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Ref: (a) MCO 5750.2
(b) BrigO 5750.1A
(c) CG FMFFAC msg 261950Z Jul66

Encl: (1) Command Chronology - SLF
(2) Command Chronology - BLT 3/26
(3) Command Chronology - HMM 362

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), the Command Chronology for the Special Landing Force is submitted as enclosures (1) through (3).


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SPECIAL LANDING FORCE

Command Chronology

1. Organizational Data.

a. Designation. The Special Landing Force had the Task Designator of Task Group 79.5.

b. Composition. The Special Landing Force was composed of the following:

1-31 October 1966 - SLF - Colonel H. D. WORTMAN
 4-31 October 1966 - BLT 3/26 - Lt. Colonel G. T. BEYERLE
 1-31 October 1966 - HMM 362 - Lt. Colonel M. B. ARMSTRONG

c. Locations. The Special Landing Force was embarked aboard amphibious shipping which consisted of the following:

1-3 October 1966 - USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2), USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2),
 USS THOMASTON (LSD-28).
 4-6 October 1966 - USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8), USS HENRICO (APA-45),
 USS TORTUGA (LSD-26).
 7-31 October 1966 - USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8), USS HENRICO (APA-45),
 USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5).

d. Average Monthly Strength. (Does not include personnel TAD to the SLF)

SLF Staff:	USMC Off - 10	USMC Enl - 35	USN Off - 0	USN Enl - 0
BLT:	USMC Off - 67	USMC Enl - 1634	USN Off - 8	USN Enl - 88
HMM:	USMC Off - 52	USMC Enl - 159	USN Off - 1	USN Enl - 3

e. Commanding Officer and Staff.

H. D. WORTMAN,	Colonel	- Commanding Officer
J. M. LANDRIGAN,	Lt. Colonel	- Executive Officer
D. R. BRIMMER,	Lt. Colonel	- S-3
H. B. CROSBY, III	Major	- Asst S-3
J. H. BROUJOS,	Major	- Asst S-3/Civic Action (3-31 Oct 1966)
R. A. AYERS,	Captain	- CommO
B. S. MCKENNA,	Captain	- Air Observer/Asst S-3
D. C. SCHULTZ,	2d Lieutenant	- S-4
C. G. OSGOOD,	2d Lieutenant	- S-2

f. TAD to the SLF Staff for Special Operations.

1-5 October 1966 - A. W. KELLER, Major - OJT from MB, Subic Bay, R. P.
 8-21 October 1966 - W. W. TAYLOR, Major - From 9th MAB for MUDPUDDY I.
 24-31 October 1966 - B. M. MACLAREN, Major - OJT from MB, Subic Bay,
 R. P.

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8-31 October 1966 - R. C. HULIT, Captain - 9th MAB ISO

2. Chronology of Significant Events During the Period 1-31 October 1966.

a. The following is a concise review of the activities of the Special Landing Force. Detailed information on BLT 3/26 and HMM 362 is shown in the appropriate command chronologies, enclosures (2) and (3).

b. 1-9 October 1966.

(1) On 1 October 1966, the SLF Staff and HMM 362, embarked aboard the USS IWO JIMA, arrived off White Beach, Okinawa. The SLF Staff debarked and established a temporary command post at Camp Hansen, Okinawa. HMM 362 off loaded to MCAF, Futema, Okinawa.

(2) From 2-4 October 1966, CTG 79.5 and Staff Representatives conducted planning with CG, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (CTF 79) and Staff in connection with the reconstitution of the SLF aboard other than ARG shipping. Concurrently, planning with CTG 76.6 (COMPHIBRON ONE) was conducted relative to Exercise MUDPUPPY I, the SLF's first riverine exercise.

(3) On 3 October 1966, Major CROSBY, SLF Assistant S-3 embarked ARG with RLT 26 (CTG 79.2) to assist in planning for possible special operations in Quang Tri Province, I CTZ, RVN.

(4) On 5 October 1966, the loading of BLT 3/26 and HMM 362 aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE, USS HENRICO and USS GUNSTON HALL was completed and the SLF reconstituted (CTG 76.6 msg 030640Z Oct). The SLF departed Okinawa enroute Subic Bay, R. P.

(5) From 5-6 October 1966, SFCP/NGF Team BLT 3/26 conducted a CASEX/FIREX in Tabones Area, Subic Bay, R. P.

(6) The SLF arrived in Subic Bay on 8 October 1966 and elements of BLT 3/26 debarked from the USS TORTUGA and embarked aboard the USS GUNSTON HALL. Major CROSBY, SLF Asst S-3, and Major TAYLOR, 9th MAB representative, returned to the SLF.

(7) On 9 October 1966, the SLF departed Subic Bay enroute to San Jose, Mindoro Island R. P. to conduct Exercise HILLTOP VII.

c. 10-21 October 1966.

(1) The SLF conducted Exercise HILLTOP VII from 10-12 October in the San Jose Area, Mindoro Island, R. P.

(2) On 10 October 1966, CTG 79.5/76.6 paid courtesy call on Governor of Mindoro and Mayor of San Jose.

(3) On 11 October 1966, CTG 79.5/76.6 entertained Governor of Mindoro and Mayor of San Jose at lunch aboard USS VALLEY FORGE.

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(4) The SLF departed San Jose on 12 October and arrived in Subic Bay, R. P. on 13 October 1966.

(5) From 13-16 October 1966, the SLF and assigned amphibious shipping trained and made preparations for Exercise MUDPUPPY I.

(6) On 15 October 1966, Colonel LOPRETI, Fleet Marine Force Officer, Seventh Fleet, arrived aboard the USS VALLEY FORGE to observe the riverine exercise - MUDPUPPY I.

(7) The SLF and assigned amphibious shipping departed Subic Bay on 16 October and arrived off Navotas, Mindoro Island, R. P. on 17 October 1966.

(8) On 17 October 1966, CTG 79.5/76.6 called on the Governor of Oriental Province and the Mayor of Calapan and entertained at lunch aboard USS VALLEY FORGE.

(9) On 18 October 1966, Colonel LOPRETI departed the SLF en-route to the USS OKLAHOMA CITY.

(10) The SLF and assigned amphibious shipping departed San Jose on 20 October and arrived in Subic Bay, R. P. on 21 October 1966.

d. 22-31 October 1966.

(1) From 22-25 October 1966, the SLF conducted training and maintenance in Subic Bay, R. P.

(2) On 24 October 1966, CTG 79.5 paid courtesy call on CTF 76 aboard the USS ESTES.

(3) On 25 October 1966, the SLF and assigned amphibious shipping departed Subic Bay, R. P. to relieve CTG 79.2 off Danang, I CTZ, RVN.

(4) From 27-31 October 1966, CTG 79.5 and CTG 76.6 continued planning and preparations for the rotation of the SLF to the assigned shipping of the Amphibious Ready Group. CTG 79.5 and staff representatives conducted liaison with CG, III MAF and CG, 3dMarDiv for possible special operations in I CTZ, RVN.

(5) On 28 October 1966, CTG 79.5 relieved CTG 79.2 as I CTZ contingency force. (CTG 79.5 message 271816Z Oct66).

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Subj: Operation Plan for Exercise MUD PUPPY Series


Ref: (a) CTG 79.5 OPLAN 328-67
(b) COMSEVENTHFLT LOI for Exercise MUD PUPPY
(c) FMFM 8-4

Encl: (1) CTG 79.5 OPLAN 302-66

1. Enclosure (1) is the basic operation plan for Exercise MUD PUPPY series and CTG 79.5 will publish a message frag order to implement OPLAN 302-66. Reference (a) is the OPLAN for conduct of special operations and provides standard operating procedures for units attached to the SLF.

2. Subordinate commanders will prepare supporting orders for the execution of this plan.

3. This letter is downgraded to unclassified upon removal of enclosure (1).


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Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT LOI for Exercise MUD PUPPY (to be issued)
 (b) CTG 76.6 OpOrd 301-67
 (c) CTG 79.5 OPLAN 328-67
 (d) NWP 22(A)
 (e) FMFM 8-4 Interim Doctrine for Riverine Operations
 (f) CTF 76 NAVOTAS Training Area Study

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization).1. SITUATIONa. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) Current ISUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) CTG 79.3 provides close air support.
- (2) CTG 70.8 provides naval gunfire support.
- (3) CTG 76.6 provides amphibious shipping.
- (4) CTG 70.9 provides APSS, as required.

c. Attachments. Annex A (Task Organization).2. MISSION

Commencing at H-Hour and L-Hour on D-Day, Special Landing Force will conduct a waterborne and helicopterborne assault over designated beaches and landing zones to execute riverine search and destroy operations within the AOA. Upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, will execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

3. EXECUTIONa. Concept of Operations. Annex C (Concept of Operations).b. BLT.

- (1) Insert reconnaissance forces in AOA on night of D-2.

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- (2) Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day conduct waterborne landing over designated beach areas.
- (3) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day conduct helicopterborne landing in designated landing zones.
- (4) Conduct riverine search and destroy operations in assigned sectors.
- (5) Establish and maintain control of waterways in AOA.
- (6) Prevent exfiltration and infiltration of AOA.
- (7) On a rotating basis, provide one rifle company as Sparrow Hawk Force.
- (8) On order, be prepared to conduct subsequent search and destroy operations within AOA.
- (9) On order, be prepared to execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

c. HMM.

- (1) Provide helicopter support in accordance with Annex H (Landing Plan) and the BLT detailed landing plan.
- (2) Provide lift for Sparrow Hawk Force.
- (3) Provide TAC(A), TAO, and maintain continuous aerial observation of AOA from sunrise to sunset.
- (4) Be prepared to provide helicopters for resupply, search and rescue, and medical evacuation.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See Annex C (Concept of Operations).
- (2) Name of exercise is "MUD PUPPY."
- (3) AOA will be defined in the Frag Order for each exercise.
- (4) Report suitable helicopter landing zones on continuous basis.
- (5) See Annex E (Fire Support Coordination).
- (6) Emphasize reduction of basic individual combat load.

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(7) All precautions will be taken to avoid damage to private property and injury to Philippine Nationals.

(8) Safety precautions will be strictly adhered to in the employment of blank ammunition and smoke pyrotechnics.

(9) Common grid code will be included in message frag order.

(10) S-Day - Day reconnaissance units are inserted.

(11) T-Hour - Hour reconnaissance units are inserted.

(12) D-Day - Day amphibious assault commences.

(13) H-Hour - Hour waterborne amphibious assault forces land.

(14) L-Hour - Hour helicopterborne assault forces land.

(15) W-Hour - Hour landing force units begin final tactical movement on beaches and landing zones for withdrawal.

(16) Reports (See Annex K (Reports)).

(17) Code name for tactical amphibious withdrawal will be published in the Frag Order for each exercise.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

See Annex I (Administration and Logistics).

~~COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS~~


a. See Annex D (Command Relations).

b. Command Posts.

(1) Afloat - LPH.

(2) Ashore - to be announced.

c. ~~Communications-Electronics~~ (See Annex J (~~Communications-Electronics~~)).


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ANNEXES:

A - Task Organization

B - Intelligence

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C = Concept of Operations
D = Command Relations
E = Fire Support Coordination
F = Naval Gunfire
G = Air Operations
H = Landing Plan
I = Administration and Logistics
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Battalion Landing Team

___ Bn (Rein), ___ Marines
___ Det, HqCo, ___ Marines (Radio Relay)
___ Det, HqBn, ___ MarDiv (Postal, Disb, Photo, Radio Relay)
___ Plt (Rein), ___ Co, ___ AmTracBn, FMF
___ Btry (Rein), ___ Bn, ___ Marines
___ Btry (mortar) (Rein), ___ Bn, ___ Marines
___ Plt (Rein), ___ Co, ___ ATBn
___ Plt (Rein), ___ Co, ___ EngrBn
___ Plt, ___ Co, ___ ReconBn
___ Plt (Rein), ___ Co, ___ TkdN, FMF

Logistics Support Unit

Det, BMU, NBG (Provided by Navy, does not become part
T/O until Shore Party Team is Activated)

Det, ___ CollPlt, ___ Coll & ClrCo, ___ MedBn

Det, FSR, FMF

Det, SPBn

___ Plt (Rein), ___ Co, ___ MTBn

Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron ___



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 USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)
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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation ~~Plan~~ 302-66

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS S733, 1:50,000 Sheets 3260 II, 3260 III, 3259 I, 3259 IV,
 3157 I and 3157 II

Time Zone: H

1. SUMMARY OF THE ENEMY SITUATION.

a. General.

(1) The United States Government, in carrying out its treaty agreements, has been engaged in in-country operations in direct support of Friendly Nations military effort against communist insurgent forces of Enemy Nation. Insurgent forces have employed considerable success in recent months particularly in river delta areas despite increased Friendly Nation and U. S. military strength and activity.

(2) Current usually reliable intelligence sources have reported increased enemy buildup of supplies, equipment and forces on the border between the belligerent nations; these same sources also reported similar activity along certain coastal areas, particularly in the dense mangrove swamps and delta areas. Rivers and streams have provided excellent lines of communications and the insurgents have become very adept in the use of these areas for base camps, training areas, hospitals and war materiel manufacturing and repair centers. There is growing evidence to support the contention that the insurgents are training organized combined arms units of battalion, regimental and brigade size. Also, the enemy has stepped up conscript input, thereby increasing his trained ground reserve potential.

(3) In order to cause the enemy to focus attention elsewhere so that his efforts to build up his ready forces for large scale operations are thwarted at least temporarily, the JCS have ordered amphibious operations to be executed on the enemy homeland to include the delta/swampy coastal areas.

b. See Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate)

c. See current INTSUMS and Special Intelligence Reports as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

a. Determine if the enemy will defend the delta/coastal areas. If so, where, and in what strength.

b. Determine location, identification, composition and organization of enemy forces in the objective area.

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c. Determine if the enemy will exfiltrate. If so, where, when and how?

d. Determine the enemys routes of infiltration and methods of transportation into the objective area.

3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS.

a. Orders to subordinate units.

(1) BLT _____.

(a) Collect and report information of an intelligence nature encountered during the operation.

(2) HMM _____.

(a) Be prepared to conduct visual and hand held camera photographic reconnaissance as directed.

b. Requests to higher adjacent, and supporting units.

(1) Commander, Amphibious Task Force.

(a) Provide or arrange for aerial photography, as requested.

(b) Provide current and predicted weather data.

(c) Provide information, as obtained, on beach, surf and tidal data.

(d) Provide information, as obtained, on enemy ECM capabilities.

(e) Provide information, as obtained, on enemy sea infiltration sites within AOA.

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

(a) Captured personnel.

(1) Captives will be treated in a humane manner. Capturing units will disarm, search, silence and segregate captives and hostile civilians, by nationality, sex, grade, agents, civilians, recovered deserters and deserters.

(2) Captives may be interrogated at the capturing level for intelligence of immediate tactical value. Specific measures concerning the evacuation and handling of captives during these exercises will be promulgated as required.

(3) Wounded captives will be given adequate medical treatment and evacuated through captive or medical channels in accordance with the captives physical condition. Medical personnel will report to CATF/CLF any information voluntarily disclosed by wounded captives.

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b. Captured Documents.

(1) Captured documents will be evacuated to CLF after screening by BLT S-2 and/or attached intelligence specialist teams for information of immediate tactical value.

(2) Documents found will be tagged to identify them with captives on whom found, information concerning date, time, place, circumstance of capture and identity of capturing unit.

(3) Ensure documents are promptly turned in and not retained by individuals as souvenirs..

(4) Captured enemy cryptographic materiel will be treated as Secret and evacuated to CLF without delay.

c. Captured Materiel.

(1) Initial reports of new and unusual enemy equipment, armaments, and/or supplies will be forwarded immediately to CLF with a brief description of the item and circumstances involved in its capture.

(2) All captured enemy materiel will be forwarded as soon as practical to CLF.

(3) All captured materiel will be tagged by capturing unit prior to evacuation.

(4) Unit commanders will be responsible for the safeguarding of all captured materiel.

5. MAPS, CHARTS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

a. Reference (a) designates the standard maps for this exercise.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE.

a. In the event of capture, troops will give only name, rank, service number and date of birth. Ensure all personnel are instructed in the Code of Conduct for Members of the Armed Forces.

b. Unit commanders will ensure that classified materiel or identifying material is not left in evacuated installations.


c. Only those civilian news correspondents and photographers specifically authorized by the CATF will be allowed in the objective area.

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7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION.

a. Submit INTSUMS commencing at H plus twelve covering previous twelve hours and every twelve hours thereafter until termination of the operation.

b. Intelligence of an urgent or critical nature will be forwarded by the fastest means consistent with security to CLF. Spot reports of enemy activity will be submitted as they occur.


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APPENDIXES:

1. Intelligence Estimate

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 USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)
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Appendix 1 (Intelligence Estimate) to Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan, 302-66

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS S733, 1:50,000, Sheets 3260 II, 3260 III, 3259 I, 3259 IV, 3157 I and 3157 II.
 (b) Area Study NAVOTAS Training Area

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF AREA OF OPERATION.

(a) Weather. Mindoro Island is located in the west central part of the Philippine Island Group. Weather is of a subtropical to tropical nature and is chiefly influenced by the monsoon flow. Partly cloudy skies with assorted light tropical showers will prevail the majority of the time. Weather information will be promulgated separately for the period of each MUD PUPPY exercise.

(b) Terrain.

(1) See reference (b).

(2) Effects on enemy operations. The terrain will afford the enemy maximum cover and concealment and will pose no trafficability problem due to his knowledge of the area.

(3) Effects on friendly operations. The terrain will not seriously effect friendly operations although fields of fire and observation will be limited.

3. ENEMY SITUATION.

a. Installations known to be in the AOA include an enemy nation sampan repair facility, medical aid station and supply distribution/receiving area. Exact locations of these installations are not known at the present time.

b. Enemy forces within the AOA consist of two (2) local force companies with a strength of about 120 men each. In addition a cadre of about 80 enemy nation main force personnel are assisting these units. Each Local Force company is armed with individual weapons, four (4) light machineguns, two (2) 60 mm mortars and one (1) 57 mm recoilless rifle. These units are continually on the move throughout the AOA maintaining control of the populations and guarding against Friendly Nation attacks.

c. The 89th Enemy Nation Regiment is known to be operating southwest of the AOA and is considered capable of reinforcing units within the objective area in 24 hours. The 89th Regiment has a strength of approximately 1,200 men.

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4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES.a. Enumeration.

(1) Attack any target within the objective area with a force of up to two local force companies.

(2) Defend at any time and place of their choosing with a force of up to two local force companies.

(3) Reinforce capabilities (1) and (2) above with all or part of the 89th Enemy Nation Regiment within 24 hours after movement commences.

(4) Avoid contact and exfiltrate the objective area.

(5) Resort to small unit harassing tactics, ambushes and use of mines and booby traps in an effort to inflict maximum casualties on U. S. Forces.

b. Analysis and Discussion.

(1) Capability (1). Indications which favor the adoption of this capability are: the superior knowledge of the area and his ability to have preregistered fires plotted throughout the objective area. Indications against the adoption of this capability are the enemys respect for our supporting arms and the limited fields of fire.

(2) Capability (2). Indications favoring this capability consists again of his superior knowledge of the terrain and his ability to have pre-registered fires plotted on all likely avenues of approach. Indications militating against the adoption of this capability are the enemy's reluctance to be tied to a fixed position and giving friendly forces the capability of concentrating supporting arms in one particular area.

(3) Capability (3). Indications which favor the adoption of this capability are: the forces capable of reinforcing are readily available; the area is controlled by the enemy, thereby providing freedom of movement. Indications which militate against the adoption of this capability include the risk of detection and attack by air and naval gun fire during movement.

(4) Capability (4). Indications which favor the adoption of this capability, are the enemy's superior knowledge of the terrain and his desire to conserve his forces when oppose against superior forces. Militating against the adoptions of this capability is the fact that the enemy's homeland is being jeopardized which may force him to fight tenaciously in place.

(5) Capability (5). Indications which favor the adoption of the capability are: this is a time tested enemy tactic which provides the enemy with the capability of inflicting significant damage on the opposing force. Under these conditions the enemy is least vulnerable to the effects of supporting arms fire. There are no indications which militate against the adoption of this capability.

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5. CONCLUSIONS.a. Probable courses of action.

(1) Against friendly operations of short term duration, the enemy would probably execute capability (5).

(2) Should friendly forces attempt a major buildup in the objective area the enemy would probably execute capabilities (2) and (3).

b. Vulnerabilities. Enemy nation forces when concentrated are vulnerable to air observation thus attack by air, artillery and naval gunfire. Although little is known about the enemy's command and control capabilities, it is believed that communications are basic, with only a small number of short range radios.



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Annex C (Concept of Operations) to Operation Plan 302-66

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT LOI
(b) FMFM 8-4
(c) NWP 22(A)
(d) CTF 76 NAVOTAS Training Area Study

Time Zone: Hotel

1. MISSION

Commencing at H-Hour and L-Hour on D-Day, Special Landing Force will conduct a waterborne and helicopterborne assault over designated beaches and landing zones to execute riverine search and destroy operations within assigned AOA; upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

2. GENERAL

a. This plan contains instructions for the conduct of amphibious riverine training exercises (MUD PUPPY) in the NAVOTAS Area, Mindoro, R. P. and will be implemented by a frag message order.

b. Reference (a) sets forth the training objectives.

c. Marine Corps interim doctrine for riverine operations is contained in reference (b).

d. Command relationships will be in accordance with NWP 22(A) and Annex D (Command Relationships).

e. Reference (d) indicates the NAVOTAS area can be classified as a Type II Environment. This area contains rivers, streams, paddies, and relatively few dry land areas. The waterways present serious obstacles but are vital as lines of communications. Waterborne movement will be exploited to a maximum extent and waterborne operations will augment or support land operations, whenever advantageous. Plastic assault boats with outboard motors manned by marines will add flexibility and mobility. Helicopter operations will include a full spectrum of appropriate tasks, limited only by the availability of HLZs.

f. MUD PUPPY series riverine amphibious training exercises will stress all phases of small unit operations and the landing force mission.

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3. CONCEPT

a. The landing force task organization will be especially tailored for riverine operations. The objective being the formation of a fully integrated air, ground, sea, and river teams precisely tailored to ensure superior mobility, firepower, and unity of command. The task organization will be characterized by the assignment of reinforcing elements to lower echelons than normal. Thus providing the landing force with the high order of flexibility required to cope with the broad range of possible tasks.

b. The NAVOTAS area (land portion of AOA) will be divided into three sectors utilizing the waterways as natural boundaries.

c. CATF will organize two separate boat groups to support search and destroy operations in two riverine sectors simultaneously.

d. The scheme of maneuver ashore will utilize a deep reconnaissance unit, two maneuver elements, a helicopter ready reaction force based on the LPH, and a unit rotational system designed to prevent immersion foot and heat exhaustion.

e. Landing force maneuver elements will operate within designated sectors and conduct search and destroy operations. Blocking positions will be rapidly established to prevent exfiltration of enemy forces. The exercise will be characterized by small unit operations, maximum use of rivers and streams, movement by helicopter and assault craft/boats, extensive use of supporting arms, and a systematic but aggressive search of assigned sectors. Mobility and fast reaction will be stressed at all command levels.

f. Maneuver elements will maintain a land base, or a water base. River traffic control will be a continued landing force requirement.

g. Combat and reconnaissance patrols will be employed to include river patrolling, helicopter inserted patrols, and extensive small unit foot patrols/ambushes.

h. Enemy ambushes are likely in riverine search and destroy operations and rapid reaction/counterambush techniques and tactics will be emphasized to counter enemy activity.

4. FIRE SUPPORT AND AIR

a. Observation aircraft will be employed to provide battlefield surveillance and orientation of landing force maneuver elements.

b. During river convoy operations a TAC(A) will remain airborne and close air support will be on station.

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c. Artillery will provide normal fire support; however, lack of suitable firing positions will place greater reliance on close air support and naval gunfire. Artillery forward observers will be required to adjust artillery and naval gunfire.

d. Naval gunfire and naval coastal and river surveillance forces will enhance the overall landing force fire support capability.

e. Close air support will be controlled by the TAC(A) and FAC utilizing current doctrine. Marking of friendly elements will be on a continuous basis and positive communications must be maintained.

f. Armed helicopters will be employed, when available, for helicopter escort.

g. Supporting arms will be employed to the maximum extent to isolate the AOA, prevent exinfiltration, to counter enemy ambushes, and support small units in search and destroy operations.


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Ref: (a) NWP 22(A)
(b) FMFM 8-4

1. MISSION

Commencing at H-Hour and L-Hour on D-Day, Special Landing Force will conduct a waterborne and helicopterborne assault over designated beaches and landing zones to execute riverine search and destroy operations within assigned AOA; upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

2. COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

a. Command relationships are as set forth in reference (a), in this Annex, and in Appendix (1).


b. Commander Amphibious Task Force is the overall commander of the operation.

c. Responsibility for the conduct of operations ashore is vested in Commander Landing Force.

d. Commander Amphibious Task Force is responsible for control of the ship-to-shore movement of waterborne and helicopterborne assault forces.

e. Commander Amphibious Task Force is responsible for control of Navy Boat Units until they land at the combat bases, at which time control passes ashore to Commander Landing Force.

f. Commander Landing Force is responsible for control of riverine operations ashore.


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1- Command Relationships Diagram

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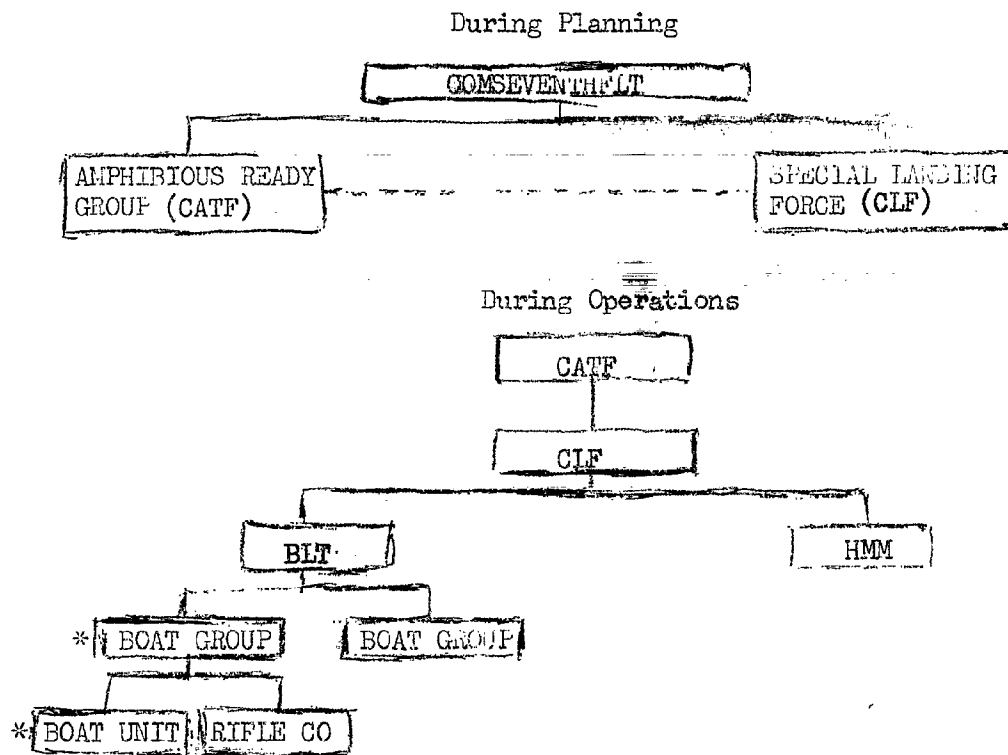
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Appendix I (Command Relationships Diagram) to Annex D (Command Relationships) to Operation Plan 302-66

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1. The following diagram graphically portrays the command relationships for Operation Mud Puppy.



----- Command.

- - - - - Cooperation and Coordination.

* After Boat Group/Unit lands at combat base.

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(b) NWIP 22-2(A)
(c) CTG 76.6 OpOrd 302-66
(d) FMFM 7-1
(e) FMFM 8-4 (Tentative)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) INTSUM's.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Annex F (Naval Gunfire).
- (2) Annex G (Air Operations).

2. MISSION

Commencing at H-Hour and L-Hour on D-Day, Special Landing Force will conduct a waterborne and helicopterborne assault over designated beaches and landing zones to execute riverine search and destroy operations within the AOA; and upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, the Landing Force will execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

3. EXECUTION

- a. Fire support coordination afloat will be coordinated and controlled in accordance with reference (c).

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b. Beach and helicopter landing zone preparations will be planned by the BLT and coordinated with SACC. NGF preparations will be scheduled from H-30 and L-30 to H-15 and L-15. CAS preparations will commence at H-15 and L-15 to H-3 and L-3. The above schedule will be modified only with the approval of CLF and CATF.

c. The BLT will establish a FSCC ashore for coordination of supporting arms in accordance with references (b) and (d). Control of supporting arms, less air, will be passed ashore after the BLT requests it from the CLF and the CATF approves it. Control of air will normally remain afloat with SACC. Control of supporting arms will be passed back to the SACC prior to commencement of the amphibious tactical withdrawal.

d. Close air support will be under the positive control of the TACP, FAC, TAC(A) or TAO. Airborne controllers will establish communications with friendly units for positive location before attacking a target.

e. Artillery and naval gunfire will normally be under the positive control of the SFCP, FO, or airborne spotter.

f. Due to the increased number of units in a riverine operation, the NGF spot teams and FO teams must be able to call for and adjust both naval gunfire and artillery.

g. Small unit commanders and patrol leaders must be able to call for and adjust supporting fires when trained observers are not available.

h. Coordination of Artillery and Naval Gunfire.

(1) When control of supporting arms is passed ashore to the FSCC, SACC will be notified of all missions prior to firing. The following information will be passed to SACC:

- (a) Unit or ship firing.
- (b) Coordinates of target.
- (c) Maximum ordinate
- (d) Estimated time that firing will commence.
- (e) When mission has been completed..

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(2) When control of supporting arms is afloat, the FSCC will notify SACC of changes to unit locations.

(3) The SACC will immediately pass all information on supporting fires within the AOA to HDC to insure the safety of helos.

(4) SACC and HDC will transmit "save-a-planes" to all aircraft entering the AOA over the TAD nets and HD nets, respectively.

4. TARGET INFORMATION

(a) Target List.

(1) Initially maintained by CATF.

(2) When established ashore the FSCC will maintain a target list.

(3) Night defensive fire and H&I fire plans will be transmitted by the FSCC to CLF and SACC.

(b) Annex B (Intelligence).

(c) INTSUMS

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY(a) Air Sentries and Lookouts.

(1) Air sentries will be positioned at artillery firing batteries and will cease fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching danger areas.

(2) Artillery forward observers, naval gunfire spotters and airborne spotters will check fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery and naval gun will endanger friendly aircraft.

(3) Unless special coordination measures are prescribed, fires on helicopter routes are restricted to observed fires where the observer is capable of ensuring the safety of the helicopters using the routes.

6. COORDINATION TECHNIQUES

a. Restrictive fire plans will be established by CATF while coordination of supporting fires is afloat. When coordination is passed ashore restrictive fire plans will be established in accordance with paragraph 816 of reference (b) and reported to SACC; changes by overlay or message.

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b. Boundaries, no-fire lines, and fire coordination lines will be established in accordance with paragraph 2507 FMFM 3-1 and reported to SACC; changes by overlay or message.

c. Bomblines will be established by CATF as required.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex J (Communications)


b. Command Post.

(1) Afloat.

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(2) Ashore. To be announced.


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(d) FMFM 7-2
(e) FMFM 7-1
(f) FMFM 8-4 (Tentative)

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

TU 76.6.1 Naval Gunfire and Screen Unit (Naval Gunfire Support Ships to be assigned).

1. SITUATION

a. General.

(1) In other than built-up areas, naval gunfire may be directed against enemy forces in contact, in accordance with normal procedures. When not in contact, unobserved NGF will be directed only at targets declared hostile by indigenous personnel, ground observers or airborne spotters. Further, unobserved naval gunfire will be employed only under exceptional circumstances and in cases where:

(a) The requested naval gunfire missions cannot be observed due to geography, weather, or other factors; or

(b) No U. S. ground or airborne spotters are available.

b. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUM's.

c. Friendly Forces. CTG 79.3 provides CAS.

2. MISSION

Naval gunfire and Screen Unit (TU 76.6.1) supports the landing and operations ashore of the Special Landing Force (TG 79.5) with naval gunfire.

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3. EXECUTION

a. The desired NGF support ships are:

- 1-CA (8")
- 1-DD (5"-54)
- 1-LSMR (5" RKTS)

b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Fire support areas and stations, boundaries and zones of responsibility of fire support ships will be promulgated by CATF. See Naval Gunfire Annex to reference (b).

(2) SACC and the BLT FSCC will control and coordinate naval gunfire with other supporting arms in accordance with reference (c).

(3) When the BLT FSCC is established ashore, coordination of naval gunfire with other supporting arms will be in accordance with references (d) and (e).

(4) Requests for naval gunfire support will be made to the gunfire support ships by spot teams, ~~forward observing air observers,~~ and others fully qualified to adjust fires, ~~logs,~~ company commanders and patrol leaders.

(5) VT and MTF fuze projectiles not set on safe will not be fired over the heads or within 300 yards of friendly ships, troops, landing craft, or assault boats unless specifically requested by the supported unit.

(6) Use UTM grid reference system for all target locations.

(7) Target priorities will be in accordance with paragraph 815 of reference (c).

(8) Restrictive fire plans will be in accordance with Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) and paragraph 816 of reference (c).

(9) All spotters will give the naval gunfire ship, upon completion of a mission, "End of Target" followed by a damage assessment and effectiveness of fire.

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(10) The SFCP will report to the naval gunfire ship(s) friendly positions every hour or when there is a significant change.

(11) The BLT commander will coordinate naval gunfire zones of responsibility to correspond to the boundaries of the supported troop units in accordance with paragraph 310 of reference (c).

(12) The BLT will submit requirements to CLF for D-Day schedule of fires. See Annex E (Fire Support Coordination).

(13) The BLT commander will coordinate screening smoke with organic units and CLF.

(14) Rockets will not be fired over the heads of friendly troops, landing craft, assault boats, or shipping.

(15) If available, NGF support ships will utilize radar beacon teams as required.

(16) SFCP will establish radio communications with direct support ships at H-60. In the interval before SFCP commences functioning ashore, NGF ships will execute scheduled fires using an airborne spotter, when available. Airborne spotters (TAC) may request repetition, acceleration, reduction, or shifting of scheduled fires as the situation dictates.

(17) Coordination of air support, artillery, and naval gunfire in accordance with Annex D (Fire Support Coordination).


4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Details will be published as required.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex J (Communications-Electronics)

b. See basic plan.


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Appendix 1 (NGF Communications) to Annex F (NGF Support) to Operation Plan 302-66

CIRCUIT NUMBER		C1	C2	C3	C4
		PRIMARY	SECONDARY	PRIMARY	SECONDARY
CIRCUIT USE		NGF CONTROL	NGF CONTROL	SFC SPOT	SFC SPOT
FREQUENCY (To be announced)		KCS	KCS	KCS	KCS
UNIT	VOICE CALL SIGN				
CTG 76.6	NATALIE	C	C (1)	O	O
CLF	HEARSAY	X	O	O	O
NGF SHIP	TO BE ISSUED	X	O	X	O
NGF SHIP	TO BE ISSUED	X	O	O	O
BLT NGFLO	26 OSCAR	X	O	O	O
BLT SPCP ONE 26	CHARLIE			C	C (1)

LEGEND

C - NET CONTROL
X - GUARD
O - BE PREPARED TO GUARD

NOTES: (1) Control when utilized


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(f) FMFM 8-4 (Tentative)

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. General.

(1) CAS missions will be coordinated primarily to provide training for BLT FAC's and will be coordinated with CLF to provide maximum utilization of assigned aircraft.

b. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.

c. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization)

(2) CTG 79.3 normally provides CAS.

(3) TE 76.6.0.2 provides the coordination and control of all air assigned to support the operation; establishes TACC/TADC and provides HDC liaison as appropriate; coordinates and controls air search and rescue operations and exercises control of all friendly air operating within the AOA.

2. MISSION

Assigned aviation units will conduct air operations in support of the ARG/SLF.

3. EXECUTION

a. See Annex C (Concept of Operation).

b. See Annex E (Fire Support Coordination).

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- c. Restrictive fire plans will be in accordance with Annex E (Fire Support Coordination) and references (b) and (c).
- d. CAS will be under the positive control of TACP or TAC(A).
- e. Friendly units will mark their assault craft and/or positions with panels, pyrotechnics, flares or lights in accordance with Annex J (Communications-Electronics).
- f. Supported waterborne units can mark targets with fire from mortars, recoilless rifles or grenade launchers, and other signals as contained in Annex J (Communications-Electronics).
- g. Control of air will not normally be passed ashore.
- h. Helicopter primary and alternate LZs and landing beaches will be scheduled for preparatory fires prior to landing troops. See Annex E (Fire Support Coordination).
- i. General instructions, safety precautions and helicopter control and protection plan will be in accordance with reference (b).
- j. The UTM Military Grid Reference six digit system will be used for target designation.
- k. Other helicopters and tactical air support operations for the Special Landing Force will be conducted in accordance with references (d) and (e).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- a. See Annex I (Administration and Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

- a. See Annex J (Communications-Electronics).


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APPENDIXES:

- 1- Aircraft Schedule
- 2- Aircraft Airmanent
- 3- Air Communications (to be issued)

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Ref: (a) NWP 41

Time Zone: H

1. Conditions of aircraft readiness in accordance with reference (a):

CONDITION 1 - Pilot in cockpit, engine not running, and deck
crews at their station. Aircraft launch 2 minutes.

CONDITION 2 - Aircraft can be launched within 5 minutes.

CONDITION 3 - Aircraft can be launched within 15 minutes.


CONDITION 4 - Aircraft can be launched within 30 minutes.

CONDITION 5 - Aircraft will be launched at specific time.

2. Condition aircraft that are launched will be replaced by other air-
craft in the same condition of readiness. Replacement aircraft will add
to the event number the letter A for first relief, B for second relief,
etc.

3. "Time on station" is the time that aircraft reports to the con-
trolling agency over the assigned orbit or entry point.

4. Plus and minus figures combined with H-Hour and L-Hour are in min-
utes.


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TABS:

- A. D-Day
- B. D+plus 1 Subsequent (to be issued)
- C. Air Schedule Notes

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Tab A (Air Schedule) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation Plan 302-66

EVENT NO	MISSION	PROVIDED BY	NUMBER & TYPE A/C	TIME ON STATION	REPORT TO ON NET	ENTRY PT ALTITUDE	REMARKS
171	SAR	HMM	1 HELO	L-15 TO COMPLETION	FAIRMONT BLACK	ORBIT LPH 1000	RELIEVE ON STATION
31	LZ PREP/HELO ESCORT	CTG 79.3	2 VA	L-15 TO COMPLETION	ICEPACK GOLD	SUE 20 M	NOTES 1 & 2
51	CAS	CTG 79.3	2 VA	H-15 TO COMPLETION	ICEPACK GOLD	SUE 20 M	NOTES 1, 2, 3, & 6
82	TAO/TAC(A)	HMM	1 HELO	H-30 TO H+30	ICEPACK GOLD	PENSACOLA 2000	NOTE 3
105	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 HELO	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	PENSACOLA 1500'	NOTES 5 & 7
106	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 HELO	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	PENSACOLA 1500'	NOTES 5 & 7
107	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 HELO	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	PENSACOLA 1500'	NOTES 5 & 7
108	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 HELO	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	PENSACOLA 1500'	NOTES 5 & 7
109	TROOP LIFT	HMM	8 HELO	COND IV	FAIRMONT BLACK	PENSACOLA 1500'	NOTE 4
151	MED EVAC	HMM	2 HELO	COND III	FAIRMONT BLACK	PENSACOLA 1500'	NOTE 8


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Tab C (Air Schedule Notes) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation Plan 302-66

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1. Flight leaders will report positions to the controlling agency prior to entering AOA. Aircraft reporting in will remain VFR.
2. Upon establishing radio contact with the controlling agency the flight leader will provide the following information on the TATC net to the TACC:
 - a. Voice call of flight leader.
 - b. Event number.
 - c. Number and model of aircraft.
 - d. Position and altitude.
 - e. Ordnance.
 - f. Time aircraft must depart AOA.
 - g. Pertinent remarks.
3. Upon completion revert to condition IV.
4. This event becomes effective upon completion of events 105, 106, and 107.
5. Events 105, 106, 107, and 108 will be prepared for back loading, on order.
6. Be prepared for beach prep H-15 to H-Hour.
7. All helicopters will be available for medical evacuation as situation permits.
8. Revert to condition IV sunset to sunrise.


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Appendix 2 (Aircraft Armament) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation Plan 302-66

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a. All ordnance loading will be simulated.
- b. CTG 79.3 VMA Det assigned will simulate loading. Ordnance will be for missions against targets generally soft in nature.
- c. Pilots will report their simulated ordnance load to TACC using current Seventh Fleet ordnance codes.
- d. After the completion of each CAS mission the flight leader will report to the controlling agency, ordnance expended, damage assessment and enemy intelligence of immediate tactical importance.


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Annex H (Landing Plan) to Operation Plan 302-66

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(c) NWP 22(A)
(d) FMFM 6-3
(e) NWIP 22-3
(f) FMFM 8-4

Time Zone: H

1. GENERAL

- a. Annex C (Concept of Operation)
- b. This plan calls for:
- (1) Landing by waterborne amphibious assault; or
 - (2) Landing by helicopterborne amphibious assault; or
 - (3) Landing by a combination of helicopterborne and waterborne amphibious assault.
- c. An amphibious assault in a riverine operation will reflect the tactics and techniques contained in reference (f).
- d. Environmental conditions existing in the objective area will dictate the extent of utilization of landing craft, amphibian vehicles, riverboats, barges, and pontoon causeways.

2. EXECUTION

- a. The BLT will prepare a detailed landing plan and landing documents in accordance with reference (b) and paragraphs 2910 and 2918 of reference (d).
- b. The BLT will also develop a withdrawal plan in accordance with references (b) and (c), to be executed on order.

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3. WITHDRAWAL PLAN

a. The withdrawal plan is essentially a ship-to-shore movement in reverse.

b. Backloading of non-tactical equipment shall be accomplished, if practicable, prior to W-Hour.


c. Tactical command and control during withdrawal shall be exercised in the same positive manner as the initial assault.

d. In the withdrawal, the tactical situation ashore is paramount. The order of withdrawal of units is more important than the specific time. Withdrawal actions may be accelerated or delayed depending upon the existing situation.

4. CONTROL MEASURES

a. Ship-to-shore control will be in accordance with references (b), (c) and (e).

b. BLT tac-log will organize, embark, and function in accordance with paragraph 2905 and 2918 c.(6) of reference (d).


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Annex I (Logistics and Administration) to Operation Plan 302-66

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General.

(1) Supplies to be landed will be the minimum required to accomplish the mission.

(2) Supplies will be prepared and staged aboard assigned amphibious ships and ready for loading on helicopter or surface lift prior to D-Day.

(3) Prescribed loads will be drawn from BLT supplies.

(4) Prescribed Loads.

(a) Class I

- 1 Meal Combat, Individual - 1 Day.
- 2 Fuel, Trioxane Bar - 1 Day.
- 3 Salt Tablets - 8 per individual/day.

(b) Class II

- 1 Essential issue only.
- 2 Dry cell batteries - 1 Day.
- 3 Life preservers.
- 4 Motor, outboard.
- 5 Lines, lashing, and lowering.
- 6 Repellent, insect
- 7 Boats - 20

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1. ~~Parasols~~

1. Foot powder

(c) Class III

1. Rifle oil - 1 four ounce can per two individual.

2. Oil outboard motor.

(d) Class IV

1. None

(e) Class V

1. None

(f) Water

1. Two filled canteens per individual.

2. Filled water cans - 1 gal/man/day.

3. Halizone tablets - 12/man/day.

(g) Medical

1. Complete basic medical outfit.

b. Control and Distribution.(1) Tac-log

(a) BLT _____ tac-log will be established aboard the LPH and the PCS.

(2) Levels of supplies in the objective area will not exceed one day of supply for any class.

(3) Custody, control and distribution of supplies is a BLT responsibility. Request for transportation will be submitted via tac-log.

(4) Landing of supplies and series will be reported to CTG 79.5 when completed.

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(5) Resupply of all classes of supplies will be requested through the LPH tac-log.

(6) Every effort will be made to ensure supplies are safeguarded against damage, pilferage or waste both afloat and ashore.

(7) Report all classes of supplies expended or consumed to CTG 79.5 within thirty-six hours after completion of the operation.

(8) All materiel requiring salvage will be reported and returned to amphibious shipping by the most expeditious means.

(9) No materiel of potential use to the enemy will be left unguarded.

(10) All captured materiel will be evacuated via S-2 channels for evaluation.

(11) Units will report type, quantity, condition, location, time and date of all captured materiel.

(12) Use of captured materiel by friendly units is prohibited unless approved by CTG 79.5.

2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

a. General.

(1) Sanitation and Preventive Medicine.

(a) The tropical climate and heavy rainfall in the operating area creates special medical problems. Chief among these are heat exhaustion and tropical disease. Foot infections from prolonged immersion in water is a distinct hazard. Use of local water or food products is prohibited.

(b) Unit commanders will ensure maximum sanitary discipline under combat conditions.

b. Evacuation.

(1) Movement. Casualties occurring during shipboard phase will be evacuated as directed by CTG 79.5.

(2) Assault. Casualties occurring in landing craft or helicopters will remain aboard if possible and be evacuated to medical facilities afloat.

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(3) Ashore.

(a) Casualties occurring ashore will be evacuated to the LPH.

(b) Helicopter is primary means of evacuation.

(4) Casualty Evacuation Control.

(a) The LPH is designated the Casualty Evacuation Control Ship (CECS).

(b) A medical officer on the LPH will be designated as the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer (CECO).

c. Hospitalization. As directed by the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer (CECO).

d. Medical Administration. Evacuation and casualty reports will be in accordance with instructions contained in Annex E (Personnel) to CTG 79.5 Operation Plan 201-~~201~~ (Draft).

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Land. Landing of wheeled and track vehicles will be restricted to the minimum required for accomplishment of the mission and training objectives.

b. Water. Use of landing-craft/assault boats is the preferred means of transportation in a swamp/mangrove environment.

4. SERVICE

a. Functions.

(1) Construction - None.

(2) Maintenance - To be provided by the appropriate service attachment to the BLT.

5. PERSONNEL

a. Strengths. All units will debark with strengths required to provide maximum combat efficiency.

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b. Replacements - None.

c. Captives.

(1) All provisions of the Geneva Convention will be observed.

(2) All captives will be immediately searched.

(3) Disposition of captives will be as indicated in Annex B (Intelligence).

d. Personnel and Casualty Reports. In accordance with instructions contained in Annex E (Personnel) to CTG 79.5 Operation Plan 201-YR (Draft).

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION.

a. Every reasonable effort will be taken to gain the cooperation of local populace.

b. Distribution of "Handclasp" material will be as directed by CTG 79.5.

c. Unit commanders will ensure that troops are especially careful not to damage property, livestock, religious structures, graves, shrines and other property of particular significance to the local populace.

7. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Security of all supplies, equipment and personal effects while aboard ships is the responsibility of unit commanders.

b. When helicopters are used for logistic support, maximum utilization of space should be attained for the trip, both to and from the LPH.



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Annex J (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 302-66

Time Zone: Hotel

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 302-66 and frag order for specific operation.

(2) The enemy has the capability to: conduct radio interception; imitative deception and jamming; salvage, repair and use discarded/damaged communication equipment, especially dry cell batteries; booby-trap discarded communication-electronic equipment that is not salvageable; conduct extensive wire tapping to gain information; insert deceptive traffic on any communication channel; and ambush wire teams during installation and trouble shooting missions.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 302-66.

(2) Amphibious Task Group (TG 76.5) provides communication and cryptographic guard for embarked landing force units during movement to the objective area and as required during the operation.

(3) Amphibious Task Group (TG 76.5) will provide shipboard amplitude modulated (AM)/single side band (SSB) and frequency modulated (FM) communications equipment for use by the landing force during periods of training and operations.

(4) Command Posts.

(a) Afloat

(1) CATF (TG 76.5) - USS _____

(2) CLF (TG 79.5) - USS _____

(3) BLT - USS _____

(4) HMM - USS _____

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(5) Ashore. All landing force units report command post location when established.

2. MISSION. Commencing at H-60 minutes, D-Day, SLF (TG 79.5) communication-electronic units provide communication and electronic support for the landing and subsequent operations ashore.

3. EXECUTION

a. SLF Communication Section

(1) Establish and maintain communication center afloat.

(2) Commencing H-60 minutes, D-Day, **activates** Landing Force (LF) Tactical Nets 1 and 2 and monitors BLT Tactical Net.

(3) On order, establishes multichannel integrated radio relay employing AN/GRC-10 aboard the flagship for communications between SLF (CTG 79.5) afloat and BLT ashore.

b. BLT

(1) Commencing H-60 minutes, D-Day, guard Landing Force (LF) Tactical Nets 1 and 2.

(2) Be prepared to install hot lines aboard ship utilizing organic wire and telephone equipment.

(3) Establish and maintain a message center afloat effecting distribution for the BLT and HMM.

(4) On order, establish multichannel integrated wire/radio relay employing AN/MRC-62 ashore between BLT and SLF (CTG 79.5) afloat.

(5) Be prepared to provide one radio set AN/MRC-83, one radio set AN/MRC-109, one radio set AN/PRC-25, one remote set AN/GRC-39A, one remote set AN/GRC-6, one antenna RC-292, ten five gallon cans of gasoline and three AN/TRC-27 radio relay operators to SLF (CTG 89.5) on D-2.

(6) Provide dry cell batteries to SLF as required.

c. HMM

(1) Be prepared to provide helicopter messenger service.

d. Air Support Communications. See Appendix 1 (Air Frequencies)

e. Naval Gunfire Communications. See Appendix 2 (Naval Gunfire Frequencies)

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f. Coordinating Instructions.(1) Communication Center.

(a) See Appendix 3 (Cryptographic instructions).

(b) All messages passed over Landing Force Tactical Nets will use local time for date-time-group.

(c) When authenticating traffic is sent on the Landing Force Tactical Nets local time will be utilized in accordance with the following procedures:

BT

TEXT

TIME: 010230H Authentication is _____

BT

(d) Helicopter couriers will be employed when feasible for delivery of classified or lengthy reports and when delivery of such importance to warrant their use.

(e) CTG 79.5 will release messages from the ship for subordinate commands in the event their own releasing officers are unavailable during operations.

(2) Messenger Service.

(a) Helicopter landing sites, message drops and pick-up points will be marked in accordance with Appendix 6.

(3) Authentication, Numerical and Special Codes.

(a) See Appendix 3 (Cryptographic Instructions)

(b) KAA 60 will be used for authentication within the SLF.

(c) KAC 138 (Numerical Code) will be used within the SLF.

(d) KAC 140 (Operational Code) will be available for use between the BLT and SLF.

(4) Radio.

(a) Call signs and frequencies in accordance with Appendix 4 (Radio Plan).

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- (b) Radio checks and test counts will be conducted only when absolutely necessary.
- (c) Radio silence will be lifted by CATF by H-60 minutes.
- (d) Commence guarding assigned circuits at H-60 minutes.
- (e) SLF is the net control on Landing Force (LF) Tactical Nets 1 and 2.
- (5) Radio Relay. See Appendix 5 (Radio Relay Plan).
- (6) Visual Communications.
 - (a) See Appendix 6 (Visual Communications).
 - (b) All visual signals employed for air-ground coordination must be confirmed by voice radio communications. Helicopters trying to contact ground units will use either BLT command net, company tactical net, or a preassigned frequency. The helicopter tactical net will not be used by ground units except in an emergency.
- (7) Interference and Jamming. See Appendix 7 (Interference and Jamming).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

- a. See Annex I (Administration and Logistics)
- b. Land with sufficient batteries to support operation ashore for forty-eight (48) hours with replenishment to be on a daily requested basis.
- c. Battery Storage DB 451 U (Silver Zinc Alkaline) charging will be accomplished by the BLT aboard the LPH for all SLF units afloat and ashore.
- d. All expended dry cell batteries will be returned to the LPH.
- e. Second echelon maintenance will be available aboard the LPH.

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f. A limited second echelon capability will exist with the BLT ashore.


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APPENDIXES:

- 1- Air Frequencies
- 2- Naval Gunfire Frequencies
- 3- Cryptographic Instructions
- 4- Radio Plan
- 5- Radio Relay Plan
- 6- Visual Communications
- 7- Interference and Jamming

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Appendix 1 (Air Frequencies) to Annex J (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 302-66

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ASSIGNMENT										COLOR CODE	EMMIS- SION	*FREQ NET	CKT DESIG
			X						C		3A3J	TAC (P)	H-1
	X					X	X				6A3	RASPBERRY/TAC (S)	H-2
X							X	C			3A3J	TAR/HR (P)	H-3
W	W						W	W			3A3J	TAR/HR (S)	H-4
W				W	W			C	GOLD		6A3	TATC (P) IATC (P)	H-5
W				W	W			C	BLUE		6A3	TATC (S) IATC (S)	H-6
X	X	X						C	RED		6A3	AIR CONTROL (TAD #1)	H-7
W	W	W						C	GREEN		6A3	AIR CONTROL (TAD #2)	H-8
W				W	W			C	PURPLE		6A3	TAC (ARG)	H-9
				X			C		BLACK		6A3	HD-1	H-10
W				X	X		C		MAROON		6A3	HELLO COMMON	H-11
W				W	W	W	W		WHITE		6A3	SAR	H-12
											6A3	CIVIL A/C	H-13
				W	C						6A3	LPH LAND/LAUNCH	H-14
				X	C						6A3	HD-2	H-15
											6A3		
W					W		C				6A3	BOAT COMMON	M-5
											6A3		
	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			6A3	UHF EMERGENCY	
				L		L					6A3	VHF EMERGENCY	

C - Control
X - Guard
W - When Required or Directed
L - Listen

* Frequencies to be issued

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Appendix 2 (Naval Gunfire Frequencies) to Annex J (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 302-66

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GUNFIRE SUPPORT FREQUENCY PLAN

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Appendix 3 (Cryptographic Instructions) to Annex J (Communication-Electronics) to Operation Plan 302-66

Time Zone: H

1. AUTHENTICATION

- a. Effective edition of KAA-60
- b. Authentication will be mandatory under the following circumstances:
 - (1) When imitative deception is known or suspected.
 - (2) When challenging or challenged.
 - (3) When lifting or imposing radio silence.
 - (4) When entering or leaving a radio net.
 - (5) When transmitting operation instructions that affect the military situation.
 - (6) When transmitting contact or amplifying reports in plain language.
- c. Subordinate commanders are responsible for ensuring strict compliance with prescribed methods of and occasions for employing authentication.
- d. Message drafters should indicate to the radio operator when authentication is required or desired.
- e. The use of authentication tables will be in accordance with operating instructions (i.e. tables become superseded and effective at 0001H.)

2. COUPLE CODES

- a. Effective edition of KAC-138.
- b. This code affords minimum security and should not be used for encryption of information which requires protection for longer than (24) hours.
- c. This system will not be used to couple:
 - (1) Coordinates of friendly positions known or suspected to be known by the enemy.
 - (2) Coordinates of enemy positions.

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(3) Coordinates of target location for friendly supporting arms.

(4) Radio frequencies.

(a) Assigned designators will be used at all times to refer to radio frequencies.

d. Subordinate commanders are encouraged to employ checkpoints, phase lines, and thrust line coordinates to the maximum to prevent the possible compromise of couple codes.

e. To facilitate the use of KAC-138 and to be consistent with in-country practices, editions will be superseded and become effective at 0001H, as opposed to 0001Z.



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Appendix 4 (Radio Plan) to Annex J (Communication-Electronics) to
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1. CALL SIGNS. See Tab A.
2. FREQUENCIES. See Tab B.


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- A. Calls Signs
- B. Radio Frequencies

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Tab A (Call Signs) to Appendix 4 (Radio Plan) to Annex J (Communication-
Electronics) to Operation Plan 302-66

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1. The call signs listed herein are extracted from ACP 110, 112, JANAP
119, and CINCPACFLT 130534Z Aug 65.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOICE CALL</u>	<u>CW CALL</u>
CTF 76	ILLUSION	C70G
TF 76	TARNISH	H5SU
CTG 76.5	COMPANY STORE	M8NW
TG 76.5	GRUDGE	C6ME
CTU 76.5.0	MOONFISH	K6XP
TU 76.5.0	LUCKY ME	A2QN
CTE 76.5.0.1	MOONFISH ONE	K6XP1
CTE 76.5.0.2	MOONFISH TWO	K6XP2
CTE 76.5.0.3	MOONFISH THREE	K6XP3
CTE 76.5.0.4	MOONFISH FOUR	K6XP4
CTU 76.5.1	AZALEA BLOSSOM	W7PU
TU 76.5.1	KNOCK	MOUL
CTU 76.5.2	LITERARY	X4XC
TU 76.5.2	SPROCKET	B2QR
CTE 76.5.2.1	LITERARY ONE	X4XC1
TE 76.5.2.1	SPROCKET ONE	B2QR1
CTF 79	OPINION	VOHO
TF 79	YORKVILLE	Y9AV
CTG 79.5	HEARSAY	Y4YC
TG 79.5	POSITIVE	Z7A1
* HMM		
* HMM(COLLECTIVE)		
* BLT		
* BLT(COLLECTIVE)		
* COMPANY		
* COMPANY		
* COMPANY		
* COMPANY		
* PLT RECON BN		
* FORRECON TM #1		
* FORRECON TM #2		
* FORRECON TM #3		
* 107MM HOWTAR BTRY		
* 105MM HOWITZER BTRY		
* TANK PLT		

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- * AMTRAC PLT
- * TRUCK PLT
- * AT PLT
- * DET MAG
- * ENGR DET
- * CENTRAL CONTROL SHIP
- * PRIMARY CONTROL SHIP
- * SECONDARY CONTROL SHIP
- * DET BMU NBG
- * DET UDT (NO)
- * CMDR BOAT GROUP (NO)
- * SALVAGE BOAT (NO)
- * WAVE CMDR (WAVE NO)
- * LCU (NO)
- * DET SP BN
- * TACP'S
- * TACC
- * LCM-8
- * HDG
- * TAG (A)
- * SHIPS

- * Call signs to be issued.


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Tab B (Radio Frequencies) to Appendix 4 (Radio Plan) to Annex J
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Time Zone: H


NET	*FREQ	DESIGNATOR	EMMISSION	POWER
UDT/RECON/BEACHMASTER COMMON BOAT COMMON				
BOAT CONTROL				
RECON TM REPORTING				

LF TACTICAL NET NR 1

LF TACTICAL NET NR 2

FOR INTERNAL ASSIGNMENT
BY BLT

*Frequencies to be issued.


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Appendix 5 (Radio Relay Plan) to Annex J (Communication-Electronics)
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1. The LPH is designated terminal "A".
2. Polarization: Vertical.
3. Channelization as follows:
 1. Common user
 2. ESCC to SACC
 3. BLT S-3 to SLF S-3
 4. BLT S-4 to TAGLOG
4. Frequencies to be issued.


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Appendix 6 (Visual Communications) to Annex J (Communication Electronics)
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Time Zone: H

1. General.

a. Visual signals are a supplementary means of communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signal flags and pyrotechnics.

b. Unit tactical CW call signs will be used as applicable on all visual circuits.

2. Miscellaneous Visual Signals.

a. Flag displayed from tank turret:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
"Red"	Tank is in distress, require infantry assistance.
"Orange"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.
"Green"	Request contact on telephone at rear of tank.

b. Aircraft Maneuver Signals:

<u>Aircraft Maneuver</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
360 Degree left turn	Display CP identification.
360 Degree right turn	Mission completed.
*Alternate dips and climbs	Display front line markings.
Rock wings	Message or displays understood.
*Yaw right-left	Standby for message drop.
Sharp S-turn	Will support, you mark target.
Circle right-rocking wing	Am trying to contact you by radio.

* It is impractical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals.

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3. Smoke Signals.TypesMeaningSignal, Ground Yellow
Smoke, M64

or

Ground, Rifle, Yellow
Smoke

or

Grenade, Hand, Yellow Smoke
M18.Marking of the friendly unit's
position or of a secured area
for an urgent or normal air-
craft landing.Signal, Ground, Green Smoke
M65

or

Grenade, Rifle Green Smoke
M18Please inform us of the enemy
direction or position.

Grenade, Rifle, Red Smoke

Marking of the enemy position

The following are used by aircraft for liaison with ground units:

Grenade, Hand, Green Smoke

Please inform us of the enemy
direction.Grenade, Hand Red Smoke
M18

Marking the enemy position

Grenade, Hand Smoke, EC
(White) ANM 8
orRequest for radio communications
on the air-ground frequency.Signal, Air-Ground, White
Star Cluster (Fire of one
Signal)4. Illumination Signals.SignalMeaningRed Star Cluster M52A1
(One signal is fired)Encircled or attacked by enemy.
Req for support. Type of support
must be affirmed by radio.Red Star Cluster M52A1
(Cont fire of 3 or more
signals.)Req for emergency illumination.
(Radio liaison must be est.)Red Star Cluster M18A1
(Cont fire 3 or more
signals.)Req for ceasing of illuminating,
firing, and shelling.

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Red Star Parachute M126
(Hand held)(Fire 1 signal)

We are withdrawing from this position

Red Star Parachute M126
(Fire 2 Signals)

Area not secure. Do not land/drop supplies.

Green Star Parachute M19A1
(Fire 2 Signals)

Area Secure. Safe to land/drop supplies.

Green Star Parachute M19A1
(Fire 1 signal)

Request for ammunition

Green Star Cluster M125
(Hand Held)(Cont fire of 3 or more signals.)

Req to wait. We are withdrawing from this position.

Green Star Cluster M125
(Hand Held)(Fire 1 Signal)

Req for medical evacuation.

White Star Cluster M18A1
(Fire 1 Signal)

Req for radio comm on the air/ground frequency.

White Star Parachute M127
(Fire 1 Signal)(Hand Held)

Radio breakdown.

Green Star Cluster M125
(One) and white star cluster M18A1 (One)(Fired at same time)

Fire final protective fires (e.g. in case prior to assault, advance of observation teams).

Green Star Cluster M125
(One) and red star cluster M52A1 (One)(Fired at same time)

Patrol returning to friendly lines.

Yellow Smoke M64, or
Yellow Smoke M22A2, or
Yellow Smoke M18

Marking of friendly units position

Violet Smoke, M23 or
Violet Smoke M18

Objective taken.

Green Smoke, M65, or
Green Smoke, M18, or
Green Smoke, M15

Inform us of the enemy direction or position.

Red Smoke, M2202

Marking of the enemy position.

Used be aircraft for liaison with ground units:

HC White Smoke ANM8, or
White Star Cluster M18A1
(Fire one signal)

Req for radio comm on the air/ground frequency.

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Green Smoke M18

Inform us of the enemy position.

Red Smoke M18

Marking of the enemy position.

5. Panel Signals.a. General.

(1) Use of Panel Sets, AP-30C (Black) and AP-30D (White) as a "means of communication" with aircraft will be in accordance with ACP-136A.

b. Vehicle Identification.

- (1) Use VS-4/U (red) panels on odd dates.
- (2) Use VS-6/U (yellow) panels on even dates.

c. Helicopter Landing Point Identification.

(1) All landing points will be marked with an equilateral triangle formed by using three panels from either Panel Set AP-30C or AP-30D. The color selected will contrast with the landing point in order to be easily recognized by aircraft.

(2) Prevailing wind direction will be shown by installing a short pole (about 3 feet) with streamers, flag or pennant of sufficient length to permit the pilot to determine the local wind.

(3) The type of unit will be identified by one or more panels in the center of the triangle as follows:

<u>Type of Unit</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Infantry/Recon	One Yellow Panel (VS-6/U)
Artillery/Tanks	One Red Panel (VS-4/U)
Aviation	Two Yellow Panels (VS-6/U)
Service and Support	Two Red Panels (VS-4/U)

(4) The size of unit will be identified by one or more panels (AP-30C or AP-30D) placed directly above and centered on top of the triangle as follows:

<u>Size of Unit</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Company/Battery	Roman Numeral One
Battalion/Squadron	Roman Numeral Two
Regt/MAG/MAU	Roman Numeral Three
Brigade/MAB	Letter "X"
Division/Wing	Letter "XX"
MAF/MAC	Letter "XXX"


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(5) Night marking of helicopter landing points, when tactically feasible, may consist of three flashlights placed at the apex of the triangle; or vehicle lights flashed from downwind of the landing point and illuminating the landing area.

d. Front Line Marking. Marking of friendly front lines will be by use of Panels VS-6/U (Yellow) placed parallel to front lines.


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Appendix 7 (Interference and Jamming) to Annex J (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 302-66

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1. Report all interference and jamming to SLF (CTG 79.5) by courier.
2. Attempt to work through this jamming.
3. Report in accordance with the following format:
 - a. Unit reporting (use voice call sign).
 - b. Type of interference (Bag pipe, continuous tone, interrupted tone, voice excessive background noise, etc).
 - c. Coordinates of units being jammed or interfered with.
 - d. Frequency (do not give designation).
 - e. Type of equipment being jammed.
 - f. Effectiveness (total, partial, none).


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Annex K (Reports) to Operation Plan 302-66

Time Zone: H


1. General. This Annex contains instructions for the submission of operational reports required by CTG 79.5

2. Reports Required:

<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>REMARKS/REFERENCE</u>
a. ISUMS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	Commencing at H plus 4 covering the previous 4 hours and every 6 hours thereafter	See Annex B
b. CASUALTY RPTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As occurring	
c. SURVEILLANCE/RECON- NAISSANCE TEAM RPT	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As scheduled	
d. SITUATION RPTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	Commencing at H plus 4 covering the previous 4 hours and every 6 hours thereafter	See Appendix 1 and 2 this Annex
e. SPOT RPTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As occurring	Submit by most expeditious means on significant events, initial contacts or major contacts to include who, what, when, where and why

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- f. DAILY SUMMARY HELD HMM/BLT CTG 76.5 Daily
OPN w/copy to
CTG 79.5
- g. MAJOR ORDNANCE HMM/BLT CTG 79.5 As occurring See Appendix 3 this Annex
ENGINEER/EQUIPMENT
LOST/DAMAGE RPT
- h. REPORT OF SUPPLIES BLT CTG 79.5 5 days after completion
EXPENDED of operation
- i. JAMMING HMM/BLT CTG 79.5 As occurring
- j. MUSTER REPORT HMM/BLT CTG 79.5 Upon reembarkation Message Report
after operation ashore


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APPENDIX.

- 1 - Situation Report (BLT)
- 2 - Situation Report (HMM)
- 3 - Major Ordnance/Engineer Equipment Loss/Damage Report

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USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8)
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Appendix 1 (Situation Report BLT) to Annex K (Reports) to Operation
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Time Zone: H

1. REPORT TITLE: Situation Report

2. FORMAT: Message

a. ENEMY.

(1) Units in contact

(2) Enemy activity during period.

b. OWN SITUATION.

(1) Location of CP at the end of the period.

(2) Front line positions and boundaries.

(3) Own operations during period to include type and number
of missions.

(a) Scheme of maneuver.

(b) Patrols - routes, size, type.

(c) Ambushes - location, size.

(d) Combat efficiency.

(e) Results of operations.

(f) Supporting arms employment to include type and
number of missions fired.

c. PERSONNEL.

(1) Own.

(a) Strength at end of period.


(b) Casualties - KIA, WIA, MIA.

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- (2) Enemy.
 - (a) Casualties.
 - (b) Captives.
- d. LOGISTICS.
 - (1) Location of administrative type troops and installations.
 - (2) Status of supply and classes.
 - (3) Equipment out of action - give circumstances surrounding - how and where.
 - (4) Captured material and weapons by type and number.
- e. CIVIC ACTION TAKEN. Brief description.
- f. ANY UNUSUAL EVENTS.
- g. INTENTIONS. Brief summary of contemplated operations.


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Appendix 2 (Situation Report HMM) to Annex X (Reports) to Operation
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Time Zone: H

1. REPORT TITLE: Situation Report, HMM
2. FORMAT: Letter
 - a. Aircraft availability.
 - (1) On hand.
 - (2) Avail for Ops, start of period _____
 - (3) Avail for Ops, end of period _____
 - (4) Comment regarding significant changes in avail.
 - b. Statistics for Period.
 - (1) Flight Hours _____
 - (2) Sorties _____
 - (3) PAX/TRPS _____
 - (4) Tons, cargo _____
 - (5) Casualties Med-evac _____
 - (6) TAC (A) _____
 - (7) Other _____
 - c. Fire Incident Report. (Narrative description to include following elements).
 - (1) Coordinates
 - (2) Type fire.
 - (3) A/C hits.

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- (4) A/C action and results.
- d. Casualties WIA during period _____
KIA during period _____
- e. Narrative Summary. (Brief & concise).
- f. Special Comments. (If warranted).

NOTE:

1. Omit section for which there is no information.


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Appendix 3 (Major Ordnance/Engineer Equipment Loss/Damage Reports) to
Annex K (Reports) to Operation Plan 302-66

Time Zone: H

1. Report Title: Equipment Casualty Report
2. Format. Message
 - a. Item description.
 - b. Coordinates where lost/damage.
 - c. DTG of occurrence
 - d. Extent of damage
 - e. Circumstances concerning incident
 - f. Replacement required (yes or no)
3. Frequency: As occurring.
4. Submitted by: Unit concerned.
5. Submitted to: CTG 79.5


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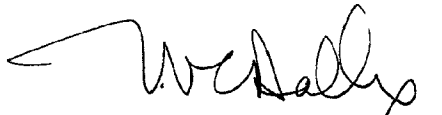
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Via: Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

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(b) Brigo 5750.1A
(c) CG FMFPAC msg 261950Z Jul66

Encl: (1) Command Chronology - SLF
(2) Command Chronology - BLT 3/26
(3) Command Chronology - EMM 362

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), the Command Chronol-
ogy for the Special Landing Force is submitted as enclosures (1) through
(3).


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SPECIAL LANDING FORCE

Command Chronology

1. Organizational Data

a. Designation. The Special Landing Force had the Task Designator of Task Group 79.5.

b. Composition. The Special Landing Force was composed of the following:

1-30 November 1966 - SLF - Colonel H. D. WORTMAN
 1-30 November 1966 - BLT 3/26 - LtCol G. T. BEYERLE
 1-30 November 1966 - HMM 362 - LtCol M. B. ARMSTRONG

c. Locations. The Special Landing Force was embarked aboard amphibious shipping which consisted of the following:

1-13 November 1966 - USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2), USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2),
 USS THOMASTON (LSD-28).
 14-17 November 1966 - USS HENRICO (APA-45), USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5),
 USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2), USS THOMASTON (LSD-28).
 18-30 November 1966 - USS HENRICO (APA-45), USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5),
 USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2), USS WASHBURN (AKA-108).

d. Average Monthly Strength. (Does not include personnel TAD to the SLF).

SLF Staff:	USMC Off - 9	USMC Enl - 35	USN Off - 0	USN Enl - 0
BLT:	USMC Off - 68	USMC Enl - 1627	USN Off - 7	USN Enl - 89
HMM:	USMC Off - 55	USMC Enl - 171	USN Off - 1	USN Enl - 3

e. Commanding Officer and Staff

Col	H. D. WORTMAN	- Commanding Officer
LtCol	J. M. LANDRIGAN	- Executive Officer
LtCol	D. R. BRIMMER	- S-3
Maj	H. B. CROSBY III	- Asst S-3
Maj	J. H. BROUJOS	- Asst S-3/Civic Action
Capt	R. A. AYERS	- CommO
Capt	B. S. MCKENNA	- Asst S-3/Air Observer
2dLt	D. C. SCHULTZ	- S-4
2dLt	C. G. OSGOOD	- S-2

f. TAD to the SLF Staff for Special Operations

1-18 November 1966 - Major B. M. MACLAREN - OJT from MB, Subic Bay
 1-12 November 1966 - Capt R. C. HULIT - 9th MAB ISO

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2. Chronology of Significant Events During the Period 1-30 November

a. The following is a concise review of the activities of the Special Landing Force (CTG 79.5). Detailed information of BLT 3/26 and HMM 362 is shown in the appropriate command chronology (enclosures (2) and (3)).

b. 1-10 November 1966

(1) On 1 November, the Special Landing Force and CTG 76.5 transferred from the USS VALLEY FORGE (LPH-8), USS HENRICO (APA-45), and USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5) to the assigned shipping of the Amphibious Ready Group, off Danang, I CTZ, RVN.

(2) On 1 November, LtCol GUBB, 9thMAB CEO, conferred with the SLF prior to attending the 7th Fleet Communication Conference at NCC, San Miguel, R. P. from 7-12 November, 1966.

(3) From 1-10 November, the SLF/ARG remained on station off the coast of I CTZ, RVN, and was prepared to conduct amphibious operations in response to contingencies in either Quang Tri, Quan Tin or Quang Ngai Province (COMSEVENTHFLT msg 230612Z OCT66 - Initiating Directive for DECK-HOUSE V).

(4) During this period CTG 79.5 and staff representatives maintained continuous liaison with CG III MAF, CG 3d MarDiv, CG 1stMarDiv and CG 1stMAW for possible amphibious operations in I CTZ, RVN.

(5) On 10 November, the SLF/ARG departed from the coast of I CTZ. The USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2) sailed for Okinawa while the USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2) and the USS THOMASTON (LSD-28) sailed for Subic Bay, R. P.

c. 11-18 November 1966

(1) On 13 November, the USS IWO JIMA arrived off White Beach, Okinawa. CTG 79.5 and CTG 76.5 moved to the USS HENRICO (APA-45). Elements of BLT 3/26 and HMM 362 commenced embarkation on the USS HENRICO and USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5). The IWO JIMA departed for Sasebo, Japan to undergo repairs to her avgas system (ADMINS COMSEVENTHFLT 090640Z).

(2) On 13 November, elements of BLT 3/26 and HMM 362, embarked aboard the USS VANCOUVER and USS THOMASTON, arrived in Subic Bay, R. P. from I CTZ. Elements of BLT 3/26 begin transferring from the USS THOMASTON to USS WASHBURN (AKA-108), to enable the USS THOMASTON to undergo extensive maintenance and repairs.

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(3) On 14 November, CTG 79.5 and staff planned with CG, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (CTF 79) and BLT 1/9 for embarkation and rotation of BLT 3/26 with BLT 1/9 in December.

(4) On 15 November, the transfer was completed and the USS HENRICO and USS GUNSTON HALL departed Okinawa, enroute to Subic Bay, R. P.

(5) On 17 November, the USS HENRICO arrived in Subic Bay, R. P.

(6) On 18 November, the USS GUNSTON HALL arrived in Subic Bay, R. P.

d. 19-30 November 1966

(1) From 19-30 November, BLT 3/26 and HMM 362 conducted extensive training and maintenance ashore. The BLT 3/26 occupied the new SLF Camp at Subic and HMM 362 operated from NAS, Cubi Pt.

(2) On 21 November, CTG 79.5 paid a courtesy call on RAdm GILKESON, COMNAVBASE SUBIC, and Capt WORTHING, COMNAVSTA SUBIC.

(3) From 21-26 November, Captain STONE, BLT 1/9 representative, was briefed by CTG 79.5 and BLT 3/26 in preparation for the rotation of BLT 3/26 and BLT 1/9 as part of the SLF.

(4) On 26 November, CTG 79.5 and staff representative and Colonel EMILS, G-3 9thMAB, and Major TAYLOR, Asst G-3 9thMAB, attended CTF 76 IV CTZ SPECOPS Planning Conference at Subic Bay, R. P.

(5) On 26 November Major HUBBARD, executive Officer of BLT 1/9, conferred with CTG 79.5 and BLT 3/26 in regard to the future employment of BLT 1/9 as part of the Special Landing Force.

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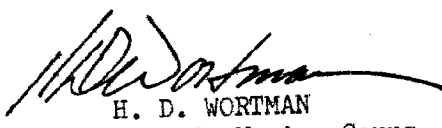
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1. Enclosure (1) sets forth procedures and guidance for the conduct of Exercise HILLTOP and will serve as the basic order for all future HILLTOP Exercises. It is effective upon receipt for planning and will be augmented by the issuance of a CTG 79.5 Frag Order, prior to each exercise, in order to provide detailed information and instructions concerning the specific exercise and to direct execution.
2. Subordinate commanders will prepare detailed supporting plans for a specific exercise based on this plan and the augmenting CTG 79.5 Frag Order.
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(b) NWP 22(A)
(c) COMSEVENTHFLT LOI for Exercise HILLTOP SERIES of 25 Feb 1966
(d) CTG 76.5 OPORD HILLTOP SERIES

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) CTG 79.3 provides CAS.
- (2) CTG 70.8 provides NGF support.
- (3) CTG 76.5 provides amphibious shipping.
- (4) CTG 70.9 provides APSS, as required.

2. MISSION

Special Landing Force will conduct an amphibious assault by helicopter-borne or waterborne assault landings, or a combination thereof to seize designated objectives; conduct search and destroy operations within AOA to destroy enemy forces, supplies and installations; and upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

3. EXECUTION

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

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b. BLT.

- (1) Insert reconnaissance forces in AOA prior to D-Day, as directed.
- (2) Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day conduct waterborne assault over designated beaches.
- (3) Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day conduct helicopterborne assault in designated landing zones.
- (4) Seize designated objectives, conduct search and destroy operations within AOA.
- (5) Be prepared to provide rifle platoon size Sparrow Hawk Force on 30 minutes alert.
- (6) Commit reserve rifle company only with permission of the CLF.
- (7) Upon completion of the assigned mission, and when ordered, execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

c. HMM.

- (1) Provide helicopter support in accordance with Annex E and the BLT detailed landing plan.
- (2) Be prepared to provide helicopters for Sparrow Hawk Force.
- (3) Provide TAG(A) and TAO.
- (4) Be prepared to provide helicopters for resupply, search and rescue operations, and medical evacuations.
- (5) Conduct helicopter operations in accordance with priorities established by CLF.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

- (1) See Annex C (Concept of Operations).
- (2) Code name of exercise is "HILLTOP__."
- (3) AOA, landing beaches, HLZs and landing force objectives will be included in the CTG 79.5 frag order.
- (4) See Annex I (Fire Support Coordination).

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(5) All precautions will be taken to avoid damage to private property and injury to Philippine Nationals.

(6) Safety precautions will be strictly adhered to in the employment of blank ammunition and pyrotechnics.

(7) S-Day - Day reconnaissance units are inserted.

(8) T-Hour - Hour reconnaissance units are inserted.

(9) D-Day - Day amphibious assault commences.

(10) H-Hour - Hour surface assault forces land.

(11) L-Hour - Hour helo assault forces land.

(12) W-Hour - Hour landing force units begin final tactical movement to close on beaches and/or landing zones.

(13) See Annex N (Reports).

(14) Code name for tactical withdrawal will be in the CTG 79.5 frag order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Annex J (Administration and Logistics).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

(a) Command Post

(1) Afloat:


CTG 79.5 USS__

BLT__ - USS__

HMM__ - USS__

(2) Ashore: BLT report location when established.

(b) Annex F (Communications-Electronics).


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ANNEXES:

A - Task Organization

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B - Intelligence
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BLT _____
 InfBn (Rein), _____ Mar
 H&SCo (Rein) _____
 Det, HqCo, _____ Mar (Radio Relay)
 Det, HqBn, _____ Mar (Postal, Disbursing, Photo, Radio Relay)
 105 How Btry, D/S Arty Bn, _____ Mar
 107 Mortar Btry, D/S Arty Bn, _____ Mar
 AmTrac Plt (Rein), _____ AmTracBn
 AT Plt (Rein), _____ ATBn
 Engr Plt (Rein), _____ EngrBn
 Recon Plt (Rein), _____ ReconBn
 Det, Recon Plt, Force Recon Co, FMF
 Tk Plt (Rein), _____ TkBn, FMF
 Det, Coll Plt, Coll & Clr Co, _____ MedBn
 Det, _____ Dental Co, FMF
 Log Spt Unit
 Det, BMU, NBG (Provided by Navy, does not become part of
 T/O until Shore Party Team is activated)
 SP Plt, _____ SPBn
 Trk Plt (Rein), _____ MTBn
 HMM _____ (Rein), MAG _____
 Det, H&MS _____, MAG _____
 Det, MABS _____, MAG _____


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1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION

a. General.

(1) The United States Government, in carrying out its treaty agreements, has been engaged in in-country operations in direct support of Friendly Nations military effort against communist insurgent forces of Enemy Nation. Insurgent forces have enjoyed considerable success in recent months despite increased Friendly Nation and U. S. military strength and activity. As a result insurgency approaching Phase III (war of movement characterized by military organization and employment along conventional lines) has developed.

(2) Current, usually reliable, intelligence sources have reported increased enemy buildup of supplies, equipment, and forces on the border between the belligerent nations. These same sources have also reported similar activity along certain coastal areas of Enemy Nation. There is growing evidence to support the contention that the insurgents are training organized combined arms units of battalion, regiment, and brigade size. The enemy has also stepped up conscription input, and increased his trained ground potential.

(3) In order to cause the enemy to focus attention elsewhere so that his efforts to buildup his ready forces for commitment to large-scale operations are precluded, at least temporarily, the JCS has ordered amphibious operations to be executed on the enemy's homeland.

b. Intelligence Estimate. (To be issued).

c. See current INTSUMS and Special Intelligence Reports as issued.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Determine if the enemy will defend the coastal areas. If so, in what strength? Where will his main defenses be located?

b. Determine the strength, location, identification, composition, and organization of Enemy Nation forces in the objective area.

c. Determine if the enemy will reinforce. If so, where, when, and in what strength?

d. Determine if the enemy will exfiltrate. If so, over what route?

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3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

a. Orders to subordinate units.

(1) BLT ____.

(a) Collect and report information of an intelligence nature encountered during the operation.

(2) HMM ____.

(a) Be prepared to conduct visual and hand held camera photographic reconnaissance as directed.

b. Request to higher, adjacent, and supporting units.(1) ~~Provide~~ or arrange for aerial photography, as requested.

(2) Provide current and predicted weather data...

(3) Provide information as obtained on beach and surf conditions.

(4) Provide information as obtained on enemy ECM capabilities against this force.

(5) Provide information as obtained on enemy sea infiltration sites within AOA.

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

a. Captured Personnel.

(1) Captives will be treated in a humane manner. Capturing units will disarm, search, silence, and segregate captives and hostile civilians by nationality, sex, grade, agents, civilians, recovered deserters, and enemy deserters.

(2) Captives may be interrogated at the capturing level for intelligence of immediate tactical value. Specific measures concerning the evacuation and handling of captives ~~will be promulgated at a later date.~~

(3) Wounded captives will be given adequate medical treatment and evacuated through captive or medical channels in accordance with the captive's physical condition. Medical Officers will report to CATF/CLF any information voluntarily disclosed by wounded captives.

b. Captured Documents.

(1) Captured documents will be evacuated to CLF after screening by S-2 and/or attached intelligence specialist teams for information of immediate tactical value.

(2) Documents found on prisoners will be tagged to identify them with captives on whom found. Documents will be tagged with information concerning date, time, place, circumstances of capture, and identify of capturing unit.

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(3) Ensure that enemy documents are promptly turned in and properly handled and not retained by individuals as souvenirs.

(4) Captured enemy cryptographic materiel will be treated as SECRET and evacuated to CLF without delay.

c. Captured Materiel.

(1) Initial reports of new and unusual enemy equipment, armaments, and/or supplies will be forwarded immediately to CLF with a brief description of the item and the circumstances involved in its capture.

(2) All captured enemy materiel will be forwarded as soon as is practical to CLF. Materiel of a size, shape, and weight which permits immediate evacuation by available helicopters will be evacuated to flagship. No ammunition will be evacuated unless rendered inert prior to evacuation.

(3) All captured materiel will be tagged prior to evacuation from the capturing unit.

(4) Unit commanders will be responsible for the safeguarding of all captured materiel. When danger of recapture exists, every effort shall be made to evacuate the captured equipment. If the equipment is too large, or circumstances make evacuation impossible, all name plates and documents will be removed and evacuated with details of capture.

5. MAPS, CHARTS, AND PHOTOGRAPHS

a. Reference (a) designates the standard maps for this operation.

6. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. In the event of capture, troops will give only name, rank, service number and date of birth. Ensure that all personnel are instructed in the Code of Conduct for members of the Armed Forces.

b. Unit commanders will insure that classified materiel or identifying materiel is not left in evacuated installations.

c. Only those civilian news correspondents and photographers specifically authorized by the CATF will be allowed within the objective area.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION


a. Submit INTSUMS commencing at H plus four, covering the previous four hour period and every six hours thereafter until termination of the operation. INTSUMS may be submitted in the clear if no reference to friendly forces is made.

b. Intelligence of an urgent or critical nature will be forwarded by the fastest means consistent with security to CLF. Spot reports of enemy activity will include the following elements:

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- (1) Who? (Description of activity).
- (2) When? (Time of action).
- (3) Where? (Grid coordinates).
- (4) How many? (If appropriate).
- (5) What direction? (Magnetic or grid, degrees or miles).


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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Intelligence Estimate (To be issued).

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Annex C (Concept of Operation) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Ref: (a) COMSEVENTHFLT LOI Ser N6-051 dated 25 Feb 66

Time Zone: H

1. MISSION

Special Landing Force will conduct an amphibious assault by helicopterborne and waterborne means to seize designated objectives; conduct search and destroy operations within AOA to destroy enemy forces, supplies and installations; and, upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, execute a tactical withdrawal.

2. GENERAL

a. Exercise HILLTOP, a unilateral amphibious exercise employing a balanced naval task group and landing force, primarily is designed to enhance the combat readiness of the ARG/SLF. Major training objectives of this exercise include:

(1) Develop, test and refine established amphibious doctrine with emphasis on.

- (a) Ship-to-shore movement by surface and air means.
- (b) Organization for ground combat.
- (c) Rapid buildup of combat power ashore to maximize shock, movement and surprise.
- (d) Develop a primarily ship-based logistic support system that is responsive and flexible and which permits minimum buildup of supplies ashore.
- (e) Achieve prompt target acquisition by air and ground means.
- (f) Provide for a secure, reliable communications system for use by the landing force throughout all phases of the exercise.
- (g) Amphibious withdrawal at conclusion of operations ashore.

b. To accomplish this, the landing force, consisting of one BLT and a supporting HMM, in conjunction with naval forces has been directed to conduct an amphibious assault landing in the San Jose Area, Mindoro, Republic of the Philippines.

3. CONCEPT

a. The scheme of maneuver will maximize the versatility and flexibility of the ARG/SLF. The ship-to-shore movement will be characterized by deep inland penetrations and rapid build up of forces ashore to fully exploit the principles

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of surprise and mobility, and to maximize the shock action inherent in amphibious operations.

b. Subsequent operations ashore will include: aggressive search and destroy operations, employment of combat and reconnaissance patrols, prevention of in/exfiltration of AOA, utilization of heloborne reaction force to rapidly exploit the tactical situation, maximum utilization of supporting arms; and, upon completion of the exercise, a planned tactical withdrawal.

4. FIRE SUPPORT AND AIR

a. Observation aircraft will be employed to provide battlefield surveillance and orientation of landing force maneuver elements.


b. Close air support will be controlled by the TAC(A) and FAC utilizing current doctrine.

c. Armed helicopters will be employed when available for helicopter escort.

d. Artillery will provide normal fire support and will be positioned to provide the maximum coverage through the AOA while maintaining the capability to mass fires in critical areas. Artillery forward observers will be prepared to adjust naval gunfire.

e. Naval gunfire will provide fire support during the initial phases of the landing and then furnish deep interdiction fire within the AOA.

f. Supporting arms will be employed to the maximum extent to isolate the AOA, prevent ex/infiltration, counter enemy ambushes and support small units in search and destroy operations.


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Annex E (Landing Plan) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Ref: (a) NWIP 22-3
 (b) NWP 22(A)
 (c) FMFM 6-3

Time Zone: A

1. GENERAL

- a. Annex C (Concept of Operations).
- b. This plan calls for:
 - (1) Landing by waterborne amphibious assault; or
 - (2) Landing by helicopterborne amphibious assault; or
 - (3) Landing by a combination of helicopterborne and waterborne amphibious assault.

2. LANDING DOCUMENTS

- a. The BLT will prepare a detailed landing plan and landing documents in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPODER for Exercise HILLTOP, paragraphs 2910 and 2918 of reference (c).

3. WITHDRAWAL PLAN

- a. The BLT will also develop a withdrawal plan in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPODER for Exercise HILLTOP and reference (b).
- b. The withdrawal plan is essentially a ship-to-shore movement in reverse.
- c. Backloading of non-tactical equipment shall be accomplished, if practicable, prior to W-Hour.
- d. Tactical command and control during the withdrawal shall be exercised in the same positive manner as the initial amphibious assault.
- e. During withdrawal the tactical situation ashore is paramount. The order of withdrawal of units is more important than the specific time. Withdrawal actions may be accelerated or delayed depending upon the existing situation.

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4. CONTROL MEASURES

a. Ship-to-shore control will be in accordance with CTG 76.5 OPODER for Exercise HILLTOP and references (b) and (c).

b. BLT tac-log will organize, embark, and function in accordance with paragraphs 2905 and 2918 c(6) of reference (c).



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Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) See Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Plan 330-YR and frag order for Exercise HILLTOP.

(2) The enemy has the capability to: conduct radio interception; imitative deception and jamming; salvage, repair and use discarded/damaged communication equipment, especially dry cell batteries; booby-trap discarded communication-electronic equipment that is not salvageable; conduct extensive wire tapping to gain information; insert deceptive traffic on any communication channel; and ambush wire teams during installation and trouble shooting missions.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Plan 330-YR.

(2) Amphibious Task Group (TG 76.5) provides communication and cryptographic guard for embarked landing force units during movement to the objective area and as required during the operation.

(3) Amphibious Task Group (TG 76.5) will provide shipboard amplitude modulated (AM)/single side band (SSB) and frequency modulated (FM) communication equipment for use by the landing force during periods of training and operations.

(4) Command Posts.

(a) Afloat. (To be announced)

(b) Ashore. All landing force units report command post locations when established.

2. MISSION

Commencing at H-60 minutes, D-Day, SLF (TG 79.5) communication -electronic units provide communication and electronic support for the landing and subsequent operations ashore.

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3. EXECUTION

a. SLF Communication Section.

- (1) Establish and maintain communication center afloat.
- (2) Commencing H-60 minutes, D-Day, activates Landing Force (LF) Tactical Nets 1 and 2 and monitor BLT Tactical Net.
- (3) On order, establishes multichannel integrated radio relay employing AN/GRC-10 aboard the flagship for communications between SLF (CTG 79.5) afloat and BLT ashore.
- (4) On order, establish KY-8 (Nestor-Crypto System) aboard flagship for communications between SLF (CTG 79.5) afloat and BLT ashore.

b. BLT.

- (1) Commencing H-60 minutes, D-Day, guard Landing Force (LF) Tactical Nets 1 and 2.
- (2) Be prepared to install hot lines aboard ship utilizing organic wire and telephone equipment.
- (3) Establish and maintain a message center afloat effecting distribution for the BLT and HMM.
- (4) On order, establish multichannel integrated wire/radio relay employing AN/MRC-62 ashore between BLT and SLF (CTG 79.5) afloat.
- (5) On order, establish KY-8 (Nestor-Crypto System) employing AN/MRC-109 ashore between the BLT and SLF (CTG 79.5) afloat.
- (6) Be prepared to provide the SLF with ten (10) five gallon cans of gasoline, dry cell batteries and wire WD-1/TT as required.

c. HMM.

- (1) Be prepared to provide helicopter messenger service.

d. Air Support Communications. See Appendix 1 (Air Frequencies).e. Naval Gunfire Communications. See Appendix 2 (Naval Gunfire Frequencies).

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f. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Communication Center.

- (a) See Appendix 3 (Cryptographic Instructions).
- (b) All messages passed over Landing Force Tactical Nets will use local time for date-time-group.
- (c) When authenticating traffic is sent on the Landing Force Tactical Nets local time will be utilized in accordance with the following procedures:

BT

TEXT

TIME: 010230H Authentication is _____

BT

- (d) Helicopter couriers will be employed when feasible for delivery of classified or lengthy reports or when delivery of documents is of such importance that the use of helicopter couriers is warranted.

- (e) CTG 79.5 will release messages from the ship for subordinate commands in the event their own releasing officers are unavailable during operations.

(2) Messenger Service.

- (a) Helicopter landing sites, message drops and pickup points will be marked in accordance with Appendix 6. (Visual Communications).

(3) Authentication, Numerical and Special Codes.

- (a) See Appendix 3 (Cryptographic Instructions).
- (b) KAA 60 will be used for authentication within the SLF.
- (c) KAC 138 (Numerical Code) will be used within the SLF.
- (d) KAC 140 (Operational Code) will be available for use within the SLF.

(4) Radio.

- (a) Call signs and frequencies in accordance with Appendix 4 (Radio Plan).

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(b) Radio checks and test counts will be conducted only when absolutely necessary.

(c) Radio silence will be lifted by CATF at H-60 minutes.

(d) Commence guarding assigned circuits at H-60 minutes.

(e) SLF is the net control on the Landing Force (LF) Tactical Nets 1 and 2.

(5) Radio Relay. See Appendix 5 (Radio Relay Plan).

(6) Visual Communications.

(a) See Appendix 6 (Visual Communications).

(b) All visual signals employed for air-ground coordination must be confirmed by voice radio communications. Helicopters trying to contact ground units will use either BLT command net, company tactical net, or a preassigned frequency. The helicopter tactical net will not be used by ground units except in an emergency.

(7) Interference and Jamming. See Appendix 7 (Interference and Jamming).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. See Annex J (Administration and Logistics).


b. Land with sufficient batteries to support operation ashore for forty-eight (48) hours with replenishment to be on a daily requested basis.

c. Battery Storage BB 451/U (Silver Zinc Alkaline) charging will be accomplished by the BLT aboard the LPH for all SLF units afloat and ashore.

d. All expended dry cell batteries will be returned to the LPH.

e. Second echelon maintenance will be available aboard the LPH.

f. A limited second echelon capability will exist with the BLT ashore.


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APPENDIXES:

1 - Air Frequencies

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- 2 - Naval Gunfire Frequencies
- 3 - Cryptographic Instructions
- 4 - Radio Plan
- 5 - Radio Relay Plan
- 6 - Visual Communications
- 7 - Interference and Jamming

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Appendix 1 (Air Frequencies) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

ASSIGNMENT										COLOR CODE	EMISSION	*FREQUENCIES	NET	CKT DESIG
			X						C			3A3J	TAC(P)	H-1
		X						X	X			6A3	RASPBERRY/TAC (S)	H-2
	X							X	C			3A3J	TAR/HR (P)	H-3
	W	W						W	W			3A3J	TAR/HR (S)	H-4
	W			W	W				C	GOLD		6A3	TATC (P) IATC (P)	H-5
	W			W	W				C	BLUE		6A3	TATC (S) IATC (S)	H-6
	X	X	X						C	RED		6A3	AIR CONTROL (TAD #1)	H-7
	W	W	W						C	GREEN		6A3	AIR CONTROL (TAD #2)	H-8
	W			W	W				C	PURPLE		6A3	TAO (ARC)	H-9
					X				C	BLACK		6A3	HD-1	H-10
W					X	X			C	MAROON		6A3	HELO COMMON	H-11
	W			W	W	W	W	W		WHITE		6A3	SAR	H-12
												6A3	CIVIL A/C	H-13
					W	C						6A3	LPH LAND/LAUNCH	H-14
					X	C						6A3	HD-2	H-15
W						W			C			6A3	BOAT COMMON	N-5
												6A3		
L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L			6A3	UHF EMERGENCY	
				L		L						6A3	VHF EMERGENCY	

C - Control
X - Guard
W - When Required or Directed
L - Listen

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NAVAL GUNFIRE FREQUENCY PLAN

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Appendix 3 (Cryptographic Instructions) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics)
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Time Zone: H

1. AUTHENTICATION

- a. Effective edition of KAA-60.
- b. Authentication will be mandatory under the following circumstances:
 - (1) When imitative deception is known or suspected.
 - (2) When challenging or challenged.
 - (3) When lifting or imposing radio silence.
 - (4) When entering or leaving a radio net.
 - (5) When transmitting operational instructions that affect the military situation.
 - (6) When transmitting contact or amplifying reports.
- c. Subordinate commanders are responsible for ensuring strict compliance with prescribed methods of, and occasions for, employing authentication.
- d. Message drafters should indicate to the radio operator when authentication is required or desired.
- e. The use of authentication tables will be in accordance with operating instructions (i.e. tables become superceded and effective at 0001H).

2. COUPLE CODES

- a. Effective edition of KAC-138.
- b. This code affords minimum security and should not be used for encryption of information which requires protection for longer than 24 hours.
- c. This system will not be used to couple:
 - (1) Coordinates of friendly positions known or suspected to be known by the enemy.
 - (2) Coordinates of enemy positions.

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(3) Coordinates of target location for friendly supporting arms.

(4) Radio frequencies.

(a) Assigned designators will be used at all times to refer to radio frequencies.

d. CTG 79.5 will publish a grid code reference system in the frag order prior to each scheduled Hilltop exercise. This will be used to prevent possible compromise of couple codes.

e. To facilitate the use of KAC-138 and to be consistent with in-country practices, editions will be superceded and become effective at 0001H, as opposed to 0001Z.

3. KY-8 (NESTOR-CRYPTO SYSTEM)

a. Use effective edition of KAC-3245 ().

b. This system used only when ordered activated.



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Appendix 4 (Radio Plan) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 330-YR


Time Zone: H

1. CALL SIGNS

See Tab A.

2. FREQUENCIES

See Tab B.


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TABS:

- A - Call Signs
- B - Radio Frequencies

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Tab A (Call signs) to Appendix 4 (Radio Plan) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 330-YR

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1. The call signs listed herein are extracted from ACP 110,112, JNAP 119 and CINCPACFLT 130534Z Aug 65.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>VOICE CALL</u>	<u>OW CALL</u>
CTF 76	ILLUSION	U70G
TF 76	TARNISH	H5SU
CTG 76.5	COMPANY STORE	M8NW
TG 76.5	GRUDGE	C6ME
CTU 76.5.0	MOONFISH	K6XP
TU 76.5.0	LUCKY ME	A2QN
CTE 76.5.0.1	MOONFISH ONE	K6XP1
CTE 76.5.0.2	MOONFISH TWO	K6XP2
CTE 76.5.0.3	MOONFISH THREE	K6XP3
CTE 76.5.0.4	MOONFISH FOUR	K6XP4
CTU 76.5.1	AZALEA BLOSSOM	W7PU
TU 76.5.1	KNOCK	MSNW
CTU 76.5.2	LITERARY	X4XC
TU 76.5.2	SPROCKET	B2QR
CTE 76.5.2.1	LITERARY ONE	X4XC1
TE 76.5.2.1	SPROCKET ONE	B2QR1
CTF 79	OPINION	U0144
TF 79	YORKVILLE	Y9AV
CTG 79.5	HEARSAY	Y4YC
TG 79.5	POSITIVE	Z7A1
*HMM		
*HMM (COLLECTIVE)		
*BLT		
*BLT (COLLECTIVE)		
*COMPANY		
*COMPANY		
*COMPANY		
*COMPANY		
*FLT ALCON BN		
*FORRECON TM #1		
*FORRECON TM #2		
*FORRECON TM #3		
*107MM HOWTAR BTRY		
*105MM HOWITZER BTRY		
*TANK FLT		

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- *AMTRAC PLT
- *TRUCK PLT
- *AT PLT
- *DET MAG
- *ENGR DET
- *CENTRAL CONTROL SHIP
- *PRIMARY CONTROL SHIP
- *SECONDARY CONTROL SHIP
- *DET BMU NEG
- *DET UDT (NO)
- *CMDR BOAT GROUP (NO)
- *SALVAGE BOAT (NO)
- *WAVE CMDR (WAVE NO)
- *LCU (NO)
- *DET SP BN
- *TACP'S
- *TACC
- *LCM-8
- *HDC
- *TAC(A)
- *SHIPS

* Call signs to be assigned.


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Tab B (Radio Frequencies) to Appendix 4 (Radio Plan) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

NET

*FREQ

*DESIGNATOR

*EMISSION

*POWER

UDT/RECON/BEACHMASTER

COMMON

BOAT COMMON

BOAT CONTROL

RECON TM REPORTING

LF TACTICAL NET NR 1

LF TACTICAL NET NR 2

FOR INTERNAL ASSIGNMENT

BY BLT

~~* To be assigned.~~



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Appendix 2 (Radio Relay Plan) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics)
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1. The LPH is designated terminal "A".
2. Polarization: Vertical.
3. Channelization as follows:
 1. Common user
 2. FSOC to SACC
 3. BLT S-3 to SLF S-3
 4. BLT S-4 to TACLOG
4. Frequencies to be assigned.



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Appendix 6 (Visual Communications) to Annex F (Communications-Electronics)
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1. General

a. Visual signals are a supplementary means of communications and are transmitted by panels, flashing lights, signal flags and pyrotechnics.

b. Unit tactical CW call signs will be used as applicable on all visual circuits.

2. Miscellaneous Visual Signals.

a. Flag displayed from tank turret:

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
"RED"	Tank is in distress, require infantry assistance.
"ORANGE"	Tank is low on fuel or ammunition, pulling back to replenish.
"GREEN"	Request contact on telephone at rear of tank.

b. Aircraft Maneuver Signals:

<u>Aircraft Maneuver</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
360 Degree left turn	Display CP identification.
360 Degree right turn	Mission completed.
*Alternate dips and climbs	Display front line markings.
Rock wings	Message or display understood.
*Yaw right-left	Standby for message drop.
Sharp S-turn	Will support, you mark target.
Circle right-rocking wing	Am trying to contact you by radio.

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*It is impractical for jet aircraft to execute these maneuver signals.

3. Smoke Signals.

Types

Signal, Ground Yellow
Smoke, M64

or

Ground, Rifle, Yellow
Smoke

or

Grenade, Hand, Yellow Smoke
M18.

Marking of the friendly unit's
position or of a secured area
for an urgent or normal aircraft
landing.

Signal, Ground, Green Smoke
or

Violet Smoke

Area secure or safe to land or
safe to drop supplies.

White Smoke

Marking of enemy position.

Grenade, Rifle, Red Smoke

Area not secure or safe to land.

The following are used by aircraft for liaison with ground units:

Grenade, Hand Green Smoke

Please inform us of the enemy
direction.

Grenade, Hand Red Smoke M18

Marking the enemy position.

Grenade, Hand Smoke, HC
(white) ANM 8

Request for radio communications
on the air-ground frequency.

or

Signal, Air-Ground, White
Star Cluster (Fire of one
Signal)

4. Illumination Signals.

SignalMeaning

Red Star Cluster M52A1
(One signal is fired)

Encircled or attacked by enemy.
Request for support. Type of support
must be affirmed by radio.

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Red Star Cluster M52A1 (Continuous fire of 3 or more signals)	Request for emergency illumination (radio liaison must be established.)
Red Star Cluster M18A1 (Continuous fire of 3 or more signals)	Request for ceasing of illumination firing, and shelling.
Red Star Parachute M126 (Hand held)(Fire 1 signal)	Request for emergency evacuation for troop units. (radio confirmation required.) Or request for medical evacuation or aircraft, boat or survivors in distress.
Red Star Parachute M126 (Fire 2 Signals)	Area not secure. Do not land/drop supplies.
Green Star Parachute M19A1 (Fire 2 Signals)	Area secure. Safe to land/drop supplies.
Green Star Parachute M19A1 (Fire 1 signal)	Area secure or safe to land.
Green Star Cluster M125 (Hand held)(Continuous fire of 3 or more signals)	Request to wait. We are withdrawing from this position.
Green Star Cluster M125 (Hand Held)(Fire 2 or More Signals)	Radio Breakdown.
White Star Parachute M127 (Fire 1 Signal)(Hand Held)	Cease/stop illumination or shelling.
Green Star Cluster M125 (One) and White Star Cluster M18A1 (One)(Fired at same time)	Request for ammunition.
White Star Cluster M125 (One) and Red Star Cluster M52A1 (One)(Fired at same time)	Request for bombardment or illumination or relieving (radio or panel confir- mation required.)
Yellow Smoke M64 or Yellow Smoke M22A2, or Yellow Smoke M18	Marking of friendly position.
Violet smoke, M23 or Green Smoke	Area secure or safe to land or safe to drop supplies.

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Red Smoke, M2202

Area not secure or not safe to land.

5. Panel Signals.

a. General.

(1) Use of Panel Sets, AP-30C (Black) and AP-30D (White) as a "means of communication" with aircraft will be in accordance with ACP-136A.

b. Vehicle Identification.

(1) Use VS-4/U (RED) Panels on odd dates.

(2) Use VS-6/U (Yellow) panels on even dates.

c. Helicopter Landing Point Identification.

(1) All landing points will be marked with an equilateral triangle formed by using three panels from either Panel Set AP-30C or AP-30D. The color selection will contrast with the landing point in order to be easily recognized by aircraft.

(2) Prevailing wind direction will be shown by installing a short pole (about 3 feet) with streamers, flag or pennant of sufficient length to permit the pilot to determine the local wind.

(3) The type of unit will be identified by one or more panels in the center of the triangle as follows:

<u>Type of Unit</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Infantry/Recon	One Yellow Panel (VS-6/U)
Artillery/Tanks	One Red Panel (VS-4/U)
Aviation	Two Yellow Panels (VS-6/U)
Service and Support	Two Red Panels (VS-4/U)

(4) The size of unit will be identified by one or more panels (AP-30C or AP-30D) placed directly above and centered on top of the triangle as follows:

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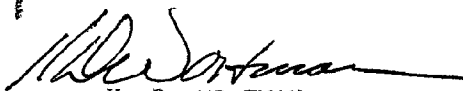
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<u>Size of Unit</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Company/Battery	Roman Numeral One
Battalion/Squadron	Roman Numeral Two
Regt/MAG/MAU	Roman Numeral Three
Brigade/MAB	Letter "X"
Division/Wing	Letter "XX"
MAF/MAC	Letter "XXX"

(5) Night Marking of helicopter landing points, when tactically feasible, may consist of three flashlights placed at the apex of the triangle; or vehicle lights flashed from downwind of the landing point and illuminating the landing area.

d. Front Line Marking. Marking of friendly front lines will be by use of Panels VS-6/U (Yellow) placed parallel to front lines.


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Time Zone: H

1. Report all interference and jamming to SLF (CTG 79.5) by courier.
2. Attempt to work through jamming.
3. Report in accordance with the following format:
 - a. Unit reporting.
 - b. Type of interference (Bagpipe, continuous tone, interrupted tone, voice, excessive background noise, etc).
 - c. Coordinates of units being jammed or interfered with.
 - d. Frequency (do not give designation).
 - e. Type of equipment being jammed.
 - f. Effectiveness (total, partial, none).


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Ref: (a) Maps: AMS S733, 1:50,000, Sheets 3256 II; 3257 III; and 3157
II

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. See Annex B (Intelligence).

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) See Annex A (Task Organization).

(2) CTG 79.3 provides CAS.

(3) CTG 76.5 establishes TACC/TADC as appropriate, provides coordination and control of all aircraft assigned to support operations, and exercises air traffic control of all aircraft entering into or passing through AOA.

2. MISSION

Assigned aviation units will conduct air operations in support of the ARG/SLF.

3. EXECUTION

a. See Annex C (Concept of Operation).

b. See Annex I (Fire Support Coordination).

c. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) AOA will be defined in the CTG 79.5 Frag Order.

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- (2) Restrictive fire plans in accordance with NWIP 22-2(A).
- (3) Control of air will not **normally be passed ashore.**
- (4) CAS aircraft will be under positive control of either a Forward Air Controller (FAC) or Tactical Air Coordinator Airborne (TAC(A)) at all times.
- (5) No air strikes will be conducted during arrival or departure of aircraft from the **San Jose Airstrip.**
- (6) General instructions, safety precautions and helicopter control **will be in accordance with CTG 76.5 Operation Order for Exercise HILLTOP.**
- (7) Panels marking front lines will be displayed prior to calling in air strikes.
- (8) Helicopters will be available for medical evacuation and logistics resupply as situation permits. Medical evacuation requests will be on a priority precedence.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

See Annex J (**Administration and Logistics**).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

See Annex F (**Communications-Electronics**).


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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - **Air Schedule**
- 2 - Aircraft Armament
- 3 - Air Communications
- 4 - Approach and Retirement

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Appendix 1 (Air Schedule) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation Plan 330-YR

EVENT NO.	MISSION	PROVIDED BY	NUMBER & TYPE A/C	TIME ON STATION	REPORT TO ON NET	ENTRY PT ALTITUDE	REMARKS
82	TAC/TAC(A)	HMM	1 UH34	H-30	ICEPACK GOLD	LPH	RELIEVE ON STATION
110	MED EVAC	HMM	2 UH34	COND III/IV	FAIRMONT BLACK	LPH	NOTE 1 & 2
171	SAR	HMM	1 UH34	H-30 TO H+15	ICEPACK BLACK	LPH	NOTE 1 & 2
31	LZ PREP/HELO ESCORT	CTG 79.3	2 VA	L-15 TO H+45	ICEPACK GOLD	TBA	NOTE 3
51	CAS	CTG 79.3	2 VA	H-15 TO COMPLETION	ICEPACK GOLD	TBA	RELIEVE ON STATION
105	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 UH34	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	TBA	SUNRISE-SUNSET NOTE 3
106	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 UH34	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	TBA	NOTE 4
107	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 UH34	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	TBA	NOTE 4
108	TROOP LIFT	HMM	4 UH34	L-15	FAIRMONT BLACK	TBA	NOTE 4
109	TROOP LIFT	HMM	8 UH34	COND IV	FAIRMONT BLACK	TBA	NOTE 5

NOTES

1. All helicopters will be available for med evac from sunrise to sunset. COND III daylight hours, COND IV after sunset.
2. Airborne helicopters will be assigned SAR as necessary during daylight operations.
3. Aircraft reporting in at entry point will remain VFR.
4. Events 105 thru 108 will be prepared for backloading on order.

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5. This event becomes effective upon completion of events 105 thru 108.
6. Condition of aircraft readiness in accordance with NWP 41.
7. Time on station is the time that aircraft reports to the controlling agency over the assigned orbit or entry point.


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Appendix 2 (Aircraft Armament) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation
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1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a. All ordnance loading will be simulated.
- b. CTG 79.3 VMA Detachment assigned will simulate loading.
Ordnance will be for missions against targets generally soft in nature.
- c. Pilots will report their simulated ordnance load to TACC using the standard Seventh Fleet ordnance codes.
- d. After the completion of each Close Air Support mission, the flight leader will report to the controlling agency ordnance expended, damage assessment and enemy intelligence of immediate tactical importance.



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Appendix 3 (Air Communications) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation
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1. GENERAL

- a. Air Communications in accordance with this Appendix and Annex F.

2. FREQUENCY PLAN

- a. Air frequencies in accordance with Tab A and Annex F.
 b. Net activation times will be promulgated by separate messages.

3. CALL SIGNS

- a. Call signs in accordance with Tab B to this Appendix, Annex F,
 and JANAP 119 F.

- b. Aircraft tactical voice call signs will be derived from squadron call sign, flight number, and flight position.

Example: First Flight

Second Flight

(Flight Leader) Old Nick 1-1
 (Second Aircraft) Old Nick 1-2
 (Third Aircraft) Old Nick 1-3

Old Nick 2-1
 Old Nick 2-2
 Old Nick 2-3

4. AUTHENTICATION AND NUMERAL CODES

- a. Authentication and Numeral Codes in accordance with Annex F.

- b. Local time will be used for authentication and numeral codes.

5. RECOGNITION

- a. IFF/SIF in accordance with appropriate CINCPACFLT Instructions
 as indicated below:

AIRCRAFTMODE 3/CODE

Strike and Air Support
 Helo
 Recon

Code 13, 15 and 16
 Code 10 and 17
 Code 34


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Troop Carrier and Itinerant
Emergency

Code 30
Code 77


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TABS:

A - Air Frequency Plan
B - Call Signs

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Tab A (Air Frequency Plan) to Appendix 3 (Air Communications) to Annex G
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LEGEND

C-Net Control Station


W-When Directed or
Required

X-Guard

L-Listen

*-To be used only
 in case of actual
 SAR event

	COLOR CODE	FREQ (TO BE ISSUED)	EMIS- SION	NET	CKT
			3A3J	TAC	H-1
			6A3	RASBERRY	H-2
			3A3J	TAR/HR(P)	H-3
			3A3J	TAR/HR(S)	H-4
	GOLD		6A3	TATC/IATC	H-5
	BLUE		6A3	IATC/TATC(S)	H-6
	RED		6A3	TAD-1	H-7
	GREEN		6A3	TAD-2	H-8
	PURPLE		6A3	TAO/A SPOT	H-9
	BLACK		6A3	HD-1	H-10
	MAROON		6A3	HELO CMN	H-11
	WHITE		6A3	SAR	H-12*
			6A3	VHF CIVIL TWR	H-13
			6A3	IPH L.L	H-14
			6A3	VHF EMER	
			3A3J	UHF EMER	
TACC			C	X	C
HDC				X	W
LPH/LPH					
HELO'S				W	W
HELO ESCORT				W	W
CAS A/C				W	W
AIR BASES			X	X	
TACP'S				X	W
TAC(A)/TAO				X	W


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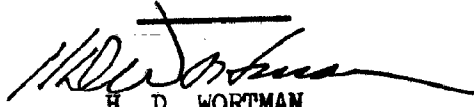
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Tab B (Call Signs) to Appendix 3 (Air Communications) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation Plan 330-YR

TACC
TADC
HDC
CTG 76.5
CTU 76.5.1
CTU 76.5.2
CTG 79.5
LPH-
APA-
LSD-
LED-
HMM
TACP
BLT
TAC(A)
VMA

ICEPACK
JOYRIDE
FAIRMONT
COMPANY STORE
AZALEA BLOSSOM
LITERARY
HEARSAY

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Appendix 4 (Approach and Retirement) to Annex G (Air Support) to Operation Plan 330-YR

1. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- a. All inbound aircraft will report to their controlling agency on the net assigned when over the specific control point.
- b. Aircraft assigned an "as directed" entry point and altitude will contact their controlling agency as soon as possible after take-off and proceed in accordance with instructions.
- c. Communications in accordance with Appendix 3.
- d. Aircraft reporting inbound will give the following information:
 - (1) Voice call of flight leader.
 - (2) Event number.
 - (3) Number and type aircraft.
 - (4) Position and altitude.
 - (5) Estimated time of departure.
 - (6) Ordnance load.
- e. Helicopter ship-to-shore movement in accordance with Annex E.

2. CONTROL POINTS

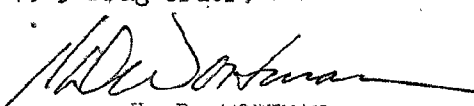
- a. To be issued in CTG 79.5 Frag Order.

3. SEARCH AND RESCUE REFERENCE POINT

- a. To be issued in CTG 79.5 Frag Order.

4. AVAILABLE NAVIGATION AIDS

- a. To be issued in CTG 79.5 Frag Order.


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Annex H (Naval Gunfire) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS S733, 1:50,000, Sheets 3256 II; 3257 III; and 3157 II
 (b) CTG 76.5 OPORD (Exercise HILLTOP)
 (c) NWIP 22-2(A)
 (d) FMFM 7-2
 (e) FMFM 7-1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization:

TU 76.5.1 Naval Gunfire and Screen Unit (Naval Gunfire Support Ships to be assigned).

1. SITUATION

a. General.

(1) In other than built-up areas, naval gunfire may be directed against enemy forces in contact, in accordance with normal procedures. When not in contact, unobserved NGF will be directed only at targets declared hostile by indigenous personnel, ground observers or airborne spotters. Further, unobserved naval gunfire will be employed only under exceptional circumstances and in cases where:

(a) The requested naval gunfire missions cannot be observed due to geography, weather, or other factors; or

(b) No U. S. ground or airborne spotters are available.

b. Enemy Forces. Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.

c. Friendly Forces. CTG 79.3 provides CAS.

2. MISSION

Naval gunfire and Screen Unit (TU 76.5.1) supports the landing and operations ashore of the Special Landing Force (TG 79.5) with naval gunfire.

3. EXECUTION

a. The desired NGF support ships are:

1-CA (8")
 1-DD (5"-54)
 1-LSMR (5" Rkts)

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b. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) Fire support areas and stations, boundaries and zones of responsibility of fire support ships will be promulgated by CATF. See Naval Gunfire Annex to reference (b).

(2) SACC will control and coordinate naval gunfire with other supporting arms in accordance with reference (c).

(3) When the BLT FSCC is established ashore, coordination of naval gunfire with other supporting arms will be in accordance with references (d) and (e).

(4) Requests for naval gunfire support will be made to the gunfire support ships by spot teams, forward observers, air observers, and others fully qualified to adjust fires, e.g., company commanders and patrol leaders.

(5) VT and MTF fuze projectiles not set on safe will not be fired over the heads or within 300 yards of friendly ships, troops, landing craft, or assault boats unless specifically requested by the supported unit.

(6) Use UTM grid reference system for all target locations.

(7) Target priorities will be in accordance with paragraph 815 of reference (c).

(8) Restrictive fire plans will be in accordance with Annex I (Fire Support Coordination) and paragraph 816 of reference (c).

(9) All spotters will give the naval gunfire ship, upon completion of a mission, "End of Target" followed by a damage assessment and effectiveness of fire.

(10) The SFCP will report to the naval gunfire ship(s) friendly positions every hour or when there is a significant change.

(11) The BLT commander will coordinate naval gunfire zones of responsibility to correspond to the boundaries of the supported troop units in accordance with paragraph 310 of reference (c).

(12) The BLT will submit requirements to CLF for D-Day schedule of fires. See Annex I (Fire Support Coordination).

(13) The BLT commander will coordinate screening smoke with organic units and CLF.

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(14) Rockets will not be fired over the heads of friendly troops, landing craft, assault boats, or shipping.

(15) If available, NGF support ships will utilize radar beacon teams as required.

(16) SFCP will establish radio communications with direct support ships at H-60. In the interval before SFCP commences functioning ashore, NGF ships will execute scheduled fires using an airborne spotter, when available. Airborne spotters (TAO) may request repetition, acceleration, reduction, or shifting of scheduled fires as the situation dictates.

(17) Coordination of air support, artillery, and naval gunfire in accordance with Annex I (Fire Support Coordination).


4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

Details will be published as required.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex F (Communications-Electronics).

b. See basic plan.


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APPENDIX:

1 - NGF Communications

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Appendix 1 (NGF Communications) to Annex H (Naval Gunfire) to Operation Plan 330-YR

CIRCUIT NUMBER	C1	C2	C3	C4
CIRCUIT USE	PRIMARY NGF CONTROL	SECONDARY NGF CONTROL	PRIMARY SFC SPOT	SECONDARY SFC SPOT
FREQUENCY (To be announced)	KCS	KCS	KCS	KCS
UNIT VOICE CALL SIGN				
CTG 76.5 NATALIE	C	C(1)	O	O
CTG 79.5 HEARSAY	X	O	O	O
NGF SHIP TO BE ISSUED	X	O	X	O
NGF SHIP TO BE ISSUED	X	O	O	O
BLT NGFLO 26 OSCAR	X	O	O	O
BLT SPCP ONE 26 CHARLIE			C	C(1)

LEGEND

C - NET CONTROL
X - GUARD
O - BE PREPARED TO GUARD
(1) CONTROL WHEN UTILIZED


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Annex I (Fire Support Coordination) to Operation Plan 330-YR

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 (b) NWIP 22-2(A)
 (c) CTG 76.5 OpOrd (Exercise HILLTOP)
 (d) FMFM 7-1

Time Zone: H

Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

1. SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces.

- (1) Annex B (Intelligence).
- (2) INTSUMS as issued.

b. Friendly Forces.

- (1) Annex G (Air Support).
- (2) Annex H (Naval Gunfire Support).

2. MISSION

Special Landing Force will conduct an amphibious assault by helicopterborne or waterborne assault landings, or a combination thereof to seize designated objectives; conduct search and destroy operations within AOA to destroy enemy forces, supplies and installations; and upon completion of assigned mission, or when ordered, execute a tactical amphibious withdrawal.

3. EXECUTION

a. Fire support coordination afloat will be in accordance with doctrine contained in reference (b), and instructions in reference (c).

b. Beach and helicopter landing zone preparations will be planned by the BLT and coordinated with SACC. NGF preparations will be scheduled from H-30 and L-30 to H-15 and L-15. CAS preparations will commence at H-15 and L-15 to H-3 and L-3. The above schedule will be modified only with the approval of CLF and CATF.

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c. The BLT will establish a FSCC ashore for coordination of supporting arms in accordance with references(b) and (d). When the BLT FSCC is fully functional ashore the BLT will inform the CLF. The CLF may then notify the CATF and request that assignment of responsibility for control and coordination of artillery, naval gunfire and close air support be passed to the CLF. Upon approval by the CATF, responsibility for control and coordination of supporting arms may be assumed by the CLF and he will assign coordination functions to the BLT (FSCC). Control of close air support will be exercised by CLF only when distance is such that secure and reliable communications can be established between FSCC and DASC.

d. Coordination of supporting arms will be passed to the SACC prior to commencement of the amphibious tactical withdrawal.

e. Close air support will be under the positive control of the TACP, FAC, TAC(A) or TAO. Airborne controllers will establish communications with friendly units for positive location before attacking a target.

f. Artillery and naval gunfire will normally be under the positive control of the SFCP, FO, or airborne spotter.

g. Coordination of Artillery and Naval Gunfire.

(1) When coordination of supporting arms is passed ashore to the FSCC, SACC will be notified of all missions prior to firing. The following information will be passed to SACC:

- (a) Unit or ship firing.
- (b) Coordinates of target.
- (c) Maximum ordinate.
- (d) Estimated time that firing will commence.
- (e) When mission has been completed.

(2) When coordination of supporting arms is afloat, the FSCC will notify SACC of changes to unit locations.

(3) The SACC will immediately pass all information on supporting fires within the AOA to HDC to insure the safety of helos.

(4) SACC and HDC will transmit restrictive fire plans and flight restrictions to all aircraft entering the AOA over the TAD nets and HD nets, respectively, in accordance with references(b) and (d).

(5) Restrictive fire plans will be given the code name "HANG NAIL" and numbered consecutively with each new series beginning at 0001 local time.

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(6) The following format will be used to transmit restrictive fire plans:

"HANGNAIL ONE - YS 897645 to YS 895641 - 2,000 meters - 1,000 to 10,000 feet - 0945H to 1015H."

4. TARGET INFORMATION

a. Target List.

(1) Initially maintained by CATF.

(2) When established ashore the FSCC will maintain a target list.

b. Night defensive fire and H&I fire plans will be transmitted by the FSCC to CLF and SACC.

c. Annex B (Intelligence) and current INTSUMS.

5. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

a. Air Sentries and Lookouts.

(1) Air sentries will be positioned at artillery firing batteries and will order cease fire when friendly aircraft are observed approaching a danger area.

(2) Artillery forward observers, naval gunfire spotters and airborne spotters will check fire when it appears that the trajectories of artillery and naval gunfire will endanger friendly aircraft.

(3) Unless special coordination measures are prescribed, fires on helicopter routes are restricted to observed fires where the observer is capable of ensuring the safety of the helicopters using the routes.

6. COORDINATION TECHNIQUES

a. Restrictive fire plans will be established by CATF while coordination of supporting fires is afloat. When coordination is passed ashore restrictive fire plans will be established in accordance with paragraph 816 of reference (b) and reported to SACC; changes by overlay or message.

b. Boundaries, no-fire lines, and fire coordination lines will be established in accordance with paragraph 2507 FMFM 3-1 and reported to SACC; changes by overlay or message.

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c. Bomblines will be established by CATF as required.

7. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. See Annex F (Communications-Electronics).


b. Command Post.

(1) Afloat.

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Landing Force (TG 79.5)-USS_____.

(2) Ashore. To be announced.


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Annex J (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

1. SUPPLY

a. General.

(1) Supplies to be landed will be the minimum required to accomplish mission.

(2) Supplies will be prepared and staged aboard assigned amphibious ships and ready for loading on helicopter or surface lift prior to D-Day.

(3) Prescribed loads will be drawn from BLT supplies.

(4) Prescribed Loads.

(a) Class I

1 Meal Combat, Individual - 1 day.

2 Fuel, Trioxane Bar - 1 day.

3 Salt Tablets - 8 per individual/day.

(b) Class II

1 Essential issue only.

2 Dry cell batteries - 1 day

(c) Class III

1 Vehicle tanks 3/4 full; 5 gallon cans will be mounted on vehicles 3/4 ton and larger (when required).

2 Rifle oil - 1 four ounce can per two individuals.

(d) Class IV

1 None..

(e) Class V

1 None.

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(f) Water

1 Two filled canteens per individual.2 Filled water cans - 1 gal/man/day.

(g) Medical

1 Complete basic medical outfit.b. Control and Distribution.

(1) Tac-log

(a) BLT tac-log will be established aboard the primary control ship, and the flagship.

(2) Levels of supplies in the objective area will not exceed one day of supply for any class.

(3) Custody, control and distribution of supplies is a BLT responsibility. Request for transportation will be submitted via tac-log.

(4) Landing of supplies and serials will be reported to CTG 79.5 when completed.

(5) Resupply of all classes of supplies will be requested through the tac-log aboard the flag ship.

(6) Every effort will be made to ensure supplies are safeguarded against damage, pilferage or waste both afloat and ashore.

(7) Report all classes of supplies expended or consumed to CTG 79.5 within thirty-six hours after completion of the exercise.

(8) All materiel requiring salvage will be reported and returned to amphibious shipping by the most expeditious means.

(9) No materiel of potential use to the enemy will be left unguarded.

(10) All captured materiel will be evacuated via S-2 channels for evaluation.

(11) Units will report type, quantity, condition, location, time and date of all captured materiel.

(12) Use of captured materiel by friendly units is prohibited unless approved by CTG 79.5.

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2. EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION

a. General.(1) Sanitation and Preventive Medicine.

(a) The tropical climate and heavy rainfall in the operating area creates special medical problems. Chief among these are heat exhaustion and tropical disease. Foot infections from prolonged immersion in water is a distinct hazard. Use of local water or food products is prohibited.

b. Evacuation.

(1) Movement. Casualties occurring during shipboard phase will be evacuated as directed by CTG 79.5.

(2) Assault. Casualties occurring in landing craft or helicopter will remain aboard if possible and be evacuated to medical facilities afloat.

(3) Ashore.

(a) Casualties occurring ashore will be evacuated to the CECS.

(b) Helicopter is the primary means of evacuation.

(4) Casualty Evacuation Control.

(a) The LPH is designated the Casualty Evacuation Control Ship (CECS).

(b) A medical officer on the LPH will be designated as the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer (CECO).

c. Hospitalization. As directed by the Casualty Evacuation Control Officer (CECO).

d. Medical Administration. Evacuation and casualty reports will be in accordance with instructions contained in CTG 79.5 Administrative Order 201-66 (to be issued).

3. TRANSPORTATION

a. Land. The landing of wheeled and track vehicles will be restricted to the minimum required for accomplishment of the mission and training objectives.

4. SERVICE

a. Functions.

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(1) Construction - None

(2) Maintenance - To be provided by the appropriate service attachment to the BLT.

5. PERSONNEL

a. Strengths. All units will debark with strengths required to provide maximum combat efficiency.

b. Replacements. None

c. Captives.

(1) All provisions of the Geneva Convention will be observed.

(2) All captives will be immediately searched.

(3) Disposition of captives will be as indicated in Annex B (Intelligence).

d. Personnel and Casualty Reports. In accordance with instructions contained in CTG 79.5 Administrative Order 201-66 (to be issued).

6. CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION

a. Every reasonable effort will be taken to gain the cooperation of the local populace.

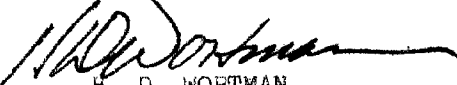
b. Distribution of "Handclasp" material will be as directed by CTG 79.5.

c. Unit commanders will insure that troops are especially careful not to damage property, livestock, religious structures, graves, shrines and other property of particular significance to the local populace.

7. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Security of all supplies, equipment and personal effects while aboard ship is the responsibility of unit commanders.

b. When helicopters are used for logistics support, maximum utilization of space should be attained for the trip, both to and from the ship.


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Annex M (Rehearsal) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Ref: (a) Maps: AMS Series S711 NR 3064 III (1:50,00) Silanguin Island
 AMS Series S711 NR 3064 II (1:50,000) San Antonio

Time Zone: H

1. SITUATION

A rehearsal landing for HILLTOP Exercises will be conducted at Green Beach and Landing Zone ~~Swan~~, Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

a. Enemy Forces. None

b. Friendly Forces. See Basic Plan.

2. MISSION

Special Landing Force (TG 79.5) conducts a rehearsal landing for HILLTOP in order to test the landing plan, communications and control procedures, and ~~refine landing techniques.~~

3. EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations.

(1) Landing Force (TG 79.5) conducts a rehearsal landing; to include the landing of scheduled surface waves over Green Beach and scheduled helicopter waves into Landing Zone Swan.

(2) There will be no enemy situation and no tactical maneuver of troops ashore.

(3) To test communications, all landing force nets will be activated.

b. BLT.

(1) Conduct pre-H-Hour transfers prior to rehearsal.

(2) Land scheduled LVT wave in accordance with Annex E (Landing Plan).

(3) Direct LVT wave to proceed inland to clear beach area and debark troops in an area to facilitate rapid turn around, but not to interfere with helicopterborne landing.

(4) Land elements heliborne companies (approx 60 men per company 4 waves 10 A/C per wave) in Landing Zone ~~Swan~~.

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(5) Landing craft will conduct only a touchdown landing.

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(6) Ensure command group/landed during rehearsal to test communications and control elements.

(7) Report when all troops are prepared to reembark.

(8) Troops and equipment will be backloaded, on order, to previously assigned shipping.

(9) Report when backloading is completed.

c. AMM.

(1) Provide helicopter support as directed.

(2) Be prepared to provide helicopter for TAO.

d. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) There will be no tactical maneuvers ashore during rehearsal.

(2) BMT will emphasize proper procedures in embarking and debarking from helicopters and landing craft/LVTs.

(3) Waterborne troops retain lifejackets for return to parent ship.

(4) Green Beach centered coordinates SS 998400.

(5) HLZ Swan centered coordinates SS 997404.

(6) D-Day - (Rehearsal) - (To be announced).

(7) H-Hour - (To be announced).

(8) L-Hour - (To be announced).

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

a. Annex J (Administration and Logistics) to Operation Plan 330-YR.

b. Uniform for rehearsal as prescribed by BMT Commander.

c. Medical evacuation will be from beach to PCS or from LZ to LPH, as appropriate.

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5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATIONS-ELECTRONICS

a. Communications in accordance with Annex F. COI will be issued separately.

b. Command Posts. See Basic Plan.



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APPENDIX:

1 - Helicopter Employment

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Appendix 1 (Helicopter Employment) to Annex M (Rehearsal) to Operation Plan 330-YR

1. GENERAL

a. Helicopter employment during the rehearsal for HILLTOP will be limited to four waves of ten (10) helicopters per wave.

b. Two waves will simulate the landing of the assault elements of each rifle company.

2. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

a. Wave rendezvous point (WRP/IP ALPHA) is designated as the NW corner of Grande Island.

b. Landing zone SWAN (located at SS 997404).

c. SAR reference point will be published.

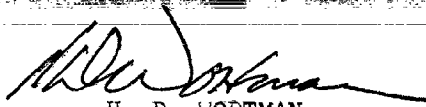
d. Helicopters will be under the positive control of LPH or HDC at all times.

e. Altitude assignments:

(1) From LPH to WRP/IP - 500'.

(2) From WRP to LZ - 500'.

(3) From LZ to WRP to LPH - 1000'.


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Annex N (Reports) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

1. General. This Annex contains instructions for the submission of operational reports required by CTG 79.5.

2. Reports Required:

<u>REPORTS</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>REMARKS/REFERENCE</u>
a. INTSUMS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	Commencing at H plus 4 covering the previous 4 hours and every 6 hours thereafter	See Annex B
b. CASUALTY REPORTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As occurring	
c. SURVEILLANCE/RECON- NAISSANCE TEAM REPORTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As scheduled	
d. SITUATION REPORTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	Commencing at H plus 4 covering the previous 4 hours and every 6 hours thereafter	See Appendix 1 and 2 this Annex
e. SPOT REPORTS	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As occurring	Submit by most expeditious means on significant events, initial contacts or major contacts to include who, what, when, where and why.

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f. DAILY SUMMARY HELO OPN	HMM/BLT	CTG 76.5	Daily w/copy to CTG 79.5	
g. MAJOR ORDNANCE ENGINEER/EQUIPMENT LOST/DAMAGE REPORT	BLT	CTG 79.5	As occurring	See Appendix 3 this Annex
h. REPORT OF SUPPLIES EXPENDED	BLT	CTG 79.5	36 hours after completion of exercise	
i. JAMMING	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	As occurring	
j. MUSTER REPORT	HMM/BLT	CTG 79.5	Upon reembarkation after operation ashore	Message Report
k. CIVIC ACTION	BLT	CTG 79.5	Daily	9th MAB Order 5710.2A


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APPENDIXES:

- 1 - Situation Report (BLT)
- 2 - Situation Report (HMM)
- 3 - Major Ordnance/Engineer Equipment Loss/Damage Report

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Appendix 1 (Situation Report BLT) to Annex N (Reports) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

1. REPORT TITLE

Situation Report

2. FORMAT

Message

a. Own Situation.

- (1) Location of CP at the end of the period.
- (2) Front line positions and boundaries.
- (3) Own operations during period to include type and number of missions.
 - (a) Scheme of maneuver.
 - (b) Patrols - routes, size, type.
 - (c) Ambushes - location, size.
 - (d) Combat efficiency.
 - (e) Results of operations.
 - (f) Supporting arms employment to include type and number of missions fired.

b. Personnel.

- (1) Own.
 - (a) Strength at end of period.
 - (b) Casualties - KIA, WIA, MIA.
- (2) Enemy.
 - (a) Casualties.
 - (b) Captives.

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c. Logistics.

- (1) Location of administrative type troops and installations.
- (2) Status of supplies and classes.
- (3) Equipment out of action - give circumstances surrounding - how and where.
- (4) Captured materiel and weapons by type and number.

d. Civic Action Taken. (Brief description).

e. Any Unusual Events.

f. Intentions. (Brief summary of contemplated operations).


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Appendix 2 (Situation Report HMM) to Annex N (Reports) to Operation Plan
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Time Zone: H

1. REPORT TITLE

Situation Report

2. FORMAT

Letter-

a. Aircraft availability.

- (1) On hand.
- (2) Avail for Ops, start of period _____.
- (3) Avail for Ops, end of period _____.
- (4) Comment regarding significant changes in avail.

b. Statistics for Period.

- (1) Flight Hours _____.
- (2) Sorties _____.
- (3) PAX/TRPS _____.
- (4) Tons, cargo _____.
- (5) Casualties Med-evac _____.
- (6) TAC (A) _____.
- (7) Other _____.

c. Fire Incident Report. (Narrative description to include following elements).

- (1) Coordinates

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- (2) Type fire.
- (3) A/C hits.
- (4) A/C action and results.
- d. Casualties WIA during period _____.
KIA during period _____.
- e. Narrative Summary. (Brief & concise).
- f. Special Comments. (If warranted).

NOTE:

- 1. Omit section for which there is no information.


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Appendix 3 (Major Ordnance/Engineer Equipment Loss/Damage Reports) to
Annex N (Reports) to Operation Plan 330-YR

Time Zone: H

1. REPORT TITLE

Equipment Casualty Report

2. FORMAT

Message

- a. Item description.
- b. Coordinates where lost/damage.
- c. DTG of occurrence.
- d. Extent of damage.
- e. Circumstances concerning incident.
- f. Replacement required (yes or no).

3. FREQUENCY


As occurring.

4. SUBMITTED BY

Unit concerned.

5. SUBMITTED TO

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(2) Command Chronology - BLT 1/9, 1967
(3) Command Chronology - HMM 362
(4) Command Chronology - BLT 3/26, 1967

1. In accordance with references (a) through (c), the Command Chronology for the Special Landing Force is submitted as enclosures (1), through (3). Enclosure (4) will be submitted separately when received from BLT 3/26.


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SPECIAL LANDING FORCE

Command Chronology

1. Organization Data

a. Designation. The Special Landing Force has the Task Designator of Task Group 79.5.

b. Composition. The Special Landing Force was composed of the following:

1-31 December 1966 - SLF - Colonel H. D. WORTMAN
 1-11 December 1966 - BLT 3/26 - LtCol G. T. BEYERLE
 3-31 December 1966 - BLT 1/9 - Major J. L. DAY
 1-31 December 1966 - HMM 362 - LtCol M. B. ARMSTRONG

c. Locations. The Special Landing Force was embarked aboard amphibious shipping which consisted of the following:

1-12 December 1966 - USS HENRICO (APA-45),
 USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD-5),
 USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2),
 USS WASHBURN (AKA-108)
 13-31 December 1966 - USS HENRICO (APA-45),
 USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2),
 USS THOMASTON (LSD-28),
 USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2)

d. Average Monthly Strength.

SLF Staff:	USMC Off - 9	USMC Enl - 35	USN Off - 0	USN Enl - 0
BLT:	USMC Off - 68	USMC Enl - 1627	USN Off - 7	USN Enl - 7
HMM:	USMC Off - 55	USMC Enl - 171	USN Off - 1	USN Enl - 3

e. Commanding Officer and Staff.

Col	H. D. WORTMAN	- Commanding Officer
LtCol	J. M. LANDRIGAN	- Executive Officer
LtCol	D. R. BRIMMER	- S-3
Major	H. B. CROSBY III	- Asst S-3
Major	J. H. BROUJOS	- Asst S-3/Civic Action
Capt	R. A. AYERS	- CommO
Capt	B. S. MCKENNA	- Asst S-3/Air Observer
2dLt	D. C. SCHULTZ	- S-4
2dLt	C. G. OSGOOD	- S-2

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f. TAD to the SLF for Special Operations

1-4 December 1966 - Major W. W. TAYLOR - 9thMAB, Oral History program for Mud Puppy I

15-31 December 1966 - Major C. A. DIXON - MAG 15, SLF Air Officer

16-31 December 1966 - LtCol H. MAYER - 9thMAB, ISO

16-31 December 1966 - Major W. W. TAYLOR - 9thMAB, Oral History and riverine special equipment evaluation

16-31 December 1966 - Captain R. E. BOWD, Australian Army, 9thMAB, Liaison Officer

26-31 December 1966 - Captain G. ANDERSON, MC USN BUMED, Major J. C. PAGE, LFDA, Liaison Officer, Medical Field Research Laboratory, Camp LeJeune N.C. and Lt L. BUCKELS, MC USN, Medical Field Research Laboratory, Camp LeJeune N.C. for field study of Foot Immersion.

28-31 December 1966:

LtCol B. L. MOORE, Jr. - FMFPac, Observer

LtCol R. L. CHRISTIAN - RLT 26, Artillery Group Commander

Cmdr MILLS MC USN - III MAF, Immersion Foot Study

Major W. M. THURBER - 9thMAB, SLF FSC

LTJG P. R. JENNINGS USN - 9thMAB, NGF Liaison Officer

29-31 December 1966:

Major W. M. STEWART - MB SUBIC, Liaison Officer

Captain B. M. FLOYD - MB SUBIC, Liaison Officer

Captain P. MURPHY - MarDet, USS CANBERRA, TAO

2. Chronology of Significant Events During the Period 1-31 December

a. The following is a concise review of the activities of the Special Landing Force (CTG 79.5). Detailed information of BLT 3/26, BLT 1/9 and HMM 362 is shown in the appropriate command chronology enclosures (2) through (4).

b. 1-16 December 1966

(1) During period, the Special Landing Force was located at Subic Bay, R.P. Extensive training ashore was conducted which included: unit tactics, CPX, plastic assault boat familiarization, fire exercises, close air support exercises, combined arms training, amphibious training, and helicopter training.

(2) From 2-4 December The SLF Staff and Major Taylor, Operations Officer, G-3, 9thMAB, produced the Audio History tape for Exercise Mud Puppy I.

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(3) From 5-15 December, the SLF, S-2; Major HITZ, G-2, 9th-MAB; and representatives from CTG 76.5 and BLT 1/9 attended intelligence briefings at COMNAVFORV, COMUSMACV and IV CTZ and conducted reconnaissance of the area proposed for the January Special Operations.

(4) On 5 December BLT 1/9 arrived in Subic and commenced transfer to the ARG shipping. BLT 1/9 commenced extensive training ashore.

(5) On 6 December CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 (and staff representatives) departed Subic by air for the preliminary planning conference for special operations in Kien Hoa Province, IV Corps, RVN. Upon arrival at Saigon on 7 December, CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 were briefed on the general concept at MACVCOG, this included meeting with Major General W. K. JONES USMC. A conference was held attended by MACV, 7th Air Force, NAVFORV, Advisors VMMC, TF 116, and U.S. Army Advisors from IV Corps. CTG 79.5 and staff members departed Saigon on 8 December for IV Corps Headquarters located at Can Tho. Colonel DAVIS, Assistant U.S. Advisor IV Corps, discussed the current tactical situation in Kien Hoa Province and the disposition of ARVN forces in the Delta Region. Later that day Colonel Wortman and Staff flew to My Tho the CP of the 7th ARVN Division. Colonel Lance, Senior Advisor 7th ARVN Division and his staff presented a detailed briefing on the prospective area of operations. An aerial reconnaissance of a recommended AOA was made by CTG 79.5 and staff. CTG 79.5 and staff members returned to Saigon late 8 December and resumed liaison with MACV. The initial planning for January special operations was completed on 9 December and CTG 79.5 returned to Subic by air.

(6) On 9 December BLT 3/26 departed Subic Bay on the USS LENAWEE, USS WASHBURN and USS COMSTOCK for I CTZ, RVN.

(7) On 11 December BLT 3/26 CHOPPED to CG III MAF. (CTG 79.5 msg 292352Z NOV66).

(8) On 13 December CTG 79.5 and staff moved from the USS HENRICO (APA-45) to the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2).

c. 17-31 December 1966

(1) On 18 December the ARG/SLF departed Subic Bay enroute to Navotas, Mindoro Island, R.P. to conduct exercise Mud Puppy II.

(2) From 19-22 December the ARG/SLF participated in riverine exercise, Mud Puppy II, in preparation for January Special Operations.

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(3) 22 December CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 and staff members departed Calapan, R.P., by air, for Saigon and further detailed planning for January special operations. Upon arrival in Saigon a planning conference was held by COMUSMACV, representatives from NAVFORV, 7th Air Force, TF 76, TF 79, TF 115, TF 116, NAG, Advisors VNMC, Advisors IV Corps, and Advisors 7th ARVN Division attended. On 24 December CTG 79.5 flew to IV Corps Headquarters at Can Tho and was briefed by Brigadier General DESOBRY, Senior U.S. Advisor. From Can Tho Colonel Wortman and party proceeded to 7th ARVN Division Headquarters (My Tho) and liaison was established with Brigadier General THANH, Commanding General, 7th ARVN Division and Colonel LANCE, Senior Advisor. A conference was conducted and pertinent information was exchanged. After the conference a aerial reconnaissance was made and helicopter landing zones were selected. On 25 December the concluding conference was held at COC MACV. This included a detailed discussion on handling of Prisoners of War and civilian populace. Later that same day CTG 79.5 departed Saigon for Subic.

(4) From 27-29 December Lieutenant Colonel SOAN, Commander of VNMC Brigade Force Bravo, Major KY, the Operations Officer, and two U.S. Marine Advisors, Major GABOURY and Major WOOD arrived at Subic to initiate planning for the employment of VNMC Brigade Force Bravo in Operation DECKHOUSE V.

(5) On 30 December the ARG/SLF departed Subic Bay, R.P., enroute to IV CTZ, RVN.

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