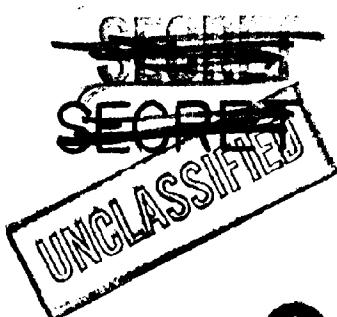


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Ref: (a) Com 7th Fleet OPLAN 201-65  
(b) Com 7th Fleet OPLAN 104-63  
(c) CTF 79 (FMF 7th Fleet) OPLAN 104-63  
(d) CTF 79 OPLAN 201-65  
(e) CTF 79 MSG 181116Z June 1965  
(f) CTF 78 MSG 230508Z June 1965  
(g) CTG 76.5 (Amphibious Ready Group) OPCRDER 201-65

Time Zone: All times local for area of operations

Task Organization: See Annex A (Task Organization).

1. SITUATION. It is anticipated that Task Group 78.5 may be called upon to be an immediate reaction (Special) landing force. It may be called upon to undertake any of the following operations in South East Asia:

Show of Force

Protection or Evacuation of U. S. Nationals

Contingency or General War Plans

Support of Friendly Forces

Amphibious Raids (Market Time)

Emergency Humanitarian Operations including disaster relief

This plan provides basic guidance for CTG 78.5 and will be the basis for more specific directives when precise requirements for a given situation are known.

This plan is based on and supports Commander Task Force 79 OPLAN 104-63.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence).

(2) See current intelligence summaries.

(3) Organized governmental dissident or communist inspired (or supported) forces posing a threat to U. S. lives, properties or interests sufficient to warrant Task Group action.

(4) Forces engaged in overt or covert aggression against friendly or allied countries.

(5) Any force opposed to U. S. interests in the Western Pacific area.

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(6) Emergencies occasioned by natural causes requiring disaster relief.

b. Friendly forces.

(1) U. S. Military assistance advisory groups and forces in South East Asia coordinate the planning for and rendering of military assistance to host countries in natural disasters and civil defense emergencies.

(2) NAVPHIL/NAVTCP JAPAN

(a) Provides base support to Seventh Fleet forces and liaison with state and foreign governments in the area of operations when appropriate.

(b) Conducts non-combatant naval operations for evacuation of U.S. Nationals from areas under their jurisdiction as directed by CINCPACFLT.

(c) Provides relief supplies and medical augmentation to Seventh Fleet forces engaged in disaster relief operations.

(3) Seventh Fleet provides and deploys contingency forces as required.

(4) Fleet Marine Force Pacific (CTF 79) conducts coordinated planning for employments of Seventh Fleet FMF forces as required by contingency plans and conducts amphibious operations as directed.

(5) Special Contingency Force (TF 73) plans and conducts immediate reaction contingency operations as directed.

(6) Amphibious Force Seventh Fleet (TF 76) in conjunction with CTF 79 plans, prepares, and conducts immediate reaction operations as directed.

(7) 3d Marine Division (Reinf) (TG 79.2) 1st Marine Aircraft Wing (TG 79.3) provides forces for Special Landing Force (FORCE ONE) and RLT/MAG (FORCE TWO) contingency operations. Provide logistics and administrative support for assigned forces.

(8) Amphibious Ready Group (TG 76.5) provides shipping and conducts contingency amphibious operations as directed.

(9) Other units Seventh Fleet and forces listed in reference (a) provide Naval Gunfire, Air, and logistics support.

2. MISSION. When directed by CTF 79, CTG 78.5 embarks with assigned forces in Amphibious Ready Group (CTG 76.5) shipping. Prepare to land in designated areas and conduct contingency operations as directed. Be prepared to conduct operations independently as FORCE ONE (SLF) or as a part of FORCE TWO (RLT/M.G.).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations. See Annex C (Concept of Operations)

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b. Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 161 (MHH-5)

- (1) Provide helicopter transport of personnel, supplies and equipment for the landing force during ship-to-shore movement and within objective area.
- (2) Provide forces for advance deployment and/or independent operations.
- (3) Conduct disaster relief operations including assistance in the maintenance of order.
- (4) Prepare to conduct aerial reconnaissance and surveillance as directed.

c. Battalion Landing Team (CTU 78.5.2)

- (1) Conduct amphibious landing by surface or helicopter means.
- (2) Conduct amphibious demonstrations.
- (3) Conduct amphibious raids.
- (4) Conduct reconnaissance missions.
- (5) Conduct amphibious withdrawals.
- (6) Conduct disaster relief operations including assistance in the maintenance of order.

d. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt and for operations when directed.
- (2) Commanders will prepare detailed plans in support of specific missions.
- (3) Movement Reports ashore will be in accordance with NWIP 10-1 (A) Supplement 1. All movement reports will be submitted by CTG 76.5 when units are embarked aboard shipping.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See Annex D (Logistics).
- b. See Annex E (Personnel).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS.

- a. Command relations.

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(1) Commander Amphibious Ready Group (CTG 76.5) is Commander Amphibious Task Group. Command relations between Amphibious Task Group Commander and Commander Amphibious Landing Group are as provided by chapter two LFM-01.

(2) The second in command is the next senior Marine Corps Officer eligible to command.

(3) When TG 78.5 helicopters are embarked or operating from Amphibious Ready Group (TG 76.5) ships the HMM and related ground units are embarked in the LPH as an entity, both of which are subordinate elements of the landing group, accordingly the HMM embarked is under CPCCN of landing group commander. The foregoing, however, is not regarded as in any way vitiating the essential authority the LPH commander retains over embarked helicopters in matters of land/launch control, air traffic control in the vicinity of the LPH, control of flight deck operations and other functions as covered in paragraph 913 of NWIP 22-6 (A).

(4) Administrative control of subordinate units remains with respective parent commands.

b. Command posts.

- (1) CTG 78.5 . . . . . LPH-2.
- (2) CTU 78.5.2 . . . . . LPH-2.
- (3) CTU 78.5.3 . . . . . LPH-2.

c. See annex F (Communications-Electronics).

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- A - Task Organization
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## Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: Local in area of operation

(All attachments effective immediately)

	USMC		USN	
	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
<u>HMM-163 (REINF) LtCol Ewers</u>	54	166	1	2
<u>BLT 3/7 LtCol BODLEY</u>	41	1063	2	43
Det Hq Co, RLT 7	2	9	1	1
Btry I (Reinf) 3d Bn, 11th Mar	8	142	1	1
107mm Mort Btry (Reinf) 3d Bn, 11th Mar	4	84	0	1
3d Plat, Co B 1st Tank Bn	1	27	0	0
3d Plat Co C 1st AT Bn	1	19	0	0
3d Plat (Reinf) Co C 1st Recon Bn	1	23	0	0
2d Plat (Reinf) Co A 7th Mt Bn	1	33	0	0
1st Plat (Reinf) Co A 3d AMTRAC Bn	1	43	0	0
1st Plat 1st Force Recon Co	1	14	0	0
Det Coll Plat, Co C 1st Med Bn	0	1	0	4
Det 1st FCR	1	34	0	0
Det 1st SP Bn	1	49	0	3
Det BMU NBG	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>26</u>
	<u>117</u>	<u>1707</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>81</u>

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Annex B (Intelligence) to CTG 78.5 Operations Plan 104-65

Ref: (a) Map: Topographic Map, AMS scale 1:50,000 (area of operations)  
(b) Map: Topographic Map, AMS scale 1:250,000 (area of operations)  
(c) FMF Seventh Flt Order (TF 79 Order) 3800.1 30P for Intelligence  
(d) FMF Seventh Flt OpOrder (TF 79 OpOrder) 201-65  
(e) Annex C Seventh Flt OpOrder  
(f) FIC PAC SPIR 001-62 Special Photographic Intelligence Report;  
Republic of Vietnam

Time Zone: All time zones local

1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

- a. See special area intelligence studies issued by TF 79.
- b. See periodic intelligence reports and current intelligence summaries issued by CTF 78 and CTG 76.5.
- c. See appendix II reference (e) for appropriate publications.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

- a. EEM's will be issued as required.
- b. See reference (f) for information regarding weather and terrain.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS.

- a. Orders to Subordinate Units.
  - (1) Ground Elements.
    - (a) When directed, be prepared to conduct reconnaissance by para drop, underwater, amphibious, and helicopter means, using appropriate and available agencies.
  - (2) Air Elements.
    - (a) When directed, be prepared to conduct visual and photographic surveillance with hand held cameras.
- b. Requests to Higher, Adjacent and Supporting Units.
  - (1) Task Force 78.

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- (a) Provide or arrange for such aerial photography as may be requested.
- (b) Provide current and predicted weather data.
- (c) Provide available and additional information as obtained on enemy ground and air forces within area of operation to include electronic intelligence.
- (d) Provide maps for selected area of operation from contingency sources.

(2) CTG 76.5.

- (a) Provide amphibious intelligence on area of operations.
- (b) Provide photography of beach areas, and helicopter landing zones.

4. MEASURES FOR HANDLING PERSONNEL, CAPTURED DOCUMENTS, AND CAPTURED MATERIAL.

- a. Reference (c) applies.
- b. In the Republic of Vietnam enemy captives and suspected enemy are designated VCC and VCS, respectively. After hasty interrogation these personnel are turned over to ARVN for further disposition. Detailed instructions will be issued for any operations taking place in the Republic of Vietnam.

5. MAPS, CHARTS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

- a. Reference (a) designates the standard maps for the operation unless otherwise directed.
- b. CTG S-2 will maintain twenty-five (25) tactical maps, scale 1:50,000 for planning of TG area of operations.
- c. The Operational Map Package for the SLF is carried aboard LPH-2 in a non-maintained status. Activation of this SLF map package will be upon authority of CTF 73.
- d. Requests for aerial photography will be in accordance with the format described in reference (c).

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

- a. Reference (c) applies.
- b. See appendix V reference (c) for instructions to Naval personnel dealing with commercial enterprises in the Far East.

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c. Censorship may be directed by higher authority and will be conducted in accordance with reference (d).

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.

a. Standard Intelligence Reports will be submitted to TF 73 and CTC 76.5 utilizing formats described in reference (c).

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APPENDICES:

1 - Intelligence Concept

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Appendix: 1 (Intelligence Concept) to Annex B (Intelligence) to CTG 78.5  
Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: All time Zones Local

1. Task Group S-2 will assemble general reference material. For each operation Task Group S-2 will collect, process and disseminate intelligence to ELT and Squadron when based together. When ELT is ashore and squadron afloat intelligence will be passed by courier and message. Collection plans will be coordinated by Task Group S-2 except when direct liaison is authorized either Squadron or ELT for specific missions. No unit in this Task Group will participate in covert collection activity (see reference (d) appendix D)

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Annex C (Concept of Operation) to CTG 78.5 Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: Local for area of operation

1. MISSION. As directed by CTF 79 embark in assigned shipping and report to CTG 78 prepared to land in designated areas and conduct the following type of operations as directed:

Show of Force or Support of Friendly Forces  
 Protection or Evacuation of U. S. Nationals  
 Emergency Humanitarian Operations including disaster relief  
 Amphibious Raids (Market Time)  
 Contingency or General War Plans

2. CONCEPT.

a. General. The primary purpose of this plan is to establish the SLF, which is Force One (ELT/HMM) of a two force (ELT/MAG) MEB. This force is so tailored for rapid deployment to trouble areas in support of any contingency situation. The SLF responsibilities lies within the South East Asia area and will normally be located afloat in the South China Sea. When embarked the SLF must be capable of operating independently of outside logistical support for a period of fifteen days, during which time the ELT will operate ashore supported by the HMM from the LPH. Should either the period extend past fifteen days or the HMM be required to operate ashore follow up shipping would be required with additional personnel and logistical support. Due to the possibility of a wide span of operations, ranging from local disasters to general war preparation, training and familiarization with this plan and its references is necessary.

b. Deployment. All units in the task organization will be serialized and prepared to deploy in support of any contingency situation. The size of the force employed on specific missions will be as directed by higher authority or determined by the commanders involved. Landings will be accomplished by helicopter lift, landing craft or a combination of both. Follow up support will be primarily by helicopter.

c. Operations.

(1) Show of force. Increased activity throughout our area of responsibility has increased the necessity for display of the means and the desire to supply support to friendly forces. This will be accomplished by

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methods such as area steaming of embarked units, helicopter fly-by operation, and simulated or actual landings of all or part of the embarked forces.

(2) Support of Friendly Forces. Once a show of force is insufficient support to friendly forces then the SLF Forces will commence support either from the LPH or commence landing of elements or all of the force. This would be for an extended period requiring follow up assistance, or for a short period until friendly force replacements arrive for relief.

(3) Protection or Evacuation of U. S. Nationals. Rapid reaction evacuation operations normally are preceded by a period of tension and extreme unrest which has been the case in assigned areas to different degrees constantly. As these tensions increase it may become necessary to station parts of the contingency force near the objective area for possible use. The SLF as part of the Special Contingency Force of the 7th Fleet could then expect to assist in order and control, protection, and evacuation.

(4) Amphibious Raids. Necessary personnel, supplies and equipment are clandestinely infiltrated from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to Viet Cong forces operating in the Republic of Vietnam. Much of this materiel comes via routes, depots, caches and way stations along the coast of the Republic of Vietnam. These Viet Cong facilities are suitable targets for amphibious raids by the Special Landing Force. Targets will be designated and passed to CTG 76.5 and CTG 78.5 for attacks. They will be reconnoitered and raided employing a wide variety of surface, air and sub-surface means of attack and recovery.

(5) Emergency Humanitarian Operations. In the event of natural disasters such as typhoon, earthquake, flood or famine the Special Landing Force will be ready to employ all its resources as directed by higher authority to life saving operations and the relief of suffering. Both the helicopter Squadron and Battalion Landing Team will assist local authorities in evacuation, relief, medical and civil control operations.

(6) Contingency and General War. The SLF must be prepared to assist in the execution of the following contingency plans and in progression up to General War.

104 series  
201 series  
25-65 plan  
27 plan  
32 series  
37 plan  
60 plan

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Annex D (Logistics) to Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: (a) CTF OpOrder 201-65  
(b) CTF OpPlan 104-63  
(c) FMFPacO P4600.1F (SCP for Embarkation)  
(d) 3rd MarDiv Admin Plan 201-64  
(e) 3rd MarDivO 4000.5B (SCP for Embarkation)  
(f) MAG-16 Order 4000.2B (SCP for Embarkation)  
(g) BUMEDInst. 6230.1D (Immunization Requirements & Procedures)  
(h) NAVMED P5052.15

Title Zone: Local for all areas of operation

1. SUPPLY.

a. General. This Annex provides guidance for embarkation and supply procedures for CTG 78.5. TU 78.5.2 will embark with supplies sufficient to sustain operations for at least fifteen days. It is not envisioned that TU 78.5.3 will go ashore during this period, but will operate from the LPH. Upon receipt of orders to deploy TU 78.5.3 ashore, action will be initiated by CTF 78 to provide for additional logistic support in the area of operation.

b. Supply Requirements.

(1) TU 78.5.2 will be prepared to operate ashore independent of outside logistics support for 15 days in support of contingency operations enumerated in the Basic Order. Reference (d) specifies the amounts of all classes of supplies to be embarked.

(2) It will be noted in paragraph 2, that levels of supplies actually embarked differ from those specified in reference (d). The levels embarked will depend on the availability and types of shipping and the type missions anticipated by the SLF.

(3) If additional items not listed in reference (d) are required for a particular contingency, a requisition through the normal supply channels should be initiated.

(4) If TU 78.5.2 is committed ashore for a period in excess of fifteen days or if TU 78.5.3 is required to be based ashore, action to provide follow-up shipping with additional personnel and logistic support will be initiated by CTF 78 or higher headquarters as appropriate.

2. SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO BE EMBARKED.

a. Class I.

(1) TU 78.5.2 embark 15 days MIC.

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(2) TU 78.5.3 embark 15 days MIC.

b. Class II & IIIA.

(1) TU 78.5.2.

(a) Type 1 - Full TE/TA allowance.

(b) Type 2 - 30 day operating stock of repair parts and replenishment items.

(2) TU 78.5.3.

(a) Type 1 - Initial allowance less items of cold weather gear.

(b) Type 2---Specified items.

(c) Navy Allowance.

1. Sec B - 30 day supply initial outfitting list of peculiar maintenance parts.

2. Sec B - Initial allowance list less anti-exposure suits.

3. Sec M - Helo transportable vehicles.

4. Sec R - Initial outfitting allowance list.

5. Sec T - Initial allowance list of special maintenance equipment less pre-heaters.

6. TPA - All items initial allowance.

c. Class III & III(A).

(1) TU 78.5.2.

(a) Quantities to be embarked will be in accordance with reference (d) and as ships space will allow.

(b) Initially, fuel will be bulkloaded in LPH class ships.

(c) Embark 100 purged drums which will be filled prior to transportation ashore.

(d) Embark 20 days drummed oil and lubes.

(2) TU 78.5.3. Not applicable. Helicopter refueling will be accomplished aboard the LPH. TU 78.5.3 will be capable of basing ashore utilizing a tailored TAFDS if required, upon arrival of follow-up shipping.

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d. Class IV.

(1) TU 78.5.2. Selected items in amounts determined by cargo space as follows:

- (a) 20,000 sand bags.
- (b) 124 rolls barbed wire plus stakes.
- (c) 60 rolls concertina.

(2) TU 78.5.3. Not applicable.

e. Class V.

(1) TU 78.5.2.

- (a) Basic allowance plus 15 days.
- (b) Selected items of demolitions not listed in allowances but required for special operations.

(2) TU 78.5.3.

- (a) Imbar: 16,700 pounds belted 7.62mm (approximately 15 days based on usage data gained in Viet Nam for the period 10Feb65 - 21Jun65).
- (b) Basic allowance 7.62mm, .45 Cal. and .38 Cal. ammunition.
- (c) 1 - .8 metric grenades:

32 Green B6B G940  
32 Red B6B .50

f. Control and Distribution.

(1) Control and distribution of supplies will be in accordance with the CTU 78.5.2 and 78.5.3 Operation Orders or Administrative Plans for the mission concerned.

(2) Levels of supply to be maintained ashore in the objective area will be designated in the CTU 78.5.2 Operation Order or Administrative Plan for the mission concerned.

g. Resupply.

(1) In the absence of automatic resupply, replenishment of supplies consumed during shore based operations will be initiated by message requisition from CTU 78.5.2 direct to ADMMO 3RD MARDIV (REAR) or 78.5.3 to CG, FMAW.

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(2) When possible, 3RD MARDIV (FWD) may provide liaison personnel to assist CTU 73.5.2 in arranging for replenishment of supplies from in-country friendly armed forces.

(3) Requisitioned resupply items not attainable from in-country friendly forces will be forwarded to the SLF via air delivery or follow-up shipping. The means of delivery will depend on the location of the SLF, the type of supply items requested, and the location of the supplying agency.

### 3. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION.

#### a. Evacuation.

(1) The LPH has a fully equipped dispensary with surgical equipment and a surgical team. Underway, casualties will be interned in the ships dispensary. Upon recommendation of the ships doctor, casualties which occur on the other ships in the SLF will either remain aboard or be transferred by high line or helicopter to the LPH.

(2) Personnel wounded during amphibious operations or ashore will be evacuated to the LPH where the Med-Evac Team will determine disposition of the patient.

(3) Evacuation of personnel from the LPH will depend on the seriousness of the wound or illness. In most cases air evacuation to the 8th Field Army Hospital Nha Trang will be used. Further evacuation to Clark AFB, the Philippines, Camp Kue, Okinawa or COMUS will be determined by medical personnel at Nha Trang.

#### b. Hospitalization.

(1) LFH-2 afloat with SLF.

(2) 8th Field Army Hospital - Nha Trang, Viet Nam.

(3) U.S. Air Force Hospital - Clark AFB, Philippines.

(4) U.S. Army Hospital - Camp Kue, Okinawa.

#### c. Inoculations. In accordance with references (g) and (h).

#### d. Preventive Medicine.

(1) Afloat - Specific instructions will be disseminated by the ships doctor.

(2) Ashore - in accordance with current SOP's.

e. Environmental Hazards. Additional information will be promulgated once the objective area is specified.

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f. Sanitation. Troop Commanders at all echelons will require maximum sanitary discipline in view of probable locations of objective areas.

4. SERVICE.

a. Maintenance and logistic support for TU 78.5.2 will be provided by Service Battalion, FSR and Motor Transport detachments as directed in appropriate Operations Orders or Administrative Plans.

b. Maintenance and logistic support for TU 78.5.3 will be provided by facilities aboard the LPH. If TU 78.5.3 is directed to be based ashore, maintenance and logistic support will be required from MAG-16 (-). CTU 78.5.3 will submit support requirements to CTF 78.

5. PERSONNEL. See Annex E (Personnel).

6. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Command Posts. See paragraph 5 of the Basic Order.

b. Special Reports. See Annex G (Reports).

c. Fiscal Instructions. In accordance with reference (b), funds and instructions for administration of these funds to cover costs of indigenous services, facilities or unprogrammed costs required upon implementation of any contingency may be requested by CTG 78.5 from CTG 79.2 and 79.3.

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Ref. (a) MCO P5000.3 (MARCOM PERSMAN)  
(b) FMFPacO P1000.3D (SOP Personnel)  
(c) Wgo 5213.\_\_\_\_ (Reports)  
(d) DivO 5213.\_\_\_\_ (Reports)  
(e) UCMJ  
(f) JAGINST P5800.7 (JAG Manual)  
(g) MCM 1951  
(h) Wgo 5800.1 (SOP for Law and Legal Matters)  
(i) DivO 5800.9 (SOP for Law and Legal Matters)  
(j) SECNAVINST 5810.4C (Authority to convene courts martial)  
(k) SECNAVINST 5801.1B (Legal Assistance Program)  
(l) COMSEVENTHFLTINST  
(m) FM 27-10 (The Law and Land Warfare)  
(n) Wgo 03800.1\_\_\_\_ (SOP Intelligence)  
(o) DivO 3800.1\_\_\_\_ (SOP Intelligence)  
(p) FMFSEVENTHFLT 3800.1 (SOP Intelligence)  
(q) Wgo 3040.2 (Combat casualty reporting)  
(r) DivO 3040.2 (Combat casualty reporting)  
(s) Wgo P5000.1A (SOP Administration)  
(t) DivO P5000.3 (SOP Administration)  
(u) Wgo 1320.7A (TAD instructions for officers and enlisted)  
(v) DivO 1320.\_\_\_\_ (TAD instructions for officers and enlisted)  
(w) FMFPacO 2700.3 (SOP for Postal affairs)  
(x) SECNAVINST P1650.1\_\_\_\_ (Awards submission)  
(y) CINCPACFLTINST 1650.1\_\_\_\_ (Awards submission)  
(z) FMFPacO 1650.1\_\_\_\_ (Awards submission)  
(aa) Wgo 1730.4 (SOP for Chaplains)  
(bb) DivO 1730.\_\_\_\_ (SOP for Chaplains)  
(cc) MCO 1300.11C (Sole surviving son policy)  
(dd) Wgo 3000.1A (Rotation and Embarkation Inst)  
(ee) DivO 3000.1A (Rotation and Embarkation Inst)  
(ff) IWOJIMAINST 5000.1A (Instructions for Embarked Troops)  
(gg) COMSEVENTHFLT Op Order 201-65  
(hh) TF 79 Op Order 201-64

Time Zone: Local for area of operation

1. GENERAL.

- a. This annex prescribes standard personnel and administration procedures for CTG 78.5 units. Additional specific instructions are contained in the cited references and appropriate contingency plans. Further, CTG 78.5 will issue implementing instructions incident to the specified contingency. Administrative control of TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 will remain with their respective parent organizations.
- b. Personnel procedures will be in accordance with references (a) through (ff).

2. STRENGTH.

- a. CTG 79.2 and CTG 79.3 respectively are responsible for TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 being at manning level strength prior to embarkation.
- b. The following categories of personnel are not eligible for assignment to an activated TU or detachment thereof:
  - (1) Marines awaiting discharge.
  - (2) Those with a PUPILS "T" suffix.
  - (3) Sole surviving sons except as indicated in reference (cc).
- c. Muster reports shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph 716 of reference (ff).
- d. Embarkation rosters will be submitted in accordance with references (dd) and (ee).
- e. TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 are responsible for submitting recurring reports to parent headquarters in accordance with references (c) and (d). See Annex 2 (Reports) for those personnel reports required by CTG 78.5.
- f. Unit commanders will report significant deficiencies affecting combat readiness to CTG 78.5.

3. REPLACEMENTS. Replacements will be provided by and through CTG 79.2 and CTG 79.3.

4. DISCIPLINE, LAW AND ORDER. See Appendix 1 (Discipline, Law and Order) to Annex E, (Personnel and Administration) to CTG 78.5 OpPlan 104-65.

5. CASUALTY REPORTING AND GRAVES REGISTRATION.

- a. Combat casualty reporting will be in accordance with chapter 12 of reference (a) and references (q) and (r).

- b. Non-combat casualty reporting will be in accordance with reference (a).
- c. Whenever possible the remains of deceased U. S. Service personnel will be evacuated immediately from the area of operations.
- d. Disposition of remains and personal effects will be as prescribed in reference (a).
- e. There is no graves registration capability within CTG 78.5.

6. MORALE AND PERSONNEL SERVICES.

- a. Leave and liberty.
  - (1) TAD orders issued in connection with emergency leave will be in accordance with references (u) and (v).
  - (2) Liberty will be granted in accordance with SCPA instructions paragraph 704 of reference (ee) and Appendix II of reference (ff).
  - (3) Liberty hours, liberty uniform and curfew regulations for personnel of CTG 78.5 while ashore as a tactical unit will conform to the instructions of the senior officer present.
  - (4) Commanding Officers will indoctrinate all personnel in the following subjects prior to the granting of liberty in foreign countries.
    - (a) Shore patrol
    - (b) Uniform regulations
    - (c) Venereal Disease control.
    - (d) Customs regulations
    - (e) Currency exchange
    - (f) Black market activities
    - (g) Jurisdiction of foreign countries over U. S. Military personnel
    - (h) Visits to relatives in foreign countries
    - (i) Conduct ashore
    - (j) **SEVENTHFLTINST** for Naval personnel in WESTPACAREA
    - (k) Loose talk while ashore

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b. Postal services.

- (1) Postal affairs and mail handling procedures will be in accordance with reference (w).
- (2) The mailing address for all personnel will include rank, name, serial number, component and full unit identification.
- (3) The use of geographic location or task unit designations in mailing addresses is prohibited.
- (4) If censorship of mail becomes necessary it will be accomplished in accordance with paragraph 806 of reference (ff).

c. Disbursing.

- (1) TU 78.5.2 will handle disbursing functions for CTG 78.5. Augmentation personnel will be provided by CTG 79.2 and CTG 79.3.
- (2) If possible all personnel should be paid prior to embarkation.

d. Informational Services.

- (1) Other than FHTNC releases, commanders will not generate any publicity in accordance with reference (hh).

e. Special Services.

- (1) Appropriate recreational equipment will be embarked from organic resources.
- (2) While afloat the ships special services facilities are available for use by the embarked troops.
- (3) Additional items and funds may be requisitioned from appropriate parent headquarters.

f. Decorations and Awards.

- (1) Recommendations for decorations and awards will be submitted in accordance with references (x), (y) and (z).
- (2) Award recommendation cards (Form NAVMC 539-PD) will be issued in accordance with reference (b).

g. Religious Services.

- (1) Devine services, religious lay leaders and chaplains services in counseling of personnel in spiritual and moral matters will be provided in accordance with references (aa), (bb) and (ff).

## 7. Civil Affairs.

- a. Civil affairs operations will be restricted to the minimum necessary to carry out the assigned mission and will be in accordance with part VII of reference (b).
- b. Commanders of CTG 78.5 units operating ashore will effect liaison with either the senior advisor present, JUSMAG officials or the Vietnamese civil authorities to ensure that arrangements are made, if necessary, for the protection of foreign private property, to acquire usage agreements for foreign private property and to ensure that provisions are made for restitution in the event of damage to or destruction of foreign private property.
- c. CTG 78.5 has no capability for handling foreign claims for damage or destruction of foreign private property.

## 8. Personnel procedures.

- a. Personnel accounting will be in accordance with references (a) and (b).
- b. Personnel administration will be in accordance with references (a), (s) and (t).
- c. TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 will ensure that identification tags and cards, immunization cards, Geneva Convention cards and Emergency Data Forms (NAVMC 10526-PD) are kept current for all personnel.



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## 1. Discipline, Law and Order

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Appendix (Discipline Law and Order) to Annex E (Personnel and Admin)  
to CTG 78.5 OpPlan 101-65

Ref: (a) UCM  
(b) JACINST P3800.7 (JAG Manual)  
(c) MCM 1951  
(d) WgO 5800.1 (SOP for Law and Legal Matters)  
(e) DivO 5800.1 (SOP for Law and Legal Matters)  
(f) SECNAVINST 5810.4C (Authority to convene courts martial)  
(g) SECNAVINST 5801.1B (Legal assistance program)  
(h) U.S. Naval Regulations  
(i) COMSEVENTHFLTINST  
(j) FM 27-1C (The law and land warfare)  
(k) WgO 03800.1 (SOP Intelligence)  
(l) DivO 3800.1 (SOP Intelligence)  
(m) FMFSEVENTHFLT 3800.1 (SOP Intelligence)  
(n) TWOJMAINST 5000.1A (Instructions for embarked troops)

Time Zone: Local for area of operations

1. DISCIPLINE.

a. Military justice will be in accordance with references (a) through (i).

b. The ships brig may be utilized while afloat if required in accordance with reference (n).

2. LAW.

a. The authority to convene courts martial is enumerated in reference (a), section 0103 of reference (b) and reference (f). Commanding Officers of TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 have Special Courts Martial authority while deployed as SLF with line of review to their respective parent headquarters.

b. Commanding Officers of TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 will familiarize themselves with and be guided by the provisions of reference (i) with regard to matters of military justice. Each commander will submit a report via his units parent headquarters containing the information required in paragraph 4.b of reference (i) at the end of the afloat phase even though the inclusive dates do not correspond to the regular quarterly reporting period.

c. Any incident which could result in disciplinary action against any member of the Armed Forces, an investigation for loss or damage to government property, or claim against the U.S. Government will be reported to CTG 78.5.

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3. ORDER

- a. Personnel are directed to conduct themselves at all times in a manner which will reflect credit to the United States and to the United States Marine Corps.
- b. Any incident involving foreign personnel which could possibly cause adverse publicity is to be reported to CTG 78.5 immediately.
- c. Personnel will be released to the jurisdiction of a foreign country by CTG 78.5 only.
- d. Prisoners of war, both confirmed VC and VC suspects, will be screened, interrogated and released to the custody of the Armed Forces of the Vietnamese Government. POWs, VCC, VCS, Refugees and Repatriates will be treated humanely at all times in accordance with local customs and references (j) through (m).

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Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: (a) FMFPACO 02000.2b (COMINPLANS)  
(b) First MARDIVO P2000.1D  
(c) CTF 79 OpOrder 201-65 Annex G (Communications-Electronics)  
(d) Third MARDIV 02000.2b  
(e) Third MARDIV OpOrder 321-65

Time Zone: Local for all areas of operations

1. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to CTF 78.5 Operation Plan 104-65.

(2) The enemy can be expected to employ imitative deception and jamming on all radio nets. Wire lines can be expected to be tapped into and to be cut by the enemy.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization) to CTF 78.5 Operation Plan 104-65.

(2) CTG 76.5.

(a) Provides communication and crypto guard during the afloat phase.

(b) Provides Commander Landing Force with initial entry into the world wide communication system.

(c) Assigns circuit for communications between Commander Landing Force and Commander Amphibious Task Group during ship-to-shore movement.

(d) Is prepared to control air operations in support of Commander Landing Force.

(e) Obtains frequencies for air-ground and naval gunfire communications.

2. MISSION. To install, operate and maintain communications in support of CTG 76.5 during operations both afloat and ashore.

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3. EXECUTION.a. TU 78.5.2 (BLT 3/7).

- (1) Land on order.
- (2) Establish communications to higher headquarters as directed.
- (3) Be prepared to provide communications support to smaller tactical units which may be separated for independent missions.
- (4) Be prepared to enter and/or establish air control nets as required.
- (5) Establish troop message center afloat and be prepared to augment Navy personnel on watches.
- (6) Upon landing establish message center/crypto center ashore in support of Landing Force operations.
- (7) Be prepared to activate on-line cryptographic equipment.
- (8) Be prepared to issue current editions of shackle and authentication to designated persons of the Landing Force as required.
- (9) Be prepared to establish point to point communications with Task Group 76.5.
- (10) Frequencies to be issued.
- (11) Be prepared to activate the FMF Mobile Command Net.
- (12) Wire will become the primary means of communications in a static situation.
- (13) Be prepared to activate radio relay with friendly adjacent units or with TG 76.5 while still in the area.
- (14) Be prepared to establish such integrated telephone/teletype systems as may be required.

b. TU 78.5.3.

- (1) Provide troop message center service while TU 78.5.2 is deployed ashore.
- (2) Be prepared to provide helicopter messenger and officer courier service as required.
- (3) Be prepared to provide mancat/autocat airborne retransmission in accordance with Annex G of reference (c).

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c. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) Entry into world wide communications system provided by CTG 76.5 initially.
- (2) KAC 130 CINCPAC Numeral Code is effective for use within TG 78.5.
- (3) KAA 60 will be used for authentication.
- (4) All cryptographic material will be provided by TU 78.5.2.
- (5) Report jamming in accordance with appendix 1.
- (6) Frequency clearance for all TG 78.5 internal frequencies will be requested for by TG 78.5 communications officer.
- (7) Frequency usage reports will be submitted on internal frequencies by TG 78.5 communications officer.
- (8) Only those officer TU 78.5.2 and TU 78.5.3 authorized in writing will release message traffic.

d. Visual and Pyrotechnic.

- (1) Red smoke will be reserved to identify enemy.
- (2) All other signals must be confirmed by radio.

e. Frequencies and Call Signs.

- (1) Frequencies will be issued as required.
- (2) Call signs will be formed in accordance with JANAP 119(R) and references (b) and (c). See Appendix 4.
- (3) Until otherwise directed switchboard call signs will be the same as voice radio call signs.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See Annex D (Logistics) to Operation Plan 104-65.
- b. Land with sufficient batteries to support operations ashore for 15 days.
- c. As long as TG 76.5 remains in the area of operations all recharging of batteries will be accomplished aboard the U.S.S. Iwo Jima (LPH-2).
- d. After CTG 76.5 departs battery charging will be handled by TU 78.5.2 ashore for all units.

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e. Limited third echelon maintenance available ashore and second echelon afloat.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Jamming Report
- 2 - Radio Plan (to be issued)
- 3 - Frequency Chart (to be issued)
- 4 - Call Sign Chart

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Appendix 1 (Jamming Report) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to  
Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: (a) FMF COMMUNICATIONS PLAN FIVE  
(b) Third MARDIVO 02000.2b  
(c) CTF 79 Operation Order 201-65 Annex G (Communications-Electronics)

Time Zone: Local for areas of operation

1. Report all jamming even if only suspected to communications officer  
CTG 78.5 immediately by the fastest possible means.

2. Attempt to work through any jamming.

3. Report in accordance with the following format.

a. Unit reporting.

b. Type of interference (bag pipes, tone, voice etc.).

c. Coordinates (coupled) of unit being jammed.

d. Frequency.

e. Type of equipment being jammed (AN/PRC-10 etc.)

f. Effectiveness (total, partial, none).



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Appendix 4 (Call Signs) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: (a) FMFPAC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN 5  
(b) First MARDIVO P2000, 1D  
(c) JANAP 119  
(d) ACP 112  
(e) ACP 119

Time Zone: Local for areas of operation

1. Call signs will be formed in accordance with reference (b).
2. Call signs may be changed prior to commitment.
3. Call Sign encode and decode.

- a. Tab A (Call Sign Chart).

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A - Call Sign Chart

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TAB A (Call Sign Chart) to Appendix 4 (Call Signs) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 104-65

Ref: None

Time Zone: Local for areas of operation

<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>CALL SIGN</u>	<u>VOICE CALL</u>
CG, 3rd MARDIV	T87L	MCNROB
3rd MARDIV (Call)	7VUD	MOTHERHOOD
3rd Marines	092U	STEAKCUT
10th Marines	B14B	FEEL SIGHT
12th Marines	Y14E	MUSTER
Det MAG-16		ROSEANN
HMM-163		SUPERCHIEF
3rd Bn, 7th Marines	5KKR	FALSE
107mm Mort Btry 3/11		LAUGH WISKEY
1 Btry 3/11	AP68	LAUGH INDIA
I Co	RG2X	FALSE UNIFORM
K Co	4SJW	FALSE KILO
L Co	5DTW	FALSE LIMA
M Co	06RB	FALSE MIKE
1st Plt C Co 1st Recon Co	JK64	LUCKY CHARLIE ONE
2nd Plt C Co 1st Sp Bn	7J0R	LUCKY BAG CHARLIE TWO
3rd Plt C Co 1st AT Bn	DZIL	DANCECARD CHARLIE THREE
3rd Plt A Co 1st AMTRK Bn	F13F	SLEEK ALPHA THREE
3rd Plt B Co 1st Tank Bn	42D1	HAPPY AGE BRAVO THREE
3rd Plt C Co 1st Recon Bn	3H09	DELICATESIAN CHARLIE THREE
3rd Plt C Co 1st Eng Bn	6RKC	QUEENCH CHARLIE ONE
Air Observer	C12J	BLACK COAT
U.S.S. Iwo Jima (LPH-2)	M7TG	CROSSWALK
U.S.S. TELL/DEGA (APA 208)	D2BJ	GLEN HILL UNIFORM
U.S.S. POINT DEFIANCE (LSD)		TERESA BRAVO
CTG 76.5	M8NW	COMPANY STORE
TG 76.5 (COLL)	G6ME	GRUDGE
CTG 78.5	C4TJ	TOPSY
CTG 78.5. (COLL)	Y2EO	RIDGErunner
CTU 78.5.2	F4WK	GRAND RALLY
TU 78.5.2 (COLL)	E8KG	WAVES
CTU 78.5.3	T9NB	ROYAL EDGE
TU 78.5.3 (COLL)	Y5GA	AUNT ALICE

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DECODECALL SIGN

AUNT ALICE  
 BIG BUDDY CHARLIE THREE  
 BLACK COAT  
 CHUCKLE CHARLIE ONE  
 COMPANY STORE  
 CROSS WALK  
 DANCE CARD CHARLIE THREE  
 DELEGATESS/N CHARLIE THREE  
 FALSE  
 FALSE INDIA  
 FALSE KILO  
 FALSE LIMA  
 FALSE MIKE  
 GLEN HILL UNIFORM  
 GRAND RALLY  
 GRUDGE  
 HAPPY ACE BRAVO THREE  
 LAUGH WHISKEY  
 LAUGH INDIA  
 LUCKY RAG CHARLIE TWO  
 MONROE  
 MOTHERHOOD  
 MUSTER  
 PEPSIGHT  
 QUENCH CHARLIE ONE  
 RIDGERUNNER  
 ROSEANN  
 ROYAL EDGE  
 SLEEK ALFA THREE  
 STEAKCUT  
 SUPERCHIEF  
 TERESA BRAVO  
 TOPSY  
 WAVED

ORGANIZATION

TU 78.5.3 (CCLL)  
 3rdPlt C Co 1st Eng Bn  
 Air Observer  
 1stPlt C Co 1st Force Recon  
 CTG 76.5 (CMD)  
 U.S.S. Iwo Jima (LPH-2)  
 3rdPlt C Co 1st AT Bn  
 3rdPlt C Co 1st Recon Bn  
 3rd Bn 7th Marines  
 I Co 3rd Bn 7th Marines  
 K Co 3rd Bn 7th Marines  
 L Co 3rd Bn 7th Marines  
 M Co 3rd Bn 7th Marines  
 U.S.S. Taladegra  
 CTU 78.5.2 (CMD)  
 CTG 76.5 (CCLL)  
 3rdPlt B Co 1st TK Bn  
 107mm Mortar Btry 3/11  
 I Btry 3/11  
 2ndPlt C Co 1st SP Bn  
 CG, 3rd MARDIV (FWD)  
 3rd MARDIV (CCLL)  
 12th Marines  
 9th Marines  
 1st Trk Plt C Co 1st MT Bn  
 CTG 78.5 (CCLL)  
 DET MAG-15  
 CTU 78.5.3 (CMD)  
 3rdPlt A Co 1st AMTRK Bn  
 3rd Marines  
 HMM-163  
 U.S.S. Point Defiance  
 CTG 78.5 (CMD)  
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Annex G (Reports) to Operation Plan 104-65

Ref. (a) NWIP 10-1A (Supplement)  
(b) FMFPACO P4600.1F  
(c) FMFPACO 5750.7B

Time Zone: Local for area of operation

1. Command Diary. Submitted by BLT/SODN to CG, FMFPAC via administrative chain of command in accordance with reference (c). Report will coincide with period afloat.

2. Operational Reports.

a. Movement Reports. Will be submitted by all units in accordance with reference (a).

(1) Ashore each separate unit will submit movement reports.  
(2) Afloat CTG 76.5 will submit movement reports for units embarked.

b. Air Operations Report. Will be submitted by CTU 78.5.3 to CTG 76.5 in accordance with Appendix VII, Annex I, to CTG 76.5 Operational Order 201-65.

c. Situation Reports. Required for each individual operation from execution until completion of reembarkation.

(1) CTG 78.5 reports to CTF 78 covering first day of operation and for each continuing day thru period ending (to be published for each operation) see Appendix 1, to Annex G (Reports).

(2) CTU 78.5.2 will submit a unit report to CTG 78.5 after completion of D-Day landing and period ending (to be published for each operation). Reports will be submitted by most expeditious means.

(3) CTU 78.5.3 will submit a situation report to CTG 78.5 upon completion of D-Day flight operations and period ending (to be published for each operation). Reports will be submitted by most expeditious means. (See Appendix 2 to Annex G (Reports)).

3. Administrative Reports.

a. Administrative reporting will continue in accordance with First MAW/3RD MARDIV Order 5213 (effective series).

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b. Casualty Reports. Will be submitted in accordance with Annex E (Personnel) to Operation Plan 104-65.

4. Logistics Reports.

a. Sailing Report. The Sailing Report will be submitted by the Embarkation Team Commander aboard each ship of Task Group 76.5 within twenty-four hours of sailing after initial embarkation. The Sailing Report is used by higher headquarters as a source of embarkation data pending receipt of corrected individual ship loading plans. Embarkation Team Commanders will utilize the message format (Figure 5-1 in enclosure (3) of FMFPACO P4600,1F (SOP for Embarkation). The classification of the report is CONFIDENTIAL to CG, FMFPAC with INFO to the following:

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COMPHIBPAC  
CG, FMFPAC (FWD/I MAC)  
CTF 79/CTF 78  
CG, 3RD MARDIV (FWD)  
CG, 3RD MARDIV (REAR)  
CG, 1ST MAW (FWD)  
CG, 1ST MAW (REAR)

b. Supply Status Report. During an operation, CTG 78.5 must apprise higher headquarters on a continuing basis of the operating levels of supply to include types and quantities of all classes embarked and ashore. Therefore the S-4 of Forces deployed ashore will submit a report daily to CTG 78.5 covering a twenty-four hour period ending (to be published for each operation). The report will include the operating levels of all classes of supplies ashore and the quantities by type consumed daily. In addition items or classes of supply in which shortages exist or may become critical will be listed. The S-4 will indicate action taken.

c. Shipboard Accommodation Report. Upon completion of an amphibious operation, a report of conditions will be submitted by each Commanding Officer of Troops to the next senior command with a copy to the Commanding Officer of the ship involved. The format (Figure 5-2) in enclosure (3) of FMFPACO P4600,1F (SOP for Embarkation) will be utilized.

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APPENDICES:

1 - Situation Report Format

2 - Situation Report Narrative Guide

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**Appendix 1 to Annex G (Reports) to Operation Plan 104-65**

Ref: None.

Fire Zone: Local for areas of operation

1. Situation Report Format.

- a. Opening statement.
- b. Operations by BLT.
- c. Operations by HMM.
- d. Logistics.
- e. Personnel.
- f. Command and Communications.
- g. Miscellaneous.

(1) The above is a guide for preparing daily situation report. Omit items not used. Number consecutively.



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Ref: None.

Time Zero: Local for areas of operation

1. Narrative Guide for Support Missions.

- a. Mission number.
- b. Number of aircraft.
- c. Number of passengers, pounds of cargo.
- d. Unit supporting.
- e. Type of lift (resupply, recon, photo, med evac, etc.).
- f. Loading zone (specific name, coordinates).
- g. Landing zone (specific name, coordinates).

(1) Example: MSN NO. 5-318B-6, 2 O-1B, NO PIX, NO CGO, SUPPORT DANANG SPECIAL SECRET, PHOTOC RECON, DANANG DIRECT PHU BAI (YD 890-155) DIRECT DANANG.

2. Narrative Guide for Strike Missions.

- a. Mission number.
- b. Number and type aircraft by unit participating.
- c. Preplanned operation or quick reaction.
- d. Name of operation (if not named so indicate).
- e. Number of troops lifted and unit to which attached.
- f. Staging area and time.
- g. Number of lifts to LZ(s) (list coordinates, number of troops and time departed and arrived each LZ).
- h. Aircraft departure time from and arrival time at point of departure, include departure and arrival times on all intermediate stops.

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- i. Any unusual occurrences (aircraft hits, crew injury, downed aircraft).
- j. Ordnance expended by USMC aircraft, also any estimated damage or casualties inflicted upon the enemy as a result of this expenditure.
- k. Statistical resume by type aircraft to include number of tasks, sorties and flight hours.
  - (1) If any of the above information is unknown so indicate in narrative.
  - (2) Example: MSN NO. 5-507-1, 17 UH-34D, ESCORTED BY 5 UH-1B (USA) (ARMED) OF THE 7TH AVIATION PLT., 2 O-1B (VMC-2), AND 3 F-4B (VMFA-531), EXECUTED A PREPLANNED STRIKE (HUMMINGBIRD III) 100 TROOPS OF THE 163RD RIDGE RUNNERS STACED AT THE CITADEL (YD 765-233), LIFTED IN ONE WAVE TO LZ HANOI (22 000-000) AT 1007, AIRCRAFT DIRECT TO PHU BAI (YD 890-155) 1135, STAND BY TO LIFT RESERVES, RESERVES NOT COMMITTED, DEPARTED FOR DANANG AT 1300, ARRIVED AT 1345. NO INCIDENTS, NO INJURIES. 4,000 RNDs OF 7.62mm AMMUNITION WERE EXPENDED, 1,000 VIET CONG WERE KILLED BY AERIAL GUNNERS IN LZ HANOI (22 000-000). 100.0 FLT HRS, 99 SORTIES WERE FLOWN BY HMM-163, 5.0 FLT HRS, 2 SORTIES FLOWN BY VMC-2, 5.0 FLT HRS, 6 SORTIES BY VMFA-531.

### 3. Narrative Guide for Hit Aircraft.

- a. Mission number.
- b. Type of mission (Assault, Resupply, etc.).
- c. Type of aircraft and Buno.
- d. Date and time of hit.
- e. Coordinates where hit received.
- f. Intensity of fire and type weapons.
- g. Aircraft altitude and airspeed.
- h. Condition of flight (enroute, landing, take off).
- i. Results of hit (did aircraft abort, crash, continue to fly).
- j. Aircraft damage or crew injury (number and location of hits, crew injury to include type of wound, name, rank and serial number of crew member). Where the injured crew was treated and whether further evacuated.

(1) Example: MSN NO. 5-381C-6, PHOTO RECON, 1 O-1B (BuNo 111777), 010815 JUNE 1965, AIRCRAFT HIT AT COORDINATES (22 000-000) LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE, 800 FEET ABOVE GROUND, AT NINETY KNOTS, AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO LZ (22 111-111), AIRCRAFT CONTINUED MISSION. AIRCRAFT HIT BY ONE ROUND LEFT SIDE BEHIND PAX SEAT FRAGMENTS PRODUCED MINOR LEG WOUNDS SGT. D. I. MARINE 1000000 USMC OF FIRST FORCE RECON CO, TREATED AT FLIGHT LINE RETURNED TO DUTY. TYPE WEAPON UNKNOWN, TEN TRACERS OBSERVED.

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4. Situation Report Narrative Guide.

## a. Example:

HMM        SITREP FOR 281800H to 292200H June 1965

MSN NO. 5-381B-6, 2 O-1B, NO PAX, NO CGO, SPT DANANG SPECIAL SECTOR, PHOTO RECON, DEPART D/N/ND DIRECT PHU BAI (YD 890-155) DIRECT DANANG.

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Annex H (Air Operations) to CTG 78.5 Operation Plan 101-65

Ref: (a) Maps and Charts to be published for each operation as required  
 (b) Task Group 78.5 Operation Order 201-65  
 (c) FMFM 3-3 (Helicopterborne Operations)

1. GENERAL SITUATION. Information and instructions contained in this Annex are applicable for air operations during contingency operations of this Task Group and will be supplemented as necessary for specific operations.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence).  
 (2) See current intelligence summaries.

b. Friendly Forces. Task Unit 78.5.5 (Air Control Unit).

(1) Establishes a Helicopter Direction Center in assigned LPH.  
 (2) Establishes a Tactical Air Control Center in LPH when directed.  
 (3) Controls all aircraft within the area of operation.  
 (4) Controls and coordinates all air aspects of search and rescue operations.

2. MISSION. See basic operation plan.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept. See Annex C (Concept of Operation).

b. Task Unit 78.5.3 (HMM Squadron).

(1) Provide aircraft and personnel for: Observation and Reconnaissance; Air Search and Rescue; Vertical assault and resupply; Administrative Lifts.

c. Task Unit 78.5.2 (BLT).

(1) Report landing zones.  
 (2) Provide local security for helicopters staged within the TACR for support.

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(3) Provide HST for helicopter lifts.

(4) Provide TACP control for helicopter, and fixed wing air support.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Air objective area will be announced.

(2) The Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) military grid reference six digit system coordinates will be used for target and area designation.

(3) Control of air will not be passed ashore except as directed by higher authority.

(4) Helicopter load carrying capabilities will be determined prior to each specific operation, for planning purposes.

(5) See instructions contained in reference (b) for the following: Aircraft Schedules; Approach and Retirement Procedures; General Instructions and Safety Precautions; Air Search and Rescue; Air Operations Reports.

(6) Procedures for requesting helicopters, will be in accordance with Appendix D to reference (c).

(a) Lifts of supplies and materials will be routed through TACLOG channels to HDC for assignment of aircraft and flight coordination see Appendix 1 to Annex H (Air Operations) to Operation Plan 104-65.

(b) Tactical and administrative lifts will be through tactical air channels to HDC for assignment of aircraft and flight coordination. See Appendix 1 to Annex H (Air Operations) to Operation Plan 104-65.

(c) Preplanned missions take priority over on call missions.

(d) Helicopter request forms in accordance with Appendix 2 to Annex H (Air Operations) to Operation Plan 104-65.

(7) Helicopterborne assaults will be jointly planned by CTU 78.5.2 and CTU 78.5.3 in accordance with the procedures and factors found in reference (c).

(8) Rules of engagement will be in accordance with COMUSMACV 270813Z of April 1965 and CINCPACFLT 270425Z of April 1965.

(9) A helicopter courier will be established and a schedule published for each separate operation.

(10) Other air will be requested through CTF 76.5 and will be controlled by the HDC or T/DC if established.

(11) Location Identification and marking of helicopter landing zones will be in accordance with Appendix G to reference (c).

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See Annex D (Personnel).
- b. See Annex E (Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

- a. Communications in accordance with Annex F (Communications-Electronics).
- b. Detailed communications plans will be published for each specific operation in accordance with reference (b).
- c. Tactical Air Commander to be assigned.
- d. HDC located in LPH.

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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Helicopter Request Procedures
- 2 - Helicopter Mission Request Form

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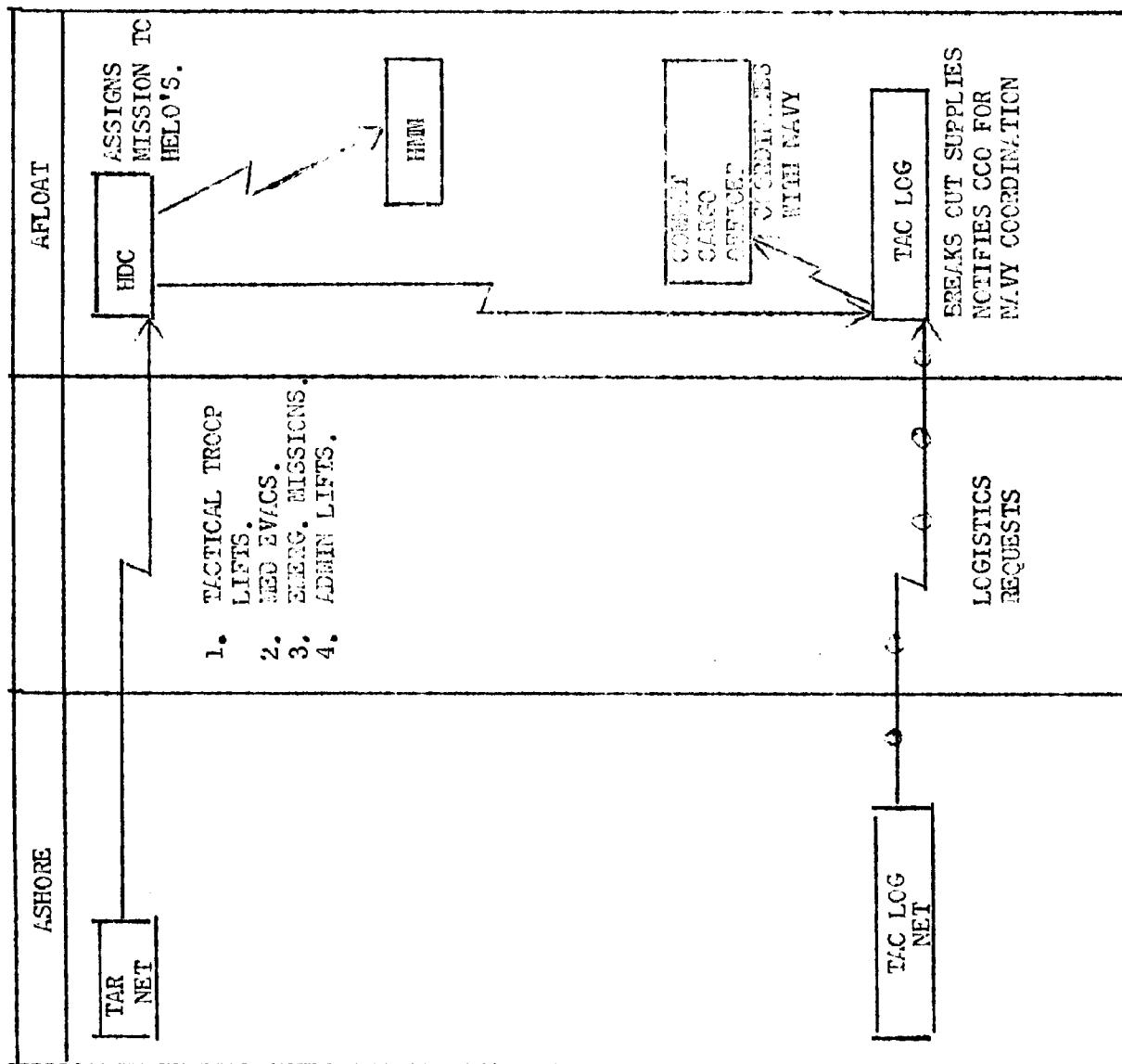
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Time Zone All times local for areas of operation



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HELICOPTER MISSION REQUEST FORM MISSION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**PART I**  
 ALFA REQUESTING UNIT BRAVO LOCATION REQUESTING UNIT CP

CHARLIE TYPE MISSION  
 TROOP  TACT  SAR  LOG  ADMIN  EVAC  RECON  VIP

DELTA NUMBER: PERSONNEL \_\_\_\_\_  
 TROOPS \_\_\_\_\_

ECHO CARGO: DESCRIPTION  
 TOTAL LBS \_\_\_\_\_ INCLUDING \_\_\_\_\_ EXTERNALS

FOXTROT LOADING SITE COORDINATES DAY/TIME REMARKS

GOLF LANDING SITE COORDINATES DAY/TIME REMARKS

HOTEL HELICOPTER ESCRT YES  NO

INDIA ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**PART II** -----

JULIET ROUTE TO BE FLOWN

KILO RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN TIME REMARKS

**PART III** -----

REMARKS

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