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3rd Marine Division  
Command Chronology  
Messages Etc  
Sep 1968

#1 Rpt 1 Sep 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: OB Intelligence Input Vietnamese Salient Estimate  
#2 Msg 010320Z 1st Coastal Zone Intelligence Officer Subj: Spot Report #1  
#3 Msg 010715Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Boundary Change  
#4 Msg 010936Z CTG 79.4 Subj: SLF Alpha Task Organization  
#5 Msg 011240Z 9th MAB Subj: Training of BLT 2/26 SFCP at Subic  
#6 Msg 011331Z CTF Clearwater Subj: Security for Dredging Operations on Cua Viet River SITREP #1  
#7 Msg 011457Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 09-01  
#8 Msg 011616Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Termination of Operation Swift Pursuit  
#9 Msg 011627Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 09-01/1  
#10 Rpt 2 Sep 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Task Organization  
#11 Msg 020200Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Assumed & Passed OPCON 3/9  
#12 Msg 020210Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Security Communications for Pending Combat Operations  
#13 Msg 020308Z CTF Clearwater Subj: Destruction of Ambush Site  
#14 Msg 021345Z CTF Clearwater Subj: INTSUM 361-68  
#15 Msg 3 Sep 68 Hqs 1st Inf Div, 11th Div TA IG 3 Subj: Handwritten Translation & Message in Vietnamese Language Concerning Sector Protection  
#16 Msg 030840Z HORN DASC Subj: Use of Barks FACS in the DMZ  
#17 Msg 031306Z III MAF Subj: ADCON Shift of Marine Units  
#18 Msg 040700Z 1st Coastal Zone Intelligence Officer Subj: FCZIO Spot Report #2  
#19 Mem 5 Sep 68 3rd Bn/4th Marines Subj: Ordnance Located on Hill 471, with a Handwritten Memorandum  
#20 Cht 5 Sep 68 III MAF Subj: Chart showing Proposed ARG/SLF Alpha & Bravo Employment  
#21 Msg 051350Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations: Khe Sanh Plateau & Lang Vei Area  
#22 Msg 051730Z 3rs Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operation: Armor Attack in DMZ  
#23 Msg 051732Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Ground Offensive in DMZ  
#24 Msg 060100Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Request for Boundary Change, Napoleon/Saline Area of Operations  
#25 Msg 062354Z III MAF Subj: Area of Operations  
#26 Mem 7 Sep 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Course of Action I (Autumn Monsoon Season), with Handwritten Memorandum  
#27 Msg 070119Z FMFPAC Subj: Change of ADCON  
#28 Msg 070644Z III MAF Subj: Priority of Effort for Natural Disaster Relief Operations  
#29 Msg 070756Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Monsoon Contingency Package  
#30 Msg 071105Z 3rd Marines Subj: OPCON Supporting Units BLT 2/26  
#31 Msg 071230Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Planned Operation  
#32 Msg 071510Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Engineer Assistance  
#33 Msg 071942Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Major Operations  
#34 Mem 8 Sep 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Memorandum on Operation Arlington Area of Operations & Monsoon Posture  
#35 Ltr 8 Sep 68 9th Marines Subj: Operation Arlington  
#36 Bul 8 Sep 68 1st Mar Div Subj: Division Bulletin 1500 Subj: CG's Seminar on Mines & Booby Traps, Result of, with 1 Encl  
#37 Msg 080132Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Readiness SITREP #170  
#38 Msg 080500Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Location of Khe Sanh Mine Fields  
#39 Msg 080841Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Report of Intent to Conduct Operations  
#40 Msg 080846Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Major Operations

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#41 Msg 081234Z BLT 2/26 Subj: Concept of Operations for Monsoon Season  
 #42 Msg 091627Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 09-09/1  
 #43 Msg 100020Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Heavy Rain Preparations  
 #44 Msg 100904Z III MAF Subj: Heavy Artillery Assets  
 #45 Msg 100925Z III MAF COC Subj: Notice of Intent to Conduct Major Operations  
 #46 Msg 101509Z III MAF COC Subj: DMZ Operations  
 #47 Msg 101526Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: One Day Combined Operation into DMZ  
 #48 Msg 101746Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON & Boundary Changes  
 #49 Msg 110145Z CTF 79 Subj: Concept of Operations for Monsoon Season  
 #50 Msg 110930Z CTU 70.8.9 Subj: Prospective Operations  
 #51 Msg 111500Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Major Operations  
 #52 Msg 111506Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Task Organization  
 #53 Rpt 12 Sep Hqs XXIV Corps Subj: Intelligence Estimate (QL 9) Ca Lu-Lang Ve1  
 #54 Msg 121110Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Enemy Activity Khe Sanh Vicinity  
 #55 Rpt 12 Sep 3rd Mar Div Subj: Estimate on Enemy use of Khe Sanh Area  
 #56 Msg 120300Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Cancel my Message 101746Z Sep 68  
 #57 Msg 120300Z CTU 70.8.9 Subj: Operation Sullivan  
 #58 Msg 120810Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: 9th Marines Command Post Requirements  
 #59 Msg 121245Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Preparations for Monsoon Posture  
 #60 Msg 121550Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: Arc Light Nominations  
 #61 Msg 121725Z CTF 79.4 Subj: ARG Ship Turn Over  
 #62 Msg 131129Z III MAF COC Subj: Arc Light Nominations  
 #63 Msg 131450Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Major Operations/Request for Authorization to Enter DMZ  
 #64 Msg 131454Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Operation Order 32-68 (Lancaster II)  
 #65 Msg 131719Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Report of Intent to Conduct Operations  
 #66 Msg 131832Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Major Operations/Request for Authorization to Enter DMZ  
 #67 Msg 131900Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: Arc Light Nominations in Support of Ground Operations  
 #68 Msg 140708Z III MAF Subj: SecNav WestPac Trip  
 #69 Msg 140911Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Plan to Commence 7 Day Operation into DMZ on 16 Sep68  
 #70 Msg 140913Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Planned Operation  
 #71 Msg 140915Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Request for Modification of Arc Light Safety Zone  
 #72 Msg 141020Z III MAF Subj: Anti-Infiltration System South of DMZ  
 #73 Msg 141550Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: OPCON BLT 2/26 Supporting Units  
 #74 Mem Sep 68 3rd Mar Div Subj: BLT Rehabilitation & LTI  
 #75 Msg 141700Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Operation Order 13-68  
 #76 Msg 141922Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Arc Light Evaluation  
 #77 Mem 15 Sep 3rd Mar Div Subj: Viet Cong Activities  
 #78 Msg 150310Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Forward Bomb Line  
 #79 Msg 150345Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Operation Order 13-68  
 #80 Msg 151006Z III MAF Subj: Helo Availability  
 #81 Msg 151324Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Arc Light  
 #82 Msg 160038Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Request for Concurrence of Area of Operations  
 #83 Msg 161105Z COMUSMACV Subj: Forward Bomb Line  
 #84 Msg 161110Z III MAF Subj: Forward Bomb Line  
 #85 Msg 161450Z Task Force Hotel Subj: Stockage Objectives Vandegrift Combat Base  
 #86 Mte 17 Sep 3rd Mar Div Subj: Notes on Mission of Enemy  
 #87 Msg 170324Z III MAF Subj: ARG/SLF Employment  
 #88 Msg 170330Z 3rd Mar Div COC Subj: LZ for DMZ Attack  
 #89 Msg 180554Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Monsoon Posture of Reconnaissance Battalion  
 #90 Msg 180610Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Request for Area of Operations

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#91 Msg 190415Z CTF 79 Subj: DD Sves for SFCP Training Tabones  
 #92 Msg 190910Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Security of Dong Ha Ramps  
 #93 Msg 200030Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Concept of Operations Western Kentucky Area of Operations  
 #94 Msg 201522Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Operation in DMZ  
 #95 Msg 201222Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Congratulatory Message  
 #96 Msg 211515Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Enemy Mortar Attacks  
 #97 Msg 212100Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 09-2/1  
 #98 Msg 220222Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: ARG/SLF Operations  
 #99 Msg 221241Z III MAF COC Subj: Security of Dong Ha Ramps  
 #100 Msg 221750Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Operations in DMZ  
 #101 Msg 221900Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Message Frag Order  
 #102 Msg 222200Z III MAF Subj: Boundary Change Between XXIV Corps & 1st Mar Div  
 #103 Msg 230620Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Frag Order  
 #104 Msg 230910Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Major Operations  
 #105 Msg 231450Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Modification of Intent to Conduct Operations  
 #106 Ord 241230H 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (M) Subj: Warning Order 1 for Frag Order 2 to Operation Order 15-68  
 #107 Msg 250130Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Slf A Employment  
 #108 Msg 250244Z III MAF Subj: Sec Nav Visit 9-12 Oct 68  
 #109 Msg 250246Z III MAF Subj: Sec Nav WestPac Trip 3-13 Oct 1968  
 #110 Msg 251320Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Modification of Message  
 #111 Msg 251640Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Operations in Northern Lancaster & Kentucky  
 #112 Msg 260324Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: SLF A Employment  
 #113 Msg 260632Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Operations in Northern Lancaster & Kentucky  
 #114 Msg 261500H 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Message on OPCON & Area of Operations Boundary Modification  
 #115 Msg 261940Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Enemy Road Activity Khe Sanh Area  
 #116 Msg 262120Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Request for Alpha Troop 1/9 Cav OPCON  
 #117 Sch 27 Sep Task Force Hotel Subj: Schedule of Events with Supporting Air Requirements for Operation Nanking  
 #118 Rpt 27 Sep 3rd Mar Div Subj: Operation Scotland/Nanking Concept of Operations  
 #119 Msg 270700Z SA 1st ARVN Subj: Joint Combat Operations in Khe Sanh Area  
 #120 Msg 270755Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Unit Deployment  
 #121 Msg 270804Z III MAF Subj: Propose to Delay Back Load of both BLT's  
 #122 Msg 271153Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Back Loading HMM-363  
 #123 Msg 271602Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Operations on Khe Sanh Plateau  
 #124 Msg 271802Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Frag Order  
 #125 Mem 28 Sep 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Notes on ACMC Visit  
 #126 Msg 281522Z III MAF Subj: Air Requirements for Operation Scotland/Nanking  
 #127 Msg 290248Z CTF 79 Subj: Training for BLT 2/26 SFCP at Subic  
 #128 Msg 290500Z III MAF Subj: ARG/SLF Alpha & Bravo Employment  
 #129 Msg 291230Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Delay of D-Day  
 #130 Msg 291420Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Modification of Intent to Conduct Operations in DMZ  
 #131 Msg 300615Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Warning Order-Reembarkation of BLT 2/26  
 #132 Msg 300644Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Back Load BLT 2/26  
 #133 Msg 301330Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Tentative D-Day  
 #134 Msg 301432Z Com 7th Fleet Subj: Sec Nav WestPac Trip

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(C) Enemy Situation.

a. Dispositions. See para c(1) below.

b. Composition. At present, <sup>possibly</sup> six maneuver bns of the 68th and 246th Regts, the 68th Arty Regt and two bns of the 83d Ingr Regt are located within the area of interest. Reports received during the past month indicate that areas in the vicinity of Khe Sanh and the Laotian Salient are being used as supply/logistics movement centers.

c. Strength.

(1) The strength of forces held within the area of interest is approx 3,850.

| <u>UNIT</u>    | <u>STRENGTH</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 88/308 Div     | 1,850           | SW Khe Sanh     |
| 246 Regt (Ind) | 1,850-2,000     | W Khe Sanh      |

(2) Reinforcements. Enemy forces that could reinforce the area of operations within 48-72 hours would approach from several directions. Those units, the directions from which they would approach, and their strengths are: 48, 52, and 64 Regts, 320 Div from the north w/8,200; elements of the 7th Front from the east w/2,295; 102d Regt from the west w/1,850; the 6th, 9th, 29th, and 90th Regts from the south w/6,850. Total reinforcement strength: 19,195.

(3) Air. The NVA has been reported to have aircraft and maintain airfields in Laos. UFO's have been reported in the Khe Sanh area. The enemy has not employed air in a tactical role within the area of operations.

(4) Armor. Agents report armor being used primarily in a security mission. The enemy has employed armor in a tactical role within the area of interest. Elements of an armored regiment are believed to be operating in Laos adjacent to the area of operations. The enemy armor threat consists of SU-85 self-propelled gun, the PT-76, T-34 and possibly T-54 tanks.

(5) Chemical. The enemy has employed CS agents in the past. No recent agent reports have been received indicating intended use of CS within or adjacent to the AO. However, the enemy has the capability to deliver CS within the area of operations.

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1. 3 July - Agent Report 12XPT76 loc 3.5 km NW Lang Vei - mission provide security for recon element opening Laos - Quang Tri Cite Tre. 525 MI
2. 4 July U/I Regt passed thru YD 879352 to Thua Thien and left equipment at above coords.
3. 9 July - Agent U/I NVA AA. Arty Bn moved fm Ba Long Secret Zone to deploy in YD 035357. 400 men. 6XAA arms, each w/2 barrels. 4X20mm AA guns, and undetermined number 14-5 Mg's. 525 MI.
4. 13 July - NVA convoy of 60 trucks & 40 tanks moved from Saravane (Laos) to vic XD 844178.
5. 13 July - U/I Regt loc XD 848417.
6. 14 July - I/I Engr unit (200 men) loc XD 956333 working on road.
7. 14 July - Agent reports an infil route fm XD 844178 to XD 826298 to XD894327 to XD 937332 to XD 956333 to XD 995324.
8. 14 July - Agent obsvd 35 trucks and tracked vehicles vic XD 824383.
9. 15 July - AO rptd: bunker complex XD 862304, 20 water buffalo XD 857269, hvy trl arty and new bunkers XD 947290.
10. 27 July - Agent from 25-27 July, 7th Bn, 6th Bn, 20th Engr Bn, 5th AO Co moved from Khe Sanh to Cann (XD 9440). To shell Ca Lu and attack bases on rte 9.
11. 28 July - Recon plt found trails running N-S at YD 019394 and E - Wat YD011399.
12. 30 July - U/I Regt passed through XD 8418 fm KSCB headed towards Laos.
13. 31 July - Agent reports 2 Bns of worksite 7 moved from the mountains to deploy YD 055360. Str 600. Mission - To attack US Special Forces bases in Cua. 525 MI
14. 30 July - Agent - 6th Arty bn (350 men) started to move fm Lao Bao (XD 715375) toward Ca Lu. 105 Arty, 107mm, 140mm rkt launchers - Mission: Harass Ca Lu & Dac Mau.
15. 31 July - Agent- U/I NVA Bn deployed XD 914402 to XD 993485 along rte 9. To cut off transportation along route 9 between Cam Lo & Khe Sanh - 525 MI.
16. 1 Aug - Two U/I bns loc XD 995250.
17. 3 Aug - U/I Regt loc XD 956335.
18. 3 Aug - Agent - An U/I NVA Bn, 600 men, located at YD 035348. 2X120mm. 525MI
19. 3 Aug - Agent - 2 Regts 394th VC MP Division moved to YD 035356. Mission: Attack Cua Base & Quang Tri City. 525 MI.
20. 6 Aug - Spotlight rptd, XD 840413 large number of trps & poss vehicles moving E - fired arty w/29 secondaries.
21. 7 Aug - Agent - UI NVA Bn & 2 tank teams moved from Khe Sanh. 1 tank team deployed XD 915525 & the other at XD 942429. U/I Bn loc XD 956426. 6 tanks per team. 3d Mar Div Intsum.

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22. 8 Aug - AO observed fresh tracked vehicle tracks vic XD 816374.
23. 8 Aug - U/I Regt/304 Div loc XD 724275.
24. 9 Aug - Agent - 2 U/I Bns/308 Div located YD 015355.
25. 10 Aug - Enemy troop concentration XD 922237.
26. 12 Aug - Labor group (200 men) w/80 NVA & 3 elephants moved E thru XD 980264.
27. 14 Aug AO reported hvy trl activity XD 827337.
28. 17 Aug - Two U/I bns Moved fm Laos to vic XD 847179.
29. 18 Aug - Agent - 2 Regts of the 318th Div moved from the mountainous area west of Cam Lo to deploy YD 035355 where they are building defensive positions. 525 MI.
30. 19 Aug - U/I Regt loc XD 972284.
31. 24 Aug - AO reports bunker complex, fire & hvy trl activity vic XD 720403.
32. 24 Aug - Squad K/3/4 Mar ambushed by estimated squad YD 002370. 1 NVA KIA - 3d Mar Div Intsum.
33. 27 Aug - AO debrief - Heavy trail activity on Rte 9 from Lang Vei to Khe Sanh, trail activity around & in Lang Vei.

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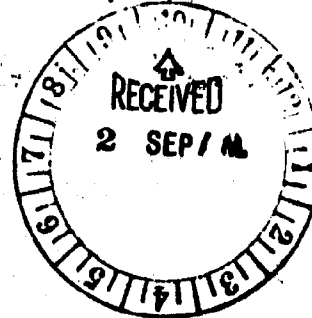
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FCZIO SPOT REPORT ONE

L FOL INFO RECD FM REGISTERED INTELLIGENCE SOURCES

A QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(1) SOURCE 1024 (RPTD THAT 9 VC WITH 4 MINE WEIGHING 17-3 (14( 3390)3)

WRT 1000 30 KILO MINES RECENTLY MOVED FM VIC YD3231 TO VIC

YD3169. MCM: MINE TRAFFIC ON CUA VIET RIVER. FCZIO CMT:

YD3169 IS NORTH OF THE RIVER INDICATING THAT IF RPT IS TRUE

MINES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLACED IN RIVER OR HAVE BEEN HIDDEN

ON SOUTH SIDE OF RIVER FOR LATER USE. ON 27 AUG 68, 3 LMG'S

WERE MINED VIC YD334697. ON 2 AUG 68, A D

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COVERED VIC YD316683. ANOTHER CODED SOURCE OPERATING IN CUA VIET

AREA RECENTLY RPTD THAT 9 VC WITH 4 MINE WEIGHING 50 KILOS EAC

ARE PRESENTLY OPERATING VIC YD289671, (FCZIO 290810Z AUG 68 -

REFERS. AGENT WILL BE TASKED FOR FURTHER INFO. EVAL (C/3).

B QUANG NAM PROVINCE

(1) SOURCE 1036 RPTD THAT A VC BN (200 MEN) COMMANDED BY SON HUNG,

ARMED WITH 6 FLAME THROWERS, 6 57MM P/R KNO 0-41 KNO 12 0-40 KNO

3 LMG'S, 9 HMG'S, AND MANY EXPLOSIVES RECENTLY DISPERSED THROUGHOUT

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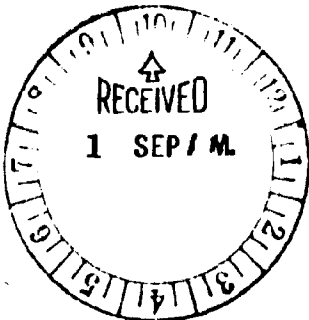
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SUBJ: BOUNDARY CHAGE (U)

REFS: A. FONECON MAJ DABNEY, 3D MAR DIV OPS O, AND MAJ SINDY, XXIV CORPS GE, 1 AUG 68

B. FONECON OPT SPEED, 1CAV OPNS O, AND MAJ SINDY, XXIV CORPS 03, 1 SEP 68.

(C) THIS MSG CONFIRMS COORDINATION ACCOMPLISHED IN REFS A AND B. BOUNDARY BETWEEN 3D MAR AND 1ST CAV DIVS IS ADJUSTED AS FOLLOWS FOR THE PERIOD 010600H SEP 68 TO 152400H SEP 68: FROM PRESENT BOUNDARY AT YD114454, NORTHWEST TO YD120440, WEST TO YD030440, SOUTH TO YD332342 AND SOUTHWEST ALONG PRESENT 3D MAR DIV / XXIV CORPS BOUNDARY TO YD125322.

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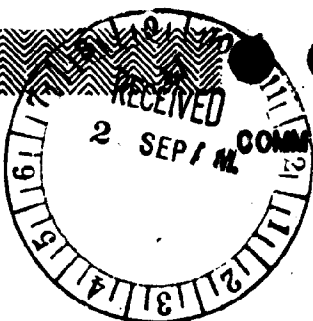
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SLF ALFA TASK ORGANIZATION(U)

1. CURRENT SCHED DEPARTURE ARG ALFA FOR UPKP CHOP OF ELT 2/26(-)  
AND HMM 362 HAS RESULTED IN FOLLOWING STATUS OF SLF FORCES.

A. HMM-362 - CHOPS TO CG FIRST MAW 021800H. COMD LESS OPCON REMAINS  
MAG 15.

B. ELT 2/26

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(1) CHOPPED TO CG 3RD MARDIV. (ASHORE)

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3RD PLT, A CO, 5TH TANK BN

1ST PLT, A CO, 5TH RECON BN

2ND PLT, C CO, 3RD M.T. BN

2ND PLT, C CO, 3RD ENG BN

DET, 3RD S.P. BN

(2) REMAINING ABOARD ARG SHIPPING OPCON CTG 79.4

SUB UNIT ELT 2/26

1ST PLT, A CO, 5TH AMTRAC BN

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 SUBJ: TRNG OF BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX SFCP AT SUBIC (U)  
 A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR 310600Z AUG 68  
 B. CTF SEVEN NINE 160450Z AUG 68

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C. CTF SEVEN NINE 220730Z AUG 68

1. (C) IN REPLY TO REF (A) DISREGARD SFCP TRNG OUTLINED IN REF (B) AND (C).

2. KU) INSTRUCTIONS ON RESCHEDULED SFCP TRNG WILL BE FORWARDED AT A LATER DATUM

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 P 011331Z SEP 68  
 ECTFCLEARWATER  
 TO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
 RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRL MARDIV  
 RUMHFA/OIIR RVN  
 RUMF GA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG  
 IJUMF GA/COMNAV XDRV REP DNG  
 RUMHVP/CG FIRST AMTRAC BN  
 ZEN/PBR MSB ONE TAN MY  
 ZEN/CDR DONG RI VSECGRU  
 ZEN/NSAD CUA VIET  
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SECURITY NOR DREDGING OPNS ON CUA VIET RIVER SITREP NO. 1 (U)  
 A. MF 121402Z AUG 68 (NOTAL) NR

MCC) UPDATE OF REF A AS FOLLOWS, USING SAM

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PARA 2 PRESENT STATUS. (

PARA 2A DREDGE SWELLMASER-NO CHANGE

PARA 2B DREDGE HUONG GIANG-WORKING IN CHANNEL MOUTH SOUTH BANK AS  
 YN 011800H SEP.

PARA 2C QUARTERS BARGE-NO CHANGE

DREDGE SEABEE I-WORKING IN CHANNEL MOUTH NORTH BANK.

PARA 2D NO CHANGE. OU

PARA 3 FUTURE OPNS.

PARA 3A NO CHANGE.

PARA 3B DREDGE HUONG GIANG-O/A 15 SEP DEPART CUA VIET.

PARA 3C DREDGE SEABEE I-OA 15 SEP DEPART CUA VIET. (

PARA 3D QUARTERS BARGDXAO/A 2 SEP MOVE TO CUA VIET (YD 338/98).  
 O/K 15 SEP DEPART CUA VIET.

WPZT4 SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR AUTURE OPNS OF DREDGES AND QUARTERS

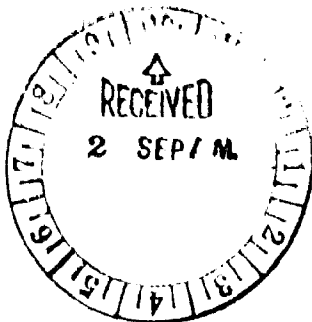
BARGE. FIRST AMTRAC BN WILL PROVIDE SHORELINE SECURITY;  
 CDR DONG HA RSG WILL PROVIDE WATER SURVEILLANCE. (

PARA 5 NOT APPLICABLE.

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Z 011457Z SEP 66  
 RM CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU  
 TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER  
 INFO RMUGKF/COMRIVPATFLOT FIVE  
 RMUGKD/COMNAVFORV  
 RMMAFA/CG III MAF  
 RMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS  
 RMLDNA/SA FIRST ARVN REGIMENT  
 RMLDNA/SA SECOND ARVN REGIMENT  
 RMHVP/CG THIRD MAP DIV  
 ZEN/SA CG ELEVEN  
 ZEN/MSD ONE  
 RMHVP/CO FIRST AMTRAC BN  
 RMLDNI/NIL O QUANG TRI  
 RUYEUAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
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SPOTREP 89-01/1/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/1 (U).

1. 1 PBR/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/CMC ANDERSON/PBR-66 QM1 VEGA  
 2. PBR-66 ROVD TWO B-40 ROCKETS PORT SIDE TWO MEN FROM PBR-66 IN THE  
 WATER. 2215H ONE PICKED UP WIA (MINOR). SEARCH CONTINUES AUGMENTED  
 BY TWO ADDITIONAL PBR'S.

3. 012200.

4. YD 336679

5. ROCKETS FIRED FROM AMBUS POSITION. COULD NOT RETURN FIRE DUE TO MC  
 FRIENDLIES IN AREA.

6. NEXT SITREP 012400H

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Rcp 115400Z

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THIRD MARDIV

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C. REF G AND H PROV

DE FOR OFFLOAD OF HMM 362 ON ONE DASHT 10  
SEP. HMM 362 WILL BE OFFLOADED TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR  
FACILITY ON 2 RPT 2 SEP AND WILL BE CHOPPED TO CG FIRST  
MAW ABT 0218

00H2 SEP.

D. MEDEVAC GUARD AND CASUALTY REPORTING FOR ELT TWO SLANT VJH N  
SIX WILL BE ASSUED BY CG THIRD MARDIV AT 020800H0 SEP;  
CASUALTY REPORTING FOR HMM 362 WILL BE ASSUED BYCG FIRST  
MAW AT 021200H5 SEP.

E. ADMIN/LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF ELT TWO SLANT TWENTY SIX MINUSK  
WILL TERMINATE UPON SHIFTING ADMIN REAR TO DONG HA 'AT  
020800 0 SEP.

3.(S) REQ OPERATION SWIFT PURSUIT BE TERMINATED AS OF  
020800H 0 SEP.

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 FM CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU  
 TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER  
 INFO RUMUGK/COMRIVPATFLOT FIVE  
 RUMUGK/COMNAVFORV  
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 RUMHVP/CO FIRST AMTRAC BN  
 RUMLDNI/NILO QUANG TRI  
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| CCPO           | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| APD            | <i>[Signature]</i> |
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 SPOTREP 09-01/1/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/2 (U)  
 A. CONLONHARIVSECGRU 011457Z SEP 68 (SPOTREP 09-01/1/2)  
 1. THIS CONTINUES REF A.

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PAGE TWO RUMUFG0851 CONFIDENTIAL  
 2. AT 012312H PBR 43 RECOVERED REMAINS OF PATROL OFFICER.  
 PBR 66 RCVD MINOR ABOVE WATER HULL DAMAGE. STBD SIDE GUN  
 RACK AND WEAPONS DESTROYED. NO FURTHER ENEMY CONTACT. FINAL  
 FRIENDLY CASUALTIES 1 U.S. KIA.  
 3. 012200H.  
 4. YD 306679  
 5. DEBRIEF OF CREW REVEALED PBR 66 WAS PROCEEDING WEST WHEN  
 ONE CONFIRMED B-40 RD WAS RCVD STBD SI  
 E. 3 OTHER RDS MISSED.  
 SPD WAS 700 RPM ABOUT 50 METERS FROM NORTH BANK.  
 6. CLOSED.  
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From: Commanding General  
To: Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Subj: Task Organization; report of

Ref: (a) POW TOC Mag 220730ZApr68

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                    |              | 119/456  |
| ServCo                  |              | 6/102    |
| MP Co                   |              | 5/124    |
| Det Comm Co             |              | 1/16     |
| Det HqBn                | Phu Bai      |          |
| Det HqCo                |              | 4/19     |
| Det ServCo              |              | 1/22     |
| Det HqBn                | Dong Ha      |          |
| Det HqCo                |              | 62/220   |
| Det ServCo              |              | 11/129   |
| Det MP Co               |              | 1/39     |
| Det Comm Co             |              | 14/370   |
| Det HqBn                | III MAF BNG  |          |
| Det HqCo                |              | 0/34     |
| Det ServCo              |              | 0/4      |
| Det Comm Co             |              | 0/1      |
| Det HqBn                | Qua Viet     |          |
| Det HqCo                |              | 0/8      |
| Det Comm Co             |              | 0/3      |
| Det HqBn                | Camp Carroll |          |
| Det HqCo                |              | 0/12     |
| Det Comm Co             |              | 0/3      |

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| Det HqBn                    | Rock Pile           | 0/3    |
| Det Comm Co                 |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | Okinawa             | 0/3    |
| Det ServCo                  |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | 26th Marines        | 0/2    |
| Det HqCo                    |                     | 2/4    |
| Det ServCo                  |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | NSA DNG             | 0/1    |
| Det ServCo                  |                     | 0/4    |
| Det MP Co                   |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | Hue                 | 0/1    |
| Det ServCo                  |                     | 0/1    |
| Det MP Co                   |                     | 0/2    |
| Det Comm Co                 |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | <del>27 HOTEL</del> | 17/30  |
| Det HqCo                    |                     | 0/6    |
| Det ServCo                  |                     | 0/6    |
| Det MP Co                   |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | TAD CAM PEN         | 0/2    |
| Det ServCo                  |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | Cam Lo              | 0/3    |
| Det HqCo                    |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | VCB                 | 0/26   |
| Det Comm Co                 |                     |        |
| Det HqBn                    | Con Thien           | 0/2    |
| Det Comm Co                 |                     |        |
| ✓ <u>TASK FORCE HOTEL</u>   | VCB                 |        |
| <u>HQ Task Force Hotel</u>  | VCB                 | 25/72  |
| ✓ <u>4th Marines (Rein)</u> | Ca Lu               |        |
| <u>HqCo 4th Mar</u>         | Ca Lu               | 21/205 |
| ✓ <u>1st Bn 4th Mar</u>     | VCB                 |        |
| <u>H&amp;S Co</u>           | VCB                 | 16/325 |
| <u>A/1/4</u>                | Ca Lu               | 5/186  |
| <u>B/1/4</u>                | Pintail             | 5/182  |
| <u>C/1/4</u>                | VCB                 | 5/188  |
| <u>D/1/4</u>                | Thunder             | 5/178  |

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|-----------------------------|--------------|--------|
| ✓ <u>2d Bn 4th Mar</u>      | Gates        | 19/352 |
| H&SCo                       | Cates        | 5/173  |
| E/2/4                       | Pintail      | 5/155  |
| F/2/4                       | Cates        | 4/178  |
| H/2/4                       |              |        |
| ✓ <u>3d Bn 4th Mar</u>      | Shepherd     |        |
| H&SCo                       | Shepherd     | 18/357 |
| I/3/4                       | Parakeet     | 4/177  |
| K/3/4                       | Shepherd     | 5/179  |
| L/3/4                       | Shepherd     | 5/186  |
| M/3/4                       |              |        |
| ✓ <u>9th Marines (Rein)</u> | VCB          |        |
| HqCo                        | VCB          | 20/204 |
| ✓ <u>1st Bn 9th Mar</u>     | VCB          |        |
| H&SCo                       | VCB          | 18/290 |
| A/1/9                       | VCB          | 3/184  |
| B/1/9                       | VCB          | 5/194  |
| C/1/9                       | VCB          | 5/187  |
| D/1/9                       | VCB          | 5/183  |
| ✓ <u>2d Bn 9th Mar</u>      | KRYPTON      |        |
| H&SCo                       | KRYPTON      | 16/311 |
| E/2/9                       | KRYPTON      | 5/190  |
| F/2/9                       | MARS         | 5/161  |
| G/2/9                       | MARS         | 4/154  |
| H/2/9                       | KRYPTON      | 5/153  |
| ✓ <u>3d Bn 9th Mar</u>      | VCB          |        |
| H&SCo                       | VCB          | 17/316 |
| I/3/9                       | VCB          | 9/190  |
| K/3/9                       | VCB          | 4/217  |
| L/3/9                       | VCB          | 6/182  |
| M/3/9                       | VCB          | 5/216  |
| ✓ <u>3d Marines (Rein)</u>  | Camp Carroll |        |
| HqCo 3d Mar                 |              | 17/199 |
| ✓ <u>1st Bn 3d Mar</u>      | Rock Pile    |        |
| H&SCo                       |              | 11/285 |
| Co A                        |              | 6/189  |
| Co B                        |              | 5/183  |
| Co C                        |              | 5/191  |
| Co D                        |              | 7/201  |
| ✓ <u>2d Bn 3d Mar</u>       | Camp Carroll |        |
| H&SCo                       |              | 9/227  |
| Co E                        |              | 3/142  |

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|------------------------------|------------|--------|
| Co F                         |            | 3/129  |
| Co G                         |            | 4/145  |
| Co H                         |            | 4/149  |
| ✓ 3d Bn 3d Mar               | Razer Back |        |
| H&SCo                        |            | 16/280 |
| Co I                         |            | 4/129  |
| Co K                         |            | 6/133  |
| Co L                         |            | 5/100  |
| Co M                         |            | 5/133  |
| ✓ 1st BDE 26th Marines       | Mai Hop    |        |
| H&SCo                        |            |        |
| Co E                         |            |        |
| Co F                         |            |        |
| Co G                         |            |        |
| Co H                         |            |        |
| ✓ 1st BDE 5th INF DIV (MECH) | Dong Ha    |        |
| TF 1-11                      |            |        |
| HHC/1-11                     | Con Thien  | 17/142 |
| A/1-11                       | A-3        | 6/140  |
| B/1-11                       | Con Thien  | 6/142  |
| C/1-11                       | Con Thien  | 6/151  |
| D/1-11                       | Con Thien  | 6/147  |
| E/1-11                       | A-3        | 4/133  |
| 1/A/1-77 (M-48A2C-5)         |            | 1/18   |
| 1/G/1-77 (M-48A2C-5)         | Con Thien  | 1/19   |
| 1/A/7th Eng (M-113A1-4)      | Con Thien  | 1/36   |
| ✓ TF 1-61 (M-548-2)          | G-2        |        |
| HHC/1-61 (M-13A2A1-4)        |            | 18/169 |
| (M-113A1-11)                 |            |        |
| (M-106A1-4)                  |            |        |
| (M577A1-7)                   |            |        |
| A/1-61 (M-578-1)             | G-2        | 6/166  |
| (M548-2)                     |            |        |
| (M-113A1-15)                 |            |        |
| (M-125A1-3)                  |            |        |
| B/1-77 (M578-1)              | G-2        | 5/85   |
| (M-48A2C-17)                 |            |        |
| (M-548-2)                    |            |        |
| (M-113A1-2)                  |            |        |
| 2/A/7th Engr (M-113A1-4)     | G-2        | 1/36   |
| D/1-61 (M-113A1-7)           | DHCB       | 7/138  |
| (M-548-2)                    |            |        |
| (M-578-2)                    |            |        |
| G/1-61 (M-578-1)             | G-2        | 4/162  |
| (M-113A1-15)                 |            |        |
| (M-548-2)                    |            |        |

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|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------|
| TF 1-77                 | (M-125A1-3)  | YD 137 615   |          |
| HHC 1-77                | ARMR         |              | 16-1-150 |
| B/1-61                  | (M-578-1)    | YD 137 615   | 4-0-160  |
|                         | (M-113A1-15) |              |          |
|                         | (M-125-3)    |              |          |
|                         | (M-548-2)    |              |          |
| A/1-77(-)               | (M-113-2)    | YD 137 615   | 3-0-64   |
|                         | (M-48A2G-12) |              |          |
|                         | (M-88-1)     |              |          |
|                         | (M-548-2)    |              |          |
| G/1-77(-)               | (M-548-2)    | YD 147 604   | 4-0-68   |
|                         | (M-113-2)    |              |          |
|                         | (M-88-1)     |              |          |
| D/1-77                  | (M-548-2)    | YD 305 536   | 6-2-141  |
|                         | (M-88-1)     |              |          |
| 3/4/7th Eng             | (M-113A1-4)  | YD 137 615   | 1-0-36   |
| G/5-4 Arty (BS)         | (M-109-6)    | YD 207 596   | 8-0-127  |
| HHD/75th Bn             |              | QTCB         | 11/55    |
| 517 Mtl Det             |              |              | 14/26    |
| 407 RRD                 | (2M-113A1)   | QTCB         | 3/74     |
| A/7th Bn                | (2M-60CEV)   |              | 3/135    |
|                         | (2M-60AVLB)  |              |          |
| 532d Sig                | (12-M-113)   | QTCB         | 1/37     |
| A/4-12 OAV              | (9M-48A2G)   | DHCB         | 5/195    |
|                         | (11M-113)    |              |          |
|                         | (1-M-88)     |              |          |
|                         | (3M125A1)    |              |          |
| 86th Chem Det           |              | QTCB         | 1/5      |
| A/75th Spt              |              |              | 19/447   |
| B/75th Spt              |              |              | 9/100    |
| C/75th Spt              |              | WUNDER BEACH | 5/155    |
| D/75th Spt              |              | DHCB         | 12/246   |
| HHC 1st BDE             | (1-M578)     | QTCB         | 47/253   |
|                         | (6M-577A1)   |              |          |
|                         | (4-OH-6A)    |              |          |
|                         | (1-UH-1D)    |              |          |
| 1st AMTRACEN            |              | Cua Viet     | 27/763   |
|                         | (87-LVTP5-3) |              |          |
|                         | (3-LVTE-1)   |              |          |
|                         | (3-LVTR-1)   |              |          |
|                         | (7-LVTR-CMD) |              |          |
| 3D Plt 1st ARMD Co      |              |              |          |
|                         | (6-LVTH-6)   | Cua Viet     | 1/45     |
| 12th Marines (-) (Rein) |              | DHCB         |          |

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Hq Btry (Rein)

Det MC/4/1 (AN/MPQ/4A)  
 Det MC/10/1 (AN/MPQ/10/A)  
 Det MC/10/2 (AN/MPQ/10/A)  
 Det MC/10/3 (AN/MPQ/10/A)  
 Det MC/10/4 (AN/MPQ/10/A)  
 Det MC/25/1 (AN/TPS/25)  
 Det MC/25/2 (AN/TPS/25)  
 Det MC/25/3 (AN/TPS/25)

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Con Thien  
 Gio Linh  
 Maint Float  
 C-2  
 Camp Carroll  
 Dong Ha  
 Gio Linh  
 Camp Carroll

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1st Searchlight Btry

1st Plt

, (4-23" SLT) 4th CLEARWATER

2d Plt

(3-23" SLT) 1/5 Inf Mech  
 (2-23" SLT) 1/5 Inf Mech  
 (1-23" SLT) 1/5 Inf Mech  
 (1-23" SLT) 1/5 Inf Mech  
 (1-23" SLT) GAG-3

Dong Ha

Qua Viet  
 Qua Viet  
 Con Thien  
 Con Thien  
 C-2 Bridge  
 C-2  
 A-3  
 Cam Lo

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|-------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|
| (1-23" SLT) CAC-6                               | Cam Lo (Re-settlement ville) |        |
| 3d Plt                                          | VOB                          |        |
| (3-23" SLT) 4th Mar                             | VOB                          |        |
| (3-23" SLT) 4th Mar                             | Shepherd FSB                 |        |
| 1st 8" HOW BTRY                                 | Dong Ha                      | 8/203  |
| 1st Plt (2/8" HOW SP)                           | A-3                          |        |
| 2d Plt (2/8" HOW SP)                            | Thom Son Lam                 |        |
| 5th 155 GUN BTRY                                | LZ Sharen                    | 10/201 |
| 1st&2d Plt's (4/155MM GUNS)                     | C-3                          |        |
| 3d Plt (2/155MM GUNS)                           | Camp Carroll                 |        |
| 8" Plt (2/8" HOW SP)                            | Ca Lu                        |        |
| *SP                                             |                              |        |
| 3d Plt. Armd Amphib Co FME (6/LVTH-6a) Qua Viet |                              | 2/58   |
| 1stBn 12th Mar                                  | Camp Carroll                 | 15/156 |
| A/1/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Camp Carroll                 | 8/120  |
| B/1/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Thom Son Lam                 | 8/109  |
| C/1/12 (6-105 HOW TD)                           | Camp Carroll                 | 8/106  |
| 2dBn 12th Mar                                   | VOB                          | 15/150 |
| D/2/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Lejeune FSB                  | 7/117  |
| E/2/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Thom Son Lam                 | 8/117  |
| F/2/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Thom Son Lam                 | 8/115  |
| W/2/12 (3/4.2" MORT)                            | Lejeune FSB                  | 4/79   |
| Det W/2/12 (3/4.2" MORT)                        | Thom Son Lam                 |        |
| 3dBn 12th Mar                                   | Ca Lu                        | 14/135 |
| G/3/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Ca Lu                        | 8/127  |
| H/3/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Gates FB                     | 8/107  |
| I/3/12 (6/105 HOW TD)                           | Shepherd FSB                 | 8/119  |
| W/3/12 (3/4.2" MORT)                            | Hill 613                     | 3/76   |
| Det W/3/12 (3/4.2" MORT)                        | VOB                          |        |
| 2d Prov 155 How Btry (4/155 How TD)             | Ca Lu                        | 2/59   |
| 3d Prov 155 How Btry (6/155 How TD)             | Gates FSB                    | 3/68   |
| 4thBn 12th Mar                                  | Camp Carroll                 | 11/147 |
| K/4/12 (6/155 HOW SP)                           | Camp Carroll                 | 4/146  |
| L/4/12 (6/155 HOW SP)                           | Dong Ha                      | 4/98   |
| M/4/12 (6/155 HOW SP)                           | Thom Son Lam                 | 3/105  |
| 1st Prov 155 HOW BTRY (6/155 HOW TD)            | Camp Carroll                 | 2/63   |
| 5thBn 4th Arty (USA)                            | Dong Ha                      |        |
| A/5/4 (6/155 HOW SP)                            | C-2                          | 6/127  |
| B/5/4 (6/155 HOW SP)                            | C-1                          | 6/127  |
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| A Co (Rein) (-) (9-M48A3)             | Dong Ha      | 5/131  |
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| Det Co A 3d AT (4th Mar) (5-M50A1)    | Ca Lai       |        |
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| <u>3d Shore Party Bn</u>              | Quang Tri    |        |
| H&SCo                                 | Quang Tri    | 13/211 |
| Det H&SCo                             |              | 0/1    |
| Det H&SCo                             | Rock Pile    | 0/1    |
| A Co (-) (Rein)                       | Quang Tri    | 0/10   |
| 1st Plt Co A                          | VOB          | 0/10   |
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| Det Co A (2/3)                        | Camp Carroll | 0/2    |
| Det Co A (3/3)                        | Ragor Back   | 0/2    |
| Det H&SCo                             |              | 0/1    |
| Det Co A (1/9)                        | VOB          | 0/3    |
| B Co (-) (Rein)                       | VOB          | 3/44   |
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| C Co (-)(Rein)            | Dong Ha        | 3/60   |
| Det H&SCo                 |                | 0/30   |
| Det Co C (2/9)            | KRYPTON        | 0/2    |
| Det H&SCo                 |                | 0/1    |
| Det Co C (3/9)            | VOB            | 0/2    |
| Det H&SCo                 |                | 0/1    |
| Det Co C (2/12)           | VOB            | 0/2    |
| Det H&SCo                 |                | 0/1    |
| Det Co C (3Mar)           | Camp Carroll   | 0/2    |
| Det H&SCo                 |                | 0/1    |
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| <u>Eng Supt Co (Rein)</u> | Quang Tri      | 5/238  |
| Det Supt Co               | Dong Ha        | 0/6    |
| Det Supt Co               | Gua Xiet       | 0/1    |
| Det Supt Co               | Cam Lo         | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | Ca Lu          | 0/1    |
| Det Supt Co               | Rock Pile      | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | VOB            | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | LZ Cates       | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | G-4            | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | G-2            | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | Camp Big John  | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | A-3            | 0/2    |
| Det Supt Co               | Camp Carroll   | 0/1    |
| Det Supt Co               | Phu Bai        | 0/1    |
| <u>Co A</u>               | Dong Ha        | 2/42   |
| Det Co A                  | Ca Lu          | 1/24   |
| Det Co A                  | VOB            | 1/27   |
| Det Co A                  | Quang Tri      | 0/1    |
| Det Co A (1/26 & 3/26)    | Phu Bai/Phu Lo | 0/10   |
| Det Co A (26th Mar CP)    | Phu Bai        | 0/27   |
| Det Co A (2/4)            | LZ Cates       | 0/10   |

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| Det Co A                               | FAR Shepherd   | 0/1    |
| Co B                                   | Dong Ha        | 1/17   |
| Det Co B                               | Camp Carroll   | 1/13   |
| Det Co B                               | Kock Pile      | 1/13   |
| Det Co B                               | Quang Tri      | 0/12   |
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| Det Co B (1/3)                         |                | 0/20   |
| Det Co B                               | Kha Gia Bridge | 0/3    |
| Det Co B (3/3)                         |                | 0/14   |
| Co C                                   | Dong Ha        | 3/54   |
| Det Co C (1/9)                         |                | 0/21   |
| Det Co C (2/9)                         |                | 0/21   |
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| <u>9th MI Bn</u>                       | Dong Ha        |        |
| H&SCo                                  |                | 9/80   |
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| G Co                                   |                | 3/82   |
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| Trans Co                               |                | 4/80   |
| <u>3d MI Bn (Rein)</u>                 | Quang Tri      |        |
| H&SCo (-)                              |                | 8/82   |
| Det OTTER Plt (20-M76 OTTERS)          |                | 1/15   |
| Co A                                   |                | 3/72   |
| Co B                                   |                | 4/71   |
| Det Hq 1st 2d Plt Co C                 |                | 4/53   |
| Det OTTER Plt (2-M76 OTTERS) Cam Lo    |                | 0/5    |
| Det OTTER Plt (21-M76 OTTERS) Qua Viet |                | 0/10   |
| Co C (-)                               | Danang         | 1/8    |
| <u>3d Dental Co</u>                    |                |        |
| Det 3d Dent Co                         | Quang Tri      | 12/24  |
| Det 3d Dent Co                         | Dong Ha        | 8/16   |
| Det 3d Dent Co                         | Qua Viet       | 1/2    |
| Det 3d Dent Co                         | Camp Carroll   | 1/2    |
| Det 3d Dent Co                         | Danang         | 1/0    |
| <u>3d Med Bn (-)(Rein)</u>             | Quang Tri      | 30/334 |
| H&SCo (-)(Rein) ATT M.U.S.T. #2        |                |        |
| ATTN 27 INT                            |                |        |
| Co A                                   |                |        |
| Co B                                   |                |        |
| Co C                                   |                |        |
| Co D (Rein)                            | Dong Ha        | 12/8   |

P. O. *Sanford*  
 P. O. SANFORD  
 By direction

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 DRAFTER 30 MARINE DIVISION  
 SEC 0-3 PHONE 011600H

SHOVE CJC

OP 011600H

G-3 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

DCPO

APO

ACTION

IMMEDIATE 020200Z ZSEP68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV

TO: CG TF HOTEL

FIRST BDE FIFTH INF

INFO: THIRD MARDIV (PRIORITY LESS ACTION ADDRESS)

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EFF 011600H SEP68 CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMED OPCON M/3/9 FROM CG TF

HOTEL AND SAME DTG PASSED OPCON TO FIRST BDE FIFTH INF (MECH).

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CON 020200Z

REL BY

J. M. Ryan

020200Z SEPT, C-3

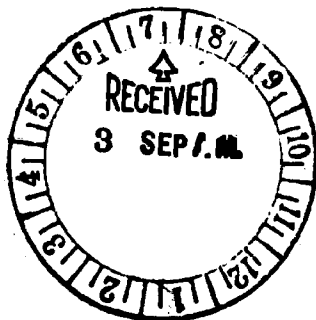
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OP CHIEF

G-3 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

DOPD

APO

ACTION

DE TFH AND MATE HERE WITH MY NR 026...006....

K  
ZNY 55555  
O 020210Z SEPT 68  
FM CG TASK FORCE HOTEL  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
O 020140Z SEPT 68  
FM FOURTH MARINES  
TO TASK FORCE HOTEL  
BT

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SECURITY COMMUNICATIONS FOR PENDING COMBAT OPERATIONS (S)

1. A REGIMENTAL SIZED OPERATION IS PLANNED IN THE LANG VEI, KHE SANH AREA. THIS CONCEPT OF THE OPERATION HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE C3T THIRD MARDIV AND IS TENTATIVELY SET TO COMMENCE 07A 5 SEPT 68.

2. DUE TO THE PROXIMITY OF LAOS AND THE RECENT SUSPECTED ENEMY MONITORING AND JAMMING OF TACTICAL RADIO NETS, THE REQUIREMENT FOR SECURE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS IS CONSIDERED PARAMOUNT. THE RUGGED TERRAIN IN THIS AREA AND THE NECESSITY FOR TACTICAL MOBILITY PROHIBIT THE INSERTION OF MRC-110/MRC-109 RADIO VEHICLES.

3. ACCORDINGLY IT IS REQUESTED THAT SIX PRC-77 RADIOS BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THIS OPERATION. EQUIPMENT TO BE MADE AVAILABLE ON 4 SEPT 68. THIS REGT IS AWARE THAT THE NINTH MAR ARE USING THE PRC-77 IN A TEST STATUS AND WILL LEND FULL COOPERATION IN THE FURNISHING OF REQUIRED DATA AT THE CONCLUSION OF THIS OPERATION.

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BT 020210Z SEPT

A-CEO

3/2/COC/COMM CO

020210Z SEPT 68

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**SHOVE LUC**

OP CHIEF

G-3 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

DOPO

CAPO

**ACTION***Clearwater*

RNNVVV VPB3220ZVA 6770399  
 PP RUMHVP  
 ZNY CCCCC  
 PTTCZYUW RUMHVP000016 2460435-CCCC--RUMHVP.  
 P 220308Z SEPT 68

FM CTF CLEARWATER  
 TO ZEN/CG XVIV CORPS  
 INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 RUMHVP/CG FIRST ANTRAC BN  
 ZEN/CGR DONG HA RIVSECGRU  
 RUMUGKO/COMNAVFORV

*020931/B/322***CONFIDENTIAL**

DESTRUCTION OF AMBUSH SITE (C)

1. (C) MY LOC VILLAGE VIC YD 305679 ON CUA VIET RIVER WAS SITE OF ENEMY AMBUSH ON RIVER PATROL BOATS ON 26 AUG AND 1 SEP 68. AREA ALSO ADJACENT TO MINING ATTEMPTS 27 JUL, 2 AND 23 AUG 68. RESULTS

1 US KIA, 7 US WIA. NO KNOWN ENEMY CASUALTIES.

2. (C) MY LOC VILLAGE WAS HEAVILY BOMBED BY US FORCES IN JANUARY 68 AGAINST 1200 DUG-IN NVA IN AREA. VILLAGE NOW CONSISTS OF PARTIALLY DESTROYED STUCCO HOUSES AND A FEW REMAINING BUNKERS WHICH PROVIDE EXCELLENT AMBUSH SITES, WELL CONCEALED AND SECURE.

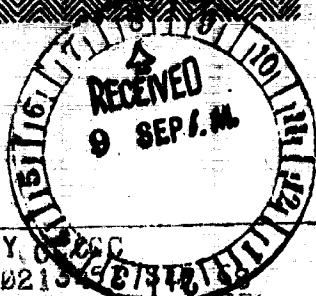
VN CIVILIANS FORMERLY LIVING IN MY LOC HAVE SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN RELOCATED.  
 3. (C) RECOMMEND REMAINING STRUCTURES IN MY LOC BE DESTROYED AND AREA LEVELLED. CG 1ST ANTRAC BN CONCURS.

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*020308Z Aug 68**C-LOC 2/3**encl 13***CONFIDENTIAL**

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**SHOVE CUC**

OP CHIEF

G-3 W O.

G-2 W O.

G-1 W O.

APO

ACTION

*Clearwater file*

ZNY  
P 021345Z SEP 66  
FM JCIF CLEARWATER  
TO ZEN/CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO RUMUGD/COMNAVFORV  
RUMF GA/COMNAVSUPPACT DAWANG  
RUMH VP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
RUMHLA/CG FIRST AMTRAC BN  
ZEN/CDR DONG HA RIVSEC GRU  
ZEN/CDR HUE RIVSEC GRU  
RUMFSA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT FIVE  
RUMUHE/FIRST COASTAL ZONE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER  
RUMDNI/MLO QUANG TRI  
ZEN/PBR MSB ONE TAN MY  
RUMDNA/SA SECOND ARVN DIVISION  
BT

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

INTSUM 36168 (U)

A. MY 281216Z AUG 66, INTSUM 35 68

B. MY240656Z AUG 66, INTSUM 33 68

C. (C) AT 012200H SEP 66 PBR 66 RECD 3 4 B 40 RDS VIC YD 306679. PBR 66

PAGE TWO RUMFGB0012 C O N F I D E N T I A L

WAS TRAVELING WEST AT APPROX 700 RPM, 50 METERS FROM BEACH WHEN 1 ROCKET

HIT STBD SIDE GUN RACK, DESTROYING RACK AND GUNS. DAMAGE TO PBR WAS ABOVE WATER LINE. MARINE RECONNA AREA 2 SEP AND FOUND ONE (1) NVA CARTRIDGE BELT (WITH STAR ON IT) AND 20 AIMING SWINE VIC YD 306680. AIMING STICKS WERE 8 TO 10 FT APART AND MIDDLE STICK WAS ON A SMALL WASS SUPPORTED WITH A PILE OF ROCKS.

2. (C) AT 021740H PBR 48 OBSERVED C RATION BOX FLOATING VIC YD 281655. THE BOX LOOKED SUSPICIOUS BECAUSE IT WAS HEAVILY WATERLOGGED BUT STILL FLOATING. THE PBR THREW CONCUSSION GRENADE AT BOX WHEN 40 FT AWAY AND TRAVELING AT MAX SPEED. WHEN PBR WAS 75 TO 100 YDS FROM BOX, GRENADE EXPLODED CAUSING SECONDARY EXPLOSION THAT SENT WATER COLUMN APPROX 150 FT INTO AIR AND ALSO CAUSING MODERATE DAMAGE TO PBR. COMMENT: (AL EOD INSPECTED AREA WITH NEG RESULTS. EVALUATE SECONDARY EXPLOSION TO BE CONTACT WATER MINE, PROBABLY ONE OF 4 MINES MENTIONED IN REF A. THIS EVALUATION SUPPORTED BY REF B, WHICH REPORTED LUPL 28 HITTING FLOATING/

MOORED MINE. (B) THIS INDICATES INCREASED ENEMY INTENTIONS TO CLOSE CUA VIET DONG HA LOC. APITERD IS FOLLOWING TREND SET JUST PRIOR TO GET MOVING SLOWLY WESTWARD (W INTSUM 34 66 PARA 2 B APPLYS).

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~~SECRET~~ ~~GENINT~~ G-3 PLANS

Postal Message # 1742  
 From : Hq 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div / 11<sup>th</sup> Div TA IG 3.  
 To : Quang Tri Sector.  
 Inform: 3<sup>d</sup> Marine Div.  
 I. Hq 11<sup>th</sup> DTA ~~decide~~ : decision  
 II Sectors:

- Recheck with sub-sector and in combination with Allied Forces in local area in order to ~~make~~ make the protection project for next <sup>Rice</sup> crop.

- During the using of crop protection project Any Request <sup>for</sup> of Reinforcement of DTA and US <sup>forces</sup> forces, the sectors must report to DTA Hq ~~in~~ ~~about~~ for ~~solving~~ solving.

3/ When the ~~the~~ project of Sector, <sup>protection</sup> ~~starting~~ <sup>in Div</sup>, COC take charge of briefing about the status of ~~the~~ Rice in the evening brief - after the brief about the activities of units.

4/ In order to confirm the Tel Con between Lt Col G-3 off with Major, Chief of Staff of Thien Thien, Quang Tri Sectors in the morning of 3 Sep 68  
 KBC 4895 - 3 Sep 68

Bridg General Ngô Quang Trung  
 Ch 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div / 11<sup>th</sup> Div TA.

Col Trần Văn Cẩm  
 Chief of Staff -

Encl 15

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TỔNG QUẢN LÝ

NƠI GỬI : -BỘ TƯ-LỆNH SĐI/KHU 11/CT/PHÒNG 3  
NƠI NHẬN : -TIỂU-KHU QUẢNG-TRỊ  
 -TIỂU-KHU THỪA-THIỆN  
 -TTHQ/SĐI/KHU 11/CT  
THÔNG BÁO : -BTL/ĐD/VICT/PHÒNG 3  
 -BTL/QUÂN-ĐOÀN 24/HOA-KỲ  
 -SƯ-ĐOÀN I VÀ TQI/KBKV/HOA-KỲ  
 -SƯ-ĐOÀN I VÀ TQI/C/HOA-KỲ  
 -TRUNG-ĐOÀN I + 2 + 3 + 54/BB  
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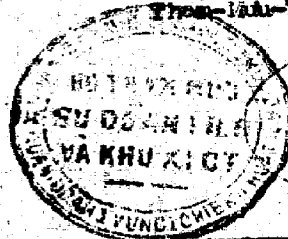
Thứ 1 , Nhận thấy vụ mùa lúa các tháng sắp đến không phải  
 là vụ mùa chính, số lúa dự trữ gặt cũng ít hơn, lúa chín không  
 đều, thời-gian gặt không đồng nhất /Do đó BTL/K11CT quyết  
 định /

Thứ 2 + Các Tiểu-Khu :  
 a/-Xem xét lại với các Chi-Khu và phối-hợp với lực-lượng ban  
 địa-phương thiết-lập kế-hoạch bảo-vệ mùa lúa tới /Đề  
 trình BTL/K11/CT kế-hoạch chi-tiết trước ngày 8/9/1968 /  
 để theo dõi, đôn-đốc và yểm-trợ khi cần-thiết /  
 b/-Báo-cáo :  
 -Ngày khởi-điểm kế-hoạch /  
 -Ngày chấm dứt kế-hoạch /  
 -Tình-trạng gặt lúa hàng ngày theo mẫu đính kèm về TTHQ/  
 và Phòng 3/Khu 11CT trước 1500H cho ngày hôm trước /  
 c/-Trong suốt thời-gian áp-dụng kế-hoạch bảo-vệ mùa lúa, nếu  
 có trở ngại, đề-nghị hoặc cần xin tăng-cường lực-lượng của  
 Khu CT hoặc Hoa-Kỳ, các Tiểu-Khu phải trình BTL/KhuCT với  
 đầy đủ yếu-tố cần-thiết để xét giải-quyết hoặc yểm-trợ /

Thứ 3 + Khi kế-hoạch các Tiểu-Khu khởi điểm /Hàng ngày TTHQ/ĐD phụ-  
 trách thuyết-trình <sup>vụ trình trạng</sup> gặt lúa trong buổi thuyết-trình buổi chiều,  
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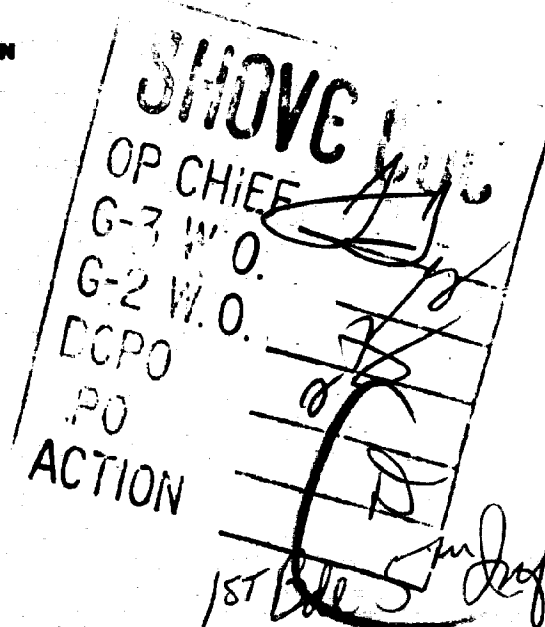
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 03/9/1968 + HẾT +

KĐC.4.895, ngày 03 tháng 9 năm 1968  
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Rice Denial  
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DE RUMSARC 3 2470908

ZNY SSSSS

O 030840Z SEP 68

FM HORN DASC DNG RVN

TO RUMSAR/7AF TACC TSN AB RVN

RUMLMPE/3RD MAR DONG HA RVN

BT

SECRET/HORN DASC SEP 68. FOR AIR LIAISON OFFICER, 1ST BDE  
5TH DIV (MECH) AT 3RD MAR DIV. SUBJ: (U) USE OF BAKY FACS IN  
THE DMZ.

1. REFERENCE 7AF TACC MSG 010435Z SEP 68.

2. IN ADDITION TO THE KENTUCK AO, THE 1ST BDE 3 DIV (M CH) HAS  
ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO WHICH HAS BEEN REALIGNED  
TO EXTEND NORTH TO THE DMZ. CURRENTLY THE 1/5 BDE IS OPERATING IN  
THE DMZ SOUTH OF BEN HAI RIVER AND NORTH OF THE NAPOLEON SALINE AO.  
INDICATIONS ARE THAT FURTHER OPERATIONS OF THE 1/5 BDE MAY INCLUDE  
ANY AREA IN THE DMZ SO DESIGNATED BY THE 3RDMAR DIV.

3. IN LIGHT OF THE MOST RECENT CHANGE AND TO PR  
CIDE STANDARDIZED

PROCEDURES FOR ALL FUTURE CHANGES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE REACTION,  
BARKS FACS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT ALL US ARMY GRND FORCES  
OPERATING IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER FOR AS LONG AS THESE  
FORCES REQUIRE THEIR ASSISTANCE.

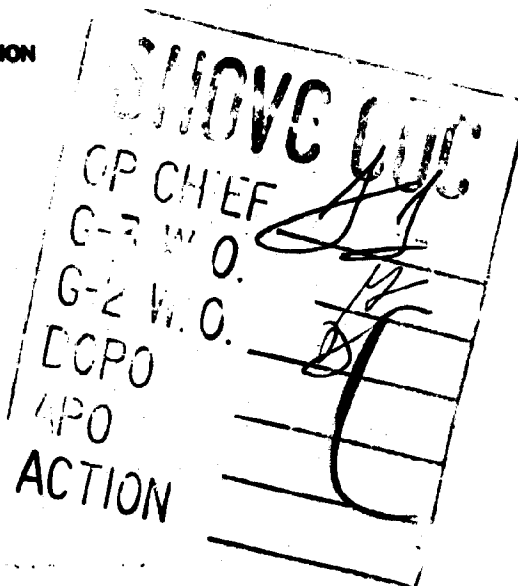
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 FM CG III MAF  
 TO RUHFMMA/CG FMFPAC HAW  
 INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA  
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG  
 RUABLG/CG NINTH MAB OKI  
 BT

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ADCON SHIFT OF MAR UNITS (U)

A. CG III MAF 250024Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A RECOMMENDED HOLDING ACTION TRAVS OF ADCON OF 2/3  
 TO 3D MARDIV UNTIL REALIGNMENT OF IMARIE UNITS WAS EFFECTED.  
 THIS WAS PLANNED ON REDEPLOYMENT OF 27TH MAR TO CONUS, ON  
 OR ABOUT 10 SEP 68. SUCH REALIGNMENT NOW EFFECTED, WITH  
 1/1, 2/1 NOW IN 1ST MAR DIV AO. 2/3 REMAINS IN 3D MAR DIV  
 AO. ADDITIONALLY 1/26 AND 3/26 ARE NOW WITHIN 1ST MAR DIV AO  
 OPCON TO 1ST MAR DIV. IT IS CONSIDERED LOGICAL AND NECESSARY  
 THAT ADCON OF 1/26 AND 3/26 BE WITH 1ST MARDIV.

2. BASED ON FOREGOING, REQ SHIFT ADCON 2/3 TO 3D MAR DIV AND  
 1/26, 3/26 TO 1ST MAR DIV. GP-4

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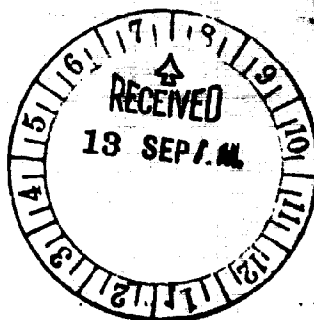
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FCZIO SPOT REPORT NO 2

1. FOL INFO RECD FM REGISTERED INTELLIGENCE SOURCE

A. QUANG TRI PROVINCE

(1) SOURCE 1002 RPTD THAT ON ABOUT 02 SEP 68, 1 VC CO MOVED INTO VIC YD285690. THE CO WAS ARMED WITH 2 60MM MORTS, 8 B-40'S, 4 M-79'S AND 2 MGS. MSN: PLAN TO ATK FRDY WATERBORNE UNITS, ESPECIALLY US PATROL BOATS, ON CUA VIET RIVER. FCZIO CMT: EVAL (C/3) SOURCE 1002 RPTD THAT 9 VC WITH 4 MINES WEIGHING 50 KILOS EACH WERE OPERATING VIC YD289671 WITH THE MSN OF DEST THE DREDGE VIC YD297660 (FCZIO 290810Z AUG 68 REFERS). SOURCE 1004 RPTD THAT A VC SPECIAL DUTY SQD WITH 4 30 KILO MINES RECENTLY MOVED FM VIC YD3231 TO VIC YD3169 WITH THE MSN OF MINING TRAFFIC ON CUA VIET RIVE

(FCZIO 010320Z SEP 68 REFERS). AT 012200H SEP 68, A PBR RECD 3-4 B-40 RDS VIC YD306679. AT 021740H A PBR DETONATED A ROBABLE WATER MINE WITH A CONCUSSION GRENADE VIC YD281655. W(CTF CLEARWATER 021345Z SEP 68 REFERS).

(2) FOR COMNAVFORV. INFO ON AGENT TASKING PASEP.

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TO  
G-3 **MEMORANDUM**

FOR COE

3 Sept 68

SUBJ:

Pass to 4th Mar by msg  
the requirement that they  
clean up area on their  
operations on the Saiki area.  
See General's comment.

VP/wmc

Re: msg sent directing  
4th Mar to clean up (the) area.  
bunker and trap. T.F.H. info.  
as they will probably improve any  
attempt to trust. R. M. 11th

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9/3 G-3  
FROM: COMMANDING OFFICER, THIRD BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES  
TO: COMMANDING OFFICER, FOURTH MARINES  
*to pull out Marines to clean up on next opn to west. (10 sep?) P#D*

SUBJ: ORDNANCE LOCATED ON HILL 471

AS PRIME ELEMENTS 1ST MARINES WERE PULLING BACK FROM KHE SANH C.B. AND SURROUNDING HILL POSITIONS DURING 1-6 JULY 1968, K/3/4 WAS OPCON 2/1 AND ASSIGNED DEFENSIVE POSITION HILL 471. THIS POSITION HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN OCCUPIED BY G/2/3, ALSO OPCON 2/1. ON ADMINISTRATIVE VISIT PRIOR TO PULL OFF HILL 471, CO "K" CO. INFORMED ME OF LARGE AMOUNT AMMO REQUIRING RETROGRADE. CO "K" CO. WAS INFORMED TO PASS INFO TO CO 2/1 IN ORDER TO FRAG NECESSARY CHOPPERS TO LIFT OUT AMMO. ON EVENING 5 JULY, "K" CO. RETURNED OPCON 3/4 AT 1800. 2/1 COMMENCED MOVEMENT ALONG RT 9 TO CA LU FOR HELO-PICK-UP TO NAP/SAL AO. ON 6 JULY, "K" CO INFORMED TO STAND BY FOR HELO-LIFT ON 30 MINUTE NOTICE, BUT ALSO TO MAINTAIN DEFENSIVE POSTURE. AT 1600H "K" CO INFORMED HELO LIFT WOULD COMMENCE IN 05 MINUTES. "K" CO. COMMENCED DESTRUCTION OF BUNKERS BUT DID NOT DESTROY ALL BECAUSE OF SHORT NOTICE. UPON ARRIVAL "K" CO., LZ HAWK, CO "K" CO. INFORMED CO 3/4 THAT LARGE AMOUNT OF GEAR REMAINED. HE STATED THAT CO 2/1 HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO FRAG HELOS FOR 6-8 EXTERNALS CLASS 5. HE WAS INFORMED THAT PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL KSCB. THIS NEVER CAME TO PASS. IN VIEW OF LARGE QUANTITY OF CLASS 5 REMAINING ON HILL 471, CO 3/4 DIRECTED TPQ'S AND TOT HE FIRED TO DESTROY REMAINING POSITION AND CLASS 5. APPARENTLY POSITIONS WERE STRONGER THAN ANTICIPATED AND LARGE QUANTITY CLASS 5 REMAINS INTACT. ANY EFFORT TO RECOVER CLASS 5 AT PRESENT TIME WILL REQUIRE USE OF HELOS AND CARGO NETS TO LIFT OUT ESTIMATED 6-8 EXTERNAL LOADS. COMPLETE POLICE OF AREA ESTIMATED TO TAKE, AT MINIMUM 2 DAYS. POSITION LESS THAN 2000 METERS FROM MAXIMUM RANGE 105 HOWITZER. REQUEST ADVISE.

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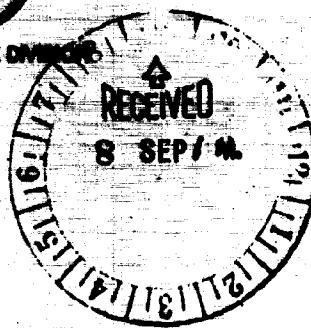
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PRIORITY/INFO ADDRES

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

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CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: KHE SANH PLATEAU AND LANG VEI AREA

- A. THIRD MARDIV LOI 1-67 (TOTAL)
- B. THIRD MARDIV OP PLAN 21-68
- C. THIRD MARDIV ORD P2000.4C (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 SUPPORT AS REQUESTED.
- (3) 1ST MAW PROVIDES HELICOPTER AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.

## 2. MISSION

TASK FORCE HOTEL CONDUCTS MULTI-BN OPERATION IN WESTERN SCOTLAND IN AO IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH TWO ARVN BNS TO DETERMINE PRESENT OF ENEMY ACTIVITY AND TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY THE ENEMY IN THE WESTERN SCOTLAND AO (1500, LANG VEI, HILLS 881N, 881S, 689, 881 AND 558).

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

PHASE I. ALL RECONNAISSANCE MEANS AND AGENCIES AVAILABLE WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE LOCATION, SIZE AND DISPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES.

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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 VEI 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 884H, 884B, 884 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. DURATION OF OP: 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.
5. WITH EXTENSIVE USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS FROM THE VICINITY

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6. PLAN EXTENSIVE USE OF SUPPORTING ARMS TO PREP LZ'S AND TO ENTER LZ'S.
7. CLOSE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WILL BE EXERCISED WITH ARVN FORCES.
8. ALTERNATE PLANS FOR EXTRACTION OTHER THAN BY AIR WILL BE PREPARED.
9. DDI IN AUTH ALCON.
4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT WILL BE FROM VANDERHIFT 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  
 70: 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  
 FLSC BRAVO  
 TWENTY-SIXTH GSG (QTCB)

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REF: A. OPPLAN 21-68

B. LOI 1-67

CONCEPT OF OPERATION: ARMOR ATK IN DMZ

# 1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY. INCREASED EVIDENCE OF ENEMY GROUND, ARTILLERY AND MORTAR ACTIVITY IN VICINITY OF BEN HAI RIVER IN SOUTHERN HALF OF EASTERN DMZ. KNOWN INFILTRATION ROUTES ACROSS BEN HAI RIVER. SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS.

## B. FRIENDLY.

- (1) 2D ARVN REGT EXECUTES ATTACK NORTH OF A-2 ON D-DAY.
- (2) 1ST MAW PROVIDES ROTARY AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT.
- (3) CTU 70.8.9 PROVIDES NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT.
- (4) COMUSMACV APPROVES AND PROVIDES MINIMUM OF 4 ARC LIGHTS IN SOUTHERN HALF OF DMZ.

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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 EASTERN DMZ TO THE BEN HAI RIVER AND EXPLOITS ARC LIGHT STRIKES.

3. CONCEPT. FIRST BRIGADE (-) (REIN) CONDUCTS AN ARMOR ATTACK WITH THREE TASK FORCES; ONE TANK HEAVY, ONE MECHANIZED INFANTRY HEAVY, AND ONE ARMORED CAVALRY INTO THE DMZ TO THE BEN HAI RIVER. THE ATTACK WILL BE IN TWO PHASES.

A. PHASE I. AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY TASK FORCE ALPHA (TANK HEAVY) AND TASK FORCE BRAVO (MECH INF HEAVY) ADVANCE <sup>NE</sup> FROM ASSEMBLY AREA SOUTH OF CON THIEN, CROSS LD AT RJ TIGER AND ATTACK ALONG AN AXIS OF ADVANCE TO THE NE TO SEIZE OBJECTIVE 1 AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN ZONE. TASK FORCE CHARLIE (ARMORED CAVALRY) MOVES INTO ASSEMBLY AREA VICINITY A-3 TO ASSIST DURING PHASE II. 2D ARVN REGT CONDUCTS ATTACK NE OF A-2. EDE FORCES AT A-3 CONDUCT DIVERSION NE OF A-3.

B. PHASE II. UPON SECURING OBJECTIVE 1, AND ON ORDER, TASK FORCE ALPHA AND BRAVO EXECUTE TURNING MOVEMENT SE, AROUND A-2, AND WITHDRAW SOUTH ALONG HWY 1. EDE FORCES AT A-3 SUPPORT WITHDRAWAL BY FIRE. TROOP "A", 4/12 CAV (-) (REIN) SCREENS WITHDRAWAL.

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**SECRET****4. EXECUTION.****(A) 1ST BDE.**

- (1) BE PREPARED ~~TO RECEIVE~~ OPCON 1-RIFLE COMPANY, 9TH MARINES TO SECURE POSITIONS UNCOVERED DUE TO MOVEMENT OF TASK FORCES.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE ONE TANK CO, 3D TANK BN IN DIRECT SUPPORT FOR SECURITY MISSION ON C-3 BRIDGE DURING OPERATION.
- (3) CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR KENTUCKY AO.
- (4) BE PREPARED TO EXTEND KENTUCKY BOUNDARY INTO THE 2D ARVN REGT AO IN VICINITY OF A-2 DURING OPN. RECOMMEND EXTENSION TO THIS HQ ASAP SO CONSENT OF 2D ARVN REGT MAY BE OBTAINED.
- (5) DEVELOP DETAILED PLAN FOR ARMOR ATTACK BY 10 SEPT. ?

**(B) NINTH MARINES.**

- (1) BE PREPARED TO CHOP ONE RIFLE COMPANY TO BDE ON D-1 FOR DURATION OF OPN.

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(C) TWELFTH MARINES.

- (1) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF ARTY FIRE SUPPORT PLAN.
- (2) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE REQUIRED G/S AND D/S FIRES IN AND NORTH OF DMZ.

(D) THIRD TANK BN.

- (1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ONE TANK COMPANY DIRECT SUPPORT TO BDE ON D-1 FOR DURATION OF OPN.

(E) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) H-HOUR, D-DAY: TLA (EST ABOUT 1 SEPT).
- (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 ADVISE CLEARANCE TO ENTER DMZ PRIOR TO OPN.
- (6) DIRLMAUTH ALCON.

5. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. MARINE CORPS LOGISTICS SUPPORT WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ~~REFERENCES~~ <sup>REFERENCES</sup> AND B. ARMY SUPPORT WILL BE LAW CURRENT US ARMY REGS AND AS PROVIDED BY 26TH GSG (QTCEB).

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO: CG III MAF

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A. CG III MAF 251404Z JUN (TS)

1. INCREASED ENEMY GROUND, ARTILLERY, AND MORTAR ACTIVITY IN THE EASTERN DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER POINT TO THE NEED TO CONDUCT GROUND OFFENSIVE IN CONJUNCTION WITH ARC LIGHT TO COUNTER THIS THREAT.

2. ACCORDINGLY, THIS DIVISION IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2D ARVN REGT PLANS ATTACK OF ONE-DAYS DURATION INTO EASTERN DMZ NORTH <sup>\*</sup><sub>TO</sub> BEN HAI RIVER. SCHEME OF MANEUVER CALLS FOR EXPLOITATION OF ARC LIGHT STRIKES BY BN-SIZE ARMORED ATTACK ALONG NORTH EAST AXIS OF ADVANCE TO KINH MON AND TAN MON. 2D ARVN REGT SIMULTANEOUSLY EXECUTS BN SIZE ARMORED ATTACK INTO SOUTHERN DMZ TO EAST OF 3D MAR DIV FORCE. BOTH 3D MARDIV AND 2D ARVN FORCES WITHDRAW TO POSITIONS SOUTH OF DMZ PRIOR TO NIGHTFALL D-DAY.

3. D-DAY AND H-HOUR ESTIMATED 120700H SLP BUT WILL BE ADJUSTED TO FOLLOW CLOSELY REQUESTED ARC LIGHTS TO OBTAIN MAXIMUM SHOCK ACTION.

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4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO  
ENTER DMZ SOUTH OF BEN HAI RIVER TO ACCOMPLISH ABOVE  
MISSION.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG FIRST ARVN DIV

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RE: JUST FOR BOUNDARY CHANGE, NAPOLEON/SALINE AO.

A. CONFERENCE CO, FIRST ARVN REGT/G-3 PLANS SECTION 3D MARDIV OF  
 24 AUG UST 1968

1. DURING THE COURSE OF REF (A) THE CG 1ST ARVN REGT INDICATED HIS WILLINGNESS TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT PORTION OF THE NAPOLEON/SALINE AO DESCRIBED BELOW SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE OF CG 1ST ARVN DIV.
2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE IT IS REQUESTED THAT CG XXIV CORPS TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO SECURE THE CONCURRENCE OF CG 1ST ARVN DIV AND AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER TO 1ST ARVN REGT OF THAT PORTION OF THE NAPOLEON/SALINE AO SOUTH OF THE CUA VIET RIVER AND SOUTH WEST OF DAM CHU CHUA CREEK FROM HL POINT WHERE THE CREEK COINCIDES WITH THE PRESENT BOUNDARY AT YD 340640.
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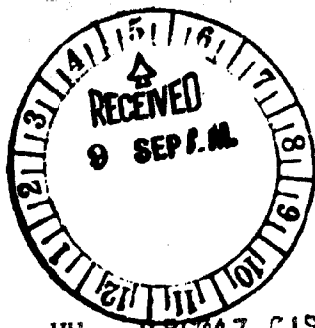
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AREA OF OPNS (AO) (D)

1. IN PAST ACTIONS, CG ICTZ HAS APPR AO'S AND TAOR'S MAKING AVAIL FOR US FORCES GROUND OPNS ALMOST ENTIRE LAND MASS INCLUDING THUA THIEN/QUANG TRI PVNCS-- I.E., XXIV CORPS TAOI.
2. WITH CONTINUING OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS AND REDISTRIBUTION OF FORCES, PROBLEMS OF PROPER COORDINATION INVOLVING PRECISE AO BOUNDARIES, TIME LIMITS OF AO'S AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR AREAS APPROACH UNMANAGEABLE PROPORTIONS.
3. PROPOSE, THEREFORE, THAT A XXIV CORPS AO BE ESTAB TO INCL ALL AREA

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WITHIN XXIV CORPS TAOI, SAVE THE PHU BAI TAOR, IMMEDIATE RUE CITY AREA, AREA IN VICINITY OF NAPOLEON/SALINE AOO CURRENTLY CONTROLLED BY 1ST ARVN DIV AND RD AREAS CONTROLLED BY ARVN.

4. SHOULD YOU CONCUR IN THIS PROPOSAL, BOUNDARIES OF XXIV CORPS AO CAN BE COORD BETWEEN XXIV CORPS AND WITH DIA AND THEN FWD TO THIS HQ FOR SUBM TO CG ICTZ FOR FORMAL APPROVAL.

5. SUCH ARRANGEMENT WILL PERMIT REVIEWING ENTIRE AO ONCE EACH SIXTY DAYS RATHER THAN RENEWING SEPARATE AO'S AND WILL FACILITATE YOUR DIRECT ASSIGNMENT OF INDIVIDUAL AO'S FOR OPNS WITHIN YOUR TAOI.

6. IT WILL STILL BE NECESSARY TO RPT DIV BOUNDARIES AND AO'S OF SEPARATE OPNS IN ORDER TO ENSURE PROPER COORD OF SUPPORTING ARMS, AND REPORTING TO MACV HOWEVER, ESTAB OF THE XXIV CORPS AO SHOULD REDUCE THE COORD PROBLEM.

7. REP THIS HQ WILL BE AVAIL TO MEET WITH YOUR REP TO WORK OUT DETAILS AT TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED BY YOU.

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HEADQUARTERS  
3D MARINE DIVISION FMFG-3**MEMORANDUM**FOR *Plans Ops*7 Sep 68

SUBJ:

1. CO, 3d Marines discussed this with me 6 Sep when I saw him.
  2. For your info, this is all probability will be how 3d Marines will operate during monsoon.
1. Advantages 1 and 3 are not compatible.
  2. The availability of LRP Nations is questionable

*Wespy  
L. Schulte**EPJ*

**COURSE OF ACTION I: (AUTUMN MONSOON PERIOD)**

ESTABLISH THREE BATTALION AO'S ON A NORTHWEST-SOUTHEAST AXIS. EACH BATTALION MAINTAINS MINIMUM OF TWO COMPANIES ON FIVE DAY COMPANY PATROL BASE OPERATIONS IN THEIR AO.

**ADVANTAGES:**

- (1) THOROUGH COVERAGE OF AO WITH DEEP COMBAT PATROLS
- (2) CONTINUING FOOT MOBILITY EVEN IN INCLEMENT WEATHER
- (3) LACK OF DEPENDENCY ON HELICOPTER EXCEPT FOR MED-EVAC
- (4) FIVE-DAY LONG RANGE PATROL RATIONS ALLEVIATE RESUPPLY
- (5) RIVER CROSSING OF CAN LO RIVER REQUIRES FOOT BRIDGING ONLY
- (6) CONSTANT ROTATION OF COMPANIES FOR MONSOON REHABILITATION

**DISADVANTAGES:**

- (1) IN ADEQUATE REINFORCEMENT DURING INCLEMENT WEATHER
- (2) MAINTENANCE OF FOOT BRIDGES ACROSS THE CAN LO RIVER

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CHANGE OF ADCON (U)

A. CG III MAF 031306 Z/ SEP68

1. REF A RECOMMENDED CHANGE OF ADCON FOR 1/26, 3/26 AND 2/3 IN ORDER TO ALIGN ADCON AND OPCON OF UNITS RECENTLY RELOCATED IN RVN.

2. REQUEST FOLLOWING CHANGES BE MADE EFFECTIVE 102400H SEP68:

A. FOR CG, FIRST MARDIV: CHANGE ADCON TWO SLANT THREE (2/3) TO THIRD MARDIV.

B. FOR CG, THIRD MARDIV: CHANGE ADCON ONE SLANT TWO SIX (1/26) AND THREE SLANT TWO SIX (3/26) TO FIRST MARDIV.

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RUMUGFA/COMNAVFORV REP DNG

RUMLM P

/CG FORLOGCMD DNG

RUMLJH/CG USA SUPP COM DNG

RUMHGK/CG SECOND POWCOMBEIHOI AN

INKO RUMLEPF/CGMFI CS C

V DIV AMEL CP EVANS

RUMLEP/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV AMEL CP EAGLE

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA

RUMUFOA/COMNAV SUPPACT DNG

RUMUGA/THREE NCB DNG

RUMHLA/FOUR FIVE ENGR GROUP DNG

RUMLDNA/DSA I CORPS DNG

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PRIORITY OF EFFORT FOR NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS

A. ICCI 3145.2

1. REPORTS ON EFFECTS OF TYPHOON BESS INDICATE THAT FLOODING IS OCCURRING FROM DANANG TAOR TO DMZ. INCOMPLETE REPORTS ALREADY SHOW THAT LAND LOC'S HAVE SUFFERED SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE. AS FLOOD WATERS REcede TIT IS EXPECTED THAT TOTAL EFFECTS OF FLOOD AND WIND WILL REQUIRE MAJOR EFFORT TO RESTORE ESSENTIAL LOC'S AND FACILITIES AND REESTABLISH STOCK LEVELS.

2. REF A PROVIDES POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF OPERATIONS IN ICTZ. PLIF OF NATURAL DISASTER OPERATIONS TAKES PRIORITY OVER BASE DEVELOPMENT AND ALL PROJECTS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO COMBAT SUPPORT. EMERGENCY NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF IS SECOND ONLY TO SUPPORTING TROOPS IN CONTACT WITH ENEMY FORCES.

3. TO PERMIT PRIORITY OF EFFORT TO BE PLACED ON THOSE MOST ESSENTIAL RELIEF OPERATIONS IN ICTZ IT IS REQUESTED THAT THIS HQ BE PROVIDED UPDATE LIST OF DAMAGE TO COMBAT ESSENTIAL LOC'S AND FACILITIES WITH RECOMMENDED PRIORITY

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FM CG TF HOTEL  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO CG FIRST MAW  
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S E C R E T

1. REGULAR HELICOPTER RESUPPLY OF OUR FORWARDMOST UNITS IS A VITAL ELEMENT OF OUR CURRENT MOBILITY, FREEDOM OF ACTION AND OVERALL OFFENSIVE POSTURE. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE MONSOON WE ARE PREPARING TO ADJUST OUR TACTICS, REALIGN SUPPLY PROCEDURES AND TAKE EVERY FEASIBLE STEP TO COMPENSATE FOR A PREDICTED DECREASE IN VOLUME OF HELICOPTER RESUPPLY THAT WE REQUIRE. HOWEVER, A CERTAIN MINIMUM LEVEL WILL CONTINUE TO BE ESSENTIAL.

2. THE TROPICAL STORM AND HEAVY RAINS OF 5 AND 6 SEPTEMBER GAVE US A PREVIEW OF WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE MONSOON AND MADE IT MANIFESTLY CLEAR THAT A SMALL DETACHMENT OF TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS, OPERATING OUT OF VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE IS A NECESSARY STEP FOR THE MONSOON. DURING THE 48 HOURS OF EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER THERE WERE LI 5 PERIODS OF ONE

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TWO TWO HOURS WHEN THE WEATHER AROUND VANDGRIFT IMPROVED TO BETTER THAN VFR MINIMUMS. IF A SMALL NUMBER OF TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS HAD BEEN PREPOSITIONED AT VANDGRIFT A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF COMBAT RESUPPLY COULD HAVE BEEN DELIVERED DURING THOSE PERIODS.

3. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT STEPS BE TAKEN TO POSITION AT VANDGRIFT ON A CONTINUING BASIS, BEGINNING 10 SEPT, A MINIMUM OF FOUR CH-46 AND 2 HUEY GUNSHIPS, THAT PACKAGE WOULD OPERATE IN GOOD WEATHER WITH THE NORMAL RESUPPLY AIRCRAFT, EXCEPT THAT IT WOULD REMAIN AT VANDGRIFT OVERNIGHT AND THUS BE AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL OPERATIONS BASED ON THE COAST. IN ADDITION, THE VANDGRIFT

PACKAGE WOULD BE LOCALLY

AVAILABLE TO EXPLOIT BREAKS IN  
THE LOCAL WEATHER AFTER THE ONSET OF THE MONSOON.

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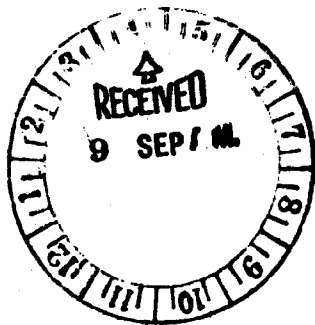
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OPCON SUPPORTING UNITS ZLT2/26 (C)  
 THIRD MARINES REQUEST OPCON OF CERTAIN SUPPORTING UNITS  
 BLT 2/26 TO ASSIST IN MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING  
 OF PERSONNEL WHILE THE BLT IS EMPLOYED IN FIELD.  
 CO, BLT 2/26 CONCURS. REQUEST THE FOLLOWING  
 UNITS BE PLACED OP CON TO UNITS IN DIRECT SUPPORT  
 THIRD MARINES.

CHOP TO

1. COMPOSITE PLATOON, 3D ENGR BN, FMF B CO, 3D ENGR BN
2. 1ST PLATOON, A CO, 5TH AT BN, FMF B CO(-), 3D TANK BN
3. COMPOSITE PLATOON, 3D RECON BN, FMF HQ CO, THIRD MARINES
4. 3D PLATOON, A CO, 5TH TANK BN, FMF B CO(-), 3D TANK BN

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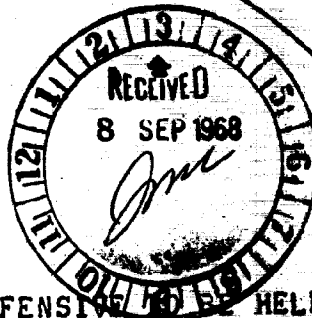
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FM CG TASK FORCE HOTEL  
TO CG THIRD MARDIV  
INFO FOURTH MARINES  
MARAIRGR1 THREE NINE  
TWELFTH MARINES  
CG FIRST MAW  
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PLANNED OPERATION

1. THIS IS PLANNING AN OFFENSIVE TO BE HELD KHE  
SA REA THIS MONTH, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY CG THIRD  
MARDIV.

2. CONCEPT. THREE BATTALIONS OF FOURTH MARINES MAKE  
HELIBORNE ATTACKS INTO HLZ APPROX SIX KILOMETERS  
SOUTHWEST OF KHE SANH AND ATTACK TO NORTHEAST.  
TWO BATTALIONS LAND ON D DAY, ONE BATTALION ON D PLUS  
ONE. SECOND ARVN REGT WITH TWO BATTALIONS LANDS ON  
D PLUS ONE OR D PLUS TWO IN SELECTED HLZ.  
3. FIRE SUPPORT. D/S FROM ONE REINFORCED BN. WITH

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4. 165MM HOWITZER BTRYS. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FROM 9 155MM  
HOWITZERS AND BY EMPLOYMENT OF HELO-LIFTED 4.2 MORTARS.  
UTILIZING FSB'S QUANTICO, HAWK, SHEPHERD, CATES AND HILL 471 OR  
ROCK PUARRY AT KSB. GENERAL SUPPORT BY 2 175MM GUNS  
AND 2 8" HOW, IN POSITION ON ROUTE 9 NORTH OF FSB SHEPHERD.  
4. AIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS, FIXED AND ROTARY WING,  
ARE BEING COMPUTED AND WILL BE SUBMITTED EARLIEST.  
AS ROUGH ESTIMATES, IT IS PLANNED TO PREP APPROX  
TWELVE LANDING ZONES WITH MINIMUM TOTAL FORTY EIGHT SORTIES.  
REQUIRE FOUR ZERP CAS SORTIES DAILY: ONE COVEY AO ABOVE  
CO ROC AND MINIMUM THREE AO'S TO SUPPORT TWO REGIMENTS AND  
WEEK AREA NORTH

ND SOUTH OF REGIMENTS ZONES OF ACTION.  
5. ESTIMATED DURATION FIVE TO SEVEN DAYS, START SPPROX  
11 OR 12 SEPT - 1534 9TH MARINES FINISHES TROUSDALE ACTION.

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TO CG THIRD MARDIV

INFO FOURTH MARINES

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ENGINEER ASSISTANCE

1. REQUEST ENGINEER ASSISTANCE TO OPEN RTE 9 FOR HEAVY TRAFFIC  
FROM CA LU TO COORD XD 945423.

2. ASSISTANCE IS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO SUPPORT A COMBAT OPERATION  
IN THE KHE SNAH AREA BEGINNING 11 SEPT 68.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG III MAF  
CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO: CG TF HOTEL

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INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPNS

- A. III MAF FO 3121.5
- B. CG XXIV COR MSG 251155Z JUL 68 (NOTAL)
- C. MY 051350Z SEP 68
- D. MY 051732Z SEP 68

1. IAW REFS A AND B YOU ARE NOTIFIED OF MY INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPERATIONS IN THE KHE SANH - LANG VEI AREA AND THE EASTERN DMZ AREA SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER. REFS B AND C DESCRIBE AND APPLY TO THESE OPERATIONS RESPECTIVELY.

2. IN VIEW OF RECENT WEATHER, DATES CONTAINED IN REFS C AND D ARE UNREALISTIC. EST DMZ CAN BE EXECUTED APPROX 15 SEP AND KHE SANH APPROX 17 SEP PROVIDED WEATHER IS GOOD. WILL ADVISE WHEN OPNS ARE FEASIBLE.

3. OVERLAYS PASEP.

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Joe

These are my thoughts at present, as you know our future is a question mark in our minds at present.

I hope to get in to see you tomorrow to discuss our A.O. our monsoon pasture etc.

I hope this paper gives you an idea of what we want to do.

A.O. can be adjusted as you see fit.

Joe  
Knott

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9th Marines  
3d Marine Division (Rein), FMF  
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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8 Sept 68

From: Commanding Officer  
To: CG, Third Marine Division (Rein), FMF (Attn: G-3)

Subj: Operation ARLINGTON

Ref: (a) CO Ninth Mar ltr 6/RHB:jef over 3100 of 14 Aug  
68, Ser: 006027-68

1. Concept of Operations

a. The 9th Marines, "Swing Regiment" of the 3d Marine Division, are to be prepared for immediate employment anywhere in the Division AO as the occasion arises. Considering the assigned mission, it is still felt that the 9th Marines require an assigned AO from which to operate and add to the offensive posture of the 3d Marine Division. The AO should not encompass a fixed installation or facility which would require the static positioning of troops for a security mission. The area delineated in Ref (a) meets the aforementioned requirements.

b. Presently the greatest enemy threat in the ARLINGTON AO appears to be in the MAI LOC/CUA Valley and QUANG TRI/DONG HA areas. It is envisioned that 9th Marines initial entry into the assigned AO, assuming that no refurbishing, retraining or rebuilding period is required, would be with all three battalions utilizing wide company separation. This will permit a quick grasp of the enemy situation and allow a rapid and continual up to date intelligence readout on the 9th Marines AO. The numerous LZ's throughout the ARLINGTON AO will facilitate rapid pick-up and deployment of the 9th Marines as required.

c. In addition to conducting normal clearing operations in the ARLINGTON AO, 9th Marines will be poised for rapid response to hard intelligence when provided by reconnaissance teams, URS's and etc.

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d. As set forth in ref (a) subordinate units of the 9th Marines would locate/operate in AO as follows:

(1) One battalion operating for a period of 10 days in the 9th Marines AO, as a battalion or in Company Operating Bases. Typical areas are the wastelands between D-5 and DONG HA or the BA LONG Valley.

(2) One battalion operating out of an austere base camp in the southern end of CUA Valley (tentatively the recent site of 3/9 and E/2/12). The camp would include limited tentage, mess and medical facilities. The battalion would conduct limited operations to the east, south and west. The battalion would operate out of this camp for a period of 10 days.

(3) One battalion would locate at QUANG TRI, at the rear areas of 1/9, 2/9 and 3/9. The battalion would remain there for a period of 10 days. This period would be the opportunity for the battalion to "dry out". Maximum attention would be paid to equipment rehab and personal hygiene/rehab. Personal services (worship, mess, PX, disbursing, special services and postal) would be available. The battalion commander would catch-up on his administrative duties and lend personal supervision to the conduct of his rear area affairs (motor transport, supply, etc.). Replacements would join here. Training and limited operations would be conducted in the vicinity.

(4) A battalion would rotate as follows: 10 days out of the austere base camp in CUA Valley, followed by 10 days completely in the field, followed by 10 days at QUANG TRI - then back to CUA Valley, etc.

(5) During this cycle, the regiment or the regiment (-)(2 Bns) or any one battalion would be ready for commitment anywhere in the Division AO.

e. It is envisioned that FSB's PEDRO and HOLCOMB will be within the AO but will not be occupied on a continuing basis.

f. It is also envisioned that occasional boundary changes will be required to permit new operations or the prosecution of operations in progress.

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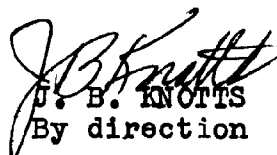
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g. When required to respond to enemy situation elsewhere within the 3d Marine Division AO, the order of commitment of the 9th Marines battalions will be as follows: First, the battalion operating out of the CUA Valley base camp. If two battalions are committed the second battalion would be the one operating in the AO. At this time the regimental command post would displace to control the operation. When the entire regiment is committed elsewhere in the Division AO, the 9th Marines AO will be left uncovered, unless other forces, such as recon screens, are provided.

h. It is anticipated that no attachments (direct support) will be required other than Company C, 3d Engineer Battalion.

i. Resupply of units in the field and movement of D/S artillery will primarily be dependent on helicopter support. It is presently envisioned to make maximum utilization of the CH-53 helicopter with its lift capability and navigational aids in conducting re-supply and troop movement into secure areas such as the CUA Valley base camp.

  
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|------------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Small arms ammo-per/rd up to 50rd        | 50\$VN     | 10\$VN     |
| Small arms ammo-per/lot (more than 50rd) | 50\$VN     | 500\$VN    |
| Mortar ammo, 60mm/81/82mm                | 300\$VN    | 1000\$VN   |
| Artillery ammo                           | 500\$VN    | 3000\$VN   |
| Recoilless rifle, ammo                   | 500\$VN    | 3000\$VN   |

WEAPONS

|                                       |           |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Hand grenade or rifle grenade         | 500\$VN   | 750\$VN   |
| Pistol                                | 500\$VN   | 1000\$VN  |
| Rifle, semi, auto or bolt action      | 1000\$VN  | 1000\$VN  |
| Rifle, auto                           | 1500\$VN  | 2000\$VN  |
| Submachinegun                         | 2000\$VN  | 2000\$VN  |
| M-79 grenade launcher                 | 2000\$VN  | 4500\$VN  |
| Machinegun 30 cal or 50 cal           | 5000\$VN  | 8000\$VN  |
| Mortar 60mm/81mm/82mm                 | 5000\$VN  | 10000\$VN |
| Recoilless rifle, 57mm/75mm/82mm      | 5000\$VN  | 10000\$VN |
| Artillery piece, less than 100mm      | 15000\$VN | 25000\$VN |
| Artillery piece, or mortar over 100mm | 20000\$VN | 50000\$VN |
| Rockets, 122mm and 140mm or large     | 20000\$VN | 65000\$VN |

MINES OR BOOBY TRAPS

|                                                                                   |          |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Mines or booby traps                                                              | 500\$VN  | 2000\$VN  |
| If a mine or booby trap is reported which has been set for explosion by the enemy | 2500\$VN | 10000\$VN |

In addition to rewards above, up to 100,000\$VN will be paid for information that results in the capture or destruction of artillery or 120mm/140mm rockets in position for firing. As much as 100,000\$VN will also be paid for reporting information which results in capture or destruction of enemy troop base areas, communication sites and logistic storage areas.

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Bất cứ đồng-bảo nào tự nguyện báo-cáo những nơi có vũ-khí và đạn được của giặc Cộng là đã tự góp phần vào nhiệm-vụ thiêng-liêng cứu quốc và sẽ được Chính-Phủ thưởng xứng đáng.

Đồng-bảo sẽ được thưởng xứng đáng theo giá biểu tối thiểu và tối đa về những loại đạn được và vũ-khí như sau.

| <u>DẠN ĐƯỢC</u>                                     | <u>Tối thiểu</u> | <u>Tối đa</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Đạn vũ-khí cá nhân, mỗi viên (tối đa 50 viên)       | \$ \$            | 10 \$         |
| Đạn vũ-khí cá nhân, từng băng (hơn 50 viên)         | 50 \$            | 500 \$        |
| Đạn súng cối 60ly, 81ly, 82 ly                      | 300 \$           | 1.000 \$      |
| Đạn Đại bác                                         | 500 \$           | 1.000 \$      |
| Đạn súng không giật                                 | 500 \$           | 3.000 \$      |
| <u>VŨ KHÍ:</u>                                      |                  |               |
| Lựu đạn, đạn phóng lựu                              | 500 \$           | 750 \$        |
| Súng lục                                            | 500 \$           | 1.000 \$      |
| Súng Trường, bán tự động, hoặc bán tự động phát một | 1.000 \$         | 1.000 \$      |
| Súng Trường tự động                                 | 1.500 \$         | 2.000 \$      |
| Súng Tiểu-liên                                      | 2.000 \$         | 2.000 \$      |
| Đại-liên 30 hoặc 50                                 | 5.000 \$         | 8.000 \$      |
| Súng cối 60ly, 81 ly, 82 ly                         | 5.000 \$         | 10.000 \$     |
| Súng phóng lựu M-79                                 | 2.000 \$         | 4.500 \$      |
| Súng không giật 57 ly, 75 ly, 82 ly                 | 5.000 \$         | 10.000 \$     |
| Đại-bác dưới 100 ly                                 | 15.000 \$        | 25.000 \$     |
| Đại-bác hay súng cối trên 100 ly                    | 20.000 \$        | 50.000 \$     |
| Hỏa-tiên 122 ly, 140 ly hay lớn hơn                 | 20.000 \$        | 65.000 \$     |

MIN HAY BẦY NỔ

|                                   |          |           |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Min hay bầy nổ                    | 800 \$   | 2.000 \$  |
| Min và bầy nổ đã được đem đi giải | 2.500 \$ | 10.000 \$ |

Ngoài những món tiền thưởng kể trên, một phần thưởng lên đến 100.000\$ sẽ tương thưởng cho những ai thông báo tin-tức chi dẫn để tịch-thu hoặc phá hủy những khẩu Đại-bác hay hỏa-tiên 120 ly, 140 ly đang đặt trong vị-trí sẵn-sàng khai hỏa. Một phần thưởng không như khác ( 100.000 \$ ) cũng sẽ tương-thưởng cho những ai thông báo tin-tức để chiếm hoặc phá hủy những căn-cứ đóng quân, vị-trí truyền-tin hoặc kho tiếp-liệu của địch.

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8 September 1968

DIVISION BULLETIN 1500

From: Commanding General  
To: Distribution List

Subj: Commanding General's Seminar on Mines and Booby Traps, result of

Ref: (a) CG 1st MarDiv Msg 230627Z Jul68

Encl: (1) 1st Marine Division Seminar on Mines and Booby Traps

1. Purpose. To promulgate the results of the Commanding General's Seminar on Mines and Booby Traps.

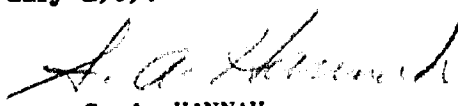
2. Background

a. In accordance with reference (a), on 8 August 1968 the Commanding General convened a seminar on Mines and Booby Traps with the purpose of exchanging ideas that would contribute to the reduction of casualties among all units of the division. During the seminar, the Commanding Officers of the 1st Engineer Battalion, and 5th, 7th and 27th Marine Regiments presented experience factors reflecting enemy use of mines and booby traps within the assigned area of operations of these organizations. During the discussion portion of the seminar, some solutions to problems were offered which are of division wide interest and importance.

b. Enclosure (1) contains a résumé of the Mine and Booby Trap problem as presented by the units represented at the seminar. It is believed that wide dissemination of this information will greatly aid in the future reduction of casualties, and concurrently stimulate interest in the continued reporting of "lessons learned" in this vital area of 1st Marine Division operations.

3. Action. Commanders are enjoined to give the widest dissemination to the information contained in enclosure (1).

4. Self-cancellation. 28 February 1969.

  
S. A. HANNAH  
Chief of Staff

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## 1ST MARINE DIVISION

SEMINAR ON MINES & BOOBY TRAPS

## AGENDA

1. Introduction - Commanding General
2. Presentation:
  - a. 1st Engineer Bn
  - b. 27th Marines
  - c. 7th Marines
  - d. 5th Marines
  - e. Discussion
3. Concluding remarks - Commanding General

## INTRODUCTION BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL

The Commanding General covered the broad scope of the problems regarding mine and booby trap incidents in the 1st Marine Division TAOR. He pointed out that about 50% of the casualties in the 1st Marine Division were directly attributable to enemy mine warfare.

The General expressed concern about the tactical formations being used and considered them inadequate when one booby trap could make almost an entire platoon inoperative. Continuous supervision and command emphasis on mine warfare and booby trap training must be stressed at all levels of command.

Concern was also expressed over the number of U.S. M-26 hand grenades being used as AP mines. From where does the enemy obtain his supply of M-26 grenades? Obviously from U.S. sources. A closely supervised police of the battlefield was suggested by the Commanding General in order to deny the enemy one of his most effective casualty producing devices. M-79 rounds and claymore mines also fall in this category, and are being effectively used against us. Batteries from civilian transistor and military radios, while unservicable for their original purpose, have enough power remaining to detonate a firing cap. Emphasis should therefore be placed on their proper destruction.

The careful training of all personnel is important, especially for new replacements and those in a leadership position. The new second

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lieutenant has no more training in this type warfare than does the private, and an analysis should be made regarding their preparation for mine and counter-mine warfare.

All units should examine their tactics, procedures, SOP's and training with regard to mine warfare.

#### PRESENTATION BY 1ST ENGINEER BN

The 1st Engineer Bn reported an improvement in the skill and technology used by the VC in their mining activities through February and March. The battalion found the rock mines, wooden box mines and AP mines using the M-26 grenade to be the most common. The mines are for the most part locally fabricated, relying heavily on U.S. manufactured explosives which are taken from dud rounds. The rounds themselves are often used with an improvised detonating device thus utilizing their manufactured fragmentation potential.

Detection of the AT and AP mines is important to our counter-mine activities. 90% of the mines found by engineer road sweeps are detected by visual, rather than mechanical means. Familiarity with the route covered increases the chances of detecting a mine or booby trap. Any unusual sign or change in a standard pattern may indicate, by local symbology, a mine emplacement. Being familiar with an area makes it easier to pick up the subtle changes of appearance. By keeping roads oiled and repaired, it is easier to observe changes in road contour and/or texture. For area clearance, as opposed to route clearance, a security force large enough to secure the entire area should be used while engineer sweep teams move through the area. Such a technique would be useful in vacated enemy base camps or staging areas.

When working in an area, the behavior or reaction of the local people is a good indication of mined areas. The rewards program has had only limited success because we cannot guarantee the people protection from reprisal.

The Engineer Battalion, when training personnel in mine warfare, initially assigns them to the Division Schools, and then provides additional training at the battalion level and 30 days of OJT before actually assigning a Marine to duties as a sweep team member. The Engineer Battalion maintains instruction teams to augment unit training programs. Use of these teams is encouraged.

The following should be emphasized:

1. More frequent patrols and sweeps of a road once it is opened.

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2. Providing protection to civilians who volunteer information on mines and booby traps.

3. Frequent use of the Engineer Battalion instruction teams by division organizations, particularly during periods of high personnel turnover or tactical reassignments.

4. Area mine sweeps.

5. Development of new equipment.

6. Attention to improving programs now in effect.

#### **PRESENTATION BY 27TH MARINES**

The 27th Marines have had the highest incidence of mines and booby traps in the 1st Marine Division with 619 separate mine and booby trap incidents reported in the last 6 months. Of these, 308 were detonated resulting in 40 KIA and 470 WIA. This is almost 1/2 of the total casualties experienced by the 27th Marines.

The mines are usually fabricated from the M-26 hand grenade, mortar and artillery rounds, or ChiCom hand grenades. The most common booby trap is made from the M-26 hand grenade, and the most effective is the 105mm artillery round. Land clearing and security operations have resulted in the greatest number of casualties.

The mines are being used for two purposes. One is for harassment, causing casualties and demoralizing of U.S. troops, and these may be located anywhere. The other purpose is to canalize our forces or deny us access to an area.

The 27th Marines have reported observing very few warning devices in their area, and find that the local populace is usually given verbal warning to stay out of a mined area. Because the villagers do not know the specific locations of the mines, but only their general area, the reward system is not very successful. What success is realized is generally in the form of potential mines, such as dud rounds, that the civilians turn over to the unit.

Familiarity with the area of operation along with continued supervision and training will help reduce the casualty rate.

#### **PRESENTATION BY 7TH MARINES**

During the six month period ending 1 July 1968, the 7th Marines and OPCON units encountered 86 AT and 393 AT mines. Of the total casualties

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sustained by the 7th Marines during this period, 25.4% were caused by unintentionally detonated mines and booby traps.

As with other units, the most common anti-personnel mines are made from M-26 and ChiCom grenades rigged with a trip wire or pressure detonating device. The anti-tank or vehicle mine is usually found on a main route and is usually a 30 or 40 pound rock or box type mine. There were 18 surprise firing devices found by the 7th Marines in July which were made from dud artillery and mortar rounds and bombs.

If the AP devices are detected at all, it is almost always by direct observation. The AP devices are usually hung in a bush with a trip wire or placed in a ground depression. They are usually found along the edge of tree lines or where a shortcut is provided. A highly suspect area is one through which no local people traffic and there is no easily determined reason for them to avoid it. By watching the local populace and "walking where they walk", the areas infested with mines will be avoided.

Kit Carson Scouts have proven their value in detecting signs and symbols indicating mines or mining activity. They can often find the route used by the enemy to navigate in a mined area.

Interrogation of the people by interpreters will often give good information concerning areas that are heavily mined, though in most cases these people will not know the specific location of a mine. Because of this, as in other areas, the reward program is successful only as far as picking up potential booby trap ordnance.

To reduce mining incidents in their TAOR, the 7th Marines use artillery interdiction in areas having continuing mining activity. VT and WP rounds are fired at random intervals throughout the night including the hours of twilight. They also use Scout-Sniper teams with Starlight Scopes to cover heavy activity areas. OP's and observation towers are used extensively for route surveillance, especially after the road sweeps are completed.

In areas where quantities of mines and booby traps are known or suspected to be, an artillery "rolling barrage" may be helpful. This consists of walking artillery fire forward of the advancing troops. The friendly munitions should detonate the unfriendly.

#### PRESENTATION BY 5TH MARINES

Though the mines and booby traps used by the VC/NVA are not in fields and patterns, their mine warfare is not haphazard, but is predicated on a specific mine warfare doctrine. As mentioned, this type of warfare is

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being effectively used to harass the Free World Forces and to provide security for the VC/NVA. Within the framework of their own doctrine, the VC/NVA are using mines and booby traps very effectively. There is evidence of an increased move to "over-kill"; that is the use of daisy-chain rigs, or an over abundance of explosive for the job intended. There is a higher incidence of mining and booby-trapping when the opposing force is VC rather than NVA.

50% of the mines encountered in the 5th Marines TAOR used U.S. manufactured parts. The M-26 grenade is the highest casualty producing AP mine. In light of these two facts, it is obvious that strict supervision and control of our own ordnance will save Marine lives and reduce casualties.

Other means of reducing casualties due to mines and booby traps are:

1. To increase the patrol and ambush activities in the high incident areas.
2. To use recon by artillery fire, both to retard the placing of mines and to detonate those already in place.
3. To stress timely and accurate reporting of intelligence, such as new warning signals or devices.

Further reduction of casualties can be made by using the local Vietnamese leaders, the Kit Carson Scouts, and men in the unit who are familiar with the area in order to determine the more likely areas that would be mined, and the safest route through such areas.

#### DISCUSSION

In the discussion following each of the presentations, there were some additional points mentioned by the personnel attending the seminar.

There were cases mentioned concerning the use of booby traps and mines to deny Marines access to areas used by the VC.

Black topping all MRSs is a suggested aid to combating mines being placed in the roads. By keeping the roads in good repair it would be much easier to observe any fresh digging or burrowing.

Improved detection equipment is needed to find the non-metallic mines and those buried deep with large amounts of explosives. Better devices for detecting and/or detonating booby traps are needed, and with the technology now at hand, this should be within the state of the art.

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Sentry dogs operating on long leashes have been successful in finding mines and booby traps including claymores along a road. They can be trained to "alert" to the wire of a command detonated mine. They can effectively range off the side of the roadbed and into culverts or pipes.

During the discussion period more emphasis was placed on proper training and schooling. The Engineer Bn is available with competent instructors to assist in this schooling. Casualties can be reduced as effective training and supervision is increased.

#### CONCLUDING REMARKS - Commanding General

In bringing the seminar to its conclusion, the Commanding General asked some questions of the officers in attendance:

QUESTION: Is the new man the one most likely to set off the booby trap?

ANSWER: It was generally agreed that the replacement and those personnel about to return to the U.S. are the two groups suffering the highest casualty percentile.

QUESTION: Is the lead man usually the casualty?

ANSWER: It is not the point man who generally detonates the booby trap; instead it is the third or fourth man who does so. This is because the point is generally alert, more cautious, and more wary of what he is doing. On the other hand the number three or four man is sometimes apathetic and less cautious because he feels he is moving through a safe area since it has been passed over already.

QUESTION: Is there a higher rate of casualties from mines and booby traps when a unit first moves into a new area?

ANSWER: Yes, there is generally a higher mine/booby trap incident rate when troops first move into an inhabited area because of the Marine's lack of familiarity with the area and the local customs and idiosyncrasies of the indigenous personnel. In uninhabited areas, and in operations against the NVA, mines and booby traps are seldom used.

Continued emphasis on counter-mine activities was encouraged. Ideas and lessons learned for combating the threat of mines and booby traps should be submitted via the chain of command so that all useful information can be applied to both local and CONUS based training activities.

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#### KEYS TOWARD WAGING A SUCCESSFUL COUNTER MINE AND BOOBY TRAP PROGRAM

1. Keep U.S. ordnance out of enemy hands.
2. Hard surface the MSR's and keep all roads in good repair.
3. Push the rewards program wherever possible.
4. Conduct area mine sweeps at a slow pace.
5. Watch the local people-Where they walk, how they act.
6. Use the artillery "rolling barrage" to detonate mines & traps.
7. Increase patrol/ambush activity in high incident areas.
8. Use sentry dogs on long leashes, where available.
9. Stress alertness by all Marines on the trail.
10. When a new technique or VC/NVA signal is discovered, pass the word to all hands.
11. TRAIN! Utilize Engineer conducted schools, and conduct your own.

#### CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE

It was concluded that seminars of this nature held at this level are most beneficial, and in consideration of high personnel turnover, should be conducted at frequent intervals.

#### Seminar attended by representative from:

7th Marines  
5th Marines  
26th Marines  
27th Marines  
1st Engineer Battalion  
7th Engineer Battalion  
9th Engineer Battalion  
1st Shore Party Battalion  
1st Recon Battalion  
1st Tank Battalion  
2d Marine Battalion

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A. MAINTAINED READINESS OF ARG TO REACT ON 96 HOUR  
NOTICE FOR AMPHIB OPS IN RVN.

B. TG 76.4 CONTINUED UPKEEP

3. INTENTIONS:

A. CONTINUE READINESS OF ARG TO REACT ON 96 HOUR  
NOTICE FOR AMPHIB OPS IN RVN.

B. TG 76.4 CONTINUE UPKEEP

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KHE SANH MINE FIELDS: LOCATION OF

A. REF: TASK FORCE ATEL 300700H H SEPT 68

1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT A THOROUGH READOUT ON LOCATION OF FRIENDLY MINE FIELDS IN THE VICINITY OF KHE SANH. LANG VAI AND HUONG HOA BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THIS COMMAND IN ORDER TO PLAN FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS IN THE KHE SANH AREA.

2. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN ADDITION TO MINFIELDS PLACED BY USMC UNITS, MINEFIELDS WERE ALSO PLACED BY ARVN SPECIAL FORCE AND CIDG UNITS. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATION OF MINEFIELDS PLACED BY THESE UNITS IS ALSO REQUIRED.

3. IT IS OPERATIONALLY NECESSARY THAT THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY REF A AND ABOVE BE MADE AVAILABLE NLT 12 SEPT 68.

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FROM: CG XXIV CORPS FMJ

TO: CG III MAF DNG (COURIER) 16-35

INFO: COMUSMACV SGN (COURIER) 36-45

CG 3D MAR DIV DGH (COURIER) 46-55

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Subject: Report of Intent to Conduct Operations (U)

Ref: a. III MAF MSG DTG 150246Z Aug 68 (S)

b. 3D MAR DIV MSG DTG 051732Z Sep 68 (S) (NOTAL)

c. XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 040155Z Sep 68 (S)

d. XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 071020Z Sep 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) IAW ref a, the following intent to conduct tactical operations is provided:

- a. Operation code name: Unnamed operation
- b. Concept of operation: Attack into Eastern DMZ South of Ben Hai River to exploit Arc Light Strikes. Ref b.
- c. Task organization: One Bn (Reinf) of the 1st Bde, 5th Mech; consisting of one Co (Reinf) (Tk Heavy), one Co (Reinf) (Mech)

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Inf Heavy), and one Armd Cav Troop.

One Bn (Reinf) of the 2d ARVN Regt.

d. D-Day, H-Hour: 12 Sep 68, H-Hour (estimated) 0700.

e. Estimated Duration: 24 hours.

f. Remarks: Ref c requests Arc Light strikes to precede the operation. Ref d provides Arc Light Intell update and revalidates the strike until 132400Z Sep 68.

2. (S) D-Day and H-Hour provided above is contingent on availability of Arc Light strikes. If Arc Light requirements are delayed the ground operation will be delayed accordingly. The success of the operation is dependent upon correlation of Arc Light Strikes with the scheme of maneuver.

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 Lt Col Van Dyke  
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 092050 stating difficulty  
 in transmitting this msg.  
 He said it had just come  
 into Cor. I stated DMZ  
 would go on or about 13th  
 w/ K5-LV one to two  
 days later; both dependent  
 on scheduling of air rights.  
 He agreed. I said we'd  
 keep them informed.

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INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPNS

A. MY 071942Z SEP 68, SAME SUBJ

B. III MAF FO 012135

C. CG XADV COR MSG 251155Z JUL 68 (MUTUAL)

D. MY 051350Z SEP 68

E. MY 051732Z SEP 68

1. CANCEL REF A.

2. IAW REFS B AND C YOU ARE NOTIFIED OF MY INTENT TO CONDUCT  
 MAJOR OPNS IN THE KHE SANH LANG VET AREA AND THE EASTERN DMZ  
 AREA SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER. REFS D AND E DESCRIBE AND  
 APPLY RESPECTIVELY.

3. D DAY FOR BOTH OPNS, 12 SEP68.

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DCC Charles T. [Signature]

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 TO: CTC SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
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 THIRD MARINES  
 CG TF HOTEL  
 CG THIRD MAR DIV

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CONCEPT OF OPNS FOR MONSOON SEASON (S)

1. THIRD MARDIV CONCEPT FOR MONSOON SEASON ENTAILS BASING BNS IN PERMANENT CAMPS. TWO COMPANIES OF EA BN WILL OPERATE ON SEARCH MENS WITHIN BN AO'S ON ROTATING BASIS. REMAINDER OF BN WILL REHAB AND PROVIDE BASE SECURITY.
2. BLT 2/26 CURRENTLY HAS NO FACILITY ASHORE FROM WHICH TO CONDUCT SUCH A PROGRAM. IN VIEW OF IMPENDING BLT 2/26 OPNS IN AREA NORTH OF RAZORBACK, BLT 2/26 WILL ERECT A TEMPORARY BASE AREA AT TSL SINCE BUNKERS LOCATED AT TSL WERE COLLAPSED DURING RECENT STORM, BLT BASE WILL CONSIST OF DUG IN TENTAGE SUFFICIENT TO ACCOMMODATE APT 60 PERS INCLUDING BRAVO CMD GRP AND SMALL CO. DURING THIS PERIOD OF OCCUPATION OF TSL BASE, ALFA CMD GRP AND COMPANIES WILL BE IN THE FIELD. THE BASE WILL SERVE ITS INTENDED PURPOSE UNTIL SCHEDULED BACKLOAD BUT IS NOT A MONSOON BASE ADEQUATE TO HOUSE A BLT.
3. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE FOLLOWING MONSOON PLAN BE ADOPTED FOR BLT 2/26.
  - A. USE ARG SHIPS AS OPERATING BASE.
  - B. EFFECT LIAISON WITH IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS TO OBTAIN AOA'S FOR PURPOSE OF EMPLOYING BLT COMPANIES AND RECON PLT IN SEARCH OPNS.
  - C. EMPLOY TWO CO'S AND RECON PLT, ON ROTATING BASIS, IN SUCH OPNS. MSH OF CO'S TO FIND AND FIX EN FORCES.
  - D. THE REMAINDER OF BLT TO LAND IN FORCE AND DESTROY EN UNITS THAT HAVE BEEN FIXED.
4. THE FOREGOING IS A CONCEPT FOR ROUTINE OPNS. IN ADDITION, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BLT, TO INCLUDE THOSE UNITS OPERATING ASHORE ON SEARCH MENS, CONSTANTLY REMAIN IN A POSTURE PERMITTING HELILIFT AND SURFACE OPNS DESIGNED TO REINFORCE IN-COUNTRY FORCES THAT HAVE MADE HARD CONTACT.

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

SPOTREP 09-09/1/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/1 (U)

1. LCPL/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/LTJG MARLOWE/LCPL 24, BNS KORBA.

2. LCPL ON ROUTINE PATROL RCVD 6 RDS

EST B-40 ROCKETS

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AND 200 RDS AM FIRE. AMBUSH WAS IN FREE FIRE ZONE AND HAD BEEN

SUBJECT TO 40MM GRENADE H &amp; I. NEG FRIENDLY PERS CASUALTIES.

MODERATE ABOVE WATER DAMAGE PORTSIDE. AMIDSHIPS TO LCPL. EN

CASUALTIES UNKNOWN. FRIENDLY USMC ELEMENTS IN AREA ARE ATTEMPTING TO REGAIN CONTACT.

3. 092345H

4. YD 306679 - YDD 308681

5. EXPENDED 500 RDS 30 CAL, 600 RDS 50 CAL, 700 RDS M-60, 70 RDS

40MM GRENADES, AND 40 RDS M-16.

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HEAVY RAIN PREPARATIONS (U)

TO EACH YEAR WITH THE ADVENT OF MONSOONS WITH ATTENDANT FLASH FLOODS AND HEAVY RAINS, SOME UNNECESSARY LOSSES OCCUR TO PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. COMBAT READINESS/EFFECTIVENESS IS ALSO DEGRADED UNDER THESE CONDITIONS.

COMMANDERS AT ALL LEVELS ARE ENJOINED TO TAKE ACTION TO PREVENT NEEDLESS LOSSES.

FOLLOWING ACTIONS ARE SUGGESTED BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE:

PERSONNEL SAFETY: PREPARE DRAINS, COVERS FOR ALL BUNKERS, FIGHTING HOLES AND TRENCHES; CHECK STABILITY OF ALL STRUCTURES; INSURE PROPER SHOOTING TO PREVENT CAVE INS; CAUTION DRIVERS TO CHECK BRAKES EACH START AND TO DRIVE SLOWLY; USE CLEAN RAGS AND CLEAN WINDOWS OFTEN BE ALERT FOR FLASH FLOODS; DO NOT REMAIN ON BRIDGES ANY LONGER THAN NECESSARY; STAY OUT OF STREAMS; IF NECESSARY TO CROSS, USE SAFETY ROPE; DRY FEET AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF SUN WHENEVER POSSIBLE; ESTABLISH

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ISH WEAPONS/DRIVING TENTS AS FAR FORWARD AS POSSIBLE.

MATERIALLY KEEP AMMO DRY; PE WATER PROOF ALL CANVAS; COVER BEDDING WITH WATERPROOF MATERIAL; CHECK CHAINSAWS, AXES, MACHETTES FOR CON-  
DITION; SANDbags ROOFS AND CHECK ANCHORAGE ON TENTS; SOAK WEAPONS IN  
WATER TO PREVENT RUST; HAVE TOW CHAINS/CABLES/WIRE; CHECK ELECTRIC-  
AL/COMM CONNECTIONS AND JET BOXES FOR WATERPROOFING; SAVE AND USE  
WATERPROOFING MATERIAL BEFORE ON INCOMING SUPPLIES; CLEAN AND DRY  
LOCALLY EMPLOYED SURVEILLANCE/SENSOR DEVICES DAILY; REPLACE IN NEW  
LOCATIONS.

OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS: ROTATE SENTINELS MORE FREQUENTLY;

CHECK DEFENSIVE WIRE STAKES. USE LONGER ONES-DRIVE DEEP TO COM-  
PLETE REMOVAL BY ENEMY; KEEP SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES IN OUTLYING POS;

CAUTIOUSLY RECON BRIDGES AND ROUTES; PLAN ALTERNATE ROUTES; PLACE  
HEAVIER RELIANCE ON GROUND TYPE SUPPORTING ARMS AND GROUND RECON.

REMEMBER THAT FLOODS ALSO ISOLATE ENEMY, MAKE MAX USE OF BOATS  
TO TRACK THEM DOWN, AND DESTROY THEM ON THEIR ISLANDS.

PER ALCON INFO THIS HQ OR ANY INSTR ISSUED CONN SUBJ.

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RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI

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HEAVY ARTILLERY ASSETS (U)

CG XXIV CORPS 311140Z AUG 68 CITE AVII-ATC 05395 (NOTAL)(S)

CG XXIV CORPS 070305Z SEP 68 CITE AVII-ATC 05516 (NOTAL)(S)

(S) REF A REQUESTED ADDITIONAL HEAVY ARTILLERY TO COUNTER THE  
ENEMY ARTILLERY THREAT IN THE DMZ AREA. REF B REQUESTED A  
155MM

NEW BTRY AND AN ADDITION

HEAVY BTRY BE TRANSFERRED XXIV CORPS TO  
COMPENSATE FOR LOSS OF 1ST FAG ASSETS.

(S) AREGIEW HAD BEEN CONDUCTED OF ALL ARTILLERY ASSETS IN I CORPS TO  
DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF FULFILLING REQUESTS REF A AND B. REVIEW INDICATES  
CONTINUING AND URGENT NEED FOR HEAVY ART

LLERY AT CURRENT

LEVELS TO SUPPORT THE MANY CIDG CAMPS

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NO OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN 1ST MARDIV AND AMERICAL  
DIV AO'E

(S) REF A INDICATES ENEMY TUBE SUPERIORITY IN DMZ AREA BY COMPARING  
ESTIMATE OF ALL CALIBER ENEMY ARTILLERY WITH US HEAVY ARTILLERY ASSETS  
ONLY.

CURRENTLY THERE ARE 158 US TUBES (155 GUN AND SMALLER, INCLUDING 4.2  
INCH) AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE 3RD MARDIV. WHILE THESE WEAPONS ARE NOT BEING  
USED IN A COUNTER BATTERY ROLE THEY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHEN ESTABLISHING  
A TUBE RATIO. THERE ARE ALSO CURRENTLY 20 TUBES OF ARVN  
ARTILLERY IN THE 3RD MARDIV AO.

(S) THE PREPONDERANCE TO 107Z NAVAL BUNFIRE AND SUBSTA  
TACTICAL

AIR ASSETS ARE ALLOCATED TO XXIV CORPS AND AVAILABLE FOR COUNTER  
BATTERY OPERATIONS.

(S) DUE TO THE DECREASED ENEMY THREAT AROUND HUE, THE AVAILABILITY  
OF OTHER CALIBER WEAPONS TO SUPPORT THIS MISSION, AND THEREFORE

OF THE 8" HOWITZER IN THE COUNTER BATTERY ROLE, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT  
CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN

TO DEPLOYING SOME 8" ASSETS FROM HUE/PHU BAI AREA  
TO COUNTER THE DMZ THREAT

(S) THOSE 1ST MARDIV ARTILLERY UNITS PHU BAI AREA ASSIGNED RE-  
INFORCING MISSION XXIV CORPS ARTILLERY WILL CONTINUE MISSION

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ONAL ARMY BATTERIES TO XXIV CORPS

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 INFO HUNSEA/MACV COC  
 HUNSEA/THIRD MARDIN COC  
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DMZ OPNS

1. (S) MACH APPROVES TWO PATROLS SCHEDULED FOR DMZ FIRST NIGHT  
 11 SEP.

2. (S) FOUR ABN LIGHTS IN OPT 175 NPOH OPN 13 SEP APPROVED AS  
 FOLLOWS:

A. TWO NORTHERN TARGETS TO BE STRUCK AFTERNOON 12 SEP.

B. TWO SOUTHERN TARGETS TO BE STRUCK 0630-0730H 13 SEP.

C. IF 3-DAY SLIPS TO 14 SEP, MACH WILL SLIP ABOVE SCHEDULE ONE DAY.

3. (S) ESSENTIAL MACH BE ADVISED BY 111700H SEP WHETHER DMZ OPN  
 WILL GO ON 13TH. REQUEST YOUR DECISION THIS MATTER BY 111630H.

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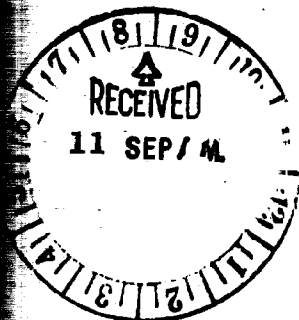
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FM: CG THIRD MAR DIV (DGN)  
 TO: CG FORTY FOURTH CORPS XXIV CORPS (PAB)  
 INFO: CIG 70.8  
 CIG 70.8.9  
 CG III INF (DNG)  
 FIRST BDE FIFTH MECH (DGN)

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1. A ONE DAY COORDINATED OPERATION INVOLVING FIRST BRIGADE FIFTH INF DIV (MECH) AND SECOND AVN REGT SCHEDULED FOR 13 SEPT 68. LIMITED ATTACK INTO IRL (AREA GENERALLY NORTH OF A-3 AND A-2) CREATES URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR HEAVY CRUISER SUPPORT DURING OPN. HIGH THREAT LEVEL EXISTS FOR HOSTILE ARMY ATK BY FIRE AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES. REQUIRED SUPPORT CONSIST OF PREP FIRES APPROX 1 HOUR PRIOR TO ATK, FOLLOWED BY ON CALL FIRE AND COUNTER BATTERY FIRE IF NEEDED.
2. REQUEST HEAVY CRUISER BE PROVIDED DURING PERIOD OF 130400H TO 131800H SEP 68. DETAILED FIRE PLAN TO BE PROVIDED TO HEAVY CRUISER UPON REPORTING TO FSA STATION.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG TF HOTEL  
FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES  
HQ BN THIRD MARDIV  
BLT 2/26

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## OPCON AND BDRY CHANGES

1. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY 4TH MARINES REPORT TO TF HOTEL FOR PLANNING KHE SANH OPERATION. EFFECTIVE 112400H CG THIRD MARDIV PASSES OPCON 4TH MARINES AND RESPONSIBILITY SCOTLAND AO TO TF HOTEL.

EFFECTIVE 122400H SEPT 68 CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON  
THIRD MARINES WITH BLT 2/26 AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR LANCASTER  
AO, AS MODIFIED BY SEPARATE MSG, FROM TP HOTEL.

3. EFFECTIVE 111600H SEPT 68 CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON  
P/2/26 FROM HQ BN THIRD MARDIV AND SAME DTG PASSES OPCON TO  
BLT 2/26. EFFECTIVE 130800H SEPT 68 CG THIRD MARDIV ASSUMES OPCON  
BLT 2/26 FROM 3D MARINES AND SAME DTG PASSES OPCON BLT 2/26 TO  
TP HOTEL TO PROVIDE THIRD MANEUVER BN FOR KHE SANH OPERATION.

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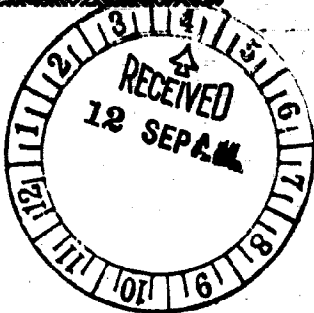
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CONCEPT OF OPNS FOR MONSOON SEASON (S)

A. BLT 2/26 081234Z SEP68

1. CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT OF BLT 2/26 IS EXCLUSIVELY THE CONCERN AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE OPCON COMMANDER DURING THE PERIOD CHOPPED ASHORE. RESPONSIBILITY OF THIS HQ AND THE SLF IS TO SUPPORT WHAT BLT IN ACCOMPLISHING TASKS ASSIGNED BY THE OPCON COMMANDER. THE LATTER AND ALCON SHOULD BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH PROVIDING REQUIRED SUPPORT. RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING CURRENT EMPLOYMENT AND OPERATIONAL C

CEPTS SHOULD BE MADE WITHIN THE OPERATIONAL

CHAIN OF COMMAND; THAT IS FROM BLT 2/26 TO HIS OPCON COMMANDER.

2. OPERATIONAL CONCEPTS PROPOSED REF A RELATE TO A PERIOD SUBSEQUENT

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TO 1 OCT 68 BEYOND WHICH SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT OF BLT 2/26 HAS NOT BEEN PROJECTED. THEREFORE, SLF ALFA SHOULD WORK IN COORD WITH CTFN76.4), BY MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH APPROPRIATE IN-COUNTRY COMMANDS, MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SECURE REMUNERATIVE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF IN AN AMPHIB ASSAULT ROLE SUBSEQUENT TO THE SCHEDULED REHAB. THE OBJECTIVE HERE SHOULD BE MISSIONS WHICH EXPLOIT THE FULL COMBAT ASSAULT AND SUSTAINING POWER OF THE TOTAL SLF/ARG. PIECEMEAL COMMITMENT OF FRAGMENTS OF THE FORCE MAY BE REQUIRED AS A TACTICAL EXPEDIENT, BUT SHOULD NEITHER BE SOUGHT NOR RECOGNIZED AS A ROUTINE CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT.

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PROSPECTIVE OPS (U)

CG III MARDIV 101526Z SEP 68

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1. A ONE DAY COMBINED OPERATION INVOLVING FIRST BRIGADE FIFTH INFANTRY DIVISION MECHANIZED AND SECOND ARVN REGIMENT SCHEDULED FOR JOE SEPT 68. LIMITED ATTACK INTO DMZ (AREA GENERALLY NORTH OF A3 AND A2) CREATE URGENT REQUIREMENT FOR HEAVY CRUISER SUPPORT DURING OPERATION. HIGH THREAT LEVEL FOR HOSTILE ARTILLERY ATTACK BY FIRE AGAINST FRIENDLY FORCES. REQUIRED SUPPORT CONSISTS OF PREP FIRES APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR PRIOR TO ATTACK FOLLOWED BY CALL FIRE AND COUNTER BATTERY FIRE IF NEEDED.

2. REQUEST HEAVY CRUISER BE PROVIDED DURING PERIOD OF 130400H8 TO 131800H3 SEPT 68. DETAILED FIRE PLAN TO BE PROVIDED TO CRUISER UPON REPORTING TO FSA STATION. UNQUOTE.

3. ABOVE MSG TRANSMITTED THS MEANS IN ANTICIPATION OF OTHERWISE DELAYED RECEIPT.

4. FOR CTG 70.8: IN VIEW INDICATED NEED FOR BOSTON AT DMZ IN CONJUNCTION WITH SUBJ OPS, REVISED PLANS FOR STRAUSS (CDS II) MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO AVOID INTERRUPTION SEA DRAGON OPS.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG III MAF CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG XXIV CORPS CG III MAF  
 INFO: CG TF HOTEL  
 FIRST BDE, FIFTH MECH

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INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPNS

A. MY 080846Z SEP 68

1. REF A REPORTED D-DAY FOR BOTH ARMOR ATK IN DMZ AND FOR  
 KHE SANH - LANG VEI OPN AS 12 SEP.

2. D-DAY FOR ARMOR ATK IN DMZ CHANGED TO 13 SEP.

3. D-DAY FOR KHE SANH - LANG VEI CHANGED TO ~~ON OR ABOUT~~ <sup>NLT</sup>  
 20 SEP.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAP

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## TASK ORGANIZATION

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 051730Z SEP68

1. TASK ORGANIZATION FOR 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV DMZ OPERATION  
 IS AS FOLLOWS:

TF 1-77

1-77 ARMOR (~~1-77~~, ~~1-77~~) (5TK PITS)

B CO, 1-61 MECH

A TRP, 4-12 CAV

PLT, A/7 ENGR

2. REF A APPLIES.

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Section  
 HQ, XXIV Corps  
 File 31 (12-314)  
 12 September 1968

## INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE (QL 9: CA LU-LANG VNA)

References: AMS Map Vietnam scale 1:50,000; series 17014; sheets 6342 III (HUONG HOA), 6342 II (THON DOC KINH).

1. (U) MISSION. As applicable
2. (U) AREA OF OPERATIONS. For terrain see 3d Mar Div Terrain Study of Scotland II AO, dated 7 August 1968, to include overlays.
3. (S) ENEMY SITUATION.
  - a. Disposition. See current XXIV Corps PERINTREP.
  - b. Composition. Forces operating in or immediately adjacent to the area of operations include three bns of the 246th NVA Inf Regt (1st, 2nd, and 3rd bns), which operates independently. The first two bns are carried as possible; the third is carried as probable.
  - c. Strength.
    - (1) Committed forces within or immediately adjacent to the area of operations include up to three possible combat maneuver bns and a regimental headquarters with support element for an estimated total strength of 1,850 - 2,000 personnel. Five independent Inf Regts (29th, 90th, 6th, 102d, 88th) remain unlocated in XXIV Corps and any or all may be in the vicinity of the area of operations.
    - (2) Reinforcements. Enemy forces that could possibly reinforce in the area of operations within 24 hrs include the 88th and 102nd Regts (with three combat maneuver bns each) of the 308th NVA Inf Div. These forces, presently unlocated in Laos, would probably reinforce in area of operations from the west. Additional possible reinforcements include unidentified artillery elements located vic CO ROC mountain, southwest of KHE SANH in Laos.
    - (3) Air. During the reporting period, there have been no reports of enemy aircraft in or adjacent to the area of operations. However, during July there were several sightings of UFO's and helicopters vic of KHE SANH airstrip.

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(4) **Armor.** Enemy armor elements are possibly within or immediately adjacent to the area of operations. An agent reported armor elements located via Rte 9 on 7 Aug and an AO reported tracked vehicle signs along Rte 9 on 8 Aug. Armor has been previously employed in the area of operations in early February when tanks were used against Lang Vei Special Forces camp. Rte 9 would be a good avenue of approach for armor coming from Laos. Evidence of vehicular traffic along Rte 9 supports the possibility of the presence of armor. The enemy must be considered to have an armor capability in the area of operations. His treat consists of the SU-85 self-propelled assault gun, PT-76, T-34, and T-54 (possible) tanks.

(5) **Chemical.** There have been no reports of enemy employment CS or other agents in the area of operations. However, a CS gas attack occurred on 2 Aug, via XD 845455. It was not confirmed whether this attack was enemy initiated. CS agents can be delivered by indirect fire weapons possessed by the enemy, so the enemy should be regarded as possessing a CS capability.

(6) **Infiltration Routes.** Major infiltration routes in the area of operations include a trail originating north of the DMZ extending into SVN west of the Rock Pile and crossing Rte 9 west of Ca Lu, and Rte 9 extending from Laos has also been used to infiltrate troops and supplies from the west into the area of operations.

d. **Recent and Present Significant Activities.** Enemy activity has been characterized by foot and vehicular traffic along Rte 9 via Khe Sanh. Enemy fortified positions have been uncovered in the area of operations with the enemy generally avoiding heavy contact. Only one sizeable contact was reported. Enemy activities in the area of operations for the reporting period are as follows:

(1) **General.**

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>INFORMATION</u>                                                                                                     |
|-------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 Aug       | II Rpt        | Probable supply area at XD 866395.                                                                                     |
| 6 Aug       | II Rpt        | Rivouac area at XD 967478.                                                                                             |
| 6 Aug       | Spotlight Rpt | Large number of troops and poss vehicles moving East. Fired artillery with 29 secondary explosions via XD 840413.      |
| 7 Aug       | 525 Agent     | U/I Bn with two tank teams (6 tanks per team) deployed from XD 942422 to XD 915-525. One tank team at each coordinate. |
| 8 Aug       | AO debrief    | Fresh tracks of tracked vehicles at XD 816374.                                                                         |
| 10 Aug      | 1/3/4 Marines | Found possible regimental-size bunker complex at XD 887386, with one cave running 75-100 meters into mountain          |

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## (9) STAR and REF DATA

| DATE   | LOCATION         | INFORMATION  |
|--------|------------------|--------------|
| 1 Aug  | XD 898999        | 1 Rtn        |
| 2 Aug  | XD 932991        | 1 Rtn        |
| 4 Aug  | XD 955400        | 1 Rtn        |
| 6 Aug  | YD 012850        | 1 Rtn        |
| 8 Aug  | XD 947620        | 1 Rtn        |
| 10 Aug | YD 009468        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | XD 933408        | 1 Rtn        |
| 13 Aug | XD 805350        | 1 Rtn        |
| 15 Aug | XD920430         | 7 Rtn        |
|        | XD 970435        | 2 Rtn        |
|        | XD 990457        | 4 Rtn        |
|        | YD 005466        | 1 Rtn        |
| 16 Aug | YD 007460        | 3 Rtn        |
| 20 Aug | XD 785372        | 1 Rtn        |
| 21 Aug | XD 828368        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | XD 851408        | 1 Rtn        |
| 25 Aug | XD 885380        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | XD 878398        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | XD 771349        | 1 Rtn        |
| 26 Aug | XD 908400        | 1 Rtn        |
| 29 Aug | XD 840380        | (CM) 308 Rtn |
|        | YD 013451        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | YD 010456        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | YD 018458        | 1 Rtn        |
|        | YD 001470-011465 | 6 Rtn        |

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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>INFORMATION</u>                                                                                             |
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|             |               | and 5 caves large enough to house a company.                                                                   |
| 15 Aug      | II Rpt        | 100 foxholes, 12 storage bunkers, and a possible tunnel complex at XD 868379.                                  |
| 16 Aug      | I/3/4         | At XD 896376 made contact w/est En Bn.                                                                         |
| 19 Aug      | II Rpt        | XD 706355-XD 795361 were reported as seven trucks, one bulldozer and one probable trailer park.                |
| 20 Aug      | II Rpt        | A probable 122mm rocket site at XD 787355.                                                                     |
| 25 Aug      | 2/4 Marines   | Spotted enemy convoy vicinity XD 844410 called in friendly artillery resulting in 25 secondary explosions.     |
| 25 Aug      | Recen Tm      | Of 3rd Mar Div called in Artillery mission on convoy vicinity XD 844416. Results were 25 secondary explosions. |
| 26 Aug      | 525 Agent     | Unk Regt of the 20th Div deployed at 838340. Wpns include 105mm guns, 122mm and 140mm rockets.                 |
| 27 Aug      | 525 Agent     | Heavy trail activity on Rte #9 from Lang Vei to Khe Sanh.                                                      |
| 30 Aug      | 525 Agent     | 20th Combat Engr Bn is deployed from XD 757598 to XD 900402.                                                   |
| 31 Aug      | Agent         | U/I Regt located vicinity of XD 844358 (strength=1500)                                                         |
| 1 Sep       | II Rpt        | Possible supply point with heavy inter-lacing trail activity reported YD 042446.                               |

## (2) URB Listings.

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>INFORMATION</u>    |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 17 Aug      | XD 73373        | U/I control authority |
| 23 Aug      | XD 910310       | U/I control authority |

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|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Sept      | XD 845383       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 822364       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 812373       | 1 Rtn              |
| 6 Sept      | XD 788351       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 791361       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 850409       | 1 Rtn              |
| 10 Sept     | XD 962425       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 946425       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 930418       | 2 Rtn              |
|             | XD 921418       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 921398       | 2 Rtn              |
|             | XD 910399       | 2 Rtn              |
|             | XD 901391       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 891398       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 862388       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 850398       | 1 Rtn              |
|             | XD 780370       | 1 Rtn              |

## (4) Imagery Interpretation.

| <u>ITEM</u>          | <u>CORD (YD)</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Base Camp            | 007138           | 1900          | 1 Aug       |
| 8 Bunkers, 1 AW post | 015437           | "             | "           |
| Base Camp            | 015437           | "             | "           |
| Base Camp            | 015439           | "             | "           |
| 14 Bunkers           | 013443           | "             | "           |

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| <u>ITEM</u>                    | <u>CORD (YB)</u>  | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
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| 19 Fxhls, poss<br>AW pan       | 010445            | 1500          | 1 Aug       |
| 20 Fxhls                       | 015432            | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
|                                | <u>CORD (XP)</u>  |               |             |
| Poss occ Arty<br>pan           | 84593928          | 1816          | 7 Aug       |
| 1 poss Arty pan                | 858382            | 1816          | 7 Aug       |
| 125 Fxhls                      | 850329-<br>84336  | 1657          | 8 Aug       |
| 45 Fxhls, & Brkr<br>Bnkr       | 843346            | "             | "           |
| Strongpoint                    | 848348-<br>856347 | "             | "           |
| Prob Supply<br>area            | 866395            | 1614          | 3 Aug       |
| 70 Fxhls                       | 83353465          | 1657          | 8 Aug       |
| 30 Fxhls, 2 mtg<br>pens        | 80423285          | "             | "           |
| 40 Fxhls                       | 82353235          | "             | "           |
| 25 Fxhls                       | 88533680          | "             | "           |
| 60 Fxhls                       | 84653142          | "             | "           |
| Cave/tunnel est                | 84003931          | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 100 Fxhls, 12<br>Brkr, storage | 87403500          | 2194          | 15 Aug      |
| Poss Tunnel<br>complex         | 83203920          | 1760          | 19 Aug      |
| 2 AW/AN pens                   | 81403955          | "             | "           |
| 30 Fxhls, 5<br>brkr occ        | 80603950          | "             | "           |

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| <u>ITEM</u>                                        | <u>COORD (X)</u>  | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Large bnkr complex                                 | 872350            | 3d Mar Div    | 21 Aug      |
| Strong point                                       | 87403500          | 2194          | 15 Aug      |
| 15 Fxhls                                           | 868537790         | 1760          | 19 Aug      |
| AA/AW pens                                         | 85473839          | 8760          | 19 Aug      |
| Poss mtr pen                                       | 883348            | 3d Mar Div    | 24 Aug      |
| 40 to 50 bnkrs                                     | 899365            | 3d Mar Div    | 25 Aug      |
| 5 fighting hls,<br>1 bnkr                          | 883358            | 3d Mar Div    | 25 Aug      |
| 20 fighting hls                                    | 818380            | VR            | 25 Aug      |
| Several trenches                                   | 858398            | VR            | 25 Aug      |
| 24 bnkrs, 17 fight-<br>ing hls                     | 898357            | 3d Mar Inte   | 1 Sep       |
| 11 U/H bnkrs                                       | 825363            | 1872          | 29 Aug      |
| 4 bnkrs                                            | 834452            | VR            | 4 Aug       |
| Trench/Fxhls                                       | 844419            | 8220-1        | 7 Aug       |
| Supplies                                           | 844419            | 8220-1        | 7 Aug       |
| Strong point                                       | 898483            | 1614          | 3 Aug       |
| Mtr pen                                            | 830433            | VR            | 10 Aug      |
| Mtr pen                                            | 832432            | VR            | 10 Aug      |
| 45 fxhls                                           | 8187443           | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| Strong point w/5<br>mtr pens, 3 AA/AW,<br>30 fxhls | 84754194          | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 35 fxhls, 2 poss AA/AW<br>pens                     | 897433            | 2420          | 20 Aug      |
| Supplies in open                                   | 898486            | 2591          | 24 Aug      |
| 4 POL drums next                                   | 896401            | 2591          | 24 Aug      |
| Poss tunnel complex                                | 86904235-89214231 | 1654          | 8 Aug       |

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| <u>ITEM</u>                       | <u>CORD (XD)</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 3 50 cal pens                     | 846443           | VR            | 26 Aug      |
| 8 Fxhls                           | 902399           | 1614          | 3 Aug       |
| 2 Bnkrs                           | 903375           | III MAP       | 17 Aug      |
| 10 Bnkrs                          | 906350           | 3d Mar Div    | 25 Aug      |
| 24 Bnkrs, AW pen                  | 995422           | 1500          | 1 Aug       |
| unsee                             |                  |               |             |
| Supply at 40 bnkrs                | 995422           | 1500          | 1 Aug       |
| 25 Fxhls                          | 99634201         | 1561          | 1 Aug       |
| Poss storage area                 | 967486           | 1790          | 6 Aug       |
| 30 Fxhls                          | 945483           | 1790          | 6 Aug       |
| 40 Fxhls, trench                  | 945479           | 1790          | 6 Aug       |
| 60 Fxhls, 5 poss<br>AW pens       | 941479           | 1790          | 6 Aug       |
| 30 Fxhls                          | 94584190         | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 4 Bnkrs                           | 93384737         | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 35 Fxhls                          | 9383465          | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 45 Fxhls                          | 93834652         | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 20 Fxhls                          | 97904385         | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 6 New bnkrs                       | 90924889         | III MAP       | 12 Aug      |
| 10 Fxhls                          | 991455           | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| 70 Fxhls, 2 trenches              | 97934753         | 1657          | 8 Aug       |
| es                                |                  |               |             |
| Tunnel ent                        | 948459           | 1654          | 8 Aug       |
| Riv area                          | 96984787         | 1790          | 6 Aug       |
| 50 Fxhls, trench,<br>3 AA/AW pens | 94504790         | 1790          | 6 Aug       |

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| <u>ITEM</u>                             | <u>COORD (XD)</u> | <u>SOURCE</u> | <u>DATE</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 20 Fxhls                                | 94624759          | 2226          | 16 Aug      |
| 50 Fxhls                                | 939476            | 2420          | 20 Aug      |
| Numerous bnkrs, & fxhls, 2 poss mtr pns | 90904690          | AM 237        | 21 Aug      |
| Bnkrs, fxhls, poss supply area          | 90244796          | AM 237        | 21 Aug      |
| Poss oca AW pns                         | 91294045          | AM 237        | 21 Aug      |
| Supplies in open                        | 902401            | 2591          | 21 Aug      |
| 20 fxhls                                | 948499            | 3062          | 21 Aug      |

## (5) Reconnaissance Sightings

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>AREA</u> | <u>INFORMATION</u>                |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 14 July     | XD 974553   | Team received sniper fire         |
| 02 Sep      | XD 846393   | Team made contact with 50-75 NVA  |
| 02 July     | XD 813376   | Point element observed 2 VC/NVA   |
| 19 Aug      | XD 904476   | Enemy getting supplies            |
| 18 Aug      | XD 939536   | Sighted 15-20 NVA/VC              |
| 18 Aug      | XD 943476   | Helo received SA/AW fire          |
| 10 July     | XD 938499   | Helo received SA fire             |
| 28 Aug      | XD 895538   | Recorded 1 RPG rd and sniper fire |
| 28 Aug      | XD 857455   | Recorded 8 rounds sniper fire     |
| 28 Aug      | XD 902531   | Found possible rocket site        |

## (6) Sensor Activations along QL-9

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>AREA</u> | <u>INFORMATION</u>                                  |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 30 Aug      | XD 84664385 | Local activity, medium (possible 100-200 personnel) |
| 5 Sep       | XD 84664085 | Local activity, heavy (possible 200+ personnel)     |

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18 Aug

XD 8440

Light activity along a primary route (possible 100 - personnel)

19 Aug

XD 8740

Probable 4 vehicles moving south at 7 km per hr

20 Aug

XD 8540

Probable 1 vehicle moving south at 8 km per hr

c. Peculiarities and Weaknesses. Indications are that traffic in the area of operations has generally moved from west to east. This movement is a likely sign of a build-up in the western portion of Quang Tri Province. This does not preclude enemy elements in the area of operation having relatively easy access to sanctuary in Laos.

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Annex A (Weather) to Intelligence Estimate (JL-07) 22-12-1968

1. General. The weather outlook for northwestern XXV Corps (10-18 Sep 68), indicate September is a month of transition between the summer southwest monsoon and winter northeast monsoon. During the first 3-4 days of the period 11-18 Sep 68, a westerly flow should prevail over the Area. The climate will be characteristically southwest monsoonal. The last half of this period will suffer increased precipitation, frequent low ceilings and reduced visibility. Variable wind circulation should increase moisture and convective activity in the eastern portion of the Area. Western portions will be somewhat shielded from moisture laden flows.

2. Cloudiness and Visibility. For the first 3 days broken ceilings (1000 to 1500 feet) and limited visibility in fog (1/2 to 1 miles) will occur in the early morning hours and begin to improve at 0600H. From 1000H to 1400H clouds will be generally scattered below 500 feet and visibility will be 6+ miles. After 1400H, broken ceilings will form at 2000-2500 feet and will occasionally lower and occur as isolated thunderstorms over 3-5 percent of the area. Between 2200H and 0600H, clouds will again become scattered and rainshower activity will subside. Ceiling heights will remain approximately the same 11-18 September. But, as moisture increases, ceilings will have a broken, variable overcast. Afternoon and early evening showers will be 5-10 to isolated and occur over 5-15 percent of the area. Early morning fog will last through 1000H.

3. Winds. Westerly winds will prevail, becoming more northerly and variable toward the end of the period.

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ENEMY ACTIVITY KHE SANH VICINITY

1. SINCE THE KHE SANH COMBAT BASE WAS ABANDONED THE ENEMY HAS APPARENTLY USED THIS GENERAL AREA PRIMARILY FOR LOGISTICAL

PURPOSES DESPITE HIS KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CONSTANT RECONNAISSANCE EFFORTS.

2. AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS ESTIMATED THAT AN ENEMY INFANTRY FORCE OF REGIMENTAL-EQUIVALENT SIZE IS DISPERSED THROUGHOUT THE

AO TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR ENGINEER, LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORTATION ELEMENTS OPERATING IN THE VICINITY OF THE FORMER NSCB AND ALONG

MAJOR LOG'S LEADING TO KSCB. INTELLIGENCE DOES NOT PROVIDE ANY UNIT IDENTIFICATIONS OR LOCATIONS IN THIS AREA.

3. TWO REGIMENTS OF THE 308TH NVA DIVISION (86TH AND 102D) ALONG WITH THE DIVISION HQS ARE CURRENTLY HELD AS UNLOCATED IN

LAOS. HOWEVER, ENEMY FORCES OPERATING AS FAR TO THE EAST AS HILL 1015 MAY BE FROM ELEMENTS OF THESE TWO REGIMENTS.

4. THE FOLLOWING ARE KNOWN TO BE AREAS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE RECENT PAST AND ARE AREAS OF MOST LIKELY CONTACT WITH MAJOR

ELEMENTS OF HIS FORCES:

| COORDS                                          | ACTIVITY                                         | TIME PERIOD           |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| A. 820420-870420-870360<br>840360-820360        | HEAVY                                            | MID AUG TO PRESENT    |
| B. 800490-870490-870440<br>800440               | HEAVY                                            | LATE AUG TO EARLY SEP |
| C. 870380-910380-910350<br>870350               | MEDIUM TO HEAVY                                  | MID AUG               |
| D. 765425-820390-790340<br>765340-785380-750410 | LIGHT TROOP<br>HEAVY DENSITY OF<br>INSTALLATIONS | LATE AUG TO EARLY SEP |

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E. 685490-720450-660450

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5. THE ENEMY HAS AN ESTABLISHED PATTERN OF RETURNING TO OLD CACHES SITES AND CONTINUING TO USE THEM EVEN AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED. ENEMY CACHES PREVIOUSLY DISCOVERED IN THE AREA OF INTEREST WERE LOCATED AT THE FOLLOWING COORDINATES: (READ ACROSS)

|         |                  |        |        |        |        |
|---------|------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| COORDS: | (ALL XRAY DELTA) |        |        |        |        |
| 780426  | 806410           | 809421 | 813405 | 818402 | 822402 |
| 887383  | 872384           | 874383 | 875375 | 875385 | 884385 |
| 881381  | 882379           | 884362 | 913475 |        |        |

6. COURSE OF ACTION. THE SCATTERED DISPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES THROUGHOUT THE AO WILL DETERMINE THE TYPE OF CONTACT FRIENDLY

UNITS WILL MAKE. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE ENEMY WILL MASS HIS FORCES AND PRESENT A MAJOR TARGET FOR OUR SUPERIOR SUPPORTING

ARMS AND TACTICAL AIR. THE LARGEST CONTACT WILL MOST LIKELY BE WITH COMPANY SIZE UNITS FIGHTING A DELAYING ACTION TO COVER THE

ESCAPE OF OTHER FORCES INTO THE HILLS AND EVEN INTO LAOS. THE CONTACTS CAN PROBABLY BE EXPECTED TO PARALLEL THE TYPE ENCOUNTERED

IN THE NUI TIA LONG AREA WHERE MAJOR CONTACT HAS NOT MATERIALIZED AND THE ENEMY HAS ABANDONED MAJOR COMPLEXES AND SUPPLY CACHES

WITHOUT DETERMINED RESISTANCE. ENEMY ARTILLERY IS AN UNKNOWN FACTOR AT PRESENT. NO ARTILLERY FIRE HAS BEEN NOTED FROM THE

CO ROC AREA SINCE MID-JULY 1968 AND IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THESE ARTILLERY PIECES ARE STILL PRESENT OR HAVE BEEN MOVED TO OTHER

AREAS. THE COORDINATION OF ARTILLERY ATTACKS AND GROUND ASSAULTS IS A DEVELOPING ENEMY CAPABILITY AND MUST BE CONSIDERED AS A

PROBABLE COURSE OF ACTION. IT IS ALSO NOTED THAT THE ENEMY OFTEN EMPLOYS MORTAR AND ARTILLERY FIRE TO MARK HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE

AREA OF CONTACTS.  
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| COORD                                           | ACTIVITY                                                | TIME PERIOD               |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| C. 870380-910380-870350                         | med-heavy                                               | mid-Aug                   |
| D. 765425-820390-790340<br>765340-785380-750410 | light trp<br>hvy density <del>in</del><br>installations | late Aug to<br>early Sept |
| E. 685490-720450-660450                         | med                                                     | mid to late<br>Aug        |

5. The enemy has <sup>aw</sup> established ~~prior~~ patterns of returning to old cache sites and continuing to use them even after they have been discovered. Enemy caches previously discovered in the area of interest were located at the following coordinates: (read across)

| COORDS |                         |        |                       |
|--------|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------|
| 780426 | #1 - 3 Times<br>1 Jan   | 806410 | #4 - 2 Times<br>1 Jan |
| 813405 | 2 May                   | 818402 | 1 Aug                 |
| 887383 | #2 - 3 Times<br>6 April | 872384 |                       |
| 875375 | 2 May                   | 875385 |                       |
| 881381 | #3 - 3 Times<br>3 June  | 882379 |                       |
| 913475 | 4 May<br>4 July         |        |                       |

6. Courses of Action. The scattered disposition of enemy forces throughout the AO will determine the type of contact friendly units will make.

It is not expected that the enemy will mass his forces and present a major target for our superior supporting arms and tactical air. The largest contact will most likely be with company size units ~~fighting~~ fighting a delaying

action to cover the escape of other forces into the hills and even into Laos. ~~These contacts are expected to be of conventional type, employing~~

~~heavy machine guns, mortars, and tactical rockets, rather than~~

~~characterized by surprise explosive devices, mining incidents, or harassing fire by small elements and snipers.~~ The contacts <sup>are barely</sup> can be expected to

parallel the type encountered in the Nui Tia Pong area where major contact

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has not materialized and the enemy has abandoned major complexes and supply caches without determined resistance. Enemy artillery is an unknown factor at present. No artillery fire has been noted from the Co Roc area since mid-July 1968 and it is not known if these artillery pieces are still present or have been moved to other areas. The coordination of artillery attacks and ground assaults is a developing enemy capability and must be considered as a probable course of action.

It is also noted that the enemy often employs mortar and artillery fire to <sup>MASK</sup> ~~mask~~ his withdrawal from the area of contacts.

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IMMEDIATE 120300 Z SEPT 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG TF HOTEL  
FOURTH MARINES  
THIRD MARINES

INFO: BLT 2/26  
OTG SEVENTY-SIX POINT FOUR  
CG FIRST MAW  
CG XXIV CORPS  
NINTH MARINES  
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~~OPERATION SULLIVAN (U)~~

1. PLAN FOR OPERATION SULLIVAN RECEIVED VIA VRC-46 NESTOR CIRCUIT AND RELAYED NAVAL COMM CIRCUITS AS REQUESTED NGLO III MARDIV.

2. OPERATION SULLIVAN (13 SEP) QUOTE

3. AT H-HOUR (HGAHOUR NOT DETERMINED, WILL COMMENCE IN EARLY MORNING) AN ARMORED ATTACK WILL BE MA

DE BY UNITS 1/5 AND 2 ND ARVN REGIMENTS, IN THE TANMOGXANXO AREA. OPERATIONS WITH NAVAL GUNFIRE PREP FIRES, FOLLOWED BY IR STRIKE, THEN ARTILLERY DESTRUCTIVE FIRE. UPON COMPLETION ARTILLERY FIRES, ATTACKING UNITS WILL PROCEED NORTHEAST ON HIGHWAY 561 TO OBJECTIVE AREA. DESTROY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THEN WITHDRAW.

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IT IS ANTICIPATED ENTIRE OPERATION COMPLETED IN EIGHT HOURS.

B. IN EFFORT TO OBSCURE OBJECTIVE AREA FROM NVA ARTILLERY OBSERVERS USAF PROVIDE SMOKE SCREEN DUE NORTH ALONG 78 GRID LINE. APPROXIMATE TIME OF SMOKE H-HOUR TO H-HOUR PLUS 30.

C. USS BLANDY WILL BE ASSIGNED H&I VICINITY OBJECT AREA, TO BE FIRED FROM 122000H TO 130600H AND ARTILLERY SUPPRESSION FIRES DURING ATTACK. 7 BOSTON WITH 800/805 0450 1845 (150 ROUNDS 8/5TL AND STAND BY FOR VALL FIRE DURING ATTACK.

D. H&I TO BE FIRED BY USS BLANDY FROM 122000H TO 130600H. EACH TARGET TO BE FIRED TWO TIMES, THREE ROUNDS EACH TIME

TARGET NO

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DESCRIPTION

HEIGHT

|     |        |                    |    |
|-----|--------|--------------------|----|
| 301 | 160775 | RIVER CROSSING     | 0  |
| 302 | 170775 | RIVER CROSSING     | 0  |
| 303 | 178773 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 0  |
| 304 | 189777 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 0  |
| 305 | 192769 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 0  |
| 306 | 90758  | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 0  |
| 307 | 183748 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 10 |
| 308 | 73746  | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 10 |
| 309 | 164746 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 10 |

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|-----|--------|--------------------|---|
| 310 | 154754 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 5 |
| 311 | 158762 | INFILTRATION ROUTE | 0 |
| 312 | 79765  | INFILTRATION R     |   |

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E9 PREP FIRE TO BE FIRED BY CRUISER FROM H-HOUR TO H-HOUR MINUS 120 MINUTES. TO H-HOUR MINUS 75 MSNUES EACH ZONE RECEIVE FIFTY KYPL ROUNDS 8/55. PREP FIRES WILL BE ADJUSTED BY SWIFT REPLY 26-CH

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NDS TO IMPACT AFTER H-HOUR

MINUS 75 MINUTES. EONE ONE-184762, 192762, 184757, 192757 (T

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168757, 175857, 168752, 175752 (TARGET NO 102). ZONE THREE-165765, 175765, 165761, 175761 (TARGET NO 103).

F. ARTILLERY SUPPRESSION FIRES TO BE FIRED BY USS BLANDY FROM H-HOUR PLUS 30 MSNUTES UNTIL H-HOUR PLUS 4 HOURS. T

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TWO TIMES, FIVE ROUNDS EAC TIME DURING TIME FRAME INDICAED ABOVE.

| TARGE NO | COORDINATES | DESCRIPTION         | HEIGHT |
|----------|-------------|---------------------|--------|
| 104      | 168878      | ALL TARGET ARE      | 40     |
| 105      | -16874      | ARTILLERY POSITIONS | 95     |
| 106      | 245880      |                     | 35     |
| 107      | 204842      |                     | 20     |
| 108      | 534842      |                     | 40     |
| 109      | 176827      |                     | 0      |

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|-----|--------|--|----|
| 110 | 213829 |  | 0  |
| 111 | 233823 |  |    |
| 112 | 250830 |  | 10 |
| 113 | 141838 |  | 0  |
| 114 | 178753 |  |    |
| 115 | 221798 |  | 0  |

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ROUTINE 1208 10 30 MARINE DIVISION Z SEP 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: NINTH MARINES  
 INFO: TF HOTEL  
 FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 FIRST AMTRAC BN

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NINTH MAR CP REQUIREMENTS

A. NINTH MAR MSG 241045Z AUG 68

1. FACILITIES REQUESTED BY REF A ARE AVAILABLE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CBV:

ONE 18X24 AND ONE 8X8 BUNKER PLUS SPACE FOR ERECTION OF TENTS.

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BUNKERS  
 FOUR 18X24 PRESENTLY IN USE BUT COULD BE VACATED. IF FOURTH MAR CP IS DISPLACED ITS VACATED POSITION WOULD BE AVAIL.

CC/TSL:

AVAIL BUNKERS DO NOT FILL REQUIREMENTS OF REF A.

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THREE DYE MARKER BUNKERS PRESENTLY OCCUPIED BY ELM OF FIRST SLASH SIXTY FIRST COULD BE VACATED.

E. CUA VIET:

ONE 8X18 BUNKER PRESENTLY USED AS COMM CENTER AND TWO SEA HUTS COULD BE VACATED.

2. IT IS REQUESTED THAT INFO ADDRESSEES CONTINUE TO EMPLOY THE ABOVE BUNKERS AND HUTS IN SUCH A MANNER AS TO PERMIT VACATION ON SHORT NOTICE.

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FM CG TASK FORCE HOTEL

TO CG THIRD MARDIV -

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PREPARATIONS FOR MONSOON POSTURE

1. IN ORDER TO CONTRIBUTE TO AND ENHANCE OVERALL READINESS FOR MONSOON OPERATIONS, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO LOCATION OF THE RECONNAISSANCE BN AT VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.

WHICH THIS COURSE OF ACTION WOULD PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES:

A. LOCATE THE RECON CAPABILITY WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE THIRD DIVISION'S AO.

B. FACILITATE INSERTION AND EXTRACTION OF TEAMS, REGARDLESS OF MEANS UTILIZED.

C. ENSURE CLOSER COORDINATION OF MISSIONS, IN THIS AO.

D. CONSIDERABLY REDUCE TIME AND ASSETS PRESENTLY REQUIRED FOR TRANSPORTATION OF RECON PERSONNEL.

E. ENSURE EXCELLENT TERRAIN FOR RECON TRAINING.

F. ENHANCE THE OVERALL COMBAT POSTURE OF VC-B TO INCLUDE

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3. IF IT IS NOT CONSIDERED FEASIBLE TO RELOCATE 3D RECON BN IT IS URGED AT LEAST ONE COMPANY BE PROVIDED, ON A ROTATING BASIS, AT THE EARLIEST.

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 THIRD MARINES COC  
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## ARC LIGHT NOMINATIONS

1. THE FOLL TGT'S ARE NOMINATED FOR STRIKES AGAINST KNOWN  
 ARTY AND STORAGE AREAS IN SUP OF A GRND OPN  
 INTO THE DMZ.

A. TA-12-143 RPT TA-12-143

B. MAP SERIES L 7014, SHEET 6342 I

1. UTM COORDS

A. XD 975754 XRAY DELTA NINE SEVEN FIVE SEVEN SIX FOUR

B. XD 983745 XRAY DELTA NINE EIGHT THREE SEVEN FOUR FIVE

C. XD 993750 XRAY DELTA NINE NINE THREE SEVEN FIVE SEVEN

D. XD 987763 XRAY DELTA NINE EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN SIX EIGHT

## (2) DMZ INFORMATION

A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCOMBATS IS 19,500M VIC  
OF YD 1360.B. ACCORDING TO AO RPTS ALL STRUC HAVE BEEN ABAND  
DESTD OF CONV TO VC/NVA USE.C. AO'S AND CAS AIRCRAFT HAVE RECD HVY AA/AA FIRE FM  
VIC OF TGT BOX. CONF ACTIVE ARTY'S LOC  
WITHIN THE TGT BOX.

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR IS 13,000M AT AA. YD 114724

E. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU  
IN OR WITHIN ONE 1 KM OF THE TGT BOX.

## (3) TGT INTELLIGENCE

XD 987751 AA PSN PI 2 SEP

XD 980760 TRUCK PARK 7TH AF 3 SEP

XD 981753 STORAGE 7TH AF 3 SEP

XD 983760 TRENCH COMP PI 8 SEP

XD 980750 3 AA/AV PSNS PI 15 AUG

XD 985759 37MM AA ACT 1ST MAW 20 AUG

XD 976761 CONFIRMED ARTY AO 19 AUG

XD 976762 CONFIRMED ARTY AO 19 AUG

XD 97977613 CONFIRMED ARTY PI 17 AUG

XD 985755 130MM ARTY AO 20 AUG

XD 985759 130MM ARTY AO 20 AUG

XD 991748 TRUCK PARK PI 15 AUG

XD 977755 4 37MM AAA SITE 7TH AF 20 AUG

XD 981754 POSS GUN PSN AO 24 AUG

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C. TA-12-144 RPT TA-12-144

## (1) UTM COORDS

- A. XD 992755 XRAY DELTA NINE NINE ZERO SEVEN FIVE SEVEN
- B. XD 992761 XRAY DELTA NINE NINE NINE SEVEN SIX ONE
- C. YD 0837450 YANKEE DELTA ZERO ZERO SEVEN FOUR THREE
- D. XD 998738 XRAY DELTA NINE NINE EIGHT SEVEN THREE EIGHT

## (2) DMZ INFO

A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCOMBAT IS 1000M VIC OF YD 2172.

WE ACCORDING TO AO REPORTS AL 547: -;3 733, -7-, DESID OR CONV TO VC/NVA USE.

C. AO'S AND CAS AIRCRAFT HAVE RECD AM/AA FM VIC OF TGT BOX. CONF ARTY IS LOC W/IN THE TGT BOX.

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR IS 11.500 AT 4-4 YD 114784.

E. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES IV OR W/IN 1 KM OF THE TGT BOX.

## (3) TGT INTELLIGENCE

- XD 992755 CONF ARTY PI 1 SEP
- XD 99377473 CONF ARTY NVA DOC 13 SEP
- XD 99377460 CONF ARTY NVA DOC 13 SEP
- XD 99007443 CONF ARTY NVA DOC 13 SEP
- XD 991760 ACT ARTY AO 31 AUG
- XD 988703 SUS ARTY AO 9 SEP
- XD 989709 MANY WELL USED TRAILS AO 4 AUG
- XD 999743 ARTY 7TH AF 16 AUG
- KGL 991710 ARTY 7TH AF 16 AUG
- XD 991754 6 AA PSNS 7TH AF 20 AUG
- XD 997753 SUPPLY AO 30 AUG
- XD 991754 130MM ARTY 108TH GP 3 SEP
- XD 999754 130MM ARTY 108TH GP 3 SEP
- XD 994753 10 BUNKERS PI 4 SEP
- YD 001763 6 EXPLOSIONS AO 27 AUG
- XD 991748 TRUCK PARK PI 15 AUG
- XD 991740 ARTY 7TH AF 15 AUG
- XD 999753 FIELD ARTY PIECE 7TH AF 1 AUG
- XD 993750 SV INCIDENT AO 31 AUG
- XD 993756 SV CALINCIDENT AO 2 SEP
- XD 999743 CONF ARTY AO 17 AUG

D. TA-12-145 RPT TA-12-145

## (1) UTM COORDS

- A. YD 083752 YANKEE DELTA ZERO TWO THREE SEVEN EIGHT TWO
- B. YD 083777 YANKEE DELTA ZERO THREE FIVE SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN
- C. YD 083753 YANKEE DELTA ZERO TWO THREE SEVEN FIVE EIGHT
- D. YD 083754 YANKEE DELTA ZERO TWO THREE SEVEN SIX ONE

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## (2) DMZ INFO

- A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCBTS IS 19,000M VIC OF YD 2172.
- B. ACCORDING TO AO'S ALL STRUC HAVE BEEN ABAND DESTD OR CONV TO VC/VVA USE.
- C. AO'S HAVE RECD AA FIRE FM VIC OF TGT BOX. CONF ARTY IS LOC W/IN THE TGT BOX.
- D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR IS 10,500M AT A-4. YD 114704
- E. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU IN OR W/IN 1 KM OF TGT BOX.

## (3) TGT INTELLIGENCE

YD 022774 ARTY PIECE AO 9 SEP  
 YD 023777 ACTIVE ARTY AO 10 SEP  
 YD 022774 ACTIVE ARTY AO 10 SEP  
 YD 02567697 CONF ARTY AO 10 SEP  
 YD 02217761 CONF ARTY AO 9 SEP  
 YD 02267774 ACT ARTY AO 9 SEP  
 YD 023768 ARTY PSN 7TH AF 4 AUG  
 YD 027767 2 OCC ARTYPSN PI 6 AUG  
 YD 020761 2 OCC ARTYPSN PI 6 AUG  
 YD 017762 ACTIVE ARTY AO 31 AUG  
 YD 026767 TRUCK PARK/STORAGE PI 9 AUG  
 YD 025678 TRUCK PARK PI 26 AUG  
 YD 024769 SUPPLY AREA PI 26 AUG  
 YD 021766 2 ARTYPSN PI 6 AUG  
 YD 0176 URS 3 SEP  
 YD 027767 2 EXPLO AO 30 AUG  
 YD 024771 30 EXPLO AO 30 JUL

E. TA-12-146 RPT TA-12-146

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- A. YD 052750 YANKEE DELTA ZERO FIVE TWO SEVEN FIVE ZERO
- B. YD 02756 YANKEE DELTA ZERO SIX TWO SEVEN FIVE SIX
- C. YD 072738 YANKEE DELTA ZERO SEVEN TWO SEVEN THREE EIGHT
- D. YD 062732 YANKEE DELTA ZERO SIX TWO SEVEN THREE TWO

(2) DMZ INFO

A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCOMS IS 14,000M. IN THE VIC OF YD 2172.

B. ACCORDING TO AO RPTS ALL STRUC HAVE BEEN ABAND DESTD OR CONV TO VC/NVA USE.

C. CONF ACTIVE ARTY IS LOC IN THE TGT BOX.

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR IS 5,000M AT A4 YD 114734.

NK THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES IN OR W/IN ONE KM OF THE TGT BOX.

(3) TGT INTELLIGENCE

YD 065743 ACT ARTY AO 29 AUG  
 YD 063741 ACT ARTY AO 29 AUG  
 YD 055747 BKR COMPLEX AO 1 SEP  
 YD 064739 ARTY AO 2 SEP  
 YD 064737 ARTY AO 4 SEP  
 YD 060733 85MM ARTY AO 3 SEP  
 YD 066741 ACT AA 1ST MAW 3 SEP  
 YD 061750 ARTY AO 3 SEP  
 YD 065740 3 EXPLOS 1ST MAW 30 AUG  
 YD 064746 3 EXPLOS 1ST MAW 31 AUG  
 YD 063750 SEV SECONDARIES 1ST MAW 31 AUG

F. GENERAL INTELLIGENCE:

(1) SINCE JUST BEFORE OPN THOR THE NVA HAVE BEEN MOVING THEIR ARTY AWAY FM THE COASTAL REGIONS AND INTO THE AREA OF THE REQ'D TGT BOXES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS MOVE WAS MADE TO ESCAPE NGF AND TO BETTER SUPPORT THEIR LINE UNITS IN THE FIELD.

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CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE AND CAS UPON FREE WORLD FORCES OPN ALONG THE DMZ. HOSTILE FIRE AGAINST FR OPN IN NORTH AND CENTRAL LANCASTER C HAS INCREASED IN FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY THE PAST FEW DAYS.

(2). RECENT HVT ENGAGEMENTS BY THE 3RD MARINES AND 1ST BDE FIFTH INF. (M) AGAINST BN SIZED EN FORCES ALONG THE EDGE OF THE DMZ INDICATE THE EN IS STAGING ALONG THE DMZ FROM THE XD 9069 TO THE YD 0670. FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT THIS AREA IS A STAGING AREA ARE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW ROAD RUNNING FM W/IN TGT BOXES, TA-12-143 AND TA-12-144 SOUTHWARD THRU THE DMZ. AO'S HAVE SIGHTED TRUCK PARK AND TRUCKS IN USE ALONG THIS ROAD.

(3) IN ORDER TO KOBO THE EN OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES ALONG THE CENTRAL DMZ AN OPN WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE SUSPECTED

AS ON 13 SEP 68. THE ARC LIGHT NOMINATIONS ABOVE APPEAR TO DESTROY THE EN'S ARTY FIRE SUPPORT, STORAGE AREA AND CACHES. 6. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED W/IN NEXT 24 HRS. FOR TGT'S IN THE OBJ AREAS AND LANDING ZONE IN SUPPORT OF THE PLANNED HELICOPTERBORNE ASSAULT ON 16 SEPT 68.

H. DESIRED POT: 15 SEPT 68.

I. TGT'S ARE VALID UNTIL 132400H SEPT 68

J. EXPLOITATION WILL BE BY GROUND FORCES AND AERIAL OBS. REQ. 7TH AF PROVIDE FAC AND PHOTO COVERAGE FOR OUT OF COUNTRY STRIKES.

2. THERE ARE NO FR IN OR W/IN 3 KM OF THE TGT BOXES.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN NONCBTS, RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU IN OR W/IN 1 KM OF THE TGT BOXES.

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ZCZCY GA002VV HRN709

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ZNY SSSSS ZY O RUY GSHH

P R 121725Z SEP 68

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUJ

TO ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUJ

INFO RUYJSY B/C G NUNTH MAB

RUYPSY G/ELT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

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1. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR USS FORT MARION LSD 22 TO JOIN ARG ALFA APPROX 21-22 NOV. INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES THAT FORT MARION DOES NOT PRESENTLY HAVE INSTALLED A MEZZANINE DECK.

2. ELT 2/26 EMBARKATION OF RUCJ4 ADVISES THAT A MEZZANINE DECK IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY LOAD THE BWT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT ABOARD.

3. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT NECESSARY ACTION BE TAKEN TO INFORM USS FORTMARION OF THE NEED FOR INSTALLATION OF A MEZZANINE DECK PRIOR TO JOINING ARG ALFA.

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TO UUMSE/COMUSMACV SAIGON  
7TH AF SAIGON  
INFO AMERICAL DIV TOC (G-3 AIR)  
XXIV CORPS TOC  
UUMSDC/1 CORPS ADV GRP (G-3 AIR)  
THIRD MARDIV COC  
UUMSE/MAJ 288 (CICV)  
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ARC LIGHT NOMINATIONS

REF: A. CG XXIV CORPS PH3 130217Z SEP 68

B. CG AMERICAL DIV 091314Z SEP 68

1. THE FOLLOWING TARGETS ARE NOMINATED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY FOR  
ARC LIGHT STRIKES:

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| A. QUANG TRI | XD 975764 RPT | ZD 975764 |
| 5373         | XD 983745 RPT | XD 983745 |
|              | XD 993753 RPT | XD 993753 |
|              | XD 987763 RPT | XD 987763 |

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INTELL: STORAGE AREA, POSSIBLE BASE CAMP AND 5 OCCUPIED ARTY PSNS  
- PHOTO 9 AND 29 JULY.

2 ARTY PSNS (1 OCC), 1 VEHICLE REVETMENT, 3 TRUCK PARKS, TRENCH, 4 AA  
PSNS AND CONFIRMED AA Y-PHOTO 10-20 AUG. ARTY CONFIRMED BY 20 10

AUG. ACTIVE 37MM AA POSITIONS REPORTED BY 1ST MAW.

AA POSITIONS - PHOTO 2 SEP.

TRUCK PARK REPORTED BY 7TH AF ON 3 SEP.

1 AA/AV POSITION - PHOTO 3 SEP.

TRENCH COMPLEX - PHOTO 3 SEP.

URS REPORT ON 3 SEP, AND 10 SEP.

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| 5. QUANG TRI | XD 990757 RPT | XD 990757 |
| 5374         | XD 999761 RPT | XD 999761 |
|              | YD 008743 RPT | YD 008743 |
|              | XD 998733 RPT | XD 998733 |

INTELL: 7TH AF REPORTED 3 ARTY PSNS ON 15 AND 16 AUG.

ACTIVE AND SUSPECTED ARTY PSNS - AO 17 AND 31 AUG, 3 AND 9  
SEP.

5 MANY WELL USED TRAILS - AO 4 AUG.

6 AA PSNS REPORTED BY 7TH AF ON 30 AUG.

SUPPLY AREA - AO 30 AUG.

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 10 BUNKERS LOCATED IN TARGET BOX - PHOTO 4 SEP.  
 6 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS REPORTED BY AO AO ON 27 AUG.  
 TRUCK PARK IN TARGET BOX - PHOTO 15 AUG.  
 SMALL ARMS AND .50 CAL INCIDENTS REPORTED BY AO ON 31 AUG AND  
 2 SEP.

13 ARTY POSITIONS - PHOTO BETWEEN 18 JUNE AND 23 JULY.  
 URS REPORT ON 1 SEP, AND 12 SEP.

C. QUANG TRI YD 023732 RPT YD 023732  
 5375 YD 035777 RPT YD 035777  
 YD 025753 RPT YD 025753  
 YD 015763 RPT YD 215763

INTELL: 2 FA PSNS AND TRUCK ACTIVITY REPORTED BY MACV PI 12  
 JULY.

2 OCCUPIED FA POSITIONS - 7TH AF PHOTO 16 JULY.

8 FA POSITIONS REPORTED BY XXIV CORPS AND 460 RECON PHOTO 12  
 JULY.

2 LIGHT ARTY POSITIONS (1 CAMOUFLAGED) - II MAF PHOTO 6 AUG.

2 AA/AV PSNS REPORT BY 45TH MI PHOTO 10 AUG.

POSSIBLE SUPPLY AREA AND TRUCK PARK - PHOTO 16 AUG.

SUPPLY AREA - PHOTO 26 AUG.

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 ARTY/AA PSNS AND 2 EXPLOSIONS SIGHTED BY AO 31 AUG.  
 ACTIVE ARTY REPORTED BY AO AND 103TH ARTY VE ON 31 AUG.  
 AMMO STORAGE BUNKERS - AO 3 SEP.  
 4 ACTIVE ARTY POSITIONS - AO 9 AND 10 SEP.

D. QUANG TRI YD 052750 RPT YD 052750  
 5376 YD 062756 RPT YD 062756  
 YD 072733 RPT YD 072733  
 YD 062732 RPT YD 062732

INTELL: 5 AA/AV PSNS AND 2 LIGHT ARTY PSNS - PHOTO 21 AUG.  
 1 POSSIBLE ARTY PSNS, 1 MED ARTY PSN, 1 LIGHT PSN - PHOTO 14 JULY.

2 LIGHT ARTY PSNS - PHOTO 22 AUG.

SUSPECTED ARTY PSNS - 103TH ARTY VE 23 AUG.

4 OCCUPIED PSNS - PHOTO 26 AUG.

2 ARTY PSNS - AO 29 AUG.

6 EXPLOSIONS AND SEVERAL SECONDARIES REPORTED BY 1ST MAF 30  
 AUG.

ARTY PSNS SIGHTED BY 103TH ARTY VE ON 1, 2 AND 3 SEP.

ACTIVE ARTY PSNS WERE REPORTED BY 12TH MAF ON 10 SEP.

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GENERAL INTELLIGENCE SINCE OPERATION THOR THE JVA HAVE MOVED THEIR ARTY AWAY FROM THE COASTAL REGIONS TO THE WEST. SOME OF THIS ARTY HAS BEEN LOCATED IN THE NOMINATED TARGET BOXES AND IS SUPPORTING THEIR INFANTRY UNITS. EFFECTIVENESS OF ARTY SUPPORT IN THE LANCASTER AO CAN BE NOTED BY THE FACT THAT A MAJORITY OF ALLIED CASUALTIES ARE A RESULT OF ENEMY ARTY AND MORTAR FIRE. THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN FREQUENCY AND INTENSITY OF ENEMY ARTY FIRE IN THIS AREA DURING THE LAST FEW DAYS. RECENT HEAVY ENGAGEMENTS BY THE 3RD MARINES AND 5TH MECH AGAINST BN SIZE ENEMY FORCES ALONG THE EDGE OF THE DMZ INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY IS STAGING ALONG THE DMZ FROM XD 9069 TO YD 0670. FURTHER INDICATIONS THAT THIS AREA IS A STAGING AREA ARE SUBSTANTIATED BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF A JDM ROAD RUNNING FROM WITHIN TARGETS QT 5373 & QT 5374 SOUTHWARD THROUGH THE DMZ. AO'S HAVE SIGHTED TRUCKPARKS AND TRUCKS IN USE ALONG THIS ROAD.

IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE ENEMY OFFENSIVE CAPABILITIES ALONG THE CENTRAL DMZ AN OPERATION WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN SUSPECTED STAGING AREAS COMMENCING ON 16 SEP. THE ARC LIGHT STRIKES REQUESTED ARE TO DESTROY THE ENEMY FIRE SUPPORT,

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STORAGE AREA AND CACHES. WITHOUT THESE STRIKES ALLIED GROUND FORCES WILL BE SUBJECT TO EFFECTIVE ENEMY ARTY FIRE DURING THE OPERATIONS. ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWENTY FOUR HOURS OF TGT'S IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA AND LANDING ZONES OF THE OPERATION.

E. QUANG NGAI  
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BS 395960 RPT BS 395960  
BS 403975 RPT BS 403975  
BS 415969 RPT BS 415969  
BS 402955 RPT BS 402955

INTELL: AIRCRAFT OVER THE PAST WEEK HAVE RECEIVED HEAVY AV FIRE FROM THE TGT BOX. 6 URS REPORTS INDICATE A REGT SIZE UNIT AND AN UNKNOWN SIZE FORCE OPERATING IN THE TGT AREA. AGENT REPORTS AND FOW STATE A REGT SIZE UNIT IS IN THE TGT AREA. VR OVER THE PAST WEEK INDICATES NUMEROUS VC/NVA STRUCTURES, BUNKERS, AND DEFENSIVE PSNS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE AREA. HEAVY APD ON 16 AUG. URS REPORTS ON 21 AUG.

F. QUANG TIN  
8900

BS 386980 RPT BS 386980  
BS 393937 RPT BS 393937  
BS 407973 RPT BS 407973

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 SECTION 3 PHONE 103

3D MARDIV CMC/MO

FLASH 131450 2 SEP 68
 FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF

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 INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPERATION/REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION  
 TO ENTER DMZ Folden

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**by MS** 131832Z 2/9/68
- A. 3D MARDIV COC MSG 121650Z SEP 68 (NOTAL)
  - B. III MAF MSG 251404Z JUN 68 (TS)
  - 1. 3D MARDIV INTENDS TO CONDUCT A MAJOR OPERATION IN THE LANCASTER AREA AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. ACCORDINGLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

- A. OPERATION CODE NAME - LANCASTER NORTH - DMZ OPERATION
- B. BACKGROUND - RECENT HEAVY ENGAGEMENTS BY 3D MARINES AND 1ST BDE 5TH INF (M) AGAINST BN SIZE EN FORCES ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY IS USING THE AREA IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AS A STAGING AREA. THE PRINCIPAL AREA BEING BOUNDED BY THE BEN HAI RIVER TO THE NORTH, GRID LINE XD 96 TO THE WEST, GRID LINE YD 06 TO THE EAST AND THE 69 E/W GRID LINE TO THE SOUTH. STRONG CONFIRMATION OF STAGING AREAS IS THE EXISTENCE OF A NEW ROAD THROUGH THIS AREA AS WELL AS AO SIGHTINGS OF TRUCKS AND TRUCK PARKS.

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1 SEPT - 3D MARINES TO CONDUCT A MULTI-REGIMENTAL OPERATION WITH ONE REGIMENT ATTACKING NORTH FROM THE VICINITY OF MUTTER'S RIDGE TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY AND FORCE HIM BACK INTO THE DMZ. <sup>3D MARINE DIVISION</sup> ARC LIGHTS ARE TO BE DIRECTED ON KNOWN STAGING AREAS AND BE EXPLOITED BY A HELICOPTERBORNE ATTACK BY ONE REGIMENT INTO LZ'S SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AND THENCE ATTACKING SOUTH TO DESTROY THE ENEMY BEING DRIVEN NORTH.

D. TASK ORGANIZATION

CONTROLLING HQ - TASK FORCE HOTEL

ASSAULT ELEMENTS - 3D MARINES WITH 1/3, 2/3, 3/3, BLT  
2/26, 9TH MARINES WITH 1/9, 2/9, 3/9.

E. AREA OF OPERATIONS - LANCASTER AO BOUNDED GENERALLY BY MUTTER'S RIDGE TO THE SOUTH, SOUTHERN SIDE OF BEN HAI RIVER TO THE NORTH, N/S GRID LINE XD 90 ON WEST AND N/S GRID LINE XD 95 TO THE EAST.

F. D-DAY: ON OR ABOUT 15 SEPT CONTINGENT UPON DELIVERY OF ARC LIGHTS REQUESTED IN REF (A).

H-HR: TBA

L-HR: TBA

G. ESTIMATED DURATION - 4-5 DAYS

2. LAW REF (B) PERMISSION IS REQUESTED, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF PROPOSED OPERATION, TO ENTER THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER BETWEEN N/S GRID LINES XD 86 AND XD 96.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: THIRD MARDIV  
 INFO: CG III MAP  
 CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST CAV DIV  
 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG FIRST MAW  
 CG FIRST ARVN DIV  
 CG FOR LOG COMD  
 CG TASK FORCE HOTEL  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE  
 MAG THREE NINE  
 MCB SEVEN  
 FIRST BN, FOUR FOUR ARTY  
 DET A/ONE ZERO ONE, CO "C", FIFTH SFG (A)

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| G-3 W.O.         | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| G-2 W.O.         | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| DOP              | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| APD              | <i>[Signature]</i> |
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OPERATION ORDER 32-68 (LANCASTER II)

- A. MAPS: SERIES L7014; VIETNAM, SHEETS 6342 I, II AND IV  
1:50,000
- B. 3D MARDIV OP O 25-68 (RELIEF OF D-5) (S) (NOTAL)
- C. 3D MARDIV OP O 27-68 (SPARROW HAWK) (S) (NOTAL)
- D. 3D MARDIV OP O 56-67 (LANCASTER) (S) (NOTAL)
- E. 3D MARDIV LOI 1-67 (S) (NOTAL)
- F. 3D MARDIV OP PLAN 21-68 ANNEX B (CONCEPT OF LOG SUPT) (S)  
(NOTAL)
- G. 3D MARDIV O P3100.1D (OPERATIONAL RPTS) (NOTAL)
- H. 3D MARDIV O P2000.4C (COMM SOP) (NOTAL)
- I. 3D MARDIV O P02000.2G (COI) (C) (NOTAL)

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION: ANNEX A (TASK ORGANIZATION)13 **SECRET** Sep 68

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**1. SITUATION**

A. ENEMY FORCES. CURRENT INTSUMS, PERINTREPS, AND OOB UPDATES.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES.

- (1) III MAF, IN COORDINATION AND COOPERATION WITH I ARVN CORPS, CONDUCTS SUSTAINED, COORDINATED, UNILATERAL OR COMBINED, GROUND AND AIR OPERATIONS TO DESTROY VC/NVA MAIN AND GUERRILLA FORCES LOCATED IN ICTZ.
- (2) XXIV CORPS CONDUCTS MILITARY OPERATIONS TO DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES, NEUTRALIZE ENEMY BASES AND SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION POINTS IN NICTZ; ALSO PROVIDES CERTAIN G/S ARTILLERY INCLUDING ELEMENTS 1ST BN (AW) (SP), 44TH ARTILLERY (USA).
- (3) SEVENTH AF AND RVN AIR FORCE PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT FOR GROUND OPERATIONS AND AIR DEFENSE.
- (4) U.S. SEVENTH FLEET PROVIDES SHORE BOMBARDMENT, GUNFIRE SUPPORT AND EMPLOYS THE ARG/SLF.
- (5) FIRST MAW PROVIDES FIXED AND ROTARY WING AIRCRAFT SUPPORT, AIR CONTROL FACILITIES, AND AIRFIELD OPERATIONAL FACILITIES.
- (6) FIRST CAV DIV CONDUCTS UNILATERAL AND COMBINED OPERATIONS IN AO AND SUPPORTS THE REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE 11TH DIVISION TACTICAL AREA.

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- (7) FIRST ARVN DIVISION CONDUCTS OPERATIONS IN AO AND SUPPORTS THE REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM IN THE 11TH DTA.
- (8) FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND PROVIDES SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE SUPPORT.
- (9) QUANG TRI PROVINCE HQ PROVIDES RF SUPPORT TO GVN INSTALLATIONS AND DEFENDS VITAL AREAS.
- (10) A NAVAL MCB MAINTAINS ROUTE NUMBER NINE IN AO.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. SEE: ANNEX (A) (TASK ORGANIZATION).

## 2. MISSION

THIRD MARDIV (-) (REIN) UNITS IN LANCASTER II AREA OF OPERATIONS CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES AND NEUTRALIZE ENEMY BASES, LOC, AND SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION POINTS; MAINTAIN STATIC DEFENSE POSITIONS AND OTHER VITAL INSTALLATIONS IN AO; MAINTAIN OPEN AND SECURE LOC'S WITHIN AO; MAINTAIN ACTIVE GROUND SURVEILLANCE AND SCREENING OPERATIONS; CONDUCT OPERATIONS AGAINST NVA/VC FORCES; MAINTAIN FORCES TO RESPOND AS DIRECTED IN REFS B AND C. SUPPORT GVN REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT (RD) PROGRAM WITHIN AO.

## 3. EXECUTION

### A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

- (1) AREA OF OPERATIONS SEE ANNEX B (OVERLAY PASEP).

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(2) THIRD MARDIV CONTINUES THESE OPERATIONS IN

LANCASTER II AO, MAINTAINING SUFFICIENT FORCES IN AREA TO COMPLEMENT INTELLIGENCE GATHERING AGENCIES OR EQUIPMENT IN ORDER TO DETECT ENEMY PRESENCE, DENY HIS FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT AND, WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY IS PRESENT, DESTROY HIS FORCES, INSTALLATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL BY FIRE AND/OR GROUND ACTION.

- (3) CAMP CARROLL WILL BE DEFENDED WITH MINIMUM INFANTRY FORCES AND FULL USE OF TENANT UNITS. A PLAT OF WILL BE MAINTAINED ON DONG HA MOUNTAIN. THON SON LAM AND KHE GIA BRIDGE WILL BE OCCUPIED AND DEFENDED.
- (4) SURVEILLANCE, SCREENING OPERATIONS AND OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED TO DETECT AND DESTROY ENEMY INFILTRATION AND PREVENT INCURSION BY NVA/VC MAIN FORCE UNITS INTO AREAS SELECTED FOR RD ACTIVITIES.
- (5) INTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE AO WITH EMPHASIS ON LONG RANGE AND NIGHT PATROL ACTIVITY.
- (6) MAXIMUM USE WILL BE MADE OF THE INHERENT COMBAT POWER OF THE MARINE RIFLE COMPANY BY DEPLOYING IT INDEPENDENTLY IN SITUATIONS FAVORABLE FOR OPERATIONS BY UNITS OF THAT SIZE.

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- (7) MAXIMUM EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO MAINTAIN THE MOBILE POSTURE AND INCREASE THE STAYING POWER OF UNITS ASSIGNED TO THE LANCASTER AO DURING THE MONSOON SEASON.
- (8) MAXIMUM USE WILL BE MADE OF SUPPORTING ARMS, BOTH GROUND AND AIR, TO ATTACK DETECTED AND SUSPECTED ENEMY POSITIONS.

B. TASK FORCE HOTEL. WHEN ASSIGNED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF FORCES IN LANCASTER II AO:

- (1) PREPARE PLANS FOR AND CONDUCT MAJOR OPERATIONS IN LANCASTER II AO WITH UP TO TWO REGIMENTS.

C. REGIMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR AO.

- (1) PROVIDE FOR DEFENSE AND SECURITY OF VITAL INSTALLATIONS IN AO.
- (2) MAINTAIN AN ACTIVE GROUND SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM AND CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT ASSIGNED AO TO DETECT AND DESTROY INFILTRATING NVA/VC FORCES.
- (3) FIND, FIX AND CAPTURE/DESTROY NVA/VC INSTALLATIONS AND/OR MATERIAL BY FIRE AND/OR GROUND ACTION.
- (4) MAINTAIN SECURITY OF ROUTE NINE IN AO, AND COORDINATE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION AND UPGRADE EFFORT.
- (5) ON ORDER PROVIDE FORCES FOR RELIEF OF D-5 IAW REF B.
- (6) MAINTAIN SPARROW HAWK PLATOON IAW REF C.

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- (7) PREPARE CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR OPERATIONS IN  
~~3D MARINE DIVISION~~  
 LANCASTER II AO.

D. 3D RECON BN (-) (REIN).

- (1) GENERAL SUPPORT; PROVIDE LIAISON PARTY WITH REGIMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR AO.
- (2) COORDINATE ALL RECON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS, FIRE SUPPORT AND USE OF EXPLOITATION FORCES WITH APPROPRIATE INFANTRY COMMANDER.

E. 12TH MARINES (-) (REIN).

- (1) PROVIDE D/S ARTILLERY AS REQUIRED.
- (2) PROVIDE G/S FIRES AS REQUIRED.
- (3) PROVIDE SEARCH LIGHT SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

F. 1ST BN ADA AW (REIN), 11TH ARTY.

- (1) PROVIDE ONE ADA AW BATTERY REINFORCED WITH ONE  
 ADA MG SECTION D/S REGT RESPONSIBLE FOR LANCASTER<sup>II</sup> AO.

G. 3D TANK BN (-) (REIN). PROVIDE TWO PLATOONS D/S  
 REGT RESPONSIBLE FOR LANCASTER II AO.

H. 3D ENGR BN (-) (REIN). PROVIDE ONE COMPANY D/S  
 REGT RESPONSIBLE FOR LANCASTER II AO.

I. 3D SP BN (-) (REIN). GENERAL SUPPORT, OPERATE LZ IN  
 LSA DONG HA AND LZ IN CBV; PROVIDE HST'S AS REQUIRED  
 TO SUPPORT THE BATTALIONS OF THE REGT RESPONSIBLE FOR  
 LANCASTER II AO.

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1. TO REF HI (-) (REIN)  GENERAL SUPPORT.

2. TO MT IN (-) (REIN) ~~NO NAME DIVISION~~ GENERAL SUPPORT.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

- (1) REF D CANCELLED EFFECTIVE 142400H SEP.
- (2) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT AND FOR OPERATIONS 150001H SEP 68.
- (3) OPERATION CODE NAME: LANCASTER II.
- (4) DIRLNAUTH ALCON.
- (5) COORDINATE OPERATIONS WITH RVNAF AND HUONG HOA DISTRICT LEVEL OFFICIALS IN AO.
- (6) AO COMMANDER COORDINATE RECON INSERTIONS/EXTRACTIONS AND FIRE SUPPORT; PROVIDE FORCES FOR RECON EXTRACTION OR EXPLOITATION OF RECON CONTACTS.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. OPERATIONS IN THE LANCASTER II AO WILL BE LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTED FROM CBV IAW REFS E AND F.

B. PERSONNEL.

- (1) IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND REF E.

C. REPORTS.

- (1) IAW CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND REF G.

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5. **COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS**  
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A. **COMMUNICATIONS - IAW REFS. H AND I.**

B. **COMMAND POST RPT ANY CHANGE IN CP LOCATION.**

**ANNEXES:**

A. **TASK ORGANIZATION**

B. **OVERLAY (AREA OF OPERATIONS) (PASEP)**

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TASK ORGANIZATION3D MARDIV (-) (REIN)

MAJGEN DAVIS

HQ BN (-) (REIN)

TASK FORCE HOTEL

BRIG GEN CHIP

DESIGNATED INFANTRY REGIMENT (S)

3D MARINES (-) (REIN)

COL MICHAEL

3D RECONNAISSANCE BN (-) (REIN)

LTCOL BERG

12TH MARINES (-) (REIN)

COL MULRONEY

1ST BN (-) (REIN), ADA AW (SP),  
11TH ARTY (USA)

LTCOL HOUSE

3D TANK BN (-) (REIN)

LTCOL HAYWOOD

3D ENGR BN (-) (REIN)

LTCOL PERSAC

3D SP BN (-) (REIN)

LTCOL SULIK

3D MED BN (-) (REIN)

CDR SLEMMONS

3D MT BN (-) (REIN)

MAJ ADAMS

9TH MT BN

MAJ KULAK

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 Z O 131719Z SEP 68  
 FM CG XXIV CORPS PHE  
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DNG  
 INFO: RUMHVP/CG 3 MAR DIV DGH  
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 SUBJ: REPORT OF INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS(U)  
 REF: A. CG 3 DMAR CIV MSG, DTG 131450Z SEP 68 (S)  
 B. 3 MAR CIV COC MSG DTG 121550Z SEP 68(S)  
 (S) CG XXIV CORPS, CONCURS IN INTENT OF CG 3D MAR DIV TO CONDUCT  
 OPERATIONS ENTERING THE DMZ AS FOLLOWS:

A. OPERATION CODE NAME: LANCASTER NORTH-DMZ OPERATION  
 B. BACKGROUND: RECENT CONTACTS BY 3D MARINES AND 1 ST BDE, 5 TH  
 INF DIV (M) INDICATE THAT THE ENEMY IS USING THE AREA SOUTH OF THE BEN  
 HAI RIVER TO THE 69 EAST-WEST GRID LINE BETWEEN NORTH-SMUTH GRID LINE  
 XD96 AND YD06 AS A STAGING AREA. PRESENCE OF STAGING ARE CONFIRMED  
 BY DISCOVERY OF A NEW ROAD THROUGH THIS AREA AS WELL AS NO SIGHTINGS OF  
 TRUCKS AND TRUCK PARKS.  
 C. CONCEPT: 3 D MAR IDV ATTACKS NORTH WITH 1/3, 2/3 AND BLT 2/26  
 MARINES FROM VICINITY MUTTER'S RIDGE TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE ON THE ENEMY  
 AND TO FORCE HIM BACK INTO THE DMZ. ARC LIGHTS PLACED ON KNOWN STAGING

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 AREAS TO BE EXPLOITED BY 1/9 AND 1/4 MARINES MAKING HELICOPTER BORNE  
 ASSAULT INTO LZ'S SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AND THE ATTACKING SOUTH  
 TO DESTROY THE ENEMY BEING PUSHED NORTH.

**D. TASK ORGANIZATION:**

TF HOTEL

3 MAR (1/3, 2/3, BLT 2/26)

9TH MAR (1/9, 1/4)

**E. D-DAY:** ON AOR ABOUT 16 SEP 68,

**H-HOUR:** TBA

**F. ESTIMATED DURATION:** 4 TO 5 DAYS

**G. AREA OF OPERATIONS:** LANCASTER AO BOUNDED BY MUTTER'S RIDGE  
 ON THE SOUTH, SOUTH BANK OF BEN HAI RIVER ON THE NORTH, N-S GRIDLINE  
 XD88 ON THE WEST AND N-S GRIDLINE XD 98 ON THE EAST.

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 FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF

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 INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPERATION/REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION  
 TO ENTER DMZ

A. 3D MARDIV COC MSG 121550Z SEP 68 (NOTAL)

B. III MAF MSG 251404Z JUN 68 (TS)

C. CG 3D MAR DIV MSG ~~131450Z~~ 131450Z SEP 68

1. 3D MARDIV INTENDS TO CONDUCT A MAJOR OPERATION IN THE

 LANCASTER AREA AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ. ACCORDINGLY  
 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

A. OPERATION CODE NAME - UNMALED, WITHIN LANCASTER AO.

 B. BACKGROUND - RECENT HEAVY ENGAGEMENTS BY 3D MARINES  
 AND 1ST BDE 5TH INF (1) AGAINST BN SIZE EN FORCES  
 ALONG THE SOUTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE DMZ INDICATE THAT  
 THE ENEMY IS USING THE AREA IN THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE  
 BEN HAI RIVER AS A STAGING/SUPPORT AREA FOR OPERATIONS  
 TO THE SOUTH.

 C. CONCEPT - 3D MARDIV INTENDS TO CONDUCT A MULTI-REGIMENTAL  
 OPERATION WITH ONE REGIMENT ATTACKING NORTH FROM THE  
 VICINITY OF BUTTER'S RIDGE TO MAINTAIN CONSTANT PRESSURE  
 ON THE ENEMY AND FORCE HIM BACK INTO THE DMZ. ARC LIGHTS  
 ARE TO BE DIRECTED ON KNOWN STAGING AREAS AND BE  
 EXPLOITED BY A HELICOPTERBORNE ATTACK BY TWO BATTALIONS  
 INTO LZ'S SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AND THENCE ATTACKING  
 SOUTH TO DESTROY THE ENEMY BEING DRIVEN NORTH.
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## D. TASK ORGANIZATION

CONTROLLING HQ - ~~BARBERS POINT~~ HOTEL

ASSAULT ELEMENTS - 3D MARINES WITH 1/3, 2/3,

9TH MARINES WITH 1/9, 2/9, 3/9, 2/26, 1/4

*- Major change*

E. AREA OF OPERATIONS - LANCASTER AO BOUNDED GENERALLY BY BUTTER'S RIDGE TO THE SOUTH, SOUTHERN SIDE OF BEN HAI RIVER TO THE NORTH, N/S GRID LINE XD 88 ON WEST AND N/S GRID LINE XD 98 TO THE EAST.

F. D-DAY: 16 SEPT.

CG

H-HR: TBA

L-HR: TBA

G. ESTIMATED DURATION - 4-5 DAYS

2. IAW REF (B) PERMISSION IS REQUESTED, CONTINGENT UPON APPROVAL OF PROPOSED OPERATION, TO ENTER THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER BETWEEN N/S GRID LINES XD 88 AND XD 98

3. THIS MSG CANCELS REF C.

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ARC LIGHT NOMINATIONS IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPS

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 131332Z SEPT 68

1. A MULTI REGIM ON WILL BE COND IN THE NORTH LANCASTER AT 04  
 16 SEPO 68 AND WIL 3, 0, 72, 34579, 910 309 1.4:3 3, 59 5 3 9.7.

THE CONCEPT, FORCES AND AREA OF OP ARE DESCRIBED IN REF A..

2. IT IS REQ THAT THE BELOW LISTED BGT NOMINATIONS BE STRUCK  
 PRIOR TO 161030H SEPT 68 IN SUP OF INSERTION OF HELICOPTER FORCES  
 AT 161100H SEPT 68. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF STRIKES SHOULD OCCUR DURING THE DAY-  
 LIGHT PERIOD PRECEDING 161030H SEPO IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE THE  
 DESTRUCTION OF CAS, CREATE A FAVORABLE LANDING ENVIRONMENT AND MINIMIZE  
 FR CAS AND AIRCRAFT LOSSES

N.; QT 528 405 15 5237

1. UTM COORDS

- A. XD 922678 XRAY DELTA NINE ZERO TWO SIX SEVEN EIGHT
- B. XD 93638 XRAY DELTA NINE ZERO THREE SIX EIGHT EIGHT
- C. XD 922641 74-608305- , 3, 3 529 529 8/ 2; 3, 3/
- D. XD 923686 XRAY DELTA NINE TWO THREE SIX EIGHT SIX

2. DMZ INFO

A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCOMBAT SPIS 22,500M AT VIC OF YD 1360.

B. ACCORDING TO AO REPMTS ALL STRUCTURES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED OR CONV TO VC/; - 73;

C. URS RPO STATE THAT LARGE EN UNITS ARE LOC IN THE VIC OF THE TGT BOX.

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR 10400M. A/1/3 YD 93639

E. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU IN  
 OR W/IN 1 KM OF THE TGT BOX

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## 3. TGT INTELLIGENCE

MXD 925635 AA/AM PQ 2 AUG

XD 920632, RIVER CROSSING/TRAILS, AO, 3 AUG

WXD 902638, RIVER CROSSING, PI, 23 AUG

XDP907632, RIVER CROSSING, PI, 29 AUG

XD 911631, RIVER CROSSING, PQ, 29 AUG

XD 909631, RIVER CROSSING, PI; 2. MIURN

XD 91:678, TRAIL NETWORK, 71N 05E

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XD 903634, ROAD IN USE, -9, 23 AUG

XD 917631, RIVER CROSSING HUY USE, AO, 27 AUG

XD 906635, HQ 52 NVA REGT, URS, 22 AUG

C. QT 5341 RPTPOT 5341

## 1. UTM COORDS

XD 913673 XRAY DELTA NINE ONE THREE SIX SEVEN THREE

B. XD 911100 /4-6 5305- , 8,3 529 9,3 7/ EIGHT EIGHT

C. XD 922656 XRAY DELTA NINE TWO TWO SIX FIVE SIX

DM XD 931661 XAY DELTA NINE THREE ONE SIX ONE ONE

## (2) DMZ INFO

A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST MONCBTS IS 21,00M VIC OF YD 1360.

B. ACCORDING TO AO REPORT ALL STRUC HAVE BEEN ABAND DESTD OR CONV TO VC/NVA USE.

C. URS REPORTS STATNGONATLARGE NVA FORCE ARE LOC N VAC MF THE TGT BOX.

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR IS 2400M A/1/3 AT XD 93363..

E. THNYT ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU IN MR W/IN THE TGT BOX.

## 3. TGT INTELLIGENCE

XD 916-8074 51 4385 20 AUG

D. QT 5701 405 15 5292

## 1. UTM COORDS

A.PXD 910648 XRAY DELTA NINE ONE ZERO SIX FOUR EIGHT

C. D 918656 XRPCNDELTA NINE ONE EIGHT SIX FIV

LIXN

C. XD 905671 XRAY DELTA NINE ZERO FIVE SIX SEVEN ONE

D. XD 897664 XRAY DELTA EIGHT NINE SEVEN SIX SIX FOUR

## (2) DMZ INFO

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST MONCBTS IS 2200M VIC OF YD 1360.

B. ACCORDING TO AO REPORT ALL STRUC HAV BEEN ABAND

DESTD OR CONV TO VC/NVA USE.

C. URS RPTS STATE TH NOBARGE EN FORCES ARE LOC N VCC OF THE TT BOX.

D. DISTANCE TO NEAREST FR IS 2700M A/1/3 AT YD 933639

E. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU IN OR W/IN 1 KM OF TGT BOX.

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E. TA-13-147 RPT TA-13-147

## 1. UTM COORDS

- PKK XD 83566 XRAY DELTA EIGHTEIGHT FIVE SIX SIX ZERO  
 B. XD 895660 XRAY DELT DOWGHT NINE FIVE SIX SIX ZERO  
 C. XD 885640 XRAY DELTA EIGHT EIGHT FIVE SIX FOUR ZERO  
 D. XD 8.5640 /4-6 S3)5- 32& 5 ,3,3 3;3 7/ 1974 "349

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- A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCBTSPIS 24000M VIC  
 OF YD 1360.  
 B. ACCORDING TO AO REPORTS ALL STRU HAVE 3  
 OP ABAN  
 DESTD OR CONV TO VC/MVA USE.  
 E. URS RPTS INDICATE THERE IS A LARGE EN FORCE IN THE  
 VIC OF THE TGT BOX.  
 D. DISTANCE OO NEAREST FR IS 40300 A/1/3 YD 935639.  
 E. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINEBLOR NAT'L MONU  
 IN OR W/IN NE KM OF THE TGT BOX.

## A. TGT INTE3&amp;3,:3

-XD 892642 TO XD 892643

BASE CAMP BUNKER COMPLEX FIGHTING HOWES, SUS WPNS AND AMMO  
 CACHES AND OBS NA ACT, AON Q SEPT

XD 7868, URS 28 AUG

XD 8966, URS 26 AUG/12 SEPT

XD 8866, URS, 27 AUGM

F. TA-13-148 RPT TA-13-148

## 1. UTM COORDS

- A. XD 889668 XRAY DELTA EIGHT EIGHTNINE SIX SIX EIGHT  
 B. XD 907680 XRAY DELTA NINE ZERO NINE SIX EIGHT ZERO  
 C. XD 913670 (0/4-6 S3)5- ,3,3 9,3 5;433 0/ 3;3, "349  
 D. XD 895659 XRPFBELTA EIGHT NINE FIVE SIX FIVE NIN

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## (2).

- A. DISTANCE TO NEAREST NONCBTALIAPOC  
 00M VIC YD 1361.  
 E. ACCORDING TO AO RPTS ALL STRU HAVE BEEN ABAN  
 DESTD OR CONV TO VC/NV DPPNKKP  
 C. URS REPORTS INDICATE TH  
 YZ IS LARGE EN UNIT IN THE VUC  
 MOF THE TGT BOX.  
 D; S85-,:3 59 ,3-435 1 3 4200M A/1/3 XD 935639.

K. THERE ARE NO KNOWN RELIGIOUS SHRINES OR NAT'L MONU IN  
 (3) W/IN ONE KM OF THE BOX.

TGT INTELLIGENCE

000 896670, HUY TR ICDNAQUK AO 12 SEPT

G. AREA INTELLIGENCE. PALMOKGH TGT BOXES CONTAIN MINIMUM  
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NETWORK SHOWING RECENT HUY RVIKOLRUNS THROUGHOUT THE AREA. A VIEW  
 URS WEVELPISPALSO K CENTEREJLNN THE AREA. 775-,53-) ONIACI DURING  
 THE PPNMLFEW DAYS VERIFIES THE EN'S PRESENCE. FR FORCES HAVE  
 MANEUVERED INTO PSVS ON THE W,S AND E LEAVING THE EN  
 MM/ONLFLW ROUTE TO THE N. DELIVERY OF THE REQ'D  
 STRIES FOLLOWED BY INSERTION OF HELICOPTERBORNE FORCES WILL SEAL OFF  
 THIS ROUTE AND THUS AFFORD FR FORCES AN OPPOR TO DEST  
 THE CONTAINED EN FORCES.

H. DESIRED TOT: 60600H -161030H SEPT 62

NO BOMBS AFTER 161030H SEPT 62

IMLTGTS ARE VALID UNTIL 161004 SEPT 3.

J. EXPLOIT N., 2300 73 76 & 47,5 194:3 -,5 -343-) 97.

REQ 7TH PJB49;3\$,70-: -,5 0 959 :9;;4-23 194 975 91 :97,240  
 STRIKES.

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 NRELIGIOUS SHRINES AND NATJL MONU W/IN ONE KM OF  
 ONE OGT BOXE70&.

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STAFF:

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VISIT CC FIRST MAR DIV

STAFF BRIEFING

ENR FIRST REGT

VISIT FIRST REGT BN

ENR LZ NR. 421

ENR AN HOA

VISIT FIFTH MAR AND CAP 2-9-2

ENR HILL 55

VISIT CO "I" 3/7

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PLAN TO COMMENCE SEVEN DAY OPERATION INTO DMZ ON 16 SEP 68.

DESIRE TO STRIKE SUSPECTED AND KNOWN ENEMY ARTY POSITIONS

NORTH OF DMZ. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ATTACK OUT OF COUNTRY

TARGETS WITH N PRE FRAGGED FIXED WING AND SCRAMBLES AS

NECESSARY IN FOLLOWING AREA: FROM DMZ NORTH ALONG 80 GRIDLINE TO

79 GRIDLINE AND EAST TO 10 GRID LINE.

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**SECRET****PLANNED OPERATION**

1. THIS HQ IS PLANNING AN OFFENSIVE OPERATION IN THE DMZ AREA ON 15 SEPT FOLLOWING ARCHLIGHT STRIKES, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY CG THIRD MARDIV.
2. CONCEPT. NINTH MARINES MAKE TWO BATTALION HELIBORNE ATTACK INTO THE DMZ SOUTH OF BEN HAI RIVER AND ATTACK IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. BOTH BATTALIONS LAND SIMULTANEOUSLY ON D-DAY WITH EMPHASIS IN RAPIDITY OF INSERT. UPON CONSOLIDATION OF LZ'S BATTALIONS WILL CONDUCT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TOWARD ASSIGNED OBJECTIVE. UNITS OF THIRD MARINES CURRENTLY EMPLOYED NORTHWEST OF KHAMZON BACK WILL SUPPORT PROPOSED HELIBORNE ASSAULT, BY CONDUCTING OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE

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OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS TO THE NORTH WEST IN ONEIN A.O.

3. FIRE SUPPORT. D/S WILL BE PROVIDED FROM FSB WINCHESTER AND FSB BIRMINGHAM GENERAL SUPPORT AND REINFORCING ARTILLERY WILL BE POSITIONED AT FSB BIRM, A-4, FSB WINCHESTER, A FORWARD S' POSITION AND THE RICKPILE.

4. AIR SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS; 24CH-46'S AND 8 GUNSHIPS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE HELICOPTER ASSAULTS.

FOURTEEN TPQ'S PER NIGHT PRIOR TO D-DAY AND SEVENTY SORTIES OF FIXED WING ON D-DAY. FORTY SORTIES PER DAY THEREAFTER. CONTINUOUS AO COVERAGE WITH ON STATION RELIEF. CONTINUOUS TAAF COVERAGE NORTH OF THE DMZ IN THIS AREA.

5. ESTIMATED DURATION OF OPERATION AFTER HELIBORNE ASSAULT IS THREE TO FIVE DAYS.

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MODIFICATION OF ARCLIGHT SAFETY ZONE; REQUEST FOR  
 1. IT REQUESTED THAT THIS COMMAND BE AUTHORIZED TO MANEUVER  
 FRIENDLY TROOPS INSIDE THE MINIMUM ARCLIGHT SAFETY ZONE OF  
 THREE THOUSAND METERS DURING ARCLIGHTS SCHEDULED FOR 16 SEPT 68.  
 2. FRIENDLY TROOPY WILL NOT BE CLOSER THAN TWO THOUSAND METERS  
 FROM EXTREMITY OF PROPOSED ARCLIGHT TARGET AREA.  
 3. MODIFICATIONS OF ARCLIGHT SAFETY ZONE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT  
 PLANNED HELIBORNE ASSAULT IN DMZ TO EXPLOIT SCHEDULED  
 ARCLIGHT DROPS.

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SUBJ: ANTI-INFILTRATION SYSTEM SOUTH OF DMZ

REF: (A) SECDEF MSG 072053Z SEP 67

1. REFERENCE (A) IS QUOTED IN ITS ENTIRETY. ITS PROVISIONS ARE STILL BINDING AND WILL BE ADHERED TO BY ALL MEMBERS OF THIS COMMAND. QUOTE

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT 000 NEWS RELEASE 343-67 DATED 7 SEP 67.

THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT TODAY.

RECENT NEWS STORIES HAVE SPECULATED ON ANTI-INFILTRATION

SYSTEMS AROUND THE DMZ AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER WITH YOU BRIEFLY TODAY.

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"AS YOU ALL KNOW, WE HAVE FOR TWO YEARS OR MORE BEEN EXAMINING INTO THE POSSIBILITIES OF USING GROUND OBSTACLES AND OTHER DEVICES TO HELP IMPEDE THE FLOW OF MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

MANY PERSONS, SOME INSIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND SOME IN RESEARCH

ORGANIZATIONS OUTSIDE DEPARTMENT, HAVE RECOMMENDED DIFFERENT PROPOSALS.

SOME OF THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN EXAMINED IN DETAIL AND DIS-

CARDED. OTHERS APPEAR TO HAVE MORE PROMISE. YOU ARE ALL AWARE THAT

WORK HAS BEGUN ON CLEARING THE JUNGLE SOUTH OF THE DMZ FOR A STRIP OF

ROUGHLY 15 MILES. WE ARE PREPARING TO INITIATE LATE THIS YEAR OR EARLY

NEXT YEAR THE OPERATION OF SYSTEM TO MAKE INFILTRATION MORE DIFFICULT.

THE SYSTEM'S OBJECTIVES WILL BE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE OF OUR AIR

CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION. WE KNOW, OF COURSE, THAT

NO OBSTACLE CAN STOP THE INFILTRATION OF PERSONNEL OR SUPPLIES.

EQUIPMENT TO BE INSTALLED WILL RANGE FROM BARBED WIRE TO HIGHLY

SOPHISTICATED DEVICES. THE MORE THE ENEMY KNOWS ABOUT OUR PLANS, THE

MORE READY HE COULD BE TO DEFEAT THE SYSTEM WHEN IT IS INSTALLED.

THEREFORE, I AM DIRECTING THAT NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BE MADE PUBLIC

BY ANYONE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ON THIS PROGRAM. I DO NOT INTEND

TO GIVE THE ENEMY THE ADVANTAGE OF KNOWING WHAT MATERIALS WE WILL USE,

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WHERE THEY MIGHT BE USED OR IN WHAT QUANTITIES. ALL SUCH INFORMATION WOULD BE OK MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO HIM. APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS WILL OF COURSE, BE KEPT INFORMED OF OUR PLANS."

2. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE ANTI-INFILTRATION SYSTEM WILL BE RELEASED BY ANY MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. ADDRESSEES ARE INSTRUCTED TO DISSEMINATE THIS DIRECTIVE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WITHIN THEIR COMMANDS AND TO SUBORDINATE COMMANDS. UNQUOTE.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: THIRD MARINES  
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OPCON BLT 2/26 SUPPORTING UNITS

A. 3D MAR MSG 071105ZSEP68

1. REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A DISAPPROVED.
2. RECOMMEND BLT 2/26 MAKE LIAISON WITH LIKE UNITS OF ITS SUPPORTING ELEMENTS FOR CONDUCT OF MAINTENANCE AND OJT.

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MEMORANDUM

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4  
 To: Commanding General

Subj: RMT Rehab and LTI

Ref: (a) CG, NINTH MAB 090545Z Sep 1968

1. Reference (a) stated the desire to update the LTI's of major items of equipment previously conducted during August 1968 for RMT 2/26. The period for accomplishing the LTI update by a team from 3d FSR was suggested as 16-20 September. Coordination between the G-4 and G-3 sections indicates that the suggested period is acceptable in part.
2. A recommendation is submitted in that the LTI team from 3d FSR accomplish the inspection update on selected equipment for 2/26 at Camp Carroll during the period 16-20 September 1968. Planned operational commitments preclude inspection of all equipment in possession of 2/26. Items available for an LTI update will include tanks, oxes, motor transport vehicles, and engineers equipment; RMT 2/26 is in process of determining the types of weapons which will be available for LTI update. An appropriate message will be initiated by this staff section upon approval of the foregoing recommendation.
3. In regard to the Commanding General's notation on reference (a) pertaining to extending an invitation to 3d FSR to conduct a monthly rehabilitation program in the Quang Tri area, the following comments and suggestion is offered:
  - a. The proposed monthly rehabilitation program was discussed with the Commanding Officers 1SG-BRAVO on 12 September 1968. As a result of this discussion the magnitude of the program was considered such that additional professional opinion is desired prior to submission of a positive recommendation. This professional opinion will be obtained from the 3d FSR, LTI team upon their arrival in this area to inspect 2/26. An appropriate recommendation

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be submitted to the Commanding General subsequent to discussion of the subject with the LTI team.

As an interim measure it is suggested that planning proceed for conduct of a SFI of 2/26 as stated in paragraph 2, and that planning for the conduct of a rehabilitation program be held in abeyance pending arrival of information from 3d FSR.

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FROM: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL  
 TO: THIRD MARINES  
 NINTH MARINES

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OPERATION ORDER 13-68

- A. CG 3RD MARDIV OP PLAN 21-68
- B. TASK FORCE HOTEL TAC LOG SQP P4400.1
- C. FMFM 7-1 (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION)
- D. CG 3RD MARDIV LOI 1-67
- E. 3RD MARDIV O P3120.6A (SQP FOR FSCC)
- F. CG 3RD MARDIV MSG 230452Z AUG68

## 1. SITUATION

## A. ENEMY

(1) THE ENEMY FORCES IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA CONSIST OF ELEMENTS OF THE 52ND AND 54TH (ARTILLERY) REGIMENTS OF THE 320TH NVA DIVISION, THE 8TH BATTALION, 29TH REGIMENT, THE ARTILLERY UNITS WHICH ARE DISPOSED WESTWARD FROM THE COAST ALONG THE DEMARCATION LINE, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ANTI-AIRCRAFT ELEMENTS OF UNKNOWN SIZE.

(2) ENEMY MAY REINFORCE FROM THE EAST WITH ELEMENTS OF THE 49TH REGIMENT WITHIN 24 HOURS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF A SPECIFIC ENEMY REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY ORIGINATING NORTH OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

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HOWEVER, THE THIRD BATTALION OF THE 48TH, 52ND AND 64TH NVA REGIMENTS CANNOT BE LOCATED. THEREFORE IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT THE ENEMY HAS THE CAPABILITY TO REINFORCE.

B. FRIENDLY. FOURTH MARINES CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN SCOTLAND II A.O. 1ST BDE, 9TH MECH CONDUCTS OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS EAST OF THIRD MARINES. 1ST ACD CONTINUES OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED A.O. NO CHANGE IN AIR OR ARTILLERY SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS. NONE

2. MISSION. TASK FORCE HOTEL CONDUCTS GROUND AND HELIBORNE ATTACKS, INTO AND SOUTH OF THE DMZ TO SEAL OFF ENEMY FORCES AND CONDUCTS DETAILED SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TO THE SOUTH OF THE ENEMY MAIN INFILTRATION/ RESUPPLY ROUTES, TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY OR CAPTURE THE ENEMY AND HIS CACHES.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- (1) SEE OPERATION OVERLAY (PASEP)
- (2) FOLLOWING ARELIGHTS TWO BATTALIONS CONDUCT HELIBORNE ASSAULTS INTO THE DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER AND ATTACK IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. BOTH BATTALIONS CONDUCT THE HELIBORNE ASSAULT SIMULTANEOUSLY ON D-DAY WITH EMPHASIS ON RAPIDITY OF INSERT. FROM THE LZ, THE BATTALIONS MOVE TOWARD ASSIGNED OBJECTIVES, SEEKING OUT ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATION AS WELL AS ENEMY PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN THE AREA.

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IN COORDINATION WITH THE HELIBORNE ASSAULT, THIRD MARINE UNITS EMPLOYED NORTHWEST OF THE RAZORBACK INTENSIFY GROUND OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

## B. THIRD MARINES

(1) AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY CONTINUE INTENSIFIED GROUND OPERATIONS TOWARD THE NORTHWEST IN YOUR ASSIGNED A.O. TO SEEK OUT ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND TO FIND, FIX, CAPTURE AND DESTROY ENEMY PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES IN THE AREA.

(2) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THON SON LAM, KHE GIO BRIDGE, CAMP CARROLL AND ROUTE #9 IN YOUR A.O.

(3) PROVIDE DONG HA MTN CP.

(4) PROVIDE SECURITY FOR PSB BIRD AND PSB PETE WITH 8" GUNS IN THE VICINITY OF XD 978586.

(5) PROVIDE ONE COMPANY FOR VCB SECURITY.

## C. NINTH MARINES

(1) CONDUCT A HELIBORNE ASSAULT WITH TWO BATTALIONS INTO THE DMZ, SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI RIVER. EMPHASIS WILL BE RAPIDITY OF INSERT. AFTER CONSOLIDATION OF THE LZ'S, THE BATTALIONS WILL MOVE SOUTH AND SEEK ENEMY LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AS WELL AS ENEMY PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. DISRUPT THE ENEMY'S LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS, KILL OR CAPTURE HIS PERSONNEL AND CAPTURE AND DESTROY HIS EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

(2) CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN THE NUI TIA PONG/ TROUSDALE AREA AND REMAIN PREPARED TO EXPLOIT THE DMZ ASSAULT.

## D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) D-DAY 17 SEPT68

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(2) L-HOUR IS 170820H SEPT68 OR WITHIN HALF HOUR HOUR OF LAST ARCLIGHT.

(3) BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN THIRD AND NINTH MARINES IS EFFECTIVE 151600H SEPT68.

(4) OPCON OF BMT 2/26 WILL BE CHOPPED FROM THIRD TO NINTH MARINES EFFECTIVE 151600H SEPT68.

(5) ARCLIGHT DANGER AREA IS AREA NORTH AND NORTHWEST OF LINE DRAWN FROM XD 860610 TO XD 905610 TO XD 950639. FRIENDLY FORCES REMAIN SOUTH OF ABOVE LINE UNTIL NOTIFIED OF LAST ARCLIGHT STRIKE.

(6) USE OF HAND HELD RCA IS AUTHORIZED. BULK DISSEMINATION OF CS TEARING AGENT MUST BE APPROVED BY THIS HQS.

(7) BILATERAL BOUNDARY CHANGES WILL NOT BE MADE WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THIS HQS.

(8) SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR PSYOPS SUPPORT TO THIS HQS.

(9) FORWARD ALL PRISONERS DIRECTLY FROM REGIMENTAL COLLECTION POINTS TO POW COMPOUND AT THIRD MARDIV CP.

(10) FORWARD ALL CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES DIRECTLY TO THIRD MARDIV CP.

(11) OPCON OF FIRST BATTALION, FOURTH MARINES IS CHOPPED TO NINTH MARINES EFFECTIVE 160800H SEPT68.

(12) SUBMIT HELO FRAGS AND FIXED WING FRAGS BY 1400 and 1100 RESPECTIVELY ON DAY PRIOR TO DAY OF NEED.

(13) KEEP HLZ'S CLEAR OF DEBRIS, MARK HST PERSONNEL AND GUARD LZ COMMON NET.

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(14) FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
REF C, D AND E AS MODIFIED BY REF F.

(A) REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS INSURE COORDINATION OF  
ALL FIRES IN ASSIGNED A.O. EXERCISE MAXIMUM COORDINATION OF AIR  
STRIKES TO PRECLUDE FLIGHT PATH INTERFERENCE WITH ADJACENT  
REGIMENTAL A.O. WHEN POSSIBLE. PLAN AND EXECUTE APPROPRIATE  
FIRE PLANS.

(B) NO RESTRICTIONS ON TARGETS IN AREA OF OPERATIONS.

(C) AIRCRAFT SAFETY IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B, C,  
AND D. COMMANDERS WILL INSURE THAT AIR SENTRIES ARE POSITIONED  
AT ALL FIRING POSITIONS. INSTITUTE, OR RECOMMEND TO THIS HQS,  
RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS AS NEEDED TO INSURE SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK  
OF TARGETS BY AIR AND ARTILLERY, AND AIRCRAFT SAFETY.

(D) FLAK SUPPRESSION FIRE IS REQUIRED.

(E) SHELL ILLUMINATION AND SHELL SMOKE WILL BE  
CLEARED THROUGH THIS HEADQUARTERS IF FIRED WITHIN 2000 METERS  
OF OR ACROSS A REGIMENTAL BOUNDARY.

(F) LATERAL CLEARANCE OF FIRE AUTHORIZED BETWEEN  
REGIMENTS WHEN ANY ONE OF THE BELOW SITUATIONS EXIST.

- (1) FLEETING TARGET
- (2) EMERGENCY MISSION
- (3) COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE AT TASK FORCE LEVEL.

NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS ASAP AFTER BILATERAL CLEARANCE HAS BEEN  
OBTAINED. MAINTAIN RECORD OF ALL LATERAL CLEARANCES.

(15) SUBMIT NIGHT FIRE PLANS TO THIS HQS BY 1900H DAILY.  
SUBMIT TPQ REQUESTS TO THIS HQS BY 1000H DAILY.

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(16) 12TH MARINES REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ON-CALL COUNTER-BATTERY FIRES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT COUNTER-BATTERY PLANS FOR HOSTILE ARTILLERY WITHIN AND NORTH OF THE DMZ.

(17) THE CODE NAME FOR THIS ACTION IS TROUSDALE NORTH.

#### 4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

##### A. SUPPLY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

(1) SOURCE OF SUPPLY FOR CLASS I, III, IV AND V IS VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE; CLASS II DONG HA.

(2) SUPPLY POINT DISTRIBUTION IN EFFECT.

(3) PRESCRIBED LOADS. AS PRESCRIBED BY UNIT COMMANDERS, TROOPS WILL CARRY MAXIMUM LOAD OF CLASS I, V AND WATER.

(4) ASSAULT BATTALIONS WILL CARRY FIVE (5) LONG RANGE PATROL RATIONS PER MAN TO REDUCE CLASS I RESUPPLY AND PROVIDE A RESERVE IN THE EVENT OF LIMITED HELICOPTER RESUPPLY.

(5) ONE INFANTRY COMPANY B.A. OF CLASS V WILL BE PREPOSITIONED PRIOR TO D-DAY AT FSB BIRD AND WINCHESTER.

(6) 3 DOS CLASS I MCI WILL BE PREPOSITIONED PRIOR TO D-DAY AT EACH FSB FOR MANEUVERING BNS.

##### B. RESUPPLY. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF B.

(1) PRIMARY. HELICOPTER RESUPPLY FROM VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.

(2) OVER THE ROAD RESUPPLY WILL BE UTILIZED WHEN EVER POSSIBLE.

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(3) EMERGENCY RESUPPLY REQUESTS MUST BE APPROVED BY REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS AND SUBMITTED TO OG TASK FORCE HOTEL FOR APPROVAL/ACTION.

(4) CARGO NETS MUST BE RETURNED TO LSA PROMPTLY. HELICOPTER RESUPPLY CANNOT CONTINUE IF NETS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE LSA.

## C. CAPTURED MATERIAL

(1) ALL CAPTURED MATERIAL WILL BE PROPERLY TAGGED AND EVACUATED THROUGH NORMAL LOGISTIC CHANNELS.

(2) CAPTURED ORDNANCE ITEMS TO BE EVACUATED BY HELICOPTER WILL BE INSPECTED BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENCY AND CERTIFIED THROUGH LOGISTIC CHANNELS TO TASK FORCE HOTEL BEFORE BEING LIFTED BY ANY HELICOPTER.

## D. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

(1) TAKE MAXIMUM ANTI-MALARIA MEASURES.

(2) EVACUATE CASUALTIES TO 3RD MED BN QUANG TRI.

## E. SERVICES

(1) BE PREPARED TO UTILIZE MINE CLEARANCE CAPABILITY OF THE ATTACHED ENGINEER COMPANY.

(2) ADDITIONAL MINE CLEARANCE CAPABILITY AVAILABLE AT 3RD ENGINEER BN.

(3) CASE 450 DOZERS AND 580 BACK HOES AVAILABLE FOR FSB CONSTRUCTION FROM TASK FORCE HOTEL.

F. COMMUNICATIONS. HELICOPTER SUPPORT TEAMS ON REGIMENTAL LZ COMMON.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS

A. OG TASK FORCE HOTEL CP - VCB

B THIRD MARINES CP - CAMP CARROLL

C. NINTH MARINES CP - INITIALLY VCB, TO DISPLACE FORWARD.

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PRIORITY 141922 30 MARINE DIVISION SEPTEMBER 68

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF DNG  
 CG TF HOTEL/20N

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 ARCLIGHT EVALUATION

1. ON 23, 24, 26, AND 27 AUGUST A TOTAL NINE ARC LIGHTS WERE UTILIZED TO SATURATE LANDING ZONE AREAS IN THE NUI TIA PONG AREA OF WESTERN QUANG TRI

PROVINCE. THESE ARC LIGHTS WERE FOLLOWED BY GROUND EXPLOITATION BY TWO BATTALIONS OF THE NINTH MARINES. EXPLOITATION HAS CONTINUED FROM 27 AUGUST

THROUGH 14 SEPTEMBER.

2. ARC LIGHTS WERE REQUESTED ON TWO BASIS:

A. THE EXTREME RUGGEDNESS OF THE TERRAIN NECESSITATED LANDING IN NARROW VALLEY FLOORS USING SINGLE HELICOPTER APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LINES.

STEEP, HEAVILY WOODED SLOPES OFFERED THE ENEMY EXCELLENT OBSERVATION, TOTAL CONCEALMENT AND PARTIAL COVER FROM THREE SIDES OVER THE LANDING ZONES. IT

WAS REASONED THAT WITHOUT THE AREA COVERAGE AND SHOCK EFFECT OF ARC LIGHT STRIKES, THERE WOULD BE GREAT RISKS TO THE LANDING FORCE FROM CONVERGING

ENEMY FIRES DURING THE INITIAL INSERTS. ALTHOUGH SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS PROVED THE PRESENCE OF SIGNIFICANT ENEMY FORCES, IN THE AREA, THE ARC LIGHTS

IN COMBINATION WITH OTHER SUPPORTING FIRES WERE ~~CONSIDERED~~ SUCCESSFUL IN REDUCING OPPOSITION IN AND NEAR THE LANDING ZONES TO ~~REASONABLE~~ ACCEPTABLE

LEVELS <sup>AND</sup> ~~THEY~~ ACHIEVING A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN FRIENDLY CASUALTIES <sup>WHICH</sup> ~~WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE BEEN~~ SUSTAINED.

B. ALTHOUGH "HARD" INTELLIGENCE TARGETS WERE COMPLETELY LACKING IN THE TARGET AREA, A COMBINATION OF OURS INFORMATION TERRAIN AND TACTICAL ANALYSIS

LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT SIGNIFICANT ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS WERE PRESENT IN THE AREA. SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS HAVE VALIDATED THESE CONCLUSIONS

CONFIRMING <sup>THAT</sup> ~~THE PRESENCE OF~~ TWO BATTALIONS SIZE UNITS, <sup>2 HAD OCCUPIED THE AREA</sup> THE POSSIBLE PRESENCE OF ~~SEVERAL~~ OTHER UNITS AND THE EXISTANCE OF A MAJOR INSTALLATIONS NETWORK.

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3. A PARTIAL LIST OF THE RESULTS OF THIS ACTION TO DATE REVEALS THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:



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47 IVC CAPTURED

2 CSW CAPTURED  
152,831 ROUNDS SA AMMO CAPTURED

2,983 ROUNDS RKT/MORTAR AMMO CAPTURED  
616 MINES/GRENADES CAPTURED

9,305 LBS RICE CAPTURED  
9,200 LBS SALT CAPTURED

300 LBS MEDICAL SUPPLIES CAPTURED

4. IN ADDITION 491 BUNKERS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED, NUMEROUS LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED AND AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF UNACCOUNTED

ENEMY KIA ~~WOUND~~ ARE EITHER BURIED OR SCATTERED ALONG THE CLIFF LIKE SLOPES OF THE HILL ~~MAP~~ IN THE AREA.

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4. IT IS BELIEVED THAT NUI TIA PONG HAS RECONFIRMED THE ~~NEW~~ <sup>GRAT</sup> VALUE OF ARC LIGHTS USED IN COMBINATION WITH GROUND ~~MANEUVER~~.

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SUBJECT: Viet Cong Activities

DATE: 15 September 1968

DATE OF INFO: 14 September 1968

SOURCE: An Automatic Source rated (C), provided information rated (C).

DETAILS: There are usually 20 guerrillas operating nightly at Tan Vinh (H), (252552), Trieu Ai (V), Trieu Phong (D). They also operate in the hamlets of Vinh Phuoc (H) (260583) and Dai An (H) (267586), Trieu Luong (V), Trieu Phong (D). Their mission is to control people and to collect rice and money.

In Kien Phuoc (H) (270540), Trieu Ai (V), Trieu Phong (D), the VC District Mainforce has one platoon. This platoon is comprised of people from Ai Tu (H) (303567) and Kien Phuoc (H) (270540) hamlets.

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S E C R E T AVII-GCAV 05667

SUBJECT: CCCCC FORWARD BOMB LINE (U)

REF: CG XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 131719Z SEP 68 (S), SUBJECT: REPORT OF INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS (U) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REQUEST MODIFICATION OF THE FORWARD BOMB LINE EFFECTIVE 17 SEP FOR 7 DAYS AS FOLLOWS: NORTH TO THE EAST/WEST 79 GRID LINE, FROM THE NORTH/SOUTH XD 35 GRID LINE TO THE NORTH/SOUTH YD 10 GRID LINE.

2. (S) THE REQUESTED MODIFICATION IS NECESSARY TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION DESCRIBED IN REF MSG.

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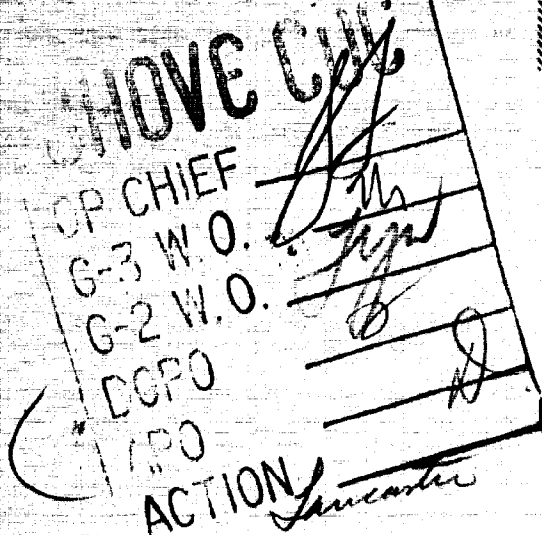
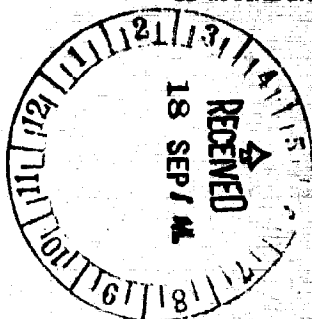
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 OPERATION ORDER 13-68

A. CG TFH MSG 141700Z

1. CHANGE PAR-A1.A. OF REF A TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

A. ENEMY

(1) THE ENEMY INFANTRY FORCES IN THE OBJECTIVE AREA  
 CONSIST OF A POSSIBLE TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 48TH REGIMENT,  
 UNKNOWN ELEMENTS OF THE 52ND REGIMENT, AND A POSSIBLE  
 BATTALION OF THE 29TH REGIMENT. ENEMY ARTILLERY FORCES IN  
 THE OBJECTIVE AREA CONSIST OF ELEMENTS OF THE 54TH REGIMENT.  
 THE ARTILLERY UNITS WHICH ARE DISPOSED WESTWARD FROM THE  
 COAST ALONG THE DEMARCATION LINE, AND AN UNIDENTIFIED ANTI-

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A1. CRAFT ELEMENT OF UNKNOWN SIZE.

(2) THE ENEMY MAY REINFORCE FROM THE EAST WITH A  
 POSSIBLE TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 64TH REGIMENT WITHIN THREE  
 DAYS. THERE ARE NO INDICATIONS OF A SPECIFIC ENEMY REINFORCEMENT  
 CAPABILITY ORIGINATING NORTH OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA. HOWEVER,  
 THE THIRD BN OF EACH OF THE 48TH, 52ND, AND 64TH REGIMENTS  
 CANNOT BE LOCATED. THEREFORE, IT MUST BE ASSUMED THAT THE  
 ENEMY HAS THE CAPABILITY OF REINFORCING WITH FIVE BATTALIONS.

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HELO AVAILABILITY (U)

REF: (A) CG 3D MARDIV 140300Z SEP 68

1. (S) FOR CG THIRD MARDIV.

REGRET UNABLE TO MEET TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPENDING OPN STATED  
 REF A WITHOIT SERIOUSLY DEGRADING 1ST MARDIV ON-GOING OPNS

2. (S) FOR CG FIRST M

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 DESIRE THAT YOU FURNISH WITHIN AVAILABLE-FOR-FLIGHT HELOS AS MUCH  
 OF TOTAL REQUIREMENTS STATED REF A AS FEASIBLE. SOME SUBSTITUTION OF  
 TYPES OF HELOS NORMALLY USED FOR CONSTANT PRIORITY REQUIREMENTS  
 AUTHORIZED TO IMPROVE AVAILABILITY TO MEET SURGE REQUIREMENT.

PARTICULARLY ON D-DAY, NOW POSTPONED FROM 16 TO 17 SSEP. 1ST MARDIV  
 INDICATES WILLINGNESS DELETE 4 CH-46 FROM HELO PACKAGE FOR 17SEP. GP-4

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 FM: CG THIRD MAR DIV (DGH)  
 TO: CG TASK FORCE HOTEL (VCB)  
 CG NINTH MARINES (VCB)

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ARC LIGHT

## 1. COMUSMACV HAS CONFIRMED THE FOLLOWING ARC LIGHT STRIKES.

A. QT 5377 ALFA 693 TOT: 161410H SEPT 68

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NO BOMBS AFTER 161440H

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B. QT 5341 ALFA 638 TOT: 161625H SEPT 68

XD 913673 RPT XD 913673

NO BOMBS AFTER 161625H

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C. QT 5292 ALFA 643 TOT: 161855H SEPT 68

XD 910648 RPT XD 910648

NO BOMBS AFTER 161925H

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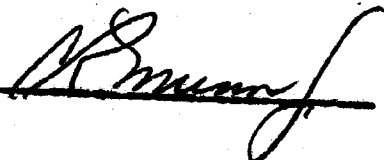
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2. REQUEST THIRD MAR DIV UNITS TELCON THIS HEADQUARTERS (223/323) WITH CLEAR/CONCUR. FOLLOW UP WITH FLASH MSG STATING THAT THERE ARE NO FRIENDLIES WITHIN 3 KM OF THE TGT BOX.
3. NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE VERIFYING IF STRIKE WENT AS SCHEDULED. A BDA REPORT WILL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 24 HRS. NEGATIVE REPORT IS REQUIRED.
4. DISSEMINATE TO SUBORDINATE UNITS ONLY BY SECURE COMMUNICATIONS.

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR COOPERANCE (US)

1. (S) REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE FOR A CON AG AG FOLLOWING REA  
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1. (S) REQUEST YOUR CONFERENCE FOR A CON. IN 15 FEBRUARY 1961.  
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EXTENDED TO 15 SEP - 15 OCT. PLANNED  
ALONG THE DMZ. AD IS REQUESTED FOR PERIOD 15 SEP - 15 OCT. PLANNED  
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OPERATION WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS. EXTENDED TIME PERIOD  
TO ALLOW FOR WEATHER DELAYS. NO WILL BE CANCELED AT COMPLETION OF  
OPERATION.

2. THE PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION IS TO GAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES AND PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION.

INFLTRATION AND SUBV. ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. NO USE OF FORCE OR COERCION BETWEEN CGN AND YOUR HQ WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO TAKE PLACE - INTERFERENCE WITH YOUR OPERATIONS.

... AND HAVE CONSIDERATION OF THE BARRI PLAN BECAUSE  
THE RESULTS MAY BE POSSIBLE NO FURTHER CLOSE RELATIONS TO  
YOUR OWNED OPERATIONS.

5. (U) REQUEST FOR REPLY ASAP.

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SUBJ: FORWARD BOMB LINE (U)

REF: A. CG XXIV CORPS DTG 1506310Z SEP 68 (S)

B. CG III MAF DTG 150656Z SEP 68 (S)

1. (S) REF A REQUESTS MODIFICATION OF FORWARD BOMB LINE TO ALLOW  
 FOR MAXIMUM TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT OF XXIV CORPS OPERATIONS IN DMZ.  
 REF B RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THIS MODIFICATION.

2. (S) THE REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A AND CONCURRED IN BY REF B  
 IS NOT FAVORABLY CONSIDERED.

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SUBJ: FORWARD BOMB LINE (UU)

REF A. CG XXIV CORPS 05667 DG 150310Z SEPT 68 (S)

B. TELECON DIR COC MACV AND AC/S G-3 III MAF 16 SEPT  
 1. (S) REQUEST CONTAINED IN REF A DISAPPROVED BY REF B

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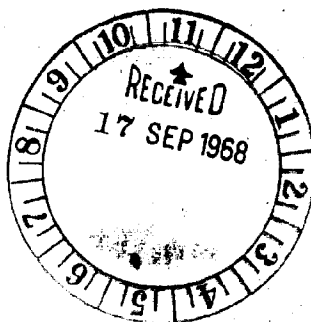
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STOCKAGE OBJECTIVES VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 261104Z AUG 68

1. REF(A) REQUESTED STOCKAGE OBJECTIVES BE INCREASED FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF SUPPLY AT VCB.

2. CLASS III, JP-4 WAS ESTABLISHED AT 50,000 GALS. THE INCREASED NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE VCB AREA HAVE INCREASED DAILY USAGE DATA FOR JP-4 TO APPROX 25,000 GAL PER DAY.

3. TO INSURE AN ADEQUATE STOCK OF JP-4KU VCB DURING MONSOONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE STOCKAGE OF JP-4

BE INCREASED TO 70,000 GALS. THE INSTALLATION OF TWO 10,000 GAL BLADDERS IS REQUIRED TO ACCOMMODATE THIS INCREASE.

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 Source Mr. Handy  
 RAM at Cua

One regional main force company, strength about 200 people, unit designation 106th company.

Mission is to organize and make liaison with local VC units in CUA Valley to reinforce low level intelligence concerning US forces in Cua Valley.

This company on entering Cua passed through wooded area of Mai Loc YD125515. to Son Nam YD115536 turning back, they located along the branch of the Rao Binh River YD137527. They wear green uniforms, white hats, red Chinese hats, Chinese boots, and Ho Chi Minh slippers. Weapons are grease guns, carbines, AK-47's. Heavy weapons are two thirty-(30) cal MG's, two anti-aircraft MG'S, one sixty (60) mm mortar, and one E-40 Rocket Launcher (RPG-2).

One intelligence company designation 2/K6 belonging to the K6 Regiment located along Cam Hung wood in Cam Lo has just been attached to enemy forces in Cua Valley seven (7) days ago.

They moved from wooded area near Cam Lo Phong YD092534, follow Tro Do river to Da# Nay at 0100 hours 9/17/68. They are now located in the woods at YD095488. The# 2/K6 strength is about 120 people, equipped with AK's and grease guns.

Uniforms - green uniforms, utility hats, Chinese Shoes. They forced the civilians who approach these woods to turn around and leave.

This information received by Mr Bob Handy (Callsign "LIGHTNING") on 42.55 net control was "HONEYCUT"

This information to be forwarded to Mr. Warren Milberg Care of PIC Quang Tri City.

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INFO RUEHFA/CG CINCPAC HAW

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RUEHFA/CG CONVENTINFLT

RUEHFA/CG THIRD MAF DNG

RUEHFA/CG SEVEN NINE

RUEHFA/CG FORLOG COMD DNG

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TO RUEHFA/CG SUBJ APPROVAL BY CINCPAC, REF A PROVIDES FOR BACKLOAD SLFS  
ALSO AND BRAVO ON 1 OCT AND SATS FORTH ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE PRO  
1001 - 31 DEC 68.

2. (S) ACTION ADDRESSEES LESS CG AMERICAL DIV ARE ENJOINED TO GIVE EUE  
CONSIDERATION TO EMPLOYMENT OF SUBJ FORCES BETWEEN NOW AND BACKLOAD  
DATES TO ENSURE TIMELY PREPARATION AND BACKLOAD ALL ELEMENTS.

3. (S) BACKLOAD OF HMM 363 IS SCHEDULED 00-33 SEP ONE DAY PRIOR TO SLF  
BACKLOAD. HMM 165 BACKLOAD IS CONCURRENT WITH SLF BRAVO BACKLOAD  
AND THIS PREPARATION AND PLANS MUST BE MORE DETAILED AND CLOSELY  
COORDINATED.

4. (S) ACTION ADDRESSEES LESS CG FMAW REQUESTED TO NOMINATE WORTHY  
UNITS WHICH EXPLOIT THE FLEXIBLE COMBAT POWER AND MANEUVERABILITY  
OF ARG/SLF. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INDEPENDENT AMPHIBIOUS  
OPS UNDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE/ALDING FORCE  
STANDARDS' CONTROL AS WELL AS AMPHIBIOUS OPS IN SUPPORT OF  
GROUND OPERATIONS.

5. (S) IT WILL BE OBJECTIVE DURING 2ND QTR FY W69 TO INCREASE  
NUMBER OF AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPS BY CONDUCTING LIMITED OBJECTIVE,  
ASSAULT - IN - FORCE, AND RAID - TYPE MISSIONS WITHIN FRAMEWORK

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ROUTINE 180554 SEPTEMBER 68

FM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG TF HOTEL

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 MONSOON POSTURE OF RECON BN

CG TF HOTEL 121245Z

1. SUGGESTION FOR MOVEMENT OF RECON BN TO VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE CONTAINED IN REFERENCE HAS BEEN CONSIDERED. CANNOT CONCUR IN RECOMMENDATION FOR

RELOCATION OF BN HQ FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS WHICH INCLUDE

- A. DEGRADATION IN HELO INSERT AND EXTRACT CAPABILITY WHEN VCB IS WEATHERED IN.
- B. THE UNDESIRABILITY OF DISPLACING THE HQ OF A DIVISION GENERAL SUPPORT ASSET AWAY FROM DIVISION CP.
- C. INHIBITION OF THE CLOSE LIAISON NOW BEING ACHIEVED WITH MAG-39, VMO-6, DIV AIR OBSERVERS ETC.
- D. INCREASED COORDINATION DIFFICULTIES WITH OTHER AO COMMANDERS.

2. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT PRE-POSITIONING OF SOME TEAMS WILL BE DESIRABLE. IN THIS CONNECTION FSB CATES, SHEPHERD AND OP AT HILL 950 MERIT SERIOUS

CONSIDERATION AS WELL AS VCB. DETERMINATION OF THE DEGREE OF PRE-POSITIONING SHOULD FLOW FROM DEVELOPMENT OF TFH RECON ~~TEAMS~~ <sup>Requirements</sup> DURING THE MONSOON

SEASON. DIV RECON OFFICER AVAILABLE TO ASSIST AS REQUIRED IN THIS EFFORT.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF  
 CG TASK FORCE HORNL  
 CG FOURTH MARINES

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REQUEST FOR AO

A. CG XXIV CORPS 160038Z SEP

1. CONCUR IN PRINCIPLE REF A WITH FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS:

A. THE EXCLUSION OF AREA BOUNDED BY 657630-670630-  
 680620-680600-670590-658590 DUE TO ANTICIPATED  
 ACTIVATION OF BARRIER PLAN.

B. TEMPORARY EXCLUSION OF AREA EAST OF 80 NS GRID LINE  
 DUE TO CURRENT OPN IN NORTHERN LANCASTER AO.

REMOVAL OF THIS EXCLUSION CAN BE NEGOTIATED WITH  
 CGN REFS UPON TERMINATION OF OPN.

2. IT IS ~~ASSUMED~~ **ASSUMED** THAT THE TERMS OF THE MEMORANDUM OF  
 UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN G-2 3D MARDIV AND CG MAI LOC LAUNCH  
 SITE WILL APPLY.

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SFCP TRNG TABONES (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT SECOND QTR EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 031300Z SEPT 68 (NOTAL)

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1. (C) REF A SCHEDULES USS JENKINS (DD-447) TO PROVIDE NGFS SVCS TABONES 16-18 OCT.

2. (C) REF B PROVIDES FOR BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 1-2 OCT AND SUBSEQUENT SCHED FOR REHABTRNG OK INAWA

3. (C) IN ORDER TO PROVIDE

NG FIREX FOR BLT 2/26 SFCP DURING SKED REHAB/TRNG PERIOD, REQUEST NGFS SVCS LISTED PARA ONE BE PROVIDES 7-9 OCT VICE 16-18 OCT.

4. (C) FOR INFO ADDEES: INTEND BLT 2/26 SFCP PROCEED FORM DNANG TO CUBI PT VIA AIR TRANS ON 2 OCT FOR NINE DAYS TRNG BY NINTH MAB NGF TEAM AND THENCE TO OKI ON 11 OCT TO PARTICIPATE IN REHAB/TRNG AND PHIBLEX HILLTOP XXI.

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FROM: CG XXIV CORPS. PHB

TO: CG 3D MAR DIV DCH (COURIER) 10

INFO: CG III MAF DNO (COURIER) 20

CTF CLEARWATER CVT (COURIER) 2

NSAD DCH (COURIER) 2

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Subj: Security of Dong Ha Ramps (C)

Ref: CG III MAF MSG DTG 181308Z Sep 68 (C)

1. (C) Para 2 ref message yours for action. DIRLAUTH ALCON.
2. (U) Notify this headquarters with info III MAF of action taken.

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REF: A. 3D MARINE DIV MSG 060558Z SEP 68

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS WESTERN KENTUCKY AO

1. BACKGROUND. THE 6TH AVA REGIMENT WITH ITS 7TH AND 9TH BATTALIONS HAS BEEN OPERATING IN THE AREA BETWEEN CAM LO DISTRICT VIETNAM AND THE DMZ VIC 0266 AND 0768. THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THIS UNIT POSES A SERIOUS THREAT TO CAM LO AND THE DIVISION MSR. A PARTICULAR THREAT IS POSED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF AVA CONSTRUCTION OF BUNKERS STRETCHING FROM THE DMZ TOWARD CAM LO.
2. CONCEPT. FIRST BDE, HOLDING MINIMUM FORCES ON FIXED POSITIONS, CONDUCTS COORDINATED OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN WESTERN KENTUCKY AO TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY AVA TROOPS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES HAVING IDENTIFIED OR SUSPECTED LOCATIONS. ALL REPORTS WITHIN THE LIMITS OF PROOF BATTERY WILL BE MADE TO DAY PRISONERS.
3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

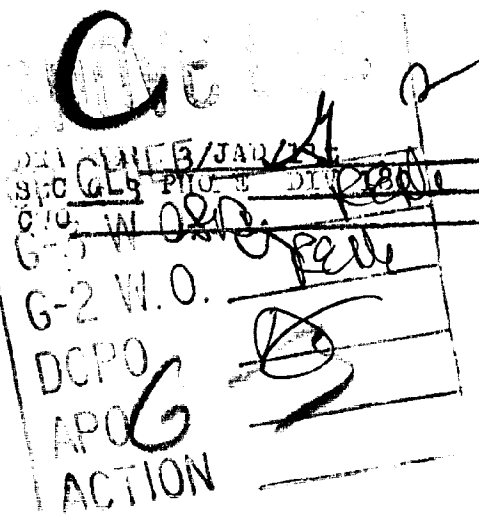
4. REPORT OF LOCATIONS WHEN ESTABLISHED.

5. EVACUATE PRISONERS WITH ALL POSSIBLE SPEED. PLAN

EX EVACUATION OF POW'S MADE BY PSYOPS MIA.

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3. EVACUATE WOUNDED MEN TO EXTERNAL AIR AND GROUND COMBAT  
SUPPORT BY 20 SEPT.
4. OPERATIONS TO BE CONDUCTED TO A PERIOD OF UP TO 20 DAYS  
CONTINUING 21 SEPT.
5. LANDING ZONES IN OBJ AREA SEE REF A.
6. DIVISION OBJECTIVES WHICH MUST BE SEIZED AND SEARCHED..

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| OBJ COMBO | HILL 162 (YD 070635)     |
| ECFO      | HILL 124 (YD 075622)     |
| DELTA     | HILL 208 (YD 043643)     |
| VICTOR    | HILL 200W (YD 041655)    |
| INDIA     | HILL 200S (YD 047635)    |
| LIMA      | HILL 240 (YD 031631)     |
| SIGRA     | HILL 101 HOB (YD 110625) |

REPORT SEIZURE AND COMPLETION OF SEARCHES EACH OBJECTIVE.

7. EVACUATE CAPTURED RICH TO DANG VA.
8. INSTRUCT ALL PERSONNEL ON APPEARANCE OF CRU'S AND ICM  
AND CAUTION THEM NOT TO DISTURB SUB PROJECTILES.
9. DESTROY ALL BUNKERS FOUND.
10. ENFORCE STRICT SECURITY MEASURES AND LIMIT VR TO AVOID  
PREMATURE DISCLOSURE OF OPERATIONAL PLANS.

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P. J. [Signature]

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3D MARINE DIVISION

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 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAP

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INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATION DMZ

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 131832ZSEP68

1. REF A CONTAINS AN INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ FOR AN ESTIMATED PERIOD OF 4-5 DAYS.

2. THE RECENT DISCOVERY OF LUCRATIVE CACHES OF LINE ITEMS INDICATES PROB-

BABLE DEPOT AREAS. ENEMY CONTACTS COMBINED WITH POW INTERROGATION AND

URS REPORTS

INDICATE THAT THE 320TH DIV HAS BEEN UNABLE TO EXFILTRATE FROM THE AREA SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI AND FORWARD ELEMENTS OF THE 3D MARDIV. RECENT SIGHTINGS INDICATE THAT THE 320TH DIV IS BEING FORCED TO VAGATE PREPARED POSNS THUS EXPOSING HIS FORCES TO FRIENDLY FIRES. CONT EXPLOITATION BY MOVING FREELY FORCES EAST AND WEST WITHIN THE 85 AND 08 NS GRID LINES SHOULD PRODUCE HEAVY ENEMY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT LOSSES. SUCH LOSSES WILL SERIOUSLY ATTENUATE HIS CAPABILITIES TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS DURING THE NE MONSOON PERIOD.

3. IT IS THEREFORE INT ND.D TO EXTEND OPERATIONS IN THE DMZ BEYOND THE ORIGINALLY ESTIMATED DURATION OF 4-5 DAYS, TO 10-11 DAYS. FORCES WILL CONDUCT OFF NSIVE OPERATIONS, TO THE WEST AND EAST OF PRESENT LOCATIONS IN ORDER TO FURTHER DISRUPT AND FRAGMENT ENEMY FORCES ATTEMPTING TO EXFILTRATE NORTHWARD.

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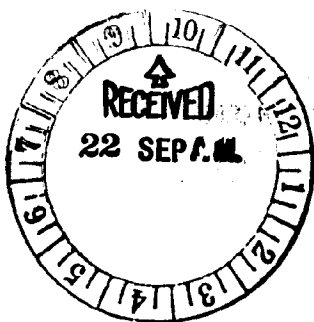
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: FIRST BN THIRD MARINES  
INFO: THIRD MARDIV  
FOR COMPANY B FIRST BN THIRD MARINES

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE

1. FROM YOUR INITIAL CONTACT AT 1600 ON THE 9TH OF SEPTEMBER THROUGHOUT YOUR BATTLE FOR THE SEIZURE OF HILL 461 THE PROFESSIONAL MARINE SPIRIT DISPLAYED BY THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF CO B WAS A FINE EXAMPLE TO ALL OF US WHO OBSERVED.
2. THE LEADERSHIP DISPLAYED AT ALL LEVELS AND THE SKILLFUL APPLICATION OF SOUND TACTICS WITH THE STRONG WILL TO DESTROY THE ENEMY RESULTED IN A TOTAL OF 59 NVA KILLED AND 22 INDIVIDUAL AND 4 CREW SERVED WEAPONS, INCLUDING ONE MORTAR CAPTURED.
3. THOUGH THE ENEMY PERSISTED IN HIS ATTEMPTS TO HOLD AND THEN RETAKE HILL 461 UNTIL 1700 ON THE 11TH YOUR DETERMINATION TURNED HIM BACK. NOTEWORTHY ALSO WAS YOUR EXTENSIVE USE OF SUPPORTING AIR AND ARTILLERY TO HELP DESTROY THE ENEMY.
4. TO THE MARINES OF B/1/3 WELL DONE !

MAJGEN DAVIS SENDS...

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RAH Davis

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TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF DNG

INFO HUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DGH

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AVII-GCO 05322

SUBJ: ENEMY MORTAR ATTACKS(U)

REF: III MAF MSG DTG 170928Z SEP 68(C)

1.(C) IN RESPONSE TO REF MSG THE FOLLOWING IS A COMPARISON OF THE MORTAR ATTACK CONDUCTED AGAINST K/3/3 MARINES OF 2 SEP 68 WITH THAT CONDUCTED AGAINST 2/26 MARINES OF 16 SEP 68.

A. AT 021830H SEP, K/3/3 MARINES WHILE IN A NDP 3KMS SOUTH OF LZ SIERRA (XD952592) RECEIVED 334 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS AND 19 130MM ARTILLERY ROUNDS. AN ARTILLERY MISSION WAS CALLED IN AND THE MORTARS STOPPED FIRING. THERE WERE NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES AS THE UNIT HAD JUST MOVED FROM IT S DAY POSITION, AND THE ENEMY FIRE WAS DIRECTED AT THE POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED.

B. AT 161520H SEP, E/2/26 MARINES AND OTHER ELEMENTS 2/26 MARINES WHILE PREPARING A NDP VIC FSE MARGO (XD962608) RECEIVED APPROXIMATELY 160 82MM MORTAR ROUNDS DELIVERED DURING A FIVE MINUTE PERIOD. COUNTER-

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MORTAR FIRE WAS RESPONSIVE WITH GOOD COVERAGE OF THE TARGET AREA. 27 NVA WERE KIA. ALL BUT A FEW OF THE 25 FRIENDLY KIA AND 126 WIA WERE CAUSED BY THE INITIAL ATTACK. THIS OCCURED JUST AFTER THE UNIT HAD MOVED FROM PREVIOUSLY PREPARED POSITIONS WITHIN THE 3000 METER SAFETY LIMIT FROM AN ARC LIGHT STRIKE TO A POSITION EXPOSED TO ENEMY OBSERVATION AND BEFORE IT HAD TIME TO PREPARE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS.

2.(C) THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN EACH CASE ARE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

K/3/3

E/2/26

A. TIME OF DAY

1830 HOURS

1520 HOURS

B. TERRAIN

HIGH GROUND

RELATIVELY LOW GROUND

C. CALIBER AND VOL OF FIRE

334 RDS 60MM

264 RDS 82MM

19 RDS 130MM

D. RATE OF FIRE

RAPID AND ACCURATE

RAPID AND ACCURATE

E. ENEMY OBSERVATION

NEGATIVE

GOOD OBSERVATION

F. COMBAT POSTURE

IN NDP

PREPARING NDP

3.(C) THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF NEW ENEMY TACTICS OR OF AN IMPROVED CAPABILITY TO DELIVER A MORE ACCURATE AND HIGHER VOLUME OF MORTAR FIRE. NEITHER IS THERE ANY INDICATION OF A WEAKNESS IN OUR TACTICS

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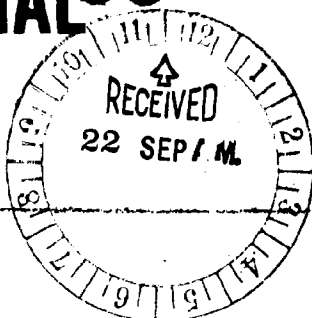
OR IN OUR COUNTER MORTAR CAPABILITY.

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 TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER  
 RUMU GFF/COMRIVPATFL OF FIVE  
 RUMU GKD/COMNAVFOR  
 RHMAFA/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG XXIV CORPS  
 RUML DVA/SA FIRST ARVN REGIMENT  
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV  
 ZEN/SA CG ELEVEN  
 ZEN/MSB ONE  
 RUMHVP/CO FIRST ANTRAC B  
 RUML DVI/NILO QUANG TRI  
 RUADLTIA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT FIVE  
 RUMUF GAA/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG  
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SPOTREP 89-2 71/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/1 (U)

1. 1 LCPL/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/SMCCRAY/LCPL 11 TMS FRANK
2. RMK LIVING BARGE ON SOUTH BANK OF RIVER HIT BY EXPLOSION

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RESULTING IN LARGE UNDERWATER HOLE. BARGE IS LOCATED IN SHALLOW  
 WATER AND GROUND BEFORE SINKING. LCPL ON SCENE PROVIDING  
 ASSISTANCE. NEG PERSONAL CASUALTIES. COMPLETE MATERIAL DAMAGE ASSESSMENT  
 AT FIRST LIGHT.

3. 220327H.

4. YD 333693

5. SUBJECT EVAL ESTIMATE ENEMY SWIMMER FROM VIC SOUTH BANK PLIED  
 STACHEL CHARGE ON BARGE.

6. CLOSED.

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 FROM: CG III D MARDIV  
 TO: CG XIV CORPS

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ARG/SLF OPERATIONS

A. CG XIV CORPS 180836ZSEPT

B. CG III MAF 170324ZSEPT

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ACTION

1. AS REQ BY REF A, THE FOLLOWING POSITIONS FOR ARG/SLF TGTS  
 DETERM'D BY REF B ARE SUBMITTED:

A. THE PLATON AREA SOUTH OF RUE B H NAI AND NORTH OF  
 RUE D L Z(S) BDRY. OPT TO BE CO D/CMD SUBSEQUENT TO GPM  
 THOR II (MID OCT) TO EXPLOIT EXTENSIVE ATKS BY ISE.

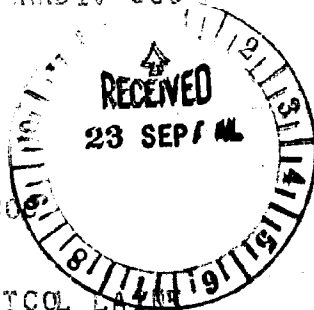
B. LIMITED OBJ AND RIF OPS WITH REQUEST D ALONG THE COA  
 VIGN AND JONES CRK K WITHIN MONKAR RANGE OF THE MAIN CHANNEL  
 TO NEUTRALIZE MY INTERDICTION EFFORTS.

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TO: JMWTF  
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 O 221241Z SEP 68  
 FM III MAF COC  
 TO JMWTF/THIRD MARDIV COC  
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O O N F I D E N T I A L  
 FROM: MAJOR MAILER TO LTCOL LAM  
 SUB SECURITY OF DONG HA RAMPS  
 REF: (A) YOUR TELECON REQUEST- 22 SEP 68  
 AS REQUESTED THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED.

1. CG 100041Z SEP 67(C)
2. THE OPERATION OF THE SUBJECT FACILITY HAS BECOME CRITICAL IN THAT THE DOW PUT REQUIREMENTS REGULARLY EXCEED THE RATED CAPACITY. SITUATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO WORSEN WITH PERIODIC INTERRUPTIONS OF SHIPPING DUE TO SEA CONDITIONS DURING MONSOON. THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF ALL COMMANDS CONCERNED IS MANDATORY TO PROVIDE FOR EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE FACILITY AT ALL TIMES.
3. COMNAVSUPACT DNG HAS AGREED TO AUGMENT MARINE ASSETS AT THE DONG HA RAMP INCLUDING ADDITIONAL MEN AND OPERATOR, AND PROVIDE NSA OFFICER TO ASSUME CONTROL OF THE OPERATIONS OF ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE RAMP ON 15 SEP. IN ADDITION, COMNAVSUPACT DNG WILL PROVIDE ALL PERSONNEL AND AMMUNITION AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.

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3. TO PROVIDE FOR COORDINATED EFFORTS OF III MAF UNITS AND NSA  
 4. FOLLOWING

FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED:

A. CG THIRD MARDIV:

- (1) UPON ASSUMPTION OF CONTROL BY NSA OFFICER, CONTINUE SCALE OPERATIONS WITH PHASE - DOWN AS AGREED WITH NSA.
- (2) PROVIDE AUGMENTATION TRUCK TRANSPORTATION AS REQUESTED BY FLC TO MOVE CARGO FROM RAMP AREA.
- (3) PROVIDE WORKING PARTIES AND EQUIPMENT AS REQUEST BY NSA OFFICER IN CHARGE OF RAMP.
- (4) COORDINATE DEFENSE WITH NVA AND PROVIDE SECURITY OF RAMP AREA

B. CG FORLECOMD:

- (1) PROVIDE FOR THE CLEARANCE OF CARGO FROM THE RAMP AREA. TO KEEP ADVISED OF TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENT MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS LIAISON WITH NSA OFFICE

IN CHARGE.

- (2) REQUEST AUGMENTATION MOTOR TRANSPORTATION OF THIRD MARDIV AS REQUESTED.

4. PRIORITIES OF CARGO SHIPMENT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THIS VOS  
 AT DAILY LOGBOOKS CONFERENCE.

5. COMNAVSUPACT IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE ALL CONCERNED WHEN PREPARED TO ASSUME COMPLETE RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF

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6. DIRLAUTH ALCON.

2. NSA DNG LTR SER N 2/5326 DTD 12 SEP 68(C)

REF: (A) COMMANDING GENERAL, THIRD MARINE AMPHIBIOUS FORCE MSG  
100034Z SEP 1967

1. BY REFERENCE (A) THIRD MARINE DIVISION WAS ASSIGNED THE RESPONSIBILITY TO COORDINATE WITH NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, DANANG AND PROVIDE SECURITY OF RAMP AREAS AT DONG HA, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM. IN RECENT WEEKS, PHYSICAL SECURITY HAS BEEN SPORADIC. PILFERING HAS INCREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 2 1/2 SHORT TONS OF MILITARY CARGO PER DAY, AND IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED BY U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, MEMBERS OF ARVN STATIONED NEARBY THE RAMPS, AND VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. THIS PILFERING IS BEING CAUSED BY A COMBINATION OF LAXITY OF SECURITY PERSONNEL, BREAKS IN PERIMETER FENCES, AND STORAGE AREA NOT BEING ENCLOSED BY FENCES.

2. A CONCERTED EFFORT BY ALL COMMANDS CONCERNED APPEARS APPROPRIATE TO ELIMINATE LOSS MATERIAL. NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, DANANG IS PREPARED TO AUGMENT DONG HA WITH FIFTEEN TRAINED AND EXPERIENCED SECURITY

PERSONNEL. THIS CADRE OF SECURITY PERSONNEL WILL HAVE THE PRIMARY TASK OF REPAIRING EXISTING SECURITY PERIMETERS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITY PERIMETERS ABOUT AREA NOT PRESENTLY EXCLOSED. ADDITIONAL THIS CADRE WILL FUNCTION AS AN INTERNAL SECURITY FORCE UNDER THE OFFICER IN CHARGE, DONG HA RAMPS.

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3. IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE THE PILFERAGE OF VITAL WAR MATERIAL AT THE DONG HA RAMPS, IT IS REQUESTED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, THAT COORDINATED DEFENSE AND SECURITY BE PROVIDED IN CONSONANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH

3A (4) OF REFERENCE (A).

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 TO RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO THMAFA/CG III MAF  
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INTENT TO CONDUCT OPNS IN DMZ

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 201522Z SEP

1. REF A CONTAINS INTENT TO EXPAND FRIENDLY OPNS IN THE DMZ FROM THE XD 5V TO THE YD 18 NS GRID LINES, IN ORDER TO COUNTER ENEMY EFFORTS TO WITHDRAW TO THE EAST AND WEST IN THE DMZ AND TO EXPLOIT THE LARGE CACHES AND BUNKER COMPLEXES THAT HAVE BEEN LOCATED BY UNITS OF THE THIRD MARDIV SINCE 17 SEPT.

2. THERE ARE CONTINUED INDICATIONS OF ENEMY EFFORTS TO EXFILTRATE MAJOR FORCES TO THE EAST OF THE YD 12 NS GRID LINE.

3. THEREFORE IT IS INTENDED TO FURTHER EXPAND THE EMPLOYMENT OF FRIENDLY FORCES IN THE DMZ (S) TO THE YD 12 NS GRID LINE BY COMMITTING ONE BN OF THE FIRST BDE, FIFTH INF DIV (MECH) INTO THE DMZ (S) WEST OF A-4 ASAP.

4. ANTICIPATE DMZ (S) OPERATION AS NOW ENVISIONED WILL TERMINATE NLT 30M SEPT.

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FROM : CG THIRD MAR DIV

10' C.R. HOTEL

FOURTH MARINES

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FRAG ORDER FIRST BDE, FIFTH MECH  
TWELFTH MARINES

Ref (c) CG THIRD MAR DIV 220602Z SEPT  
221900Z

1. D-Day for Op Hankin is postponed until 29/30 Sep 68. Accordingly, reference (a) is cancelled and instructions contained therein applicable to Hankin Up will be promulgated by frag order to be issued.
2. General. Postponing of units for Operation Hankin will be ~~adjusted~~ <sup>synchronized</sup> to coincide with a 29/30 Sept D-Day. Operations in Bancroft area will continue in accordance with below instructions and will be expanded to include commitment of 2/9 in the Rio Ba Sao area. Operations in northern Kentucky AO could be expanded to include insertion of one battalion from the 2d Airborne Regt in southern Kentucky and projection of the <sup>current</sup> Bn-sized operation of the 1st Bde into the DMZ(s) ~~that~~ of NS Grid Line 12.

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## 3. FOR TF HOTEL:

A. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR OPN NANKING WITH D-DAY OF 29-30 SEPT.

B. CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPNS TO WEST OF LZ WINCHESTER IN HIGH GRD TO SOUTH OF SONG CAM VALLEY.

C. CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPNS TO SOUTH WEST OF PRESENT PSNS IN HIGH GRD BOUNDED BY KHE TOUA VALLEY AND SOUTHERN DMZ BDRY.

D. CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPNS WITH 1/4 FROM PRES PSNS TO EAST VIC ROAD XD 960670.

← G. CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPNS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY / CAPTURE ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES IN THE NUI BA LAO AREA (XD 9254)

H. BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON 2/26 TO THIRD MARINES ON OR ABOUT 26 SEPT.

~~I. BE PREPARED TO EMPLOY A TRP 1/9 IN D/S DURING PERIOD 27 SEPT - 1 OCT.~~

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E. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT  
OFFENSIVE OPNS TO EAST OF PRES  
PSNS ALONG AXIS MUTTERS RIDGE.

F. CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE  
OPNS TO EAST ALONG RIDGE LINE

↖ SOUTH OF AND PARALLELING KHE NHI RIVER (X09566-9968)

↓ RECOMMEND ADJUSTED EASTERN  
BDRY FOR LANCASTER AO

4. FOR 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH):

A. <sup>ON ORDER</sup> SUSPEND CURRENT OPNS  
~~AS~~ DIRECTED BY CG THIRD MAR  
DIV MSG 200030 Z SEPT 68.

B. ~~BE~~ PREPARED TO CONDUCT  
ONE BN SIZE OFFENSIVE OPN  
FROM ~~VIC A-4~~ TO SEIZE DIV  
OBJS CENTERED ON HIGH GRO  
VIC 060698, 050705, 037699,  
AND 041679, AND TO DESTROY  
CAPTURE ENEMY FORCES AND  
SUPPLIES LOCATED.

C. BE PREPARED TO OPERATE  
IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION  
WITH ONE BN 2D ARVN REGT

IN KENTUCKY AO SOUTH OF  
THE YD 64 EW GRID LINE.

D. RECOMMEND ADJUSTED  
BDRY FOR KENTUCKY AO ~~AS~~  
TO FACILITATE MISSIONS DESCRIBED  
IN SUBPARAGHS B AND C  
ABOVE.

5. FOR ALL: ~~SUBMIT~~

A. SUBMIT OVERLAYS OF  
RECOMMENDED AO BDRYS TO  
REACH THIS HQ NLT 232400H.  
DIRLN ALCON.

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TO CG XXIV CORPS PWR

CG FIRST MAR DIV DNG

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CG FMPAC

CG I CORPS DNG

CG USARV LBN

CG FMAN DNG

ONE SERO ONE AHNDIV CP EAGLE

CG FIRST CAV DIV CP EFANS

CG USA SUPCOM DNG

CG FORLOC COMD DNG

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CG C FIFTY SEGA DNG

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*Stephan**put on Briefing**2/COO**DM**3**2/COO**3**2/COO**3**2/COO**3**2/COO**3**2/COO**3*

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BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN XXIV CORPS /FIRST MAR DIV(U)

1. CG III MAF MSG 71/510Z SEP 69(S) (NOTAL)

2. CG III MAF MSG 290924Z SEP 69(S) (NOTAL)

3. (S) EFFECTIVE 2000H SEP 68 THE BOUNDARY ESTABLISHED

BETWEEN XXIV CORPS /FIRST MAR DIV BY FEES A A ND B IS MODIFIED AS

FOLLOWS: FROM SOUTH CHINA SEA AT ZD123103S ALONG EAST EDGE OF DAM CAU

TAI PAY TO SONG RUI AT ZD02020SW ALONG SONG RUI TO HWY 61 AT ZD09002S

THE N ON STRAIGHT LINE TO HILL 264 AT ZC092969 THE N SE ALONG RIDGE

WEST TO PROVINCE BOUNDARY AT ZC0945SW AND S ALONG PROVINCE BOUNDARY

TO ZC077900W TO HILL 408 AT ZC0490W TO HILL 820 AT ZC017901W

TO HILL 782 AT ZC0089SW TO HILL 120 AT YC984900 TO YC972899

TO HILL 422 AT YC954900 TO YC950905 TO HILL 284 AT YC925901 TO

YC929070 TO YC906910 TO YC8999 8 TO HILL 140 AT YC877905 TO

PRESENT BOUNDARY AT YC873903.

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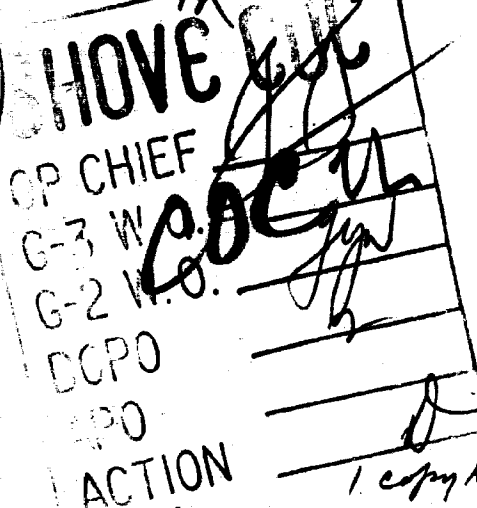
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG TF HOTEL  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)  
 INFO: THIRD MARDIV MINUS ACTION ADDRESSES



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FRAG ORDER

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 220602ZSEP68

1. D-DAY FOR OPN NANKING IS POSTPONED UNTIL 29/30 SEP 68. ACCORD-  
 ING, REFERENCE (A) IS CANCELLED AND INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED THERE-  
 IN APPLICABLE TO NANKING OPN WILL BE PROMULGATED BY FRAG ORDER TO  
 BE ISSUED.

2. GENERAL. POSITIONING OF UNITS FOR OPERATION NANKING WILL BE  
 ADJUSTED TO SYNCHRONIZE EVENTS WITH A 29/30 SEPT D-DAY. OPERATIONS  
 IN LANCASTER NORTH WILL CONTINUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BELOW INST UCTIONS  
 AND WILL BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE COMMITMENT OF 2/9 IN THE NUI BA  
 LAO AREA. OPERATIONS IN THE KENTUCKY AO WILL BE EXPANDED TO IN-  
 CLUDE INSERTION OF A BATTALION FROM THE 2D ARVN REGT IN SOUTHERN  
 KENTUCKY AND PROJECTION OF THE CURRENT BN SIZED OPERATION OF THE  
 1ST BDE INTO THE DMZ (S) WEST OF NS GRID LINE 12.

3. FOR TF HOTEL:

A. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR OPN NANKING WITH D-DAY OF 29-30  
 SEPT.

B. EFF 232400H CG THIRD MARDIV PASSES OPCON FOURTH MARINES  
 (MINUS)(HERE) TO CG TF HOTEL.

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CG EFF 232400H CG THIRD MARDIV ASS  
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TF HOTEL.

BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON 2/26 TO THIRD MARINES  
MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AND RECOMMENDED TO THIRD MARDIV.

3D MARINE DIVISION

BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON 1/4 FROM THIRD MARINES OOA

29 SEPT.

F. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS TO WEST OF LA WINCHESTER IN HIGH GRD  
TO SOUTH OF SONG CAM VALLEY.

G. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS TO WEST OF PRES PENS IN HIGH GRD  
BOUNDED BY KHE TOUA VALLEY AND SOUTHERN IMZ BDRY.

H. CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPNS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY/CAPTURE  
ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES IN THE NUI BA LAO AREA (XD 9254).

I. RECOMMEND ADJUSTED BDRY WITH LANCASTER AO.

4. FOR THIRD MARINES:

A. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS WITH 1/4 FROM PRES PENS TO EAST VIC  
ROAD AT XD 960670.

B. BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON 1/4 TO CG TF HOTEL OOA 29 SEPT.

C. BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON 2/26 FROM TF HOTEL AT DTG  
MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AND RECOMMENDED TO THIRD MARDIV.

D. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS TO EAST OF PRES PENS ALONG AXIS  
MUTTERS RIDGE.

E. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS TO EAST ALONG RIDGE LINE SOUTH OF  
AND PARALLELING KHE NHI RIVER (XD 9566-9968).

F. RECOMMEND ADJUSTED BDRY FOR LANCASTER AO.

5. FOR 1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH):

A. ON ORDER SUSPEND CURRENT OPNS DIRECTED BY CG THIRD MARDIV  
MSG 200030ZSEP68.

B. BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ONE BN SIZE OFFENSIVE OPN TO SEIZE

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DIV OBJS CENTERED ON HIGH GRID VIC 060698, 050705, 037699, AND  
041679, AND TO DESTROY/CAPTURE ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES ~~LOCATED~~.

C. BE PREPARED TO OPERATE IN COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH  
ONE BN 2D ARVN REGT IN KENTUCKY AO SOUTH OF THE YD 65 EW GRID  
LINE.

D. RECOMMEND ADJUSTED BDRY FOR KENTUCKY AO TO FACILITATE MISSIONS  
DESCRIBED IN SUBPARAGRAPHS B AND C ABOVE.

6. FOR TF HOTEL, THIRD MARINES AND FIRST BDE:

A. SUBMIT OVERLAYS OF RECOMMENDED AO BDRYS TO REACH THIS  
HQ NLT 232400H. DIRLN ALCON.

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3D MARINE DIVISION

FLASH 230910Z ZSEP68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF

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INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPERATIONS

A. MY 131832ZSEP68  
 B. MY 221750ZSEP68

1. REF A WAS INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR OPERATION IN SOUTHERN DMZ BETWEEN  
 XD 88 AND XD 98. REF B MODIFIED AREA OPERATIONS TO AREA BETWEEN XD 89  
 AND YD 12 SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED  
 FOR UPDATING OF REF A.

A. OPERATION CODE NAME: UNNAMED IN LANCASTER AO, KENTUCKY AO AND  
 DMZ SOUTH OF BEN HAI.

B. BACKGROUND: CONTINUED INDICATIONS OF ENEMY EFFORTS TO EX-  
 FILTRATE MAJOR FORCES TOWARD EAST FROM THE SITE OF 3D MARDIV SUCCESSSES  
 IN THE CENTRAL DMZ DICTATE THAT STEPS MUST BE TAKEN NOW WHILE THE BEN  
 HAI REMAINS SWOLLEN TO DESTROY HIS FORCES, IN THE DMZ NORTH AND WEST OF  
 CON THIEN.

C. CONCEPT. 3D MARINE DIVISION CONDUCTS MULTI-REGIMENTAL OPER-  
 ATIONS WITH ONE REGIMENT (-) ATTACKING WEST IN AND SOUTH OF THE DMZ  
 FROM THE VIC XD 91 GRID LINE, A SECOND REGIMENT WITH THREE BATTALIONS  
 ATTACKS NORTH EAST IN AND SOUTH OF THE DMZ FROM VIC XD 91 EASTWARD  
 TOWARD YD 03 GRID LINE. ANOTHER BATTALION, REINFORCED WILL ATTACK  
 FROM THE VIC CON THIEN WESTWARD IN THE DMZ TOWARD YD 03 GRID LINE.  
 ALL ATTACKS WILL BE MADE OVERLAND UNLESS OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF  
 FOR MORE RAPID MOVEMENT BY HELICOPTER TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES.

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CONTROLLING HEADQUARTERS: 3D MARINE DIVISION

ASSAULT ELEMENTS: 9TH MARINES UNDER TF HOTEL WITH 1/9, 3/9

AND INITIALLY 2/26.

3D MARINES WITH 1/3, 2/3, 1/4 AND SUBSEQUENTLY  
2/26.

1ST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) WITH 1/11 REIN-

FORCED WITH ELEMENTS 1/61 INF (MECH) AS

TRAFFICABILITY PERMITS.

E. AREA OF OPERATIONS: LANCASTER AO BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY  
THE BEN HAI RIVER ON THE WEST BY NS GRID LINE XD <sup>5</sup>84, ON THE EAST  
BY NS GRID LINE YD 03 ON THE SOUTH BY ROUTE 9. KENTUCKY AO BOUNDED  
BY ROUTE 9 ON THE SOUTH, ROUTE 561 AND NS GRID LINE YD 12 ON THE EAST,  
BY THE BEN HAI RIVER ON THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST AND BY NS GRID LINE  
YD 03 ON THE WEST.

ON OR ABOUT 25

F. D-DAY <sup>24</sup> SEPT.

H-HOUR TBA

L-HOUR TBA

G. ESTIMATED DURATION: 6-7 DAYS.

2. ABOVE IS MODIFICATION OF INTENT STATED IN REF A AND B.

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FROM: CG THIRD MAR DIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF

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MODIFICATION OF INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS

A. MY 230910Z SEP68 (S)

1. REF A MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ADD TO PARA 1.C.:

TWO BNS 2D ARVN REGT ATTACK NORTH WESTWARD FROM VIC YD 1162  
 TOWARD DMZ VIC YD 0367 TO YD 0867.

B. ADD TO PARA 1.D.:

CONTROLLING HQ: 3D MARDIV/1ST BRVE DIV IN COORDINATION/  
 COOPERATION.

ADD TO ASSAULT ELEMENTS: 2D ARVN REGT (MINUS) W/TWO BNS.

C. ADD TO PARA 1.E.:

2D ARVN REGT WILL OPERATE WITHIN KENTUCKY AO SOUTH OF NS  
 GRID LINE 68 AND NORTH OF THE CAM LO RIVER.

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DONG HA YD 252599, VIETNAM  
241230 September 1968  
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WARNING ORDER 1 For FRAG ORDER 2 To OPORD 15-68

Ref: No change

Task org: No change

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces:

- (1) Current INTSUM
- (2) Area Study, dated 18 Sep 68, prepared by 517th Military Intelligence detachment.

(3) Intel Packet prepared by S-2, 1st Bde; to be issued.

b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) 3D MAR DIV: No change
- (2) 3D Marine Regt conducts search and destroy operations from the north eastern portion of AO Lancaster II to the north eastern portion of AO Kentucky and in the southern half of the DMZ. Annex B, 3D MARINES FRAG ORDER 49-68.

(3) 2D ARVN Regt conducts search and destroy operations in AO ORANGE with 2 Bns sweeping from east to west. Annex A, Operations Overlay; ARVN AO.

(4) Remainder units: No change

c. Atch and Det: No change

2. MISSION:

1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (H) atk on D-day to seize Obj's BATTLE, HEDGEHOG, GILA, COCHANCHIE and APPLE; conduct search and destroy operations in AO YELLOW.

3. EXECUTION:

a. TF 1-11 Inf is assigned mission of seizing Obj's BATTLE, HEDGEHOG, GILA, COCHANCHIE and APPLE and conducting search and destroy operations in AO YELLOW. Annex A; Operations Overlay.

b. TF 1-61 Mech: Be prepared to conduct a diversionary atk.

c. Fires: Priority of fires to TF 1-11 Inf.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) AO ORANGE effective 241200 Sep 68.

(2) Be prepared to execute 26 Sep 1968, or any date thereafter.

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4. SIGNAL: Following are call signs and frequencies being used by the Marines for the operation:

ALEXANDER - 3D MFR DEV

(P) 52.60 M-990

(S) 68.50 M-847

HIG SHOT - TFH

(P) 46.75 M-46

FIGHTING MAD - 3D MAR Regt

(P) 35.10 M-123

(S) 75.75 M-743

14 (AIR) 32.30 M-758

24 (ARTY) 40.65 M-248

THRUST POINTS

GIRLS - 0569

BOYS - 0664

EVER SHARP - 1/3

(P) 44.35 M-024

(S) 73.65 M-648

JAW BREAKER - 2/3

(P) 66.30 M-48

(S) 68.60 M-362

SNUB NOSE - 3/3

(P) 70.25 M-55

(S) 71.30 M-224

KNIFE BOY - 1/4

(P) 61.35 M-590

(S) 35.15 M-732

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Annexes: A-- Operations Overlay; ARVN AO

B-- 3D Marines FRAG ORDER 49-68

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ANNEX B (CONT)

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 CAMP CARROLL, RVN.  
 231220 H Sep 68

FRAG ORDER 49-66

Ref: (a) Map: Vietnam, 1:50,000, A.S. Series L7014, Sheets 6342 I & II,  
 6342 III & IV.

## 1. SITUATION:

## a. Enemy Forces. Current Intentions

## b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) 3d Mar Div assumes OPCON 3d Marines effective 232400 H.
- (2) 1st Bde, 5th Div (Mech) conduct S/D ops in DZ East of 3d Marines AO.
- (3) 2nd ARVN Regt conducts ops East of 3d Marines North of CAM LO.
- (4) 9th Marines conducts S/D ops West of 3d Marines AO.
- (5) Artillery
  - (a) 1st Bn, 12th Marines, D/S 3d Marines.
  - (b) 4th Bn, 12th Marines, G/S 3d Mar Div.
- (6) Air and other D/S units - No change.

## c. Attachments and Detachments.

- (1) 1st Bn, 4th Marines G/OPS 3d Marines effective 232400 H.
- (2) 2nd Bn, 3d Marines G/OPS 3d Marines effective 232400 H.
- (3) 2nd Bn, 26th Marines G/OPS 3d Marines on order, on or about 27 September.

## 2. MISSION:

3d Marines (Reinf) conducts search and destroy operations in Eastern LA CASTER II AO to destroy enemy fortifications, supplies, and equipment, and provides security for CAMP CARROLL, THAI SON LAI, KHE GIO BRIDGE, DUNG HA REIN OP, and Route #9 in AO.

## 3. EXECUTION:

## a. Concept of Operations. See overlay.

## b. 1st Bn

- (1) Conduct search and destroy operations with two companies East along AXIS BLUE and two companies East along AXIS GREEN.
- (2) Conduct detailed search of draws and valley areas for enemy fortifications and supplies.
- (3) Effective 241000 H helilift one company from TSL to LZ AAC.
- (4) Upon relief in place at FSB PETE (on or about 241400 H), helilift additional company to vic LZ AAC and LZ AN.

## c. 2nd Bn

- (1) Conduct helilift of one company to FSB PETE effective 241400 H.
- (2) Conduct search and destroy ops along AXIS ORANGE to LZ SIERRA and LZ MA.
- (3) Conduct company patrol base ops from LZ SIERRA and LZ AAC.
- (4) Be prepared to helilift one company from vic LZ SIERRA to FSB BIRD on order.

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## d. 3d Bn:

- (1) Provide security for CAMP CARROLL, KHE GIO BRIDGE, DONG HA MTN OP, TSL, FSB BIRD, and Route #9 in AO.
- (2) Truck one company to TSL effective 240830H.
- (3) CHOP one company to 2nd Bn for security FSB BIRD on order, on or about 241500H.
- (4) Conduct minesweeps and provide Seabee and convoy security.
- (5) Provide SPARROW HAWK forces at CAMP CARROLL.

## e. 1st Bn, 4th Marines:

- (1) Conduct search and destroy ops with two companies along AXIS RED and two companies along AXIS WHITE.
- (2) Conduct detailed search of draws and valley areas for enemy fortifications and supplies.
- (3) Be prepared to construct a LZ sufficient in size to conduct the relief of 1/4 by 2/26 on order, on or about 27 September.
- (4) Continue responsibility for AO until relieved by CO, 2nd Bn 46th Marines.

## f. 2nd Bn, 26th Marines:

- (1) On order, on or about 27 Sep, conduct helilift to LZ prepared by 1/4 and relieve 1/4.
- (2) Assume mission of 1/4 on order.
- (3) DIRLAUTE CO 1/4.

## g. Coordinating Instructions:

- (1) D-Day - 24 Sep 68
- (2) H-Hour - 1000
- (3) Hand held riot Control Agents authorized.
- (4) THURST POINTS effective 241000H.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See attached separate para.

## 5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS:

## a. Comm-Elec:

- (1) THURST POINTS

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| FOOTBALL TMS | 9767 |
| ACTRESSSES   | 9364 |
| COUNTRIES    | 0263 |
| COLORS       | 9962 |
| TREES        | 9561 |
| CARS         | 0756 |
| PRESIDENTS   | 0155 |

## b. Command: No change

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IMMEDIATE 250130 2 SEP 68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
INFO: CG III MAF  
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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SLF A EMPLOYMENT

A. CG III MAF 031300Z SEPT 68

1. SLF A PROVIDES FOR BACKLOAD SIF ALFA ON 1 OCT 1968.
2. BLT 2/26 (SLF ALFA) CURRENTLY IS COMMITTED AS A MANEUVER ELEMENT IN A SIX BATTALION OPERATION WHICH HAS THE MISSION OF ATTACKING MAJOR ELEMENTS OF 320TH NVA DIVISION DEPLOYED IN THE NORTHERN LANCASTER AO, AND DESTROYING HIS SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES.
3. THIS OPERATION IS PRODUCING SIGNIFICANT FINDS OF ENEMY MATERIAL, BUNKER COMPLEXES AND BURIAL SITES. IN ORDER TO EXPLOIT THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY TO SERIOUSLY ATTENUATE THE 320TH NVA DIVISION'S ABILITY TO CONDUCT COMBAT OPERATIONS, OUR CURRENT OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN EXPANDED IN AREA TO THE EAST AND WEST.
4. PRESENT FORCES AVAILABLE ARE MINIMAL TO ACCOMPLISH THE OBJECTIVES INHERENT IN THE OPERATION. IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CAPITALIZE ON THE ENEMY'S VULNERABILITIES AS HE ATTEMPTS TO EXTRICATE HIS FORCES, IT IS VITAL THAT BLT 2/26 REMAIN COMMITTED.
5. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE BACKLOAD DATE FOR BLT 2/26 BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL SUCH DATE THAT ITS WITHDRAWAL WOULD NOT SERIOUSLY JEOPARDIZE OUR PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SUCCESS.

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SECNAV VISIT 9-12 1968 (C)

A. CMC 251001Z SEP (C) (PASEP)

1. REF A PROVIDES GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCT OF HOST UNITS FOR SECNAV VISIT  
O. ICI. SENIOR COMMANDERS ARE ENJOINED TO CARRY OUT THE SPIRIT OF  
REF A. SHOULD OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS REQUIRE YOUR PRESENCE ELSEWHERE,  
A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR COMMAND MAY BE SUBSTITUTED.

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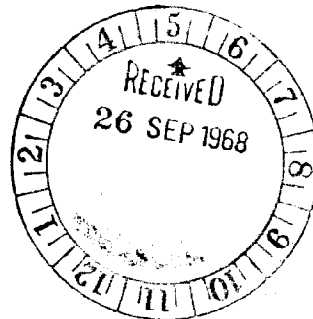
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1. THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY DESIRES THAT ALL BRIEFINGS DURING THIS TRIP BE KEPT AS INFORMAL AS POSSIBLE AND THAT ATTENDANCE BE KEPT TO THE MINIMUM NECESSARY.
  2. NO HOMES ARE DESIRED AT ANY STOP AND SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS SHOULD BE INFORMAL AND KEPT TO A MINIMUM.
- EN THE SECRETARY REQUESTS THAT ESCORT OFFICERS AND OTHER

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 PROTOCOL ASPECTS OF THE TRIP BE KEPT TO THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM.  
 HE WOULD PREFER TO HAVE EACH ACTIVITY VISITED PROVIDE A  
 KNOWLEDGEABLE ESCORT OFFICER AND WANTS TO AVOID TYING UP SENIOR  
 COMMANDERS FROM HIGHER ECHELONS IN THIS ASPECT OF THE TRIP.

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 CG FIRST MARDIV  
 CG FIRST ARVN DIV  
 CG FIRST LOG CMD  
 CG TF HOTEL  
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 CTC SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
 CTC SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
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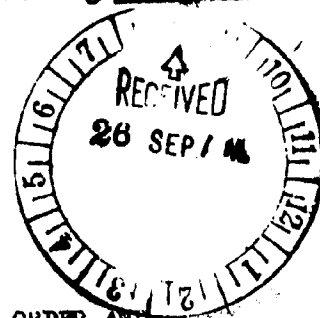
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MODIFICATION OF MESSAGE

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 232042Z SEPT 68 (S)

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG KAIV CORPS

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OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN LANCASTER/KENTUCKY

1. THE 3d MARINE DIVISION HAS IN THE PAST DAYS REACHED DEEPLY INTO THE ENEMY'S STORE OF MILITARY SUPPLIES AND CAUSED HIM TO DISPLACE, LEAVING HIS HOARDS OF AMMUNITION, EXPLOSIVES AND WEAPONS FOR OUR PICKING.

2. IN LIGHT OF THE PAST SUCCESS AND THE PROMISES OF FURTHER CACHES TO BE FOUND IN THIS AREA, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT D-DAY FOR THE OPERATION ON THE KHE SANH PLATEAU BE DELAYED UNTIL 2 OCTOBER.

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 REF : CG , 3RD MAR DIV MSG 250130Z SEP 68 (S)  
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TO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DGH

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SUBJ: OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN LANCASTER/KENTUCKY (U)

REF: 3D MAR DIV MSG DTG251647Z SEP (S) (PASEP)

(S)RECOMMENDATION TO DELAY D-DAY FOR KHE SAMN OPERATION OT 20CT IS APPROVED.

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CG III MAF CGCO 274C 2671500  
OPCON AND AO BDRY MODIFICATION

1. EFF 030400H SEPT CG THIRD MAR DIV ASSUMES OPCON THIRD MARINES WITH ORGANIC BNS AND 1/4 FROM CGTF HOIEL, SAME DTG THIRD MARINES ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR LANCASTER AO AS MODIFIED IN PARA 3.

2. EFF 032400H SEPT CG THIRD MAR DIV ASSUMES OPCON FOURTH MARINES WITH 2/4 3/1 AND 2/9 TO CGTF HOIEL, SAME DTG CGTF HOIEL ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY FOR SCOTLAND AO AS MODIFIED IN PARA 3.

3. MODIFIED BDRY BETWEEN LANCASTER AND SCOTLAND AOS IS AS FOLLOWS:  
FROM PRESENT BDRY WITH D-5 AO AT 020520, WEST TO 960520, ~~TO 960520~~, N TO 961537, W TO 953557, N TO 948582 TO 945397, NW TO HILL 261 VIC 927617 NW TO DMZ(S) BDRY AT 910643, N ALONG RIDGE LINE FROM HILL 444 TO

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TO: CG TF HOTEL  
FOURTH MARINES



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ENEMY ROAD ACTIVITY KHE SANH AREA

1. ANALYSIS OF AVAILABLE INFO PERTAINING TO ROUTES 9, 925 AND 926 COVERING PERIOD 1 AUG-21 SEP TENDS TO INDICATE SUPPLY AND LOGISTICAL

OPNS RATHER THAN RECENT TROOP UNIT MOVEMENTS. ACTION

A. RTE 925. OUR KNOWLEDGE OF ACTIVITY IN LAOS ON THIS RTE BASED *Ranking*

PRIMARILY ON SLAR RPTS. VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON RTE APPEARS TO TERMINATE CLOSE TO THE LAOS/SVN BORDER. EASTWARD INTO SVN, HWY TRAIL ACTIVITY

HAS BEEN RPTD BY AO'S. THERE HAVE BEEN NO RPTS OF TRUCK PARKS OR SUPPLY/STORAGE AREAS ON THE LAOTIAN PORTION OF RTE 925.

B. RTE 9. THE LAOS SIDE OF THE RTE CONTAINS TRUCK PARKS AND SUPPLY/STORAGE AREAS (AIR PHOTOS/AO'S, 7TH AF VR). VEHICLE TRAFFIC

HAS BEEN RPTD FM LAOS BORDER TO LANG VEI (AO'S 21SEP68). NO RECENT TRUCK ACTIVITY BETWEEN LANG VEI AND KHE SANH. HOWEVER, TRAIL

ACTIVITY EAST OF LANG VEI HAS BEEN RPTD. TENDS TO INDICATE EITHER LANG VEI IS DESTINATION OF CARGO OR TRANSHIPMENT POINT.

C. RTE 926. VEHICLE TRACKS ON RTE NOTED AS FAR EAST AS (XD938298) (AIR PHOTO). AT THIS POINT 926 RAPIDLY TERMINATES AND TRAIL STARTS

IN EAST-WEST DIRECTION. TRUCK PARKS AND STORAGE/SUPPLY AREAS ARE LOC ON LAOTIAN PORTION OF RTE (7TH AF VR, AIR PHOTO).

D. KHE SANH AREA. VEHICLE TRAFFIC HAS BEEN RPTD MOVING NORTH AND SOUTH. (RECON, 2/L, SLAR). TRAFFIC SEEMS CENTERED ON ROAD WEST

OF KHE SANH AND DOES NOT APPEAR TO LEAVE THIS AREA. PHOTO REVEALED TRUCK ON ROAD. AO'S RPTD CRATES NEAR ROAD, AND RECON RPTD SEEING

CONVOY MOVING ON ROAD. IF EN VEHICLES ARE PRESENT IN KHE SANH THEY COULD POSSIBLE HAVE ARRIVED VIA UNDETECTED BUT SUSPECTED EXTENSION

OF RTE 925. HOWEVER, MUST EMPHASIZE THAT VEHICLE RPTS KHE SANH AREA

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SUBJ TO SOME DOUBT BECAUSE OF PRESENCE OF SEVERAL OLD WRECKS IN  
AREA WHICH HAVE BEEN MISIDENTIFIED AS NEW VEHICLE SIGHTINGS FROM  
TIME TO TIME.

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 SEC OPNS PHONE DIV 180  
 CWO *[Signature]*

IMMEDIATE 262120 ZSEP68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG FIRST CAV DIV (AM)  
 CG TF HOTEL

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REQUEST FOR ALFA TRP 1/9 CAV

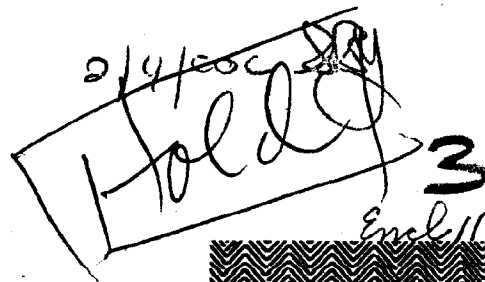
1. IT IS REQUESTED THAT OPCON ALFA TRP 1/9 CAV BE PASSED TO CG THIRD MARDIV FOR PERIOD 29, 30 SEP, ~~1 OCT~~ <sup>1 OCT 68</sup> <sup>LLT</sup>
2. TRP WILL BE ASSIGNED D/S CG TF HOTEL FOR RECON MISSIONS PRIOR TO KHE SANH PLATEAU OPN, TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO COMMENCE 2 OCT 1968.

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SCOTLAND/NANKING #2  
27 SEP 68

## TASK FORCE HOTEL

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS WITH SUPPORTING AIR REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION HANKING

## HANK

## AIRCRAFT REQUIRED

## (D-4) 28th

1. 2/26 Assault
2. 1/4 to VCB
3. 2/9 to VCB
4. Adv party 9th Mar & 2/12 to VCB

- 17 CH-46  
7 UH-1E Gun  
2 UH-1E Helo  
4 UH-34 Utility  
2 UH-34 Chase  
2 CH-53

## (D-4) 29th

1. 3/4 (-) Gordon
2. 3/9 (-) to VCB
3. 9th & 2/12 CP Group to VCB
4. 4/3/9 to VCB
5. Flt Flip Flap (1/9) VCB to 950 (Hanking)
- ~~6. 2/2/12 Pn Winchester to TEL D/S - 8 1/9~~
7. 2/2/12 Pn Sandy to TEL
8. 2/2/12 Pn Winchester to VCB
- ~~9. Range Day (2/5) to VCB Reinforcing Files for 1/9~~
10. Case 450 & 500 ADB Pn Quantico to VCB
11. VR of AO by CO 2/4
12. VR of FSB Hanking and Hanks by Arty & Eng Regs

- 19 CH-46  
5 UH-1E Gun  
2 UH-1E Helo  
4 UH-34 Utility  
2 UH-34 Chase  
10 CH-53  
1 CH-54

## (D-2) 30th

1. 4/3/12 Pn Quantico to Gates
2. VR of LI by CO 1/4
3. Snipers join 4/3/4 at Shepherd
4. CO of 2/9 Pn VCB to Quantico relieve 2/2/4
5. 0/2/4 Pn Quantico to VCB
6. Flt and Pn Hanking to VCB to Shepherd
7. Cnd Grp 3/4 to VCB
8. 4/3/4 Pn Hill 155 to VCB

- 17 CH-46  
9 UH-1E Gun  
10 CH-53  
2 UH-1E Helo  
4 UH-34 Util  
2 UH-34 Chase

## (D-1) 1st Oct

1. Case 450 and 500 plus ext in VCB to Hanking
2. CO 2/9 w/engr in VCB to Hanks
3. Arty Recon (35 part 2 ext) in Gates to Hanks
4. Case 450 & 500 & 1 ext in VCB to Hanks
5. CO 2/9 in VCB to Gates & Hill 491
6. 2/4 CMO Grp in FSB Gates to VCB
7. 4/2/4 in Hill 491 to VCB
8. 2/1/11 (4-155, 35 Pz, 3 ext, & Basic Load) in Gates to Hanks
9. 1/3/12 (6-105, 35 mm, 3 ext & Basic Load) in Shepherd to Hanking
10. 4th Mar Cnd Grp (B) and Arty 3/12 Cnd Grp (A) in Gates to Gates
11. 2/2/4 in Gates to VCB
12. 4/3/4 w/ENG, Arty Recon & 2 Ext Helo Assault into Nanking

- 21 CH-46  
11 UH-1E Gun  
10 CH-53  
3 UH-1E Helo  
4 UH-34 Util  
3 UH-34 Chase  
1 CH-54

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## NINE

## (D-Day) 2 Oct

1. 3/4 (-) and 2/4 to Obj 1 & 2
2. Move (10 Pz) in Marching to VCB
3. Resupply JDB
4. 2 Cans 450 & 2 cans 500 in Marching and March to VCB

## (D+1) 3 Oct

1. 1/4 to Obj 8
2. ARVN Arty Btry and CP to Marching
3. Resupply
4. 2 ARVN Bn's to MALLARD

## (D+2) 4 Oct

1. 2 ARVN Bn's to MALLARD
2. Resupply
2. 1/4 to Obj 8 in Halo Assault if insufficient Aircraft are Available on D+1

## AIRCRAFT REQUIRED

34 CH-46  
 12 UH-1E Gums  
 8 CH-53  
 3 UH-1E Slides  
 4 UH-34 UH-1  
 2 UH-34 Chase

20 CH-46  
 10 UH-1E Gums  
 8 CH-53  
 3 UH-1E Slides  
 4 UH-34 UH-1  
 3 UH-34 Chase

18 CH-46  
 8 UH-1E Gums  
 8 CH-53  
 3 UH-1E Slides  
 4 UH-34 UH-1  
 3 UH-34 Chase

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~~Brigade Officer - Return to May D.~~  
*Scotland*

## OPERATION SCOTLAND/NANKING

Concept of Operations:

4 OCT D-1 4th Mar establish FSB HAWK and FSB NANKING. K/3/4 conducts hel assault into FSB NANKING; on order inserts I/3/12 with 6 105 Howitzers. E/2/9(-) helo lifts two platoons into LZ HAWK along with four 155 Howitzers (towed). F/2/9(-) trucks one platoon from CaLu to FSB STORMY with 8" Platoon. On D-2 one platoon is established at LZ SHEPHERD and one platoon at Hill 950. G/2/9 helo lifted 1 platoon into Hill 691 on D-2 and lifts 1 platoon into LZ HAWK. NOT IN YET REL

5 OCT D-Day 2/4 and 3/4 (-)(K/3/4 into LZ NANKING on D-1) land simultaneously by helo assault west of Objectives 1 and 2 (3/4 into Obj 1; 2/4 into Obj 2), seize Objectives 1 and 2, establish western screen and conducts ground attack to the east astride Route #9. Interdicts Route #9 as soon as tactical situation permits.

D+1 1/4 lands by helo vicinity Objective 8, attacks Objective 8. W/3/12 land with 1/4 and provides artillery support. 3/2 and 4/2, 2nd ARVN Regiment land by helo into LZ MALLARD-move in trace to secure Objectives V and I; then search South to secure Objectives S and H.

D+2 Assault elements continue attacking East to secure objectives in their assigned zone.

*O. R. Swigart Jr.*  
 O. R. SWIGART  
 LtCol USMC  
 G-3, Task Force Hotel

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TO RUMLDNAMDR USAG ICTZ DA NANG RVN

IMGT RUMLBPCG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI RVN

L SUMHVP/CG 3 MAR DIV DONG HA RVN

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SECRET CITE NUMBER: 275

1. (S) TWO BATTALIONS PROV2D A

NN REGT, REGTD CP, AND 6 TUNES OF  
125 ARTILLERY WILL CONDUCT JOINT COMBAT OPERATION WITH FOURTH U  
MARINES O/A 2 OCTOBER 68 (D-DAY) IN HE KHE SANH AREA.

2. (S) TENTATIVE PLANS INDICATE PARTICIPATING ARVN TROOPS ARTILLERY  
AND INITIAL SUPPLIES WILL MOVE BY VEHICLES FROM VIC DONG HA (YD 60  
9239) TO FWD STAGING AREA VIC FB VANDERGRIFT (XD 997483) ON D-DAY MINUS  
ONE. REGIMENT WD CP (APPROX THIRTY MEN) JO  
IR TUBES OF 105 ARTY

(APPROXIMATELY 120 MEMPHV WILL BE HELILIFTED (SECURE) FROM VANDERGRIFT  
TO FORWARD COMMAND POEE VICINITY XD 824416 ON D-DAY. BOTH ARVN BNF  
(APPROX 1300 MEN) WILL BE HELILIFTED (COMBAT ASSAULT) FROM FB  
VANDERGRIFT TO A FIVE SHIP LZ VICINITY HILL 881 SOUTH (XD 437776).

3. (S) THE THIRD MAR DIV CANNOT ASSIST IN THE COMBAT ASSAULT, LOG SU-  
PORT DURING THE OL-589,, C&C SHIP, GUNSHIPS AND MEDEAC. XXIV  
CORPS WILL LIFT THE ARTY

PAO: TWO RUMLDNH 062J SECRET  
PIECES AND REGIMENT NORWAD COMMAND POST.

4. (S) REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM I CAG IN OBTAINING THE FOLLOWING SU-  
PPORT:

A. SUFFICIENT ASSETS TO INSERT THE TWO ARVN BATTALIONS ON D PLUS  
ONE AND EXACT THEM AT THE TERMINATION OF THE OPERATION APPROXIMATELY  
SEVEN DAYS LATER.

B. TWO GUNSHIPS AND THREE HUI'S TO REMAIN AT LZ VANDERGRIFT DURING  
THE OPERATION FOR DIRECT SUPPORT TO THE 2D ARVN REGIMENT. ONE SLICK  
WOULD BE U

ED FOR THE COMMAND AND CONTROL SHIPS AND THE REMAINING  
TWO FOR DAILY WATER AND LOGISTIC RESUPPLY FROM STAGING AREA TO MAN-  
EUVER BATTALIONS AND AS MEDEVACS IF REQUIRED.

5 (S) AIR PLANNING CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SCHEDULED FOR 29 SEPTEMBER AT  
THIS HEADQUARTERS.

6. (S) REQUEST TELECON OR MESSAGE REPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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RptsOps Officer - This info should  
be passed to TF HotelDone *g**3* *ELI*  
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FM CG XXIV CORPS PHB

TO RUMLBPF/CG 1ST CAV DIV (AM) CES

INFO RHMMFA/CG III MAF DNG

RUMHVP/CG 3D MARDIV DGH

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SUBJ: UNIT DEPLOYMENT (U)

1. (S) CONFIRMING FONECON BETWEEN LTC VAN DYKE, SSIV CORPS AND MAJ  
HUTTON, 1ST CAV DIV, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE ONE AIR CAV TROOP TO CG, 3D  
MAR DIV FOR THE KHE SANH OPERATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS COMMENC-  
ING 30 SEP 68.2. (S) ESTENSION OF PERIOD OF OPCON BEYOND 2 OCT 68 WILL BE DETER-  
MINED BY AN ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AT THAT TIME.

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This info should be  
passed to BUT 2/26  
XD has seen

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Concerned

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OO RUMHVP  
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FM CG III MAF  
TO RHMSMA/C CMUSMACV SGN

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INFO RUMHHQA/C INCPAC HAW  
RUMHABA/C INCPACFLT HAW  
RUMHFMA/CG FMF PAC HAW  
RUAFOL/CG FMF PAC FWD OKI  
RUYJWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX  
RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE  
RUMLSA/CG XXIV CORPS PHB  
RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW DNG  
RUMLMFA/CG FORL OGCOMD DNG  
RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA  
RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG  
RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI  
RUMHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
RUYBNQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE  
RUMHRN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
RUYBNQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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ARG/SLF ALFA AND BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 031300Z SEP68 (S) NOTAL

B. CG III MAF 291516Z AUG68 (S) NOTAL

C. CG III MAF 291516Z AUT68 (S) NOTAL

D. CG FIRST MARDIV 251500Z SEP68 (S) NOTAL

E. CG THIRD MARDIV 250130Z SEP68 (S) NOTAL

1. (S) REF A PROVIDES FOR BACKLOAD SLFS ALFA AND BRAVO 1 OCT 68.

2. (S) SITUATION AS EXPLAINED REFS B AND C ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED.  
IN VIEW THEREOF AND SUBJ YOUR CONCURRENCE PROPOSE TO DELAY BACKLOAD  
OF BOTH ILTS.3. (S) REVISION OF ARG/SLF ALFA SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:  
1 OCT - 13 NOV, ELT ASHORE WITH ARG IN SUPT 1-28 OCT AND ARG ENR  
UPKP SUBIC 29 OCT - 13 NOV. 14-15 NOV BACKLOAD. 16-18 NOV ENR OKI.  
PHIBRON FIVE RELIEVE PHIBRON SEVEN OKI VICE SUBIC.4. (S) REVISION OF ARG/SLF BRAVO SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:  
1-22 OCT, ELT ASHORE WITH ARG/IN SUPT. REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE  
UNCHANGE W/BACKLOAD ON 8 NOV.

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5. (S) SUBJ TO APPROVAL THE ABOVE, MODIFICATION OF ARG/SLF  
ALFA SCHEDULE SUSSEQUENT TO PROPOSED SLF REHAB/TRNG DATES  
WILL BE PROPOSED.6. FOR CG 1ST MARDIV AND CG 3RD MARDIV. THIS MSG CONSTITUTES  
REPLY TO REF D AND E.

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3: 11: -TUZF RV TQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQQ

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RUM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO RUYP SY F/CG FIRST MAW

RUMHAW/HMM THREE SIX THREE

INFO RUH SYA /CG FMFP AC

RUYP SY D/CG III MAF

RUY GSAF /C OMSEVENTHFLT

RUYP SY GEC G THIRD MARDIV

RUY JWDE /CTF SEVEN SIX

RUY JSY B/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN /CTG SEVEN SIX LT FOUR

ZEN /USS PRINCETON

RUMHAW /MA G THREE SIX

RUYP SY G/ELT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

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BACKLOAD HMM 363 (S)

A. CG III MAF 23130Z SEP 68

1. REF A DIRECTS HMM 363 TO EMBARK USS PRINCETON AND ASSUME ASSIGNED MISSION AFL OAT WITH SLF.

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2. FOR HMM 363: IAW A EMBARK USS PRINCETON 30 SEP 68. PRINCETON WILL BE POSITIONED VIC PHU BAI. DESIRE FIRST ACFT ARRIVE 0800H. NAV AIDS ARE TACAN NINE, UHF HOMER 285.2. CONTACT FAIRMONT ALFA ON 277.0/258.6 AND BULLHORN TOWER ON 330.6.

3. FOR CG FIRST MAW: REQUEST FMAW PROVIDE HEAVY LIFT SUPPORT AS REQUIRED BY HMM 363. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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SEC OPNS PHONE DIV 180  
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
TO: CG TF HOTEL  
FOURTH MARINES  
MAG THREE NINE  
TWELFTH MARINES  
FIRST BDE FIFTH INF (MECH)  
INFO: CG VII MAF  
CG XXIV CORPS  
THIRD MARDIV (LESS ACTION ADDRES)

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OPERATIONS ON KHE SANH PLATEAU

A: MY 261210ZSEP68 (PA SEP)

REF A TO REF MSG IS CG THIRD MARDIV 230620ZSEP68.

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REL BY

*P. C. Scheep*

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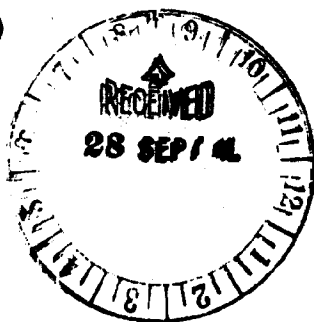
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG TF HOTEL  
 THIRD MARINES  
 FIRST BDE FIFTH INF DIV (MECH)  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 INFO: THIRD MARDIV (MINUS ACTION ADDRESSES)

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FRAG ORDER

1. FOR CG TF HOTEL:

- A. CONT PLANNING FOR OPN SCOTLAND/NANKING WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY OF *Hending*  
2 OCT 68.
- B. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS NORTH OF LZ MARGO.
- C. ON 29 SEPT PROVIDED NO CONTACTS DEVELOP TERM OFFENSIVE OPNS WEST  
OF LZ WINCHESTER.
- D. COA 1 OCT OR WHEN SITUATION INDICATES TERM OFFENSIVE OPNS VIC  
NUI BA LAO.
- E. EMT 1 OCT AND UPON RELIEF IN PLACE OF 1/4 PASS OPCON 2/26 TO  
THIRD MARINES AND ASSUME OPCON 1/4.
- F. BE PREPARED TO COMMIT ONE BN TO VIC MAI LOC TO CONDUCT OFFENSIVE  
OPNS HIGH GRD NE PORTION D-5 AO.

*Hold*  
 2. FOR THIRD MARINES:

- A. ON 28 SEPT ESTABLISH FSB VIC LZ BUZZARD (HILL 362)
- B. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS ASTRIDE MUTTERS RIDGE TO EAST UNTIL COA 4 OCT  
THENCE ALONG AXIS KHE CHUA VALLEY TO VIC C-3.

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 OP-CHIEF *[Signature]*  
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 G-2 W.O. *[Signature]*  
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 ACTION *[Signature]*

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on board*

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C. CONT OFFENSIVE OPNS IN LOW GRD TO EAST OF LZ MARGO UNTIL OOA 4 OCT THENCE ALONG AXIS SONG CAM LO TO VIC TSL.

D. NLT FIRST LIGHT 1 OCT PREPARE AND SECURE LZ ON ROAD 1022 VIC 9667 FOR HELICOPTER INSERTION OF 2/26. ASSUME OPCON 2/26 UPON RELIEF AND PASS OPCON 1/4 TO TF HOTEL. CONT SEARCH OF ROAD TRACE TO VIC DONG ONG CAY (990692) AND HIGH GRD TO SOUTH VIC 989668 UNTIL OOA 4 OCT.

~~DO NOT PASS OPCON ONE COMPANY TO TF HOTEL TO AUGMENT SECURITY VIC 9667.~~

E. OOA 4 OCT BE PREPARED TO PASS OPCON 2/26 TO FIRST BDE.

3. FOR FIRST BDE:

A. CONT PRES OFFENSIVE OPNS UNTIL OOA 4 OCT TO WEST OF A-4 TO SEIZE HIGH GRD VIC 020682, 015694, AND 010673.

B. OOA 4 OCT BE PREPARED TO ASSUME OPCON 2/26 FROM THIRD MARINES FOR EMPLOYMENT IN NAPOLEON/SALINE AO.

4. FOR ALL:

WHERE FEASIBLE MOVE UNITS BY FOOT OR MOTOR MARCH. HELICOPTER AVAILABILITY PRECLUDES MORE THAN TWO BN-SIZE LIFTS PER DAY PRIOR TO D+1 SCOTLAND/NANKING.

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1MAF 28 5062 8p  
 Visit of ACMC & Dep C/S (Manpower)  
 27 Oct - 4 Nov

Topics to be discussed are 1MAF NLT  
 021300H  
 (3d Mar Div 28 00102 complied) see below  
 for G-3 topics.

31 Oct.

1800 approx - Arr 3d Mar Div - RON.

includes dinner, visits to all Regi.,  
 1-5 Mech Bde as many Bns as  
 possible

1 Nov.

0700 ~~2802 902~~ Continue 3d Mar Div itinerary /  
 see 3d Mar Div breakfast / lunch  
 2802 902  
 1530-1630 Enroute Hq 1MAF

Lt Gen NICKERSON & party will remain  
 2-4 Nov. May expect return  
 visit

4 Nov ~ 0900-1600 Visit 3d Mar Div, One Regi.,  
 Bn & Co in each

CG is req submit detailed itineraries  
 for Lt Gen Nickerson's party to support  
 allocations of time (2-4 Nov)

ACMC Topics (G-3) SLF employment  
 Division monsoon posture  
 added by CG need for 155mm towed howitzers  
 Need for improved temp denial  
 devices.

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FM CG III MAF DNG

RO RUMLEPA XCG XXIV CORPS CP HOCHMUTH

INFO RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW DNG

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SUBJ: AIR REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION SCOTLAND/NANKING (S)

REF C A. CG THIRD MARDIV 250320Z SEP 68 (S) (PASEP)

QM KS) REF A STATES FIXED WING/HCPTR ASSETS REQUIRED TO SUPPORT  
CONCEPT FOR OPN NANKING. REGRET UNABLE TO FULFILL TOTAL REQUIREMENT M2. (S) HCPTR ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR OPN ARE AS FOLLOWS: DAILY 40 SEP  
THRU 11 OCT M 1 UH-1E(S), 7UH-1E(G), 4 CH-53, 12 UH-34 AND 21 CH-46.EM KS) HCPTR ALLOCATION PARA W REPRESENT MAXIMUM AVAILABLE TO  
SUPPORT OPN.

4. (S) FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS D AG THRU D-1:

A. TA-4F WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED.

B. C-117 RADIO RELAY TO BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED.

C M KC-130 TANKER SERVICE WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED.

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PRESENT AIRBORNE WILL BE RETAINED

D VALERT WILL BE RETAINED WITH PRIORITY TO 3RD

MARDIV

AC ALL REQUIREMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUESTED DEPENDENT  
ON EXISTING WEATHER.

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YWI.IVV VPA55100ZVA 5060297

SLK

PP 10MHVP

ZNY CCCC

PQTCIYUW RUABCM0129 2730000-CCCC--RUMHAW RUMHLA RUMHVP.

DE RIABOL 1620B 2730248

ZNY CCCCC

P 291248Z SEP 68

FM CTF SEVEN NINE

TO RUMHVP/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

RUMHA/CG FIRST MAR

INFO 1UHGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT

RHMMA/CG 111 MA

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUMWU/EMEPAC LNO SUBIC

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUABPO/VMGR ONE FIVE TWO

BT

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

TRNG FR BLT 2/26 SFOP AT SUBIC (U)

A. CTF 79 240144Z SEP 68

B. CG THIRD MARDIV 250130Z SEP 68 (PASEP)

1. (C) FOR BLT 2/26:

A. TAKE REF A.

H. B. TO ENHANCE READINESS OF SFOP TO PERFORM PRIMARY MISSION AND TO

H. PROVIDE TRNG IN NGFS ON A TEAM BASIS AFTER ASSIGNMENT OF ADD'L.

PERSONNEL LISTED REF A., INTEND BLT 2/26 SFOP BE ASSIGNED TAD TO

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PAGE TWO RUABOL 1620B C O N F I D E N T I A L

H. EMVPAC LNO SUBIC FOR TRNG DURING PERIOD SPECIFIED REF A.

H. C. SHOULD SCHEDULED BACKLOAD/REHAB BE POSTPONED PURSUANT REF B.

H. SFOP WILL BE RETURNED VIA OPERATIONAL FLIGHT FROM CUBI PT. TO DANANG

H. ON 12 OCT, THENCE TO BLT 2/26 TAOR AS DIRECTED BY C.O., BLT 2/26.

B. (C) FOR CG, FIRST MAR:

H. A. NO REPLY TO REF A. RECEIVED.

H. B. IF OPPORTUNE AIRLIFT ON 20 OCT NOT FEASIBLE, REQ EIGHT SEATS BE

H. BLOCKED ON SCHEDULED OPERATIONAL FLIGHT KO-130 FROM DANANG TO CUBI

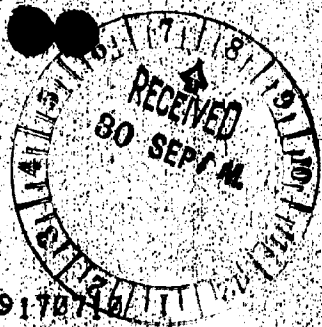
H. PT. ON 4 OCT. REQUEST MSG CONFIRMATION TO ALCON.

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VV VPB613ZVA 9170716  
 RR RIMWP  
 Z Y SSSSS  
 RTE SZ YLM RHMAFA3687 273050D-SSSS--RIMWP  
 Z NY SSSSS

R 290500Z SEP 68  
 FM CG III MAF DNG  
 INFO R UMLBPA/CG XX IV CORPS  
 R UHWP/CG THIRD MARD IV DNG HA  
 R UHMA/CG FIRST MARD IV DNG  
 R UMLMHA/CG FMAW DNG

O 281036Z SEP 68  
 FM COMSEVENTHFLT  
 TO CG III MAF  
 INFO CINCPACFLT  
 COMPHIBPAC  
 COMUSMACV  
 CG FMFRAC  
 CTF SEVEN SIX  
 CTF SEVEN NINE

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ARG/SLF ALFA AND BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 270804Z SEP 68 PAGEP

B. CG III MAF 170324Z SEP 68 PAGEP

1. THAT PORTION OF REF A APPLICABLE TO EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF IS  
 RELUCTANTLY CONCURRED IN. A SCHEDULE FOR EMPLOYMENT OF THE RESECTIVE  
 ARG'S TO SUPPORT THE OPERATIONS WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE  
 MESSAGE.

2. WHILE APPRECIATING THE CONTINUANCE OF THE CRITICAL SITUATIONS  
 REQUIRING RETENTION OF THE SLF FOR IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS, EFFECTIVE  
 AND CONTINUED UTILIZATION OF ARG SHIPPING IS NOW BECOMING A FACTOR

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WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED.

3. PARA 5 REF B EXPRESSED INTENT TO INCREASE THE FREQUENCY OF  
 AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT OPERATIONS BY CONDUCTING LIMITED OBJECTIVE, RECON-  
 IN-FORCE, AND RAID TYPE MISSIONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING  
 DOCTRINE. CONTINUED RETENTION OF THE SLF'S IN-COUNTRY FAILS TO TAKE  
 ADVANTAGE OF THE RAPID RESPONSIVENESS AND MOBILITY INHERENT IN THE  
 BALANCED ARG/SLF PACKAGE WHICH THE PRECEDING WOULD HAVE UTILIZED  
 SO WELL.

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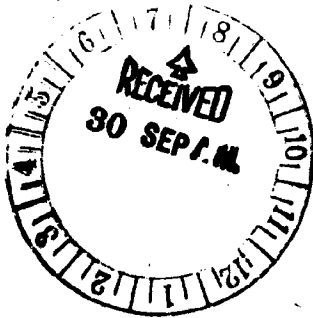
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DRAFTER 3/RCS/bwh  
 SEC G-3 OPNS PHONE 180  
 CWO

FLASH 291230Z SEP68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG TF HOTEL  
 FOURTH MARINES  
 TWELFTH MARINES  
 INFO: CG III MAF  
 CG XXIV CORPS  
 CG FIRST ACD  
 THIRD MARDIV  
 (MINUS ACTION ADDRESSES)  
 CG FIRST MAW

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DELAY OF D - DAY

1. D - DAY OF 2 OCT 68 FOR KHE SANH PLATEAU OPN IS DELAYED INDEFINITELY  
 PENDING MORE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF TYPHOON HAIK.

2. ALL PRE D - DAY ACTIVITIES WILL BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

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CCN 3356 RELEASED BY L.A. Schup TIME 291900 HSEP68

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 DRAFTED 3/JAD/1st  
 SMO COC PHONE DIV 180  
 CWO
FLASH 291420
 FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG III MAF

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MODIFICATION OF INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN IMZ

A. MY 230910ZSEP68 (S)

B. MY 231450ZSEP68 (S)

/. INTEND TO EXTEND OPERATIONS IN IMZ BEYOND 1 OCT AS FOLLOWS:

 A. OPERATION CODE NAME: UNNAMED IN KENTUCKY AO, LANCASTER AO AND  
 SOUTHERN IMZ ~~ABOVE~~. BETWEEN NS GRID LINE XD85 ON WEST AND  
 NS GRID LINE YD12 ON EAST.

B. BACKGROUND: NO CHANGE

 C. CONCEPT: 3D MARDIV WITH TWO REGIMENTS CONTINUES OPERATIONS IN  
 DESIGNATED AO. 3D MARINES W/2 BNS CONTINUES ADVANCE EASTWARD ALONG ROUTE  
 1022 IN IMZ AND MUTTERS RIDGE. 1ST BDE 5TH INF MECH CONTINUES ATTACK  
 WESTWARD WITH ONE INF BN IN IMZ.

 D. ASSAULT ELEMENTS: 1ST BDE 5TH MAR WITH 1/11 AND 3D MARINES W/ 1/3 AND 1/4  
~~THRU 2/25~~. UNTIL RELIEVED BY 2/26.

E. AREA OPERATIONS: UNCHANGED

F. D-DAY, H-HOUR, I-HOUR UNCHANGED

G. ESTIMATED DURATION: UNTIL 7 OCTOBER

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2/3/88 [Signature]

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| DCPD     | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| APO      | <i>[Signature]</i> |
| ACTION   | <i>[Signature]</i> |

QZT 12 OHVVZCZ CYP A63 2VZCZCY GA 802  
 VZCZCFND923VC 244VZCZCHRN113  
 OTTSZYUW RUYVIRN0078 2740625-SSSS--RUYP SYG.  
 ZNY SSSSS ZYO RUYV SAA

O 300615Z SEP 68  
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR  
 TO RUYP SYG/CG THIRD MAR DIV  
 RUYP SYG/BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX  
 INFO RUYGSAFECOMSEVENTHFLT  
 RUYP SYD/CG III MAF  
 RUYJWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX  
 RUYP SYF/CG FIRST MAW  
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE  
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR  
 RUYJSYB/NINTH MARINES  
 RUMLEGA/NSAD DONG HA  
 BT

301201/SAT-9/630 JLF

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S E C R E T

- A. CG III MAF 031308 SEP 68
- B. CTG 76.4 291543Z SEP 68
- C. CTG 79.4 OPLAN 120 YR
- D. CG 3RD MARDIV 250130 SEP 68

WARNING ORDER - REEMBARKATION BLT 2/26 (S)

1. UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED INTEND COMMENCE REEMBARKATION BLT 2/26

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1/2/4 BFB

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IAW REF A. AND B.

2. FOR BLT 2/26. PREPARE WITHDRAWAL PLAN IAW REF C. LIAISON PARTY WILL  
 ARRIVE YOUR CP 011000H SEP 68.

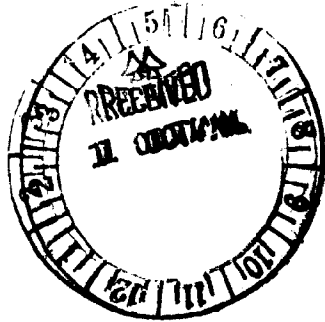
3. FOR CG 3RD MARDIV. REQUEST LOCATION OF ALL ELEMENTS BLT 2/26 NOT  
 PRESENTLY 7. DER OPCON OF BLT. REQUEST STAGING AREA BE PROVIDED FOR  
 ALL BLT ATTACHED UNITS AT DONG HA.

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VZCZCH RV H S

QTTSZYUW RUYVHRN 20 80 2740 00-SSSS--RUYPSY S.

OZNY SSSSS ZYO RUYVSAA

O P 30 25 44Z SEP 68

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO RUYPSY G/RT TWO SLANT TWO SIX

INFO RUMUFGA/NSAD DET DONG HA

RUYPSY G/CG THIRD MAR DIV

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BACKLOAD BLT TWO SLANT TWO SIX (1)

1. REQ PROVIDE SHORE PARTY PERSONNEL TO COORDINATE BACKLOAD OPS OF

BLT 2/26 AT DONG HA RAMP USING KY-8 EQUIPPED RADIO JEEP.

2. BACKLOAD SCHEDULED 011200 915 68.

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DR. FTE R 3/RCS/11t  
 SEC 0-3 PHONE 180  
 CWO *005*

FLASH 301330 ZSEP68

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV  
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS  
 INFO: CG TF HOTEL

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TENTATIVE D-DAY

A. CG THIRD MARDIV 291230HSEPT

1. REF A DELAYED INDEFINITELY D-DAY FOR THE SAME PLATEAU OPN PENDING ASSESSMENT  
 OF TYPHOON ELAINE.

2. IN VIEW CURRENT WEATHER PROGNOSIS RECOMMEND TENTATIVE D-DAY OF 5 OCT 68.

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CCN 2635REL BY *L.C. Schuyler*

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2/COC *RAP**Hankins*

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 PO *[initials]*  
 ACTION

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STAND RB

TOP SECRET CLEARANCE CERTIFIED FOR ALL.  
2. SECNAV AND PARTY WILL VISIT DESIGNATED SEVENTHFLT UNITS IN FOLLOWING

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## ITINERARY:

ALL TIMES HOTEL)

| ETA      | PLACE            | ETD      | TRANS    | NOTES |
|----------|------------------|----------|----------|-------|
| ORIG     | CAM RANH BAY     | 071700/5 | C-2      |       |
| 071830/9 | CONSTELLATION    | 081115/6 | LOG HELO | (1)   |
| 081130/3 | HANCOCK          | 08DTMD/8 | HI-LINE  | (2)   |
| 08DTMD/8 | CAMDEN/DD        | 08DTMD/8 | HI-LINE  |       |
| 08DTMD/8 | HANCOCK          | 081550/9 | LOG HELO |       |
| 081630/8 | LONG BEACHH      | 090900/8 | LOG HELO |       |
| 091000/0 | NEW JERSEY       | 091300/3 | LOG HELO |       |
| 091400/4 | III MAF HELO PAD | TERM     | ----     |       |
| ORIG     | THIRD MARDIV     | 111130/7 | HELO     |       |
| 111215/1 | DESIGNATED ARG   | 111315/2 | HELO     |       |
| 111345/5 | REPOSE           | 111430/0 | HELO     |       |
| 111445/6 | QUANG TRI        | TERM     | ----     |       |

## NOTES:

- (1) WHILE ON CONSTELLATION, OBSERVE STRIKE CYCLE (BRIEFING, LAUNCH, RECOVERY, AND DEBRIEF).
- (2) DURING VISIT TO HANCOCK/CAMDEN /DD SECNAV AND PARTY WILL HE-LINE FROM HANCOCK ACROSS CAMDEN TO DD AND RETURN IN ORDER TO OBSERVE UNREP.

PAGE FOUR RHMM PORTATION FOR 7-9 OCT PORTION OF VISIT .

5. FOR CTF 76-DESIGNATE HOST ARG AND ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION FOR 11 OCT PORTION OF VISIT FOR SECNAV AND PARTY IAW PARA TWO ABOVE.

6. BRIEFINGS SHOULD BBE INFORMAL WITH ONLY ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL IN ATTENDANCE AND COVER CURRENT OPERATIONS (PROBLEMS AND ISSUES), NEW IDEAS, (PROGRESS OR LACK THEREOF, FUTURE PLANS AND PROSPECTS.

7. AS PRACTICABLE, SECNAV DESIRES TO MEET INDIVIDUAL OFFICERS AND MEN BUT DOES NOT DESIRE TIME TO BE ALLOCATED TO SUCH ACTIVITIES AT THE EXPENSE OF SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS NECESSARY TO DERIVE MAXIMUM BENEFIT FROM EACH VISIT.

8. VADM W.F. BRINGLE AND LT D.L. RUWECNAV AND PARTY 7-8 AND 11 OCT.

9. THIS VISIT WILL BE DECLASSIFIED AT 0221600Z OCT BY RELEASE FROM WASHINGTON.

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