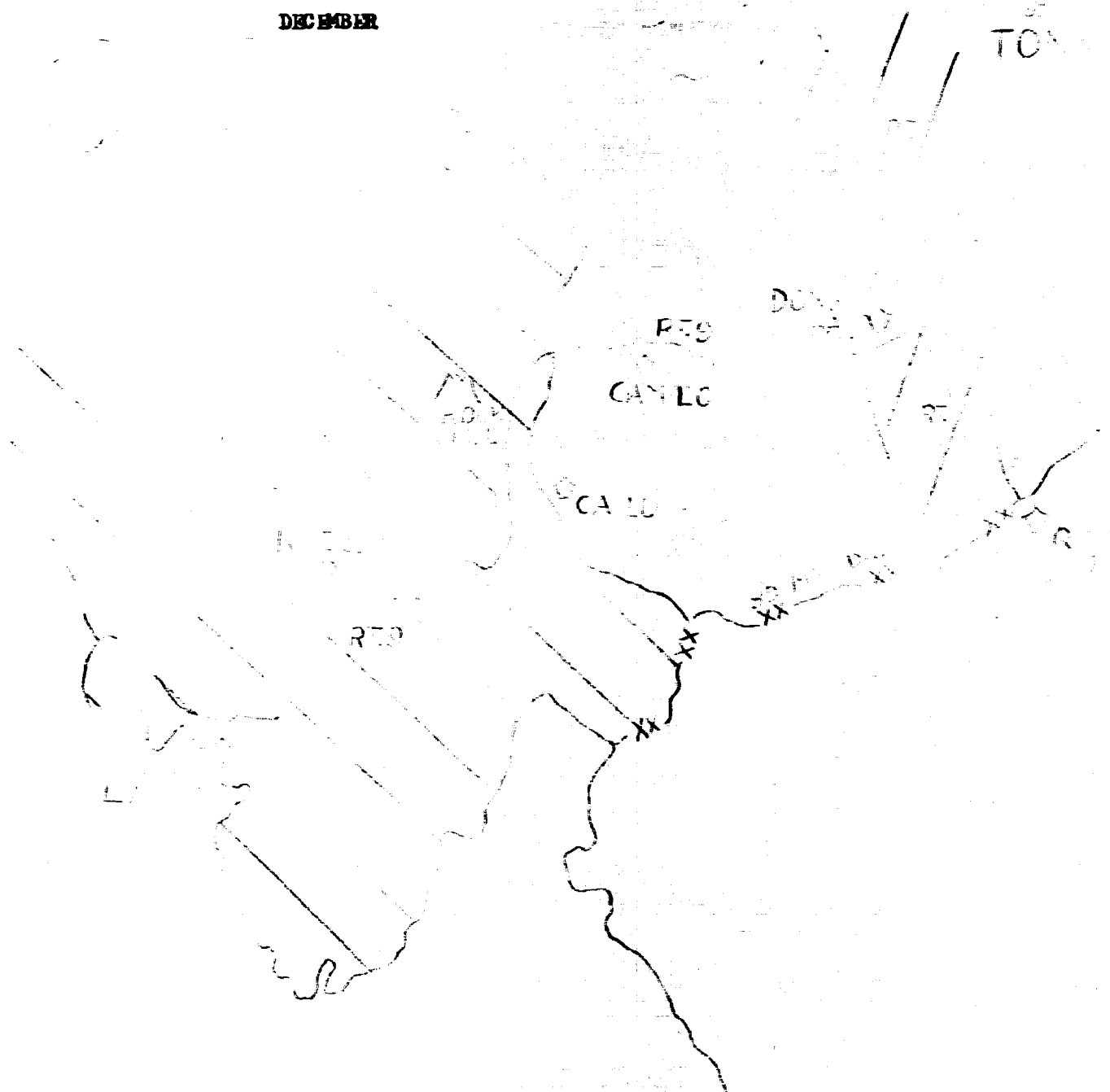
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78	69	46.3	5.4	22.2	20
78	67	46.3	5.4	20.0	18
74	61	43.7	0.2	8.4	14

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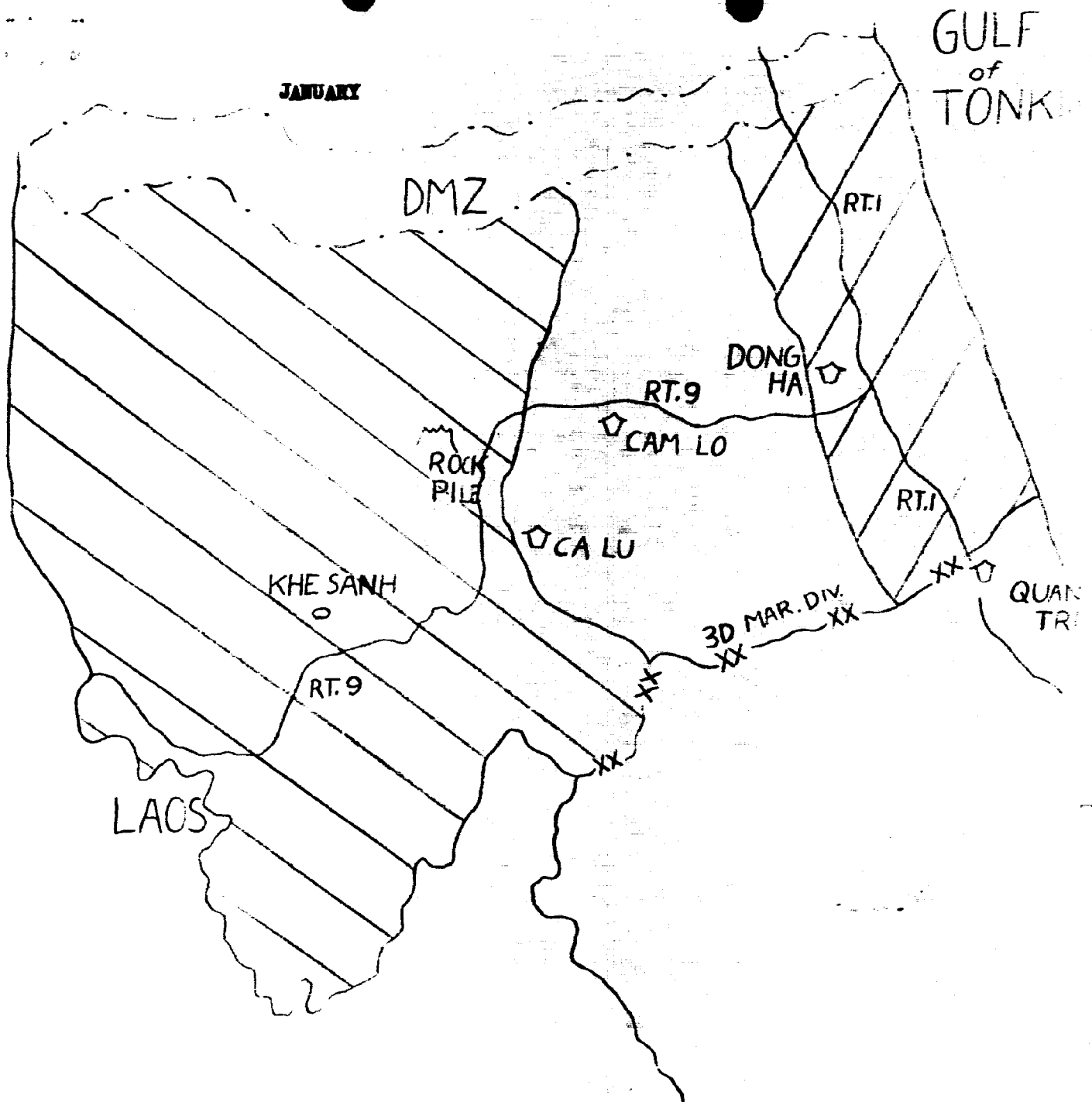
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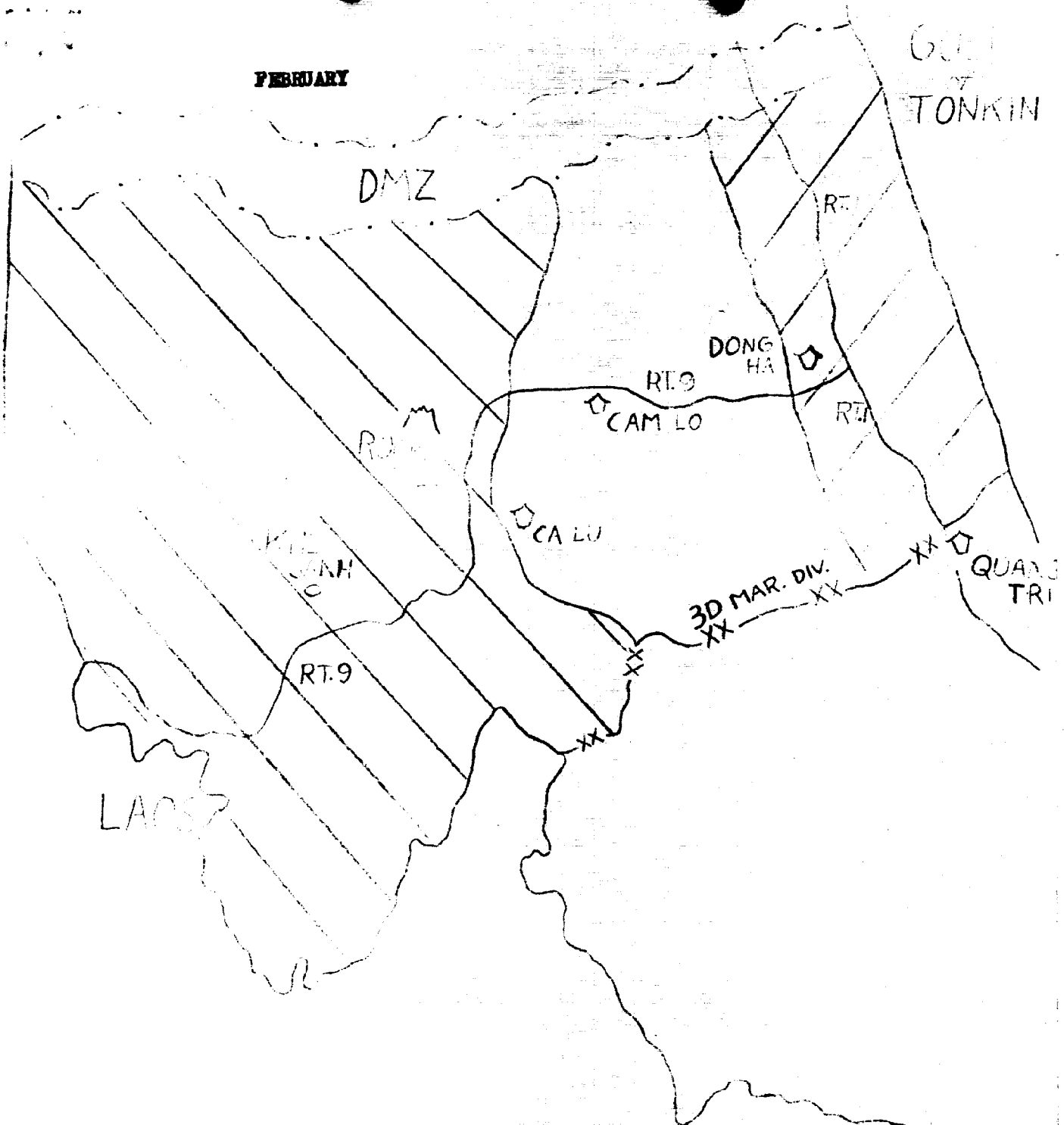
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74	65	29.1	1.8	11.8	18
74	63	29.1	1.8	9.8	14
74	57	5.3	0.1	2.1	10
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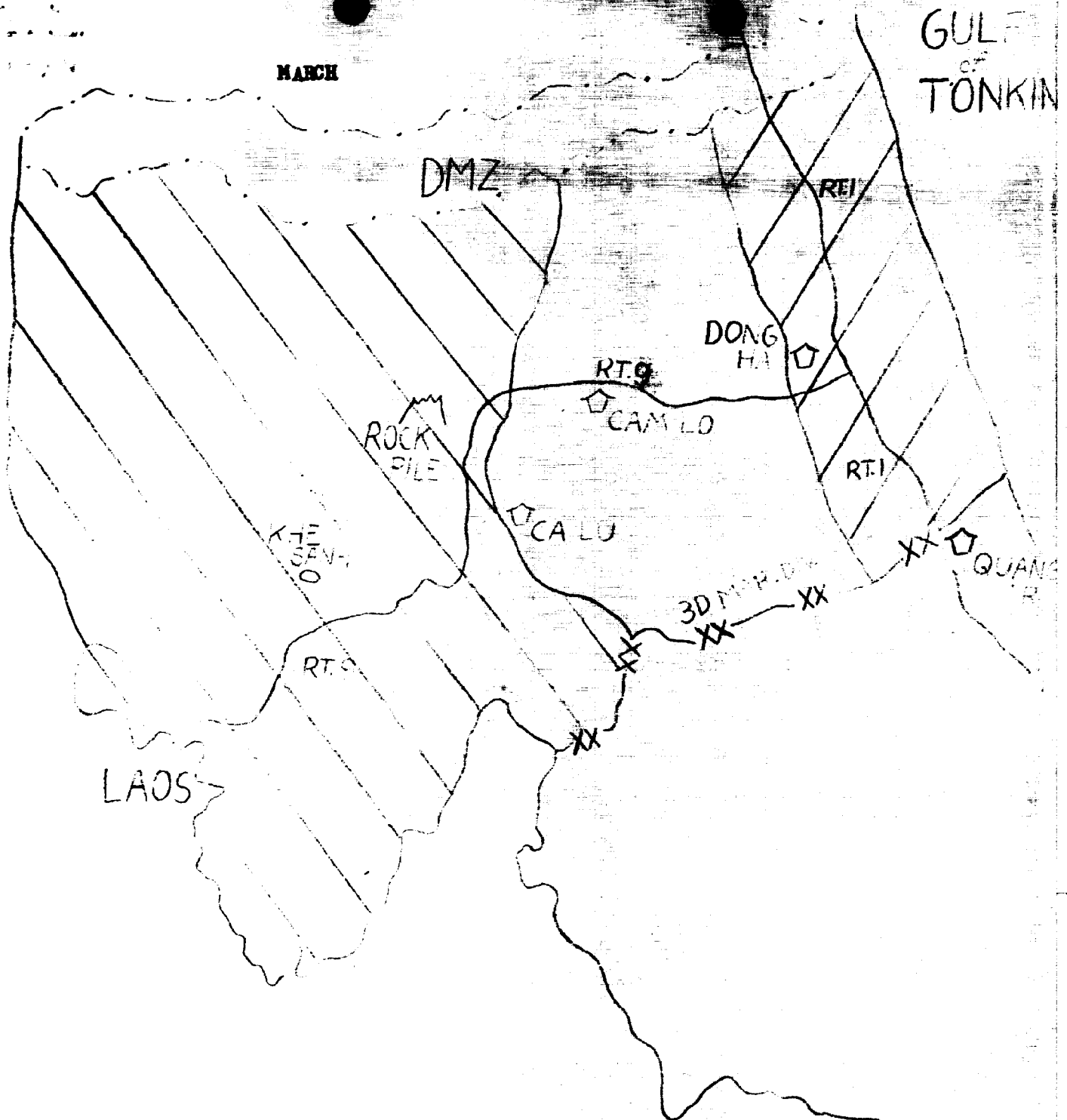
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73	63	12.7	0.9	6.6	14
72	61	12.7	0.9	8.5	12
71	56	4.7	0.0	1.1	6

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75	64	8.1	0.5	2.2	11
73	62	8.1	0.5	2.5	8
74	59	2.5	0.0	0.9	5



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79	67	11.3	0.1	2.6	11
79	66	11.3	0.1	2.1	8
75	60	3.9	0.1	1.1	6

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22 AUG 1962
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG XXIV CORPS
FIRST ACD
INFO: III MAF
FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)

BOUNDARY CHANGE

**DRAFTED
SECTION**

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ACTION

1. FOR FIRST ACD: REPORT CONCURRENCE TO PCV ON BOUNDARY CHANGE DESCRIBED BELOW, INFO THIRD MARDIV.
2. REQUEST 3D MARDIV BOUNDARY WITH 1ST ACD BE CHANGED EFFECTIVE 231200H AUG AS FOLLOWS:
- A. FROM SOUTHWEST CORNER OF QUANG TRI COMBAT BASE AO AT YD 270511 WESTERLY ALONG SONG AI TU CREEK TO YD 130439.
 - B. THEN SOUTH ALONG GL 13 TO GL 41.
 - C. THEN WEST ALONG GL 41 TO INTERSECTION OF PRESENT BOUNDARY AT YD 106410.
 - D. REMAINDER OF BOUNDARY TO SOUTH AND WEST TO REMAIN AS IT IS AT PRESENT.
3. ABOVE CHANGE INVOLVES RETURN OF FIRE BASE PEDRO TO 1ST ACD IN EXCHANGE FOR SMALL PORTION OF BA LONG VALLEY ESSENTIAL FOR LOCAL SECURITY OF FB HOLCOMB AT YD 118432 ON HILL 385.
4. THIS CHANGE MADE NECESSARY BY MOVEMENT OF 1ST MARINES SOUTH TO DANANG AREA, CONCURRENT MOVEMENT OF 1ST BDE, 5TH MECH INTO KENTUCKY AND NAPOLEON/SALINE AO, AND DISSOLVING OF BDE'S TRAINING AO.
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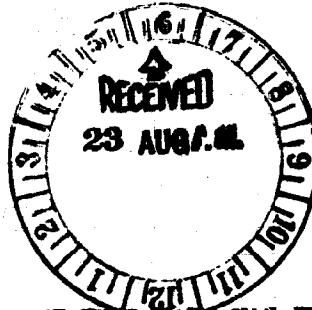
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 PRIORITY 220141 AUG68

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 TO: FIRST MARINES PHB
 INFO: FIRST AMTRAC BN CVT
 ELEVENTH ENGR BN DGH

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EXTENSION OF CUA VIET PERIMETER

1. RELOCATION AND EXPANSION OF CUA VIET FUEL TANK HAS REQUIRED INCREASED PERIMETER RESPONSIBILITIES INVOLVING CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE BUNKERS AND INSTALLATION OF NEW DEFENSIVE WIRE.

2. BUNKERS PRESENTLY BEING CONSTRUCTED BY 11TH ENGR BN. HOWEVER, INSTALLATION OF NEW WIRE HAS NOT PROGRESSED SATISFACTORILY. REQUEST

IMPLEMENT IMMEDIATE ACTION TO COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF DEFENSIVE WIRE NLT 24 AUG. ADVISE THIS HQ DAILY PROGRESS TO COMPLETION OF PROJECT.

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SUBIC AND ORIG. APPROX SIXTY NO URS TRNG FOR SECP WILL BE PROVIDED
ED BY 9TH MAE HQF TEAM SUBIC, INCLUDE LIVE FIRING IN ACCORDANCE
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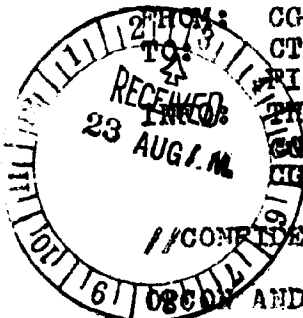
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV MARINE DIVISION
TO: CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
FIRST MARINES
THIRD MARDIV
CG XXIV CORPS
CG III MAF

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OPCON AND AO RESPONSIBILITY

1. EFFECTIVE 211700H AUG CG 3D MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON
F/2/26 AND 1ST PLT, CO.A, 5TH AMTRAC BN AND SAME DTG
PASSES OPCON TO FIRST MARINES.

2. EFFECTIVE 211700H AUG CTG 79.4 RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY
FOR NAPOLEON SALINE AO AND SAME DTG FIRST MARINES ASSIGNED
RESPONSIBILITY THAT AO.

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CCN 1677

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ZNY SSSSS
Z 222037Z AUG 68
FROM CG XXIV CORPS
TO CG III MAF
CG 3RD MAR DIV
BT
SECRET

TOR/222055Z/24corps/440

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR SLF

REF: CG, 3D MAR DIV MSG 221530Z AUG 68

THIS MSG IN TWO PARTS

PART ONE FOR CG, 3D MAR DIV

1. (S) PROCEED WITH PLAN FOR DISENGAGEMENT AND OUTLOADING
OF 2/1 MARINES.

PART TWO FOR CG III MAF

2. (S) REQUEST YOU HOLD ARG/SLF AFLOAT IMMEDIATELY OFF
CUA VIET PREPARED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAPOLEON/
SALINE AO ON SIX HOURS NOTICE

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P 230352Z AUG 68
 FM CG III MAF DNG
 TO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DGH
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SFCP FOR BLT 2/26 (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 170515Z AUG 68 (PASEP) (S)

B. ADMINO NINTH MAB 020715Z AU 68 (S)

1. REF A RECOMMENDS CG III MAF REQ CG FMFPAC TO RELZASE SFCP AT SUBIC
 BAY FOR ASSIGNMENT TO BLT 2/26.

2. NINTH MAB SFCP ASSETS CURRENTLY W?SLF'S AS STATED REF B.

3. WHEN DIVS FURNISH NEW ELTS FOR ROTATION O SLF, DIVS RECEIVE
 RELIEVED BLT FOR DEACTIVATION AND RETURN OF ATTACHMENTS TO PARENT
 UNITS.

4. FOR CG THIRD MARDIV CONSIDER SFCP FOR BLT 2/27 I HOUSE RESPON-
 SIBILITY 3D MARDIV.

5. FOR CG NINTH MAB: REQUEST YOU ADVISE BASIS UPON WHICH SFCP AT
 SUBIC PROVIDED, MANNER IN WHICH SUPPORTED AND RELIEVED, AND
 AVAILABILITY TO SUPPORT THIRD MARDIV IF RELIEVED SUBIC REQUIREMENT

all
 PAGE TWO RUMUGRA2306 S E C R E T

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FM CG III MAF D40

TO RUMFLAC/VTIC SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMFLAC/OTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

INFO RUMFLAC/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFLAC/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFLAC/CG XXV CORPS PGB

RUMFLAC/CG THIRD MARDIV LONG HA

RUMFLAC/CG FIRST MARDIV D40

RUMFLAC/CG FNAV D40

GIUWMP/CG FORLOGND D88

RUMFLAC/CG SEVEN UN

RUMFLAC/CG SEVEN NINE

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EMPLOYMENT OF SEV BRVVO (U)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 221532Z AUG68 (S) (NOTAL)

BBN CV XXV CORPS 222037Z AUG68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. REF A REPORTS MOUNTING ENEMY PRESSURE TO 3D MARDIV AO FROM NORTH

AND TEST ON LA FACED WITH IMMINENT LOSS OF THREE INFANTRY BNS TO

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DANANG FACT.

2. REF B REQUESTED MAG/SLF BE HELD AFLOAT NNEED OS CUA VA PREPARED

TO ASSUM RESP FOR NAPOLEON/SALINE AO ON SIX HOURS NOTICE.

3. REF B APPROVED SUBJ CONNURREVEEVCOM SEVENTHFLT.

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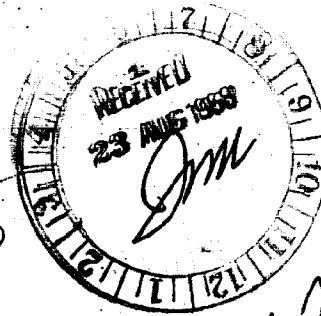
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DIV AND NR 61

TO HUMSEY
 OF UUMHVP 840 2362629
 BY SSSS
 230600Z AUG 68
 THIRD MARDIV COC
 UUMSEW/XXIV CORPS

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This is for New Tra Bong
Opn on 25 Aug
as on 72th frame

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INTENTION TO CONDUCT OPERATION IN SCOTLAND II AD.

OF THIRD MARDIV 141322Z AUG 68.

REF A DIRECTED PREPARATION OF HELICOPTER LANDING ZONE AND
 ARRANGING FOR A POST AND LIGHT SEARCH AND DEST OPERATION BY ONE
 VIO NET 130 PHONE 155530.

NINE MARINES HAVE BEEN TAKEN WITH THIS MSN. HOWEVER
 TO LEVEL OF ENEMY ACTIVELY THE FOLLOWING OUTLINE PLAN

BASED ON USING TWO MSN.

CONCEPT 2 BNS MINUS ONE COMPANY. EACH SEARCH OBJ AREA
 FOLLOWING PREP BY AND LIGHT.

ONE COMPANY PROVIDES SECURITY FOR ONE FIRE SUPPORT
 AREA.

SCHEME OF MANEUVER. AN HOUR ON D-DAY 1/9 AND 2/9 HELICOPTER
 SHOULD GO TO LZ VENUS AND LZ MARS RESPECTIVELY

ON AND AFTER D-DAY. PREPARE FOR PLUTO AND MEOWRY

FOR FURTHER USE. VENUS XD 928535 MARS XD 927540

FOR SUPPORT ARTY SUPPORT FROM ROCKPILE AND 155 LEJEUNE

FOR 155 LEJEUNE 100MM HOW SUPPORT

FOR 155 LEJEUNE IF NEEDED. BATTYRS HAVE MOVED INTO ROCKPILE

FOR 155 LEJEUNE PRIOR TO D-DAY.

DURATION OF OPN SEVEN DAYS. D-DAY 25 AUGUST. SEE OVERLAY
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SPOTREP 08-24/1/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/1 (U)

PAGE TWO RUMUF GB0048 **C O N F I D E N T I A L**

1.(C) 1 LCPL/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/GMCC RANDALL/LCPL 28 EM3 ANDERSON

2.(C) LCPL ON NORMAL PATROL RCVD HIT IN WATER RESULTING IN SINKING OF BOAT AND THROWING CREWMEMBERS INTO WATER. SIX FRIENDLY WIA MINOR.

3.(C) 232359H.

4.(C) YD 309678.

5.(C) EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT STERN OF LCPL. NO EVIDENCE OF INCOMING RD. EVAL EN MINE.

6.(C) 240900H.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO: CG III MAF

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REQUEST FOR ANGLICO TEAM

1. 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) OPCON THIS DIV IS TAKING CONTROL OF OPERATION NAPOLEON/SALINE. WITH DEPARTURE OF 1ST MARINES WITH 11TH MARINES NGF SPOT TEAM 24AUG ASSETS NOT AVAILABLE THIS DIV TO REPLACE.
2. PRESENT NGF SPOT CAPABILITY 12TH MARINES FULLY COMMITTED WITH ASSETS AT A-1, A-2, AND SLP "A".
3. REQUEST NGF SPOC FROM ANGLICO OR OTHER SOURCE TO SUPPORT 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MECH) IN NAPOLEON/SALINE AO ASAP.

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 FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG TF HOTEL
 THIRD MARINES
 INFO: CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV

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TROOP 1/9 AIR CAV

1. ONE TROOP 1/9 1ST AIR CAV DIV OPCON THIRD MARDIV
 ABOUT 7 DAYS COMMENCING 24AUG68. CG XXIV CORPS REQUESTS
 THIRD MARDIV EMPLOY THIS UNIT "ENHANCE CAPABILITIES FIND
 THE ENEMY IN LANCASTER AND NORTHERN SCOTLAND". TROOP WILL
 BE OPCON CG THIRD MARDIV IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF TF HOTEL.
 DIRLAUTH AUTHORIZED WITH CO THIRD MARINES FOR AIR CAV SPT
 IN LANCASTER.

2. PRIORITY OF EFFORT.

A. SUPPORT OF NEXT IMPENDING TF HOTEL OPERATION (ROCKPILE)
 (WEST).

B. WESTERN LANCASTER.

C. OTHER TF HOTEL MISSIONS.

3. READY REACTION RIFLE CO REQUIRED IAW EXISTING DIRECTIVES.

4. TROOP SHOULD NORMALLY OPERATE WITHIN ARTY PAK OR WITH
 FIXED WING CAP.

5. REPORT ACTIVITIES OF THIS TROOP DAILY AS PART OF NORMAL
 SITREP/INTSUM AND BY SPOTREP AS INCIDENTS OCCUR.

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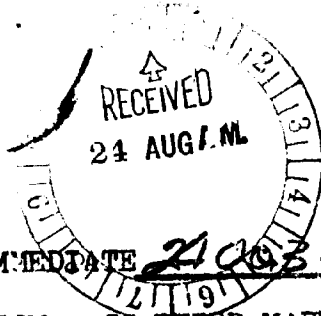
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IMMEDIATE 240030 ZAUG68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CO 1ST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
 CO FIRST MARINES
 INFO: THIRD MARDIV UNITS MINUS ADDRESS ACT

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AO RESPONSIBILITY

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 211548ZAUG68

1. PARA 6A OF EF A IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY

FOR NAPOLEON/SALINE AO EFFECTIVE 261200H AUG68. OCCUPY THE AO

WITH THE 1ST AMTRAC BN (REINF). THIS UNIT WILL BE CHOPPED TO

YOUR OPCON UPON YOUR ASSUMPTION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE NAPOLEON/

SALINE AO.

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TO 3RD MAR DIV G-3

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SUBJ: PROPOSED RECON AREA FOR QTCB IS
 SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT
 YD 275560 WEST ALONG 56 EAST WEST GL
 TO RIVER AT YD 266560 THEN WEST SOUTHWEST
 ALONG RIVER TO ROAD AT YD 213542 THEN
 SOUTH-SOUTHWEST ^{EASTEST} ALONG ROAD TO JUNCTION
 WITH STREAM AT YD 234501 THEN EAST -
 NORTHEAST ALONG STREAM TO YD 274510
 CONTINUE EAST ALONG 51 EAST-WEST GL
 TO ROAD AT YD 286510 THEN NORTHEAST
 TO JUNCTION WITH QTCB PERIMETER AT
 YD 293500.

MUST BE DELIVERED TONIGHT TO
 MAJ. ~~DORNEY~~ ^{DORNEY} ~~BENTLEY~~

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P 240220Z AUG 68

FM CO FOURTH MARINES

TO CG THIRD MARDIV

CG TASK FORCE HOTEL

INFO CO FIRST BN FOURTH MARINES

CO SECOND BN FOURTH MARINES

CO THIRD BN FOURTH MARINES

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C M N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: MINE FIELD; NOTIFICATION OF

1. AN UNAUTHORIZED MINE FIELD WAS CONSTRUCTED ON HILL 950 VIC YD 845456 USING M-14 AND M-2A4 OR M-16 MINES. A CHART WAS MADE BUT IT IS NOT COMPLETE OR FULLY ACCURATE. THE DENSITY OF THE FIELD IS REPORTED TO BE 200 MINES IN NO PATTERN.

2. PENDING FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE THE EXACT PATTERN AND LIMITS. NO ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE TO CLEAR THE FIELD. ACQUISITION OF DETAILS HAVE BEEN HAMPERED BECAUSE THE PLATOON LEADER RESPONSIBLE HAS BEEN MED-EVACED AND HIS PLATOON HAS BEEN REPLACED ON HILL 950 BY ANOTHER. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS INVESTIGATION CORRECTIVE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THIS XBY THIS COMMAND.

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DE RUABOL 041A 2370605
ZNY SSSSS ZFD
P 240605Z AUG 68
FM CG NINTH MAB
TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
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SFCP FOR BLT 2/26 (U)

- A. CG, III MAF 230352Z AUG 68
- B. CG, FMFPAC 092353Z NOV 66.
- C. CG III MAF 040318Z NOV 66.
- D. CTF-79 220730Z AUG 68.

1. (S) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA FIVE REF A. THE FOLLOWING INFO REGARDING NGF TRNG TEAM SUBIC IS PROVIDED:

A. BY REF B. FMFPAC DIRECTED CG, NINTH MAB TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR NGF TRNG SUBIC WITHIN NINTH MAB SFCP RESOURCES AND TO ADVISE CG, FMFPAC OF ASSISTANCE REQUIRED WHEN UNABLE TO MEET SEVENTHFLT REQUIREMENTS. REF C. ALSO APPLIES.

B. (S) WITH COMMITMENT OF HQ BTRY 1/13 TO RVN ALL 9TH MAB SFCP RESOURCES WERE ASSIGNED IN-COUNTRY.

PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO NINTH MAB NGF TRAINING TEAM ARE TAD FROM HQ.CO.

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NINTH MAB AND CONSIST OF ONE NAVY LT AND SIX MARINE ENL FOR SPOT TEAM PLUS TWO ENL FOR BEACON TEAM. EQUIP IS PROVIDED FROM HQ. CO. QS SUPPLY ASSETS AND MAINTAINED BY COMMSUPTCO. YGI SRF SUBIC.

C. (C) ONLY ONE 0849 IS ASSIGNED NGF SUBIC AND WILL SHORTLY BE REASSIGNED TO BLT 2/26 SFCP IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF D. ALL REMAINING ENL PERS ARE MOS 03XX OR 25XX. DUE TO UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF JIC LT.D.M. COLVERT, PERSONNEL ARE CROSS-TRAINED FOR SECONDARY MOS 0849 AND AFTER 3 TO 4 MONTHS DUTY ARE REASSIGNED TO 9TH MAB SFCPS IN SLFS TO COMPENSATE FOR PAUCITY OF MOS 0849 AND FOR LOSSES DUE TO NORMAL ATTRITION.

D. (C) NGF TRNG TEAM SUBIC COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT THIRD MARDIV IF CG, NINTH MAB IS RELIEVED OF SUBIC REQUIREMENT BY COMSEVENTHFLT AND CG, FMFPAC AND A IEM DAY RELIEF PERIOD IS PROVIDED TO MAINTAIN CONTINUITY OF SERVICES TO SEVENTHFLT.

2. (U) CTF-79 NGFO WILL BE AVAILABLE IN DANANG TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER ON 1SEP. AND TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL REFERENCE MATERIAL.

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G-9 W O.

G-10 W O.

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G-13 W O.

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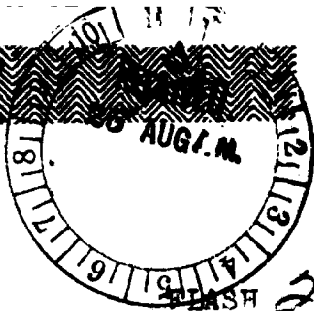
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Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG TF HOTEL
 FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
 INFO: THIRD MARINES
 FIRST MARINES

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MOVEMENT OF FORCES AND MODIFICATION OF AO BDRY

- Rough rider*
- A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 211548Z AUG 68
 - B. CG THIRD MARDIV OP ORDER 24-68
 - C. CG THIRD MARDIV OP PLAN 26-68
 - D. CG THIRD MARDIV OP PLAN 25-68

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1. EFF 241300H CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON THIRD
 MARINES FROM CG TF HOTEL.

2. EFFECTIVE 241300H TF HOTEL/THIRD MARINES BDRY
 MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: FROM XD 800590 TO ~~850990~~ 890590 SOUTH TO
 890580 SOUTH EAST ALONG STREAM TO 940570 ALONG HIGH GRD
 TO 972558 SOUTH TO 972520 ALONG 52 GRID LINE TO D-5
 BDRY. OVERLAY PASEB.

3. EFF 241300H AUG '68 THIRD MARINES/FIRST BDE BDRY
 MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE PRESENT BDRY AT YD 115600
 S TO JUNCTION OF KHE CUA/CAM LO RIVERS AT 116597, SE
 TO ROAD AT 119593, SE TO RTE 9 AT 121585, S ALONG TRAIL
 TO 122577, SE ALONG TRAIL TO 124575 SE ALONG TRAIL TO
 13 NS GL AT 130565, S ALONG 13 NS GL TO NAI LOC SPEC FOR
 BDRY AT 130560.

4. FOR 1ST BDE:

A. REDEPLOY FORCES TO YOUR AO IN ORDER TO MEET
 REQUIREMENTS OF REF A.

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B. CONT SECURITY MISSION FOR LZ PEDRO.

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C. EFF 240900, RELIEVED OF MISSION TO PROVIDE COMPANY FOR SECURITY QTCB.

D. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT DAILY ROAD SWEEP RTE 9 IN AO AND RTE 1 NORTH OF DONG HA AS REQUIRED.

E. CONT TO PROVIDE SEC FOR RTE 1 FROM QTCB TO DHCB DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.

Rotate weekly basis Regiment Bde

F. PROVIDE PLT FOR CONVOY ESCORT DHCB - VCB AND RETURN DAILY. REF B APPLIES EXCEPT FAC NOT REQUIRED. PROVIDE OWN TRANSPORTATION. APC'S IF DESIRED. TANKS NOT REQUIRED.

ASSUME RES FOR CONDUCT OPNS IN ACCORDANCE

G. EFF 241300H, CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON C/1/61 AND PASSES SAME TO THIRD MARINES EFF SAME DTG.

REF (D)

H. MOVE C/1/61 NLT 251200H TO KENTUCKY AO. ADV THIS HQ OF CHOP TIME.

5. FOR THIRD MARINES:

A. EFF 241300H ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR LANCASTER II AO AND FOR CONDUCT OF OPNS IAW REFS C AND D.

B. EFF SAME DTG, ASSUME OPCON C/1/61 PM CG THIRD MARDIV.

C. CONDUCT RTE 9 ROAD SWEEP IN AO.

6. FOR CG TF HOTEL AND THIRD MARINES:

EFF 241300H UNTIL TIME TBA BY THIS HQ, TF HOTEL RETAINS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PORTION OF THE LANCASTER II AO BOUNDED TO THE NORTH BY THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ, TO THE EAST BY THE PRESENT TF HOTEL EAST MAR BDRY, TO THE SOUTH BY THE 63 EW GL, AND TO THE WEST BY THE 00 NS GL.

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FROM: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL
TO: FOURTH MARINES
NINTH MARINES

INFO: CG THIRD MANDIV
THIRD MARINES
TWELFTH MARINES

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FRAG ORDER 58-68

1.. FOURTH MARINES. CONTINUE ASSIGNED MISSIONS.

BE PREPARED TO RETURN 1/4 TO VCB ON OR ABOUT 27 AUG.

2. NINTH MARINES. IF NO FURTHER CONTACT DEVELOPS,

HELILIFT 1/9 TO VCB 251000H AUG. USE EXTENSIVE

SUPPORT OF ARTILLERY AND AIR TO COVER EXTRACTION.

NOTIFY THIS HQS WHEN LAST HELILIFT OF 1/9 IS AIRBORNE

SO A.O. CAN BE TURNED OVER TO 3RD MARINES. PREPARE

TO REALIGN FORCES FOR DEFENSE OF VCB IN PREPARATION

OF SCOTLAND TROUBDALE ACTION 26 AUG.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

A. ON 25 AUG, A TROOP 1/9 ACD WILL SCOUT ALL OF
THE 9TH MARINES A.O. FOR THE SCOTLAND TROUBDALE ACTION
EXCEPT THAT PORTION EAST OF THE N-S 94 GRID LINE.

SEE OVERLAY TO FRAG ORDER 57-68.

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TF HOTEL

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-P SECRET 242143 H AUG 68

FM CG TFH

TO 9TH MAR

INFO 3RD MAR DIV

3RD MAR

4TH MAR

REF. A: CG 3RD MAR DIV 240700Z AUG 68
MSG CG TFH PASS OPCON OF 3RD MAR
AND LANCASTOR II AO MODIFIED TO CG
3RD MAR DIV 241300 H AUG 68 9TH MAR
RETAIN BOUNDARY IN LANCASTOR AO UNTILL
Y4 DEPARTS THE LANCASTOR AO 9TH MAR
BOUNDARY FRIENDLY DMZ 0066 SOUTH ON
00 NORTH SOUTH GL TO 0063 EAST ON 63
EAST/WEST GL TO 0063, NO NORTH ON 06 N/S
GL TO DMZ 0069

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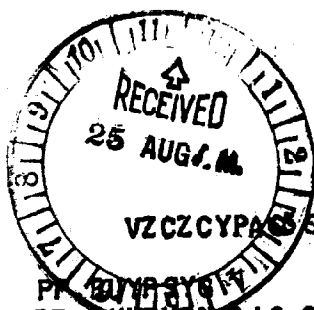
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 DE RHYEHRN 946 2380445
 ZNY SSSSS ZYO RHYESHK
 P 250436Z AUG 68
 FM UNLOYRE NINE PT FOUR
 TO RUYGUKL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 INFO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF
 RUMLBPA/ CG XXIV CORPYP
 RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYVWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINNE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMUHFA/COMUSMACV
 RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT
 RUYHSYA/CG FMFPAC
 BT

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT 0302 30Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

B. CG XXIV CORPS 222037Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

C. CG III MAF 230532Z AUG 68 (NOTAL)

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, PLANNING CONTINUES IN PREPARATION FOR
 POSSIBLE AMPHIBIOUS EMPLOYMENT TO COUNTER DEVELOPING ENEMY THREAT
 IN NORTHERN ICTZ.

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2. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS CONTINGENCY, RECON PATROLS (NOT TO EXCEED
 COMPANY SIZE) BE

NG CONDUCTED IN NAPOLEON SALINE SECTOR. NECESSARY
 COORDINATION HAS BEEN EFFECTED WITH THIRD MARDIV REPS. APPROPRIATE
 THIRD MARDIV COMMANDEER HAS BEEN DESIGNATED TO EXERCISE TACTICAL
 DIRECTION OF PATROL ACTIVITIES.

3. THIS WILL NOT ALTER SIX HOUR REACTION TIME FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT
 OF ARW/SLF AS SET FORTH IN REFS B AND C.

4. APPROPRIATE STAFF OFFICERS OF SEVENTHFLT (FLEET MARINE OFFICER)
 AND IIIMAF CON CUR WITH ABOVE.

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Z MIGA 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: 4SG FIRST ARVN DIV 3D MARINE DIVISION
RECEIVED 25 AUG 64 CG FIRST MARINES
CG FIRST ARVN REGT
CG FIRST AMTRAC BN
CG FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
INFO: CG I Corps
CG SECOND ARVN REGT

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~~OP CHIEF~~

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DCFO

BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THIRD MANDIV AND FIRST ARVN REGT

A. VERBAL DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE COMMANDING OFFICER 1ST ARVN REGT, MAJ. J.E. MEAD (G-3 PLANS) 3D MARDIV AND MAJ. FERGUSON, USA (ADV)

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING BOUNDARY WILL BE IN EFF BETWEEN THE FIRST ARVN REGT AND THE THIRD MARDIV AS OF 251200H AUG 68. FROM THE ORIGINAL BOUNDARY AT YD 332628 NORTH TO THE E-W GRID LINE 64, ALONG THE E-W GRID LINE TO YD 3664, NE TO THE START OF THE STREAM AT YD 369643, ALONG THE STREAM TO THE GULF OF TONKIN.

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 PP RUMVP
 ZNY HSSS ZOV RUABQL

YGB
 143ZCYA415V YEAT74VV HEN725
 PP RUMSYB
 10 RHYEHRN 977 2381150
 20Y SS55S ZYO RUYE
 1 25114Y AUG 68
 40 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 10 RUYHKL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUYJSY/CTF SEVEN NINE
 INFO RI/VWDR/CTF SEVEN SIX
 2IN/CTI SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUYPSY/CG III MAF
 RUYJSY/CG THIRD MAR DIV
 BT

SECRET
 OPSUM DT 2/26 RECON/HRNG NAPOLEON/SALINE AO (S)N

A. CTG 79.4 240435Y AUG 68
 B. CTG 79.4 250632Z AUG 68N

1. SUMMARY: IAW REF A AND B CO G (REIN) BLT 2/26 GAS LANDED BY HELO INTO ASSIGNED AO WITHIN NAPOLEON/SALINE AO. FIRST WAVE OF 11N UN-34F HELOS LIFTED OFF 1PM-5 UT 251403H AND TOUCHED DOWN IN PLZ VIC YD 325645 UT 1432H WITHOUT OPPOSITION. PIPT OF 10 G (CEIN) GAS COMPLETED WITH OUT INCIDENT AT 1635H.
2. INTENTIONS: CO G BLT 2/26 TO CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE DAY AND NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN AO TO FURTHER PREPARE FOR POSSIBLE

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 EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26 IN AN AMPHIBIOUS ROLE IN THE NAPOLEON/SALINE AO. INTEND TO ROTATE COMPANIES INTO AO FOR RECON/HRNG UNTIL COMMITTED FOR AMPHIS OPERATIONS OR DEPARTURE OF ARG/SLF FOR RIAB/TRNG IN OKINAWA. ALL LANDING ARE TO BE TACTICAL WITH EMPHASIS ON THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENTS. MPSUMS WILL BE PROVIDED DAILY, SPCTREPS/SITREPS AS SITUATION REQUIRES. MAINTAIN SIX HOUR READINESS POSTURE TO PROVIDE FORCES AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR NAPOLEON/SALINE AO, WHEN REQUESTED.N

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O 251310H

FM CTG 79.4

TO 1ST AMTRAC BN

INFO CG 3RD MAR DIV

1ST MARS

BLT 2/26 OP NAP/SALINE AO (S)

A VERBAL INST G-3 3RD MAR DIV 25 AUG 68
(NOTAL)

B 1ST MARS MSG NO DTG OF 25 AUG 68 (NOTAL)

1. IAW REF A+B CO G BLT 2/26 WILL BE
LANDED BY HELO INTO HLZ (VIC YD 325645)
WITHIN AO DESIGNATED BY REF B COMMENT.
AT 251415H AUG 68.

2. IAW REF B CO WILL BE UNDER "TACTICAL
DIRECTION" OF 1ST AMTRAC BN. W/MSN OF
COMPLETING EXTENSIVE PATROLS & AMBUSHES
TO SECURE THE SOUTH BANK OF THE CUA
VIET RIVER IN ASSIGNED AO AND TO INSURE
THE UNINTERRUPTED PASSAGE OF RIVER TRAFFIC

1400H / AUG 68 / RAN / DICKY-8

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CLASSIFICATION SECRET		PRECEDENCE 1		☐ SEND MOD CLE	☐ SEND CLEAR
FROM SLF-A		TO 3RD MAR DIV			
INFO: 1ST AMTRAC					
SUBJ. BIT 2/26 RECON/TRAINING					
NAP/SALINE RO (S)					
1. 1ST WAVE OF 10 HELO'S LANDED					
H LZ STREETER, YD 325645					
AT 1432H NO OPPOSITION.					
S 1600/25 AUG 68 / WGP / DIV TAC KY-8					
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TIME SIGNED	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER	
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY			COMM CENTER OR RELEASER USE (INSTR - 11)		
TIME FILED	COMM CEN NO.		HOW SENT	DATE - TIME GROUP	
				25/430H	

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O - 251631H AUG 68

Fm TF-H

To 3RD MAR DIV ,

4TH MAR

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EFF 251230H, CG TF-H ASSUMES OPCON
E/2/9 Fm CG 3RD MAR DIV AND PASSES
OPCON TO 4TH MAR SAME DTG

For 1721H/AUG 68/080/DINTAC2 KY-8

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 DE RHYEHRN 036 2390807
 ZNY SSSSS ZYO RUYE
 P 260725Z AUG 68
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 TO RUYGUKL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 INFO RUYPSYD/CG III MAF
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV
 RUYVWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
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OPSUM NR TWO FOR BLT 2/26 RECON/TRNG NAPOLEON/SALINE AO (S)

1. SUMMARY: CO G BLT 2/26 CONTINUES AGGRESSIVE DAY AND NIGHT ACTIVITIES IN ASSIGNED AO WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT.
2. INTENTIONS: COMMENCING AT 270900H HELD LIFT CO F BLT 2/26 (RE IN) INTO HLZ VIC YD 325645 AND RELIEVE CO G IN PLACE. CO F TO REMAIN IN AO FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT FORTY-EIGHT HOURS WITH NO CHANGE IN ASSIGNED MSN OR AO.

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BT 260725Z AUG

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SUBJ:

3^D MAR DIV 270750Z AUG

XXIV Corps 271317Z AUG

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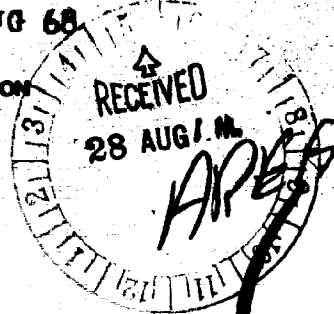
III MAF 271400Z AUG

apply to request for
SLF A for MAI LOC.

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SECRETIMMEDIATE 270248 27 AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV 3D MARINE DIVISION
 TO: FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV
 THIRD MARINES
 INFO: TP HOTEL
 TWELFTH MARINES

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BOUNDARY MODIFICATION

1. EFF 271200H AUG 1968, THE 1ST BDE/3D MARINES BOUNDARY IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

FROM THE MAI LOC SPEC FOR BDRY AT YD 100560 N ALONG 10 NS GL TO 100580, W ALONG 58 EW GL TO 092580, N NW ALONG TRAIL TO 086592, NW TO KHO KA HILL AT 080597, W TO HIGH GROUND AT 072598, TO HIGH GROUND AT 067599, NW TO HIGH GROUND AT 057608, NW ALONG NOSE TO HIGH GROUND AT 045613, TO HIGH GROUND AT 029616, NW TO HILL 3/14 AT 020623, N ALONG 02 NS GL TO SOUTHERN BDRY OF THE DMZ AT 020659.

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P.D. S. Ford**MOVE LOC**

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SECRETDRAFTER 1/203/410
SEC G-3 PHONE DIV 380
OWO 2IMMEDIATE 270502 ^{3D MARINE DIVISION} ZAUG68FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
INFO: CG XXIV CORPS
CG FIRST AGD*D*
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1. NLT 48 HOURS FROM DTG THIS MSG CLOSE AND CLEAR PSB PEDRO.
DISPLACE TENANT UNITS TO PRESENTLY ASSIGNED AO'S.
2. ANY REQ FOR ASSISTANCE IN DISMANTLING FACILITIES LOCATED
THEREAT MAY BE ADDRESSED TO THIS HQTRS.

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271310H

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DRAFTER 3/ROB/sib
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CWO

PLASE 270750Z AUG 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG XXIV CORPS
INFO: CG III MAF 3D MARINE DIVISION
OTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
OTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR



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REQUEST FOR COMMITMENT SLF ALPHA

A. CG III MAF 230532Z AUG 68

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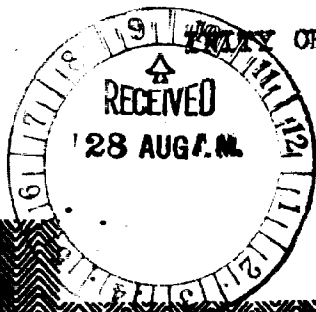
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1. SINCE ISSUANCE OF REF (A) THE ENEMY FORCES ENGAGED IN LEATHERNECK SQUARE HAS BEEN DISPERSED WHILE EVIDENCE HAS CONTINUED TO ACCUMULATE OF ENEMY OFFENSIVE INTENTIONS IN THE WEST.
2. ELEMENTS OF 320TH DIV HAVE CONTINUED TO MANEUVER TOWARDS FRIENDLY POSITIONS WITH THE LATEST MOVES BRINGING FORCES WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF THE CAMP CARROLL, CAM LO, MAI LOC AND ROCKPILE AREAS. SOME ELEMENTS ATTACKED 3/3 LAST NIGHT, THREE KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE ROCKPILE. THE ROCKPILE, CAMP CARROLL AND DONG HA WERE SUBJECTED TO ARTILLERY ATTACK WHILE A SMALL PROBE WAS EXPERIENCED AT THE GIA BRIDGE. IN ADDITION, THERE ARE DEFINITE INDICATIONS OF ENEMY PRESENCE SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST OF CAMP CARROLL. THESE FORCES ARE BELIEVED TO INCLUDE TWO DISTINCT ELEMENTS OF THE 320TH DIVISION.
3. TO MEET THIS THREAT AND TO EXPLOIT THE ENEMY POSTURE, WHICH NOW APPEARS TO BE AN ATTACK POSITION, IT IS REQUESTED THAT SLF ALPHA BE COMMITTED ASHORE ASAP TO LAND IN THE VIC-

MAI LOC

AND OPERATE WITH THE 3D MARINES.
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4. REQUEST DIRECT LIAISON FOR PLANNING BE AUTHORIZED ASAP

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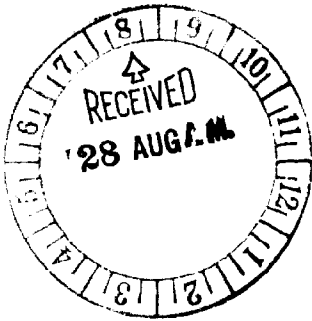
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DE RUMLEPA 2692 2431321

ZNY CSSSS

Z 271317Z AUG 68

FM CG XXIV CORPS FNB

TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DNG

INFO RUMHVP/CG 3RD MAR DIV DGH

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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SUBJ: COMMITMENT SLF ALPHA (S)

REF: CG 3 MAR DIV MSG DTG 270750Z AUG 68 (S)

1. (U) STRONGLY RECOMMEND IMMEDIATE APPROVAL OF REFERENCE MSG.

2. (S) COMMITMENT OF SLF ALPHA TO AREA GENERALLY SOUTH AND EAST OF CAMP CARROLL WILL FILL A VERY CRITICAL VOID AS WELL AS ASSURE EASY EXTRACTION OF SLF ALPHA SHOULD OTHER CONTINGENCIES DEVELOP.

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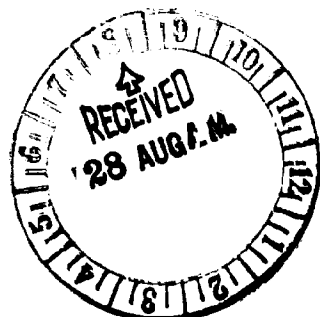
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RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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A. CG III MAF 271400Z AUG 68

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RUSCXYG/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE SPT ONE

RUYJWBC/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

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RUEBHOA/CMC

RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT

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RUYHSA/CG FMFPAC

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC FWD)

RUMLBFWLXCG XXIV CORPS

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RUYPSAA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYPSYE/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUYPSYG/CTF CLEARWATER

RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN SIYEPT FIVE

RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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1. SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/SLF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE I CTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE CTG 76.4/79.4 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIATING DIRECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.
2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE OF I COMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINDING, FIXING AND DESTROYING ENEMY FORCES, FORTIFICATIONS AND MATERIAL AND SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.
3. CTA 76.4 (COMPHIBRON SEVEN) EMBARKED IN USS PRINCETON (LPH-5) DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).
4. CTC 79.4 (COMMANDER SLF ALFA) EMBARKED IN USS PRINCETON LPH-5) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).
5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 5X.(2) AND (3) OF REF A9
6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B(1) OF REF A.
7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (JPA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

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8. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE SWIFT PURSUIT WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 28 AUG. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.
9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.
 - A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF AND CG III MAF, REQUIRE ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG III MAF.
 - B. UPON CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO IN-COUNTRY COMMAND, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.
 - C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.
10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.
12. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX V TO REF A.
12. ACTION ADDRESSEES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.
13. DOWNGRADED TO CO

CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.

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RUYPSYD/C G III MAF

RUYPSYG/C G THIRD MARDIV

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RUYJBYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

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ANNEX D (INTELLIGENCE) TO CTG 79.4, FRAG ORDER NR 1194 9034-589,

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A. AMS SERIES LL 7014, SHEETS 6442 IV, 6442 III, 6342 I AND 6342 II.

B. TG 79.4 OPERATION PLAN 120A-(YR)

C. TG 79.4 SOP FOR INTELLIGENCE

D. THIRD MARDIV SOPFOR INTELLIGENCE

E. CURRENT III MAF AND THIRD MARDIV INTSUMS

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

A. 1. OB CARRIES THE 64TH REGIMENT, 320 DIVISION, 320 DIVISION BE WEE, 24000, 111 AND 112, 27 AND THE 52ND REGIMENT, 320 DIVISION AS OPERATING IN THE AREA NORTH TO NORTHWEST OF THE ROCK PILE. THE 48TH REGIMENT, 320 DIVISION IS UNLOCATED BUT IS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE DMZ AREA NORTH OF CAMP CARROLL AND WITHIN REINFORCING RANGE OF THE OTHER TWO REGIMENTS.

2. ACTIVITY IN THE PAST MONTH HAS BEEN LIMITED TO ONLY A VERY FEW SIGHTINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS, WITH ONE MINING INCIDENT. (FOR DETAILS, SEE ACTIVITY LIST PUBLISHED SEPERATELY). HOWEVER

AT APPROXIMATELY 262920H AN UNKNOWN SIZE ENEMY FORCE ATTACKED L/3/3

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 IN VICINITY OF THE ROCKPILE, WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME
 DONG HA, ROCKPILE CAMP CARROLL AND SVA VIET COMBAT BASES CAME UNDER
 INTENSE ARTILLERY FIRE.

B. HELICOPTER LANDING ZONES ^{TO MAINE DIVISION} ~~POB~~ ^{ED} SEPARATELY.

C. IS THE TERRAIN IS CHARACTERIZED AS LOW MOUNTAINS, ROCKY HILLS
 SPARSELY WOODED, HIGHLY DISSECTED LAND AND OTHER ROUGH SURFACES. IT
 IS COMMONLY FORESTED WITH DENSE UNDERGROWTH.

2. THIS TERRAIN IS UNSUITED FOR TRUCKS AND TANKS; VEHICULAR
 MOVEMENT WILL BE PRECLUDED AND FOOT TROOPS WILL BE SLOWED,
 BY STEEP SLOPES AND ROUGH SURFACES.

3. COVER FROM FLAT-TRAJECTORY FIRE IS AFFORDED BY STEEP SLOPES
 AND WALLS OF RAVINES, GORGES AND VALLEYS.

4. THERE WILL BE FAIR TO GOOD CONCEALMENT FROM GROUND OBSERVATION
 BY UNDERGROWTH AND SLOPES, WITH POOR CONCEALMENT OF PERSONNEL
 AND VEHICLES FROM BOTH AIR AND GROUND OBSERVATION ON THE
 SPARSELY FORESTED HILLS.

D. SEE REFERENCE D.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION, SEE REFERENCE B.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION TASK, SEE REFERENCE B.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING POW'S AND CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND WEAPONS. SEE

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REFERENCES B, C, AND D. CAPTURED WEAPONS WILL BE HANDLED IAW
REFERENCES B, C, AND D. THE SLF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IS DESIGNATED
THE INTELLIGENCE SCREENING AND WAR TROPHY REGISTRATION OFFICER.
HE WILL APPROVE APPROPRIATE MATERIAL AS LEGAL WAR TROPHIES.

5. DOCUMENTS AND OR EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

A. REFERENCE A IS DESIGNATED AS THE STANDARD MAP FOR THIS OPERATION.
39 MAPS AND CHARTS WILL BE ISSUED AS REQUIRED.

C. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY (HAND HELD) WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.

6. COUNTER INTELLIGENCE. SEE REFERENCE B.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION. IAW REFERENCE B, C, AND D AND THIRD MARDIV
SOP.8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS. UNITS IN CONTACT MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT TO
TAKE PRISONERS DAILY.

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RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUMUHFA/COMUSMACV
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RUYPSTG/CG III MAF
RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
RUYPSYF/CG FIRST MAW
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RUYR'AA/TU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
RUMUKKA/CMR SEVENTH AIR FORCE
RUYPSTG/CG THIRD MARDIV
RUYPSTG/CG FIRST MARDIV
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OPN SWIFT PURSUIT (U)

A. YOUR 271642Z AUG 68

1. (S) D-DAY FOR SUBS OPN CONFIRMED FOR 28 AUG 68. L-HOUR CONFIRMED
AS 1230H6. NO SURFACE SHIP-SHORE MOVEMENT.

2. (S) ORIGINATOR READY IN ALL RESPECTS TO EXECUTE.

3. (S) UNODIR INTEND EXECUTE OPN SWIFT PURSUIT 281230H6 AUGYI

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 RUYVSYB RUYVSYC RUYVSYD RUYVWDB

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TO ZENANG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

ZEN/CO ELT TWO LANT TWO SIX

ZEN/CO HMM THREE SIX TWO

RUYEGR/COM SEVENTH FLT

RUSAW/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

RUYPSYB/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR REGT

INFO RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMSAW/COMUSMACV

RUYVSYD/COMNAVFORV

RUYVEYC/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RUYPSAA/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUYU AA CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUYJSYC/VOF SEVEN TWO

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RUYPSYE/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMLBPA/CG XX IV CORPS PHU BAI

RUYVSYB/CTF CLEARWATER

RUZPSAA/HU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

RUYPSYF/CG FIRST MAW

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SWIFT PURSUIT (U)N

AGM MY 272257Y AUG 68N

1. ADD FOLLOWING AS PARA THREE X-CAY NINETEEN IN REF A: N

"CONTROL OF SUPPORTING ARMS FOR FGFETY OF LZ AND SUPPORT OF ELT

2/26 ASHORE REMAINS WITH THIRD MARDIV. ALL ARTY FIRES WILL BE PROVIDED

BY BN 1/12 WITH CLEARANCE FROM ELT 2/26 AND THIRD MARINE REGT

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FSCC. REQU

RED AIR SUPPORT WILL BE OBTAINED THROUGH THIRD MARINE REG
FSCC. THERE IS NO NAVAL GUN
HRE SUPPORT FOR THE OPERATION."N

2. AOA FOR OPN AS FOLLOWS:

"STARTING AT YD 150560 SOUTH ALONG N-S GRID LINE 150 TO YD 150463N
RPT YD 150463 THENCE WEST ALONG ROAD TO JUNCTION AT YD 121460 RPT
21460 THENCE SOUTH ALONG ROAD TO YD 120433 RPT 120433N THENCE TO
YD 093440 RPT PCERRP THENCE WEST ALONG E-Q GRID LINE 440 TO YD
0440 RPT

WY0440 THENCE NORTH-QUEST TO YD 030RUI RPT YD 030478N

THENCE NORTH ON N-S GRID LINE 030 RPT 030 59 60 030530 RPT 030530
THENCE EAST ALONG E-Q GRID LINE 530, 405 530 TO YD 080530 RPT
YD 080530 THENCE NORTH TO YD 080540 RPT YD 080540 THENCE EAST TO
YD 100TRP RPT 1005 40 THENCE NORTH TO YD 1005 60 RPT 1005 60N THENCE
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 FM. QTBD
 TO. LT. COL. SCHULTZ

THE FOLLOWING AREA INDICATED BY
 NEW BOUNDARY IS THE PROPOSED AO:
 FROM EXISTING RECON AO BONDARY AT
 ROAD IN TRAIL JUNCTION AT 217507
 FOLLOW TRAIL TO GRID 210494. DROP
 LINE DOWN TO JOINT STREAM ABOVE TRAIL
 CROSSING AT 214475. FOLLOW NORTH TO
 SOUTH STREAM UNTILL TERMINATION 216465.
 DROP DOWN TO JOINT ROAD. FOLLOW
 ROAD TO TRAIL JUNCTION AT 225461.
 FOLLOW TRAIL TO SECOND STREAM CROSSING
 BELOW FORK FOLLOW STREAM TO EXISTING
 3RD MAR DIV AO. IT IS RECOMENDED
 RECON ZONE NOT CHANGED

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FROM PHILLADLUM		TO 3RD MAR DLO		
OPS WITH PURSUIT (U)				
1. (S) CO BLT 2/26 REPORTS ESTABLISH ASHORE AND READY TO SHIFT OPCON TO CO 3 MAR.				
2. (S) REQ ADVISE READINESS TO TAKE OPCON 2/26 (-).				
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TOP/184/00665/PA/K98 6/1/74 TDC-2				
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TIME SIGNED	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER
				OPCON ASSUMED 28/1730H AUG
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY			COMBAT CENTER OF RELEASER USE ONLY (STR - 11)	
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1ST AIR CNY G-3			3RD MAR DIV			
FM YD 230440 W TO YD 115440 S TO						
PRESENT BOUNDARY YD 115422						
EFF 290600 TO 051800						
BN SIZE ELM INTO THIS AREA						
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TIME SIGNED	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER		
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY			COMM CENTER OR RELEASER USE (INSTR - 11)			
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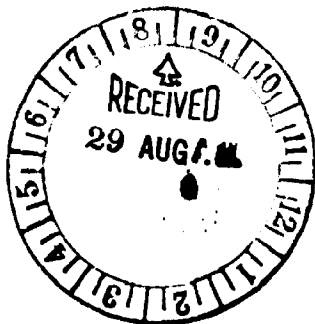
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SWIFT PURSUIT CHOP(7)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 271642Z AUG 68

B. CG THIRD MARDIV(28191)H AUG 68 NOTAL

19 (S) REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF ALFA HAVE BEEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED
 ASHORE. BY REF 8 CG THIRD MARDIV AGREES TO ASSUME OPCON OF BLT
 2/26 AS OF 281730H, CTG 76.4 AND CTG 79.4 MUTUALLY AGREE AND
 REQUEST REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF ALFA CHOP TO CG III MAF AS OF
 281730H AUGUST 68.

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2. (S) UPON APPROVAL OF CHOP OF REQUIRED SELEMENTS OF SLF ALFA TO
 CG III MAF. ARG ALFAA WILL REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS
 ASHORE.

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FROM SLE-A 27 2/26 TO 3RD MAR DIV					
F CO BN 2/26 REIN (U)					
1. UPON COMPLETION OFFLOAD BN 2/26					
FM ARG SHIPPING IN TIME					
PERMITTING TODAY INTEND HELO LEFT					
F CO (REIN) FM PRESENT PSN					
NAP/SALINE AO TO MAI LOC.					
1327/28 AUG 68 / DRJ / DINKY-8					
RUC					
DAY	MONTH	YEAR	TIME SIGNED	SIGNATURE AND RANK OF RELEASER	
(REPLY - AFFIRMATIVE - BY DIV OPS O)					
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER USE ONLY			COMM CENTER OR RELEASER USE (INSTR - 11)		
TIME FILED	COMM CEN NO		HOW SENT	DATE - TIME GROUP	
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FROM: CG 3D MAR DIV
 TO: CG TF HOTEL
 FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)
 THIRD MARINES
 FOURTH MARINES
 INFO: FIRST AMTRAC BN
 NINTH MARINES

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(A) 9TH MAR MSG 241045Z (NOTAL)

1. BY MEANS OF REF (A) 9TH MAR REQUESTED SPACE AND
 FACILITIES AT FOLLOWING LOCATIONS FOR USE FOR FORWARD
 CP'S DURING THE MONSOON:

- VANDEGRIFT/ OR CA LU
- CAMP CARROLL OR THON SON LAM
- C-2 (FACILITIES FORMERLY USED BY 9TH MAR)
- SUA VIET (FORMER 3D MAR CP)

2. MINIMUM REQUIREMENT AT ABOVE LOCATIONS IS 3 STANDARD
 DYE MARKER BUNKERS, OR THEIR EQUIVALENT, AND ADDITIONAL
 SPACE FOR THE ERECTION OF TENTS.

3. REQUEST REPLY NLT 31 AUG INFO 9TH MAR

4. DTIRNALCON.

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INFO RUMLBPA /CG XXIV CORPS

RUMHVP /CG THIRD MARDIV DGH

RUMHAW /CG FIRST MAF DNG

RUYWDB /CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL /CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYEUAG /CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMHVP THIRD MARINES

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CHOP ASHORE OF ELEMENTS OF SLF ALFA (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 27164Z AUG 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. REF A PERTAINS. AFTER LF FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE

AND AT A TIME CTG 79.4 AND CG

THIRD MARDIV, REQ SELECTED ELEMENTS OF SLF ALFA CHOP

TO CG III MAF FOR CONCURRENT CHOP TO CG THIRD MARDIV.

DIRLAUTH ALCON. UDVISE DTG CHOP.

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FROM ALEX		TO PLUG HOLE 32 MARINES				
EFF 281730H AUG 68, CG 32 MAR DIV ASSUMES OPCON BLT 2/26 FROM CTG 79.4 AND PASSES OPCON SAME DTG TO 32 MARINES.						
CMD MSG WILL FOLLOW.						
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SWIFT PURSUIT AOA (U)

19 REQUIRED ELEMENTS SLF ALFA'S BLT 2/26 FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND
 CHOPPED TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER AT 281-30H AUG 68.

DISESTABLISH SWIFT PURSUIT AOA AS OF 281730Z -7& 68.

2. INTEND REESTABLISH SWIFT PURSUIT AOA AT COMMENCEMENT COVERED WITH
 DRAVAL BLT 2/26 ON W-DAYTBA.

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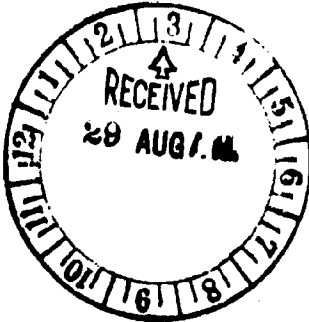
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2. ()NTIME OF CHOP 281730H1 AUG 68. ARG ALFA REMAINING IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.N

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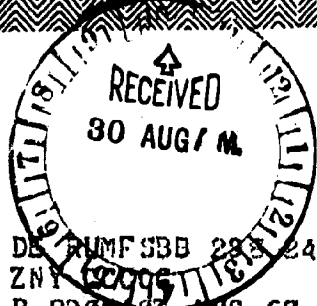
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DMZ SWIMMER ACTY

A. BLANDY 281116Z AUG 68 NOTAL

1. REF A REPORTS UNUSUAL ACTY ON BEACH AREA VIC DMZ AT GRID
COORDINATES YD 2582/7. AT DAWN AND DUSK PAST FOUR DAYS SHORE SPOTTER

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HAERPTED 8-12 NVA SWIMMING JUST OFF THE BEACH, BLANDY

FIRING HAS GENERALLY PRODUCE 1 OR 2 KIA EACH TIME. POSIT ON
BEACH WHERE THIS ACTY OCCURS IS THE SAME EACH TIME.

2. IN VIEW OF RECURRING CASULTIES BEING TAKEN BY ENEMY IS
ACTY, CONSIDER IT UNLIKELY THAT SWIMMING, ~~IT AND~~ ~~FIRING~~ ~~S~~
~~TAKING PLACE~~. FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES ARE CONJECTURE, BUT
WORTHY OF CONSIDERATION:

A. CABLE LAYING ACTY-POSSIBLY BTWN CAI LAY AND TIGER IS OR
BTWN POSITS ON CAP LAY.

B. SAPPER ACTY.

C. MINING OPERATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST UNITS OPERATING IN VIC
DMZ.

D. FROGMAN OPERATIONS DIRECTED AGAINST UNITS OPERATING IN VIC
DMZ OR INSTALLATIONS BELOW DMZ.

E. UNDERWATER CONSTRUCTION OF UNK NATURE. WHILE NO CONSTRUCTION
OR OTHER MATLS HAVE BEEN SIGHTED, IT IS UNDETERMINED WHAT ACTY,
IF ANY, OCCURS DURING THE NIGHT.

3. RECOMMEND SHORE BASED RESOURCES BE TASKED WITH OBTAINING MORE
INFO AND PROVIDING INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS OF REPORTED ACTY.

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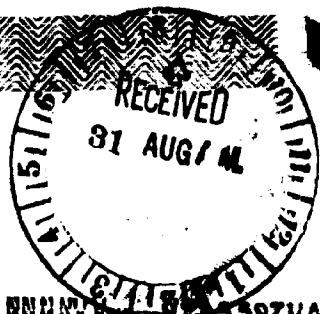
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C. COMSEVENTHFLT 100254Z AUG 68 (S) (NOTAL)

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4. FOR COMSEVENTHFLT. SUBJ CONCURRENCE THIS PROPOSAL BY ALCON, RECOMMEND ARG UPKEEP SUBIC DURING SEPT.

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	OFFICERS				STAFF				E-5 & BELOW			
	MC	USN	USA	USAF	MC	USN	USA	USAF	MC	USN	USA	USAF
HQ BN	87	8			78	9			504	18		
3D MP BN	5				6				105			
3D MT BN	12				18	2			234	5		
3D SP BN	11	2			25	1			193	14		
3D TK BN	18	1			19	2			175	18		
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3D ENGR BN	15	3			24	3			242	12		
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17TH ITT	4				7				1			
7TH CIT	2		1		4				4		1	
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VMGR-152									2			
MAG-39	214				147	5			970	17		
1/3 REAR	3				11	3			222	6		
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4TH CAG	5				16				71	5		
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CBMU-301		1				11				104		
1ST BDE 5TH DIV MECH			102				125				729	
588TH SIGNAL			7				13				112	
18TH SURGICAL			33				10				81	
26TH GENSUPGRP			55				32				725	
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FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS				8				1				11
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31. August 1968

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal (Proposed Monsoon Plan) (U)

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(C) The attached draft copy of CPLAN 21-68 (Northeast Monsoon 1968-69) is forwarded for review and comment. Request you submit replies to this headquarters not later than 5 Sep 68.

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 XXIV Corps Vietnam
 Hue/Phu Bai (YD8814)
 30 Aug 68

OPLAN 21-68 Northeast Monsoon 1968-69 (U).

Reference: Maps Vietnam

Time zone: Hotel

1. (S) SITUATION:

a. COMUSMACV Directives:

(1) Continue offensive operations to deny enemy forces the opportunity to regroup, refit or reorganize during the northeast monsoon season.

(2) Continue operations to restrict enemy movement, to deny him the use of his base areas and infiltration routes, and to preempt his initiative.

(3) Deploy friendly forces and pre-position supplies so as to permit FVMAF to outmaneuver the enemy and to support operations that are not dependent on continuous helicopter support or long land lines of communication.

(4) Increase US/ARVN combined operations with the goal of establishing GVN control of every district in NICTZ.

b. Enemy forces: (Insert)

c. Friendly forces: (Insert)

() 1st ARVN Div:

(a) Continues combined operations in zone.

(b) Maintains DUEL BLADE positions in AO.

(c) Conducts resource denial operations.

2. (S) MISSION: XXIV Corps, in cooperation and coordination with 1st ARVN Div and other GVN forces, conducts combined operations during the monsoon season to destroy enemy forces; to deny the enemy use of his base areas and infiltration routes; to prevent the enemy from reorganizing, refitting and regrouping; and to establish GVN control of every ^{district} district in NICTZ.

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3. (S) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations: XXIV Corps, in cooperation and coordination with 1st ARVN Div and other GVN forces, conducts aggressive offensive operations throughout the northeast monsoon season against enemy forces, infiltration routes and base areas; and intensifies combined operations on the coastal plains against the infrastructure and local forces to deny the enemy support from the people. Emphasis will be placed on establishing GVN control in all districts in NICTZ, through combined operations with 1st ARVN Div, Regional Forces (RF), Popular Forces (PF), and National Police Field Forces (NPFF).

b. 3d Mar Div:
OPCON: 1st Bde/ 5th Mech Div.

(1) Maintain DUEL BLADE positions in AO and LZ's Shepherd and Cates; conduct mobile operations south of the DMZ and in the Khe Sanh Plateau area to destroy enemy forces and to interdict his routes of supply and infiltration.

(2) Continue combined operations[?] in coordination and cooperation with 2d ARVN Regt.

(3) Assist in the defense of Dong Ha in coordination and cooperation with GVN forces.

(4) Provide reaction force for relief of Mai Loc CIDG Camp and resettlement village.

c. 1st Bde:

OPCON: 3d Sqdn/ 5th Cav to be replaced by 1st Sqdn/ 18th Cav (Nov-Dec 68).

(1) Continue combined operations in coastal plains, in conjunction with ARVN/ RF/ PF, to support the GVN pacification effort and to deny the enemy access to national resources.

(2) Conduct operations to neutralize enemy base areas within zone.

(3) Assist in defense of Quang Tri in coordination and cooperation with GVN forces.

(4) Prepare, on 24-hour notice, to provide a Bde TF as Corps Reserve.

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d. 101st ACD:

OPCON: 3d Bde 82d Abn Div (to be replaced by 3d Bde, 101st ACD in period Sep-Oct 68).

(1) Conduct combined operations in coastal plains, in conjunction with ARVN/RF/PF to support the GVN pacification effort and to deny the enemy access to national resources.

(2) Conduct operations to neutralize enemy base areas within zone.

(3) Continue operations in the vicinity of FSB Veghel, Routes 547 and 547A, and Song Bo Valley.

(4) Maintain Eagle's Nest and FSB Son and interdict route 548 in the A Shau Valley by fire until further notice.

(5) Assist in the defense of Hue in coordination and cooperation with 1st ARVN Div.

e. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Conduct combined resource denial operations with ARVN/RF/PF to secure and move national resources to safe areas.

(2) Conduct operations in coordination and cooperation with GVN forces to identify and destroy VC infrastructure and the VC Tax Collection System in coastal plains and population centers in NICTZ.

(3) Emphasize combined operations with GVN forces, particularly in support of GVN pacification efforts. Habitually co-locate a specific tactical battalion headquarters with each district headquarters.

(4) Provide reaction forces for relief of refugee camps in AO.

(5) Maintain security of LOCs in AO.

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B. YOUR 220730Z AUG 68

1. IN VIEW RECENT DELAY REHAB OF ELT 2/26. REQUEST TRMR SCH DU RDB
REF A & B BE RESCHEDULED TO CONFORM WITH FUTURE ELT REHAB.

2. OF THE 32 (2531'S) AUTHORIZED ONLY 23 ARE ON HAND. IF THE
ELT IS REQUIRED AT THIS TIME TO SEND 4 (2531'S) TO SUBIC
IT WOULD SEVERELY EFFECT THE COMMUNICATIONS OF THE ELT AT THIS
CRITICAL POINT WHEN THEY ARE COMMITTED A SHOE.

EM REQUEST REPLY ASAP.

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