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Z 190300Z DEC 66

FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY

RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF

ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX

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

HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 20 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP

A. 1. 18-24

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. VIP CODE 7 COL SHELLEY

5. 1 PAX

6. ADMIN PAD

200800

ROK CP

7. LZ SECURE

8. UNMARKED

9. CONTACT CHUNG PO DO ON 41.1

B. 1. 19-1

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2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS
5. 4 PAX
6. JAGUAR (PU 4) 200831 BT 200314 (DROP 2)
- BT 230314 200821 BT 163418 (DROP 2)
- BT 163418 (PU 2) 201600 BT 200314
- BT 230314 (PU 2) 201611 JAGUAR (DROP 4)
7. LZ SECURE
8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
9. CONTACT CORKLEG ON 36.6 AT JAGUAR
- CONTACT HERRING BONE ON 42.8 AT BT 230314
- CONTACT LIKELY AMOUNT J ON 41.4 AT BT 163418

- C. 1. 19-13
2. HELO
  3. PRIORITY
  4. ADMIN
  5. 6 PAX
  6. PENGUIN (PU 4) 200711 MAGNOLIA
  - MAGNOLIA (PU 2) 200711 BS 712972

- BS 712972 201000 MAGNOLIA (DROP 2)
- MAGNOLIA 201610 PENGUIN (DROP 4)
- C. 7. LZ SECURE
8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
  9. CONTACT COMPUTATION 14 ON 46.8 AT PENGUIN, CONSTRUE 14
  - AT MAGNOLIA AND BUSHMASTER ON 46.8 AT BS 712972

- D. 1. 19-2, 19-3, 19-4
2. HELO
  3. PRIORITY
  4. AERIAL RECONS
  5. 4 PAX, 4 PAX, 4 PAX
  6. LZ 130 201100 LZ 130
  - LZ 130 201130 LZ 130
  - LZ 130 201200 LZ 130
  7. LZ SECURE, AERIAL RECON FOR DATELINE, BENNINGTON,
  - COPARTNER AERAS TO BE ANNOUNCED.
  9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET

- E. 1. 19-6
2. HELO
  3. PRIORITY

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4. RECON EXTRACT  
 5. 16 PAX  
 6. BT 379071 201300 LZ 130  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT BLURBERRY PIE ON 50.6  
 F. 1. 19-7  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. RECON INSERT  
 5. 10 PAX  
 6. LZ 130 200930 BT 389035  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. UNMARKED  
 9. CONTACT BEDPOST ON 50.6  
 3. 1. 19-5  
 2. HELO  
 3. ROUTINE  
 4. TROOPS/LOGISTICS  
 5. 6 PAX, 4920 LBS INTERNAL

6. KY HA (PL 1800 LB) 200900 MINH LONG SF (DROP 1800 LB)  
 MINH LONG (PU 3120 LB) 200915 KY HA  
 7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT SAVAGE BUILDER ON 58.9  
 8. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
 EVENTS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 AS REQUESTED

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CODE NAMES FOR TF X-RAY OPS

A. CG TASK FORCE X-RAY MSG 170030Z

1. REF A OUTLINES INTENTIONS TO CONDUCT CERTAIN OPS JAN 67 WITH IDENTIFYING CODE NAMES.

2. THREE NAMES UTILIZED ARE DESOTA, RIO GRANDE AND PUEBLO NOT CURRENTLY ON LIST ASSIGNED THIS HQTRS. PERMISSION TO USE NAMES CLEARED WITH 2D BDE ROOMS C/S FROM LIST ASSIGNED BDE FOR THEIR USE.

3. PRONUNCIATION AND RETRANSLATION DIFFICULTIES ENSURES NO POSSIBLE INTEREST BY BDE IN USING NAMES MENTIONED.

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FIRST MARDIV COC

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SIERRA OPERATIONAL AREA

1. CLEARANCE HAS BEEN GRANTED THROUGH SECOND ARVN DIVISION TO  
EXTEND OPERATION SIERRA IN TIME AND AREA.

(A) AREA HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO ENCLOSE AREA BOUNDED BY N-S  
GRIDLINE 57, E-W GRIDLINE 44, E-W GRIDLINE 62, AND COASTLINE.

(B) TIME OF CLEARANCE PARA 1A ABOVE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL  
SECOND ARVN DIVISION IS NOTIFIED BY TASK FORCE X-RAY. ON OR ABOUT  
30 DECEMBER 1966.

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P 190900Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMTRBN  
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

INFO TFX

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OPSTAT 014 OF 191700 DEC 1966

THIRD AMTRBN

PART I

MEQPT FALVIP5

MEPSD 058

MEORCO 055

PART II

COMMT: TWO LVIP5 AT FLSG-B

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FM 30 THIRD AMTRBN.  
LDIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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DEC 28 12 44 PM '66

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O 190945Z DEC 66

FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR

TO ZEN/TASK FORCE XRAY

CHU LAI INSTALLATION

INFO CG FIRST MARDIV

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U. S. CHRISTMAS TRUCE POLICY (A)

COMUSMACV 131015Z DEC (PAIR)

CG III MAF 130610Z DEC (SOP)

1. THIS IS A JOINT CG TASK FORCE X-RAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR MESSAGE.

2. (A) SETS FORTH BASIC POLICIES RELATIVE TO THE CHRISTMAS TRUCE PERIOD WHICH CURTAILS MILITARY OPERATIONS BY U. S. AND FREE WORLD FORCES DURING THE PERIOD 240700H-260700H DEC.

3. B EMPHASIZES THAT MAXIMUM VIGILANCE AND RECON MUST BE EXERCISED TO PREVENT ENEMY FROM USING FORTHCOMING TRUCE PERIODS TO HIS ADVANTAGE.

4. ATTENTION OF TASK FORCE X-RAY UNITS AND CHU LAI INSTALLATIONS SPECIFICALLY INVITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

CG TASK FORCE XRAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR

1DIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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A. H&I FIRES WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE CONDUCTED DURING THE PERIOD; THIS INCLUDES MORTAR, ARTY, NGF AND AIR STRIKES AND SPECIFICALLY APPLIES TO TPQ ID MISSIONS.

B. DEFENSIVE AMBUSHES AND PATROLLING WILL BE INTENSIFIED ALONG ROUTES OF APPROACH TO 1P X-RAY UNIT POSITIONS AND CHU LAI INSTALLATIONS.

C. GROUND AND AERIAL OBSERVATION AND SURVEILLANCE OVER AREAS CONTAINING POTENTIAL ENEMY CONCENTRATIONS AND ALONG MAJOR ENEMY LOCS WILL BE INTENSIFIED.

D. OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE ROUTE SECURITY WILL BE CONDUCTED AS NECESSARY AND AIR OR GROUND ALERT AIRCRAFT WILL BE PROVIDED IN SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

E. NORMAL AIR COVER OVER FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES WILL BE PROVIDED.

IF. ILLUMINATION OF SELECTED AREAS WILL BE CONTINUED.

#### 4. GROUND RECONNAISSANCE:

A. DET 1ST RECON BN CONTINUE GROUND RECON IAW CURRENT PROCEDURES AND DIRECTIVES; HOWEVER, DO NOT CALL AIR, ARTY OR NGF STRIKES AGAINST TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNLESS SPECIFICALLY THREATENED, ATTACKED OR FIRED UPON.

B. 7TH MAR AND CLDC CONTINUE GROUND RECON WITHIN TAOR IAW

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CURRENT DIRECTIVES AND PROCEDURES.

5. UNIT COMMANDERS RETAIN FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FORCES AND FULL AUTHORITY TO ACT TO PROTECT THEM. MILITARY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO INSURE THE SELF-DEFENSE OF FRIENDLY FORCES ARE AUTHORIZED AND INCLUDE THE USE OF ARTY, NGF AND AIR SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES IN CONTACT WITH AND RECEIVING FIRE FROM VC/NVA FORCES.

6. UNIT COMMANDERS INSURE INDOCTRINATION OF ALL PERSONNEL DOWN TO AND INCLUDING FIRE TEAMS BY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.

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LDIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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Dec 21 4 20 AM '66

P 191339Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN  
TO CG SECOND BDE ROKMC  
CG TF XRAY

INFO CG 113 BAF

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CODE NAMES FOR OPNS (U)

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 230345Z AUG 66 (NOTAL)

B. FIRST MARDIV COC 101515Z OCT 66 (NOTAL)

1. LIAISON TF XRAY 3D BDE ROKMC INDICATES CODE NAMES DESOTO, RIO GRANDE AND PUEBLO, PROVIDED REF A, NOT REQD BY BDE FOR NAMING OPNS. ACCORDINGLY, CODE NAMES DESOTO, RIO GRANDE AND PUEBLO ARE DELETED FROM REF A.

2. DUE LIMITED NUMBER NAMES ASSIGNED TF XRAY BY REF B. CODE NAMES DESOTO, RIO GRANDE AND PUEBLO ARE ASSIGNED TF XRAY.

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1DIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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Z 200353Z DEC 66  
 FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF  
 INFO RUMHAW/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION ONE OF TWO  
 HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 21 DEC 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP

A. 1. 20-1

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. VIP CODE 5 REAR ADMIRAL KELLEY

5. 6 PAX

6. VIP PAD 210750

PENGUIN

PENGUIN 210830

ADMIN PAD (DROP 1)

ADMIN PAD 210845

III MAF HELO PAD

7. LZ SECURE

8. UNARMED

9. CONTACT COMPUTATION 14 ON 46.8 AT PENGUIN

B. 1. 19-20

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. LOGISTICS, ADMIN

5. 1 PAX 300 LBS

6. PENGUIN 211300

BS 699975

BS 699975 211345

PENGUIN

7. LZ SECURE

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

9. CONTACT COMPUTATION 14 AT PENGUIN

CONTACT CONSTRUE B AT BS 699975, BOTH ON 46.8

C. 1. 20-2

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. AERIAL RECON

5. 4 PAX

6. LZ 130 211100

LZ 130

7. AERIAL RECON FOR DUCKBILL AERA TBA

9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET

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- D
1. 20-3, 20-4, 20-5
  2. HELG
  3. PRIORITY
  4. RECON EXTRAC
  5. 14 PAX, 12 PAX, 12 PAX
  6. BS 411998      211330      LZ 130
  - BS 331151      211400      LZ 130
  - BS 441928      211500      LZ 130
  7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
  8. MARKED WITH YELLOW
  9. CONTACT CRANKCASE ON 50.6
  - CONTACT DONOHUE ON 50.6
  - CONTACT CONSULATE ON 51.6

- E
1. 20-6, 20-7, 20-8
  2. HELG
  3. PRIORITY
  4. RECON INSERT
  5. 15 PAX, 13 PAX, 15 PAX
  6. LZ 130      210800      BS 689501
  - LZ 130      210930      TBA

- LZ 130      211000      TBA
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
  8. UNMARKED
  9. CONTACT DATELINE ON 51.6
  - CONTACT COPARTNER ON TBA
  - CONTACT BENNINGTON ON TBA

- F
1. 20-10
  2. HELG
  3. PRIORITY
  4. TROOPS
  5. 4 PAX
  6. JAGUAR (PU 4)      210700      BT 230314 (DROP 2)
  - BT 230314      210730      BT 163418 (DROP 2)
  - BT 163418 (PU 2)      211400      BT 230314
  - BT 230314 (PU 2)      211415      JAGUAR (DROP 4)
  7. LZ SECURE
  8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
  9. CONTACT CORKLEG ON 36.6 AT JAGUAR.
  - CONTACT HERRING BONE ON 42.8 AT BT 230314
  - CONTACT LIKELY AMOUNT J ON 41.4 AT BT 163418

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- G. 1. 20-11  
 2. HELLO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. TROOPS/LOGISTICS  
 5. 4 PAX, 30,000 LBS 105 AMMO  
 6. KY HA 211000 TIEN PHUOC SF  
 7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH WHITE H  
 9. CONTACT ARNICA FX ON 35.4 OR TRICKY MISFIT ON 38.9
- H. 1. 20-25  
 2. HELLO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. TROOPS  
 5. 36 PAX  
 6. DOVE (PU 36) 210800 BS 725536  
 BS 725536 210845 QUANG NGAI AF  
 QUANG NGAI AF (PU 17) 210900 DOVE  
 7. LZ SECURE  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 X AT DOVE

- CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD AT BS 725536
- I. 1. 20-27  
 2. HELLO  
 3. ROUTINE  
 4. ADMIN/UNIT CMDR  
 5. 2 PAX  
 6. BS 628997 210800 BS 699975  
 BS 699975 211100 BS 665985  
 7. LZ SECURE  
 8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
- I. 9. CONTACT CONSTRUE 14 ON 46.8 AT BT 628997  
 CONTACT CONSTRUE B ON 46.8 AT BS 699975  
 CONTACT CONSTRUE D ON 46.8 AT BS 665985
- J. 1. 20-26  
 2. HELLO  
 3. ROUTINE  
 4. LOGISTICS  
 5. 375 LBS C RATS  
 6. BT 623003 211530 BT 660020  
 7. LZ SECURE

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8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
9. CONTACT CONSTRUCT A AT BT 623003 AND 7A'S AT BT 660020 BOTH ON 46.8

1. 20-28
2. HELLO
3. PRIORITY
4. VIP CODE OR 7 COL SNODDY
5. 5 PAX

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| 6. LZ PENGUIN    | 210900 | QUANG NGAI TROPO |
| QUANG NGAI TROPO | 210945 | BS 725580 MO DUC |
| MO DUC           | 211030 | LZ PENGUIN       |
7. LZ SECURE

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT COMPUTATION 14 FORWARD AT 46.8

10. FOR OPERATION SIERRA
- EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTIC (2 OH 34) FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.
- EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 AS REQUESTED

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VALID ARC LIGHT TARGETS

1. FIRST MAR DIV COC MSG 191328Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES. THE FOLLOWING TOTS ARE CLEARED FOR TF X-RAY UNITS  
THROUGH 31 JAN 1967.

QUANG TIN: TOTS 235, 302/237, 303/238, 401, 402, 403, 406, 407,  
308.

QUANG NGAI: 37A/308, 37B/308, 286, 404, 406, 407, 306, 307,  
308, 412, 413, 414, 309, 310, 311, 312, 415, 416, 417.

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Dec 22 2 58 AM '66

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O 200711Z DEC 66  
 M CG FIRST MARDIV  
 INFO CG IF XRAY

O 19 556Z DEC 66

FM COMNAVSUPACT CAGANG  
 TO RUMKMF/CG III MAF  
 INFO RUMHCA CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMNLA/CG SECOND MAR BDE ROXMC  
 RUMB/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE  
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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SONG TRAXHUC RIVER AND VICINITY (S)

1. CG II 180950Z DEC 66 NOTAL

2. REF A DELINEATES REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY FOR HYDRO SURVEY.

3. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE IN THE AREA OF CO LUY BS 738737 (S)  
 4. INDICATES POSSIBILITY TRANIT SONG PHU THO AS FAR SOUTH AS BRIDGE  
 FOR HIGHWAY 51 AT BS 711702.

5. INDICATIONS ARE THAT ROAD FROM BRIDGE MENTIONED PARA 2 59  
 JANG NGAI MUCH SUPERIOR TO ROUTE 520 FROM CO LY TO QUANG  
 NGAI.

6. AM PREPARED TO ATTEMPT RIVER PENETRATION TO BS 711702 DURING  
 RIVER MOUTH SURVEY ON 22 DEC PROVIDE SECURITY CAN COVER  
 COUPLARC INSRON AND WITHDRAWAL.

7. RECOMMEND ROAD RECONNAISSANCE HIGHWAYS 51S AND TWO BY  
 SECURITY FORCES.

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P 200835Z DEC 66

FM FIRST SP BN

TO CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO ZEN/CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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|--------|-----------------------------------|
| CDR    | LTCOL E. H. JONES                 |
| ADCON  | T. F. X-RAY                       |
| ADCON  | 1ST MARDIV                        |
| LOC    | CHU LAI                           |
| CTIV   | SUPPORTING OPERATIONS             |
| CEPER  | C2/C1 UNKNOWN DUE TO PER SHORTAGE |
| CEQP   | C1                                |
| CESUP  | C2/C1 010800Z FEB 67              |
| CEPRNG | C2/C1 UNKNOWN DUE TO PER SHORTAGE |
| CEPROF | 025/018                           |
| CEREN  | 0409/0039                         |

PART II

CEQP IS C1 OVERALL WITH 9 PERCENT D/L BUT ENGINEER EQUIPMENT ON  
AND IS 13 PERCENT D/L AND AN ADDITIONAL 20 PER CENT OF ENGR EQUIP  
HAS BEEN EVAC.

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200920Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMTRBN  
TO CG FIRST MAJ DIV  
INFO TFM

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OPSTAT 015 OF 201700 DEC 1966

THIRD AMTRBN

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NEORCO 051

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11040Z DEC 66  
 CG TASK FORCE X-RAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR  
 ZEN/TASK FORCE X-RAY  
 LAI INSTALLATION  
 CG ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV

REF  
 PERSONAL CONDUCT DURING TRUCE PERIODS  
 FORCE ORDER 1718.1A  
 CG 1ST MARDIV REG 121003Z NOV  
 THIS IS A JOINT CG IF X-RAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR  
 MESSAGE.  
 THE FORTHCOMING TRUCE PERIODS EXTEND THROUGH WHAT IS NORMALLY  
 A MOST FESTIVE HOLIDAY SEASON. HOWEVER, THIS YEAR IN  
 VIETNAM DIFFERENT CONDITIONS PREVAIL. THE ALERT STATUS REQUIRED  
 DURING THE TRUCE AND IRADITIONAL TREACHERY OF THE VIET CONG  
 DEMAND THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF PERSONAL CONDUCT THROUGHOUT  
 THESE CRITICAL PERIODS NOW APPROACHING.  
 REF (A) SETS FORTH CG III MAF BASIC POLICIES GOVERNING  
 PURCHASE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES. REF (B) IS QUOTED IN

AND FOR REEMPLOYERS OF IF X-RAY UNITS AND FOR GUIDANCE TO CHU LAI  
 INSTALLATION UNITS. QUOTE. NO BEER OR OTHER INTOXICATING BEVERAGES  
 BE LOCATED IN OR ADJACENT TO DEFENSIVE POSITIONS UNDER ANY  
 OF CIRCUMSTANCES UNQUOTE.

TASK FORCE X-RAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR CHIEF OF STAFF

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TACTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 22 DEC 66

, FIRST MARDIV COC MSG 200210Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES TOTS 038, 039, 040, 050, 060, 064, AND 102 ARE  
Cleared.

2. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BT 169175.

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FIRST MAR DIV COC

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OPTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 21 DEC 66

A. FIRST MAR DIV COC MSG 200510Z DEC 66

.. REF (A) APPLIES TOTS 286, 312, 335, 399, 419 AND 183 ARE CLEARED.

2. TOTS 377 AND 401 ARE NOT IN TF X-RAY AREA.

3. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BS 473863.

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1ST MAR DIV COG

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TACTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 23 DEC 66

A. FIRST MAR DIV 200840Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES. TGTS K120, 122, 145, 176 AND K201 ARE  
CLEARED.

2. TGT 213 IS NOT REPEAT NOT CLEARED, IN TIEN PHUOC NFZ.

3. TGTS 199 AND 202 NOT IN TF X-RAY AREA.

4. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BT 106142.

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HELOP/PLANNING REQUIREMENTS FOR 22 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3

A. 1. 21-2

2. HELD

3. ROUTINE

4. TROOP/LOGISTICS

5. 5 PM

6. JAGUAR (PU 3)

220900

BS 699975 (PU 2)

220910

QUANG NGAI AF (PU 5)

221100

BS 699975

221115

7. LZ SECURE

BS 699975

QUANG NGAI AF (DROP ALL)

BS 699975 (DROP 2)

JAGUAR (DROP 3)

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- 8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
- 9. CONTACT CORKLEG ON 36.6 AT JAGUAR  
CONTACT CONSTRUE B ON 46.8 AT BS 699970

- B. 1. 21-4
- 2. HELO
- 3. ROUTINE
- 4. PSY. BROADCAST
- 5. 2 PAX 150 LBS
- 6. ADMIN PAD 220700 ADMIN PAD
- 7. LZ SECURE, PSYCHOLOGICAL BROADCAST 2000 METERS  
AROUND BT 508106
- 9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET

- C. 1. 21-11
- 2. HELO
- 3. PRIORITY
- 4. TROOPS
- 5. 253 PAX
- 6. A.BS 675570 (PU 250) 220700
- B.BS 725537 (PU 3) 220700 BS 634596 (DROP ALL)
- C.BS 834396 (PU 253) 221300 BS 647410 (DROP ALL)

D.BS 608495 (PU 253) 221700 BS 675570 (DROP ALL)

- C. 7. PICKUP LZ SECURE, DEST LZ NOT SECURE, 1 HOUR DEST.  
GB 0720 REQUEST AIR PREP L-20 TO 1 HOUR, REQUEST  
CAP/CAS TAC (A) FROM 1 HOUR TO LT120, DEST CD SECURE,  
SECURITY ELEMENTS FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.
- 8. UNMARKED
- 9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN H TEAM ON 49.8 AT 01 PICKUP AND  
60 DESTINATION ON 49.8  
CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14E ON 46.8 AT ALL OTHER PICKUPS AND  
DESTINATIONS

- D. 1. 21-14
- 2. HELO
- 3. ROUTINE
- 4. TROOPS/UNIT CMDR
- 5. 3 PAX
- 6. BS 628997 (PU 1) 220800 BS 578990
- BS 578990 (PU 1) 220930 BS 579976
- BS 579976 221030 BS 587975
- BS 587975 221040 BS 578990
- BS 578990 221100 BT 623003

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BT 620003

221530

BS 698997

7. LZ SECURE

8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE

9. CONTACT CONSTRUE 14 AT PICKUP, CONSTRUE C AT 6A,  
 CONSTRUE C1 AT 6B, CONSTRUE TIGER AT 6C, CONSTRUE  
 C AT 6D, CONSTRUE A AT 6E, CONSTRUE 14 AT 6F ALL ON 46.8

E. 1. 21-5

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. RECON INSERT

5. 16 PAX

6. LZ 130

220800

BS 694524

7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. UNMARKED

9. CONTACT DATELINE ON 51.1

F. 1. 21-6

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. RECON INSERT/3/54-15

5. 16 PAX, 14 PAX

6. LZ 130

221330

BS 418998

BS 418998

221400

LZ 130

7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

9. CONTACT CRANKCASE ON 50.6

CONTACT DUCKBILL ON 50.6

2. FOR OPERATIONS SIERRA

EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2 UH 34) FROM 1400

TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.

EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 AS REQUESTED

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Dec 22 2 57 AM '66

CO

P 210700Z DEC 66  
 1 THIRD 155 GUN BTRY (SP)  
 10 ZEN/CO FIRST MARDIV  
 INFO ZEN/SEVENTH MARINES  
 ZEN/FIRST MAG  
 N/DS 155 GUN FORCE X-RAY

BT  
 SE 0 0 0 0  
 OPSTAT 0000 AS OF 211500Z DEC 66  
 3-155 GUN BTRY (SP)  
 PART 1

MEQPT 155 GUN (SP)  
 MEPSD 005  
 MEORCO 004  
 ORPER 02/C1 UNKNOWN  
 PEROF 007/007  
 PERE 154/120

BT 11

CMMT 155 GUN 213257 DEADLINED FOR SPEED-LOCK ONLY. 155 GUN  
 213233 DEADLINED AT FLSC-B SINCE 17 AUG 66 FOR CANNON ASSEMBLY.

PEREN FIGURE INCLUDES 3 NAVY ENLISTED T/O AND 3 NAVY ENLISTED ON  
 BOARD. FOLLOWING PEREN SHORTAGES REMAIN CRITICAL

| RANK     | MOS  | T/O | ON HAND |
|----------|------|-----|---------|
| GYSGT    | 2539 | 1   | 0       |
| SSGT     | 0811 | 7   | 4       |
| PVT-SSG1 | 0811 | 49  | 37      |
| PVT-LCPL | 0844 | 15  | 12      |
| PVT-LCPL | 3531 | 16  | 9       |
| PVT-LCPL | 3371 | 5   | 3       |

IN MANNING LEVEL REVIEW OF 20 SEPT 66, AN INCREASE TO PEREN FIGURE  
 OF 185 VICE 139 WAS REQUESTED. IN T/O REVIEW OF 15 DEC 66 AN IN-  
 CREASE TO PEREN 203 VICE 154 IS BEING REQUESTED. THESE REQUESTS  
 ARE PREDICATED UPON CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT AS PLATOONS.

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 BT 3RD 155 GUN BTRY (SP)

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Dec 22 2 57 AM '66

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P 211205Z DEC 66  
 FM 4TH BN 11TH MAR  
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO CG TF XRAY  
 ELEVENTH MAR

BT

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OPSTAT 010 AS OF 211500Z DEC 66 (U)

4-11 MAR

PART I

MEQPT 155 HOW SP

MEORCO 013

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4TH BN 11TH MAR

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FLSG-"B" 2100/2 (4-66)

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TASK FORCE X-RAY COC

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FIRST MAR DIV COC

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BEACH SURVEY SECURITY/CONTINUATION OF SIERRA

- A. COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG 190655Z
- B. COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG 200338Z
- C. CONF TF X-RAY HQTRS REPS NAVSUPPACT DANANG 21 DEC

1. REF A & B DISORIBE SECURITY MISSION TO PROTECT NAVIGABILITY  
STUDY SONG TRA CAU CONFERENCE (BS 850402) AND BEACH GRADIENT STUDY  
ALONG BEACH STRIP FROM MOUTH SONG TRA CAU NORTH TO BS 808498.  
PRESENT INTENTION TO EXECUTE SECURITY MISSION AS COORDINATED THIS  
HQTRS (REF C) ON 26/27 DEC.
2. PRESENT DISPOSITION OF USMC FORCES FOR OPERATION SIERRA AND  
WILLINGNESS BY 2D ARVN DIV TO COORDINATE OPN WITH THOSE FORCES  
PRESENTS POSSIBILITY COORDINATED OPERATION SUPPLEMENTING SECURITY  
MISSION.
3. PLAN TO INITIATE LN 22/23 DEC WITH REPRESENTATIVES 2D ARVN DIV  
TO ACHIEVE AREA CLEARANCE AND POSSIBLE COORDINATED S&D TO BE CON-  
DUCTED CONCURRENTLY WITH SECURITY MISSION. OPERATION WOULD BE PART  
OF SIERRA.

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011330Z

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TASK FORCE X-RAY COC

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FIRST MARDIV COC

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CO REIN RAID/S&amp;D

A. FIRST MARDIV COC MSC 281005Z NOV

1. INTEND TO CONDUCT RAID ON 23 DEC WITH CO REIN FROM 1ST BN 5TH MAR IN AREA BOUNDED BY BT 3306, BT 3310 EAST TO TAOR SOUTH ALONG TAOR TO BT 398060 WEST TO BT 3306. FORCES WILL RETURN TO HOME BASE SAME DATE.

2. INTELLIGENCE THIS AREA POINTING TO POSSIBLE VC HARBORING SITE, RICE CACHE AND NIVONAC AREA FOR TWO LOCAL FORCE VC COMPANIES WAS TARGET INITIAL PHASE OPERATION SUTTER (REF A).

3. CURRENT INDICATIONS OF VC RETURN TO THIS AREA COUPLED WITH PAST PRACTICES TO DO SO SUPPORTS PROPOSED RAID/S&D.

4. FORCES INVOLVED:

CO REIN 1ST BN 5TH MAR  
BY 1ST BN 5TH MAR  
FAC

CO REIN 1ST BN 5TH MAR  
81 MM MORT SEC  
FAC

5. AREA CLEARANCE WILL BE COORDINATED WITH RF/PF ARVN FORCES AT TRA VIC BT 3109.

6. AREA AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED BY CO 7TH MAR; OPERATION CONTROLLED

BY CO 1/5.

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211335Z

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Dec 23 4 23 AM '66

2 220330Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
INFO RUMHMF/CG 111 MAF  
ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX

BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION ONE OF TWO  
HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 23 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP
- A. 1. 21-28
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS
5. 170 PAX
6. BT 397140 230715 BT 354071
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT, REQUEST LZ BE PREPARED BY AIR FROM L-50 TO L HOUR. L HOUR 0730. REQUEST CAP/CAS TAC(A) FROM L-HOUR TO LT60
9. CONTACT COTTAGE 14 C ON 0608

3. 1. 21-9
2. HELO
3. ROUTINE
4. VIETNAMESE FEMALE/MALE PAX
5. 25 PAX/ 1 CHRISTMAS TREE (10 FEET LONG)
6. QUANG NGAI AF 231430 ADMIN PAD
- ADMIN PAD 231730 QUANG NGAI AF
7. LZ SECURE PAX TO VISIT ENTERTAIN AND PRESENT CHRISTMAS TREE TO WOUNDED MARINES.
8. UNMARKED
9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET
0. 1. 22-3
2. HELO
3. ROUTINE
4. TROOPS LOGISTICS
5. 4 PAX 150 LBS
6. JAGUAR (PU 4) 230900 BS 473863 (DROP 2)
- BS 473863 (PU 2) 230930 BS 517778
- BS 517778 230955 QUANG NGAI AF
- QUANG NGAI AF 231020 JAGUAR

CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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7. LZ SECURE
8. MARKED WITH GREEN OR YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT CORKLEG ON 36.6 AT JAGUAR  
CONTACT CORKLEG M-24 ON 37.5 AT 6A  
CONTACT CORKLEG N-24 ON 35.2 AT 6B  
CONTACT CORKLEG N ON 35.2 AT 6C
- D. 1. 22-4, 22-5
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. AERIAL RECON
5. 4 PAX, 4 PAX
6. LZ 130 231100 LZ 130  
LZ 130 231130 LZ 130
7. LZ SECURE AERIAL RECON FOR DONAHUE AND CONSULATE
9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET
- E. 1. 22-6, 22-7
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. RECON EXTRACT
5. 19 PAX, 10 PAX

6. TBA 231500 LZ 130  
BT 388035 231530 LZ 130
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT CO-PARTNER ON 50.6  
CONTACT BEDPOST ON 50.6
- F. 1. 22-8
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. ADMIN
5. 5 PAX
6. VIP PAD (PU 3) 230900 QUANG NGAI TROPO  
QUANG NGAI (PU 2) BS 873325  
BS 873325 BS 818382  
BS 818382 QUANG NGAI TROPO (DROP 2)  
QUANG NGAI TROPO VIP PAD (DROP 3)
7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT, TAKE AND WAIT
8. UNMARKED
9. CONTACT BICYCLE WHEEL O ON 51.3 AT 6B  
CONTACT STEWED DUMPS D ON 40.6 AT 6C DESTINATION

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- G. 1. 22-15  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. TROOPS/LOGISTICS  
 5. 25 PAX, 250 LBS MAIL  
 6. LZ DOVE 230800 BS 725536  
 7. LZ SECURE  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 X AT DOVE AND CASTILLIAN 14  
 FORWARD AT DEST BOTH ON 46.8
- H. 1. 22-11  
 2. HELO  
 3. ROUTINE  
 4. UNIT CDR  
 5. 2 PAC 650 LBS MAIL AND CARGO  
 6. A. BS 628997 230800 BS 578990 (CONSTRUE C)  
 B. BS 578990 230820 BS 699975 (CONSTRUE D)  
 C. BS 699975 230850 BS 725539  
 D. BS 725539 230920 QUANG NGAI AF  
 E. QUANG NGAI AF 230950 BS 635848 (PETERSON A ON 39.7)

- F. BS 635848 231045 BS 536946 (CONSTRUE C1)  
 G. BS 536946 231145 BS 575924 (CONSTRUE D1)  
 H. BS 575924 231245 BS 628997 (CONSTRUE 14)
7. ALL LZ SECURE  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT ARE BEHIND DEST. COORDINATES ALL ON 46.8 EXCEPT  
 LINE ON ON 39.7

- I. 1. 22-15  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. VIP CODE  
 5. 5 PAX  
 6. A. LZ PENGUIN 231330 BS 725536  
 B. BS 725536 231445 QUANG NGAI TROPO  
 C. QUANG NGAI TROPO 231530 LZ PENGUIN  
 7. LZ SECURE  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD AT BS 725536  
 COMPUTATION 14 AT LZ PENGUIN BOTH ON 46.8  
 2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
 BT

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EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2 UH34)  
FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI EVENTS  
4, 8, 9, 10, 12 AS REQUESTED.

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DEC 23 4 25 AM '66

P 220510Z DEC 66  
FM FIRST SPBN  
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
INFO ZEN/CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
BT  
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OPSTAT 003 AS OF 220800Z DEC66  
FIRST SPBN

PART I  
CHDR LTCOL. E. H. JONES  
OPCON T. F. X-RAY  
ADCON 1ST MARDIV  
LOC CHU LAI  
ACTIV SUPPORTING OPERATIONS  
CRPER C2/C1 UNKNOWN DUE TO PER SHORTAGE  
CREQP C1  
CRSUP C2/C1 010800Z FEB 67  
CRING C2/C1 UNKNOWN DUE TO PER SHORTAGE  
PEROF 025/013  
PEREN 0409/0348

PART II  
CREQP IS C1 OVERALL WITH 9 PER CENT D/L BUT ENGINEER EQUIPMENT ON  
HAND IS 16 PER CENT D/L AND AN ADDITIONAL 20 PER CENT OF ENGR EQUIP  
HAS BEEN EVAC.  
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FIRST SP BN

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FIRST MAR DIV COC

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AREA CLEARANCE OPERATION SIERRA PHASE I AND II

A. FIRST MAR DIV COC 221318Z

1. OPERATING AREA CLEARED FOR SIERRA AT PRESENT TIME UNTIL RELIN-

QUISH IS AS FOLLOWS: BS 5762 TO BS 765620 SOUTH ALONG COAST TO

BS 833440 WEST TO BS 5744.

2. ADDITIONAL AREA CLEARED FOR SURVEY RELATED MISSION AS PHASE

II SIERRA IS FOLLOWING ADDENDUM TO AREA PARA 1 ABOVE EFFECTIVE

260700H: BS 1044 TO BS 7034 EAST TO COAST.

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P 230220Z DEC 66  
 TO THIRD BN ELEVENTH MAR  
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV  
 INFO ELEVENTH MAR  
 CG TF XRAY  
 FIRST FAG  
 BT

COMM. NOTE: EDITED BY COMM CNTR.

SECRET  
 OPSTAT 006 AS OF 221500Z DEC 66  
 3-11 MAR  
 PART I  
 REQPT 10YMM NIP ID  
 SEPED 804  
 REORCO 804  
 OP-4  
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THIRD BN 11TH MARINES

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O 230225Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR  
TO TASK FORCE XRAY  
CHU LAI INSTALLATION

DEC 23 1 22 PM '66

O 220015Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV  
TO FIRST MARDIV (OPCON)  
P 210902Z DEC 66  
FM CG III MAF  
INFO II MAF  
P 181423Z DEC 66 ←

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FM COMUSMACV  
TO RUMSVA/CG 7 ARV  
RUMBJ/CHDR 7TH AR  
RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV  
RUMNVF/CG I FF  
RUMSFD/CG II FF  
RUMNMF/CG III MAF  
RUMSMT/SA IV CTZ  
RUMNAB/CO 5TH SFGA

BT

SECRET 53723 FROM: M ACCOC11

SUBJ: PROJECT EXEMPT (U)

REF: A COMUSMAO BOAC8)/66 MACCC12. DTG 131015Z DEC 66 (S).

2. COMUSMAC 52790, MACCC11, DTG 01224Z DEC 66 (S).

1. (C) REF A CONTAINED INSTRUCTION RELATIVE TO CURTAILMENT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS BY US AND FREE WORLD FORCES DURING THE PERIOD 240700H DEC 66 TO 0700H DEC. REF B NOTIFIED ACTION ADDRESSEES OF A SEMINAR TO BE CONDUCTED TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE POSTURE OF MAC DURING THE

CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN PERIOD WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AND DURING THE NEW ARS AND TET STANDDOWNS WHICH ARE ANTICIPATED IT FURTHER REQUESTED REPRESENTATION FROM HEADQUARTERS CONCERNED.

2. (S) THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS GUIDANCE AND ANSWERS GIVEN TO QUESTIONS RAISED DURING SEMINAR ON 4 DEC 66. SUMMARY OF GUIDANCE I AS FOLLOWS:

- A. HARASSING AND INTERDICTION FIRES ARE PROHIBITED.
- B. US TROOPS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT PICKUP OR ARREST KNOWN VCS ENCOUNTERED DURING STANDDOWN PERIODS. LOCAL RVN AUTHORITIES SHOULD BE NOTIFIED AND ENCOURAGED TO MAKE ARRESTS. IF SUCH INCIDENTS OCCUR NOTIFY THIS HEADQUARTERS.
- C. UNITS CAN BE RELOCATED DURING STANDDOWNS.
- D. ACTION NECESSARY TO EXTRICATE GROUND RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS WHICH MAY BECOME ENGAGED WITH ENEMY FORCES ARE AUTHORIZED.
- E. THERE WILL BE NO DECLARATION OF A MACV ALERT CONDITION
- F. PROCESSING AND INTERROGATION OF PWS AND RETURNEES CAN BE CONTINUED.
- G. US UNITS THAT PROVIDE COMBAT SUPPORT TO ARVN UNITS WILL PROVIDE SUPPORT IF ARVN UNITS BECOME ENGAGED DURING STANDDOWNS. MACV WILL BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY OF ANY COMBAT SUPPORT ACTION TAKEN.

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- H. NO REPEAT NO COMMENTS CONCERNING THE STANDDOWNS WILL BE MADE TO NEWSMEN OR PERSONNEL FROM AGENCIES OTHER THAN THE MILITARY. PERSONS MAKING INQUIRIES ARE TO BE REFERRED TO MACV.
- I. ENEMY FORCES MUST POST A THREAT TO FRIENDLY UNITS OR INSTALLATIONS BEFORE MILITARY ACTION, OTHER THAN SURVEILLANCE, CAN BE TAKEN AGAINST THEM. ENEMY ACTIVITIES WILL BE REPORTED AND CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE MAINTAINED. RECONNAISSANCE AROUND US INSTALLATIONS TO THE MAXIMUM RANGE OF ENEMY MORTAR WILL BE INTENSIFIED.
- J. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT INCIDENTS OR VIOLATIONS OF THE STANDDOWN BE REPORTED TO THIS HEADQUARTER FOR TRANSMISSION TO OTHER AUTHORITIES BY THE FASTEST MEANS AVAILABLE. WHERE THERE IS DOUBT AS TO WHETHER AN ACTION IS, IN FACT, A VIOLATION, REPORT IT AND LET MACV DECIDE.
- K. (S) ON ADDITION THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE OF COMSMACV PERTAINS DURING STANDDOWN PERIODS:
- L. THESE PERIODS ARE NOT HOLIDAYS FOR US TROOP. ALL UNITS AND PERSONNEL MUST BE CONTINUALLY ALERT AND MUST NOT LET A "HOLIDAY SPIRIT" OVERCOME THEIR WARINESS.
  - M. UNITS WILL NOT CEASE ACTIVITY DURING STANDDOWN PERIOD. ACTIVE PATROLLING WILL BE CONDUCTED, UNITS WILL MAKE REDISPOSITIONS AS NECESSARY FOR SECURITY AND WILL BE PREPARED TO REACT TO EVERY VIO-

LATION OR TO EXTRICATE RECONNAISSANCE ELEMENTS.

- N. EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING EACH SUCCESSIVE STANDDOWN SHOULD BE REPORTED, DISSEMINATED AND USED TO ADVANTAGE IN SUBSEQUENT STANDDOWNS.
- O. SOME FACTS OF THE STANDDOWNS CAN WORK TO THE ADVANTAGE OF FRIENDLY FORCES. EXAMPLES ARE:
  - (1) OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BUILD UP OF SUPPLY BASES, INCREASES IN USE OF LAND LOC, AND PERFORMANCE OF MUCH-NEEDED MAINTENANCE ON ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT IN CONSTANT USE.
  - (2) OPPORTUNITY FOR INCREASE CIVIC ACTION.
  - (3) THE PERIOD CAN BE USED GAINFULLY IN IMPROVING BASE DEFENSES AND CONDUCTING IN-PLACE TRAINING.

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Z 230342Z DEC 66  
 FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
 BT

C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION ONE OF TWO  
 HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 24 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP

A. 1. 23-1

2. HELO

3. ROUTINE

4. TROOPS LOGISTICS

5. 14 PAX, 150 LBS

6. ADMIN PAD

240845

BT 440085

BT 440085

240900

TIEN PHOU C S.F.

TIEN PHOU C S.F.

241300

BT 440085

BT 440085

241320

ADMIN PAD

7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. TIEN PHOU C MARKED WITH WHITE H, BT 440085 MARKED WITH SMOKE

9. CONTACT ARNICA ON 39.7 AT BT 440085  
 CONTACT ARNICA FX ON 35.4 AT TIEN PHOU C  
 (ALTERNATE CONTACT TRICKY MISFIT ON 38.9)

B. 1. 22-3E

2. HELO

3. ROUTINE

4. LOGISTICS (105 AMMO)

5. 12,000 LBS

6. QUANG NGAI LSA 241000 NO DUC

7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 ON 46.8 AT NO DUC

C. 1. 23-3, 23-4

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. RECON EXTRACT

5. 19 PAX, 10 PAX

6. TBA 241500 LZ 130

CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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BT 389035 241530 LZ 130  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CO-PARTNER ON 50.6, AND BEDPOST ON 50.6  
 D. 1. 23-6, 23-7  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. AERIAL RECON  
 5. 4 PAX, 4 PAX  
 6. LZ 130 241100 LZ 130  
 LZ 130 241130 LZ 130  
 7. LZ SECURE AERIAL RECON DONAHUE AND CONSULATE  
 9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET  
 E. 1. 23-5  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. ADMIN  
 5. 5 PAX  
 6. VIP PAD  
 QUANG NGAI TROPO PAD

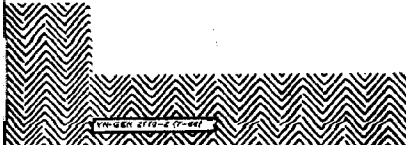
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 BS 873325

BS 873325  
 BS 818382  
 TIEN PHOUC SF  
 BT 017270  
 BT 045298  
 BT 036347  
 ADMIN PAD

BS 818382  
 TIEN PHOUC SF  
 BT 017270  
 BT 045298  
 BT 036347  
 ADMIN PAD  
 QUANG NGAI TROPO PAD

7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT, TAKE AND WAIT  
 8. UNMARKED  
 9. CONTACT BICYCLE WHEEL ON 51.3 AT BS 873325  
 CONTACT ANNICA FX ON 35.4 AT TIEN PHOUC  
 CONTACT STEVED DUMPS "D" ON 40.6 AT 6C  
 F. 1. 23-8  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. RECON UNIT/EXTRACT  
 5. 16 PAX, 14 PAX  
 6. LZ 130 241330 BS 418998  
 BS 418998 241400 LZ 130  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

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8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CRANKCASE AND DUCKBILL BOTH ON 50.6  
 0. 1. 23-9  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. RECON INSERT  
 5. 16 PAX  
 6. LZ 130 240930 BS 689499  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. UNMARKED  
 9. CONTACT DATELINE ON 51.1  
 0. 1. 22-10  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. RECON INSERT/EXTRACT  
 5. 16 PAX, 13 PAX, 1000 LBS  
 6. LZ 130 (PU 16) 241430 BS 635588  
 BS 635588 (PU 13) 241500 LZ 130  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

8. CONTACT BLUEBERRY PIE AND COWHIDE BOTH ON 51.1  
 1. 1. 23-13  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. TROOPS LOGISTICS  
 5. 50 PAX, 250 LBS  
 6. LZ DOVE 240800 BS 725536  
 7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CASTELLIAN 14 X ON 46.8 AT DOVE  
 CONTACT CASTELLIAN 14 FWD ON 46.8 AT DESTINATION  
 0. 1. 23-14  
 2. HELO  
 3. ROUTINE  
 4. LOGISTICS  
 5. 4 PAX, 650 LBS  
 6. MAGNOLIA 240800 BS 578990  
 BS 578990 240820 BS 699975  
 BS 699975 240850 BS 725539  
 BS 725539 240920 QUANG NGAI A.F.

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 QUANG NGAI A.F.      241020      BS 635848  
 BS 635848      241120      BS 536946  
 BS 536946      241220      BS 575924  
 BS 575924      241320      MAGNOLIA  
 1. LZ SECURE  
 2. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 3. CONTACT CONSTRUE 14 ON 46.8 AT MAGNOLIA  
    CONTACT CONSTRUE C ON 46.8 AT BS 578990  
    CONTACT CONSTRUE B ON 46.8 AT BS 699975  
    CONTACT PETERSON A ON 39.7 AT BS 635848  
    CONTACT CONSTRUE C-1 ON 46.8 AT BS 536946  
    CONTACT CONSTRUE D-1 ON 46.8 AT BS 575924

1. 23-12
2. HELO
3. ROUTINE
4. CONVOY ESCORT
6. QUANG NGAI      240800      MO DUC
9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN MOBILE ON 49.8
2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
    EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2UH34)  
    FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.  
    EVENTS 4,8,9,10,12 AS REQUESTED  
    NOTE: LANDSHARK X NO LONGER IN OPERATION

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0 230703Z DEC 66  
 01 CG FIRST MAR DIV  
 01 CG 1F XRAY

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0 221244Z DEC 66  
 01 CG 111 MAP  
 TO COMNAV SUPPACT DANANG  
 01 FIRST MAR DIV  
 01 SECOND BDE ROKMC  
 01 115.1

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HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY SONG TRA KHUC RIVER AND VICINITY (S)

01 CG 111 MAP 180950Z DEC66

01 CG 2D BDE ROKMC 201051Z DEC66

01 COMNAV SUPPACT DANANG 190656Z DEC66

01 REF A DELINEATES REQUIREMENTS FOR SECURITY FOR HYDRO SURVEY.

01 REF B PROVIDED THE OPERATION PLAN FOR PROVIDING SECURITY FOR HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY.

01 REF C DISCUSSES NAVY CONSIDERATION AND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

01 BACKGROUND: THE SURVEY OPERATION PLANNED TO BE CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES AS FOLLOWS:

01 PHASE I: SURVEY IN THE SONG TRA KHUC PLANNED TO BE EXECUTED 22DEC66

01 PHASE II: SURVEY REVIERE DE SA KY PLANNED TO BE EXECUTED 23DEC66.

01 CURRENT WEATHER PRECLUDES EXECUTION OF SURVEY AS SCHEDULED. PHASE II IS RESCHEDULED FOR EXECUTION 23DEC66, WEATHER PERMITTING. IF

01 PHASE I EXECUTED ON 23DEC66, PHASE II WILL NOT BE EXECUTED ON 24DEC66. TO NEED HELO LZ PREP. THE LZ PREP CONFLICTS WITH RULES OF CHRISTMAS TREE PERIOD

01 EXECUTE PHASE II ON 26DEC66. IF UNABLE TO EXECUTE 26DEC66, SURVEY WILL BE RESCHEDULED AT A LATER DATE.

01 CG FIRST MAR DIV

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P 231204Z DEC 66  
FM THIRD BN FIFTH MAR  
TO DX10/CG FIRST MARDIV  
INFO CG 1F XRAY  
CG SEVENTH MAR  
ZEN/CO FIFTH MAR  
BT  
SECRET  
OPSTA 002 AS OF 230200Z DEC 66  
3-5  
PART 1  
CMDR LAC ESSLINGER, D. E.  
PART 11  
COMMENTS NONE  
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3RD BN FIFTH MARINES

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Z 231220Z DEC 66  
 CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO ZEN/CG 111 MAP  
 HMFUAY/CIG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT  
 HMFUAY/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE  
 HNHNA/CONNAVSUPPACT DANANG  
 ZEN/CG SECOND ROX MAR BDE  
 ZEN/SEVENTH MARINES

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 NGFS REQUEST  
 (1) MY 172450Z (NOTAL)  
 (2) MY 180845Z (NOTAL)  
 (3) FIRST MARDIV COC 220848Z DEC 66  
 (4) CONNAVSUPPACT DANANG 190655Z DEC 66  
 (5) CONNAVSUPPACT DANANG 200338Z DEC 66  
 1. REFERENCE A, B, C, REQUESTED NGFS FOR OPERATION SIERRA AND BEACH SUR-  
 VEY OPS OUTLINED REFERENCE D AND E.  
 2. RESULT RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS ARE NOW AS

## FOLLOWS:

- A. ONE (1) MARMON TYPE THRU 3 JAN FOR OPERATION SIERRA.
- B. ONE (1) STANLEY STEAMER TYPE FROM 270600H TO 301600H FOR USMC-SUPPORTED BEACH SURVEY.
3. IF STANLEY STEAMER TYPE NOT AVAILABLE, REQUEST RICKENBACKER FOR PERIOD OUTLINED PARA 2B.
4. FOLLOWING USMC-SUPPORTED SURVEY OPS, STANLEY STEAMER OR RICKENBACKER COULD BE UTILIZED SUPPORT OF SURVEY OPS ROK AREA IF OPS FURTHER DELAYED RECENT WEATHER. MARMON SUPPORT NEEDED FULL-TIME OPERATION SIERRA.
5. IN BEACH SURVEY OPS, NGF SUPPORT RELIED ON HEAVILY DUE TO LIMITED ARTILLERY ASSETS.

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O 231444Z DEC66  
 FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
 TO ZEN/TASK FORCE X-RAY  
 INFO ZEN/CHU LAI INSTALLATIONS  
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 CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN POLICY  
 FOLLOWING APPLIES TO ALL UNITS IN NORMALLY OCCUPIED POSITIONS. NO  
 WEAPONS WILL BE KEPT LOADED DURING 48 HOUR PERIOD COMMENCING  
 240700H; THIS MEANS NO ROUND IN CHAMBER. AMMO, HOWEVER, WILL  
 BE READILY AVAILABLE FOR INSTANT USE IN CASE OF ENEMY ACTION.  
 THIS RESTRICTION DOES NOT REPEAT NOT APPLY TO PATROLS, AMBUSHES  
 AND RECON OP'S. BGEN STILES SENDS.  
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FIRST MARDIV 000

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TROPICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 26 DEC 66

1. FIRST MARDIV 000 MSG 230907Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES TOTS 219, 201, 205, 302 AND 309 ARE CLEARED.

2. TOTS 225, 310 AND 324 ARE NOT REPEAT NOT CLEARED.

3. NEAREST FRIENDLINE AT DT 106142.

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COC

Z 240312Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
BT

U O N F I D E N T I A L  
HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 25 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP
2. 1. 23-31
3. HELO
4. ROUTINE
5. LOGISTICS
6. 2000 LBS, 1 PAX
7. DOVE 251030 BS 724537 (MO DUC)
8. LZ SECURE, CHRISTMAS CHOW
9. MARKED WITH SMOKE
10. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 ON 46.8
11. 1. 22-14 USG TASK FORCE XRAY

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2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. CHAPLAINS VISIT
5. 6 PAX

6. MAGNOLIA (PU 3)  
 HICKORY (PU 3)  
 PENGUIN (PU 3)  
 COUGAR (PU 3)  
 MARION (PU 3)  
 BOBCAT (PU 3)  
 BS 545993 (PU 3)

250800 HICKORY (DROP 3)  
 250930 COUGAR (DROP 3)  
 251000 MAGNOLIA (DROP 3)  
 251045 BOBCAT (DROP 3)  
 251115 BS 545993 (DROP 3)  
 251200 LYNX (DROP 3)  
 251230 DOVE (DROP 3)

CONSTRUE B  
 CONSTRUE D  
 CONSTRUE 14  
 CONSTRUE A  
 OP 10  
 CONSTRUE C  
 CASTILLIAN 14  
 REAR  
 CONSTRUE B  
 CASTILLIAN 14  
 CASTILLIAN 14H  
 COMPUTATION 14  
 CASTILLIAN 14E  
 CONSTRUE D  
 ASPARAGUS

MAGNOLIA (PU 3)  
 LYNX (PU 3)  
 DOVE (PU 3)  
 DOVE (PU 3)  
 MALLARD (PU 3)  
 HICKORY (PU 3)  
 PENGUIN (PU 3)  
 BLUEJAY (PU 3)

251300 HICKORY (DROP 3)  
 251330 DOVE (DROP 3)  
 251345 MALLARD (DROP 3)  
 251430 PENGUIN (DROP 3)  
 251445 BLUEJAY (DROP 3)  
 251500 COUGAR (DROP 3)  
 251545 LZ 130 (DROP 3)  
 251600 MARION (DROP 3)

COUGAR (PU 3)  
 LZ 130 (PU 3)

251615 PENGUIN (DROP 3)  
 251700 MAGNOLIA (DROP 3)

COMPUTATION 14  
 CONSTRUE 14

7. ALL LZ SECURE, CHAPLAINS VISIT FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES

8. MARKED WITH SMOKE

9. CONTACT ALL STATIONS ON 46.8

- C. 1. 21-13

2. HELO

3. ROUTINE

4. STAFF/UNIT CMDR

5. 5 PAX

6. BT 397145 251000 BT 436163 (COTTAGE B 5)  
 BT 436163 251015 BT 516155 (COTTAGE Y 5)  
 BT 516155 251040 BT 486103 (COTTAGE B 4)  
 BT 486103 251100 BT 397145 (COTTAGE 14)

7. ALL LZ SECURE, CO'S CHRISTMAS VISIT

8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE

9. CONTACT ALL STATIONS ON 46.8

- D. 1. 24-1 24-2

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

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4. AERIAL RECON
5. 4 PAX, 4 PAX
6. LZ 130 251100 LZ 130  
LZ 130 251130 LZ 130
7. LZ SECURE, RECON FOR CO-PARTNER AND BEDPOST, AREAS TBA
8. UNMARKED
9. CONTACT CO-PARTNER AND BEDPOST ON TBA
2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2UH34)  
FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.  
EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 AS REQUESTED.

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P 240436Z DEC 66  
FM 4TH BN 11TH MAR  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO CG TF XRAY  
ELEVENTH MAR  
CO FIRST FAG  
BT

SECRET  
OPSTAT 012 AS OF 231500Z DEC 66 (U)

4-11 MAR  
PART 1

MEOPT 155 HOW SP  
MEPSD 015  
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P 240437Z DEC 66  
FM 4TH BN 11TH MAR  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

~~INFO CG IF XRAY~~

ELEVENTH MAR

BT

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OPSTAT 011 AS OF 221500Z DEC 66 (U)

4-11 MAR

PART I

MEQPT 155 HOW SP

MEORCO 014

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BT

FM 4TH BN 11TH MAR

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1DIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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240550Z DEC 66  
FM SEVENTH COMMBN  
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
INFO ZEN/CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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OPSTAT 001 AS OF 241500Z DEC66  
TO COMMBN  
PART I

CMDR C1  
ACTOP 8577036  
FICEN 8546/8568

PART II  
COUNT PERCENT PEROF FIGURES REFLECT LATEST TWO CHANGE  
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BT

SEVENTH COMM BN

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240705Z DEC 66  
FM SECOND BN ELEVENTH MAR  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN)  
INFO CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
CO ELEVENTH MAR  
CO FIRST FAG

BT

SECRET

OPSTAT 002 AS OF 241500Z DEC 66

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PART I

CRPER C2/C1/UNKNOWN

CRING C2/C1/UNKNOWN

PEROF 43/39

PEREN 503/420

PART II

COMMT

PERSONNEL DATA INCLUDES 4 USN OFF OF BOARD OF 4 USN OFF AUTH  
AND 10 USN ENL OF 9 USN ENL AUTH.

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1DIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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240747Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV  
TO TF XRAY COC

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INTENTIONS ON TERMINATION CHRISTMAS TRUCE  
A. TF XRAY COC 240403Z DEC 66  
1. REFA APPROVED.

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CG FIRST MARDIV

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P 240915Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
TO ZEN/TASK FORCE X-RAY  
INFO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
BT

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SUBJ: PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING VN NATIONALS  
REF: (A) 1ST MARDIV ORDER 5720.4 DTD 15 DEC 66

1. REVISED PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING INCIDENTS INVOLVING VN NATIONALS ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCE (A). DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR INFORMATION ARE ESTABLISHED.

2. IT HAS BEEN NOTED THAT MANY UNITS IN THE PAST HAVE FAILED TO COMPLY WITH ESTABLISHED REPORTING PROCEDURES. THE MOST PREVALENT DEFICIENCIES INCLUDE: FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN IMMEDIATE SPOT REPORT; FAILURE TO SUBMIT AN AMPLIFYING BACKLASH REPORT WITHIN 24 HOURS OF AN INCIDENT; AND FAILURE TO SUBMIT COMPLETE INFORMATION REQUIRED.

3. UNIT COMMANDERS INSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF REFERENCE (A).

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OPERATION SIERRA PHASE II SECURITY SURVEY.

1. PRESENT INTENTION COMMENCE COORDINATED SECURITY OPERATION AND

SEARCH &amp; DESTROY IN AREA BOUNDED BY BS 810400 WEST TO BS 700490

SOUTH TO BS 700340 AND WEST TO BS 883340 ALONG COAST TO STARTING

POINT. MOVEMENT OF ARVN FORCES AND USMC ARTY (2 105 HOWA AND 2 HOW

TARS) WILL COMMENCE ON 26 DEC. COMBINED OPERATION WILL COMMENCE

270800H.

2. CONCEPT: MAJOR PORTION. PRESENT USMC FORCES INVOLVED IN OPERATION SIERRA WILL BE INSERTED LE BS 8244 AT 270800H TO MOVE PARALLEL WITH 37TH RANGER BN (ARVN) TO ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG NORTH BANK SONG TRA CAU AND SECURE CONFLUENCE OF SONG TRA CAU. CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BLOCKING POSITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE 2D ARVN DIV, RECON CO WILL MOVE OUT AND OCCUPY BLOCKING POSITIONS VIC BS 840396 TO BS 831398. RECON CO ATTACHED TO 2/7 FOR OPERATION SIERRA WILL BE INSERTED ON NUI CUA VIC BS 849391 SUBSEQUENT TO OCCUPATION BLOCKING POSITIONS OUTLINED. LANDING ZONES AND NUI CUA WILL BE PREPPED BY NAVAL GUNFIRE, ARTILLERY AND AIR PRIOR TO OCCUPATION.

IN ADDITION TO 2 105 HOW (ARVN) PRESENTLY ON NUI DANG TWO ADDITIONAL ARTY PCS SAME CALIBER WILL BE EMPLACED. USMC ARTILLERY TO SUPPORT OPERATION 2 105 HOW AND 2 HOWTAR EMPLACED VIC BS 810375 WITH PLT

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USMC SECURITY ON 26 DEC. LN EFFECTED BY PLACING ARTY AND NGF LN ON NUI DANG AND LN OFF WITH 37TH RANGER BN. REVELATION OF OPERATION TIPPED OFF BY MOVEMENT PRIOR TO D-DAY DISCOUNTED SINCE SECURITY SURVEY CONSIDERED PRIMARY MISSION.

3. STILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PARTY TO PROVIDE AIR FIELD AND ROAD SURVEY. UNLESS ADVERSE WEATHER ENCOUNTERED RE-  
COMMEND 28/29 DEC.

4. MERRY CHRISTMAS TO 1ST MAR DIV G-3 SECTION FROM TF X-RAY.

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FM CG TF X-RAY  
TO ZEN/TASK FORCE X-RAY  
INFO ZEN/CHU LAI INSTALLATIONS

Z 240807Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN  
TO FIRST MARDIV (OPCON)  
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**CHRISTMAS EVE ALERT**

1. IN THAT TONIGHT, CHRISTMAS EVE, IS A TRADITIONAL OCCASION FOR FESTIVITY AND CELEBRATION THROUGHOUT THE WESTERN WORLD, OUR ADVERSARIES, THE COMMUNISTS, MAY MISTAKENLY BELIEVE THAT OUR GUARD WILL BE RELAXED AND OUR UNITS LESS ALERT THAN USUAL. THEY MAY THEREFORE CHOOSE WHAT THEY BELIEVE TO BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO STRIKE AT OUR POSITIONS AND INSTALLATIONS.

2. ALL PERSONNEL SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE ESPECIALLY WATCHFUL, SINCE IT HAS BEEN DEMONSTRATED ALREADY THE VIET CONG DO NOT INTEND TO HONOR THE PERIOD OF TRUCE.

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Z 250320Z DEC 66  
 FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 INFO RUMNMF/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 RIMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
 BT

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

HELO/FIXED LING REQUIREMENTS FOR 26 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP

/GM QM1. 24-20

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. LOGISTICS/UNIT CMDR

5. 4 PAX, 650 LBS

6. BS 628997

260800 BS 578990 CONS TRUE C 46.8

BS 578990

260820 BS 699975 CONSTRUE B 46.8

BS 699975

260850 BS 725539 AVERAG HX 36.1

BS 725539

260920 QUANG NGAI AF

QUANG NGAI AF

261020 BS 635848 PETERSON A 39.7

BS 635848

261120 BS 536946 CONSTRUE C-1 46.8

BS 536946

261220 BS 575924 CONSTRUE D-1 46.8

BS 575924

261320 BS 628975 CONSTRUE 14 ON 46.8

7. LZ SECURE

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

9. CONTACTS AND FREQUENCYS ARE BEHIND DESTINATIONS.

B. 1. 24-17

2. HELO

3. ROUTINE

4. ADMIN

5. 2 PAX

6. PENGUIN

260730

QUANG NGAI TROPO

8. LZ SECURE

8. UNMARKED

9. CONTACT COMPUTATION 14 ON 46.8 AT PENGUIN

C. 1. 24-4

2. HELO

3. ROUTINE

4. STAFF

5. 3 PAX

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6. CARDINAL 260800 MINH LONG SF  
MINH LONG SF 261130 CARDINAL
- C. 7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE  
9. CONTACT SAVAGE BUILDER ON 38.9
- D. 1. 24-3  
2. HELO  
3. ROUTINE  
4. UNIT CMDR/RECON  
5. 3 PAX  
6 BT 463072 261030 BT 463072  
7. LZ SECURE, RECON TAOR FOR APPROX. 2 HOURS  
8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE  
9. CONTACT CONNIVE 14 ON 46.8
- E. 1. 21-28  
2. HELO  
3. ROUTINE  
4. TROOPS  
5. 170 PAX  
6. BT 397145 260715 BT 354071

7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT, REQUEST LZ BE PREPARED  
BY AIR FROM L-30 TO L-HOUR, L-HOUR 0730 REQUEST CAP/CAS TAC (A)  
FROM L-HOUR TO LT 60

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE AT PICKUP  
9. CONTACT COTTAG 14 C ON 46.8
- F. 1. 25-1, 25-2  
2. HELO  
3. PRIORITY  
4. RECON INSERT/EXTRACT  
5. 23 PAX, 13 PAX, 13 PAX 1700 LBS INTERNAL  
6. LZ 130 261400 BS 635588  
BS 635588 261430 LZ 130  
BT 313111 261500 LT 130  
7. LZ NOT SECURE REQUEST ESCORT  
8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
9. CONTACT COWHIDE AND CRANKCASE ON 51.1  
CONTACT CONSULATE ON 50.6
- G. 1. 25-4, 25-3  
2. HELO  
3. PRIORITY

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- 4. RECON INSERT
- 5. 18 PAX, 16 PAX
- 6. LZ 130            260900            BT 345064
- LZ 130            260930            BT 315142
- 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
- 8. UNMARKED
- 9. CONTACT CO-PARTNER AND BEDPOST ON 50.6

- H. 1. 24-5
- 2. HELO
- 3. PRIORITY
- 4. TROOPS/LOGISTICS
- 5. 81 PAX 50,000 LBS INTERNAL 2-105 HOW 2-107 HOW TARSS
- 6. BS 725539            261300            BS 818382
- QUANG NGAI AF            BS 818382
- 7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT, TROOPS AND ARTILLERY NROM LINE
- 6A, 45,000 LBS AMMO FROM 6B.
- 8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
- 9. CONTACT AVERAG HX ON 36.1
- I. 1. 25-11
- 2. HELO

- 3. PRIORITY
- 4. TROOPS
- 5. 41 PAX
- 6. HILL 69            260800            BS 725537
- 7. LZ SECUR
- 8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
- 9. CONTACT CONNIVE 14A AT PICKUP AND CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD
- AT DESTINATION BOTH ON 46.8
- 2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA
- EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2 UH34);
- FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT PUANG NGAI
- EVNTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12 AS REQUESTED

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0 250502Z DEC 66  
FM TASK FORCE XRAY COC  
TO FIRST MARDIV COC

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ARCLIGHT INTELLIGENCE VALIDATION

A. 1ST MARDIV COC MSG 240410Z DEC 66

B. 1ST MARDIV COC MSG 191328Z DEC 66

C. TF XRAY MSG 200622Z DEC 66

1. ARCLIGHT TGTS IN PARA D AND E OF REG (B) WERE NOT SUBMITTED  
BY TF XRAY UNITS. RECENT INTELLIGENCE IN AREA OF ARCLIGHT TGTS  
FOLLOWS THE TGT NUMBER

A. Q. TIN STRIKES

(1) QT 235

400VC

BT 220 105-

18 DEC

AGT

BT 226 142

BT 233 117

15 AUG

AO RPT

(2) QT 264

70TH BN

BT 113 226

17 DEC

AGT

TRAINING CAMP

BT 110 202

22 NOV

AGT

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|------------------|-------------|---------|-----|
| (3) 300 VC       | BT 102 235  | 17 DEC  | AGT |
| QT 305, 306, 406 | BT 165 070- | 17 DEC  | AGT |
| 1500 VC          | BT 190 075  |         |     |
|                  | BT 185 072  |         |     |
| U/I BN           | BT 198 075  | 19 DEC  | AGT |
| STORAGE AREAS    | BT 176 059- | JUL     | AGT |
|                  | BT 179 056  |         |     |
|                  | BT 179 056  |         |     |
| STORAGE AREAS    | BT 184 094- | JUL     | AGT |
|                  | BT 174 087  |         |     |
| STORAGE AREAS    | BT 186 077  | SEPT    | AGT |
| STORAGE AREAS    | BT 175 054- | AUG     | AGT |
|                  | BT 173 052  |         |     |
| WPNS REPAIR      | BT 178 095  | 15 NOV  | AGT |
| 350 VC           | BT 228 053  | 19 DEC  | AGT |
| U/I BN           | BT 215 054  | 19 DEC  | AGT |
| STORAGE AREA     | BT 220 015- | 11 SEPT | AGT |
| WPNS REPAIR      | BT 243 044  | 15 OCT  | AGT |

(4) QT 404

|                       |             |         |        |
|-----------------------|-------------|---------|--------|
| STORAGE AREA          | BT 173 173  | 22 SEPT | AGT    |
| STORAG AREA           | BT 145 183  | 22 SEPT | AGT    |
| B. QUANG NGAI STRIKES |             |         |        |
| (1) QN 306            |             |         |        |
| 400 VC                | BS 445 530  | AGT     | 16 DEC |
| STORAGE AREA          | BS 460 585  | AGT     | OCT    |
| STORGE AREA           | BSROP TYT   | AGT     | NOV    |
| (2) IQN 307           |             |         |        |
| 200 VC                | BS 665 514  | AGT     | 19 DEC |
| U/I COMPANY           | BS 662 545  | AGT     | NOV    |
| FARM SITE             | BS 664 507  | AGT     | NOV    |
| WPNS FACTORY          | BS 664 513  | AGT     | NOV    |
| (3) QN 308            |             |         |        |
| U/I COMP              | BS 340 700- | AGT     | 8 DEC  |
| REFORMING CENTER      | BS 310 710  | AGT     | NOV    |
| (4) QN 404            |             |         |        |
| 1ST VC REGT           | BS 440 765- | AGT     | 17 DEC |
|                       | BS 445 770  |         |        |
| 1ST VC REGT           | BS 413 768  | 16 DEC  | AGT    |
| POW CAMP              | BS 405 789  | SEPT    | AGT    |

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|-----------------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| TRAINING AREA         | BS 409 787  | OCT    | AGT    |
| HQ SITE               | BS 408 788  | OCT    | AGT    |
| (5) QN 405            |             |        |        |
| HQS AREA              | BS 435 732  | 13 NOV | AGT    |
| STORAGE AREAS         | BS 421 720  | 28 NOV | AGT    |
| (6) QN 286, 418, 419  |             |        |        |
| 400 VC                | BS 325 665- | 9 DEC  | AGT    |
|                       | BS 330 670  |        |        |
| STORAGE AREA          | BS 338 675- | NOV    | AGT    |
|                       | BS 343 650  |        |        |
| (7) QN 407, 412, 413  |             |        |        |
| FORTIFID AREA         | BS 485 715  | AO RPT | AUG    |
| STORAGE AREA          | BS 483 728  | AGT    | 13 AUG |
| STORAGE AREA          | BS 480 710  | AGT    | 4 OCT  |
| STORAGE AREA          | BS 465 700  | AGT    | 5 DEC  |
| (8) QN G415, 416, 417 |             |        |        |
| 500 VC                | BS 365 869  | 15 DEC | AGT    |
| 500 VC                | BS 360 860  | 15 DEC | AGT    |
| 500 VC                | BS 343 863- | 15 DEC | AGT    |
|                       | BS 327 860  |        |        |

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|----------------|-------------|------|-----|
|                | BS 365 865  |      |     |
| STAGING AREA   | BS 403 819- | SEPT | AGT |
|                | BS 410 828  |      |     |
|                | BS 394 822  |      |     |
| REPAIR SHOP    | BS 340 830  | NOV  | AGT |
| TRADE STATION  | BS 345 814- | NOV  | AGT |
|                | BS 400 805  |      |     |
| VC HARBOR AREA | BS 393 803  | OCT  | AGT |
| VC ADMIN HPS   | BS 395 822  | DEC  | AGT |

C. NO ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENC AT THIS TIME.

2. REF (C) CONTAINS IGTS CLEARED BY TF XRAY UNIT THROUGHT 31 JAN 1967.

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RUMNNA/COM THREE ZERO NCR  
RUMNNA/COM NAVSUPACT

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ROAD RECON/AIRFIELD SURVEY DUC PHO AREA(U)

AL CG III MAF 22083Z DEC66

1. REF A APPLIES. IN COORD WITH III MAF ENGR REP Q1 CO BASE  
2. SCHEDULE ESTABLISHED FOR ROAD AND AIRFIELD SURVEY EAZ. A  
CEMES HOTEL.

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| TIME             | ARRIVE   | TIME   |
|------------------|----------|--------|
| III MAF T 210800 | 30TH NCR | 270810 |
| 30TH NCR 210820  | CHU LAI  | 270900 |
| CHU LAO 280750   | DUC PHO  | 280800 |
| DUC PHO 301600   | DANANG   | 281700 |

2. SURVEY TEAM CONSISTING APPROX FIFTEEN MEMBERS WIL. REQUIRE  
PHYSICAL SECURITY, RADIO COMM, HELICO SUPPORT. DURING STAY IN HU

LAI REQUEST BULLETING FOR FIVE OFFICER/CIVILIANS AND TEN ENLISTED.  
3. ANTICIPATED DURATION OF ROAD RECON AND AIRFIELD SURVEY, EIGHT  
HOURS.

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Z 260240Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW

INFO ZEN/CG III MAF  
ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUMHAW/MAC THREE SIX  
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HELICOPTER/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 27 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP.

2. 1. 24-15

2. HELICOPTER

3. PRIORITY

4. THROPS

5. 550 PAX

6. BS 726537 270740 BS 815461

7. PICKUP LZ SECURE, DEST LZ NOT SECURE, L HOUR 0800.

REQUEST AIR PEP FROM L-30 TO L-HOUR, ARTY AND NAVAL

GUNFIRE PREP FROM L-55 TO L-30, ARTY BY AVERAGE H ON 37.5

NAVAL GUNFIRE BY EXPERT A ON 41.0 REQ. CAP/CAS TAC (A) G-3

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FOR L HOUR TO LT 120.

8. MARKED BY TAC (A)
  9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 ON 46.8 AT PICKUP,  
CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 ON 46.8 AT DEST.
- B.
1. 26-13
  2. HELO
  3. ROUTINE
  4. LOGISTICS
  5. 1 PAX, 225 LBS
  6. BS 699975            271000            BS 719941
  7. LZ SECURE
  8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
  9. CONTACT CONSTRUE B AT PICKUP AND CONSTRUE 7B4 AT  
DEST. BOTH ON 46.8
- C.
1. 26-11
  2. HELO
  3. PRIORITY
  4. TROOPS
  5. 45 PAX
  6. BT 504037            270715            BT 415020
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7. LZ NOT SECURE, ARTY PREP BY ARNICA ON 36.8 FROM L-30  
TO L HOUR, LAST ROUND WP, L HOUR 0735, REQUEST CAP AND  
TAC (A) FROM L HOUR TO LT 60.
- C.
8. MARKED BY TAC (A)
  9. CONTACT CONNIVE 14 K ON 46.8
- D.
1. 26-1
  2. HELO
  3. PRIORITY
  4. STAFF/UNIT CMDR
  5. 7 PAX, 1500 LBS
  6. MARION (PU 7T CARGO) 271100 BS 473863 (DROP 2T CARGO)  
BS 473863            271120 BS 818382 (DROP 5)  
BS 818382 (PU 5)            271400 BS 473868  
BS 473868 (PU 2)            271420 MARION (DROP 5)  
MARION            271430 JAGUAR (DROP 2)
  7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
  8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
  9. CONTACT EVARAGE ON 37.8 AT MARION  
CONTACT CORKLEG M-24 ON 37.5 AT BS 473863  
CONTACT AVERAGE H-X ON 36.1 AT BS 818382

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CONTACT CORKLEG ON 36.6 AT JAGUAR

- E. 1. 26-2, 26-3 26-4  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. RECON EXTRACT  
 5. 19 PAX, 15 PAX, 16 PAX  
 6. BT 3906            271400            LZ 130  
    BT 4199            271430            LZ 130  
    BS 689498        271700            LZ 130  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
 8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT DONOHUE ON 50.6  
    CONTACT DUCKBILL ON 50.6  
    CONTACT DATELINE ON 51.1
- F. 1. 26-5  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. RECON INSERT
- F. 5. 15 PAX  
 6. LZ 130            270830            BS 848391  
 7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. UNMARKED  
 9. CONTACT BENNINGTON ON 51.1

- G. 1. 26-6  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY  
 4. AERIAL RECON  
 5. 4 PAX  
 6. LZ 130            271100            LZ 130  
 7. AERIAL RECON FOR CONSULATE AERA TBA, LZ SECURE  
 9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET
2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
 EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2UH34) FROM 1400 TO  
 SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.  
 EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, AS REQUESTED  
 NOTE: LANDSHARK X-RAY NO LONGER IN OPERATION  
 CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON EBONY OR 46.8 SOUTH  
 OF QUANG NGAI FOR SAV A PLANES.

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CG THIRD MARDIV  
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RELIEF OF ARVN UNITS FOR REDEVELOPMENT DUTIES

A. CG III MAF 182334Z DEC 66 PASEP

1. IAW REF A FIRST MARDIV RELIEVES ARVN ELMS BEING REPOSITIONED  
IN SPT OF REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

2. ASSUMPTIONS:

A. TENTATIVE TASK ORGN OF INF BN REIN TO BE REASSIGNED FROM  
THIRD MARDIV TO FIRST MARDIV INCLUDES 105MM HOW BTRY AND ONE ENGR  
PLAT

B. FORCE FM THIRD MARDIV WILL DEPLOY TO CHI LAI ON TERMINATION  
OPN CHINOOK.

C. LONG RANGE LOG SPT FOR USMC FORCES DEPLOYED SOUTHERN QUANG  
NAM PROVINCE IS FEASIBLE THROUGH AIRFIELD POSSIBLY TO BE CON-  
DUCTED VIA NUI DANG OR DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES FOR WATERBORNE  
RESUPPLY CAPABILITY. INTERIM LOG SPT BY HELO FEASIBLE.

D. AVAILABILITY OF FORCES AND DEVELOPMENT OF LOG SPT CAPA-  
BILITY PERMIT PROPOSED RELIEF OF ARVN FORCES BY TGT DATE OF 15 JAN  
AND IN ANY EVENT NLT END JAN.

E. ARVN AUGMENTS USMC FORCES IN NUI DANG AREA WITH ONE RF CO.

F. TWO ARVN 155MM HOW NOW LOCATE NUI DAU REMAIN IN PLACE  
PENDING DETERMINATION AVAILABILITY USMC REPLACEMENTS.

3. TF XRAY. BASED ON REF A, DEVELOP PLAN TO RECEIVE AND EMPLOY  
FORCES FROM THIRD MARDIV IN NUI DAU/ NUI DANG AREA TO RELIEVE  
ARVN FORCES FOR REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT DUTIES IN 12TH DTA.  
PLAN TO INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXTENT OF TAOR. BASIC TASKS  
INCLUDE BUT NOT LIMITED TO FOL.

A. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN CONTRL OF SUBJ LOCATIONS AND  
SURROUNDING AREAS.

B. CONDUCT COORD UNLITE AL OR COMBINED OPNS TO DESTROY EN  
FORCES IN AREA.

C. OPEN AND SECURE LA D LINE OF COMM WITHIN CAPABILITY.

D. CONDUCT OPNS TO PROTECT AND CONTRL NATIONAL RESOURCES IN AREA.

E. CONDUCT GOLDEN FLEECE AND CTY FAIR OPNS AS APPROP.

F. CONDUCT MIL CIVIC ACTIONS IN COORD WITH GVN OFFICIAL.

4. COMMAND RELATIONS

A. USMC FORCES NUI DAU NUI DANG AREA ORCON TF XRAY.

B. RF FORCES TO BE DETERMINE.

C. COORDINATION USMC/RF FORCES TO BE EFFECTED AT LOCAL  
LEVEL BTWN RESP CDRS AND AT TF XRAY/2D ARVN DIV LEVEL.

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FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO SEVENTH MARINES  
ZEN/CLDC

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FRAG 0 6-66 OPERATION SIERRA PHASE II

1. AT 270630H CO CLDC PLACE OPCON TO 7TH MAR 1 RIFLE CO FOR USE  
AS RES DURING OPERATION "SIERRA" PHASE II/BEACH SURVEY SECURITY.

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P 261010Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMTREN  
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV

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QPSIAT 019 OF 261700 DEC 1966

THIRD AMTREN

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MEQPT F/LVT P5

MEPSD 059

MEORCO 051

MEQPT F/LVTR 1

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FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

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PROJECT EXEMPT EXPERIENCE GAINED

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 260251Z

1. THREE TRUCE VIOLATIONS OCCURRED IN CHU LAI AREA DURING PERIOD 240700H TO 260700H. ALL WERE VC INITIATED AND, BASED UPON LIMITED EVALUATION, WERE SIMILAR IN NATURE. EACH COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS SNIPER INCIDENT FROM AMBUSH CONSISTING OF ONE POSSIBLY TWO VC. IT APPEARS VC INVOLVED WERE LOCAL FORCES GUERRILLAS NOT IN WELL ORGANIZED UNITS AND NOT UNDER CLOSE CONTROL.

2. DURING FUTURE TRUCE PERIODS SAME TYPE OF VIOLATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED. EVEN IF GENERAL INTENT OF VC IS TO ABIDE BY TRUCE, ISOLATED SNIPING, AMBUSHED AND MINING INCIDENTS SHOULD BE EXPECTED; ALL NORMAL PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THIS TYPE OF ATTACK MUST BE EXERCISED. WILLINGNESS TO CONDONE MINOR ISOLATED VIOLATIONS INDICATES POSSIBLE VC DISPOSITION TO LAUNCH COORDINATED SURPRISE ATTACKS OF VARYING SIZE DURING TRUCE PERIOD. EXPERIENCE GAINED ALLOWS TWO RECOMMENDATIONS

RELATIVE TO FUTURE STANDDOWNS:

1. MAINTAIN NORMAL COMBAT READY ALERT POSTURE TO INCLUDE PATROLS AND AMBUSHES WITHIN TAOR AND EXTENSIVE RECON AND SURVEILLANCE OVER RZ AND AVENUES OF APPROACH INTO TAOR.  
2. INDOCTRINATE TROOPS TO EXPECT ISOLATED TRUCE VIOLATIONS WHICH REQUIRE STRICT FIRE DISCIPLINE AND CLOSELY CONTROLLED COUNTER-ACTION.

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P 270110Z DEC 66  
FM FIFTH MARINES  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN) FMF  
OPCON/ADCON

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FIFTH MARINES

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OPSTAT 602 AS OF 271000H CMDR. CQ. FRED E. HAYNES JR.

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5TH MARINES

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Z 270320Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO RUMHAW/CG FMAW

INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
ZEN/CG FMARDIV  
RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
BT

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

HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 28 DEC 1966

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP

A. 1. 27-3, 27-4

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. RECON INSERT, EXTRACTS

5. 15 PAX, 18 PAX, 9 PAX

6. LZ 130 281400 BS 405945

BS 413956 281430 LZ 130

BT 315142 281500 LZ 130

7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. INSERT MARKED BY TAC (A). EXTRACTS MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

9. CONTACT CONSULATE ON 51.1

CONTACT BLUEBERRY PIE ON 51.1

CONTACT BEDPOST ON 50.6

B. 1. 25-5, 27-6

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. AERIAL RECON

5. 4 PAX, 4 PAX

6. LZ 130 281100 LZ130

LZ 130 281130 LZ 130

7. LZ SECURE, AERIAL REC FOR COWHIDE AND DATELINE, AREA TO BE ANNOUNCED.

8. UNMARKED

9. CONTACT LANDSHARK "A" ON VIOLET

C. 1. 27-1

2. HELO

3. ROUTINE

4. STAFF, UNIT CMDR

5. 5 PAX

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|               |        |                     |
|---------------|--------|---------------------|
| 6. ADMIN PAD  | 280900 | CARDINAL            |
| CARDINAL      | 280905 | MARION              |
| MARION        | 280910 | BS 812387 (DUC PHO) |
| BS 812387     | 281000 | QUANG NGAI AF       |
| QUANG NGAI AF | 281030 | BS 633992           |
| BS 633992     | 281115 | MARION              |
| MARION        | 281120 | CARDINAL            |

7. LZ'S SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT TO DUC PHO AND BACK
8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
9. CONTACT CROSSTIDE ON 39.7 AT CARDINAL  
CONTACT AVERAGE ON 39.7 AT MARION  
CONTACT AVERAGE H-X ON 36.1 AT BS 812387  
CONTACT CORKLEG "N" ON 35.2 AT QUANG NGAI  
CONTACT AVERAGE "G" ON 37.6 AT BS 633992

- D. 1. 27-2  
2. HELO  
3. PRIORITY  
4. LOGISTICS  
5. 30,000 LBS (AMMO)  
6. KY HA 281000 TIEN PHOUC S. F.  
7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
8. MARKED WITH WHITE H  
9. CONTACT ARNICA F-X ON 35.4  
ALTERNATE CONTACT-TRICKY MISFIT ON 38.9

- E. 1. 27-16  
2. HELO  
3. PRIORITY  
4. TROOPS  
5. 60 PAX  
6. BT 506065 280730 BS 810385  
BS 810385 281700 BT 506063  
7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT/CAP AND TAC (A) FROM 0730 TO 0930  
REQUEST AIRCRAFT REMAIN EAST OF HIGHWAY TO CLEAR ARTY FIRE.  
8. MARK WITH SMOKE  
9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN "G" ON 46.8 AT BT 506065  
CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 ON 46.8 AND BUTTON EBONY AT BS 810385
2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
EVENTS 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2UH 34)  
FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI  
EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, AS REQUESTED  
NOTE: LANDSHARK X-RAY NO LONGER IN OPERATION  
CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON 46.8 OR EBONY SOUTH OF  
QUANG NGAI FOR SAV-A-PLANE

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TACTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 30 DEC 66

A. FIRST MAR DIV COC MSG 270315Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES, TGTS 130 AND 158 ARE CLEARED
2. TGTS 18, 194 AND 196 ARE NOT CLEARED REPEAT NOT CLEARED.
3. TGTS 156, 157 AND 174 ARE NOT IN TF X-RAY AREA
4. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BT 106142

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1ST MARDIV COC

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TACTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 29 DEC 66

1. FIRST MARDIV COC MSG 261455Z DEC 66

1. REF A APPLIES, TGTS 027, 143, 083, 095 AND 097 ARE CLEARED.
2. TGTS 056 AND 159 ARE NOT REPEAT NOT CLEARED.
3. TGT 078 NOT IN TF X-RAY AREA.
4. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BT 106142.

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P 270900Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMTRBN  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

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THIRD AMTRBN

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CRPER C1/C2/15 FEB 1967

MEQPT F/LVTP5

MEPSD 058

MEORCO 052

MEQPT F/LVTR 1

MEPSD 002

MEORCO 002

PART II

COMMT: SHORTAGE STILL EXISTS OF SEVEN MOS 2841, FOUR MOS 2533, TWO MOS 2841, AND TWO MOS 2531.

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Z 280320Z DEC 66  
 FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG FIRST NARDIV  
 RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L SECTION ONE OF TWO  
 HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 29 DEC 1966

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP
- A. 1. 27-16
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS
5. 60 PAX
6. BT 516055 290730 BS 810385  
 BS 810385 291700 BT 516055
7. LZ SECURE REQUEST ESCORT/CAP AND TAC (A) FROM 0730 TO  
 0930. REQUEST AIRCRAFT REMAIN EAST HIGHWAY TO CLEAR  
 ARTY FIRE.
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE

9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN G ON 46.8 AT BT 516055  
 CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 ON 46.8 AND EBONY AT BS 810385

- B. 1. 28-1
2. HELO
3. ROUTINE
4. ADMIN/RED CROSS GIRLS
5. 3 PAX

6. ADMIN PAD 291300 MARLIN  
 MARLIN 291345 BT 440083  
 BT 440083 291430 JAGUAR  
 JAGUAR 291530 ADMIN PAD

7. LZ SECURE
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE
9. CONTACT DISLODGE 14 ON 46.8 LINE 6(A) DESTINATION, LINE  
 6(B) DESTINATION CONTACT ARNICA ON 39.7 LINE 6(C)  
 DESTINATION CONTACT CORKLEG ON 39.7

- C. 1. 26-16
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS

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5. 160 PAX
6. BT 397145 290710 BT 364062
7. LZ NOT SECURE, ARTY PREP FROM 0710 TO 0720 BY  
ARNICA D ON 38.4, REQUEST CAS/CAP AND TAC(A) ON  
STATION FROM L HOUR TO LT60.
8. MARKED BY TAC(A)
9. CONTACT COTTAGE 14 ON 46.8
- D. 1. 27-28
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. VIP CODE 7 COL HAYNES
5. 4 PAX
6. VIP PAD 290830 BS 725538  
BS 725538 290920 AREA RECON BS 816388  
AREA RECON BS 816388 290935 BS 536946  
BS 536946 291030 VIP PAD DROP 1  
VIP PAD 291040 LZ PENGUIN
7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST SLICK AREA RECON FOR DEVOTE 5
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE
9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD AT BS 725538

CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 H AT BS 536946  
BOTH ON 46.8

- E. 1. 28-3
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. AERIAL RECON FOR DUCKBILL
5. 4 PAX
6. LZ 130 291030 LZ 130
7. LZ SECURE, RECON COORDINATES TBA
8. UNMARKED
9. LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET
- F. 1. 28-4, 28-5
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. RECON INSERTS
5. 16 PAX, 15 PAX
6. LZ 130 290900 BT 313110 DROP 16  
LZ 130 290930 BT 389035 DROP 15
7. LZ'S UNSECURE, REQUEST ESCORT.
8. UNMARKED

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9. CONTACT COWHIDE AND DATELINE ON 50.6
- G. 1. 28-6, 28-7
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. RECON EXTRACTS
5. 14 PAX, 18 PAX
6. BS 6639 291300 LZ 130  
BT 3406 291400 LZ 130
7. LZ UNSECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE
9. CONTACT BENNINGTON ON 51.1 LINE 6A PICK UP  
CONTACT CO-PARTNER ON 50.6 LINE 6B PICK UP
- H. 1. 28-8
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. VIP CODE 6 BGEN STILES
5. 3 PAX
6. VIP PAD 290920 HILL TOP PAD  
HILL TOP PAD 291115 AN HOA AT 8747  
AN HOA AT 8747 291245 VIP PAD

7. LZ SECURE, TAKE AND WAIT USE COMMAND AND CONTROL AIRCRAFT
8. UNMARKED
9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET  
CONTACT LANDSHARK ON RUST  
CONTACT AN HOA CASSANDRA ON 360.2 AT AN HOA
- I. 1. 28-16
2. HELO
3. ROUTINE
4. UNIT COMMANDER
5. 4 PAX
6. BT 397145 291000 BT 325178  
BT 325178 291030 HILL 54
7. LZ SECURE REQUEST 15 MINUTES WAIT AT DESTINATION  
6(A). USE TFX DIRECT SUPPORT AIRCRAFT.
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE
9. CONTACT COTTAGE 14 ON 46.8
- J. 1. 28-9
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS (SURVEY TEAM)
- BT

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FINAL SECTION OF TWO

5. 13 PAX, 200 LBS  
6. ADMIN PAD 290745 BS 810385  
BS 810385 291700 III MAF PAD (DROP 1)  
III MAF PAD 30 NCR (RED BEECH)  
7. ALL LZ SECURE  
8. UNMARKED  
9. CONTACT AVERAGE HX AT BS 810385 ON 36.1  
2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
EVENTS 3AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2UH34)  
FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI  
EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, AS REQUESTED  
NOTE: LANDSHARK X-RAY NO LONGER IN OPERATION

CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON 46.8 OR EBONY SOUTH OF  
QUANG NGAI FOR SAV-A-PLANE

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FIRST MAR DIV COG

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VALED ARC LIGHT TARGETS

A. FIRST MAR DIV COG MSG 271903Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES TOTS STEPHEN'S 3, AND 7 ARE CLEARED THOUGHT

31 JAN 1967.

2. STEPHENS 2, 4 AND 5 ARE NOT REPEAT NOT CLEARED, NOT IN TP

X-RAY AREA.

3. NO ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION AT THIS TIME.

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R 280909Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN  
TO FIRST MARDIV OPCON/ADCON

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ROAD SAFETY

A. MY 140813Z OCT 66

1. REF A CANCELLED.  
2. IN VIEW OF CONTINUED VC SNIPER AND AMBUSH ACTIVITY ON  
ROADS THROUGHOUT THE TWO TAORS IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE FOL-  
LOWING MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY  
FOR VEHICULAR TRAVEL ON ROADS THAT ARE NOT SECURE.

A. TWO VEHICLES.

B. TWO MARINES PER VEHICLE INCLUDING DRIVER.

C. HELMET BODY ARMOR UPPER TORSO AND TWO WEAPON (AT LEAST  
ONE M-14 PER VEHICLE).

D. NORMAL RULES OF ENGAGEMENT.

3. ALL ROADS ARE CONSIDERED INSECURE FROM SUNSET TO SUNRISE.

4. COMMANDERS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECTORS WITHIN THE  
DANANG TAOR WILL DETERMINE DAYLIGHT SECURITY STATUS OF ROADS

IN THEIR SECTORS AND REPORT ASAP THIS HQS BY ROUTE NUMBER AND  
COORDINATES SECURITY STATUS OF ROADS IN ASSIGNED SECTORS AS  
FOLLOWS:

A. ROADS CONSIDERED SECURE.

B. ROADS INSECURE REQUIRING MINIMUM SECURITY AS SPECIFIED  
IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

SUBMIT CHANGES THIS HQS BY 1200 EACH WEDNESDAY. NEGATIVE REPORTS  
ARE REQUIRED.

5. COMMANDERS ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECTORS WITHIN THE  
CHU LAI TAOR WILL REPORT ROAD STATUS TO CG TASK FORCE X-RAY.  
CG TASK FORCE X-RAY RESPONSIBLE FOR PROMULGATION AND ENFORCE-  
MENT CHU LAI.

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CGFIRST MARDIV

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Dec 29 8 41 AM '66

P 28143Z DEC 66

FM CG THIRD AMTRAC BN

TO CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO TFX

BT

S E C R E T

OPSTAT 021 OF 281700 DEC 1966

THIRD AMTRAC BN

PART I

ME QPT F/LVT P5

ME PSD 059

ME OR CO 051

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CG THIRD AMTRAC BN

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FIRST MAR DIV COC  
(ATTN OPNS-O)

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UDT SURVEY SONG TRA CAN.

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UDT DET ARRIVED CHU LAI AND INSERTED BY HELO VIC DT 844405 AT  
280915H. SURVEY CONDUCTED EAST OF NS LINE 84 REVEALED CHANNEL  
SUITABLE FOR SHALLOW DRAFT LANDING CRAFT HOWEVER ENTRANCE TO  
LAGOON RESTRICTED WITH CONFUSED ~~REMARKS~~ SURVEY WEST OF GRID LINE  
84 DREW SNIPER FIRE. SOUNDINGS WEST OF NS 84 REVEALED POOR  
CHANNEL WITH WATER DEPTH OF 2 TO 3 FEET. UPON REQUEST UDT DET  
EXTRACTED FROM AREA AT 281530H AND RETURNED TO DANANG.

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BT

28 14 37 Z

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DEC 30 1 36 AM '66

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2 290301Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
CIN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX

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UNCLASSIFIED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 30 DEC 1966  
1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP  
2. 28-24  
3. MELO  
4. ROUTINE  
5. STAFF, ADMIN  
6. 4 PAX  
7. BS 578990 301230 BS 665985  
BS 665985 301240 BS 699975  
BS 699975 301250 BT 023003  
BT 023003 301300 MAGOLIA  
MAGOLIA 301330 BT 023003

CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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BT 623003 301540 BS 699975  
 BS 699975 301550 BS 665985  
 BS 665985 301600 BS 578990  
 LZ SECURE. USE DIRECT SUPPORT A/C

1. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE
2. CONTACT CONSTRUE "C" AT BS 578990, CONTACT CONSTRUE "D" AT BS 665985, CONTACT CONSTRUE "A" AT BT 623003, CONTACT CONSTRUE "B" AT BS 699975, CONTACT CONSTRUE "A" AT MAGNOLIA, ALL ON 46.8

3. 1. 28-15
4. HELO
5. ROUTINE
6. TROOPS AND LOGISTICS
7. 42 PAX 1500 LBS
8. BS 699975 (PU 42 PAX 1500 LBS) 301000 QUANG NGAI AF (DROP ALL).
9. QUANG NGAI AF (PU 42 PAX 1500 LBS) 301045 BS 699975 (DROP ALL)
10. LZ SECURE
11. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE

12. CONTACT CONSTRUE "B" ON 46.8
13. 1. 29-1
14. HELO
15. PRIORITY
16. TROOPS LOGISTICS
17. 81 PAX 20,000 LBS (GEAR & AMMO) 2-105 HOWITZERS, 2-107 HOWTAR
18. BS 812387 301000 BS 725538
19. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
20. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
21. CONTACT AVERAGE H-X FORWARD ON 36.1 AT BS 812387
22. CONTACT AVERAGE H-X ON 36.1 AT BS 725538

23. 1. 29-5
24. HELO
25. ROUTINE
26. AUSTRALIAN VARIETY SHOW
27. 11 PAX, 300 LBS
28. MAG-13 AIRFREIGHT 301115 BT 440083
29. BT 440083 131430 VIP PAD
30. LZ SECURE
31. MARKED WITH SMOKE

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9. CONTACT ARNICA ON 35.4 AT BT 440083  
E. 1. 29-2, 29-3, 29-4,  
2. HELO  
3. PRIORITY  
4. RECON INSERT  
5. TBA, TBA, TBA,  
6. LZ 130 300800 TBA  
LZ 130 300830 TBA  
LZ 130 300900 BS 414998  
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT  
8. MARKED BY ESCORT  
9. CONTACT DONAHUE AND DUCKBILL ON 50.6  
CONTACT BEDPOST ON 51.1  
F. 1. 29-6, 29-7  
2. HELO  
3. PRIORITY  
4. AERIAL RECON  
5. 4 PAX 4 PAX  
6. LZ 130 301000 LZ 130  
LZ 130 301030 LZ 130

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7. LZ SECURE. AERIAL RECON FOR BLUEBERRY PIE AND BENNINGTON
9. CONTACT LANDSHARK "A" ON VIOLET
8. 1. 29-8
2. MELO
3. PRIORITY
4. RECON EXTRACT
5. 13 PAX
6. TBA 301400 LZ 130
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT CONSULATE ON 51.1
- H. 26-28
2. MELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS
5. 990 PAX
6. TBA 301400 BS 724538
7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON 46.8 AT PICK UP

CONTACT CASTILLIAN CONTROL ON 49.8 AT DEST.

2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA

EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2 UH-34) FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.

EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, AS REQUESTED

NOTE: LANDSHARK X-RAY NO LONGER IN OPERATION; CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON 46.8 OR EBONY SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI FOR SAVE-A-PLANE.

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FIRST MAR DIV COG

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TACTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 30 DEC 66

A. FIRST MAR DIV COG MSG 280530Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES TGTS 286, 335 AND 409 ARE CLEARED.
2. TGT 437 NOT IN TF X-RAY AREA.
3. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BT 017270.

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Dec 30 8 04 AM '66

P 291100Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMTRBN  
TO CG FIRST MAR DIV  
INFO TFX

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OPSTAT 022 OF 291700 DEC 1966

THIRD AMTRBN

PART I

REQPT F/LVIP5

DEPSD 058

DEORCO 048

PART II

COMINT: TWO LVIP5 AT FL SG-B

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CO THIRD AMTRBN

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R 291440Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV REIN

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

TACTICAL CONTROL OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT SHIPS

A. CTG 70.6 OP ORDER 322-67 (GUN-11), ANNEX B

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT OCCASIONS WHEN NAVAL GUNFIRE SHIPS SUPPORTING THIS TASK FORCE HAVE DEPARTED FROM THEIR STATION WITHOUT NOTIFYING TASK FORCE HEADQUARTERS. THE PRESENCE OF NSG WAS RELIED UPON TO INSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE OPERATION IN PROGRESS.

2. IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED THAT OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF SUBJECT SHIPS RESTS WITH APPROPRIATE FLEET COMMANDERS AS OUTLINED IN REF A.

NEVERTHELESS, THIS COMMAND INTERPRETS PARAGRAPH 1E OF REF A TO MEAN THAT THE SUBJECT SHIPS ARE NOT TO LEAVE STATION WITH OUT PROPER AUTHORITY, TO INCLUDE NOTIFICATION OF TF XRAY. THE TASK FORCE HQ SHOULD BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY IN THE CASE NONVARIANT ORDERS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY. THIS APPLIES TO REFUELING, REPLENISHING, REARMING, CASUALTIES, AND ALL OTHER SITUATIONS.

3. REF A ONLY ALLUDES TO SUBJECT CONTROL. IT IS FELT THAT A MORE

DEFINITE STATEMENT, IN SONSONANCE WITH PARA 3 ABOVE, NEEDS TO BE MADE. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE COMMENTS CONTAINED HEREIN BE SUBMITTED TO APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY FOR CONSIDERATION AS A FLEET POLICY.

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Dec 30 4 16 AM '66

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P 291455Z DEC66

FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY/CHL LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR  
 TO ZEN/TASK FORCE XRAY  
 ZEN/CHL LAI INSTALLATIONS  
 INFO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV

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S E C R E T

A. CG TF XRAY/CLIC READDRESSAL MSG 190945Z DEC66

B. CLIC READDRESSAL MSG 190946Z DEC66

C. CG TF XRAY/CLIC MSG 201240Z DEC66

D. CG TF XRAY/CLIC READDRESSAL MSG 230025Z DEC66

E. CG TF XRAY MSG 231444Z DEC66

1. NO INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED RELATIVE TO TRUCE  
 DURING NEW YEAR HOLIDAY PERIOD. UNLESS NEW YEAR TRUCE  
 PERIOD IS ANNOUNCED THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS, THERE WILL  
 BE NO CURTAILMENT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS.

2. REFS A THRU E PROMULGATED POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR  
 CHRISTMAS TRUCE PERIOD. THIS SAME POLICY AND GUIDANCE  
 WILL APPLY IF NEW YEAR TRUCE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

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CG TFX/CHU LAI INSTALLATION COORDINATOR

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Dec 30 1 34 PM '66

P 300245Z DEC 66  
 FM 3D BN 11TH MAR  
 TO CG FIRST MARDIV  
 INFO 11TH MAR  
 CG TF X-RAY  
 FIRST FAG

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CPSTAT 007 AS OF 291500Z DEC 1966

3-11 MAR

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 MEQPI 107MM MIR ID  
 MEPSD 006  
 MEORCO 006

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3D BN 11TH MAR

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Dec 30 4 49 PM '66

Z 300400Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX

BT

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

HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 31 DECEMBER 1966.

1. PASS TO G-3 ASAP
- A. 1. 30-4, 30-5
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. RECON INSERT
5. 15 PAX, 9 PAX
6. LZ 130 310900 BS 4592  
LZ 130 310950 BT 3115
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. UNMARKED
9. CONTACT BLUEBERRY PIE ON 51.1

CONTACT BENNINGTON ON 50.6

- B. 1. 30-6
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. AERIAL RECON
5. 4 PAX
6. LZ 130 311100 LZ 130
7. AERIAL RECON FOR CONSULATE AREA TBA
9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET
- C. 1. 30-7
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. RECON EXTRACT
5. 11 PAX
6. BT 389 035 311400 LZ 130
7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT DATELINE ON 50.6
- D. 1. 30-3
2. HELO

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3. PRIORITY
4. REHERSAL
5. 4 PAX
6. ADMIN PAD 311400 HILL 54 (COTTAGE 14 46.8)  
     HILL 54 TBA BS 714975 (CONSTRUE B TIGER 5 46.8)  
     BS 714975 TBA BS 635848 (PETERSON A 39.7)  
     BS 635848 TBA ROK CP (CHUNG PO DO 41.1)  
     ROK CP TBA MAG 12  
     MAG 12 TBA ADMIN PAD
7. ALL LZ SECURE, REQUEST SLICK, REQUEST SAME PILOT FLY  
     REHERSAL WHO WILL FLY ACTUAL FLIGHT. FOR GEN KRULAK
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE
9. CONTACTS BESIDE DESTINATION
- E. 1. 30-1
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. TROOPS/LOGISTICS
5. 81 PAX, 20,000 LBS AMMO AND GEAR, 2-105 HOW, 2-107 HOWTARS
6. BS 812385 311000 BS 725538
7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE
9. CONTACT AVERAGE H-X ON 36.1
- F. 1. 30-2
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. LIASON
5. 5 PAX
6. ADMIN PAD (PU 5) 310900 BATO SF  
     BATO SF 311000 TRA BONG SF  
     TRA BONG SF 311045 CARDINAL (DROP 3)  
     CARDINAL 311110 ADMIN PAD (DROP 2)
7. LZ'S SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT
8. UNMARKED
9. CONTACT STRIDER INSOLE ON 38.9 AT BATO
- F. 9. CONTACT POLITE SEARCH ON 38.9 AT TRA BONG  
     CONTACT CROSSTIDE ON 39.7 AT CARDINAL
- G. 1. 30-15
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. UNIT CMDR

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5. 2 PAX  
 6. BS 628997 310800 BS 601922  
 BS 601922 310900 ROK CP  
 ROK CP 311000 BS 628997  
 7. LZ SECURE, USE DIRECT SUPPORT A/O  
 8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT CONSTRUE 14 ON 46.8 AT PICKUP  
 CONTACT CHUNG PO DO ON 41.1 AT ROK CP

- H. 1. 30-16  
 2. HELO  
 3. ROUTINE  
 4. ADMIN  
 5. 5 PAX  
 6. BT 397145 311130 BT 332178  
 7. LZ SECURE USE DIRECT SUPPORT A/O  
 8. MARKED WITH SMOKE  
 9. CONTACT COTTAGE 14 AT PICKUP-NO RADIO AT DESTINATION
- I. 1. 30-8  
 2. HELO  
 3. PRIORITY

4. LIAISON  
 5. 7 PAX  
 6. ADMIN PAD 311330 BS 814384  
 BS 814384 311415 NUI DANG  
 NUI DANG 311445 BS 873323  
 BS 823323 311500 ADMIN PAD  
 7. LZ SECURE, TASK FORCE X-RAY STAFF VISIT, REQUEST 15  
 MINUTE WAIT AT EACH DESTINATION.  
 8. UNMARKED
1. 9. CONTACT TBA  
 2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA  
 EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS (2 UH-34) FROM  
 1400 TO SUNSET AT QUANG NGAI.  
 EVENTS 4,8,9,10,12, AS REQUESTED  
 NOTE: LANDSHARK X-RAY NO LONGER INOPERATION; CONTACT  
 CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON 46.8 OR EBONY SOUTH OF QUANG NGAI  
 FOR SAVE-A-PLANE

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DEC 31 12 52 AM '66

30101Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN  
TO: FIRST MARDIV (OPCON/ADCON)  
~~Z 300633Z DEC 66~~  
COMUSMACV

TO VMAC

BT  
C O N F I D E N T I A L 89/66 FROM: MACCOC 12

SUBJ: US NEW YEARS POLICY (U)

REF: COMUSMACV MACCOC 12 80/66 DTG 131015Z DEC 66 (U)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE PROMULGATES INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE CURTAIL-  
MENT OF MILITARY OPERATIONS BY US AND FREE WORLD FORCES DURING THE  
NEW YEARS HOLIDAY.

2. (U) MILITARY OPERATIONS WILL BE CURTAILED DURING THE PERIOD  
310700H DEC 66 - 020700H JAN 67.

3. (C) LIMITATIONS ON OPERATIONS ARE THE SAME AS THOSE SET  
FORTH FOR THE CHRISTMAS STANDDOWN AND ARE CONTAINED IN REFERENCED  
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CG FIRST MARDIV

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0 301037Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE X-RAY  
TO ZEN/TASK FORCE X-RAY  
RUMKAW/CHU LAI INSTALLATIONS

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NORMAL SECURITY CONDITION DAYLIGHT HOURS

A. FIRST MARDIV OPN -301-66

1. NORMAL SECURITY CONDITION IN EFFECT FOR CLDC DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS COMMENCING 300900H.

2. SECURITY CONDITION GREY IAW ANNEX F REF A REMAINS IN EFFECT CLDC BETWEEN HOURS 1830H AND 0700H.

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DEC 31 12 53 AM '66

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P301145;Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMT BN

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TO CGFIRST MAR DIV

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OP STAT ) 023 OD 301700 DEC 1966

THIRD AMTR BN

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FM CO THIRD AMT BN

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DEC 31 12 53 AM '66

P 301315Z DEC 66  
FM THIRD BN ELEVENTH MAR  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

INFO ELEVENTH MAR  
CG TF XRAY  
FIRST FLD ARTY GRU  
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OPSTAT 008 AS OF 301500Z DEC 66  
3-11 MAR

PART I

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|--------|-------------------|
| COMDR  | LCOL RUGGIERO A S |
| OPCON  | 1ST FAG           |
| ADCON  | 11 MARREG         |
| LOC    | CHU LAI           |
| ACT IV | COM               |
| CRPER  | C2/C1/UNKNOWN     |
| CRSUP  | C1                |
| CREQP  | C1                |
| CRTNG  | C1                |
| PER OF | 052/047           |

PEREN 0629/0515  
MEQPT 105 HOW TD  
MECAP CONV  
MEPSD 018

MEQPT MEORCO 018  
F/107MM MTR  
MECAP CONV  
MEPSD 006  
MEORCO 006

PART II

COMMT PER OF TO INCLUDES 4 NAVAL OFFICERS AND 3 ON HAND. PEREN TO  
INCLUDES 11 NAVAL ENLISTED AND 12 ON HAND.

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THIRD BN ELEVENTH MAR

FLSG-"B" 2100/2 (4-66)

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1ST MAR DIV COC

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TACTICAL AIR STRIKES FOR 2 JAN 67

A. FIRST MAR DIV MSG 301025Z DEC 66

1. REF (A) APPLIES TOTS 039, 064, 102, 120, 122, AND 177 ARE NOT  
CLEARED .

2. TOTS 199 AND 202 ARE NOT IN TASK FORCE X-RAY AREA.

3. NEAREST FRIENDLIES AT BT 106142.

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Dec 32 11 26 AM '66

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P 310338Z DEC 66  
FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
TO ZEN/SEVENTH MARINES

INFO ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV (REIN)  
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1. TAG 0 7-66 OPERATION SIERRA  
2. FRAG 0 5-66 OPERATION SIERRA CG TF XRAY MSG 110705Z DEC 66  
1. PHASE II OPERATION SIERRA TERMINATED 311700H.  
2. UPON TERMINATION PHASE II FORCES EMPLOYED (REF A) DUC PHO  
LIFT TO MO DUC VIC BS 666537 ESTABLISH POSITION: CONTINUE  
OBSERVE CONDITIONS NEW YEARS TRUCE STAND DOWN.  
3. UPON TERMINATION TRUCE CONDUCT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING, AMBUSHES  
AND CLEARING OPERATIONS VIC MO DUC. AREA CLEARED IS BOUNDED BY  
BS 5762, BS 765620 SOUTH ALONG COAST TO BS 833440 WEST TO BS 5744  
TO CLOSING POINT. UTILIZE PSY OPS TO MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE TO  
SUPPORT TACTICAL SCHEME. COORDINATE AND CONDUCT BILATERAL CO AND  
IF POSSIBLE BN (-) OPERATIONS WITH 1ST BN 6TH ARVN REGT AND OTHER  
RVNAF IN AREA. DIRLAUTH  
4. UPON TERMINATION NEW YEARS TRUCE STAND DOWN PHASE III SIERRA

COMMENCES.

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1DIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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Z 310355Z DEC 66  
 FM CG TASK FORCE XRAY  
 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW  
 INFO RUMHMF/CG III MAF  
 ZEN/CG FIRST MARDIV  
 MKAW/MAG THREE SIX

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

HELO/FIXED WING REQUIREMENTS FOR 1 JANUARY 1967.

PASS TO G-3 ASAP

1. 31-16, 31-15

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. AERIAL RECON

5. 4 PAX, 4 PAX

6. LZ 130 011000 LZ 130

LZ 130 011030 LZ 130

7. LZ SECURE, AERIAL RECON FOR CONSULATE AND DATELINE,  
AREA TBA

9. CONTACT LANDSHARK A ON VIOLET

B. 1. 31-7, 31-8, 31-9

2. HELO

PRIORITY

4. RECON INSERT/EXTRACT

5. 18 PAX, 17 PAX, 15 PAX, 15 PAX

6. LZ 130 011400 BS 635588

BS 635588 011430 LZ 130

BS 848391 011500 LZ 130

BT 313110 011530 LZ 130

7. LZ NOT SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. MARKED WITH YELLOW SMOKE

9. CONTACT CRANKCASE ON 51.1 AT 6A

CONTACT CO-PARTNER ON 51.1 AT 6 B

CONTACT DUCKBILL ON 51.1 AT 6C

CONTACT COWHIDE ON 50.6 AT 6D

C. 1. 31-12

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. LOGISTICS

5. 2 PAX, 2200 LBS A RATIONS

CG TASK FORCE XRAY

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6. LZ DOVE (PU 2, 2200 LBS) 011030 BS 725538  
 BS 725538 (PU 2, 600 LBS) 011500 LZ DOVE
7. LZ SECURE
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE ON CALL
9. CONTACT CASTILLIAN 14 REAR AT PICKUP  
 AND CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD AT DESTINATION
1. 29-21
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. CHAPLAINS VISIT
- 2 PAX
6. LZ PENGUIN (COMPUTATION 14) 011000 BS 628997 (CONSTRUE 14)  
 BT 548014 (ASPARAGUS 14) 011230 BS 563958 (CASTILLIAN 14R)  
 BT 623003 (CONSTRUE 14) 011300 BS 699975 (CONSTRUE 14B)  
 BS 563958 (CASTILLIAN 14B) 011345 BS 563946 (CASTILLIAN 14H)  
 BS 563946 (CASTILLIAN 14H) 011445 BS 575924 (CASTILLIAN 14E)  
 BS 699975 (CONSTRUE 14B) 011500 BS 665985 (CONSTRUE 14D)  
 BS 575924 (CASTILLIAN 14E) 011600 BT 548014 (ASPARAGUS)  
 BS 665985 (CONSTRUE 14D) 011615 LZ PENGUIN (COMPUTATION 14)
7. ALL LZ'S SECURE, USE DIRECT SUPPORT A/C

8. MARKED WITH SMOKE ON CALL
9. ALL STATIONS ON 46.8
1. 31-10
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. VIP CODE 4 GEN KRULAK
5. 11 PAX
6. VIP PAD 011120 MAG -13  
 MAG-13 TBA VIP PAD  
 VIP PAD 011250 ITINERY PASSED TO NAILFILE
7. ALL LZ'S SECURE, REQUEST (1) SLICK (1) H34 AND SAR  
 CAPABILITY, MISSION SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY 1600, TAKE AND WAIT.
8. MARKED WITH SMOKE ON CALL
9. ALL CONTACT PASSED TO NAILFILE.
- F. 1. 31-4
2. HELO
3. PRIORITY
4. VIP CODE 7
5. 2 PAX
6. VIP PAD 010800 QUANG NGAI TROPO

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QUANG NGAI TROPO 010820 VIP PAD

7. LZ SECURE, USE COMMAND AND CONTROL A/C

8. UNMARKED

9. CONTACT LANDSHARK "A" ON VIOLET

G. 1. 31-13

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. UNIT CMDR

5. 6 PAX

BS 628997 (CONSTRUE 14) 011300 BS 601922

BS 601922 011315 BS 714975 (TIGER 5)

BS 714975 011530 BS 699975 (CONSTRUE B)

BS 699975 011540 BS 601922

BS 601922 011600 BS 628997 (CONSTRUE 14)

7. ALL LZ'S SECURE, CONSTRUE 6 TO MEET INDUCTION 6

8. MARKED WITH GREEN SMOKE

9. ALL CONTACT ON 46.8

H. 1. 31-20

2. HELO

3. PRIORITY

4. STAFF, UNIT CMDR

5. 5 PAX

6. ADMIN PAD 010900 CARDINAL

CARDINAL 010905 BATO S.F.

BATO S.F. 011000 TRA BONG S.F.

TRA BONG S.F. 011050 CARDINAL

CARDINAL 011110 ADMIN PAD

7. LZ SECURE, REQUEST ESCORT

8. UNMARKED

9. CONTACT STRIDER INSOLE ON 38.9 AT BATO

CONTACT POLITE SEARCH ON 38.9 AT TRABONG

CONTACT CROSSIDE ON 39.7 AT CARDINAL

2. FOR OPERATION SIERRA

EVENT 3 AS REQUESTED EXCEPT LOGISTICS

(2 UH-34) FROM 1400 TO SUNSET AT

QUANG NGAI.

EVENTS 4, 8, 9, 10, 12, AS REQUESTED

NOTE: LANDSHARK X-RAY ON LONGER INOPERATION; CONTACT  
CASTILLIAN 14 FORWARD ON 46.8 OR EBONY SOUTH OF QUANG  
NGAI FOR SAVE-A-PLANE.

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TRUCE TERMINATION INTENTIONS

1. INTEND TO CONDUCT ONE DAY PLT REIN RAID VIC BT 405102 COMMENCING 020600H.

2. CONCEPT: INSERT PLT REIN VIC BT 405102 BY HELICOPTER AT 020600H JAN 67 ATTACK IN NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION ALONG SONG TRAM/ RETURNING TO NORMAL COMBAT BASE OVERLAND.

3. ROTARY AND FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT <sup>AVAILABLE</sup> ~~UPON REQUEST~~ UPON REQUEST, ARTILLERY SUPPORT FROM PRESENT POSITIONS CHU LAI.

4. UPON TERMINATION OF TRUCE PLAN TO PLACE MODERATE AMOUNT ARTILLERY FIRE (TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED 100RDS) ON TARGETS CONFIRMED AVAILABLE INTELLIGENCE.

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P 311055Z DEC 66  
FM CO THIRD AMTRBN  
TO CG FIRST MARDIV

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OPSTAT 024 OF 311700 DEC 1966  
THIRD AMTRBN

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MEQPT F/LVIP5

MEPSD 058

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(NO THIRD AMTRBN

LDIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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1ST MAR DIV COC

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TARGET CLEARANCE

- A. FIRST MAR DIV COC MSG 310005Z DEC 66.
- 1. REF (A) APPLIES, TOT 3 IS CLEARED.
- 2. THES 1, 2, 4, 5, AND 6 ARE NOT IN TASK FORCE X-RAY AREA.
- 3. TOT 3 NOT STRUCK BY ARTILLERY OR TQ-10 BY TASK FORCE X-RAY.

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P 310659Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN  
INFO CG IF XRAY

P 301213Z DEC 66  
FM CG FIRST MARDIV  
TO CG III MAF  
INFO CG THIRD MARDIV  
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REASSIGNMENT OF INX BN (REIN) FROM 3D MARDIV

A. YW 182334Z DEC 66

B. MY 260911Z DEC 66

C. CG THIRD MARDIV 280231Z DEC 66

1. REF A OUTLINES PLAN FOR RELIEF OF CERTAIN ARVN UNITS FOR  
REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT, AND DIRECTS THIRD MARDIV CHOP ONE INF  
BN (REIN) TO FIRST MARDIV IN SUPT SUBJ RELIEF.

2. REF B DIRECTS IF XRAY TO PREPARE TO RECEIVE FORCES CHOPPED  
FROM THIRD MARDIV AND EMPLOY THEM TO RELIEVE ARVN FORCES IN VIC  
NUI DAU/NUI DANG.

3. REF C NOMINATES 1/3 AS SUBJ BN, SPECIFYING EMPLOYMENT WITHIN  
DANANG TAOR, REASONS CITED ARE DESIRE TO FACILITATE PREPARATIONS  
BY 1/3 FOR OUT OF COUNTRY ROTATION 7-8 FEB 67, AND TO SATISFY  
REQUIREMENT OF LOCATING ADCON BN WITH TAOR ADJACENT LOC OF

PARENT CMD.

4. INTRODUCTION OF 1/3 INTO DANANG TAOR IN TRANSIENT STATUS  
CONSIDERED MOST UNDESIRABLE. LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH BN SECTOR  
IN DANANG TAOR COUPLED WITH INVOLVEMENT IN PRE-ROTATION ACTIVITIES  
CONSIDERED DELETERIOUS TO PERFORMANCE OF OPERATIONAL ROLE REQUIRED.  
IMPACT ON CONTINUITY OF PACIFICATION EFFORTS AND EXPANDING CAC  
PROGRAM SELF-EVIDENT.

5. RECOGNIZE 1/3 SECURITY DETACHMENT AND EQUIPMENT PRESENTLY  
STURED DANANG WILL REQUIRE MOVEMENT AND EMBARKATION WITH BN.

6. BELIEVE DIRECT MOVEMENT OF BN REIN FROM THIRD MARDIV TO CHU LAI  
AND FURTHER DEPLOYMENT TO NUI DAU/NUI DANG AREA OPTIMUM COURSE  
OF ACTION TO MEET REQUIREMENTS REF A WITHIN TIME FRAME. BN  
DESIGNATED FOR MOVEMENT SHOULD NOT BE SCHEDULED FOR IMMINENT OUT-  
OF-COUNTRY ROTATION.

7. AS AN ALTERNATIVE, IF 1/3 CONSIDERED ONLY BN AVAILABLE, SUGGEST  
BY DATE FOR RELIEF ARVN OUTPOSTS AT NUI DAU/NUI DANG BE SLIPPED  
TO EARLY FEB AND THAT BLT 1/9 DISEMBARK AT CHU LAI FOR EMPLOYMENT  
AS RELIEVING FORCE.

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CG FIRST MARDIV

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LDIV 2100/3 (1-65)

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|                                |                           |               |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1st ENGINEER BATTALION         |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | Maj C. O. NEWTON          | Big Buddy 6   |
| Executive Officer              | Maj J. C. FLOYD           | Big Buddy 5   |
| Adjutant                       | 2dLt F. H. STRIKER        | Big Buddy 1   |
| 9th ENGINEER BATTALION         |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | LtCol R. W. CRISPEN       | Earthworm 6   |
| Executive Officer              | Maj W. R. FLOYD           | Earthworm 5   |
| Adjutant                       | 2dLt J. F. DARRACOTT      | Earthworm 1   |
| 1st SHORE PARTY BATTALION      |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | LtCol E. H. JONES         | Consequence 6 |
| Executive Officer              | Maj T. J. GIPSON JR.      | Consequence 5 |
| Adjutant                       | 2dLt J. J. HOLIHA         | Consequence 1 |
| 1st RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION   |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | Maj F. RINEY              | Ironhand      |
| Executive Officer              |                           |               |
| Adjutant                       | SgtMaj J. H. FILLBACK     | Ironhand 1    |
| 1st MEDICAL BATTALION          |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | Cdr R. H. MITCHELL, USN   | Calhoun 6     |
| Executive Officer              | Lt C. A. ROPER, USN       | Calhoun 5     |
| Admin Officer                  | Lt (JG) R. A. CORLEY, USN | Calhoun 1     |
| 1st HOSPITAL COMPANY           |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | Cdr F. M. ROBERTS, USN    | Syringe       |
| Admin Assistant                | Lt J. C. SPARKS, USN      | Syringe       |
| 3d AMPHIBIAN TRACTOR BATTALION |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | Maj J. D. ROWLEY          | Sleek 6       |
| Executive Officer              | Maj J. L. SAUL            | Sleek 5       |
| Adjutant                       | 2dLt F. A. LAMBERT        | Sleek 1       |
| 7th COMMUNICATION BATTALION    |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | LtCol W. M. CLELLAND      | Mouth 6       |
| Executive Officer              | Maj E. A. HUERLIMANN      | Mouth 5       |
| Adjutant                       | 2dLt R. L. DANIELS        | Mouth 1       |
| 1st MOTOR TRANSPORT BATTALION  |                           |               |
| Commanding Officer             | LtCol R. E. JOHNSON       | Quench 6      |
| Executive Officer              | Maj K. H. REAGAN          | Quench 5      |
| Adjutant                       | 2dLt B. V. BRANSON        | Quench 1      |

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*J. A. Dobbs*  
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Task Force Adjutant

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CHU LAI, VIETNAM  
1 December 1966

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Sergeant Major

CHIEF OF STAFF  
Staff Secretary

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ASST C of S, G-2  
Combat Intel O  
Asst Combat Intel O  
Order of Battle O  
Air Observer  
Asst Air Observer  
CI Officer  
Asst CI Officer  
Asst CI Officer  
Asst CI Officer  
Asst CI Officer  
Spcl Intel Officer  
OIC 9th ITT  
9th ITT Asst O  
9th ITT Asst O  
PIIU

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Plans/Training O  
Opns O  
COC OIC

ASST C of S, G-4  
Asst G-4

ASST C of S, G-5  
Asst Psy Opns O  
Asst Psy Opns O  
Plt CMDR USA 4th AA  
Plt 29th CACO

BGEN W. A. STILES Devote 13  
1stLt G. M. GRIGGS Devote 13  
SgtMaj E. H. HOPKINS Devote 38

Col C. F. WIDDECKE Devote 5  
Capt G. R. FRANK JR. Devote 38

LtCol P. A. LORENTZEN Devote 1

Maj G. K. MAXWELL Devote 2  
Maj B. R. CUMMINS Devote 202  
1stLt G. S. VEJTASA Devote 202  
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1stLt W. A. BERRY Devote 402  
Capt R. A. MEANZA Devote 102  
2dLt A. E. ESHLEMAN Devote 102  
2dLt E. C. HYLAND Devote 102  
WO J. H. KELLEY Devote 102  
WO D. W. LORENTZSON Devote 102  
2dLt V. J. JOHNSON Devote 702  
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Capt R. J. MADIGAN Panzer 327  
Capt R. D. MOREY Panzer 327  
SSgt J. E. THOMAS Devote 502

LtCol E. J. BRONARS Devote 3  
LtCol R. E. HUNTER JR. Devote 103  
LtCol R. A. PAPE Devote 203  
Capt R. W. MARSDEN Devote 803

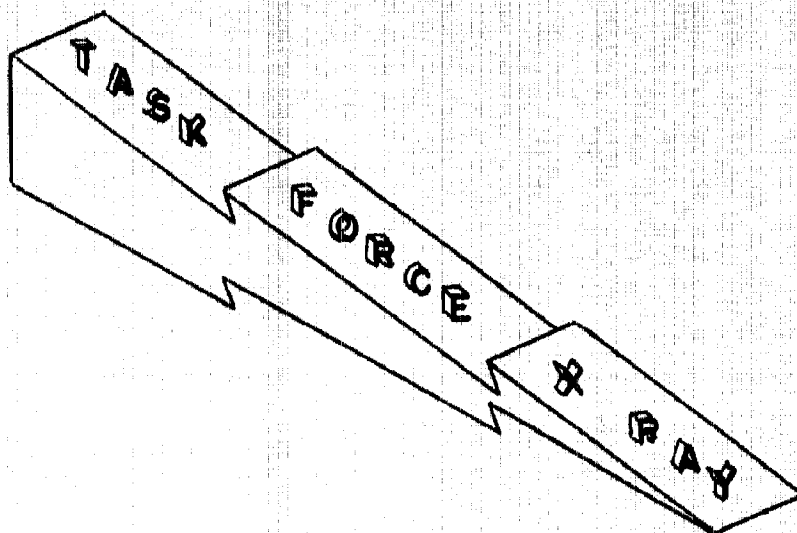
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Maj J. T. SMITH Devote 46  
Capt W. S. MARSH JR. Devote 146  
Capt D. W. HINZ Devote 146

1stLt B. D. DREES Devote 146

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| ADJUTANT                 | 2dLt J. A. DOBBS      | Devote 7        | OIC SUB UN. #2<br>Executive Officer<br>Adjutant | LtCol R. V. MOLESKY<br>Maj R. A. FREEMAN<br>Capt W. F. FLATO | Devote 34<br>Auditor 5<br>Auditor 7 |
| AIR OFFICER              | Maj N. F. SCHNIPPEL   | Devote 14       |                                                 |                                                              |                                     |
| Air Cont                 | 1stLt J. A. RUTKOWSKI | Devote 14       |                                                 |                                                              |                                     |
| Air Cont                 | 1stLt D. W. FLEMING   | Devote 14       | USO - CHU LAI<br>Director                       | Mr. T. HERBERT                                               | Auditor 337                         |
| Artillery Officer        | LtCol J. B. STRIBLING | Amigo 5         |                                                 |                                                              |                                     |
| FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATOR | Maj J. CLATWORTHY     | Devote Bailey   | HEADQUARTERS 5th MARINES                        |                                                              |                                     |
| ASST FSC ARTY            | Capt G. L. HAMPTON    | Devote Bailey   | Commanding Officer                              | Col C. F. WIDDECKE                                           | Select 6                            |
| TIO                      | Capt R. L. VENATOR    | Devote Bailey   | Executive Officer                               | LtCol W. H. DRAPER                                           | Select 5                            |
| CAREER ADVISORY O        | 2dLt M. E. CARSON     | Devote 447      | Adjutant                                        | Capt F. D. STRONG                                            | Select 1                            |
| CHU LAI DEFENSE COMMAND  |                       |                 |                                                 |                                                              |                                     |
| Commanding Officer       | Col W. W. CURTIS      | Anchor Watch    | BATTALION 5th MARINES                           |                                                              |                                     |
| Executive Officer        | LtCol E. B. ANDERSON  | Anchor Watch 5  | Commanding Officer                              | Maj P. L. HILGARTNER                                         | Chime 6                             |
| S-3                      | Capt R. E. WILLIAMSON | Anchor Watch 3  | Executive Officer                               | Maj B. S. PICKETT                                            | Chime 5                             |
| CLUBS OFFICER            | WO J. E. PERRY        | Auditor Rear 50 | Adjutant                                        | 2dLt G. L. GORTON                                            | Chime 1                             |
| COMM ELECT OFFICER       |                       |                 | 3d BATTALION 5th MARINES                        |                                                              |                                     |
| CEO Chu Lai Instal O     | LtCol A. G. ZIEGLER   | Devote 10       | Commanding Officer                              | Maj J. T. ELKINS                                             | Glove 6                             |
| Asst CEO                 | Maj F. R. ANDERSON    | Devote 110      | Executive Officer                               | Maj R. M. JOHNSTON                                           | Glove 5                             |
| Asst CEO/Maintenance     | Maj R. C. BRINDEL     | Devote 110      | Adjutant                                        | 2dLt B. F. BEGGS                                             | Glove 1                             |
| Comm Chief               | 2dLt J. J. LEE        | Devote 210      |                                                 |                                                              |                                     |
|                          | MSgt J. DARE          | Devote 110      | HEADQUARTERS 7th MARINES                        |                                                              |                                     |
| EMBARKATION OFFICER      | 2dLt P. M. MILLER     | Devote 39       | Commanding Officer                              | Col L. F. SNOODY JR.                                         | Bonnie Hero 6                       |
| ENGINEER OFFICER         | Maj R. L. SCRUGGS     | Devote 15       | Executive Officer                               | LtCol D. E. ESSLINGER                                        | Bonnie Hero 5                       |
| Asst Engineer Officer    | 2dLt P. J. ZOHLER     | Devote 15       | Adjutant                                        | Capt D. R. MUNCIE                                            | Bonnie Hero 1                       |
| EXCHANGE OFFICER         | 2dLt E. T. KENDRICK   | Auditor Rear 44 | 1st BATTALION 7th MARINES                       |                                                              |                                     |
| FOOD SERVICES OFFICER    |                       |                 | Commanding Officer                              | LtCol B. LUBKA                                               | Booth 6                             |
| Mess Admin Officer       | Capt E. V. COX        | Devote 56       | Executive Officer                               | Maj K. D. HYSLOP                                             | Booth 5                             |
|                          | WO E. G. DAHLGREN     | Devote 56       | Adjutant                                        | 2dLt T. J. SHERIDAN                                          | Booth 1                             |
| INFORMATIONAL SERVICES O | 2dLt C. B. TYLER      | Devote 141      | 2d BATTALION 7th MARINES                        |                                                              |                                     |
| INSPECTOR                | LtCol A. R. MOONEY    | Devote 32       | Commanding Officer                              | Maj W. P. KITTEMAN                                           | Dixie Diner 6                       |
| IRO                      | Capt J. C. GREENE     | Earthworm IRO   | Executive Officer                               | Maj D. L. DIAMOND                                            | Dixie Diner 5                       |
| MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER  |                       |                 | Adjutant                                        | 1stLt J. F. ERNEST                                           | Dixie Diner 1                       |
| NAVAL GUNFIRE OFFICER    | Lt H. C. DRAUGHON USN | Devote 26       | 2d BATTALION 11th MARINES                       |                                                              |                                     |
| ORDNANCE                 | Sgt G. F. ROSE        | Devote 404      | Commanding Officer                              | LtCol I. L. CARVER                                           | Prowl 6                             |
| POSTAL OFFICER           | 2dLt H. F. ROBERTS    | Devote 20       | Executive Officer                               | Maj J. J. MARRON                                             | Prowl 5                             |
| PROVOST MARSHAL          | Capt W. A. BARNER     | Devote 27       | Adjutant                                        | Capt T. W. ROBERTS                                           | Prowl 1                             |
| SPEC SERV O              | 2dLt R. A. CORNELL    | Auditor Rear 37 | 3d BATTALION 11th MARINES                       |                                                              |                                     |
| SUPPLY OFFICER           | LtCol J. N. DILLARD   | Devote 21       | Commanding Officer                              | LtCol R. E. YOUNG                                            | Laugh 6                             |
|                          |                       |                 | Executive Officer                               | Maj H. R. ANKER                                              | Laugh 5                             |
|                          |                       |                 | Adjutant                                        | 2dLt R. L. HAMTEL                                            | Laugh 1                             |
|                          |                       |                 | 4th BATTALION 11th MARINES                      |                                                              |                                     |
|                          |                       |                 | Commanding Officer                              | LtCol G. R. LAMB                                             | Plaid 6                             |
|                          |                       |                 | Executive Officer                               | Maj R. J. HENLEY                                             | Plaid 5                             |
|                          |                       |                 | Adjutant                                        | 2dLt J. W. WELLS                                             | Plaid 1                             |

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CHIEF OF STAFF, HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TAB A

CHU LAI MAJOR UNIT COMMANDERS

TAB B

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR VISIT OF  
LIEUTENANT GENERAL LEONARD F. CHAPMAN JR. USMC

|           |                                                                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 0740      | ARRIVE MAG 13; MET BY BGEN STILES.                               |
| 0740-0750 | ENROUTE TASK FORCE X-RAY CP.                                     |
| 0750-0825 | TASK FORCE X-RAY BRIEFING;<br>VISIT FSCC AND COC.                |
| 0825-0840 | TOUR 5TH MARINES TAOR ENROUTE<br>CO B 1/7 COMBAT BASE.           |
| 0840-0925 | VISIT CO B 1/7 COMBAT BASE AND CAC.                              |
| 0925-0945 | TOUR 7TH MARINES TAOR ENROUTE<br>2D BDE ROKMC CP.                |
| 0945-1015 | VISIT 2D BDE ROKMC CP.                                           |
| 1015-1030 | ENROUTE MAG 36.                                                  |
| 1030-1130 | VISIT FIRST MARINE AIR WING UNITS:<br>MAG 36, MAG 12 AND MAG 13. |
| 1130      | DEPART FOR DAWANG.                                               |

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHEDULE OF EVENTSFOR VISIT OFLIEUTENANT GENERAL LEONARD F. CHAPMAN JR. USMC

|           |                                                   |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|
| 0740      | ARRIVE MAG 13; MET BY BGEN STILES.                |
| 0740-0750 | ENROUTE TASK FORCE X-RAY CP.                      |
| 0750-0825 | TASK FORCE X-RAY BRIEFING;<br>VISIT FSCC AND COC. |
| 0825-0830 | ENROUTE MAG 36.                                   |
| 0830-0850 | VISIT MAG 36.                                     |
| 0850-0855 | ENROUTE 1ST MED BN.                               |
| 0855-0915 | VISIT 1ST MED BN.                                 |
| 0915-0920 | ENROUTE FLSC-B.                                   |
| 0920-0950 | VISIT FLSC-B.                                     |
| 0950-1010 | ENROUTE 9TH ENGR BN.                              |
| 1010-1030 | VISIT 9TH ENGR BN.                                |
| 1030-1050 | ENROUTE MAG 12.                                   |
| 1050-1115 | VISIT MAG 12.                                     |
| 1115-1130 | TOUR MAG 13 ENROUTE AIRCRAFT.                     |
| 1130      | DEPART FOR DANANG.                                |

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TASK FORCE X-RAY

FIFTH MARINES

SEVENTH MARINES

CHU LAI DEFENSE COMMAND

1ST FAG

1ST SP BN

1ST MT BN

1ST MED BN

3D AMTRAC BN, FME

1ST ENGR BN

7TH COMM BN

FLSG-B

9TH ENGR BN, FME

MAG 12

MAG 13

MAG 36

MACS 7

2D LAAM BN

MCB-8

MCB-40

NAVSUPDET

BGEN W. A. STILES

COL C. F. WIDDECKE

COL L. F. SNODDY JR

COL W. M. CURTIS

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(ID-21-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A foot found by Co A, 1st Recon Bn during an arc light assessment northwest of Chu Lai.

(ID-22-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A Vietnamese farmer who was found during an arc light assessment. The farmer was badly wounded by an arc light strike northwest of Chu Lai.

(ID-23-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A damaged area assessed by members of the 1st Recon Bn northwest of Chu Lai.

(ID-26-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

Members of the 1st Recon Bn climb into bomb craters to establish accurate damage assessment for an arc light strike.

(ID-27-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A downed helicopter in the area of an arc light strike. The helo was carrying troops into the area for assessment.

(ID-31-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

Damaged area created by B-52 bombers during an arc light strike.

(ID-32-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

Damaged area and houses, caused by an arc light strike.

(ID-1-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

Convoy moves through the Vietnamese country side enroute to Danang from Chu Lai.

(ID-2-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

Convoy moves across bridge enroute to Danang from Chu Lai.

(ID-3-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

Convoy moves through Vietnamese village enroute from Danang from Chu Lai.

(ID-4-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

Repair starts on a bridge blown by the VC. Engineers from the 1st Bridge Co, 7th Engineer Bn prepare bridge for convoy to proceed to Danang from Chu Lai.

(ID-5-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

U. S. Marine convoy groups at Chu Lai prior to leaving for Danang. The convoy was guarded by troops of the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines

(ID-6-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

Convoy moves around curve enroute to Danang from Chu Lai on Highway 1.

(ID-8-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

Marine convoy crosses stream where bridge had been blown. The stream was crossed by using pontoons. The convoy was enroute to Danang from Chu Lai.

(ID-9-352X-66) (18 DEC 66)

An Ontos that was part of the protective support for the convoy moves through a Vietnamese village. The convoy was enroute to Danang from Chu Lai.

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(ID-1-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

Area of arc light strike which was assessed by the 1st Recon Bn.

(ID-3-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

Marines leaving area of arc light strike LZ after assessment of damage.

(ID-4-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A VC suspect found in the area of an arc light by Co A, 1st Recon Bn.

(ID-5-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

The results of an arc light strike on a Vietnamese house is assessed by members of Co A, 1st Recon Bn.

(ID-8-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

Damage is extensive as shown by this house and bomb crater found by men of the 1st Recon Bn during an arc light assessment.

(ID-9-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

This house was damaged by a near miss by a bomb dropped by a B-52 bomber during an arc light.

(ID-11-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

This house and the surrounding village was extensively damaged by bombs dropped during an arc light.

(ID-13-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A Marine of 1st Recon Bn stands in a crater to show the effects of the arc light.

(ID-16-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

This Vietnamese was killed by an arc light strike.

(ID-17-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

These children were killed during an arc light strike.

(ID-19-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

A bomb crater found during assessment of an arc light strike.

(ID-20-340X-66) (6 DEC 66)

One of the many dead Vietnamese found during an arc light assessment.

*Supp* → (ID-1-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

The west side of a priests house that was used as a Bn CP during Operation SUTTER.

(ID-2-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

The 1st Sqd of the 1st Plt of Co D 1/5 crosses a rice paddy in search of a sniper.

(ID-3-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

The 1st Sqd of the 1st Plt of Co D 1/5 crosses a rice paddy to search for a sniper.

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Aug 17 -> (ID-4-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
81mm mortar men sight in on a hill behind the priest's house to try to kill a VC sniper that had been harrassing the Bn CP.

(ID-5-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
LCpl W. C. Money, a member of the 9th Engineer Bn, was attached to the 1st Bn 5th Marines for Operation SUTTER.

(ID-6-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
A punji trap found on the trail to the mission (1-342A-66) during Operation SUTTER.

(ID-7-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Rice captured during a sweep on Operation SUTTER is being carried to a UH-34D helicopter pick up point.

(ID-8-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
A UH-34D helicopter prepares to lift off with a load of captured rice while the machine gunner watches for snipers on Operation SUTTER.

(ID-9-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Rice captured from the VC being loaded aboard a helicopter on Operation SUTTER.

(ID-10-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Captured rice being taken to the helo pick up point during Operation SUTTER.

(ID-11-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Captured papers of a VC tax collector that were picked up by members of Co D 1/5.

(ID-12-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
A captured VC signaling device confiscated from the VC tax collector (ID-11-342A-66).

(ID-13-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Captured man (bear) trap taken from the VC tax collector.

(ID-14-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
This M-1 rifle was taken from a girl who later turned out to be a VC on Operation SUTTER.

(ID-15-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Captured VC girl taken prisoner by Co D 1/5 during Operation SUTTER.

(ID-16-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Marines of Co D search huts for hidden weapons and rice.

Aug 17 -> (ID-17-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
Capt Carty, CO of Co D inspects confiscated VC papers captured during Operation SUTTER while two of his Plt leaders look on..

(ID-18-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)  
The CO of Co D checks captured parcels taken during a fire fight while on Operation SUTTER.

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(ID-19-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

Contents of a captured parcel that was taken during a fire fight on Operation SUTTER.

(ID-21-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

This Buddhist drum also served as a warning signal for the VC. It was found in the Church used as a Bn CP.

(ID-23-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

Capt Carty, CO of Co D, and some of his men inspect a small VC booby trap that was found during Operation SUTTER.

(ID-24-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

BGen W. A. STILES, CG Task Force X-Ray, looks over a map of the area covered by 1st Bn, 5th Marines on Operation SUTTER.

(ID-25-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

2nd Sqd, 1st Plt Co D 1/5 charges across a rice paddy while snipers fire on them during Operation SUTTER.

(ID-26-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

Marines search huts for arms, rice and VC during Operation SUTTER.

*See page 1* -> (ID-29-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

Marines of the 1st Sqd, 1st Plt Co D 1/5 cross a rice paddy to find a sniper that has been hindering their advance.

*See page 1* -> (ID-31-342A-66) (8 DEC 66)

Old women and diseased child being led from a hut during Operation SUTTER.

*See page 1* -> (ID-1-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A flying crane, one of the two in RVN, picks up a downed CH-46 Sea Knight on Operation CORTEZ.

*See page 1* -> (ID-3-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A Marine grenadier from Co M 3rd Bn 5th Marines finds it rough going through mud and water during Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-4-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Marines of the 3rd Bn 5th Marines provide security for the extraction helicopter near the LZ during Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-5-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A Marine from 3rd Bn 5th Marines helps load some Vietnamese refugee's belongings into the UH-34D helicopter used for evacuation of the Vietnamese people on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-6-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Marines of the 3rd Bn 5th Marines help load Vietnamese refugees belongings onto a UH-34D helicopter during Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-9-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A Vietnamese mother and her children wait for a helicopter to take them to safety and a new life during Operation CORTEZ.

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(ID-10-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Two Marines from 3rd Bn 5th Marines watch while a UH-34D helicopter lands and readies itself for another load of Vietnamese refugees on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-12-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Two unidentified Marines from the 3rd Bn 5th Marines carry a Vietnamese elder refugee in a stretcher made of a net to an awaiting helicopter on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-13-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A Vietnamese refugee points out to helping Marines of the 3rd Bn 5th Marines the remainder of her belongings as she and 50 other Vietnamese were evacuated from the Operation CORTEZ area.

(ID-14-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Unidentified Marines of Co M 3rd Bn, 5th Marines help Vietnamese refugees into a UH-34D helicopter on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-15-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Marines of the 3rd Bn 5th Marines help load food and personal belongings of the evacuated Vietnamese refugees during Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-18-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Sgt. W. Robinson of Co K 3rd Bn 5th Marines talks to a captured Viet Cong tax collector on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-19-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A 500 lb bomb is exploded by Engineers after it was found on the side of a hill on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-22-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

PFC'S W. L. Jackson (r) and J. J. Smith throw burning trash into a pit on Operation CORTEZ. The Marines are with Co M 3rd Bn 5th Marines.

(ID-23-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Marines of Co M 3rd Bn 5th Marines secured from their perimeter watch, start off for the Bn CP to end Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-25-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

The damaged and stripped CH-46 helicopter evacuated on Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-26-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

A CH-46 Sea Knight takes off with Marines of the 3rd Bn 5th Marines at the end of Operation CORTEZ.

(ID-27-345A-66) (11 DEC 66)

Three Marines from the 3rd Bn 5th Marines wait for the word to board the landing CH-46 Sea Knight on Operation CORTEZ.

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(ID-3-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

VC practice targets and bear trap (man trap) captured by Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines during a search and destroy mission in the area of Trung Tin.

(ID-4-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

An unidentified Marine from Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines who was wounded in the arm by a sniper is treated by a Corpsman from the same unit during a search and destroy mission near Trung Tin.

(ID-5-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines walk along a jungle path returning from a search and destroy mission near Trung Tin RVN.

(ID-6-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Unidentified Marine of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines search VC medical and military supplies captured in the area of Trung Tin.

(ID-7-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Unidentified Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines walk along jungle path returning from a search and destroy mission in the area of Trung Tin.

(ID-8-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines wade a jungle stream returning from a search and destroy mission in the area of Trung Tin.

(ID-9-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

SSgt Johnny F. Gall of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines and GySgt Peoples stand near a VC sniper captured the vicinity of Trung Tin.

(ID-14-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines take up defensive positions behind rice paddy dikes to protect a CH-46 helicopter as it takes off in Trung Tin.

(ID-16-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

A U.S. grenade and other equipment taken from a captured sniper by Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines.

(ID-18-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

An unidentified Marine of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines stands guard on a trail in the Trung Tin area during a search and destroy mission.

(ID-19-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Two unidentified Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines throw smoke grenades to mark the landing zone for a medical evacuation helicopter.

(ID-22-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

VC farm tools, medical and military supplies captured by Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines on a search and destroy mission in the Trung Tin area.

(ID-25-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines examine captured VC farm medical and military equipment captured in the Trung Tin area.

(ID-26-359X-66) (25 DEC 66)

Marines of Co C 1st Bn 5th Marines move to surround a VC sniper during a search and destroy mission in Trung Tin.

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