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 #41 Ins 10 Oct III MAF Subj: I Corps Coordinator Instruction 3145.3 Subj: Typhoon & Heavy Weather Preparations
 #42 Mem 10 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: Memorandum on Lt. Gen. Walt Brief

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#43 Brf 101445H 3rd Mar Div Subj: Positions for Lt. Gen. Walt Brief
 #44 Mem 07 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: Memorandum on VIP Visits, Handwritten
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 #46 Msg 100403Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Division Boundary
 #47 Msg 100951Z CG 1st Air Cav Div, Camp Evans, RVN Subj: Temporary Boundary Change
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 #49 Mem 11 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: Handwritten Notes on Sec Nav WestPac Visit
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 #56 Msg 121113Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Mission Task Force Clearwater
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 #59 Msg 130346Z III MAF Subj: ARG/SLF Alpha & Bravo Employment
 #60 Msg 130425Z 3rd Marines S-3 Subj: Extraction of BLT 2/26
 #61 Msg 130645Z 3rd Marines Subj: Frag Order 55-68
 #62 Msg 130725Z 3rd Marines S-3 Subj: Extraction of BLT 2/26
 #63 Msg 131346Z III MAF Subj: APMC WestPac Visit
 #64 Msg 140152Z III MAF Subj: XXIV Corps TAOR
 #65 Msg 142330Z S-3 3rd Marines Subj: Relief of BLT 2/26 by 1/3
 #66 Msg 150014Z Com 7th Fleet Subj: ARG/SLF Alpha & Bravo Employment
 #67 Msg 150224Z CTG 79.4 Subj: Rehabilitation & Employment of SLF Alpha
 #68 Msg 150809Z CTG 76.4 Subj: Boat Augmentation
 #69 Msg 151230Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Operations in the DMZ
 #70 Msg 151540Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: Report of Intent to Conduct Operations
 #71 Msg 160050Z III MAF Subj: NBC Interest in Action of 16 Sep 68 Involving 2/26
 #72 Sum 17 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: Summary of DMZ Operations 17 Sep-17 Oct 68
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 #82 Msg 191410Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Employment of SLF Alpha
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 #84 Msg 210220Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Operations in the DMZ
 #85 Msg 210940Z S-3 3rd Marines Subj: Operations
 #86 Msg 211240Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Operational Guidance
 #87 Mem 22 Oct Dept/Army, XXIV Corps Subj: Visit of Lt. Gen. Walt, APMC, USMC
 #88 Msg 220905Z CG XXIV Corps PHB Subj: SLF Employment
 #89 Sum 23 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: Summary of DMZ Operations 17 Sep-23 Oct 68
 #90 Jnl 23 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: Summary of Journal Entries from 17 Sep-23 Oct 1968
 #91 Rpt 23 Oct 3rd Mar Div Subj: DMZ Casualty Reports
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 #93 Msg 250212Z III MAF Subj: Visit of Mr. P. C. Coile to 3rd Mar Div
 #94 Msg 250540Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Permanent Boundary Change

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#95 Msg 251120Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 10-25/1
#96 Msg 260210Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Spot Report 10-26/1
#97 Msg 261235Z Cdr Dong Ha River Security Group Subj: Cua Viet OPSUM 26 Oct 68
#98 Msg 261250Z 3rd Mar Div Subj: Intent to Conduct Operations in the DMZ
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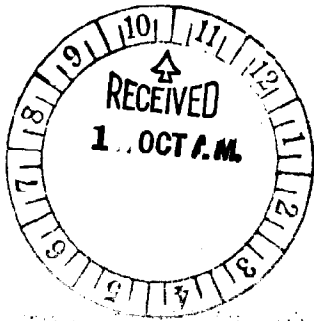
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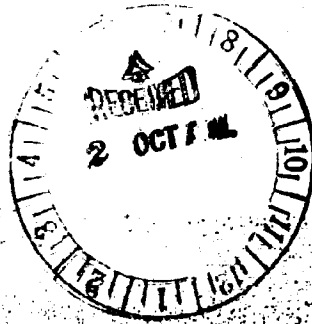
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SUBJ: UNIT DEPLOYMENT(U)

REF: CG XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 270759Z SEP 68

1.(U)REF MSG RESCINDED.

2.(S)REQUEST YOUR PROVIDE ONE AIR CAV TROOP TO CG 3D MAR DIV,
 FOR THE KHE SAMH OPERATION FOR A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS COMMENCING 30OCT68.

3.(S)EXTENSIN OF PERIOD OF OPCON BEYOND 50OCT 68 WILL BE DETER-
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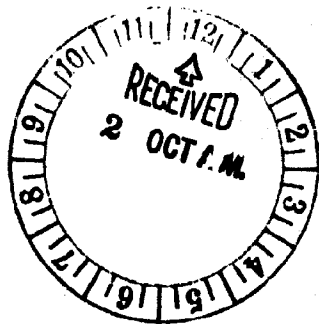
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1. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT D-DAY FOR OPERATION SCOTLAND MARKING HAS BEEN SET BY DIVISION AT 50CDL, IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE IMPENDING COC CHANGE BE POSTPONED UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THIS OPERATION.

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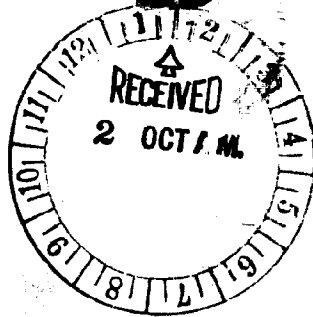


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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG TF HOTEL
TWELFTH MARINES

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INFO: CG XXIV CORPS
CG III MAF
CG 1ST CAV DIV (AM)
THIRD MARDIV
CG FIRST MAW

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D-DAY

A. MY 291230Z SEP 68

1. REF A DELAYED D-DAY FOR THE KHE SANH PLATEAU OPN INDEFINITELY PENDING
MORE ACCURATE ASSESSMENT OF TYPHOON BLAINE.

2. D-DAY IS NOW ESTABLISHED AS 5 OCT 1968.

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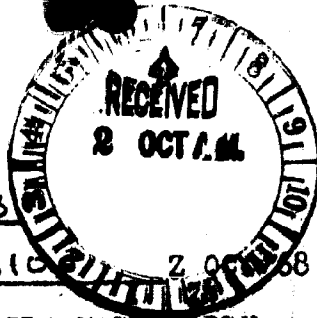
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FM: CG THIRD MARDIV DGH
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 INFO: CG III MAF DNG

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AIR REQUIREMENTS FOR OPN SCOTLAND/RANKING

- A. CG THIRD MARDIV DGH MSG 250320Z SEP 68
 B. CG III MAF DNG MSG 281522Z SEP 68

1. REF A SET FORTH MINIMUM AIR REQUIREMENTS TO SUPT
 3D MARDIV DUR OPN SCOTLAND II/RANKING. REF B LISTED

ASSETS AVAIL FROM 15 MAF FOR THIS PRD. REQ AUGMENTATION
 AS SHOWN BELOW TO MEET MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. READ IN

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D-1	SIX (6)	CH-47	RESUPPLY
	TWO (2)	CH-47 GUNSHIP	HELO ESCORT
	ONE (1)	UH-1H	CMD AND CONTROL
D-DAY	FOUR (4)	CH-47	FOLLOW-ON TROOPLIFT
	SIX (6)	CH-47	ASSET-TRANSPORT
	FIVE (5)	CH-47 GUNSHIP	RESUPPLY
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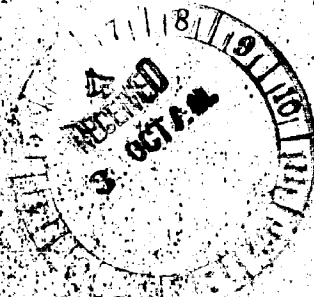
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ZEN/SA CG ELEVEN
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RUMHV/CO FIRST AMTRAC BN
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ACTION BRIEF

2 Oct 68

PROBLEM:

Updating Appendix 6 (Severe Weather Plan) to Annex Q (Administration and Logistics) to LOI 1-67.

DISCUSSION:

The XXIV Corps Op Plan 17-68 (Typhoon/Tropical Storm Contingency Plan) delineates a number of service support missions to counter the effects of severe weather. A number of these support requirements are indicated in our present Appendix 6. However, XXIV Corps' Op Plan 17-68 covers several additional areas of service support as indicated by the G-4's action brief. It is agreed that these points should be corrected regardless of the format of the Appendix 6. It is not recommended that Appendix 6 be deleted from the LOI, but that it be updated instead to agree with XXIV Corps Op Plan 17-68. The format of that of an Op Plan is a convenient means to convey information but is not necessarily solely confined to tactical operations. The fact is any supporting documents in support of an operational plan or order will use the operational format unless it is obvious that this format will not be satisfactory. Examples can be found in the LOI where a number of staff sections other than G-3 have used the operation order/plan format.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That the Appendix 6 (Severe Weather Plan) to Annex Q (Administration and Logistics) to LOI 1-67 be updated in accordance with XXIV Corps Op Plan 17-68.
2. That the G-4 prepare the appendix as required since the requirement is that of service support.

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2 OCT 1968
RMS*BRIEF ON KHE SANH AREA AND VIETNAMESE SALIENT

This brief provides the current enemy situation, weather, and terrain for the Vietnamese Salient and area along Route 9 from Ca Lu to the Laotian Border, including the Khe Sanh area.

ENEMY SITUATION:

No current positive unit identifications are held for the area of interest. Units most recently known to operate in the area have been (1) 246th Independent Regt, (2) 88th Regt, 308th Div, (3) the 83d Engineering Regt. The 68th Artillery Regt was suspected to be located in Laos, but was never confirmed. Last contact with the 246th Independent Regt, which operated in the Khe Sanh vicinity, was on 27 July 68. Reports of activity and sensor returns have only indicated the presence of large troop units in the Khe Sanh area. A PW report, dated 7 July 68, is the latest evidence of the 88th Regt, 308th Div operating in the area. A PW report, dated 7 June 68, provided the last positive evidence of the 83d Engineering Regt operating in the Vietnamese Salient.

During early Summer 68, shell reports from Khe Sanh Combat Base located an estimated artillery regiment in Laos, probably in vicinity of Co Rec Mtn. No recent evidence of the unit's location has been obtained. At present, 246th Independent Regt; 88th Regt, 308th Div; 83d Engineer Regt and 68th Artillery Regt are carried as unlocated due to lack of contact. No identification has been made of a command headquarters superior to units known to have operated in the area, but subordinate to the Hanoi High Command. Presently, the enemy may be using the area for logistic and infiltration routes to 7th Front, MRTH, and A Shau Valley.

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The area could be reinforced from several directions within a 48 to 72 hour period. Reinforcing units, their direction of approach, and strengths are: (1) 48th, 52nd and 64th Regts/320th Div from the north (DMZ area) w/ 8,200; (2) elements of 7th Front from the east (Base Areas 101 and 114) w/2,295; (3) 102nd Regt from the west (Laos) w/1,850; and 4) 6th, 9th, 29th and 90th Regts from the south (Base Area 611 and A Shau Valley Area) w/6,500. This totals 29 to 31 combat maneuver battalions with an estimated strength of 19,195 men.

The NVA is reported to have aircraft and maintain airfields in Laos. UFO's have been reported in the Khe Sanh Area. The enemy has not employed aircraft in a tactical role within the area of interest. In the past, the enemy has employed CS and incapacitating agents. But no recent evidence has been received indicating intended use of CS agents within or adjacent to the area of interest although numerous enemy gas masks have been found in the area. The enemy is considered capable of possessing and delivering CS or incapacitating agents.

WEATHER.

During the first two weeks of October, most precipitation should occur in occasional afternoon rainshowers. After mid-October, precipitation will decrease sharply as the northeast monsoon prevails. Western mountain slopes will receive less precipitation than eastern slopes. Rainfalls below 1,000 feet will be rare after mid-October. Surface visibility will be 5 miles or greater, except during early morning fog. Surface winds will generally flow from the north at 04 knots during October mornings and from the northeast at 10 knots during the afternoon. The mean high temperature will be 85° F, mean low temperature 67° F.

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Terrain is a generally rugged mountainous area covered by thick vegetation. In the Vietnamese Salient, vegetation is primarily brushwoods consisting of tall grass, bushes, and secondary shrubs. Throughout the northern section of the salient, areas of multi-layered canopy forest and/light single canopy undergrowth with bamboo are found. Along Route 9 and in the Khe Sanh area, vegetation primarily consists of multi-layered heavy undergrowth forest with bamboo. Movement corridors in mountainous regions are severely channelized by extremely rugged terrain with dense undergrowth forest. Cross-country movement is limited to foot troops, and then only along existing trails, stream valleys or ridgelines. Routes 9 and 926 are capable of handling vehicular traffic, however, interdictions may be encountered along both roads. Units utilizing corridors will be highly susceptible to ambush. The western half of the Vietnamese Salient is fair to poor for foot movement during the wet season, while eastern half is poor to unsuited for foot movement. Overlay #3 depicts major trails the enemy probably utilizes.

CONCLUSIONS:

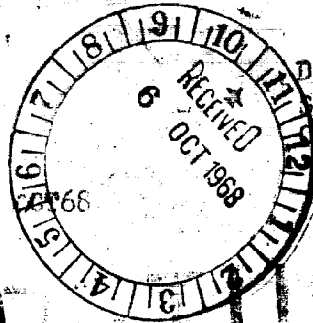
1. The optimum weather period for operations in this area is approaching (mid-Oct to Feb).

2. The enemy will probably avoid major contacts whenever possible.

3. Enemy offensive action will probably be limited to attacks by fire and small unit ground assaults.

4. The enemy will take every possible advantage of Allied troop movements to employ mines and booby traps/thus inflicting casualties on Allied personnel with a minimum of risk to his own personnel.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
TO: CG III MAF

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A. CG III MAF 28010Z SEP68

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FIELD GRADE OF TIGER ROTATION/HUMP PROBLEMS
DIVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHT HELOS AND V/R AIRCRAFT

HELICOPTER AVAILABILITY
SLF EMPLOYMENT

G-3 submission

DIVISION MONSOON POSTURE

LOGISTIC SUPPORT CONCEPT SUPPORT OF FIRE SUPPORT BASES
AND COMBAT OPERATING BASES

ENGINEER PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES/NOTES
PERSONAL RESPONSE PROGRAM

THIRD MARDIV MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
NEED FOR 155MM TOWED HOWITZERS

NEED FOR IMPROVED TET DENIAL DEVICES

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 3 Oct 1968

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From: Commanding General
 To: Commanding General, XXIV Corps

Subj: Task Organization; report of

Ref: (a) PGV TOC Mag 220730ZAug68

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

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>
<u>Hq Bn (a) (Rein)</u>	<u>Quang Tri</u>	
HqCo		114/256
ServCo		21/351
MP Co		6/111
Det Comm Co		1/11
Det HqBn	<u>Phu Bai</u>	
Det HqCo		0/5
Det HqBn	<u>Dong Ha</u>	
Det HqCo		85/283
Det ServCo		0/45
Det MP Co		1/55
Comm Co		15/391
Det HqBn	<u>III MAF Danang</u>	
Det HqCo		0/31
Det ServCo		0/31
Det Comm Co		0/1
Det MP Co		0/1
Det HqBn	<u>Gua Viet</u>	
Det HqCo		0/2
Det Comm Co		0/3
Det HqBn	<u>Camp Carroll</u>	
Det HqCo		0/5
Det Comm Co		0/6

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Det HqBn Det Comm Co	Rockpile	0/5
Det HqBn Det ServCo	Okinawa	0/1
Det HqBn Det MP Co	NSA Danang	0/4
Det HqBn Det Hq Co Det Serv Co	Hue	1/0 0/1
Det HqBn Det HqCo Det Serv Co Det Comm Co Det MP Co	T F Hotel	10/30 0/8 0/1 0/5
Det HqBn Det HqCo	Gan Lo	0/3
Det HqBn Det HqCo Det Comm Co	Vandegrift	0/1 0/19
Det HqBn Det HqCo	Camp Evans	1/0
Det HqBn Det Comm Co	Con Thien	0/3
Det HqBn Det Comm Co	C-2	0/4
Det HqBn Det Comm Co	Guam	0/1
Det HqBn Det MP Co	Japan	1/0
<u>Task Force Hotel</u> Hq Task Force Hotel	VCB VCB	26/74
<u>4th Marines (Rein)</u> HqCo, 4th Mar 1st Bn, 4th Mar (-) 2nd Bn, 4th Mar 3d Bn, 4th Mar	Ga Lu Ca Lu XD 967668 FSB Cates VCB	15/201 14/267 37/1193 39/1188

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9th Marines (Rein)

HqCo, 9th Mar
 1stBn, 9th Mar
 2ndBn, 9th Mar
 3dBn, 9th Mar
 BU 2/26

LZ WINGHAMSTER

VCB
 XD 911638
 XD 913560
 XD864590
 XD 894620

16/204
 39/1089
 35/1037
 40/1167
 33/618

3d Marines

HqCo, 3d Mar
 1stBn, 3d Mar
 2ndBn, 3d Mar
 3dBn, 3d Mar
 1stBn, 4th Mar

Camp Carroll
 Camp Carroll
 Lancaster AO
 Lancaster AO
 Camp Carroll
 VCB

18/203
 36/1230
 38/1249
 32/1201
 22/998

1st BDE 5th INF DIV (MECH)TF 1-11 (Inf)

HHC/1-11
 A/1-11
 B/1-11
 C/1-11
 D/1-11
 E/1-11
 A/1-77 (12-M4820)
 (3-M113A1)
 (1-M88)

C-3
 C-2
 C-2
 C-2
 C-2
 C-2
 C-2

6/58
 5/136
 5/117
 5/163
 4/167
 3/95
 4/76

1/A/7th Engr

C-2

1/26

TF 1-61 (MECH)

HHC (13-M113A1)
 (4-M132A1)
 (1-M577A1)
 (2-M106A1)
 A/1-61 (16-M113A1)
 (3-M128A1)
 (1-M578)
 (2-M106A1)

A-4

16/183

B/1-61 (16-M113A1)
 (3-M125A1)
 (1-M578)

A-4

5/183

D/1-61 (6-M577)
 (10-M548)
 (2-M578)

Dong Ha

6/144

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B/1-77	(12-M48A2C)	A-4	4/83
2/A/7th Bn	(1-M113A1)	A-4	1/80
2/B/1st Artillery	(3-M42)	A-4	1/15
<u>1-77 (Armor)</u>			
MHC 1-77	(6-M577A1)	C-3	18/169
	(4-M106A1)		
	(1-M81381)		
	(13-M113A1)		
	(1-CEV)		
9/1-77	(17-M48A2C)	C-3B	4/83
	(2-M113A1)		
	(1-M88)		
D/1-77	(8-M-548)	C-3	13/140
	(1-M-577A1)		
	(3-M113A1)		
	(2-M88)		
	(2-M60A1)		
B-1-61	(19-M113)		4/189
	(1-M88)		
A/4-12 CAV	(23-M113A1)	Sam Lo	4/232
	(3-M125A1)		
	(9-M48A2C)		
3/A/7th Bn	(2-M113)	C-3	1/24
	(1-20T RT CRANE)		
MHC 1st BDE	(4-OH6A)	Dong Ha/Quang Tri	44/214
	(2-UH1H)		
	(1-UH1D)		
517th MI Det	(1-CEV)	Dong Ha	11/24
A/17th Bn		Wander Beach/Quang Tri	13/147
407 HB		Quang Tri	3/77
86th Chem Det		C-2	1/4
258th Sig Co		Quang Tri	3/88
<u>75th Support Bn</u>			
HHD		Quang Tri	12/54
A/75th Spt		Quang Tri	19/54
B/75th Spt			8/54
C/75th Spt			4/169
D/75th Spt			10/235
1st AMTRACBN	(89-LVTP5-3)	Qua Viet	25/792
	(3-LVTP-1)		
	(1-LVTR-1)		
	(8-LVTR-CMD)		
<u>12th Marines (Rein)</u>			
Hq Btry (Rein)		Dong Ha	43/255
Det MC/4/1 (AN/MPQ4A0)		Con Thien	
Det MC/10/1 (AN/MPQ/10/A)		Gio Linh	
Det MC/10/2 (AN/MPQ/10/A)		Dong Ha	

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Det MG/10/3	(AN/MPG/10/A)	C-2
Det MG/10/4	(AN/MPG/10/A)	Dong Ha Mountain
Det MG/25/1	(AN/TPS/25)	Dong Ha
Det MG/25/2	(AN/TPS/25)	Gio Linh
Det MG/25/3	(AN/TPS/25)	Dong Ha

1st Searchlight Btry

1st Plt

(3-23" SLT) (TF Clearwater)

Dong Ha

4/104

Cua Viet

Cua Viet

2d Plt

(4-23" SLT) 1/11 Inf

C-2

(1-23" SLT) 3d Mar

Thom Son Lam

(1-23" SLT) CAC-2

Cam Lo

(1-23" SLT) CAC-3

Cam Lo

3d Plt

(5-23" SLT) 4th Mar

Vandegrift

1st 8" How Btry

1st Plt (2-8" How)

A-3

2nd Plt (2-8" How)

FSB Pete

3d Plt (2-8" How)

A-4

1st 155 Gun Btry

1st Plt (2-155 Gun)

LZ Sharon

2nd Plt (2-155 Gun)

C-3

3d Plt (2-155 Gun)

Camp Carroll

8" Plt (2-8" How)

Thom Son Lam

Ca Lu

3d Plt Armd Amphib 66 FFB (6-LVTH-6)

Cua Viet

1/54

1st Bn, 12th Mar

Hq Btry

Camp Carroll

15/154

Btry A (6-105 HOW TD)

Thom Son Lam

8/112

Btry B (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Pete

8/122

Btry C (6-105 HOW TD)

Camp Carroll

8/119

Btry W (3-4.2 MORT)

Camp Carroll

4/82

Btry B, 1st Bn 13th Mar (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Pete

8/140

1st Prov 155 How Btry (4-155 HOW TD)

FSB Pete

2/82

2nd Bn, 12th Mar

Hq Btry

FSB Winchester

17/158

Btry D (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Winchester

9/126

Btry E (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Sandy

7/125

Btry F (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Winchester

8/127

2nd Prov 155 How Btry (4-155 HOW TD)

FSB Winchester

2/80

3d Bn, 12th Mar

Hq Btry

Ca Lu

19/124

Btry G (6-105 HOW TD)

Ca Lu

8/127

Btry H (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Cates

8/116

Btry I (6-105 HOW TD)

FSB Shepherd

8/126

Btry W (3-4.2 MORT)

Vandegrift

4/83

Det Btry W (3-4.2 MORT)

FSB Quantico

Btry W, 2/12 (6-4.2 MORT)

3/82

3d Prov 155 HOW Btry (6-155 HOW TD)

FSB Cates

2/59

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4th Bn 12th Mar

Hq Btry
 Btry K (6-155 HOW TD)
 Btry L (6-155 HOW TD)
 Btry M (6-155 HOW TB)
 5th Bn, 4th Atty
 Hq Btry
 Sen Btry
 Btry A (6-155 HOW SP)
 Btry B (6-155 HOW SP)
 Btry C (6-155 HOW SP)

Camp Carroll
 Camp Carroll
 Dong Ha
 Thom Son Lam

13/152
 4/111
 4/118
 5/151

Dong Ha
 Dong Ha
 C-2
 C-1
 A-4

14/156
 4/96
 8/122
 6/105
 4/113

3d Tank Bn

H&S Co (2-M48A3)
 Det H&S Co (3-M67A2)
 Det H&S Co (3-M67A2)
 Det H&S Co (3-M67A2)
 Det H&S Co (1-M51VTR)
 Co A (-) (Rein) (14-M48A3)
 Det Co A (5-M48A3)
 Co B (Rein) (17-M48A3)
 Det Co A, 3d AT (10-M50A1)
 Co C (Rein) (17-M48A3)
 Det Co A, 5th AT (5-M50A1)
 Co A (-) 3d AT (5-M50A1)

Quang Tri
 Dong Ha
 Camp Carroll
 Mai Lo
 Dong Ha
 Dong Ha
 Camp Carroll
 Camp Carroll
 Camp Carroll
 Mai Lo
 Mai Lo
 Quang Tri

17/280

 3/127

 5/124

 5/114

 3/80

3d Shore Party Bn

H&S Co (-)
 Co A (-) (Rein)
 Det Co B
 Det Co A (1/3)
 1st Plt Co A
 2nd Plt Co A
 Det H&S Co
 Det Co A (2/3)
 Det Co (3/3)
 Det H&S Co
 Co B (-) (Rein)
 Det Co B (2/4)
 Det Co B (3/4)
 Det H&S Co
 Det H&S Co (2/4)
 Det H&S Co (3/4)

Quang Tri
 Quang Tri
 Quang Tri
 Langcattat Ao
 Vandegrift
 Danang
 Danang
 Langcattat Ao
 Camp Carroll
 Camp Carroll
 Vandegrift

 Vandegrift

12/249
 0/14
 0/18
 0/2
 0/3
 2/37
 0/10
 0/2
 0/2
 0/2
 0/1
 3/44
 0/43
 0/43
 0/43
 0/2
 0/3

Co C (-) (Rein)
 Det H&S Co
 Det Co C (2/9)

Dong Ha
 Dong Ha

3/85
 0/82
 0/4

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Det H&S Co (2/9)		0/1
Det Co C (3/9)		0/1
Det Co H&S		0/1
Det Co C (2/12)		0/8
Det H&S Co (2/12)		0/3
Det Co C (30 Mar)		0/3
Det H&S Co	Rockpile	0/1
3d Recon Bn (Rein)	Quang Tri	
H&S Co	Quang Tri	13/170
Co A	Quang Tri	2/108
Co B	Quang Tri	3/107
Co C	Quang Tri	3/104
Co D	Quang Tri	3/96
Co E	Quang Tri	3/132
3d Force Recon Co	Quang Tri	7/143
3d Engr Bn (Rein)	Quang Tri	
H&S Co	Quang Tri	2/108
Engr Spt Co	Quang Tri	4/263
Detachment Spt Co	Vandegrift	0/11
Detachment Spt Co	Bang Li	0/1
Detachment Spt Co A	1st Sharon	0/1
Detachment Spt Co	Quang Tri	0/3
Detachment Spt Co	C-4	0/2
Detachment Spt Co	Rockpile	0/2
CO A	Ca Lu	
Detachment Co A	Ca Lu	3/139
Detachment Co A	Vandegrift	1/38
Detachment Co A	Durong (26th Mar)	0/40
Detachment Co A	Ca Lu (4th Mar)	2/21
Detachment Co A	1st Shepherd (3/4)	0/12
Detachment Co A	RD 047668 (1/4)	0/17
Detachment Co A	Quang Tri	0/4
Co B	Camp Carroll	4/129
Detachment Co B	Lancaster Co (1/3)	0/32
Detachment Co B	Lancaster Co (2/3)	0/26
Detachment Co B	Camp Carroll (3/3)	0/34
Detachment Co B	C-4	0/4
Detachment Co B	Quang Tri	0/65
Co C	Vandegrift	5/117
Detachment Co C	Vandegrift	1/36
Detachment Co C	Vandegrift (1/9)	1/34
Detachment Co C	Vandegrift (2/9)	1/35
Detachment Co C	Vandegrift (3/9)	1/20
Detachment Co C	Quang Tri	07

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9th MT Bn

H&S Co
Co A
Co B
Co C
Transportation Co

Dong Ha 8/69
Dong Ha 3/85
Dong Ha 4/82
Dong Ha 4/82
Dong Ha 4/86

3d MT Bn (Rein)

H&S Co (-)
Det Otter Plt (15-M76 Other)
Co A
Det Co A
Co B (-)
Det Co B
Det Otter Plt (5-M76 Other)
Det Otter Plt (6-M76 Otters)
Co C

Quang Tri 7/87
Quang Tri 0/31
Quang Tri 3/62
Dong Ha 0/22
Quang Tri 2/22
Camp Carroll 1/64
Gua Viet 0/14
Camp Carroll 0/7
Quang Tri 3/80

3d Dental Co

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~~Quang Tri~~ 13/31
Dong Ha 10/17
Gua Viet 1/2
Camp Carroll 1/2
Vandegrift
Danang

3d Med Bn (+) (Rein)H&S Co (-) (Rein)

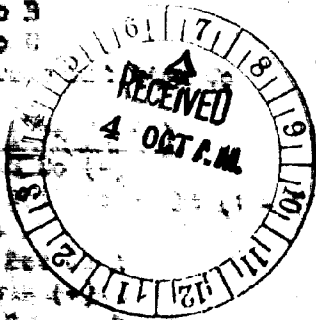
Det M.U.S.T.
Det 17th ITT
Co A
Co B
Co C
Det Co C
Co D

Quang Tri 54/330
Quang Tri
Quang Tri
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Quang Tri
Quang Tri
Vandegrift 3/64
Dong Ha 9/48

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30 MARINE DIVISION



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FM CG XXIV CORPS PH

TO RUMFVR/CG 30 MAR DIV DGH

RUMLEPF/CG 1ST CAV DIV (AM) CES

RUMLEPE/CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM) CEE

INFO RHMMAFA/CG III TAF DNG

RUMHAW/CG 1ST TAV DNG

BT

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SUBJ: AIR REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATION SCOTLAND MARKING(S)

THIS MESSAGE IS IN THREE PARTS

PART I FOR CG 30 MAR DIV;

REF: A. CG 30 MAR DIV MSG DTG 250320Z SEP 68 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CG 30 MAR DIV MSG DTG 011512Z SEP 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) HELICOPTER ALLOCATION REQUESTED BY REF A IS APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

D-1 THREE (3) CH-47

E-DAY SIX (6) CH-47

D PLUS 1 THREE (3) CH-47

2. (S) TWO (2) GUNCHIPS WILL BE FURNISHED AS AUGMENTATION ON EMERGENCY BASIS ONLY, ON CALL FROM FOB MAI LOU FOR PERIOD OF OPERATIONS

3. (S) CH-54 PTLO REQUESTED BY REF A IS APPROVED FOR D-1 AND D-1 PLUS 1.

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PART II FOR CG 1ST CAV DIV (AM):

(S) REQUEST YOU PROVIDE TO CG 30 MAR DIV THREE (3) CH-47 ON 5 OCT

68, AND ONE (1) CH-54 ON 4 OCT 68 AND EPLUS 1. E-DAY IS TO BE DETERMINED

AT A LATER DATE BY CG 30 MAR DIV AS THE DAY RETROGRADE STARTS.

PART III FOR CG 101ST ABN DIV (AM):

(S) REQUEST YOU PROVIDE TO CG 30 MAR DIV THREE (3) CH-47 HELICOPTERS FROM 4 OCT 68 THRU 6 OCT 68.

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30 MARINE DIVISION

Hove CAC

CP CHIEF

G-3 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

DCPO

APO

ACTION

NNNVV VPC35 IMZVA 7481057

OO RUMHVP

ZNY SSSSS

OT SZ YUM RHMAFA0339 2770852-SSSS--RUMHLA RUMHVP RUMHIC.

ZNY SSSSS

O 030852Z OCT 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RSMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHB

RAMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

INFO RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW DNG

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DGH

RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHL

RUMLEPA/CG FORLOG CMD DNG

RUYJWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYJWDB/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYVHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYSWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYVHRN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUYSWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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ARG/SLF ALFA AND ORAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III NAF 170324Z SEP 68 (S)

1. (S) CG III MAF HAS CONCURRED WITH COMSEVENTHFLT PROPOSAL THAT
CONTAINS FOLLOWING SALIE
TPOINTS.

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A. BACKLOAD SLF ALFA ON 19 OCT FO

OKINAWA REHABBM

B. ARG BRAVO OFFLOADS SELECTED ELEMENTS SLF BRAVO ON 4 OCT AND
DEPARTS FOR SUBIC UPKEEP. BTI 2/7 BACKLOADS 20 OCT FOR SPECOPS.

2. (U) GENERAL GUIDANCE CONTAINED PARAS 4 AND 5 OF REF A REMAINS
APPLICABLE.

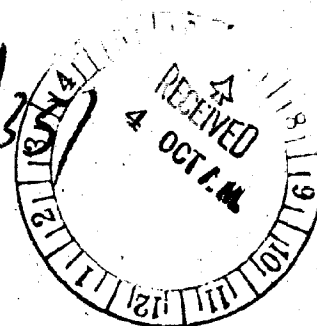
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3D MARINE DIVISION

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CP CHIEF

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G-2 W.O.

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ACTION.

Monkey

03/530/TFH/12

ZNY SSSSS

O 031245Z OCT 68

FM CG TASK FORCE HOTEL

TO FOURTH MARINES

NINTH MARINES

INFO DC THIRD MARDIV

THIRD MARINES

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1. FOURTH MARINES:

A. CONTINUE MISSION IN A0

B. EXECUTE D-1 PORTION OF OPERATION SCOTLAND/NANKING.

2. NINTH MARINES:

A. CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN D-5 A0

B. BE PREPARED TO CHOP TWO/THREE TO TFH UPON TERMINATION OF CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION IN D-5 AREA.

C. BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN D-5 A0

UPON TERMINATION OF CORDON AND SEARCH OPERATION WITH A BATTALION SIZED FORCE.

3. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

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A. UNITS MUST RETURN ALL NETS AND SLINGS TO THE VANDEGRIFT LSA AS EXPEDIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE. 60 PER CENT OF AVAILABLE NETS AND SLINGS ARE CURRENTLY IN THE HANDS OF UNITS IN THE FIELD.

B. RESUPPLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELILIFTED FROM THE VANDEGRIFT LSA PRIOR TO NOON MUST BE STAGED THE NIGHT BEFORE THE LIFT IS FRAGGED.

C. ALL HEAVY LIFTS (BULLDOZERS, 105 AND 155 HOWITZERS) MUST BE INSPECTED BY A SHORE PARTY REPRESENTATIVE. (S/NO OR OFFICER) PRIOR TO BEING HELILIFTED.

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 ZNY CCCCC
 FITCZYUW RHMMFA 0384 2771432-CCCC--RUMHVP RUMHLA.
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 031432Z OCT 68
 FM CG III MAF DNG
 TO RUHHFMA/CG FMFP

RUMHRA/C INCPACFLT
 INFO RUMUGK/C OMNAVFORV
 RUMBPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV DONG H

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV DNG
 RUMLMHAXCG FIRST MAW

RUMLMFA/CG FORLOGCMD DNG
 RUMUFGA/CG THIRD NMQB DNG
 RUMUFGA/C OMNAV SUPPACT DNG

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A. MY 140708Z (C) (NOTAL) (PASEP)

REF A AMBROED H FELLON

DATE TIME EVENT

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- 1400 ARRIVE III MAF BY SEVENTH FLT HELO

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A- S/S

STAND BY

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1400-1420 CALL ON CG III MAF

1420-2000 NO CHANGE

10 OCT 68

0700-0910 NO CHANGE

0910-0935 ENR AN HOA

0935-1005 BRIEFING AND VISIT WITH FIFTH MARINES

1005-1015 ENR CAP 2-2-3

1015-1030 VISIT CAP 2-2-3

1030-1040 ENR HILL 65

1040-1100 VISIT CO I THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR

1100-1115 ENR HQ III MAF

1115-1130 FREE TIME

1130-1150 AWARDS CEREMONY

1150-1250 LUNCH IN III MAF O-6 MESS

1250-1300 ENR FIRST MAW

1300-1305 ENR MAG-11

1305-1355 VISIT AND TOUR MAG-11

1355-1400 ENR HQ FIRST MAW

1400-1500 G-2/G-3/G-4 BRIEF

1500-1505 EN LZ NR 11

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1505-1515 ENR THIRD NMCB

1515-2030 NO CHANGE

1 OCT 68 NO CHANGE

12 OCT 68 NO CHANGE

2 LTGEN LAM AND MAJGEN TRUONG WILL BE INVITED AS DINNER
GUESTS AT III MAF 9 OCT.3. REF A AND THIS MESSAGE MAY BE DOWNGRADED TO UNCLASSIFIED
ON 15 OCT 68.

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*3d Mar Div Part (see 0506021)***CONFIDENTIAL**

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OP CHIEF

G-7 W.O.

G-2 W.O.

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ACTION

KEde
fyw
FLASH
Clearwater

VV VPB3 980655

DD RUMHVP

NY CCCCC

ITCZYU RUMUGB0023 2780600-CCCC--RUMHVP.

NY EEEEE ZEL

O 032010Z OCT 68

M CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU

TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER

INFO ZEN/COMR IV PATFLOT FIVE

RUMUGB/COMNAVFORV

RUMMAFA/CG III MAF

ZEN/CG XXIV CORPS

RUMLD NA/SA FIRST ARVN REGIMENT

RUMLD NA/SA SECOND ARVN REGIMENT

RUMVHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

ZEN/SA CG ELEVEN

ZEN/MSB ONE

RUMHVP/CG FIRST AMTRAC BN

RUMLD NI/NILO QUANG TRI

E

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SPOTREP 01-24/17CDR DONG RIV SEC GRU/1 (U)

1. (C) -1 LCPL/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/PATOFF LT JG MARLOWE/LCPL-23,

BM3 LITRUM

2. (C) WHILE ON NORMAL NIGHT PATROL LCPL-23 RECEIVED TWO (2) RDS. OF
 PG-7. FIRE RETURNED BY LCPL. NEGATIVE US CASUALTIES/MATERIAL DAMAGE

3. : (C) 040355H

4. (C) YD 271550

5. (C) EXPENDED 100 RDS. 50 CAL/250 RDS. EP30 CAL.

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TO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV DGH

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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AO(U)

1. (U) REFERENCE A.CG XXIV CORPS MSG 160038Z SEP 68(S)

B.CG 3DMAR DIV MSG 180610Z SEP 68(S)

2. (S) EXCLUSIONS IMPOSED BY REF B CONSIDERED TOO RESTRICTIVE TO
 JUSTIFY CON OPERATION AT THIS TIME. REQUEST THAT YOU INFORM HQ, III
 MAF WITH INFO THIS HQ WHEN RESTRICTION OF AREA EAST OF 80NS GRID LINE
 HAS BEEN REMOVED. OPERATION WILL BE RECONSIDERED AT THAT TIME.

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FROM: CG XXIV CORPS PHB

TO: CG 30 MAR DIV DGI (COURIER) 10

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Subject: Approved TAOR for CIDG Camp Mai Loc (U)

Ref: a. 30 MAR DIV MSG DGI 041332Z Sep 68 (S) ✓

b. III MAF LTR DED 29 Sep 68 (S), Subject as above.

(C) Ref b approves the requested TAOR for Mai Loc CIDG Camp, yours ✓
for action.

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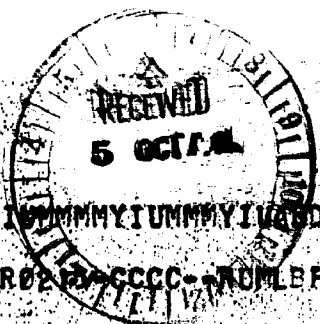
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FM CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU

TO ZENYCTF CLEARWATER

INFO ZEN/CORIVPAT FLOT FIVE

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RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS

ZEN/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT FIVE

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ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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1. (C) 1 LCPL/TCPR DOL HA RV SEC G

U/PATOFF LT JONES/LOPL 21 BMS KORBA

2. (C) LCPL ON ROUTINE NIGHT PATROL CUA VIET RIVER SIGHTED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DOOR FLOATING WITH OUTGOING TIDE IN RIVER. EMPLOYED CONCUSSION GRENADE RESULTING IN SECONDARY EXPLOSION WITH 70 FT. SPOUT OF WATER. OBJECT WAS FLAT APPROX 4 FT. WIDE BY 6-7 FT. LONG. NEG PERSONS

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

7. 042045H

YD 243612.

5. EVAL PROBABLE MINING ATTEMPT DONG HA BRIDGE. UNITS IN AREA HAVE ALSO OBSERVED UNKNOWN MORTAR RDS. IMPACTING IN RIVER AND ON RIVER BANKS SAME AREA.

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 A. COMSEVENTHFLT 29141Z SEP 68
 B. CINCPACFLT 020351Z OCT 68
 C. CG III MAF 020230Z OCT 68

1. REF A PROPOSED NARFAA BRAVO EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULEMPOR 2
 ND QTR 1969. REF B APPROVED SUBJECT PLAN. REF C PROPOSED A CHANGE
 TO PARA 2 REF A TO PERMIT ARG/SLF ALFA ADDITIONAL 4 DAYS TIME TO INITI-
 IATE AMPHIB OPS AND ESTAB LANDING FORCE ASHORE PRIOR DEPARTURE ARG TO
 SUBIC UPK.

2. ACCORDINGLY RECOMMEND MODIFY SKED PARA 2, REF A AS FOLLOWS:
 19 OCT BACKLOAD SLF ALFA
 20-23 OCT ARG/SLF ENR OKI
 24 OCT - 7 NOV SLF REHAB/TRG OKI
 8-11 NOV ENR RVN
 12-17 NOV ARG/SLF AVAIL SPECOPS
 18-19 NOV ARG ENR SUBIC
 20 NOV-5 DEC ARG UPKP/PHIBRON TURNOVER SUBIC
 6-7 DEC ENR RVN
 8-13 DEC B/L REHAB DNG
 14-25 DEC AVAIL SPECOPS

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 26-30 DEC BN BOLWL REHAB AT SEA
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ACMC ^{visit} up-dating of
operations & logistics.

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TO RUMMAFA/CG III MAF

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD) (M001)

INFO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV (W005)

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV (R003)

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CG FMFPAC VISIT TO WESTPAC 13-30 OCTOBER 1968 (UL)

1. WILL VISIT IETZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES LOCAL).

ARRIVE	PLACE	DEPART
ORIGINATE	ATSUGI	212001 VIA KC-130
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2. COMPOSITION OF PARTY: CAPT K. D. JORDAN, AIDE-DE-

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CAMP AND SGTM AJR. E. MCINTIRE, FORCE SGTM AJ.

3. FOR CG III MAF

A. PLEASE INCLUDE IN THE ITINERARY VISITS WITSSGEN LAM, THE DIVISION, WING, FLC, AND KOREAN MARINE BRIGADE COMMANDERS. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO VISIT NSA DANANG AND THE SEABEE HQ IN DANANG.

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4. FOR CG III MAF AND CG FMFPAC (FWD)

A. IN ADDITION TO THE USUAL OPERATIONAL AND LOGISTIC UPDATES I WOULD LIKE A SHORT BRIEF ON THOSE SPECIFIC TOPICS WHICH YOU SUBMITTED FOR ACOMC VISIT.

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TO RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC

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RUMLSA/CG XXIV CORPS PHE

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV DGH

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

A. MY 331432Z OCT 68 (C) (NOTAL)

B. MY 140738Z SEP 68 (C) (NOTAL)

SECNAV WEST PAC TRIP (C)

1. REF A AMMENDS REF B. TH

E MSG FURTHER AMMENDS REF B FOR 11 OCT

1968 ONLY AS FOLLOWS:

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DATE/TIME EVENT

11 OCT 68

0700-0945 NO CHANGE

0945-1023 ENR THIRD MARDIV (REAR) QUANG TRI BY HELO

1020-1055 BRIEFING BY AGC THIRD MARDIV

1055-1115 ENR/VISIT THIRD RECON BN (HEL0)

1115-1145 ENR/VISIT THIRD MED BN HOSP (HEL0)

1145-1215 ENR ARG/SLF COVERFLY CUA VIET

1215-1430 NO CHANGE

1430-1500 ENR LZ VANDEGRIFT BY HELO

1500-1600 BRIEFING BY CG IF HOTEL IN COC BUNKER

1600-1640 ENR/VISIT THIRD MARDIV CP DONG HA COVERFLY CAMP
CARRROLL, ROCKPILE AND CAU VIET.

1640-2010 NO CHANGE

2. THIS MSG MAY BE DOWNGRADED TO UNCLAS ON 15 OCT 67.

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SECNAV WESTPAC VISIT (C)

1. PROVIDE THIS HQ (ATTN: STAFF SEC) MLT 131600H OCT 6
BRIEF SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION/BRIEFING TOPICS COVERED DURING
SECNAV VISIT. ITEMS OF SIGNIFICANT INTEREST WILL BE
REPORTED IN DETAIL.

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SUBJ: Topics SEC NAV Visit

Ref: (a) CG III MAF msg 041704Z Oct68.

As announced by reference (a) SEC NAV may raise questions on the following topics. The below listed staff officers in this Command are responsible for providing facts sheets on those topics as indicated. An original and three copies of fact sheets are to be submitted to this office by 1600 8 Oct 1968.

- A. Program Six Impact (G-4) (G-3)
- B. Sting Ray Concept (G-2)
- C. Effectiveness of Arty/AGF (FSC)
- D. Air Control (AirO)
- E. Intelligence Progress and Effectiveness (G-2)
- F. Employment of TAC Airborne, Importance & Effectiveness (AirO)
- G. CAG Program (G-3)
- H. Concept of Gunships vs Fixed Wing Close Air Support (AGF) (AIR)
- I. Light Helo Requests (G-2)

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

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MODIFICATION OF INTENT TO CONDUCT OPNS IN DMZ

- A. MY 230910ZSEP68 (S)
 B. MY 231450ZSEP68 (S)
 C. MY 291420ZSEP68 (S)

1. INTEND TO EXTEND OPERATIONS IN DMZ BEYOND 7 OCT 68 AS FOLLOWS:

A. OPERATION CODE NAME: UNNAMED

B. BACKGROUND: INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY AND PRESENT CONTACTS NEAR RTE 1022 (VIC 980688) INDICATE PRESENCE OF ENEMY SUPPORT/SUPPLY FACILITIES. AREA REQUIRES DETAILED SEARCH. ENEMY TRAIL SYSTEM TO WEST OF 85 NS GL WELL DEVELOPED AND REQUIRES FURTHER COVERAGE.

C. CONCEPT: 3D MARDIV WITH TWO REGIMENTS CONTINUES OPERATIONS IN DESIGNATED AO. 3D MARINES WITH 2 BNS CONTINUES ADVANCE EASTWARD ALONG RTE 1022 IN DMZ. 9TH MARINES CONTINUES ATTACK WESTWARD WITH ONE BN IN DMZ.

D. ASSAULT ELEMENTS: 3D MARINES WITH 2/26 AND 1/3, AND 9TH MARINES WITH 1/9.

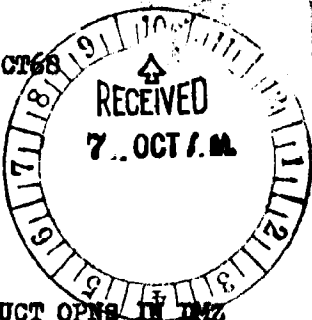
E. AREA OF OPERATIONS: IN LANCASTER AO AND SCOTLAND AO AND SOUTHERN DMZ BETWEEN NS GRID LINES XD ⁷⁵ 00 ON THE WEST AND NS GRID LINE YD 02 ON THE EAST.

F. D-DAY, H-HOUR, L-HOUR: UNCHANGED

G. ESTIMATED DURATION: UNTIL 16 OCTOBER.

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RUMLMFA/CG FLC DNG

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FM CG FMFPAC

TO CG III MAF

CG FMFPAC FWD M001

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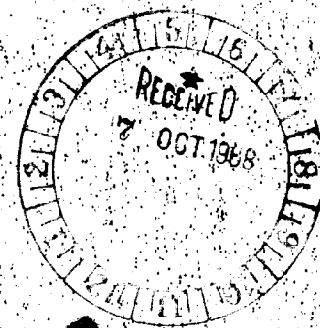
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1. WILL VISIT ICTZ IN ACCORDANCE WITH FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES LOCAL).

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DANANG

230800 VIA AIR FORCE T-39

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SAIGON

231200 VIA KC-130

232200

ATSUGI

2. COMPOSITION OF PARTY: CAPT K. D. JORDAN, AIDE-DE-CAMP AND SGTMAJ R. E. MCINTIRE, FORCE SGTMAJ.

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4. FOR CG III MAF AND CG FMFPAC (FWD)

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RUYPSTG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYPSTG/CG PMAN

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ARG/SLF ALFA EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 291410Z SEP 68

B. CINCPACFLT 020551Z OCT 68

C. CG III MAF 02223Z OCT 68

D. COMSEVENTHFLT 041014Z OCT 68

1. REF A ARG/SLF SKED FOR 2D QTR 69 APPROVED BY REF B. REF C
 PROPOSED CHANGE REF A AND CONCURRED IN BYNNW D. SKED AS PROPOSED
 FULFILLS REQUIREMENTS OF TG 79.4 EXCEPT THA IT ALLOWS ONLY ONE DAY

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FOR REEP4 BLT 2/26 AND DEBARK OF DEEMH 363 REMAINING IN RVN.

2. ADDITIONAL TIME FOR REEMB BLT NECESSARY DUE WIDE DISPERSAL OF UNITS
 THROUGHOUT NORTHERN ICTZ AND AMOUNT OF EQUIP ASHORE. PROB ALSO
 EFFECTED BY LIMITED BOAT AVAILABILITY FOR MOVEMENT OF HEAVY
 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

3. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT REFERENCE (D) BE MODIFIED PERMIT REEMB BLT
 2/26 PERIOD 18 - 19 OCT 68 AND THAT BACKLOADING OF SELECTED UNITS
 (IE LOW PRIORITY SUPPLIES AND UNSERVICEABLE EQUIP) COMMENCE EARLIEST.

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TOPICS FOR ACMC VISIT (C)

A. FORC 5150.5

L. THE FOLLOWING TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION WITH ACMC ON HIS
UPCOMING VISIT WERE APPROVED BY HQMC. FACT SHEETS WILL BE
PREPARED BY THE COMMANDS INDICATED IAW REF A ON EACH TOPIC.
FACT SHEETS ARE TO BE PREPARED IN TRIPLICATE AND SUBMITTED
TO REACH THIS HQ NLT 1200 1400Z68. TOPICS ARE:

- A. CARTER ADVISORY PROGRAMS - ALL
- B. FIELD GRADE OFFICER ROTATION/HUMP PROBLEMS - ALL
- C. THIRD MARDIV MEMORIAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL - 3D MARDIV
- D. AUTHORIZED VS EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL STRENGTH - FMAW
- E. SPECIAL SERVICES PROGRAM - ALL

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- F. REENLISTMENT OPTIONS - ALL
- G. TRANSFERS TO THE FLEET MARINE CORPS RESERVE - ALL
- H. CURRENT PERSONNEL POSTURE OF FORLOGCOMD - FLC
- I. THE WESTPAC PAST PRESENT & FUTURE - FLC
- J. DANANG - HUE RAILROAD - 1ST MARDIV
- K. DANANG BARRIER - 1ST MARDIV
- L. VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE/HELICOPTER REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORT
OF MARINE DIVISIONS - DIVS AND FMAW
- M. HEAVY HELICOPTER SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS - DIVS AND FMAW
- N. HELICOPTER AVAILABILITY/UTILIZATION - DIVS AND FMAW
- O. SELF EMPLOYMENT - DIVS AND FMAW
- P. NONSOON POSTURE - ALL
- Q. NEED FOR 15MM TOWED HOWITZERS - DIVS
- R. TRAILS AND ROADS INTERDICTION BY MULTI-SENSOR (TRIM)
AC (CAPABILITIES, TACTICS, AND EMPLOYMENT) - FMAW
- S. AGA BEACON PROGRAM - FMAW
- T. SINGLE MANAGEMENT OF FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT - FMAW
- U. OPERATION SEA DRAGON - FMAW
- V. CONTROL OF SELF HELO SQUADRONS - FMAW
- W. MIX OF FIXED WING ASSETS - FMAW

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- X. STATUS OF EXPANDED AIR DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS AND
ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT IN SUPPORT OF DUCK BLIND - FMAW
- Y. PERSONAL RESPONSE - ALL
- Z. NEED FOR IMPROVED TEMPORARY DENIAL DEVICES - 3D MARDIV
- AA. CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS - ALL
- BB. STATUS OF LVIP-5 - DIVS AND FLC
- CC. REPAIR PARTS FOR TANKS AND AUTOS - DIVS
- DD. LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF FIRE SUPPORT BASES AND COMBAT
OPERATING BASES - DIVS
- EE. ENGINEER PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES/NEEDS - DIVS
- FF. NOT OPERATIONALLY READY (SUPPLY) (NORS) PARTS AVAILABILITY - FMAW

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 SEC COC PHONE 3D MARDIV 180

FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO: CG I II MAF
 CG FIRST CAV DIV (AIR MOBILE)
 CG FIRST ARVN DIV
 CG FIRST MAW
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NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CONDUCT MAJOR UNIT OPERATIONS

- A. FORO P03121.5 DTD 10 NOV 67
- B. CG XXIV CORPS MSG 251155Z JUL 68
- C. CG XXIV CORPS REG 525-1 OF 4 MAY 1968
- D. CG XXIV CORPS MSG 300712Z SEPT 1968

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS OF REF A, B, C, AND D THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A. OPERATION CODE NAME: (LIBERTY CANYON)

B. BACKGROUND: TO MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF THE NE MONSOON PERIOD, RELOCATION OF FORCES AND AO'S IS SCHEDULED TO BE IMPLEMENTED DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

C. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: THE NINTH MARINES (REIN) WILL MAINTAIN AN OFFENSIVE POSTURE DURING THE NE MONSOON PERIOD BY CONDUCTING MOBILE OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED AO WITH ONE OR MORE BATTALIONS. THE NINTH MARINES WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE EXPLOITATION FORCES UP TO REGIMENTAL SIZE FOR EMPLOYMENT ANYWHERE IN THE DIVISION AO. IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THIS CAPABILITY THE LIBERTY CANYON AO WILL NOT CONTAIN FIXED INSTALLATIONS REQUIRING LARGE SECURITY COMMITMENTS.

D. TASK ORGANIZATION:

THIRD MARDIV

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- A. FORO PO3121.5 DTD 10 NOV 67
- B. CG XXIV CORPS MSG 251155Z JUL 68
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FROM XD 810560 WEST ALONG TRACE OF STREAM TO XD 771584

WEST ALONG STREAM TO XD 730584 CONTINUING WEST ALONG HIGH GROUND

TO BORDER AT XD 658587. OVERLAY TO FOLLOW.

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S E C R E T (COC WIRE NOTE)
 SPECIAL REPORT FROM BLT 2/26
 ON TODAY'S ACTIVITIES.

1. PROBED OBJ AREA IN ATTEMPT TO GET
 FEEL FOR LOCATION AND SLOPE OF ENEMY DEFENSES,
 AND TO MAINTAIN PRESSURE, ALSO TRIED TO GET UNID
 IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION FROM ENEMY BODIES.
 2. RES: SO FAR NO NVA KIA HAVE HAD
 ANY PAPERS IN THEIR POCKETS. ENEMY EXPOSED MANY
 OF HIS PSNS TODAY. E AND H/2/26 HAVE BETTER
 GRIP ON ENEMY DEFENSES WHICH CONSISTED OF
 BUNKERS ON REVERSE SLOP USING ALMOST EVERY HILL AND
 KNOB. H/2/26 AND AO COORDINATED CAS ON ENEMY
 PSNS AND STRIKES WERE ON TARGET.
 3. ANALYSIS: ENEMY IS DEFENDING AS HE DID WHEN
 G AND H/2/26 ATTACKED COMPLEX AT 982688. HE IS
 TENACIOUS AND APPEARS TO BE HURT. CAS RELIEVED AUTO
 WEAPONS FIRE THIS AM. ANYTHING IN VIC (989692)
 WAS LIKE HITTING A NERVE, COULD EXPECT INCOMING
 MORTARS, 75MM OR BIGGER SIZE INCOMING ANYTIME
 HELO LANDED IN 2/26 LZ'S. HOWEVER THIS PRACTICE
 HAS STOPPED, PERHAPS ENEMY HAS MOVED OFF. ENEMY
 HAS APPEARED TO HAVE MOVED ALL OR MOST OF HIS MORTARS
 OFF OBJECTIVE PROPER AS HE DID ON G AND H'S OBJ.
 AO CONTINUED TO SPOT NEW BUNKERS AND TRENCHES,
 IT IS BELIEVED THAT MOST FINGERS NORTH OF
 THE STREAM HAVE ABANDONED GUN PSNS.
 BELIEVE ENEMY DEFENSES CONCENTRATED ON HIGH GROUND
 VIC (980691). BELIEVE WE CAN COPE WITH ENEMY ON
 A DAY TO DAY BASIS UNTIL 1/3 ARRIVES TO ASSIST.
 4. INTENTIONS: TONIGHT WILL EMPLOY ALL AVAILABLE
 ARTY ON MISSIONS AROUND OBJ AREA TO
 INCLUDE RIVER CROSSING AND OIL SLICK AREAS. AS
 WELL AS OBJ ITSELF. TOMORROW WILL USE
 ALL AVAILABLE CAS ON OBJ AREA. WILL
 SIEGE AS MUCH OF OBJ AS POSSIBLE USING COORDINATED
 CAS, ARTY AND GROUND ATTACK.

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 TO: CG XXIV CORPS
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- A. CG THIRD MARDIV 071400Z OCT 68 (S)
 B. THIRD MARDIV COC 080820Z OCT 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A IS POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.
 2. DELETE PAR 1 C REF (B) RELATING TO LIBERTY CANYON OPERATION.

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BOUNDARY RECOMMENDATION

1. FM 026522 N ALONG HIGH GROUND TO 905532;
NE ALONG FINGER 910542; NNW TO HILL 254;
N TO STREAM 923567; W ALONG NORTHERN
STREAM TO 975573; SW TO ROAD; NW TO
963575; W TO 958574; SW TO
STREAM AT 944568; S ALONG STREAM
TO 943561; SW TO 913547; S ALONG
STREAM TO 921524; SW TO 917523;
S ALONG STREAM TO HILL 492.

2. WOULD PREFER TO RETAIN PRESENT BOUNDARY.
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1. 08 ACTION OF H 2/26
 2. NVA HAD L SHAPE DEFENSE ALONG ROAD FROM 988689. LONG AXIS WAS 20M OFF ROAD. ALSO HAD AN ELEMENT 30M FORWARD AND 30M TO REAR OF LONG AXIS AS SECURITY
 3. THE ENEMY WAS IN POSIT FOR A FIGHT. NO PACKS WERE IN THE POSIT ARMED WITH AK-47, AK-50, RPG'S AND M-79. EN HAD AMER 782 GEAR AND M-26 GRENADES. UNIFORMS WERE NEW AND HAD NO UNIT MARKINGS. THEY WERE WEARING HELMETS AND RAIN GEAR. THE EN WERE YOUNG - 17 TO 21 - IN GOOD CONDITION. THEY WORE SANDALS.
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SUBJ: PROPOSED BOUNDARY CHANGE BETWEEN
 3RD MARINES AND 9TH MARINES

BOUNDARY CHANGE REQUESTED AS FOLLOWS/

FROM PRESENT BNDRY AT 018520 E. 020530 N ALONG STREAM

TO 03 GRID LINE N TO 53 GRID LINE

TO JUNCT 020543

→ NW ALONG STREAM TO 018543 NORTH ALONG STREAM TO

STREAM AT 005554 NORTH ALONG STREAM TO

HILL AT 003564 SW TO HILL AT 996561

SW ALONG ROAD TO JUNCTION AT 991556 NW

ALONG ROAD TO HILL AT 975567 SW TO STREAM

AT 973561 W ALONG STREAM TO TRAIL JUNCTION

AT 965559 S ALONG TRAIL TO STREAM THEN

SW ALONG STREAM TO 959551 SW ALONG HIGH

GROUND TO HILL AT 954544 S TO STREAM

SW ALONG STREAM TO 940506 S ALONG

VALLEY TO 937496 N TO STREAM AT 945497

NE TO STREAM JUNCTION AT 960504 FOLLOW

PRESENT BOUNDARY TO STARTING POINT.

REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE AND TIME EFF

OF 091300H.

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TO IF HOTEL

THIRD MARINES COC

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EFFECTIVE 091600H OCT BDRY BETWEEN IF HOTEL AND
 THIRD MARINES MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS: FR PRES BDRY AT 018520 TO
 020530 N ALONG STREAM TO JUNCT AT 020543 NW ALONG STREAM TO
 016543 N ALONG STREAM TO STREAM AT 005554 N ALONG
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A, CIG-76 MSG 041014Z OCT 68

REIMBURSEMENT OF BLT 2/26(-) (S)

1. REF (A) CURRENT S.F. ALFA EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE:

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A. LOC ELEMENTS OF BLT (-) NOT DPCOV BLT (-) NAME

B. EARL IEFM DATE ELEMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SCENAR

C. ASSIGNMENT OF STAGTS AREA VIC CUA VIET RIVER MOUTH AND KOB LONG

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D. INFO OF PLANNED EMPLOYMENT OF HLT PERIOD 12-18 OCT 68

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S E C R E T (COC WIRE NOTE)
SPECIAL SITREP

1. TODAY ACTS: LOST A DAY, ALTHOUGH AIR KEPT SOME PRESSURE ON WITH S/A. RESUPPLIED SN E, G, & H, AND HAVE MOVED SN G TO ATTACK PSN.

2. EVALUATION: LATE AM HEARD MACHINE NOISES, INDICATING EQUIPMENT OF VALUE, STILL WITHIN GRASP. FINDING 82MM RND'S NEAR PLT IN AREA. PREVIOUSLY SWEEP INDICATES HE IS HOLDING THEM FOR THE TIME BEING, HAS NOT EMPLOYED THEM YET. CAN EXPECT PROBLEMS FROM THEM WHEN ATTACKING.

3. INTENTIONS: TONIGHT WILL WORK ONE 155 UNIT ON ROAD TO KEEP VEHICLE THIS SIDE OF BLUE. TO WORK AS MANY 05 AS POSSIBLE IN BUSH AROUND OBJ AREA, FOR THE SAME REASON AS BEFORE WOULD LIKE TWO VICE 155 OR A BIG 8", WOULD BE USED ON OBJ AREA. TOMORROW WILL MOVE OUT AT 0730 OR WHEN AO CHECK-IN SHOULD GAIN EARLY CONTACT, THIS SHOULD BUY CAS SN G WILL HOOK.

AAR SIDE OF OBJ'S FROM L. SN H WILL THEN PASS TO S AND ATTACK TOWARDS 990693 SN F WILL RELIEVE SN E AND BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE RIGHT HOOK TO FRONT OF SN H AS REQUIRED. SN E TO MOVE HERE TO REORGANIZE, LOST TO MANY KEY PEOPLE YESTERDAY.

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INFO: RHMMAFA/CG III MAF TNG
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C O N F I D E N T I A L AVII-CCO F6203
SUBJ: SECRETARY OF NAVY VISIT TO XXIV CORPS AO (C)
REF: A. III MAF FORCE ORDER 3121.5 DTD 10 NOV 67 (C)
B. CG III MAF MSG DTG 090600Z OCT 68 (C)
(C) IAW PARA 3B OF REF B PROVIDE GUNSHIPS AND ONE COMPANY WITH
HELICOPTER SUPPORT ON A 30 MINUTE STANDBY FROM 0800-1730 ON 11 OCT
1968. ADDITIONALLY WITHIN YOUR AO PROVIDE LOCAL SECURITY AS REQUIRED
IN SUPPORT OF ITINERARY IN REF B
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I CORPS COORDINATOR INSTRUCTION 3145.3

From: Area Coordinator
To: Distribution List

Subj: Typhoon and Heavy Weather Preparations

Ref: (a) ICCI 3145.1
(b) ICCI 3145.2

Encl: (1) Operational Considerations
(2) Logistic Considerations
(3) Engineer Considerations
(4) Communications Considerations

1. Purpose. To promulgate information and guidance relative to preparation for typhoons and heavy weather within I CTZ.

2. Background

a. Reference (a), currently under revision, contains information as to the general characteristics of the severe weather and flooding conditions which are likely to occur in the I Corps Tactical Zone, and establishes a system for timely warning to all U. S. units therein.

b. Reference (b) provides policy and guidance for participation in natural disaster relief by units of III MAF, other FVMAF and U. S. Government Agencies in I Corps Tactical Zone.

c. Enclosures (1) through (4) contain information, based on lessons learned, which is expected to be helpful to commanders at all levels. It is emphasized that such a list is by no means all-inclusive, nor should this instruction be construed as an intrusion on the responsibilities and prerogatives of commanders to take appropriate measures to safeguard lives and property under their charge.

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3. Action. Commanders at all levels are enjoined to take all timely and prudent precautions in preparation for heavy weather.


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OPERATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Effect on Readiness. Rain, high winds and floods associated with monsoons and typhoons/tropical storms degrade readiness and combat effectiveness. They cause increasing difficulties to movement, and increasing likelihood of non-battle injury to personnel and loss/damage to vital equipment and supplies. To lessen the disruptive effect, commanders should:

a. Make contingency plans based on predictable conditions which affect the enemy as well as ourselves. Example: Floods.

b. Review techniques for gathering intelligence during relatively short periods of floods, and breaks in the weather.

c. Ensure thorough understanding by subordinate commanders of the effects of heavy rain and typhoon conditions on movement, control and communications, troop safety and efficiency, intelligence gathering, protection of equipment, and resupply.

d. Provide guidance to subordinate commands to counter the effects of typhoons and heavy weather.

e. Commence preparation well ahead of the monsoon season.

2. Precautionary Measures

a. The inability to transport men and supplies with regularity restricts the size of the operating area and the distance from the supply point where units may operate. To counter this situation, several moves may be indicated.

(1) Establish OP'S and fire support bases on lower ground so as to observe impacts and permit resupply by air under reduced visibility. Mountain-top bases normally become fog-shrouded.

(2) Shorten lines of supply. Since overland resupply may prove difficult or impossible, and air may not be able to operate for significant periods, outlying bases should be moved closer to land or water LOC's, and stock levels increased.

(3) Rotate infantry units to fire bases. Sustained operations in wet conditions lower troop efficiency. Frequent rotation to some location where troops can get relatively dry will help.

b. The effects of heavy rains on soil trafficability, cross country movement, and ground and air operations will vary depending on the terrain in local operating areas. Regardless of area, however, high water will often cause damage to roads, bridges and culverts. Route reconnaissance is mandatory under these conditions. There are

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three basically different operating areas in ICTZ. They are:

(1) Coastal Plains Region. During the northeast monsoon and during typhoons most of the region will be flooded. An overlay showing flooded areas is contained in Annex A to this Enclosure. Movement by foot will be five to six times slower than during the dry season. Water in flooded rice paddies is about 1.5 meters deep, over ankle-deep mud. Walking on dikes permits more rapid movement, and APC's can usually negotiate this terrain. Streams, rivers and canals are too deep to be forded, however. As a result of typhoons, flooding will be even higher. High seas and swells dam the estuaries of the drainage channels causing the channels to rise and flood the lowlands. In contrast, trafficability improves over sand when it is wet. This region experiences heavy cloud coverage about twenty days each month, with visibility 1½ to 6 miles. Minimum visibility occurs in early morning.

(2) Piedmont Region (low hills). Because of good water drainage, movement remains relatively unrestricted. The ground becomes very slippery, however, slowing movement. With the rains, more streams will be encountered. Visibility is restricted due to rain and fog. The heaviest rain is from August to October, slackening during November. Low ceilings (less than 1000 ft) and visibility of less than 1½ miles during early mornings will restrict heavy weapons and close air support, as well as resupply by air. APC's and other tracked vehicles may take five or six times as long to traverse the area.

(3) Highlands Region (mountains). The rainfall pattern is similar to the Piedmont region. Numerous streams are generated by the rain. Ceilings below 1000 ft. are common in the night and early morning hours, often remaining low throughout the day. Restricted visibility persists in the morning and occasionally throughout the day. Except over all-weather roads, vehicular traffic will stop.

3. Effect on Alertness. Poor visibility affords both friendly and enemy with concealment. For this reason, listening posts and surveillance means, assume greater importance. Personnel should be rotated more frequently to maintain a high state of alertness.

4. Effects on Safety and Speed of Movement. Flooding and heavy rains increase the likelihood of battle casualties from drowning, falls, cave-ins, immersion-foot and the like. These safeguards tend to slow movement, but are necessary:

- a. Ropes should be used when crossing streams.
- b. Minimum personnel should be on bridges at any given time.
- c. Personnel should use caution when climbing, descending and driving.
- d. Caution should be exercised around electrical leads and outlets.

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e. Troops should stop frequently to dry feet, etc.

5. Effect on the Enemy. Flooding creates problems for the enemy too. It drives him out from underground and causes him to seek refuge in villages. If he remains on "island" high ground, he can be surrounded and captured or destroyed. A part of nearly every day of the monsoon season can be used for aerial reconnaissance to spot him.

6. Traffic control

a. Commands responsible for AO's will need to inform traffic control and Armed Forces Police in their areas of the following:

- (1) Expected force of winds.
- (2) Expected amount of precipitation.
- (3) Expected direction of the storm.
- (4) Locations of blocked streets (downed trees, wire, etc.).
- (5) Location of washouts in roads, culverts, and flooded streets.
- (6) Location of wrecked vehicles and other obstructions.

b. As weather conditions change, and driving conditions become dangerous, driving should be restricted to main arteries insofar as possible, and only essential driving permitted.

7. Intelligence Collection. Emphasis should be placed on ground surveillance assets, to include Hoi Chanhs and PW's during weather which negates the use of aerial means. Immediately after a storm, aerial means should be used to the maximum as the enemy attempts to regain his previously occupied lowland areas from the hinterland - mountains, and populated areas.

ANNEX A: (Overlay) Areas of Likely Flooding During Typhoons and Heavy Rainfall.

NOTE: Parallel hatching covers those areas normally subject to flooding during monsoons.

Crossed hatching covers those areas where flooding is occasional, usually as a result of a typhoon.

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LOGISTICS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Protection of Equipment and Material. The following type efforts are suggested:

a. Trucks

(1) Not expected to be operated:

(a) When trucks are not expected to be operated, canvas, loose seats, gas cans and other unsecured items should be stowed in an area best suited to prevent loss or unnecessary damage.

(b) Windshields should be lowered.

(2) When trucks are to be kept readily available for operation, bed canvas should be removed and cab tops of 3/4 ton and larger trucks properly installed with door glass operable and slightly vented. Windshield wipers should work and canvas on 1/4 ton vehicles should be removed.

(3) If prime movers are not available for trailers, this type equipment should be secured to heavy objects or other equipment. A 6-foot picket driven firmly in the ground with top bent may be used to secure equipment with rope and chain. Circling of vehicles not expected to be operated is a suitable protective method. This is accomplished by selecting the best area available for protection from the storm and resultant flooding and parking the smaller trailers in the center surrounded by larger trailers, then by smaller vehicles with the larger vehicles around the outside perimeter. The latter vehicles may be utilized as required. Several small groups of vehicles are frequently more appropriate.

(4) Sand bags may be used to add additional weight to STATIC/ NONMOVING light equipment.

b. Tentage

(1) If available, a sandbag wall should be erected around each tent and the wall of the tent should be fortified with 6 or 8 foot pickets.

(2) All tent ropes should be secured by serviceable tent pegs.

(3) The erection of drying tents in platoon and company size patrol bases is an excellent accommodation when the tactical situation permits. Yukon stoves can provide ample heat for drying clothes and warming personnel.

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c. Generators

(1) Each generator should be placed on a wooden pallet with a sandbag wall circling the generator. Overhead cover may be secured with sandbags.

(2) Electrical wires should be placed underground where possible and when suitable conduit is used.

d. Weapons and Small Arms Ammunition

(1) Small arms, magazines and crew served weapons should be cleaned and inspected on a daily basis.

(2) Weapons should be lubricated and oiled to the extent required to prevent rust and corrosion. Excessive lubrication and oil in the operating mechanisms will permit the accumulation of dirt, sand, etc., thereby causing malfunctions and sluggishness in weapon operation.

(3) Mortar tubes should be capped at all times unless actually being used in the conduct of fire missions. Prior to the conduct of fire missions, the tube should be visually inspected for the presence of water.

(4) Small arms and machine gun ammunition should be carried in waterproof metal ammunition cans until required for use. Machine gun ammunition will not be carried draped across the body, "Poncho Villa" style. In addition, ammunition should be removed from magazines, cleaned and wiped dry as required.

(5) The moisture seal on packing containers of mortar ammunition should not be broken open until actually required for use to prevent moisture contamination of propellant increments. Increments contaminated by moisture will result in short rounds with probable friendly casualties.

(6) Firing mechanisms of 3.5 inch rocket launchers should be tested daily to ensure that electrical firing mechanisms (magnetos) are in operable condition.

(7) Shotgun ammunition should be inspected daily and those cases exhibiting swelling due to moisture contamination disposed of as Grade III ammunition.

(8) Care should be exercised that hand grenades of all types are not accidentally lost in mud in and around fighting holes, bunkers and cantonments. These lost items will represent a hazard to personnel walking through the area. Further, all types of ammunition and explosive devices that are lost and not recovered, provide the enemy with an excellent supply source for future operations.

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e. Showers. All locally constructed showers should be checked for stability. Showers should be taken down or secured with rope and stakes.

2. Flood Control Measures

a. Construction of living/fighting/administrative bunkers should be examined prior to and following storms to ensure stability and reliability for the safety of the troops. (See enclosure (3)).

b. Ditching to provide proper drainage is important in all areas, but especially in messhall and latrine areas to ensure that such drainage is properly diverted away from quarters and food preparation/wash rack areas.

c. Equipment and food stores should be stored off the ground. Proper and secure overhead cover is important.

d. Units operating messes and drawing subsistence supplies from ration issue points should ensure that vehicles have adequate protection for the transportation of subsistence items.

e. Supplies, equipment and repair parts should be stowed in water-proof wrapping and kept in areas receiving good protection from storm damage.

f. Vehicle Operators. Vehicle operators should be instructed and frequently cautioned concerning the hazardous conditions frequently encountered when driving during storm conditions.

3. Medical (Personnel)

a. All personnel should wear dry socks in order to prevent immersion foot. Wet socks when carried next to the body under outer clothing soon dry to a satisfactory degree. At least 1-2 pairs of socks should be in a plastic bag.

b. Lightweight gloves should be utilized for trench digging because wet and puffed hands will get extremely raw under daily abuse.

c. Feet should be aired at least 1 hour per day.

4. Medical

a. Immunization of civilians in flooded/flooding areas is authorized.

b. Commands should continue to stress malaria chemoprophylaxis and personal protective measures from mosquitoes. Malaria is still a hazard in cool monsoon weather.

c. Command emphasis should continue on required immunisations, especially for plague, cholera and typhoid. Chances of contacting

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plague, cholera, typhoid and infectious hepatitis increase in monsoon weather, thus increasing the need for gamma globulin prophylaxis.

d. Commanders should be prepared to evacuate patients to other medical facilities outside the storm danger area, and maintain a MedEvac capability for all others.

e. Medical units should make maximum use of ground ambulances in their areas of operation.

5. Material and Services

a. Water. Supplemental resupply points should be established and operated as required.

b. In the event troops are unable to utilize their regular mess, displaced troops will eat in the nearest U.S. Forces mess facility.

c. Air Drop. Air drop may be utilized for resupply as weather permits, IAW MACV Dir 55-4.

d. Selected monsoon materials are force-fed to units according to operating commitments. It is mandatory that all possible steps be taken to reclaim and preserve monsoon materials. Separate instructions and reporting procedures have been promulgated concerning proper repacking and care of these critical items. CG III MAF SpdLtr on the subject, dated 17Mar68, refers.

e. Commanders should store a minimum of 48 hours' supply of water upon notification of an approaching storm.

f. Waterproofing materials from incoming shipments should be used to best advantage.

6. Ammunition Storage. A minimum loss of ammunition both in ASP's and on-position storage sites can be ensured only through initiative and judgement on the part of individuals and commanders at all levels. The following are to serve as guidelines for the storage of ammunition.

a. Ammunition should be stored above the expected high water level that may be created by monsoon rains.

b. Adequate drainage should be provided ammunition stacks to ensure that the bottom level is not submerged in water or mud during prolonged wet periods.

c. Proper drainage should be provided for on-position storage bunkers and dug-in modules.

d. The minimum quantity of ready ammunition should be broken out

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of its packing containers and stored on-position. This ammunition should be protected in every way possible from the elements.

e. Corrective action should be taken by all concerned to correct any unsatisfactory conditions.

f. Commanders should inspect on-position assets of ammunition daily to ensure that unsatisfactory conditions are rectified.

7. Reports. The following types of events should be reported to the next higher command:

- a. Cargo deliveries and reason for any delay.
- b. Water level in flooded areas.
- c. Road conditions (to include washouts, slides, soft spots, flooding).
- d. Abutment failures/bridge washouts.
- e. Culverts damaged or washed out.
- f. Bunker conditions.
- g. Generators damaged or destroyed.
- h. Equipment lost, destroyed, or damaged.
- i. Stock levels of all classes of supply. Ensure all shortages are reported in days of supply.

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ENGINEER CONSIDERATIONS

1. Engineer Resources

a. General. Engineer resources utilized to supplement routine unit preparations for typhoons and heavy weather will normally be those organic, attached, or in direct support of major commands subordinate to III Marine Amphibious Force. These resources should be used to the maximum before requesting additional engineer support.

b. Engineer resources within the I Corps Tactical Zone not in the categories cited in the preceding paragraph are generally under control of the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force (CG, III MAF), or the Commander, Naval Forces Vietnam, Representative, Danang (COMNAVFORV REP Danang), or Commander, Naval Support Activity (COM NSA). Requests for engineer support by these forces are submitted to this Headquarters for evaluation, approval, and appropriate tasking.

c. Technical guidance not involving the commitment of engineer forces, equipment, or materials required in the accomplishment of typhoon and heavy weather preparations may be provided on a direct liaison basis with engineer units located in the general vicinity of the unit requiring such assistance. For this purpose, a listing of these engineer units by geographical area is set forth as follows:

(1) Southern ICTZ

(a) 39th Engr Bn (USA)	Chu Lai
(b) 9th Engr Bn (USMC)	Chu Lai
(c) NMCB-71 (USN)	Chu Lai
(d) NMCB-74 (USN)	Chu Lai

(2) Central ICTZ

(a) Hq, 45th Engr Gp (USA)	Danang
(b) 35th Engr Bn (USA)	Nam O
(c) 7th Engr Bn (USMC)	Danang
(d) Third Naval Constr. Bde (USN)	Danang
(e) 30th NCR (USN)	Danang
(f) NMCB-3 (USN)	Danang-East

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(g) NMCB-12 (USN)	Danang-East
(h) NMCB-1 (USN)	Danang
(i) NMCB-22 (USN)	Danang-North
(j) NMCB-62 (USN)	Danang-North

(3) Northern ICTZ

(a) 14th Engr Bn (USA)	Camp Evans
(b) 27th Engr Bn (USA)	Camp Eagle
(c) 11th Engr Bn (USMC)	Dong Ha
(d) 32d NCR (USN)	Gia Le
(e) NMCB-133 (USN)	Phu Bai
(f) NMCB-8 (USN)	Gia Le
(g) NMCB-4 (USN)	Camp Evans
(h) NMCB-11 (USN)	Quang Tri Combat Base
(i) NMCB-7 (USN)	Dong Ha Combat Base

(4) Construction Battalion Maintenance Unit 301 (CBMU-301) (USN) maintains detachments at Dong Ha, Quang Tri, and An Hoa.

(5) NSA Public Works Activities are located in Chu Lai, Danang, Phu Bai, Quang Tri, and Dong Ha.

2. Roads

a. While upkeep of roads is primarily an engineer function, at times it may not be possible for engineers to cope with all adverse conditions. This is especially true during the monsoon and tropical storm season. At such times all units should render assistance in maintaining roads within their respective areas, particularly secondary, access and interior roads. In addition, even under normal conditions, all units are responsible for filling potholes and maintaining local drainage on roads through and adjacent to their areas.

b. Such internal road net maintenance and repair include all measures designed to keep the road surface, shoulders, ditches, slopes, and drainage structures in a serviceable condition. Some of these essential maintenance duties include:

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- (1) Cleaning out drainage facilities such as ditches and culverts. This includes removing all debris, rocks, and accumulated silt, sand, and earth in order to allow maximum drainage flow.
- (2) Mowing or cutting grass or weeds in or around drainage structures.
- (3) Repairing minor washouts and potholes and washboarding.
- (4) Keeping road shoulders properly shaped and clear of debris.
- (5) Conducting frequent thorough inspections of road conditions, reporting to higher headquarters any need for repair work beyond the unit's capabilities.

c. Additional traffic control may be required on roadways that are severely rutted or otherwise damaged during periods of water saturation. Limiting such roads to only essential traffic permits use of the roadway for a longer period before major repairs have to be effected and the passage of traffic becomes severely impeded.

3. Facilities

a. General. All unit/base/facilities commanders should conduct a program of continuous inspection, maintenance, and repair of structural facilities within their respective areas of responsibility, to ensure that these facilities will withstand typhoons and heavy weather and to minimize the magnitude of protective measures that must be accomplished upon receipt of a storm warning. Self-help programs should be utilized to the maximum degree possible.

b. Buildings and Other Structures

- (1) Periodic inspections for structural failures, damage, or other potentially hazardous conditions should be made.
- (2) Repairs should be effected expeditiously.
- (3) Plans should be prepared and adequate drainage ditches, culverts, and berms constructed as required.
- (4) Roofing materials (tiles, sheeting, etc), windows, shutters and doorways should be secured.
- (5) All debris within and around the camp areas should be removed.
- (6) Waterproofing materials, such as plastics, canvas, and roofing tars should be employed whenever available.

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(7) Loose items that may be potential hazards in high winds and/or flooding should be secured.

c. Maintenance and Storage Areas

(1) Maintenance and storage areas should be properly constructed to permit rapid water run-off during heavy rains.

(2) Proper drainage facilities around and leading away from these areas should be installed and maintained.

(3) Consistent with the availability of materials, commanders should strive to stabilize parking, working, and storage areas and protective berms with petroleum products, crushed rock, or other suitable materials.

d. Field Fortifications. Particular emphasis should be placed upon the proper construction and maintenance of shelters, trenches, bunkers, observation towers, and other such field fortifications as may become hazards to personnel safety during heavy storms. FM-5-15, "Field Fortifications" and other similar publications set forth proper procedures and techniques for construction. Improper construction and inadequate waterproofing has proven to be the most significant cause of failure due to collapsing and flooding. Set forth in the following subparagraphs are some "check-off" items pertaining to sandbagging, bunkers, and towers that, if utilized, may help to prevent damage or failure due to heavy storms.

(1) Sandbagging

(a) Sandbags should be filled to only about 3/4 capacity.

(b) Sandbag revetment face should have at least a 1 to 4 slope.

(c) Sandbags should be placed so that the planes between layers have the same pitch as the foundation, i.e., at right angles to the slope of the revetment, with the side seams on the stretchers, and choked ends on headers, turned toward the revetted face.

(d) The bottom row of sandbags should always be placed as headers.

(e) Additional rows should be alternate rows of stretchers and headers with joints broken between courses.

(f) Inspection and replacement of rotted or ruptured bags should be a continuing task.

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10 OCT 1968(2) Bunkers

(a) Footings should be adequate to carry the load of the completed bunker including earth fill or sand bag cover. If excessive settling has occurred, the bunker should be reconstructed.

(b) Drainage, both exterior and interior, should be adequate to prevent flooding during periods of heavy rain.

(c) Where there is evidence of dry rot, noticeable bows or bulges, excessive weather checking or other indications that timbers or sheathing may be of substandard quality, the bunker should be reconstructed using proper materials.

(d) Cuts should be square and joints of structural members should fit properly.

(e) Drift pins of the length required by the specifications should be used.

(f) Bracing should be adequate.

(g) Retaining walls should be included for all entrance ways.

(h) Roofing paper or similar material should be used as a moisture barrier.

(i) Structural members should be properly fastened.

(j) Posts should be large enough and properly spaced to carry the load of the roof and sandbags.

(k) Stringers or roof joists of the proper size should be used and spaced correctly to carry the roof load.

(l) Adequate sandbagging or earth fill should be provided on the sides and roof.

(m) Apertures, if required, should be properly placed.

(n) If damaged by enemy action, repairs should be effected expeditiously.

(3) Towers

(a) Towers should be checked for evidence of splitting or cracking of structural members or bracing.

(b) All structural members should be bolted.

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- (c) If the tower ~~is~~ leaning, it should be replaced.
- (d) If the ~~decking~~ is not level, the tower should be checked to determine the cause.
- (e) If there is any evidence of erosion that could affect the structural soundness of the tower, immediate repairs should be made.
- (f) Ladders should be checked for safety. All stens should be secure.
- (g) Any damage by enemy action should be repaired expeditiously.

4. Reports

- a. Recurring failures in structures of standard or approved design should be reported to this Headquarters through normal command channels in order that necessary modifications or redesign may be accomplished.
- b. Any observations of inadequate drainage or possible failure of bridges, culverts, by-passes, etc. on roads other than local access and internal camp roads should be reported as expeditiously as possible through command operational channels in accordance with current directives.

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COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Radio

- a. All units should be prepared to switch to radio nets and come up on the designated nets in their senior's communication plan in the event of cable and wire communications systems failure.
- b. There should be an adequate supply of batteries on hand for portable radios.
- c. An adequate supply of waterproofing equipment should be on hand.
- d. All communications equipment that may be exposed to the weather should **be waterproofed**, including equipment used indoors where leaking and flooding is possible.
- e. During heavy weather, antenna guy wires and stakes should be checked hourly.
- f. Large radio antennas should be taken down prior to the onset of high winds, if they can be replaced by short tactical antennas.
- g. Correct key lists and authenticators should be available for standby radio communications.
- h. Ovens may be used to dry out equipment exposed to the weather.
- i. Drip loops should be used on all antenna lead-ins.
- j. Covered, dehumidified protection for electronics equipment should be constructed for proper storage.
- k. Watertightness of terminal strips, cable entries, doors, and windows should be checked.
- l. "Ground rods" and "lightning arrestors" should be installed on all structures and equipment as required (see appropriate technical manuals).
- m. Filaments should be kept "on" in all equipment not in immediate use or storage.
- n. Equipment in storage should be inspected frequently for accumulation of moisture or its effects.
- o. Personnel should be kept away from radio vehicles while transmitting. Clearly marked barriers should be erected around all high powered antennas.

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p. All hands should be alert for broken power lines during high winds. Danger areas should be roped off and broken power lines handled only by qualified personnel.

q. Antennas should be erected in accordance with the equipment's TM. Antennas should never be erected in a location where storm action may bring them in contact with power lines, wires, or cables.

r. Radio circuits should be restored in accordance with published restoration priorities. Common user telephone and teletype systems may be **preempted** for high priority tactical radio circuits.

s. MINIMIZE may be imposed during heavy weather to reduce the communications load. All message releasing authorities should comply with MINIMIZE regulations.

t. Generators, not in daily use, should be exercised by running them twice a week for a period of from one to four hours, depending on the type generator.

2. Wire

a. External overhead wiring should be checked for firm supports which will not wash away.

b. Hot lockers should be made for tools. Also, tools should be coated with oil, WD-40, or similar protective agents.

c. Poles and supports that are beginning to wash away should be reported to the appropriate agency. If unknown, the information may be reported to III MAF G-6 office.

d. Areas where erosion has begun should be repaired immediately, before they become a problem.

e. All telephone poles should be properly set before anyone attempts to climb them.

f. Personnel effecting repairs should ensure that power lines are securely fixed before climbing poles.

g. Ground rods and lightning arrestors should be installed on equipment as required. See appropriate technical manuals.

3. Radar. Information pertaining to the maximum wind loads which radar radomes and parabolic reflectors associated therewith can withstand is available in applicable **system Technical publications**. **Disassembly of these radar/antenna systems will require, in some cases, four to six hours of effort by an experienced crew to secure and stow the equipment to preclude storm damage. The decision to secure these equipments should be made far enough in advance of the arrival**

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of storm winds to permit disassembly with safety to both personnel and equipment.

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HEADQUARTERS
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MEMORANDUM

FOR AC/S, G3

SUBJ: LT GEN WALT BRIEF

1. In my opinion, three items were significant at the subject brief:

a. Gen Walt made a point of determining whether the Division could mount out on an amphibious assault, - say, in Korea.

b. Gen Walt, after Col Jobe's brief derived memo on many of things the Colonel had said of single management and MC helicopter needs.

c. Gen Walt's relay of CMC's most congratulatory

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*POSITIONS FOR
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- A. VIP - ACOM, LTGEN WALT, DEAC/S (MAN POWER)
LTGEN NICKERSON
- B. REF: (A) MAF'S 260002ZSEP (GIVE INFO, SUBMIT TOPICS)
(B) MAF'S 281606ZSEP (PROVIDES ITINERARY)
(C) MAF'S 280010ZSEP (SUBMIT TOPICS NLT 2D)
(D) OUR 020020Z OCT (SUBMITS TOPICS FOR APPROVAL)
(E) MAF'S 071010Z OCT (APPROVES TOPICS)
(F) C/S MEMO OF 8 OCT (ASSIGNS TOPICS TO STAFF)
- C. DATES OF VISIT: 31 OCT & 1 NOV 1968 (BOTH) (GEN NICKERSON WILL REMAIN
ICTZ 2-4 NOV & VISITS 3D MAR DIV W/O GEN WALT ON 4 NOV)
- D. FACT SHEETS REQUIRED:
1. SELF EMPLOYMENT (G-3 PLANS)
 2. NEED FOR IMPROVED TEMPORARY DENIAL DEVICES (G-3 PLANS)
 3. HEAVY HELO SUPT REQUIREMENTS (AIR O)
 4. HELO AVAIL/UTILIZATION (AIR O)
 5. NEED F/TOWED 155MM HOW'S (ARTY O)
- E. BRIEFING SUBJECTS: NONE AT PRESENT.
- F. RESPONSIBILITY: NONE AT PRESENT, ASSUME CG WILL BRIEF IN PERSON.
- G. SCHEDULE: (TBA)

Supply - Prep. for mount-out in Amphib Assault (say Korea).

CMC Remark on mobility by 3MD.

*Desires memo on air problems from Col. Jabe. (Single Management)
(Helicopter needed)*

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MEMORANDUM

FOR G-3A

2 Oct

SUBJ: VIP Visits

Sunny.

Between now and the middle of November we have numerous visits by VIPs; i.e. Sec Nav, CG FMFPAC, ACMC, etc. Each of these visits requires certain briefings, fact sheets, reports, etc.

I'm losing track of just what we do for each visitor. Would like a memo drawn up showing following:

- a. VIP
- b. Dates of visit
- c. Fact sheets required and dates to be submitted
- d. Briefing subjects that are G-3 responsibility and whether G-3 or CG will present if info available

Enclosed

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

8 October 1968

MEMORANDUM

From: Chief of Staff
To: Distribution List

Subj: Topics AKMC Visit

Ref: (a) CG, III MAF msg 071010Z Oct68
 (b) ForO 5050.3

1. Reference (a) directs certain Fact Sheets be prepared for AKMC Visit. The below listed Staff Officers in this command are responsible for providing Fact Sheets on the topics as indicated. An original and three copies of Fact Sheets are to be submitted to this office by 1600, 12 October 1968. Action sections are directed to follow explicitly the format for Fact Sheets as set forth in enclosure (1) to reference (b).

- A. Career Advisory Programs - G-1
- B. Field Grade Officer Rotation/Temp Problems - G-1
- C. Third Mardiv Memorial Children's Hospital - G-5
- D. Special Services Program - G-1
- E. Reenlistment Options - G-1
- F. Transfers to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve - G-1
- G. Visual Reconnaissance/Helicopter Requirements for Support of Marine Divisions - G-2
- H. Heavy Helicopter Support Requirements - AirO (Coordinate w/CG300-4)
- I. Helicopter Availability/Utilization - AirO
- J. SLF Employment - G-3
- K. Nonsecn Posture - G-4
- L. Need for 155MM Towed Howitzers - ArtyO
- M. Need for Improved Temporary Denial Devices - G-3 (Coordinate w/USV)
- N. Construction Requirements - G-4
- O. Status of LVTP-5 - G-4
- P. Repair Parts for Tanks and Ontos - G-4
- Q. Logistic Support of Fire Support Bases and Combat Operating Bases - G-4
- R. Engineer Projects/Activities/Needs - EngrO

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TO: CG 1ST CAV DIV (AM) CES (COURIER) 2

INFO: CG 3D MAR DIV DGH (COURIER) / 0

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Subj: Division Boundary (U)

Ref: a. CG, XXIV Corps msg, DTG 040821Z Oct 68 (C)

b. CG, 1st Cav Div (AM) msg, DTG 061550Z Oct 68 (C)

1. (C) Due reconsideration has been given to discussion presented in ref b supporting a modification of the boundary established by ref a. Because of current operational commitments imposed on CG, 3d Mar Div, recommendations at para 4, ref b, are not favorably considered.

2. (C) Responsibility for security of Song Thach Han imposed by ref a remains with CG, 1st Cav Div (AM).

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SUBJECT: TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE

THIS MESSAGE IN THREE (3) PARTS

PART I FOR CG XXIV CORPS

1. REQUEST TEMPORARY CHANGE IN TRACE OF I ACD -XXIV CORPS BOUNDARY AS FOLLOWS: FROM YD 070320 SOUTH TO YD 070220, AST TO YD 210220 REQUEST TEMPORARY CHANGE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE 102400 H OCT. THIS WOULD SUPERSEDE TEMPORARY CHANGE PRESENTLY IN EFFECT.

PART II FOR CG 3D MAR DIV

2. REQUEST CHANGE IN TEMPORARY BOUNDARY WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE 10-0100H OCT; FROM HILL 817. YD 098377, FOLLOW RIDGE LINE GENERALLY TO THE SOUTHWEST. TRACE WOULD BE SAME AS TRAIL SHOWN ON RIDGE LINE RUNNING FROM YD 098377 TO YD 090367 TO YD 074360 TO DA KONG RIVER TO XXIV CORPS BOUNDARY AT YD 077343.

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PART III FOR CG XXIV CORPS AND CG 3D MAR DIV

3. FIELD READOUT FROM NVA PW CAPTURED EARLY MORNING OF 10 OCT INDICATES POSSIBLE NEED TO EXPAND OPERATIONS COMANCHE FALLS LAM SON 261 TO THE WEST SOUTHWEST TO EXPLOIT THE INTELLIGENCE. REQUEST BOUNDARY CHANGES BE EFFECTIVE 102400H OCTOBER FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD

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 TO: CG XXIV CORPS
 CG 1ST AIR CAV DIV

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TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE

A. CG 1ST ACD 100951Z

B. TELCON MAJ HUTTON, 1ST ACD AND MAJ DONNELLY, 1ST MARDIV 091900HOCT68

2. REF A REQUESTED TEMPORARY BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM HILL 819 YD 098377
 ALONG RIDGE TO SOUTHWEST ALONG TRAIL YD 098377, YD 090367, 074360 TO
 DA KRONG RIVER TO XXIV CORPS BOUNDARY AT YD 077343.

2. DUE TO PROXIMITY TO FSB HENDERSON (YD 077412) ONLY THAT PORTION OF
 AREA FROM THE PERMANENT DIV BOUNDARY AT YD 103378 WEST TO HILL 819
 (YD 098377) SOUTHWEST ALONG TRAIL TO 090367, 074360 TO DA KRONG RIVER
 TO XXIV CORPS BDY AT YD 077343, IS APPROVED.

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 by 250246Z SepA SecNav reg all briefings be
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 no honor, social engage. inform + minimum
 SecNav Westpac)
 Desires knowledgeable security officer + avoid tying-up
 senior commanders for higher levels
 CG, III MAF 050602Z TO: FMFPAC
 amends III MAF 031432Z + 140708Z Sep
 for 11 Oct only. ↑ 7d Flt 301432Z Sep
 Itinerary chg by

11 Oct C945-1020

Enroute 3d Mar Div (Ree) Quang Tri

1020-1055 - Briefing by ADC (DIV CP REAR)
 1055-1115 - Enroute/visit 3d Reor Bn by helo.
 1115-1145 - Enroute/visit 3d Med Bn Hoang by helo.
 1145-1215 - Enroute ARG/SLF (Coverfly CVA VIET)
 1215-1330 - Visit/hunch w/ SLF
 1330-1345 - Enroute Nav Hosp Ship
 1345-1430 - Visit Hosp Ship at Northern Station
 1430-1500 - Enroute LZ Vandegrift by helo
 1500-1600 - Briefing by CG TF Hotel in Coc bunker
 1600-1640 - Enroute/visit 3d Mar Div CP Dong Ha
 (Coverfly Camp Canal, Rockpile + Cau Viet)
 1640-1730 Enroute Hq, III MAF,

ATTN: Staff Secretary

Report to CG, III MAF by 131600H Brief
 summary of discussion/briefing topics
 covered during SECNAV visit. Items of
 significant interest will be reported
 in detail.

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- A. VIP: SEC NAV
- B. REF (A) MAF'S 140708 SEP (RECOMMENDS ITINERARY)
 (B) MAF'S 250244 SEP (GENERAL GUIDANCE)
 (C) MAF'S 250246 SEP (VISIT, BRIEFINGS INFORMAL)
 (D) MAF'S 301432 SEP (APPROVED ITINERARY)
 (E) MAF'S 031432 OCT (MODIFIES ITINERARY)
 (F) MAF'S 051030 OCT (PROVIDE TOPICS NLT 13TH)
 (G) MAF'S 050602 OCT (MODIFIES ITINERARY)
 (H) OUR 070820 OCT (PROVIDES ITINERARY)
 (I) C/S MEMO OF 6 OCT (REQUIRES FACT SHEETS)
- C. DATE OF VISIT: FRI 11 OCT (15-1600 BRIEF BY GEN G.)
- D. FACT SHEETS REQUIRED: PROGRAM SIX (G-3A), EFFECTIVENESS OF ARTY/NGF (FSC), AIR CONTROL (AIRO), EMPLOYMENT, IMPORTANCE & EFFECTIVENESS OF TACA (AIRO), CAP PROGRAM (G-3A), GUNSHIPS & FIXED-WING CAS (AIRO).
- E. BRIEFING SUBJECTS: NUI TIA PONG OPN, CURRENT OPN IN DMZ, SCOTLAND/NANKING. (OVERLAYS, 3" X 5" CARDS, AND CHARTS TO BE PREPARED NLT 10TH).
- F. RESPONSIBILITY: ADC PRESENTS OPNS BRIEF AT TFH UNLESS WEATHER PRECLUDES. ADC BRIEF IN DIV CONF RM AS 1ST ALTERNATE. G-3 BRIEFS (ALONG W/G-2) AT CONF RM AS 2ND ALTERNATE.

G. SCHEDULE:

1430 - 1500	ENR TO CATES
1500 - 1535	BRIEF AT CATES
1535 - 1540	ENR VCB
1540 - 1600	INSP LSA VCB
1600 - 1620	OVERFLY LANCASTER AO, ENR DHCB
1620 - 1640	VISIT DHCB TO INC. VISIT FSCC & FSIC
1640	DEPART

H. Staff Sec provides summary of discussion/briefing topics w/Sec Nav to MAF NLT 131600H.
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Operation Scotland/Nanking

Task Force Hotel was assigned the mission of conducting a search, fix, and destroy operation against the 246th Independent NVA Regiment located in the vicinity of Khe Sanh. To accomplish this task, Task Force Hotel used the 4th Marine Regiment and two battalions of the 2nd ARVN Regiment to seize various objectives in the vicinity of Khe Sanh and Long Voi.

On the 4th of October, K/3/4 conducted a helicopter assault into an LZ and established fire support base Nanking. Later that day I/3/12 with 6 105 howitzers inserted and FSB Nanking became operational.

E/3/9 and 1 platoon of G/2/9 along with 4 X 155 howitzers were moved into LZ Hawk, and FSB Hawk was established. F/2/9 with an 8" gun platoon was trucked to FSB Stormy and there a fire support base was established.

On October 5 (D-Day), 2/4 and 3/4 (-) simultaneously made a helicopter assault west of objectives 1 and 2. While 3/4 (-) seized objective 1, 2/4 attacked and seized objective 2. Both objectives were secured with neither ground contacts with the enemy nor enemy artillery or mortar attacks having taken place. On the 6th of October, 1/4 was helilifted into the vicinity of the objective 8. 1/4 attacked and secured objective 8 with no ground contact with the enemy. Later during the day, W/3/12 landed on objective 8 to provide artillery support. While the 4th Marines were securing their objective, they uncovered several graves containing NVA bodies. The 3rd and 4th Battalions of the 2nd ARVN Regiment were helilifted into LZ Mallard, and they attacked and secured objectives such as Hill 881 south and 558 with no contact with the NVA.

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On the 7th of October 3/4 continued to attack and seize objective 4, and 3/4 (-) seized and occupied objective 5. While the 4th Marines were seizing objectives in their zone of action, 2nd ARVN Regiment attacked and seized Hill 881N and 861 with no resistance from the enemy. In the vicinity of Hill 689, M/3/4 found 2 skeletons and parts of a third along with 2 U.S. I.D. tags and 1 inoperable AK-47. The skeletons were believed to be those of Americans. I/3/4 found 3 NVA bodies along with over 30 grenades, 20 60mm mortar rounds and 6 RPG rounds. Meanwhile, K/2/4 uncovered 2 BARS, 1 30 caliber MG and 1 light machine gun.

On the 8th of October at 0030 in the morning, B/1/4 received a probe from an estimated squad of NVA. Contact lasted 1 hour with enemy casualties unknown. Friendly casualties were 3 KIA and 2 WIA(E). Later that day 1/4 was helilifted to the vicinity of objective 6 which they seized with no enemy resistance. However, 1/4 did find over 30 NVA bodies, over 160 mortar rounds, 60 cases of .50 caliber ammunition, 25 AT mines, and 1 B-40 rocket launcher. Meanwhile, 3/4 and 2/4 continued the attack and seized Hill 552 and objective 11 with no contact with the enemy.

On the 9th and 10th of October, the 4th Marines continued to operate from Hill 549, objective 11, and objective 552. They continued to be supported by artillery from the various fire support bases with light contact with the enemy. At 1040 on 10 Oct., C/1/4 received small arms fire from an estimated 10 NVA. Fire was returned and artillery and mortar missions were called. Upon sweeping the area 7 NVA bodies were found. Friendly casualties were 1 WIA(E). Later during the day B and C 1/4 discovered 4 more NVA bodies and they discovered large quantities of U.S. ordnance, over 100 rounds of 82mm mortars, 140 grenades, 60 gas

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masks, 26 RPG's and 1 AK-47. Meanwhile, G/2/4 uncovered a grave containing 50 NVA bodies about 4-5 months old as well as over 30 mortar rounds.

On the 11th of October 3/4 attacked to the northwest to operate in the vicinity of FSB Gurkha while 2/4 conducted patrols in the vicinity of the Khe Sanh combat base and 1/4 attacked to the south. From the 11th of October, G/2/9 provided security for Fire Support Base Gurkha while 3/4 (-) continued to attack to the northwest toward the Division objective at Lang Suat. Meanwhile the 2 battalions of the 2nd ARVN Regiment continued to attack to the Northwest from Hills 861 and 558. From the 11th of October thru the 16th of October, there was only one significant ground contact when elements of L/3/4 spotted an NVA and took him under fire with small arms resulting in 1 NVA(G) and 1 IWC. On the 16th of October the 3rd Battalion, 2nd ARVN Regiment found 5 complete 122mm rockets. On the previous day, H/2/9 received 15 rounds of mortar from an unknown position resulting in 6 WIA(E) and 3 WIA(M).

Total casualties for the operation were:

BR KIA	3	BN KIA(E)	132
WIA(E)	6	IWC	15
WIA(M)	3	CSWC	3
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3d Marine Division Fact Sheet

11 Oct 1968

Subject: Special Landing Force EmploymentI. GENERAL:

Marine Special Landing Forces in West Pac since 1963, have provided ready forces to assist U.S. Forces ashore in South East Asia. Since U.S. Forces were committed to SVN in 1965 the SLF's have conducted numerous amphibious assaults in wide spread areas of South Vietnam. Since spring of 1967 with the large build up of NVA in the I Corps area one or both of the SLF's have generally been committed ashore reinforcing 1st or 3d Marine Division.

II. CURRENT STATUS/FORECAST:

The BLT portion of Special Landing Force Alpha (BLT2/26) has been operating ashore since mid-September. The BLT portion of SLF "B" also spent considerable time ashore in the 3d Division AO during the first half of CY 1968.

Combat operations in which the SLF participated ranged from the Cua Viet to the Laotian border south of Khe Sanh with particular attention to the DMZ. SLF helicopter squadrons have continued to support the BLT's and the Division either from shipboard or ashore.

The enemy capability for rapid buildup of forces in and south of the DMZ, which necessitated the constant commitment ashore of SLF's, has been largely countered by the highly mobile posture attained in the 3d Marine Division since May 1968. This posture, which entails maintaining a minimum of forces defending fixed positions, thereby freeing infantry units for constant and sustained offensive thrusts to find and fix the enemy, has enabled the Division to search out the enemy in more widespread areas than previously possible. Maximum use of supporting arms from mobile fire bases to reduce the enemy once fixed has been the essential element for success of this posture.

Special Landing Forces afloat with their inherent

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quick reaction capability could conduct limited amphibious operations of brief duration along the littoral of SVN and still be readily available to exploit major contacts made by forces should additional force be required.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS:

A. That the Special Landing Forces be maintained afloat for special amphibious operations throughout the costal littoral, conducting amphibious raids and attacks of limited duration on enemy concentrations of personnel, supplies and facilities.

B. That Special Landing Forces be committed ashore to exploit major contacts made by in-country forces but so remain ashore only so long as lucrative targets exist.

C. That consideration be given to embarking LVTH-6's as the organic artillery support which, along with the 4.2 inch battery would provide increased flexibility in providing early employment ashore to BLT artillery in across the beach landing as well as providing the helicopter lifted 4.2's at helicopter landing zones.

D. That procedures for committment be streamlined to realize more rapid response of SLF when need to exploit enemy contact arises.

E. That both SLF's be provided with CH 46's and HU1E gunships to enhance vertical assault capability.

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3d Marine Division Fact Sheet

12 Oct 1968

Subject: Positive self destruct anti-personnel deviceI. GENERAL:

During the siege of KHE SANH an anti-personnel mine known as GRAVEL was employed in the KHE SANH area. The life expectancy of this mine was to be about 17 days. In actual use however a number of the mines lasted a considerably longer time than was anticipated.

II. CURRENT STATUS/FORECASTS

A number of anti-personnel mines have been developed, the most recent is WAAPM (Wide Area Anti-Personnel Mine). This is a very sophisticated mine capable of setting its trip lines automatically and with a supposedly self-destruct capability. Unfortunately the self-destruct is not fool proof and a small percentage are lethal after normal life cycle. WAAPM at present is only employable from aircraft as is GRAVEL and DRAGON TEETH. This problem of self-destruct is being worked on for each type of mine. Even with a greatly improved mine the employment at present is limited to aircraft delivery. The combination of aircraft and mines in one weapon system is excellent for a wide area distribution but does not fulfill the needs of a ground commander who may need only a 500-800 meter area seeded and who may be required to enter the area shortly after seeding has taken place.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That an anti-personnel mine be developed that can be employed by ground troops. This mine should have the capability to arm, disarm and destroy itself on command and a self-destruct capability that is dependable. A possible command input to the mine could be the ground commander's tactical radio system. The mine could be constructed with a small audio device on pre-arranged frequencies.

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Notes on VIP Visits

1. ~~S/S provides summary of discussion/briefing topics in/Sec Nav to AAF ALT 1316004.~~
2. ~~Review Cards, AAF & Charts Sec Nav with.~~
3. FMF Pac (13-30 Oct) wants short brief on topics submitted A/ACMC Visit.
Visits ~~on~~ 24 Sep, 1030-1130 briefing in Conf Rm

B. Ref: (~~(060606Z Oct 68)~~)
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C. Date of Visit: 13-30 Oct

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B. CTG 79.4 OPLAN 1204-YR

C. CTG 79.4 0.0836Z OCT 68 (NOTAL)(S)

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D. 9TH MAB BRIG 0 2130Z, SER PRIMAYI (NOTAL)

E. CTG 79.4 LIAISON WITH BLT 2/26 ON 10 OCT 68.

1. REF A COMSEVENTHFLT ARG/SLF SCHEDULED REHAB/SPZCOPS. REF B OF PLAN FORHVN OPERA

ONS. REF C REQUEST FOR REEMB PLANNING DATA.

REF D REHAB DIRECTIVE.

2. BE PREPARED PHASE ABOARD ARG SHIPPING UNSE/NOH-REQUIRED EQUIP, VEHICLES AND SUPPLIES FROM STAGING AREAS SET FORTH REF C. L BACKLOAD OF LEQUIP/SUPPLIES TO CONFORM CURRENT LOADING PLANS SHIPPING SCHEDULE, PRIORITY TO USS WINDHAM COUNTY, FOLLOWED BY USS OAK HILL, USS DUBUQUE AND USS PRINCETON.

3. BLT(-) WILL

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HQKAL TO BACKLOAD USS DUBUQUE. REF E REFERS.

4. LIAISON TMS AND COMM FACILITIES WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED.

5. SUBMIT HEAVY HELO LIFT AND SMALL BOAT REQ A-SAP.

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TO: CTF CLEARWATER CVT (COURIER) 2

INFO: COMUSMACV SGN (COURIER) 10

CG III MAF DNO (COURIER) 20

COMNAVFORV SGN (COURIER) 2

3D MAR DIV DCH (COURIER) 10

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Subj: Mission TF Clearwater (U)

Ref: a. CTF CLEARWATER MSG DTC 041010Z Oct 68 (C)(NOTAL)

b. COMNAVFORV MSG DTC 050131Z Oct 68 (C)(NOTAL)

(C) This headquarters assigns the following mission to TF Clearwater:

"Protect and coordinate waterborne logistic craft involved in the movement of materiel and personnel on the Perfume and Cua Viet river LOCs and conduct riverine operations on these and adjacent waterways including Dam Cau Hai in order to maintain the flow of supplies to combat forces in the Northern I Corps Tactical Zone (NICZ) and to deny the waterways of NICZ to the NVA/VC." GP-1

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WALTER C. EVANS
MAJ, GS
Ops Staff Officer

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 SUBJ: IMPLEMENTATION OF XXIV CORPS BOUNDARY EXTENSION (U)
 REF: -. XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 231212Z OCT 67 (S) (NOTAL)
 B. XXIV CORPS MSG DTG 231352Z OCT 67 (S) (NOTAL)
 PART I FOR CG 121ST ABN DIV
 1. (S) IAW REF A XXIV CORPS BOUNDARY IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: FROM
 PRESENT BOUNDARY AT ZC 112942 EAST ALONG THE THUA THIEN/QUANG NAM
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 2. (C) 121ST ABN DIV IS ASSIGNED RE SP
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 AO. REPORT BY FASTEST MEANS WHEN ASSUMPTION COMPLETED. DURLAITH

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 PART II FOR CG 3D MAR DIV

3. (S) RELEASE OPCON A/A/12 CAV AND PLACE OPCON TO CG 121ST ABN DIV
 (AM) FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD AT 131233H OCT 68. DURLAITH ALCON.

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1. THE TEXT ON SA KY-3 MSG TO S-2 FOURTH MA DIV AT 10250N IS QUOTED IN PART:

QUOTE: 1. LANG HOLE (XD 873329) SITS AT THE JUNCTION OF THE NVA AND EM TRAIL NETWORKS IN THE REGION. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THIS TRAIL SYSTEM, LIKE ITS CONTINUATION IN THE NORTH IN THE NUI HIA PONG AREA, MAY BE THE SITE OF CACHES OF ENEMY ORDNANCE AND SUPPLIES.

2. ON 10 FEB A PHOTO HEADOUT LOCATED A REGIMENTAL-SIZE INSTALLATION NEAR THE VILLAGE. ON 12 MAR A BRU DETAINEE SAID THAT THE ENEMY EATY POSITIONS THERE. A POW TAKEXON 50-34-88 THAT THERE WAS A HOSPITAL THERE. ANOTHER BRU DETAINEE SAID ON 1 JUNE THAT THERE WAS A REGIMENTAL CP AND A FIELD HOSPITAL THERE. ON 24 AUG A POW STATED THAT THERE WERE POSSIBLE FOOD AND AMMO CACHES THERE.

3. NOW, THREE KILOMETERS NORTH OF THE VILLAGE, YOUR

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FIRST BATTALION HAS RUN INTO THE FIRST OPPOSITION OF THE ACTION, AN INDICATION THAT THE NVA MAY BE WILLING TO FIGHT TO PROTECT WHAT MIGHT BE AN IMPORTANT SITE AT OR NEAR LANG HOLE. AT THE LEAST, HE MAY BE USING DELAYING TACTICS TO KEEP YOU OUT OF THE AREA UNTIL DISPOSITION CAN BE MADE OF WHATEVER IS IN THE VILLE. UNQUOTE.

2. THIS HEADQUARTERS HAS CONDUCTED A SHORT STUDY OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY 7535, 8035, 9212, 7512 COVERING THE PAST FIVE MONTHS. WITHIN THIS AREA OVER THAT TIME FRAME WE HAVE NOTED 63 SLAT READINGS, 18 I READINGS, 271 UTS'S AND 107 HARD TARGETS OF ONE DESCRIPTION OR ANOTHER. OUT OF THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE ABOVE COORDINATES, THE SMALLER AREA BOUNDED BY 8433, 9233, 9224, 8434 CONTAINS 120 UTS'S, 54 HARD TARGETS AND 9 SLAT READINGS--TEN PERCENT OF THE STUDY AREA INCLUDING FORTY PERCENT OF THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION. AND WITHIN THE SMALLER AREA, THERE ARE 21 GRID SQUARES, GENERALLY FOLLOWING KNOWN TRAIL NETWORKS, EACH OF WHICH CONTAINS FIVE OR MORE BITS OF INFORMATION.

3. ATTACKING THE TRAIL NETWORK BEGINNING IN THE NORTH AT 8834 AND TENDING GENERALLY SOUTH COULD BE A PRODUCTIVE OPERATION..

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PARTICULARLY IN TWO OTHER SEARCH FOR CACHES OF ENEMY SUPPLIES.

4. REQUEST COMMENT REGARDING VALIDITY OF STUDY OF THIS NATURE AND ADDITIONAL INFO HELD BY CG THIRD MA DIV REGARDING AREA UNDER CONSIDERATION.

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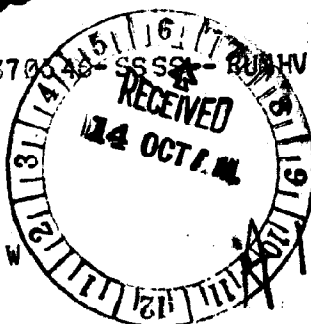
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A. CG III MAF 131308Z SEP 68 (S)

B. CONSEVENTHFLT 291410Z SEP 68 (S) (NOTAL)

C. COMELET 041014Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) C

XUSMACV HAS DIRECTED AN IMMEDIATE, EXPANDED, AND VIGOROUS QX CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE TO INCLUDE PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES IN THE HAMLETS AND VILLAGES BETWEEN NOW AND TEQM. THIS CAMPAIGN IS TONZE CONDUCTED WHILE EXPANDING SPOILING AND PREEMPTIVE OPNS G INST ENEMY MAIN AND LOCAL FOLDS, BASE AREAS, ~~IDENTIFICATION ROUTE AND~~ CO THE FIRST MARINE DIV IS HEAVILY ENGAGED AT PRESENT IN THE HIGHEST ENEMY THREAT AREA OF I CORPS WITH THREE MARINE BNS INCLUDING 1LT 2/7 ENGAGED IN RELIEF/REINF THUONG DUC CIDG CAMP.

2. (S) IN VIEW OF ABOVE IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS REGARDING ARG/SLFS TO MAINTAIN MAXIMUM COMBAT FORCES FOR OFFENSIVE ACTION.

3. (S) SPECIFICALLY PROPOSE SUBJ YR CONCURRENCE TO AYN BACKLOAD 1LT 2/26 ASIPECIFIED REF A AND MODIFIED BY

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GFS B AND C FOR SHORT REHAB AT SEA THEN IVEPARED FOR AMPHIP OPNS IN CRITICAL AREA. PROPOSE CANCEL KINAWA REHAB/TRNG.

B. DELAY BACKLOAD 1LT 2/7 UNORL 8 NOV 68.

C. REMAINDER OF ARG/SLF SCHEDULE UNCHANGED.

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S E C R E T (COC WIRE NOTE)

EXTRACTION OF BLT 2/26

1. SEQUENCE OF EXTRACTION:

"F" FROM 992690 (138)

"H" FROM 983684 (130)

"G" FROM 970682 (129)

CP GRP FROM 986670 (86) PLUS 5 EXTERNALS

"W" FROM 986670 (53)

"E" FROM 986670 (101)

2. DMSIRE FIXED WING COVERAGE PLUS GUNSHIPS.

REQUEST SMOKE NORTH OF BEN HAI RIVER TO SCREEN EXTRACTION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE TIME OF EXTRACT AND DESTINATION AS WELL AS METHOD (I.E. 04-34 NR CH-46)

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 FM THIRD MARINES
 TO THIRD MARDIV COC
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 FRAG ORDER 55-68

1. SITUATION - NO CHANGE EXCEPT:
 - (A) 3D MARINES CHOPS K/3/9 TO 3D MARDIV.
 - (B) ASSUMES OPCON CO FROM 4TH MARINES EFFECTIVE UPON LANDING OF 4TH MARINES'S CO.
 - (C) CHIPS BLT 2/26 ON ORDER.
2. MISSION - 3D MARINES CONTINUES PRESENT MISSIONS.
3. EXECUTION

A. 1ST BN

- (1) RELIEVES BLT 2/26 VIC 993696 BY 141100H.
- (2) ASSUMES BLT 2/26 AO AND CONTINUES SEARCH OF AO, CONSTRUCTION OF LZ'S AND CLEARANCE OF VEGETATION COVERING ROAD 1022.

B. 2ND BN - CONTINUES PRESENT MISSION.

C. 3D BN

- (1) 90 K/3/9 TO 3D MARINES.
- (2) ASSUME OPCON CO FROM 4TH MARINES UPON ARRIVAL OF THE CO.
- (3) CONTINUE PRESENT MISSIONS.

D. BLT 2/26

- (1) PREPARE TO BE RELIEVED BY 1ST BN.
- (2) EXTRACT TO CC AT 141100H.
- (3) BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO 3D MARDIV ON ORDER.

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S E C R E T (COC WIRE NOTE)

EXTRACTION OF BLT 2/26

1. SEQUENCE OF EXTRACTION:

"F" FROM 99269 (138)

"H" FROM 985684 (130)

"G" FROM 970682 (129)

CP GRP FROM 986670 (66) PLUS 5 EXTERNALS

"W" FROM 986670 (53)

"E" FROM 986670 (10)

2. DMSIRE FIXED WING COVERAGE PLUS GUNSHIPS.

REQUEST SMOKE NORTH OF BEN HAI RIVER TO SCREEN EXTRACTION.

3. PLEASE ADVISE TIME OF EXTRACT AND DESTINATION AS WELL AS METHOD (I.E. 04-34 NR CH-46)

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 F 131346Z OCT 68
 FM CG III MAR
 TO RUEBHQA/CMC
 INFO RUMHFA/CG FMFPAC
 RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV
 RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV
 RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUMLMHA/CG FIRST NAV
 RUMUFGA/COM NAVSUPPACT DNG
 RUMLMFA/CG FORL COMCD
 RUMUFGA/COM THIRD NCB
 RUMLDNA/DSA I CORPS

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 ACMC WEST PAC VISIT (C)

A. IMC 242229Z SEP 63 (C)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, FOLLOWING ITINERARY IS RECOMMENDED FOR ACMC AND
 DC/S(MANPOWER) VISIT:

DATE/TIME VISIT
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0700 ARR DNG 15TH AERIAL PORT
0700-0710 ENR HQ III MAF
0710-0755 FREE TIME/BREAKFAST IF DESIRED WITH CG III MAF
0755-0815 CALL ON CG
0815-0825 ENR I CORPS HQ
0825-0930 CALL ON CG I CORPS
0930-0940 ENR MAYOR'S OFFICE
0940-0945 CALL ON MAYOR KHIO
0945-0950 ENR HOTEL PAD
0950-1000 ENR 1ST WARD IV
1000-1005 ENR DIV CONF RM
1005-1055 BRIEFING BY DIV STAFF
1055-1100 ENR 11TH MAR
1100-1120 VISIT 11TH MAR
1120-1135 ENR 3/26
1135-1155 VISIT 3/26
1155-1210 ENR 13 100
1210-1300 LUNCH CG'S MESS 1ST MNFOBYD 1300-1315 ENR AN HOA
1315-1400 VISIT MR. GAN AND 5TH MAR UNITS
1400-1410 ENR HTL 55
1410-1430 VISIT 7TH MAR AND 3/11
1430-1440 ENR 51ST ARVN REG'T
1440-1500 VISIT 51ST ARVN REG'T
1500-1510 ENR 1ST MAR
1510-1530 VISIT HQ 1ST MAR AND 3/1
1530-1540 ENR FLO
1540-1550 VISIT CG FLO
1550-1640 ENR 3D WCB
1640-1720 VISIT COM 3D WCB
1720-1730 ENR HQ III MAF
1730-1840 FREE TIME
1840-1900 ENR LOEN LAN'S GIRLS
1900-2000 DINNER WITH LOEN LAN
2000-2020 ENR HQ III MAF
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0700-0710 BREAKFAST WITH CG III MAF

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0745-0830 FREE TIME
 0830-1340 ENR HQ 1ST MAW
 0840-0855 VISIT WITH CG
 0855-1000 1ST MAW BRIEF
 1000-1010 ENR MAG-11
 1010-1040 VISIT/TOUR MAG-11
 1040-1045 EN? LE NO 11
 1045-1055 ENR MACS-4
 1055-1125 VISIT/TOUR MACS-4
 1125-1130 ENR MAG-16
 1130-1200 VISIT/TOUR MAG-16
 1200-1300 LUNCH MAG-16
 1300-1310 ENR NSA HOSP
 1310-1340 VISIT NSA HOSP
 1340-1350 ENR 2D CAG COMPOUND
 1350-1440 VISIT CG 2D CAG AND CAP 2-1-4
 1440-1450 ENR CHINA BEACH ORPHANAGE
 1450-1520 VISIT ORPHANAGE
 1520-1530 ENR HQ III MAF
 1530-1540 ENR NSA

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1540-1620 VISIT COM NSA
 1620-1630 ENR HQ III MAF
 1630-1640 ENR HOSP SHIP
 1640-1720 VISIT HOSP SHIP, DNG HARBOR
 1720-1730 ENR HQ III MAF
 1730-1820 FREE TIME
 1820-1830 ENR FLC
 1830-2000 DINNER WITH CG FLC
 2000-2010 ENR HQ III MAF
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0700-0745 BREAKFAST WITH CG III MAF
 0745-0815 FREE TIME
 0815-0830 ENR 2D ROK MAR BDE
 0830-0930 VISIT 2D ROK MAR BDE
 0930-0950 ENR CHU LAI
 0950-1100 VISIT CG 1ST CAG AND CAP 1-3-5
 1100-1110 ENR CHU LAI AIR BASE
 1110-1400 VISIT/TOUR MAG-12, MAG-13 AND CHU LAI AIR BASE VISIT
 (ORDNS AS FEASIBLE) LUNCH MAG -13

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1400-1410 ENR AMERICAL DIV
 1410-1445 CALL ON CG /G-2/G-3/G-5 BRIEFING
 1445-1450 ENR LZ BAYONET
 1450-1515 VISIT 193TH BDE
 1515-1520 ENR LZ GATOR
 1520-1535 VISIT 6/46
 1535-1545 ENR QUANG NGAI
 1545-1615 CALL ON CG 2D ARVN DIV
 1615-1620 ENR ARVN REG'T
 1620-1645 VISIT ARVN REG'T
 1645-1700 ENR AMERICAL VIP PAD
 1700-1730 ENR HQ III MAF
 1730-1820 FREE TIME
 1820-1830 ENR 1ST MAW
 1830-2000 DINNER HOSTED BY CG 1ST MAW
 2000-2010 ENR HQ III MAF

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0730-0745 BREAKFAST WITH DEP CG

0745-0830 FREE TIME

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FM CG II MAF

TO RUE BH CA: CMC

INFO RUMHIC/CG FOR PAC

RUMHIC/CG XXIV CORPS

RUMHIC/CG FIRST MAR DIV

RUMHIC/CG THIRD MAR DIV

RUMHIC/CG AMERICA DIV

RUMHIC/CG FIRST MAR

RUMHIC/CG NAVSUPACT ENG

RUMHIC/CG FOR LOGSMD

RUMHIC/CG THIRD NO 3

RUMHIC/CG I CORPS

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0830-0900 ENR HQ XXIV CORPS

0900-0910 CALL ON CG XXIV CORPS

0910-0915 MEET XXIV CORPS STAFF

0915-1000 BRIEF BY CG

1000-1015 ENR MAG-36

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1015-1145 VISIT/BRIEF MAG-36

1145-1200 ENR XXIV CORPS

1200-1300 LUNCH CG'S MESS XXIV CORPS

1300-1310 ENR 3D CAG

1310-1500 VISIT 3D CAG AND CAP 3-1-4 AND CAP 3-1-7

1500-1515 ENR RUE CITADEL

1515-1600 CALL ON CG 1ST ARVN DIV/BRIEFING

1600-1615 ENR CAMP EVANS

1615-1800 VISIT 1ST CAV DIV (AM)

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1115-1130 ENR 3D MARDIV CP
 1130-1230 LUNCH WITH CG 3D MARDIV
 1230-1345 ENR VISIT 4TH CAG AND MOBILE CAP 4-4-3 (QUANG TRI)
 1445-1530 ENR VISIT PRONA G-39 (QUANG TRI)

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103-1330 FREE TIME

1030-200 DINNER HOSTED BY CG III MAF (USMC GEN OFFICERS)
 RCM

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0700-0745 BREAKFAST WITH CG III MAF

2. THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR DC/SCMAN POWERRAKLARN CV
 SHOULD HE DESIRE TO RETURN TO UNITS VISITED IN REGARD PARA 1 THIS MSG

DATE/TIME EVENT

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0700-0745 BREAKFAST WITH CG III MAF

0745-0850 FREE TIME

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0850-0900 ENR FLC

0900-0905 ENR CG'S OFFICE

0905-0910 DISCUSSION WITH CG

0910-1030 FLC STORY

1030-1035 ENR CCP/DPI

1035-1100 TOUR CCP/DPI

1100-1100 VISIT CHILDREN'S HOSP

1120-1150 TOUR PP&P, S&R, ROLLING STOCK, OPEN & CLOSED STORAGE,

M-16 PRODUCTION LINE

1150-1200 ENR CG'S QTRS

1200-1255 LUNCH WITH CG FLC

1255-1300 ENR LZ 23

1300-1310 ENR 1ST MAW

1310-1315 ENR GP

1315-1325 VISIT WITH CG

1325-1355 G-1 BRIEF

1355-1405 ENR MAG-11

1405-1540 VISIT/TOUR MAG-11 AND SQDRN'S

1540-1545 ENR LZ 11

1545-1555 ENR MAG-16

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1555-1750 VISIT/TUR MAG-16 AND SQDRN 'S

1750-1830 ENR HQ III MAF

1800-1830 FREE TIME

1830-1840 ENR 1ST MAW

1840-2000 DINNER WITH CG 1ST MAW

2000-2310 ENR HQ III MAF

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0700-0745 BREAKFAST WITH DEP CG

0745-0850 FREE TIME

0850-0900 ENR 1ST MARDIV

0900-0915 VISIT CG 1ST MARDIV

0915-1005 BRIEFING

1005-1010 ENR LZ 400

1010-1030 ENR AN HQ

1030-1110 VISIT 5TH MAR, 1 EN, 1 CG

1110-1120 ENR HILL 65

1120-1140 VISIT CO "I" 3/7

1140-1150 ENR LZ 400

1150-1200 VISIT WITH CG

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1200-1245 LUNCH CG'S MESS 1ST MARDIV

1245-1255 ENR HILL 10

1255-1325 VISIT 1/7

1325-1335 ENR 2/1

1335-1400 VISIT 2/1, 1 CG

1400-1410 ENR 1ST TK EN

1410-1430 VISIT 1ST TK EN

1430-1455 ENR 3/26

1455-1520 VISIT 3/26, 1 CG

1520-1540 ENR 1ST REC ON EN

1540-1600 VISIT 1ST REC ON EN

1600-1610 ENR III MAF

1610-1830 FREE TIME

1830-2000 DINNER WITH DEP CG

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0700-0745 BREAKFAST WITH CG III MAF

0745-0835 FREE TIME

0835-0910 ENR 3D MARDIV

0900-0915 DISCUSS WITH CG

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INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMLSPA/CG XXIV CORPS

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR DIV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV

RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV

RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW

RUMUFGA/CG NAVSUPACT DNG

RUMLMPA/CG FORL OCCMD

RUMUFGA/CG 7TH RDNCB

RUMLDNA/DSA 1 CORPS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L FINAL SECTION OF THREE

0915-0930 ENR/VISIT DIV CP(REAR) ~~1. ORIGIN BY HQ~~

1030-1100 ENR/VISIT 3D RECON BN

1100-1130 ENR/VISIT 3D MED BN

1130-1200 ENR DIV CP(REAR)

1200-1300 LUNCH ADC MESS 3D MARDIV

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1300-1400 ENR/VISIT IF HOTEL

1400-1500 ENR/VISIT MAI LOC SPECIAL FORCES CAMP AND MAR UNITS IN AREA

1500-1530 ENR/VISIT CAM LO CAP

1530-1545 ENR DIV CP

1545-1600 FREE TIME

1600-1700 ENR HQ III MAF

1700-1830 FREE TIME

1830-2000 DINNER WITH CG III MAF

2000-2250 FREE TIME

2250-2300 ENR DNG BASE OPS

2300-2330 JOIN ACMC

2330- DEPART BY C-118 FOR MCAF FUTEMA

3. THIS MSG MAY BE DOWNGRADED TO UNCLAS 9 NOV 68.

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P CG III 4AF DNG

TO RMT. BPA/C G XXIV C ORPS PHB

INFO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV SGN

RUMHVP/SEVENTH AF TAGC TSN

RUMHVP/CG FIRST MAR DIV DNG

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MAR DIV DNG

RUMHVP/CG FIRST CAVAL DIV AM CES

RUMHVP/CG FIRST MAR DIV DNG

RUMHVP/CG ONE ZERO ONE ABN DIV AM CES

RUMHVP/CG USASUPCOM DNG

RUMHVP/CG IRL COMD DNG

RUMHVP/CG I C ORPS DNG

RUMHVP/CG FIFTH BFG DNG

RUMHVP/CG DNG

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XXIV C ORPS TAGC (JOT)

XXIV C ORPS MSG AVIIC 005607 DIS 120635Z SEP 68 (C) (N) (AL)

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1. IJI MAF MSG 158 86Z SEP 68 (C) (N) (AL)

2. CG I C ORPS MSG 4923/10/1 M OF 7 OCT 68 (C) (N) (AL)

3. (C) CG I C ORPS IN REF C DISAPPROVED REQUEST FOR A XXIV C ORPS AOT TO INCLUDE THAT AREA NORTH OF 1ST MAR DIV/XXIV C ORPS BOUNDARY LESS PHU PAI, PHU, AND MAIL C TAOR'S AND 1ST ARVN DIV AOT.

4. (C) CG I C ORPS HAS APPROVED DESIGNATING AREA NORTH OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE BOUNDARY TO THE BMT AOT IN VETERAN 1ST ARVN DIV AND XXIV C ORPS UNITS CAN OPERATE ON A COOPERATIVE BASIS.

5. (U) OVERLAY OF TAGC PAGE 5 TO XXIV C ORPS.

6. (C) ABOVE APPROVAL OF TAGC DOES NOT NEGATE REQUIREMENT TO INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF AOT AND DIVISION BOUNDARY CHANGES.

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 O 142330Z OCT 68
 FM 9-8 THIRD MARINES
 TO G-3 LTC DAVIS
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 S E C R E T - C O C W I R E N O T E
 RELIEF OF BLT 2/26 BY 1/3

1. FRAGGED HELOS FOR 150900H. WEATHER DOUBTFUL AT BEST.
 A. ALFA TO FOXTROT POSITION THEN FOXTROT TO MY LOC.
 B. CHARLIE TO GOLF POSITION THEN GOLF TO C-4
 C. CMD GRP 1/3 TO HOTEL POSITION THEN HOTEL TO MY LOC
 D. ECHO AND CMD GRP 2/26 TO C-4

2. HELOS FOR 151100H:
 B/1/13 TO CUA VIET, AND W/1/12 TO DONG HA.

3. RECOMMEND CONSIDERATION OF 2/26 DIRECTLY ABOARD SHIP.
 IF WEATHER PRECLUDES LIFT TODAY, AFTERNOON OF
 16 OCT IS EARLIEST FOR COMPLETION OF EXTRACTION, DUE
 TO CONDITION OF TROOPS AFTER FORTY PLUS CONSECUTIVE
 DAYS, LITTLE BENEFIT WILL BE GAINED FROM 24 HR
 OPERATION.
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FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUYP3YD/CG III MAF

INFO RUHHHQA/C INCPAC

RUYSYB/CINIPACFLT

RUYSYA/CG FMF PAC

RANS/CG COMUSMACV

RUUKR SYH COMPHIBPAC

RUMLBPA/CG XX IV CORPS

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYP3YF/CG FIRST MAW

RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYSYS/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMLNPA/CG FORLOGCMD

RUYPWHR/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYPWUL/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYPWHR/CTF SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUYPWUL/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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F ALFA AND BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 130346Z OCT 68

B. CG I IRO MARDIV 177-80Z OCT 68 NOTAL

1. CONCUR PROPOSED EMPLK

Y. INT ARG/SLF ALFA AND BRAVO CITED REF A.

ENCLOAD OF SLAAALFAKTU BE ACCOMPLISHED AS OUT

INED REF B. BACK-

LOAD OF SLF BRAVO I

BE ACCOMPLISHED AS PROPOSED REF A WITH HMM TO

BE REEMBARKED UPON RETURN OF ARG BRAVO.

A. CTR 76.4679.4 REPRESENTATIVES ARE AVAILABLE TO EFFECT TIMELY PLANNING FOR FUTURE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS. DIRLAU HMM

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FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

INFO CG THIRD MAR DIV

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FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

TO RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE

L RUABOL/CG NINTH MAR

INFO RUHHQA/CINCPAC

RUYHSA/CINCPACFLT

RUYHSA/CG FIFTH PAC

RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

RUYGSAF/CONVENTHFLT

RUYPDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYSWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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REHAB/EMPLOYMENT OF SLF ALFA

A. CONVENTHFLT MSG 1044010Z OCT 68

B. CG III MAF MSG 130846Z OCT 68

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1. REFERENCE (B) PROPOSED CHANGE TO REF A) AS PERTAINS TO SLF ALFA

MISSIONS ASSIGN REFP(B) CAN BE SUPPORTED WITH REHAB PERIOD AT SEA
BUT AMPHIBIOUS CAPABILITY WILL BE LIMITED WITHOUT ON INAWA REHAB WMS
PLANNED.

3. PRESENT SCHEDULE CALLS FOR A 24 DAY PERIOD TO INCLUDE STEAMING TIME
AND REHAB ALL ELEMENTS SLF ALFA. RECOGNIZE FACT THAT FLT COULD CURRENT-
LY PROVIDE ADDED FORCE IN SUPPORT OF COMUSMACV VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN
AGAINST VC INFRASTRUCTURE. HOWEVER, CONSIDER FLT POSTURE SUCH THAT RUE
MEASURE OF ITS DESIGNED CAPABILITY WOULD NOT BE REALIZED DUE TO
LIMITATIONS OF MATERIAL READINESS. REHAB PERIOD NOT CONSIDERED EXCESSIVE
AND WOULD NOT DETER FROM INITIAL STAGES OF OPERATIONS SUPPORTING PRE-
TET CAMPAIGN ASHORE SHOULD SLF ALFA MAINTAIN CURRENT SCHEDULE OUTLINED
REF (A). THE ULTIMATE IMPACT ON THE FORTHCOMING CAMPAIGN RESU-
ING

FROM ELEMENTS OF SLF OPERATING AT MAXIMUM POTENTIAL WOULD FULLY
JUSTIFY TEMPORARY DEPARTURE FROM RVN.

4. REQUEST NON-CURRENCE WITH REF (B) PARA 5.

5. FACTS SUPPORTING RATIONALE SET FORTH PARA 2 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. FLT 2/26 LANDED 28 AUG 68 OPERATION SWIFT PURSUIT AND OPERATED
CONTINUOUSLY ASHORE. SUSTAINED 47 KIA, 170 WIA, 33 OTHER LOSSES AND
RECEIVED 156 REPLACEMENTS. FOX HOLE STRENGTH OF EN THIS DATE 152

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AND 474 ENL.

B. LIAISON WITH 3 RD FSR HAS ESTABLISHED PRIORITY REPLACEMENT /
REPAIR OF BLT EQUIPMENT ON ARRIVAL JK19.

C. BLT 2/26 OPSTAT 013 AS OF 210400Z OCT '8 REPORTED EQUIPMENT
READINESS AS C-3 WITH A PROJECTED D-1 AFTER REHAB AT OKI. C-3 EQUIP
IS DUE TO MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT HEADLINED AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRING
THIRD AND FOURTH ECHELON MAINTENANCE BEYOND BLT'S CAPABILITY.
PN OPSTAT COMMENT SECTION, BLT REPORTED CAPABILITY OF CONDUCTING
SURFACE AMPHIBIOUS OPS AS EXTREMELY LIMITED DUE TO INOPERATIVE SHORE
OPARTY EQUIPMENT.

D. REPRESENTATIVE STATUS OF EQUIP AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) CAC PLT. MOBILE SURGICAL EQUIP AND VEHICLES ALL DOWN.
- (2) ALL SHORE PARTY EQUIPMENT IS DOWN LIMITING CAPABILITY TO
MOVE OVER THE BEACH.
- (3) 120 BATTERY- ALL WEAPON TUBES REQUIRE REPLACEMENT. ACCURACY
EXTREMELY MARGINAL.
- (4) AMTRAC REGD. TWO DOWN- FOUR MARGINALLY UP.
- (5) 106 PLT. ONE RIFLE CODED, FIVE MILES DOWN, MAKING
TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONABLE OR AT A MINIMUM EXTREMELY RESTRICTED.
- (6) MULES: 8 ADDITIONAL TO 106 PLT DOWN.

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UL OPTICAL EQUIPMENT, E. G. NIGHTS FOR OBSERVED WEAPONS,
BINOCULARS, ETC. ARE IN NEED OF 3RD OR HIGHER ECHELON PER 9TH
MAB LTI.

(8) COMM EQUIP - OVER 50 PERCENT OF RADIOS ARE IN NEED OF BENCH
WORK.

(9) FLAME SECTION: TWO OPERABLE BUNS, SIX BINS AND COMPRESSOR
NEED 4TH ECHELON REPAIR.

(10) 81 MM MORT - ALL BIPODS IN NEED OF REPACKING & CALIBRATION
PER 9TH MAB LTI.

(11) TANK PLT - 3 VEHICLES UP BUT 2 MARGINAL.

(12) ONTOS PLT - 2 DOWN AND 3 MARGINAL UP.

6. ALTERNATE COURSE OF ACTION WHICH WOULD ALLOW MAXIMUM READINESS IN RE-
SPONSE TO IN-COUNTRY COMMITMENT COULD BE MAINTAINED BY SELECTIVE
LOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR REPAIR/REPLACEMENT MAINTAINING L-FORM
/RE SUPPLY BLOCKS ON ARG SHIPPING.

ESTIMATE REAMB TIME OF TROOPS/EQUIPMENT UNDER THESE CONDITIONS APPROX
16-20 HOURS; RETURN STEAMING TIME 56 HOURS; TOTAL TIME 78 HOURS FROM
RECEIPT OF MOVEMENT ORDER.

7. STRONGLY RECOMMEND REHAB BE CONDUCTED ON OKI AS SCHEDULED REF A.

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BOAT AUGMENTATION (U)

1. (S) ARGALFA WILL BACKLOAD BLT 2/26 COMMENCING

18 RPT 18 OCT WITH LIMITED BOAT ASSETS. REQUEST COMNAV SUPPACT DANANG

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VIDE BOATS RETURNING EMPTY FROM DONG HA TT ASSIST IN BACKLOAD.

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

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INTENT TO CONDUCT OPNS IN IMZ

A. MY 061030Z OCT 68

1. INTEND TO EXTEND OPERATIONS IN IMZ BEYOND 16 OCT AS FOLLOWS:

A. CODE NAME: UNNAMED.

B. BACKGROUND: CONTINUED EXPLOITATION OF TRAIL NETWORKS AND
BUNKER COMPLEXES FROM XD 8366 TO VIC XD 7265; AND COMPLETION OF
OPERATIONS TO DENY ENEMY USE OF ROUTE 1022 SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI
AND CONTINUED EXPLOITATION OF ENEMY ARTILLERY POSITIONS AND BUNKERS
VIC XD 9869.

C. CONCEPT: 1ST BN 3RD MARINES RELIEVES 2ND BN 26TH MARINES IN
PLACE ON OR ABOUT 16 OCTOBER AND CONTINUES DESTRUCTION/INTERDICTION
OF ROUTE 1022 SOUTH OF BEN HAI RIVER. 2ND BN 3RD MARINES CONTINUES
ATTACK WESTWARD ALONG TRAIL COMPLEX TO DISCOVER/DESTROY ENEMY CACHES.

D. ASSAULT ELEMENTS: 3RD MARINES WITH 1/3 AND 2/3.

E. AREA OF OPERATIONS: IN LANCASTER AO AND SOUTHERN IMZ
BETWEEN NS GRID LINE XD 70 AND NS GRID LINE YD 04.

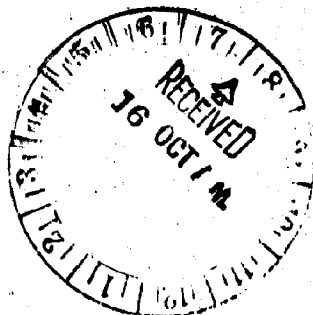
F. D-DAY, H-HOUR, L-HOUR: UNCHANGED

G. ESTIMATED DURATION: UNTIL 31 OCTOBER.

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TO RUMLRPA/CG III MAF DNG

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SUBJ: REPORT OF INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS(U)

REF: CG, 3D MAR DIV MSG, DTG 151232U OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

(S) CG XXIV CORPS CONCURS WITH INTENTY OF CG 3D MAR DIV TO KONDUCT OPERATIONS ENTERING DMZ.

A. CODE NAME: UNNAMED.

P. BACKGROUND: INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE DMZ NEAR CON THIEP POSES A TARGET WORTHY OF EXPLOITATION TO PREVENT FURTHER BUILDUP.

C. CONCEPT: 1ST PDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) ATTACKU D-DAY, H-FOUR WITH ONE TASK FORCE. IF 1-61 MECH ATTACKS TO CONDUCT RIF IN SOUTHERN DMZ TO DESTROY/CAPTURE ENEMY FORCES AND SUPPLIES. IF 1-11 INF ASSUMES TEMPORARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF A-3. IF 1-77 AR-MOP MAINTAINS READY REACTION FORCE TO ASSIST IF 1-61 TO MOVE ONLY ON ORDER AND NOT TO BE OTHERWISE COMMITTED.

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D. ASSAULT ELEMENTS: IF 1-61 MECH PLUS COMPANY 1/11 INF, COMPANY 1/77 ARMOR AND TWO SQUADA CO A, 7TH ENGR.

E. AREA OF OPERATIONS: NORTHERN BOUNDARY: BEN HAI RIVER; WESTERN: NS GL 68; SOUTHERN: DMZ SOUTHERN BOUNDARY; AND EASTERN: NS GL 16.

F. D-DAY: 12 OCT 68, H-FOUR 0400H.

G. ESTIMATED DURATION: ONE DAY.

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 TO RHMSMVA/COMUSVACV
 INFO RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS
 RUMH/P/CG THRID MARDIV
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NBC INTEREST IN ACTION OF 16SEP68 INVOLVING 2/26 (C)

A. MACV COC TELECON 141145H (PASEP)

B. CG 3D MARDIV 291439Z SEP 68

1. IN VIEW OF PRESS INTEREST EXPRESSED IN REF A THE FOLLOWING INFO HAS BEEN ASSEMBLED AND IS FORWARDED FOR WHATEVER ACTION YOU DEEM APPROPRIATE. REQ THIS HQS BE FURNISHED INFO PROVIDED TO PRESS.

2. BACKGROUND:

A. FOLLOWING A HELILIFT IN LZ MARGO (YD902611) ON W13 SEP68, 2/26 ATTACKED TO THE NORTH WITH THE MISSION TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND INSTALLATIONS IN THE AREA. OTHER 3D MARDIV FORCES WERE LOCATED ON BOTH

THE EAST AND WEST FLANKS OF 2/26. ON 14 SEP68, INE ARC LIGHT STRIKES WERE REQUESTED IN THE AREA NORTH OF 2/26 IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE DMZ.

2/26 LEADING ELEMENTS WERE APPROXIMATELY 2700 METERS FROM TWO OF THE

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 REQUESTED TARGET BOXES. AS A SAFETY MEASURE, MACV POLICZ ESTABLISHES
 3000 METERS AS THE MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM FRIENDLY UNITS TO ARC LIGHT
 BOXES. THIS FACT WAS NOTED AND 3D MARDIV STATED THAT TROOPS WOULD BE

MOVED TO MEET THE 3000 METER SAFETY LIMIT WHEN IT WAS KNOWN. LAE
 ON 16 SEP 2/26 FORWARD ELEMENTS HAD MOVED TO THE VICINITY OF YD 906624
 AND YD 6882617, SOME 2400 METERS SHORT OF THE ARC LIGHT TARGET SCHEDULED
 FOR 170715 H SEP. IF THEY HAD REMAINED AT THOSE LOCATIONS THEY WOULD
 HAVE BEEN LESS THAN THE MINIMUM SAFE DISTANCE FROM THE ARC LIGHT TARGET
 BOX.

B. CG THIRD MARDIV HAD EARLIER REQUESTED THAT THE 3000 METER SAFETY
 RULE BE WAIVED TO ALLOW THE BATTALION TO CONTINUE TO OCCUPY POSITIONS
 2400 METERS FROM THE TARGET ZONE. THE REQUEST TO WAIVE THE SAFETY RULE
 WAS NOT APPROVED BY MACV. THE COMPANY...

KNOWLEDGE MOVED OFF THEIR DEFENSIVE POSITIONS
 TO LOWER GROUND TO THE SOUTH AND EAST TO MEET THE SAFETY CRITERIA.
 ONLY AFTER THE COMPANIES WERE CLOSED IN A DEFILADED AREA BEHIND THE
 BATTALION CP, DID THE ENEMY BEGIN HIS MORTAR ATTACK. THIS WAS
 ONLY ONE OF A SERIES OF MORTAR ATTACKS STAGED BY THE ENEMY AGAINST U.S.
 FORCES IN THIS AREA.

2. THE SPECIFIC ISSUES OF REF A ARE ADDRESSED BELOW:

A. THERE WAS NO AMBUSH. THE MARINE UNITS WERE TAKEN UNDER MORTAR
 FIRE AFTER REPORT AFTER THEY COMPLETED THE NECESSARY MOVEMENT TO MEET THE
 SAFETY

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 DISTANCE CRITERIA. ; ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THAT AREA IS CHARACTERIZED BY THE
 USE OF MORTARS. IT CANNOT BE SAID THAT THE MARINES WERE ATTACKED BY
 MORTARS BECAUSE THEY MOVED.

B. THERE WAS NO PROTEST. CG THIRD MARDIV AND CG XXIV CORPS REQUESTED
 THAT THE SAFETY RULE BE WAIVED. THIS WAS NOT APPR BECAUSE THE SAFETY
 RULE WAS CONSIDERED SOUND. THE ALTERNATIVE WAS TO CANCEL THE ARC LIGHT,
 WHICH WAS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL TO PREPARE THE AREA FOR INSERTION OF
 ADDITIONAL HELIBORNE FO

C. NO INVESTIGATION HAS BEEN ORDERED NOR IS ONE CONTEMPLATED, HOWEVER
 A REVIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES WAS ORDERED BY THIS HQS ON 17SEP AND THE

RESULTS ARE AS INDICATED ABOVE.

D. THE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS OF REF A:

(1) WHO ISSUED ORDER TO FIELD COMMANDERS OVER THEIR PROTEST
 AND WHY? NO PROTEST BY A FIELD COMMANDER HAS BEEN LODGED; CONSEQUENTLY
 NO ORDER OVERRIDING A PROTEST WAS ISSUED.

(2) HAS INVESTIGATION BEEN STARTED TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY?
 SEE PARA 2B ABOVE.

(3) DOES MACV HAVE ANOTHER VERSION OTHER THAN THE 17SEP EVENING
 NEWS RELEASE: NO COMMENT.

3. IF DESIRED, BDA OF 17SEP ARC LIGHTS IS CONTAINED IN REF B.

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**Summary of DMZ Operations
17 Sept - 17 Oct**

1. **BACKGROUND.** During the first half of September 1968 the Third Marine Division conducted a series of operations into suspected enemy base areas to the west of the Rock Pile and maintained pressure against an apparent build up of enemy forces north of the Cam Le River.

As the operations to the west of the Rock Pile continued to uncover vast enemy cache complexes in the Nui Tia Pong area the scope of the operation was shifted northward to the vicinity of LZ Winchester. Simultaneously units of the Third Marines extended their operations northward with the establishment of LZ's Mack, Amy and Helen.

On 16 September 3 Arc Lights were employed to prepare the DMZ for the forthcoming operation. On 17 September, 6 more Arc Lights were employed.

2. On 17 September the Third Marine Division initiated a new phase of the operation by conducting a helicopter-borne assault into the DMZ with two battalions. These two battalions (1/4 and 1/9) moved south toward elements of two regiments (3/9, 2/26 and 2/3) moving north and north east to provide a hammer and anvil effect. Large enemy caches were discovered by the two battalions moving south. (1/4 and 1/9).

By the 23rd of September there were indications that major enemy forces were attempting to extricate themselves by moving to the east and west. In order to continue pressure against the enemy forces located south of the Ben Hai and to attempt to destroy these forces, the two helicopter-borne battalions shifted the direction of their

attacks to the east and west. This movement was coupled with an attack on 26 September from the east by 1/11, 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and 2 ARVN battalions. Elements of 1/11 moved rapidly westward from the vicinity of A-4 to a series of objectives in the DMZ. After clearing one large bunker complex, this force moved to within visual sighting distance of elements of 2/26 which had assumed the eastward movement along Rte 1022 from 1/4 on 1 October. The ARVN battalions were withdrawn on 29 September and 1/11 returned to its operating bases on 3 October after missions had been accomplished with no significant contact reported.

The USS New Jersey on 4 October fired on GS 988704 at 1440, controlled by Smitty Charlie (Div AO), expended 28 rounds of HC. BDA - 2 read outs, 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, NVA routed from area, 4 probable KIA.

2/26 continued to search Rte 1022 in DMZ and found several artillery firing positions with 152mm Arty rounds, two artillery tractors and bunker areas. Sporadic contact was encountered and continued until their extraction on the 16th. 1/3 relieved 2/26 on that date and continues to cut trees and crater Rte 1022.

To the west 1/9, was relieved by 2/3 which continues to move west along a trail complex that generally parallels the southern DMZ boundary. 3/3 mans FSB's supporting 1/3 and 2/3.

A. Caches discovered by 1/4 and 1/9 in the DMZ consisted of the following items:

1132 60mm rds
2426 82mm rds
386 RPG
26 107mm Rkt rds
168 81mm rds
75 claymores

30,675 Cal .50 rds
305,000 7.62mm rds
3077 lbs TNT
5,000 lbs of rice

Caches discovered by elements of 1/11 consisted of the following items:

131 82mm rds	68 RPG rds
500 60mm rds	500 Cal .50 rds
26 120mm rds	36 Claymores
13 107 Mkt rds	700 SA rds
12,000 12.7mm rds	

C. Caches discovered by 2/26 consisted of following items:

240 152mm rds	25 85mm rds
166 152mm fuses	5 82mm rds
4 RPG rds	4 60mm rds
181 152mm canisters	1 55 gal drum
2 Arty tractors (AT3 & AT3-59)	1 under water bridge across Ben Hai
	33 bunkers destroyed

D. Caches discovered by 1/3 consisted of the following items:

3 bags of 152mm increments	Misc Clothing
19 RPG rds	Misc Engr tools
13 82mm rds	Misc Documents
4 blocks TNT	2 AA positions
8 Cases 12.7mm ammo	140 lbs rice
5 cases ChiComgren	1 mortar position

E. Caches discovered by 2/3 consisted of the following items:

8 Tons of rice	Misc Mirrors
47 bunkers	Misc Documents
7 ChiComgren	2 Flags
	10 Medical Kits

F. Total casualties for period 17Sep-17Oct were:

FRIENDLY:	108 KIA	ENEMY:	102?
	589 WIA(E)		804 KIA
	48 WIA(M)		11 POW
			611 IWC
			16 CSWC

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TACTICAL RESUPPLY (U)

1. SERIOUS PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN ENCOUNTERED RECENTLY IN RESUPPLY-IG N SECOND BATTALION THIRD MARINES FROM VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.
2. ON 15 OCT COMPANY E REQUESTED A RESUPPLY OF MCI RATIONS AND RECEIVED INSIDE FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS OF RICE AND BATTERIES FOR AM/PRC-16 RADIOS WHICH EQUIPMENT IS NOT AUTHORIZED A MARINE INFANTRY BATTALION.
3. ON 15 OCT SECOND BATTALION THIRD MARINES RECEIVED ONLY TWELVE OF TWENTY THREE LIFTS WHICH DEPARTED LSA VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE. AMONG ITEMS NOT RECEIVED WERE ONE HUNDRED SIXTY RAINSUITS, FOURTEEN FILES, FOURTEEN MACHETES, THIRTY SIX CASES OF LONG RANGE PATROL FOOD PACKETS, EIGHT PALLETS OF MCI RATIONS, AND ONE HUNDRED PAIR OF JUNGLE UTILITY TROUSERS.
4. ON 16 OCT ONE HELICOPTER WITH PERSONNEL REPLACEMENTS WAS DIRECTED TO DELIVER PERSONNEL TO COMPANY G. PERSONNEL WERE

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 DELIVERED INSTEAD TO FIRE SUPPORT BASE CATAPULT. LATER IN AN APPARENT ATTEMPT TO RECTIFY THIS MISTAKE HELICOPTER PILOT AGAIN PICKED UP PERSONNEL AND RETURNED THEM TO VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE.
 5. CASES OF MISDIRECTED RESUPPLY MISSIONS AS OUTLINED ABOVE ARE PROVIDED FOR INFORMATION.

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CIVILIANS FROM CAM LU

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1. AT 100000H APPROX 100 CIVILIANS FROM CAM LU
APPROACHED AN AMBUSH AT 005579, A NATURAL NVN
ACCESS TRAIL. FORTUNATELY THE MARINES DID
NOT SHOOT. THREE OF THE CIVILIANS WERE
APPREHENDED FOR ITT.

2. DIVISION MUST FORCE QUANG TRI PROVINCE TO
DO SOMETHING TO CONTROL THE PEOPLE BEFORE
SOMEONE IS SHOT. VIOLATION OF CURFEW IS
NORMAL AT CAM LU. NO ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE
TO ESTABLISH NATIONAL POLICE, PF, OR RF CHECKPOINTS
OR CIVILIAN CONTROL POINTS.

3. THE PRESENT SITUATION IS DANGEROUS. PLEASE
ADVISE.

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SIGNIFICANT EVENTS FOR THE PERIOD 11 - 18 OCT

1. During the period significant ground contacts were limited to the Eastern DMZ area. On 11 Oct B/1/61 had a day long contact with an estimated enemy platoon north of A-4 which resulted in 3 KIA, 10 WIA, and 26 NVA KIA. On 16 October elements of the 2D ARVN regiment made contact with an estimated two NVA companies North of A-1. This contact lasted most of the day and resulted in 5 KIA, 22 WIA, 75 NVA KIA. One other contact was reported by 2/3 on the 13th when E Co made contact with an estimated NVA platoon in bunkers. This contact resulted in 2 KIA, 3 WIA and 6 NVA KIA and 1 POW.

2. Significant OPCON changes during the period were as follows:

a. Trp A/4/12 Cav from 1st Bde to CG 101st ABN Division for indefinite period on 13 Oct.

b. On 16 Oct 1/3 relieved 2/26 on Rte 1022, 2/26 closed Napoleon/Saline at 1855 OpCon to AmTracs.

c. On 16 Oct 1/4 commenced relieving 2/9 units on FSB's West of CaLu.

d. BLT 2/26 will chop to 79.4 at completion of embarkation estimated 181800H.

e. Movement of ^{both} ~~2nd~~ APVN Bns from Nanking commenced 0800 18 Oct. ^{scotland/} ~~estimated time of completion 1800 today.~~ ~~second Bn and arty to be moved on 19 Oct.~~

f. The 1st Plt of Co B, 1st AmTrac Bn will chop OpCon to 3d MarDiv from 1st MarDiv on the 20th.

g. Command less OpCon of 3d Bridge Co was passed to 11th Eng Bn on the 14th by 1st MarDiv.

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3. During the period there was a trend towards increased enemy mining activity. On 11 Oct a 2½ ton truck was damaged by a mine on Rte 558. On the same day 2 tanks and a 5 ton truck were damaged by mines on the road between A-3 and ~~Bel~~ ^{QL} Bel. On 17 Oct two LVT hit mines vic YD 295749 and one was completely destroyed with 1 MIA BNR. Two tanks from C/3/TK hit mines in this area also. Two tanks and 1 LVT recovered.

4. Six 105mm howitzers and 780 rds of ammo were lifted to FSB Catapult on 16 Oct. Considerable difficulty was experienced in this FSB due to terrain and weather.

5. On 16 Oct increased enemy activity was noted to the west of VCB. An attempt to land a Sparrow Hawk platoon in the vicinity of a Recon Tm contact was aborted due to enemy ground fire at 972461. Early on the morning of 17 Oct the 1/9 CP at VCB received 22 rds of 82mm mortar fire.

6. MAF in a strongly worded message to COMUSMACV (highest enemy threat area of I Corps) has requested employment of SLF Alpha in the "critical area" (Rocket Belt) after a "short rehab at sea".. Message also recommended delaying backload of SLF Bravo until 4 Nov. COMUSMACV AND COMSEVEN FLT have approved MAF's request. *← lower case*

7. The U.S.S. New Jersey came back on station to support the Division on the 16th and 17th and fired 82 sixteen inch rounds on four missions. She has departed now and isn't expected to return until after 1 Nov.

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8. ^A Corps message states present condition of CIDG Camp at Mai Loc is such that it could be converted to an RF Camp with RF units relieving CIDG units of their assigned mission. COMUSMACV approves as do Generals Troung and Lam. This would mean the ~~TOAR~~ would become an AO which would permit additional flexibility.

9. Bde plans an attack into DMZ with Bn size task force for one day period. Originally scheduled for the 18th, the attack is now delayed until the 22nd. ARVN attack NW of A-3 is planned in support of Bde opn N of A-4.

10. MAF ^{plans to} ~~will~~ employ ^{the} first two batteries of USMC 175mm guns in 1st MarDiv AO in Feb and Mar. The third battery will be employed in our AO in April. We have requested employment of the first battery in this AO due to the significant enemy artillery threat.

11. Defoliation is due to commence again in the Leatherneck Square area ^A Mission will be scheduled for October 21, 25, 26, 27 pending ARVN approval. A request for ~~#~~ defoliation of a strip one thousand meters wide ~~and~~ running parallel to the Provisional Military Demarcation Line, ~~and~~ then along the Laotian/Vietnamese Border, ~~and~~ starting basically on Route 561 and ending on Route 9 has been forwarded to XXIV Corps.

12. An additional request for re-seeding of the recently discovered Ben Hai River crossing sites with MK-36 Destructor Bombs has been forwarded to Corps.

Significant events by G-3 Operations for period 11 through 17 Oct. 1968

1. At 110845H vic 125730 B/1/61 had contact with est NVA platoon. Results 3 KIA, 10 WIA, 26 NVA/KIA, 2 APC and 3 tanks damaged.
2. At 110900H vic 102537 Army 2¹/₂ Ten Truck damaged when hit mine. Neg Cas.
3. At 111700 on road from A-3 to Rte 1 Army 5 Ten Truck hit mine. Two tanks with road sweep team also hit mines while moving to recover truck.
4. At 111100H vic 006687 D/1/3 found 100 bunkers, one mortar position, 17 graves. Believed to be battalion size base camp.
5. At 131126 vic 833674 E/2/3 made contact with estimated one platoon in bunkers. Results 2 KIA, 3 WIA, 6 NVA/KIA, 1 POW.
6. At 151330H FSB Quantico received 15 rds 60mm resulting in 9 WIA.
7. On 16 October D/1/4 replaced K/3/9 at Camp Carroll, 1/3 relieved 2/26; 2/26 (-) closed C-4 and remaining two companies closed MY LOC by 1855. 1/4 commenced relieving 2/9 units at FSB's West of OA LU. 6 105mm How's and 780 rds of Ammo were moved to FSB catapult.

2d ARVN Regiment had a day long contact with est 2 NVA Companies North of A-1. Results 5 KIA, 22 WIA and 75 NVA/KIA. Friendlies received approximately 100 rds of mixed 130, 75 and 82mm.

8. At 161350H vic 972461 Recon Team observed 3 NVA with Field Glasses, taking notes while looking toward VCB. At 1605 an attempt to land a Sparrow Hawk in vic was aborted due to ground fire and immediate contact in LZ. At 1620 Recon Team made contact with 3 NVA vic 978469. AO ran fire mission.
9. 170650 1/9 CP North end of VCB received 22 rds 82mm.

Significant events by G-1 locations for period 11 through 17 Oct. 1968

1. At 110845H via 125730 B/1/61 had contact with est NVA platoon. Results 3 KIA, 10 MIA, 26 NVA/KIA, 2 APC and 3 tanks damaged.
2. At 110900H via 102557 Army 2 1/2 Ton Truck damaged when hit mine. Neg Cas.
3. At 111700 on road from A-3 to Rto 1 Army 5 Ton Truck hit mine. Two tanks with road sweep team also hit mines while moving to recover truck.
4. At 111100H via 006607 B/1/3 found 100 bunkers, one mortar position, 17 graves. Believed to be battalion mine base camp.
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6. At 151330H FSB Quantico received 15 rds 60mm resulting in 9 KIA.
7. On 16 October B/1/4 replaced K/1/3 at Camp Camell, 1/3 relieved 2/26, 2/26 (-) closed G-4 and remaining two companies closed HK 100 by 1835. 1/4 commenced relieving 2/3 units at FSB's West of CA LN. 6 105mm How's and 700 rds of ammo were moved to FSB entrapment.

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9. 170630 1/3 CP North end of VUB received 32 rds 82mm.

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TO RUMHVP/CG 3D MAR DIV

INFO RUMLRPA/CG XXIV CORPS CAMP HOCHMUTH RVN

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C O N F I D E N T I A L AVDAGT-O PF29212

SUBJECT: COORDINATION OF FRIENDLY FIRES

1. (C) UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE REQUEST ALL FIRES PLANNED OR REQUESTED BY 3D MAR DIV ELEMENTS THAT WILL IMPACT EAST OF YD 09 NORTH-SOUTH GRID LINE AND SOUTH OF THE YD 38 EAST-WEST GRID LINE BE COORDINATED THROUGH FSOC, 1ST ACD.

2. (C) PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST IS TO INSURE COORDINATION OF FRIENDLY FIRES AND PRECLUDE POSSIBILITY OF INCIDENTS. 4TH BN, 1ST ARVN REGT, PRESENTLY LOCATED VIC YD 124321, WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS VIC GRID SQUARE YD 1131 IN AO EXTENSION GRANTED 1ST ACD BY XXIV CORPS.

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 SEQUENCE OF EVENTS THRU 10 NOV 68

22 OCT - 1ST BN RETURN TO TSL
 23 OCT - 2ND BN RELIEVED IN PLACE BY 3RD BN
 24 OCT - REHAB 1ST AND 2D BN
 01 NOV - 1ST BN ASSUME TSL, KHE GIO BRIDGE, DONG HA
 MIN OP, AND CC SECURITY.
 -CO FR 9TH MARINES MAN LZ MAC
 { - 2D BN HELILIFT TO BLOCKING PSN VIC 7666
 { - 3D BN PUSH SOUTH TOWARD SUPPLY CACHE
 VIC LANG HO (773566).
 10 NOV - ALL UNITS ASSUME FULL MONSOON POSTURE

DETAILS FOR SEQUENCE INCLUDE RETAINING FSB
 CATAPULT, FSB WINCHESTER, LZ MAC, AND DELETING FSB
 MAC AND PETE.
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CG's Guidance -

Whereas CG desires Dn's operate with 4 rifle cos;
 (i.e. FSB's to be manned by uncommitted units), he
 does not feel effort warranted. 2 Dns

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SUBJ: INTEL DATA AT ALFA1. (S) SELF ALFA 1725 M

SOME AN (REINFORCED) WILL POSSIBLY BE
AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN AN IV CORPS AREA DURING THE APPROXIMATE
PERIOD 1700-1800Z OCT 68.

2. (S) ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO JUDGE WORTHY TO SET
 UP OPERATIONAL UTILIZATION FOR SELF ALFA. CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE
 GIVEN TO ITS CAPABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AS
 WELL AS NORMAL GROUND OPERATIONS. REQUEST RESPONSE ASAP.

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VISIT OF CG, FMF PAC

1. LITGEN BUSE, CG FMFPAC, WILL VISIT THIRD MARDIV ON 22 OCT 68. THE ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

0900- 2ND DIV CP - DONG HA
 0900-0945 BRIEFING BY CG AND GEN STAFF - DH CONF ROOM
 0945-1045 ENR AND VISIT TF HOTEL AND 9TH MAR - VCB
 1045-1115 ENR AND VISIT 4TH MAR - FSB CATES
 1115-1145 ENR AND VISIT 3D MAR - CAMP CARROLL
 1145-1200 ENR DIV CP - DONG HA
 1200-1300 LUNCH CG MESS
 1300 DEPART



2. VISITS AT VCB, FSB CATES AND CAMP CARROLL WILL INCLUDE BRIEF PRESENT-
 OF AWARDS CEREMONIES. NOT MORE THAN THREE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT
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— *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1967, 201: 1031-1032.

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ATTENTION: 1ST B. LAMUING LG BAC, AND RELIEVE 2ND B. WITH 3D BAC

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(1) 1ST BN:

- (A) CP AT TSL
- (B) 1 CO AT TSL
- (C) 1 CO (C) AT FSB MAC
- (D) 1 CO AT FSB WINCHESTER
- (E) 1 CO AT FSB PATE

(2) 2ND BN:

- (A) CP AT CC
 - (B) 1 CO AT CC
 - (C) 1 CO AT KHE GIO BRIDGE AND DONG HA MIN OP
 - (D) 2 CO OPERATE ON DONG HA MIN COMPLEX DURING REHAB
- WARM UP AND DRYING TENTS PLACED ON EACH FSB.
EXTRACT FSB PATE AND FSB MAC

AIRCRAFT AND MI MOVEMENT SCHEDULE:

20 OCT:

WARM UP TENTS TO FSB CHAMPULT, WINCHESTER, AND LZ MAC

21 OCT:

1ST BN COMEX TO FSB WINCHESTER
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1ST BN MOVEMENTS

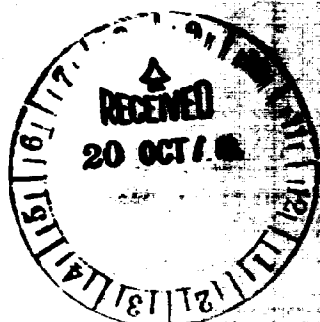
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CO FR MARINES TO LZ MAC
CO FR TO FSB WINCHESTER
1 CO FR FSB WINCHESTER TO CC

2ND BN MOVEMENT:

CO FR TO FSB CHAMPULT
1 CO FR FSB CHAMPULT TO CC
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CCN PLAT FOR OPNS WITH 3D BN

3D BN WILL SEARCH AND DESTROY SOUTH FROM VIC
166 ALONG INFILTRATION TRAIL TO OBJ 1, VIC
LINE HO (7756). NUMEROUS HIGH PEAKS DOMINATE THE
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TO INSURE ADEQUATE FLANK RECONNAISSANCE WITHOUT DEPLETING
BATTALION STRENGTH BY TWO FLANK COMPANIES, A RECON
PLATOON IS REQUESTED TO COORDINATE FLANK RECONNAISSANCE.
INDEPENDENT TEAM INSERTIONS WOULD NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE
COORDINATION FOR SO DIFFICULT A TASK. LIAISON AND CONTROL
BY A RECON PLAT CMDR WITHIN THE BN CP WOULD
ALLEVIATE MANY PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED IN THIS HAZARDOUS MOVEMENT.
ALL TEAMS WOULD BE COORDINATED IN A SINGLE EFFORT
REGULAR TO THE ASSIGNED OPERATION.

THE PLAT IS REQ TO RPT TO CC ON 21 OCT FOR BRIEFING
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EMPLOYMENT OF SLF ALPHA

- A. CG XXIV CORPS 181520Z OCT 68
B. CG THIRD MARDIV 220222Z SEPT 68

1. REF A REQUESTS NOMINATION OF WORTHY TARGETS OR OPERATIONS FOR UTILIZATION OF SLF A WHICH WILL POSSIBLY BE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT IN XXIV CORPS AREA DURING APPROXIMATE PERIOD 24 OCT - NOVEMBER 1968.

2. REF B CONTAINS NOMINATIONS FOR TWO APPROPRIATE SLF TARGETS/ OPERATIONS IN THIRD MARDIV AO. THESE TWO NOMINATIONS REMAIN VALID AS MODIFIED BELOW:

A. PLANTATION AREA:

(1) ALTHOUGH PLANS FOR CONDUCTING A THOR TYPE OPERATION ARE NOW INDEFINITE, THE 1ST BDE, 5TH INF DIV (MACH) IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT A ONE DAY OFFENSIVE OPERATION INTO THE EASTERN DMZ SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI ON 22 OCTOBER.

(2) THERE IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE 2ND ARVN REGT. WILL CONDUCT A SIMULTANEOUS ATTACK INTO THE SOUTHERN DMZ, IN THEIR ZONE.

(3) THE EMPLOYMENT OF SLF A TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS RAID IN COORDINATION WITH THE OPERATIONS ENUMERATED ABOVE CONTAINS THE POTENTIAL FOR OPTIMUM SHOCK ACTION AND SURPRISE IN AN AREA OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY

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IF SIF A IS AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYMENT COA
 PRESENTLY PLANNED 1ST BDE OPERATION WILL BE POSTPONED TO MEET
 SCHEDULE FOR COORDINATED ATTACK.

B. CUA VIET - JONES CREEK AREA ^{3D MARINE DIVISION}

(1) THE REQUIREMENT FOR LIMITED OBJECTIVE AND RIF OPERATIONS
 ALONG THE CUA VIET AND JONES CREEK AREA OF THE NAPOLSON/SALINE AO
 REMAINS VALID.

(2) RECENT INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THESE AREAS
 SUBSTANTIATES THE CONTINUING NEED FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IDEALLY
 SUITED FOR AN AMPHIBIOUS FORCE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA
 AND NEUTRALIZE ENEMY INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES ALONG THE CUA VIET
 RIVER.

3. AN ADDITIONAL NOMINATION FOR SIF A EMPLOYMENT IS ITS
 USE IN COORDINATION/COOPERATION WITH QUANG TRI PROVINCE AGENCIES
 TO CORDON SELECTED COASTAL VILLAGES IN SUPPORT OF COMBINED OPERA-
 TIONS TO DESTROY VC INFRASTRUCTURE.

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SUBJ: RICE DENIAL OPERATION (U)

1. (C) THIS HQ IS COMPILING INFORMATION ON THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL RICE DENIAL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN THE CORPS AO. THE INFORMATION WILL BE USED IN THE PLANNING OF FUTURE OPERATIONS.
2. (U) STATISTICS TO INCLUDE LOCATIONS OF CACHES AND QUANTITIES FOUND ARE AVAILABLE AT THIS HQ.
3. (C) REQUEST THAT YOU PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING:
 - A. CACHE MARKINGS USED.
 - B. PATTERNS, I. E. IF ONE CACHE IS LOCATED IS THIS A CLUE TO LOCATION OF OTHER NEARBY CACHES?
 - C. SPECIAL TECHNIQUES USED TO LOCATE GENERAL AREAS OF CACHES, I. E. HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHERE TO SEARCH?
 - D. CONCEALMENT METHODS USED.
 - E. SEARCH TECHNIQUES USED BY TROOPS.

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F. ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US

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SIMILAR RICE DENIAL OPERATIONS.

4. (U) INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 24 OCT 68.

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INTENT TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN DMZ

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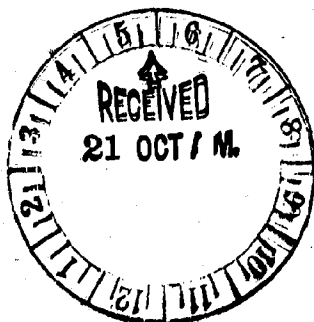
1. REF A MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

C. CONCEPT: 1ST BDE ATKS INTO DMZ, H-HOUR D-DAY IN CONJUNCTION WITH 2D ARVN REGT OFFENSIVE OPERATION EAST OF HWY #1. TF-61 ATKS IN SECTOR UP TO BEN HAI RIVER. TF-11 ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEFENSE OF A-3 ON D-1. TF-77 EXECUTES BUNKER DESTRUCTION MISSION FROM A-2 ON D-MINUS 2 WITH ONE TANK SECTION. 1ST ANTRAC BN SECURES HO LOI TRUNG (YD 2876 ON D-1)

F. D-DAY 23 OCT, H-HOUR 0600H.

G. ESTIMATED DURATION: TWO DAYS.

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OPNS

1. FINAL PLAN HAS 1ST BN RELIEVING CATAPULT, WINCHESTER, MAC, DONG HA MIN OP, KHE GIO BRIDGE AND TSL TOMORROW. A/1/S NOW AT TSL. NEED ADDITIONAL CO 9TH MAR HELILIFT TO PETETOMORROW AND L/3/3 FROM PETE TO CC.

2. 2D BN FAISY CHAIN WITH 3D BN ON 23 OCT TO CC. THEN ONE CO AT CAM LO, ONE AT MAI LOC, ONE AT CC, AND ONE IN FIELD REACTION PSR NEAR CAM LO.

3. 3D BN INTO LZ FRONTIER ON 23 OCT AND S AND D SOUTH ALONG AXIS RED. PRIOR TO LINK-UP WITH 4TH MAR. CHOP 3D BN TO 4TH MAR.

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1. CONCEPTS FROM THE FIELD HAVE BEEN EVALUATED FOR CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS DURING HEAVY MONSOON RAINS. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF OPERATIONS.
2. GENERAL. THE TWO MAIN PROBLEMS POSED BY THE HEAVY MONSOON RAINS ARE EXPOSURE OF THE TROOPS AND LIMITED HELICOPTER RESUPPLY. TO OVERCOME THE FIRST, PLAN ROTATION OF BATTALIONS TO FSB AND OTHER FIXED POSITIONS TO DRY OUT. IN ADDITION, ALL COMMANDERS ARE ENJOINED TO ENSURE TROOPS IN THE FIELD REMOVE BOOTS AND SOCKS FOR AT LEAST 15 MINUTES DAILY, THAT SPARE SOCKS ARE CARRIED, AND WHEN POSSIBLE DRY SOCKS ARE RESUPPLIED TO TROOPS IN THE FIELD. USE OF SILICONE OINTMENT ON THE FEET TO PREVENT IMMERSION FOOT IS MANDATORY. POSITIONING OF HELICOPTERS NEAR LSA'S AND THE INSTITUTION OF WEATHER RECON FLIGHTS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MOMENTARY CLEARING OF WEATHER IN LOCAL AREAS HAS BEEN REQUESTED.
3. OPERATIONS AND BATTALION ROTATION.

A. FOR TF HOTEL: CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS NORTH OF KHE SANH WITH ONE FOUR COMPANY BATTALION USING OTHER BATTALIONS TO SECURE FSB'S AND FIXED BASES. ROTATE OPERATING BATTALIONS AT INTERVALS OF ABOUT TEN DAYS. CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN BA LONG--DA KRONG AREA WITH ONE BATTALION OF FOUR COMPANIES. ~~CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ONE COMPANY FOUR COMPANY BATTALIONS~~ ^{LT}

~~SPECIAL FORCES GROUP. COMPANY IS TO REPORT TO COMBAT AREA TO, THE GROUP~~

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REMAINDER OF FORCES HOLD PSB'S, MAINTAIN FIXED POSITIONS AND CONDUCT OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS VIC COMBAT BASE.

B. FOR THIRD MARINES: CONTINUE OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS WITH ONE BATTALION OF FOUR COMPANIES WEST ALONG TRAIL COMPLEX NOW BEING SEARCHED BY 2/3. COMPLETE LZ DEVELOPMENT, DESTRUCTION OF ROUTE 1022 SOUTH OF BEN HAI AND EVAC OF CAPTURED ARTY AMMO. MAINTAIN PSB'S AND DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. PROVIDE ONE COMPANY TO MAI LOU SPECIAL FORCES CO AND ONE COMPANY TO CAM LO DIST HQ TO WORK WITH POPULAR FORCE UNITS TO ASSIST GOVT PACIFICATION PROGRAM.

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3D MAR DIV SEC 111
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22 October 1968

MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Visit of LTG Walt, Assistant Commandant, USMC (U)

1. (C) LTG L.W. Walt, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps will visit South Vietnam from 31 October to 4 November 1968. LTG Walt and party will visit HQ XXIV Corps and units in the Corps AO on 31 Oct and 1 Nov 68. The purpose of the trip is to visit Marine Corps units and activities and other US and ARVN units/commanders as appropriate.

2. (C) LTG Walt will be accompanied by LTG Nickerson, Dep C/S (Manpower); Colonel T.M. Fields, Dir of Info; Colonel R.C. Gray, Dir of Aviation; Colonel W.F. Simlik, Pers Dept; Colonel C. Ashton, Pers Dept; Colonel E.A. Baily, G1; Colonel McLenan, G3; Major C.D. Dean, Aide to LTG Nickerson and Major C.E. Muddy, Aide to LTG Walt.

3. (C) The itinerary for General Walt in the Corps AO is as follows:

THURSDAY, 31 OCTOBER 1968

0900-	Arrive MAG 36	UH1 (III MAF)
0900-1015	Briefing and visit MAG 36	COL Matheson
1015-1030	Enroute to XXIV Corps	Sedan
1030-1045	Call on CG	CG
1045-1050	Meet Corps Staff	
1050-1200	Briefing and discussion	CG
1200-1250	Luncheon	CG's Mess
1250-1300	Enroute 3d CAG	Sedan
1300-1445	Briefing and visit 3d CAG (including visit to CAPs)	
1445-1500	Enroute Hue - 1st ARVN Div	LTC Whitesell
1500-1545	Briefing 1st ARVN Div	UH1 (III MAF)
1545-1555	Enroute to Camp Eagle	MG Truong
1555-1750	Briefing and visit 101st ABN Div	UH1 (III MAF)
1750-1820	Enroute Dong Ha	MG Zais
1820-1900	Call on CG 3D MAR DIV	UH1 (III MAF)
1900-2000	Dinner	MG Davis
	RON	CG's Mess

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FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 1968


0730-0800	Daily Staff Briefing	MG Davis
0800-0845	Enroute and visit TF HOTEL & 9th MAR (Vandegrift CB)	MG Davis
0845-0915	Enroute and visit 4TH MAR (LZ CATES)	MG Davis
0915-1000	Enroute and visit 3D MAR (Camp Carroll)	MG Davis
1000-1030	Enroute and visit 1/61 Inf (C4)	COL Gibson
1030-1100	Enroute and visit 2d ARVN Regt (Dong Ha)	COL Gial
1100-1115	Enroute and visit 3d MAR DIV CP at Dong Ha	MG Davis
1115-1145	Visit Children's Hospital	MG DAVIS
1145-1245	Lunch	MG Davis
1245-1330	Enroute and visit TF CLEARWATER/1st Am Track Bn	CPT Shaw
1330-1415	Enroute and visit 4th CAG (to include CAPs)	LTC Greenwood
1415-1500	Enroute and visit MAG 39	COL Sienko
1500-1645	Enroute and visit 1st Cav Div	MG Fersythe
1645-1730	Enroute HQ III MAF	UH1 (III MAF)

4. (U) General and Special Staff Chiefs will be seated by 1040 hours,
31 October 1968.

5. (U) Secretary General Staff is designated as office of primary interest and will coordinate the necessary arrangements. LTC Williams, SGS (PHB 2797) is designated project officer.

6. DOWNGRADED UNCLASSIFIED ON 5 NOVEMBER 1968

FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF:


ROY K. WILLIAMS
Lieutenant Colonel, GS
Secretary General Staff

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SUBJ: SLF EMPLOYMENT

REF: III MAF MSG DTG 170324Z SEP 68 (S)

1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO THE REFERENCE, THE FOLLOWING NOMINATIONS FOR
ARG/SLF TARGETS ARE SUBMITTED IN ORDER OF PRIORITY:

A. 1ST PRIORITY - 101ST APN KH: SLF CAN BE PROFITABLY EMPLOYED
IN PHU LOC DISTRICT IN CONJUNCTION WITH DIVISION PLANS TO ELIMINATE VC
INFRASTRUCTURE AND BASE CAMPS IN THAT AREA.

B. 2ND PRIORITY - 3D MAR DIV: PUA VIET AND JONES CREEK (YD284677
TO YD244753) AREA. INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THESE AREAS SUBSTANTI-
ATES THE CONTINUING NEED FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IDEALLY SUITED FOR
AN AMPHIBIOUS FORCE TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES IN THE AREA AND NEUTRALIZE
ENEMY INTERDICTION CAPABILITIES ALONG THE CUA VIET RIVER.

C. 3D PRIORITY - 3D MAR DIV: EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF IN COORD-
INATION/COOPERATION WITH QUANG TRI PROVINCE AGENCIES TO CORDON

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SELECTED COASTAL VILLAGES IN SUPPORT OF COMBINED OPERATIONS TO DESTROY
VC INFRASTRUCTURE.

D. 4TH PRIORITY - 3D MAR DIV: PLANTATION AREA SOUTH OF THE BEN
HAI RIVER AND NORTH OF THE DMZ SOUTHERN BOUNDARY FROM THE 24 N-S CL TO
THE COAST. EMPLOYMENT OF SLF TO CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS RAID IN COORDINATION
WITH AN ATTACK INTO THE DMZ BY 1ST PDE 5TH MECH AND 2D ARVN REGT. THE
EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF WILL PROVIDE FOR OPTIMUM SHOCK ACTION AND
SURPRISE IN AN AREA OF INCREASED ENEMY ACTIVITY CONTINGENT UPON THE
OUTCOME OF 23 OCT DMZ OPERATION.

2. (C) DETAILED PLANNING WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED IN COORDINATION WITH
ARG/SLF PL

UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT THIS HQS. TARGETS ARE
CONSIDERED SUITABLE FOR EITHER SLF ALFA OR SLF BRAVO.

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SUMMARY OF DMZ OPERATIONS
17 Sep - 23 Oct

1. BACKGROUND. During the first half of September 1968 the Third Marine Division conducted a series of operations into suspected enemy base areas to the west of the Rock Pile and maintained pressure against an apparent build up of enemy forces north of the Cam Lo River.

As the operations to the west of the Rock Pile continued to uncover vast enemy cache complexes in the Nui Tia Pong area the scope of the operation was shifted northward to the vicinity of LZ Winchester. Simultaneously units of the Third Marines extended their operations northward with the establishment of LZ's Mack, Amy and Helen.

On 16 September 3 Arc Lights were employed to prepare the DMZ for the forthcoming operation. On 17 September, 6 more Arc Lights were employed.

2. On 17 September the Third Marine Division initiated a new phase of the operation by conducting a helicopter-borne assault into the DMZ with two battalions. These two battalions (1/4 and 1/9) moved south toward 2/26 and 2/3 moving north and northeast to provide a hammer and anvil effect. Large enemy caches were discovered by the two battalions moving south. (1/4 and 1/9).

By the 23rd of September there were indications that major enemy forces were attempting to extricate themselves by moving to the east and west. In order to continue pressure against the enemy forces located south of the Ben Hai and to attempt to destroy these forces, the two helicopter-borne battalions shifted the direction of their attacks to

the east and west. This movement was coupled with an attack on 26 September from the east by 1/11, 1st Bde, 5th Inf Div (Mech) and 2 ARVN battalions. Elements of 1/11 moved rapidly westward from the vicinity of A-4 to a series of objectives in the DMZ. After clearing one large bunker complex, this force moved to within visual sighting distance of elements of 2/26 which had assumed the eastward movement along Rte 1022 from 1/4 on 1 October. The ARVN battalions were withdrawn on 29 September and 1/11 returned to its operating bases on 3 October after missions had been accomplished with no significant contact reported.

The USS New Jersey on 4 October fired on GS 988704^{XO} at 1440, controlled by Smitty Charlie (Div AO), expended^{in y} 28 rounds of HC. GDA - 2 road cuts, 2 bunkers destroyed, 2 bunkers damaged, NVA routed from area, 4 probable KIA.

2/26 continued to search Rte 1022 in DMZ and found several artillery firing positions with 152mm Arty rounds, ^{one} two artillery tractors and bunker areas. Sporadic contact was encountered and continued until their extraction on the 16th. 1/3 relieved 2/26 on that date and continued to cut trees and crater Rte 1022 until their extraction from the DMZ on 22 October.

To the west, 1/9 was relieved by 2/3 which continued to move west along a trail complex that generally paralleled the southern DMZ boundary, until they were returned to Camp Carroll on 23 October. 3/3 manned FSB's supporting 1/3 and 2/3 until their extraction from the DMZ on 22 and 23 October.

A. Caches discovered by 1/4 and 1/9 in the DMZ consisted of the following items:

1132 60mm rds	30,675 Cal .50 rds
2426 82mm rds	305,000 7.62mm rds
386 RPG	3077 lbs TNT
26 107mm Rkt rds	5,000 Lbs of rice
168 81mm rds	
75 Claymores	

B. Caches discovered by elements of 1/11 consisted of the following items:

131 82mm rds	68 RPG
500 60mm rds	500 Cal .50 rds
26 120mm rds	36 Claymores
13 107 Rkt rds	700 SA rds
12,000 12.7mm rds	

C. Caches discovered by 2/26 consisted of the following items:

240 152mm rds	25 85mm rds
166 152mm fuzes	5 82mm rds
4 RPG	4 60mm rds
181 152mm canisters	1 55 gal drum
1 Arty tractor (ATS & ATS-59)	1 under water bridge ✓
	across Ben Hai
	33 bunkers destroyed ✓

D. Caches discovered by 1/3 consisted of the following items:

3 Bags of 152mm increments	Misc Clothing
19 RPG	Misc Engr tools
55 85mm rds	Misc Documents
13 82mm rds	2 AA positions ✓
4 Blocks TNT	140 Lbs rice
8 Cases 12.7mm ammo	1 Mortar position ✓
5 Cases ChiComGren	1 85mm Gun position ✓

E. Caches discovered by 2/3 consisted of the following items:

8 Tons of rice ✓	Misc diaries
47 Bunkers ✓	Misc documents
7 ChiComGren	2 Flags
5 Blocks TNT	10 Medical Kits

F. Total casualties for operations in the DMZ for the period 17 Sep-23 Oct were:

FRIENDLY: 19 KIA
151 WIA(E)
7 WIA(M)

ENEMY: 347 KIA
6 POW
474 IWC
2 CSWC

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F. Total casualties for period 17Sep-²³Oct were:

FRIENDLY: 109 KIA
593 WIA (E)
48 WIA (M)

ENEMY: 102 KIA
6 11 POW
424 611 IWC
2 16 CSWC

17 September 1/4 and 1/9 assaulted into
the DMZ NORTH OF FSB MACK

26 September 1/11 attacked into the DMZ
— 3 Oct east of A-4

24 Sept 1/9 relieved in DMZ by
2/3

1 Oct 1/4 relieved in DMZ by
2/26

23 Oct 2/3 ~~2/3~~ extracted from DMZ

16 Oct 2/26 relieved by 1/3 in the DMZ

22 Oct 1/3 extracted from DMZ

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7th DMZ ops.

1/5th

26 Sept

3 Oct

KIA	WIA (c)	WIA (m)	NVA (c)	IWC	CSWC	POW
1	16	1	2			
1	16	1	3			

TOTALS FOR DMZ

KIA	WIA (c)	WIA (m)	NVA (c)	IWC	CSWC	POW
9	46	1	302	3	0	2
2	2	2	7	4	0	2
1	3	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	461	1	2
6	84	3	35	6	1	0
1	16	1	3	0	0	0
14	151	7	347	474	2	6

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From 0930 17 Sept

1/9

17 Sept - 24 Sept LANC
24 Sept - 8 Oct SCOT
0930

(Killed 2.0)
2/3

KIA	WIA (e)	WIA (m)	NVA (c)	IWC	CSMC	POW
2	5	1	25	1		1
1	11		4	1		1
1	4		1	1		
1	4		1			
1	2		2			
	2		25			
2	10		10			
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200m 0930 17 Sept 1100H 1 Oct

LANC

1/4

(Relieved by 2/26)

KIA	WIA (e)	WIA (m)	NUA (e)	IWC	CSWC	POW
				1	1	1
				452		1500H 1 Oct
				1		
				7		
				461	1	2

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2/26 (Relieved by 1/3)

1st	WIA (e)	WIA (m)	NUA (e)	IWC	CSWC	POW
2	11	3	3	2	1	
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1	2		3			
	11		2			
	2		3			
	2		17			
	31		1			
	17					
	1					
	1					
6	84	3	35	6	1	

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2/3 (estimated 23 Oct)

KIA	WIA (e)	WIA (m)	NVA (c)	IWC	CSWC	POW
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	1		6			
2	2	2	7	4		2

1/3 (estimated 22 Oct)

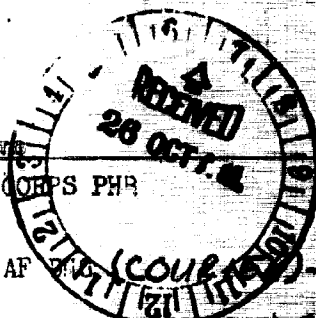
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KIA	WIA (e)	WIA (m)	NVA (c)	IWC	CSWC	POW
1	3					

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FROM: CG XXIV CORPS PHR

TO: CG III MAF (COURIER)

INFO: CG 3D MAR DIV DGT (COURIER)
COMUSMACV SGN (COURIER)

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Subj: Report of Intent to Conduct Operations (U)

Ref: 3d Mar Div msg DTG 221020Z Oct 68 (S)

1. (S) CG, XXIV Corps concurs in intent of CG, 3d Mar Div to conduct operations entering the DMZ as follows:

- a. Operation Code Name: Unnamed
- b. Background: Enemy activity in southern half of DMZ, bunker complexes and possible storage areas makes the area a suitable target for exploitation.
- c. Concept: 1st Bde 5th Inf Div (MECH) atks on D-Day, H-Hour with one task force. TF 1/11 Inf conducts heliborne assault into LZ Hedgehog via YD0568 and conducts RIF in southern DMZ to destroy/capture enemy forces and supplies. TF 1-61 is prepared to relieve TF 1-11 in place and continue RIF ops in southern DMZ.
- d. Assault elements: TF 1/11 Inf plus Plt 1/77 Arm and Plt A/7

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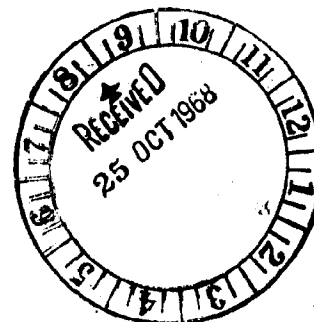
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<p>e. D-Day: 28 Oct 68, H-Hour: TBA</p> <p>f. Estimated Duration: 4 days</p> <p>g. Area of Operations: North Boundary, Ben Hai River; Eastern NS 13 GL; Western, NS 05 GL; Southern, DMZ southern boundary.</p> <p>2. (U) Overlay with detailed concept of operations to be passed separately.</p> <p>GP-4</p>					
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VISIT OF MR. P. C. COILE TO THIRD MARDIV

1. MR. R. C. COILE FROM MARINE CORPS OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS GROUP/CENTER FOR NAVAL ANALYSES (MCOAG/CNA). WILL VISIT THIRD MARDIV FOR PD OF THREE WEEKS COMMENCING 26 OCTOBER.
2. MR. COILE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THE TASK OF ANALYZING TACTICAL CONCEPTS EMPLOYED BY THIRD MARDIV.
3. MR. COILE IS U. S. CITIZEN, GS EQUIVALENT - GS 15, WITH TOP SECRET CLEARANCE.

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 TO: CG XLIV CORPS PHB

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1. THE FOLLOWING PERMANENT BDMY CHANGE IS REQUESTED, TO BE
 EFFECTIVE 271200H OCT 68:

FROM PREB BDMY AT YD 190790 NW ALONG CAN LO RIVER TO YD
 172607 NW TO YD 150630, NORTH ALONG 15 NS GL TO BEN HAI RIVER.
 AREA E OF ABOVE LINE TO 2D ARVN REGIMENT WITH EXCEPTION OF
 CIRCULAR 1ST BDE AO AROUND A-3 WITH A 1000 METER RADIUS.

2. CG 2D ARVN REGT CONCURS.
 3. OVERLAY PASSEP.

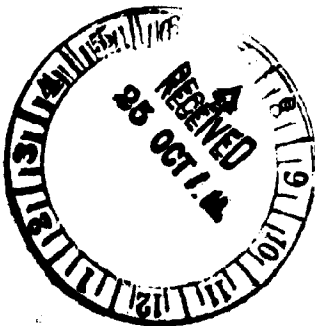
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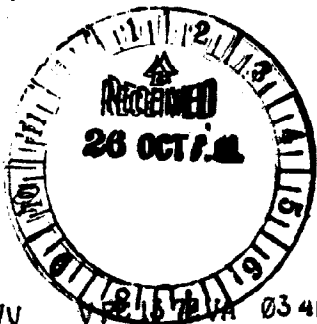
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 TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER
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 ZEN/ASB-9NE
 RUMHVP/10 FIRST AMTRAC
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- SPOTREP 10-25/1/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/1(U)
 1. (C) 1 PBR/EOD TEAM 40/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/PAT OFF LTJG BOURQUIG ON/
 PBR 129 GIG 1 DENTON, EOD LTJG WRYER
 2. (C) PBR ON ROUTINE DAY PATROL CJALET RIVERS SIGHTED SUSPICIOUS
 OBJECT AT WATER'S EDGE ON NORTH RIVER BANK. PAT OFF CALLED NAVY EOD TO K
 INVESTIGATE. OBJECT W CHICOM ANTI-TANK MINE, 10 IN DIAMETERS BY
 2 IN DIA. DARK BLUE IN COLOR WITH GRAY SIDES. MINE CONTAINED APPROX
 10 LBS EXPLOSIVE AND REQUIRED ABOUT 300 LBS PRESSURE TO DETONATE
 NO MARKINGS. AFTER INTELL PICTURE AND DISASSEMBLY MINE WAS
 DESTROYED. MINE WAS NEAR-NEW, AND HAD BEEN IN PLACE LESS THAN 1 WEEK.
 3. (C) 901431H.
 4. (C) YD 267629.
 5. (C) PAT OFF FEELS CERTAIN THAT MINE WAS PLANTED BETWEEN 21300H
 AND 21430H BY VN PERS IN AREA. RIVER LEVEL WAS RISING DUE LOCAL HEAVY
 RAINS IN ADJOINING MTS TO WEST. TOP OF MINE WAS NOT WET.
 6. (C) CLOSED

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0 260210Z OCT 68
FM CDR DONG HA RIV SECGRU
TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER
INFO RUMUGKE/COMR IV PAT FLOT FIVE
RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV
RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
ZEN/CG XXIV CORPS

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RUMLDNI/SA SECOND ARVN REGIMENT
RUMHLA/CO FIRST MARINES
RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

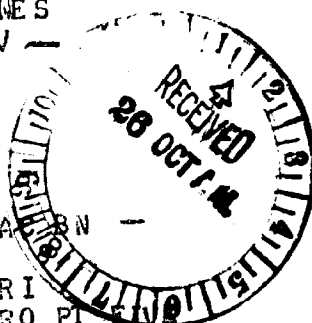
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RUADLT/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT
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RUMUGA/COMNAV SUPPACT DANANG

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SPOTREP 10-26/1/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/1 (U)

CDR DONG HA RIV SECGRU 251120Z OCT 68 (SPOTREP 10-25/1/1)

1. (C) 1 LCM56 SWEEP BOAT/CDR DONG HA RIV SEC GRU/PAT OFF QMC
WATERS/LCM56-19 SN BAHNER.

2. (C) 1 LCM56 ON ROUTINE SWEEP PATROL WITH MK1B/AH2G INFLUENCE SWEEP
GEAR FELT SLIGHT TUG FROM STERN FOLLOWED BY SMALL EXPLOSION

IMMEDIATELY FOL

WED BY LARGE EXPLOSION. SWEEP GEAR WAS Q
DESTROYED. WATER SPOUT WAS APPROX 150FT; RAIL FROM MK1B
SWEEP GEAR WAS BLOWN APPROX 75 FT IN AIR. NEG PERS
CASUALTIES. LCM56-19 BEACHED WITH FOULED SCREWS.

3. (C) 260807H

4. (C) YD267635

5. (C) SECOND MINE ATTEMPT THIS AREA IN 18 HRS REF A. REFERS.

6. (C) CLOSED

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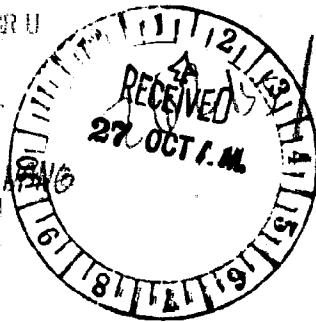
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 TO ZEN/CTF CLEARWATER
 RINLBO/O PPIV COMPS
 INFO RUMHAF/CG III MAF
 FUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV
 RUMIFGA/COMNAVSPRACZ DABNG
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CVA VIET OPSUM 26 OCT 68 (U)

A. CTF CLEARWATER 141456Z MAR 68 (CTF CLEARWATER OPORD 2-68)

1. (C) FOLLOWING CRAFT OFF-LOADING DONG HA AFTER 1800H:

- A. YFU 24
- B. YFU 5
- C. YFU 56

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D. YFU 75

E. YFU 77

F. YFU 7

B. YFU 78

HS YFU 73

2. (C) TOTAL CARGO THROUGH

I DONG HA 291.8 S/T AMMO; 836.4 S/T GEN;

455 M GAL POL.

3. (U) OPS CONT IAW ANNEP C REF A.

4. (C) ALL CRAFT TRANSITED WITHOUT INCIDENT. EXCEPT AS NOTED PARA 6.

5. (C) SWEEP BOAT STATUS: 3 UP/1B

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YU KC AMMI BARGE AND LCU 1475 GROUNDED YD320684 251920H-252030M.

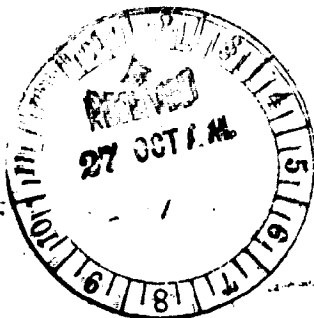
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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV DGH
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS PFB
 INFO: CG III MAF DNG

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INTENT TO CONDUCT OPNS IN DMZ (S)

A. CG THIRD MARDIV MSG 221020Z00CT68

1. MODIFY PARA 1F, REFERENCE A TO READ B-DAY 300CT68.

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FROM: CG THIRD MARDIV DCH
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS PHB
 INFO: CG III MAF DES

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REQUEST FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION

- A. CG THIRD MARDIV 191410Z OCT68
 B. CG XXIV CORPS 220905Z OCT68



1. REF A REAFFIRMS THE NOMINATION OF THE PLANTATION AREA (VIC YD 2679) AS A WORTHY TARGET FOR DEPLOYMENT OF THE SLF. REF B ASSIGNS THIS TARGET A PRIORITY OF FOURTH IN A SERIES OF FOUR RECOMMENDED TARGETS.

2. RECENT OPERATIONS BY 3D MARINE DIVISION AND 1ST ARVN DIVISION UNITS WITH 3D MARDIV TANKS IN SUPPORT HAVE GAINED CONTACT THREE TIMES IN THE PAST WEEK WITH NVA FORCES IN THE SOUTHERN DMZ EAST OF YD 12 NS GRID LINE. DEBRIEFING OF USMC TANK CO CMDR WHO SUPPORTED 2D ARVN OPNS INTO THE "PLANTATION" AREA ON 24 OCTOBER REVEALS THAT IN ADDITION TO THE 112 NVA CONFIRMED KILLED AT LEAST A SIMILAR NUMBER ESCAPED DESPITE THE COMBINED EFFORTS OF MARINE TANKS, ARVN INFANTRY, AIR, ARTILLERY AND NAVAL GUNFIRE. AERIAL OBSERVERS TODAY REPORT CONTINUED NVA ACTIVITY IN THE SAME AREA. INCLUDED IN THE TARGET AREA ARE SEVERAL EXTENSIVE JUNKER COMPLEXES. FROM VIC YD 260800 TO YD 269785 IS A SERIES OF LOW SMALL BUNKERS AND MUCH RECENT TRAIL ACTIVITY. FROM YD 254778 TO YD 250786 IS A SERIES OF FIGHTING BUNKERS NOT THOROUGHLY SEARCHED DURING

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OPERATIONS ON THE 24TH. INITIAL CONTACTS BY MARINE BUNKERS WERE MADE IN A BUNKER COMPLEX CENTERED ON YD 272772. THIS BUNKER COMPLEX WAS NOT THOROUGHLY SEARCHED DUE TO BETTER TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY WHICH PRESENTED THEMSELVES FURTHER TO THE NORTH. THIS SAME AREA HAS TWICE BEFORE IN THE LAST SEVERAL MONTHS BEEN THE SCENE OF SUCCESSFUL MECHANIZED ATTACKS BY COMBINED 2D ARVN REGT. 3D TANK BN FORCES KILLING A TOTAL OF OVER 300 NVA KIA. USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES INDICATE THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF THE NVA 270TH REGT SOUTH OF THE BEN HAI IN THE COASTAL REGION IS IMMINENT OR IN PROGRESS. THIS UNIT HAS NOT BEEN IN CONTACT SINCE 26 AUG AND SHOULD BE FRESH AND REINFORCED, READY TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE RECENTLY HEAVILY MAULED 138TH REGIMENT.

3. IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THE PRIORITY GIVEN THIS TARGET AREA IN REF B BE CHANGED TO THE MOST IMMEDIATE AND THAT SELF B BE COMMITTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ATTACK THIS LUCRATIVE TARGET IN A CLASSIC AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT WHILE THE NAVAL GUNFIRE ASSETS FOR HEAVY SUPPORT ARE AVAILABLE TO SUPPRESS ENEMY ARTILLERY AND COASTAL BATTERIES.

4. THIS DIVISION WILL CONTRIBUTE TWO TANK COMPANIES AND FIRE SUPPORT ASSETS TO THE OPERATION. THE FIRST BDE 5TH INF DIV (MECH) IS AVAILABLE TO CONDUCT AN ~~AMPHIBIOUS~~ ATTACK IN CONJUNCTION WITH ~~MAIN~~ OP.

5. IF APPROVED, REQUEST DIRLM AUTHORITY WITH ARG/SELF TO COMMENCE DETAILED PLANNING.

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FROM: CG THIRD LARNDIV.
 TO: THIRD LARNDIV (ATTN: S-2)

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SUBJ: AREA STUDY

REF: (A) THIRD LARNDIV 190200Z OCT68 (S)
 (D) CG THIRD LARNDIV 240640Z OCT68 (C)

1. REFERENCE (A) REQUESTED INFORMATION ON AREA BOUNDED BY XD7667, 7655, 8567, AND 6555. THE FOLLOWING LIST COMPRISES REPORTED ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA FOR PERIOD 1 THROUGH 26 OCT 68:

- A. 790640, RECON TM REC'D SAF, CALLED AIR, OBSD 1 SECONDARY EXPLD. 7OCT.
- B. 8OCT, 851503, RECON TM OBSD 8-10 NVA.
- C. 5OCT, 848593, RECON TM OBSD 20 NVA.
- D. 8OCT, 822667, 2/3 OBSD 5 NVA (POSS LN RECON TM).
- E. 11OCT, 832669, 2/3 CONF 3/2 NVA-2NVA KIA & 1 POW.
- F. 3OCT, 837557, URS, 1500 HTRS.
- G. 3OCT, 770659, URS, 1200 HTRS.
- H. 3OCT, 782606, URS.
- I. ACT RPT 12OCT68, AN U/I COMPANY, STRENGTH 150 MEN, WEREEN TRANSPORTING SUPPLIES FROM NVN TO NVA UNITS OP ALONG RT #9. ON 9 OCT, THE U/I COMPANY AS LOC XD 883686. (P-3).

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J. AGT RPT DTD 19OCT. ON 8OCT, AN U/I DIV MOVED FROM NVN TO THE XA BANG (XD740579) AND LANG HO (XD775568) AREAS. THE DIV ARRIVED ON 14OCT. STRENGTH IS 12,000 MEN. 6 ELEPHANTS CARRYING 120MM MORTARS AND 12.7MM AA GUNS WERE W/THE UNIT. THE DIV ALSO HAD A TRANSPORTATION GROUP OF 400 MEN, WOMEN & BOYS. UPON ARRIVAL, THE DIV DUG DEFENSIVE PSMS. THEIR INTENTION IS TO MOVE SE AND ATTACK BASES AT CALU AND DAU-MAU. (F-4).

2. REFERENCE (B) PERTAINS TO THE REQUESTED AERIAL PHOTOS.

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 FOR COL PASTA G-2 XXIV CO 3 AND COL JOENS G-2 III MI FROM COL SPARK G-2

THIRD MARDIV
 246TH REGT

1. RECENT INFO TENDS TO CONFIRM THE PRESENCE OF THE 246TH NVA REGT IN THE SCOTLAND II AO SINCE JUNE 1968 AND INDICATES ITS POSSIBLE RECENT NORTHWARD WITHDRAWAL.

A. NOTEBOOK CAPTURED ON 8 JUL 68 ON HILL 689 (XD 883 489) WHICH HAD BEEN KEPT BY SOLDIER OF 3RD BN/246TH REGT, STATED THE AUTHOR BEGAN INFILTRATION INTO SVN ON 9 MAY (PROB FROM AN AREA NORTH OF THE DMZ) OPERATED IN THE VICINITY OF HILL 689, AND WITHDREW TO THE "REAR" ON 5 JUL.

B. PW CAPT ON 27 JUL 68 AT (XD 869 379) STATED HE WAS FROM 246TH REGT. PW STATES HE HAD BEEN IN SVN APPROX ONE MONTH.

C. NVA PW CAPT BY 2/4 ON 26 OCT 68 VIC (XD 773 540) CLAIMS TO BE PVT, 82 MM MORTAR AMMO BEARER FROM 4TH CO (HIGHER HQ UNK).

PW STATES HE LEFT NVN IN MAY 68 AND ARRIVED IN SVN IN AUG. DOC CAPT W/PW SUGGEST PW IS OR WAS MEMBER OF 246TH REGT. DOC MENTIONS ATTACKING HILL 689 ON NIGHT OF 8 JUL. NOTE BOOK REFERENCED IN PARA 1A ABOVE CAPT ON 8 JUL, ALSO VIC HILL 689.

D. PW CAPT BY 3/3 ON 28 OCT 68 VIC (XD 77 66) STATES HE IS FROM FIRST BN, 246A REGT. FURTHER STATES HE HAD BEEN LEFT BEHIND DUE TO ILLNESS, AND THAT THE 246A REGT WAS MOVING NORTH. THE 246B REGT IS SUPPOSED TO PICK HIM UP WHEN IT COMES SOUTH.

2. ABOVE INFO SUGGESTS 246 REGT MAY HAVE WITHDRAWN TO NORTH POSSIBLY TO AVOID CONTACT WITH FVMAF DURING OPERATION SCOTLAND II/NANKING.

3. RESEARCH OF RECENTLY CAPT DOCS CONTINUES.

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 TO: THIRD MARDIV
 INFO: MAC 39

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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 270550Z OCT 68

1. REF A ADVISED OF THE VISIT OF LTGEN WALT, A/CMC; LTGEN NICKERSON, DEP C/S (MAN POWER); AND PARTY. THE SCHEDULE FOR 1 NOV 68 FROM 1000

ON HAS BEEN MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS. ALL OTHER PARTS OF REFERENCE A REMAIN IN EFFECT.

1 NOVEMBER 1968

1000-1045	ENROUTE AND VISIT 1/61 (A-4)
1045-1115	ENROUTE AND VISIT 2D ARVN REGT (DONG HA)
1115-1130	ENROUTE 3D MARDIV CP
1130-1230	LUNCH WITH CG 3D MARDIV
1230-1300	ENROUTE AND VISIT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
1300-1345	ENROUTE AND VISIT TF CLEARWATER AND 1ST AMTRAC BN
1345-1445	ENROUTE AND VISIT 4TH CAG AND MOBILE CAP 4-4-3 (QUANG TRI)
1445-1530	ENROUTE AND VISIT PROV MAC-39 (QUANG TRI)
1530	DEPART FOR III MAF

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FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHU BAI

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI

RUYSHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYSHRN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUYPWQU/STG SEVE NINE PT FIVE

INFO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV SSGN

RUHHFMA//CG FMFPAC HAW

RUHGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMLEPA/CG FIRST MAW DNG

RUMLEPA/CG ONE ZERO ONE AEW DIV (AM) CP EAGLE

ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA

RUMLEPA/CG FORLOGC OMD DNG

RUYPWDB/CTG SEVEN SIX

RUA POL/CTG SEVEN NINE

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ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 190328Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CG XXIV CORPS 06439/ DTG 220905 9:5 68 (S) (NOTAL)

C. CG FIRST MARDIV 250931Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

D. CG III MAF 27140Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A AUTH ARG/SLF ALFA PLANNERS TO REPORT TO CG AMERICAL
 DIV TO PLAN FOR POTEENTIAL SUBSEQUENT OPNS. REF B NOMINATED TGT
 AREA WITH XXIV CORPS FOR AMPHIB OPNS

REF C REQUESTED AN ARG/SLF CONDUCT AMPHIB OPNS

IN NUI KIM SON/MARELE MTN AREA. REF D ISS OPN ORDER FOR OP LIBERTY
 CANYON, AN ORDER TO DEPLOY 1ST CAV DIV (AM) TO III CORPS
 USNIG ARG SHIPS.

2. (S) ALL IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF ALFA
 AND BRAVO ARE HELD IN ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF OPN LIBERTY CANYON.
 WILL ADVISE.

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FM: CG THIRD MARDIV
 TO: CG XXIV CORPS
 INFO: CG III MAF
 COMUSMACV J-2

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NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO PATROL IN DMZ

1. DURING 48 HOUR PERIOD FOLLOWING 000101 NOVEMBER THREE
 4 TO 6 MAN PATROLS WILL BE INSERTED IN THE DMZ SOUTH

OF THE BEN HAI RIVER TO OBSERVE FOR ENEMY ACTIVITY.

2. THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY OF THE RECONNAISSANCE ZONES
 WILL BE THE SOUTH BANK OF THE BEN HAI RIVER IN ALL

SOUTH OF
 CASES UPPER LEFT AND LOWER RIGHT COORDINATES OF
 RECONNAISSANCE ZONES WILL BE:

A. UL YD 0894 LR YD 1072

B. UL YD 1676 LR YD 1874

C. UL YD 1376 LR YD 1574

3. PATROLS WILL WALK IN FROM DROP ZONES SOUTH OF
 THE DMZ.

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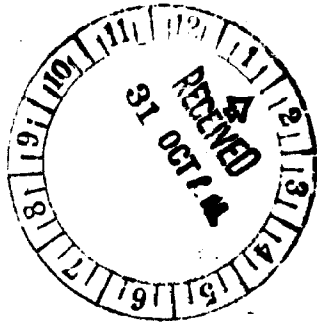
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FROM: 9TH MICH

TO: CG, THIRD MARDIV (ATTN: G-3)

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A. DIVO 3100.1D

1. IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

	USM OFF	USM MIL	USM OFF	USM MIL
1. HAS CO	7	61	2	7
2. "A" CO	3	79	2	7
3. "B" CO	4	73	2	7
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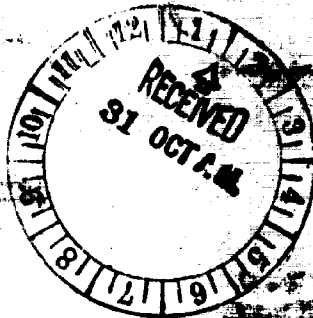
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A. DIVO 300800Z

1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

A. XQWTH MARINES (REIN)

(1) HQ BTRYO (REIN)

(A) DET MC/4/1

(B) DET MC/10/3

(C) DET MC/10/1

(D) DET MC/10/2

(E) DET MC/10/2

(2) 1ST SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY

(A) 1ST PLT

(B) 2ND PLT

(1) DET 2ND PLT

(2) DET 2ND PLT

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(3) DET 2ND PLT

(C) 3RD PLT

(1) DET 3RD PLT

(3) 1ST 8 INCH HOW BTRY

(A) 1ST PLT

(B) 2ND PLT

(C) 3RD PLT

(4) 5TH 155 GUN BTRY

(A) DET 5TH 155 GUN

(B) DET 5TH 155 GUN

(C) DET 5TH 155 GUN

(D) DET 5TH 155 GUN

(5) 3RD PLT ARMORED AMPHIB CO FMF

B 1ST BN 12TH MAR

(1) BTRY "A", 1ST BN 12TH MAR

(2) BTRY "B", 1ST BN 12TH MAR

(3) BTRY "C", 1ST BN 12TH MAR

(4) 2DN PROV 155 HOW BTRY

C 2ND BN 12TH MAR

(1) "D" BTRY, 2ND BN 12TH MAR

KHE GIO BRIDGE 1-23 INCH SLT

VANDEGRIFT 4-23 INCH SLTS

THON SON LAM 1-23 INCH SLT

DONG HA

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THON SON LAM 2-8 INCH HOW

2-8 INCH HOW

2-8 INCH HOW

CAMP CARROLL

CA LU 2-155 G(SP)

CAMP CARROLL 2-155 G(SP)

THON SON LAM 2-155 G(SP)

CA LU 2-8" HOW(SP)

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CAMP CARROLL

THON SON LAM 6-105 HOW TD

FSB WINCHESTER 6-105 HOW TD

FSB CATAPULT 6-105 HOW TD

FSB WINCHESTER 4-155 HOW TD

VANDEGRIFT CB

FSB ROBIN 6-105 HOW TD

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- 2) BTRY "E", 2ND BN 12TH MAR
- 3) BTRY "F", 2ND BN 12TH MAR
- 4) MORTAR BTRY, 2ND BN 12TH MAR
- 5) DET MORTAR BTRY, 3RD BN 12TH MAR
- 6) 1ST PROV 155 HOW BTRY
- D. 3RD BN 12TH MARINES
 - 1) BTRY "G", 3RD BN 12TH MAR
 - 2) BTRY "H", 3RD BN 12TH MAR
 - 3) BTRY "I", 3RD BN 12TH MAR
 - 4) MORTAR BTRY(-), 3RD BN 12TH MAR
 - 5) 3RD PROV 155 HOW BTRY(-)
 - 6) DET 3RD PROV 155 HOW BTRY
- E. 4TH BN 12TH MAR
 - 1) BTRY "K", 4TH BN 12TH MAR
 - 2) BTRY "L", 4TH BN 12TH MAR
 - 3) BTRY "M", 4TH BN 12TH MAR
- F. 5TH BN 4TH ARTY(USA)
 - 1) BTRY "A", 5TH BN 4TH ARTY
 - 2) BTRY "B", 5TH BN 4TH ARTY
 - 3) BTRY "C", 5TH BN 4TH ARTY

FSB CA LU	6-105HOW TD
FSB SHEPHERD	6-105HOW TD
FSB ROBIN	6-4.2 MORT
VANDEGRIFT CB	3-4.2 MORT
FSB ROBIN	4-155HOW TD
FSB CA LU	
FSB ALPINE	6-105HOW TD
FSB CATES	6-105HOW TD
FSB GURKHA	6-105HOW TD
FSB CATES	3-4.2 MORT
FSB ALPINE	3-155HOW TD
FSB CATES	3-155HOW TD
CAMP CARROLL	
CAMP CARROLL	6-155HOW (SP)
THON SON LAM	6-155HOW (SP)
DONG HA	6-155HOW (SP)
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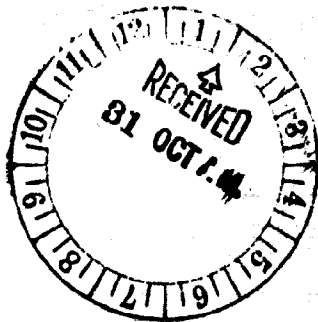
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	OFF	USMC ENL	OFF	USN ENL
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HQ BTRY, 12TH MAR	37	253	11	4
1ST SLT BTRY	6	102		2
1ST B INCH HOW BTRY	7	197		5
2ND 155 GUN BTRY	9	183		6
3RD PLT 1ST ARMD AMPHIB CO FMF	1	50		2
1ST BN 12TH MAR				
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BTRY "D", 2ND BN 12TH MAR	9	121		2
BTRY "E", 2ND BN 12TH MAR	10	122		2
BTRY "F", 2ND BN 12TH MAR	10	123		2
MORTAR BTRY, 2ND BN 12TH MAR	4	76		3
1ST PROV 155 HOW BTRY	3	78	2	

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HQ BTRY, 3RD BN 12TH MAR	14	158		3
BTRY "G", 3RD BN 12TH MAR	11	122		1
BTRY "H", 3RD BN 12TH MAR	12	119		2
BTRY "I", 3RD BN 12TH MAR	11	121		2
MORTAR BTRY, 3RD BN 12TH MAR	3	74		1
3RD PROV 155HOW BTRY	2	55	2	
4TH BN 12TH MAR				
HQ BTRY, 4TH BN 12TH MAR	11	150		4
BTRY "K", 4TH BN 12TH MAR	5	133		2
BTRY "L", 4TH BN 12TH MAR	4	199		2
BTRY "M", 4TH BN 12TH MAR	5	115		2
5TH BN 4TH ARTY(USA)				
HQ BTRY, 5TH BN 4TH ARTY	26	147		USA
S/C BTRY, 5TH BN 4TH ARTY	3	96		
BTRY "A", 5TH BN 4TH ARTY	9	119		
BTRY "B", 5TH BN 4TH ARTY	8	129		
BTRY "C", 5TH BN 4TH ARTY	8	122		
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THOR TYPE OPERATIONS (U)

A. CG III MAF DTG 210932Z OCT 68 (S)

B. COMUSMACV DTG 261712Z OCT 68 (S)

1. REF (A) REQUESTED AUTHORIZATION FROM COMUSMACV TO PLAN AND CONDUCT FUTURE THOR TYPE OPERATIONS UNDER THE GROUND COMMANDERS CONTROL, AND FULWILL FENPASICOLA VJAMAYRFDRLNT

33. REF (B) STATES ACTION

ON REF (A) IS UNDERWAY.

2. IN VIEW OF RECENT LOSS OF 01-B AND TAC AIRCRAFT AND INCREASED INCOMING MORTAR, ARTILLERY AND SHORE FIRE ON COMMAND FACILITIES AND SUPPORT SHIPS, THE REQUIREMENT FOR THOR TYPE OPERATION APPEARS VALIDATED.

3. PENDING APPROVAL OF REF A, THIS HQ IS PREPARED TO SUPPORT WITHIN III MAF RESOURCES, THOR TYPE OPERATION TO SUPPRESS EN ANMI AIR, MORTAR AND ARTILLERY, ROCKET AND SHORE FIRE.

4. NEW JERSEY IS AVAILABLE FOR SUPPORT OF XXXIV CORPS UNTIL 312400H OCT 68. PRIORITY OF TAC AIR WILL BE SHIFTED AS REQUIRED.

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FM:CG TASK FORCE HOTEL

TO:CG THIRD MA'DIV ✓

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TASK ORGANIZATION

A. CG 3RD MA'DIV MSG 271530Z EEPT68

1. IAW REF A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

UNIT	LOCATION	STRENGTH
TASK FORCE HOTEL	VCB	23/98
HQ TASK FORCE HOTEL		16/212
FOURTH MATINES	GURKHA	29/982
1/4 (MINUS CO A)	FSB CATES	35/1193
2/4	FSB SHEPARD	35/1439
3/4 (REIN)	GURKHA	
INCLUDES A/1/4		
NINTH MATINES	VCB	21/221
1/9	VCB	21/221
1/9	VCB	30/999
2/9	XD 935278	35/1040
3/9	XD 955463	41/1224

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