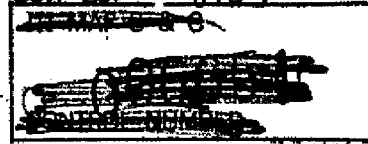


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NINTH MAB COMMAND CHRONOLOGY APRIL 72 PART II (U)

THIS MSG FORWARDS PART II OF SUBJECT CHRONOLOGY; REMAINDER

IS OF LOWER CLASSIFICATION AND BEING FORWARDED BY COURIER;

1. (S) WITH THE OUTBREAK OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE INVASION OF SOUTH VIETNAM IN APRIL 1972, THE 9TH MARINE AMPHIBIOUS BRIGADE, UNDER THE COMMAND OF BGEN E. J. MILLER, SHIFTED FROM PREPARATIONS TO CONDUCT A JOINT AMPHIBIOUS EXERCISE IN SOUTH KOREA (EXERCISE GOLDEN DRAGON 72) TO PLANNING FOR POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT IN SOUTH VIETNAM. ON 5 APRIL THE MAB HQS WHICH HAD BEEN EMBARKED SINCE 27 MARCH 1972 ON THE USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19) SAILED FOR RVN, ARRIVING IN THE WATERS OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM, THE MAB STAFF BEGAN INTENSIVE PLANNING TO PREPARE FOR VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES WHICH COULD ARISE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA. ON 9 APRIL 1972, TASK GROUPS 79.4 (31ST MAU/BLT 3/4, HMM 165) AND 79.5 (BLT 1/9) DET B HMM 367) REPORTED TO THE MAB FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND A SIGNIFICANT AIR/GROUND FIGHTING FORCE IN READINESS WAS FORMED, TO ADJUST TO THE SHIFT FROM EXERCISE EXECUTION TO

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CONTINGENCY PLANNING, THE TACTICAL EXERCISE COORDINATOR (FOR GOLDEN DRAGON) LTCOL G. B. CRIST, WAS REASSIGNED AS THE 9TH MAB ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF G-5 (PLANS);

2. (TS) WHEN THE 9TH MAB WAS DEPLOYED THE PRIMARY MISSION WAS EXPECTED TO BE POSSIBLE EVACUATION OF U. S. PERSONNEL FROM THREATENED AREAS IN RVN. UPON ARRIVAL AT THE HOLDING AREA OFF THE COAST OF SOUTH VIETNAM, THE TACTICAL SITUATION HAD STABILIZED TO THE DEGREE THAT AN EXTENSION WAS NOT IMMINENT. INSTEAD, AT THE DIRECTION OF COMSEVENTHFLT AND HIGHER HEADQUARTERS, A SERIES OF PLANS FOR AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AND AMPHIBIOUS RAIDS WAS DEVELOPED IN CONJUNCTION WITH CTG 76. THE PURPOSES OF THESE OPERATIONS WOULD BE TO FIX IN POSITION THE NORTH VIETNAMESE FORCES IN NORTH VIETNAM, CAUSE WITHDRAWAL OF NVA FORCES FROM SOUTH VIETNAM, INTERDICT LINES OF COMMUNICATIONS AND DESTROY MILITARY SUPPLIES AND FACILITIES. THE TOP SECRET SPECAT CLASSIFICATION OF THE PLANNING DIRECTIVES RESTRICTED THE NUMBER OF STAFF PERSONNEL PARTICIPATING IN THE PLANNING, PREVENTED DISSEMINATION OF PLANNING INFO TO THE LOWER OPERATING LEVELS, AND CURTAILED AVAILABILITY OF CLERK TYPISTS. CTG 76 REQUESTED HIGHER AUTHORITY TO DOWN-GRADE PLANS TO SECRET FOR EXECUTION. AFTER WORKING ON A VARIETY OF PLANS, IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT BASIC MAB OP PLAN THAT COULD BE REFERENCED IN A MESSAGE FRAG ORDER

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WOULD BE PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE, SIMILAR TO THE SYSTEM USED IN MAU OPERATIONS;

3. (TS) THERE WERE SEVEN PLANS DRAWN UP TO MEET THE ABOVE MENTIONED OBJECTIVES;

A. OPPLAN 2-72 IS A 2 BLT DEMONSTRATION IN THE DONG HOI/GUANG KHE AREA OF NORTH VIETNAM, BRIGADE PLANNING FOR ALL SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF PREPARING JOINTLY WITH THE TF 76 STAFF, TARGET LISTS AND AIR/GUNFIRE SUPPORT PLANS; 9TH MAB ALSO PREPARED BRIGADE (LF) COMMUNICATIONS PLANS AND CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE, FOR ADDED REALISM AND FOR THE LAUNCHING OF HELICOPTERS AND LVTS (IF USED);

B. OPPLAN 3-72 IS A ONE BN HELICOPTER BORNE RAID ON THE TRANSHIPMENT FACILITY AT QUANG KHE, NORTH VIETNAM WITH A SECOND BLT CONDUCTING A DEMONSTRATION AT DONG HOI;

C. OPPLAN 4-72 IS FOR A RAID ON THIS SAME TRANSHIPMENT FACILITY BUT WITH A LARGER SIZE FORCE;

D. OPPLAN 5-72 IS A THREE BLT DEMONSTRATION OFF THE COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM NEAR VINH;

E. OPPLAN 6-72 IS A TWO BLT DEMONSTRATION IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ, SOUTH OF THE PHDL AND NORTH OF THE CUA VIET;

F. OPPLAN 7-72 PROVIDES FOR THE EVACUATION OF U; S; PERSONNEL FROM

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PHU BAI, SOUTH VIETNAM, IN DEVELOPING THIS PLAN STAFF LIAISON WAS MADE WITH CG, FIRST REGIONAL ASSISTANCE COMMAND (FRAC)

G. OPPLAN 8-72 IS A RAID BY LESS THAN ONE BN, ON HON MATT ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF NORTH VIETNAM, WHILE ALL THE STAFF SECTIONS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN FORMULATING THESE PLANS, LTCOL J. L. SHANAHAN THE AC/S G-3, LTCOL E. T. GARRETT THE ASSISTANT G-3 AND LTCOL CRIST THE AC/S G-5 WERE PARTICULARLY INVOLVED DURING THIS PERIOD;

4. (TS) COPIES OF ALL PLANS WERE PROVIDED AS WORKING PAPERS TO SUBORDINATE UNITS TO ALLOW FOR CONCURRENT PLANNING; THERE WERE THREE PRIMARY REASONS FOR NOT FORMALLY PUBLISHING THE PLANS, FIRST, THE HIGHLY CLASSIFIED SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE PLANNING; SECOND, THE PLANS WERE SUBJECT TO MAJOR CHANGES AS MORE AND BETTER INTELLIGENCE ON PROPOSED TARGET AREAS WAS OBTAINED; THIRD, NO INITIATING DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING THE ATF/LF HAD BEEN ISSUED FOR ANY OF THE CONTEMPLATED OPERATIONS; THE PLANNING FOR THE ABOVE DESCRIBED OPERATIONS WAS CHARACTERIZED BY VERY CLOSE CONCURRENT AND COORDINATED PLANNING WITH THE APPROPRIATE NAVY STAFFS AT ALL LEVELS, THIS PLANNING EFFORT HAS BEEN JOINT AND PARALLEL AND IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF THE NAVY/MARINE AMPH TEAM IN ACTION;

5. (C) THE MAB HQS WAS ACTIVE IN OTHER AREAS WHILE CONTINGENCY

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PLANNING WAS UNDERWAY, DUE TO THE LARGE DEMAND FOR HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION AND THE NEED FOR AN EFFECTIVE METHOD OF CONTROLLING THIS TRAFFIC, A HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION CENTER WAS ESTABLISHED IN THE LANDING FORCE COMMAND CENTER (LFCC) ABOARD THE BLUE RIDGE;

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MANNED BY MARINE PERSONNEL, THIS ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN PROVIDING AID TO ESSENTIAL MARINE CORPS AND NAVY PERSONNEL REQUIRING TRANSPORTATION; THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE COORDINATION OF THE MOVEMENT OF MARINE MAIL, EQUIPMENT, AND PERSONNEL BETWEEN SHIPS AND TO AND FROM DANANG.

6. (S) DURING THE MAB'S FIRST WEEK IN THE CONTIGUOUS WATERS TO VIETNAM, IT ASSISTED IN SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) MISSIONS; COMMENCING 13 APRIL HELICOPTERS FROM HMM 165 (ABOARD TRIPOLI); AS WELL AS THE THREE HELICOPTERS (TWO MARINE ONE NAVY) EMBARKED UPON THE BLUE RIDGE; PARTICIPATED IN A TWO DAY SAR MISSION FOR A MISSING EA-6A, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS; DURING THE SEARCH, ONE CH-46 FROM HMM 165 RECEIVED FIRE FROM TIGER ISLAND; THE CO-PILOT RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS AND THE HELICOPTER SUSTAINED SOME DAMAGE; LATER THAT WEEK, THE TRIPOLI WAS DESIGNATED AS A MEDEVAC ASSISTANCE SHIP; TRIPOLI AND HMM 165 ASSISTED THE USS BUCHANAN AND USS HIGBEE WHEN THEY SUFFERED DAMAGE AND PERSONNEL CASUALTIES FROM ENEMY FIRE;

7. (C) WITHIN THE LIMITS OF SECURITY CLASSIFICATION, SUBORDINATE UNITS

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WERE KEPT INFORMED THROUGH BRIEFINGS TO TROOPS AND STAFFS ABOARD THE SHIPS IN THE FORCE; REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL WERE SENT TO OKINAWA TO BRIEF III MAF AND 3D MARINE DIVISION PERSONNEL AND DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS WITH UNITS SUCH AS THE SOON TO BE DEPLOYED STAFF OF THE 33D MAU;

8. (S) A PLAN FOR USING MARINE SPOTTERS FOR NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS ALONG THE GUNLINE WAS DEVELOPED BY COMSEVENTHFLT; ON 18 APRIL DETACHMENT B HML 367 AND MARINE AERIAL OBSERVERS WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE USS DENVER; WHICH ACTED AS A NAVAL GUNFIRE-SPOTTING PLATFORM FOR THE FREEDOM TRAIN OPERATIONS; THE NEWLY FORMED TEAM WAS USED ONLY ON TWO OCCASIONS; MOST OF THE TIME, THE DENVER WAS USED AS A SAR PLATFORM; ON 29 APRIL THE DETACHMENT WAS TEMPORARILY REMOVED FROM THE DENVER FOR A/C MAINTENANCE; REESTABLISHMENT OF THE TEAM IS PENDING;

9. (S) AS APRIL WAS DRAWING TO A CLOSE, THE MAB STAFF WAS AT WORK READJUSTING THE TASK ORGANIZATION AND PREPARING PLANS TO INCORPORATE ELEMENTS OF THE 33D MAU (BLT 1/4 AND HMM 164). ON THE 28TH, THE 33D MAU CAME UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 9TH MAB; WITH A NEW TASK ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED; THE MAB CONTINUED ITS PRESENCE OFF THE COAST OF VIETNAM; LOOKING AHEAD TO THE MONTH OF MAY AND BEYOND; THE MAB CONTINUES TO PLAN AND REMAIN RESPONSIVE TO DIRECTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY REGARDING POSSIBLE EMPLOYMENT;

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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

DESIGNATIONCOMMANDER

9th Marine Amphibious Brigade/TG 79.1 BGEN E. J. MILLER (9-30 April)

TASK ORGANIZATION OF SUBORDINATE UNITS

9 April through 27 April

H&S Co 9th MAB	TU 79.1.0	MAJ H. W. AUSTIN
Det 1st Radio Bn	TU 79.1.0.1	CAPT C. W. PHILLIPS
Prov Comm Spt Co	TU 79.1.1	MAJ J. F. BORDERS
RLT 4 (Forward)	TU 79.1.2	COL W. C. KELLY
Hq RLT 4 (FWD)(31st MAU)	TE 79.1.2.0	COL W. C. KELLY
BLT 3/4	TE 79.1.2.1	LTCOL W. R. VAN HARTEN
BLT 1/9	TE 79.1.2.2	LTCOL P. B. FRIEDRICHS
Det A HML 367	TU 79.1.3	MAJ J. E. UNDERWOOD
BLSG Hq	TU 79.1.4	LTCOL H. G. FISCHER
LFSP Hq	TU 79.1.5	NOT ACTIVATED
HMM 165	TU 79.1.6	LTCOL P. L. MOREAU

28 April through 30 April

H&S Co 9th MAB	TU 79.1.0	MAJ H. W. AUSTIN
Det 1st radio Bn	TU 79.1.0.1	CAPT C. W. PHILLIPS
Det A HML 367	TE 79.1.0.2	MAJ J. E. UNDERWOOD
Prov Comm Spt Co	TU 79.1.1	MAJ J. F. BORDERS
RLT 4	TU 79.1.2	COL R. J. PERRICH
Det Hq Co 4th Mar Hq (33MAU)	TE 79.1.2.0	COL R. J. PERRICH
BLT 3/4	TE 79.1.2.1	LTCOL W. R. VAN HARTEN
BLT 1/9	TE 79.1.2.2	LTCOL P. B. FREDRICHS
BLT 1/4	TE 79.1.2.3	LTCOL C. D. DEAN

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LFSP Hq	TU 79.1.2.3	MAJ R. W. BOTELHO
BLSG Hq	TU 79.1.4	LTCOL H. G. FISCHER
Prov MAG 10	TU 79.1.6	COL W. C. KELLY
Hq Prov MAG 10 (Hq 31st MAU)	TE 79.1.6.0	COL W. C. KELLY
HMM 165	TE 79.1.6.1	LTCOL P. L. MOREAU
Det "B" HML 367	TE 70.1.6.2	MAJ R. M. McBRIDE
HML 164	TE 79.1.6.3	LTCOL F. C. HERTBERG
NGF Spot Det	TE 79.1.6.5	MAJ T. McBRIEN

2. LOCATION

9-30 April Gulf of Tonkin/South China Sea off coast of RVN.

3. Staff Officers (9-30 April)

Chief of Staff	COL S. A. VALE
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1	LTCOL W. C. BRADLEY
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2	MAJ J. A. MILLER
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3	LTCOL J. L. SHANAHAN
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-4	LTCOL F. S. CANNON
Assistant Chief of Staff, G-5	LTCOL G. B. CRIST
CEO	LTCOL W. H. STOETZER

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

	USMC		USN	
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>ENL</u>
9th MAB Hq	58	180	2	3
31st MAU	114	1370	6	63
33d MAU	118	1564	6	65
BLT Bravo	48	1193	5	58

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

6 April 9th MAB (TG 79.1) activated for planning. 31st MAU (TG 79.4) and BLT Bravo (TG 79.5) directed to report for planning. CTF 79 MSG 051406Z APR 72

9 April 9th MAB activated for operations effective 090400Z APR 72 IAW CTG 79 MSG 090038Z APR 72. TG 79.4 and TG 79.5 reported to 9th MAB for operational control. CTG 79.4 MSG 090300Z APR 72 (S), CTG 79.5 MSG 090725Z APR (S).

9 April Tactical Exercise Coordinator (TEC) redesignated Asst C/S G-5 (Plans). CTG 79.1 MSG 091435Z APR 72 (S).

11 April Helo Transportation Coordination Center established in Landing Force Command for joint USMC/Navy use.

12 April CG 9th MAB presented seven certificates of commendation and promotes LCpl W. M. DAVIS to present rank while off the coast of RVN.

12 April CTG 79.1 G-3, G-3A visited DENVER for planning with TE 79.1.2.2.

13 April Det FMFPAC Motion Picture Team arrived.

13-14 April SAR operations conducted for missing EA-6A with negative results. CTU 79.1.2 MSG 130305Z APR 72.

14 April MACV and CG FRAC representatives visited BLUE RIDGE for conference with CTG 79.1 and CTF 76.

15 April TRIPOLI directed to standby as medevac assistance ship. COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 150752Z APR 72 (S).

15 April 9th MAB personnel permitted to enter the Republic of Vietnam for limited purposes. FMFPAC MSG 152318Z APR 72 (S).

15 April CO 31st MAU visited BLUE RIDGE for conference with CTG 79.1.

16 April TG 79.1 G-3 and OIC Det "A" HML 367 conferred with the CO BLUE RIDGE concerning control/coordination of helos aboard BLUE RIDGE.

16 April NGF spotting conference held aboard BLUE RIDGE with staff reps at TG 79.1, TG 76, TF 79.8, TF 77.1.

17 April TRIPOLI enroute north to provide medevac assistance to BUCHANNAN. CTU 79.1.2 MSG 171240Z APR 72 (S).

17 April CTG 79.1 briefed CTU 79.1.2, CTE 79.1.2.1, CTE 79.1.2.2 and CTU 79.1.6 concerning contingency plans.

17-18 April LtCol CRIST Assistant Chief of Staff G-5, and LTCOL FISCHER CMDR BLSG return to Okinawa to hold conferences with CG's and staff of III MAF and 3d Marine Division.

18 April Det 1st Radio Bn became operational.

18 April NGF spot element established aboard DENVER. Authority granted for operations within 12 NM distance of North Vietnamese coast. CTG 79.1 MSG 171850Z APR 72 (S); COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 161606Z APR 72 (S).

19 April Two CEO representatives visited FRAC Hq in Danang for communications coordination and contingency planning.

19 April HIGBEE suffered major damage from MIG's and surface craft. One MIG downed and 2 craft damaged and believed sunken. TRIPOLI steamed closer to assist in medevac of

4 wounded personnel.

20 April BLUE RIDGE maned general quarters stations due to a MIG over the DMZ near ship's position at 2100H. MIG turned back on its own.

21 April Freedom Train operations conference conducted with representatives TU 77.1.0 aboard DENVER. It was agreed that there is a need to concentrate on targets located on the coast which are observable by H-1 spotters. CTG 70.8/CTG 77.1 MSG 211010Z APR 72 (S).

23 April TRIPOLI received medevac request from the STODDERT.

23 April Two Marine helos entered the 12 NM limit off the North Vietnamese coast at 18-11.5N, 106-40.0E while conducting NGF spotting. CTU 79.1.6 MSG 251240Z APR (S).

23 April CTG 79.1 planned readjustment of the task organization to incorporate elements of 33d MAU. CTF 79 MSG 150556Z APR 72 (S), CTG 79.7 MSG 210500Z APR 72 (S), 33d MAU MSG 171510Z APR (S).

24 April LTCOL CRIST departed for Subic Bay to conduct liaison with the incoming staff of 33d MAU.

24 April TG 79.1 G-3, CEO, FSC and TF 76 representatives went to Danang for liaison visit with FRAC.

25 April TG 79.1 CEO representative went to Danang for communications planning with MAG 15.

25 April CG FRAC visited the BLUE RIDGE for planning with CTG 79.1 and CTF 76.

26 April COMSEVENTHFLT visited CTF 76/CTG 79.1 aboard BLUE RIDGE.

27 April CTG 79.1 and CTF 76 with staff representatives went to Danang for a planning conference with CG FRAC.

27 April Brigade Bulletin 4630 issued on 27 APR 1972 Subject Helicopter Transportation Procedures.

28 April CTG 79.1 assumed operational control of 33d MAU (TG 79.7) effective 271600Z APR. CTF 79 MSG 260527Z APR 72 (S), CTG 79.7 MSG 271240Z APR 72 (S).

28 April MAG 15 An/RMC-109 jeep and M-416 trailer with cargo transported by helicopter to Danang from BLUE RIDGE.

28 April CTG 79.1 went to Danang for meeting with CG FMFPAC and CG 1st MAW.

28 April Two officers and eighteen enlisted personnel reported at 1500 hours as part of BLSG.

29 April OKINAWA to OPCON CTF 77 for short term SAR operations. HMM 164 is embarked on OKINAWA standing by for SAR mission. COMSEVENTHFLT MSG 290230Z APR 72 (S), OKINAWA MSG 291112Z APR 72 (S).

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- TAB D ^①CTG 79.1 060855Z APR 72 (S)
- ③ CTF 79 090038Z APR 72 (S)
- ③ CTG 79.1 090238Z APR 72 (S) 9th MAB activated for OPS and assumes OPCON of 79.4 & 79.5
- ④ CTG 79.4 090300Z APR 72 (S)
- ⑤ CTG 79.5 090725Z APR 72 (S)
- TAB E CTF 79.1 091435Z APR 72 (S) Redesignation of TEC to G-5
- TAB F CTU 79.1.2 130305Z APR 72 (C) SAR Helo sector search
- TAB G ^①CTG 79.1 141524Z APR 72 (C) Hostile fire against CH-46
- ② MARMEDHELRON 165 152314Z APR 72 (C)
- TAB H COMSEVENTHFLT 150752Z APR 72 (S) Chop Tripoli to CTF 77
- TAB I CG FMFPAC 152318Z APR 72 (S) Personnel transit via RVN
- TAB J CTU 79.1.2 171240Z APR 72 (S) Special sitrep No. 2
- TAB K ^①CTG 79.1 171850Z APR 72 (S) Freedom train NGF Spotting
- ② COMSEVENTHFLT 161606Z APR 72 (S) ARG employment off RVN
- TAB L CTG 70.8/CTG 77.1 211010Z APR 72 (S) NGF spotting LOI
- TAB M CTU 79.1.6 251240Z APR 72 (S) NGF Spotting report
- TAB N ^①CTF 79 150556Z APR 72 (S) LOI 2-72 activation of 33d MAU/TG 79.7
- TAB ^②33d MAU 171510Z APR 72 (S) Activation of 33d MAU
- ③ CTG 79.7 210500Z APR 72 (S) 33d MAU Chop to CTF 79
- TAB O ^①CTF 79 260527Z APR 72 (S) Change of OPCON
- ④ CTG 79.7 271240Z APR 72 (C) 33d MAU Reports for duty
- ③ CTG 79.1 270912Z APR 72 (S) Task organization

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TAB P⁰COMSEVENTHFLT 290230Z APR 72 (S)

SAR operations

②OKINAWA 291112Z APR 72 (S)

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TAB Q Brigade Bulletin 4630 dtd 27Apr72

Helicopter Transportation
Procedures

TAB R Daily SITREPS, #1-25

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OTTSZYUW RUHGPTA0287 0970855-SSSS--RUHGOHA RUHGPHA RUAOAJA.
 ZNY SSSSS

O P 060855Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE - *KAX*
 TO RUHGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 RUHGPHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 INFO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX - *KAX*

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TACTICAL MISSION PLANNING (U) *3010*

A. CTF 79.051406Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

B. CTF 193/CTG 79.1 OP ORDER 1-72 (GOLDEN DRAGON)

1. (S) THIS MSG PROVIDES INITIAL PLANNING GUIDANCE IAW PARA 2 REF A, CTG 79.1 IS CURRENTLY PLANNING AN OPERATION INVOLVING FORCES AS TASK ORGANIZED IN PARA 3. PORTIONS OF REF B WILL BE REFERENCED IN A FRAG OPERATION PLAN WHICH IS BEING DRAFTED.

2. (S) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, HQ 31ST MAU IS DESIGNATED AS HQ RLT 4 (FWD) AND WILL FUNCTION AS HQ OF 2 BLT'S.

3. (S) FOR PLANNING TASK DESIGNATORS ARE:

9TH MAB

TG 79.1

H&S CO 9TH MAB

TU 79.1.0

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DET 1ST RAD BN

PROV COMM SPT CO

RLT 4 (FWD)

HQ RLT 4 (FWD) (HQ 31ST MAU)

BLT 3/4

BLT 1/9

DET HML 367

BLSG

LFSP

HMM 165

TE 79.1.0.1

TU 79.1.1

TU 79.1.2

TE 79.1.2.0

TE 79.1.2.1

TE 79.1.2.2

TU 79.1.3

TU 79.1.4

TU 79.1.5

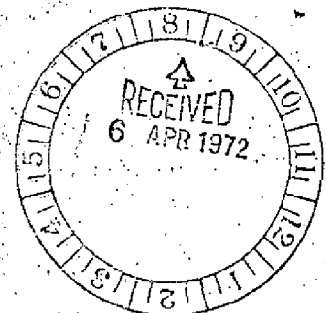
TU 79.1.6

4. (C) ADDEES SUBMIT A REPORT OF STATUS OF EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL BY 070900Z APRIL. INCLUDE CTG 79.1 AS AN INFO ADDEE ON FUTURE SITREPS. UPON ASSIGNMENT TO CTG 79.1 FOR OPS SUBMIT A DAILY SITREP AS OF 0400Z BY 0500Z. FORMAT CONTAINED IN REF B.

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ZNY SSSSS

O 090038Z APR 72

FM CTF SEVEN NINE

TO RUHGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

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RUHGOFB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHFMMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMFUFA/CTF SEVEN SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUHAKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUHGOA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SIX

RUHGOGA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUHGOVA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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1. (S) EFFECTIVE 090400Z NINTH MAB/CTG 79.1 IS ACTIVATED FOR OPERATIONS.

2. (S) TG 79.4 AND TG 79.5 CHANGE OPERATIONAL CONTROL TO CTG 79.1 EFFECTIVE 090400Z.

3. (S) ACKNOWLEDGE

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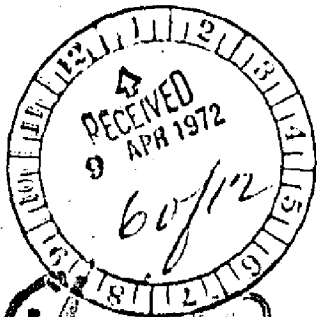
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 ZNY SSSSS
 O P 090238Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 TO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE
 INFO RUHGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 RUHGPHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
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 S E C R E T //N03120//
 A. CTF 79 090038Z APR 72 (S)
 1. (S) RECEIPT REF A ACKNOWLEDGED.
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3A 017/AS
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PITSZYUW RUHGOHA0384 1000300-SSSS--RUHGOAA RUHHFMA RUADAJA RUADKUB
RUADANA.

ZNY SSSSS

P 090300Z APR 72

ADVANCE ROUTED TO SWO

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

ADVANCE ROUTED TO 79.4

TO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

INFO RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX

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RUADAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUADKUB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUADANA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

ZEN/MARMEDELRON ONE SIX FIVE

ZEN/BLT THREE SLANT FOUR

ZEN/USS SCHENECTADY

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USS SCHENECTADY NOT ADEE; PASS TO LSU

OPCON REPORTING (U)

A. CTG 79 090300Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REPORTING FOR OPERATIONAL CONTROL IAW REF A.

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COMMANDER AIR FORCE

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0809Z C70G DE M8W 007/09

OTTSZYUW RUHOPHA1713 1000725-SSSS--RUAOAJA RUHGOAA RUHHEMA RUADKUA
RUADANA RUHGOGA.

ZNY SSSSS

O 090725Z APR 72

~~PT CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE~~

TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

~~ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE~~

INFO RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUHHEMA/CS FMFPAC

ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUADKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUADANA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SIX

RUHGOGA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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CHANGE CHOP (U)

A. CTG SEVEN NINE 090038Z APR 72 (S)

1. (U) REF A, RECEIVED 090620Z APR, ACKNOWLEDGED.

2. (S) FOR CTG 79.1. RPT YR OPCON EFFECTIVE 090400Z.

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PTTSZYUW RUHGPTA0400 1001435-SSSS--RUAOAJA RUHGOHA RUHGPHA RUADKHA
 RUHNFMA RUHGOAA,
 ZNY SSSSS

P 0 791435Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

TO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE

INFO RUHGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUHGPHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUADKHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUHNFMA/CG FMFAC

RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTH FLT

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 004 AS OF 090400Z APR 72

A. CTF 79 090030Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CTF 79 070210Z APR 72 (C)

1. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION:

9TH MAB

DET HAS CO 9TH MAB

DET 1ST RAD PY

PROV COM SPT CO

31ST MAU (RLT-4(FWD))

TG 79.1

TU 79.1.0

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TU 79.1.2

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HC 31ST MAU

RLT 3-4

RLT 1-1

DET B HMM 367

DET A HMM 367

DET RDE LOG SPT GRU

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TE 79.1.0.0

TE 79.1.0.1

TE 79.1.0.2

TE 79.1.0.0.1

TU 79.1.1

TU 79.1.4

TU 79.1.6

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 090400Z-090400Z

A. 9TH MAB ASSUMED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF TG 79.4 AND 79.5 EFFECTIVE 090400Z IAW REF A.

B. TG 79.4 REPORTED TO 9TH MAB FOR OPCOM.

C. TG 79.5 REPORTED TO 9TH MAB FOR OPCOM.

D. TO MEET THE INCREASED TEMPO OF PLANNING, THE TFC HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE AC/S, G-5 PLANS.

E. SCHED HELO OPS CANCELED UNTIL 0900 DUE TO WX.

F. SEVENTHFLT MARO, SHRF PLANSO, AND AMPH MARO, JOINED TO 76 2000 TG 79.1 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT PLANNING.

DISCUSSION:

A. AS A RESULT OF YOUR INQUIRY, REF B, WELCOME WORTH TO 9 FRIENDS

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ORDER OF BATTLE ARE ARRIVING.

B. LOW CEILINGS AND POOR VIS SET IN PRIOR TO SUNSET AND SECURED 79.1
HELO OPS THROUGH REMAINING REPORTING PERIOD. MOST PLANNED LIAISON
TRIPS WERE CANCELLED.

5. INTENTIONS:

A. ADDITIONAL PLANNING VISITS IF THE WX CLEARS.

B. CONTINUED STAFF PLANNING AND ACTIVATION OF COMM NETS.

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C-5

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----Z CT0G DE C3VM NR 009/13

ZNY CCCCC

O 130305Z APR 72

FM CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT TWO

TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

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SAR HELD SECTOR SEARCH (C)

1. (C) UNODIR COMMENCING AIR SECTOR SEARCH FOR DOWNED SA A/C WITH 6 CH-46 A/C FROM A POINT 17-38N, 107-44E TO DANANG TO WITHIN 5000 METERS OF BEACH.
2. (C) RESPONDING AS RESULT CTF 76 REQUEST TO CTG 76.4 FOR SEARCH ASSISTANCE.
3. (C) CTU 79.1.6 CONCURS.

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1737Z NPM DE C70G NR 033
 PTTCZYUW RUHGPTA0635 1051524-CCCC--RUA0AJA RUAOKUA.
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 141524Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 INFO RUADAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUAOKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
 O P 140740Z APR 72
 FM CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT SIX
 TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 INFO CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT TWO
 USS TRIPOLI

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HOSTILE FIRE (C)

YOUR 140500Z APR 72

1. (C) REF A REFERS. PILOT UNDER POSITIVE RADAR CONTROL OF HDC WHILE ON SECTOR SEARCH PATTERN FOR DOWNED AIRCRAFT. FLIGHT PATH OF HELO CAME WITHIN 1000 METERS OF TIGER ISLAND WHILE ON CONTROLLED PATTERN. SHIP'S RADAR DID NOT PAINT ISLAND NOR DID PILOT REPORT SAME TO HDC.
 2. (C) AT POINT 1000 METERS FROM ISLAND, 600 FEET ALTITUDE WHILE TURNING BACK TOWARD SHIP ON ORDER OF HDC, PILOT OBSERVED WHAT

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APPEARED TO BE SIGNAL MIRROR/STROBE LIGHT FLASH FROM ISLAND. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER CREW CHIEF INFORMED PILOT THAT FLASHES WERE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. AT SAME TIME ONE ROUND IMPACTED NOSE SECTION OF AIRCRAFT. RECOVERED ROUND CONFIRMED TO BE 12.7 MM OR 50 CAL AP.
 3. (C) AIR CONTROLLER DID NOT HAVE LAND MASS PLOTTED AND UNKNOWNLY VECTORED AIRCRAFT IN PROXIMITY TO ISLAND.

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IQIGDE NPM NRWU01PTTCZYUW RUHGOGA0902 1062314-CCCC--RUMFUFA.
ZNY CCCCC
P 152314Z APR 72

FM MARMEDHELRON ONE SIX FIVE

TO RUEBEBX/NAVSAFECEN

INFO RUENAAA/CNO

RULSSAA/NAVAIRSYSCOMHQ

RUWJMUA/COMNAVAIRPAC

RUADJVA/COMFAIRWESTPAC

RUHGOGA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUEOFIA CMC AAP

RUHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUAOKUB/CG FIRST MAW

RUAQAJA/CG IIVUMAF

RUMFUFA/CG NINTH MAB

ZEN/THIRTY ONE MAU

RUAOBMA/MAG THREE SIX

ZEN/USS TRIPOLI

RUAOBMA/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

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16 APR 72 0148Z

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A. MARMEDHELRON ONE SIX FIVE 152316Z APR 72.

B. OPNAVINST 3750.6H

1. (C) FOR SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF REF A SUBMITTED IAW REF B

A. HMM-165-AIRCRAFT INCIDENT REPORT 17-721

B. 140745 H APR 728

C. 107 20'E 17 10'N HONGIO ISLAND NORTH VIETNAM

D. CH-46D 153971 ECHO FOXTROT

E. CO-PILOT'S CHIN BUBBLE PLEXIGLASS CRACKED; CO-PILOT'S
SHOULDER HARNESS LOCKING MECHANISM SMASHED;
CO-PILOT'S SEAT, BOWER LEFT FRONT, SHRAPNEL HITS;
HOLE IN CO-PILOT'S COLLECTIVE STICK; CO-PILOT'S
ESCAPE HATCH FRAME, STATION 101, TWO SHRAPNEL
HOLES; CO-PILOT'S ESCAPE HATCH LOWER PLEXIGLASS
SHATTERED WITH LARGE SHRAPNEL HOLE IN FRAME;
CO-PILOT'S BULKHEAD STATION 120, FOUR SHRAPNEL
HOLES; AIRFRAME BETWEEN STATION 103.98 AND 129,
THREE SHRAPNEL HITS, TWO PENETRATING STATION
120, FRAME; LARGE HOLE PORT SIDE OF CABIN
ELECTRONIC COMPT; REX-TRANS RADAR BEACON HIT;
FOUR LARGE WIRE BUNDLES IN PORT SIDE CABIN

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ELECTRONIC COMPT PACTIALLY SEVERED

F. DURING RADAR VECTORED SAR SEARCH
PATTERN FROM USS TRIPOLI, AIRCRAFT HIT IN
OA COCKPIT BY ENEMY GROUND FIRE FROM HONGCK ISLAND.UD

AIRCRAFT SA

AT 600' MSL 100 KIAS STARBOARD TURN,
COMMENCING RETURN LEG, 1000 METERS OFF SHORE
AT TIME OF INCIDENT. CO-PILOT SUSTAINED MINOR
HAND INJURY FROM SHRAPNEL. AIRCRAFT RECOVERED
ABOARD TRIPOLI WITHOUT DIFFICULTY EXCEPT LOST
COMM DUE TO BATTLE DAMAGE.

G. HDC WAS NOT PAINTING HONGIA ISLAND. HDC WAS
MISINFORMED AS TO PROXIMITY OF AIRCRAFT TO ENEMY
HELD TERRAIN AND WAS UNAWARE THAT THEIR VECTORS WERE
DIRECTING THE AIRCRAFT OVER HOSTILE
TERRITORY.

N. PILOTS HAVE AGAIN BEEN CAUTIONED TO ADVISE CONTROLLING
AGUKCIES OF UNEXPECTED, UNBRIEFED HAPPENINGS DURING
COMBAT MANEUVERS WHICH COULD PREVENT UNNECESSARY
EXPOSURE TO HOSTILE FIRE.

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ZTTSZYUW RUHGOAA2303 1060752-SSSS--RHMP500.

ZNY SSSSS

P 150752Z APR 72

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RHMP500/CTG SEVEN NINE GT ONE

INFO RHMP500/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RHMOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

RHAKHUA/C G SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RHMP500/VTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RHMP500/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RHMP500/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT FIVE PT FIVE

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P E C R E T //NO3125//

1. COMSEVENTHFLT 150400Z APR 72 NOTAL

1. (S) REF A DIRECTED CTF 75 CHOP TRIPOLI TO CTF 77.

2. (S) REQ MJR: MARINE HELOS ABOARD TRIPOLI AVAILABLE IN SUPPORT OF CTF 77 IF BACKUP IS REQUIRED.

3. (S) LAUTH FOR CTF 77, CTG 79.1, CTG 76.4, CTG 1.4, AND CTF 79.4.5.5.

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 ZNY SSSSS ZOV RUAOAJA4266
 VFUHGPTA-T-CG NINTH MAB
 P 152318Z APR 72
 FM CG FMFPAC
 TO RUAOAJE/CG III MAF
 INFO RUAKUA/CG FIRST MAW
 RUADAJA/CG THIRD MARDIV
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PERS TRANSIT VIA RVN (U)

A. CG III MAF 150243Z APR 72 (S)
 B. CG FMFPAC 170032Z FEB 72 (C) (NOTAL)

1. (U) REQ CNTN REF A APPROVED.
2. (C) THE PROVISGONS OF REF B RESTRICTING PERS TRANSIT VIA RVN TO THOSE PERS EXECUTING EMLV ORDERS AND CASES OF LIFE OR DEATH MED-EVAC ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED DURING THIS PERIOD OF INCREASED USMC ACTIVITY IN RVN AND CONTIGUOUS WATERS; HOWEVER, RESTRICT PERMISYQD TO SELECTED AND KEY PERSONNEL. REQ CONTINUE TO MAKE MAX UTILIZATION OF TRANS CHANNELS OUTSIDE RVN.

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1315Z C70G DE C3VM NR :023/17

ZNY SSSSS

O 171240Z APR 72

FM CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT TWO
TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

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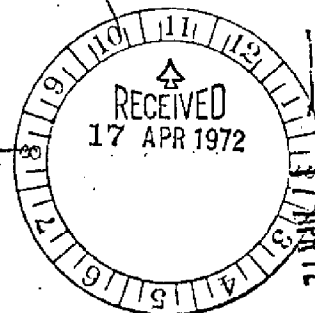
1. (S) TRIPOLI DEPARTED MODLOC 171448H WHR 72 IN RESPONSE TO REQ FOR MEDEVAC ASSISTANCE USS BUCHANAN (DDG-14).

2. (S) REF OVERED H-3 SAR HELO WITH TWO CAS (ONE DOA) FROM BUCHANAN 171654H APR 72. CONTINUING TO CLOSE BUCHANAN POSIT. REQUEST ADVISE.

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RUMFRIA RUAKUA.

ZNY SSSSS

Z 171850Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE 79.1

TO ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT TWO 79.1.2

ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT SIX 79.1.6

RUMUJBA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT ZERO

INFO RUHG0AA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHG0AA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO

RUMFRIA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ONE

RUAKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

ZEN/USS TRIPOLI

ZEN/USS DENVER

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FREEDOM TRAIN NGF SPOTTING (U)

A. CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO 171539Z APR 72

B. CTF SEVEN NINE 50242Z APR 72 (PASEP) (NOTAL)

1. (U) TAKE REF A AND B FOR ACTION

2. (S) ESTABLISH NGF AIR SPOTTING ELEMENT ABOARD USS DENVER, WITH TASK

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DESIGNATOR 79.1.6.1 NO MOVREP REQUIRED.

3. (S) ELEMENT TO CONSIST OF 4 UH1E HELOS WITH PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO
FLY AND MAINTAIN THEM, 4 SPOTTERS FROM 79.1.2, AND 1 SPOTTER CURRENTLY
ON FLIGHT ORDERS PROVIDED FROM 79.1.0.

4. (S) FOR CTU 79.1.6 REQUEST YOU PROVIDE HELO LIFT FOR 79.3.0 REPS
FROM DANANG TO USS DENVER ON 18 APR. NOTIFY ICEPACK OF ETA DANANG FOR
RELAY TO 79.3.0.

5. (S) FOR CTU 79.3.0 REQUEST YOUR REPS BE PREPARED FOR SHORT NOTICE
PICK-UP AFTER 181000H.

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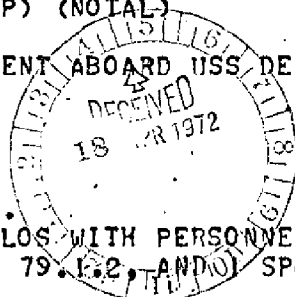
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OTTSZYUW RUHG0AA24:. 1071606-SSSS--RUMFUFA RUHGPTA.
ZNY SSSSS

O 161605Z APR 72

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUMFUFA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUAQAJA/CTF SEVENTNINE

INFO RUHGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

RUAOKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

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ARG EMPLOYMENT OFF NVN (U)

A. CINCPAC 142235Z APR 72 NOTAL

B. CINCPAC 151950Z APR 72 NOTAL

C. JCS 041228Z APR 72 PASEP

1. (S) REF A GRANTED AUTHORITY FOR ARG/MAU/BLT UNITS TO OPERATE WITHIN THE 12 NM DISTANCE OF THE NORTH VIETNAM COAST IN SUPPORT OF DECEPTION OPERATIONS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS AS GRANTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY.

2. (S) REF B AUTHORIZED THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/MAU/BLT UNITS WITHIN THE 12 NM DISTANCE TO THE NORTH VIETNAM COAST WHEN NECESSARY AND REQUIRED IN THE SUPPORT OF MARINE HELICOPTERS PROVIDING NGFS SPOTTING SERVICES.

3. (S) THIS AUTHORITY EXPIRES 1 MAY 1972. REQ ADVISE COMSEVENTHFLT EACH TIME AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN PARA TWO ABOVE IS EXERCISED. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED IN REF C.

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ZNY SSSSS

O 211010Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ONE

TO RUMGOSA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO

INFO RUMGAAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFUA/COMCRUDEEFLOT ELEVEN ADVANCE ROUTED TO *Sho 4642*

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RUMFUA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUMGOFU/USF DENVEFGQIRUNDALA/CTU SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO PT ZERO

RUMGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

RUMPSKK/CTU SEVEN SEVEN PT ONE PT ZERO

RUMUJBA/CTU SEVZJ NINE PT THREE PT ZERO

RUMPSKK/CTU SEVEN SEVEN PT ONE PT ONE

RUMGPBA/CTU SEVEN SEVEN PT ONE PT TWO

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SECTION ONE OF TWO

CTU-79.3.0 NOT ADDEE PASS TO CTE 7.7PMQ

NGF SPOTTING LOI (U)

A. CTG 70.8/CTG 77.1 200400Z APR 72 NOTAL

B. CTG 70.8/CTG 77.1 111030Z APR 72

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C. CTG 77.0 171544Z APR 72 NOTAL

D. COMSEVENTHFLT 130940Z APR 72 NOTAL

IE. SOVIET SA-2 SAM SYSTEM VOL I AND II (ST-CS-14-02-70)

1. (S) IAW REF A FOL COMBINED NGF SPOTTING LO

ZOS NBRWARDED FTJ

APPROVAL. THIS LOI INCORPORATEUREFS B THRU D AND, IF APPROVED,

RECOMMEND REFS B THRU D BE CANCELED: QUOTE FREEDOM TRAIN

NGF SPOTTING INSTRUCTIONS.

1. INTELLIGENCE. CURRENT POSITIONS OF AAA AND SAM SITES MUST

BE READILY AVAILABLE FOR DISPLAY AND DISSEMINATION TO SPOTTER

AIRCRAFT. CTF 77 WILL PROVIDE 10IC LISTING OA AAA AND SAMQUOTES

O NGFS UNITS AND AERIAL SPOTTERS AT LEAST EVERY THIRD DAY VIA

LOG HELO AND COD TO DANANG. REF E CONTAINS CHARACTERISTICS AND

LIMITATIONS OF SA-2 MISSILE. INTELLIGENCE INDICATES MINIMUM

EFFECTIVE ALTITUDE FOR SA-2 MISSILE IS 1000-1500 FT AND SPOTTER

ACFT SHOULD REMAIN BELOW 1000 FT. AIRCREWS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT

SURFACE TO AIR MISSILES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TRACKING AS LOW AS

500 FT. SPOTTEES SHOULD FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH INTELLIGENCE

PHOTOS OF DESIGNATED TARGETS AND BE PREPARED TO ENGAGE LUCRATIVE

TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY.D

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2. SCHEDULING - TARGETS REQUIRING TA-4F/UH-1/SH-2F SPOTTING WILL BE PROMULGATED IN THE CTG 77.0 DAILY TRIKE PLANNING MSG (DSPM) WHICH WILL INCLUDE FOL INFO:

A. UN

T TO WHICH SPOTTER ACFT ASSIGNED.

B. CALL SIGNS OF TASK UNIT COMMANDER AND SHIPS IN COMPANY.

C. TACAN ASSIGNMENTS OF SHIPS SO EQUIPPED.

D. JAMMER ACFT AVAILABILITY.

E. ANY FREQ CHANGES IF DIFFERENT FROM COMM PLAN CONTAINED HEREIN.

REQUEST FOR SPOTTER ACFT IN ADDITION TO THOSE ASSIGNED IN THE DSPM WILL BE MADE DIRECT TO CTG 77.0. ALL TARGETS IN RP-1 WILL REQUIRE CTG 77.0 COORDINATION WITH 7AF THROUGH CTU 78.1.1 TO DETERMINE THAT TOT'S ARE FREE OF CONFLICT. UNIT COMMANDERS WILL KEEP THE FAAWC (ALFA WHISKEY) ADVISED OF THE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF SPOTTER ACFT VIA AF GREEN.

3. FORCES.

A. CTU 77.1.0 - NGF SHIPS OPERATING NORTH OF DMZ BUT SOUTH OF

20-00N2. TASK ORGANIZATION AS FOL:

CTU 77.1.0 CALL SIGN RUNYAN

CT 77.1.1 CALL SIGN ARGENTINA

CTU 77.1.2 CALL SIGN NECKWARE

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B. USS DENVER LPD-9 (CALL SIGN LIMESTONE) AS UH-1E SUPPORT SHIP OPERATING WITHIN FOL AREA: 18-30N2 106-40E1, 19-30N2 107-00E8, 19-30N3 106-40E1, 19-30N3 107-00E8. WHEN FEASIBLE, DENVER WILL BE ASSIGNED AN ESCORT.

C. CTENYUTTQMVMQ A FOUR UH-1 HELOS (CALL SIGN LADZYECZ, : -4 1-:3).

D. CTE 79.3.0.1 - FIVE TA-4F ACFT (CALL SIGN WINE LEAF) OPERATING FROM DANANG AB RVN.

E. SH-2D HELO (CALL SIGN COPYWRIGHT 05) OPERATING FROM USS STERETT.

F. EKA-3B JAMMER ACFT, WHEN AVAILABLE, OPERATING FROM CVA'S.

4. COMMUNICATIONS. ALL FREQS WILL BE UNCOVERED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE:

HD TO LAND/LAUNCH

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PIRAZ

SPOTTER CHECK-IN

SPOTTER NET (UNF)

SPOTTER NET (VHF FM)

385.0MHZ6 (PRI)

312.2MHZ8 (SEC)

386.6MHZ3

277.8MHZ4 (ORI)

385.0MHZ6 (SEC)

382.0MHZ3 (PRI) COVERED

240.5MHZ4 (SEC) COVERED

56.7MHZ8 (PRI) COVERED

67.55MHZ3 (SEC) COVERED

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2MHZ9

SPARE (TU 77.1.1) 299.5MHZ832 :9;343S ,533 1
SPARE (TU 77.1.2) 332.1MHZ9 COVERED NOTE 1

NOTE 1 - SPARE CKTS TO BE UTILIZED ONLY IF OTHER COVERED
UNF CKTS BECOME SATURATED, KEYLIST FOR COVERED CKTS IS EFFECTIVE
EDITION OF AKAK-8098/5.
AKAC-805 WILL BE USED FOR PASSING TACTICAL INFO ON ALL UNCOVERED
CKTS.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS.

A. CHECK IN/OUT. UN-1E AND SIGAWD HELOS CHECK INT/OUT DIRECTLY
WITH CONTROLLING AGENCY. ALL TA-4F ACFT WILL CHECK IN/OUT WITH
PIRAZ SHIP (CALL SIGN RED CROWN) ON 386.6 MHZ3. TA-4F WILL INGRESS
GOT ABOVE FL 180 FOR MAX ED URANCE AND REMAIN UP PIRAZ FREQ. RED
CROWN WILL PROVIDE RADAR DESCENT TO TA-4F OR ADVISE OF CLEAR AREA
FOR DESCENT AND PROVIDE ACF WITH CLOUD BOTTOMS. WHEN CHECKING
OUT RED CROWN WILL PROVIDE CLEAR AREA FOR CLIMB AND PROVIDE FLIGHT
UNTIL TA-4F SWITCH TO PANAMA CONTROL.

B. SPOTTING PROCEDURES.

(1) SINCE TWO OR MORE SHIPS MAY BE FIRING DURING A SPECIFIC
STRIKE AT DIFFERENT TARGETS, SPOTTER MAY NOT BE ABLE TO READILY

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OBSERVE FALL OF SHOT FOR A SPECIFIC SHIP. ALSO, SOME TARGETS AU WILL
BE INLAND FROM COASTLINE AND FALL OF SHOT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO
OBSERVE. SPOTTERS WILL THEREFORE MAINLY BE EMPLOYED TO ASSIST CD
SITE SUPPRESSION FIRING SHIPS. DESIGNATED SHIP OF THE GROUP
PROVIDING SUPPRESSION FIRE SHOULD HAVE POSITIVE CONTROL OF SPOTTERS
HELO AND KEEP AIRBORNE OBSERVER ADVISED OF GUN TARGET LINE AT ALL
TIMES. PRE FALL OF SHOT WARNING MUST BE ISSUED TO ASSIT ACFT IN
POSITION FOR OBSERVATION.

(2) IF SPOTTER HELO IS ABOARD FIRING SHIP FOR BRIEFINGS,
HELO WILL BE LAUNCHED PRIOR TO SHIP ENTERING ANY THGEA DQSTVELOPE
F.I.E. SAM, CD SITE, ETC).

(3) HELOS SHOULD REMAIN CLOSE OVERHEAD OCIASTERN CONTROLLING
SHIP AS SHIP NLOMES COASTLINE SO AS NOT TO GIVE ENEMY TWO DISTINCT
TARGETS.

(4) CONTROLLING SHIP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR KEEPING ACFT OUT OF
OWN/FRIENDLY GUN TARGET LINE DANGER AREAS. IF FEASIBLE, THE CONTROL-
LING SHIP WILL MAINTAIN A VISUAL WATCH ON THE ACFT AT ALL TIMES.

(5) CONTROLLING SHIP WILL VECTOR ACFT CLEAR OF FALL OF ENEMY
SHOT WHEN SHIP IYPSUBJECTED TO FIRE BY AIRBURSTS.

(6) SPOTTER ACFT WILL, TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, ADJU Z BEJ

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TO SIGNALING FIRE FOR EFFECT.

(7) SPOTTING ACFT WILL AGGRESSIVELY VARY FLIGHT PATTERNS SO AS NOT TO STEREOTYPE MOVEMENTS/ORBITS. POP UP SPOTTING TECHNIQUES SHOULD BE USED AS TACTICAL SITUATION DITATES.

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KIL UH-1E HELOS WILL OPERATE IN SECTIONS OF TWO FOR GREATER SPOTTING FLEXIBILITY AND MUTUAL SUPPORT SHOULD EMERGENCY OR HOSTILE SITUATIONS ARISE.

(9) TA-4F SPOTTER ACFT WILL BE ASSIGNED 30-40 MIN TOT IN THE DSPM DEPENDENT ON TARGET LOCATION.

(10) ADJUSTMENT OF COUNTERBATTERY FIRE TAKES PRECEDENCE OVER ALL OTHER TARGETS.

(11) EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE BY SPOTTERS TO OBTAIN ACCURATE AND TIMELY GDA PRIOR TO ISSUING END OF TOT.

(12) THE VERTEX OR MAX ALTITUDE OF THE TRAJECTORY OF THE SHOT MUST BE GIVEN TO TA-4F ACFT.

C. IFF PROCEDURES.

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(1) SPOTTER ACFT WILL SQUAWK ALH CGDES.

(2) WHILE ON A IGNED MISSION ACFT WILL SQUAWK MODE 1 CODE XX INDICATING NVN AUTHORIZED (INSIDE 12NM3 BUFFER). IFF SQUAWKS PROMULGATED BY 7AF.

(3) IN EVENT OF IN FLIGHT EMERGENCY OR HOSTILE FIRE RECEIVED, ACFT WILL SQUAWK EMERGENCY.

(4) ACFT WILL PARROT CHECK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER TAKE OFF AND IF ALL MODES ARE SOUR ACFT WILL CANCEL AND RETURN TO

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BASE.

D. MINIMUMS.

(1) ONLY ACFT SPOTTING AUTHORIZED IS VFR DAYLIGHT.

(2) HELO WEATHER MINIMUMS WILL BE 1100 FT2 CEILING AND 3NM VISIBILITY.

(3) SPOTTING HELOS WILL NOT APPROACH LAND MASS INCLUDING ISLANDS CLOSER THAN THREE NAUTICAL MILES. OPTIMUM SPOTTING ALTITUDE 500-1000 FT BUT UNDER NO CONDITIONS ABOVE 1500 FT6 WHEN WITHIN KNOWN SAM ENVELOPES.

(4) TA-4F WEATHER MINIMUMS ARE 5000 FT CEILING AND 5NM VISIBILITY. IF PREVAILING WX IS BELOW MINIMUMS ALFA WHISKEY WILL BE NOTIFIED BY UNIT COMMANDER TO WHOM TA-4F SUPPORT WAS SCHEDULED AT LEAST 30 MIN PRIOR TO LAUNCH. ALFA WHISKEY WILL IMMEDIATELY RELAY TO CTG 79.3.0 AT DANANG VIA AIR FORCE GREEN.

(5) TA-4F ACFT WHICH HAVE NO DECM WILL NOT BE EMPLOYED IN SAM HIGH THREAT AREAS UNLESS MISSIONS OF EXTRAORDINARY IMPORTANCE ARE ASSIGNED. SHOULD SUCH MISSIONS BECOME NECESSARY TACAIR AND ECM SUPPORT WILL BE ASSIGNED. CONTROLLING SHIPS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT TA2.F MAY EMPLOY CHAFF AS TACTICAL SITUATION DICTATES.

E. MISC.

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(1) SPOTTER HELOS MAY LAND ON FRAM I DD, DE 1052 WITHOUT BASIC POINT DEFENSE SMS OR DE1240 CLASS SHIPS FOR COORDINATION BRIEFINGS BUT CAN NOT RPT CANNOT LAND ON DDG'S. HELO CREW BRIEFS ABOARD NGF UNITS ARE ENCOURAGED.

6. RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO THESE OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO CTG 77.0 INFO COMSEVENTHFLT AND CTG 77.1. UNQUOTE..

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P 251240Z APR 72

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TO /EN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

INFO RUHGOKA/US DENVER

RUMUJBA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT ZERO

ZEN/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT TWO

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DENVER PASS TO CTE SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT SIX PT ONE/CTU SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT ZERO NOT ADDEE PASS TO CTE SEVEN NINE PT THREE PT ZERO PT ONE

NGF SPOTTING (U)

A. CTE 79.1.6.1 181405Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

B. CTE 79.1.6.1 191800Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

C. CTE 79.1.6.1 201115Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

D. CTE 79.1.6.1 211055Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

E. CTE 79.1.6.1 221655Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

F. CTE 79.1.6.1 231155Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

G. CTE 79.1.6.1 241025Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

H. CTG 70.6/CTG 77.1 241015Z APR 72

I. (S) REF A THROUGH G ARE SITREPS OUTLINING PROGRESS AND UTILIZATION

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OF THIS UNIT'S UH-1E HELICOPTER ASSETS AS NGF SPOTTING PLATFORMS. IN SUMMARY, THESE SITREPS INDICATE THAT FOR SEVEN DAYS THE ONLY NGF SPOTTING ACTIVITY THAT OCCURED WAS ON 23 APR WHEN AIRCRAFT FLEW A TOTAL OF 5.1 HOURS OF SUPPORT.

2. (S) THIS MINIMAL UTILIZATION OF LANDING FORCE HELICOPTER ASSETS RAISES QUESTION AS TO VALIDITY OF MISSION ASSIGNED. EVIDENTLY DENVER BEING USED MAINLY AS SAR PLATFORM FOR BIG MOTHER AIRCRAFT AND UH-1E'S ARE RELEGATED TO STANDBY STATUS WHEN AND IF CONTROLLING AGENCY DESIRES TO UTILIZE THEM. ONLY MISSION TO DATE (REF F) MANIFESTED PROBLEMS OF TARGETS TOO FAR INLAND FOR ADEQUATE CONTROL; SHIPS NOT INFORMING AIRCRAFT OF INTENTIONS; SHIPS DOING OWN COMPUTATION AND FIRING AT WILL; NO MEANINGFUL COMM ACHIEVED EVEN THOUGH BOTH PARTY'S RADIO EXCHG; NON-BRIEFING OF OTHER AIRCRAFT MISSIONS IN AREA WHICH CREAT DANGER OF MID-AIR COLLISION AND FINALLY, SHIPS FIRING 1000 MILES FROM UNIDENTIFIED TARGET.

3. (S) REF A THROUGH G THAT DENVER CONTINUES TO BE SPOT PLATFORM AND THAT THERE ARE NO AGREEMENTS FOR AIRCRAFT ON 23 APR 72 AS OF 1200 HOURS SENT.

4. (S) REF A STATES THAT DUE TO REDUCTION OF FREEDOM TRAIN NOT ACCESS TO ONE TASK SET ORIGINATOR DOES NOT BELIEVE REQUIRE-

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MENTS EXISTS FOR BOTH UH1E AND TA4F SPOTTER SUPPORT DURING SINGLE
TASK UNIT OPERATIONS AND RECOMMENDS THAT UH1E'S BE STAGED FROM
MAHAN. DENVER CONSIDERED ONLY SUITABLE HELO PLATFORM AS PLACEMENT
OF THESE AIRCRAFT ON SHIPS SUCH AS MAHAN SEVERELY RESTRICTS OPERA-
TION OF BOTH SHIP AND AIRCRAFT, I.E., IN EVENT MAHAN DIRECTED TO
FIRE AFT MISSILES WITH UH1E'S ABOARD, SHIP WOULD BE FORCED TO
LAUNCH AIRCRAFT IN ORDER TO COMPLY.
5. (S) IN VIEW OF ABOVE, RECOMMEND THIS UNIT'S UH1E'S BE RELIEVED OF
NGF SPOTTING ROLE AND RETURNED TO PRIMARY POSTURE AS LANDING FORCE
HELO ASSET".

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FOI 2-72 ACTIVATION OF 33D HXAU/TG 79.7 (S)

- A. CG, FMF SEVSFTHFLT /CTF 79 OPORDER 201
B. CTF SEVEN NINE 140140Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)
C. CTF SEVEN SIX 131130Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)
D. CG, III MAF 140812Z APR 72(U) (NOTAL)
E. III MAF 0 P05440.3A
F. CG, III MAF 170453Z MAR 72 (U) (NOTAL)
G. JCS PUB 6 VOL II PART 2 CHAP ONE
1. (S) THIS LOI ACTIVATES HEADQUARTERS 33D M

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UNIT (MAU) FOR CONDUCT OF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED.
REF A TASKS 3D MARDIV, 1ST MAW AND 3D FSR TO PROVIDE RE-
QUISITE FORCES FOR OPERATION UNDER CTE79 OPERATIONAL
CONTROL. REF B DESIGNATES FORCES ASSIGNED 3304 MAW/TG 79.;
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2. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION:

33D MAU/TG 79.7

HQ 33D MAU

BLT ONE SLANT FOUR

COMP HELO SQD HMM -164

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3. (S) SITUATION: THE INCREASED TEMPO OF OPERATIONS
DICTATED BY THE ENEMY OFFENSIVE IN RVN REQUIRES THE
ACTIVATION OF ADDITIONAL COMMAND AND CONTROL HEADQUARTERS
TO ASSUME OPCOM OF A MARINE AMPHIBIOUS UNIT (MAU) TO BE
EMBARKE IN AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP SHIPPING (IG 76.7) FOR
POSSIBLE INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS.

42 (S) MISSION: 33D WAW/TG 79.7 ON EMBARKATION ASSUMES
OPCON OF ASSIGNED MARINE GROUND, AIR, AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT
ELEMENTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AS
DIRECTED

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JSM KS) EXECUTION: ACTION ADDRES PROVIDE DESIGNATED FORCES
PER REF A PREPARED FOR EMBARKATION ON 19 APRIL 1972 IN ARG
CHAXXRLIE/TG 76.7 SMRPPING.

(A. CTG 79.1: ON ORDER ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF
TG 79.7.

B. CTG 79.2:

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(1) PROVIDE HQ STAFF FOR 33D MAU/TG 79.7 IAHMREF D.

(2) PROVL

E EMBARKATION SUPPORT TO C.O. 33D MAUWT

(3) IAW CURRENT SKED REF C EMBARK DESIGNATED FORCES
IN BCG CHARLIE/TG 76.7.

(4) UPON EMBARKATION CHANGE OPERATIONAL CONTROL

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DESIGNATED BLT AND LSU TO CTG 79.7.

C. CTG 79.3:

MXOL EMBARK DESIGNATED FORCES PER CURRENT SKED REF C.

(2) UPON EMBARKATION CHANG OPERATIONAL CONTROL
OF DESIGNATED COMP HELO SQD TO CTG 79.7.

D. CRV 79.7:

(1) ACTIVATE FOR OPERATIONS ZYFECTIVE 171501Z APR 72.

(2) UPON EMBARKATION OF ASSIGNED FORCES ASSUME

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OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF BLT, HMM AND LSU.

(3) EMBARK 33D MAU/TG 79.7 HEADQUARTERS IAW CURRENT
SKED REF C.

(4) CONDUCT LANDING PLAN EXERCISE IAW REF C AND E
AND DEPLOY AS DIRECTED.

(5) ON ORDER CHANGE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF
ASSIGNED FORCES TO CTG 79.1.

(6) REF E AS MODIFIED BY REF F APPLIES FOR ALR

REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT FORSTAT. REF G APPLIES FOR FORSTAT.
INFO CTG 79 ALL FORSTAT REPORTS.

6. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON, INFO CTG 79 ALL MSG TRAFFIC.

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ZNY SSSSS

P. 171510Z APR 72

FM THREE THREE MAU

TO ZEN/ BLT ONE SLANT FOUR

RUAKUA/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

INFO AIG SIX ZERO

RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC

ZEN/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMF NA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

ZEN/SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUAKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

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ACTIVATION OF 33D MAU

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B. CTF 79 150556Z APR 72 (S)

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C. NWIP 10-1 D (C)

D. DIVO 3000.78 OF 31 MAR 1972 (U)

E. DIVO 003573.1 OF 14 DEC 1970 (S)

1. (S) IAW REF A AND B 33

171501Z APR 72 J D ACTIVATED FOR OPERATIONS EFFECTIVE 171501Z APR 72.

UPON EMBARKATION OF ASSIGNED FORCES 33D MAU WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL

CONTROL OF BLTI/A, HMM 164 AND THE LSU. DIRLAUTH ALCOM.

2. 33D MAU TASK ORIENTATION AS FOLLOWS:

33D MAU NVXXSQ

HMM 165W/MIX OF 14 CH-46

4 CH-53, 2 UH1E AND 2 AH1J

BATTALION LANDING TEAM ONE SLANT FOUR

1ST BN 4TH MARINES

G BTRY, 3D BN, 12TH MAR

4TH PLAT, CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN

1ST PLAT, CO C, 3LS 3, 24 7.

3D PLAT, CO D, 3D RECON BN

1ST PLAT, CO B, 3D TK BN

DET, HQBN, 3D MARDIV

LSU

1ST PLAT, CO B, 3D SP BN

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2D PLAT, CO C, 9TH MT BN
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PLAT KREIND, C&C CO, 3D MED'BN

DET 3D FSR

SET 3D SERV BN

DET 3D DENT. CO

A3. (S) — UPON COMPLETION OF ENBARKATION ESTIMATE 200705Z APR 72

ALCUSUBORDINATE ELEMENTS-CHOP TO 33D-MAO.

4. (S) 33D MAU WILL BE PREPARED TO CHOP TO CTF 79NAPON

3 COMPLETION OF EMBARKATION IN ARG-C SHIPPING ON OR ABOUT

00700Z APR 72. EXECUTION WILL BE BY SEPARATE MSG. THIS

Q WILL SUBMIT MOVREP IAW REF C AND FORSTAT IAW REF D.

5. (U) PERSONNEL MANNING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF E.

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P 210500Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN

TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUHG0AA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFUFA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUACKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUHGOLA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ONE PT TWO

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT SEVEN

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E C R E T //NO3120//

33RD MAU CHOP TO CTF SEVEN NINE

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 150556Z APR (S)

1. (C) EMBARKATION ALL SHIPS COMPLETED 210415Z APR 72.

2. (S) 33RD MAU NOW OPCON CTF SEVEN NINE. UNODIR WILL CONDUCT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED IAW REF A.

3. (S) ETD OKINAWA 210430Z APR, ETA SUBIC OPERATING AREA 230900Z APR.

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ZNY SSSSS

O 260527Z APR 72

FM CTF SEVEN NINE

TO RUMGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

RUMGOVA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN

RUMGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

INFO RUMGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUMFUFA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUAKUUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

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CHANGE OF OPCON (U)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 150556Z APR 72 (S)

1. (S) IAW REF A, 33D MAU/TG 79.7 CHANGE OPCON TO CTG 79.1

EFFECTIVE 271600Z APR 72. (270001H)

2. (S) CTG 79.7 REMAIN OPCON CTG 79.1 UNTIL TOVR IS DIRECTED,

AT WHICH TIME CTG 79.7 WILL ASSUME OPCON BLT 3/4, HMM-165.

(14-4-2-2 MIX) AND CURRENT 31ST MAU LSU FOR RETURN OKI

ABOARD CURRENT ARG-ALFA SHIPPING.

3. (S) UPON TOVR, CTG 79.4 WILL ASSUME OPCON BLT 1/4, HMM-164

(14-6-4 MIX) AND LSU ABOARD CURRENT ARG-CHARLIE

SHIPPING FOR CONDUCT SKED OPS.

PAGE TWO RUAOAJA3579 SECRET

4. (S) WHEN TOVR DIRECTED, CTG 79.1 TAKE NECESSARY TRANSFER

AND CHOPCON ACTIONS INDICATED PAR 2 AND 3 ABOVE AND WHEN

TG 79.7 DEPARTS TG 79.1 CHANGE OPCON TG 79.7 TO CTF 79.

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ZNYCCCCC

P 271240Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
TO RUHGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
INFO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN EINE PT TWO

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C O N F I D E N T I A L //NO3121//

A. CTF 79 260527Z APR 72 NOTAL

1. IAW REF A. PLEASED TO REPORT FOR DUTY. 33 MAU DECKS CLEAR;
READY FOR ACTION (OR ANY THING ELSE). DELIGHTED TO JOIN
THE CUTTING EDGE OF THE FORCE IN READINESS.

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{ 33 MAU REPORTS
FOR OPS

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271240Z APR 72

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1041Z NPM DE C70G A018
 OTTSZYUW RUHGPTA1199 1180912-SSSS--RUAOAJA RUHGOKA RUHHFMA.
 ZNY SSSSS

O 270912Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 TO ZEN/TG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 INFO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
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 RUHGOKA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN
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S E C R E T //N03000//

TASK ORGANIZATION (U)

A. CTG SEVEN NINE 260527Z APR 72 (S)

1. (S) REF A DIRECTS 33 MAU (CTG 79.7) TO CHANGE OPCON TO CTG 79.1 EFFECTIVE 271600Z APR 72.

2. (S) EFFECTIVE 271600Z APR 72 THE TASK ORGANIZATION FOR THE 9TH MAB WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

9TH MAB

H&S CO 9TH MAB
 DET 1ST RAD BN
 DET A HML 367
 PROV COMM SPT CO

TG 79.1
 TU 79.1.0
 TE 79.1.0.1
 TE 79.1.0.2
 TU 79.1.1

BGEN MILLER

MAJ BORDERS

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RLT 4

DET HQ CO RLT 4 (HQ 33RD MAU)
 BLT 3/4
 BLT 1/9
 BLT 1/4

LFSP HQ

BLSG HQ

PROV MAG 10

HQ PROV MAG 10 (HQ 31ST MAU)
 HMM 165
 DET B HML 367
 HMM 164
 NGF SPOT DET

TU 79.1.2
 TE 79.1.2.0
 TE 79.1.2.1
 TE 79.1.2.2
 TE 79.1.2.3
 TU 79.1.3
 TU 79.1.4
 TU 79.1.6
 TE 79.1.6.0
 TE 79.1.6.1
 TE 79.1.6.2
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ZNY SSSSS

Z 290230Z APR 72

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUMFUFA/CTF SEVEN SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUHGPTA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

INFO RUHGOLA/USS TRIPOLI

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SAR OPERATIONS (U)

1. FOR CTF 76: REQ CHOP TRIPOLI TO CTF SEVEN SEVEN FOR POSSIBLE SAR OPERATIONS. TRIPOLI TO PROCEED WITH ESCORT VICINITY OF 18 NORTH OR AS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY CTF 77. CTF 77 WILL RETURN OPON ON COMPLETION SAR OPS OR IF PROPOSED OPS CANCELLED.

2. FOR CTG 70.8: REQ PROVIDE ESCORT FOR TRIPOLI UNTIL COMPLETION SAR OPS.

3. FOR CTG 79.1: REQ PROVIDE HELD SUPPORT IF REQUIRED IN SUPPORT SAR OPS.

4. FOR CTF 77: TRIPOLI LIMITED TO SUSTAINED MAX SPEED OF TEN KNOTS. POSITIONING FOR SAR PURPOSES SHOULD REFLECT THIS LIMITATION.

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OTISZYUW RUHGOKA2341 1201119-SSSS--RHMP500.

ZNY SSSSS

O 291112Z APR 72

FM USS OKINAWA

TO RHMP500/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

INFO RHMP500/COMSEVENTHFLT

ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX

RHMP500/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SEVEN

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT SEVEN

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RHMP500/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO

RHMP500/CTU SEVEN SEVEN PT ZERO PT ZERO

ZEN/ISS DAVIUSON

RHMP500/ISS DENVER

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SAR OPERATIONS (U)

A. CTF 77 290340Z APR 72 (NOTAL)

1.FYMRIG INCOMPANY WITH DAVIDSON VCTY STA ASSIGNED REF A. STANDING BY FOR FURTHER TASKING. TWO BIG MOTHER HELOS ABOARD IN ALERT STATUS.

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9th Marine Amphibious Brigade FMF
FPO San Francisco, 96602

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7/HFF/jbs
27 Apr 1972

BRIGADE BULLETIN 4630

From: Commanding General
To: Distribution List

Subj: Helicopter Transportation Procedures

1. Information. The Helicopter Transportation Coordination Center monitors all arrivals and departures from USS Blue Ridge. The location of any Marine utilizing helicopter transportation is recorded and monitored until he reaches his final destination or returns to his parent organization.

2. Procedures. To assist in monitoring transportation the following procedures are established:

a. A schedule board will be maintained in the Landing Force Command Area (LFC) which lists all known flights in the vicinity of the USS BLUE RIDGE. Landing Force Admin/Log flights will be scheduled based on known requirements submitted at 1600 daily.

b. Personnel requiring transportation will fill out a request form in LFC so that arrangements can be made to match the requirements with the following days flight schedule. Requirements should be made 24 hours in advance if possible.

c. Priority and emergency requirements will be handled by separate procedures as the situation dictates, but will begin with a request to the duty Helicopter Transportation Coordinator.

3. Action

a. Personnel departing USS Blue Ridge by helicopter will fill out a passenger information form in the LFC with the duty Helicopter Transportation Coordinator.

b. Personnel boarding a Landing Force Admin/Log Flight will present a boarding pass to the Coordination NCO on the flight deck.

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c. The Coordination NCO will prepare a list of passengers boarding each helicopter which will serve as the USS Blue Ridge passenger manifest for the flight. Since no boarding pass is required on Navy or Landing Force flights not designated Admin/Log, passengers will log out with the Helicopter Coordination NCO on the flight deck prior to departure.

4. Self Cancellation. 30 September 1972.



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INCOMING MESSAGE

1740Z NPM DE C700 NR 075
 PTTCZYUW RUHGPTA0312 1971610-CCCC--RUAOAJA RUHGOHA RUHCPHA.
 ZNY CCCCC
 P 051617Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE - *HAS BEEN SENT*
 TO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE
 INFO RUHGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 RUHCPHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO -
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9TH MAB SILENT MESSAGE AS OF 253400Z APR 72 (U)

- A. CIF 79 243927Z APR 72 (S)
 B. USS TUSCALOOSA 051750Z APR 72 (C) NOTAL

1. (C) TASK ORGANIZATION:

9TH MAB	TG 79.1
H&S CO 9TH MAB	TU 79.1.0
DET 1ST RAD BN	TE 79.1.0.1
PROV COMM SPT CO	TU 79.1.1
DET HML 367	TU 79.1.3
BLSG	TU 79.1.4
LFSG	TU 79.1.5

2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: 14NM. E. O'LUAN PI, TAIWAN

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3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY:

A. 05 APR-26 APR. BLUE RIDGE DEPARTED OKINAWA 050400Z APR 72 WITH 9TH MAB EMBARKED. CONCURRENT AND COORDINATED PLANNING FACILITATED BY CLOSE PROXIMITY AND COOPERATION OF CTG 79.1/CTF STAFFS. INTENSIVE PLANNING FOR CONTINGENCY OPS BEGAN COINCIDENT WITH SAILING AND CONTINUES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CURRENT INSTRUCT AND APPROPRIATE OPORDS. REF A FACILITATED RAPID AND COMPREHENSIVE INTELLIGENCE UPDATE.

B. REF B REPORTED DAMAGE TO STERN GATE OF TUSCALOOSA WHICH QUOTED IN PART. QUOTE - ABILITY TO CONTINUE PRESENT ASSIGNMENT LIMITED. CANNOT SAFELY RECOVER LUTS VIA STERN GATE. BELIEVE CAN LAUNCH UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS IF GREAT CARE IS USED - UNQUOTE

C. MOTION PICTURE AND STILL PHOTOS WERE TAKEN FOR DOCUMENTATION BY USMC PHOTOGRAPHERS PRIOR TO AND DURING DEPARTURE. DAILY MEMO LETTER, THE RIDGE RUNNER, IS BEING PRINTED TO KEEP EMBARKED MARINES INFORMED ON WORLD NEWS, WEATHER, MENUS, AND ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST. THE RIDGE RUNNER IS ENTIRELY COMPILED AND EDITED BY 9TH MAB PERSONNEL. LCPL HARDY, RADIO/TV SPECIALIST FROM PAC AUGMENTING THE BLUE RIDGE RADIO STATION STAFF.

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D. TWO HOURS PER MAN PER DAY HAS BEEN PROGRAMED FOR SHIPBOARD OPERATION TRAINING TO INCLUDE OPSEC, OPREP-3, RADIO INTERCOM PROCEDURES. A NEW AND UNIQUE CONCEPT OF CLASSIFIED MESSAGE ACCOUNTING UTILIZING ASIS IS BEING PLANNED.

4. (C) PERSONNEL STRENGTH:

MARINE			NAVY		
OFF	ENL	TOT	OFF	ENL	TOT
55	157	223	3	3	6
MARINES IN TRANSIT			OFF	ENL	TOT
			1	12	13

5. (C) INTENTIONS: CONTINUE CONTINGENCY PLANNING TO COVER FEASIBLE COURSES OF ACTION AS DICTATED BY DIRECTIVES FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY.

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DTG:

061610Z APR

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PTTSZYUW RUHGPTA0344 090 46-SSSS--RUAOAJA RUHGOHA RUHGPHA.
ZNY SSSSS

P R 071146Z APR 72
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
INFO RUHGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
RUHGPHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 002 AS OF 070400Z APR 72

- A. CTF SEVEN NINE 051400Z APR 72 (S)
B. CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE 060855Z APR 72 (S)
C. CTF SEVEN NINE 040536Z APR 72 (S)
1. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION:

9TH MAB

H&S CO 9TH MAB

DET 1ST RAD BN

PROV COMM SPT CO

RLT 4 (FWD)

HQ RLT 4 (FWD) (HQ 31ST MAU)

BLT 3/4

TG 79.1

TU 79.1.0

TE 79.1.0.1

TU 79.1.1

TU 79.1.2

TE 79.1.2.0

TE 79.1.2.1

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BLT 1/9

DET HML 367

BLSG

LFSP

HMM 165

TE 79.1.2.2

TU 79.1.3

TU 79.1.4

TU 79.1.5

TU 79.1.6

THIS ORGANIZATION IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY.

2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: 18 54'N 113 57'E, EMBARKED ABOARD BLUE RIDGE
3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 06-07 APR,

A. CTG 79.4 REPORTED TO CTG 79.1 FOR PLANNING.

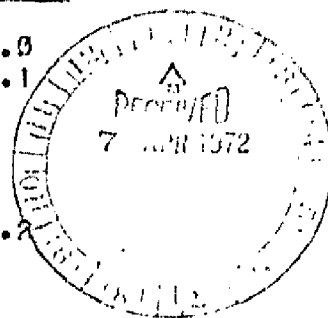
B. INITIAL TACTICAL MISSION PLANNING GUIDANCE REQUIRED BY REF A HAS BEEN FURNISHED TO CTG 79.4 AND CTG 79.5 BY REF B.

C. CTF 79.1 STAFF DEVELOPING PACKAGING CONCEPT FOR MOVEMENT OF ELEMENTS REMAINING AT OKI AND ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES/EQUIP AS REQUIRED BY PARA 3 B OF REF C.

D. THE 4 PAGE SECOND ADDITION OF THE RIDGE RUNNER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

E. PERSONNEL OF 9TH MAB STAFF HAVE RECEIVED THE REQUIRED INNOCULATIONS FOR ALL PROBABLE AREAS OF OPERATION.

F. COMM SECURITY AND OPERATOR TRAINING WAS CONDUCTED FOR



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4. (S) INTENTIONS:

- A. AN ATTEMPT IS BEING MADE TO ARRANGE FOR THE USE OF A BLUE RIDGE MOTION PICTURE CAMERA FOR DOCUMENTATION PENDING ANTICIPATED ARRIVAL OF THE JET TEAM.
- B. IF 76 TG 79. STAFFS CONTINUE INTENSIVE COORDINATED PLANNING IN RESPONSE TO SEVENTH FLT DIRECTIVES TO INCREASE THE READINESS OF THE AMPHIBIOUS TEAM FOR CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.
- C. THE TEC PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE STAFF TO ALLOW SIMULTANEOUS PLANNING OF VARIOUS CONTINGENCIES.
- D. THE LVT RECOVERY PROBLEM WITH THE TUSCALOOSA IS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY CTF 76, ALTERNATIVES INCLUDE RECOVERING LVTS ON SCHENECTADY AND THE SHIFTING OF PERSONNEL/VEHICLES TO DULUTH AND DENVER.

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

- A. CTG 79.4 IS SCHEDULED TO ARR BLUE RIDGE AT 081030H FOR COORDINATION/BRIEFING.
- B. IF 79.1 FSC WILL VISIT CTF 77 STAFF ON 8 APR WITH CTF 76 TO OBTAIN LATEST TARGET INFO FOR PLANNING.
- C. ONE CH46 IS SCHEDULED TO PICK UP THE EMBARKED 105MM 8 APR.

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D. OFFICER AND ENLISTED TRAINING WILL CONTINUE IN CONJUNCTION WITH INTENSIVE STAFF PLANNING.

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1252Z HPN DE C706 NR 022
PTTSZYUW RUHGPTA0377 0991130-SSSS--RUAOAJA.
ZNY SSSSS

P R 081130Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
TO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE
INFO ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
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9TH MAB SITREP NR 003 AS OF 080400Z APR 72

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: VONTY YANKEE STATION

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 07 APR - 08 APR 72

A. BLUE RIDGE ARR YANKEE STA 080800 AND BEGAN RENDU...
WITH ARG-A. HELO SHUTTLES WITH NAVY H 46 A/C:

(1) TOOK OFF MAIL

(2) BROUGHT ABOARD PERSONNEL FOR BRIEFINGS

(3) TRANSFERRED THIRTEEN HMM-165 PERSONNEL TO TRIPOLI

(4) LIFTED 105MM AND DELIVERED TO BLT 3/4.

(5) RETURNED BRIEFED PERSONNEL TO TRIPOLI

B. ABOARD FOR 9TH MAB BRIEFING WERE CO 31ST MAW, CO 1

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CO BLT 3/4, S-3 MAW, S-2 MAW, ENGPO BLT 3/4, PP

INCLUDED SITUATION, CURRENT PLANS, INTENTIONS

C. PHOTO COVERAGE OF HELO OPS WAS PROVIDED BY PAU

D. A JOINT MEETING OF CTG 76/CTG 79.1 AND STAFFS

071632H TO DISCUSS STATUS OF PLANNING AND PROVIDE
PLANNING GUIDANCE.

E. CTG 79.5 REPORTED TO CTG 79.1 FOR PLANNING.

F. CTG 79.1 TAC NET ACTIVATED.

G. BLUE RIDGE DECK UTILIZED FOR PHYSICAL CONDITIONING.

H. CTG 79.1 HAS ONLY CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN ON LCC-19.1

ESTABLISHED FOR SERVICES ON OTHER SHIPS.

4. PERSONNEL STATUS:

USMC			NAVY		
OFF	ENL	TOT	OFF	ENL	TOT
36	157	223	3	3	6

5. (S) INTENTIONS:

A. VISIT SCHEDULED FOR 091000H BY 7TH FLT MARO, FOR
AMPH WAR O TO CTG 76/CTG 79.1 TO DISCUSS CURRENT

B. TROOP FITNESS/TRAINING, INTENSIVE, COORDINATED
WILL CONTINUE TO BE EMPHASIZED.

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HAS BEEN SENTPITTSZYUW RUHGPTA0400 1001435-SSSS--RUAOAJA RUHGOHA RUHGPHA RUADYHA
RUHHFMA RUHGOAA.

ZNY SSSSS

P P 091435Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

TO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE

INFO RUHGOHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUHGPHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUADYHA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 004 AS OF 090400Z APR 72

A. CTF 79 090036Z APR 72 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CTF 79 070215Z APR 72 (C)

1. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION:

9TH MAB

DET H&S CO 9TH MAB

DET 1ST RAD BY

PROV COM SPT CO

31ST MAU (RLT-4(FWD))

TG 79.1

TU 79.1.0

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TU 79.1.1

TU 79.1.2 ✓

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HQ 31ST MAU

BLT 3-4

BLT 1-9

DET B HML 367

DET A HML 367

DET BDE LOG SPT GRU

HMM 105

TE 79.1.2.0

TE 79.1.2.1

TE 79.1.2.2

TE 79.1.2.2.1

TU 79.1.3

TU 79.1.4

TU 79.1.6

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 080400Z-090400Z

A. 9TH MAB ASSUMED OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF TG 79.4 AND 79.5 EFFECT
090400Z IAW REF A.

B. TG 79.4 REPORTED TO 9TH MAB FOR OPCON.

C. TG 79.5 REPORTED TO 9TH MAB FOR OPCON.

D. TO MEET THE INCREASED TEMPO OF PLANNING, THE TEC HAS BEEN
DESIGNATED THE AC/S, G-5 PLANS.

E. SCHED HELO OPS CANCELED UNTIL 0940 DUE TO WX.

F. SEVENTHFLT MARO, SURF PLANSO, AND AMPH MARO, JOINED TO TG 79.1

TG 79.1 FOR DISCUSSIONS ON CURRENT PLANNING.

4. DISCUSSION:

A. AS A RESULT OF YOUR INQUIRY, REF B, WELCOME INPUTS TO D

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ORDER OF BATTLE ARE ARRIVING.

B. LOW CEILINGS AND POOR VIS SET IN PRIOR TO SUNSET AND SECURED 79
HELLO OPS THROUGH REMAINING REPORTING PERIOD. MOST PLANNED LIAISON
TRIPS WERE CANCELLED.

5. INTENTIONS:

A. ADDITIONAL PLANNING VISITS IF THE WX CLEARS.

B. CONTINUED STAFF PLANNING AND ACTIVATION OF COMM NETS.

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1 P R 121332Z APR 72
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
TO RUADAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
INFO RUMMWIA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
RUYSAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
RUHGOAA/COMSEVENTHFLT
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1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 090400-100400 APR

A. THE FOLLOWING NETS HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED:

(1) FRAC TAC NR 3 (SECURE TTY) BEING MONITORED IN TRP COMM
FIC MONITORED PASSED TO G-2.

(2) BDE TAC CONTINUES TO FURNISH SECURE LINK TO ARG ALFA
BRAVO. NESTOR KEYLIST, AKAK 8159, AVAILABLE FROM CTF

(3) USKAC 692 OPCODE WILL BE USED FOR OPS. EXTRACTS AVAILABLE
FROM CTF 6 COPIES AS REQUIRED.

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(4) CG FRAC CEO1 IS AVAILABLE. LIMITED REPRODUCTIONS HAVE
MADE.

: B. CO AND MAINTO HMM 165 AND XO 31ST MAU ON BOARD FOR PLAN
WITH 79.1

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. PERSONNEL:

(1) STRENGTH: NO CHANGE.

(2) STATUS: FULL DUTY.

(3) SHOT UPDATE COMPLETED.

(4) G-1 COMPILING UPDATE RTD OF ALL PERSONNEL ABOARD.

B. PAO:

(1) THE FIFTH EDITION OF THE RIDGE RUNNER HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED
TO ALL HANDS, PROVIDING A SITUATION BRIEF BY CG 9TH MAB
READY SOURCE OF WORLD NEWS AND SPORTS.

(2) DOCUMENTARY PHOTOS BY PAO STAFF EXTENDED TO PERTINENT
ITIES. MOVIE CAMERAS AVAILABLE FROM CHIPS COMPANY FOR
BOARD USE ONLY. AWAITING ARRIVAL MOPIC TEAM FOR ACTIVITY
AWAY FROM BLUE RIDGE.

C. HELD OPS INCREASED EARLY 10 APR WITH SLIGHT LIFT IN WX
WX FOR NEXT 24 HR PERIOD - 1500 FT CLG, 7MIS/2-5MIS, RUM

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5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. FORMULATING PLAN FOR COORDINATION ALL HELD TRANSPORTATION
AND FROM BLUE RIDGE IN COOPERATION WITH TACRON 11 AND
RIDGE AIR OPS.

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P R 111210Z APR 72

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 006 AS OF 110400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: APR 440M NW YANKEE
3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY 100400Z - 110400Z APR
 - A. CTG 79.1, G-3, G-5 ACCOMPANIED BY CTF 76 TO TRIPOLI FOR COMMAND VISITS.
 - B. TG 79.1 FORSIATO AND MARES CHIEF ON BOARD TRIPOLI FOR LIAISON VISIT.
 - C. 31ST MAU S-4 AND LSU CMDR ABOARD BLUE RIDGE FOR LOGISTICS UPDATE CONF.
 - D. TG 79.1 PHOTO INTERPRETATION TO KITTY HAWK FOR IMAGERY

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CONFERENCE.

- E. HELO TRANSPORTATION COORDINATION CENTER ESTABLISHED IN LFC FOR JOINT USMC/NAVY USE.
4. (C) COMMENTS:
 - A. AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD BLUE RIDGE HAD STEAMED BE 20 FOR AT SEA REPLENISHMENT.
 - B. WEATHER LIFTED EARLY AM TO ALLOW HELO OPS BUT LOWERED TO 1000' CEILINGS ONE MILE VISIBILITY NEAR END OF RTG PERIOD. FORECAST FOR NEXT 24 HOURS: CEILINGS 1000' COASTAL 2000' SEAWARD W/1-4 MILES VISIBILITY COASTAL AND 4-7 MILES SEAWARD.
5. (S) INTENTIONS:
 - A. AS RESULT OF TG 79.1 PHOTO INTERP 0 AND TG 77 M2 CONFERENCE, MISSION REQUESTS ARE NOW BEING PREPARED FOR SHORE LINE COVERAGE.

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 P 121230Z APR 72
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9TH MAB SIRTEP NR 007 AS OF 120400Z APR 72(U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: MODLOC 17-00N 107-45E
3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 110400Z - 120400Z APR 72
 - A. TG 79.1 CG, G-3, AND G-3A VISITED DENVER FOR PLANNING WITH TE 79.1.2.2
 - B. TE 79.1.2.2 S-4 AND FORSTATO VISITED BLUE RIDGE FOR LOG UPDATE AND FORSTAT CONFS.
 - C. HELO OPS UNRESTRICTED DUE TO CLEAR WEATHER. CEILING TO 10,000 VIS TO 6 MI. FCST NEXT 24 HR MOSTLY CLDY, VIS 5-7 MI WITH CEILING 1000-2000'.

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D. CTG 79.1 CONDUCTED PROMOTION/AWARDS CEREMONY 12 APR WITH CG PRESENTING SEVEN CERTIFICATES OF COMMENDATION AND ONE PROMOTION WARRANT.

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. CTG 79.1 G-5 AUGMENTING CURRENT DATA REGARDING FRIENDLY/ENEMY SITUATION IN MR-1 AND CONDUCTING INTENSIVE STUDY OF PROSPECTIVE OPERATIONAL AREAS:

B. DET PROV SUP CO CONDUCTING DAILY EQUIP CHECKS BTWN TUSCALOOSA AND BLUE RIDGE. ALL EQUIP CURRENTLY IN UP STATUS.

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. PLAN UNDERWAY TO STEAM VCNTY OF DANANG. BLUE RIDGE HELO TO PICK UP MOPIC TEAM.

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P 131200Z APR 72

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RUAKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L //N03120//

5TH MAR SITREP NR008 AS OF 130000Z APR 72 (U)

A. CTG 79 100733Z APR 72 (C)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (C) 5TH MAR LOCATION: AT SEA VCNTY DANANG

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 120000Z TO 130000Z APR

A. BLUE RIDGE ANCHORED OFF COAST VCNTY DANANG PM 12 APR.

B. HELO OPS

1. HELO OPS UTILIZED UNRESTRICTED WEATHER FOR REPORTING PERIOD.
CONTINUED GOOD WEATHER FORECAST FOR NEXT 24 HR PERIOD.2. BLUE RIDGE HELO PICKED UP MOPIC TEAM AT DANANG. REF A
REFERS.

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3. MARINE DET A HML 367 ABOARD BLUE RIDGE PARTICIPATING IN SAR
FOR CREW OF DOWNED CORAL SEA MARINE A6 THRU END OF REPORT-
ING PERIOD.

C. AT CLOSE OF REPORTING PERIOD BLUE RIDGE STEAMING TOWARD MODLCC

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. STAFF TAKING ACTIONS TO ENSURE EFFECTIVE MSG HANDLING.

B. EMBARKED MARINES TAKING FULL ADVANTAGE OF SUN AND FLIGHT DECK
FOR PHYSICAL FITNESS.

5. (U) INTENTIONS:

A. TG 79.1 CHAPLAIN HAS INITIATED GROUNDWORK FOR VARIETY SHOW/
AMATEUR HOUR FOR MORALE BOOST AND ENTERTAINMENT.

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P 141515Z APR 72

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 039 AS OF 140400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: MODLOC
3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 130400Z-140400Z APR 72

A. HELO OPS - SAR

(1) SAR EFFORT FOR MISSING MARINE EA6A CONTINUED UNTIL SUN-
SET 13 APR. REESTABLISHED AT FIRST LIGHT. 79.1.6 PARTICIPATING
CONTINUED CLEAR WEATHER ALLOWS UNRESTRICTED HELO OPS.

(2) A/C UNDER TRIPOLI CONTROL DREW HOSTILE FIRE NEAR TIGER
LAND. MINOR DAMAGE. CO-PILOT RECEIVED SUPERFICIAL HAND WOUND
NO OTHER PERSONNEL CAS. A/C RECOVERED TRIPOLI.

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B. BLUE RIDGE STEAMED VCNTY YANKEE NORTH FOR LIAISON VISIT WITH
COMSEVENTHFLT REPRESENTATIVES.

4. (S) COMMENTS:

A. CTG 79.1 PREPARED TO ASSUME FORSTAT REPORTING WITHIN 3 DAYS
OF RECEIPT OF UNIT IDENT CODE.

B. NAVSECGRU PRESENTED 2HR COURTESY CLASSES FOR PROVCOMMSUPCO.

5. (S) INTENTIONS:

A. ADJ STUDYING METHODS OF RETROGRADING MARINES ON EMER LV, NOR-
MAL ROTATION, AND SERIOUS MEDEVAC. THE FEASIBILITY OF COURIER
DELIVERY TO AND FROM TG 79.1 IS ALSO UNDER CONSIDERATION.

B. CO PROV COMM SUP PLANNING LIAISON VISIT TO DET ABOARD TUSCAN
LOOSA.

C. LIAISON VISITS SCHEDULED WITH MACV AND CG FRAC REPS PM OF 14
MAR 72.

D. EFFORT UNDERWAY TO LOCATE COPY OF THE NAVY SPLASH PUBLICATION
WHICH DESCRIBES HELO HANDLING CAPABILITIES OF AMPHIBIOUS SHIP.

E. LIMITED RANGE OF UHF/VHF COMMUNICATIONS AND SCATTERED MARINE
NAVY HELO ASSETS MAY REQUIRE CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULING COORDINATION
BY ONE ACTIVITY. VARIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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9 TH MAB SITREP NR 010 AS OF 150400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 140400Z - 150400Z APR

A. THE FIRST MAIL REACHED 9TH MAB STAFF 141600H BY SHIPS HELO.
 10 LETTERS DISTRIBUTED. APROX. 800 LBS LEFT ON WHITE PLAINS DUE
 NAVY HELO MECH PROBLEMS. PICKUP AM 15 APR PROVIDED WHITE PLAINS
 IS NOT OUT OF RANGE.

B. HELO OPS CONTINUE TO UTILIZE UNRESTRICTED WEATHER TO ACCOMP-
 LISH INTERSHIP SUPPORT. FCST SAME NEXT RPTG PER.

C. PROVCOMMSUPCO PERSONNEL SCHOOLED IN CURRENT OPCODE.

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D. CO PROVCOMMSUPCO VISITED DET ON BOARD TUSCALOOSA.

E. TG 79.1 FSR MAINIO VISITED MOBILE FOR LOG DATA UPDATE.

F. MACV AND CG FRAC REPS VISITED BLUE RIDGE FOR CONF WITH

CTG 79.1/CTF 76.

G. CO 31ST MAU VISITED BLUE RIDGE FOR CONF WITH CTG 79.1 AM
 15 APR.

4. (U) COMMENTS: N/A

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. PLANS UNDERWAY TO PREPARE FORSTAT DATA BANK FROM ALL UNITS
 FOR ENTRY ASIS UPON RECEIPT UIC FM FMFPAC.

B. PLAN MOPIC TEAM VISIT OTHER SHIPS FOR DOCUMENTATION, BEGIN-
 NING 18 APR.

C. CTG 79.1 TO VISIT AGAIN TG 79.1 UNITS EMBARKED ON OTHER SHIPS

ON 16 APR.

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ZNY CCCCC

P 160950Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 011 AS OF 160400Z APR 72

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 150400Z - 160400Z APR

A. CTG 79.1 AND PAO VISITED MARINES EMBARKED WITH PHIBRON 5.

B. MOPIC TEAM ABOARD TRIPOLI FOR DOCUMENTATION.

C. HELO OPS REDUCED DUE MECH PROBLEMS SHIP'S HELO. CTG 79.1
USING ONE HELO FOR VISITS, ONE FOR PRIORITY TRANS.

D. WEATHER UNRESTRICTED. FCST NO CHANGE IMM. FUTURE.

E. DIVINE SERVICES AVAILABLE ALL HANDS HELD BY TG 79.1 AND
LCC-19 CHAPLAINS.

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4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. EXPECT MAIL DLVY AM 17 APR DURING UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT FROM
WHITE PLAINS.B. THE PRESENCE OF THE 9TH MAB STAFF UNDER OPERATING CONDITIONS HAS
ALLOWED REALISTIC EVALUATION OF BLUE RIDGE CAPABILITIES
TO SUPPORT THE LANDING FORCE COMMANDER.

5. (C) INTENTIONS

A. EXPECT ARR PFC BUTLER ON BLUE RIDGE FROM DENVER FOR TRANS
CONUS IN CONN WITH EMERG LV.B. ARRANGEMENTS TO BE MADE FOR TRANS 11 MARINES APPROACHING
RTD.C. INTENSIVE JOINT PLANNING CONTINUES. CONFERENCES AND LIAISON
VISITS WILL BE SCHEDULED AS NEEDED TO ASSURE MAXIMUM DIS-
SEMINATION OF INFORMATION.

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P 170920Z APR 72

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 010 AS OF 170400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 160400Z - 170400Z APR

A. TG 79.1 G-3 AND OIC DET A HML 367 IN CONF WITH BLUE RIDGE CANT CONCERNING CONTROL/COORDINATION OF HELOS ABOARD BLUE RIDGE.

B. CTG 79.1/CTF 76 STAFF CONFERRED ON ONGOING OPERATIONAL PLANS IN FORMULATION WITH DIRECTIVES FM HIGHER AUTHORITY.

C. MEMBERS NGF COORDINATING SUB COMMITTEE VISITED BLUE RIDGE FOR NGF SPOTTING CONF. WITH CTG 79.1, CTF 76, CTF 70.8, CTF 77.1.

D. UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT CONTINUING THRU END OF RPTG PER.

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F. MAIL DEL BY USS WHITE PLAINS.

G. CH-46 FM TRIPOLI DEL 6 EPLV/KEY PAX DANANG FOR TRANS TO CONUS, OKI AND JAPAN.

H. MOPIC TEAM RETURNED FM TRIPOLI.

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. LTCOLS CRIST AND FISHER DEPARTED FOR III MAF FOR LIAISON.

B. MAIL RECEIVED THIS DATE DISPATCHED FROM OKINAWA @ APR.

5. (C) INTENTIONS

A. FINAL PLANS MADE FOR DEL F PAX SCHENECTADY FOR TRANS BY UNREP SHIP TO CONUS TO MEET RPD'S.

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 013 AS OF 180400Z APR 72 (U)

A. USS TRIPOLI 172310Z APR 72 (C) (NOTAL)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 170400Z - 180400Z APR 72

A. CTG 79.1 BRIEFED CO TU 79.1.2, CO TE 79.1.2.1, CO TE 79.1.2.2 AND CO TU 79.1.6 CONCERNING CONTINGENCY PLANS.

B. FORSTAT REPS FM TU 79.1.2/TE 79.1.2.2 MADE LIAISON WITH IG 79 FORSTATO.

C. TRIPOLI TO BUCHANAN FOR MEDEVAC OF 1 KIA/IWIA BY NAVY HELO.

D. IAW REF A TRIPOLI SELF IMPOSED MAX SPEED LIMITED TO 10 KTS,

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EMERG MAX SPEED UNKNOWN. SUSPECT TORN SHROUDING FWD STAGES HP TURBINE.

E. 8 CHANNEL MUX SHOT ESTABLISHED WITH TRIPOLI. DENVER LINK NOT ESTABLISHED DUE INABILITY TO PATCH THROUGH TRIPOLI.

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. PERSONNEL STATUS:

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TOTALS INCLUDE PROV COMM DET AND HQ CO 9TH MAB ABOARD TUSCALOOSA.

B. IG 79.1 FORSTATO READY TO ASSUME 9TH MAB FORSTAT REPORTING UPON RECEIPT CARD D (STRUCTURAL STRENGTH REPORT) FM CMC.

C. CONTINUING SMALL UNIT LEVEL CLASSES, MCI COURSES, AND PHYSICAL CONDITIONING.

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. COMSEC TEAM IG 79.1 TO VISIT TUSCALOOSA AND PRESENT LECTURE/FILM ON COMSEC TO EMBARKED DET.

B. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR CONTINGENCY OPS.

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 014 AS OF 190400Z APR 72 (U)

A. CTG 79.1 181012Z APR 72 (C) (NOTAL)

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 170726Z APR 72 (C) (NOTAL)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 180400Z - 190400Z APR 72

A. SUPPLY O MADE STAFF LIAISON VISIT TE 79.1.2.2 LSU/SUP ON MOBILE.

B. BLDG MAINT COORDINATOR MADE LIAISON VISIT TE 79.1.2.2 LSU
SUPPLY OFF ON MOBILE.C. PAYMASTER TO MAB DETS ON TUSCALOOSA AND BLUE RIDGE FOR STRAGGLERS
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D. SENIOR HELO TRANS COORDINATION DUTY O LECTURED ALL HTC
PERSONNEL TO ENSURE BEST POSSIBLE SCHEDULING AND HANDLING
TRANS REQUESTS.

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. CTG 79.1 REQUESTED MAIL DEL DANANG VICE SUBIC. ARRANGEMENTS
MADE FOR NAVY PICKUP DAILY. REF A.B. TG 79.1 HELO TRANS COORDINATION CENTER IMPROVING DAILY AS
EFFECTIVE MEANS FOR EXPEDITING HELO TRANS.

C. REF B DESIGNATED TRIPOLI MEDVAC ASSISTANCE SHIP. UPON REQ.

TRIPOLI TO CLOSE ON SHIP TO PROVIDE HELO MEDEVAC. COMSEVENTHFLT
CTG 79.1 MAKE HELOS AVAIL AS REQUIRED.

5. (S) INTENTIONS:

A. TRANS SCHEDULED TO PICK UP DET RAD BN DANANG.

B. COMSEC TEAM SEVENTHFLT DELAYED. PLAN LECTURE 20 APR PROV COMM
DET EMBARKED TUSCALOOSA.

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 015 AS OF 200400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 190400 - 200400Z APR

A. CO AND S-3 TU 79.1.2 VISITED CTG 79.1 THIS AM FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

B. COMSEC TEAM SEVENTHFLT, TG 79.1 SUPPLY O AND TWO ADMIN PERSONNEL VISITED TUSCALOOSA FOR COMSEC LECTURE, LVT INSPECTION AND TO PICK UP OFFICE SUPPLIES.

C. TG 79.1 SUPPLY O AND MAINT COORDINATOR BLSG MADE STAFF LIAISON VISIT TO LSU CMDR ON SCHENECTADY.

D. TG 79.1 EMBARK O VISITED ANCHORAGE TO CONFER WITH LVT CMDR.

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E. NGF SUPPORT SHIP HIGBEE SUSTAINED MAJOR DAMAGE LATE PM 19 APR FROM ATTACK BY MIGS AND HIGH SPEED SURFACE CRAFT. ONE MIG CONFIRMED DOWN. TWO ENEMY SURFACE CRAFT DAMAGED, BELIEVED SUNK. HIGBEE ENROUTE DANANG FOR DAMAGE ASSESSMENT AND EMERG REPAIRS. TRIPOLI CLOSED FOR MEDEVACS.

F. TWO CEO REPRESENTATIVES VISITED FPAC DANANG FOR COMMUNICATION COORDINATION, FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. NGF AIR SPOTTING ELEMENT ESTABLISHED ABOARD DENVER TASK DESIGNATOR CTG 79.1.6.1. DENVER CHOPPED TO CTG 79.1.6.1. DEPARTED MORLOC AND PROCEEDED TO RENDEZVOUS WITH CTG 77.1 FOR FREEDOM TRAIN NGF SPOTTING INTRODUCTION.

B. AUTHORITY HAS BEEN GRANTED FOR AR3/MAU/BLT UNITS TO OPERATE WITHIN THE 12 NM DISTANCE OF NORTH VIETNAM COAST WHEN NECESSARY AND REQUIRED IN THE SUPPORT OF MARINE HELOS PROVIDING NGFS SPOTTING SERVICES.

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. EXPECT DELIVERY THIS PM OF MAIL ROUTED VIA TRIPOLI FROM MISPILLION.

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9TH MAB SITREP NR 016 AS OF 210400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 200400Z APR - 210400Z APR 72

A. DET 1ST RADIO BN IS OPERATIONAL. SIGINT OPCON WAS GRANTED TO CG 9TH MAB BY CG FMFPAC 180727Z APR (BOMB)

B. RECEIVED MAIL FOR EMBARKED PERSONNEL 201700H APR. UNDETERMINED AMOUNT NOT YET RECEIVED.

C. BLUE RIDGE WENT TO GENERAL QUARTERS 202100H DUE MIG OVER DMZ NEAR OUR POSITION. GQ CANCELED WHEN HOSTILE A/C TURNED BACK.

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D. HDC NET ACTIVATED IN LANDING FORCE COMMAND TO ENHANCE HELO COORDINATION.

E. CTG 79.1 CONFERRED WITH CO, S-2, S-3, CTU 79.1.2; CO, S-3 TU 79.1.6; CO, S-3 TE 79.1.2.1; AND S-3 TE 79.1.2.2 PM 20 APR ON CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

4. (S) COMMENTS:

A. NGF SPOT DET INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE IN HOUSE PILOT/SPOTTER GND SCHOOL FOR PILOT FAM OF NGF PROCEDURES, SPOTTER FAM IN A/C EMERGENCY/DITCHING PROCEDURES. ENL PERSONNEL BRIEFED CONCERNING MISSION.

B. CONCURRENT FITNESS REPORTS PREPARED FOR CAPTS AND ABOVE.

5. (S) INTENTIONS:

A. A STUDY IS UNDERWAY TO DEVISE IMPROVED METHODS OF AUTOMATING SUPPLY REQUIREMENTS.

B. METHODS OF CROSS-REFERENCING ARE BEING CONSIDERED WHICH WILL IDENTIFY AND REMOVE OUT-OF-DATE AND DUPLICATE TARGETS FROM THE MASTER TARGET LIST.

C. A SYSTEM OF PASSENGER/SCHEDULING CONTROL IS BEING RESEARCHED WHICH WILL ENSURE MORE EFFICIENT USE OF HELOS AND DECK HANDLING CREWS.

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P 221124Z APR 72
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 TO RUA0AJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
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9TH MAB SITREP NR 017 AS OF 220400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE
3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 210400Z-220400Z APR
 - A. CONTINGENCY PLANNING ON BLUE RIDGE BETWEEN CTG 79.1 AND CTU 79.1.2 STAFF.
 - B. DEADLINED LVTC TRANSFERRED FM TUSCALOOSA TO ANCHORAGE DANANG HARBOR.
 - C. NAVY SAR HELO FM DENVER RESCUED TWO DOWNED PILOTS 10NM OFF NVN COAST 21 APR.
4. (C) COMMENTS:

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- A. GUIDANCE FOR LF HELO ADMIN/LOG FLIGHTS ISSUED TO ENSURE PROPER CONTROL AND UTILIZATION OF LF HELOS.
- B. TROOP CONDITIONING ON DECK. CLEAR WEATHER PREDICTED THROUGH MONDAY.
5. (C) INTENTIONS:
 - A. PLANS TO INTEGRATE WEEKLY SITREP OF CTU 79.1.2/CTU 79.1.6 INTO SUNDAY CTG 79.1 SITREP ARE UNDERWAY.

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RUADANA RUHWWUA RUADOMA RUHGOKA RUHGOHA RUHGOF A.

ZNY SSSSS

P 231445Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

INFO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUAKHIA/CTF SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUHMFMA/FMPAC

RUHGOAA/COMMSEVENTHFLT

RUAOANA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUHWWUA/III MAF LNO SUBIC

RUAOAJA/FOURTH MARINES

RUADOMA/MARAIRGRU THREE SIX

RUHGOKA/BLT ONE SLANT FOUR

RUHGOHA/BLT THREE SLANT FOUR

RUHGOF A/ BLT ONE SLANT NINE

RUADOMA/MARMEDEHLRON ONE SIX FOUR

ZEN/MARMEDEHLRON ONE SIX FIVE

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9TH MAR SITREP NR 18 AS OF 230400Z APR 72 (U)

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1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION : NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAR LOCATION : NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY : 220400Z-230400Z APR

A. TWO PROV COMM PERSONNEL TO TRIPOLI TO ASSIST IN VCC-2 MAINT.

4. (S) SUMMATION CTU 79.1.2/79.1.6 WKLY SITREP NR 22:15-21 APR 72

A. CTU 79.1.2

(1) PERIOD BEGAN WITH CTU 79.1.2 ABOARD TRIPOLI ENROUTE NORTHERN GULF OF TONKIN FOR SAR OPS IN SUPPORT OF FREEDOM PORCH. RETURNED MODLOC 170600H APR 72.

(2) TRANSFERRED 23 MARINES TO USS NAVASOTA 171300H FET OKI VIA SUBIC.

(3) TRIPOLI PROVIDED MEDEVAC ASSISTANCE TO USN BUCHANAN 17 APRIL. 180314H TRIPOLI ENROUTE MODLOC SUFFERED TURBINE CASUALTY LIMITING SPEED.

(4) NSF SPOT ELEMENT DESIGNATED APP DENVER 181430H AUTHORITY GRANTED FOR OPS WITHIN 12 NM DISTANCE OF NVN COAST.

(5) 20 APR TRANSFERRED 33 MARINES TO CALIENTE FET OVI SUBIC.

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- (6) S-3 AT 7-2 IS 79.1.2.2 LOCATED TRIPOLI FOR COOP
WHILE 79.1.2.2 DENVER DETACHED ON FREEDOM TRAIL
NGF SAVING OPS FROM 14 APR TO APPROX 26 APR 72.
- (7) ESTABLISHED DAILY LOGISTICS RUN TO FASH BAKAR FOR
PICKUP OF SPARE PARTS, REPLACEMENTS ITEMS, AND
MAIL.

B. CTE 79.1.2.1

- (1) COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF 22 APR,
1 MRC 83, 1-PRC-25, 1 PRC-47, 1 PU-66F, 5 M60 MACH
GUN, 4 60MM MORTAR, 1 81MM MORTAR, 1 126 RECOILED
RIFLE, 1 TD 15, AND 1 M-37 TRUCK. ALL DEADLINED DUE
TO LACK OF SPARE PARTS.

C. CTU 79.1.5

- (1) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

A/C	TASKS	SORTIES	PAX	CARGO	HOURS
CH-46	44	119	419	9.7	46.8
CH-53	25	28	27	7.8	28.2
UH-1H	4	4	1	0.1	2.8
TOTAL	73	151	507	17.6	67.2

- (2) AVERAGE AVAILABILITY

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CH-46: 64 PERCENT; CH-53: 93 PERCENT; UH-1H: 80 PERCENT.

- (3) AVERAGE HOURS "G"

CH-46: 3 CH-53: 7; UH-1H: 0.

- (4) NO COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF
22 APR 72.

D. LSU (TE 79.1.2.1)

- (1) SUPPLY SUPPORT PROVIDED: SUBMITTED 01 MILITARY
REQN TO THIRD FSR, ISSUED 01 REPAIR PART FROM 1
OPDEP BLOCK, AND RECEIVED 20 REPAIR PARTS FROM
THIRD FSR.
- (2) MAINTENANCE SUPPORT PROVIDED: REPAIRED 1 PU-66F
GENERATOR, 1M54A2C TRUCK, 1 M-7 FLAME GUN, 3 A-1
ROCKET LAUNCHERS, AND ONE M-92 MOUNT.
- (3) COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINES AS OF 22 APR
72: 1M54J WRECKER, 1 M 54A2C TRUCK, AND ONE DUE
FORKLIFT.

E. CTE 79.1.2.2

- (1) COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF 22 APR
72: 1M5C 134, 1 4X2 M TONNEL CARRIER, 1 LUTCH.

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(1) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

A/C	TASKS	SORTIES	PAX	CARGO	HOURS
UH-1E 25	47	103	4.7	17.8	

(2) AVERAGE AVAILABILITY : 100 PERCENT

(3) AVERAGE NOPS "G" : NONE

(4) NO COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF 22 APR 72.

G. LSU (IE 79.1.2.2)

(1) MAINTENANCE SUPPORT PROVIDED: ALL ORDNANCE AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT ON MOBILE HAS BEEN INSPECTED. NO MAJOR DISCREPANCIES FOUND. MINOR REPAIRS MADE. TUSCALOOSA SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT CONTACT TEAM VISIT.

(2) COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF 22 APR 72: 1 MCF 134, 1 4X4 PERSONNEL CARRIER, AND 1 LVT

5. (C) PERSONNEL STRENGTH SUMMARY:

	OFFICERS		ENLISTED	
	USMC	USN	USMC	USN
TG 79.1	53	2	193	3

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TU 79.1.2 112 10 2333 119

TU 79.1.6 50 1 216 1

6. (S) INTENTIONS:

- A. CONTINUE PLANNING CONTINGENCY OPS.
- B. CONTINUE NGFS MISSIONS.
- C. PLANNING FOR ARRIVAL OF 33RD MAU.

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1504Z NPM DE C70G A050
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 ZDY SSSSS
 P 241430Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 INFO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
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9TH MAB SITREP NR 019 AS OF 240400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE
3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 230400Z TO 240400Z APR.
 - A. TWO MARINE HELOS ENTERED 12NM LIMIT NVN COAST AT 18-11.5N 106-40.0E CONDUCTING NGF SPOTTING 230425Z APR 72.
 - B. TRIPOLI RECEIVED MEDEVAC REQUEST PM 23 APR FROM STODDERT. PATIENT REQUIRED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR SUSPECTED INGUINAL HERNIA.
 - C. G-5 TG 79.1 AND XO TU 79.1.2 TO CUBI FOR LIAISON CTG 79.7.
 - D. MAJ. WINN REPLACED MAJ BULLARD ON BLSG STAFF.

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4. (S) COMMENTS:

- A. FREEDOM TRAIN: CONFERENCE CONDUCTED WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CTU 77.1.0 21 APR ABOARD DENVER. ATTENDEES AGREED ON NEED TO CONCENTRATE ON TARGETS LOCATED ON COAST OBSERVABLE BY H-1 SPOTTERS AT RANGES SPECIFIED. THIS IS COMPATABLE WITH EFFECTIVE RANGES OF AVAILABLE SHOOTERS. CONFERENCE PRODUCTIVE. CTU 77.1.0 REP WILL ATTEMPT TO TARGET ACCORDINGLY. SPOTTERS AND SHOOTERS AGREED ON TACTICS TO BE EMPLOYED.

5. (S) INTENTIONS:

- A. CTG 79.1 IN PROCESS OF READJUSTING TASK ORGANIZATION IN INCORPORATE ELEMENTS OF 33RD MAU.

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1625Z HPM DE C70G A037
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 ZNY CCCCC
 P 261440Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE ←
 TO RUA0AJA/CTG SEVEN NINE
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9TH MAB SITREP NR021 AS OF 260400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE
2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: VICINITY N YANKEE STATION
3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 250400Z - 260400Z
 - A. BLUE RIDGE STEAMED VICINITY NORTH YANKEE STATION FOR RENDEZVOU
OKLAHOMA CITY.
 - B. COMSEVENTHFLT VISITED CTG 76 AND CTG 79.1 ABOARD BLUE RIDGE
APR.
 - C. CTG 79.1 VISIT EMBARKED MARINES PHIBRONFIVE SHIPS CANCELLED
SHIP POSITION.
4. (C) COMMENTS:

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A. AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY AS OF 26 APR 72:

(1) TYPE A/C	A/C ON BOARD	NORS A/C ITEMS	NFE A/C ITEMS
CH-46D	14	2/11(A)	2/3(B)
CH-53D	6	1/1	1/2(C)
UH-1E	4	0/0	0/0

REMARKS: CH-46D NOTE A: 2A/C NORS FOR THREE CRACKED MAIN STRUTS.

NOTE B: ONE A/C NFE DUE IFF

NOTE C: ONE A/C NFE DUE IFF

B. UH-1E/CH-53D SPOTTER FREEDOM TRAIN OPERATIONS.

- (1) SPOTTING TASKS RECEIVED DURING FIRST WEEK OPERATIONS WERE EXECUTED ON 23 APR AGAINST TARGETS IN NON-SAM ENVIRONMENT LOCATED VICINITY 18-20N AND 17-58N. LIMITED DURATION OF FIRING PUNS (10-20 MIN) COUPLED WITH EXCESS DISTANCE OF TARGETS INLAND FROM BEACH PREVENTED POSITIVE RESULTS.
- (2) FOLLOWING PROBLEM AREAS SURFACED AND REMAIN UNRESOLVED:
 - (A) DEC. FREQUENTLY DEDICATED SAR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF STRIKES WHICH PRECLUDED CONCURRENT USE AS SPOTTER UH-1ES FOR CONDUCT OF NGF SPOTTER OPS DUE TO DEDICATION OF NGF AND AIR STRIKE ASSIGNMENTS. CTG 77.1 WILL

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PROTECT SHIP FROM ASSIGNMENTS WHICH WILL REDUCE HER
VALUE IN NGF SUPPORT ROLE; HOWEVER, SOME SAR REQUI-
REMENTS MAY STILL INCLUDE SHIP.

- (B) NGF TARGETING SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON TARGETS WITHIN
3000 METERS OF BEACH OR LOCATED ON READILY IDENTIFIABLE
TERRAIN FEATURES TO FACILITATE IDENTIFICATION AND
ADJUSTMENT.

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. RETURN MODLOC

B. RECEIVE 8 MAN TEAM FROM HAWAII VIA TRIPOLI TO AUGMENT
1ST RADIO BN ABOARD BLUE RIDGE.

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1306Z NPM DE C70G A024

PTTCZYUW RUHGPTA1209 1181220-CCCC--RUAOAJA RUAOKUA RUHHFMA RUHGOAA

ZNY CCCCC

P 271220Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

INFO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUAOKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUHHFMA/FMFPAC

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(9TH MAB SITREP NR022 AS OF 270400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (C) 9TH MAB LOCATION: MODLOC

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 260400-270400Z APR

A. BLUE RIDGE RETURNED MODLOC

B. HELO OPERATIONS CANCELLED AM 27 APR DUE BAD WEATHER FCST,
RAIN WITH SOME BREAK NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

C. PAYDAY FOR CREW AND EMBARKED MARINES THIS AM.

4. (C) COMMENTS:

A. HMM 165 AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY AS OF 270600H APR

- TAPE A/C ON BOARD NORS A/C NR ITEMS NFE A/C NR ITEMS

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CH-46D 14 2/9(A) 0/0

CH-53D 6 0/0 1/2(B)

UH-1E 4 0/0 0/0

REMARKS: CH-46D 1-BLADE CHANGE W/I NORS"G", 1 NORS"N". 1-ENGINE
CHANGE

NOTE A: 2 A/C DOWN WITH THREE CRACKED MAIN STRUTS.

NOTE B: 1 - IFF

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. EXPECT UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT AM 28 APR.

B. CTG 79.1, G-3, CEO, FSC, BLSG CMDR AND CTG 76 WITH STAFF
REPRESENTATIVES TO ATTEND PLANNING CONFERENCE WITH FRAC PM 27 APR.C. PLAN HELO LIFT 28 APR ONE AN/MRC 109 JEEP AND ONE M-416 1/4
TON TRAILER WITH CARGO FROM BLUE RIDGE TO FASU.

D. PLAN CONFERENCE WITH CTG 79.7 AND CTU 79.1.2 28 APR

E. WILL ASSIGN 1 PCOCTG 79.7 EFF 271600Z APR.

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 P 281114Z APR 72
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE
 TO RUADAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 INFO RUADAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
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3TH MAB SITREP NR023 AS OF 280400Z APR (U)

1. (S) TASK ORGANIZATION:

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H&S CO 9TH MAB

DET 1ST RADIO BN

DET A HML 367

PROV COMM SPT CO

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DET HQ CO RLT 4 (HQ 33D MAU)

BLT 3-4

BLT 1-9

TG 79.1

TU 79.1.0

TE 79.1.0.1

TE 79.1.0.2

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LF SP HQ

BLSG HQ

PROV MAG 10

HQ PROV MAG 10 (HQ 31ST MAU)

HMM 165

DET B HML 367

HMM 164

NGF SPOT DET

TE 79.1.2.3

TU 79.1.3

TU 79.1.4

TU 79.1.6

TE 79.1.6.0

TE 79.1.6.1

TE 79.1.6.2

TE 79.1.6.3

TE 79.1.6.5

2. (U) LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY 270400Z-280400Z

A. CTG 79.1, AND CTF 76 WITH STAFF REPS TO DANANG PM 27

APR FOR PLANNING CONFERENCE WITH FRAC. PLAN CONTINUATION PM 28 APR

B. EIGHT MAN TEAM TO AUGMENT 1ST RADIO BN ARRIVED.

C. ASSUMED OPCON 33D MAU 271600Z APR.

D. CTU 79.1.2 AND STAFF, CTU 79.1.6 AND XO, AND CTF 79.1.2.3

VISITED CTG 79.1 AND STAFF THIS AM FOR LIAISON.

E. UNDERWAY REPLENISHMENT COMPLETED THIS AM.

F. G-5 TG 79.1 RETURNED FROM SUBIC WITH 33D MAU.

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A. HELO OPS NORMAL DESPITE FOG AND HAZE. FORECAST UNRESTRICTED WEATHER NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

B. HELO LIFT OF MAG 15 ONE FOURTH TON TRAILER (M-415) AND AN/DRC 109 JEEP TO FASU DELAYED. REACHED FOR 29 APR.

C. FREEDOM TRAIN NGF SPOTTING

(1) NEGATIVE ACTIVITY 27 APR.

(2) DENVER CONTINUES SAR MISSIONS WITH H3'S ABOARD 24 HRS/DAY.

(3) CONFERENCE ABOARD LONG BEACH 27 APR HOSTED BY TG 79.8 SACC. DISCUSSED EMPLOYMENT UH-1E'S, TARGET SELECTION, OPERATING LIMITATIONS, AND PROBLEM AREAS.

5. (C) INTENTIONS: TG 79.1.6 ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATION OF INTEGRATED HELO OPS.

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1658Z HPO DE C70G NR022

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P 291415Z APR 72

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9TH MAB SITREP NR024 AS OF 290400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) 9TH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (C) ACTION SUMMARY: 230400Z-290400Z APR

A. CTG 79.1.2, CTG 79.1.6, COMPHIBRONFIVE, COMPHIBRONSEVEN AND REPRESENTATIVES VISITED CTG 79.1/CTF 76 FOR COMMANDERS PLANNING CONFERENCE.

B. AN/MRC-109 JEEP AND M-416 TRAILER WITH CARGO, HELO LIFTED DANANG FOR MAG-15.

C. CTG 79.1 TO DANANG FOR CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND MEETING WITH CG FMFPAC, CG 1ST MAW

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4. (U) COMMENTS:

A. UNRESTRICTED WEATHER TODAY, HELO OPERATIONS AND PHYSICAL FITNESS BACK TO NORMAL. FORECAST GOOD WEATHER THROUGH NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.

5. (C) INTENTIONS:

A. CONTINUATION OF CONTINGENCY PLANNING AND COMMAND STAFF BRIEFS.

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1456Z NPM DE C70G A022

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RUMMWUA RUAOBMA.

ZNY SSSSS

P 301300Z APR 72

FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT ONE

TO RUAOAJA/CTF SEVEN NINE

INFO RUAOAJA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO

RUAOKUA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUHHFMA/FMFPAC

RUAOANA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT SIX

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMMWUA/III MAF LNO SUBIC

RUAOBMA/CO MARAIRGRU THREE SIX

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STH MAB SITREP NR025 AS OF 300400Z APR 72 (U)

1. (U) TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

2. (U) STH MAB LOCATION: NO CHANGE

3. (S) ACTION SUMMARY: 290400Z - 300400Z APR 72

A. USS OKINAWA CHOPPED TO CTG 77 FOR SHORT TERM SAR OPERATIONS PM 29 APR. HMM 164 IS EMBARKED ON OKINAWA STANDING BY FOR SAR MISSION. CTG 77 WILL RETURN OPCON ON COMPLETION SAR OPERATIONS OR IF PROPOSED OPERATIONS CANCELLED.

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4. (S) SUMMATION OF CTU 79.1.6 SITREP NR 23: 22-28 APR 72.

A. CTE 79.1.6.0

(1) LOCATED MODLOC ABOARD TRIPOLI.

(2) NGF SPOTTING ELEMENT (TE 79.1.6.5) CONTINUES MISSION ABOARD DENVER NORTHERN GULF OF TONKIN.

(3) 241215H APR-XO TU 79.1.6 TO SUBIC TO OBSERVE 33RD MAU ZAMEX RETURNED TRIPOLI VIA USS OKINAWA 280900H APR.

(4) 251630H APR-TRANSFERRED 45 MARINES DUE ROTATION TO USS MISPELLION FFT OKINAWA VIA SUBIC.

(5) DUE CHANGE CTG 79.1 TASK ORGAINIZATION REFLECTING CTU 79.1. CHANGE DESIGNATOR TO CTU 79.1.6- PROV MAG 10 AND HMM-165 CHANGE DESIGNATOR TO CTE 79.1.6.1

B. CTE 79.1.2.1

(1) COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED (ALL NORS) AS OF 28 APR 72:

1 MCR-83; 1 AN/PRC25, 1 PRC-47, 4-M-60 MACHINE GUNS, 1-81MM MORTAR, 1-126 RECOILESS RIFLE, 1TD 15, 1 M-37 TRUCK, 1 MISIAI TRUCK

C. CTG 79.1.6.1

(1) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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CH-46	81	237	700	51.1	56.8
CH-53	26	31	137	3.1	22.8
UH-1E	18	19	8	0	15.3
TOTAL	125	287	846	54.2	94.9

(2) AVERAGE AVAILABILITY

CH-46: 65 PERCENT: CH-53: 81 PERCENT: UH-1E: 86 PERCENT.

(3) AVERAGE NORS "G"

CH-46: 4, CH-53: 1, UH-1E: 0.

(4) NO COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF 28 APR 72.

D. LSU TE 79.1.2.1

(1) SUPPLY SUPPORT PROVIDED: SUBMITTED 06 MILSTRIP REQN TO THIRD FSR, ISSUED 07 REPAIR PARTS FROM LSU OPDEP BLOCK, RECEIVED 12 REPAIR PARTS FROM THIRD FSR.

(2) MAINTENANCE SUPPORT PROVIDED: REPAIRED: 1 M-543, 1 RK 060 FORKLIFT, 2 M-60 MACHINE GUNS, 1 M45A2C TRUCK, 3 60MM MORTARS, 1 M92 MOUNT, 2 3.5 ROCKET LAUNCHERS, 1 M-79 GRENADE LAUNCHER, 3 M-16A1 RIFLES AND 1 PU-667 GENERATOR.

(3) COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT DEADLINED AS OF 28 APR 72: 1

M-54A2C TRUCK (NORS M)

5. (C) AIRCRAFT AVAILABILITY AS OF 30 APR 72

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A. HMM 164

TYPE	ON BOARD	NORS	A/C NR	ITEMS	NFE	A/C NR	ITEMS
CH-46D	14		1/1			7/8	
CH-53D	4		2/3			2/4	
UH-1E	2		2/6			2/3	
AH-1J	2		1/1			2/4	

B. HMM 165

TYPE	ON BOARD	NORS	A/C NR	ITEMS	NFF	A/C NR	ITEMS
CH-46D	14		1/4			2/2	
CH-53D	6		1/1 (A)			2/2 (A)	
UH-1E	4		0/0			0/0	

REMARKS: CH-46D 1-CAL CHECK, 1-ROTOR HEAD CHANGE. NOTE A: 1- GYRO, 2

6. (S) INTENTIONS

A. CONTINUE CONTINGENCY PLANNING.

B. CONTINUE NGF SPOT MISSION.

C. INTEGRATE RLT-4 (CTU 79.1.2) ACTION SUMMARY INTO WEEKLY SUMMARY.

D. TERMINATE COMSEVENTHFLT AS INFO ADDEE FOR DAILY 9TH MAG SITREP.

AS REQUESTED DUE HEAVY COMMUNICATION LOAD.

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