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2. This plan is effective for planning and normal operations on receipt and will be amplified by a message operation order for specific operations.

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TG 76.4	Amphibious Ready Group ALFA	COMPHIBRON
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TE 76.4.0.1	Flagship Element	CO; Flagship
TE 76.4.0.2	Tactical Air Command Element	OIC TACRON"A" DET or as assigned
TE 76.4.0.3	Beach Reconnaissance Element	As Assigned
TE 76.4.0.4	Special Operations Element	OIC Assigned BJU DET
TE 76,4,0,5	Transport Area Defense Element	co, <u>·</u>
TE 76.4.0.6	Navai Beach Party Element	OIC, BMU DET
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TU 76.4.2	Transport Unit	COMPHIBRON
TU 76.4.3	Cargo Unit	CO;
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TG 79.4	Special Landing Force	CTG 79.4

<sup>1.</sup> This plan supports CONSEVENTHFIT CPLAN and CIF 76 OPLAN 101-YR and provides for Amphibicus Ready Group operations. Operations will be conducted in accordance with NWP 22 -B (LFM=C1) and LFM=O2, and within the broad framework of CTF 76/COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-YR as amplified by this OPLAN for operations of ARG/SLF magnitude. These operations are assigned unclassified nick names and will be parried out as amphibious operations normally with COMUSMACV the supported commander in accordance with paragraphs 30278 and 30279 of JCS Pub 2 (UNAAF), NWP 22-B FM 31-11/LFM-01. Supplementary message orders will be issued by CATF for each specific operation.

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- a. Enemy Forces as set forth in supplementary instructions for specific amphibious operation.
  - b. Friendly Forces
    - (1) As set forth in CTF 76 OP-PLAN 101-(YR)
    - (2) In addition to the proceding:
      - (a) COMUSMACV normally provides intelligence. ARVN liaison.
- (b) COMNAVFORV will contribute, as required, to the intelligence which COMUSMACV will provide to SEVENTH Fleet for amphibious operations to be conducted in the RVN, and will also provide patrol craft support through CTF 115 and CTF 116.
  - (c) CTF 77. THIRD MAF or SEVENTH Air Force provide air support.
- (3) COMSEVENTHELT initiating directive designates forces for the specific amphibious operation.
- $c_{\circ}$  Attachments and detachments; as specified for each amphibious operation  $_{\circ}$
- 2. Mission. When constituted the Amphibious Task Force (ATF) will conduct amphibious operations in designated areas by heliborne and/or waterborne landings; conduct operations to destroy enemy forces, material, and installations; provide a blocking force for supported operations if required; and upon completion of the specific assigned mission, or when directed, execute an amphibious withdrawal.

### 3. Execution

- a. Concept of operations See Annex B.
- b. Amphibious Ready Group ALFA (TG 76.4). Execute specific missions as assigned by COMSEVENTHELT and CTF 76.
  - (1) TU 76.4.0 Command and Special Operations Unit
    - (a) TE 76.4.0.1 Flagship Element
      - 1. Operate as directed.
    - (b) TE 76.4.0.2 Tactical Air Command Element

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- 1. Act as Tactical Air Officer control and coordinate all friendly aircraft operations in the amphibious objective area, in accordance with NWIP's 22-2 and 22-3.
  - 2. Establish TACC/TADC's as directed.
  - 3. Conduct air operations as directed by Annex  $H_{\circ}$  4. Act as AAWC for CATF.
  - (c) TE 76.4.0.3 Beach Reconnaissance Element
- 1. Conduct pre-D-Day surveillance of the objective area if directed.
- 2. Conduct pre-D-Day or pre-H-Hour hydrographic reconmaissance of landing beach as directed. Provide check survey and SUROB as directed in Annex  ${\bf F}_{\rm c}$ 
  - 3. Perform other tasks as assigned.
  - (d) TE 76.4.0.4 Special Operations Element
- 1. Plan and conduct Fsychological Warfare Operations as directed.
- 2. Be prepared to land on short notice and CHCP to the landing force for Psychological Warfare Operations.
  - 3. Ferform other tasks as assigned.

### (e) TE 76.4.0.5 Transport Area Defense Element

- Defend the transport area against surface and swimmer attack.
- 2. Prevent enemy infiltration/exfiltration from the objective ground area.
- 3. Provide logistics support and coordinate repairs as necessary to patrol craft.
  - 4. Carry out protective measures of Annex J.
- 5. Clear waterborne small craft other than assault boating from seaward approaches to 5000 meters offshore and from LPH operating area.
- 6. Detainees and prisoners handled in accordance with Annex CHARLIE.

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### (f) TE 76.4.0.6 Naval Beach Party Element

- 1. Report to the Landing Force Shore Party for planning.
- $\frac{2}{3}$  Carry out responsibility in accordance with Annex I, NWIP 22-3 and NWIP 22-5A.
- 3. Report to Landing Force Commander on debarkation on designated beach.

### (g) TU 76.4.1 Gunfire Support and Screen Unit

- L. Provide Naval Gunfire Support in accordance with Annex GOLF.
  - 2. Screen the Amphibious Ready Group as directed.

### (h) IU 76.4.2 Transport Unit

- $\underline{\mathbf{1}}_\circ$  Conduct movement to transport area AOA in accordance with SAILORD issued separately.
- $2^{\circ}$  Provide assault craft and helicopters in accordance with the Landing Plan.

### (i) TU 76.4.3 Support Unit (LKA.or(LSF)

1. Operate as directed.

### (j) TU 16.4.4 Waterborne Control Unit

- $\underline{\mathbf{1}}_{\circ}$  Control the ship-to~shore movement in accordance with Annex INDIA.
  - $2^{\circ}$  Direct the PCS in performance of instructions as required.
- $\underline{\mathbf{3}}_{\circ}$  Control all waterborne assault craft movements in vicinity of designated beaches.

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### (k) TU 76.4.5 Heliborne Control Unit

- $\underline{\textbf{1}}_{\wedge}$  Control the heliborne ship-to-shore movement in accordance with Annexes HOTEL and INDIA.
  - 2. Provide HDC.
  - (1) TG 19.4 Special Landing Force
- 1. At H-Hour and L-Hour on D-Day: land in assault over designated beach and in designated helicopter landing zones.

### 4. Coordinating Instructions;

- a. This Operation Plan is effective upon receipt for planning as an OPORD for routine ARG operations between Amphibious Assault Operations except for the CATF, CLF relationship as outlined in NWP 22. Effective for Amphibious Assault Operations on receipt
  - b. Standard cruising instructions in accordance with Annex D.
- c. Bridges, tunnels, highways and dams are not to be destroyed unless specifically authorized by CAIF.
- d. Rules of engagement shall be in accordance with COMSEVENIHFLT OPORD 201~YR, Annex R and applicable COMUSMACV directives and applicable to the Corps Tactical Zone in which employed.
- e. Search and Rescue shall be in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR. Annex  $S_{\,\circ}$
- f. Anti-Air Warfare shall be in accordance with CIF 76/COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT OP-PLAN 101-YR. Annex H and Annex J.
- $g_{\circ}$  Anti-Submarine Warfare shall be in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR. Annex  $L_{\circ}$
- 5. Administration, Logistics and Medical
  - $\boldsymbol{a}_{\circ}$  . In accordance with Annex  $K_{\circ}/L_{\circ}$  and  $M_{\circ}$
- $b_{\circ}$  Task unit and element commanders submit brief post operation report by message within 48 hours after completion of withdrawal. Units detached during an operation report upon detachment. See Annex  $K_{\circ}$

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- c. LPH is Casualty Evacuation Control Ship with Sirgical and CASEVAC Teams embarked. All casualties, which are helicopter evacuated, are to be initially evacuated to LPH. Casualties evacuated by boat are transferred to PCS and further transferred by helicopter to the LPH. See Annex M.
  - d. All units be prepared for UNREP/INREP/VERIREP on short notice.
- e. LPH assigned as mail delivery ecordinator. Requests for mail pickup/delivery will be sent to the LPH, Info CIG 76.4.

### 6. Command and Signal

- a. Communications in accordance with Annex N. Comply with communications security measures.
  - b. EMCON as signalled (Annex OSCAR)
- c. Command relations in accordance with NWP 22B (LFM=01) AFM2-53) (FM 31-11).
  - d. CATF and CLF embarked in assigned flagship, normally LPH.
- e. The second in command is the next assigned senior line officer of the Navy eligible for command at sea. Succession to command in accordance with Articles 1371 and 1372, U. S. Navy Regulations, 1948.

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### ANNEX B

### GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHELI OP-PLAN 101-YR (and CTF 79 msg 160240Z AUG 67)
  - (b) NWP 22B
  - (c) CINCPACFLT-COMUSMACV Agreement for U. S. Naval Support Operations Conducted in RVN (CINCPACFLT ser 32/001195 of 25 NOV 1966)
  - (d) CTF 76 OP-PLAN 101-YR
- 1. This plan contains instructions for Seventh Fleet Amphibious Ready Group ALFA/Special Landing Force ALFA (TG/6.4/19.4) amphibious operations along the littoral of the Republic of Vietnam in accordance with reference (c).
- 2. CINCPAC will approve periods of availability of the ARG/SLF. Within this time frame, COMUSMACV will request these forces for an amphibious operation at a certain time. Upon approval by CINCPAC, CINCPACFLI will direct COMSEVENTH-FLT to provide an ARG/SLF to support COMUSMACV.
- 3. This operation plan contains the organizational framework and tasking for amphibious operations conducted by CTG 76.4. In response to an initiating directive for specific amphibious operations, CTG 76.4 will issue message/frag operations orders for accomplishment of each operation. These Operation Orders will contain additional details superimposed upon the Operation Plan necessary to conduct operations, accomplish specific objectives and to fulfill the requirements of the initiating directive. Standing orders and instructions contained in Operation Orders such as CTF 76 OP-PLAN 101-YR, COM-SEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR and CTF 76 OPORD 201-YR will not be repeated herein.
- 4. The ARG Commander will request augmentation forces and support forces he deems necessary for defense of the Amphibious Task Force. After Coordination with the SLF Commander to determine requirements to support the landing plan and scheme of maneuver ashore, augmentation forces and support forces will be requested by ARG Commander in accordance with reference (a) and CTF 76 OP-PLAN 101-YR.
- 5. Planning for Operations will be commenced on receipt of information on a proposed operation. Upon receipt of an invitation from COMUSMACV or his designated representative; and after receipt of DIRLAUTH from COMSEVENTHFLT; detailed planning will commence with in-country representatives.
- 6. After coordination with the SLF Commander, the ARG Commander will make recommendations for information to be included in the initiating directive direct to COMSEVENTHFLT, information to ALCON. Included in this message will be:
- a. All information required by paragraph 200 of reference (b) not previously established by reference (a),

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- b. Summary or augmentation/support services/forces requested; including the cognizant commander as information addressee.
- c. Matters on which mutual agreement cannot be achieved between ARG/SLF Commanders will be referred to CIF 76/CTF 79 for recommendations to COMSEVEN-THFLT.
- 7. COMSEVENTHELT will issue an initiating directive for the conduct of each amphibious operation. COMSEVENTHELT initiating directive will normally include:
  - a. Designation of CATF and CLF.
  - b. Friendly units.
  - c Mission
  - d. Definition of the AOA.
  - e. Tentative D-Day.
  - f. Command relationships.
  - g. Nickname for the operation.
  - h. Instructions relative to public affairs and civic action,
  - i. Instructions for termination of the operation.
  - j. Instructions for withdrawal.
  - k. Attachments and support forces for the operation.
  - 1. Use of RCA.
- 8. Within the AOA, CATF will coordinate and control all operations. The AOA, ideally, will be the landward area within a 10 nautical mile radius arc swung inland using the primary assault beach center as center and the seaward area enclosed by a 25 nautical mile radius arc to seaward, and restricted air space up to 25,000 feet. (When required a tunnel through this airspace will be set aside for civil air traffic.) The objective area will be shared on a "cooperation and coordination" basis as necessary and modified in shape as dictated by the operational situation in the case of non-U.S. troops.
- 9. As set forth in Chapter 7 of reference (b), when the landing force commander establishes the necessary facilities ashore, responsibility for control of supporting arms may be passed to him. In the specific case of operations in the RVN, after the landing force has been released to operational control of the in-country commander, as mutually agreed between CATF and CG III MAF (in the I Corps area) or other designated representative of COMUSMACV, the amphibious objective area (AOA) will be disestablished (inform ALCON) and the in-country commander assumes the responsibility for providing and control of supporting arms. Support forces will be released by CATF to their normal operational control at that time.

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- 10. Commander Amphibious Task Force will request support forces for the withdrawal in accordance with reference (a).
- 11. Amphibious operations in Republic of Vietnam will be conducted in accordance with references (b): (c) and paragraphs 30277; 30278 and 30279 of UNAAF (JCS Pub 2).
- 12. Termination of amphibious operations will be requested in accordance with reference (a).
- 13. Rules of Engagement. Rules of engagement will be in accordance with Annex Juliet and Annex Romeo of CTF 76 OPORD 201-(YR).
- 14. Coordination with in-country commander will be in accordance with CIF 76 OP-PLAN 101-YR. Annex Bravo.
- 15. Special Operations S.IREPS and Readiness Reports
- a. Twelve hour SITREPS are required during Amphibious Operations. These SITREPS normally are as of 0000H and 2000H inputs are required to CTG 76.4 from these sources by 0700H and 1900H daily or the time specified during the twelve hour SITREP period:
  - (1) CIG 79.4 BLT and HMM operation, casualties, intentions.
  - (2) SACC NGF, Air, and Artillery Targets and damage assements.
  - (3) Medicar Admitted, discharges, transferred, (combat, non-combat).
  - (4) SWO vir visits, unusual events
  - (5) TACRON Twenty-four hour help operations summary.\*
  - (6) Ships Daily summary as of 1700H (Immediate message).
  - (7) CTU, CIE BJU, BMU, UDI, ACDIV summary may be with ship in which embarked.
- b. During the ratter stages of some operations and between operations twenty-rour nour SIInEPs or readiness reports are required. At this time inputs are required at 1900H daily for the 2000H report.

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### ANNEX C

### INTELLIGENCE

Ref: (a) COMPHIBPAC OP-ORD 201~YR, Annex C

- (b) CTG 76 OP-ORD 201-YR, Annex C
- (c) CTF 76 OP-ORD 101-YR, Annex C
- (d) CINCPACELT OF-ORD 201-YR, Annex D

### 1. Summary of the General Situation.

a. As in basic OF\*PLAN and Message Annex.

### 2. Intelligence Estimate of the Situation

a. The intelligence estimate for each operation will be prepared jointly by CTG 76.4 and CTG 79.4, the final document being issued by CTG 79.4. CTG 76.4 will then issue two copies of the intelligence estimate to each commanding officer or his representative at D-1 or at the pre-sail conference.

### 3. Essential Elements of Information (EE1)

- a. EEI's are items of information needed by CATF to assist him in making sound desions. The EEI's listed herein are broad in nature. More specific EEI's will be issued as the situation destates the intelligence activity required by these EEI's is definitely not be be confined to pre D-Day efforts, but rather should extend until the Amphibious Operation is terminated.
- (1) Does the enemy have the capability and intention to attack ships of the Amphibious Task Force by use of shore based artillery, rockets, patrol craft, surface to surface missiles, swimmers, sea mines or aircraft?
- (2) What is the strength, location, and capability of the enemy in the ground AOA which can be brought to bear against the landing force during the intended length of Amphibious Operation?
- (3) What will be the meterological, astranomical, and tidal conditions in the AOA?
- (4) What will the beach conditions be in the AOA including off shore obstructions, nearshore gradients, winds, surf, and littorial current, foreshore condition, backshore condition, hinterland, and beach trafficability?

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(5) What are the main features of the terrain such as rivers; lakes, rice paddees and mountains?

### 4. Captured personnel, material and documents

### a. Captured Personnel

- (1) Detainees will be treated in a humans manner in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention. Upon capture, they will be dismarmed, searched, tagged, and evacuated to the nearest U. S. Army or Marine Prisoner of War Collecting point designated ashore for interrogation and classification. Detainees may be interrogated at the capturing level for intelligence of immediate tactical value. Specific instructions concerning the evacuation of detainees to ships designated for collection will be promulgated for each amphibious operation. See Appendix III of this Annex for detainee tag format. Detailed interrogation will be accomplished at the Prisoner of War Collecting Point. Capturing units are encouraged to submit specific Essential Elements of Information (EEI's), which they believe may be answered by the detainee, to the Collecting Point. The list(s) of EEI's must be related to specific detainee(s) to assist the interrogators in productive interrogation.
- (2) Wounded PW's and detainees will be given necessary initial treatment, properly tagged and evacuated through the normal medical evacuation system to the first US medical facility having the capability required to treat the patient.

### b. Captured Documents

- (1) All documents taken from captured personnel will be exploited within local capabilities, properly identified and forwarded to the Prisoner of War Collecting point along with the detainee from whom they were taken.
- (2) Captured documents not related to specific detainees will be exploited by the capturing unit and forwarded to CATF who will then forward them to MACV Combined Document Exploitation Center (CDEC) for translation and further exploitation
- (3) Captured enemy documents may not be retained at the capturing level. In no case will captured enemy documents be returned for retention by the capturing individual as a souvenir.

### c. Captured Material

(1) All captured enemy war material (less small arms weapons) will be properly tagged to indicate date, place and circumstance of capture, and capturing unit. Materials will be evacuated to CLF or such other agency as designated. Types currently in use by the RVNAF will be turned over by the CLF to the local RVNAF commander for disposition. All other captured enemy

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material will be forwarded by CLF to MACV Combined Material Exploitation Center (CMEC). In the event the captured material is determined to be of U.S. Government origin and not in the RVNAF inventory, CLF will make every effort to have such equipment returned to the appropriate military service or agency concerned. A report of captured material will be made by the capturing unit of CLF for inclusion in the after action report.

(2) Foodstuffs, clothing, housekeeping supplies and other non-war making supplies of use to the civilian populace will be turned over to the local GVN authorities for disposition. In cases where this is not possible, or where it can be done only at the expense of the successful prosecution of the assigned mission; this material will be destroyed by the capturing unit.

### d. War Trophies, War Trophy Firearms.

(1) COMSEVENTHFLT Instruction 3460.1 contains detailed instructions which govern the handling and disposition of war trophies and war trophy firearms.

### 5. Counter Intelligence

- a. Ensure that all personnel are instructed in the Code of Conduct for members of the Armed Forses.
- b. Due to the unique nature of amphibious operations, maximum security protection must be afforded the exact location and date of execution of the operation.
- c. Commanders will ensure that personnel participating in operations ashore carry only the very minimum personal property ashore. Specific items which should not be carried ashore are: Money, personal mail, photographs of any type, liberty cards (or any document which could identify a unit) or any items that could be used for barter or negotiation to obtain funds or property.
- $d_{\rm a}$  All personnel going ashore will be instructed in proper use of pass-words and countersigns.
- e. Challenge and password lists are included in the Intelligence Estimate issued by CTG 79.4.

### 6. Intelligence Collection

a. All units will aggressively pursue a collection program in accordance with the requirements delineated in references (a) through (c). In addition, specific intelligence collection requirements (SICR's) will be levied against all units as appropriate.

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- b. Particular attention is directed to sighting reports of communist bloc merchant vessels, fishing fleets, submarines, and soviet intelligence collectors. The four references below are germane.
  - (1) DIAM 58-2, Volume II, Part 9
  - (2) COMASWFORPACINST 03360,2D
  - (3) CINCPACFLTINST 003821.1C
  - (4) TF 76 msg 150824Z OCT 68 requires following additional Info addees on all MS6L Sightreps: NFOIO, COMSEVENTHFLT, COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT, and COMNAVPHIL, COMNAVFORJAPAN or COMNAVMAR, which ever is COG OCA at time of sighting.
- c. When in company, the flagships will challenge contacts and submit required sighting reports. When steaming independently, all units make own sighting reports.

### Appendices:

- I Sample Message Format for Detainee Reports Tab A - (Detainee Card Format)
- II Weather Service Plan

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### MESSAGE FORMAT FOR DETAINEE REPORTS

From: Capturing unit or ship designated to collect detainees

To: CTG 79.4

Info: CTG 76.4/other cognizant commands as appropriate

SECRET (when filled in)

DETAINEE REPORT (U)

- 1. (SFULL NAME/SEX OF DETAINEE
- 2 . (S)AGE/NATIONALITY
- 3. (S)TIME OF DETENTION
- 4.(S)LOCATION OF DETENTION
- 5 (S)TIME OF ARRIVAL ON BOARD
- 6 (S) REASON FOR DETENTION
- 7.(S)DOCUMENTS CAPTURED/SO STATE IF NONE
- ~8 (S)WEAPONS CAPTURED/SO STATE IF NONE
  - 9 (S) THER PROPERTY OF DETAINEE
  - 10 SUNIT ACTUALLY DETAINING SUBJECT
  - 11 (S) DISPOSITION
  - 12 SADDITIONAL REMARKS OF INTEREST

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DETAIL	JEE	CARD						
<ol> <li>Completed by Capturing Unit</li> <li>Personal -use and sentimental value property will not be taken by capturing unit</li> </ol>								
FULL NAME: HO VA TEN								
TIME OF CAPTURE:		DATE OF CAPTURE;						
LOCATION OF CAPTURE	i u	et et treat en entret entre trestrictent entret						
CIRCUMSTANCE OF CAP	TURE :	THE SECTION OF SECTION OF CHILDREN SECTIONS AND						
DOCUMENT(S)	NOTE CHAIC AND ANY							
WEAPON(S)								
OTHER PROPERTY TAKEN FROM DETAINEE: (If none, so indicate)								
	NAME 3	(Print)						
CAPIURED BY:	UNITS	(Print)						

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### WEATHER SERVICE PLAN

- 1. Mission. To provide adequate weather support to Task Group.
- 2. Execution.
  - a. The assigned LPH shall;
- (1) Transmit critical areas, special typhoon and synoptic reports every six hours (or three hours when in a critical area) for all task group ships within a twenty-five mile radius except during periods of radio silence.
  - (2) Promulgate to TG 76 4 by 0900 daily
    - (a) Daily 24 hours forecast
  - (3) Be prepared to provide

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- (a) Radiological fallour parterns.
- (b) Special surf and weather forecasts.
- (c) Relative humidity data.
- (d) Pressure density data.
- (e) Hourly aviation observations to TACC.
- b. Computerized surf forecasts can be obtained in accordance with paragraph 2c(3) of Annex C to CTF 76 OP-PLAN 101=YR.

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### ANNEX D

### MOVEMENT

- l. General. This annex contains the basic elements of cruising instructions, and certain administrative guidelines necessary to conduct a movement from port of embarkation to the objective or operating area.
- 2. The procedures and instructions set forth in this Annex will apply to all commands and ships assigned to Amphibious Ready Group ALFA under command of CTG 76.4. When CTG 76.4 is OTC in a Task Force commanded by higher authority nothing in this movement plan shall be considered to counter a superior's orders.
- 3. Added detailed movement plan will be issued separately when required.

### Appendix:

I - Cruising Instructions

II - Special Amphibious Formation 71Y

III - Task Group Admin Boating

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### CRUISING INSTRUCTIONS

1. General. ATP 1 (A), Volumes I and II and other current tactical doctrines and instructions are applicable, subject to amplifications contained in this Asnex. Nothing contained in these instruction is intended to relieve the unit commanders or commanding officers of responsibility for the safety of ships and personnel under their command. Commanding Officers take timely avoiding action without signal from OTC when conditions of safety and good seamanship dictate.

### 2. Readiness.

a. Permission to place armament, detection or propulsion equipment out of commission must be obtained from the Amphibious Ready Group Commander (or OTC).

### 3. Formation Steaming.

- a. Ships unable to maintain either signalled course or speed, or able to maintain only by approaching or exceeding maximum design capability, shall notify the OTC giving reason and recommendations.
- b. Commanding Officers are responsible for the Navigation and safety of their ships at all times and are directed to take independent action to clear danger without signal from the OTC.
- c. Ships that will return to a formation after being detached for a short period of time shall endeavor to keep themselves informed of the movements of the formation and shall rejoin expeditiously with a minimum of communications.
- d. Ships shall indicate by flaghoist, station assignment when taking or changing station during daylight hours.
- e. When underway, navigational positions, corrected to formation center will be made to UTC by ships in company 30 minutes after sunrise but not later than 0800, 30 minutes after LAN, and before 2000 daily. Reports will be made by flaghoist when circumstances permit; otherwise by flashing light. NANCY, or as last choice, circuit NIA. Position reports not required when in AOA or within sight of land.

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4. Group Steaming Policy. It shall be standard policy for ships to steam in company when enroute point to point on a not to delay basis. The senior commander will coordinate mutual training in tactics, communications and CIC plotting and reporting procedures. The guide will be rotated among ships to ensure that beneficial training in ship handling and station keeping is obtained by OCDs.

### 5. Individual Ship Steaming.

- a. Ships joining a formation shall establish communications with and identify themselves to the OTC and request station assignment.
- b. Ships joining a formation at night or in low visibility will do so from abaft the beam of the guide on the same general heading as the formation course. Ships passing through columns in formation shall exercise caution and good seamanship.
- 6. Screen Commander General Instructions. The Screen Commander shall:
  - a. Screen the amphibious task force against the enemy.
- 7. Underway Replenishment and Personnel Transfer.
- a. Ships must retain a capability for day or night underway replenishment upon 3 hours notice.
- b. Ships shall be prepared to conduct light line and helicopter transfers upon 10 minute notice.
- c. When destroyer types are in company, amphibious ships will be prepared to refuel destroyers.
- d. Lifeguards will be provided during every personnel transfer. The assignment of lifeguard duty will be given to either helicopters, destroyers or an amphibious saip, in that order of preference. If only two ships are in company, personnel will normally be transferred by other than high line.

### 8. Guards.

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- a. Radar and ECM guards will be in accordance with Annex OSCAR.
- b. Non aviation ships will guard the helo command NET when antic spating helo ops.
- c. Ships in waiting station will assume lifeguard duties unless another ship or aircraft is specifically assigned.

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### 9. Heavy Weather,

a. Guidance for action to be taken in the event of a typhoon or heavy weather is outlined in COMSEVENTHELT OF ORDER 201-YR, ANNEX W.

## 10. Anti-Air Warfare.

- a. Anti-Air Warfare will be conducted in accordance with COMSEVENTHELT OF ORDER 201 YR, ANNEX J, and NWP-32(A).
- b. IFF procedures will be in accordance with CINCPACFLTINST 002380 (series).
- c. Every opportunity will be used to improve the production ciency of AAW within the ARG.
  - d. The CO TACRON DET is designated AAWC for CATF.

## 11. Emission Control.

- a. Set EMCON as directed by GTC, in accordance with ANNEX OSCAR.
- b. Radar may be radiated at any time to clarify a dangerous situation.

## 12. Lighting Control.

- a. Lighting conditions will be promulgated by OTC in accordance with ATP LA, Vol. 2 and current policy.
- b. Periodic patrols about the ship will be made during darkened ship conditions to ensure complete compliance.
- c. Ships observing lights on other darkened ships will notify the ships concerned, observing EMCON/LICON conditions.
- d. Navigation lights may be turned on at any time to clarify a dangerous situation.
  - e. Red standing lights shall not be visible from ship at any time.
- f. Use of shaded red cargo lights during darkness for well deck/ boating operations is authorized.

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### 13. Operational Reports.

- a. Applicable operational reports will be submitted as outlined in each Annex of this operation plan. ANNEX KILO and NWIP 10-1(A), Chapter 6 lists a summary of pertinent reports.
- b. Message reports will be kept to a minimum in order to reduce the volume of traffic. Where possible guard mail and speedletters shall be used.
- c. When directed, situation reports made to cover an event or evolution shall consist of:
  - (1) Arrival or commencement report.

Report: Time of arrival/commencement, ETC and amplifying information.

(2) Progress reports (as necessary)

Report: Revised ETC, causes of delays, percent completed and amplifying data as necessary.

(3) Completion report.

Report: Time of completion.

- 14. CIC Procedure In accordance with ANNEX OSCAR.
- 15. Breakdown.
- a. Signals and maneuvers will be in accordance with ATP 1(A), Volume I.
- 16. Man Overboard.
- a. Peacetime man overboard procedures in accordance with ATP 1(A),
   Volume I will be used.
- 17. Search and Rescue.
- a. SAR procedures in the Pacific Command Area will be in accordance with NWP\_37(A), ANNEX HOTEL and COMSEVENTHELI GP\_GRDER 201\_YR, ANNEX SIERRA.
- 18. Trash and Garbage.
- a. Trash and garbage may be dumped as required without signal and when sufficient distance from shore.

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b. Cans and plastic containers must be pierced and glass containers broken so that they will sink immediately.

### 19. Ship Appearance.

a. Ships shall present a smart appearance.

### 20. Naval Motion Pactures.

- a. Sea prints may be exchanged at sea as desired between ships of the squadron or any other ship. Exchange must be made on a one for one basis. TV serials may be exchanged for sea prints but always one for one. See paragraph 11 Annex Lima for explicit instructions.
- b. Films transferred by high line, held or lowered into boats must be in a buoyant, closed bag. A line passed through the handles of reel containers is unsatisfactory.
- c. During darkened ship conditions movies will not be shown top—side unless specifically authorized by the OTC in the night intentions.

### 21. Boiler Maintenance.

- a. Tubes may be blown when in formation as necessary without signal when favorable wind conditions exist.
- (1) Exception. When operations dictate that the location of the ship/task force be concealed, tubes will be blown only after dark.
- b. In the absence of favorable winds the formation course will, when feasible, be adjusted to permit tube blowing. A signal of intent will be given first with a course change following several minutes later. The signal to blow tubes will be made immediately upon turning. The base course will again be resumed as soon as possible.
- c. Bottom blow downs will be conducted in accordance with COMPHIB-PACINST 4700.1A daily between 0030 and 0330, alternating one boiler each day. Formation speed will normally be slowed to allow removal of one boiler from the line for this purpose. Ships notify OTC when bottom blow is completed and ready to resume speed.

### 22. Simuous Steering/Turn Count Masking.

a. The synchronized sinuous course plans will be the normal method of sinuating. Sinuous courses will be executed in accordance with paragraph 403 of ATP 3(A).

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- b. Time checks will be given prior to execution of the order for synchronized sinuating. Thereafter each ship will compare with ships chronometer and correct simuous course clocks at least every 30 minutes while sinuating.
- c. Unless otherwise directed, Cam #4 will be installed in the sinuous course clock and ready for immediate use whenever at sea.
- d. Turn Count Masking. Ships shall be prepared to turn count mask in accordance with suggested procedures of ATF 3(A), Article 112. Ship to turn count mask will be designated GTC.
- 23. Security. All ships take pecessary security measures consistent with the situation and locals. Ships will take the pecessary security precautions as outlined i. Article 1223, Chapter 12 of NWP... 50(A). Readiness and lighting conditions will be promulgated by the UTC.
- a. Ships shall be prepared to receive guard mail by helo on 10 minutes notice.
- b. During guard mail transfer periods ships will be alert to arriving helicopters and receive them expeditiously.
- c. Trash collecting areas or other missile hazards in the vicinity of the helicopter station shall be covered to preclude the hazard of flying debris.
- d. Except for times when vehicles and equipment must be carried on LSD helo platform decks, these areas will be kept clear for helo operations. During assault helicopter operations and at other times when directed LSD and LPD maintain ready deck and listening watch on helicopter command net.
- e. If conditions permit, ship may act independently to effect helo guard mail/personnel transfers without signal.
- 1 Non-aviation ships conduct help operations in accordance with NWF 41=6(B). 24. Operating Area.
- 2. The standard  $6\,VN$  operating areas as described in CTF 76 OP=ORDER 201. YR Tab A to Appendix III to Annex D will be used.

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### APPENDIX II TO ANNEX D

### SPECIAL AMPHIBIOUS FORMATION 71Y

- 1. General. Special Amphibious Formation 71Y is established for use by TG 76.4. It is a special formation established for unit stationing, unit operating area assignment, and unit area patrol assignments, all of which are relative to an established PIM, moving or stationary.
- 2. Execution. The formation diagram consists of a square grid with lettered and numbered grid lines. The parallel lettered grid lines are spaced two thousand yards apart and run parallel to the formation axis. These sequentially lettered grid lines are lettered from left to right when viewed in the direction of the formation axis, with lines "A" through "L" to the left of the formation axis, lime "M" on the formation axis, and lines "N" through "Z" to the right of the formation axis. The numbered grid lines are also spaced two thousand yards apart and run perpendicular to the formation axis (and the lettered grid lines). Line "l" passes through the formation origin with higher numbered grid lines increasing sequentially from the origin to line "27".
- a. General. With this system, stations, operating areas, or area patrol stations can be assigned by the OTC. Execution can be effected by message or tactical signal. The grid is not restricted to using an entire 2000 yard space between two consecutive lines, lettered or numbered. Each space may be divided into tenths for more accurate positioning.
- b. Operating Area Assignments. Operating areas may be ordered with the formation grid by designating an area between two lettered grid lines and two numbered grid lines. When PIM is moving, OpArea assignments automatically become area patrol stations which may be patrolled above PIM speed.
- (1) The area station indentified by the letter—number combination "E,H,l, and 7" then, is all of that area located between lettered grid lines "E" and "H", and their intersection with numbered grid lines "I" and "7". When used in a signal, the bounding grid lines will be specified by use of "Tack" to separate the signal into its componet parts.

  Example: "Echo Tack Hotel Tack One Tack Seven".

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- (2) The area station "R/V ANS 5/3/20 ANS 3" is all of that area located between lettered grid lines "R" and constructed grid line "V.5" (located one half the distance between "V" and "W"), and their intersection with numbered grid lines "3" and constructed grid line "20.3" (located three tenths of the distance between "20" and "21").
- c. Point Station Assignments. Point station assignments may be ordered with the grid by designating a specific point where a lettered grid line intersects a numbered grid line.
- (1) The point station "E/7" is located at the intersection of lines "E" and "7".
- (2) The point station "B ANS 7/9 ANS 4" is located at the intersection of lines "B.7" and "9.4".

## 3. Tactical Signal Execution.

- a. With the formation grid, stations may be assigned tactically by using one of two signal. ATP 1(A), Vol. II. The first signal is a special signal which uses he unassigned "Station K". This signal will be used only when Formation 71Y has already been executed by the OTC. Its meaning is established as: "Take station using special Amphibious "Station 71K. Assigned station is indicated after "Desig." Example: "Station K desig Q/9", meaning: "Take station at the intersection of lettered grid line "Q" and numbered grid line "9".
- b. The second signal uses the standard signal from ATP 1(A), Vol. II, "U Station". It will be used and interpreted with instructions therein. Example: "U Station 71Y/Q/V/7/8/IP4/A/9/IP3", meaning: "In formation number 71Y. All of that area between "Q" and "V", "7" and intersection of lines "A" and "9" is to be taken by amphibious ship 4, the station located at the In this case, both an area station and a point station were assigned in the same signal.

## 4. Initiating Tactical Signal Format.

"LA 55 DESIG 101A\_69/FORMATION 71Y/1222N/2934E/090/120/12/GOLF FORMATION TWO DESIG GALLANT MAN/U STATION 71Y/M/1/GALLANT MAN/H/J/4/7/ FOUR WINDS/P/1 ANS 6/ASSORT S/K/P ANS 7/12/18/LANDSLIP M"

Meaning: "Use Operation Plan 101A=69. Formation 71Y is indicated from the Operation Plan. PIM is 12-22N, 129-34E. PIM course is 090T. Formation axis is 120. PIM speed is 12 knots. Guide is GALLANT MAN. In formation 71Y, the station located at the intersection of lines "M" and "1" is to be taken by GALLANT MAN. All of that area between "H" and "J", "4" and "7" is to be taken by FOUR WINDS.

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The station located at the intersection of lines "P" and "1.6" is to be taken by ASSORT 5. All of that area between "K" and "P.7", "12" and "18" is to be taken by LANDSHIP M."

5. Initiating Message Format. When the OTC desires to establish a set of operating areas using the formation grid, he may do so in message form as fellows:

FROM: CTG 76.4
TO: TG 76.4
UNCLAS FFT0
FORMATION 73%

A. MY OPLAN 101A.69

1. (NAME) OPAREAS ARE ESTABLISHED TAW REF AS

A. ORIGIN. 16-24N3 109-42E6

B. AXING 04017

C. (OPAREA NAME): ALFA/DFITA/ONE/TWENTY ONE

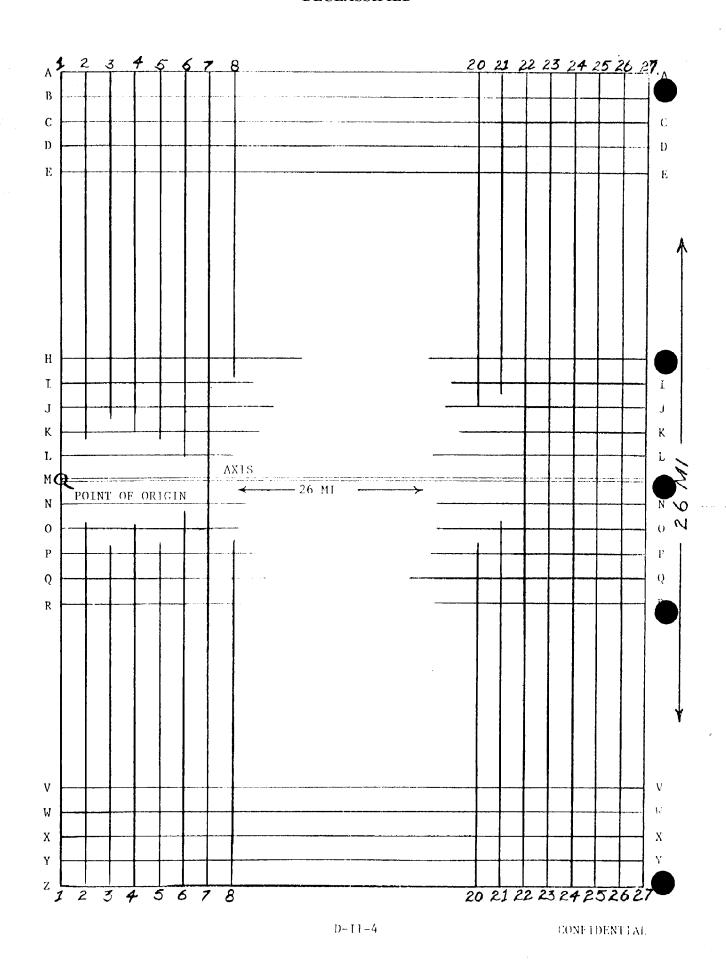
D. (OPAREA NAME): KILC/MIKE/BIGHI/SIXTEEN

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# TASK GROUP ADMIN BOATING - SHORT INTERSHIP TRANSFERS (SIT) (U)

- 1. Ship operations and swells permitting, intend schedule two small boats round robin trips one AM and one PM daily to facilitate essential intership transfers of personnel and light freight.
- 2. Units of Task Group will close designated ship and lie to 15 minutes prior commencement of round robin boat trips. Close sufficiently to facilitate boat runs. When practicable, lie to in loose formation normal sequence.
- 3. Ship ordered to provide boats direct first boat to make ships of Task Group in the order of ship hull numbers, returning to parent ship on completion. Direct second boat to make ships of Task Group in inverse order of ship hull numbers, returning to parent ship upon completion. Parent ship hoist boats without further signal upon completion scheduled trip. Notify CTG 75.4 when boats are hoisted, by appropriate signal.
- 4. Ships rig sea ladders or accommodation ladders (conditions permitting), fenders and sea painters as necessary. Provide hand lines for hoisting/lowering light freight. Assemble embarking personnel/light freight prior to arrival of appropriate boat(s) offload/load and dispatch expeditiously. Guard beach boat command circuit during transfer periods.
- 5. Heavy lift or large quantities of material which will stretch out boat time alongside will not normally be loaded in admin boats without prior approval of TG Commander.
- 6. Personnel making intership transfers for short business visits will normally proceed outbound on the morning trip and be prepared to remain over night. Visitors reporting aboard, advise OGD on intended length of stay in order that meals and when required berthing may be arranged. When SIT is scheduled in AM, ourgoing mail will be delivered to IPH during this SIT. When PM SIT is scheduled incoming mail will be picked up from IPH during this SIT.
- 7. For information, it is expected that this Amphibious Task Group can conduct these admin round robin boat trips in within a 60 minute period from boats waterborne to TG ready to proceed. When SIT is required to be longer than one hour, as for Pre D-Day transfers, both the beginning and termination times will be scheduled.
- 8. Pass to commanding officers of embarked troops for information and action as may be appropriate.

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9. Delays of scheduled events by impromptu unscheduled transfers of equipment/material sannot be tolerated and maintain the delicate balance of schedule necessary for special operations. No equipment/material is to be transferred between units of this Task Group without specific permission of CTG 76.4. If transfers not specified in the event schedule, become necessary, permission will be obtained prior to effecting transfer.

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# ANNEX F BEACH RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS

## 1. Mission:

- a. Reconnecter specified beaches and objectives and channel approaches thereto when directed.
- b. Collect final information regarding beath gradients, obstacles, trafficability, and enemy positions, defenses, caches, and movements.
- c. Advise CATF of beach characteristics, enemy situation and give estimate of feasibility of using landing craft plan scheduled.

# 2. Executions

# a. <u>CTE</u> 76.4.0.3

- (1) Conduct clandestine or overt beach reconnecesance as directed by CATF.
  - (2) Make theck survey prior to HaHour if directed,
  - (3) Perform such missions as directed by CATF.

# b. CTG 79.4 in coordination with CATF

- (1) Deploy and support reconnaissance forces in the objective area if directed.
- (2) Conduct clandestine Pre-D-Day surveillance of objective area with USMC recon personnel as directed.

### 3. Administration and Logistics:

### a. <u>UDT Element</u>

- (1) Make SUROB report at completion of reconnaissance in accordance with COMPHIBPACINST 3840,3B as directed.
- (2) Submit beach report upon completion of reconnaissance in accordance with COMPHIBPACINST 03820.9A. Submit beach chart to CATF as soon as possible by best means available.

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- 4. Command and Signal
  - a. Communication in accordance with Annex  $N_{\circ}$

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### ANNEX G

# NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT/SUPPORTING ARMS COORDINATION

Reference (a) CTG 70.8 OPORDER 320-68 (GUN THIRTEEN)

1. Mission. Conduct Naval Gunfire Support and Coordination of Supporting Arms in support of operations ashore.

### 2. Execution

- a. Conduct naval gunfire missions as directed by CATF.
- b. Fire support areas, fire support stations, initial station assignment, schedule of fires, etc., will be described for each specific amphibious operation by a message OPORD (Annex G), modifying or making additions to this basic Annex G.
- c. Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC) will be activated in CATF Flagship.

### x. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) SACC will control all supporting arms in the AOA when control is afloat.
- (2) When necessary facilities are established ashore and when mutually agreed between CATF and CLF responsibility for control and coordination of Supporting Arms will be shifted to CLF by CATF.
- (3) Specified strike zones, if applicable, will be designated for each objective by COMUSMACV.
- (4) Scheduled, pre-planned, on-call, pre-H-Hour, and pre-L-Hour fires may be directed on landing beaches and HLZ's. All fires will be under positive control and will be fired only in areas not normally occupied by Vietnamese in the normal business of the day. There will be no preparation fires on villages or hamiets. Rules of engagement will vary from area to area and CATF rules for the Amphibious Objective Area will take these into consideration.
- (5) Every effort will be made to preserve cultural, religious, medical and public utility installations. Destruction of restricted (Class E) targets is prohibited except on approval of CATF or where failure to destroy would seriously jeopardize the mission.

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- (6) SFCP will submit requests for naval gunfire support to the NGF ship over the Naval Gunfire Spot Net. The following procedures will be effective for clearing missions:
- (a) Landing Force will submit all requests for NGF support to SACC/FSCC via NGF control net for approval. A CANDY report is considered sufficient information. All CANDY reports will contain "Target Description" information (Example: Target 101 Avenues of Approach).
- (b)Submit requests for planned night defensive fires and harrassment and interdiction fires to CATF for approval. Once the overall list of planned fires is approved, further approval of each individual mission is not required. Overall CANDY reports for all H and I missions will be submitted as soon as possible, but not necessarily prior to firing. SUGAR reports will also be sumulative.
- (7) The Landing Force shall assign artillery representatives to be stationed in SACC aboard the Flagship until control is passed to the FSCC ashore.
- (8) Priority/of attack of targets in accordance with Article 815, NWIP 22-2. All ships be alert to conduct counter battery fire. Direct counter battery fire is authorized against batteries firing against the Task Group.
- (9) Ready Group amphibious ships will not be used to fire naval gunfire support missions except in an emergency. When an amphibious operation is not in progress any request for naval gunfire support will be cleared through ARG Commander.
  - (10) VT and MTF fused projectiles not set on safe will not be fired over the heads or within 300 yards of friendly ships, troops or landing craft unless specifically requested and authenticated by the supported unit.
  - (11) Target locations will be identified by the Universal Transverse Mercator (UFM) grid reference system.
  - (12) Ships will use reduced charges, open range, or change position to obtain a line of fire that will ensure clearance of intervening terrain. Ships may maneuver out of FSA to obtain favorable gun target line consistent with safe navigation and in accordance with reference (a). Report these movements to CATF through SACC.
- (13) If radar beacons are employed, radar beacon transmitting and receiving frequencies will be designated for each amphibious operation. Gunfire support ships will request permission from SACC/FSCC prior to closing to within 2,000 yards of radar beacons. Failure to do so could result in severe damage to the beacon and render it inoperative.

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In voice transmissions, the radar beaton will be referred to as "Finder".

- (14) Naval gunfire ships guard TAC net during daylight hours.
- (15) NGF ships keep CATF advised concerning ammunition status, prospective problem areas, etc. Make rearming recommendations as required/desired.
- 4. Reports . Reports in accordance with reference (d) and Annex K and as indicated below:
- a. PEPPER reports will be submitted upon reporting to CATF for OPCON, after re-arming (if cocurring), and when requested.
  - b. SUGAR reports as soon as possible upon completion of firing mission.
- c. CLF keep CATF and NGF ships informed via control net concerning positions of friendly front lines. Submit reports when lines are initially established and whenever changes significant to troop safety occur.
  - d. Naval aummunition code words are as follows:

		NAVAL AMMUNITION
CALIBER		CODE WORD
3"/50 5"/25 5"/38 5"/51 5"/54 4.2" MORTARS 4.5" MORTARS 5.0" ROCKETS 6"-8"-12"-14"-16 1200ft/sec CHARGI		TUCKER FORDSON ALCKENBACKER PIERCE=ARROW MARMON DAGMAR WILLYS STANLEY=STEAMER DURANT MERCEDES
TYPE		
AAC AP AP(INERT) BL & P/BL & I COMMON HC ILLUM VT VT (NON-FRAG) W WP	1. 2 3 5 6 7 8 9 10	
Example: "6 RICKENBA	UKER 43" means	43 rounds of HC 5"/38 cal projectiles.

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# 5. Command and Signal

a. Communications in accurdance with Annex N. All authentication, coupling, etc., will be based on ZULU time.

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### ANNEX H

### ALR OPERATIONS

- 1. Situation. Same as basic plan.
- 2 Mission. In accordance with message operation order.
- 3 Execution
  - a IE 16 4 0 2 (Tactical Air Command Element)
- (1) Establish a Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) within SACC as directed and exercise control of air aircraft within, entering into or passing through the amphibicus Objective Area (ADA).
  - (2) Establish Tactical Air Direction Centers (TADCs) as directed.
- (3) Coordinate and control air search and rescue operations within the AOA in accordance with CTF 76 OPLAN 120-YR

## x Coordinating instructions

- (1) Specific information pertaining to selected amphibious operations will be issued as necessary in a message OPORD
- (2) SAV-A-PLANE will normally be used vice Restricted Fire Plans. SAV-A-PLANES will originate from the NGF/ART section of SACC and in-country control agencies and be promulgated to aircraft and other units concerned by the TACC. Information required is the SAV-A-PLANE designation (in letter sequence), grid coordinates and/or navigational fixes of origin of shot and impact, maximum ordinate, start and stop time and controlling agency.
- (3) Supporting aircraft will be provided by III MAF (First MAW) a SEVENTH Air Force or COMSEVENIHFLT.
- (4) Air Operations reports as applicable in accordance with Annex H of CTF 76/COMPHIBFORSEVENIHFLT Operation Plan 120-YR.
  - (5) CAS will be under positive control TACP: FAC or TAC(A).
- (6) General instructions, and safety precautions in accordance with Annex H of CTF/COMPHLBFORSEVENTHFLT Operation Pian 120~YR.
- (7) During the initial phase of the operation: CATF will control all air traffic within the AOA through the TACC afloat. Control of air will be passed ashore to the appropriate in-country control agency when directed H-1 CONFIDENTIAL

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by CATF. After control of air is passed ashore the TACC afloat will revert to a TADC.

- (8) The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Military Grid Reference six digit system of coordinates will be used for target designation.
- (9) The maximum use of grid reference points (thrust points) as established by the SLF will allow rapid transmission of positions of friendly units and/or targets without the need to use couple codes and/or disclose the UTM grid coordinates in the clear.
- (10) The in-country TACAN facilities will be used for aircraft positioning vice UTM grid coordinates.
- (11) All aircraft desiring to transit or operate within the AOA must contact the TACC on the appropriate Transient Air Traffic Control (TATC) nets or GUARD for clearance. If aircraft are unable to contact the TACC, they will circumnavigate the AOA.
- (12) CAS aircraft will be briefed by their own organization regarding call signs, frequencies and navaids.
- (13) The TACC will allow time to divert aircraft to secondary targets if necessary.
- (14) SAR reporting procedures in accordance with Chapter 7 of NWIP 10-1(A) and Annex S. COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR.
- 4. Administration and Logistics. Reports in accordance with Annex K.
- 5. Command and Signal
  - a. Communications in accordance with Appendix III and Annex No.
- $h_{\rm m}$  Local time zone will be used within all tactical messages (DTG of message is in Zulu time).

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# APPENDICES

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C - D+1 and Subsequent (to be issued by message)

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III - Air Communications

Tab A - Air Frequencies (to be issued by message)

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### AIRCRAFT SCHEDULES

- 1. Aircraft supporting an amphibious assault will be scheduled by a message OPORDER and may be assigned Conditions of Readiness as follows.
- Alert 2 Alrerant positioned for immediate take-off with necess-ary starting equipment plugged in and the reciprocating engines of propeller and helicopter aircraft turned up periodically to keep warm. Flight crews in flight position in the aircraft ready for flight in all respects. (Approximately 2 minutes to launch).
- Alert 5 All the provisions required for Alert 2 will pertain, however, flight crews may be outside the aircraft but in its immediate vicinity. (Approximately 5 minutes to launch).
- Alert 15 flight crews shall be in full flight gear, briefed and standing by in the ready room. Starting equipment shall be immediately available and the aircraft should be positioned so as to get airborne with in 15 minutes of the time called away.
- Alerr 30 Allerate should be alroane within 30 minutes of the time called away.
- 2. Alert aircraft that are launched will be replaced by other aircraft in the same condition of Readiness unless specified otherwise. Replacement aircraft will add to the event number the letter "A" for the first relief, "B" for the second relief; etc..
- 3. Time on Station (TOS) is the time that aircraft report to the controlling agency over the assigned orbit or entry point.
- 4. Plus and minus figures combined with H-Hour and L-Hour are in minutes unless otherwise indicated, such as H+30 means 30 minutes after H-Hour, etc.
- 5. If it becomes impossible to fulfill events scheduled because of reduced availability of aircraft, a reduced number of aircraft will be provided, but the entire scheduled mission will not be deleted.
- $6_{\circ}$  SAR reference point, entry points and orbit points will be issued by message OPORDER
- 7. Remain VFR at entry/orbit points.

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- 8. Do not overily Mr. hast anapping.
- 9. NAVALDS, (It be issued by message OPORDER)
- 10. Air schedules when published will be in accordance with the nine (9) column formar of NWIP 22? with modifications as follows: Read in seven (7) columns.

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		ALRUKALI			ALT	
30	HEL ESCI	2/ UH - LE(G)	H-30	RCKIS	SUE/2.5M	9
50	CAS	27A-40	COND-1	500# GP	ANN/20M	10

TAB A - S-Day and Subsequent (to be issued by message)

TAB B - D-Day (15 be issued by message)

TAB C - D-1 and Subsequent (Is be issued by message)

TAB D - Air Schedule Notes

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### AIR SCHEDULE NOTES

- 1. Flight leaders shall report position to the controlling agency prior to entering the AOA or as soon as possible after becoming airborne. Aircraft reporting in will remain VFR. SEVENTH Air Force, ITT MAF, or CTF 77 as applicable, provide assigned IFR altitudes for aircraft separation to and from the AOA if necessary.
- 2. Upon establishing radio contact with the controlling agency, the flight leader will give the following information to the Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) on TATC net:
  - a. Voice call of flight leader.
  - b. Event number.
  - c. Number and model of aircraft.
  - d. Ordnance (total for all aircraft in flight).
  - e. Position and altitude.
  - f. Estimated time of departure (that time an aircraft must depart the farthest point in the AOA to approach and land safely at home plate, for jets use sea level BINGO).
  - g. Any pertinent remarks (an aircraft in the flight without receiver, etc).
  - 3. After the completion of each Close Air Support mission, the flight leader will report to the controlling agency ordnance expended and enemy intelligence of immediate tactical importance. TACA/FAC will report to the flight leader damage assessment upon completion of each mission.
  - 4. Upon completion of assigned mission, or when directed, aircraft will report to TACC for retirement instructions. Aircraft will report ETA to base to TACC prior to departing the AOA.
  - 5. All helicopters will be available for medical evacuation as situation permits.
  - 6. TACA's/ALO will submit by mission, total ordnance expended and battle damage assessment, to the TACRON daily at the conclusion of flight operations, but no later than 2100 local.

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# EVENT NUMBERING SYSTEM

EVENT NUMBERS	DESCRIPTION
1-29	Strike/Interdiction/Armed Reconnaissance
30-39	Helicopter Escort
40-49	Combat Air Patrol (CAP)
50-79	Close Air Support (CAS)
80-89	Tactical Air Observer (TAO)/Naval Gunfire (NGF)Spotter
<b>9</b> 0 <b>-</b> 99	Tactical Air Coordinator Airborne (TAC(A))
100-119	Helicopter
120-129	Anti~Submarine Warfare (ASW)
130-139	Airborne Electronic Warfare/Electronic Counter Measures (AEW/ECM)
140-149	Reconnaissance (Photo, Multi-Sensor)
150-159	Air Evacuation
160-169	Refueling
170-179	Search and Rescue (SAR)
180-200	Miscellaneous

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# AIR COMMUNICATIONS

- 1. GENERAL. Communications in accordance with this Appendix and Annex N.
- 2. FREQUENCY PLAN. Air frequencies in accordance with Tab  $\hat{\textbf{A}}$  and Annex  $N_{\circ}$
- 3. SAR communications in accordance with Annex N and COMSEVENTHFLT OPORDER 201-YR.
- . CALL SIGNS.
  - a. Call signs in accordance with Annex N and JANAP 119 (current edition).
- b. Aircraft tactical voice calls will be derived from group/squadron call signs and flight number of the day, and aircraft position in the flight in accordance with JANAP  $119_{\circ}$

EXAMPLE: ARAB 1-1 Flight leader of first flight of day for ARAB group/squadron.

ARAB 5-3 Number three aircraft of the fifth flight of day for ARAB group/squadron.

- 5. AUTHENTICATION AND RECOGNITION.
- a. The current editions of KAA 60 or KAC QX will normally be used for authentication.
  - b. ZULU time will be used for authentication and numerical codes.
  - c. IFF/SIF in accordance with appropriate CINCPACFLT instructions.
- 6. ENCRYPTION. The current editions of KAC 138 or KAC QX will normally be used for encryption in air/ground communications. However, the tactical situation, e.g., aircraft not holding code, may preclude encryption.
- 7. EMISSION CONTROL. The possibilities of enemy electronics warfare will be determined from Electronics Order of Battle and current intelligence. Measures will be taken in accordance with NWP 16(B), Article 360, NWP 33 and Annex N. Tab A Air Frequencies (to be issued by message).

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## HELICOPTER CONTROL AND PROTECTION PLAN

### 1. GENERAL.

- a. Helicopter control will be in accordance with NWIP 22 = 3(B), as amplified in this operation plan
- b. The employment of helicopters, based on the needs of the landing force, will include command and control, surveillance, reconnaissance, logistic supply and combat support.

### 2. HELICOPTER CONTROL.

- a. The TACC will exercise control of all helicopter operation for CATF through HDC. Each LPH/LPD will exercise direction of helicopters operating from it's deck on the LAND/LAUNCH net. The HDC will direct all arriving and departing helicopters on the HD net.
- b. On the initial assault HDC will exergise positive radio control of all helicopter from the wave rendezvous point (WRP), if required, along helicopter lanes to the initial point (IP) and on return flight from the designated landing zone (LZ) to the LPH operating area.
- c. When helicopters are cleared by the HDC to landing zone control at the  $IP_s$  terminal control then passes to the Landing Zone Control Party. Immediately after takeoff from  $LZ_s$  helicopters will revert to HDC control.
- d. Clearance procedures to approach routes and LZ during the ship-to-shore movement are as follows:
- (1) During the ship-to-shore movement, TACC, in coordination with Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC), shall keep HDC advised of SAV-A-PLANES and any other information affecting the safety of helicopter flights to the LZ.
- (2) After rendezvous and reporting to HDC Control, waves and flights will be provided flight advisory information by HDC.
- (3) Authority to divert from primary to alternate LZ during the helicopter ship-to-shore movement will normally be given by CLF to a designated commander. Wave or flight leaders will immediately notify HDC of the necessity to change LZ. HDC will contact TACC for coordination of supporting arms along the alternate route and in the alternate LZ.
- (4) Should the primary and alternate LZ be inaccessible for any reason, HDC will divert helicopters seaward to control points as necessary and request further instructions from TACC

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- e. During continuing helicopter operations (MEDEVAC, resupply, etc) HDC will exercise control of all assigned histocopters within the AOA and the use of designated helicopter lanes and/or helicopter control points.
- f. After control of supporting arms is passed ashore, the TADC afloat will continue to monitor air control nets and act in an advisory capacity to the control agency ashore. The TADC, through the HDC afloat, normally will continue to direct helicopters that are in support of ground troops.

# 3. PROCEDURES.

a. After departing either the LPH or LZ, wave or flight leaders and helicopters operating alone will report to HDC on the appropriate HD net giving the following information.

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(l) Call Sign	(1) Fall Sign	

- (2) Event Number
- (3) A/C Position
- (4) Number in Flight
- (5) Requested Route and Destination
- (1) Call Sign
- (2) Position
- (3) Control points as directed oy HDC or DASC
- b. Flight leaders of initial wave report time of touchdown in LZ to HDC.

# 4, HELICOPTER ESCORT.

- a. Flight leaders of aircraft assigned as helicopter escort or TAC(A) will direct attack on targets as designated by the controlling agency. Escort aircraft will be assigned to the TAC(A) to attack targets harassing the helicopter flight or to prepare the LZ in the event opposition is escountered.
- b. Any helicopter receiving ground fire will indicate targets for escort aircraft by reference to prominent terrain features, grid coordinates, by relative clock code and distance from the flight, or by dropping smoke.
- 5. HELICOPTER REQUEST. Helicopter requests for missions in support of ground troops will be passed to the CLF through the TACO/TADC on the TAR/HR net and alternatively on any net available

## 6. <u>COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS</u>.

a. Controlling agencies are authorized to divert or launch helicopters for emergency casualty evacuation or  $SAR_{\circ}$ . All helicopters pilots will be prepared to assume SAR duties as directed.

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b. When Close Air Support (CAS) operations are being conducted near helicopter lanes or helicopter operations ashore, the helicopters will normally be switched from the HDC radio net to the CAS Control net so that the TACA may provide positive control to prevent mutual interference.

 $c_{\,\circ}$  Communications: See Appendix III and Annex N  $_{\!\circ}$ 

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### SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT

- 1. Mission. In accordance with message operation order,
- 2. Execution
  - Transport Unit (TU 76:4.2)
- (1) When directed, ships detach and proceed to assault anchorages/ areas and LVT splash point in accordance with the message OPORDER.
- (2) Load and dispatch scheduled waves in accordance with the consolidated Landing and Approach Plan, Appendix III to this Annex.
- (3) Report any inoperative landing craft, extent of damage, and ETR to the Waterborne Control Unit (CTU 76,4,4), info CATF (CTG 76,4). Report when repairs completed.
- (4) Land on-call and non-scheduled serials as requested by TACLOG. and conduct general unloading as directed.
- (5) Load/Unload/Backload Reports will be submitted to CTG 76,4 at commencement of evolution, at 0800, 1200, and 1700 (local time) daily, and when completed. Well deck snips may summarize well deck operations in DAILY SUMMARY. Use format:

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- 1. PERS
- VEH
- 3. PALLET
- ETC
- 5. REMARKS
- (6) Withdraw the landing force on order in accordance with the Withdrawal Plan, Appendix VIII to this Annex and SUPPORD to be issued
  - b. Control. In accordance with Appendix I and VII.
  - c. Commander Landing Force (CTG 79.4)
    - (1) Provide TACLOG party and TACLOG reps as required.
    - (2) Control the recovery of life jackets on the beach,

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(3) Advise CATF of recommended withdrawal hour.

## x. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Normally there will be no scheduled pre-H-Hour transfers. Pre-D-Day transfers as directed.
  - (2) H and L-Hour in accordance with the message OFORDER.
- (3) Report inability to meet H or L-Hour immediately. Report to include reasons and recommendations.
- (4) Ships with salvage rigged boat embarked will provide boat and salvage crew unless otherwise directed. If no specially rigged salvage boat is assigned to the Task Group, the ABGC boat will carry an engineman, carpenter, qualified diver and radio repairman with appropriate tools. The PCS will coordinate placing two salvage pumps in Task Group boating. All LCM-8 will be rigged for towing and have appropriate messengers, heaving lines and bolos.
- (5) Helo safety Boat designated in Appendix III or V and operated under control of HDC.
- (6) LFH is designated Primary Casualty Receiving Ship. All casualties evacuated by help will be initially evacuated to LFH. Casualties evacuated by boat will go initially to the PCS and further transferred to the LFH by help/boat as practicable.
- (7) Life Jacket recovery will be coordinated by CTE 76,4,0 6 in conjunction with Commander Landing Force. FCS direct boats to beach when advised that life jackets have been stacked and are ready for removal.
- (8) All waterborne boats be alert to provide assistance to heli-copters in their area.
- (9) Four personnel to be provided to PCS prior to H-Hour from UDT DET, to act as lifeguards.

Appendix I - Waterborne Control Plan

II - Amphibious Assault Boat Availability

III - Assault Craft Employment and Assault Approach Plan

IV - Consolidated Landing and Approach Plan

V - Landing Craft Employment Plan

VI - LCM Assist Beach Procedures

VII - Helicopter Ship-to-Shore Movement

VIII - Withdrawal Plan

IX - Transit of Rivers in RVN

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# WATERBORNE CONTROL PLAN

# 1. General

a. This Appendix provides for the control of the waterborne shipto-Shore movement.

### 2. Execution.

# a. Transport Unit (TU 76.4.2)

(1) On the order "Land the Waterborne Landing Force" all units load and dispatch landing craft and amphibious vehicles as necessary to meet promulgated schedules.

# b. Waterborne Control Unit (TU 76,4,4)

- (1) Report set and drift at LOD to TU 76.4.2 as soon as determined.
- (2) Control the movement of all scheduled waves between LOD and beach.
  - (3) Dispatch scheduled waves from LOD in accordance with Appendix LTI or  $V_{\circ}$
- (4) Dispatch on-call waves and non-scheduled serials when requested by TACLOG.
- (5) If not on time or not within 30 seconds thereof report to CATF over TG Maneuvering and Warning Net.
- (a) Wave 1: When dispatched from LOD, 1200 yards from beach, and touchdown time.
- (b) Subsequent Waves: When dispatched from the LOD and touch-down time.
  - (6) Control salvage operations seaward of the surf line.
- (7) Establish boat pool from landing craft returning from beach.
  Return landing craft not required to parent ship. Request additional landing craft as needed.
- (8) Submit SURCBS hourly until H+6 hours and every six hours thereafter. Relay to FWF Sangley, info CTG 76.4 and TG 76.4, using area letter designator.

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# c. Landing Force (TG 79.+)

- (1) Be prepared to provide a fast reaction force; if required during river operations.
- (2) Beach Farty provide PCS for relay to CATF with SUROBS every six hours.

### 3. Procedures.

### a. General

- (1) Launch LVTs in sufficient time to meet schedule in accordance with Appendixes LII or V to Annex I. They will be met by the wave guide commander and will remain under his control while waterborne. Launch ships underway while launching LVT. See COMPHIBFAC NOTE 3500 of 19 JUL 1968, JOINT TACNOTE. If required boats from LVT launch ship may be left in secure area so that LVTs may be launched without first launching boats.
- (2) On call waves will remain in the vicinity of their serial source ships until dispatched at scheduled times or requested by PCS.

# b. Control Procedures to LOD

- (1) LVT wave will be led by the wave guide under the control of PCS in column directly to the flank of the LOD opposite from the direction of approach distance apart 40 yards; on a line parallel to and 50 yards seaward of LOD. Wave guide will signal a flanking movement timed so the LVT wave will cross LOD on schedule.
- (2) Landing craft of scheduled waves will proceed from wave assembly circles to rendezvous area. Wave commanders will signal departures from the rendezvous area to cross the LOD in accordance with the schedule set forth in Appendix III or  $IV_{\circ}$

# c. Control Procedures from LOD to Beach

- (1) Wave Guides/Commanders will switch to (color) Beach Boat Control upon leaving serial source and report to POS prior to crossing LOD.
  - (2) All waves cross LOD and proceed to beach in line abreast formation.
- (3) LVPs continue past high water mark prior to stopping, debarking troops or making flanking movements.
- (4) Boat Group Commander (BGC) precede Wave 1 to surf zone, turn off to flank and assume duties as Traffic Control Officer. If Wave 1 consists of LVTH, BGC will be in line and in center of right flank of wave.
- (5) Wave guides shift to (color) Beach Operations Net just prior to touchdown make touchdown report on (color) Beach Operations Net.

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(6) Salvage Officer act as Assistant Boat Group Commander and follow the first boated wave. Heavy salvage boat will turn off at surf zone and ABGC will assume duties as Salvage Officer.

# d. Returning Seaward

(1) After retraction landing craft report to Traffic Control Officer for instructions.

# e. Selective Unloading

- (1) Serial source ship dispatch craft to PCS for dispatch to beach.
- (2) All requests for logistic support by the Landing Force will be requested from the TACLOG, Non-scheduled serials and supplies to be dispatched to the beach by surface craft will be relayed by TACLOG to PCS for action.

# x. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Scheduled waves lower serial paddles, close battle ports and ensure no troops are exposed after crossing LOD.
- (2)Use Heavy Salvage Boat as primary means to assist boats in beaching and retraction. TC-24 to be used as last resort to assist boats and only if the dozer blade has been padded to prevent damaging of boats.
  - (3) UNODIR all ships will remain underway at all times.

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# CONSOLIDATED LANDING AND APPROACH PLAN Section A: Scheduled Waves

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# LANDING CRAFT EMPLOYMENT FLAN

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# LCM ASSIST BEACHING PROCEDURES

- 1. All LCM's will be equipped to conduct LCM assist beaching at all times.
- 2. PCS will initiate LCM assist beaching when conditions so warrant, Beachmaster/BGC make recommendations to PCS. PSC keep CATF informed,
- 3. If assist beaching is ordered, the Primary Control Officer will notify all incoming waves to rig for assist beaching and notify CTG 76.4.
- 4. Boat Group Commander and heavy salvage will establish an "assist line" approximately 200 yards to seaward of the surf zone.

### 5. Procedures.

- a. On being dispatched from the LOD to the beach by the PCS, LOM's will report to the Boat Group Commander at the "assist line".
- b. On order of the Boat Group Commander the LCM to beach will come alongside to leeward of the assisting LCM. The towing bridle will be passed to the LCM intending to beach. The length of tow lines used should always be sufficient to allow the assisting LCM to remain well clear of the surf zone.
- c. On signal of the assist LCM, both boats will proceed slowly toward the beach.
- d. As the beaching LCM approaches the surf zone the assisting LCM will signal full speed to the LCM intending to beach. The assisting LCM will then turn to seaward and commence paying out the tow line. The assisted LCM will proceed to the beach and unload with engines always kept ahead in order to keep the tow line clear of the screws. The assisting LCM will take a slight strain on the tow line being careful not to pull the assisted boat off the beach.
- e. On signal from the beachmaster to retract, the beached LCM (engines still ahead) will be towed off the beach by the assisting boat. When well clear of the surf zone the assisted LCM will cast off and clear the area. The assisting LCM will retrieve the tow line and prepare to receive the next LCM to be assisted.

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### WITHDRAWAL PLAN

1. Situation. This Appendix provides for a withdrawal of the ATF from the objective area. Non-tactical elements and equipment of the Landing Force will have been backloaded prior to the execution of this plan.

# 2. Execution.

- a. Commander Amphibious Task Force (TG 76.4)
  - (1) Issue warning order.
  - (2) Determine method of withdrawal.
  - (3) Designate W-Hour when determined.
- b. Transport Unit (TU 76.4.2)
  - (1) Furnish safety boats at designated beach, as required.
- (2) Be prepared to provide landing craft to PCS during the withdrawal phase as specified in the withdrawal order.
- (3) Insure landing craft report promptly to PCS when requested with all required life jackets.
  - c. Waterborne Control Unit (TU 76.4.4)
- (1) Dispatch landing craft to beach and control subsequent with-drawal of serials from beach.
- (2) Report dispatching of serials from beach to the Transport Unit (TU 76.4.2).
- (3) Control landing craft using control procedures contained in Appendix I. Control Plan.
  - d. Heliborne Control Unit (TU 76.4.5)
    - (1) Coordinate withdrawal of heliborne units with CLF
    - (2) Report withdrawal of serials from LZ to CATF.

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- e. Beach Party Element (IE 76.4.0.6)
- (1) If not already ashore, proceed to designated secure beach, and on debarkation CHOP to CLF.
  - f. Commander Landing Force (CIG 79.4)
- (1) Report desired tentative date/time of withdrawal to CATF as soon as known.
  - (2) Execute Landing Force withdrawal plan.
  - (3) Notify CATF of sequence of withdrawal of units.
- (4) Coordinate withdrawal of heliborne elements with Heliborne Control Unit (TU 76.4.5)
- (5) Report when all elements are withdrawn and recommend the securing of the beach.
  - x. Coordinating Instructions
    - (1) Retain Same serial designations as for ship-to-shore movement.
- (2) When information obtained from Shore Party, notify PCS of serials ready for withdrawal, landing craft requirements, and time landing craft to arrive on beach.

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### HELICOPTER SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT

- 1. General. This appendix provides for the control of the helicopterborne ship-to-shore movement
- 2. Execution.
  - a. Heliborne Control Unit IU 76.4.5
- (1) On the order "Land the Heliborne Landing Force" coordinate and conduct helicopterborne assault operations in accordance with promulgated schedules.
- (2) Operate Helicopter Direction Jenter (HDC) in LFH under control of TACC.
- (3) Control LPH and LPD helipopterborne ship-to-shore movement and subsequent operations in apportance with NWIP 22-3; thus appendix and Annex H.
  - b. Tactical Air Command Element TE 76 4 0 2;
    - (1) Operate a Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) in CATF Flagship.
    - (2) Provide a nelicopter maison team to HDC in LPH.
- (3) Coordinate helicopterborne snip-to-shore movement with other air operations and the supporting arms coordinator,
  - c. Landing Force (IG 79.4)
- (i) Provide hellopters for the ship-to-shore movement in accordance with this annex.
- (2) Provide a TAGLOG party to support helicopterborne ship-toshore movement.
  - (3) Provide SAR heli.opter for ship-to-shore movement

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### x. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) L-Hour in accordance with message OP-ORDER.
- (2) Should the commander of the helicopterborne troop unit determine prior to touchdown that the LZ is unsuitable:
  - (a) Flight Leaders will immediately notify CLF and CATF.
- (b) The flight leader has authority to divert to the designated alternate LZ when actual flight safety considerations preclude use of the primary LZ and no deviation from assigned approach and retirement lanes are involved.
- (c) In the event both the primary and alternate LZs are unacceptable, HDC will divert all affected helicopters to seaward control points and request instructions from CATF and CLF.
  - (d) CATF will designate new LZ when required.
- (e) Subsequent flight leaders will be diverted to the alternate LZ and will comply with the flight advisory issued by HDC.
- (3) Heliborne Control Commander is authorized to launch or divert helicopters for evacuation of casualties.
- (4) When weather conditions approach minimums, Helo Assault Control Commander will implement horizontal separation of helicopter waves.
  - (5) Air communications in accordance with Annex No.
- (6) Helicopter approach and retirement routes will be established by CATF.
  - (4) LPH and LPD operate in designated OFAREA-

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# APPENDIX IX TO ANNEX I

#### TRANSIT OF RIVERS IN RVN

Ref: CTF Clearwater OPORD 2-68

- $\mathbf{1}_{\circ}$  . Unless otherwise directed these procedures apply for transit of rivers.
- a. Rules of Engagement. Landing craft, if taken under fire, will take appropriate action to clear the area as soon as possible. Landing craft will not engage in standing fire fights, and only those targets which have positively been identified as enemy will be taken under fire. Should a boat become disabled or grounded, appropriate salvage/defensive measures will be taken.

## b. Convoy Procedures

- (1) When the situation permits, river transits will be made by two boats in company with the other groups separated at quarter mile intervals. This procedure will afford an on the spot salvage capability should a boat become disabled and will limit the losses incurred from an ambush. A boat officer will be assigned for every two boats.
- (2) Each day on the initial trip up the Cua Viet or Song Hue all boats will check in with CTF Clearwater at the river mouth for instructions and a brief on existing river conditions.
- (3) In conjunction with the above, Boat Convoy Commanders will obtain information on the location of enemy and friendly forces along the river and conditions of the river which affect safe transit (sand bars, mines, etc.).

The boat Convoy Commander will also ensure that Fire and Communication discipline is enforced.

## c. Logistics/Material

- (1) POL: Boats fuel to capacity and carry reserve motor oil.
- (2) Supply all boats with one day water/rations.
- (3) Insure boat medical kits are complete
- (4) All boats carry basic allowance ammunition.
- (5) Insure adequate life preservers are aboard each boat.
- (6) Provide one corpsman for each group of two boats.
- (7) Boat crews wear appropriate clothing and proper battle dress, including body armor and helmets.

Tab A - Communications for Cua Viet

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# Communications for Cua Viet

1	Unit	Call Sign	Frequency
	NSAD Cua Viet  Dong Ha River Security Group  LCM-6	Clipping Traffic Cop Leech (Hull No.)	70.00 MHZ 55.45 MHZ
	LCM-8	Blue Jay (Hull No.)	38,3/70.00/ 55,45 MHZ
	BGC ABGC	Mesh (Hull No.) Clapper (number) Clapper Jr. (number)	-do- -do-

- 2. All boat: 'll guard Beach Operations Net.
- 3. BGC/ABGC and landing craft with Convoy Commanders embarked will carry a PRC-25 to guard NSAD Cua Viet 70.00 MHZ and be prepared to activate frequency 55.45 MHZ (Traffic Cop) for emergencies/enemy engagement. Radio check all circuits at CVRM
- 4. Reports. Situation Reports will be submitted as directed by the PCS for river transit operation

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# ANNEX J

# PROTECTIVE MEASURES

Reference (a) CTF 115 OPORD 201-YR (b) CTF 116 OPORD 201-YR

- 1. General. This force will carry out the protective measures prescribed herein to minimize disruptive effects of the enemy. Security and protection of shipping will be provided by the Transport Area Defense Element and individual ship security measures.
- 2. Friendly Forces. As described in the basic OP-ORDER. Also references (a) and (b) give detailed instructions concerning the operations of "Market Time" USN and Vietnamese Naval Forces. Reference (a) gives detailed instructions concerning recognition of and communications with these forces.
- 3. Enemy Forces. As described in basic OP-ORDER and Annex C.
- 4. Transport Area Defense Element Responsibilities. Defend the transport area against surface and swimmer attack and prevent infiltration and exfiltration from the amphibious objective ground area. Services of Coastal Surveillence Force (CTF 115) WPB's or PCF's or Coastal Group (VN NAVY) junks and NGFS, will normally be requested by the ARG Commander and made available to the Defense Element Command. Keep CTG 76.4 informed of threats and actions taken or planned. Request additional assistance as necessary.
- Air Defense. See Appendix III
- Rules of Engagement. See Appendix II

Appendix I - Sneak Attack Defense Measures

Appendix II - Rules of Engagement

Appendix III - Air Defense

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# APPENDIX I TO ANNEX J

# SNEAK ATTACK DEFENSE MEASURES

1. General. This Appendix provides for defense of the Amphibious Task Force from sneak attack by high speed and slow infiltrating surface craft, and swimmers.

# 2. Execution

- a. Transport Area Defense Commander/(CTE 76.4.0.5)
- (1) Provide coordinated defense of the Amphibicus Task Force and the amphibious objective land area against sneak attack.
  - (2) Issue sneak attack warnings.
  - (3) Keep CTG 76.4 informed consistent with the situation and EMCON.
  - b. Transport Area Defense Element.
- (1) Support Defense Element Commander by providing defense against intrusion and attack on the Transport Area by surface craft (particularly high speed MTB), junks and underwater swimmers.
- (2) Maintain an intensive surface search guard against sneak attack and report evaluated contacts to the Transport Area Defense Element Commander and assist them in staying clear of the area. Report any difficulties encountered.
  - (3) Challenge all suspect craft.
- (4) Keep CTG 76.4 and Transport Area Defense Element Commander informed.
- 3. Picket Boat/Killer Boat Control
  - a. Picket Boats
    - (1) Will patrol parent ships at a range of about 200 yards.
- (2) Will be positively controlled by parent ships, making maximum use of visual communications and absolute minimum use of radio (Picket Boat Coordination).

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- (3) Parent ships inform Transport Area Defense Commander via TG Reporting Net of all evaluated contacts and action taken or planned. All contact reports will be relative to own ship. Request assistance when necessary. When conditions permit, the Transport Area Defense Commander will dispatch assigned Patrol/Killer boats to the scene of any MTB/swimmer sighting.
- (h) In the event of MTB attack, picket boats come in and lay along-side parent ship to minimuze risk of collision with MTB's.
- b. Fatrol Craft will be provided from CTF 115/116 sources and will represent the outer defense perimeter of the Task Force. They will be controlled by the Transport Area Defense Commander (Communications circuit to be promulgated).
- c. Killer Boat will normally be provided by the Flagship. If required, other ships may be tasked to provide communications via Killer Command Net. (Circuiting to be promulgated).
- 4. Defense Sectors. (To be promulgated)
- 5. Communications and Call Signs. (To be promulgated).

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# APPENDIX II TO ANNEX J

# RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

- Reference (a) COMSEVENTHELT CP-ORDER 201-YR, Agnex R
  - (b) CTG 79.4 OF-ORDER 120A- YP
  - (e) CTG 135 OF-ORDER 201-YR, Annex D
- 1. Reference (a) promulgates basic Rules of Engagement for Seventh Fleet Units. Reference (b) promulgates Rules of Engagement for units attached to Special Landing Force ALFA. Reference (c) promulgates detailed Rules of Engagement for units of Task Force 115. All are effective for planning and conduct of ARG Operations.
- 2. Some of the more important pertinent extracts include:
  - a. From COMSEVENTHELT OFORD 201. YR
- (1) (Document is of higher classification and cannot be extracted here).
  - From CTG 79.4 OF-ORDER 120A-YR
    - (1) Nothing infringes unit 's right of self-defense,
    - (2) Avoid unnecessary non-combatant casualties.
    - (3) Make maximum use of liaison with indigenous population.
    - (4) Remain aware of responsibility for all actions.
- (5) Unobserved naval gunfire will be employed only in cases where missions cannot be observed (Terrain, weather, non-availability of US spotters) and then only at targets declared hostile by GVN or VN liaison personnel.
- (6) All targets selected for air strikes will be approved directly by the Province Chief or through higher RVN authority.
  - (7) Rules of Engagement for DMZ operations are issued separately (TS).
  - c. From CTF 115 OF-ORDER 201-YR
- (1) Authorization granted to return fire when fired upon and to fire in support of friendly units receiving hostile fire.

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- (2) Units receiving request for gunfire support under condition when no U.S. spotters are available shall respond only under the gravest of circumstances (Example on page D-3, reference (c)).
- (3) Hostile Aircraft is one visually identified or observed attacking or otherwise acting in a hostile manner
- (4) Hostile Vessel is one attacking, acting in an otherwise hostile manner, laying mines without US/RVN permission, or engaged in direct support of enemy attacks.
  - (5) Hostile Ground Forces are those attacking friendly forces.
- (6) Search and Seizure procedures are given in detail on pages D=5 through D=7 of reference (c).
- d. Nothing in references (a), (b), or (c) or in these excerpts modifies in any manner the requirements for a military commander to defend his unit against armed attack with all means at his disposal. In the event of such an attack, the commander concerned will take immediate aggressive action against the attacking force.

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# APPENDIX III TO ANNEX J

#### ALR DEFENSE

- 1. Radar/ECM Guard. EMCON permitting all units will make maximum use of air search/surface radar. Passive ECM will be conducted at all times.
- $2_{\circ}$  Low Flyer Detection. Surface search radar operators and lookouts will be used to the maximum for low flyer detection.

#### 3. AA Gunfire.

- a. AA Gunfire restrictions signals in accordance with ATP 1(A).
- b. The AC/CA net will be used for AA Gunfire Coordination.

## 4. Air Contacts.

- a. All air contacts will be treated as hostile until positively identified as friedly by IFF, ECM, visual recognition or by voice communications.
- $b_{\,\circ}$  Units detecting air contacts in the Threat Sector will acquire the target on available fire control radars as rapidly as possible in the event that the target is evaluated hostile.
- c. While operating in Northern ICTZ the possibility of inadvertent attack by friendly aircraft exists. Should such an attack occur the following procedures will be employed: Ship will fire a white flare and try to reach the aircraft on 243.0MHZ (Guard) if the foregoing procedures fail to terminate the attack; take appropriate defensive measures to safeguard the ship.
- 5. Increased Air Defense Readiness. During periods of increased air defense readiness, as specified by CARC ALFA or higher authority, the following additional readiness procedures will be put into effect:
- a. From sunrise to sunset a modified Condition III Watch will be set which provides for the manning of one gum mount and associated primary gum fire control system. Positive communications between the bridge Gum Control, CIC and the gum battery will be established to ensure immediate response and acquisition of unidentified incoming aircraft.
- b. In all instances "Gun Tight" applies unless "Guns Free" is given by OTC. Amplifying guidance on an open fire procedures is contained in COMSEVENTHFLT OP-ORDER 201-YR, Annex R and CTF 76 OP-ORDER 201-YR, Annex R.

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#### APPENDIX IV TO ANNEX J

# PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTING EMERGENCY CLOSE AIR SUPPORT IN ICTZ, SOUTH VIETNAM

- 1. Units of TG 76.4 occasionally are assigned duties which require them to operate independently of the Flagship with its air control/requesting facility (SACC). Emergencies could arise that would require the immediate assistance of close air support either for protection of the individual ship or for forces operating ashore which are not under the immediate jurisdiction and protection of an in country commander. In order to afford each ship the means of acquiring emergency close air support for targets in ACTZ South Vietnam Provinces, the following information is provided for dissemination to and assimilation by appropriate ships personnel:
- a. The primary agency for obtaining emergency air support is the I Corp Direct Air Support Center. This U.S. Air Force agency, located at Danang, has both "scramble" and divert authority. The call sign for the I Corps DASC is "BIG CONTROL" and the frequencies available are:

HF = 7477.0 (Primary) 4130.0 (Alternate) VHF = 137.50 UHF = 253.5 FM = 38.8

b. The secondary agency for obtaining emergency air support is the VICTOR Direct Air Support Center. This U. S. Air Force agency, located at PROV CORPS VICTOR, HUE/PHU BAI, has divert authority only. The call sign for the VICTOR DASC is "TEABALL CONTROL" and the frequencies avail able are:

HF = 7361.0 (Primary) 4843.0 (Alternate) UHF = 232.6 (Primary) 312.1 (Alternate) VHF = 138.6

- 2. In the event that neither I Corps DASC or VICTOR DASC can be contacted, emergency air support requests should be forwarded to a Marine Direct Air Support Center as follows:
- a. Emergency air support requests in the Quang Tri Province are made to the Direct Air Support Center (DASC) Dong Ha, Call Sign "DONG HA DASC".

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# Usable frequencies are:

Frequency	Color Code	Remarks
3965.5 (3964) (P) 2955.5 (2954) (S) 43.5 7996.5 (7995) (P) 4454.4 (4453) (S)	Yellow	Air Request Air Request Helicopter Direction/Air Request Air Command Net Air Command Net
312.9	Lemon	Air Traffic Control
328,2	Scarlet	Air Direction
264.2	Silver	Helicopter Direction
333,4	Rose	Helicopter Direction
236,2	Brown	Air Direction
<b>36</b> 9。9	Purple	Air Traffic Control

b. Emergency air support requests in the Thua Thien Province are made to the Direct Air Support Center (DASC) Phu Bai, call sign PHUA BAI DASC. Usable frequencies are:

Frequency	Color Code	Remarks
5565.5 (5564) (P) 2201.5 (2200) (S) 43.5 7996.5 (7995) (P) 4454.5 (4453) (S)	Yellow	Air Request Air Request Helicopter Direction/Air Request Air Command Net Air Command Net
266.1 258.8 314.6 248.7 348.0	Chartreuse Khaki Tan Lime Chocolate	Air Traffic Control Helicopter Direction Air Direction Air Direction Air Direction

c. Emergency air support requests in the Quang Nam Province are made to the Direct Air Support Center (DASC) Danang; call sign Danang DASC.

Frequency	Color Code	Remarks
2197.5 (2196) (P) 6204.5 (6203) (S) 43.5 7996.5 (7995) (S) 4454.5 (4453) (S)	Yellow	Air Request Air Request Helicopter Direction/Air Request Air Command Net Air Command Net
225.3	Rust	Air Traffic Control
283.3	Blue	Aîr Direction
262.7	Orange	Air Direction
312.7	Gold	Helicopter Direction
317.1	Olive	Helicopter Direction

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d. Emergency air support requests in the Quang Tin/Quang Ngia Provinces are made to the Direct Air Support Center (DASC), Chu Lai, call sign"CHU LAI DASC." Usable frequencies are:

Frequency	Color Code	Remarks
2813.5 (2812) (P) 4226.5 (4225)(S) 7996.5 (7995) (P) 4454.5 (4453) (S) 396.9 309.9 328.4 313.3 284.5 43.5		Air Request Air Request Air Command Net Air Command Net Air Direction Air Direction Helicopter Direction Helicopter Direction Air Traffic Control Helicopter Direction/Air Request

- ê. When contacting a Direct Air Support Center in an emergency, use the ship's call sign and state the ship's position in the clear from a known navigation aid (TACAN preferably), and/or give UTM grid coordinates (1:50,000 scale).
  - f. Pass all target information to the Direct Air Support Center.
- g. State the type and number of air craft necessary. (UH-lE Gunship Helicopters, Attack Aircraft (VMA) or Fighter Attack Aircraft (VMFA). There must be a qualified air control agency, e.g. Forward Air Controller (FAC) on the ground or Tactical Air Controller (Airborne) (TAC) (A), in the area of the target in order to control the fixed-wing attack. If none are available, a request for one must be made to the Direct Air Support Center with the Close Air Support (CAS) request.
- h. Ordnance preferred: CAS aircraft are most effective with general purpose (GP) bombs up to 750# with contact fuses, rockets and 20MM. The Direct Air Support Center will more than likely "scrambie" the "hot pad" (two VMA/VMFA) at Danang. The aircraft will probably have 250# GP bombs/rockets and 20MM.
- i. In the event a flare aircraft for night target illumination is required contact a Marine DASC on a UHF Control or Direction frequency, giving target and reporting information as applicable. (Flare aircraft are especially helpful during SAR incidents during darkness.)
- 3. Approximately one-half hour delay can be expected from the time of initial request to the Direct Air Support Center until the first CAS aircraft reports in. When the TAC (A) (if required) and CAS aircraft enter the area, they will normally contact the controlling DASC which will, in turn, switch then to the requester's air control frequency, if known.

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At this time, all known target information (type of target, location, friendly/enemy, etc.) should be passed. It is imperative that the CAS aircraft and Tactical Air Control Agency (either ground or air) be on the same frequency so that positive control during a strike can be maintained.

- 4. If unable to contact a Direct Air Support Center on its assigned frequencies, emergency air requests may be passed to the:
- a. First Marine Aircraft Wing, Tactical Air Direction Center (TADC) at Danang, call sign. "UOYRIDE!" Joyride's frequency is the Tactical Air Command (TAC) Net, 7996.5 (7995) KHZ or 4454.5 (4453) KHZ.
- b. Tactical Air Operation Center (TAOC) at Monkey Mountain, call sign "VICE SQUAD," for relay to Joyride. Vice Squad frequencies are the TAC Net 7996.5 (7995) KHZ or 4454.5 (4453) KHZ and as Air Direction Net, frequency 258.3 MHZ, Color Code Cinnamon.
- c. Ground Control Intercept unit at Monkey Mountain, call sign, "PANAMA" for relay to Joyride. Panama frequency is Navy Crosstell 4171 KHZ.
- 5. In addition to the above procedures ships will take immediate measures to move out of range or the incoming artillery or rocket fire, and forces in country will take safe refuge as available.

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# ANNEX K

# ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Classification. Secret classification of OPORDERS and Annexes based on D-Day and H-Hour will normally be downgraded automatically to Confidential 30 days after D-Day and H-Hour unless otherwise downgraded previously. Downgrading of message traffic will be in accordance with Annex N.
- 2. Post Operation Report. Upon completion of the operation, ships/units will submit a message report to CTG 76.4 covering the items listed below as applicable. It is emphasized that this is not a report to be submitted "for report's sake." Each Commanding Officer/Officer in Charge is to use his considered best judgment in selecting items which will aid CTG 76.4 in writing a meaningful post-operation report useful to higher authority. The report should be as brief and factual as possible. The report is to reach CTG 76.4 no later than 48 hours after completion of the withdrawal or termination of the operation.
  - a Chronology
  - b. Adequacy of preparation
  - c. Intelligence/Reconnaissance
  - d. Embarkation
  - e. Supporting Arms/Naval Gunfire
  - f. Screening Transport Area Defense
  - g. Helo/Surface Ship-to-Shore Movement, including Withdrawal
  - h. Communications
  - i. Outstanding performance by units or individuals
  - j. Problems encountered
  - k. Lessons Learned
- 1. Any information, not covered above, which would assist CTG 76.4 in his preparation of the historical narrative of the operation and his preparation of the accompanying graphic which depicts the scheme of maneuver ashore within the AOA and the ship-to-shore movement.

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- 3. Significant Information Report. When occurring report the following categories of information to CTG 76.4 as of 1700 LZT.
  - a. Fuel/water and Logistic Data as specified in paragraph 6 of Annex L.
- b. Material, cargo, vehicles and personnel to be transferred during short intership transfers.
- c. Material, cargo, wehitles and personnel loaded or unloaded. Report this information only in those cases quantities involved vary with directives or stated intentions. This information utilized by Staff Compat Cargo Officers.
- $d_{\,\circ}$  Inability to participate in scheduled evolutions. Include brief explanation.
- e. Comments concerning daily operations which would facilitate or enhance the success of future operations.
  - f. Action required by higher authority.
  - g. Accident free days.

# 4. Leave/Liberty and Visits Ashore in the Objective Area

- a. Regular leave will not normally be granted for the period during which an operation is scheduled. (This rule will not apply to Philippine personnel desiring leave in the Philippines; since time is limited in WESTPAC and shipshave many Philippine personnel desiring leave).
- b. Liberty:or recreation parties will not be permitted ashore in the objective area without specific approval of CAIF.
- c. Personnel will not be permitted ashore in the objective area except on official business. Boat crews will not leave their landing craft when beached except in emergencies or when directed by the Beachmaster to do so.
- $d_{\odot}$  Civilian personnel in company with the ATF will be permitted ashore only after permission has been obtained from CAIF  $_{\odot}$

# 5. U.S. Mail

- a. CTG 76.4 will include all units participating in an operation in the provisions of consolidated mail routing instructions for the period of the operation.
- b. All units will process U, S. Mail daily and ensure that such mail is ready for forwarding on short notice. CTG 76.4 will notify units as K-2 CONFIDENTIAL.

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far in advance as possible of arrangements made for pickup and delivery of U.S. Mail.

- c. When practicable CTG 76.4 will designate LPH (or other ship if necessary) as mobile post office for the processing of incoming and outgoing U. S. MAIL for units of ATF.
- d. OPNAVINST 2700.14 (series) outlines special mail privileges accorded to personnel serving in combat area. The contents of this reference should be promulgated to all hands.
- 6. Guard Mail. Guard mail for units of the ATF should be sent to CTG 76.4, via any available helo, for further delivery to addressee. Short Intership Transfer (S.I.T.) will be utilized for guard mail trips when scheduled.
- 7. Administrative Helicopter Flights. CTG 76.4 will schedule regular administrative helicopter flights for the transfer of guard mail, material, personnel, etc.
- 8. Medals/Awards. One of the most effective means of enhancing morale is the recognition of exceptional performance. This is particularly true of awards and decorations for heroic or meritorious achievement during combat operations.
- a. Unit commanders and commanding officers will review the provisions of SECNAVINST 1650.1 (series) (Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual) and CINCPACFLTINST 1650.1 (series), and be constantly alert for actions of subordinates which are deserving of awards.
- b. Prompt submission of recommendations for awards is the responsibility of that superior having knowledge of the actions for which award is recommended; if other than the person's immediate superior, this officer will submit the recommendation via the immediate superior.
- c. The Secretary of the Navy has delegated to CINCPACFLT the authority to make certain awards to Navy and Marine Corps personnel participating in combat operations in Southeast Asia. See CINCPACFLTINST 1650.1 (series) for details. Attention is directed to the routing instructions for recommendations for such awards. The same is true for COMSEVENTHFLT.
- d. Recommendations for awards other than those referred to in subparagraph c, above, will be routed in strict accordance with Navy and Marine Corps Awards Manual.

# 9. Foreign Awards

a. CTF 76 ltr 1650 ser 35 of 22 Apr 67 (NOTAL) directed CTG 76.4 to nominate quarterly, four members of TG 76.4 for consideration for government of the Republic of Vietnam awards.

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- b. The criterion for nominations for such foreign awards for both officers and enlisted personnel who are or have been attached to TG 76.2 units, is that the individual has made "sustained meritoricus or heroic contribution to the RVN cause either in direct combat or in a supporting role."
- c. Commanding Officers of TG 76.4 units are directed to submit one nomination per each one hundred personnel, or fraction thereof, attached to their command. Additionally, nominations from naval units embarked in TG 76.4 ships shall be submitted on the same basis and forwarded via the commanding officer of the ship in which embarked. Submit nominations quarterly to reach CTG 76.4 not later than 15 August, 15 November, 15 February and 15 May. Nominations will be reviewed by CTG 76.4 command awards board and must include the following:
  - (1) Full name, rank/rate, service number and branch of service.
- (2) Organization and primary billet assigned at the time sustained meritorious or heroic contribution was made.
- (3) If individual being recommended has been transferred, include former and present duty assignments if known.
- (4) Brief description of the individual contribution including date and period.
- d. Addressees are directed to give widest dissemination of this directive to attached units.

#### 10. Troop Information/Safety Presautions

- a. U.S. Navy Regulations, 1948, requires embarked units to comply with ship's regulations. A current copy of applicable ship's regulations will be furnished to each embarked unit by the ship's commanding officer.
- b. Commanding Officers of ships will direct the attention of embarked troops to COMPHIBPACINST 5000.1 (series), PHIBPAC Admin Manual, with particular emphasis on Chapter V (Embarked Troops and Equipment).
- c. Commanding Officers will ensure that embarked troops are thoroughly indoctrinated concerning safety precautions for their protection. Special attention will be given to precautions concerning hazards aboard ship.
- d. Applicable safety precautions will be strictly observed whenever troop vehicles/equipment are operated or tested.
- e. As soon as practicable after getting underway, commanding officers of ships will conduct emergency drills to ensure that troops understand the action required of them during these conditions; particular emphasis will be given to man everboard and abandon ship evolutions.

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- f. Ships will conduct a daily inspection of DUKW and LVT bilges for fire hazards, when embarked.
- 11. Ship's Store Services. Facilities of the ship's store, soda fountain laundry and barber shop will be made available to the personnel of embarked units on an equitable basis with ship's company personnel.
- 12. Assistance from Embarked Units. Commanding Officers of ships may require embarked units to furnish laundry operators, messmen and compartment cleaners on a pro-rata basis.

# 13. Security of Classified Material

- a. During periods when troops or visitors are embarked, extreme, caution must be exercised to prevent the comprmise of classified material.
- b. Appropriate personnel will familiarize themselves with current censorship regulations to facilitate imposition of censor ship if so directed by CTG 76.4 or higher authority.
- 14. Security of Spaces. During period when troops or visitors are embarked, care will be taken to prevent damage to or loss of property through sabotage or unknowing error.
- 15. General and Emergency Drills. Ships will exercise frequently at general and emergency drills. Personnel of embarked units will participate as appropriate.

#### 16. Lectures

- a. Commanding officers should be alert to avail themselves of the services of embarked personnel who are trained in counterinsurgency unconventional warfare. Indoctrination lectures should be scheduled for shipboard personnel during periods when qualified personnel are embarked.
- b. Instruction concerning the U.S. Code of Conduct and the dangers of communism will be scheduled for all personnel by their respective commanding officers.
- c. Lectures concerning espionage and the protection of classified material will be conducted for all personnel, with particular emphasis for personnel whose duties require handling of highly classified or sensitive material.

## 17. Protection of Property and Settlement of Claims

a. The importance of the protection of civilian property cannot be overemphasized. The ill will created by the abuse of private property can negate any advantage gained by military victory, particularly in unconventional warfare operations.

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- b. A vigorous program of instruction concerning the protection of civilian property will be instituted for all personnel who might reasonably be expected to have contact with such property, e.g., shore party personnel, troops, picket boat crews, etc.
- c. In the event of destruction of or damage to civilian property by ATF personnel, CTG 76.4 (and SLF, if troop personnel involved) will be notified immediately. Claims for damage will be referred to CTG 76.4 or CTG 79.4 as appropriate.

# 18. Decedent Affairs

- a. In the event of death to a member of the uniformed services, the unit commander or commanding officer will ensure strict compliance with the provisions of BUMEDINST 5360.1 (series) (Decedent Affairs Manual).
- b. A fact-finding body will be convened in accordance with Article 0803, JAG Manual to investigate all deaths except those which are the direct result of enemy action.

# 19. Legal Investigations

- a. In the event of any untoward incident occurring under his cognizance, the unit commander or commanding officer will review the provisions of JAG Manual to determine whether an investigation by a fact-finding body is required.
- b. Reports of investigations by units of the ATF will be forwarded to the Judge Advocate General, via the convening Authority, Squadron or Group Commander and COMPHIBPAC with a complete copy to CTF 76.
- 20. Divine Services. Divine Services will be held in all ships as feasible. Chaplain is available upon request for any emergency.

# 21. Recreation

- a. Fishing Parties. During extended SPECOPS period when operations permit, the use of ships boats for recreational fishing parties (non-alcoholic) is authorized and encouraged. The boats are to remain in the vicinity of the parent ship and at more than 3000 yards distance from the beach. Each boat will have an officer embarked and will be properly outfitted to handle emergency situations. Each boat will maintain radio communications with its parent ship. All ships should be prepared to recover their boats on short notice should weather conditions deteriorate. Upon completion of a fishing party, CTG 76.4 will be notified via circuit N3 that all boats have been recovered.
- b. Recreation Parties. As operations permit, ships are authorized to send organized recreation parties ashore at Wunder Beach while on station K=6 CONFIDENTIAL

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in the Cua Viet holding areas and to China Beach while the ship is in Danang on an Admin/Logistic run. Arrangements will be made on a DIRLAUTH basis with CTG 76.4 an INFO addressee. Ships recreation parties on Grande Island in Subic are especially encouraged as a healthful outlet for the man's energies.

# 22 Liberty Boats

- a. The following guidance is provided for the operation of ARG liberty boats:
- (1) Ships at anchor in port will schedule boats to depart for the liberty boat landing at least hourly during normal liberty hours. At the commencement of liberty and commencing one hour prior to the termination of liberty at the liberty boat landing, boats will be shuttled as required to eliminate delays in either getting the liberty party ashore or back to the ship at the termination of liberty.
- (2) When two ARG ships are anchored in close proximity, the liberty boat schedule of the two ships should be combined to provide liberty boat runs at thirty minute intervals during normal liberty hours. Each liberty boat should service both ships.
- (3) When three or more ARG ships are anchored in close proximity, then the combined liberty boat schedule should provide for a boat run to the liberty boat landing every twenty minutes during normal the best hours.
- (4) When a combined liberty boat schedule is appropriate, the senior commanding officer of ARG ALFA ships present will be responsible for the overall coordination and operation of the liberty boat schedule.
- (5) Provide CARG ALFA with copy of boat schedules when in company.

# 23. Prevention of Shipboard Accidents

- a. Recent summaries of investigations have revealed that an appalling number of shipboard accidents have occurred which have resulted in considerable loss of life and serious injury to naval personnel.
- b. The safety record of Task Group 76.4, although not flawless, is generally good. Extended periods of operation with the concomitant personnel fatigue and the regular accident free performance of essentially hazardous evolutions, have the hypnotic effect of lulling each of us into an unwarranted sense of security and belief that "Accidents can't happen here".

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- c. With the advent of inclement weather, long periods at sea, lack of adequate rest, continuous handling of explosives and inflammable materials, the danger of accidents and injuries is real and ever present.
- d. Each member of the Amphibious Ready Group is urged to become, and strive to remain; safety conscious, to better the safety record of his command. In that respect, as an incentive for personnel to set new records in safety, the Task Group Commander is to be kept advised of the consecutive number of accident free days from a unit's last accident involving personnel injury through the daily SITREP.
- e. When accident FREE Days reported on daily SITREP revert to zero report reason in same SITREP.

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# REPORTS

Report	From	Tc	Time	Reference
Recommended W-Hour	CLF.	CATF	When Known	Annex I
Load/Unload/Backload	IND Ships	CATF/ CTG 76.4	Commence, 0800, 1700, Complete	YI
Inability to meet H or L-Hour	All Units	CATF/ CTG 76.4	If Occurring	11
INOP Landing Craft	IND Ships	CATF/ CIG 76.4	If Occurring	YÎ
LFLF	CATF	TG	When Occurring	APP I to Annex I
Request for On-Call, Waves Non-Sked Ser, Supplies	LF	TACLOG	When Required	ŶŤ
Set and Drift	PCS	CATF/ CIG 76.4	When Anchored at LOD	H
Wave Progress	PCS	CATF/ CIG 76.4	If not as Sked	fi
Landing Craft Request	PCS	IND Ships	If required	f1
SUROBS	PCS	Dist:	H+6 & every 6 hrs	**
Assist Beach Request	BMU/BGC	FCS	If Required	APP VI to Annex T
W-Hour Warning ORD	CATF	All Units	When Occurring	<b>f</b> f
Confirm W-Hour	CLF	CAT'F'	When Known	11
Withdrawal Sequence	CLF	CATF'	When Known	řV
Withdrawal of SER from LZ	LPH	CATF/ CTG 76,4	When Occurring	YŶ
Dispatch of SER from Beach	PCS	CATF	When Occurring	H
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Report	From	<u>To</u>	Time	Reference
Withdrawal Report	Beach Party Element	PCS	As APP VIII	Annex I
Casualty	CECO	CTG 76.4	H+6 & every 6 hrs No Negs.	Annex M
Naval Gunfire Support	CTU 76.4.1	COMUSMACV	Upon completion of Naval Gunfire Ops	OTG 70.8 OPORD 320_YR (GUN 13,
Pepper	Naval Gunfire ships	TG 76.4	0900 Daily, After UNREP, Upon re- porting	r Annex G, NWIP 22-2
Candy	NGF Ships	CTG 76,4	As required	NWIF 22-2 Annex J
Sugar	NGF Ships	CTG 76,4	Upon completion each mission	NWIP 22-2 Annex G
Daily Summary of Air Ops	CTE 76.4.0.2	CTG 76,4	Daily at 1900	Annex H, CTF 76 OPLAN 120-66
Daily Summary of Helo/ Ops	HDC/LPD	CTG 76,4	Daily at 1900 (Informal summar by HDC will suffice)	Annex H, CTF y 76 OPLAN 120-66
SAR	As Required	As Required	As Required	Annex S, COM- 7THFLT OPORD 201-YR
SUROBS	CTE 76.4.0.3	CFG 76.4	D-1, D-Day	Annex F. COMPHIBPACINSF 03850.3A
SUROBS	CTE 76.4.0.3	CTU 76,4,4	H+6 & every 6 hi thereafter	Annex F, COMPHIBPACINST 03840 3A
SUROBS(Using area designator)	CTE 76,4,4	FWC Guam, FWC Sanglev COM7THFLT CTF 76/CTG		COM7THFLT OPORD 201-YR, Annex W
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	Report	From	To	Time	Reference
	Beach Reconnaissance	CTE 76.4.0.3	CTG 76,4	When directed & upon completion	Annex F
	Surveillance/Recon Team	As Assigned	CIG 76.4 CIG 79.4	As scheduled	Annex F
	Surveillance area entry	All ships	CI	On entry 200 NM in from area YANKEE 5 Sta.	Annex E App I CIF 77 OPORD 320- YR
`	OPREP 5	CTG 76,4	See Ref.	Da.ily/Weekly	CINCFACINST 003480.4 (series)
	Situation Reports	CATF	Appropriate commands	As directed by higher authority	As directed by higher authority
`	Situation Reports	TU 76.4.1 TU 76.4.2	CTG 76,4	Every 6 Hrs.	As directed
	Spot Intelligence	TG 76.4	CTG 76.4	As Occurring	Annex C
	Daily Summary of Events	TG 76,4	CTG 76.4	1700 Daily	Annex K
	Post Operation Reports	TG 76,4	CTG 76.4	48 Hrs after completion of operation	Annex K
	Inoperative boats	All ships	CTG 76.4	As occurring and when re-	Annex L
	Fuel and Water	All ships	CTG 76.4	As required	Annex L
	<b>NAVM</b> ED 6310/5	LPH	NAVMED DATA SVCS CENTER	Daily	COMSEVENTH- FLT 0114002 NOV 66
	LOGREQ	All ships	CTG 76,4	<del>-</del>	NWIP 10-1(A)
	Detainee Report	Capturing Unit	CIG 79.4		Appendix III to Annex C
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Report	From	To CTG 76.4	Time Daily	Appendix	
Weather Report	LPH	CIG (6°4	J	II to Annex C	
Emergency Material	All TG Units	TG/CTG 76,4	As required	Annex L	
Requirements Equipment Reducted	All TG Units	CTG 76.4	As required	Annex L	
Capability	All TG Units	CTG 76.4	As required	Annex L	
Disabled Equipment/ Machinery	All TG Units	Appropriate	Situation	Annex L	, ,
CASREPTS		commands	Week⊥ <b>y</b>	Annex L	
Boiler fireside/wate side hour report	r- All TG steam propulsion ships			Annex L	
Low Fuel Report	All shi <b>ps</b>	Appropriate commands	Situation		,
Life Jacket Recovery	f All ships	ctg 76,4	When requested	Annex L	
Report	стс 76.4	CTG 77.9 Info CTF 77	Situation	CTF 76 250248 SEP 68	
Inport Upkeep SITRE	P All ships	ctg 76° ji	Daily during upkeep period		
Bottom Blow Complet Report		CTG 76.4	Daily when in formation	Annex D	

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#### ANNEX L

#### LOGISTICS

1. General. This Annex concerns logistic support of participating Naval Forces, procedures for life jacket recovery and related information. Scheduled replenishment at sea for TG 76.4 units will be requested by CTG 76.4. All ships shall be prepared to fuel/replenish at sea on short notice.

#### 2. Logistics

- a. Task Group 76.4 insofar as practicable, will be self supporting. AF-AKS VERTREPS/UNREPS/INREPTS will be requested for TG 76.4 at every opportunity operations will permit. CTG 76.4 will strive to maintain the fuel level in TG 76.4 shipping at above 75 percent, due to the possibility of assignment to remote operating areas with little or no advance notice. Expect to AO UNREP under normal operating conditions every 6 to 9 days for LSD's and larger and every 3 days for DDs when assigned. All ships shall fuel to 95 percent at every opportunity.
- b. Ships will be prepared to use all authorized replenishment stations.
- c. LKA/LPD and larger will be prepared to fuel DDs or other units on four hours notice.
- d. When Commander Task Group 76.4 has scheduled UNREP/INREP individual ships submit requirements direct to the service ship, information to CTG 76.4. The format prescribed in COMSERVPACINST 4235.1E (PACFLT Requisition= ing Guide) will be used.
- e. Commander Task Group 76.4 will promulgate rendezvous and alongside schedule.

#### 3. Supply

- a. It is expected that ships will have sufficient repair parts, consumable supplies, medical supplies, provisions and ammunition on hand when reporting to TG 76.4 to conduct operations set forth.
- b. Emergency requirements (TG Self Help) Ships of TG 76.4 will submit requests for emergency logistic support to TG 76.4 and TG 76.5 (when present). Include noun name of major component serviced in subject line. Replies will be sent to CTG 76.4, info TG 76.4 (CTG 76.5 and TG 76.5 when present). Negative replies will not be sent. CTG 76.4 will determine which ship(s) will provide material requested and the time and method of transfer CONFIDENTIAL

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(normally during helo shuttle or S.T.T.);

# 4. Maintenance

- a. Adherence to prescribed maintenance/repair procedures is directed. If considered necessary for reasons of personnel/equipment safety, machinery or equipment shall be operated at reduced speed/output or secured until the derangement has been corrected. Submit message report to CTG 76.4.
- b. Should it become necessary for any TG 76.4 ship to disable machinery/equipment for repairs/investigation which will effect the operational capabilities of the ship (not within the scope of a CASREPT) or to secure major machinery/equipment for routine upkeep and maintenance during slack periods (i.e. cleaning firesides) boat maintenance, a UNODIR report shall be submitted to CTG 76.4 listing the following:
  - (1) Description of machinery or equipment.
  - (2) Reason for disablement.
- (3) Indicate effect on readiness to accomplish mission/scheduled operations.
  - (4) Assistance required.
  - (5) Estimated time of repair/maintenance.
- c. CASREPTS will be submitted in accordance with NWIP 10-1(B), paragraph 411, using the definitions for the equipment readiness category (CREQF) as required in OPSTAT reporting for describing the effect of the casualty in format caption B. When applicable, CAREPTS will be submitted by classified priority message, in accordance with following instructions:
  - (1) NWIP 10-1(B) (Art. 411)
  - (2) COMSEVENTHELT OFORD 201=YR, Annex O
  - (3) CTF/COMSERVGRUTHREEINST Ph700.2D (Art. 202)
- d. 3M shall receive the highest priority when operational commitments provide free time. Every effort shall be made to accomplish all PMS checks as scheduled. 3M is no longer a permissive system and all checks and inspections will be accomplished.
- e. Boiler Fireside Cleaning Hours. Notification of extension of boiler firesides cleaning hours beyond 600 hours will be made to COMPHIBPAC info COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT and CTG 76.4 by UNODIR message. When firesides are cleaned, a SPDLTR report will be made to COMPHIBPAC, copy to COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT

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and Squadron Commander, reporting the number of hours the boiler was steamed prior to cleaning.

# 5. Boat Logistics

- a. Assigned LSD is designated primary boat haven, LPD standby boat haven. All TG 76.4 ships shall provide boat spare parts and repair teams when requested by the boat haven.
- b. All boats in the objective area, including life jacket recovery boats, shall be provided with sufficient Corrections and potable water to sustain the crews for a minimum of 24 hours.
- c. Ships with boats working alongside shall provide hot meals when needed.
  - d. Ships fuel own boats to capacity, refueling as opportunity permits.
- $\varepsilon_*$  . Ships will make emergency repairs to any boat alongside requiring same.
- f. Ensure adequate body armor available and issued to boat crews assigned close to shore/river work.

# 6. Reports

- a. Reports of fuel and water: Daily Fuel and Water reports will not be submitted to the OTC except when the below listed items fall below 85% of rated capacity. An initial report will be submitted when the item(s) reach 85%. Daily reports will be submitted when the item(s) fall below 75%.
  - 1. Propulsion Fuel: NSFO or Diesel
  - 2. Feed Water
  - 3. Potable Water
  - 4. AVGAS
  - 5. JP-5
  - 6. MOGAS
  - 7. Lube Oil for Main Propulsion Mach.

The above information will be included in the significant information report, described in Annex K vice submitted separately.

- b. Low fuel reports will be submitted as required by COMPHIBFORSEVENTHELT OPORD 201-YR and COMSEVENTHELT OPORD 201-YR.
- c. Ships upon joining the ARG will submit a one time report indicating the number of gallons which constitute 100% for each of the items listed in paragraph 6a. For propulsion fuels including JP=5, AVGAS and MOGAS 100% is based on the total quantity of usable fuel.

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- d. On each Tuesday the following information will be included in the "significant information report." Information submitted will be based on status as of 0001 local zone time.
- (1) The number of fire side and water side steaming hours on each boiler. When applicable intentions for cleaning the boilers will be indicated. A UNODIR message to the OTC is sufficient for having boiler out of commission for cleaning.
- e. Each ship will submit UNREP/INREP reports as required by COMFHIBFOR-SEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR, Appendix I to Annex O.

# 7. Life Jackets, Cargo Nets, Sling Recovery and Resupply

#### a. General

- (1) The troop commander shall ensure that embarked troops are instructed in the proper care and use of life jackets. Proops shall be further instructed that life jackets should be discarded at the high water mark ashore, operations permitting. Life jackets shall not be discarded in landing craft nor carried inland beyond the high water mark, except for those life jackets provided for use in amphibious vehicles, which shall be retained in the vehicle until withdrawn. Each ship ensure life jackets are clearly stenciled.
- (2) Prior to the embarkation of troops each ship concerned shall inspect all troop life jackets and ensure that the life jackets are free of defects and fit for issue.

## b. Recovery

- (1) PCS shall provide Beachmasters additional personnel for the recovering of life jackets if required.
- (2) Each ship shall maintain a life jacket recovery tally and be prepared to submit life jacket recovery report to CTG 76.4 if requested, using the following format:

ALFA - Number of life jackets missing

BRAVO - Number of cargo nets missing

CHARLIE - Number of slings missing

DELTA - Number of life jackets requiring survey because of damage incourred during operation.

ECHO - Life jackets, nets and slings belonging to other ships.

c. Resupply. Each boat assigned to embark troops during shore to ship withdrawal operations will be provided with 150 percent boat rated capacity of life jackets for embarked troop use.

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## 8. Troop Services

- a. Amphibicus type TG 76.4 ships shall be prepared to wash bulk laundry one day each week from troops ashore, when requested, commensurate with facilities available.
- b. Amphibious type TG 76.4 ships shall be rigged for and fill fresh water cans as requested by troops ashore.
- 9. Inport Upkeep SITREPS. When IG 76.4 ships are assigned and are in an inport upkeep period, an upkeep SITREP shall be submitted to CTG 76.4 as of 1700H daily, using the following format:
  - a. Significant progress on
    - (1) Ships force upkeep work
    - (2) Tender/repair ship work
    - (3) SRF work
    - (4) Logistic resupply
    - (5) Embarked detachments work
    - (6) Trouble areas
    - (7) Intentions
    - (8) Comments/recommendations
    - (9) Action required by higher authority

## 10. ARG/SLF Riverine Augmentation Equipment

- a. Each ship will conduct a monthly sight inventory of assigned riverine augmentation equipment to ensure that the proper amount is on board and that the equipment is in good material condition. Lost or damaged items should be surveyed and replaced immediately. A copy of the survey report and the procurement document will be submitted to CTG 76.4.
- b. As part of the process of a ship being relieved of ARG assignment, a complete inventory of all riverine augmentation equipment on board will be conducted. A copy of the inventory report will be submitted to CTG 76.4 via the Commanding Officer of the relieving ship. Included in this report will be a statement as to the material condition of the riverine equipment with recommendations for items that should be replaced, deleted or added to the allowance. However, recommended changes to the riverine augmentation equipment allowance are invited at any time a change in requirements occurs.

## 11. Motion Pictures

a. Premium grade movies shall not be transferred out of the Amphibious Ready Group until each ship has had the opportunity to screen the list of films of the other ships.

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b. In order that each ship may have the opportunity to see the movies available, the following procedure will be used:

(1) After every departure from port, underway replenishment, and film exchange within the Ready Group, each ship will submit the complete list of films received in the following message or guard mail format;

Subj: Movies Available for Transfer

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Date Avail Title Starring Color, B&W

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b. Request for films wil be on a DIRLAUTH basis.

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ANNEX M

# MEDICAL

l. <u>Concept</u>. The concept of vertical envelopment using amphibious ships and helicopters has had its impact on medical support of combat operations. A significant factor in reducing deaths due to wounds has been the direct evacuation of casualties to definitive surgical care. The elimination of intermediate delays ashore has led to the frequent establishment of the Battalion Aid Station and Casualty Collecting and Clearing Hospital aboard the LPH where there is a protected hanger bay area for casualty sorting with an adjacent modern, air conditioned 200 bed Surgical Facility available for treatment of casualties. In addition representatives of all units will all fuse into one large Medical Department under the cognizance of the OIC of the Surgical-Evacuation Team and the supervision of the Senior Medical Officer of the Ship.

# 2. Mission.

- a. Provide Medical and Surgical Care.
- b. Control Casualty Evacuation Afloat.
- c. Provide Medical Supplies to Attached Units.
- d. Advise CARG on medically related matters and perform related duties.
- 3. Execution. Receive, process, and treat casualties and other personnel requiring medical attention.

#### 4. Personnel.

<b>a</b> .	ARG	Medical Personnel	Medical Officers	Dental Officers	Hospital Corpsman	Dental Corpsman
	(1)	LPH				
		Boxer Class	2	i	12	3
		Iwo Jima Class	1	ı	8	3

- b. Embarked Medical Personnel
  - (1) Battalion

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- (a) Two general Medical Officers and approximatly 50 Hospital Corpsmen usually are all debarked during the initial phase of the assault. The Battalion Surgeons usually remain on the ship to help care for the sick and wounded.
  - (2) Helicopter Squadron
- (a) One general Medical Officer and three Hospital Corpsmen will be on board most of the time. The Hospital Corpsmen man the Medevac aircraft 24 hours-a-day.
  - (3) Casualty Evacuation Team
- (a) The CET consisting of one general Medical Officer and ten Hospital Corpsmen, will stay on board.
  - (4) Surgical Team
- (a) The surgical team consists of one general surgeon, one orthopedic surgeon, one anesthesiologist, one male nurse anesthetist and about ten Hospital Corpsmen. The senior doctor of the Surgical-Evacuation Team is designated as the OIC of the Surgical-Evacuation Team. And will coordinate surgery.
  - (5) Collecting and Clearing Platoon
- (a) Is composed of three general Medical Officers and about twenty Hospital Corpsmen and usually remains on board during an assault and performs surgery.
  - (6) Other Medical Department Augmentation
- (a) There may also be assistance from Vietnamese Doctors, Hospital Ship personnel, and Medical Personnel from other ARG Ships.
  - (7) Additional Personnel Assisting Casualty Handling
- (a) Masters at Arms Navy and Marines assigned for Security of Patients' personal effects, guarding of suspected Viet Cong, and crowd control during casualty handling.
- (b) Cook Two to be assigned permanently to Sick Bay in WESTPAC to prepare special patient diets, food for personnel involved in casualty handling and feed patients in wards.
- (c) Yeoman  $\ \ \ \ \$  One permanently assigned to the Medical Department.

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(d) Laundryman - One laundry petty officer to coordinate handling of surgical drapes and towels, sheets, pajamas, patients' laundry.

#### (e) Litterbearers

- $\pm c$  Flight Deck Evolution Approximately 1/2 of the litterbearers assigned will report to flight deck and remain there until casualty handling is secured.
- 2. Hanger Deck Evolution of Casualty Handling One half of the assigned litterbearers report to the designated aircraft elevator on the call to "Man Casualty Handling Stations."
  - (f) Blood Donors A cross reference file of individual blood types on members of the crew of all ships in the Amphibious Ready Group will be maintained in Sick Bay. Prior to an assault a large volume of blood will be requisitioned from available supply. This will be supplemented by blood donations from members of the crew. These will be taken in groups or called away individually as a certain type of blood is needed.

# 5. Medical and Dental Material.

- a. Initial Outfitting List Maintained at all times as the minimal level of supplies kept on board.
- b. Working Stock maintained at a level consistent with the current useage rates by the respective ships while in WESTPAC.
- c. All ships maintain a stockage level sufficient not only to supply troops while embarked, but also to supply troops ashore until supply lines ashore have been established.
- d. Reserve Stock supplies maintained in Battle Dressing Stations available in event ships come under attack.

# 6. Casualty Evacuation Control

- a. The Officer in Charge of the Surgical Team when embarked will be the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer (CECC). When Surgical Team is not embarked, Amphibious Squadron Medical Officer will as as CECO.
- $b_{\circ}$  The ship carrying the CECO will be designated the Casualty Evacuation Control Ship (CECS) and will normally be the LPH.

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- c. The LPH is designated as Primary Casualty Receiving Ship and other ships receiving casualties as Secondary Casualty Receiving Ships. All serious casualties will be taken directly to the Primary CRS without intermediate stops unless directed by the CECO.
  - d. Duties of the CECO:
- (1) Distribute Medical Personnel and Material in the ARG in a manner which insures the most effective use of medical resources.
- (2) Insure the proper maintenance of patient records in accordance with current BUMED directives.
- (3) Direct the routing of patients and KIA's to appropriate facilities for further transportation to hospitals or other installations.
  - (4) Submit reports as specified in Appendix K.
  - (5) Direct Medical and Dental Civic Action Efforts
- e. The CECO will designate one ship of the Pask Group to receive, prepare, identify and evacuate KiA's.
- 7. Transportation to ship.
  - a. Aircraft:
    - (1) Communication of information.
- (a) The first information concerning impending casualty receiving is usually received by Primary Flight Control or by Helicopter Direction Center. Incoming MEDEVAC aircraft usually forewarn as to number and type of casualties. As soon as details concerning the number and type casualties are available, this information should be relayed to the Medical Department via soundpowered phone circuit as soon as possible.
  - (2) Coordination of Handling.
- (a) The coordination of handling of casualties received by aircraft will be done primarily by the Air Officers. As time permits the Air Officer will notify the bridge and the OOD. The casualty handling alert will be broadcast over the IMC direct from PRI~FLY. The direction of litterbearers to the proper aircraft will be done from PRI~FLY by the Air Officer or Combat Cargo Officer.

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- b. Boat.
  - (1) Communication of information.
- (a) In receiving casualties by boat there may be little or no warning and little or no information available as to the number and type of casualties unless the boat has radio contact with the ship.
  - (2) Co-ordination of handling.
- (a) This will be primarily by the Weapons Officers who will notify sick bay as soon as possible, which side and location will be used to bring casualties aboard.

# 8. Neurological Surgery

a. Neurological Surgery will be determined upon arrival by the medical Officer present. If it is determined patient should be evacuated for such treatment. He will then be evacuated to either DaNang or a Hospital Ship.

# 9. Disposition of Hospitalized Personnel.

a. Personnel who are able to return to active duty from LPH or Hospital ship will be assigned by the BLT Personnel Officer. If personnel is not assigned to BLT on board, he will be re-assigned by SLT Staff. Any problems on re-assignment should be referred to Staff Combat Cargo Officer for Liaison with marines.

# 10. Medical Intelligence.

- a. Medical Personnel will acquaint themselves with the special health hazards in areas of operation and will promulgate such information to the Task Group and/or proper medical authority as indicated.
- b. In handling of casualties special care will be taken to indoctrinate all individuals concerned about the extreme danger of surprise firing devices (booby traps), or other explosive devices carried by or attached to casualties, and disarming of such devices. Extreme caution must be exercised to insure that such devices, weapons or ammunition are never indevertently brought into casualty sorting or treatment areas.

# 11. Command Relationships.

a. The CARG Medical Officer is Senior Medical Officer and CECO, and is Officer in Charge of the medical aspects of alloperations, except as otherwise stated herein.

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- b. The senior officer of the embarked Surgical and Evacuation Team is designated as Officer in Charge of the team when embarked and will also be responsible for the overall direction and coordination of the medical aspects of military operations. The Surgical Team is under the military command of the commanding officer of the vessel in which it is embarked and subject to his authority for discipline and administration. The Officer in Charge will also be assigned additional duty with the ARG Staff, reporting directly to CARG in the performance of his medical duties. Medical personnel assigned to remain aboard the ship will be ordered additional duty with the Surgical and Evacuation shall normally exercise such control through the Squadron/Senior Medical Officer of the ship in which embarked.
- c. The Senior Medical Officer shall perform his cormally assigned duties as ship's Medical Officer and Amphibious Squadron Medical Officer, and discharge his responsibilities to the ship's Commanding Officer and to CARG. Any conflict will be resolved by the Officer in Charge of the Surgical Team with the concurrence of the CARG and the Commanding Officer. The Officer in Charge may submit rough officer fitness reports on embarked Medical Officers for the period that they are under his jurisdiction. Fitness reports on the Officer in Charge of the Surgical Team will be submitted by the CARG. Commander Amphibious Ready Group will then complete and forward unsigned smooth reports of fitness on those officers of the Surgical Team to COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT for his review and subsequent forwarding to COMPHIBPAC in accordance with COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT ltr ser: 106 of 11 July 1967.
- d. Direct liaison is authorized between the CECO and Commander Special Landing Force.
- e. Embarked Marine Medical Personnel are under the military jurisdiction of the respective Unit Commanding Officers. While remaining aboard these personnel are under control of the Senior Medical Officer (or Officer in Charge of the Surgical Team, if embarked). These personnel will and not be used for nonmedical duties or arbitrarily removed from the ship without the cognizance and concurrence of CARG.

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### 1. Sick Bay Spaces.

- a. Resuscitation and Debridement Area Located in Sick Bay Lobby serves for performance of major resuscitation, minor surgery and debridement, and pre-operative prep room. It contains a portable x-ray, surgical operating lights, suction machines and ample supplies of dressings and intravenous fluids. A cardiac arrest cart is readily available.
- b. Starboard Passageway Used for moving category III and IV patients to Main Ward, for transportation of patients to x-ray and for access to Laboratory, Isolation Ward and Dental.
- c. Pharmacy Manned by a pharmacy technician during casualty handling, who dispenses emergency narrotics, antibiotics, etc.
- d. Operating Rooms 1 & 2 = Contain anesthesia machines, electric cardiac defibrillator, sterile surgical instruments and supplies, electrosurgical apparatus and suction machines.
- e. Port Passageway = Primary routs for Catagory V casualties and access to operating rooms, record offices, treatment and sick call room, and intensive care ward.
- f. Operating Room #3 and Examination Room = Serves as a Treatment Room for routine sick call, and as an emergency Operating Room during casualty handling.
- g. Central Sterile Supply and Scrub Room Joins operating rooms #1 and #2 and contains three automatic sterilizers, storage space for sterile supplies surgical scrub area, anesthesia reefer and has a pass window into laboratory for blood and specimens.
- h. Cast Room and Auxiliary Operating Room #4 Located on the port side fo Main Ward-routinely used for a Treatment Room for Inpatients.
- i. Ward I, Quiet Ward Contains five beds to be used for psychiatric patients or other patients requiring close surveillence, but not necessitating intensive care.
- j. Ward II, Recovery Room Intensive Care Unit contains six full size hospital beds with exygen available at the head of each bed. This ward has a nursing station which contains the Annunciator Console moitoring Wards I, II and IV. The ward is used primarily for critical post-op patients.

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- k. Ward III, Main Ward Contains 180 beds, a nursing station, a patient lounge area and storage cabinets for medical supplies and linen.
  - 1. Ward IV, Isolation Ward Contains 4 bunks and a separate head.
- 2. Casualty handling aboard ship
  - a. Preparation
    - (1) Alert
- (a) In order to rapidly establish an organized route of casualty receiving, the following standardized alert will be given over the lMC:
  - "Casualty handling, casualty handling, Man all Casualty handling stations." At this time the elevator to be used will also be designated.
  - (2) Casualty handling stations
    - (a) Personnel manning CHS's
      - L. Hospital Corpsmen: distributed along casualty routes.
      - Ships or Marine litterbearers = 1/2 go to Flight Deck and 1/2 go to Hanger Deck
      - 3. Debark Personnel and Flight Deck Personnel assist litterbearers on Flight Deck
      - 4. Ordnance Personnel Inspect for booby traps on casualties, and take weapons and ammunition off casualties on elevator before casualties are brought onto Hanger Deck, unless condition of patient necessitates elimation of this procedure.
      - 5 Casualty Reporters from SLF Staff pick up casualty cards.
      - 6. Company Representatives From BLT pick up casualties clothing, personal gear and packs on hanger deck.
    - (b) Distribution of CHS's
      - L. CHS #1 Flight Deck
      - 2. CHS #2 Aircraft Elevator

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- 3. CHS #3 Triage Area on after Hanger Deck
- 4. CHS #4 Casualty Hoist (Lobby)
- 5. CHS #5 Sick Bay (Operating Rooms, x-ray, lab, etc.)
- 6. CHS #6 Wards
- (c) Mechanism of Casualty Handling
  - l. Point of arrival. (Flight Deck for AIREVACS, Hanger Deck for BOAT-EVACS). Casualties will have all weapons and ammunition removed (and packs also, as far as possible). This will be accomplished while casualties are on the aircraft elevator and when the elevator has been lowered to a position of safety below the flight deck. All casualties will arrive on hanger deck in front of vehicle stowage where clothing and valuables will be removed, the most resuscitation accomplished and triage initiated. In most cases, emergency MEDEVACS will be taken directly to Resuscitation and Debridement Area in Sick Bay.
  - 2. Sorting in the Triage Area by category as follows:
    - I Ambulatory requiring no immediate care
    - II Walking wounded or ill (e.g., psychiatric casualties)
    - III Litter-borne ill
    - IV Litter-borne minor wounds
    - V Patients requiring immediate surgery
    - VI Expectant category (expected to die this
       category is not usually used)
    - VII Dead
- (d) Traffic Pattern
  - 1. Triage All casualties are categorized, logged in the casualty log, casualty cards are filled out, an inpatient record is begun, clothing is removed and intial orders for dispositions, medications and x-rays are written.

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- 2. Category I and II patients:
  - a. Ambulatory patients (CAT T & II) will be led by guides and signs from the Triage Area to the casualty overflow compartment (Ol-131-O-L) (Main Ward) via the starboard trunk. An alternate route, if there is no conflicting vehicle traffic, will be via the vehicle stowage area and fantail to casualty overflow compartment (Ol-131-O-L). Patients with minor wounds will go first to x-ray, then to showers and finally to R & D area for debridement.
- 3. Category III & IV patients:
  - a. These patients will be taken to casualty overflow compartment (01-131-0-L) via the Casualty Elevator, R & D Area in Sick Bay Lobby and the starboard passageway through Sick Bay to x-ray or main ward.
- 4. Category V patients:
  - a. These patients will have first priority to be taken up the Casualty Elevator to R & D Area for preparation for surgery including resuscitation washing, preparing, intravenous fluids, type and cross matching for blood, portable x-rays, etc.
- 5. Category VII patients:
  - a. The Kia's will be retained on Flight Deck until all pasualties are cleared out of Triage Area, if possible. Then the dead will be taken directly to the morgue on the after hanger deck. After preparation, the bodies will be placed in the decedent reefer.

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### ANNEX N

#### COMMUNICATIONS

### 100. General

- a. Communications in accordance with NWP 16 and appropriate Joint, Allied and Navy Department Publications. NWP 16 is effective throughout as applicable to the existing situation unless modified or amplified by this Annex. The numbering of paragraphs in this Annex follows the numbering of related material in NWP 16. Any reference made to a publication or instruction will be to the basic with the understanding that the effective edition is intended for use. The interpretation as to the applicability of a specific article is the function of the command concerned.
- b. This annex contains guidance and specific communication information which has been developed for ARG/SLF operations along the coast of the Republic of Vietnam (RVN).
- c. Additional information generally applicable to ARG/SLF communications is found in:
  - (1) CINCPACELT OPORD 201-YR, Annex F
  - (2) COMSEVENTHELT OPORD 201-YR, Annex F
  - (3) COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201=YR, Annex N
  - (4) COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT OPLAN 101-YR

### 114. Applicability to Marine Corps Units.

a. This Annex contains basic policy for <u>support</u> of the SLF. Detailed assignment of frequencies and call signs for USMC use are a function of CTG 79.4.

### 200. Communications as a Function of Command

- a. Communications are a function of command and it is the responsibility of the commanding officer to ensure that the requirements of reliability, security and speed are met. This responsibility can best be discharged when the commander has an appreciation of the capabilities of the facilities available. The commanding officer must ensure that sufficient personnel are assigned and that adequate supervision of all facilities is maintained.
- b. Communications personnel must be thoroughly briefed on the task organization of the force in which they are operating. They must also have a complete and thorough understanding of the capabilities of the communications plan they are implementing.

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### 203. Maintenance of Reliable Communications

- a. Each command within ARG ALFA is required to ensure optimum communications readiness. This can be guaranteed through ensuring peak material conditions of all equipment, ample spares, and accessories; such as crystals. Any shortages of spare parts or components, which will affect communication readiness, shall be brought to the attention of CTG 76.4 immediately.
- b. Technical assistance in the form of personnel, parts and equipment can be provided from the deployed LGC AGMR, or other TG 76.4 ships.

### 220. Communication Casualties.

- a. In event of a casualty to the flagship, the LGC (if present) shall assume communications responsibility. In the event the LGC is not present, the LPD shall assume communications responsiblity. In the eventuality there is neither a LPD or LGC assigned, the next senior commanding officer shall assume communications responsibility.
- b. Partial casualties will result in the assignment of circuits and guards to other ships. Therefore, each command must keep CTG 76.4 informed of equipment outages and/or reduction of communications capability and readiness.
- c. Inability to comply with this Annex shall be reported immediately to CTG  $76\ensuremath{_{\circ}}4\ensuremath{_{\circ}}$

### 240. Reporting Vital Information

a. Ships in company make reports directly to CTG 76,4. If CTG 76,4 is not present make reports to OTC assigned. The OTC shall then report in accordance with COMSEVENTHELT OPORD 201-YR.

#### 250. Movement Reports

a. Movement reports shall be made in accordance with the Supplement to NWIP 10-1(A). CTG 76.4 will make composite movement reports for units in company. OTC of other units and ships proceeding independently will make own movement reports.

### 300, Communications Security

a. Maximum attention will be given to communications security and proper voice procedure. Ensure that traffic on voice nets is limited to properly authorized transmissions. Circuit operators must be qualified and thoroughly familiar with proper circuit discipline. Further, they should be impressed with the certainty that all uncovered radio circuits are monitored in WESTFAC.

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- b. Since any UN-ENCRYPTED transmission, whether sent visually or electronically is susceptible to monitoring by enemy sources it must be assumed that such transmission will in fact be monitored or intercepted. The following specific measures are directed to reduce enemy opportunity for useful traffic analysis:
  - (1) Elimination of unnecessary facts from voice transmissions.
  - (2) Delivery by means least susceptible to interception.
    - (a) Use of mail whenever possible.
    - (b) Use of online circuits wherever possible.
- (3) Elimination of attempts to "Talk Around" classified information on uncovered nets.

## 303. Transmission Security

- a. During movement to the objective area, while operating in the vicinity of objective areas, maximum possible EMCON will normally be in effect.
  - b. Chatter is not authorized on any circuit.

## 305. Authentication

- a. KAA 60 is the basic authentication device used between U. S. Navy ships and is also used between SLF/BLT units and units of the ARG. Operators must be ready to authenticate on any unsecure voice net.
- b. KAC 183 is an authentication/Special code device authorized for use by ARG, NGFS, and market time units, to be used on designated circuits between the above units.

# 320. Control of Electro-Magnetic Radiations

- a. Be prepared to execute EMCON procedures in accordance with Annex O.
- b. Radio silence may be broken by commanding officers for operational necessity, and in accordance with Article 322, NWP 16(B).
- c. During periods of EMCON, receivers will remain energized with volume turned up. Transmitters should remain patched to remote operating positions ready for immediate use, and both the transmitter and remote operating positions "tagged" to indicate the degree of EMCON in effect.

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## 340. Recognition and Identification Codes

- a. CTF 115 promulgates monthly by a CONFIDENTIAL message two visual recognition systems as follows:
- (1) Junk Code. Consists of one, two, three, or four flashes of a two second duration challenge and reply for use between VNN coastal junks and US/Free World Military Armed Forces (FWMAF).
- (2) Ship Code. Consists of a number/letter challenge and reply for use between US/Free World Military Armed Forces (FWMAF) and VNN ships and craft (less junks).

NOTE: The two codes above are daily systems, changing at 0800 local time. Aircraft will use the ship code only. Detailed instructions for use of the codes are contained in the message promulgating the codes.

- b. CCMUSMACV promulgates monthly by SECRET (LIMDIS) message a two letter challenge and reply for use between Plcwman (C) PTF's Swift (PCF) Boats, and all RVN and U. S. ships, craft or aircraft while operating in the coastal water of Vietnam and the Guif of Yonkin. This code changes daily at midnight local time. Additional instructions for use of this code are contained in the message promulgating the code. Additional procedures for use between Vietnamese Coastal Security Service (CSS) craft and U. S. units are contained in Tab F to Appendix III to CTF 115 OPORD 201-YR, and Appendix XIV to Annex FCXTROT: COMSEVENTHFLT CPORD 201-YR.
- c. A GRC recognition code (SHW) is used in recognition of Nationalist China trawlers fishing in Vietnamese or other territorial waters. Effective tables are promulgated by message from COMUSTDC.

NOTE: All amphibious ships operating in WESTPAC will draw SHW/XHW/KAA-38 publications from RPSIO YOKO or RPMIO #1 Subic. Upon leaving the WESTPAC area, all ROB will be returned.

- d. Pyrotechnic signals for use in RVN, for emergency, and as an elementary alternate means of communication, are found in Appendix III to Annex N of CTF 76 OPORD 201-YR, and Tab E to Appendix III to Annex F to CTF 115 OPORD 201-YR
- e. AMSP 155, AMSP 158, and ACP 150 may be used for ship-to-ship recognition between U. S. Naval Ships operating outside Market Time areas.

NOTE: Bridge/CIC Watch personnel must be thoroughly familiar with all the above systems and have current challenge and reply for various systems readily accessible at all times. Report any craft that fail to respond correctly to the OTC immediately. The OTC will take, or direct appropriate follow-up action to be taken.

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### 360. Interference and Jamming

a. Report immediately all interference, jamming, or deception to OTC by the most expeditious means. Reports will be submitted in accordance with Article 360, Annex F, COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR.

### 371. Imitative Deception

a. Report incidents immediately by flash message via the most expeditious secure means to CTG 76.4 in following format:

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(NICKNAME OF OPERATION)

IMITATIVE DECEPTION (U)

- A. CKT NRA
- B. FREQ
- C. VOICE CALL BEING USED BY SUSPECTED DECEPTIVE STATION AND CALL OF STATIONS BEING CALLED
- D. TIME DECEPTION COMMENCED
- E. BRIEF SUMMARY OF INFO PASSED OR REQUESTED BY SAID STATION
- F. ACTION BEING TAKEN TO RESUME COMMUNICATIONS WITH DESIRED AUTHENTIC STATION BY OTHER MEANS.
- b. Continue communications with suspected station. Alternately attempt contacting desired station by other means. Do nothing that would give deceptive station knowledge that you are communicating by other means.

### 401. Operational Traffic.

a. <u>Identification</u>. All traffic concerning ATF operations after the operation has been named will list the "nickhame" between the classification line and the subject line. Example:

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BALLISTIC ARCH
PRE-H-HOUR TRANSFERS (U)

- b. Message Classification. Normally traffic prior to an ARG alert will be classified CONFIDENTIAL unless the material contained therein requires a higher classification. After the ARG is alerted for an operation, operational traffic should be classified SECRET until H and L Hour. Information classified SECRET prior to the operation may usually be downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL soon after completion of the operation.
- c. Internal Downgrading. When possible, SECRET and TOP SECRET messages should contain self-downgrading instructions in the following format:

TOP SECRET

SECRET

Example

GP-4 (S) 30 JUN 70 Example:

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(C) 31 DEC 70

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NOTE: This procedure applies only to those messages which have a group 3 or 4 automatic downgrading symbol.

- d. Post Operational Downgrading. Upon conclusion of an operation, all originated TOP SECRET and SECRET traffic which did not contain downgrading instructions will be reviewed by the originiating command and downgrading information will be sent to appropriate addressees by speedletter as deemed appropriate not later than 30 days after the termination of the operation.
- e. Teletype Traffic. All operational traffic passed on TTY circuits for commands beyond the ARG will make use of represted important numbers, times, positions, etc., within the text of the message and employ checksum digits with the above. Example:

"NGFS SHIPS WILL NOT RPT NOT RDVU AT 17-30N1 118-30E3 RPT 17-30N1 118-30E3 PRIOR TO 0930H2 RPT 0930H2."

410. Call Signs. Call signs in accordance with appropriate ACP and JANAP publications, and Appendix if of this Annex. Special call signs may be issued for specific operations.

### 500 Cryptographic information

(1) TG OPS/ADMIN (N4/N5)

a. Keylist Information. Ships shall insure they have a full allowance of required Key Lists/keying material and ROB material as determined by current directives. Standard Key Lists/Keying Material will be used, unless otherwise directed, for a specific purpose/operation. The following Key Lists will be used for circuits indicated unless otherwise directed:

NOTE	"KAK-2645 is the standard SEVENTHFLT ship-to-ship Key List, It
	is cleared for NOFORN traffic. "Ships should be prepared to
	shift to keylist KAK-2647 in event units of Free World Military
	Armed Forces (FWMAF) are assigned to Task Group KAK-2647 is
	NOT repeat NOT cleared for NOFORN traffic. Appendix XV, Annex

SYSTEM

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KEY LIST

KAK-2645

FOXTROT, COMSEVENTHELF OFORD 201+YR contains key lists held by FWMAF and not authorized for NOFORN traffic."

(2) TGT & W (P)/AMPHIB NESTOR KAK-3229
COMMON (N8)

(3) TG REPORTING/LOGISTICS NESTOR KAK-3231
SUPPORT (N9)

(4) SEVENTHELT FLAG NESTOR KAK-3253
CONFERENCE (N10)

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System

KEY LIST

(5) III MAF COMMAND #2 (N3) ORESTES

KAK-2663

- b. Special Codes. The following publications may be used for encrypting/encoding certain information as authorized therein. Personnel must be thoroughly familiar with their use and limitations
- (1) KAC-132, U. S. Navy Operations Code Pacific. All portions of KAC-132 are effective for intra-Navy use within the Pacific except the authenticator table.
- (2) KAC-130; CINCPAC Numerical Code KAC-130 is designated for use in encrypting numerals or numeral-letter combinations which must be encrypted in the text of messages when; for operational necessity, the remainder of the transmission is made in pain language.
- (3) KAC-183, U. S. Navy Operations Code, RVN. KAC-183 is an operations code used for NGFS and in-country communications. This code is also held by Market-Time and Game Warden Units
- (4) KAC Q (Series) Authentication/Numerical Code and KAC F (Series) Operations Code. These codes may be used for NGFS and ARG/SLF operations. Distribution is effected by supporting in-country commanders on an operational basis.

### 613. Radio Frequency Plan

a. Radio frequency plan in accordance with Appendix I. Frequencies may be changed and additional instructions promulgated by message OPORDER.

### 620. Fleet Broadcast

- a. Each ship within the ARG will copy all prescribed channels of the fleet broadcast. Ships without Nov. system will make arrangements to copy the VLAB Broadcast.
- b. Advise CIG 76 4 immediately by message of any inability to comply with the above and the reason therefor with any estimate time of correction (if known).

### 650 Ship/Shore Communications

- a. The ARG flagship will maintain a full period ship-shore termination with the assigned AGMR, or in the event no AGMR is on station, with the assigned NAVCOMMSTA.
- c. A special in-country ship-shore circuit may be established between the ARG flagship and the appropriate Corps Tactical Zone Commander (CTZC). Details will be established at the pre-operation coordinating conference. N-7 CONFIDENTIAL

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d. Units in company will relay ship-to-shore traffic via OTC. Individual ships will not pass traffic direct to NAVCOMMSTA without authorization of the OTC.

### 670. Visual Communications

- a. Visual communications, both administrative and tactical, will be used in preference to radio whenever practicable. Information concerning transmission of unencrypted classified message traffic by visual means is contained in Article 919, Annex F, CINCPACFLT GPORD 201-YR.
- b. Directional lights will be used exclusively by individual ships; OTC may use yardarm blinker for "all ships message" or "tactical signals".
- c. Amber filters shall be used during night signaling from sunset to sunrise. NANCY will normally be used when ships are completely darkened, and during EMCON periods. Rules of visual responsibility apply for all visual signaling.
- d. During night replenishment approach and alongside operations, visual communications between the delivery and receiving ship will be restricted to filtered Aldis lamp for flashing light and lucite wand flashalights for semaphore signaling to preclude night blindness of ship control personnel.
- e. NANCY transmission schedules will be as promulgated below when only basis ARG shipping is involved in the operation:

UNLT	TRANSMIT SCHEDULE
LPH (Flagship)	Anytime (Maintain Continuous Guard
LFD	Time 00 and 30
LSD	Time 10 and 40
LKA /LST	Time 20 and 50

 $f_{\circ}$  Signalmen should be alert at all times to respond to visual communications from the flagship.

### 800. Emergency, Distress and SAR Communications.

- a. Emergency, distress and SAR communications in accordance with Chapter 8, NWP 16 (B), and Appendix II to Annex FOXTROT, COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR. Vietnam SAR communications in accordance with CTF 115 (COMCOSURVFOR) OPORD 201-67, Appendix IV to Annex FOXTROT.
- b. OTC shall ensure that the minimum requirements for distress watches afloat are maintained with the ARG unit. A normal distance of 20 miles for VHF/UHF shall apply and 50 miles between units will apply for LF HF communications.

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c. The following guards are assigned when ARG ships are in company. Ships are considered to be "in company" as long as normal Task Group communications are maintained. Ships proceeding independently assume own guards. Guardships will maitain an alert watch on assigned nets and will ensure watch personnel are aware that ship has guard for each ship in the Task Group.

GUARD	FREQ	EMISSION	SHIP ASSIGNED
International Aeronautical Emergency.	121.5MHZ	6A3	LPH
Aeronautical Emergency (Mîlî-tary).	243.0 MHZ	6A3	LPH
International Calling and Distress	500 MHZ	0.1A1/ 0.5A2	LPH
International Lifeboat, Life Raft, and Survival Craft	8364 KHZ	O.lAl	LPH
Market Time Coordinating and Reporting (Refer CTF 115 OPORD)		3A3J	LPH
Surface Surveillance Coordination (SSSC)	3904 КНZ	3A3J	LPD
SEVENTHFLT Warning	2096 кн	6A3	LPD

### 1000. AGC Communications Support

- a. When the LGC is assigned to provide communication support services to the ATF during SPECOPS, the following will be provided:
  - (1) Enter Fleet Flash Net for CATF if AGMR is not on station.
  - (2) Assume ship-shore guard for Task Group (Less LPH).
  - (3) Assume back-up on in-country ship-shore circuit.
  - (4) Provide reruns on request of fleet broadcast messages.
  - (5) Back up all SACC circuits.
- (6) Assume guard for Task Group of those emergency and distress frequencies listed in paragraph 800.

### 1050. Supporting Arms Communications

a. Naval Gunfire. Normally Naval Gunfire dommunications will be in accordance with Appendix I. CTG 70.8 OPORD 320A-YR (GUN 13) indicates existing Naval Gunfire circuits currently in use for each of the four CTZ N-9 CONFIDENTIAL

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in RVN. Appendix XII, Annex FOXTROT, COMSEVENTHFLT OPORD 201-YR provides additional NGFS communications. These circuits may be entered in an emergency when prior liaison cannot be established.

b. Close Air Support. Normally Close Air Support communications will be in accordance with Appendix I. First Marine Air Wing WING ORDER PO2000.6 (series) contains circuits used by 1st MAW within the Republic of Vietnam. These circuits may be used in an emergency when working with 1st MAW aircraft.

## 1430. Harbor Communications

a. Extreme care should be exercised in utilizing harbor nets so as to provide proper security of ARG/SLF operations and movements. When possible, secure voice or ORESTES nets will be established to effect coordination of loading operations between ships and troops ashore.

### 1850. Crystals

- a. ARG ships will maintain a full allowance of crystals as specified in BUSHIPSINST 09670.58 (Series).
- b. In addition to the above, all LPH, LGC, and PHIBRON flagships will have a special allowance of two each of the following crystals (all MHZ):

247.0	300°5	341 .4
262.7	312.9	366.4
269.5	313 。5	383.5
283.3	314.6	396.5
284.5	-	-, - 0,

### 1880. Restrictions

- a. Frequencies listed in Appendix I will normally be used when within 20 miles of Republic of Vietnam. Those frequencies listed in Appendix I to CTF 76 OPORD 201-YR will normally be used when operating outside RVN waters.
- b. Although frequencies contained in Appendix I have been cleared for RVN, they should be coordinated with CTZ commander to avoid mutual interference with other units.

## 1881. Coastal Surveillance Communications

a. Ships within 20 miles of Republic of Vietnam will adhere to CONCOSURVFOR OPORD 201-67 in communicating against Coastal Surveillance Forces.

Appendix I - Radio Communication Plan

Tab A - Radio Frequency Plan

Tab B - Air Frequency Plan

Tab C - THIRD MARDIV Air Frequency Plan

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Tab D - Gunfire Support Frequency Plan

Tab E - THIRD MARDIV Gunfire Frequency Plan

Tab F - Subic Communications Plan

Tab G - Procedures for N4 and N5 ORESTES Nets

Appendix II - Call Signs

Appendix III - APSS Communications

Appendix IV - Radar Guards and EMCON Plan

Appendix V - VHF(FM) Communications within ARG ALFA

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## RADIO COMMUNICATION PLAN

- 1. This Appendix contains the information necessary to establish radio communications to support the basic plan. Additional circuits and/cr changes to the frequency plan listed herein may be promulgated by message OPORD immediately prior to each operation. Changes to the Naval Gunfire frequency plan will be listed in Annex G of the message OPORD only. Changes to the Naval Air frequency plan will be listed in Annex H of the message OPORD only.
- 2. Frequencies contained herein have been cleared for use in RVN. Even though frequencies may be cleared for  ${\rm RVN}_{\scriptscriptstyle 3}$  coordination and liaison must be conducted with in-country forces for each operation to ensure non-conflict of assignment. Appendix I to Annex N, CTF 76 OPLAN 101-YR contains frequencies authorized for ARG/SLF use with instructions and limitations for their use 。
- 3. Minimum power consistent with providing proper communications will be used at all times.
- $\mu_{\rm o}$  Selection of equipment is a prime concern to provide the best results consistent with the requirement of each net.
- 5. Circuit numbers will be used for unclassified reference to frequencies or net titles.
- The following emissions/designators will be used:

O.lal - CW 25 WPM

1,08Fl - 60 WPM, Single Channel RATT (850 cps FSK)

1.24Fl - 100 WPM, Single Channel RATT

3A3J - Single Sideband Telephony (USB unless otherwise listed)

6A3 - AM Telephony

30F3 - FM Telephony

36F3 - FM Telephony

1.6A7 = 100 WPM, Tone RATT

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Tab G - Procedures for N4 and N5 ORESTES Nets

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## RADIO FREQUENCY PLAN

	CKT	TITLE	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	REMARKS .
	$\overline{N}\overline{T}$	Flt Best (MUX)	Various		Copy required channels of equipped
	NlA	Flt Best (FSK)	Various		Cobh
	N2	S/S Termination	Various		NOTE 1
	N2A	S/S On Call ORESTES	Various		NOTE 2
	7,3	III MAF CMD 2	2602 KHZ	1.08F1	KAK 2663/Flagship guard
Z	ΝЗA	Spec In-Ctry ORESTES		1,24F1	KAK 2665/Flagship guard
	N3B	Spec In-Ctry ORESTES		1,24Fl	As directed
- A-	$N\pi$	TG Ops/Adm/ITGB (P)	9905 KHZ	1.24F1	NOTE 3
Ĺ	$N_F \Psi$	TG Ops/Adm/ITGB (S)		1,24Fl	NOTE 4/NOTE 10
	N5	TG Ops/Adm ORESTES (P)		1.24Fl	NOTE:5
	N5A	TG Ops/Adm ORESTES (S)	4358 KHZ	1,24F1	
	N6	COMM COORD NET	_		As directed
	N7	PACFLT HICOM	Various		LPH Guard/LPD Listen
	N8	TG Tac & Warn (P)	315 4 MHZ	6A3	KAK 3229
	A8K	TG Tac & Warn (S)	277,8 MHZ	6A3	Uncovered ONLY
	и83	TG Tac & Warn (T)	312,2 MHZ	6A3	KAK 3229/Backup for N8/N0IBS 4 & 10
	7.9	TG Rept/Log (P)	350.6 MHZ	6A3	KAK 3231
	N9A	TG Rept/Log (S)	300 2 MHZ	6A3	KAK 3231/Backup for N9/NOTES 4 & 10
	NTO	Flag Conf/CMD NET	307,4 MHZ	6A3	KAK 3253/NOTE 6
C)	N11	NGFS Control (P)	4057 KHZ	3A3J 9USB)	NOTE 7
8	NLLA		9313 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	NOTE 7
স E	NTS	SFC Spot #1	56.6 MHZ	30F3	NOTE 7
E/		SFC Spot #2	67.55 MHZ	30F3	NOTE 7
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ĺ A		Beach/Boat Control (S)	56.9 MHZ	30F3	NOTE 8
_	N14	Beach Ops (P)	35-2 MHZ	36F3	8 ETON
	N±4A	Beach Ops (S)	37.65 MHZ	30F3	NOTE 3
	NT2	UDT CMD/BMU Coord	67.85 MHZ		BMU NECOS. PCS and SCS guard
	N16	Surface Distress	500 KHZ	0.1A1/6A3	NOTE 9
		Lifeboat Distress		0-1A1/6A3	NOTE 9
	N17	III MAF CMD 1	3844 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	Flagship guard as required

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#### NOTES .

- 1. FLAGSHIP maintain NAVCOMMOPNET full period termination. Enter Fleet Flash Net 48 hrs prior to SPECUPS. Used to deliver TG 76.4 ships traffic ashore via flagship relay.
- 2. LPD guard when directed to serve as termination backup for flagship. Others as required when N4 or N5 circuits are down and LGC/AGMR is net in support.
- 3. N4 (or N4A) FLAGSHIP send: TG ships receive. Semi-duplex with circuit N5 (or N5A): Receipt not required except on a selected basis. Four comps require receipt. CTG NECOS: Can be activated as simplex with TG ships when traffic conditions permit: All TG 76.4 ships MAINTAIN guard UNODIR. KAK 2645 (NOFORN cleared). KAK 2647 when allied units attached (NOT CLEARED FOR NOFORN): See TAB G.
- 4. Alternate frequencies assigned to CTF 76 but usable on NlB basis. Can be used for emergency freq shifts when primary frequencies deteriorate. Notify CTF 76 by UNODIR message of intent to use as secondary frequencies during SPECOPS prior to SPECOPS.
- 5. N5 (or N5A) TG 76.4 ships SEND-monitor receive: KAK 2645 (NOFORN cleared): KAK 2647 when allied units attached (NOT CLEARED FOR NOFORN). All TG 76.4 ships MAINTAIN guard: When directed can be used as simplex with CTG AGC/AGMR guards when within range: Ship/Shore traffic can be relayed to LGC/AGMR via this circuit when AGC/AGMR on the net. CTG 76.4 NECOS: CTG receive side: See TAB G.
- 6. FLAGSHIP activate when within UMF range of COMSEVENTHFLT flagship or when requested by CTF 16
- [ Naval Gunfire frequencies are provided for use when no prior liaison has been established. Chhanges to the NGF frequency plan will be included in Annex GOLF of the message OPORD for each operation. CTG 76 4 NECOS. All NGFS SHIPS GUARD.
- 8. Use of these nets will be in accordance with NWP 16 Appendix A, A=104. Alternate frequencies may be directed at discretion of the NECOS when interference or other causes indicated continued use of the primary inequency is NOT practical. Alternate frequencies provided are compatible with VRC-46/PRC-25 radios ONLY Alternate frequencies may not be used when boats equipped with older type (URC-17) boat radios are to be used. Notify CTG 76.4 immediately if boat equipment is incompatible with frequencies assigned. PCS is NECOS. All ships operating boat guard maintain guard on circuits N14 (or N14A)
- 9. LPH guards for TG 76.4 when ships in company. Each ship guard when steaming independently. Paragraph 800 refers.

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## AIR FREQUENCY PLAN

				COLOR CODE/
			THE TOTAL	REMARKS
CKT	TITLE	FREQUENCY	EMISSION	REMARKS
-			7 · 6 · 60 · **	
H1	TAC (P)	10515 KHZ	3A3J	
HLA	TAC (S)	3047 KHZ	3A3J	
1177			-	
H2	TAR/HR (P)	7300 KHZ	3A3J	
H2A	TAR/HR (S)	36.45 MHZ	30F3	
пин	TAIL (D)			TOTAL HALL
***	TATC (P)	357.0 MHZ	6A3	GOLD "A"
H3	TATC (S) TAD2	*368,2 MHZ	6A3	RED "A"
H3A	TATO (5) TADE			قد میں ت
	m 6 m 3	370.6 MHZ	6A3	BLUE "A"
H4	TADL			MM a va
		289.0 MHZ	6A3	MARGON "A"
H5	TAGL/MGF Air Spot	20700 1412	yal a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a say a sa	
		MH Z	6A3	ORÂNGE "A"
н6	HD1	*258.6 MHZ	6 <b>A</b> 3	GREEN "A"
H6A	HD2		6A3	SILVER "A"
<b>н6</b> В _	HD3/TAO2	*326.6 MHZ	UAJ	
			600	BLACK "A"
н7	Helo Command	MHZ	6A3	
11			2	a. Note #1
н8	LPH L/L	MHZ	6A3	a. Note #1
пО				11 - 4 - #1
77.0	LPD L/L	MHZ	6A3	a. Note #1
<u> H9</u>	DED 11/1			
	inta Employan	243.0 MHZ	6A3	a. LPH Guard
<u>H10</u>	UHF Emergency			
		121.5 MHZ	6A3	a. LPH Guard
<u>H11</u>	VHF Emergency	TCTO / Turn		
		364,2 MHZ	6A3	
H12	SAR Common	304°5 Mura	CAS	
		2079 #5	ማለማ የ	a. Note #2
Q1/	Navy/AF XTEL	4171 KHZ	ĬĔΑĔ	
M888	(SEASIA)			
11000				a. Note #3
M505	FIRST MAW TAC-1 (P)	7995 KHZ	JA3J	a. Note #3
MOOD	PIROI PAR			n).
	PCV TAC (P)	7361 KHZ	ЗАЗЈ	a. Note #4
- Carrier Carrier West Co	FUV TAC (F)		Europe (VError von er Francisco)	
	T CONT TAG (D)	7477 KHZ	3Α3ΰ	a. Note #4
	I CORPS TAC (P)	1711		<del></del>
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NOTE: The Air Frequency Plan is provided for use when no prior liaison has been established. Circuits and frequencies may vary due to the type air support provided and the location of the unit(s) involved. Changes to the Naval Gunfire Frequency Plan will be included in Annex H of the message OPORP promulgated for each operation. Frequencies marked with an asterisk (\*) may not be used when ARG BRAVO is conducting SPECOPS simultaneously with ARG ALFA. Those marked with (#) are to be used on a non-interference basis.

#### NOTES:

- $_{\rm L_{\odot}}$  Air Navigation Aids and Land/Launch Frequencies are assigned by COMSEVENTH-FLT Notice 03721.
- 2. This net is a permanent circuit established for support of cross tell operations between SEVENTH Fleet units and the USAF Control Reporting Center at Monkey Mountain (Danang). Appendix I (Page F-I-22), Annex F, COMSEVENTH-FLT OPORD 201-YR contains additional Radar Cross Tell information and frequencies
- 3. This net will be used when air support aircraft are provided by the FIRST MARINE AIR WING. Its use will be in accordance with 1ST MAW Order P02000.6 (Series).
- $\mathfrak{t}_{\circ}$  . These nets will be used when requesting immediate close air support in I Corps.

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## THIRD MARDIV AIR FREQUENCY PLAN

1. This Plan will be used if required by III MAF when operating in the I Corps Tactical Zone. If this plan is used it shall be so directed by the CATF prior to the commencement of any operation.

Color Code	Frequency	EMIS	NET	Circuit
	2196 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	TAR #1 (P) (Danang DASC)	M-11
	6203 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	TAR #1 (S) (Danang DASC)	M-150
	2812 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	TAR #2 (P) (Chu Lai DASC)	M-43
	4182 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	TAR #2 (S) (Chu Lai DASC)	M-99
	3964 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	TAR #3 (P) (Phu Bai DASC)	M <b>-</b> 92
	2954 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	TAR # 3 (S) (Phu Bai DASC)	M-48
PINK	284,5 MHZ	6A3	TAO #1	M-1225
GRAY	262.7 MHZ	6A3	TAO #2	M <del>-</del> 1208
BLUE	341.4 MHZ	6A3	TAD #1 (Danang)	M-1284
ORANGE	283.3 MHZ	6A3	TAD #2 (Danang)	M-1243
PURPLE	314.6 MHZ	6A3	TAD #3 (Chu Lai)	M-1245
BROWN	283.3 MHZ	6A3	TAD #4 (Chu Lai)	M-1223
BLACK	236.2 MHZ	6A3	TAD #5 (Phu Bai)	M-1184
SCARLET	312.9 MHZ	6 <b>A</b> 3	TAD #6 (Phu Bai)	M-12½1

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# GUNFIRE SUPPORT FREQUENCY PLAN

ia .	Net	Frequency	EMIS	Remarks
Circuit	Net			
I CORPS AREA	L e			
C-3	GLO Control (P)	3179 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C=4	GLO Control (S)	10156 KHZ	3A3J (SUB)	
C=5A B	NGF Spot #1 (P) NGF Spot #1 (S)	41.0 MHZ 4301 KHZ	36F3 SASJ (USB)	If FM Equip avail,
C=6A B	NGF Spot #2 (P) NGF Spot #2 (S)	6233 KHZ	36F3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail.
II CORPS AR	<u>EA</u>			
C-7	GLO Control (P)	8345 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C-8	GLO Control (S)	3319 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C=9A B	NGF Spot #1 (P) NGF Spot #1 (S)	41.0 MHZ 7361 KHZ	36F3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail.
C-10A B	NGF Spot #2 (P) NGF Spot #2 (S)	11115 KHZ	36 <b>F</b> 3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail
III CORPS I	AREA			
C=11	GLO Control (P)	8638 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C-12	GLO Control (S)	8243 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C-13A B	NGF Spot #1 (P) NGF Spot #1 (S)	141°0 WHZ 6533 KHZ	36F3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail.
C-1 <sup>1</sup> A B	NGF Spot #2 (P) NGF Spot #2 (S)	6335 КНZ	36F3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail.

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Circuit	Net	Frequency	EMIS	Remarks
IV CORPS AREA				
C-15	GLO Control (P)	9120 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C-16	GLO Control (S)	10221 KHZ	3A3J (USB)	
C-17A B	NGF Spot #1 (P) NGF Spot #1 (S)	11.0 MHZ 6335 KHZ	36F3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail.
C-18A B	NGF Spot #2 (P) NGF Spot #2 (S)	4268 кнг	36F3 3A3J (USB)	If FM Equip avail,
MISCELLANEOUS				
C-19	Note: Used as "A"	for all NGF Sp	ot #1 nets.	
C=20	Air Spot (UHF, All AReas)	TBA	6A3	

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### THIRD MARDIV GUNFIRE FREQUENCY PLAN

1. The requirement may be levied to utilize the following when operating in the 1 CTZ. This will be determined upon liaison with 111 MAF and is listed here for quick reference if required:

Circuit	Net	Frequency	EM1S	Remarks
M-107	NGF Support	4314 KHZ	6а9в	
M-195	NGF Control	8630 KHZ 41,0 (P)	6a9b	
M-220	SFC Spot #1	9942 KHZ 49.2 (P)	6A3	
M-78	SFC Spot #2	3396 KHZ (S) 42.9	3A3J	
W= 15 ft	SFC Spct #3	5128 KHZ (S) 49,2	6а9в	
M-1207	NGF Air Spot #1	262.2 MHZ (S) 41.0 (P)	6A3	
M1258	NGF Air Spot #2	318.6 MHZ (S)	6A3	
м-87	CG 111 MAF COC Coord	3844	3A3J	Use KAC 132 See CKT N-17
M-5 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>	CG 111 MAF COC Coord	40.4	36F3	
	111 MAF NESTOR	55,15	36F3	KAK 3843

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## TAB F TO APPENDIX I TO ANNEX N

### SUB1C COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHELT OF ORDER 201-YR, Annex F

1. Appendix VII of reference (a) provides detailed information on the communication plan for Subic. A summary of this is given below:

Designator	Frequency	Emission	Title
·			
NS1	9905 KHZ	1.24F1	TG 76,4 OPS/ADMIN (NCS SEND)
NS2	6233 KHZ	1 20F1	TG 76,4 OPS/ADMIN (SHIP SEND)
NS2	382 2 MHZ	1.6A7	NAVCOMCEN SUBIC S/S ORESTES
NS3	369.8 MHZ	1.6A7	IG OPS/ADMIN UHF (SIMPLEX)
ns4	2350 KHZ	6A3	HARBOR COMMON
NS5	3160 KHZ	6A3	IUG CONTROL
ns6	359,4 MHZ	6A3	FORT SERVICES
NS7A	364.2 MHZ	6A3	SUBIC RADIO TELEPHONE (SHIP SEND)
NS7B	363.4 MHZ	6a3	SUBIC RADIO TELEPHONE (SHIP RECEIVE)
ns8		36F3	BOAT COORDINATION (TO BE PROMULGATED

NOTES: NS2 is to be used when the Flagship has men aloft. Circuit NS3 will be activated on request when other ships have men aloft. Circuit NS4 is the harbor warning net. A strict listening watch will be maintained on this circuit.

2. Subic harbor high frequency voice circuits will not be activated until the ship is within six hours of its expected ETA. No transmissions on these circuits are authorized until Grande Island is in sight. Attention is directed to procedures and security requirements of articles 331, a and 331, f of reference (a).

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### PROCEDURES FOR N4 AND N5 ORESTES NEIS

### 1. Purpose

- a. To provide CTG and TG with a rapid and secure means of transmitting and receiving operational and administrative messages within the task group.
- b. To prevent saturation of the Fleet Broadcast for delivery of intra Task Group message traffic.
- c. To eliminate duplicate requirements for individual TG units to relay outgoing messages via ship/shore covered teletype nets.

### 2. Description

- a. The N4 and N5 circuits will be 100 WPM, Orestes covered, SEMI-DUPLEX teletype network.
- b. Broadcast operation on N4 will cease 10 minutes prior to the new ZULU day. Keying settings will change at 0001Z daily. A test tape transmission will be made for 20 minutes after the new day on N4.
- c. Messages transmitted on the N4 will be numbered sequentially and use the three letter designator "TGB" rollowed by a serial number. Reruns will contain the original serial number with the operating signal ZFG immediate-ly following.
- $d_{\circ}$  A test tape will be transmitted on ITGB continuously during slack periods.
- 3. Frequencies. While the N4 is a single keyed frequency, spare frequencies are available as listed in TAB A to APPENDIX I for frequency shifting if circuit conditions deteriorate on the N4 or N5 nets.
- a. Individual units shall notify NECOS via the COMM COORD net or any other means possible immediately if circuit conditions begin to deteriorate.
- 4. Keying Material. KAK 2645 normally, KAK 2647 if joined by allied units. KAK 2647 is not for NOFORN.

### 5. Action

a. The N4 and N5 nets will be activated when directed.

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- b. Circuit check-in procedure with exchanage of reliability signals is required.
- c. Units which sortic before or after circuit activation will activate when directed by OCE for all the  $TG_2$  regardless of units location or active participation at the time.
- d. All units will maintain continuous guard on both  $N^{\frac{1}{4}}$  and  $N^{\frac{1}{5}}$  thereafter.
- e. The first message to be transmitted by each unit after successful exchange of reliability of all units, shall be the complete and current ZKP list.
- f. Messages originated by and destined for a single addressee which is known to be guarding the N5 at the time may be delivered directly on the N5 circuit after receiving permission from NECOS. Preliminary call and receipting procedure as defined in ACP 126 is required. All other messages shall be relayed to CTG for relay over N4 or ship/shore termination as necessary. NECOS will receipt for addressed and relay TFC.
- $\mathbf{g}_{\alpha}$  Orestes procedure as defined in ACP 126 and chapter 5 & 6 of DNC 5 (D) shall be strictly adhered to.
- h. Messages as defined in paragraph 5f, which are not receipted for by the called station within 5 minutes will be delivered to the NECOS with appropriate relaying instructions for further relay via CTG full period Romulus termination to the Fleet Broadcast for ultimate delivery.
- (1) Firm supervision is mandatory by each command to insure Fleet Broadcast message delivery is not required due to operators inattentativeness. Lack of circuit reliability or equipment failure are acceptable reasons for using this alternate routing procedure. Compliance with paragraph 220 of Annex N is required.
- i. All operations) and administrative messages will be relayed to CTG (NCS) for relay via N4 or S/S Termination as necessary except as noted in paragraph 5f. of this Appendix.
- j. CTG will send a BCST serial number COMP on N4 every  $^{i_1}$  hours after circuit activation. All stations must receipt for each COMP or request ZDK's of missing BCST numbers until a receipt can be given. The intercept broadcast method is considered reliable to effect delivery unless notified otherwise by individual subscribers.
- k. Missing or garbled N4 number will be required by service message to NECOS: "INT ZDK/ZFK as they occur. DO NOT WAIT FOR THE COMP if a message is high precedence and sufficiently garbled to prevent clear

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understanding to action officer.

- 1. Orestes operators shall maintain a current status board at their positions which indicates continuity of N4 serial numbers, outgoing serial numbers and status of active units on the N5. They shall have accessable the current ZKP list of each station on the net.
- m. Exchange of ZDK's of Fleet Broadcast numbers is permissable on the N5 between units providing it does not create prolonged delays in delivery of intra task group operational messages.
- n. CTG send side N4 must be in use at all times sending test tapes or real traffic. Irregular RESYNC's and phasing will be accomplished to prevent traffic analysis during SPECOPS when traffic picks up.

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### CALL SIGNS

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### STANDARD AMPHIBIOUS CALL SIGNS

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Beach Liaison Officer (Staff. Beachmaster Boat Group Commander Central Control Officer Director Air Support Center (DASC) Fire Support Coordinator Center (FSCC) Helicopter Direction Center (HDC) LCM 6 LCM 8 Medical Boat Naval Gunfire Liaison Team/Officer (NGLO) Naval Gunfire Spot Team/Officer (NGS) Primary Control Ship Salvage Boat (HEAVY/LIGHT) Shore Party Unit Tactical Air Control Center (TACC) Tactical Air Coordinator (TAC)

### CALL SIGN

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(BEACH COLOR) BEET CLAPPER (NR) CATSKILL (PARENT UNIT CALL SIGN) (PARENT UNIT) BAILEY FAIRMONT LEECH (HULL NR) BLUEJAY (HULL NR) BLUE CROSS (HULL NR) (PARENI UNIT) TWO SIX OSCAR (PARENT UNIT) TWO SIX CHARLIE (BEACH COLOR) CATSKILL COWHAND (HEAVY/LIGHT) (NR) LUCKY BAB (BEACH COLOR) ICEPACK PLAYBOY

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UNIT

CALL SIGN

Tactical Air Direction Center (TADC)

Wave Commander

JOYRIDE (WAVE NR) (BEACH COLOR/NR)

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### APSS COMMUNICATIONS

1. Due to the nature of the capabilities of the APSS and the different modifications in communications equipment, instructions for communications with APSS will be distributed separately in each instance by message as the situation warrants  $\epsilon$ 

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### EMCON PLAN

I. EMCON. Due to the characteristics of the ARG composition and its assigned mission, standard EMCON plans are not used. The following shall apply to all units assigned to IG 76.4 unless specifically deleted from the requirement.

### EMCON CONDITIONS

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Legend: S-Silence

S1-Silence, permission to operate only when conducting helo OPS S2-Silence, permission to use intermittently for safe navigation... S3-Silence, permission to operate only when conducting boating OPS O-Operate as necessary to accomplish assigned mission.

Condition A = Condition usually will be to effect maximum EMCON. NO

emissions will be made. ECM equipment will be accivated for maximum detection of subsurface, surface and air contacts.

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Condition B - Condition will assally be set to effect maximum EMCON during helicopter operations while closing AOA of in a holding condition of readiness

Condition C - Condition will usually be set to effect maximum EMCON during helicopter operations, and boat coordination during in-country offloads/embarkation.

Condition D - Condition will usually be set during lA just prior to H-Hour-

Note 1: When EMCON condition is set, commanding officers are expected to order modifications as peressary for safety or ships and navigation, keeping in mind the overall need to reduce electronic emissions as much as possible. CTG 76 4 will be informed when EMCON has to be modified.

Note 2. Even though silence is imposed on OHF/VHF equipments in conditions A, B, and C, equipments must be set up in accordance with the current communications plan and ready to energize immediately.

Note 3: Transmissions on fleet common and help common are authorized as required for operations and safety. No other VHF transmissions (3000 mcs and below) are authorized except in emergency. UHF voice circuits will be used sparingly under all EMCON conditions and main reliance will be placed on visual means of transmission, but circuits must be ready for operation under any EMCON condition for command and control of Task Group.

Note 4. No EMCON condition in effect, use VHF/UHF voice circuits sparingly, reliance will be on visual means of communication

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### APPENDIX V TO ANNEX N

### VHF(FM) COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN ARG ALFA

- 1. Several different types of equipment (SRC series, URC, PRC, and VRC) are utilized by ACDIV, BMU, UDT, and Surface Units on Amphibious Ready Group ALFA VHF(FM) nets. Frequenties for circuits where a number of different equipments are going to be used are always planned within the range of subject equipments, 101 100 KC tuning.
- 2. A further problem of compatability exists in the squeich control function on the newer PRC/VRC equipments. Inter-communications between the newer and the older equipments is difficult to impossible when the PRC 25 power switch is in the "squeich" position, or the VRC 46 squeich control is in the "on" position.
- 3. On all Navy VHF (FM) nets within Amphibicus Ready Group ALFA, users will keep PRC 25 power switches in the "on" vice "squelch" position, and keep the VRC 46 squelch control in the "off" position.
- $^{\rm h}_{\circ}$ . A further aid to combat incompatability of VHF equipment is to provide each user of non-PRC/VRC equipment with several strips of masking tape to "lock" their dails once a good lamm sheek has been conducted on the older equipments.
- 5. The contents of this appendix will be brought to the attention of the Boat Group Commander and the SIC of embarked detachments.

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### ANNEX O

### RADAR SEARCH GUARDS/ELECTRONIC WARFARE

- 1. General. Electronic warfare will be conducted in accordance with NWP 33(A) and this Annex. Radar search guard control ship procedures contained in NWIP 50-1(B) and this annex shall be followed.
- 2. Discussion. The composition of the ARG is such that assignment of radar/EW guards and control ship functions may be identical. In this manner the resources of the ARG will be most efficiently used; avoiding redundance and overextension. At such times when the ARG may be augmented by additional surface forces, the assignment of guard and control functions may necessarily be separated again.
- 3. Radar/EW Guard And Control Ship Assignments
- a. Unless otherwise directed, the assignment of a radar/EW guard shall mean assignment of all associated control functions as well.
- b. Radar/EW guards will be shifted/reassigned as directed by the OTO when conditions warrant.
- c. Unless otherwise directed, the following guards are assigned when the main body of the ARG is steaming in company:

LPD = Air Search, ECM Search Band ?

LPH = ECM Control Ship, Search Band 9

- LSD - Surface Search

Ships detached or steaming independently will maintain within their capability their own appropriate radar/ECM guards and institute an ECM plan covering bands 9 and 7 with approximately twice the time/coverage allotted to Band 9.

- d. Ships designated as control ships for a specific guard shall normally be exempted from a maximum effort in the other guards. They should, however, use remaining resources to pursue those other guards with such effort as is practicable.
- e. At such times as the ARG may be augmented with a class "A" AAW ship, that ship will be designated the AAW control ship.
- f. Transport Area Defense Commander will automatically assume surface search guard and report assumption to OTC; additionally continuing such other guards as have been assigned until OTC has reassigned those guards.

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g. EMCON. Due to the characteristics of the ARG composition and its assigned mission, the following EMCON Plans shall apply to all units assigned to TG 76.4 unless specifically deleted from the requirement. When EMCON condition is set, Commanding Officers are expected to order modifications as necessary for safety of the ships and navigation, keeping in mind the overall need to reduce electronic emissions as much as possible. CTG 76.4 will be informed when EMCON has to be modified. Even though silence is imposed on UHF/VHF equipment in conditions A=1, B=2 and B=1, equipment must be set up in accordance with the current communications plan and ready to energize immediately. Transmissions or Fleet Common and Helo Common are authorized as required for operations and safety. No other VHF transmissions (3000 MCS and below) are authorized except in emergency. UHF voice circuits will be used sparingly under all EMCON conditions and main reliance will be placed on visual means of transmission, but circuits must be ready for operation under any EMCON condition for command and control of task group.

### 4. Radar Guard Ship

- a. Radar guard ships shall carry out procedures as outlined in this annex.
  - b. Surface search guard ship snall:
- (1) Act as the surface raid reporting control ship, having full authority to designate and sorub contacts.
- (2) Report to OTC only those contacts considered to be a threat to the ARG. Threat guide lines follow:
- (a) ARG in transit; any surface contact that has a CPA of 10 miles to any ship in the ARG.
- (b) ARG in AGA; any surface contact, which is not under control of OTC, upon entering the AGA.
- (3) The Task Group reporting net shall be used for coordination and reporting of surface guard information.
  - c. Air Search Guard Ship shall?
- (1) Act as the AAW control ship having full authority to designate and scrub contacts.
- (2) Report to OTC only those contacts considered to be a threat to the ARG. Threat guide lines follow:
- (a) ARG in transit; any aircraft which will have a CPA of 20 miles to the ARG.

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- (b) ARG in AOA; any aircraft, which is not under control of TACC upon entering the AOA.
- (c) The Task Group reporting net will be used for coordination and reporting of air search guard information.

### 5. Reporting Procedures

- a. Only contacts considered to be a threat to the ARG will be reported to the OTC.
- b. Reports to OTC should be timely, commensurate with contacts closing speed, to allow OTC to take corrective/warning action.
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- Amplifying reports about leading leading Amplifying reports should be updated as soon at possible when the information charges.
- e. Report to the OTC should continue until directed by OTC to watch or scrub.
- 6. Guides to Control Ships. The proper control ship shall:
- a. Scrub a contact when it has passed CPA or when no longer considered a threat to the ARG.
- b. Place in a watch status those contacts which do not threaten the ARG but are so located that they could pose a threat with a course or speed change.

## 7. References to use in reporting.

- a. When in a Naval circular formation, report contacts from ZZ (center of formation).
- b. When in a mercantile convoy or rectangular formation, report contacts from QQ (center of the front of the formation).

### 8. Electronic Warfare:

- a. Active ECM will be used only as directed.
- b. Passive ECM equipped ships shall make maximum tactical use of such equipment at all such times.

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- 9. EW Guard Ship shall:
- a. Act as the EW control ship having full authority to make racket designations. Shift frequencies, order trouts, rents and assume general responsibility for EW coordination.
- b. Maintain a continuous search on frequency bands as designated in PER=3 and such others as may later be assigned by the OTC.
- c. The Task Group reporting net will be used for coordination and reporting or EW information.
- 10. Equipment Casualties. Each ship shall notify the OTC of any and all electronic equipment casualties which prevent the accomplishment of electronic tasks assigned. Estimate time for repair shall be included in report.

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Tab A - Increase Air Defense Readiness Posture

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### APPENDIX I TO ANNEX C

### EMCON PLAN AND RADAR GUARD

1. EMCON. Due to the characteristics of the ATF composition and its assigned mission, standard EMCON plans are not used. The following shall apply to all units assigned unless specifically deleted from the requirement.

#### EMCON CONDITIONS

EQUIPMENT	A	В	С	<u>D</u>
HELO FLT CPS VHF/UHF VOICE CIRCUITS/TACAN/UHF HOMER	S	Sì	Sì	0
OTHER UHF/VHF	S	\$3	53	0
RADAR	S	52	0	0
TF ORESTES UHF	3	()	0	C
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Legend:

S = Silence

S1 - Silence, permission to operate only when conducting helo ope.

S2 - Silence, permission to use intermittently for safe navigation.

S3 - Silence, permission to operate only when conducting boating ops.

0 - Operate as necessary to accomplish assigned mission.

J - Time Sharing Plan

Condition A  $\sim$  Condition usually will be set to effect maximum EMCON. No emissions will be made. ECM equipment will be activated for maximum destection of subsurface, surface and air contacts.

Condition B - Condition will usually be set to effect maximum EMCON during helicopter operations while closing AOA or in a holding condition of readiness.

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Condition C = Condition will usually be set to effect maximum EMCON during helicopter operations and boat coordination during in-country offloads/embarkation.

Condition D = Condition will usually be set during lA just prior to H=Hour.

- Note 1: When EMCON condition is set, commanding officers are expected to order modifications as necessary for safety of ships and navigation keeping in mind the overall need to reduce electronic emissions as much as possible. CARG will be informed when EMCON has to be modified.
- Note 2: Even though silence is imposed on UHF/VHF equipments in conditions A, B, and C equipments must be set up in accordance with the current communications plan and ready to energize immediately.
- Note 3: Transmissions on fleet common and helo command are authorized as required for operations and safety. No other VHF transmission (3000 MCS and below) are authorized except in emergency. UHF voice circuits will be used sparingly under all EMCON conditions and main reliance will be placed on visual means of transmission, but circuits must be ready for operation under any EMCON condition for command control of Task Force.
- Note 4: No EMCON condition in effect, use VHF/UHF voice circuits sparingly, reliance will be on visual means of communication.
- 2. Time Sharing. On such coasions when complete silence is desirable, but not feasible, a time sharing plan will be put into effect. The emission status indicator "JULIET" in the equipment line affected denotes using the following time sharing plan.

During radiation periods radiation allowed 3 to 4 sweeps but not to exceed 3 minutes radiation time during each radiation period.

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a. The OPC will assign letter designators from the above table to ships within the movement group to allow random radiation pattern.

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### INCREASE AIR DEFENSE READINESS POSTURE

1. General. At times when increased air defense readiness is in effect the following radar and ECM guard assignments are in effect:

a. Radar guard assignments

LRSS & SRSS	LKA
LRAS	LPD
SRAS	LPH
ARRCS	LPH
SRRCS	LKA

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### ANNEX Q

### PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

### 1. General

- a. The achievement of ultimate victory in the war in Vietnam hinges on civilian populace that strongly and willingly supports the recognized government. The primary objective of psychological operations is no convince the people of South Vietnam, including the Viet Cong, that the government supported by American Force of arms is working in their social and economic interests.
- b. Psychological operations are being carried out at both the strategic and tactical levels. Appendix I contains the doctrine governing these operations. At the strategic level the government Chieu Hoi (open arms) policy is producing increasingly impressive results. At the tactical level, psychological warfare is being pursued by (1) controlling the civilian population to avoid non-combatant pasualties and prevent unnecessary destruction of private property thereby averting animosity for American actions and (2) pursuing the Chieu Hoi program against anemy troops encountered in particular operation. It is a proven fact that Viet Cong, and North Vietnamese soldiers, when cornered or trapped and subjected to the full force of American firepower will surrender if provided the chance and given instructions on how to do so. Psyop teams operating in the field with American troops provide a means of offering the enemy a chance and way of surrendering.
  - 2. Mission. To conduct psychological warfare and population control in support of amphibious operations conducted by the ARG/SLF.
  - 3. Execution. Psychological warfare and population control will be conducted by the following means:
  - a. By Psyop teams, carrying portable loudspeaker equipment and aided by interpreters, operating in the field with the Marines to:
  - (1) Control the civilian population by giving them instruction on how to help the Marines. This includes instructions on leaving their villages in the area. It is a known fact that local chiefs influence as much as 80 per-cent of the local populate.
  - (3) By offering any enemy soldiers who are surrounded or pinned down the choice and means of surrendering rather than being annihilated.
    - b. Through leaflet drops aimed at:

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- (1) Offering the enemy the choice of surrender through safe conduct passes.
- (2) Convincing the enemy of the superior might and determination of GVN and American Forces; that his fight is hopeless and wrong.
- (3) Convincing the Viet Cong that they are themselves the tools and victims of communist aggression.
  - (4) Developing a split between Viet Cong and NVA soldiers.
- (5) Providing instructions to the civilian populace concerning Marine activities such as the searching of villages, curfew hours, etc.
- c. Through aerial loudspeaker broadcasts with the same general aims of the leaflet drops.
- d. Through MEDCAPS (Medical Civil Affairs Programs) within the limits imposed by the tactical situation but with the following minimum objectives:
  - (1) Providing emergency medical aid to non-combatant casualties.
- (2) Providing more extensive medical aid to villages in the area of operation as the situation permits.
  - x. Coordinating Instructions
  - (1) The officer in charge of the Psyop teams in the field will work closely with the Battalion operations officer in order to provide the type of psychological operations desired by the Marines.
  - (2) Leaflet drops, aerial broadcasts and MEDCAP operations will be coordinated by the SLF.
  - 4. Administration and Logistics.
  - a. All support for psychological operations will be requested by message from COMNAVFORV. The message will carry the subject line: PSYOPS LIAISON (U) and will outline the location and date of the operation. This allows NAVFORV force to keep the support furnished congruent with the operating area. NAVFORV reaction time in providing support for psychological operations is less than 48 hours under normal circumstances. The following support is available:
  - (1) INTERPRETERS. Either Vietnamese Navy or U. S. Army personnel, capable of speaking both English and the particular Vietnamese dialect spoken in the area of the operation.

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- (2) <u>LEAFLETS AND LEAFLET DROPS</u>. Leaflets are available, pre-printed, with themes pertinent to the area of operation and the type of operation being conducted. Facilities also exist to design and print leaflets to meet specifications detailed by the ARG/SLF; Leaflets can also be produced by the print shop of the LPH attached to the ARG. Leaflet drops will be coordinated by COMNAVFORV through the 5th Air Commandos.
- (3) AERIAL LOUDSPEAKER OPERATIONS. Broadcasts are made with prerecorded tapes that stress psy-warfare themes pertinent to the area of operation. Facilities also exist to produce tapes to the specifications detailed by the ARG/SLF for use in population control and psy-warfare.
- (4) PRE-RECORDED TAPES. These tapes are available for use by the Psyop teams in the field with the Marines. They are pre-recorded in the dialect spoken in the area and stress psy-warfare theme pertinent to the area of operation and type of operation being conducted. Facilities also exist to produce tapes to the specifications detailed by the ARG/SLF for use in population control, such as curfew regulations or psy-warfare.
  - (5) MEDCAP AND MILCAP SUPPLIES

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- 5. Command and Signal.
- a. Psyop teams in the land AOA will be under the operational control of CLF.

Appendix  $I_{-}$  General Policy and Doctrine for Psychological Operations in Vietnam

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### APPENDIX I TO ANNEX Q

# GENERAL POLICY AND DOCTRINE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM

- 1. General. Psychological warfare, to achieve its full potential, must be militant and aggressive. As with the use of other weapons, taking the offensive rather than the defensive is the key to victory. While psychological warfare must be carefully thought out and extensively planned, it is most effective if condensed into a small number of basic themes, simply expressed. In this form it is easily and effectively disseminated by large numbers of minimally skilled operators, such as the foot soldier. The themes should be aimed at elemental emotions and basic reasoning processes meaningful within the Vietnamese social and cultural environment.
- 2. Foundation of the Psy-Warfare Program. The basic aims and themes of the psychological warfare program are derived from the following precepts:
- a. That the GVN and not the Viet Cong represents the true revolutionary movement within South Vietnam, and that only the GVN is capable of uniting South Vietnam and fully developing its social and economic potential.
- b. That American Forces will continue to support the GVN as long as the Viet Cong and VNA resistance continues, and that the strength of the support given by the United States and other Free World nations makes the victory of the GVN inevitable.
- $\mathbf{c}_{\circ}$  That the continuing pressure applied by the GVN and Free World forces is causing the Viet Cong to alienate the civilian population by their use of taking stronger and stronger actions to elicit the aid they require. This action deprives the Viet Cong of the essential element necessary for the success of their insurgency, the voluntary aid and cooperation of the civilian population,
- 3. Objectives. From the listed precepts are derived the following objectives:
- a. To impress the people of Vietnam with the fact that the combined GVN and Free World Forces, will ultimately win.
- b. To conversely convince the Viet Cong that they can never match the might or determination of GVN and Free World Forces, and that they are doomed to failure and death.
- c. To convince the civilian population that the GVN is moving towards solutions to the social and economic problems of the nation, and to engage the civilian population actively in the support of this movement.

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- d. To make the Vietnamese people aware of the fact that the Viet Cong are the tools of communist aggression that exposes the Vietnamese people to nothing but destruction, misery, and oppression.
- e. To convince the Vietnamese people that American and other Free World forces are in Vietnam only to assist the lawful government of Vietnam and not to conquer.
- 4. Target Audiences. To give direction to these objectives the following target audiences are defined:
- a. Opinion Makers. Viilage, district, and province chieftains; leaders of religious groups; leaders of student organizations; members of news media; educators and artists.
- b. The Enemy. Both soft and hard core Viet Cong, Viet Cong sympathizers. North Vietnamese soldiers.
  - c. The General Public
  - d. The Decision-Making Cadre in Hanoi
- 5. Priority Tasks. The following priority tasks are outlined to accomplish the objectives of the psyops mission against the defined target audiences:
  - a. Tasks Aimed at ALL the Target Audiences:
- (1) Persuade them that the GVN supported by the United States and other Free World Nations will be the inevitable victor.
- (2) Persuade them that the war will end quickly if they support the GVN and oppose the Viet Cong.
- (3) Persuade them that the GVN is progressing towards the realization of the national and personal asperations of the Vietnamese people.
- (4) Persuade them that the Viet Cong are the tool of communist aggression.
- (5) convince them that American and other Free World nations are playing a vital, but secondary, role in helping the GVN crush external aggression.
- (6) Persuade them that "Neutralism" aids the Viet Cong, and that they must militantly support the GVN.
  - b. Tasks Aimed at the Viet Cong.
- (1) Make the Viet Cong aware that they have in the past and are presently alienating the Vietnamese people by their coercive actions, and that in Q=I=2 CONFIDENTIAL

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so doing violate the first principle of revolutionary warfare by substituting terror for popular support. Also, that the Viet Cong struggle against the massive firepower of GVN and Free World Forces is futile.

- (2) Persuade the Viet Cong, especially the soft core, to defect to the GVN by offering monetary reward for their weapons, rehabilitation and resettlement.
- (3) Make the Viet Cong aware that they themselves are the tools and victims of communist aggression.
- (4) Convince the Viet Cong that they are doomed to death and defeat by the superior strength and determination of the GVN and Free World Forces.

# c. Tasks Aimed at Minority Groups

(1) Persuade the minority groups that the GVN respects their identity, beliefs, and traditions, and will improve their situation together with that of all peoples and groups united in the Republic, by assuring equality - - permitting non-religious, ethnic, or regional groups a position of partisan privilege.

# d. Tasks Aimed at North Vietnam

(1) Make the people of North Vietnam aware that their leaders subject them to terrible dangers by continuing aggression against their brethren in the south. With respect to the North Vietnamese soldiers in the south, to persuade them of the futility of their efforts.

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#### ANNEX V

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS

- 1. General. Public effeirs for amphibious operations in the Republic of Vietnam will be directed in accordance with COMSEVENTHFLT Operation Order 201-YR, Annex V and CIF 76/COMPHIRFORSEVENTHFLT Operation Order 201-YR. Appendix 1 to Annex  $V_{\rm c}$
- a. Assignment of immediate precedence on press releases will be restricted to news of extreme press interest such as collision, ships being seriously hit by enemy fire, and major loss of life due to ship board catastrophes.
- b. The classification of "Secret" will be used on the initial press release of an amphibious operation. It will be sent to CTE 70.2.1.1 with CTF 76. Area Commander (In 1 Corp this is CO 111 MAF) and CTG 76.4 as info addees. The press release shall include statements as to which in-country operation is being supported and whether or not ships mentioned will be in Hong Kong within the next 30 days.
- and CTG 76.4 as into addees, Force Commander shall state that, subject to concurrence of Area Commander, release of this information will not adversely affect security of command. MACV COC will obtain necessary approval within MACV and authorize MACOI to effect release. Force Commanders and Area Commanders recommendations do not constitute authority for release. Announcements of initial release may be made only by MACOI.

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