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COMMAND CHRONOLOGY
for period
1 to 31 August 1968

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATADESIGNATIONCOMMANDERDATES

| | | |
|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Special Landing Force | Colonel W. A. BUTCHER | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| Bravo (TG 79.5) | Colonel R. R. WILSON | 23-31 Aug 1968 |
| | (Prospective CTG 79.5) | |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|---------|---------------------|---------------|
| BLT 2/7 | LtCol L. E. WATSON | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| HMM-265 | LtCol R. J. EDWARDS | 1-31 Aug 1968 |

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

1-31 August 1968
 1-26 August 1968
 27-31 August 1968
 1-25 August 1968
 26-31 August 1968
 1-31 August 1968

USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)
 USS VANCOUVER (LPD-2)
 USS OGDEN (LPD-5)
 USS THOMASTON (LSD-28)
 USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35)
 USS MERRICK (AKA-97)

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Executive Officer | LtCol R. B. SPENCER | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| S-1 | Capt M. PALLO | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| S-2/AO | Capt J. H. STRASSER | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| S-3 | Maj J. R. COCHRAN | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| Asst S-3/Air Officer | Maj C. F. MOSER | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| FSC | Maj C. L. MCELHENY | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| S-4 | Maj J. R. CATON | 1-31 Aug 1968 |
| CommO | 1stLt S. D. RAMSPERGER | 1-31 Aug 1968 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL | USN OFF | USN ENL |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| SLF STAFF | 9 | 48 | 0 | 0 |
| BLT 2/7 | 59 | 1606 | 4 | 53 |
| HMM-265 | 45 | 201 | 1 | 3 |

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Joined | 1 | 4 |
| Transferred | 0 | 1 |
| Promoted | 0 | 1 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

For the period 1-19 August the ARG/SLF BRAVO was located approximately 20 miles Southeast of DaNang harbor in the vicinity of the Song Cua Dai River, Republic of Vietnam. During this period OPERATION SWIFT PLAY was still in progress and BLT 2/7 provided security to units of the First Marine Division conducting land clearing operations. On 3 August OPCON of BLT 2/7 was passed from the 27th Marines to the 5th Marines. ARG/SLF BRAVO remained in support of OPERATION SWIFT PLAY during this entire period.

The Brigade Inspector, 9th MAB completed an administrative and personnel inspection of SLF-BRAVO on 2 August. The informal report of the inspecting officer gave an overall rating of satisfactory to the SLF.

Admiral LACY (CTF 76) conducted a liaison visit to the USS TRIPOLI on 10 August, during his visit the Admiral was briefed by CTG 79.5.

The CHIEF of NAVAL OPERATIONS visited the USS TRIPOLI on 15 August. During the visit he was briefed by CTG 79.5 on Operations of SLF BRAVO from January 1968 to the present.

On 17 August CTG 76.4 and CTG 79.4 were aboard the USS TRIPOLI for a liaison visit with CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5.

On the morning of 19 August CTG 79.5 departed USS TRIPOLI for Okinawa and a conference with the Commanding General, 9th MAB (CTF 79). At 190900H the Staff of TG 79.5 briefed Admiral LACY (CTF 76) on OPERATION SWIFT PLAY for the period 10-18 August. OPCON of HMM-265 was passed to the 1st MAW at 191200H. Selective items of squadron equipment were off-loaded from the USS TRIPOLI and staged at Marble Mountain. HMM-265 maintained a capability to embark aboard the USS TRIPOLI within a four hour period; the squadron remained in this posture until the end of this reporting period. OPERATION SWIFT PLAY was terminated by COMSEVENTHFLT at 191600H. On the evening of 19 August ARG/SLF BRAVO departed Vietnam for Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines, arriving on 21 August.

During the period the ARG/SLF BRAVO was at Subic Bay (21-30 August) PHIBRON ONE was relieved by PHIBRON NINE. Colonel R. R. WILSON reported aboard the USS TRIPOLI as assigned relief for Colonel W. A. BUTCHER, CTG 79.5. SLF BRAVO conducted training and rehabilitation of equipment for the units embarked with ARG shipping. ARG/SLF BRAVO departed Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines on 300800H and proceeded to the Republic of Vietnam.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-19 August ARG/SLF BRAVO remained in support of OPERATION SWIFT PLAY.

2 August 9th MAB Inspection Team completed the inspection of SLF BRAVO.

3 August OPCON of BLT 2/7 passed from 27th Marines to 5th Marines.

10 August CTF 76 aboard USS TRIPOLI, briefed by CTG 79.5.

15 August CTG 79.5 briefed CNO on Operations of SLF BRAVO.

17 August CTG 76.4 and CTG 79.4 aboard USS TRIPOLI for visit with CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5.

19 August CTG 79.5 to CTF 79, Okinawa for conference.
TG 79.5 Operations Officer briefed Admiral LACY (CTF 76).
OPCON of HMM-265 passed to 1st MAW at 1200H.
OPERATION SWIFT PLAY terminated at 1600H.
ARG/SLF BRAVO departed Republic of Vietnam.

19-21 August ARG/SLF BRAVO enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

21 August PHIBRON-9 relieved PHIBRON-1.

23 August Colonel R. R. WILSON reported aboard as prospective relief for Colonel W. A. BUTCHER.

21-30 August ARG/SLF BRAVO conducted training and rehabilitation of equipment.

30-31 August ARG/SLF BRAVO departed Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines enroute to the Republic of Vietnam.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDSAND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Appendix 1 1. ✓ CG 1st MarDiv 011440Z Aug68

2. ✓ FIFTH MARINES 031122Z Aug68

3. ✓ CG III MAF 040914Z Aug68

4. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 050426Z Aug68

5. ✓ CG III MAF 131352Z Aug68

6. ✓ CTG 79.5 150515Z Aug68

7. ✓ CTG 79.5 150519Z Aug68

8. ✓ CTG 76.5 180151Z Aug68

9. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 180840Z Aug68

10. ✓ CTG 79.5 190821Z Aug68

11. ✓ CTG 79.5 210407Z Aug68

✓ Appendix 2 Command Chronology, BLT 2/7 } Filed

✓ Appendix 3 Command Chronology, HMM-265 } sep

Appendix 4 SLF After Action Report SWIFT PLAY

✓ Appendix 5 BLT 2/7 After Action Report SWIFT PLAY - ALLENBROOK } Filed

✓ Appendix 6 HMM-265 After Action Report SWIFT PLAY, 23 Jul - 19 Aug 1968 } sep

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O 011440Z JUL 68
 FM CG FIRST MARDIV
 TO FIFTH MAR
 SEVENTH MAR
 TWENTY SEVENTH MAR
 CG III MAF
 CG PCV
 CG AMERICAL DIV
 CG FIRST MAW
 CG FIRST AIR CAV DIV
 CG FLC
 CG SECOND ROKMC BDE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 FIRST MARDIV OPCON
 BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
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 SA QUANG NAM SECTOR
 CO C FIFTH SFGA
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FRAG O 281-68 (FIRST MARDIV OPNS)

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 311400Z JUL 68 (AG OD (NOTAL)

B. CG FIRST MARDIV 301525Z JUL 68 (FRAG O 278-68)

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY: NUMEROUS SIGHTINGS AND CONTACTS IN ARIZONA AREA
1 AUG 68.

B. FRIENDLY: SLNB CONT SPT BLT 2/7

2. MISSION: FIRST MARDIV CONT OPNS TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY
ENEMY FORCES.

3. EXECUTION:

A. FIFTH MAR:

(1) PASS OPCON A TRP 1/9 CAV TO 7TH MAR 021500H AUG 68.

(2) CONT WIDE RANGING RECON OPNS IN AO TO FIND, FIX AND
DESTROY EN FORCES IN ZONE.

(3) AO MOD DESCRIBED REF A REMAINS EFF THROUGH 022400H
AUG 68.

(4) BE PCO FOR RAPID EXPLOITATION EN CONTACT.

(5) ASSUME OPCON BLT 2/7 AND CONTROL OPN ALLEN BROOK EFF
031200H AUG 68.

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B. SEVENTH MAR: ASSUME OPCON A TRP 1/9 CAV 021500H AUG 68.

PARA 3.C. REF B MOD ACCORDINGLY.

C. TWENTY SEVENTH MAR: PASS OPCON BLT 2/7 AND CONTROL OPN
ALLEN BROOK TO FIFTH MAR EFF 031200H AUG 68.

D. COORD INSTNS: DERLNAUTH ALCON.

4. CMD AND COMM/ELEC: NO CHANGE FM PARA 4 REF B.

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P 031122Z AUG 68
 FM FIFTH MARINES
 TO RUMH LAZCG FIRST MARC IV
 RUEHAG/BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 INFO ZEN/TWENTY SEVENTH MARINES

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

1. FIFTH MARINES ASSUMED OPCON BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN AND CONDUCT OF
 OPERATION ALLEN BROOK EFFECTIVE 031200H AUG68.

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FM CG III MAF ENG
TO RUMUGRA/COMUSMACV SGN
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RUYEUAG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
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AROMXSLF BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (1)

A. CG III MAF 241030Z JUNE 68

1. REFERENCE A SCHEDULES ARG/SLF BRAVO BACKLOAD/REHAB DANANG 8-13 AUG 68, SPECOP 14-31 AUG 68, AND A.JK ENG/UPK SUBIC 20-31 AUG.

2. BLT 2/7 (SLF B) IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED KB OPERATIONS IN DANANG TACR. BASED ON LATEST ENEMY INTELLIGENCE, ICTZ, PARTICULARLY DANANG TACRGM, IS EXPECTED TO BE A HIGHLY VULNERABLE AREA FOR NEXT 30-45 DAYS. ADDITIONAL FORCES HAVE BEEN SHIFTED FROM NICIZ TO SICIZ TO ASSIST IN COUNTERING THIS THREAT. IT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL THAT ALL TACTICAL UNITS NOW PARTICIPATING IN DEFENSE AND OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS IN BANA

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AREA REMAIN IN PLACE DURING THIS CRITICAL PERIOD. REDUCTION IN THIS FORCE FOR EVZNA A FEW DAYS WOULD BE A RISK.

3. IN VIEW OF TACTICAL SITUATION IN ICTZ AND SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, PROPOSE TO DELAY BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/7 UNTIL AFTER ARG BRAVO UPKEEP PERIOD SUBIC 20-31 AUG 68. REQUEST ARG REMAIN IN SUPPORT THROUGH 19 AUG 68.

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AND CTG EEEVN NINE PT FIVE TAKE FOR FIRST TIM

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O WFRWEQRZ AUG 68 042314Z

DM COMSEVENTHFLT

TORUMXRA/CVG III MAF DNG

INFO RIHHBRA/CINCPACFLT

RUHIFMA/VG FMFPAC

RUOUHFA/COMUSMACV SCV

RUMHLAGXCG FIRST MARDIV DNG

RIMFKRV.CIDRVEN SIX

RUABGL/CTF EMEN NINE

RUYEUAG/CTG SEVEN EIX PTVFIVE

RUYEUAG/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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ARGGXS.F BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (UD

A. YOUR 04;0914Z SAUG 68; 0-30

19 IN VIEW OF TACTICAL SITUATION CITED REF A, CONCUR IN DELAY OF
BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/7 UNTIL AFTER ARG BRAVO UPKEEP PERIOD SUBIC 20-31
AUG. ARG WILL REMAIN IN SUPPORT THROUGH 19 AUG AS SCHEDULED.

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P 131352Z AUG 68

FM CG III MAF DNG

TO RUYNBUL/CONSEVENTHFLT

INFO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW DNG

RUYNWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RHYEHRN/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYEUAG/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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SUBJ: SLF BRAVO HELICOPTER SUPPORT (C)

1. ARG BRAVO IS SCHEDULED FOR UPKEEP PERIOD AT SUBIC 24-31 AUG 68. DURING THIS PERIOD, SLF BRAVO BLT (BLT 2/7) WILL REMAIN IN RUN AND WILL REQUIRE SUPPORT OF SLF BRAVO HELO SQ (HMM 265). AT COMPLETION OF UPKEEP, HMM 265 IS SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED BY HMM 165.

2. FOLLOWING ACTION IS RECOMMENDED:

A. OFFLOAD HMM-265 19 AUG AND PASS OPCON TO CG III MAF WHO WILL SIMULTANEOUSLY PASS OPCON TO CG FMAW.

B. LOAD HMM-165 ON 1 SEPT. CG FMAW PASS OPCON TO III MAF AND III MAF PASS OPCONHTO CTG 79.5 AT SAME TIME.

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3. IF YOU CONCUR IN ABOVE ACTIONS, III MAF WILL ESTABLISH LIAISON WITH ALCON TO EFFECT TRANSFER.

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 FM CG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO ZEN/ HMM TWO SIX FIVE
 INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUHGUL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
 RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUYVWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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 RUMHAW/MAG ONE SIX
 ZEN/PT TWO SLANT SEVEN

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MOVEMENT ORDER (M)

A. CG III MAF 151352Z AUG 68

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 141418Z AUG 68

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

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1. MAG ONE SIX CURRENTLY PROVIDES HELO SUPPORT TO IN-COUNTRY UNITS FROM MARBLE MTN.

2. MISSION

HMM-265 TO PROVIDE HELO SUPPORT TO IN-COUNTRY UNITS FROM MARBLE MTN.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. O/A 190800H AUGUST 68 HMM-265 DEPLOYS FROM ON BOARD THE USS TRIPOLI (LPH-19) LAW REF A AS APPROVED BY REF B. THIS IS AN INTERIM DEPLOYMENT OF AN SLF BRAVO UNIT. UPON COMPLETION OF UPKEEP/REHAB PERIOD AND RETURN OF SLF BRAVO FROM SUBIC BAY HMM-265 IS SCHEDULED TO BE REPLACED IN SLF BRAVO BY HMM-165.

B. OPCON OF HMM-265 WILL BE PASSED TO CG III MAF WITH CONCURRENT CHOP TO CG FMAW O/A 191200H.

C. COMMAND LESS OPCON REMAINS WITH CTG 79.3 UNTIL 1 SEP 1968.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1). HMM-265 WILL SUBMIT REQUIRED OPSTAT REPORT TO CG FMAW WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER CHOP.

(2) MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY REGARDING MOVEMENT.

(3). MAINTAIN CAPABILITY TO COMPLETE RE-EMBARCTION ABOARD USS TRIPOLI WITHIN FOUR HOURS DURING PERIOD 20 AUGUST-1 SEPT. 1968

(4). THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT

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4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

(1). HMM-265 WILL DEPLOY WITH REQUIRED SQUADRON FILES. FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO NINTH MAB WILL BE TURNED OVER TO HMM-101 ON BOARD USS TRIPOLI ON 1SEP68.

(2). HMM-265 WILL SUBMIT BY MESSAGE TO CG NINTH MAB AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK, SER. NO., MOS AND RTD PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL DEPLOYING IN-COUNTRY, INFO CG FMFPAC, CG FMAW, MAG ONE SIX AND THIS HQ.

(3). COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF NWIP 10-1(B). ENSURE CG FMFPAC, CG III MAF, CG FIRST MAF, CIG 79.3 ARE INFO ADDRESSEES ON ALL MOUTREPS AND MESSAGES.

B. LOGISTICS

(1). OFFLOAD WITH FOLLOWING

(A). ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT

(B). INDIVIDUAL T/O WEAPONS

(C). MARINE CORPS INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT

(D). REQUIRED SQUADRON EQUIPMENT (NAVY ALLOWANCES).

3. (S) COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT

A. UPON ARRIVAL AT MARJ3 25, HMM-265 REPORTS OPCON TO CG FMAW.

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B. DIRLAUTH ALCON.

C. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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P 150510Z AUG 63
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
INFO RUABOL/CG NINTH MAB

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15 1657H AUG 64

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SECRET**COMMITMENT OF SLF HELICOPTERS (U)**

A. CTG 79.5 240729Z JUL 63

1. REFERENCE (A) PROVIDED CTG 79.5 A/C AUGMENTATION TO FIRST MAW.

2. ARG/SLF DEPARTS 19 AUGUST 1963 FOR UPKEEP REHAB AT SUBIC BAY. IG 79.5 A/C WILL BE INVOLVED IN OFF-LOAD BLT 2/7 REAR, AND HMM-265 DURING 18-19 AUGUST 1963.

3. CTG 79.5 AUGMENTATION WILL BE TERMINATED ON COMPLETION FRAGS 17 AUG 63.

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 FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 TO RUMGIL/COMSEVENTHFLT
 INFO ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYJSTY/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUMHQA/CNO
 RUMHQA/CINCPAC
 RUMHQA/CINCPACFLT
 RUMHQA/COMUSMACV
 RUMSAL/CG SEVENTH AF
 RUMHMA/CG FMF PAC
 RUMJMSA/COMPHIBPAC
 RUMUGRA/CG III MAF
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
 RUMHQA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMHQA/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUABCL/CG FMF PAC (FWD)
 RUMSBB/COMNAVFORV
 RUMHQA/FLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 RUMHAW/HMM TWO SIX FIVE

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 RUYPNL/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
 RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE
 RUYPSAA/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUYPSAA/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 RUYJSTY/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT NINE
 RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
 RUYSSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO
 RHYPSAA/CTE SEVEN PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE
 RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUMHQA/CG 2ND ROK MARINE BDE
 RUMHQA/CO 27TH MARINES
 RUMHQA/CO FIFTH MAR
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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 SWIFT FLAK TERMINATION (C).

A. CONSEQUENT HLT OPLAN 101-67 (NOTAL)
 B. CONSEQUENT HLT 210124Z JUL 68 (TOTAL)
 1. CG JAW 227 A AND B RECOMMEND TERMINATE OPERATION SWIFT FLAK
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SWIFT PLAY TERMINATION (UD)

A. CTG 76.5 180151Z AUG 68 NOTAL

1. TERMINATE OPERATION SWIFT PLAY.

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TO CG FIRST MAW
INFO CG FMFPAC
COMSEVENTHFLT
CTF SEVEN NINE
COMNAVAIRPAC
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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HAG ONE FIVE
HMM TWO SIX FIVE
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OPCON HMM-265 (C)

1. SELECTIVE OFFLOAD OF HMM-265 COMPLETE. HMM-265 OPCON CG III
MAF EFFECTIVE 191200H.

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Ref: (a) CTG 79.5 Oplan 120-Yr

Encl: (1) SLF BRAVO After Action Report, Operation SWIFT PLAY
✓(2) BLT 2/7 After Action Report, Operation SWIFT PLAY
✓(3) HMM-265 After Action Report, Operation SWIFT PLAY

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted herewith. Enclosures (2) and (3) amplify enclosure (1).

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COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT (Operation SWIFT PLAY)

- Appendix (a) Operation Overlay, Operation SWIFT PLAY.
 (b) BLT 2/7 After Action Report Operation SWIFT PLAY
 (c) HMM-265 After Action Report Operation SWIFT PLAY

(1) Type of Operation. Amphibious

(2) Inclusive Dates and Location of the Operation. Operation SWIFT PLAY was conducted from 230900H July through 191600H August 1968 in the DUY XUYEN District of QUANG NAM Province, Republic of Vietnam.

(3) Command Headquarters. Task Group 79.5 (Special Landing Force Bravo) embarked aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

(4) Task Organization

Task Group 79.5 (Special Landing Force BRAVO)
 Battalion Landing Team 2/7
 HMM-265

Col W.A. BUTCHER
 LtCol L.E. WATSON
 LtCol R.J. EDWARDS

(5) Intelligence

(a) Enemy Situation. The AOA encompassed a portion of Base Area 116, with possibly one U/I NVA Regiment located in that area. While enemy forces to include the 36th NVA Regt, R-20 Bn, D-7 Bn, V-25 Bn, 3d Sapper Bn, 1st Bn, 68B Arty Regt, were located near the AOA, it was undetermined if any elements of these forces were in the AOA. Captured documents indicated the intention of the enemy to utilize the forces mentioned above to attack DUY XUYEN, DIEN BAN, HOI AN and friendly air installations in the southern sector of the Danang TAOR.

(b) Enemy Capabilities

1. Capability # 1 To ATTACK with elements of an NVA Regiment, one MF Battalion, and one LF Battalion. To attack isolated units with a superior force consisting of any of these elements.

2. Capability # 2 To DEFEND at a time and place of his own choosing with any or all elements of these same units.

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3. Capability # 3 To EVADE direct contact with our superior forces and resort to small unit action, mining, surprise firing devices, sniper harrassment and ambushes in an effort to inflict maximum casualties on our forces and decimate small units operating beyond effective friendly support.

4. Capability # 4 To WITHDRAW all or part of his forces prior to or at the onset of our operations, utilizing mines and surprise firing devices whenever possible to delay our forces while he disperses and conceals his vital equipment and supplies.

(c) Enemy Tactics. The enemy initially utilized the capability of evading our forces. His knowledge of the terrain in the mountainous areas of Base Area 116 contributed to his successful evasion of friendly forces. Contact by fire was sporadic and light. Surprise firing devices were utilized to delay friendly forces. Later in the operation, when the BLT moved to GO NOI island, the enemy utilized a larger number of surprise firing devices while continuing to evade our forces.

(d) Terrain and Weather

1. Weather. During the operation the AOA was under the influence of the southwest monsoon. This condition was offset to a small degree by the presence of a dominant low pressure system in the SOUTH CHINA SEA which produced rain and cool weather. Low cloud ceilings impaired effective aerial observation on D+1.

2. Terrain. The terrain of the AOA was divided into four general areas as follows:

a. A major ridgeline with numerous steep gullies and ravines is situated across the southern portion of the AOA with slopes that average between 40 and 60 percent. The highest point of elevation is 845 meters. Generally, the terrain is extremely rugged and contains thick undergrowth and multi-layered canopies.

b. KHE PHU LOC Valley located in the central portion of the AOA, is characterized by streams and flat areas of rice cultivation. A large lake is situated at the western end of the valley in the vicinity of Grid AT9746.

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c. Two major ridge systems situated in the NORTHWESTERN portion of the AOA are separated by a large lake which runs from the NORTH-EAST to the SOUTHWEST. The slopes in the area average 20 percent with numerous gullies and ravines. The highest point of elevation is 200 meters.

d. The NORTHWEST portion of the AOA is a river lowland plain with numerous streams and rice paddies.

(6) Mission. Special Landing Force BRAVO conducted an amphibious assault into the AOA to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, capture or destroy enemy material and destroy enemy fortifications.

(7) Execution

(a) Operation SWIFT PLAY was initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT 210124Z July 1968. Execution was in accordance with CTG 79.5 211421Z July 1968, Frag Order # 1 for Operation SWIFT PLAY.

(b) D-Day was established as 23 July 1968 with H-Hour at 0900H. D-Day and H-Hour were confirmed and the first wave of helicopters landed in LZ SHEPHERD at 0903H.

(c) The basic plan for Operation SWIFT PLAY was the execution of heliborne landing's into LZ SHEPHERD (BT 005477), and LZ CHAPMAN (BT 046480); and the conduct of subsequent combat sweep operations to the SOUTH in Search Area 3 if the tactical situation as developed in Search Areas 1 and 2 warranted such action. It was anticipated that selected elements of the Landing Force would chop to III MAF on the afternoon of D+1.

(d) "G" Co, commenced landing in LZ SHEPHERD at 0903H on D-Day and completed this insertion at 0941H. Subsequent combat sweep operations conducted on an axis of advance from the vicinity of grid BT 049479 to the SOUTHWEST resulted in negative enemy contact. Upon completion of the landing by G/2/7, Co's "H" and "E" completed landing in LZ CHAPMAN at 231304H without enemy contact. H/2/7 immediately commenced combat sweep operations to the SOUTHWEST in their assigned areas with negative enemy contact. F/2/7 was landed in LZ SHEPHERD to establish security for the fire support base established in LZ SHEPHERD and also conduct combat sweep operations on an axis of advance from vicinity grid BT 005477 to grid AT 982470. During the evening of D-Day all units of BLT 2/7 executed extensive patrols and established ambushes in their assigned zones. No enemy contacts were reported on D-Day although two concrete bins were discovered by "W" Btry 3/11 which contained one and one half tons of rice. On D+1 "E" Co, "G" Co, and "H" Co continued combat sweep operations. Hotel Battery 3/11 was landed commencing 240800H over RED BEACH and proceeded by convoy to the 27th Marines CP. BLT 2/7 chopped to CG III MAF at 241600H July 1968 for concurrent chop to CG First Marine Division and the 27th Marines.

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(e) Operations

1. Operation SWIFT PLAY was an amphibious operation conducted by the ARG/SLF BRAVO. The operation was planned and conducted within an exceptionally short time frame which was necessitated by last minute changes to the assigned AOA. BLT 2/7 was participating in Operation EAGER YANKEE/HOUSTON until the morning of 22 July 1968. While a majority of BLT 2/7 elements were withdrawn to ARG shipping by noon on the 22nd of July, "F" 2/7 did not complete embarkation until 221345Z July 1968. D-Day for Operations SWIFT PLAY was 23 July, H-Hour was 0900H. This operation was planned for the period 23 July through 8 August with the ashore elements of the SLF to chop to CG III MAF and the First Marine Division and ultimately the 27th Marines on the afternoon of D+1. The distance separating the landward and seaward AOA's precluded the efficient use of naval gunfire and initially close air support and artillery provided the requisite fire support. Close air support was provided by the Seventh Air Force through CG III MAF and artillery support was provided by the 11th Marines. Landing Zone preparation fires, of concurrent artillery and close air support bombardment, were commenced at 230755H and were lifted at 230855H. Escort HU-1E gunships provided the transitional fire support.

(f) Supporting Arms1. Artillery.

a. Artillery support of the landing force was provided by the two direct support batteries attached to BLT 2/7, Battery H, 3rd Bn, 11th Marine and Mortar Battery, 3rd Bn, 11th Marines. The 11th Marine Regiment was in general support of the Landing Force for Operation SWIFT PLAY.

b. The Mortar Battery attached to the Landing Force was landed by helicopters early on D-Day and set up a position in the vicinity of LZ SHEPHERD (BT 005476) and assumed the direct support mission for the Landing Force.

c. Battery H, 3/11 was debarked from USS THOMASTON (LSD-28) at RED BEACH, DANANG harbor at 241600H and proceeded SOUTH by road to a position in the vicinity of Battery F, 2nd Bn, 13th Marines (AT 924538). From this location the Battery was able to support operations in the AO.

d. The use of Artillery during Operation SWIFT PLAY was limited primarily to prep the landing zones in the initial phase of the operation. Due to light contact the artillery had restricted usage throughout the remainder of the operation. The total number of artillery rounds fired, by caliber and number, during the prep are as follows:

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| <u>CALIBER</u> | <u>ROUNDS FIRED</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|
| 8" How. | 70 |
| 175mm Gun | 40 |
| 155mm How. | 350 |
| 105 How. | 175 |

2. Naval Gunfire

a. Naval Gunfire was not used during Operation SWIFT PLAY because of the distance inland of the AOA.

3. Air Support

a. Close Air Support (CAS) by fixed wing aircraft was used to prep the landing zones on the morning of D-Day.

b. Four UH-1E gunships and two UH-1E slicks were provided from CG III MAF for D-Day operations. One slick was retained for subsequent operations and the remainder of the UH-1E aircraft were released at approximately 231600H on D-Day.

c. A total of six attack sorties were flown in support of Operation SWIFT PLAY expending the following ordinance:

| | |
|------------------|------------|
| (a) Napalm | 2 Tons |
| (b) GP High Drag | 4 Tons |
| (c) GP Low Drag | 3 Tons |
| (d) 2.75" FFAR | 76 Rockets |

d. Preplanned close air support aircraft were forty-five minutes late from requested time on station. It was determined that a mortar attack on DANANG Air Base during the evening hours prior to D-Day caused the delay.

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4. Fire Support Coordination

a. Coordination of supporting arms was in accordance with current amphibious doctrine NWIP 22 (A) and FMFM 7-1 with initial control and coordination under CATF in the Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC) aboard USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

b. Liaison was established with the First Marine Division G-3 and FSCC at DANANG on 22 July to coordinate the fires of the 11th Marines, discuss the procedures for obtaining political clearance for the employment of supporting arms and controlling agencies for SAV-A-PLANE clearances. Liaison was also made directly with the 11th Marines in regards to artillery support to be provided for Operation SWIFT PLAY.

c. Coordination with the 11th Marines proved to be invaluable because of the delay in arrival of scheduled close air support. The 11th Marines responded immediately to the superimposed requirement for artillery support necessitated by this delay and kept the landing zones under fire for 45 minutes pending the arrival of A/C on station.

d. Limited FM communications between USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) and BLT 2/7 ashore prevailed throughout this operation. This was attributable to the distance between ship and shore. This condition hampered operations to a degree, but effective coordination of supporting arms was maintained throughout the operation.

(g) Logistics

1. SLF Planners attended conferences at First Marine Division Headquarters concerning the logistic supportability of Operation SWIFT PLAY. It was mutually agreed that BLT 2/7 would receive all logistic support from ARG ships until OPCON of the BLT was passed to an in-country unit. Once chopped ashore the LSA located at the 27th Marines CP would provide limited Class II and all Class I, III, IV, and V supplies in support of the BLT.

2. BLT 2/7 Shore Party Detachment and Maintenance Contact Teams from the BLT LSU moved ashore to establish the LSA at the 27th Marines CP on 23 July 1968. The BLT was resupplied from the LPH on 23 and 24 July 1968. Commencing 25 July 1968 all resupply was from the 2/7 LSA with a few selected Class II items coming from the LPH.

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The BLT moved and established another LSA at AN HOA on 9 Aug 68, from which they resupplied the BLT for the remainder of Operation SWIFT PLAY.

3. There was only one minor problem encountered during Operation SWIFT PLAY. This involved communication between the TAC LOG located on the LPH and the Shore Party personnel calling in the resupply requirements. It was necessary to hand deliver the first day's resupply requests due to no communications. This situation was corrected the second day and resupply functioned smoothly throughout the remainder of the operation.

(h) Communications

1. During Operation SWIFT PLAY, radio silence was in effect on tactical nets until H-4. The SLF TAC LOG net continued normal operations between the TAC LOG GROUPS aboard the ARG shipping. Any curtailment of traffic over this net would in itself have degraded the Landing Force communication security. The same principal applied to the air nets which are in use 24 hours a day, regardless of whether or not there is an operation in progress. Naval gunfire nets and artillery nets were activated at H-4 in order to control prep fires.

2. The distance separating the Command Post of BLT 2/7 ashore and SLF B command post on the LPH, plus an overcrowded frequency spectrum placed a strain on FM communications. PRC-25's with RC-292 antennas were incapable of covering the distance efficiently on all circuits. Consequently a radio retransmission team with two PRC-25's and two RC-292's was sent to the 1st Bn 27th MAR (about mid point between the ship's operating area and BLT 2/7) to be utilized for the SLF TAC #1 net, the primary link between the Battalion and the SLF. Even from this location the signal strength was insufficient to transmit to the LPH. Communication had to be maintained by employing the VRC-46's aboard the LPH and RT-524's at the Battalion. When interference from both atmospheric conditions and overlapping frequency usage made this link unreliable, the SLF TAC #2 and HF net was employed to maintain continuous communications.

3. On D plus 5, an AN/MRC-110 was set up at AT 970620 and used as a retransmission unit. This increased communication reliability on the SLF TAC #1, since a closer, stronger signal was maintained even during the continuous transplacements of the BLT.

4. The 1st MARDIV SPECIAL PURPOSE net with a ready cover capability was used extensively in passing traffic to higher commands.

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5. Contact with III MAF was maintained on the III MAF ORESTES circuit with no outages.

6. Radio Relay was effectively employed between 1st MARDIV and SLF. The four available channels were established between SACC and FSCC, G-3 and S-3, G-4 and S-4, and one common user circuit terminating in the SLF B communication office.

7. An understanding of the LPH antenna system and awareness of the crowded frequency spectrum aided the SLF radio operations in keeping circuit outages and mutual interference to a minimum. Readily available FM frequencies for exclusive use by the SLF and a decreased distance between ships and shore based units would be a great aid in communication improvement for future operations.

(8) Results *

1. Personnel Casualties

| <u>USMC Casualties</u> | | <u>VC/NVA</u> | |
|------------------------|------|---------------|------|
| KIA | 10 | KIA | 72 |
| WIA | 101 | Detainees | 14 |
| Captured/Missing | None | Captured | None |

2. Equipment Losses

a. USMC

One - CH-46A

b. Enemy

ARMS

One - M1 Rifle

One - SKS Rifle

Two - Carbines (type unknown)

Ammunition

6 - Satchel charges

5 - 122mm Rocket/Mortar rounds

1 - 122mm Rocket Head

1 - Command detonated mine (type unknown)

3 - 40lb Block explosive type mines

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13 - Rocket head fuzes (type unknown)
1200 - Rounds, Chicom 7.62
2 - Chicom grenades

Material Destroyed

21 - M-26 grenades rigged as booby traps
3 - Anti-personnel mines (type unknown)

Miscellaneous Equipment

1 - Pack
1 - Cartridge belt
1 - Pack assorted medical supplies
50 lbs of potatoes
30 gals salted fish
5½ tons of rice

* The results reflect that which was accomplished by BLT 2/7 during the period 23Jul-19Aug1968.

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(9) Commanders Analysis

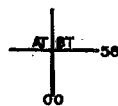
(a) A notable aspect of Operation SWIFT PLAY was the 12 mile distance separating the landward and seaward portion of the AOA. Encompassed within this strip were portions of the AO's of the Americal Division and the ROKMC. The presence of these units required coordination of the following operational aspects:

1. Helicopter approach lanes
2. Fire support coordination
3. Communications

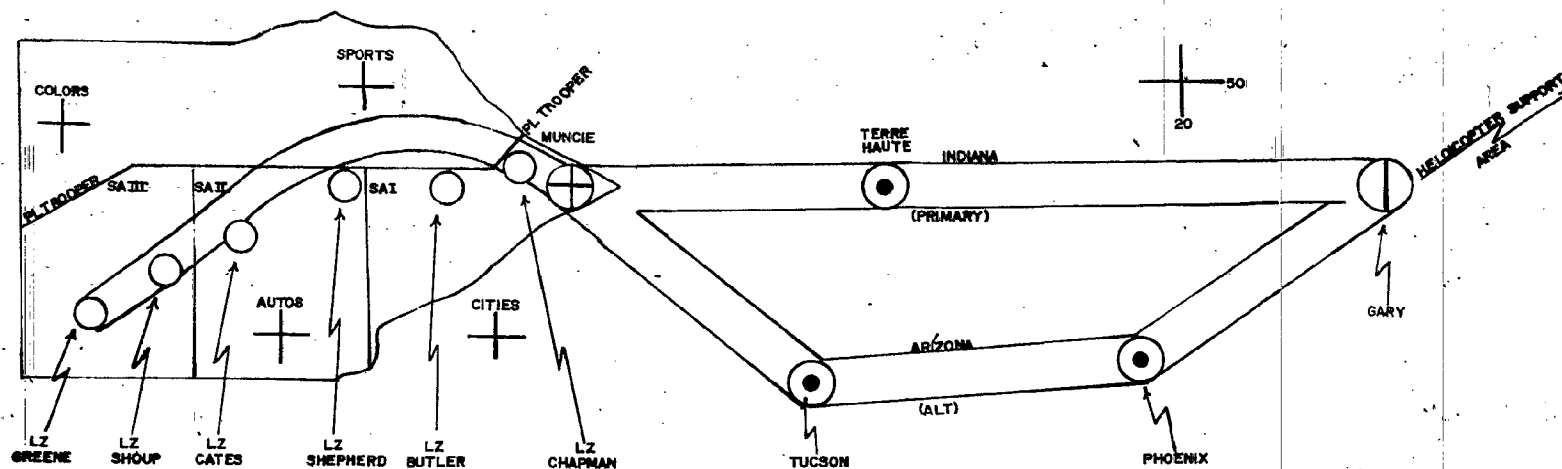
The high degree of cooperation proffered by both the Americal Division and the ROKMC permitted uninterrupted operations without the requirement for liaison officers with either unit.

(b) Operational requirements permitted only the minimum planning time for the execution of Operation SWIFT PLAY. The initial AOA was assigned on 2 July and subsequent plans developed. A second planning conference was convened at First Marine Division on 20 July due to a change of the AOA and planning proceeded. A third AOA was assigned on 21 July requiring an entirely new plan be developed concurrently with the planning of the withdrawal of BLT 2/7 from the area of Operation EAGER YANKEE. Final planning for Operation SWIFT PLAY was completed on the evening of 22 July. The ability of SLF BRAVO to complete the planning for an operation such as SWIFT PLAY within an extremely short planning period attests to the validity of the CTF 79 120 YR Plan and CTG 79.5 120 YR Plan.

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SHEETS 6640 I II III IX
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SCALE 1:50,000
⊕ IP (INITIAL POINT)
⊙ CP (CONTROL POINT)
⊕ RP (RENDEZVOUS)
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

| <u>1. DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMANDER</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Special Landing Force | Colonel W. A. BUTCHER | 1-5 Sept 1968 |
| Bravo (TG 79.5) | Colonel R. R. WILSON | 6-30 Sept 1968 |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| BLT 2/7 | LtCol L. E. WATSON | 1-20 Sept 1968 |
| | LtCol N. A. NELSON | 21-30 Sept 1968 |
| HMM-165 | LtCol G. L. PATRICK JR. | 1-30 Sept 1968 |

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

| | |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-30 September 1968 | USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) |
| 1-30 September 1968 | USS OGDEN (LPD-5) |
| 1-30 September 1968 | USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) |
| 1-30 September 1968 | USS MERRICK (LKA-97) |

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Executive Officer | LtCol R. B. SPENCER | 1-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-1 | Maj C. L. MCELHENY | 1-3 Sept 1968 |
| | 1stLt T. E. TANZEY | 4-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-2/AO | Capt J. H. STRASSER | 1-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-3 | Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN | 1-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-3/Asst | Maj J. M. HARRISON | 27-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-3/Asst | Maj L. B. MCHENRY | 28-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-3/Air Officer | Maj C. F. MOSER | 1-30 Sept 1968 |
| FSC | Maj C. L. MCELHENY | 1-30 Sept 1968 |
| S-4 | Maj J. R. CATON | 1-16 Sept 1968 |
| | Maj A. B. THOMPSON | 27-30 Sept 1968 |
| CommO | 1stLt S. D. RAMSPERGER | 1-30 Sept 1968 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL | USN OFF | USN ENL |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| SLF STAFF | 9 | 50 | 0 | 0 |
| BLT 2/7 | 59 | 1545 | 4 | 61 |
| HMM-165 | 49 | 165 | 1 | 3 |

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Joined | 3 | 13 |
| Transferred | 3 | 13 |
| Promoted | 0 | 1 |

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NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 September the ARG/SLF reported on station from a period of Upkeep/Rehab at Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines. The assigned operating area was approximately 7-10 miles southeast of DaNang harbor, Republic of Vietnam. Also on 1 September HMM-265 and HMM-165 executed a routine intra-theatre rotation. HMM-165 completed embarkation in ARG shipping on 011945Z. During the month the ARG/SLF remained in the DaNang area in support of BLT 2/7 operations ashore.

On 2 September COMSEVENTHFLT designated the present operation of the ARG/SLF as OPERATION SWIFT PLAY II.

Brigadier General John E. WILLIAMS, the Commanding General, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade (CTF 79) conducted a staff visit on 3 September to the ARG/SLF. Commander Task Group 79.5 (TG 79.5) briefed the General on current status of the SLF and present operational commitments.

On 5 September the ARG/SLF temporarily vacated their assigned operating area and moved south to avoid serious weather conditions caused by tropical storm BESS. ARG/SLF BRAVO was off station for a period of about 18 hours.

Colonel R. R. WILSON assumed command of Task Group 79.5 on 6 September, relieving Colonel W. A. BUTCHER, who was reassigned to CONUS. Colonel WILSON conducted a staff visit to the Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force and Commanding General 1st Marine Division.

The Brigade Supply Officer, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, LtCol SHAKLEE, made a staff visit to TG 79.5 on 7 September to discuss supply operations.

Colonel R. R. WILSON (CTG 79.5) attended a scheduling conference on 8 September at Headquarters, III MAF.

On 9 September Captain R. W. JONES, USN, 9th Marine Amphibious Brigade, Surgeon, made a staff visit to TG 79.5. Colonel R. R. WILSON (CTG 79.5) conducted a liaison visit with the Commanding Officer, 7th Marines.

Admiral LACY (CTF 76) was briefed by Colonel R. R. WILSON (CTG 79.5) on 12 September regarding current operations, of Special Landing Force BRAVO.

On 14 September ~~CTG 79.5~~ conducted a liaison visit to the First Marine Air Wing Headquarters for the purpose of discussing helicopter augmentation to the First Marine Air Wing.

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Admiral PRATT, COMPHIBTRAPAC, visited the USS TRIPOLI on 20 September. He was briefed by the Executive Officer TG 79.5 on overall operations of the SLF and current operations.

On 21 September CTG 79.5 made a liaison visit to the Commanding General First Marine Division. Lieutenant Colonel Neil A. NELSON assumed command of BLT 2/7 on the same date.

During the period 22 to 26 September CTG 79.5 made numerous liaison visits to the 7th Marines, 26th Marines, 1st Marine Division and Headquarters, III MAF. Some of the items of particular importance discussed at the various conferences included: Special problems of BLT 2/7, SLF employment and matters regarding Casualty Reporting.

On 27 September ARG/SLF-BRAVO was alerted to a possible change in employment schedule by III MAF message 270804Z. Plans were formulated immediately to meet the proposed new schedule contingent upon its approval by COMUSMACV and COMSEVENTHFLT. On 28 September the Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th MAB, Colonel W. C. DOTY, conducted a staff visit with and was briefed by TG 79.5 regarding all aspects of SLF-BRAVO operations.

During the remaining two days of the month, September 29-30, SLF-BRAVO made plans to implement the proposed III MAF schedule as modified by COMSEVENTHFLT.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-30 September ARG/SLF BRAVO supported BLT 2/7 ashore. ARG/SLF BRAVO operation designated SWIFT PLAY II by Seventh Fleet.

1 September ARG/SLF BRAVO reported on station RVN, HMM-165 replaced HMM-265.

3 September CTF 79 conducted staff visit with CTG 79.5.

5 September ARG/SLF BRAVO moved south to avoid tropical storm BESS.

6 September Colonel R. R. WILSON assumed command of SLF BRAVO (TG 79.5), and conducted a liaison visit with III MAF and 1st MarDiv.

7 September Supply Officer, 9th MAB conducted a liaison visit to SLF BRAVO.

8 September CTG 79.5 attended a scheduling conference at Headquarters III MAF and conducted a liaison visit to 1st MarDiv.

9 September Staff Surgeon, 9th MAB visited SLF BRAVO.

10 September CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to 1st MarDiv and 7th Mar Regt.

12 September CTF 76 visited USS TRIPOLI, and was briefed by CTG 79.5.

14 September CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to 1st MAF.

16 September CTG 79.5 conducted a visit with III MAF and 1st MarDiv.

18 September CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to 1st MarDiv.

19 September CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit with CG 1st MarDiv.

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20 September COMPHIBTRAPAC aboard USS TRIPOLI, briefed by XO of IG 79.5. CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit with CG 1st MarDiv.

21 September CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit with CG 1st MarDiv. LtCol N. A. NELSON assumed command of BLT 2/7.

22 September CTG 79.5 and CG BLT 2/7 conducted a liaison visit with III MAF, 1st MarDiv and RLT-26.

23 September CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to 1st MarDiv and RLT-26.

26 September CTG 79.5 conducted liaison visit to 1st MarDiv. CTG 79.5 also visited Headquarters III MAF to obtain Special Clearance and briefing; additionally, liaison was conducted with III MAF Surgeon regarding casualty evacuation and reporting matters.

27 September CG III MAF recommended revision of schedule for ARG/SLF BRAVO (CG III MAF 270804Z).

28 September Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th MAG, Colonel W. C. DOTY, conducted a staff visit to, and was briefed by TG 79.5. CTG's 76.5 and 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF regarding SLF employment.

29 September COMSEVENTHFLT promulgated proposed schedule for ARG/SLF BRAVO.

30 September ARG/SLF BRAVO made plans to implement proposed schedule change.

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- 2. ✓ MARMEDHELRON-165 012330Z Sept68
- 3. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 020102Z Sept68
- 4. ✓ ADMINO NINTH MAB 030425Z Sept68
- 5. ✓ CTG 76.5 031200Z Sept68
- 6. ✓ BLT 2/7 211413Z Sept68
- 7. ✓ CG III MAF 270804Z Sept68
- 8. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT 291410Z Sept68

Appendix 2

Command Chronology, BLT 2/7

Appendix 3

Command Chronology, HMM-165

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P 011423Z SEP 68
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
TO CG FIRST MAW
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CG FMFPAC
COMMSEVENTHFLT
CG THIRD MAF

CTF SEVEN NINE
CTF SEVEN SIX
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
MAG THREE SIX
MAG ONE SIX
HMM TWO SIX FIVE
HMM ONE SIX FIVE
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ROTATION HMM-265/165 (U)

1. HMM-265 COMPLETED DEBARKATION 011200H SEP 68 FROM ARG BRAVO SHIPPING.

HMM-165 COMPLETED EMBARKATION IN ARG BRAVO S SHIPPING 011945Z SEP 68.

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 FM MARMEDELRON ONE SIX FIVE
 TO AIG SIX ZERO
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 RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB
 RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAF
 RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX
 RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE
 ZEN/USN TRIPOLI
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
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TO CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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CINCPACFLT
CG FMFPAC
CG III MAF
CG FMFPAC (FWD)
COMNAVFORV
CG FIRST MAW
CG FIRST MARDIV
CG THIRD MARDIV
CMDR 4TH AIR FORCE
COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG
CTF ONE ONE FIVE
CTF CLEARWATER

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CTF SEVEN THREE
CTF SEVEN SIX
CTF SEVEN SEVEN
CTF SEVEN NINE
CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
CTG SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO
CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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SWIFT PLAY KE COMMENCEMENT (U)

A. YOUR 010043Z SEP 68 NOVAL

1. DESIGNATE CURRENT OPERATION SWIFT PLAY KE

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 TO RUMHAW/CG FIRST MAW
 RUMHAW/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUADSBAMAG ONE FIVE
 INFO RUMHMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUMHAW/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUMUGRAWKCG IMAF
 RUYVWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYEHAC/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMHAW/MAG ONE SIX
 RUMHAW/MAG THREE SIX
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IT 1032122H SEPT 1
 53 BAP

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MOVEMENT RPT (U)

CG FIRST MAW 210600Z AUG 1968

1. (S) FOR CG 1ST MAW: IAW REF (A), COMMAND LESS OPCON AND OPCON OF HMM 165 ASSUMED AS OF 1 SEPT RPT 1 SEPT 68 BY 9TH MAB AND TF 79 RESPECTIVELY.

2. (S) FOR CTG 79.5: IAW REF (A), PASS OPCON OF HMM 265 TO CG 1ST MAW EFFECTIVE 1 SEPT RPT 1 SEPT 68 AND ASSUME OPCON HMM 165 FROM CTG

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79 SAME DATE. NOTIFY ALCON.

3. (S) FOR MAG 15: IAW REF (A), PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON OF HMM 265 TO CG 1ST MAW EFFECTIVE 1 SEPT RPT 1 SEPT 68 AND ASSUME COMMAND LESS OPCON OF HMM 165 FROM CG 9TH MAB SAME DATE. NOTIFY ALCON.

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FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 TO AIG FOUR SIX ONE
 INFO/ LT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 FIFTH MAR
 CTU SEVEN SIX PT ZERO PT FIVE
 CTF SEVEN TWO
 CTF SEVEN THREE
 HMM ONE SIX FIVE
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

SWIFT PLAY II SITREP NR 3 AS OF 032 031200Z SEP 68 (U)

1. ARG/SLF BRAVO COMP: NO CHNGE

2. ACTIONS:

- A. TG 76.5 STEAMING INDEPENDENTLY IN ASSIGNED OPAREAS OFF DANANG IN SUPPORT BLT 2/7 ASHORE.
- B. TG 76.5 PARTICIPATED IN INTER AND INTRA-SHIP TRAINING.
- C. BGEN WILLIAMS CG NINTH MAB/CTF79. AND HIS PROSECTIVE CHIEF OF STAFF VISITED ARG/SLF BRAVO.
- D. MERRICK AND MONTICELLO CONDUCTED UNREP FROM GRAFFIAS.

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E. MERRICK PATIENT WITH DIAGNOSIS OF INFECTIOUS MONONUCLEOSIS TRANSFERRED TO 22ND CSF DANANG.

F. UNIT POSITIONS AS OF 032000H

| | |
|------------|--------|
| CP BLT 2/7 | 940746 |
| CO "E" | 953721 |
| SO "F" | 940746 |
| CO "G" | 947722 |
| CO "H" | 891770 |

G. OPERATIONS

(1) BLT 2/7 CONTINUED COMBAT OPERATIONS IN ASSIGNED ZONE OF RESPONSIBILITY

(2)

(2) LATE ENTRY: DURING THE 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 021600H HMM 165

FLEW 70 SORTIES, 43 TASKS, CARRIED 129 PAX, A TOTAL OF 13.1 TONS OF CARGO AND FLEW 23.7 HOURS.

3. INTENTIONS

- A. TG 76.5 REMAIN IN ASSIGNED OPAREAS CONDUCT FLT OPERATIONS AND SUP-ORT BLT 2/7 ASHORE.
- B. SLF BRAVO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT BLT 2/7 OPERATIONS ASHORE.
- C. TG 76.5 CONDUCT INTER AND INTRA-SHIP TRAINING.
- D. PICK UP ULT 11 DET FOXTROT AT CAMP TIEN SHA HELO PAD 041430H2 SEP 1968.

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4. ACTIONS REQUIRED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY: NONE

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211413Z SEP 68
 FM BLT TWO SEVENT SEVEN
 TO RUABOL/CG NINTH MAE
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV REIN
 RUABWL/CO SEVENTH MAH
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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UNCLAS E F T O

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND C/D

AT 211300H SEP 68 I ASSUMED COMMAND OF BLT 2/7. ALL ORDERS ISSUED
 BY MY PREDECESSORS WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUPERSEDED BY MY
 ORDER. LTCOL N. A. NELSON GENCS.

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 BLT 2/7
 S/3 VAS

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17 240000Z SEP 68

FM CG III MAF

TO RUMHQA/CGTUSMACV SGN

RUMHQA/CG SEVENTHFLT

INFO RUMHQA/CGTUSMACV HAW

RUMHQA/CGTUSMACV HAW

RUMHQA/CG FMFPAC HAW

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC FWD OKI

RUYJWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUMLEPA/CG XXIV CORPS PHN

RUMLEPA/CG FIRST MAW DNG

RUMLEPA/CG FORL OGC CMD DNG

RUMLEPA/CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA

RUMLEPA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

RUMLEPA/CG AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI

RUMLEPA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUMLEPA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMLEPA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUMLEPA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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ARG/SLF ALFA AND BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (UD)

A. CG III MAF 031300Z SEP68 (S) NOTAL

B. CG III MAF 291516Z AUG68 (S) NOTAL

C. CG III MAF 291518Z AUG68 (S) NOTAL

D. CG FIRST MARDIV 251520Z SEP68 (S) NOTAL

E. CG THIRD MARDIV 250130Z SEP68 (S) NOTAL

1. (S) REF A PROVIDES FOR BACKLOAD SLFS ALFA AND BRAVO 1 OCT 68.

2. (S) SITUATION AS EXPLAINED REFS B AND C ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED.

IN VIEW THEREOF AND SUBJ YOUR CONCURRENCE PROPOSE TO DELAY BACKLOAD OF BOTH BLTS.

3. (S) REVISION OF ARG/SLF ALFA SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1 OCT - 13 NOV, BLT ASHORE WITH ARG IN SUT 1-28 OCT AND ARG ENR

UPKP SUBIC 29 OCT - 13 NOV. 14-15 NOV BACKLOAD. 16-18 NOV ENR OKI.

PHIBRON FIVE RELIEVE PHIBRON SEVEN OKI VICE SUBIC.

4. (S) REVISION OF ARG/SLF BRAVO SCHEDULE RECOMMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1-22 OCT, BLT ASHORE WITH ARG/IN SUT. REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE

UNCHANGED W/BACKLOAD ON 8 NOV.

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5. (S) SUBJ TO APPROVAL THE ABOVE, MODIFICATION OF ARG/SLF ALFA SCHEDULE SUBSEQUENT TO PROPOSED SLF REHAB/TRNG DATES WILL BE PROPOSED.

6. FOR CG 1ST MARDIV AND CG 3RD MARDIV. THIS MSG CONSTITUTES REPLY TO REF D AND E.

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021148Z OCT 68
FM COMSEVENTHFLT
INFO CIG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

0291410Z SEP 68

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO CINCPACFLT

INFO CINCPAC

COMUSMACV

CG III MAF

CG FMFPAC

COMPHIBPAC

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

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ARG/SLF ALFA AND BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

1. CG III MAF 270104Z SEP 68

2. MY 281006Z SEP 68 PASEP

3. CG III MAF 031108Z SEP 68

4. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF AS PROPOSED REF A, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO EFFECT ARG SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENTS. TURNOVER OF PHIBRONS MUST BE MADE AT SUBIC IN ORDER THAT POST-TRANSIT VOYAGE REPAIRS/UPKEEP BE ACCOMPLISHED PRIOR TO THE ON-COMING PHIBRON ASSUMING A CONTINGENCY READINESS POSTURE. IN ADDITION, LIFTS OF

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CONUS-TO WESTPAC MATERIAL MUST BE OFFLOADED. SUBIC PROVIDES THE ONLY AVAILABLE FACILITIES FOR THESE PURPOSES. THESE REQUIREMENTS DICTATE CONDUCT OF THE BLT REHAB FOR SLF ALFA AT SUBIC COINCIDENT WITH THE PHIBRON TURNOVER, OR ADVANCING THE REHAB/TRAINING TO AN EARLIER DATE IN ORDER TO MEET THE STATED REQUIREMENT FOR BLT REHAB AT OKINAWA.

2. ACCORDINGLY, THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR ARG/SLF ALFA IS PROPOSED.

19 OCT BACKLOAD OF SLF ALFA

20-23 OCT ARG/SLF ENR OKINAWA

24 OCT-7 NOV SLF REHAB/TRAINING OKINAWA

8-11 NOV LIFT RVN

12-13 NOV ARG/SLF AVAIL PECOPS

14-15 NOV ARG ENR SUBIC

16-30 NOV ARG UPKP/PHIBRON TURNOVER SUBIC

1-2 DEC ENR RVN

THE REMAINDER OF 2ND QTR SCHED IOW REF C.

3. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AT LEAST ONE ARG IN A 24 HOUR READINESS POSTURE OFF RVN AT ALL TIMES THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATION OF ARG BRAVO SCHEDULE IS PROPOSED

4 OCT OFFLD SLF RVN

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5-6 OCT ARG ENR SUBIC

7-17 OCT ARG UPKP SUBIC

18-19 OCT ENR RVN

20 OCT SLF BACKLOAD

21 OCT-7 NOV AVAIL SPECOPS

THE REMAINDER OF 2ND QTR SCHED IAW REF C.

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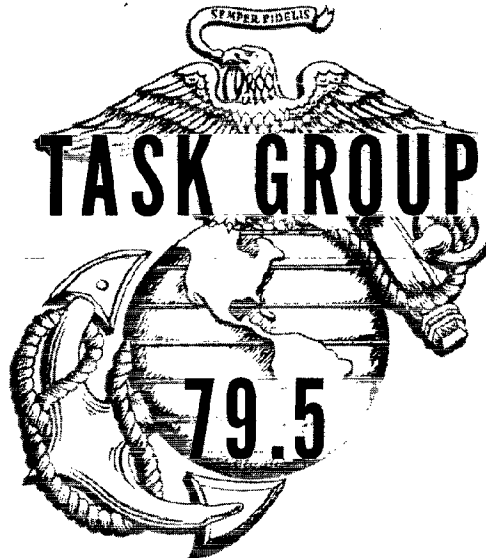
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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

| <u>1. DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMANDER</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|--|----------------------|---------------|
| Special Landing Force Bravo (TG 79.5) | Colonel R. R. WILSON | 1-31 Oct 1968 |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|
| BLT 2/7 | LtCol N. A. NELSON | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| HMM-165 | LtCol G. L. PATRICK, JR. | 1-31 Oct 1968 |

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-31 October 1968 | USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) |
| 1-31 October 1968 | USS OGDEN (LPD-5) |
| 1-31 October 1968 | USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) |
| 1-10 October 1968 | USS MERRICK (AKA-97) |
| 11-31 October 1968 | USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) |

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Executive Officer | LtCol R. B. SPENCER | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-1 | 1stLt T. E. TANZEY | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-2/AO | Capt J. H. STRASSER | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-2/Asst | Capt K. ELLINGWOOD JR. | 26-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-3 | Maj J. R. W. COCHRAN | 1-16 Oct 1968 |
| | Maj J. M. HARRISON | 17-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-3/Asst | Maj J. M. HARRISON | 1-16 Oct 1968 |
| | Maj L. B. MCHENRY | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-3/Air Officer | Maj C. F. MOSER | 1-4 Oct 1968 |
| | Capt E. R. MOORE JR. | 5-31 Oct 1968 |
| FSC | Maj C. L. MCELHENY | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| S-4 | Maj A. B. THOMPSON JR. | 1-31 Oct 1968 |
| CommO | 1stLt S. D. RAMSPERGER | 1-31 Oct 1968 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL | USN OFF | USN ENL |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| SLF STAFF | 11 | 53 | 0 | 0 |
| BLT 2/7 | 66 | 1651 | 4 | 75 |
| HMM-165 | 48 | 165 | 1 | 3 |

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| Joined | 2 | 6 |
| Transferred | 2 | 5 |
| Promoted | 0 | 3 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 October ARG/SLF-BRAVO was on station about 7-10 miles southeast of DaNang harbor, Republic of Vietnam. During the period 1-4 October ARG/SLF-BRAVO supported BLT 2/7 in Operation SWIFT PLAY II. SWIFT PLAY II was terminated on 4 October 1968 by COMSEVENTHFLT message 040646Z. At 1600H ARG/SLF-BRAVO departed the Republic of Vietnam.

During the period 5-6 October, ARG/SLF-BRAVO was enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

During the period 7-18 October, ARG/SLF-BRAVO was in port at the US Naval Base, Subic Bay for ship's upkeep and rehabilitation of selected items of BLT 2/7 equipment.

On 7 October Brigadier General John E. WILLIAMS (CTF 79) made a staff visit with Colonel R. R. WILSON (CTG 79.5).

On 11 October the USS MERRICK (AKA-97) was formally relieved by the USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104). All loading of SLF equipment and personnel was completed by 17 October.

On 14 October SLF-BRAVO conducted individual weapons training with the M-16 rifle at Boton Valley Rifle Range. All personnel of the SLF received this training in anticipation of the M-16 replacing the M-14 as the T/O weapon for SLF-BRAVO.

CTG 79.5 departed Subic Bay for DaNang, Republic of Vietnam at 1400H on 18 October.

During the period 18-19 October SLF-BRAVO was enroute to DaNang, Republic of Vietnam. The USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) was the only ship of the ARG to be routed to Vietnam at that time. Other ARG Shipping with elements of SLF-BRAVO embarked delayed departing Subic Bay and proceeded directly to Kaohsiung, Taiwan.

On 20 October CTG 79.5 arrived at DaNang harbor and off-loaded personnel and selected items of equipment of BLT 2/7 and HMM-165. During the time the unloading took place CTG's 76.5 and 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters III MAF regarding SLF employment. CTG 79.5 departed DaNang area for Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China the same day.

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During the period 21-22 October CTG 79.5 was aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) enroute to Taiwan.

On the morning of 23 October USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) joined other ships of the ARG and entered Kaohsiung harbor, Taiwan, Republic of China. The ARG/SLF-Staff remained in Kaohsiung (routine port visit) until the morning of 28 October when they departed for the Republic of Vietnam.

During the period 28-29 October ARG/SLF-Staff was enroute to their normal operating area off DaNang.

On 30 October ARG/SLF-Staff arrived in the area of DaNang about 0600H. At 0800H CTG's 76.5 and 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters III MAF regarding SLF employment. At 1000H HMM-165 commenced back-loading aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) and at the same time Opcon of the Squadron was passed to CTG 79.5 from 1st MAW. SWIFT FLAY III was initiated this date as directed by COM-SEVENTHFLT message 241452Z October.

On 31 October SLF-BRAVO made plans to back-load BLT 2/7 at the earliest possible date and to support anticipated amphibious operations.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-4 October ARG/SLF-BRAVO was located in the area of DaNang Harbor, Republic of Vietnam, supporting BLT 2/7 in Operation SWIFT PLAY II. SWIFT PLAY II terminated 4 October 1968. ARG/SLF-BRAVO departed Republic of Vietnam.

5-6 October ARG/CTG 79.5 enroute to Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

7-18 October ARG/CTG 79.5 in port at US Naval Base Subic Bay for ship's upkeep and rehabilitation of BLT 2/7 equipment.

7 October CTF 79 conducted a staff visit with CTG 79.5.

11 October USS MERRICK (AKA-97) was relieved by the USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) as a member of ARG/SLF-BRAVO.

14 October SLF Personnel conducted individual weapons training.

18 October CTG 79.5 aboard USS TRIPOLI departed Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines at 1400H.

18-19 October CTG 79.5 enroute to DaNang. Republic of Vietnam.

20 October CTG 79.5 arrive DaNang Harbor. Personnel and selected items of equipment of BLT 2/7 and HMM-165 were off-loaded. CTG's 76.5 and 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF regarding SLF employment. At 1455H SLF-BRAVO departed DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

21-22 October Elements of SLF-BRAVO enroute to Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Republic of China.

23-27 October Elements of SLF-BRAVO in port Kaohsiung, Taiwan (Routine Port visit).

28-29 October ARG/CTG 79.5 enroute to DaNang, Republic of Vietnam.

30 October ARG/CTG 79.5 arrived DaNang Harbor. CTG's 76.5 and 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to III MAF regarding SLF employment. HMM-165 back-loaded aboard USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). Operation SWIFT PLAY III initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT.

31 October SLF-BRAVO made plans to backload BLT 2/7.

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PASSAGE OF OPCON ASHORE OF REQUESTED ELEM SLF BRAVO (U)

1. AS MUTUALLY AGREED BETWEEN ORIGINATOR, CTF 79, AND CG 1ST MARDIV, UNODIR INTEND TO PASS OPCON OF FOLLOWING UNITS TO CG III MAF AT TIMES INDICATED FOR CONCURRENT PASSAGE TO CG 1ST MARDIV AND CG 1ST MAW.

A. HMM ONE SIX FIVE-041200H OCT 68

B. FIRST PLAT, CO "C", FIRST TK BN-020800H OCT68

C. THIRD PLAT, CO "C", FIRST AT BN-020800H OCT68

2. PERIOD OF CHOP TO BE FROM DATE AND TIME INDICATED ABOVE UNTIL RETURN OF ARG/SLF FROM SUBIC BAY ON 180800H OCT 68.

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RHMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
INFO RHMMFA/CG III MAF
RUABQL/SEVENTH MARINES
RUMHLA/BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
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S E C R E T

CASUALTY REPORTING (U)

A. MSG 021111Z OCT 68

1. REF A REQUESTED FIRST MARDIV ASSUME CASUALTY REPORTING
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN AT 031200H OCT 68.
REF A FURTHER REQ FIRST MAW ASSUME CASUALTY REPORTING
RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HMM-165 AT 041200H OCT 68.

2. CTC 79.5 WILL DEPART AREA 042400H OCT 68. REQUEST CONFIRMATION
FROM ACTION ADEES THAT CASUALTY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES WILL
BE ASSUMED IAW REF A.

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 TO RUYPSSAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC
 RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUYNXCW/CINCPACFLT
 RUYSYA/CG FMFPAC
 RUWRSYH/COMPHIBPAC
 RUYPSSD/CG III MAF
 RUYSYD/COMNAVFORV
 RUYPSPF/CG FIRST MAW
 RUYPSEY/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUYPSSD/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUMUFKA/CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE
 RUYSYB/COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG
 RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUMVHP/CTF CLEARWATER
 RUYSAA/CTF SEVEN THREE
 RUYPSSAA/CTF SEVEN SIX

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 RUYPFTA/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT EIGHT
 RUYPSSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE
 RUYPSSAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 RUYPSSAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 RUYSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
 RUYPSSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO
 RUYPSSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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SWIFT PLAY II TERMINATION (U)

A. CIG 76.5 040252Z OCT 68

1. TERMINATE OPERATION SWIFT PLAY II AT 040400Z 8 OCT 68.

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 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUYNWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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S E C R E T

PASSAGE OF OPERATIONAL CONTROL ASHORE OF REQUESTED ELEMENTS
 OF SLF BRAVO (U)

A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 010805Z OCT 68

B. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 030053Z OCT 68

1. CHANGE GROUND UNITS LISTED IN REF A AND UNITS LISTED IN
 REF B TO READ:

A. 2D PLT, CO. B, FIRST TK BN

B. 3D PLT, CO. A, FIFTH AT BN

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INFO RHHMFA/CONSEVENTHFLT
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RUMLNRA/CG FIRST MAW DNG
RUABOL/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUYPMQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
RUYPMQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
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ARG BRAVO PORT VISIT (U)

A. CTF 76 180857Z OCT68 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CG III MAF 231308Z SEP68 (S)

C. CINCPACFLT 020351Z OCT68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A PROPOSES ARG BRAVO BE SCHEDULED FOR ENR/HONG KONG VISIT/
SUBIC UPKP 6-28 DEC SUBJECT TO IN-COUNTRY REQTS. HONG KONG VISIT 8-12
DEC VIEWED FAVORABLY BY CONSEVENTHFLT. PERTINENT PORTION OF REF B AS
APPROVED BY REF C LISTS BACKLOAD/REHAB AT SEA 1-5 DEC AND AVAIL SPE-
COPS 6-31 EEC WITH ARG IN SUPPORT 6-15 DEC.

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(S) IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE ARG REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF SLF DURING
FIRST SIX DAYS OF SPECOP PERIOD. DUE SHORT INTERVAL BETWEEN REHAB
PERIODS, SUGGEST BACKLOAD/ABBREVIATED REHAB AT SEA BE RESCHEDULED TO
27-29 NOV VICE 1-5 DEC. PROPOSED SCHEDULED WOULD THEN READ:

14-26 NOV: AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

18NOV: III MAF FORM NEW BLT IN-COUNTRY TO LOAD IJAN69

20NOV: HMM 165 RELIEVED BY HMM TO BE DESIGNATED

27-29NOV: BACKLOAD/REHAB AT SEA

30NOV-31DEC: AVAIL SPECOPS III MAF, ARG IN SUPPORT

30NOV-5DEC

05DEC: OFFLOAD HMM

06-07DEC: ARG ENR HONG KONG

08-12DEC: ARG PORT VST HONG KONG

13-14DEC: ARG ENR SUBIC

15-26DEC: ARG UPKP SUBIC

27-28DEC: ARG ENR RVN

29-31DEC: ARG IN SUPPORT OF SLF

29DEC: LOAD HMM

3. (U) SUBJECT TO ABOVE MODIFICATIONS AND CONCURRENCE BY
COMUSMACV, CG III MAF CONCURS IN RECOMMENDATIONS OF REF A. GP-4
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 TO RUABQL/CG III MAF
 RUMLMHA/CG FMAW
 RUMLMHA/HMM ONE SIX FIVE
 INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUYGSAF/CONSEVENTHFLT
 RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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 RUHMLA/BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
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BACKLOAD OF HMM ONE SIX FIVE CH2

A. CG II MAF 210402Z OCT 68

1. FOR CG III MAF. IAW REF A, ETA ARG/SLF BRAVO DANANG 301000H OCT 68. FOR BACKLOAD HMM 165 AND ASSUMPTION OF OPCON AND CASUALTY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES AT THAT TIME.

2. FOR CG FMAW. SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE CG III MAF IN PAR ONE REQUEST HMM 165 COMMENCE BACKLOAD 301000H OCT WITH CONCURRENT PASSAGE OF OPCON/CASREP.

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 TO RUYGWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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 RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT
 RUYHSYA/CG FMF PAC
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUYGWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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 CDW 1/3

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ARG/SLF DIAVO MISSION (U)

A. CTF 76 220258Z OCT 68

1. UPON RETURN I CTZ 30 OCT OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF SLF ELEMENTS
 ASHORE ARE DESIGNATED OPERATION SWIFT PLAY III.

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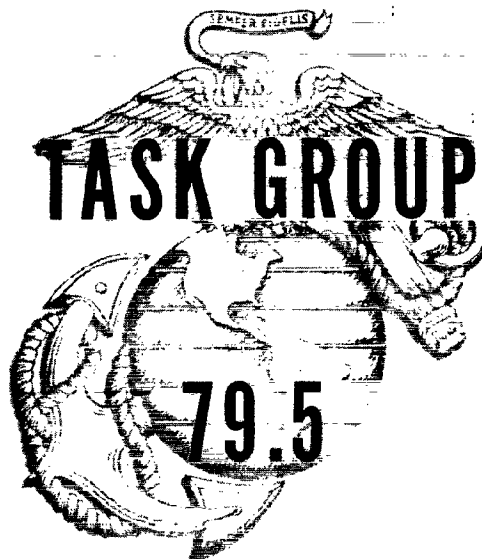
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

| <u>1. DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMANDER</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Special Landing Force | Colonel R. R. WILSON | 1-30 November 1968 |
| Bravo (TG 79.5) | | |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| BLT 2/7 | LtCol N. A. NELSON | 1-30 November 1968 |
| HMM-165 | LtCol G. L. PATRICK, JR. | 1-30 November 1968 |

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-30 November 1968 | USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) |
| 1-30 November 1968 | USS OGDEN (LPD-5) |
| 1-30 November 1968 | USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) |
| 1-30 November 1968 | USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) |

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Executive Officer | LtCol R. B. SPENCER | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-1 | 1stLt T. E. TANZEY | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-2/AO | Maj J. H. STRASSER | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-2/Asst | Capt K. ELLINGWOOD JR. | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-3 | Maj J. M. HARRISON | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-3/Asst | Maj L. B. MCHENRY | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-3/Air Officer | Capt E. R. MOORE JR. | 1-21 Nov 1968 |
| | VACANT | 22-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-3/AO | 1stLt R. C. SIGRIST | 18-30 Nov 1968 |
| FSC | Maj C. L. MCELHENY | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| S-4 | Maj A. B. THOMPSON JR. | 1-30 Nov 1968 |
| CommO | 1stLt S. D. RAMSPERGER | 1-30 Nov 1968 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL | USN OFF | USN ENL |
|-----------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| SLF STAFF | 11 | 51 | 0 | 0 |
| BLT 2/7 | 62 | 1537 | 4 | 82 |
| HMM-165 | 43 | 174 | 1 | 3 |

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

| | USMC OFF | USMC ENL |
|-------------|----------|----------|
| JOINED | 1 | 4 |
| TRANSFERRED | 1 | 3 |
| PROMOTED | 1 | 1 |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

On 1 November ARG/SLF-BRAVO was located in DaNang harbor, Republic of Vietnam. Also on this date the backloading of BLT 2/7 Admin rear was completed. During the period 1-6 November ARG/SLF-BRAVO supported BLT 2/7 in Operation SWIFT PLAY III.

On 2 November CTG 79.5 visited the Commanding Officer BLT 2/7 at Hill 55 (AT 9762). CTG 79.5 also conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters III MAF regarding SLF employment. Selected staff members of TG 76.5/79.5 effected liaison with staff members of the Army's AMERICAL Division regarding future operations in the vicinity of BATANGAN PENINSULA, south of CHU LAI.

On 3 November CTG 79.5 and selected staff members of TG 76.5/79.5 made a second visit to Headquarters, AMERICAL Division at CHU LAI regarding forthcoming amphibious operation in the AMERICAL Division's area of operation. On the evening of 3 November the Deputy Chief of Staff TF 79 (Colonel A. E. COFFEEN) arrived aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) for a staff visit with CTG 79.5.

On 4 November the Deputy Chief of Staff TF 79 and CTG 79.5 made a visit to BLT 2/7 then located at Hill 55 (AT 9762). At the same time selected elements of BLT 2/7 were being backloaded aboard ARG shipping in preparation for pending amphibious operations. The initiating directive for operations in the BATANGAN PENINSULA area was received and the code name VALIANT SEARCH was assigned to the operation.

On 5 November the Commanding General 1st Marine Division (Major General YOUNGDALE) visited CTG 79.5 aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). BLT 2/7 continued to backload personnel and equipment aboard ARG shipping. Staff members of TG 79.5 conducted a planning visit to AMERICAL Division Headquarters to complete final plans on Operation VALIANT SEARCH.

During the morning of 6 November CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters III MAF regarding future plans for SLF employment. The Commander SLF-ALPHA (CTG 79.4) visited with CTG 79.5 aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). BLT 2/7 completed backloading of personnel and equipment by 2000H. At the same time Operation SWIFT PLAY III was terminated by COMSEVENTHFLT. On the evening of 6 November CTG 79.5 issued Frag-Order Number One for Operation VALIANT SEARCH.

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On 7 November CG III MAF cancelled Operation VALIANT SEARCH in favor of immediate operations on Barrier Island, southeast of HOY AN. COMSEVENTHFLT concurred in the cancellation of the pending operation.

On 8 November Brigadier General John E. WILLIAMS (CTF 79) made a staff visit with Colonel R. R. WILSON (CTG 79.5) aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). The initiating directive for the immediate operation on Barrier Island was received and the code name DARING ENDEAVOR was assigned. CTG 79.5 and staff members conducted a liaison visit to the AMERICAL Division Headquarters regarding the new area of operations on Barrier Island.

On 9 November plans and final preparations for Operation DARING ENDEAVOR were completed and Liaison Officers were exchanged between TG 79.5 and the AMERICAL Division. On the evening of 9 November SLF-BRAVO celebrated the MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY with traditional ceremonies (cake cutting) and a special dinner aboard ARG/SLF-BRAVO command ship USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

Operation DARING ENDEAVOR began on 10 November with H-Hour at 0630H and L-Hour at 0720H. BLT 2/7 conducted coordinated amphibious and helicopter-borne assault landings in the northern sector of Barrier Island. All landings were unopposed. BLT 2/7 commenced the attack on Objective 1 (ANLUONG-BT 203555). Heliborne elements of 2/7 landed to the west of Objective 1 to provide a blocking force to contain the enemy. Objective 1 was secured with little enemy contact. On D+1 BLT 2/7 continued the attack to secure Objective 2 (THANG MY - BT 183538). Objective 2 was secured at 1200H with only light enemy contact. BLT 2/7 remained at this position over night. On D+2 the attack was directed toward Objective 3 (LANG DONG-BT 161535) which was secured with no significant enemy contact. The attack continued to Objective 4 (NGAI LE - BT 196525) and it was secured with only sporadic small arms fire being received from the enemy. After securing Objective 4 BLT 2/7 commenced wide ranging operations, sweeping to the south then east to BAO BINH THUONG (BT 218508) then north to the location of the original landing area. BLT 2/7 conducted an amphibious withdrawal and completed backloading on ARG shipping on 171700H. Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was terminated at approximately 181200H Nov 1968 by COMSEVENTHFLT.

COMSEVENTHFLT also issued a new initiating directive for Operation SWIFT MOVE to take place in the THANH PHONG village complex. This new operation was requested by CG 1st MarDiv through III MAF and was concurred in by COMSEVENTHFLT. CTG 79.5 and staff made plans and preparations for Operation SWIFT MOVE/MEADE RIVER. SLF-BRAVO continued making plans and preparations for imminent operations till the evening of 19 November.

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On 20 November SLF-BRAVO conducted a heliborne assault against Viet Cong/ North Vietnamese forces west of THANH PHONG village complex. Initial resistance was negligible. Selected elements of TG 79.5 were chopped to CG III MAF with simultaneous chop to CG 1st MarDiv and 1st Marines for Operation MEADE RIVER (1st Marine Division designator for current operation under their control).

During the period 21-30 November ARG/SLF-BRAVO (-) remained in support of operations ashore. Medevac and casualty reporting responsibility remained with the SLF for this same period.

On 23 November CTG 79.5 passed OPCON of the 1st Platoon (Reinf) Co "E", 1st Recon Bn to III MAF for simultaneous chop to CG Third MarDiv. CG FMFPAC with concurrence of COMSEVENTHFLT directed CG 9th MAB to transfer the Recon Platoon effective 1400H.

At 1200H on 25 November BLT 3/26 was activated for planning. BLT 3/26 will relieve BLT 2/7 on or about 1 January 1969 as SLF-BRAVO.

The Commanding Officer, Provisional Service Battalion, 9th MAB, Colonel W. C. DOTY, conducted a staff visit on 26 November and was briefed by personnel of TG 79.5.

On 27 November CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters III MAF regarding the return of selected elements of BLT 2/7 and future operations for SLF-BRAVO.

On Thanksgiving day, 28 November, ARG/SLF-BRAVO planned and made provisions to provide a special hot Thanksgiving turkey dinner to all BLT 2/7 elements in the field. The special chow lift was completed by 1500H and was greatly appreciated by all the Marines.

On 30 November at about 1000H CTG 76.5 and 79.5 conducted a liaison visit with the G-3, 1st MarDiv regarding the backloading/rehabilitation offloading of BLT 2/7 for the period ARG/SLF-staff would be off station for ARG rehabilitation/upkeep. CTG 79.5 also visited the Commanding Officer of 1st Marines and BLT 2/7 in regard to the same subject.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

- 1 November ARG/SLF-BRAVO was located in DaNang Harbor Republic of Vietnam, supporting BLT 2/7 in Operation SWIFT PLAY III. Backloading of BLT 2/7 Admin rear completed.
- 2 November CTG 79.5 visited the CO of BLT 2/7 at Hill 55 (AT 9762), and also made liaison with III MAF regarding SLF employment. Selected Staff members of TG 76.5/79.5 made liaison visit with AMERICAL Division in planning future operations.
- 3 November CTG 79.5 and selected staff members of TG 76.5/79.5 made second liaison visit with AMERICAL Division. Deputy Chief of Staff TF 79 arrived aboard TRIPOLI (LPH-10).
- 4 November CTG 79.5 and Deputy Chief of Staff TF 79 visited Hill 55 (AT9762). Selected elements of BLT 2/7 backloaded aboard ARG shipping. Initiating directive received for Operation VALIANT SEARCH.
- 5 November CG 1st MarDiv visited CTG 79.5 aboard USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). TG 79.5 planning staff made liaison visit to AMERICAL Division. BLT 2/7 continued backloading of personnel/equipment.
- 6 November CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters, III MAF. CTG 79.4 visited with CTG 79.5. Completed backload of BLT 2/7 at 2000H. Operation SWIFT PLAY III terminated by COMSEVENTHFLT. CTG 79.5 FRAG-ORDER for Operation VALIANT SEARCH issued.
- 7 November Operation VALIANT SEARCH cancelled by CG III MAF and COMSEVENTHFLT in favor of immediate operations on Barrier Island.
- 8 November Initiating directive for Operation DARING ENDEAVOR received by TG 79.5. CTG 79.5 and Staff members conducted liaison visit to AMERICAL Division regarding new operation on Barrier Island. CTF 79 visited CTG 79.5 aboard USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).
- 9 November Final preparations were made for Operation DARING ENDEAVOR. Liaison Officers were exchanged between TG 79.5 and AMERICAL Division. SLF-BRAVO celebrated MARINE CORPS BIRTHDAY aboard USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).
- 10-17 November SLF-BRAVO conducts amphibious and helicopter landing on Barrier Island. BLT 2/7 backloaded on ARG Shipping 171700H.

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18 November Operation DARING ENDEAVOR terminated by COMSEVENTHFLT. TG 79.5 Staff planning for operations in THANH PHONG village complex. Initiating directive received on Operation SWIFT MOVE from COMSEVENTHFLT. SLF-BRAVO makes plans and preparations for Operation SWIFT MOVE/ MEADE RIVER.

19 November SLF-BRAVO continues planning and preparation for Operation SWIFT MOVE/MEADE RIVER.

20 November SLF-BRAVO conducted a heliborne assault against VC/NVA forces west of the THANH PHONG village complex. Selected elements of TG 79.5 chopped to 1st Marines for Operation MEADE RIVER.

21-30 November ARG/SLF-BRAVO (-) remained in support of operations ashore.

23 November CTG 79.5 passed OPCON 1st Plt (Reinf) Co "E" 1st Recon Bn to III MAF for simultaneous chop to CG Third MarDiv.

25 November BLT 3/26 activated for planning effective 1200H. BLT 3/26 will relieve 2/7 as SLF BRAVO on or about 1 Jan 69.

26 November Commanding Officer Provisional Service Battalion 9th MAB, Colonel W. C. DOTY, arrived on a staff visit and was briefed by TG 79.5 personnel.

27 November CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit to Headquarters III MAF regarding return of selected elements of BLT 2/7 to their parent organization.

28 November ARG/SLF-BRAVO helo-lifted special Thanksgiving dinner to troops in the field.

30 November CTG 76.5 and CTG 79.5 conducted a liaison visit at 1000H to G-3, 1st MarDiv regarding backloading/rehab/offloading of BLT 2/7. CTG 79.5 also visited CO 1st Marines and CO BLT 2/7 regarding backloading/rehab/offloading of BLT.

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CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDS

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| 2. ✓ CG 1st MarDiv | 010600Z Nov 68 |
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| 4. ✓ CG III MAF | 031402Z Nov 68 |
| 5. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 031741Z Nov 68 |
| 6. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 040344Z Nov 68 |
| 7. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 050250Z Nov 68 |
| 8. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 052236Z Nov 68 |
| 9. ✓ CTG 76.5 | 061244Z Nov 68 |
| 10. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 061831Z Nov 68 |
| 11. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 070045Z Nov 68 |
| 12. ✓ CG III MAF | 070710Z Nov 68 |
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| 14. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 071004Z Nov 68 |
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| 18. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 081448Z Nov 68 |
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| 23. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 092005Z Nov 68 |
| 24. ✓ CTG 76.5 | 092015Z Nov 68 |
| 25. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 131231Z Nov 68 |
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| 31. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 170148Z Nov 68 |
| 32. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 170940Z Nov 68 |
| 33. ✓ CG 1st MarDiv | 171301Z Nov 68 |
| 34. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 181604Z Nov 68 |
| 35. ✓ CTG 76.5 | 182330Z Nov 68 |
| 36. ✓ CTG 79.5 | 190120Z Nov 68 |
| 37. ✓ COMSEVENTHFLT | 190140Z Nov 68 |
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| 11. CTG 79.5 | 201857Z Nov 68 |
| 12. CTG 79.5 | 210031Z Nov 68 |
| 13. III MAF | 210852Z Nov 68 |
| 14. CTG 79.5 | 210905Z Nov 68 |
| 15. CTG 79.5 | 212001Z Nov 68 |
| 16. CG 1st MarDiv | 230932Z Nov 68 |
| 17. CG III MAF | 281350Z Nov 68 |

Appendix 2 ✓ After Action Report, Operation DARING ENDEAVOR

Appendix 3 Command Chronology, BLT 2/7

Appendix 4 Command Chronology, HMM-165

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 TO AMERICAL DIV CHU LAI
 FIRST MARDIV DNG
 SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 USMACV SGN
 PAC HAW
 CONSEVENTHFLT
 XIV CORPS PHU BAI
 FIRST MAW DNG
 FORLOGCOMD DNG
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 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
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ARGSLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

- A. CG III MAF 290400Z OCT 68 (S)
 B. CONSEVENTHFLT 290826Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

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- C. CG III MAF 210402Z OCT 68 (S)
 B. CG III MAF 190328Z OCT 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A STATED ALL IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ARGSLF ALFA AND BRAVO HELD IN ABEYANCE BECAUSE OF OPN LIBERTY CANYON.

2. (S) REF B STATED ARG BRAVO SHIPPING NOT REQUIRED IN OPN LIBERTY CANYON, AND DIRECTED ARG BRAVO TO BACKLOAD IAW APPROVED SCHEDULE REF C.

3. (S) PRELIMINARY PLANNING FOR AN AMPHIB OPN ON BATANGAN PENINSULA WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN ARGSLF ALFA AND AMERICAL DIV IAW REF D, HOWEVER ARG ALFA NOW UNAVAILABLE DUE TO OPN LIBERTY CANYON.

4. (S) FOR CG AMERICAL DIV AND CTG 76.5/79.5. SUBJ CONCURRENCE COM-SEVENTHFLT AMPHIB LANDING ON BATANGAN PENINSULA APPROVED WITH D-DAY 0/4 10 NOV. ARGSLF BRAVO PLANNERS REPORT TO AMERICAL DIV MUTUALLY AGREE-ABLE TIME TO DEVELOP DETAILED PLANS.

5. (S) FOR CG FIRST MARDIV. MAKE IMMEDIATE PLANS TO RELEASE CHOPPED ELEMENTS SLF BRAVO IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO BACKLOAD ON 5 NOV 68 FOR REHAB AT SEA/DANANG AND AMPHIB LANDING BATANGAN PENINSULA ON 10 NOV 68.

6. (U) DIRLAUTH.

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O 010600Z NOV 68
FM CG FIRST MARDIV
TO RMYSWOU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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RETURN OF SELECTED ELMS BLT 2/7 TO OPCON CTG 79.5
A. CTG SEEN NINE PT FIVE 301441Z OCT 68 (S)

B. CG III MAF 311034Z OCT 68 (U)

1. (S) REF A REQ BACKLOAD TK AND AT UNITS ASAP AND OPCON INOV68.
REF B PASSED ACTION REF A TO THIS HQ.

2. (S) IN VIEW INCREASED THREAT THRU ELECTIONS 5 NOV 68 DESIRE RETAIN
UNITS UNTIL SCHEDULED BLT 2/7 BACKLOAD.

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O P 010745Z NOV 68
 FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 TO RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV
 INFO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMGSF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
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ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

THIS IS JOINT CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 MSG.

A. CG III MAF 010134Z NOV 68

1.(S) SUBJECT TO CONCURRENCE REF A BY COMSEVENTHFLT UNODIR ARG/SLF
 BRAVO PLANNERS WILL ARRIVE YOUR HQS 030900H.

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TO RUMFLA/CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
INFO RUYPHOB/CTF SEVEN SIX
RUYSTR/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUYSTHOD/CTG SEVEN SIX FT FIVE
RUYSTHOD/CTG SEVEN NINE FT FIVE

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ARG SLE BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 010134Z OCT 68 (S)

1. (S) BACKLOAD ELEMENTS BLT 2/7 ON 5 NOV 68 IAW REF A.
2. (S) AT TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH CTG 79.5 CHOP BLT 2/7 ELEMENTS TO III MAF FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP TO 79.5. NOTIFY ALCON DTG.
3. DIRLAUTH.

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FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO ZEN/BLI TWO SLANT SEVEN

INFO RHMAFA/CG III MAF

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

NUMUGA/NAVSUPACT DANANG CODE 442

NUMUGA/TG SEVEN SIX REP NAVSUPTACT DANANG

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

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FRAG O REEMBARKATION (U)

A. CG III MAF 010134Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) BE PREPARED TO BACKLOAD DANANG HARBOR AREA O/A FIVE NOV 68 AS FOLLOWS:

- A. BACKLOAD VEHICLES FOR TRIPOLI BY HELO SHUTTLE FROM PRESENT CP
- B. BACKLOAD PERSONNEL AND BULK CARGO FOR ALL SHIPS OVER MUSEUM RAMP
- C. BACKLOAD ONTOS AND ROLLING STOCK FOR OGDEN, MONTICELLO AND SEMINOLE EXCEPT RTFMFTS OVER MUSEUM RAMP.
- D. BACKLOAD TANKS, BULLDOZERS AND RTFMFTS OVER BRIDGE RAMP.

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E. BACKLOAD ARTY AND MORTARS WITH B/A AMMO.

2. (S) STAGE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT RETURNING FROM REHAS AFTER COMPLETION OF SCHEDULE DIRECTED PARA 1 AND ADVISE THIS HQ WHEN READY TO LOAD.

3. (S) CLOSE PRESENT CP WITH ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF PERSONNEL AND ADVISE THIS HQ OF HELO REQ TO BACKLOAD.

4. (S) ESTABLISH EMBARK CONTROL AT MUSEUM RAMP WITH COMM ON SP CONTROL/SLF TAC LOG M-1188 59.70 MHZ.

5. (S) RETAIN COMM FROM PRESENT CP ON SLF TAC-1 UNTIL CLOSED.

6. (S) MAKE MAXIMUM USE OF NAVY-PROVIDED MHE AT RAMPS TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO SLF ASSETS.

7. (S) PROVIDE EMBARK COORDINATOR WITH COMPLETE EMBARK PLAN TO SLF TAC LOG ON TRIPOLI PRIOR TO EMBARKATION.

8. (U) SLF MP SECTION WILL ARR YOUR CP MORNING OF 4 NOV 68.

9. (U) EXECUTE ON ORDER.

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RUHMLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
RUHNP/CTF CLEARWATER
RUHNSVB/DINC PACFLT
RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
RUHAUD/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
RUYP SAA/CTG SEVECTHREE PT FIVE
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RUHMLA/CG AMERICAL DIV

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B. NWP 22(E) FM 31-11/AFM 8-58/EXHIBIT

1. SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF ARG/SLF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAL DIV IN THE I CTZ. COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE TG 76.5/79.5 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIATING DIRECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE OF I CTZ IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND PERTURBATIONS AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL, AND TO CONDUCT OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CTG 76.5 (COMBINATION NINE) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X. (Z) AND (3) OF REF A.

ELLYN COMUSMAC PJGILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL

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CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B (1) OF REF A.

7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

8. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE VALIDATE SEARCH WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 13 NOVEMBER 1963. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO CRJL STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX V TO REF A.

12. ACTION ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
RUYP SAA/CTF SEVEN SIX
RUYSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUHSHVA/COMUSMACV
RUYP SYD/COMNAVFORV
RUYPVSC/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE
RUYSAA/CTF SEVEN THREE
RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
RUYP SYD/CG III MAF
INFO RULC SYA/CNO
RUHHHA/CINCPAC
RULC SYG/CMC
RUHYH YB/CINCPACFLT
RUKRSYH/COMPHIBPAC
RUHSHYA/CG FMFPAC
RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)
RUMLPEN/CG XXIV CORPS

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RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
RUMUFKA/CMDR 7TH AIR FORCE
RUYSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
RUYP SAA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
RUYP SYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
RIYPSYE/CG FIRST MARDIV
RUHHA/CG AMERICAL DIV
RUMHVP/CTF CLEARWATER
RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
RUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
RUYP AA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT MHVSE
RUYP SAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NICZ
RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
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OPERATION VALIANT SEARCH AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (S)

A. MY 040344Z NOV 68

1. THE LANDWARD AOA WILL BE THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE COM-

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THE INTERSECTION OF THE BS 91/0 RPT BS 91/0 GRID LINE WITH
THE COAST ON THE NORTH THENCE WEST ALONG THE BS 91/0 RPT BS 91/0 EW
GRID LINE TO BS 680910/4 RPT BS 683910/4 THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE NS
GRID LINE BS 68/4 RPT BS 68/4 TO BS 680800/2 RPT BS 680800/2 THENCE
EAST ALONG THE SONG HAM GIANG/SONG DIEM DIEM RIVERS TO BS 740810/0 RPT
BS 740810/0 THENCE EAST ALONG THE EW GRID LINE BS 81/9 RPT BS 81/9
TO THE COAST. THE SEAWARD AOA IS THE SEA AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A STRAI-
GHT LINE BEGINNING AT BT 640060/6 RPT BT 640060/6 NORTH EASTERLY TO
SEAWARD TO LAT 15-37.9N/5 RPT LAT 15-37.9N/5; LONG 109-04E/4 RPT LONG
109-04E/4 THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG A 25 NM ARC CENTERED AT BS 795850/4
RPT BS GUOTIIPXR TO LAT 15-03.8N/7 RPT LAT 15-03.8N/7; LONG 109-20.3E/5
RPT LONG 109-20.3E/5 THENCE WEST SOUTHWESTERLY ALONG A STRAIGHT LINE TO
BS 786556/7 RPT BS 786556/7. THE AIR SPACE ABOVE THE AOA FROM THE SUR-
FACE TO 25,000 FT MSL SHALL BE INCLUDED WITHIN THE CONTROL AREA. A
FREE TRANSIT AREA FOR AIRCRAFT WILL EXIST ABOVE 5000 FT MSL FROM THE
COASTLINE ON THE LANDWARD AOA OUT SEAWARD THREE MILES AND ABOVE 2500
FT MSL FROM THREE MILES TO SEAWARD OF COASTLINE TO THE OUTER
EXTREMITY OF THE SEAWARD AOA.

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 FM ADMIN COMSEVENTHFLT
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 CINCPAC
 COMUSMACV
 CINCPACFLT
 CG FMFPAC
 COMPHIBPAC
 CG III MAF
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 COMNAVFORV
 CG FIRST MAW
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CDR SEVENTH AIR FORCE
 COMNAVSUPPACT DANANG
 CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 CTF CLEARWATER
 CTF SEVEN THREE

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CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTF SEVEN SEVEN
 CTF SEVEN NINE

CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
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 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 CTG ONE FIVE PT ONE
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO
 CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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SWIFT PLAY III TERMINATION (U)

AT CTG 76.5 052209Z NOV 68 NOTAL

NI. TERMINATE OPERATION SWIFT PLAY III UPON COMPLETION OF BACKLOAD

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RUHHQA/CINCPAC
RUMSNA/COMUSMACV
RUHKBRA/CINCPACFLT
RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC
RUWJMSA/COMPHIBPAC
RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
RUYJSYB/CG FMFPAC (FWO)
RUMUGKD/COMNAVFORV
RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
RUMKLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
RUMKVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
RUMSAL/COMD SEVENTH AIR FORCE
RUMUGA/COMNAV SUPPACT DANANG
RUMNVHC/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

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RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUYPNUL/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
RUYLSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE
RUMUGA/CTF CLEARWATER
RUYPSAA/CTF SEVEN THREE
RUYSHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RUYSHRN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
RUYJSYB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
ZEN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
RUMNVHC/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT FIVE
RSYLSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO
RUYPSYB/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
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SWIFT PLAY III TERMINATION (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 052236Z NOV 68 (NOTAL)

1. (C) IAW REF A OPERATION SWIFT PLAY III TERMINATED 062000H8 NOV.

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O 061831Z NOV68
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO RUABQL/TG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 INFO RUHMBRA/CINCPACFLT
 RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RHMAFA/3V THIRD MAF
 RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV OHL
 RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE (DB-053)
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RHYSBLS/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 RUYPsAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 RUMVHC/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUMVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 ZEN/USF TRIPOLI
 ZEN/USF OGDEN
 ZEN/USF MONTICELLO

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 ZEN/USF SEMINOLE
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- (7) REPORTS IAW ANNEX K, REF B.
- (8) OPERATION OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY AS REQUIRED)
- (9) GRID DESIGNATOR IS BS AND WILL BE USED IN TRANSMISSION OF ALL COORDINATES DURING THIS OPERATION.
- (10) LANDING PLAN IAW ANNEX I, REF B. BLT 2/7 PREPARE.
- (11) HELO APPROACH/RETIREMENT LANES (SEE OPERATIONS OVERLAY)
- (12) AIR OPERATIONS IAW ANNEX G REF B.
- (13) LANDWARD AOA IS DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE BS 91 GRIDLINE WITH THE COAST ON THE NORTH THENCE WEST ALONG THE BS 91 EW GRID LINE TO BS 680910 THENCE SOUTH ALONG THE NS GRID LINE BS 63 TO BS 680800 THENCE EAST ALONG THE SONG HAM GIANG/ SONG DIEM DIEM TO BS 74810 THENCE EAST ALONG THE EW GRIDLINE 31 TO THE COAST.

- (14) LANDING ZONE CENTER COORDINATES AND TACAN FIXES:
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| BASILONE | BS 707894 | 134/11.5 |
| WALLER | BS 722880 | 134/12.5 |

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| DCAMOND | BS 740348 | 136/14.5 |
| O'BANNON | BS 717817 | 144/15.0 |
| QUICK | BS 722807 | 145/15.2 |
| PULLER | BS 727358 | 137/13.2 |
| WILSON | BS 765847 | 132/15.5 |
| ELLIS | BS 773832 | 135/16.0 |

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. SEE ANNEX J TO REFERENCE B
 B. BLT 2/7 ESTABLISH TAC LOG ABOARD PRIMARY CONTROL SHIP AND TAC LOG DET'S ON THE OTHER SHIPS OF ARG BRAVO. WHEN DIRECTED BY CTG 79.5, CONTROL OF TAC LOG NET WILL PASS FROM THE PCS TO THE LPH UNDER THE CONTROL OF SLF S-4 AND WILL FUNCTION AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE LOGISTICAL COMMAND NET.

C. BLT 2/7 WILL LAND WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED LOAD:

- (1) CLASS I - 2 DAYS MCI W/TRIORXANE
- (2) CLASS II - AS REQUIRED
- (3) CLASS III - FULL TANKS PLUS FIVE GAL CAN PER VEHICLE
- (4) CLASS IV - AS REQUIRED
- (5) CLASS V - B/A

D. CLASS I AND V EMBARKED - BA PLUS 12 DAYS.

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- E. RESUPPLY WILL BE BY HELO AND LANDING CRAFT FROM THE ARG SHIPS.
- F. UNIT DISTRIBUTION BY HELO WILL BE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT OPERATIONS.
- G. CATF HAS DESIGNATED THE LPH AS PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.
- H. CTG 79.5 IS CRCC BRAVO.
- I. BLT AND HMM CASUALTY REPORTING OFFICER HOLD CASREP BRIEFING IAW PARA 204 9TH MABO P3040.1B. (SOP FOR CASREP AND MANAGEMENT).
- J. ALL BLT 2/7 AND HMM-165 CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO LPH.
- K. ALL BLT AND HMM SERVICE RECORDS, PAY RECORDS, HEALTH/DENTAL RECORDS WILL BE LOCATED ABOARD THE LPH.
- L. INSURE ALL RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA AND SGLI FORMS ARE CURRENT.
- M. FIELD MEDICAL TAGS WILL BE UTILIZED ON ALL CASUALTIES (HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE).
- N. ENSURE ALL PERSONNEL HAVE ID CARDS, ID TAGS, AND GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS ON THEIR PERSON.
- O. FIELD CASUALTY REPORTING WILL BE IAW PAR 317 9TH MABO P3040.
- P. CIVILIAN AND ENEMY MEDEVAC TBA.
- Q. POW'S TO LPH FOR INTERROGATION THENCE TO AMERICAL DIV PW COMPOUND CHU LAI.
- R. REFUGEES TO DISTRICT HQ, BINH SON OR SON TINH AS APPLICABLE.
- S. CAPTURED DOCS AND WPNS WILL BE TAGGED AND FORWARDED TO SLF S-2.

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UNIONED FOOD WILL BE EVAC TO DISTRICT HQTS IF TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS.

U. MISC.

(1) BLT 2/7 INSURE ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY IS PACKED, IDENTIFIED, AND ADEQUATE SECURITY PROVIDED PRIOR TO DEBARKATION.

(2) LPH WILL PROVIDE 451 BTRY CHARGE SERVICE.

(3) LSU MAINTENANCE CONTACT TEAMS ABOARD LPH AND AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX L OF REF B AND C

B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) CTG 79.5-LPH-10 (USS TRIPODI)

(2) BLT 2/7 - REPORT LOCATION ASHORE WHEN ESTABLISHED.

C. MEDEVAC REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED ON TAR NET

D. WHEN DIRECTED BY CTG 79.5 CONTROL OF TACLOG NET WILL SHIFT FROM THE PCS TO THE LPH (SEE PARA 4B ABOVE).

E. BLT 2/7 WILL MAINTAIN CAPABILITY FOR COVERED CIRCUIT ON SLF TAC NR 1 WHEN DIRECTED.

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 TO: ~~CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE~~
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 RUMHENA/CG FMFPAC
 RUMSNVA/COMUSMACV
 RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUMMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUMHIC/CG AMERICAL DIV CHL
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAW
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RHYSBLS/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 RUMWHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUMWHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 ZEN/US TRIPOLI
 ZEN/US GORDEN
 ZEN/US MONTICELLO

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OPERATION VALIANT SEARCH (U)

A. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS SERIES L 7014; SHEETS 67391, 67391I.

B. CTG 79.5 OP PLAN 120-YR

C. CTG 79.5 MSG FRAG ORDER FOR OPERATION. THIS IS ANNEX E (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION) TO CTG 79.5 MSG FRAG ORDER FOR OPERATION VALIANT SEARCH.

1. SITUATION.

(A) GENERAL (AS IN REF C)

(B) ENEMY FORCES

(1) IAW ANNEX C (INTELLIGENCE).

(2) INTSUMS AS ISSUED.

(C) FRIENDLY FORCES IAW REF C.

2. MISSION. THE SACC WILL EXERCISE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING, CONTROLLING AND COORDINATING ALL SUPPORTING ARMS OF THE LANDING FORCE WITHIN AOA.

3. EXECUTION. IAW REF (B) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BELOW:

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- (A) SPECIFIED STRIKE ZONES WILL BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY.
- (B) ALL PREPLANNED FIRES, INCLUDING BEACH PREP AND LZ PREP, WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE BLT TO CLF FOR COORDINATION WITH CATF.
- (C) RESTRICTIVE FIRE AREAS IAW CTG 79.5 RESTRICTIVE FIRE OVERLAY (ISSUED SEPARATELY IF REQUIRED - NOTAL).
- (D) ALL MISSIONS WITHIN 1000 METERS OF THE AOA BOUNDARY WILL BE REPORTED TO AND CLEARED BY SACC.

4. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

- (A) ALL FIRING UNITS WILL ESTABLISH AIR SENTRIES AND LOOKOUTS AND CHECK FIRE WHENEVER TRAJECTORIES MAY ENDANGER FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT.
- (B) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS WILL BE UTILIZED WHEN DEEMED NECESSARY, RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE CODE NAMED DOUBLE BLOCK AND WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED IN FMFM 7-1.
- (C) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS AS REQUESTED, WILL BE NUMBERED AND PROMULGATED BY SACC.
- (D) SAVE-A-PLANES (SAP'S) WILL BE USED TO ALLOW ARTY/NGF GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPORTING MANEUVER ELEMENTS. WHEN ISSUED, SAP'S RESTRICT A/C FROM FLYING IN DESIGNATED AREAS.
- (E) SAP'S WILL BE REQUESTED FOR ALL MISSIONS EXCEPT NIGHT AH&I AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES (NDF).

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- (F) SAP'S WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SACC THROUGH FSCC CHANNELS IAW FOLLOWING FORMAT:

- (1) FROM
- (2) TGT GRID
- (3) MISSION STARTS
- (4) MISSION ENDS
- (5) MAX ORD
- (6) NATURE OF TGT

(G) SACC WILL COORDINATE SAP'S WITH SALVATION (AMERICAL AIRCRAFT WARNING CONTROL CENTER).

(H) MISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED CLEARED TO FIRE WHEN THE FIRING UNIT RECEIVES THE SAP DESIGNATOR FROM SACC.

(I) ARTILLERY UNITS OPERATING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LZ'S WILL ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH LZ CONTROL ELEMENTS AND WILL NOTIFY THEM ON A TIMELY BASIS, OF ALL FIRING.

(J) FLAK SUPPRESSION FIRES WILL BE PLANNED UTILIZING ALL SUPPORTING ARMS TO MOST EFFECTIVELY PROTECT SUPPORT A/C FROM ENEMY GROUND FIRE.

5. TROOP SAFETY - ALL NO FIRE LINES (NFL), FIRE COORDINATION LINE (FCL) AND OTHER COORDINATING MEASURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY

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CLF UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUBORDINATE UNITS.

6. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

(A) COMMUNICATIONS

(1) IAW REF C AND CURRENT COI.

(B) COMMAND POSTS

(1) AFLOAT - AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (TG 76.5) SACC,
USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). LANDING FORCE (TG 79.5) USS TRIPOLI.

(2) ASHORE - TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 010134Z NOV68 (S)

1. APPROVAL IN REF FOR AMPHIB LANDING ON BATANGAN PENINSULA HEREBY RESCINDED IN FAVOR IMMEDIATE OPS BARRIER ISLAND.

2. BARRIER ISLAND: AREA BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY SONG CUA DAI AND SONG THU BON AND SONG BA REN; EAST BY SOUTH CHINA SEA; ON THE SOUTH BY EW GRID LINE 46; ON THE WEST BY TRUONG GIANG RIVER N TO BT 170490 THEN NW ALONG AMERICAL DIV BDY TO SONG BA REN AT BT 140508. THIS DESIGNATED TARGET AREA FOR SLF BRAVO W/D-DAY OF 10 NOV.

3. FOR CG AMERICAL DIV. IN COORDINATION WITH CTG 76.5/79.5 DEVELOP CONCEPT AND PROVIDE SCREENING/BLOCKING FORCES AS REQUIRED. ESTABLISH

LIAISON WITH 2ND BDE, ROKMC AND COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AS REQUIRED B0B PROVIDE CONCEPT THIS HQ.

4. FOR CTG 76.5/79.5 SUBJ CONCURRENCE COMSEVENTHFLT REPORT IMMEDIATELY TO CG AMERICAL DIV TO DEVELOP CONCEPT FOR AMPHIB OPN ON BARRIER ISLAND W/D-9 NOV.

5. DIRLAUTH. INFO THIS HQ.

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- B. CONSEVENTHFLT 040344Z5 NOV 68
- C. CONSEVENTHFLT 050250Z2 NOV 68
- D. CTG 76.5 OP-ORD 303-S9

1. (C) IN VIEW REF A AND UNODIR CONSIDER R REFS B AND C CANCELED.
 ORIG WILL CANCEL REF D.

2. (S) INITIATING DIRECTIVE REQ FOR BARRIER ISLAND
 OPERATION UNDER PREPARATION AND WILL BE SUBMITTED AFTER LIAISON
 CG AMERICA DIV ON 9 NOV.

3. (S) FOR CG AMERICA DIV: CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 REPS WILL ARRIVE
 YOUR HQ AT 080900Z17.

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 RUEBHOA/CMC
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 RUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS

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 RUMHVA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMHVP/CTF CLEARWATER
 RUYPSTYD/CG FIRST MAF
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 C. CONSEVENTHFLT 000230Z NOV 68

1. FOR CG III MAF: CONCUR REF A.
2. FOR CTG 76.5: EFFECT LIAISON FOR PLANNING WITH CG AMERICAL DIV IAW REF A. SUBMIT INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR BARRIER ISLAND AMPHIB OPS INPUTS ASAP. BARRIER ISLAND JUST SOUTH OF SONG CUA DAI, SONG THU BO AND SONG BA REN.
3. FOR ALCON: CANCEL REF A AND C.

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 RUHHC/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RULC SYA/CNO
 RUHSHYB/CG INC PACFLT
 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC
 RUHSA/CG SEVENTHFLT AF
 RUHSHYA/CG FMFPAC
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 RUYP SYE/CG FIRST MARDIV
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RUYSYG/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUYP SAA/USC COGSWELL

RUYP SAA/USC CLARION RIVER

RUYP SAA/USC TOWERS

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OPORD CANCELLATION (U)

1. CG III MAF 070712Z NOV 68 NOTAL

B. MY MSG OPORD 303-69

1. (S) APPROVAL FOR AMPHIB LANDING ON BATANGAN PENINSULA WAS
 RESCINDED BY REF A. REF B IS HEREBY CANCELLED.

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SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/
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PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED, WILL
 BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION
 AGAINST VC/NAV FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUAN NAM/
 QUANG TIN PROVINCES OF I CIZ IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY
 ENEMY FORCES AND CAPTURE AND DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL AND FORTIFICATIONS
 AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF
 OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CG 76.5 (COMMANDER NAMED) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)
 DESIGNATED COMMANDER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLP BRADY) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)
 DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (G.F.).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X.(2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE AREA INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL
 STAFF FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT
 AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PAR 18 (1) OF REF A.

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7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY
 SEPARATE MESSAGE.

8. NIGHTMARE FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE DARING ENDEAVOR WITH
 TENTATIVE D-DAY 10 NOVEMBER 1963. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS
 TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN FORCES ARE PREPARED,
 CATF REPORT TO CG III STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION
 CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT
 H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO
 ALCON.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

A. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF B.

11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX 4 TO REF A.

12. ACTION ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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SITUATION. CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/OP IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE AMERICAL DIV IN THE I CIZ. CONSEQUENTLY WILL PROVIDE TG 76.2/79.5 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIATING DIRECTINCK

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MEANING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NAV FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUAN NAM/QUANG NAM PROVINCES OF I CIZ IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND CAPTURE AND DESTROY ENEMY MATERIEL AND FORTIFICATIONS AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CTG 76.5 (COMBINATION NAME) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-18) DESIGNATED CBEMAMBER AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

4. CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER BLY BRAVO) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-18) DESIGNATED COMNAVER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X.(2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE GAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED UPON WITH CATF IAW PAR 1B (1) OF REF A.

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7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

8. NIGHTTIME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE DARING ENDEAVOR WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 10 NOVEMBER 1963. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCOM.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

A. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF B.

11. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX V TO REF A.

12. ACTION ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

13. DOWNGRADED TO CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.

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RHHMFA/CG III MAF

RHHMHC/CG AMERICAL DIV CM

RHHMHA/CG FIRST MAW

RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYJSC/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RHHBLS/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT 080542Z NOV 68

B. CTG 79.5 OPLAN 120-YR

C. CTG 79.5 COI EFFECTIVE 090800H NOV 68

D. MAPS AMS RVN 1:50,000 SERIES L7014 SHEET 60401.

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION

TASK GROUP 79.5 (SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO)

BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN

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1. SITUATION

A. ENEMY FORCES

(1) PROVIDED IN ANNEX C INTELLIGENCE. (ISSUED SEPARATELY).
 ENEMY FORCES BELIEVED LOCATED WITHIN OR NEAR ADA ARE AN U/I BN
 AND V-15, 78TH, Q80 AND Q81 LOCAL FORCES CONTROL THE AREA IS VC
 DOMINATED AND ENEMY FORCES ARE SUPPORTED BY THE LOCAL GUERRILLAS
 AND POPULACE.

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B. FRIENDLY FORCES. UNITS OPERATING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO THE AOA AREA.

(1) ATF (76.5) CONDUCTS AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING AND SUPPORTING THE LANDING FORCE ASHORE.

(2) CG III MAF PROVIDES CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, GUNSHIPS AND COMMAND AND LIAISON A/C.

(3) AMERICAL DIVISION OPERATING TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST OF THE AOA.

(4) 2D ROK MARINE BRIGADE ALONG THE NORTH AND NORTHWEST BOUNDARY OF THE AOA

(5) CTU 70.8.9 PROVIDES NGF SUPPORT.

(6) CTG 115.1 PROVIDES OFF SHORE PATROL BOATS.

C. ATTACHMENTS

(1) DET EOD 9TH MAB.

(2) DET IIT, CIT, SCOUT DOGS, INTERPRETERS FROM AMERICAL DIVISION.

(3) DET. BJU-1

2. MISSION: ON OR ABOUT 10 NOV SELF/BRAVO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES IN AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA IN QUANG NAM/QUANG TIN PROVINCES OF I CTZ IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, TO IDENTIFY AND CAPTURE MEMBERS OF THE VC

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INFRASTRUCTURE, TO CAPTURE AND DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL AND FORTIFICATIONS, AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS MAY BE DIRECTED.

3. EXECUTION

A. CONCEPT. ON D-DAY SELF-B CONDUCT A WATERBORNE AND HELICOPTERBORNE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT IN THE AOA. CAS, ARTY AND NGF WILL BE UTILIZED AS REQUIRED THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION. THIS OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THREE PHASES.

(1) PHASE I. THIS PHASE WILL CONSIST OF A COMBINED SURFACE/HELICOPTERBORNE ASSAULT. SURFACE ELEMENTS LAND OVER RED BEACH. HELICOPTERBORNE ELEMENTS LAND IN DESIGNATED LANDING ZONES. ATTACK AND SEIZE OBJECTIVE 1 (AN LUONG 1 AND 2) (BT 203555) - OBJECTIVE 2 THANG MY (BT 183538) - OBJECTIVE 3 LANG DONG ISLAND (BT 161535) AND OBJECTIVE 4 (NGAI LE 1, 2, AND 3) (BT 196525). CONDUCT COMBAT SWEEP OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT SECTOR I OF AOA.

(2) PHASE II. BE PREPARED TO CROSS FL ALPHA AND CONDUCT HELICOPTERBORNE LANDINGS AND COMBAT SWEEP OPERATIONS IN SECTOR II OF AOA. ON ORDER ATTACK AND SEIZE OBJECTIVE 5 LAC CAU (BT 183497) - OBJECTIVE 6 (AN PHU PHUONG 2 AND 3) (BT 207470) AND OBJECTIVE 7 BAO BINH HA (BT 223490). CONDUCT COMBAT SWEEP OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT SECTOR II OF AOA.

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(8) PHASE III. PHASE III WILL BE AN AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL FROM BEACHES AND LZ'S TO BE DESIGNATED. DATE AND TIME OF AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL TO BE ANNOUNCED.

B. BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN.

(1) AT H AND L HOUR ON D-DAY CONDUCT A SURFACE ASSAULT OVER RED BEACH AND HELICOPTERBORNE LANDINGS IN DESIGNATED LZ'S. ATTACK AND SEIZE OBJECTIVE 1 (AN LUONG 1 AND 2) (BT 263555) - OBJECTIVE 2 THANH MY (BT 183538) - OBJECTIVE 3 LANG DONG ISLAND (BT 161535) AND OBJECTIVE 4 (NGAI LE 1, 2 AND 3) (BT 196525).

(2) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN FIRE SUPPORT BASE.

(3) CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT SECTOR I OF THE AOA.

(4) ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH ELEMENTS OF THE 1/1 OPERATING IN SECTOR II OF THE AOA.

(5) DESIGNATE ONE SPARROW HAWK PLATOON AS THE LF RESERVE TO BE COMMITTED ONLY BY THE LANDING FORCE COMMANDER.

(6) BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS SOUTH OF FL ALPHA ON ORDER.

C. MMM-165

(1) PROVIDE HELO SUPPORT IAW LANDING PLAN.

(2) BE PREPARED TO LIFT CONTINGENCY FORCE FROM LPH.

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(3) PROVIDE HELOS FOR COMMAND AND LIAISON, MEDEVACS AND RESUPPLY.

(4) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT OPERATIONS IN SECTOR II OF AOA ORDER.

(5) BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT A WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AOA.

D. LF RESERVE. PLT REINF BLT 2/7.

E. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) OPERATION CODE NAME DARING ENDEAVOUR

(2) D-DAY 10 NOVEMBER 1968. TENTATIVE M-HOUR 0630, TENTATIVE

HOUR 0700

(3) CONDUCT TROOP INDOCTRINATION ON RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IAW ANNEX H REF B PRIOR TO D-DAY

(4) FSC IAW ANNEX ECHO (ISSUED SEPARATELY)

(5) SIGN AND COUNTERSIGN TO BE ISSUED LATER.

(6) THRUST POINTS

BT 2154 FISH

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(7) REPORTS IAW ANNEX K REF B.

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4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS**A. SEE ANNEX J TO REF B.****B. BLT 2/7 ESTABLISHED TAC LOG ABOARD PRIMARY CONTROL SHIP AND TAC LOG DET'S ON ALL SHIPS OF ARG BRAVO. WHEN DIRECTED BY CTG 79.5, CONTROL OF TAC LOG NET WILL PASS FROM PCS TO LPH UNDER THE CONTROL OF SLF S-4 AND WILL SERVE AS THE LOGISTICAL COMMAND NET.****C. BLT 2/7 WILL LAND WITH THE FOLLOWING PRESCRIBED LOAD:**

(1) CLASS I - 2 DAYS MCI W/TRICORANE

(2) CLASS II AS REQUIRED

(3) CLASS III FULL TANKS PLUS FIVE GAL CAN PER VEHICLE

(4) CLASS IV AS REQUIRED.

(5) CLASS V B/A

D. SUPPLIES EMBARKED

(1) CLASS I - 12 DAYS

(2) CLASS II - 260 PURGED 55 GAL DRUMS

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(3) CLASS III - 30,500 GAL BULK NOGAS

(4) CLASS IV -

(A) 66,000 SANDBAGS

(B) 200 BARB WIRE COIL

(C) 140 ROLLS CONCERTINA

(D) 1000 TWO FT POSTS

(E) 600 32 IN POSTS

(F) 800 5 FT POSTS

(5) CLASS V - BA PLUS 12 DAYS OF RENO

(6) UTILIZATION OF L-FORM IS AUTHORIZED

E. RESUPPLY WILL BE BY HELO AND LANDING CRAFT FROM THE ARG SHIPS.**F. UNIT DISTRIBUTION BY HELO WILL BE UTILIZED THROUGHOUT OPERATIONS.****G. CAIF HAS DESIGNATED THE LPH PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.****H. CTG 79.5 IS CROC BRAVO.****I. BLT AND MM CASUALTY REPORTING OFFICER HOLD CASREP BRIEFING IAW PARA 204 9TH MABO P3040.1B. (SOP FOR CASREP AND MANAGEMENT).****J. ALL BLT AND MM-165 CASUALTIES WILL BE EVACUATED TO LPH.****K. FIRST BRIGADE AMERICAL DIV FIELD HOSPITAL AT LZ BALDY (BT 133453) AVAILABLE AS DIRECTED BY PRIMARY CASUALTY CONTROL SHIP.****L. ALL BLT AND MM SERVICE RECORDS, PAY RECORDS, HEALTH/DENTAL****SECRET**

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RECORDS WILL BE LOCATED ABOARD THE LPH.

I. INSURE ALL RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA AND SGLI FORMS ARE CURRENT.
 J. FIELD MEDICAL TAGS WILL BE UTILIZED ON ALL CASUALTIES (HOSTILE AND NON-HOSTILE)

K. ENSURE ALL PERSONNEL HAVE ID CARDS, ID TAGS, AND GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS ON THEIR PERSON.

L. FIELD CASUALTY REPORTING WILL BE IAW PARA 317 9TH MABO P3040.

M. CIVILIAN AND ENEMY MEDEVAC TO USA DANANG.

N. POW TO LPH FOR INTERROGATION THENCE TO 101 MAF POW COMPOUND, DANANG.

O. CIVILIAN DEPENDENTS TO DISTRICT HQ AT DUY XUYEN OR THANG BINH AS APPLICABLE.

P. CAPTURED DOCS AND WFNS WILL BE TAGGED AND FORWARDED TO SLF S-2.

Q. CAPTURED FOOD WILL BE EVAC TO DISTRICT HQ IF TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS.

R. PRIMARY REFUELING AND REARMING POINT FOR UH-1E GUNSHIPS AT MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FACILITY. ALTERNATE POINTS AT LZ BALDY (BT 133453) AND HILL 55 (AT 970620). UH-1E COMMAND LIAISON AIRCRAFT REFUEL ON LPH.

S. FRIENDLY RESUPPLY AND ADMINISTRATIVE TYPE MISSIONS WILL

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TAKE PRIORITY OVER MISSIONS INVOLVING ENEMY PERSONNEL.

W. MISC

(1) BLT 2/7 INSURE ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY IS PACKED, IDENTIFIED, AND ADEQUATE SECURITY PROVIDED PRIOR TO DEBARKATION.

(2) LPH WILL PROVIDE 451 BTRY CHARGE SERVICE.

(3) LSU MAINTENANCE CONTACT TEAMS ABOARD LPH AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.

COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATIONS IAW ANNEX L OF REF B AND C

B. COMMAND POSTS

(1) CTG 79.5 - LPH-10 (USS TRIPOLI)

(2) BLT 2/7 - REPORT LOCATION ASHORE

C. MEDEVAC REQUESTS WILL BE SUBMITTED ON TAC NET WHEN ESTABLISHED.

D. WHEN DIRECTED BY CTG 79.5 CONTROL OF TACLOG NET WILL SHIFT FROM THE PCS TO THE LPH (SEE PARA 48 ABOVE).

E. BLT 2/7 WILL MAINTAIN CAPABILITY FOR COVERED CIRCUIT ON SLF TAC NR 1 WHEN DIRECTED.

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 RUHHC/CG AMERICAL DIV
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OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR (U)

A. MAPS: VIETNAM 1:50,000 AMS SERIES L7014; SHEET 66401
 B. CTG 79.5 OP PLAN 120-YR
 C. CTG 79.5 MSG FRAG ORDER FOR OPERATION. THIS IS ANNEX E
 (FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION) TO CTG 79.5 MSG FRAG ORDER FOR
 OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOUR.

1. SITUATION.

(A) ENEMY FORCES

- (1) IAW ANNEX C (INTELLIGENCE) AND REF C.
- (2) INTSUMS AS ISSUED.

(B) FRIENDLY FORCES IAW REF C.

2. MISSION. THE SACC WILL EXERCISE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING, CONTROLLING AND COORDINATING ALL SUPPORTING ARMS OF THE LANDING FORCE WITHIN AOA.

3. EXECUTION. IAW REF (B) EXCEPT AS MODIFIED BELOW:

(A) SLF BRAVO WILL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A LIAISON TEAM AT HOI-AN FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING POLITICAL CLEARANCE OF

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TARGETS WITHIN THE AOA. THE SLF LIAISON TEAM WILL OPERATE ON
FREQ 59.55 MHZ AND BE RESPONSIVE ONLY TO THE SUPPORTING ARMS
COORDINATION CENTER (SACC) ABOARD THE USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

(B) POLITICAL CLEARANCE MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE ATTACKING
TARGETS BY ANY SUPPORTING ARM (ARTY, NGF, AIR).

(C) ALL PREPLANNED FIRES, INCLUDING BEACH PREP AND LZ PREP,
WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE BLT TO CLF FOR COORDINATION WITH CATF.

(D) ALL MISSIONS WITHIN 1000 METERS OF THE AOA BOUNDARY WILL
BE REPORTED TO AND CLEARED BY SACC.

4. AIRCRAFT SAFETY

(A) ALL FIRING UNITS WILL ESTABLISH AIR SENTRIES AND LOOKOUTS
AND CHECK FIRE WHENEVER TRAJECTORIES MAY ENDANGER FRIENDLY AIRCRAFT.

(B) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS WILL BE UTILIZED WHEN DEEMED
NECESSARY, RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLAN WILL BE CODE NAMED DOUBLE BLOCK AND
WILL BE REQUESTED IN THE FORMAT PRESCRIBED IN FMFM 7-1.

(C) RESTRICTIVE FIRE PLANS AS REQUESTED, WILL BE NUMBERED AND
PROMULGATED BY SACC.

(D) SAVE-A-PLANES (SAP'S) WILL BE USED TO ALLOW ARTY/NGF
GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPORTING MANEUVER ELEMENTS. WHEN ISSUED,
SAP'S RESTRICT A/C FROM FLYING IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

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(E) SAP'S WILL BE REQUESTED FOR ALL MISSIONS EXCEPT NIGHT
H&I AND NIGHT DEFENSIVE FIRES (NDF).

(F) SAP'S WILL BE SUBMITTED TO SACC THROUGH FSOC CHANNELS
IAW FOLLOWING FORMAT:

- (1) FROM
- (2) TGT GRID
- (3) MISSION STARTS
- (4) MISSION ENDS
- (5) MAX ORD
- (6) NATURE OF TGT

(G) SACC WILL COORDINATE SAP'S WITH SALVATION AND/OR RED
HORSE CONTROL (AMERICAN AIRCRAFT WARNING CONTROL CENTERS).

(H) MISSIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED CLEARED TO FIRE WHEN THE
FIRING UNIT RECEIVES THE SAP DESIGNATOR FROM SACC.

(I) ARTILLERY UNITS OPERATING IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LZ'S
WILL ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH LZ CONTROL ELEMENTS AND WILL
NOTIFY THEM ON A TIMELY BASIS, OF A/L FIRING.

(J) FLAK SUPPRESSION FIRES WILL BE PLANNED UTILIZING ALL
SUPPORTING ARMS TO MOST EFFECTIVELY PROTECT SUPPORT A/C FROM
ENEMY GROUND FIRE.

5. TROOP SAFETY - ALL NO FIRE LINES (NFL), FIRE COORDINATION

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LINE (FCL) AND OTHER COORDINATING MEASURES WILL BE ESTABLISHED
BY CLF UPON RECOMMENDATION OF SUBORDINATE UNITS.

C. COMMAND COMMUNICATIONS - ELECTRONICS

(A) COMMUNICATIONS

(1) IAW REF C AND CURRENT COI.

(B) COMMAND POSTS

(1) AFLOAT - AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (TG 76.5) SACC,
USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10). LANDING FORCE (TG 79.5) USS TRIPOLI.

(2) ASHORE - TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR (10)

MAPS: VIETNAM 1: 50,000 AMS SERIES L7014 SHEETS 6640 I

CTG 79.5 SOP FOR INTELLIGENCE (NOTALD)

C. CTG 79.5 INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATE (NOTAL

THIS IS ANNEX C (INTELLIGENCE) TO CTE 79.5 FRAG ORDER FOR OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR.

1. SUMMARY OF ENEMY SITUATION:

A. SEE REF (C) AND FRAG ORDER FOR THIS OPN.

B. ENEMY PROBABLY WILL EVADE FRIENDLY FORCES AND ATTEMPT TO MINGLE WITH LOCAL POPULACE OR HIDE IN CONCEALED TUNNELS AND CAVES.

2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION.

A. DETERMINE THE STRENGTH, LOCATION, COMPOSITION, ORGANIZATION AND DISPOSITION OF ENEMY FORCES IN THE ADA.

B. DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF AND IDENTIFY THE INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN HAMLETS AND VILLES IN THE AOA.

C. DETERMINE THE CHARACTERISTICS AND LOCATION OF FORTIFICATIONS, TUNNELS AND CAVES WITHIN OR SURROUNDING HAMLETS AND VILLES IN THE AOA.

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D. DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONDUCTING A SEARCH WITHIN THE AREA OF GREEN BEACH.

E. DETERMINE THE CAPABILITY OF THE AREA AND METHODS USED IN MARKING MINES, SURPRISE DEVICES, ETC. IN THE AREA OF PERSONNEL TYPICAL WITHIN THE AOA.

F. DETERMINE IF AND TO WHAT EXTENT THE AREA SERVES AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL FOR THE VIET CONG IN QUANG NAM AND QUANG TIN PROVINCES.

G. DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE AREA SERVES AS A SUPPLY STORAGE.

3. INTELLIGENCE ACQUISITION PLAN.

A. BLT 2/77

(1) ASAP 2-DAY CAPTURE INTERROGATION AND INTERROGATION BY THIS UNIT.

(2) DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF PERSONNEL OF CHINESE ORIGIN.

RUONG GIANG AND SYLVESTRE IN THE AREA OF THE VIET CONG.

3. HMM 1/25

(1) CONDUCTING SEARCH WITHIN THE AREA OF PERSONNEL WHILE ACCOMPLISHING ASSIGNED MISSIONS WITHIN THE AREA.

(2) DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE AREA SERVES AS A SOURCE OF SUPPLY AND PERSONNEL.

(3) REPORT ON RESULTS OF SEARCH.

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C. CITE VELS REG UNIT TO CONDUCT SEARCH WITHIN THE AREA OF PERSONNEL.

4. MEASURE FOR ACQUISITION OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS.

A. REPORT ALL CAPTURED PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS TO THE VIET CONG.

B. BLT SCREEN ALL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS AS FORMERLY CAPTURED PERSONNEL TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE FORMERLY CAPTURED PERSONNEL.

BY ITT. RELEASE INFORMATION TO THE VIET CONG TO DETERMINE AFTER STATUS DETERMINATION. INSURE ALL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS ARE PROPERLY TAGGED.

REF B. ITT INSURE ALL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS ARE PROPERLY TAGGED.

C. FORWARD ALL CAPTURED PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS TO LPH. INSURE PROPER TAGGING OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS.

D. INSURE ALL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS ARE PROPERLY TAGGED.

E. INSURE ALL PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS ARE PROPERLY TAGGED.

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A. REF A IS DESIGNATED AS THE STANDARD MAP FOR THIS OPERATION.
AMS 18020 1:25,000 CONTAINS NUMEROUS DISCREPANCIES AND MUST BE USED WITH CAUTION.

B. MAPS AND CHARTS WILL BE ISSUED AS REQUIRED.

C. AERIAL PHOTOS (HAND HELD) AVAILABLE FOR ANY TARGET ON REQUEST.

6. COUNTER INTELLIGENCE: SEE REF B.

7. REPORTS AND DISTRIBUTION: IAW REF B. INSURE SPOT REPORTS ARE ACCURATE AND TIMELY.

8. MISCELLANEOUS INSTRUCTIONS: UNITS IN CONTACT MAKE CONTINUAL MAXIMUM EFFORT TO TAKE PRISONERS.

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CO 196TH INF BDE (LT) LZ BALDY
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THIS IS A JOINT CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 MSG
OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR AGREEMENTS CIP
A. YOUR 080035Z NOV 68

1. (S) REF A DELINEATES AGREEMENTS REACHED BY AMERICAL DIV AND ARG
SLF BRAVO PLANETS AT HQS AMERICAL DIV ON 3 NOV 68.
2. (S) CTG 76.5/TG 79.5 AGREE WITH THE STATED MISSION AND LANDWARD.
3. (S) PARA 6, REF A HAS BEEN REVIEWED AND ALL STATEMENTS AGREED TO WITH

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FOLLOWING CLARIFICATIONS AND IDENTIFICATIONS
WILL BE CONFORM TO PERTINENT SUB-PARAGRAPH

1. PROVIDE SCREENING FORCES (EST. 2000 - 1000 CAV)
AND SOUTHERN BOUNDARIES OF THE AREA

IF BRAVO WILL MAKE AMERICAL DIA WFOC INFO ON
MR RESPECTIVELY OUTREPS TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES AS

ON 25,000 FT MSL OVER THE LANDWARD ADA, BELOW
FOUR MILES OF THE COASTLINE TO THE SEAWARD ADA,
OUTSIDE FOUR MILES OF THE COASTLINE AND 10
NM OF THE SEAWARD ADA. VERTICAL CLEARANCE
1000 FT FOR CLEARANCE, NAVIGATION.
FOR ALL AIRCRAFT PASSING 1000 FT OVER THE SEA OR
NAVIGATION FOR CLEARANCE UNDER 1000 FT.

AND ENTERING SALVATION AREA. BOMBARDERS
CALLED WITHIN THE AOA WERE ORDERED TO STOP.
INCLUDES AIR STRIKES CALLED BY JEWELRY, IF

THE AOA IN ACCORDANCE WITH DAF 220720N 31-11, CONTROL OF ALL SUPPORTING AGENS IN THE ROW IS THE

DATE TIME OF DEPARTURE OF CRAFT

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 1633 OF THE

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EXTENSION THAT INCLUDES AOA-AS OUTLINED PARA 2, REF
REQ.

COOPERATION WITH ROYAL FORCES TO PROVIDE A SUFFICIENT GUARD FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE AOA FOR THE DURATION OF THE OPERATION HAS BEEN ASSURED.

AMERICAN AND HAS OBTAINED POLITICAL CLEARANCE FOR TRIPS THROUGH THE
MIDDLE EAST AND FIRES. PREP FIRES ARE SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN A

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A. CG III MAF 140212Z NOV 68 150

1. AT CONFERENCE BETWEEN CG III MAF, DIV. VIIA FG.5, CIG 79.5 ABOARD
 USS TRIPOLI 12 NOV THE FOLLOWING AGREEMENT WAS MADE. TERMINATION OF
 DURING ENDEAVOR TO BE ON OR PRIOR TO NOV 01 EARLIER IF PRESENT ENEMY
 CONTACTS DISSIPATE. OBJECTIVE PORT WILL BE TAKEN PRIOR TO WITHDRAWAL.
 2. PARA (3) OF REF (A) GIVES SUFFICIENT TIME ALLOWED PRIOR SUBSEQUENT
 OPS FOR PLANNING AND COORDINATION. ADDITIONAL VITAL CONSIDERATION IS
 THAT A BEACH LANDING WAS CONDUCTED WITHOUT DRY RAMPS. LIMITED UPKEEP
 OF COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT SUBJECTED TO SALT WATER DURING LANDING
 IS BEING ASCERTAINED TO DETERMINE TIME REQUIRED AND SLF CAPABILITY TO
 PERFORM SUBJ MAINT.

3. REQUEST DRLAMIN WITH FORGE LOG AND TREATING TO UPKEEP AND RE-

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 SUPPLY AS REQUIRED.

4. SLF BRAVO CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS CAPABILITY TO REACT IMMEDIATELY
 TO ANY SITUATION AND THE PROVISIONS OF PARA 2 ABOVE, THOUGH CONSIDERED
 NECESSARY, SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS A STAND DOWN IN RESPONSE TIME.

5. WILL ADVISE.

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CONCEPT FOR MAJOR UNIT OPN (C)

A. FOR O P03121.5 PARA 501.3 (C)

1. (S) LAW REF A THE POL CONCEPT FOR A MAJOR UNIT OPN IN
 SUPPORT ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IS SUBMITTED.

2. (S) SITUATION: THE VILLAGE OF THANH PHONG AND ADJACENT DODGE
 CITY AREA HAS BEEN RPID AS A STAGING AREA FOR ACTIVE VC ARMED
 FORCES OF BN STRENGTH. ADDITIONALLY, A HOI CHANH CLAIMS THAT HE
 CAN IDENTIFY 150 VC IN THE VILLAGE AREA. NUMEROUS TUNNELS AND

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CACHES EXIST THROUGHOUT THE AO AND HAVE SURVIVED PREVIOUS OPERATIONS OR HAVE BEEN REESTABLISHED RECENTLY. THE EN HAS EMPLOYED MORTARS, MINES, .50 CAL MG'S AND SA W/IN THE AO DURING THE LAST TWO WEEKS. APPROX 2,500 VIETNAMESE ARE PRESENTLY LIVING W/IN THE AO AND MUST BE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITY TO WITHDRAW PRIOR TO SEARCH PHASE OF OPN AND MOVED TO ENCAMPMENTS PROVIDED BY QUANG NAM CORD REP.

3. (S) AREA OF OPN: AREA CONTAINED W/IN LINE FM BRIDGE AT BT055588 SW ALONG N SHORE SONG VINH DIEN TO POINT BT040570 THEN W ALONG SONG KY LAM TO RR (AT996550) THEN NW TO NGOC AN (1) AT AT980560 THEN ALONG WATERCOURSE NW TO DA HOA AN (4) (AT965572) THEN N TO GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE THEN E ALONG N BANK SONG AI NGHIA TO AT973612 THEN E ALONG N BANK OF SONG LA THO TO AN THANH (1) BT032617 THEN ALONG S SIDE BARRIER TO INTERSECTION W/RTE 1 AT BT045614 THEN SE ALONG W SIDE RTE 1 TO CLOSE AT BT05558.

3. (S) MISSION: COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY 1 ST MARDIV ESTAB A CORDON AROUND THANH PHONG AND IN CONJ ARVN AND ROKMC FORCES, PFF AND PRU ELMS SEARCHES AND CLEARS THE VILLAGE AND ADJACENT AREAS TO DESTROY EN FORCES, CACHES AND FORTIFICATIONS AND TO CAPTURE VC INFRASTRUCTURE.

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4. (S) CONCEPT OF PPNS: (1ST MAR (-) (REIN) USING MAX DECEPTION UP TO H-HOUR MOVES FORCES FROM STAGING AREA BY FOOT AND MOTOR MARCHES AND HELI- LIFT TO ESTAB A CORDON AROUND THANH PHONG AND THE NORTH PORTION OF DODGE CITY. THE BN FORCE ALONG RTE 1D COMMENCES S AND C OPN TO CLOSE ON RR NS LINE. CORDON WILL BE MAINTAINED UNTIL PSYOPS, VC PFF, PRU AND NATL POLICE OPN HAVE CLEARED THE AO OF ALL FRIENDLY VN CILIANS. COMMENCE PROCESSING THRU JOINT INTERROG CENTER. CORPS ESTAB TEMP REFUGE FACILITY ON ORDER THE NETHIRD OF AO W/IN CORDON IS CLEARED TO THE RIVER OF ALL EN FOR. WHEN COMPLETED SE THIRD OF AO W/IN CORDON IS CLEARED TO THE RIVER OF ALL EN FOR. FINAL CLEAR OPN IS IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION THROUGH THE REMAINING WESTERN PORTION OF THE AO. COUNTER SWEEPS WILL BE MADE IN AREA AS REQR.

5. (S) FORCES: 1ST MAR CMD GRP, 1ST BN, 1ST MAR; 2D BN, 7TH MAR (SLF B) 2D BN 26TH MAR (SLF A); 3D BN (-), 26TH MAR; 2BNS, 5TH MAR AND 2 CO'S 7TH MAR. NORMAL CMBT SPT AND SVC SPT. AND OTHER FORCES TO INCLUDE NPFF, SPL POLICE, PRU, RF/PF AND ASSIGNED ARVN AND ROKMC UNITS.

6. (S) COMMENCEMENT DATE: O/A 20NOV68.

7. (S) DURATION: APPROX 8-10 DAYS.

8. (S) NICKNAME: TO BE ANNOUNCED.

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AG ORDER NR 2 OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR - AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL

A. CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 082067Z NOV 68.

1. SITUATION

(A) NO CHANGE

(B) NO CHANGE

2. MISSION - NO CHANGE

3. EXECUTION

(A) CONCEPT

(1) NO CHANGE

(2) NO CHANGE

(3) EXECUTION OF AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL WILL COMMENCE 0700 17

NOV 68 AT 0700H. THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF THE FLEET WILL BE WITHDRAWN FROM AREAS TO BE DESIGNATED:

A. GENERAL CARGO

B. BTRY "H"

C. "W" BTRY

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D. YANKEE FLT, H&S CO

E. TANKS

F. AMTRACS

G. RIFLE COMPANIES

(B) BLT 2/7

(1) BE PREPARED TO EXTRACT "W" BTRY BY AMTRACS.

(2) BE PREPARED TO EXTRACT ALL CARGO AND VEHICLES OVER RED

BEACH.

(3) COORDINATE WITH SUPPORTING ARMS CONTROL CENTER FOR NECESSARY NGF, GUNSHIPS AND FIXED WING AIR.

(4) BE PREPARED TO BACKLOAD RIFLE COMPANIES FROM DESIGNATED LZ'S AND RED BEACH BY HELO AND LANDING CRAFT.

(5) PROVIDE HST SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

(C) HMM-165

(1) BE PREPARED TO LIFT RIFLE COMPANIES FROM DESIGNATED LZ'S

(2) PROVIDE HELOS FOR COMMAND, LIAISON AND MEDEVAC.

(D) NO CHANGE.

(E) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

(1) ADD FOLLOWING LZ'S AND TACAN FIXES TO REF (A).

LZ CENTER COORD

TACAN FIXES

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5. NO CHANGE.

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RUHMLA.

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O 160304Z NOV 68

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO RUYPSTY/CG III MAF

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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RKZJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUHMLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

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ARG/SLF BRAVO EMPLOYMENT

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 151320Z NOV 68

B. CG III MAF 150752Z NOV 68

C. 1ST MARDIV COC 131445Z NOV 68

1. IN VIEW PROXIMITY D DAY FOR PROPOSED ARG/SLF BRAVO AMPHIBIOUS

ASSAULT IN SUPPORT OF OPERATION OUTLINED FOR VICINITY OF THANG

PHONG/DORGE CITY, REQUEST SUBMIT EARLIEST ALL PERTINENT

INFORMATION (IN ORDER THAT INITIATING DIRECTIVE MAY BE PROMULGATED.

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THIS IS A JOINT CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 MSG

ARG/SLF BRAVO EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. YOUR 160304Z NOV 68

1.(S) CTG 76.5/CTG 79.5 AND SELECTED STAFF MEMBERS VISITED FIRST MARDIV
C THIS MORNING. IT APPEARS AT THE PRESENT TIME THAT THE PLANNED
OPN CANNOT BE CALLED AN AMPHIBIOUS OPN. IT IS MORE OF AN ADMIN
LIFT OF THE BLT WITH THE ARG AND HMM IN SUPPORT. THE BLT IS TO BE
HELO LIFTED TO THE FIRST MAR REGT CP, AND WILL CHOP ASHORE UPON COMPL
LIFT ON D-1.

2.(S) A PLANNING CONFERENCE IS SKED 161620H4 AT FIRST MAR REGT HQS.
BASED ON WHAT IS LEARNED AT THIS CONF, INFO WILL BE SUBMITTED ASAP

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ORDER THAT INITIATING DIRECTIVE MAY BE PROMULGATED, IF WARRANTED.
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 RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUMUFGB/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
 ZEN/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
 RUYP SAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 RUMVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUMVHC/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 ZEN/USS TRIPOLI
 ZEN/USS OGDEN
 ZEN/USS MONTICELLO
 RUYP SAA/USS SEMINOLE

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FRAG ORDER NR 3 OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL
 REF (A) CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 160035Z NOV 68
 1. EXECUTE REF (A) UTILIZING RED BEACH AND LZ ROBIN.
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 FM COMSEVENTHFLT
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 RUHHHQA/CINCPAC
 RULCSYG/CMC
 RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT
 RUKRSYH/COMPHIBPAC
 RUYHSYA/CG FMFPAC
 RUABQL/CG FMF PAC (FWD)
 RUMLBPN/CG XXIV CORP
 RUMNVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 RUMUFKA/CDR 7TH AF
 RUYJSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE
 RUYP SAA/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
 RUMHIA/CG AMERICAL DIV
 RUYP SYG/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUMHVP/CTF CLEARWATER
 RUYP SYF/CG FIRST MAW
 RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

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 RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 RUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
 RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE
 RUYP SAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE
 RUMNVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

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XA EVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO
 RUYP SYE/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUYVSYD/COMNAVFORV
 RUYP SAA/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
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 RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
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 RUYJSAA/CTF SEVEN THREE
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 RUYP SYD/CG III MAF

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1. TERMINATE OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR ABOUT 130400Z

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AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL OPERATION DURING ENDEAVOR

1. AMPHIBIOUS WITHDRAWAL FROM BARRIER ISLAND COMPLETED 171700H NOV 68.
 ALL UNITS ABOARD ARG SHIPPING.

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O 171301Z NOV 68

FM CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

TO ZEN/FIRST MAR DNG

FIFTH MAR DNG

SEVENTH MARINES DNG

TWENTY SIXTH MAR DNG

ELEVENTH MAR DNG

FIRST RECON BN DNG

INFO CG III MAF

CG I CORPS DNG

CG FIRST MAW DNG

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

CG FORLOGCMD DNG

CG SECOND ROKMC BDE HOI AM RVN

FIRST MARDIV OPCON

I CORPS ADVISORY GR DNG

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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FRAG O 439-68 (OPN NEAR RIVER) (U)

A. 1ST MARDIV COC 131449Z NOV 68

B. CG 1ST MARDIV ADMING O 301-68

C. CG 1ST MARDIV O 4000.17

D. CG 1ST MARDIV O P02000-2D

1. (S) SITUATION

A. ENEMY

(1) SEE DODGE CITY - GO HOI SPECIAL STUDY, NOV 68 DISTR SEP.

(2) EN FORCES IN OBJ AREA REARGE FR LOCAL GUERRILLA ELEMENTS

TO NVA REG UNITS. TRNG AND EQUIP VARIETIES BETWEEN UNITS. HOWEVER NVA

AND MAIN FORCE ELEMENTS CAN BE EXPECTED TO BE WELL EQUIPPED AND ADEQUATE-
LY TRAINED.

(3) EN IS EXPECTED TO STRONGLY DEFEND TERRITORY TO DELAY FRIENDLY FORCES

WHILE EXFILTRATION IS ATTEMPTED. SHOULD ENEMY FAIL TO

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EXFILTRATE HE CAN BE EXPECTED TO DEFEND STRONGLY AND IN DEPTH WITH LOCAL PROBES AND COUNTER ATTACKS.

(4) WHILE SIZEABLE EN FORCES ARE WITHIN REINFORCING DISTANCE IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT AN ATTEMPT TO REINFORCE ELEMENTS IN THE OBJ AREA WILL BE MADE.

B. FRIENDLY.

(1) ARVN, PFF AND PRU ELEMENTS COND COORD OPNS WITH 1ST MAR DIV IN SPI OF ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN.

(2) 1ST MAR PROV FM AND HELO SPT AS REQ.

2. (S) MISSION: 1ST MAR DIV ESTAB A CORDON AROUND THANH PHONG VILLAGE AND ADJACENT DODGE CITY AREA AND IN COOPERATION AND COORD WITH ARVN, PFF AND PRU ELEMENTS SEARCHES AND CLEARS THE VILLAGE AND ADJACENT AREAS TO DESTROY EN FORCES, CHACHES, FORTIFICATIONS AND TO CAPTURE VC INFRASTRUCTURE.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS: 1ST MAR DIV USING MAX DECEPTION DEPLOYS SIX MAR BNS FM STAGING AREAS BY FOOT, MOTOR AND HELO LIFT TO ESTAB CORDON AROUND THANH PHONG AND ADJACENT AREAS. MAINTAINS CORDON UNTIL PSYOPS,

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ARVN, PFF AND PRU ELEMENTS HAVE CLEARED THE AO OF ALL FRIENDLY CIV.

IN COORD QUANG NAM SECTION CHIEF SPTS AND PARTICIPATES ESTAB JOINT INTERROG CENTER AND RELOCATION CIV TO TEMP RELOCATION FACILITY.

SUBSEQUENTLY IN COORD WITH ARVN PFF AND PRU CONDUCT SYSTEMATIC SEARCH AND CLEAN OF THE AO BRY I AREA.

B. 1ST MAR:

(1) COND OPN NEAR RIVER.

(2) UTILIZE STAGING AREAS AS REQ TO ASSUME MAX TIMING WITH TRANS AVAIL.

(3) COORD EMPLOYMENT OF ARVN FORCES FOR CLEANS AND CLEAR OF AO

(4) ASSUME OPCON SLF B (KIA 2/73) WHEN DEPARTED UPON LANDING O/A 19NOV68.

(5) ASSUME OPCON TWO BNS 3TH MAR, ONE BN 21ST MAR AND TWO CO'S 7TH MAR EFF O/A 19NOV68.

C. 5TH MAR: DISPLACE TWO BNS TO LOC DETERM BY 1ST MAR AND ONOP TO 1ST MAR AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME O/A 19NOV68.

E. 7TH MAR:

(1) DISPLACE TWO CO'S TO LOC DETERM BY 1ST MAR AND ONOP TO 1ST MAR AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME O/A 19NOV68.

(2) PREP ON ORDER FROM TWO CO RELOCATION/EMPLOYMENT O/A 19NOV68.

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E. 26TH MAR: DISPLACE ONE BN TO LOC DESIGN BY 1ST MAR AND CHOP TO 1ST MAR AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE TIME O/A 19NOV68.

F. 11TH MAR: PROV ARTY SPT AS REQ.

G. 1ST RECON BN: PROV RECON SPT AS REQ.

H. COORD INSINS

(1) AREA OF OPNS: AREA CNTN W/IN LINE FM BRIDGE AT BT055588 SW ALONG N SHORE SONG VINH DIEN TO PT BT240570 THEN W ALONG SONG KY LAN TO RR AT AT020555 THEN NW TO NGOC AN (1) AT 980560 THEN ALONG WATERCOURSE NW TO DA HOA AN (4) AT AT965572 THEN N TO GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE THEN E ALONG N BANK OF SONG LA THO TO AN THANH (1) AT BT032617 THEN ALONG S SIDE BARRIER TO INTERSECTION W/ RTE 1 AT BT045614 THEN SE ALONG W SIDE RTE 1 TO CLOSE AT BT055588.

(2) D-DAY: 20NOV68.

(3) H-HOUR: 0800.

(4) NAME: OPN BEAD RIVER.

(5) DURATION: 8-10 DAYS.

(6) DIRL NAUTH ALCON.

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1. (U) ADMIN AND LOGISTICS: SEE ADMIN O 439-68 TO BE DISTR SEP.

2. (S) COMMAND AND COMM/ELEC

A. RPT CP'S WHEN ESTAB.

3. COMM/ELEC: COMM IAW REF D.

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OPERATION DARING ENDEAVOR (U)

1. (C) LAND THE LANDING FORCES.

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RUSMA/COMUSMACV

UYVSO/COMNAVFORV

RUYVSO/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RUYJMS/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUYPDS/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUYPSYD/CG III MAF

JNFC RULC SYA/CNM

RUHHQA/CINC PAC

RUEBHOACMC

RUYNSYB/CINCPACFLT

RUWJA/COMPHIBPAC

RUYNSYA/CG FMFPAC

UABQL/CG FMFPAC (WD)

RUHLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS

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RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMHVP/CTF CLEARWATER

RUMHAW/CG FIRS MAW

RUYGHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYGHRN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUYPSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUYPSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUMNVVE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

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WIFT MOVE INITIATING DIRECTIVE TO

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CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED THE EMPLOYMENT OF AN ARG/SLF IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS CONDUCTED BY THE FIRST MAR DIV IN I CTZ. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE TG 76.5/79.5 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIATING DIRECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A.

2. MISSION. WHEN DIRECTED, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS HELIBORNE OPERATION AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THE FIRST MARINE RET AO IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE OF I CORPS IN ORDER TO FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND FORTIFICATIONS AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIEL AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. CTG 76.5 (COMPHIBRON ELEGAN) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10)

DESIGNATED COMMANDAR AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE (CATF).

CTG 79.5 (COMMANDER SLF BRAVO) EMBARKED IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH 10) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW PARA 3X. (2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6.1 THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (AOA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE.

7. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE SHIT MOVE WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY

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NOV 1968. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED CATF. WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED, CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OR READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS. EXECUTE ON D-DAY AT H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF AND CG III MAF, REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG III MAF FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP TO COMMANDER FIRST MARINE REGIMENT.

B. UPON CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

9. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

10. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX V TO REF A.

11. ACTION ADDRESSEES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

12. DOWNGRADED TO CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.

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 RUYVSYD/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE
 RUYJSA/CTF SEVEN THREE
 RUYPSLS/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
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 RUHHNQA/CINC PAC
 RUEHQA/CMC
 RUYHSYB/CINC PACFLT
 RUWJNSA/COMPHIBPAC
 RUYHSA/CG FMF PAC
 RUAEQL/CG FMF PAC (FWD)

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TG 76.5 MSG OPORD 305-69, OPERATION SWIFT MOVE (U)

A. COM 76.5 OPLAN 101-68

B. REF 22(B)

C. COMSEVENTHFLT 181604Z NOV 68

D. BLT 2/7 FRAG ORDER 100-68 (NOTAL)

THIS IS CTG 76.5 CARG BRAVC OPORDER 305-69 FOR THE CONDUCT OF OPERATION SWIFT MOVE DERIVED FROM REF C. THE FOLLOWING ANNEXES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SEPARATELY: ALFA AND HOTEL.

1. (S) SITUATION: COMSEVENTHFLT HAS DIRECTED AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP BRAVO TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE IN THE ICTZ COMMENCING ON OR ABOUT 20 NOV 1968 IN SUPPORT OF FIRST MAR REGT.

A. FRIENDLY AND ENEMY FORCES AS DERIVED FROM REF A.

2. (S) MISSION: WHEN DIRECTED ON OR ABOUT 20 NOV, CATF CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS HELIBORNE OPERATION AGAINST ENEMY FORCES IN THE FIRST MARINE REGIMENT AO, IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE OF I CORPS IN ORDER FIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND FORTIFICATIONS AND CAPTURE OR DESTROY ENEMY MATERIAL, AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG, III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. (S) EXECUTION:

A. THIS OPERATION WILL BE A HELIBORNE ASSAULT CONDUCTED IAW REF B.

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X. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) THIS OPORDER AND ALL ANNEXES EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING AND EXECUTION UPON RECEIPT. DOWNGRADE TO CONFIDENTIAL AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY.

(2) D-DAY FOR THE ASSAULT IS TENTATIVELY SET AS 20 NOV 1968 AND WILL BE CONFIRMED. TENTATIVELY L-HOUR IS 0800H AND WILL BE CONFIRMED.

(3) LTLF WILL BE SIGNALLED BY CATF ON D-DAY.

(4) ON D-DAY AT L-240 THE AOA IS ESTABLISHED AS FOLLOWS: TO BE FORMULATED BY SEPERATE MESSAGE.

(5) CRUISING INSTRUCTIONS IAW REF A.

(6) UNODIR TG 76.5 SHIPS WILL REMAIN UNDERWAY AT ALL TIMES.

(7) INTELLIGENCE IAW REF A.

(8) THE FOLLOWING OPAREAS ARE ASSIGNED FOR THIS OPERATION.

(A) LPH OPAREAS AND NIGHT STEAM: BARBARA AREAS ALFA 1-2-3 BRAVO 1-2-3.

(B) LSD OPAREAS AND NIGHT STEAM: BARBARA ALFA 4, BRAVO 4.

(C) LPD OPAREAS AND NIGHT STEAM: BARBARA AREAS CHARLIE 3, DELTA 3.

(D) AT L-HOUR MINUS SIXTY THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE ASSIGNED FOR INITIAL ASSAULT PHASE ONLY:

LPH: BARBARA AREAS ALFA 1-2.

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1. (U) BARBARA AREAS BRAVO 1-2. (UPON COMPLETION INITIAL ASSAULT
 2. (U) RETURN TO ASSIGNED BARA AREAS.)

3. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

(A) HELIBORNE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT IAW REFS A AND D AND ANNEX
 H THIS OPORD.

(B) WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY
 CATF AND CG III MAF, REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF CHOP TO CG III MAF FOR
 SIMULTANEOUS CHOP TO COMMANDER FIRST MARINE REGIMENT.

(C) UPON CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF SLF TO IN-COUNTRY COM-
 MANDER, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

4. (U) ADMIN AND LOGISTIC IAW REF A.

5. (S) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

A. CATF IS CTG 76.5 IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10)

B. SECOND IN COMMAND IS CO, MONTICELLO (LSD-35).

C. CLF IS CTG 79.5 IN USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

D. COMMUNICATIONS IAW REF A.

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RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV

RUHGSFA/COMSEVENTHFLT

RHMMAFA/CG III MAF

RUMHLA/CG 1ST MARDIV

RUMLMA/CG 1ST MAW

RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE

ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMHLA/CO 1ST MAR

RUMHLA/CO 7TH MAR

ZEN/USS TRIPOLI

ZEN/USS OGDEN

ZEN/USS MONTICELLO

RUYPsAA/USS SEMINOLE

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FRAG ORDER NR ONE FOR OPERATION MEADE RIVER/SWIFT MOVE (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 181614Z NOV 68

B. CT 76.5 182331Z NOV 67

C. CTG 79.5 OPLAN 121-YR

D. FIRST MAR OPORDEL 315-68

AE. FIRUT MAR ADMIND 315-68

F. CTG 79.5 COI EFFECTIVE 200701H NOV 68

G. MAPS AMS RVN 1:50,000 SERIES L8220 SHEETS 6640 IV AND 6640 I

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION

TASK GROUP 79.5 (SPECIAL LANDING FORCE BRAVO)

2D BN 7TH MAR (REINF)

2D PLT CO "C" 1ST ENGR BN

DET 3D MP BN

DET 3D ITT, FMF

DET 7TH PSYOPS USA

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A. ENEMY FORCES. ANNEX B REF D.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) 1ST MAR (-) (REINF) INCLUDING 1ST BN 1ST MAR, 2D BN 26TH MAR, (SLF A), 2D AND 3D BN 5TH MAR, ELEMENTS OF 7TH MAR, NORMAL COMBAT AND SVC SUP UNITS.

(2) OTHER FORCES INCLUDE ASSIGNED ARVN AND ROKMC UNITS, NPFF, SPL POLICE, PRU AND RF/PF.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS.

(1) DET 3D MP BN ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 200800H.

(2) DET 3D ITT, FMF ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 200800H.

(3) DET 7TH PSYOPS, USA ATTACHED EFFECTIVE 200800H.

(4) NO OTHER SLF ASSETS WILL BE EMPLOYED WITHOUT EXPRESS PERMISSION OF CTG 79.5.

2. MISSION. ON D-DAY AT L-HOUR SLF BRAVO IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER MARINE AND ALLIED FORCES CONDUCTS A HELIBORNE ASSAULT AGAINST VC/NVA FORCES TO THE WEST OF THE THANH PHONG VILLAGE COMPLEX, ESTABLISHES A CORDON ALONG RT 1D, CONDUCTS SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS EASTWARD TO THE RR NS LINE IN ORDER TO DESTROY ENEMY FORCES, CACHES AND FORTIFICATIONS AND CAPTURE THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE IN SECTOR OF OPERATIONS.

3. EXECUTION

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A. CONCEPT. THIS OPERATION WILL BE CONDUCTED IN TWO PHASES. SUPPORTING ARMS WILL BE PROVIDED BY 1ST MAR REGT.

(1) PHASE I. CONSISTS OF A HELIBORNE LANDING INTO DESIGNATED LANDING ZONE ALONG THE WESTERN BOUNDARY OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA FOLLOWED BY AN EASTWARDLY SWEEP TO THE RR LINE RUNNING NS BETWEEN AT 994608 AND AT 993578.

(2) PHASE II. CONSISTS OF ESTABLISHING BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG RR BERM LINE TO PREVENT ENEMY FORCES FROM ESCAPING WESTWARD AND TO DIRECT REFUGEES TO DESIGNATED COLLECTION POINTS.

B. 2D BN 7TH MAR (REINF)

(1) AT L-HOUR ON D-DAY LAND IN DESIGNATED LANDING ZONE ALONG THE WESTERN BORDER OF THE OBJECTIVE AREA.

(2) ESTABLISH CORDON FROM VIC AT 968606 SOUTH TO AT 968584 AND CONDUCT COMBAT SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS EASTWARDLY TO THE RR BERM LINE.

(3) ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS ALONG NS TRACE OF BERM LINE FROM AT 994608 TO AT 993578.

C. HMM-165

(1) PROVIDE HELOS FOR TROOP LIFT IAW 2D BN 7TH MAR LANDING PLAN.

(2) PROVIDE HELOS FOR MEDEVAC.

D. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

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(1) WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF, CLF AND CG III MAF, 2D BN 7TH MAR (GZINF) CHOPS TO CG III MAF WITH CONCURRENT CHOP TO CG 1ST MARDIV AND CG 1ST MAR.

(2) OPERATION CODE NAME MEADE RIVER/SWIFT MOVE

(3) D-DAY 20 NOV 68. TENTATIVE L-HOUR 0800

(4) RULES OF ENGAGEMENT IAW ANNEX H REF C

(5) FSC IAW ANNEX E AND F OF REF D. IN VIEW OF CLOSE PROXIMITY OF UNITS ENGAGED IN THIS OPERATION MAX CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO ENSURE POSITIVE CONTROL OF ALL SUPPORTING ARMS.

(6) SIGNS AND COUNTERSIGNS TO BE ISSUED.

(7) ESTABLISH CORDON LINE AND BLOCKING POSITION IAW PAR 3 OF REF D.N

(8) GRID DESIGNATION IS AT AND BT.

(9) HELO APPROACH AND RETIREMENT LANES ISSUED SEPARATELY.

(10) THRUST POINTS TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY.

(11) INITIAL LZ NS ALONG RT 1D FROM AT 968606 TO AT 968584.

(12) REPORTS (LESS CASUALTY REPORTS) IAW ANNEX K TO REF (D), INFO

CTG 79.5.

CASUALTY REPORTS IAW ANNEX K REF C.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS

A. IAW 1ST MAR ADMIN ORDER 315-68.

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B. 2D BN 7TH MAR MAINTAIN ADMIN CP ABOARD LPH-10

C. CTG 79.5 IS CRCC BRAVO.

D. 2D BN 7TH MAR PRESCRIBED LOADS CONTAINED IN PAR 1 REF E.

E. RESUPPLY FROM 1ST MAR REGT.

F. MEDEVAC FOR 2D BN 7TH MAR WILL BE TO THE USS TRIPOLI LPH10. PRIMARY MEANS OF EVACUATION, HMM-165 MEDEVAC A/C LOCATED HILL 55.

G. POW'S/DETAINEES/REFUGEES/AND DISPOSITION OF CAPTURED FOOD COMMODITIES IAW REF E.

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION - ELECTRONICS

A. COMMUNICATIONS IAW REF C AND ANNEX H OF REF D.

B. CURRENT COI ISSUED SEPARATELY EFFECTIVE 200700H NOV.

C. REQUEST FOR MEDEVAC WILL BE MADE ON 1ST MAR TACP LOCAL, FREQ 36.4 TO PANAMA HAT UTILIZING STANDARD MEDEVAC REQUEST FORMAT. MEDEVAC PICKUP WILL BE MADE ON 2D BN 7TH MAR TACP LOCAL, FREQ 50.0.

D. UPON LANDING ACTIVATE SLF TAC NET, FREQ 30.5

E. 2D BN 7TH MAR MAINTAIN ONE CIRCUIT ON DAO NET NUMBER 2, FREQ 37.9 FOR AO CONTACT.

F. COMMAND POSTS.

(1) CTG 79.5 ABOARD USS TRIPOLI LPH-10

(2) 2D BN 7TH MAR REPORT LOCATIONS ASHORE WHEN ESTABLISHED.

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D RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN SIX

RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN NINE

RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN NINE

RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN NINE

RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN THREE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUYPSY/GIG 101 MAF

WFO RUYCSYA/CNO

WNNHQA/CINCPAC

RUYCSYG/CMC

RUYCSYG/CINCPACFLT

RUYCSYG/COMPHIB AC

RUYCSYA/CINCPAC

RUYBQL/COMPHIB AC (FWD)

RUYBPA/CG XXIV CORPS

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RUYPSY/GIG FIRST MAW

RUY 1A/GIG ONE ONE FIVE

RUY 1A/GIG SEVENTH AIR FORCE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN SEVEN

RUYPSYG/CG THIRD MAW DIV

RUYPSY/GIG FIRST MAW DIV

RUY 1A/GIG AMERICAN DIV

RUY 1A/GIG CLEARWATER

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUY 1A/GIG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUY 1A/GIG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

RUYPSAA/GIG SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO

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OPERATION SWIFT MOVE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA (S)

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1. THE LANDWARD AOA IS LIMITED TO DESIGNATED LANDING ZONES WITHIN THE FIRST MARINE DIVISION AO IN THE VICINITY OF THANH PHONG/DODGE CITY.

THE SEAWARD AOA WILL BE THAT SEA AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A STRAIGHT LINE COMMENCING AT LAT 16-02N/9 RPT LAT 16-02N/9 AND LONG 108-16E/6 RPT

LONG 108-16E/6 THENCE NORTHEAST TO LAT 16-18.5N/1 RPT LAT 16-18.5N/1,

LONG 108-36E/8 RPT LONG 108-36E/8 THENCE SOUTHEAST TO LAT 16-00N

RPT LAT 16-00N/7, LONG 108-51.6E/1 RPT 108-51.6E/1 THENCE SOUTH-

WEST TO THE COASTLINE AT LAT 15-41.5N/6 RPT LAT 15-41.5N/6, LONG

108-29.5E/5 RPT LONG 108-29.5E/5.

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FM CG FIRST MARDIV
TO RUMLMHA/CG FIT MAW
RUMLMPA/CG FLC
ZEN/FIRST MAR
ZEN/FIFTH MAR
ZEN/SEVENTH MAR

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WENTY SIX MAR
ZEN/ELEVENTH MAR
ZEN/FIRST ENGR BN
ZEN/FIRST MED BN
ZEN/FIRST MT BN
ZEN/FIRST SP BN
ZEN/ELEVENTH MT BN
RHMMFA/I CORPS
RUMLDMA/I CORPS
RUMFKRV/CTF SEVEN SIX
ABQL/CTF SEV NINE
ZEN/FIRST MARDIV OPCON

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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HMAFA/I CORPS ADVISORY CRU
RUYSHRN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
RHYSWQU/C SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
RUYSHRN/CTG SEVEN NINET FOUR
RUYSWQU/CTG VEN NINE PT FIVE
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ADMIN ORDER 439-68 CH 1

A. 1ST MARDIV 171355Z NOV68 ADMIN O 439-68

DELE RA 2B REF (A) AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

MEVAC DIRECT TO 1ST M BN AND NAS HO. EVAC TO 1ST M
BN USE LZ 401. 2/7 MEDEVAC TO LF BRAVO USS TRIPOLI.

2. PARA 4A ADD:

(1) FIRST MED BN: BE PREPARED RECEIVE MEDEVAC AT LZ 401-

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FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

TO RUEYGBAF/COMSEVENTHFLT

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ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYSYB/KTF SEVEN NINE

RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV

RUYSYD/COMNAVFOR

RUYSYC/CTE SEVEN ZERO PT TWO PT ONE PT ONE

RUYPWBC/CTF SEVEN THREE

RUYPBLS/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

RUYPYD/CG III MAF

UNFO RULCSYA/CNM

ARUHHQA/CINCPAC

RUEBHOA/CMC

RUYSYB/CINCPACFLT

RUMJMSA/COMPHIBPAC

RUYSYA/CG FMFPAC

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

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ARUMLBPA/CG XXIV CORPS

GUMVHD/CTF ONE ONE FIVE

RHMTSNA/CMDR SEVENTH AIR FORCE

RUMHLA/FIRST MARINES

RUYSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

RUYPNUL/CTF SEVEN SEVEN

RUMHVP/KG THIRD MARDIV

RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMUFGB/CTF CLEARWATER

RHMAFA/CG FIRST MAWO

RUYSYB/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

RUYPHRN/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

KUAUDB/CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

(RUYSAA/CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

RUYSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUMVHE/CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

RHYSSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT TWO

RUMHIA/CG AMERICAL DIV

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OPERATION SWIFT MOVE (U)

1. (S) FORCES READY TO EXECUTE SWIFT MOVE. D-DAY CONFIRMED 20 NOV

68. L-HOUR CONFIRMED 200800H NOV 68.

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(C) LAND THE LANDING FORCES.

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O P 201857Z NOV 68
 FM CTF SEVEN NINE EE FIVE
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 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR
 INFO RUKHBRA/CINCPACFLT
 RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUWJBRB/CG FIRST MAF
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE
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PASSAGE OPCON ELEMENTS BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN COL
 A. CTF SEVEN NINE 070510Z NOV 68

1. IAW REF A FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED: OPCON OF BLT 2/7 CONSISTING OF
 2D BN 7TH MARINES; DET 2D PLT CO "C" 1ST SNGR BN; DET 1ST SF BN (HST);
 DET H BTRY 3/11 (4 FOTMS) PASSED AT 200700H TO CG III MAF WITH CONCUR
 CHOP TO CG FIRST MARDIV AND FIRST MARINE REGT.

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 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO RHMMAFA/CG III MAF
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 RUMHLA/CG FIRST MAR
 RUWMAFA/CG ELEVENTH MARINES
 INFO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUHMBRA/CINC PACFLT
 RUYCSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUHMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUHMA/CG FIRST MAW
 RIYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

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PASSAGE OPCON MORTAR BTRY BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN (C)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 070610Z NOV 68

1. IAW REF A FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED: OPCON OF MORTAR BTRY 3D BN,
 11TH MARINES PASSED TO CG III MAF FOR CONCURRENT CHOP TO CG 1ST
 MARDIV EFFECTIVE 210700H.

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 CG III MAF DNG
 CG FIRST MARDIV DNG
 CG THIRD MARDIV DONG HA
 CG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CG XXIV CORPS
 CG NINTH MAB
 PWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 CGL/CTF SEVEN NINE
 CGH/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

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 PASS OPCON OF RECON FLTS (C)

CG FMFPAC 170545Z NOV 68 (C) NOTALD (PAC)
 COMSEVENTHFLT 190304Z NOV 68 (C) (NOTALD)
 (C) REF A APPROVES PROPOSAL TO PASS OPCON OF RECON FLTS TO CG
 THIRD MARDIV. IT DIRECTS CG NINTH MAB TO PASS OPCON 1ST FLT (REIN)
 CO B, 1ST RECON BN TO III MAF. COMSEVENTHFLT CONCURS BY REF B.
 (C) FOR CG FIRST MARDIV: AMMEND 1ST FLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH RECON

PAGE TWO RHMAFA2685 C O N F I D E N T I A L

AND GEAR AT MARINE AIR FREIGHT TERMINAL DNG 221400H NOV FOR AIRLIFT
 TO QUANG TRI. CHOP FLT TO III MAF SAME TIME FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP TO
 CG THIRD MARDIV.

(C) FOR CTG 79.5 REQ YOU ASSEMBLE 1ST FLT (REIN), CO B, 1ST RECON
 AND GEAR AT MARINE AIR FREIGHT TERMINAL DNG 221400H NOV FOR AIRLIFT
 TO QUANG TRI. CHOP FLT TO III MAF SAME TIME FOR SIMULTANEOUS CHOP
 TO CG THIRD MARDIV.

(C) FOR CG THIRD MARDIV: ASSUME OPCON RECON FLTS 221400H NOV.
 (C) REQUIREMENT FOR CONTINUED OPCON STATUS WILL BE ASSESSED PRIOR
 RELIEF OF BLT 2/7 IN JAN 69.

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 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO RHMAFA/CG III MAF
 INFO RHMSMVA/COMUSMACV
 RUHHBRA/CINCPACFLT
 RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV
 RUABQL/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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 TRANSFER OF RECON PLATOONS (C)

A. CG NINTH MAB 200028Z NOV 68

1. REF A DIRECTS PASS OPCON 1ST PLT (REINF), CO "B" 1ST RECON BN TO CG III MAF. RECON PLT CURRENTLY ATTACHED TO BLT 2/7 IS 1ST PLT CO "E" VIC CO "B" 1ST RECON BN.

2. IAW REF A AND UNODIR INTEND TO CHOP OPCON 1ST PLT CO "E", 1ST RECON BN TO CG III MAF 221300H NOV 68. UNIT WILL REPORT TO MCAIRFAC DANANG AFB AT THAT TIME.

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212001Z NOV 68
 TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 FM DMHAF/CG III MAF
 INFO DMHVA/COMUSMACV
 DMHRA/CINC PACFLT
 DMHSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT
 DMHNA/CG FMFPAC
 DMHSTG/CG THIRD MAR DIV
 DMHBYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 DMHWDDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 DMH/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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PASS OPC ON OF RECON FLTS (C)

1. III MAF C CC 211457Z NOV 68 (NOTAL)

2. CG III MAF 210352Z NOV 68 (NOTAL)

3. MY 210905Z NOV 68

4. REF A MODIFIED TIME OF ASSEMBLY AND CHO RECON FLTS LISTED REF B TO 231400H.

5. CHANGE TIME LISTED PARAGRAPH 2 REF C TO 231400H.

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DE RUMHLA 2900 3270932

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O P 230932Z NOV 68

FM CG FIRST MARDIV

TO ZEN/TWENTY SIXTH MAR

RUMHIE/FIRST MARDIV OPCON/ADCON

RUABQL/CG NINTH MAB

RUMFKRV/CTG SEVEN SIX

RHYSWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RHYSWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO RUHHFMA/CG FMFPAC (K019)

RHMMFA/CG III MAF

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

RUABQL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

RUMLMPA/CG FORLOGCMD

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ACTIVATION OF BLT 3/26 (-) (U)

A. CG III MAF 210400Z OCT 68 (S)

B. CG FMFPAC 0 001300.13B OF 12 JUL 68 (S)

C. CG III MAF 090332Z NOV 68 (S)

1. (S) IAW REFS A AND B BLT 3/26 WILL BE ACTIVATED FOR PLANNING

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EFF 251200H NOV 68.

2. (S) TASK ORG FOR BLT 3/26 AND UNIT DESIGNATED TO PROVIDE ELMS

AS FOL:

BLT 3/26 UNITS

3RD BN, 26TH MARINES

DET, HQ CO 26TH MAR (RADIO RELAY)

DET, HQ BN 3D DIV (POSTAL, RADI RELAY, 1ST MARDIV

LEGAL, DISB, PHOTO)

BTRY C 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

MTR BTRY, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

3D PLAT (REIN), CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN

3D PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH AT BN

1ST PLAT (REIN), CO A, 3D ENGR BN

1ST PLT (REIN), CO E, 3DSP BN

2D PLT (REIN), CO A, 1ST MT BN

2D PLT (REIN), CO A, 3D TK BN

2D PLT, CO B, 3D RECON BN

1ST CLEAR PLT, CO D, 5TH MED BN

DET, 5TH DENT CO

LSU, FLC

SOURCE

26TH MAR

26TH MAR

1ST MARDIV

11TH MAR

11TH MAR

3D AMTRAC BN

9TH MAB

1ST ENGR BN

1ST SP BN

1ST MT BN

1ST TK BN

1ST RECON BN

9TH MAB

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5TH MAB

3. (S) IT IS PLANNED THAT BLT 3/26 WILL BE ACT FOR OPNS O/A 15DEC63 AT WHICH TIME ALL UNITS WILL BE IN A CI STATUS FOR PERS AND EQUIP AND BE PREPARED FOR EMB.

4. (S) IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT AT A FUTURE DATE PRIOR TO ACT OF 3/26 THE FOL SPT ELM WILL BE REDESIGNATED AS INDC TO CONFORM WITH THE INTENT OF REF C TO RECONSTITUTE THE 5TH MARDIV ELM DEPLOYED FM CONUS WITH RLT 26. (READ IN TWO COLMS)

PRESENT DESIGNATION

DET, HQ CO 26TH MAR (RADIO RELAY)

DET, HQ BN (POSTAL, RADIO, RELAY, LEGAL, DISB, PHOTO)

BTRY C, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

MTR BTRY, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

3D PLT (REIN), CO B, 1ST AMTRAC BN

3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH AT BN

1ST PLT (REIN), CO A, 3D ENGR BN

1ST PLT (REIN) (-), CO E, 3D SP BN

NEW DESIGNATION

DET, HQ CO 26TH MAR (RADIO RELAY)

DET HQ BN 5TH MARDIV

BTRY C, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

MTR BTRY, 1ST BN, 13TH MAR

3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH AMTRAC BN

3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH AT BN

3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH ENGR BN

DET, CO A, 5TH SP BN

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2D PLT (REIN), CO A, 1ST MT BN

2D PLT, CO A, 3D TK BN

2D PLT, CO B, 3D RECON BN

1ST CLEAR PLT, CO D, 5TH MED BN

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3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH MT BN

3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH TK BN

3D PLT (REIN), CO A, 5TH RECON BN

1ST CLEAR PLT, CO D, 5TH MED BN

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SQD, MP CO, HQ BN, 5TH MARDIV

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 FM CG III MAF DNG
 TO RUMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO RUMGSAP/COM SEVENTHFLT
 RUMHMA/CMFPAC HAW
 RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX
 RUYBYB/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RUABOL/CG FMFPAC FWD OKI
 RUMHMA/CG FORLOGC QMD DNG
 RUYPWOU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUYPWOU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUMHLA/TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
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ACTIVATION OF BLT 3/26 (U)

A. CG FIRST MARDIV 230932Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CG FIRST MARDIV 210532Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

C. (S) AS LISTED IN REF A ACTIVATION OF BLT 3/26 TO RELIEVE BLT 2/7

AS SLF BRAVO BLT ON OR ABOUT 1 JAN 69 IS APPROVED FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

D. (S) REDESIGNATION OF FORMER THIRD MARDIV BLT SPT ELEMENTS PRE-

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SENTLY OPC ON FIRST MARDIV TO BLT 3/26 WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE

CORRESPONDENCE. REF B PERTAINS.

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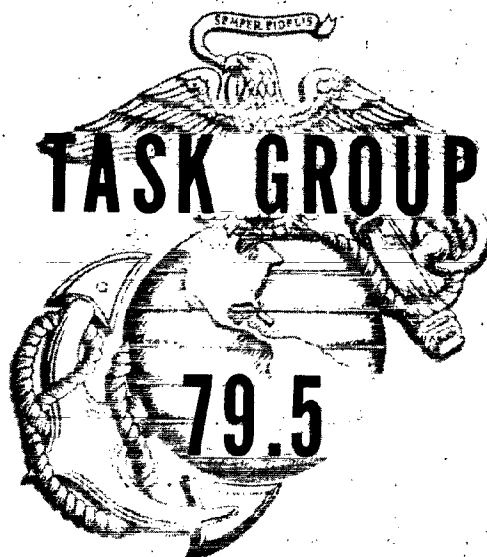
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Ref: (a) CTG 79.5 Oplan 120-Yr

Encl: (1) SLF-BRAVO After Action Report, Operation DARING ENDEAVOR
(2) BLT 2/7 After Action Report, Operation DARING ENDEAVOR
(3) HMM-165 After Action Report, Operation DARING ENDEAVOR

1. In accordance with reference (a) enclosure (1) is submitted herewith.
Enclosures (2) and (3) amplify enclosure (1).

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COMBAT AFTER ACTION REPORT (Operation DARING ENDEAVOR)

Appendix (a) Operations Overlay

1. Type of Operation. Amphibious

2. Inclusive Dates and Location of the Operation. Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was conducted from 100600H through 171800H November 1968 in the DUY XUYEN/DIEN BAN/HIEU NHON/HOA YANG Districts of QUANG NAM and QUANG TIN Provinces, RVN.

3. Command Headquarters. Task Group 79.5 (Special Landing Force BRAVO) embarked in the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

4. Task Organization

Task Group 79.5 (Special Landing Force BRAVO)
Battalion Landing Team 2/7
HMM-165

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5. Intelligence

a. Enemy Situation. The enemy had utilized Barrier Island as a rest and rehabilitation area in the past, however no known enemy units were utilizing the area as a permanent base of operation when DARING ENDEAVOR commenced. Known hostile forces operating on the periphery of the AOA were the V-15th, Q 81st, Q 82nd and 78th Local Force Companies. Elements of these forces were known to have traversed the AOA in the past. There was a report from ARVN sources of an unidentified enemy battalion in the area but this was never confirmed. It was known that the area was dominated by the VC, and they had a strong infrastructure established. It was further known that hamlet guerrillas existed throughout the AOA. The area was well fortified with a network of bunkers, tunnels, trenches and fighting holes.

b. Enemy Adoption of Capabilities. The enemy was expected to adopt the capability of evading friendly forces, resorting to small unit actions to include probes, ambushes, mining, surprise firing devices, sniper and mortar harassment to inflict maximum casualties on friendly forces and to hide utilizing concealed bunker and tunnel complexes.

c. Terrain and Weather

(1) The AOA was generally a flat sandy coastal plain, poorly drained with an average elevation of 5-10 meters. Some riceland areas existed along the river boundaries and the north and west, but the majority of the area consisted of scattered sandy areas, numerous hamlets, with treelines and hedgerows and a large sand dune area, varying in width from 500 to 2,000 meters

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located in the western portion of the AOA. There were no critical terrain features and trafficability was generally excellent for tracked vehicles and fair to good for foot movement.

(2) The weather during the operation was characterized by cloudy to partly cloudy skies with scattered showers. Temperatures ranged from 75-85 degrees. The weather remained favorable for amphibious operations throughout the entire period of the operation.

d. Enemy Tactics. Friendly forces did not discover any large size enemy force in the AOA. The enemy did not oppose the heloborne or waterborne landings but chose rather to evade and hide as had been anticipated. Local guerrillas employed sniper fire to harass and effectively utilized anti-tank mines. Surprise firing devices were not employed as frequently as had been expected. One small probe by an estimated enemy guerrilla squad occurred on D plus 1, but the majority of contacts were a result of isolated resistance by the VC/NVA found in their bunkers. These bunkers were found in numerous quantities, often reinforced by 5" timbers, and well camouflaged and concealed. They frequently contained hidden entrances to other tunnels and bunkers. The enemy employed small arms fire against helicopters. Twelve fire incidents were reported during the operation including two that resulted in hits to A/C.

e. Intelligence Support. All intelligence support was obtained through liaison with Americal Division. Four Scout Dog Teams, two Interrogator Translator Teams, one Counter Intelligence Team, four Interpreters, one Armed Propaganda Team (six men), one Platoon National Police Field Forces (thirty men) and one detachment Provincial Reconnaissance Unit (sixteen men) were provided for Operation DARING ENDEAVOR.

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OPERATIONAL TOTALS

Enemy

| | |
|-----|---------------------|
| 8 | NVA KIA |
| 31 | VC KIA |
| 306 | Detainees |
| 3 | NVA PW |
| 27 | VC PW |
| 2 | VC Returnees |
| 36 | Civilian Defendants |
| 238 | Innocent Civilians |

Weapons

| | |
|---|---------------|
| 2 | AK-47's |
| 2 | SKS |
| 1 | Carbine (NFI) |
| 1 | RPG-2 |

Equipment

| | |
|----|--|
| 1 | Carbine Magazine |
| 3 | AK-47 Magazines |
| 1 | "Bouncing Betty" M-16A Anti Personnel Mine |
| 5 | Chi-Com Grenades (Dest) |
| 25 | Rds SKS Ammo |
| 20 | Rds AK-47 Ammo |
| 10 | Rds 7.62 |
| 1 | Gas Mask |
| 1 | Spool Comm Wire |
| 1 | Misc 782 Gear and Clothing |
| 1 | Misc Documents |
| 1 | 250lb bomb (Dest) |

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6. Mission. Conduct an amphibious operation against VC/NVA forces in the amphibious objective area in QUANG NAM/QUANG TIN provinces of I CTZ in order to find, fix and destroy enemy forces, to identify and capture members of the VC infrastructure, to capture and destroy enemy material and fortifications, and to conduct such other operations as may be directed.

7. Execution

a. Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was conducted in accordance with NWP-22 (B), with employment of both helicopterborne and surface assault forces. COMSEVENTH-FLT 080542Z Nov 1968, DARING ENDEAVOR initiating directive, assigned the Amphibious Task Force the mission set forth in paragraph 6. Maximum use of all supporting arms was utilized throughout the operation including Naval Gunfire, fixed wing attack aircraft, UH-1E gunships and artillery units organic to BLT 2/7. Supporting arms were utilized for prep fires prior to H-Hour as well as on objectives and LZ's prior to each attack. Maximum use of psychological warfare techniques was employed to separate innocent civilians from civilian defendants and other members of the VC infrastructure. All bunkers and other fortifications were destroyed; weapons and documents captured were screened by the SLF S-2 and forwarded to III MAF. Rice caches captured were turned over to the District Headquarters when the tactical situation permitted. Prepared leaflets were dropped over the operating area and specifically over heavily populated portions.

The initiating directive prescribed the AOA as that area encompassed by grid BT 223577 southwesterly along the CUA DAI and THU BON Rivers to grid BT 150531 southeasterly along the TRUONG GIANG River, to include LANG DONG Island and CON GO BIEN Islands, to intersection EW gridline BT 46 thence east along EW gridline BT 46 to coastline. The seaward AOA was that area encompassed by a twenty five mile area struck to seaward from BT 190589 and centered at BT 235515. The air space above the AOA from the surface to 25,000 feet MSL was included within the control area. Full transit existed above 5,000 feet for aircraft from the landward AOA seaward for four miles.

b. Concept. Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was an amphibious operation conducted by ARG/SLF-BRAVO. The operation was planned and executed as a combat search and destroy operation utilizing both waterborne and helicopterborne assault forces landing in the northern sector of the AOA. On D-Day the SLF executed a coordinated amphibious assault which employed Naval gunfire preparation and air strikes on LZ's by four UH-1E gunships. Close air support strikes were scheduled but were aborted because of flying conditions. The operation was initially planned to be conducted in three phases. An agreement was reached between SLF-BRAVO and CG Americal Division, for the 1/1 Cavalry to conduct search and destroy missions in sector II (south of the 50 gridline) of the AOA simultaneous with BLT 2/7 conducting search and destroy

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missions in sector I, north of 50 grid. The 1/1 Cavalry provided blocking forces along the southern boundary of the AOA during hours of darkness and during daylight hours conducted S&D missions within sector II of the AOA as outlined in appendix I.

The 1/1 Cavalry also provided blocking forces along the western and northwestern boundary to the west of the AOA. Coordination was continuous between 1/1 Cavalry and BLT 2/7. As a result of the pre-arranged agreement between SLF-BRAVO and CG Americal Division the BLT was given more latitude and opportunity to conduct extensive search and destroy missions, therefore the requirement ~~for~~ the initial three phases was reduced to two phases necessary to accomplish ~~the assigned mission~~.

(1) Phase I. This phase consisted of a combined surface/helicopter-borne assault. Surface elements landed over Red Beach to secure a lodgement ashore and commence the attack on objective 1 (AN LUONG 1 and 2) (BT 203555). Helicopterborne elements landed in LZ Bluejay and provided blocking forces behind objective 1. When objective 1 was secured the BLT continued the attack to secure objective 2 THANG MY (BT 183538) and objective 4 (NGAI LE 1, 2 and 3) (BT 196525). Extensive combat search operations were conducted throughout sector I of the AOA.

(2) Phase II. During this phase operations similar to those conducted in phase I were directed. However, in accordance with an agreement between SLF-BRAVO and CG Americal Division, BLT 2/7 remained in sector I conducting extensive search and destroy missions. Simultaneously, the 1/1 Cavalry conducted S&D missions operating in sector II south of PL Alpha.

(3) Phase III consisted of an amphibious withdrawal which commenced at 170700H Nov 68 and was completed at 171600H Nov 68. Backloading of general cargo and all elements of the BLT went as planned and without incident.

c. Operations

(1) Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT 080542Z Nov 68. Execution was in accordance with CTG 76.5 081639Z and CTG 79.5 082007Z Nov 68 Frag Order number one for Operation DARING ENDEAVOR.

(2) D-Day was established as 10 November 1968 with H-Hour at 0630H and L-Hour 0700H.

(3) The basic plan for Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was to execute a surface assault at H-Hour over Red Beach with two companies to attack and seize objective 1. At L-Hour, one heloborne company was to land in LZ Bluejay to provide a blocking force to the west of objective 1. A fire support base and an LSA were established in the vicinity of Red Beach and LZ Robin to support operations in sector I of the AOA.

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(4) On D-Day 10 Nov SLF-BRAVO commenced operations with surface landings in Red Beach and helicopterborne landings in LZ Bluejay. H-Hour was scheduled for 0630H. LVT's touched down on Red Beach at 0628H. L-Hour was scheduled for 0700H but was delayed for tactical reasons. Helicopter assault forces landed in LZ Bluejay at 0721H. By 0914H objective 1 had been secured and no contact was made with the enemy. BLT 2/7 established its fire support base (FSB) and Logistics Support Area (LSA) in the vicinity of Red Beach and consolidated its positions ashore. Search and clear operations were conducted in the vicinity of objective 1. Objective 3 was attacked by NGF, Air and Artillery during the afternoon. Two flights of fixed wing with 750 pound bombs and NGF from DD's Towers and Cogswell expended approximately 20,000 lbs of explosives on this objective. HMM-165 supported the operation ashore. While conducting sweep operations during the afternoon approximately 140 detainees were held for questioning. Enemy contact was light during this period. While settling in night defensive positions sniper fire was received from 4 to 8 snipers. Three other persons were seen advancing toward defensive positions with what appeared to be satchel charges, S/A fire drove the suspected enemy off. Night defensive positions were consolidated and night combat patrols and ambushes were sent out. Losses on D-Day were USMC-1 NBC and enemy none.

D+1. At 110630H BLT 2/7 continued the attack against objective 2 with 2 companies abreast and 1 company remaining in reserve. At 0800H the following RVN augmentation personnel obtained from Americal Division arrived at BLT's CP to assist in operations; a six member Armed Propaganda Team, sixteen member Provincial Recon Unit, one thirty man platoon National Police Field Force. Objective 2 was secured at 1200H. BLT 2/7 CP and the 81mm mortar platoon embarked in amtracs displaced along the SONG CUA DAI River to objective 2. One company established positions in vicinity of BT 198542 to provide security for a tank that had been disabled by AT mine. Extensive search and clear operations were conducted in the vicinity of objective 2. Enemy contact was light. Sporadic sniper fire was received throughout the day. 25 rounds SKS, 20 rounds AK-47, 1 magazine carbine ammo, 10 rounds M-60 linked, 1 AT mine and 2100 lbs of rice were found during this period. The BLT consolidated on objective 2 and set in night defensive positions. Losses during D+1.

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WIAE - 8

NBC - 3

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VC KIA - 2

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D+2. During night of D+1 and early morning of D+2 Alpha Command Group received grenade and sniper fire into CP from vicinity BT 183538. Combat patrols received sniper fire 150 meters from friendly lines. Also six rounds of mortar fire were received at BT 201545.

BLT 2/7 conducted a helo assault on objective 3 at 0800H with 2 companies landing at the SW tip of the island and conducting combat sweeps to the NE corner of the island. NGF preped objective 3 from 0700H to 0750H. Two gunships supported the landing of CH-46A's. Objective 3 was secured by 1200H. During sweep of the island enemy contact was negative. Companies in sweep discovered 50 bunkers three of which were destroyed, and 150 civilians who were held for interrogation. During the period S&D sweeps were being conducted on objective 3, the BLT CP located on objective 2 came under heavy small arms and grenade attacks. Army and Marine gunships, 81mm mortars and gun boats were called in support and firing ceased 1145H. After objective 3 was secured companies returned to objective 2 because of extensive bunker/tunnel complexes uncovered and initiated deliberate search and clear operations. Objective 2 produced numerous VC sightings, firing incidents and more tunnels/bunkers than were encountered up to this phase of the operation. Search and clear operations were intensified. Losses during D+2 were:

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>ENEMY</u> |
|-------------|------------|--------------|
| 1 - KIA | 1 - WIA | 16 - VC KIA |
| 17 - WIA | | 196 - Det |
| 9 - NBC | | 13 - VC PW |
| | | 2 - NVA PW |
| | | 7 - Civ Def |
| | | 138 - In Civ |

D+3. The BLT remained in strong defensive positions during early morning with night patrols and ambushes reporting negative contact. In view of sightings, firing incidents and discovery of bunkers/tunnels on objective 2 during D+2, it was determined that the BLT should remain there throughout D+3 and intensify search and clear operations. Companies continued to uncover bunkers and to flush out VC. The results of D+3 were lucrative as indicated in the cumulative report below.

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>ENEMY</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 - KIA | 1 - WIA | 20 - VC KIA |
| 20 - WIA | | 250 - DETAINEES |
| 10 - NBC | | 24 - VC PW |
| | | 2 - NVA PW |
| | | 7 - Civ Def |
| | | 217 - In Civ |
| | | 2 - IWC |

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D+4. SLF-BRAVO continued operations on Barrier Island with 2/7 ashore and HMM-165 afloat. At 0658H assault elements of BLT 2/7 crossed the LOD and commenced the attack toward LF objective 4. NGF prep fires were called on objective 4 prior to the attack. By 0835H BLT objective Charlie had been secured. BLT positions were consolidated and search and clear operations were initiated in the northern half of LF objective 4. The enemy delivered sporadic S/A fire, employed evasive tactics and utilized booby traps with Chi Com grenades and mines rigged as booby traps. Extensive digging out and destruction of bunkers continued throughout the day.

Cumulative losses

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>ENEMY</u> |
|-------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 - KIA | 1 - WIA | 27 - KIA |
| 31 - WIA | | 255 - DETAINEES |
| 13 - NBC | | 23 - VC PW |
| | | 3 - NVA PW |
| | | 7 - Civ Def |
| | | 217 - In Civ |
| | | 4 - IWC |

D+5. At 0700H BLT 2/7 commenced the attack to secure the southern portion of LF objective 4 supported by NGF and artillery fires. By 0930H the BLT had secured the objective and companies conducted search and clear operations in their assigned section. The most significant activities conducted on this portion of objective 4 was "digging them out". S/A fire, hand grenades, tanks and flame throwers were employed against bunkers that were well dug in. Cumulative losses were as follows:

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>ENEMY</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 - KIA | 1 - WIA | 31 - KIA |
| 31 - WIA | | 279 - DETAINEES |
| 1 - WIA (Minor) | | 27 - VC PW |
| | | 3 - NVA PW |
| | | 24 - Civ Def |
| | | 217 - In Civ |
| | | 5 - IWC |
| | | 1 - CSWC |

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D+6. At 0700H 2 companies of the BLT crossed the LOD and commenced a ground, heloborne and armored assault against LF objective 7. At 1055H the objective was secured and search and clear operations were conducted immediately. By 1200H, 1 company had been helolifted to the FSA to provide security, conduct search and clear operations, await the arrival of the BLT to guide them into the lines and to consolidate night defensive positions. The BLT continued the attack toward the FSA and conducted search and clear sweeps enroute. Upon arrival they established night defensive positions and conducted combat patrols and ambushes. (Prior to the BLT jumping off in the attack from LF objective 7 the Recon platoon was helolifted from the FSA down to objective 7 to lead the BLT back into the FSA). Prior to being helolifted into objective 7 the Recon platoon had been providing security for the FSA and running combat patrols southward. Enemy contacts were light during this period and losses are as outlined in cumulative report below.

| <u>USMC</u> | <u>USA</u> | <u>ENEMY</u> |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|
| 1 - KIA | 1 - WIA | 39 - KIA |
| 34 - WIA | | 306 - DETAINEES |
| 1 - WIA (Minor) | | 27 - VC PW |
| | | 3 - NVA PW |
| | | 36 - Civ Def |
| | | 238 - In Civ |
| | | 5 - IWC |
| | | 1 - CSWC |

D+7. At 0700H an amphibious withdrawal over Red Beach and from LZ Robin commenced. The backload of the BLT progressed without incident. Two rifle companies, Alpha Command Group and the Yankee Security Platoon were extracted by helicopter. All other elements were backloaded over Red Beach. In pre-planning it was established that "H" company, the last company to leave the beach, would be lifted out by CH-46's but due to availability of aircraft at the last minute the plan had to be modified and the company was backloaded with LCM-8's. Comments on the last element out will be included in the Commander's Analysis.

d. Supporting Arms

1. Artillery

(a) Artillery support for the landing force was provided by two batteries attached to the BLT (Battery "H" and Mortar Battery, 3rd Battalion, 11th Marines). General support reinforcing fires, by "D" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 82 Artillery, were made available to the landing force by the Americal Division through its Fire Support Base "BALDY" located at BT 130449.

(b) Mortar Battery was landed by LVT's at approximately 1130H on D-Day. The battery established a position at BT 217563 in the vicinity of Red Beach and assumed a direct support mission for the Landing Force.

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(c) Battery "H" was landed by LCM-8's at approximately 1200H on D-Day. The battery established its position at BT 219564 in the general vicinity of Red Beach and assumed its direct support mission for the Landing Force.

(d) Artillery was used most effectively during Operation DARING ENDEAVOR. Mortar Battery fired 366 rounds of HE and WP Ammunition. Of that total 72 rounds were expended on H and I targets. All other missions of the battery were observed fire missions. Battery "H" fired 532 rounds of HE, WP and ILLUM Ammunition, and of that total, 288 rounds were expended on H and I targets. No other unobserved missions were fired by Battery "H".

2. Naval Gunfire

(a) The USS COGSWELL (DD-651), USS TOWERS (DDG-9) and the USS CLARION RIVER (LSMR-409) were assigned in direct support of the landing force and provided naval gunfire support during the landing phase of the operation.

(b) The USS CLARION RIVER (LSMR-409) was used exclusively for beach preparation fires on Red Beach from 0600H to 0620H on D-Day. The USS CLARION RIVER expended 304, 5" MK7 SSR rounds and 20, 5" 38 rounds. The LSMR was released to CTU 70.8.9 on D+1.

(c) The USS COGSWELL (DD-651) and the USS TOWERS (DDG-9) were used to deliver preparation fires on landing zones Bluejay and Finch and Landing Force Objective Number 1 during the initial phase of the operation. These two ships remained under the OPCON of Commander Amphibious Task Force until termination of the operation. The USS COGSWELL and USS TOWERS provided prep, on-call and H and I fires for the remaining phase of Operation DARING ENDEAVOR.

(d) While under OPCON of Commander Amphibious Task Force a total of 1984 rounds of ammunition were expended in support of Operation DARING ENDEAVOR. The USS COGSWELL fired 733 rounds and the USS TOWERS fired 927 rounds of various types of ammunition while the USS CLARION RIVER fired 324 rounds.

3. Air

(a) Preparation of the beach and landing zones were scheduled to be conducted by close air support aircraft, however, both flights were diverted due to inclement weather on D-Day. Additional close air support aircraft were on call from 1st MAW with time on station 30 minutes after submission of request.

(b) Four UH-1E gunships and one UH-1E slick were fragged from III MAF for D-Day operations. III MAF was unable to provide the slicks but did provide one OV-10 and two UH-1E gunship for D-Day plus four hours. Additional pre-planned and on call gunship requirements were provided by the Americal Division on a mission basis.

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(c) All helicopters within the AOA were controlled by the Helicopter Direction Center aboard the USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10).

(d) The total number of Close Air Support missions for the entire operation consisted of four sorties with an expenditure of 6 tons of 500 lb GP, High Drag bombs.

4. Fire Support Coordination

(a) Coordination of supporting arms was in accordance with current amphibious doctrine, NWIP 22-1 (a) and FMFM 7-1, with control and coordination of supporting arms throughout the entire operation remaining under CATF in the Supporting Arms Coordination Center (SACC).

(b) Liaison was established with the Americal Division at CHU-LAI on 8 November to coordinate procedures for obtaining political clearances, controlling agencies for SAVE-A-PLANES and procedures for coordinating fires between units of the Americal Division, Troops from the Republic of Korea and our own AOA. Other areas of discussion included procedures for requesting reinforcing artillery fires from "D" Battery, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Artillery located at Fire Support Base "BALDY" (BT 130449).

(c) A Liaison/Communications Team was placed at the HOI AN COC for the purpose of expediting special clearances and assisting in coordination procedures regarding fire support.

(d) A major problem during Operation DARING ENDEAVOR was the lack of adequate FM communications for Fire Support Coordination throughout the operation. As far as could be determined this condition was due to faulty antenna, antenna location, lack of antenna patching capability and technical difficulties with the radio equipment itself. The use of one PRC-25 and one VRC-46, provided from SLF assets, on the 02 deck enabled the Artillery Officer of SACC to maintain contact with elements on the beach as well as radio communications with the Americal Division Fire Support Base at BALDY.

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5. Communications

(a) Prior to Operation DARING ENDEAVOR, radio silence remained in effect until H - One for SLF circuits. The TAC/LOG net for ARG shipping and ship Air nets were exempted from this for any curtailment of these circuits would in itself have infringed on Communication Security.

(b) Distance separating the command post of BLT 2/7 ashore and SLF "B" command post on the LPH did not restrain communication until the inland move of BLT command post on D+2. At first an RC-292 was sufficient to maintain continuous communications from ship-to-shore, but on D+3 even this was inadequate.

(c) On D+3 an AN/MRC-110 was set up on Red Beach and used as a retransmission unit for the SLF TAC net. This assumed communication reliability on that circuit since a stronger, closer signal was affirmed even during the continuous transplacements of the BLT ashore and the LPH in its assigned steaming area.

(d) There were no retransmission capabilities for air and artillery nets. Urgent traffic for these circuits was passed on the SLF TAC net when required.

(e) Due to the bulk of man-pack AN/PRC-47 HF equipment, no HF circuits were employed for the field. An HF radio link was employed between the Americal Division at CHU LAI and the LPH-10. This circuit was mostly utilized by the Americal Liaison Officer on the LPH and the Americal Division.

(f) Non-availability of portable covered radio equipment, and electrical problems in the Command Amtrac originally intended as a covered equipment carrier, eliminated any covered circuit from the field to the ship. However, shackle and authentication sheets and thrust points were effectively used to sustain communication security.

(g) Secured Teletype contact with III MAF and Americal Division was perpetuated on the III MAF Command #2 (Orestes) circuit with no outage.

(h) The rewarding liaison between the Americal Division Signal Officer and the SLF Communication Officer and the ready coordination of frequencies among III MAF and Americal Division for SLF use, greatly aided the entire Communication contribution to Operation DARING ENDEAVOR. Portable covered capability for the BLT and a decreased distance between ship steaming area and shore located units would greatly improve communication security and communication efficiency.

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8. Commander's Analysis

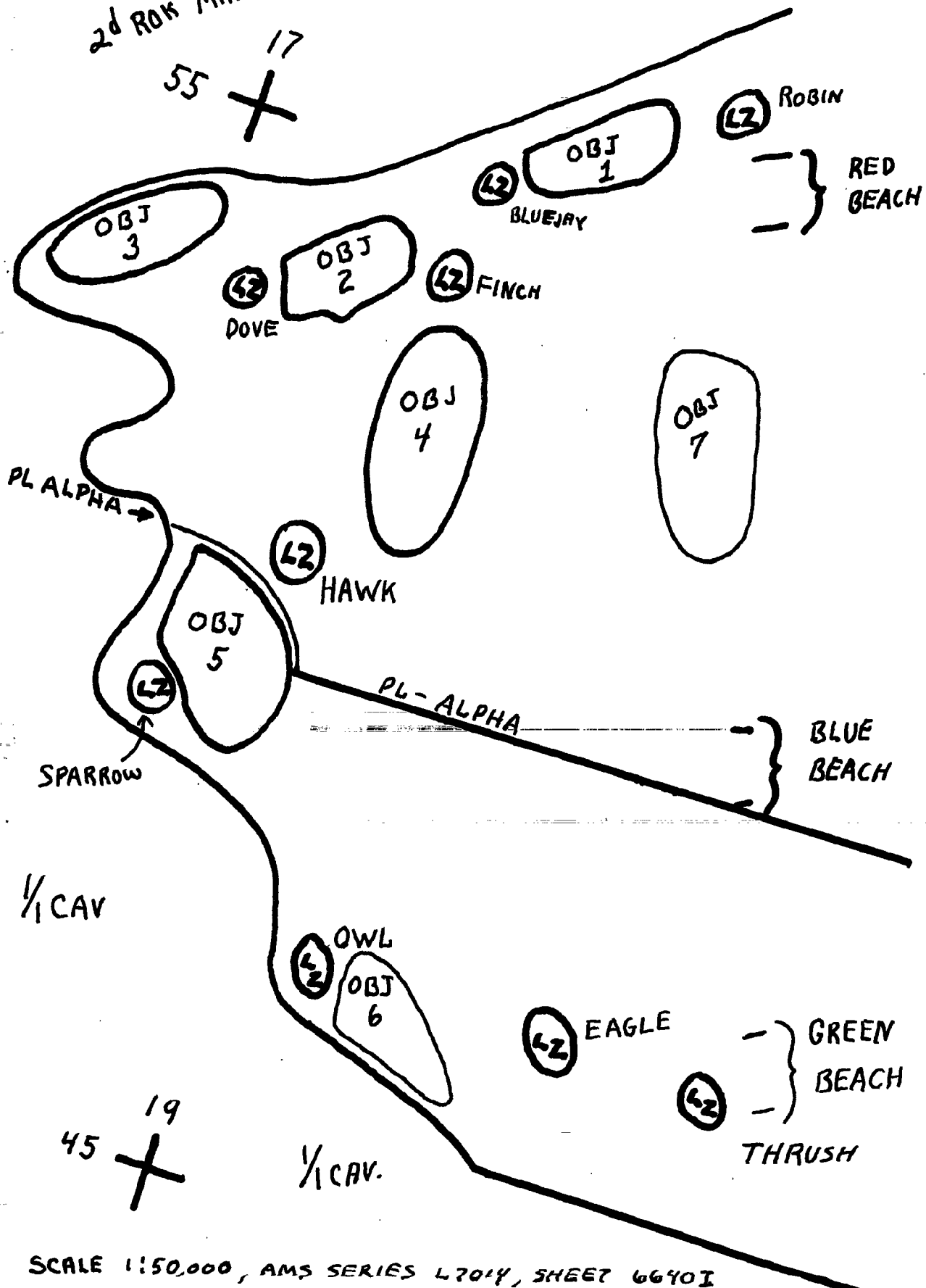
a. The fluid tactical situation, inherent to all SLF amphibious operations, made screening and initial interrogation of the unusually large number of detainees encountered difficult. Immediate evacuation of POW's/Civ Def was often necessary. To ease the difficulty, the two Interrogator-Translator Teams and the Counter Intelligence Team were utilized in the initial screening to determine the status of detainees and to obtain information of immediate tactical value. Further interrogation was left to the disposition centers at HOI AN, Hawk Hill, LZ BALDY and CHU LAI where PW/Civ Def were evacuated.

b. It was determined that, in future operations where large numbers of detainees are encountered and PW's are not to be evacuated to the LPH a stationary collection point for the interrogation of detainees is required to permit more detailed interrogation and to facilitate submission of required 12 hour PW interrogation reports to higher in-country Headquarters.

ly c. In future amphibious operations conducted by SLF-BRAVO the last elements of the BLT to withdraw from the AOA will be retracted by LVT's when the tactical situation permits. This will preclude the enemy from taking advantage of the relatively uncovered posture of the last elements in a withdrawal. Use of amphibious tractors may not always be possible however, as for example when the distance inland is quite great. In such situations the last elements to withdraw will be lifted by a flight of helicopters of sufficient numbers to assure that the ground elements, in the final lift are self sufficient.

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APPENDIX "A" to ENCL. (1)



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COMMANDER'S ANALYSIS

There were several aspects of this operation that are worthy of note. The first of ~~these~~^{these} being that it was an amphibious operation conducted in accordance with Marine Corps doctrine from the landings over Red Beach and in LZ Bluejay, terminating with the withdrawal over Red Beach. Planning began upon receipt of the warning order and the ARG/SLF Staff's planned concurrently and made the necessary liaison trips to the Americal Division and III MAF. BLT 2/7 and HMM-165 were included in all phases of planning and all operation orders, landing plans, re-supply procedures and other factors necessary to coordinate were accomplished and the SLF was ready to execute on D-1.

All available supporting arms were utilized at every opportunity. Naval Gunfire was extensively used and on two occasions had to be called in at the last minute because of fixed wing ~~cancellation~~^{cancelation}. Every LZ and objective was preped prior to the attack on it. Numerous artillery missions were called as well as fixed wing attacks and support from HH-IE gunships.

Resupply was accomplished by both helicopters and ~~Mike 8's~~^{Mike 8's}. Helicopters provided quick response to company positions and the M-8's landed supplies at Red Beach for the necessary build up at the LSA.

South Vietnamese ~~Provincial~~^{Provincial} Recon Units and National Police were assigned to the BLT and were used extensively in ~~reporting~~^{separating} innocent civilians from civil defendants and other members of the VC infrastructure.

The operation was conducted in the Americal Division TAOR and coordination between 1/1 Cav, who provided blocking and screening forces along the boundaries of the ACA, and BLT 2/7 were outstanding. Upon a pre-arranged agreement of CG Americal Division and CTG 79.5 the 1/1 Cav conducted search and clear operations

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in sector II of the AOA, ^{us} ~~then~~ allowing ELT 2/7 ^{more time} ~~small team~~ to conduct extensive search, clear and destroy missions in sector I.

The DARING ENDEAVOR Operation is considered to have been a successful Amphibious Operation. Tactics ashore went as planned with the BLT attacking LF objectives as directed and in the order designated as outlined in appendix I of Encl I. The Barrier Island area is considered to have been extensively searched and cleared, and bunkers ^{captured} fortifications and other materials were destroyed as reported in the intelligence section of this Enclosure. There were some problems encountered during the operation. These problems are presented and discussed below with corrective action proposed.

PROBLEM - UH-IE gunships and slicks were requested on an as needed basis from 1st MAW and ^{the} ~~America~~ Division. The results of this system for ^{requesting} ~~getting~~ gunships and slicks ^{to arrive} ~~on~~ station during the time ^{frame} ~~from~~ needed ^{were} ~~was~~ completely unsatisfactory. Several troop movements were delayed until the arrival of ^{the} gunships to escort CH-46's into a new LZ. The slicks requested were late and more than once failed to ^{arrive} ~~come~~ on station at all.

CORRECTIVE ACTION - In pre-planning for future operations it is the intention of CTG 79.5 to request from 1st MAW, or the proper supporting agency, that 2 gunships and 1 slick be ^{assigned} ~~attached~~ to CTG 79.5 for the duration of the operation. Also that the ^{assigned UH-1's} ~~helicopters~~ will be required to operate from the USS TRIPOLI and will be under the direct control of the TF Commander.

PROBLEM - That air strikes were not immediately available when needed due to the late reporting on station of the requested AO's or due to the fact that an AO was not on station during critical times ashore.

CORRECTIVE ACTION - That the SLF AO will be utilized in future operations in order to ensure his availability when needed on station. He will also be better appraised with the ^{tactical} ~~situation~~ on the ground and could react quickly in

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response to any unit request for air on the ground. The slick attached will be available for immediate launch and the SLF AO can request immediate fixed wing from the proper supporting agency ~~with~~ *armed with the proper ordnance.*

PROBLEM - The BLT Commander requested a minimum of 4 CH-46's for withdrawal of the last elements ashore which was a reinforced platoon. Aircraft availability dropped to 3 CH-46's at the planned time to extract the last platoon. The decision was made immediately to withdraw the platoon by LCM 8's.

CORRECTIVE ACTION - When applicable LVT's will be ~~directed~~ *utilized* to withdraw the last company ashore, thereby eliminating this problem. When extraction is only possible by helicopters, prior planning will have to include additional helicopters if available.

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PART I

ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

| <u>1. DESIGNATION</u> | <u>COMMANDER</u> | <u>DATES</u> |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| Special Landing Force Bravo (TG 79.5) | Colonel R. R. WILSON | 1-31 December 1968 |

SUBORDINATE UNITS

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| BLT 2/7 | LtCol N. A. NELSON | 1-31 December 1968 |
| HMM-165 | LtCol G. L. PATRICK, JR. | 1-28 December 1968 |
| HMM-164 | LtCol R. T. TRUNDY | 29-31 December 1968 |

ATTACHED UNITS

NONE

2. LOCATION

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1-31 December 1968 | USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) |
| 1-31 December 1968 | USS OGDEN (LPD-5) |
| 1-31 December 1968 | USS MONTICELLO (LSD-35) |
| 1-31 December 1968 | USS SEMINOLE (AKA-104) |

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3. STAFF OFFICERS

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Executive Officer | LtCol R. B. SPENCER | 1-7 Dec 1968 |
| S-1 | LtCol H. B. WILSON | 8-31 Dec 1968 |
| S-2/AO | 1stLt T. E. TANZEY | 1-31 Dec 1968 |
| | Maj J. H. STRASSER | 1-3 Dec 1968 |
| S-2/Asst | Capt K. ELLINGWOOD JR. | 4-31 Dec 1968 |
| S-3 | Capt K. ELLINGWOOD JR. | 1-3 Dec 1968 |
| S-3/Asst | Maj J. M. HARRISON | 1-31 Dec 1968 |
| S-3/Air | Maj L. B. MCHENRY | 1-31 Dec 1968 |
| | VACANT | 1-6 Dec 1968 |
| S-3/AO | Capt J. J. KOLLAR | 7-31 Dec 1968 |
| FSC | 1stLt R. C. SIGRIST | 1-31 Dec 1968 |
| S-4 | Maj C. L. MCELHENY | 1-31 Dec 1968 |
| CommO | Maj A. B. THOMPSON JR. | 1-31 Dec 1968 |
| | 1stLt S. D. RAMSPERGER | 1-31 Dec 1968 |

4. AVERAGE MONTHLY STRENGTH

| | <u>USMC OFF</u> | <u>USMC ENL</u> | <u>USN OFF</u> | <u>USN ENL</u> |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| SLF STAFF | <u>11</u> | <u>47</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |
| BLT 2/7 | <u>58</u> | <u>1304</u> | <u>7</u> | <u>89</u> |
| HMM-165 | <u>41</u> | <u>159</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |
| HMM-164 | <u>45</u> | <u>179</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |

5. PERSONNEL ACTIONS

| | <u>USMC OFF</u> | <u>USMC ENL</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Joined | <u>2</u> | <u>3</u> |
| Transferred | <u>2</u> | <u>10</u> |
| Promoted | <u>0</u> | <u>3</u> |

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PART II

NARRATIVE SUMMARY

ARG/SLF-Bravo was located in DaNang harbor, Republic of Vietnam, as the month began, with BLT 2/7 under OPCON of the 1st Marine Division. BLT 2/7 began to offload on 3 December, its destination being the An Hoa area southwest of DaNang, except for the BLT rear which was to be located at the Di-Tor area northwest of DaNang. HMM-165 commenced its offload from USS TRIPOLI on 5 December, moving to Marble Mountain Air Facility. On 6 December both BLT and HMM completed moving ashore and USS TRIPOLI along with other ships of ARG Bravo sailed for Hong Kong.

ARG Bravo shipping with elements of the SLF aboard arrived in Hong Kong on 8 December and remained until 13 December when it sailed for Subic Bay, R.P.I.

ARG/SLF-Bravo arrived Subic Bay on 15 December for a twelve day stay. During this period fifty SLF and BLT 2/7 personnel attended Jungle Environmental Survival Training and 3rd Platoon Co "A" 5th AT Bn conducted a two day field firing exercise at Green Beach. While at Subic Bay representatives of the two new on-coming units, BLT 3/26 and HMM-164 attended an embarkation conference during which they prepared loading plans for their units.

CTG 79.5 departed Subic Bay on 25 December by air for DaNang to attend a planning conference at Headquarters III MAF. ARG/SLF-Bravo shipping departed Subic Bay on 27 December for DaNang. It arrived on the morning of the 29th. Operation SWIFT MOVE II was initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT on this date. HMM-164 embarked, and CTG 79.5 assumed OPCON; also, the advance party of BLT 3/26 came aboard. HMM-164 completed embarkation on December 30th, while BLT 3/26 continued to load through the 31st.

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PART III

SEQUENTIAL LISTING OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1-2 December ARG/SLF-Bravo was located southeast of DaNang Harbor, Republic of Vietnam, supporting BLT 2/7 in Operation SWIFT MOVE/MEADE RIVER.

3 December BLT 2/7 backloaded selected units to ARG shipping in preparation for complete offload.

5 December BLT 2/7 commenced offloading selected units to An Hoa. OPCON of BLT 2/7 passed to 5th Marines 1030H.

6 December BLT 2/7 completes offloading at 0800H. HMM-165 offloaded from USS TRIPOLI (LPH-10) and chopped to CG First MAW at 1200H. ARG/SLF-Bravo departed DaNang, Republic of Vietnam, for Hong Kong.

7-12 December ARG/SLF-Bravo enroute to, and port visit at Hong Kong.

13 December CTG 79.5 departed for Okinawa for routine conference with CTF 79. At 0730H ARG/SLF-Bravo departed Hong Kong, for Subic Bay, Republic of Philippines.

15 December ARG/SLF-Bravo arrived Subic Bay.

16-26 December ARG/SLF-Bravo in port at U.S. Naval Base, Subic Bay for ship's upkeep and rehabilitation of selected items of Marine equipment remaining embarked in ARG shipping. CTG 79.5 returned from a conference with CTF 79 at Okinawa on 17 December.

17-18 December SLF personnel attended Jungle Environmental Survival Training. Ontos platoon conducts field firing exercise at Green Beach.

18-19 December Ontos platoon conducted field firing exercise at Green Beach.

19 December Representatives of BLT 3/26 and HMM-164 arrive for embarkation conference and to prepare loading plans for new BLT and HMM on ARG shipping.

25 December CTG 79.5 departed Subic Bay, P. I. for DaNang, RVN, to attend planning conference at Headquarters III MAF.

27 December ARG/SLF-Bravo departed Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines for DaNang, Republic of VIETNAM.

29 December ARG/SLF-Bravo arrived DaNang area. Operation SWIFT MOVE II initiated by COMSEVENTHFLT at 0656H. CTG 79.5 returned from special planning conference. HMM-164 embarked on USS TRIPOLI. OPCON of HMM-164 passed to CTG 79.5 1000H. Equipment of BLT 2/7 and HMM-165 remaining with ARG shipping

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was offloaded. Advance party of BLT 3/26 arrived aboard ARG shipping.

30 December

HMM-164 completed embarkation. Selected units of BLT 3/26 begin loading on ARG shipping.

31 December

BLT 3/26 continued to load aboard ARG shipping. SLF-Bravo representatives conducted a liaison visit to the AMERICAL Division at CHU LAI.

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PART IV

CHRONOLOGY OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDSAND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

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| <u>1</u> - CTG 79.4 | 310901Z DEC 68 |
| <u>2</u> - CG NINTH MAB | 310555Z DEC 68 |
| <u>3</u> - COMSEVENTHFLT | 310304Z DEC 68 |
| <u>4</u> - COMSEVENTHFLT | 310356Z DEC 68 |
| <u>5</u> - CTG 79.5 | 310031Z DEC 68 |
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| <u>9</u> - CTF 79 | 300815Z DEC 68 |
| <u>10</u> - CG NINTH MAB | 300451Z DEC 68 |
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| <u>14</u> - CTG 79.5 | 291001Z DEC 68 |
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| <u>19</u> - CTG 79.5 | 280045Z DEC 68 |
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| <u>22</u> - CTG 79.5 | 261005Z DEC 68 |
| <u>23</u> - CG FIRST MARDIV | 261335Z DEC 68 |
| <u>24</u> - CG FIRST MAW | 250710Z DEC 68 |
| <u>25</u> - CG NINTH MAB | 250015Z DEC 68 |
| <u>26</u> - CTG 79.5 | 240927Z DEC 68 |
| <u>27</u> - CG NINTH MAB | 240330Z DEC 68 |
| <u>28</u> - CTG 79.5 | 230843Z DEC 68 |
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| <u>31</u> - CG FIRST MARDIV | 201400Z DEC 68 |
| <u>32</u> - COMSEVENTHFLT | 202332Z DEC 68 |
| <u>33</u> - CG III MAF | 200602Z DEC 68 |
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Appendix 2 - Command Chronology BLT 2/7
 Appendix 3 - Command Chronology BLT 3/26
 Appendix 4 - Command Chronology HMM-165 - Dec 4 - Dec 1-5 Dec 68
 Appendix 5 - Command Chronology HMM-164, 29 - 31 Dec 68

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 0800Z THREE SIX TWO
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CTG WARNING ORDER FOR OPERATION MODUC

1. ONE OG ABOUT 12 JAN 69 TG 79.4, IN CONJUNCTION WITH TG 79.5, ARMY, ARVN AND OTHER VN FORCES, WILL CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION HAVING THE FOLLOWING GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS:
 - A. HELICOPTER ASSAULT TO ESTABLISH CORDON.
 - B. REMOVAL OF CIVILIAN POPULATION FROM CORDON AREA BY VN FORCES.
 - C. DELIBERATE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS THROUGHOUT CORDON AREA

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BY MARINE AND ARMY UNITS AFTER POPULATION HAS BEEN REMOVED.

- D. WITHDRAWAL AND REEMB OF BLT 2/26 UPON COMPLETION OF OPN.
2. IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHING CORDON POSITIONS, BLT 2/26 WILL BE PREPARED TO:
 - A. ESTABLISH ONE TEMPORARY DETAINEE COLLECTION POINT. POINT MUST HAVE READY ACCESS TO A SECURE LZ. DETAINEES WILL BE ROUTED TO BLT COLLECTION POINT FOR HELICOPTER TRANSPORTATION TO DESIGNATED MAIN COLLECTION POINT. DESIRE TO MINIMIZE BOTH THE HOLDING TIME IN BL AREA AND THE NR OF DETAINEES RETAINED OVERNIGHT.
 - B. ESTABLISH A BSA WHEN SEARCH OPNS HAVE UNCOVERED ADEQUATE BEACH AREAS, ON/ABT D PLUS 4.
 - C. ESTABLISH, ON ORDER, AN ARMY FSB VIC BSA. PRESENT INTENTION IS NOT TO LAND ARTY UNLESS EN RESISTANCE ENCOUNTERED DURVFG SWEQ WOULD WARRANT COMMITMENT.
 - D. PROVIDE CLASS I LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO VN UNITS PLACED IN HPORT OF BLT 2/26.
 - E. EMPLOY THREE LVTE).

3. BPT AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF LANDING PLANS IMMED. GUIDANCE AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. INITIAL ASSAULT TO BE HELD ON V. PLANEOR TWO 1700

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IN-COUNTRY SUPPORTING UNITS TO BE LANDED BY HELO ON
ORDERS UNDER CORDON POSITIONS ESTABLISHED.

3. SURFACE LANDING OF AMTRACS, TANKS, ONTOS, SHORE PARTY
AND IN CALL.

4. FOR CO HMM 362: IN ADDITION TO SUPPORTING ASSAULT LANDING, BE
PREPARED TO:

A. LIFT, ON ORDEC, SUPPORTING IN-COUNTRY VN AND US UNITS TO BLT CP.
B. EVACUATE DETAINEES FROM BLT FROM BLT COLLECTION POINT TO MAIN
COLLECTION POINT.

C. PROVIDE LOGISTIC LIFT SUPPORT TO BLT FROM USS OKINAWA AND BSA M
D. PROVIDE MEDEVAC SUPPORT TO BLT 2/26.

5. FOR ALL: CAL INTELLIGENCE BRIEF OF AOA TO BE SCHEDULED ON REQUEST
EFFECTIVE 1 JAN.

6. FOR ALL: LZ SELECTION AND INTELLIGENCE BRIEF OF BLT ZONE OF ACTION
TO BE ACCOMPLISHED WHEN ZONE OF ACTION DETERMINED.

7. FOR CO BLT 2/26: ALTERNATE LAN
NG PHAN FOR ENTIRELY DIFFERENT

AOA WILL BE REQUIRED. GUIDANCE AS TO CONCEPT, AREA, MISSION, ETC N
WILL BE PROVIDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

8. DIRLAUTH BLT 2/26 AND HMM 362.

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OPERATION BOLD MARNZSLSDU

1. A SMALL THREE TO FOUR MAN EOD DETACHMENT WILL BE PROVIDED XSB FOR EACH SF

BLT FOR THE SUBJECT OPERATION.

2. ETA DANANG 061100H MARLOG.

3. FOR CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR/SEVEN NINE PT FIVE: REQUEST HELO

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INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR TWO ARG/SLF OPS (S)

A. CTG 79 300817Z DEC 68

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 302330Z DEC 68

C. NWP 22(B)/LFM 01

1. THE COMMENTS PROVIDED IN REF A FOR THE TWO ARG/SLF INITIATING DIRECTIVE WERE CONSIDERED PRIOR TO PROMULGATING REF B. THE FOLLOWING APPLIES:

A. TERMINATION OF OPERATION. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO TERMINATE THE AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION UPON CHOP OF GROUND ASSETS TO THE IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER. TERMINATION WILL OCCUR NORMALLY WHEN THE SITUATION PERMITS WITHDRAWAL OF THE LANDING FORCE. THIS PROCEDURE HAS BEEN UTILIZED FOR AMPHIB OPS IN SVN AND IS IN KEEPING WITH NWP 22(B). IF THE TACTICAL SITUATION PERMITS WITHDRAWAL OF ANY PART OF THE LANDING FORCE, REDESIGNATION OF THE CATF/CLF MAY OCCUR.

B. DISPOSITION OF FORCES. WHILE SCHEDULING OF ARG ALFA IS CONSIDERED BY ALL PERTINENT PLANNERS, REFERENCE TO THIS IN THE INITIATING DIRECTIVE IS NEITHER APPROPRIATE NOR DESIRED.

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2. VALIANT HUNT. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO CONTINUE THIS OP UNTIL ABOUT 5 JAN, SUBJECT TO IN-COUNTRY TACTICAL SITUATION.

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RUYPSA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYJSA/CTF SEVEN NINE

RHMSNA/COMUSMACV

RUYPSA/CG III MAF

INFO RUCSYA/CNO

RUHHQA/CINCPAC

RUCSYG/CMC

RUYHSYB/CINCPACFLT

RUYVSYD/COMNAVFORV

RUKRSYH/COMPHIBPAC

RUYHSYA/CG FMFPEC

RUABOL/CG FMFPAC (FWD)

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RUYPSJA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

RUYJSAA/CTU SEVEN ZERO PT SEVEN PT ONE

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OPERATION BOLD MARINER AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREAS (S)

A. CONVENTHFLT 302330Z DEC 68

1. REF A STATED AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION WILL BE CONDUCTED ON D-1 IN OPERATION BOLD MARINER AND AN AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT WILL BE CONDUCTED ON D DAY TENTATIVELY SET FOR 13 JAN 1969. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREAS (AOA) FOR THE DEMONSTRATION AND ASSAULT ARE DEFINED AS

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SECRET**DEMONSTRATION AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA:**

(1) THE DEMONSTRATION LANDWARD AOA WILL BE THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE FROM THE COAST AT BS 753698/8 RPT BS 753698/8 THENCE SW ALONG THE QUAN MO DUC/QUAN TU NGHIA DIST BNDRY TO RR BRIDGE AT BS 631610/2 RPT BS 631610/2 THENCE ALONG THE BRIDGE OF RR TO BS 699573/9 RPT BS 699573/9 THENCE SE ALONG SONG THOA TO HIWAY ONE AT BS 727564/1 RPT BS 727564/1 THENCE SE ALONG HIWAY ONE TO EAST-WEST GRIDLINE BS 56/1 RPT BS 56/1 THENCE EAST ALONG THE BS 56 GRIDLINE TO THE COAST AT BS 784560/0 RPT BS 784560/0, THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG COAST TO POINT OF ORIGIN.

(2) THE DEMONSTRATION SEAWARD AOA WILL BE THAT AREA CONTAINED WITHIN AN ARC OF TWENTY-FIVE NAUTICAL MILES CENTERED AT BS 765620/6 RPT BS 765620/6 TRUNCATED ON THE NORTH BY EW GRIDLINE BS 80/8 RPT BS 80/8.

(3) THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THE DEMONSTRATION SEAWARD AND LANDWARD AOA FROM THE SURFACE TO 25,000 FEET MSL EXCEPT THAT A TUNNEL EXISTS FOR FREE PASSAGE OF AIR TRAFFIC FROM 700 FEET MSL TO 11,000 FEET MSL FIVE MILES EITHER SIDE OF AIRWAY W-1 CENTER LINE.

B. THE ASSAULT AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREA:

(1) THE LANDWARD ASSAULT AOA WILL BE THAT LAND AREA ENCOMPASSED BY A LINE FROM THE COAST AT BS 723960/7 RPT BS 723960/7 SOUTHWESTERLY TO BS 697910/2 RPT BS 697910/2 THENCE TO BS 694880/5 RPT BS 694880/5 THENCE TO BS 700858/8 RPT BS 700858/8 THENCE TO BS 706850/6 RPT BS

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66850/6 TO BS 720839/9 RPT BS 720839/9 TO BS 738833/2 RPT BS 738833/2 THENCE ALONG CENTER OF SONG CHAU ME DONG TO BS 767840/2 RPT BS 767840/2 THENCE SE TO BS 778823/5 RPT BS 778823/5 THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG COAST TO POINT OF ORIGIN.

(2) THE SEAWARD ASSAULT AOA WILL BE AT THAT AREA ENCOMPASSED WITHIN AN ARC OF TWENTY FIVE NAUTICAL MILES CENTERED AT BS 760866/3 RPT 760866/3 TRUNCATED ON THE NORTH BY E-W GRIDLINE BT 05/5 RPT BT 05/5 AND EXCLUDING THE ILES DE POULO CANTON.

(3) THE AIRSPACE ABOVE THE SEAWARD AND LANDWARD ASSAULT AOA FROM THE SURFACE TO 25000 FEET MSL. FULL COORDINATION WILL BE EFFECTED WITH CHU LAI APPROACH CONTROL TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF CHU LAI AIRFIELD TRAFFIC.

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AGGREGATION FOR PENDING OPN (S)

A. 200602Z DEC 68

Q. EXTENSIVE USE OF ENEMY MINES AND EXISTANCE OF
FOOTPRINT COMPLEXES IN AREA OF OPN PROPOSED REF A.

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE REQ AUGMENTATION OF BLT 3/26 BY EOD TM
FROM NINTH MAB ASSETS. REQ TM REPORT DURING WK 6-11 JAN FOR PERIOD
ABOUT 3 WEEKS.

3. REQ CONFIRMATION AND ETA.

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SCIG ONE ONE FIVE

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

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CTG SEVEN THREE PT FIVE

CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT

CTU SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT PT NINE

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OPERATION BOLD MARINER INITIATING DIRECTIVE (U)

A. MY OPLAN 101-69

B. NWP 22(B)

1. SITUATION: CG III MAF HAS REQUESTED A MULTIPLE ARG/SLF AMPHIBOUS
 OPERATION BE CONDUCTED IN COORDINATION WITH OPERATION IN I CTZ.
 COMSEVENTHFLT WILL PROVIDE FORCES FROM TF 76 COMMAND SYEMENT AND

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IG 79, IG 76.5, TF 79 (COMMAND ELEMENT AND IG 79.4/IG 79.5 AND SUCH OTHER FORCES AS MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THIS OPERATION. INITIAL SECRET
OBJECTIVE IS FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. THE OPERATION WHEN EXECUTED, WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND B.

2. MISSION: COMMENCING ON D-1, THE AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE CONDUCTS, IN COORDINATION WITH AMERICAL DIV AND GVN FORCES, AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION IN THE MO DIC AREA OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE AS A COVER AND DECEPTION OPERATION TO MASK THE ACTUAL LANDING ON D-DAY AND TO PREPARE THE LOCAL POPULATION IN THAT AREA FOR AN IMMINENT AMPHIBIOUS LANDING. COMMENCING AT H-HOUR ON D-DAY, THE AMPHIBIOUS TASK FORCE CONDUCTS, IN COORDINATION WITH AMERICAL DIV AND GVN FORCES, AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN THE ASSAULT AOA TO ESTABLISH A CORDON TO DIND, FIX AND DESTROY ENEMY FORCES AND FORTIFICATIONS, TO SCREEN OUT VC/VCS/VCI IN SUPPORT OF THE ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN AND TO CONDUCT SUCH OTHER OPERATIONS AS AGREED UPON WITH CG III MAF OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVE.

3. COA 76 (COMPHIBGRU ONE) EMBARKED IN USS ELDORADO (LCC-7-), DESIGNATED CXFTF.

4. CTF 79 (CG NINTH MAB) EMBARKED IN USS ELDORADO (LCC-11) DESIGNATED COMMANDER LANDING FORCE (CLF).

5. COMMAND RELATIONSHIP IAW 3X. (2) AND (3) OF REF A.

6. COMUSMACV WILL PROVIDE ANTI-INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION PATROL CRAFT FOR THIS OPERATION AND WILL PROVIDE CAS AND OTHER SUPPORT AS AGREED

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UPON WITH CATF IAW PARA 1B (1) OF REF A.

7. THE AMPHIBIOUS OBJECTIVE AREAS (AOA) WILL BE PROMULGATED BY SEPERATE MESSAGE.

8. NICKNAME FOR THIS OPERATION WILL BE BOLD MARINER WITH TENTATIVE D-DAY 13 JAN 1969. D-DAY AND H AND L HOURS TO BE DETERMINED AND CONFIRMED BY CATF. WHEN ALL FORCES ARE PREPARED CATF REPORT TO ORIG STATE OF READINESS AND FINAL CONFIRMATION CONCERNING D-DAY, H AND L HOURS UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED. REPORT EXECUTION TO ALCON.

9. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

A. WHEN FIRMLY ESTABLISHED ASHORE, AND WHEN MUTUALLY AGREED BY CATF, CLF AND CG III MAF, REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF LANDING FORCE CHOP TO CG III MAF.

B. UPON CHOP OF REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF LANDING FORCE TO IN-COUNTRY COMMANDER, CATF REMAIN IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE.

C. WITHDRAWAL IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

10. TERMINATION IAW ANNEX B TO REF A.

11. CONTINUE PLANNING AS REQUIRED WITH CTF 79 TO REPORT TO CTF 76 FOR PLANNING NLT 5 JAN 69.

12. PUBLIC AFFAIRS IAW ANNEX V TO REF A.

13. DOWNGRADED TO CONFIDENTIAL UPON TERMINATION.

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CG III MAF

CTF SEVEN SIX

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AMPLIFYING INFORMATION FOR INITIATING DIRECTIVE FOR TWO ARG/SLF
OP (S)

A. ADMIN COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT MSG 291030Z DEC 68 (PASEP)

B. CG III MAG MSG 200602Z DEC 68 (NOTAL)

C. NWP 22 (BJW/LFM-01)

1. REF PROVIDED AMPLIFYING INFO FOR INITIATION DIRECTIVE FOR AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION WITH TENTATIVE CONCEPT OUTLINED IN REF B AND REQUEST BD COMMENT JUC CONCURRENCE BY CTF 79.

2. GENERALLY CONCUR IN REF A SUBJECT TO FOL COMMENTS WHICH ARE AIMED AT ACHIEVING ADHERENCE TO REF C.

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A. TERMINATION OF OPERATION. CONSIDER THAT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION SHOULD TERMINATE DURING PHASE III (AS DESCRIBED REF B) WHEN CHOP OF SIGNIFICANT LANDING FORCE GROUND ASSETS TO AMERICAL OCCURS. AT THIS TIME CTF 76 AND CTF 79 PMZITIONS AS CATF AND CLF SHOULD BE DISSOLVED WITH (AS CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS ASHORE IS NOW ENVISIONED):

(1) ARG/SLF BRAVO REMAINING IN SUPPORT OF ELEMENT CHOPPED TO AMERICAL UNTIL WITHDRAWAGAN AND

(2) ARG/SLF ALFA BACKLOADING ITS FORCES IN PREP FOR FURTHER SPECOPS.

B. DISPOSITION OF FORCES. IN VIEW REVISED SKED FOR ARG ALFA (VISIT HONG KONG AND WUBIC BEGINNING 26JAN), AND TO PERMIT REHAB AND PLANNING FOR UBEUQUENT EMPLOYMENT OF ITS SLF, WITHDRAWAL OF ALFA FORCES FROM BAGAN SHOULD OCCUR NLT 22JAN.

3. ENVISION UTILIZATION OF BLT 3/26 AND HMM-164 (SLF BRAVO) FOR DEMO, AND A SCHEME OF MANEUVER WHICH EILL PERMIT LOGICAL CHOP OF SLF A AND ITS AVAILABILITY FOR SPECOPS.

4. NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT: CONTINUED COMMITMENT T679.4 IN OF VALIANT HUNT INHIBITS UTILIZATION RESOURCES HQ SLF STAFF AND NECESSARY EARLY COMMENCEMENT

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LIASON/PLANNING. RECOMMEND EARLIEST TERMINATION OF CTF 79
OPERATION IN VALIANT HUNT.

3. RECOMMEND THAT CTF-79 REPORT TO CTF-76 FOR PLANNING ON 5 JAN
69. IN ADVANCE OF THAT INTEND TO SEND SMALL LIASON/PLANNING
GROUP TO ELDORADO IN DANANG ON 1 JAN 69.

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INFO SLF/ARG OP (S)

ADMIN COMPHIBFORSEVENTHFLT 291030Z DEC68 (PASEP)

CTF-79 MSG 300817Z DEC 68

1. REF A GENERALLY CONCURRED IN REF B. REF A PROVIDES FOR TF
TO CONSIST OF COMMAND ELEM TF 79, BLT 2/26 AND 3/26, HMMS 164
AND 362. FOLLOWING INFO ELABORATES ON REF B AND IS PROVIDED
FOR PLANNING PENDING ISSUANCE CTF INITIATING DIRECTIVE.

2. INTEND TO UTILIZE PERSONNEL OF HQ SLF AS A NUCLEUS OF TF 79
COMMAND ELEM W/CTG 79.4 AS CHIEF OF STAFF. PRINCIPAL AUGMENTATION,
AS REQUIRED, FROM OKI/JAP 9TH MAB RESOURCES AND SMALL LEVY ON
CTG 79.5.

3. HMM-164, HMM 362 AND ELEMS BLTS 2/26 AND 3/26 REQUIRED FOR
CHOP TO CTF-79 PRIOR TO DEMO LANDING. HQ SLF A AND SLF B

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TO PROVIDE SAME SUPPORT TO BLTS AND HMMS AS PROVIDED WHEN ELEMS
W/CTG 79.4 CHOPPED TO IN-COUNTRY FORCES, E. G. CASUALTY REPORTING.

4. THIS WILL PERMIT HQ SLF B INTEGRITY TO ASSUME SUPPORT
ROLE UPON ANTICIPATED CHOP OF 3/26 TO AMERICAL. BACKLOAD
OF BLT 2/26. AND REDEPLOYMENT OF CTFS 76/79 AND ARG/SLF A.
PARA 2, REF B REFERS.

5. ORGANIZATION OF COMMAND ELEM AND SCHED FOR REPORTING OF
PERSONNEL TO ELDORADO WILL BE SUBJ SEPARATE MSG.

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 TWO SIX MARINES
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 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CG III MAF
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 CG FLC
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 CTF SEVEN SIX
 THIRD FSR
 PROVSERV BN
 DPI ONE SIX DANANG
 DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER
 CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
 FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES
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 MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

- A. CTF 79 230244Z DEC 68
- B. CTF 79 120040Z DEC 68
- C. CG III MAF 201450Z DEC 68
- D. CG FIRST MARDIV 160705Z DEC 68
1. (S) REF A DIRECTS PASSAGE OF COMMAND LESS OPCON OF BLT 2/7 TO
- CG III MAF EFFECTIVE 012000Z JANUARY 69 IAW REF B.
2. (S) ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/7 FOR WHICH COMMAND LESS OPCON WILL BE
- PASSED ARE AS FOLLOWS:
- A. 2ND BN 7TH MARINES
- B. DET HQ BN 1ST MARDIV (LESS RADIO RELAY ASSETS)
- C. DET HQ CO 7TH MAR
- D. H BTRY 3RD BN 11 TH MAR
- E. MORT BTRY 3RD BN 11TH MAR
- F. 2ND PLT (REIN) CO C 1ST ENGR BN
- G. DET CO A 1ST SP BN
- H. 1ST PLT (REIN) CO E 1ST RECON BN
- I. 2ND PLT (REIN) CO B 1ST TK BN
3. (S) THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/7 WILL BE DETACHED PRIOR
- TO PASSAGE OF COMMAND LESS OPCON FOR ATTACHMENT TO BLT 3/26:

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- A. 1ST CLEAR PLT (REIN) CO / 5TH MED BN
- B. DET 15TH DENTAL CO
- C. 3RD PLT (REIN) CO A, 5TH AT BN
- D. LSU
- E. NGLO AND SFCP
- F. RADIO RELAY ASSETS, DET HQ BN 1ST MARDIV
- G. 3RD PLT CO B 3RD AMTRAC BN (TO BE REDESIGNATED 3RD PLT CO A
- 4TH AMTRAC BN-REF A, AND C REFER)
- H. 2ND PLT (REIN) CO A 1ST MT BN (TO BE REDESIGNATED 3RD PLT
- (REIN) CO A 5TH MT BN-REF A AND C REFER)

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P 300451Z DEC 68
 FM CG NINTH MAB
 TO CG FIRST MAW
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE
 INFO CG III MAF
 HMM ONE SIX FOUR
 CG FMFPAC
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
 CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 USS TRIPOLI
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 COMNAVAIRPAC

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CHOP OF HMM-164 AND HMM-165

A. CG FIRST MAW 291701Z DEC 68

1. (S) FOR CG FIRST MAW: IAW REF A, COMMAND LESS OPCON HMM-164
 ASSUMED AS OF 290200Z RPT 290200Z DEC 68 BY CG NINTH MAB.

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2. (S) FOR CTG SEVEN NINE PT THREE: IAW REF A, ASSUME COMMAND
 LESS OPCON OF HMM-164 FROM CG NINTH MAB EFFECTIVE 290200Z RPT
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 RUMH/BLT SEVEN NINE
 RUMH/BLT SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUMH/BLT SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUMH/BLT TWENTY SIXTH MARINES DNG RVN
 RUMH/BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX DNG RVN
 RUMH/BLT FIRST MARDIV OPCON/ADCON DNG RVN
 INFO RUMH/MA/CG FMFPAC HAW
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 RUMH/MA/CG FORLOGCHD DNG RVN
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CHOP BLT 3/26 (U)

1. CG FIRST MARDIV 201315Z DEC 68 (S)

1. REF A PASSES OPCON BLT 3/26 TO CG III MAF 010800H JAN 69.

2. CG III MAF PASSES OPCON TO CTF 79 SAME TIME

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P 291751Z DEC 68

FM CG FIRST MAW

TO RUEHQA/III MAF

INFO RUEHQA/ONE SIX

RUHQA/ONE SIX FIVE

RUHQA/SEVEN NINE

RUHQA/NINTH MAB

RUHQA/ONE SIX FOUR

INFO RUEHQA/CG FMFPAC

RUHQA/CG IN

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RUHQA/CON SEVENTHFLT

RUHQA/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUHQA/CG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

USS TRIPOLI

RUHQA/CG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUHQA/ONE FIVE

RUHQA/COMNAVAIRPAC

RUHQA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE

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FOR FMFPAC W APRPL

CHOP OF HMM-165 AND HMM-164

A IG 79.3 281655Z DEC 68 (S)

1. (S) REF A PASSED COMMAND LESS OPCON OF HMM-165 TO CG FIRST MAW 290200Z DEC 68. CG FIRST MAW PASSES COMMAND LESS OPCON OF HMM-165 TO CO, MAG-16 EFF 290200Z DEC 68.

2. (S) EFF 290200Z DEC 68 CG FIRST MAW PASSES COMMAND LESS OPCON OF HMM-164 TO CG NINTH MAB, OPCON TC CYG 79.5.

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 P 291003Z DEC 68
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 TO RUABOL/CG NINTH MAB
 INFO RUHHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV
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WESTPAC INTRA-THEATER UNIT ROTATION (D)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 120040Z DEC 68

B. CG NINTH MAB 240330Z DEC 68

C. ADMIN CTG 79.5 260140Z DEC 68

D. CTF SEVEN NINE 280244Z DEC 68

1. REF A PROMULGATED IN PORT CERTAIN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WHICH WERE TO BE DEBARKEED WITH BLT 2/7 AND LISTED CERTAIN SUPPLIES TO BE RETAINED ABOARD ARG SHIPPING.

2. REF B NOTED CERTAIN DISCREPANCIES IN REF A AND REQUESTED RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO BE INCORPORATED IN REF A.

3. REF C EXPLAINED CERTAIN AGREEMENTS MADE WITH FIRST MARDIV CONCERNING ROTATION OF SUPPLIES AND IN PARA 5 THERETO RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO REF A.

4. REF D CITES THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF C BUT MISQUOTES THEM.

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5. IT WAS THE INTENT OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN PARA 5A AND 5B THAT THE BLT CLASS I SUPPLIES AND B/A OF AMMO NOT BE DEBARKEED WITH BLT 2/7 BUT BE RETAINED ABOARD ARG SHIPPING FOR TRANSFER TO BLT 3/26 TO AVOID UNNECESSARY HANDLING.

6. DOES REF D CORRECTLY REFLECT YOUR DESIRES CONCERNING BLT 2/7 AMMO AND 15 DAY RATION BLOCK.

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 FM C16 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO C16 NINTH MAB
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PASS C16 ON (U)

A. C16 NINTH MAB 280955Z DEC 68

B. C16 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 011549Z DEC 68

C. C16 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE 061107Z DEC 68

1. AS DIRECTED BY REFERENCE (A). C16 ON OF NIN ONE SIX FIV PASSED TO
 FIRST NAF BY REFERENCE (B) AND (C).

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O 230955Z DEC 68

FM 101ST ABN MAB

TO: COMSEVENTHFLT

INFO: CG SEVEN NINE PT THREE

INFO: CG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO: CG III MAF

INFO: CG FIRST MAW

INFO: CG MAVAIRPAC

INFO: CG SEVEN SIX

INFO: CG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

INFO: CG FMFPAC

INFO: CG FMFPAC (FWD)

INFO: CGMM ONE SIX FOUR

INFO: CGMM ONE SIX FIVE

INFO: CGCTH SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE

INFO: CGUSS TRIPOLI

INFO: CGDPI ONE SIX DANANG

INFO: CGTWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER

INFO: CGMARAIRGRU ONE SIX

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MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

A. CTG 79.5 261005Z DEC 68

B. CG III MAF 271316 DEC 68

C. COMSEVENTHFLT NOTICE 03120 OF 22NOV68

1. (S) SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS

B. FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) CG FIRST MAW ORDERS HMM-164 TO RELOCATE FROM MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FIELD TO THE KSS TRIPOLI C/A 29 DEC 68

2. (C) MISSION: THIS ROTATION CONSTITUTES NO CHANGE TO THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO THE NINTH MAB.

3. (S) EXECUTION: UNOIR BY COMSEVENTHFLT-

A. O/A 29 DEC 68, HMM-165 ROTATES FROM ON BOARD THE USS TRIPOLI AS PROPOSED BY REF A AND CONCURRED IN BY REF B. THIS IS A ROUTINE INTRA-THEATRE ROTATION.

B. CTG 79.5 DIRECTS HMM-165 TO RELOCATE BETWEEN THE USS TRIPOLI AND LOCATION IN RVN TO B RDESIGNATED BY CG FIRST MAW. UPON RELOCATION, CTG 79.5 PASS OPCON TO CG FIRST MAW. BE PREPARED TO RECEIVE HMM-164.

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 79.3 PASS COMMAND LESS
 HMM-165 TO CG FIRST MAW
 25 DEC 68.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

- (1) ENSURE THAT HMM-165 IS PREPARED TO SUBMIT THE NECESSARY HMM-165 FORSTAT REPORT 24 HOURS AFTER REPORTING TO CG FIRST MAW.
- (2) MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY REGARDING MOVEMENT.
- (3) MAINTAIN CAPABILITY TO SUPPORT ELT 2/7 AS REQUIRED DURING ROTATION.

- (4) THIS ORDER EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

- (1) SQUADRON FILES WILL ROTATE. FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO NINTH MAB WILL REMAIN IN PLACE.
- (2) DIRECT HMM-165 SUBMIT THIS HQS BY MSG AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK, SERNO, MOS AND RTD PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL DEPLOYING IN-COUNTRY, INFO CG FMFPAC AND CG FIRST MAW.
- (3) SUBMIT MAIL ROUTING REQUEST IAW FMFPAC O 2700.3D AND CG NINTH MAB 250803Z MAY 67/;
- (4) ENSURE GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS, ID CARDS, ID TAGS AND

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RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA ARE CURRENT AND CORRECT

- (5) ENSURE ALL REQUIRED IMMUG 79.3 ARE INFO ADDRESSES ON ALL MOVEMENT

AND RELATED MESSAGES.

- (7) SUBMIT COMMAND CHRONOLOGY IAW BRIG O 5750.1C. ENSURE THAT REPORT OF MOVEMENT IS INCLUDED

- (8) UPON REPORTING TO CTG 79.5 DIRECT HMM-164 TO PROVIDE THIS HQS BY MESSAGE AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK, SERNO, MOS AD RTD PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL DEPLOYING TO SLF; INFO CG FMFPAC, CG FIRST MAW, AND CTG 79.3

B. LOGISTICS

- (1) OFF-LOAD WITH FOLLOWING:

- SH A. ASSIGNED AIRCRAFT
- B. MARINE CORPS AND ASSIGNED ORGANIZATIONAL WEAPONS
- N C. MARINE CORPS INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT AND WEAPONS
- D. REQUIRED SQUADRON EQUIPMENT (NAVY ALLOWANCES) TO

INCLUDE EMBARKED SECTION II EQUIP.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT

- A. UPON ARRIVAL AT IN-COUNTRY LOCATION, HMM-165 REPORTS TO CG

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ARRIVAL USS TRIPOLI, HMM-164 REPORTS TO CTG 79.5 FOR
OPCON CTG 79.3 FOR KOMMAND LESS OPCON.

OPCON ALCON

D. CTG 79.3 AND CTG 79.5 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT

6. FOR CONSEQUENT FLT: ASSUME CONCURRENCE REFS A AND B. SKED CHG REQ
SEPARATELY.

7. FOR CTG 79.5: BY THIS MSG CTF 79 CONCURS REF A WHILE RECOGNIZING
DEVIATION FROM SCHEDULED ROTATION DATES OF HMM-164/HMM-165 FROM-
ULGATED REF C.

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TO RHHMAFA/CG III MAF

RUAFMS/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUABQL/CG CG NINTH MAB

RUMLMHA/MAG ONE SIX

INFO RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC

RUYGSAF/COMSEVENTHFLT

RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUMLMHA/HMM ONE SIX FIVE

RUYPWQU/USS TRIPOLI

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMLMHA/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

RUAUDB/MAG ONE FIVE

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FOR FMFPAC F-553

EMBARKATION OF HMM ONE SIX FOUR (U)

A. CG FIRST MAW 250710Z DEC 68 (S) (NOTAL)

COMM NOTE: MESSAGE CORRECTED BY MESSAGE CENTER. WILL SERVICE UPON REQUEST.

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B. CTG 79.5 261805Z DEC 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) CHANGE PARAS 1., 1.B. (1) (A), 3.A. JBL, 3.A. (4) REF A TO READ ZO/A 29DEC68 VICE ZO/A 1-3JAN69.

2. (S) CONCUR PLAN TO COMMENCE ONLOAD HMM-164 USS TRIPOLI 291000H DEC 68 AS SPECIFIED REF B.

3. (S) FOR CTF 79/CG NINTH MAB: SUGGEST OPCON/CMDR LE OPCON LIFT BE ACCOMPLISHED AS FOLLOWS:

A. FOR HMM-164: AT 291000H PASS OPCON TO CTG 79.5 AND COMMAND LESS OPCON TO CG NINTH MAB.

B. FOR HMM-165: AT 291000H CG NINTH MAB PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON TO CG III MAF WITH CONCURRENT PASSAGE TO CG FIRST MAW AND MAG-16.

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UNXZ GU.

O 280245Z DEC 68

FM CG NINTH MAB

TO RNMMAA/CG THIRD MAF

INFO RNMHLA/CG FIRST MARDIV

RUMFMOB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUMFWOU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUTAXMA/CG FMFPAC

RUMHLA/THIRD BN TWENTY SIX MAR

RUMFWOU/CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RUMHVP/CG THIRD MARDIV

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(CB226)

ASSIGNMENT OF COMMAND LESS OPCON (U)

4. CG FIRST MARDIV 2600Z DEC 68

2. CG FMFPAC 060327Z DEC 68

3. CG FIRST MARDIV 201315Z DEC 68

5. CG III MAF 201450Z DEC 68

1. (S) REF A LISTS THOSE UNITS FROM FIRST MARDIV FOR WHICH COMMAND

LESS OPCON WILL BE PASSED TO CG NINTH MAB ON 1 JAN 69 PURSUANT

TO REF B. HOWEVER, REF A, AS RECEIVED BY THIS COMMAND, FAILS TO

REFLECT 1ST PLAT (REIN) CO A, 5TH SB BN AS ONE OF THE UNITS

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DESIGNATED BY REF B AND D FOR PASSAGE OF COMMAND LESS OPCON. (

2. (S) ADDITIONALLY, THE AMTRAC PLATOON DESIGNATED BY REFS C AND

D FOR TRANSFER SHOULD BE 3RD PLATOON VICE 1ST PLATOON

3. (S) PLEASE ADVISE

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 RUABQL SEVEN NINE
 RUABQL FIRST MARDIV
 RUABQL SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 RUABQL SEVEN NINE PT TWO
 RUABQL BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 RUABQL BLT THREE SLANT TWO SIX
 RUABQL TWO SIX MARINES
 RUABQL RUHMFMA/CG FMFPAC
 RUABQL COMSEVENTHFLT
 RUABQL MPA/CG FLC
 RUABQL MPA/CG III MAF
 RUABQL CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 RUABQL CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RUABQL CTG SEVEN SIX
 RUABQL THIRD FSR
 RUABQL PROVSRV BN
 RUABQL DPI ONE SIX DANANG
 RUABQL DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER
 RUABQL CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
 RUABQL FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES

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(B228) (C163) (E180) (F161)

MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

- A. CTF 79 120040Z DEC 68 NOTAL
- B. ADMINS CTG 79.5 260140Z DEC 68 NOTAL
- C. CG FIRST MARDIV 201315Z DEC 68 NOTAL
1. (S) EXECUTE REF A, AS MODIFIED HEREIN, EFFECTIVE 010000Z JAN 69.
2. KAG REQUESTED REF B CHANGE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH OF REF A
 TO READ: 4B (1) BLT 2/7 DEBARK WITH T/E EQUIP AND ORGANIC SUPPLIES
 LESS CLASS I (ONE) AND B/A AMMO.
- 4B (2) ADD: PRESCRIBED LOAD CLASS I (ONE) AND B/A AMMO DELETE:
 15 DAY RATION BLOCK
3. THIS ANSWERS REF B.
4. (S) BLT 3/26 TASK ORGANIZATION IAW REF C REITERATED AS FOLLOWS:
 - A. THIRD BN TWENTY SIX MARINES
 - B. C BTRY FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES
 - C. MORT BTRY FIRST BN THIRTEENTH MARINES
 - D. THIRD PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH AMTRAC BN
 - E. THIRD PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH AT BN

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- 1. FIRST PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH ENGR BN
- 2. FIRST PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH SP BN
- 3. THIRD PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH MT BN
- 4. SECOND PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH TANK BN
- 5. THIRD PLAT (REIN) CO A FIFTH RECON BN
- 6. FIRST CLEARING PLAT CO A FIFTH MED BN
- 7. DET HQ CO TWENTY SIX MARINES (RADIONRELAY)
- 8. DET HQ CO FIFTH MARDIV (POSTAL, RADIORELAY, LEGAL, DISB,
PHOTO, MP SQUAD)
- 9. DET FIFTEENTH DENTAL CO
- 10. DET BMU NBG
- 11. 1ST NINTH MAB

12. ACTION ADDRESSES ACKNOWLEDGE

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200732Z DEC 68
 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 SUB/CTF SEVEN NINE

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SUMMARY PERIOD 25 DEC 68 TO 31 DEC 68 (10)

SEVENTHFLT OP ORDER 201-68

SEVEN NINE 200732Z AUG 68

1. REFS A AND B THE FOLLOWING SIGNIFICANT EVENTS OCCURED
 DURING REPORTING PERIOD.

A. OPERATIONS. SLF BRAVO CELEBRATED CHRISTMAS AT SUBIC BAY.
 CIG TS-5 DEPARTED SUBIC VIA AIR FOR III MAF PLANNING CONF 25 DEC 68.
 ON 27 DEC ARG/SLF BRAVO SAILED FOR DANANG. ETA DANANG 29 DEC 68. ON
 ARRIVAL COMMENCE OFFLOAD REMAINING BLT 2/7 AND HMM-165 CARGO/VEHICLES
 AND EMBARK HMM-164.

B. ADMIN. NONE.

C. PLANNING. SLF BRAVO CONTINUES PLANNING FOR ROTATION
 BLT'S/HMM'S. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR NEW OPERATION ON ARRIVAL DANANG
 29 DEC.

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D. LOGISTICS. ON 26 DEC INTRA-SHIP TRANSFER OF CARGO AND
 EQUIPMENT TO CONFORM TO LOADING PLANS OF BLT 3/26 COMPLETED.
 TRANSFERRED ALL BLT 2/7/HMM-165 GENERAL CARGO INTO LANDING CRAFT
 FOR OFFLOAD AT DANANG.

E. COMM. NONE.

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CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

RHMLMHA/CG FMFPAC

JAGSAP/COM SEVENTHFLT

RHMLMHA/CG FIRST MAW

RUYPWDB/CTF SEVEN SIX

RUYJSYB/CTF SEVEN NINE

RUYPWQU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYPWQU/ISS TRIPOLI

RHMLMHA/MAG ONE SIX

RHMLMHA/HMM ONE SIX FOUR

RHMLMHA/HMM ONE SIX FIVE

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EMBARKATION OF HMM ONE SIX FOUR (U)

A. CTG 79.5 261005Z DEC 68 (S)

B. (S) CONCUR IN PLANS OF REF A TO COMMENCE EMBARK HMM 164 A/C AND
 PERS 291000H DEC AND ASSUME OPCON/CASUALTY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY
 SAME TIME.

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2. (U) DIRLAUZ ALCON.

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P 271243Z DEC 68
FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
TO RUYGCKK/HMM ONE SIX FOUR
INFO RUJLMHA/CG FIRST MAW
RUJLMHA/MAG ONE SIX

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EMBARKATION OF HMM-164 (S)

A. UR 260935Z DEC 68

B. MY 261005Z DEC 68

1. REFS A AND B REFER. SUBJ TO APPROVAL OF REF B BY CG III MAF
AND UNODIR PLAN TO COMMENCE EMBARKATION 291200H DEC.

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... NINE PT FIVE
 RHMMHFA/CG III MAF
 RHMMHFA/CG FIRST MAF
 RHMMHFA/NAG ONE SIX
 RHMMHFA/HMM ONE SIX FOUR
 RHMMHFA/HMM ONE SIX FIVE
 INFO RHMMHFA/CG FOF PAC
 RHMMHFA/8 COM SEVENTHFLT
 RHMMHFA/CTF SEVEN NINE
 RHMMHFA/CTF SEVEN SIX
 ZEN/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 RHMMHFA/CTU SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE
 ZEN/USS TRIPOLI
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EMBARKATION OF HMM ONE SIX FOUR (U)

A. CG III MAF 080090848Z NOV 68 (S) (NOTAL)

B. CTG 79.5 241531Z DEC 68 (C) (NOTAL)

1. FOR CG III MAF. IAW REF A, ETA ARG/SLT BRAVO DANANG 230700H
 DEC 68 FOR EMBARKATION HMM-164 AND OFFLOAD REMAINING BLT 2/7 -
 HMM-165 VEHICLES/CARGO. SUBJ YOUR CONCURRENCE PLAN TO COMMENCE
 EMBARK HMM-164 A/C AND PERS 291000H DEC AND ASSUME OPCON/
 CASUALTY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY SAME TIME. PLANS CONCERNING
 LOADING HMM-164 CARGO DEPEND ON RECEIPT OF REPLAY TO REF B AND
 WILL BE PASEP.

2. FOR CG FIRST MAF. SUBJ CONCURRENCE CG III MAF WITH ABOVE REQ
 HMM-164 COMMENCE EMBARKATION 2191000H DEC 68 WITH CONCURRENCE

MESSAGE OPCON AND CASREP RESPY. NEW SUBJ. REQ ONE A/C FM HMM-164
 REPORT TO CTG 79.5 ABOARD USS TRIPOLI 290700H DEC 68 FOR MISSION 83B
 (ADMIN/LIAISON).

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O 30 Z DEC 68
 FM CG III MAF DNG
 TO CG NINTH MAB
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 CG FMFPAC
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 261335Z DEC 68
 FM CG FIRST MARDIV
 TO CG III MAF
 CG NINTH MAB
 CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTF SEVEN NINE
 CTF SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
 FIRST BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
 THIRD BN TWENTY SIXTH MARINES
 FIRST MARDIV OPCON/ADCON
 CG FMFPAC
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FIRST MAF
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 CG FORLOGCOMD
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 A. CG FMFPAC 060327Z DEC 68 (NOTAL)
 B. CG III MAF 201450Z DEC 68 (NOTAL)

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1. (S) EFF 010001H JAN69 COMD LESS OPCON OF FOL UNITS PASSED TO CG NINTH MAB:

BLT 3/26

1ST BN, 26TH MAR (REF A REFERS)

2D PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH ENGR BN (REF A REFERS)

2. (S) BLT 3/26 CONTAINS, INTER ALFA, FOL UNITS ENUMERATED REFS A AND B:

3D BN, 26TH MAR

1ST PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH ENGR BN

3D PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH RECON BN

2D PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH TANK BN

3D PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH MT BN

1ST PLAT (REIN), CO , 5TH SP BN

3D PLAT (REIN) CO A, 5TH AMTRAC BN

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F 20710Z DEC 68

CG 1ST MAW

MAG KONE SIX

MHA/KCG FMFPAC

CONSEVENTHFLT

MAG III MAF

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

MAG-16 SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

MAG-16 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

MAG-16 SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

HMM ONE SIX FOUR

HMM ONE SIX FIVE

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MOVEMENT/WARNING ORDER (U)

A. CONSEVENTHFLT 140808Z DEC 68 (S) NOTAL

B. WGO 5041.3C

C. CG 1ST MAW LTR 47:PFM/TTB OVER 1300 OF 6NOV68

D. NWIP 10-1 (B) SUP 1

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E. FMFPAC 001500.13B

TIME ZONE: HOTEL

TASK ORGANIZATION: NO CHANGE

1. (S) SITUATION: REF A PROMULGATES 3D CTR FY69 ARG/SLF SCHEDULE AND SCHED ROTATION OF HMM-165/164 O/A 1-3JAN69.K

2. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS AND SITREPS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) CTF SEVEN NINE PROVIDES:

(A) FOR ADMIN TRANSFER OF HMM-165 TO MAG-16 O/A 1-3JAN69

(B) ROSTER BY NAME, RANK & RTD THOSE MEMBERS HMM-165 TO BE ROTATED. HMM-165 SUBMIT FOR CTF 79 COPY TO CG 1ST MAW

2. (S) MISSION: PROVIDE FOR MOVEMENT HMM-164 ABOARD LPH TRIPOLI

3. (S) EXECUTION:

A. MAG-16 TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTION:

(1) CONDUCT PREROTATION INSPECTION HMM-164 IAW REF B.

(2) O/A 1-3JAN69 DEPLOY HMM-164 TO LPH TRIPOLI TO REPORT TO CTF 79 FOR OPCON/ADCON

(3) SUBMIT FORSTAT DATA BASE FOR HMM-164 TO CG 1ST MAW NINETY-SIX (96) HOURS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

(4) O/A 1-3JAN69 ACCEPT COMMAND LESS OPCON HMM-165 WHEN

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COORDINATING INSTRUCTION: SUBMIT NO/REP IAW REF D.
 4. (S) ADMIN AND LOGISTIC SC

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A. ADMIN:

(1) SQUADRON FILES ROTATE EXCEPT FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO AREA REMAIN IN PLACE.

(2) HMM-164 PERSONNEL WITH FEB69 OR EARLIER RTD REMAIN.
 MAG-16 ASSIGN/REASSIGN TO INSURE PERSONNEL IAW REF C.

(3) PROVIDE EMBARK ROSTER INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL RTDS TO THIS HQ WITH AIRMAIL COPIES TO CG FMFPAC AND CTF 79.

(4) MAG-16 PROVIDE CG 1ST MAW WITH HMM-164 RANK/MOS BREAK DOWN TO INCLUDE MONTHLY LOSS FOR JAN FEB, UPON EMBARKATION.

(5) INSURE IMMUNIZATION, ID CARDS, ID TAGS AND RECORD OF EMERGENCY DATA CURRENT FOR ALL PERSONNEL DEPLOYING.

B. LOGISTIC S:

(1) HMM-164 EMBARK ABOARD LPH TRIPOLI ON ORDER WITH:

(A) COMPLETE IMRL

(B) ALL SECTION H

(C) ALL NAVAIR 00-35QG-016 EQUIP

(D) ALL NAVAIR 00-35-T-37-2 EQUIP

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(E) ALL ORGANIZATIONAL PUBS

(F) ALL MARC ORPS T/E EQUIP LESS ENCAMPMENT/GARRISON ITEMS

(G) THREE DAYS MCI AND FUEL TRIKANE

(KH) COMP NAVY ALLOWANCE PLUS FOLL SECTION M EQUIP
 OR SUITABLE SUBSTITUTE:

1 1 TRK, CGO 4X4 7000LB MS76 CVN DED

2 1 M38A1 OR M151

3 1 TRLR (M-100)

4 1 GENERATOR PV239K

(2) ENSURE STRICT COMPLIANCE PARA 630 REF E

(3) MAG-16 PROVIDE THIS HQ (ATTN AC/S COMPT) AVAIL BP-01

END AVAIL AS OF END OF LAST FLYING DAY PRIOR TO DEPLOYMENT HMM-164.

5. FOR PURPOSES OF DEPLOYMENT HMM-164 IS TASKED ORGANIZED (T/O PURPOSES) AS FOLLOWS:

45 NA-X 6 AGO 195 ENL 18 CH-46D ACFT

READINESS REPORTS WILL USE THE ABOVE BASE VICE T/O FOR REPORTING.

FOR FMFPAC F-014

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DEC 68

MAB

CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR (A207)

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SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE

CG III MAF DNG RVN

AMERICAN DIV CN SIX

SEVEN NINE

CG NSASUPC CMD DNG RVN

CG FOR LOGC CMD DNG RVN

CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE

PSA QUANG NGAI

INFO COMUSMACV SGN RVN

COMSEVENTHFLT

CG NINTH MAB OKI

CTU SEVEN SIX PT ZERO PT FIVE

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COMM NOTE: MESSAGE AS RECEIVED. SVCC HAS
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ARG/CLF INITIAL TGT PLANNING CONF. (C)

A. CG III MAF 220344M CG III MAF 220600Z DEC 68 (S) (PASEP)

1. (C) REF A ANNOUNCED CONFERENCE AT III MAF HQ 261300H DEC FOR
INITIAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION OF OPERATION PROPOSED IN REF B.

(S) THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS CONSTITUTED DIS-
CUSSION.

A. SLFREHABRQMTS

B. MODIFICATIONSTO PROPOSED AOA

C. ENEMY NCEPT OF OPERATIONS INCLUDING PHASING AND TACTICAL DECEPTION

E. SHIP-TO-SHORE MOVEMENT

F. CHOP FORCES ASHORE

G. LINKUP CONSIDERATIONS

H. FORCES REQ FOR RESERVE, RECON/SCREENING AND ROADBLOCKS OUTSIDE
OF CORDON, OUTER AND INNER CORDONS, AND INSIDE CORDONS.

I. COMMAND COORDINATION BETWEEN CATF, AMERICAN DIV
AND 2ND ARVN DIV.

J. PLANS FOR INTEGRATION OF GVN, US AND INTERPRETERS.

K. CATF/CLF STAFF ORGANIZATION.

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L. SPECIALIZED TRAINING REQ (E.G. PROTECTIVE MASK,
GOOSEY TRAP).

M. PERSONNEL REQTS.

N. MATERIAL REQTS FOR SCREENING CENTERS.

O. MEDICAL SUPPORT AND PLANS FOR HANDLING CHILDREN.

P. AIR SUPPORT COORDINATION/

P. FIRE SUPPORT COORDINATION

Q. COM REQTS INCLUDING EQUIPMENT COMPATABILITY AND
EXCHANGE OF SOI'S.

R. LOGISTIC REQTS INCLUDING MEDEVAC AND WATER SUPPLY

S. AIR SUPPORT TO EXPLOIT INTELLIGENCE

T. AERIAL PHOTO REQTS

U. AIDS FOR LOCATING TUNNELS AND CACHES

V. PSYOP REQUIREMENT INTELLIGENCE/SECURITY

X. WEATHER CONSIDERATIONS

Y. OPERATIONAL SECURITY

3. (U) ATTENDEES ARE REQUESTED TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
ALL PERTINENT AGENDA ITEMS AND ANY OTHERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

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O 240000Z DEC 68

FM CTF SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO: JAG/CG III MAF

INFO: JAG/COM SEVENTHFLT

FM JAG/CG SEVEN NINE

RUYP/CG SEVEN SIX

ZEN/CG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

RUYP/CG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

RUYP/CG SEVEN NINE PT ZERO PT ONE

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ARG/SLF INITIAL TGT PLANNING CONF (U)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 240130Z DEC 68 (S)

1. JAG REF A FOLLOWING OFFICERS WILL ATTEND SUBJ CONF.

A. COL ROBERT R WILSON 023086, CTG79.5, FTS/BI/ONI/5DEC67.

B. MAJ LEEMON B MCHENRY 069432, ASST OPN OFF TG79.5, ITS/

MAC/ONI/18NOV54.

2. COL WILSON AND MAJ MCHENRY SKED TO DEPART CUBI PT NAS
VIA C-54 A/C 251200H DEC. FLT NUMBER UNK. ETA DANANG 251530H
DEC 68. REQ TRANS AND BILLETING.

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P 0000Z DEC 68

FM J5 WITH NAB

INFO: J5/CG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

INFO: J5/CG FIRST MARDIV

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WESTPAC INTRA-THEATER UNIT ROTATION

A. FMFPAC 0001300.13B

B. N0010 FMFPAC 170019Z DEC 68

C. CG FIRST MAR DIV 200143Z DEC 68

D. CTF SEVEN NINE 120040Z DEC 68

1. REF A SETS FORTH PROCEDURES FOR SUBJECT ROTATION, REF B POINTS OUT CERTAIN DEVIATIONS FROM THESE PROCEDURES EXISTING IN FIRST MARDIV ADMIN ORDER 43-68 27NOV68. REF C ANSWERS REF B AND STATES SLF BRAVO AGREED TO THESE MUTUAL EXCHANGES.

2. THIS HQ UNAWARE THESE ARRANGEMENTS AND THEREFORE REFERENCE D DIRECTED BLT 2/7 TO DEBARK W/MATERIAL APPARENTLY NOW REQ'D TO REMAIN ABOARD ARG SHIPPING.

3. REQ ADVISE THIS HQ NLT 28DEC68 SCOPE MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF EXCHANGE

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OF SUPPLIES AND RECOMMENDED CHANGES TO REF D.

4. MEDICAL ALLOWANCE REQUIRED TO BE EMBARKED BY 3/26 CONSTRUED TO BE MAL CODE 674 BLOCK. DESIRE THIS HQ THAT MAL CO WITH 3/26 AND THAT 2/7 DEBARK W/MAL CODE 674.

5. PRIMARY CONCERN THIS HQS THAT PROVISIONS OF REF A FULLY MET.

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O P 230345Z DEC 68

FM CMC SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

TO CMC SEVEN NINE MAB

THIRD BN TWO SIX MARINES

AF CMC LA/CG FIRST MARDIV

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TRAINING SYLLABUS BLT 3/26 (ID)

A. CMC SEVEN NINE MAB 210055Z DEC 68

B. CMC SEVEN NINE MAB 200600Z DEC 68 (NOTAL)

C. CONVENTION FLT 202330Z DEC 68 (NOTAL)

1. REF A REQ 3/26 FWD RECOMMENDED TRNG SYLLABUS FOR OKINAWA REHAB PERIOD. SUBJ SYLLABUS MAILED ON 17 DEC TO THIS HQ FOR INITIAL REVIEW BUT AS YET NOT RECD. UPON RECEIPT WILL FWD SOONEST. MEANTIME ADVANCE COPY HAS BEEN RECD. UNDERSTAND US HQ ALSO PROVIDED ADVANCE COPY.
2. CONSIDERING SKED CHANGES CONTAINED REF B AND CONCURRED IN BY REF C, APPEARS DOUBTFUL BLT 3/26 WILL REHAB IN OKINAWA. CONCEPT AND DATES OF EMPLOYMENT OUTLINED REF B WILL PROVIDE LTD TRNG TIME, PARTICULARLY ASHORE. TIME FACTOR AND LTD TRNG FACILITIES AVAIL DANANG AREA

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NECESSITATE EMPHASIS BE PLACED ON AMPHIB IND OCT AND FAMILIARIZATION, DEBARKATION DRILLS AND SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT VIA SURFACE AND HELICOPTER TO INSURE ADEQUACY OF LANDING PLAN. SUBJ SUCH AS WEAPONRY, MARKSMANSHIP, TACTICS AND PT SHOULD BE STRESSED PRIOR TO EMBARKATION.

3. OTHER AFFECTS OF SKED CHANGE ON 3/26 REHAB WILL BE ADDRESSED SEPARATELY.

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P 230228Z DEC 68
FM CG NINTH MAB
TO CG FMFPAC (FWD)
THIRD FOR SERVREGT
PROVSERVBN
CAMP BUTLER
INFO CG FMFPAC
CG THIRD MAF
CG FLC
CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
TWO SIX MARINES
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BLT REHAB (U)

1. REHAB SCHEDULED FOR BLT 3/26 ON OKINAWA DURING PERIOD 7-21
JAN 69 CANCELLED. WILL ADVISE IF REHAB RESCHEDULED FOR LATER
DATE,
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P 23 DEC 68
 RE CG NINTH MAB
 INFO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR (A185)
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE (B175)
 D 220344Z DEC 68
 FM CG III MAF
 TO CG FIRST MAW
 CG AMERICAL DIV
 CTG SEVEN SIX
 CTF SEVEN NINE
 CG USA SUPCOMD DNG
 CG FORL OGCMO
 CTG ONE ONE FIVE PT ONE
 PSA QUANG NGAI
 INFO CINCPACFLT
 COMUSMACV SGN
 CG FMFPAC HAW
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 COMPHIBPAC
 COMNAVFORV SGN
 CG FIRST MARDIV DNG

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 CG NINTH MAB OKI
 CTF ONE ONE FIVE
 CTU SEVEN SIX PT ZERO PT FIVE
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ARG/SLF INITIAL TGT PLANNING CONF (U)

A. CG III MAF 200600Z DEC 68 (PASEP)

B. COMSEVENTHFLT (PASEP)

1. (S) REF A PRESENTED A CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS FOR A TWO-ARG/SLF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION IN QUANG NGAI

PROVINCE O/U 10 JAN 68. REF B APPROVED THE CONCEPT.

2. (S) A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THIS HQ. 261200H DEC 68 IN COC CONF RM FOR ALL PARTIES CONCERNED TO ACCOMPLISH INITIAL ORIENTATION, AND TO COMMENCE CONCURRENT PLANNING.

3. (S) REQ REP YOUR COMMAND ATTEND FOR INITIAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION PURPOSES.

4. DESIRE TO HOLD INFO ON OPERATION ON STRICT NEED TO KNOW BASIS.

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O 201400Z DEC 68
 FM CG FIRST MARDIV REIN DNG
 TO CG NINTH MAB
 CG TF YANKEE
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 CTF SEVEN NINE
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 SEVENTH MAR
 TWENTY SIXTH MAR
 THIRD BN SEVENTH MAR
 THIRD BN TWENTY SIXTH MAR
 FIRST MARDIV OPCON/ADCON
 INFO CG FMFPAC
 CG III MAF
 CG THIRD MARDIV
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 CG FLC

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ROTATION OF BLT 2/7 (U)

A. CTF SEVEN NINE 120040Z DEC 68 (S) (NOTAL)

1. (S) BLT 2/7 WILL BE DEACTIVATED ON ORDER THI HQ O/XA 1JAN 69
UPON RECIPT OF COMMAND LESS ROM III MAF.

2. (S) 1ST MARDIV LITS PRESENTLY HAV OPCON FOL ELEMENTS
BLT 2/7:

2ND BN, 7TH MAR (5TH MAR)

MORT BTRY, 3D BN, 11TH MAR

BTRY, 3D BN, 11TH MAR

3 PLT, CO B, 3D AMTRAC BN

2D PLAT, CO B, 3D AMTRAC BN

2D PLAT, CO B, 1ST TK BN

2D PLAT (-), CO C, 1ST ENGR BN

DET, HQ BN, 1ST MARDIV

3. (S) ON ORDER THIS HQ, IT IS PLANNED THAT FOL ATTACHMENTS BLT
2/7 BE ASG OPCON TO UNITS INDICATED:

2D PLAT, CO A, 1ST MT BN TO 1ST MT BN

DET, 1ST SP BN TO 1ST SP BN

DET, HQ CO, 7TH MAR TO 7TH MAR

4. (S) REF A STATED FOL ELEMENTS BLT 2/7 WILL REMAIN WITH SLF
FOR ETIACHMENT TO BLT 3/26:

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1ST CLEARING PLAT (REIN), CO A, 5TH MED BN
DET, 15TH DENT CO
3D PLAT (REIN, CO A, 5TH AT BN
NGL O WITH SFCP
SLU

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5. (S) 1ST PLAT, CO B, 1ST RECON BN PRESENTLY OPCON THIRD MARDIV.
6. (S) FOR CO 2/7:

A. FOL MARES: FORSTAT ACT REQR UPON DEACTIVATION:

(1) SUB A CARD: CHANGING OPCON,ADCON,

(2) SUB B CARD : CHANGE LOCATION

(3) SUB D CARD: EVAL BN ONLY.

(4) SUB G CARD: CHANGE EQUIP POSSED.

B. SUBMOVREP DISSOLVING BLT AND CHECK OUT MOVREP SYSTEM.

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0 220145Z DEC 68
 TO CTF SEVEN NINE
 INFO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR (A181)
 CTF SEVEN NINE PT FIVE (B168)
 ZEN CTG SEVEN NINE PT EIGHT

0 222332Z DEC 68

FM COMSEVENTHFLT

TO CG III MAF

INFO CONCPACFLT

MACPAC

COMPHIBPAC

COMUSMACV

CTF SEVEN SIX

CTF SEVEN NINE

CG AMERICAL DIV

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ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 200602Z DEC 69 PASEP

1. CONCUR WITH THE ARG/SLF SCHEDULE MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED REF A

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AND IN THE RELATED OPERATIONAL CONCEPT FOR EMPLOYMENT OF BOTH ARG/
 SLFS IN THE BATANGAN AREA.

2. MANNING REPS FROM CTF-76 AND 79 ARE AVAILABLE TO MEET AT TIME
 AND PLACE YOU DESIGNATE.

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P 220417Z DEC 68
 FM CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 INFO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 P 211146Z DEC 68
 FM CTF SEVEN SIX
 INFO COMPHIBGRU ONE
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 O 202332Z DEC 68
 FM COMSEVENTH FLT
 INFO CINCPACFLT
 CG FMFPAC
 COMPHIBPAC
 CTF SEVEN SIX
 O 200602Z DEC 68
 FM CG III MAF
 TO COMSEVENTHFLT
 INFO COMUSMACV
 CG AMERICAL DIV
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ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT (U)

A. CG III MAF 170712Z NOV 68 (S)

B. CG III MAF 170920Z NOV 68 (S)

1. (S) THE ACCELERATED PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IS MOVING AHEAD WELL IN ICTZ. THIS IS A RESULT OF THE CAREFULLY INTEGRATED EFFORTS OF US MILITARY FORCES AND THE US CIVILIAN ESTABLISHMENT, AS AS THE CVN CIVIL AND MILITARY SIDE, IN IN OPERATION S SUCH AS MEADE RIVER, HARD IN FALLS AND VALIANT HUNT, SUCCESS IN THESE AREAS, HOWEVER, HIGHLIGHTS THE LONG TIME TROUBLE AREA AROUND QUAN NGAI CITY AND PARTICULARLY THE BATANGAN PENINSULA.

2. (S) THE TOP PRIORITY TARGET AREA IN THE BATANGAN REGION REFERRED TO AS PINK VILLE IS STILL COMPLETELY UNDER VC/NVA CONTROL. THE REGION CONTAINS 80 PCT OF THE APC TARGET HAMLETS IN QUANG NGAI. THE AREA IS BOUNDED BY A LINE FROM BS 744764 TO BS 698779 TO BS 703888 TO BS 748311 THEN ALONG COAST TO ORIGIN. THE TOTAL ESTIMATED POPULATION

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THERE IS 27,470. ESTIMATED ENEMY FORCES INCLUDE TWO VC/NVA BATTALIONS TWO TO FOUR VC/NVA COMPANIES AND A HUNDRED OR MORE **SECRET** HAVE CAPABILITY TO MOUNT BATTALIONS SIZE COORDINATED ATTACKS ANYWHERE IN THE TAAGER REGION, SMALL UNIT HARASSING TARGETS ARE OCCURRING ON A WEEKLY BASIS.

3. (S) USING TECHNIQUES RECENTLY EMPLOYED IN MEADE RIVER, WE ARE CONSIDERING A MAJOR OPERATION IN THE COSTAL QUANG NAGAI REGION, IN WHICH AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS BY BOTH SLF'S WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE. OTHER MAJOR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE A TASK FORCE FROM THE AMERICAL DIVISION AT ONE ARVN BATTALION, PLUS RF, PF, PFF, AND THE FULL ARRAY OF RESOURCES AVAILABLE THROUGH COPOS, THE PHOENIX PROGRAM AND THE PSA STRUCTURE IN QUANG NGIA PROVINCE CONCEPT AND TACTICAL DEVELOPMENT WILL BE CLOSELY TIED TO SPECIFIC INTELLIGENCE PRODUCED BY PHOENIX IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN REFERENCES (A) AND (B).

4. (S) PRESENT TENTATIVE CONCEPT IS ALONG THESE LINES:

A. PHASE I. AMERICAL AND ARVN FORCES GENERALLY EASTWARD TOWARD BATANG MANNER TO USHER ENEMY FORCES GENERALLY EASTWARD TOWARD BATANGAN PENINSULA. BOTH ARG/SLT'S CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS DEMONSTRATION AGAINST MO 30 KM SOUTH OF BATANGAN. DEMONSTRATION IS CARRIED FORWARD TO APPROX D-1, WHILE NECESSARY STEPS OF LIAISON WITH LOWER ECHELON RVN ARE MADE, AND CVN PROVINCE RESOURCES ARE ASSEMBLED IN PREPARATION FOR A MO DUC (LANDING) ONLY THE ABSOLUTE MINIMUM OF VN OFFICIALS ARE AWARE THAT LANDINGS ARE TO BE AT BATANGAN.

B. PHASE II. ATF CONDUCTS AMPHIB OPERATIONS: SLF'S LAND IN AOA, WHICH IS CONTIGUOUS TO AMERICAL AND ARVN UNITS ARE MOVING TO FOR CORDON. SLF'S IN AOA FROM EXTENSION OF CORDON TO THE SEA.

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C. PHASE III. CORDON IS CONTRACTED. NPFF, PRUN APT, RF/PF JOIN OPERATION. THESE ARE FORCES ORIGINALLY ASSEMBLED FOR SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS PROCEED. SOMETIME IN PHASE III ONE OF BOTH SLF'S CHOP TO AMERICAL DEPENDING UPON DEVELOPMENT OF TACTICAL SITUATION. SLF'S RETRACT TO ARG'S AT XONCLUSION OF PHASE III. **SECRET**

D. PHASE IV. SELECTED AMERICAL ELEMENTS RETAIN IN OBJECTIVE AREA. TO STIFFEN RF/PF RESOLVE AND ENSURE FMAAF PRECENCE IS MAINTAINED UNTIL IT CAN BE DETERMINED THAT GVN PRESENCE WILL BE CONTINUED.

E. PHASE V. WITHDRAWAL OF US FORCES AND TURNOVER TO GVN FORCES.

5. (S) THE SUBTANTIAL DECREASES IN FRIENDLY TROOP DENSITY IN THE COSASTAL REGIONS CREATED THE ICTZ WINTER CAMPAIGN, COUPLE WITH THE UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION THE ARG/SLF'S CAN MAKE TO THE VITAL CAMPAIGN ALONG THE COAST. CREATE A SITUATION WHERE REPEATED AND VIGOROUS AMPNEZIOUS OPERATIONS BY BOTH SLF'S WILL CARRY A MAJOR SHARE OF THE LOAD NECESSARY TO UP OUR PERSENT OFFENSIVE FACT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF THE PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND TET. THE BATANGAN OPERATION DESCRIBED HER REPRESENTS AN EXAMPLE. FOR THIS REASON, AND WHILE RECONGNIZEING 3/26'S NEED FOR A FULL SCALE AND DELIBERATE REST AND TACTICAL SITUATION FOR THE SPECIALS CAPABILITIES OR THE ARG/SLF MILITATE AGAINST THE OKINAWA REHAB OF 3/26 FOLLOWING EMBARKATION IN EARLY JANUARY. INSTEAD, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL, WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR A SUBSTATIOA REHAB OF 3/26., AND ALSO ALLOWS ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE BATANGAN OPERATION. PRESENT SCHEDULE BELOW IS EXTRECTED FROM REF A. PROPOSED IS EASED ON THE FOREGOING PARAGRAPHS:

| PROPOSED | PRESENT |
|---|--|
| ALFA | ALFA |
| 1JAN-16FEB: AVAIL SPECOPS ARG IN SUPPORT 1-25 JAN. | 1JAN-16FEB: AVAIL SPECOPS, ARG IN SUPPORT 1-24 JAN. |
| 10JAN: LAND SLF BATANGAN | |
| 26JAN-16: ARG HONG KONG VISIT AND SUBIC UPKEEP | 26JAN-16FEB: ARG HONG KONG VISIT AND SUBIC UPKEEP |
| BRAVO | BRAVO |
| 1-9 JAN: LOAD BLT 3/26 & REHAB FLC DANANG | 1-31 JAN: LOAD 3/26. |
| 10 JAN: LAND SLF PATANGAN PENINSULA | 4-24 JAN: REHAB OKINAWA |
| 19 JAN :3MAR: AVAIL SPECOPS, ARG IN SUPPORT 10 JAN- 16FEB | 25 JAN-3 AR: AVAIL SPECOPS, ARG IN SUPPORT 25 JAN-15 FEB |

(NOTE) CHANG FROM PRESENT SCHEDULE

6. IN ORDER TO INITIATE PLANNING FROM THIS END REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL OF ABOVE PROPOSED MODIFICATION TO ARG/SLF SCHEDULE AND RELATED OPERATIONAL CONCEPT.

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REF ID: A682 DEC 68

ER CONSERVENTHLEIT

TO DISINTEGRATE

INFO CG FMFPAC

COMUSMACV

CC III MAF

COMNAVFORV

CG 1ST MAJ

ON 15 MAR 2000

CG SRD HARDIV

CTF SEVEN SIX

CT F SEVEN NINE

CTG SEVEN SIX PT FOUR

00G SEVEN SIX PT FIVE

01 8 SEVEN NINE PT FOUR

016 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

CG PERLOGEND

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FORM 990-R 1989 ARG/SLF SCHEDULE C(U)

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CONSEVENTHFLT QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULED DTD 15 NOV 1968

REF A INDICATED SUBJ SCHED TO BE PROMULGATED SEPARATELY. THE

7. FOLLOWING SCHEDULE WAS AGREED UPON BY REPS FROM III MAF AND COMUSMACV

AT RECENT CONSEQUENT HLT QUARTERLY SCHED CONFERENCE AND SUBJECT

TO COMMISSIONER BY CG III MAF/COMUSMACV, IS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL.

ALFA (CTG 76.4/79.4)

1 JAN 28 FEB SLF AVAIL SPECOPS. ARG IN SUPPORT 1 JAN-24 JAN.

23 JAN OFF LOAD HMM 365

05 27 JAN ARG ENR HONG HONG

08 JAN 1 FEB ARG IN PORT HONG KONG

2-3 FEB ARG EIR SUBIC

4-11 FEB ARG UPKEEP SUBIC

13. ARG ENR I CORPS

17-16 BACKLOAD/REHAB DANANG

21FEB- 1 AFF SLF AVAILABLE S ECOPS. ARG IN SUPPORT 21FEB- 14044R.

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16-17 MAR- ARG ENR SUBIC

19-23- ARG UPKEEP/TRNG SUBIC

27-28 MAR- ARG ENR I CORPS

23- BACKLOAD HERE

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24-31 MAR ARG IN SUPPORT

1-3 APR BACKLOAD REHAB AT SEA. ROTATE BLT (NEW BLT TO BE DESIGNATED)

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B. ARG/SLF BRAVO (CTG 76.5/79.5)

1-3 JAN BACK LOAD NEW BLT (3/26). ROTATE HMM 165/164.

4-6 JAN ARG/SLF ENR OKINAWA

7-21 JAN ARG/SLF REHAB/TRAINING OKINAWA

22-24 JAN ARG/SLF ENR I CORPS

25 JAN-APR SLF AVAIL SPECOPS. ARG IN SUPPORT 25JAN-15FEB.

16 FEB OFFLOAD HMM

17-18 FEB ARG ENR SUBIC

19 FEB-1MAR ARG UPK/PHIBRON TURNOVER SUBIC

2-3 MAR BACKLOAD/REHAB DANANG.

8MAR DTMD ARG/SLF AVAIL SPECOPS.

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021502Z DEC 68
 00 00 FIRST MARDIV REIN
 00 00 FIRST MAR
 00 00 5TH MAR
 00 00 III MAF
 00 00 SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 00 00 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
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FRAG 0 447-68 (BACKLOAD/OFFLOAD BLT 2/7) (U)

I. (S) EXECUTION

A. 1ST MAR:

(1) EFF 3 DEC68 COMMENCE BACKLOAD OF BLT 2/7 TO BE COMPLETED
 BLT 4DEC68 FOR ADMIN REHAB.(2) PASS OPCON BLT 2/7 TO 5TH MAR AT MUTUALLY AGREEABLE
 TIME ON 5DEC68.B. 5TH MAR: ASSUME OPCON BLT 2/7 FROM 1ST MAR AT MUTUALLY
 AGREEABLE TIME UPON OFFLOAD ON 5DEC68.C. COORD INSTN: EFFECT DIRLN WITH CTF SEVEN SIX PT FIVE AND
 SEVEN NINE PT FIVE FOR COORD BACKLOAD/OFFLOAD.

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O P 120040Z DEC 68
 FM CTF SEVEN NINE
 TO CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 CTG SEVEN NINE PT TWO
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO CG FMFPAC
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CG III MAF
 CG FMFPAC (FWD)
 CTG SEVEN SIX
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 THIRD JSR
 TWO SIX MARINES
 BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 DPI ONE SIX DANANG
 DPI TWO SEVEN CAMP BUTLER
 CG FLC
 BT
 S E C R E T
 (B082)(C064) (E975)

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 MOVEMENT ORDER (U)

A. CG III MAF 281350Z NOV 68 NOTAL

1. SITUATION:

A. ENEMY FORCES: SEE CURRENT INTSUMS.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES: CG FIRST MARDIV ORDERS BLT 3/26 TO ROTATE TO SLF BRAVO.

C. ATTACHMENTS AND DETACHMENTS: FIRST CLEARING PLT REIN CO A FIFTH MED BN, DET FIFTEENTH DENTAL CO. THIRD PLT REIN CO A FIFTH AT BN, NGLO WITH SFCP NINTH MAB AND LSU, WILL NOT ROTATE BUT WILL BE DETACHED AND REMAIN WITH SLF FOR ATTACHMENT TO BLT 3/26.

2. MISSION: THIS ROTATION CONSTITUTES NO CHANGE TO THE MISSIONS ASSIGNED TO THE NINTH MAB.

3. EXECUTION:

A. CONCEPT

(1) WHEN DIRECTED IN JANUARY 69 BLT 2/7 ROTATES TO TS FIRST MARDIV.

(2) CTG 79.5: WHEN DIRECTED JANUARY 69 OFFLOAD SUCH ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/7 THAT MAY BE ABOARD ARG SHIPPING. DIRLAUTH ALCON TO DETERMINE EXACT TIME AND PLACE FOR SUCH OFFLOAD.

(3) CTG 79.2: WHEN DIRECTED JANUARY 69 PASS COMMAND LESS

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OPCON OF BLT 2/7 LESS DETACHMENTS LISTED IN PARA 1.C, ABOVE TO
III MAF.

(4) THIS IS A ROUTINE INTRA-THEATER ROTATION

B. COORDINATING INSTRUCTION:

(1) THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON RECEIPT

(2) MAINTAIN STRICT SECURITY CONCERNING MOVEMENT

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

A. ADMIN

(1) SUBMIT MAIL ROUTING REQUEST IAW FMFPACG 2800.3D AND CG
NINTH MAB MSG 250823Z MAY 57

(2) ENSURE GENEVA CONVENTION CARDS, ID CARDS, ID TAGS, AND
RECORDS OF EMERGENCY DATA ARE CURRENT AND CORRECT.

(3) ENSURE ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS ARE COMPLETED. BUMED
INSTS. 6230.1E AND 6230.13 REFER

(4) BLT FILES WILL ROTATE. FILES AND ORDERS PECULIAR TO NINTH
MAB WILL BE RETURNED TO SLF.

(5) COMPLY WITH PROVISIONS OF NWIP 10-1 SUPPLEMENT. ENSURE
CG FMFPAC, COMSEVENTHFLT, CG III MAF, CG FIRST MARDIV, CG NINTH
MAB, CTG 76, CTG 76.5 AND CTG 79.2 ARE INFO ADDRESSEES ON ALL MOVREPS
AND CHOP MSGS

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(6) BLT 2/7 SUBMIT NECESSARY FORSTAT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER
CHOP.

(7) SUBMISSION BY UNIT DIARIES WILL BE IAW FMFPACG 1082.4..2.

(8) COMMAND CHRONOLOGY IAW BRIGADE 5750.116, WITH CHANGE ONE.

(9) FOR CG FIRST MARDIV: REQUEST DIRECT BLT 2/7 TO SUBMIT
TO THIS HQS BY MSG UPON DETACHMENT AN OFFICER ROSTER BY NAME, RANK,
SER NO, MOS AND RTD, PLUS A RANK/MOS SUMMARY OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL
ROTATING WITH BLT 2/7. INFO CG FMFPAC AND CTG 79.5. FURTHER REQUEST
A SIMILAR REPORT OF BLT 3/26 REFLECTING ON BOARD STRENGTH UPON
DETACHMENT OF CTG 79.5, INFO CG FMFPAC.

B. LOGISTICS:

(1) BLT 2/7 DEBARK WITH T/E EQUIP, ORGANIC SUPPLIES AND R/A
AMMO.

(2) FOLLOWING SUPPLY BLOCKS TO REMAIN ABOARD ARC/SLF SHIPPING:

15DAY RATION BLOCK

BLT CLOTHING BLOCK

LSU BLOCK

L FORM BLOCK

ONE-HALF MEDICAL ALLOWANCE LIST CODE 670

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MEDICAL ALLOWANCE LIST CODE 602

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(3) ONE-THIRD OF MEDICAL ALLOWANCE LIST CODE 605 WILL BE DELIVERED TO ARG/SLF DURING REHAB PERIOD.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT

A. FOR CTG 79.2 EFFECTIVE WHEN DIRECTED JANUARY 1969 PASS COMMAND LESS OPCON OF BLT 2/7 TO CG III MAF. INFO CG FIRST MAR DIV. CTG 79.5 AND THIS HQS.

B. EFFECTIVE WHEN DIRECTED JANUARY 1969 BLT 2/7 WILL REPORT TO CG III MAF FOR COMMAND.

C. FOR CTG 79.5 UPON CHOP OF BLT 3/26 TO CTG 79.5 DIRECT BLT 3/26 TO REPORT TO CTG 79.2 FOR COMMAND LESS OPCON, INFO THIS HQS CTG 79.5 WILL RETAIN OPCON.

D. DIRLAUTH ALCON.

E. FOR CTG 79.5 AND CTG 79.2: ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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062625Z DEC 68
 CIG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 CG NINTH MAB
 CG III MAF
 FIRST MARDIV
 FIRST MAW
 CIG SEVEN NINE PT FOUR
 SEVENTH MARINES
 FIFTH MARINES
 FIRST MARINES
 BLT TWO SLANT SEVEN
 HMM ONE SIX FIVE
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SLF BRAVO STATUS RPT (U)

1. SLF BRAVO WITH ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/7 DEPARTED RVN AREA 061200. OPCODE
 OF SELECTED ELEMENTS OF BLT 2/7 PASSED TO CG III MAF FOR CONCURRENT CHOP
 TO FIRST MARDIV/FIRST MARINES AND SUBSEQUENT CHOP TO FIFTH MARINES. OP-
 CON OF HMM 165 PASSED TO FIRST MAW AS OF 061200H DEC 68. CAS REP FOR

AGE TWO RUMFWQU0045 S E C R E T

BLT 2/7 AND HMM 165 ASSUMED BY FIRST MARDIV AND FIRST MAW RESPECTIVELY.
 ETR 29 DEC 68.

2. AFLOAT PERSONNEL STRENGTHS AS FOLLOWS:

A. SLF STAFF-

1. USMC - OFF 11
 ENL 46

2. USN NONE

B. BLT 2/7

1. USMC - OFF 04
 ENL 86

2. USN OFF 04
 ENL 27

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07 041420Z DEC 63
FM CIG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
TO COMSEVENTHFLT
INFO CG III MAF
FM FIRST MARDIV
FM FIRST MARINE REGT
CIG SEVEN SIX
CIG SEVEN NINE
CIG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE

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OPERATION SWIFT MOVE (U)

1. (S) RECOMMEND TERMINATION OPERATION SWIFT MOVE UPON COMPLETION OFF
LOAD/CHOP HMM 165 ABOUT 061200H.

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O P 021513Z DEC 68
FM CG FIRST MARDIV
TO CTF SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
CIG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
INFO CG III MAF
FIRST MAR
FIFTH MAR
BT

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BACKLOAD/OFFLOAD BLT 2/7 (U)
A. 1N VISIT CTF SEVEN NINE PT FIVE OF 1 DEC 68
B. CG 1ST MARDIV 021502Z DEC 68
I/M ARRANGEMENTS AGREED REF A REQ YOU EFFECT BACKLOAD/OFFLOAD BLT
2/7 PRD 3-5 DEC 68. DIRLN 1ST MAR AND 5TH MAR HAS BEEN AUTH. REF B.
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R 011351Z DEC 68
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO USS MONTICELLO
 USS OGDEN
 USS SEMINOLE
 NAVSUPPACT DNG
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 INFO CG III MAF
 CG THIRD AMTRAC BN
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
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DEBARKATION BLT 2/7

PASS TO CO TROOPS

A. CTG 79.5 301513 NOV 68 (NOTAL)

B. CTG 76.5 011112Z DEC 68 (NOTAL)

1. FOLLOWING UNITS LAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A AND AS SCHEDULED REF B.

A. HOTEL BTRY 3/11-LAND ALL ORGANIC EQUIP LESS TD-15. PLUS ALL PERSONAL BAGGAGE. BTRY CO REPORT TO CG 1ST MARDIV.

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B. 2D PLT, CO B, 1ST TKNM-LAND ALL ORGANIC EQUIP AND PERSONAL BAGGAGE. PLT CDR REPORT CG 1ST MARDIV.

C. 3D PLT, CO B, 3D AMTRAC BN-LAND ALL ORGANIC EQUIP AND PERSONAL BAGGAGE. REPORT TO CO 3D AMTRAC BN.

D. 1ST PLT, CO A, 1ST MT BN-LAND 8 M35 TRUCKS PRESENTLY LOADED WITH BLT EQUIP PLUS 4 WATER TRAILERS, 4 M105 TRAILERS. CONVOY CMDR REPORT TO 1ST MARDIV FOR OVERNIGHT STAGING.

2. UNITS LANDING OVER BRIDGE RAMP WILL IMMEDIATELY CLEAR THE RAMP AREA. NO CONVOY STAGING ON RAMP IS AUTHORIZED.

3. FOR USS MONTICELLO-UNIT LISTED PARA 1B IS IN ADDITION TO OFFLOAD DIRECTED REF B. ISSUE AMMO SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE 20 ROUNDS PER M16 LANDED. REQUEST ADVISE QTY ISSUED.

4. FOR USS SEMINOLE-UNIT LISTED PARA 1D ABOVE IS IN ADDITION TO OFFLOAD DIRECTED REF B.

5. FOR CG 1ST MARDIV-REQUEST YOU PROVIDE SECURE PARKING AREA FOR 8 M35 TRUCKS AND TRAILERS AND BILLETING FOR DRIVERS NIGHT OF 2DEC.

6. FOR NAVSUPPACT-REQUEST STAGIN AREA FOR APPROX 5 PALLETS FOR PERIOD APPROX ONE HOUR WHILE ACCOMPANYING REP CALLS FOR TRANSFERTATION.

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P 211549Z DEC 68
 FM CTG SEVEN NINE PT FIVE
 TO CG III MAF
 INFO COMUSMACV
 CINCPACFLT
 COMSEVENTHFLT
 CG FMFPAC
 CG FIRST MARDIV
 CG FIRST MAR
 CTF SEVEN NINE
 CTF SEVEN SIX
 CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
 CO FIRST MAR
 CO FIFTH MAR
 CO SEVENTH MAR
 CO ELEVENTH MAR
 CO MAG ONE FIVE
 CO MAG ONE SIX
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PASS OPVCON SELECTED ELEMENTS SLF BRAVO (U)

A. CG 888 MAF 201746Z OCT 68 (NOTAL) (S)

B. CG NINTH MAB 070610Z NOV 69 (NOTAL) (C)

C. MY 301513Z NOV 68 (NOTAL) (C)

1. IAW REF A, B AND C INTEND TO PASS OPVCON BELOW SLF ELEMENTS TO CG I
 MAF AT DATE AND TIME INDICATED.

A. AT 021200H DEC 68

BTRY H, 3D BN, 11TH MAB

3D PLT, CO B, 3D ANTRAC BN

2D PLT, CO B, 1ST TK BN

2D PLT (-), CO C, 1ST ENGR BN

DET, HQ, 1ST MARDIV

B. AT 061200H DEC 68

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2. REQ ADVISE DISPOSITION OF UNITS LISTED PARA 1A AND B.

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