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1. - - - - - (L) ONE PHOTO OPERATION ORANGE, period  
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2. CG, III, MAF Msg 020333Z Apr 66, III, MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 91-66,  
period 312400H March to 012400H  
April 1966  
OPERATION ORANGE COMMENCED AT 010700H  
Apr 66
3. MACVCC Msg 030516Z Apr 66, OPERATION ORAGNE (No Sitrep Listed)
4. MACVCC Msg 040445Z Apr 66, OPERATION ORANGE (No Sitrep Listed)
5. MACVCC MSG 041112Z Apr 66, OPERATION ORANGE (No Sitrep Listed)
6. CG, III, MAF Msg 050111Z Apr 66, III MAF DAILY SITREP # 94-66, period  
032400H to 042400H Apr 66
7. CG, III, MAF Msg 050333Z Apr 66, III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 94-66,  
period 032400H to 042400H Apr 66
8. MACVCC Msg 050508Z Apr 66, (NO SITREP OR PERIOD LISTED)  
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9. COMUSMACV Msg 051125Z Apr 66, (NO SITREP OR PERIOD LISTED)  
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10. MACVCC MSG 060455Z Apr 66, (NO SITREP OR PERIOD LISTED)  
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11. MACVCC Msg 070520Z Apr 66, (NO SITREP OR PERIOD LISTED)  
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12. CG, III, MAF Msg 070333Z Apr 66, III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 96-66  
Period 052400H to 062400H April 66  
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13. MACVCC Msg 080520Z Apr 66, (NO SITREP OR PERIOD LISTED)  
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14. CG, III, MAF Msg 090111Z Apr 66, III MAF DAILY SITREP # 98-66  
period 082400H Apr 66
15. CG, III, MAF Msg 090333Z Apr 66, III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 98-66  
period 072400H to 082400H Apr 66
16. MACVCC MSG 090428Z Apr 68, (NO SITREP OR PERIOD LISTED)
17. CG, III, MAF Msg 100111Z Apr 68, III MAF DAILY SITREP 99-66, period 082400H  
092400H Apr 66 OPERATION ORANGE

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18. CG, III, MAF      MSG 100333Z Apr 68, III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 99-66,  
period 082400H to 092400H Apr 1966  
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19. PAGE 4,      DTG 100523Z Apr 68, FMFPAC SITREP # 376, (period not listed)  
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20. CG, III, MAF      MSG 110333Z Apr 68, III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY # 100-66  
period 092400H to 102400H Apr 1966  
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21. MACVCC      MSG 120520Z Apr 68, OPERATION ORANGE TERMINATED OPNS AT  
111855Z Apr 68

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III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 91-66 312400H MARCH 012400H  
APRIL 1966  
I. OPERATIONS  
A. OPN ORANGE. OPN COMMENCED AT 010700H WHEN CO  
D/1/1ST MAR (-) MADE UNOPPOSED HELILIFT INTO LZ ALBATROSS VIC  
(ZC 143533). CO D ADVANCED TOWARD OBJ I VIC (ZC 145533) AND  
SECURED OBJ AT 010750H WITHOUT ENEMY CONTACT. AT 010805H 2D  
WAVE OF CO D/1/1ST MAR LANDED IN LZ CONDOR VIC (ZC 158559),  
SECURED BRIDGE VIC (ZC 148537) AND SWEPT VILLAGE (ZC 146548).

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CO D, 1/3D LANDED IN LZ CONDOR AT 010758H AND CONDUCTED SWEEP  
SOUTHWEST THROUGH HAMLET VIC (ZC 173547). 1 VC KIA ON HILL VIC  
(ZC 172543). CO D/1/3D MAR CONTINUED S&D OPN THROUGH VILLAGES  
ALONG VU GIA RIVER FROM (ZC 174548) TO (ZC 156503). CO D/1/1ST  
MAR CONTINUED S&D OPN IN VILLAGE VIC (ZC 155477 AND (ZC  
135555). CO KILLED 1 VC ON HILL 200 VIC (ZC 155558) AT  
011030H AND CALLED AIR STRIKE ON 4 VC BREAKING CONTACT  
RESULTING IN 4 VC KBA. CO D CAPTURED 1000 LBS RICE VIC (ZC  
143549) AND APPREHENDED 11 VCS DURING SWEEP. 1-3 012005H 1 MAR  
FROM CO D/1/3D MAR WIA (MINOR) FROM MINE VIC (ZC 155549).  
CO C AND D CONDUCTING SMALL UNIT NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES.  
PRESENT PSNS: 1/3D MAR (ZC 133534), CO D/1/3D MAR (ZC 155548),  
CO D/1/1ST MAR (ZC 147537).

# B. 3D MARINE DIVISION

## 1. DANANG TAOR

### (A) 9TH MARINES

(1) AT 312205H CO H PERIMETER VIC (BT 007603)  
RECEIVED 10 RDS SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 005603). MARINES BELIEVED  
THAT VC WERE ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE EXACT MARINE PSNS AND DID NOT  
RETURN FIRE. AT 312205H CO F PLAT PATROL VIC (BT 012615)

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RECEIVED HEAVY AUTO WPNS FIRE FROM (BT 014609); DIRECTED 8  
RDS 105MM HE AT VC. AT 011430H CO H S&D OPN VIC  
(BT 024598) RECEIVED LIGHT SA FIRE FROM EST 3 VC VIC (BT 027599).  
CO H RETURNED 3 RDS 3.5 RKT CAUSING VC TO FLEE; AREA SEARCHED  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 01200H CO H PERIMETER VIC (BT 002602)  
RECEIVED 8 RDS SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 006604); MARINES  
RETURNED 2 RDS M-79 FIRE. AT 012015H CO F PLAT PTL (BT 013617)  
RECEIVED 15 RDS SA FIRE; PTL CALLED IN 5 RDS 81MM AND 37 RDS  
105MM HE ON VC PSNS WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 012038H CO H  
PERIMETER VIC (BT 002602) RECEIVED 1 RIFLE GRENADE WHICH LANDED  
100 METERS SHORT OF PSNS.

(2) 3/9 TH MAR. AT 312030H CO L PLAT PTL VIC  
(BT 092632) RECEIVED 25 RDS SA FIRE FROM EST 5 VC VIC (BT  
00631) AND RETURNED 50 RDS SA AND 17 RDS 105MM; PTL  
SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 312135H CO M LP  
VIC (BT 070695) FIRED 3 RDS SA AT 1 VC VIC (BT 06969)  
CAUSING VC TO FLEE INTO TREELINE; MARINES SEARCHED AREA  
WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 011100H CO L PLAT S&D OPN DESTROYED  
BUNKERS AND 1 CHICOM GRENADE VIC (BT 1163). AT 011410H  
CO K SQD PTL OBSERVED 1 VC BOARDING BOAT VIC (BT 032582) VC

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1. (C) I CTZ: OPN ORANGE UNITS REPORTED RECEIVING SA & MORTAR FIRE SPORADICALLY ON 2 APRIL. 1/3/3 MAR WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE USSF CAMP AT THUENG DUC VIC ZC 147534 AT 021730H UND ARE PRESENTLY IN RESERVE. OPERATION CONTINUES. ACCULATIVE LOSSES, FRIENDLY: 2 KIA, 15 WIA. VC: 6 KIA (USBC), 12 VCS, 1000 LBS RICE CAPTURED.

2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPN FILMORE CONTINUES. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. RESULTS REMAIN AS IN MY 021300Z.

V B. OPN BUCHANAN CONTINUES. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. RESULTS REMAIN AS IN MY 021300Z.

ZGC. OPN SU BOK CONTINUES. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. RESULTS REMAIN AS IN MY 021300Z.

V D. OPN BUN-KAE-5. CONTINUES WITH FREQUENT SMALL SNIT CONTACTS. ACCULATIVE RESULTS: ROK: 14 KIA, 41 WIA. VC: 150 KIA (ROK BC), 20 VCC, 39 VCS, & 20 IWPNS.

3. (C) III CTZ:

A. OPERATION MOONLIGHT PHASE II). USNS GORDON OFF LOADED 2268 PAX AT VUNG TAU ON 1 AND 2 APR TO COMPLETE THE MOVEMENT OF 3623 PERSONNEL OF THE 25TH US INF DIV GKAL TO VIETNAM. A TOTAL OF 2905 PERSONNEL HAVE CLOSED CU CHI AND THE REMAINING WUOI ARE LOCATED IN SAIGON TO MOVE EQUIPMENT TO CU CHI AS IT IS UNLOADED FROM CARGO SHIPS.

B. OPERATION ABILENE. CONTINUES WITHOUZ CONTACT.

CURRENT UNIT LOCATIONS ARE: YS 440740 - 1ST DIV CP;

YS 349768 - 3DRD BDE CP, 1/2 INF, 2/33 ARTY; YS 265710 - 1/16

QINF; YS 586705 - 2/28 INF; YS 525780 - 2ND BDE CP, 2/18 INF,

-1/7 ARTY; YS 555757 - 1/18 INF; YS 586725 - 2/16 INF;

YS 445722 - 1/RAR; YS 472783 - 1/4 CAV, 8/6 ARTY (-), 1/7 ARTY

(-). NO CHANGE IN AIR SORTIES. LATEST CASUALTIES ARE: FRD:

2 KIA, 19 WIA (3 AUST). VC: 6 KIA, 4 VCC 37 VCS.

C. OPERATION CIRCLE PINES CONTINUES. 1/5 MECH

ENGAGED AN UNK VC FORCE ON LW APR VIC XT 633303. NO CHANRE IN

UNIT LOCATIONS OR AIR SORTIES SINCE MY 021300Z, PARA 3A.

LATEST CASUALTIES ARE: FRD: 15 KIA, 91 WIA. VC: 74 KIA

(1 KBA) (USBC), 4 VCC, 5 VCS.

4. (U) IV CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORTED.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 01625

## 1. (C) I CTZ:

A. OPN ORANGE CONTINUES WITH LIGHT SPORADIC CONTACT, UNITS CONSOLIDATING PRESENT PSNS; CAS (CUM) FRDLY: 12 KIA, 67 WIA, 1 MIA; ENEMY: 37 KIA, 2 VNC, 13 VCA, 1,000 LBS RICE CAPTURED, 38 AIR SORTIES SPDT OPN.

B. NO DEMONSTRATIONS OR INCIDENTS REPORTED.

## 2. (C) II CTZ:

A. OPNS FILLMORE, BUCHANAN, AND SU BOK CONTINUE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY SINCE MY 030516Z APR.

B. OPN BUN KAE-5 (LIGHTNING-5) CONTINUES, LIGHT CONTACT THROUGHOUT THE AO. RESULTS SHOWN PARA 2D.

C. OPN LINCOLN US CASUALTIES JUMPED DUE MOSTLY TO MORTAR ATK ON 1/14 INF VIC YA 806076. VC LOSES UP DURING PERIOD DUE TO BODIES BEING FOUND ON SWEEPS OF AREAS PREVIOUSLY HIT BY ARTY AND AIR. AT 040700H THE FOLLOWING MOVEMENTS TOOK PLACE: 1/14 INF AND A/2/9 ARTY MOVED OVERLAND FROM LZ 11 (YA 808078) TO LZ 13 (YA 832062); 1/35 INF AND B/2/9 ARTY HELILIFT FROM LZ 21 (YA 945053) TO LZ 2 (YA 852018) AND LZ 3 (YA 848012); 2/8 CAV HELILIFT TO VIC YV 845945 AND ESTABLISH BLK PSNS FROM YV 835983 TO YV 850890; 1/7 CAV HELILIFTS FROM LZ X-RAY (YA 938012) TO LZ 1 (YA 922003) AND LZ 5 (YA 888012); 2/7 CAV HELILIFTS FROM LZ CHARLIE (YV 958928) TO LZ HOTEL (YV 913977). SWEEPS TO THE WEST AND SOUTHWEST BEGIN WHEN ALL ELEMENTS IN PLACE. AS OF 1100H ALL BLK PSNS HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED. UNITS NOT SHOWN HAVE NOT MOVED. CUM LOSSES IN PARA 2D.

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	LINCOLN	FILLMORE	BUN KAE	SU BOK	BUCHANAN
	CAV/25/TOT/US/ROK/TOT	ROK	ROK	ROK	US
KIA	31/2/33	4/0/4	19	4	1
WIA	59/29/88	28/2/30	41	6	6
MIA	5/0/5	0/0/0	0	0	0
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KIA	316	52/5/57	180	17	4
VCC	6	10/13/23	29	9	0
VCS	0	58/21/79	42	89	14
IWPN	66	13/2/20	21	14	0
C/S WPN	5	0/0/0	0	0	0
AIR	183	149		16	23

E. DEMONSTRATIONS. DALAT. 2 COMPANIES HAVE CORDONED OFF THE RADIO STATION, NO ONE MAY ENTER, ANYONE MAY LEAVE. NO FOOD MAY BE TAKEN INTO THE RADIO STATION. THE DEMONSTRATORS REMAIN INSIDE THE RADIO STATION.

## 3. (C) III CTZ:

A. OPERATION ABILENE. CONTINUES WITHOUT MAJOR CONTACT. CURRENT UNIT LOCATIONS ARE UNCHANGED EXCEPT MOVEMENT OF 1/16 INF

ND A 2/33 ARTY HELILIFTED FROM VIC YS 586705 TO YS 750750 TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS FROM THAT LOCATION. 2/16 INF CONTINUES OPERATION IN ZONE, EXPANDING TO THE WEST WITH PATROLS. A TOTAL OF 177 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED. LATEST CASUALTIES ARE: FRD: 2 KIA, 19 WIA (3 AUST). VC: 7 KIA, 5 VCC, 637 VCS.

B. OPERATION CIRCLE PINES CONTINUES. NO CHANGE IN UNIT LOCATIONS. A TOTAL OF 130 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED. LATEST CASUALTIES ARE: FRD: 16 KIA, 103 WIA. VC: 74 KIA, 1 KBA, 4 VCC, 5 VCS.

C. SAIGON REMAINS QUIET.

4. (C) IV CTZ: OPN DAN CH 215, A 1-DAY 6-BN OPN CONTROLLED BY 21ST ARVN DIV IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE (WS 6809) BEGAN 040600H APR 66 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE TIA DO BN. UNITS ARE 33D INF RGMT; 42D AND 44TH RGR BNS; 2/2, 4/2 AND 5/2 TROOPS; 25TH AND 26TH RAGS. TAC AIR SUPPORT NOT PREPLANNED. US ARMY AVIATION SUPPORT INCLUDES 3 PITS ARMED UH1B HELICOPTERS.

5. (C) THERE HAS BEEN NO MOVEMENT OF MAJOR TROOP UNITS.

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1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ): OPERATION ORANGE CON-  
TINUES WITH LIGHT SPORADIC CONTACT. CASUALTIES (CUM) FRULY: 12  
KIA, 67 WIA, 1 MIA. VC: 37 KIA, 2VCC, 19 VCS, 2 IWPB, 1000 LBS  
RICE CAPTURED. 62 AIR SORTIES HAVE SPED.

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II CTZ:

1. OPERATION FILLMORE, BUNAHANAN, SO BOK, BUN KAE 3, AND LINCOLN CONTINUES WITHOUT ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE SINCE MY 040445Z. CUM RESULTS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

2. REF MY 040558Z APRIL. FURTHER INFO INDICATES HELICOPTERS FROM 161ST AVN CO. HELICOPTERS REPORTEDLY REC'D FIRE FROM 4 AUTOMATIC WPNS IN VILLAGE AND RETURNED FIRE. CO 17TH AVN GROUP EN ROUTE TO INVESTIGATE.

3. (C) III CTZ

A. AT APPROXIMATELY 231100H 1/16 INF, PARTICIPATING IN OPN ABILENE RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM A VILLAGE CAUSING 1 US WIA. SA, M-79 AND ARTY FIRE WAS PLACED ON THE VILLAGE WHICH WAS LATER DETERMINED TO BE FRIENDLY. RESULTS OF FIRING ON THE VILLAGE WAS 1 PF WIA, 5 CIVILIAN WIA, AND 35 HOUSES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. THIS VILLAGE LIES WITHIN THE ABILENE TAOR AS APPROVED BY THE CG, 1ST INF DIV AND THE DISTRICT CHIEF. POL WAR AND CA PERSONNEL HAVE VISITED THE VILLAGE AND ARE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE DAMAGE. NO ADVERSE REACTION IS EXPECTED AND THE INCIDENT IS ESSENTIALLY CLOSED.

B. OPN ABILENE CONTINUES WITHOUT CONTACT. NO CHANGE IN UNIT LOCATIONS OR AIR SORTIES. UNITS UNCOVERED ABOUT 10 VC BASES CAMPS WITH A TOTAL OF APPROXIMATELY 175 TONS OF RICE PLUS 3000 GALS POL, 1 TRACTOR AND 7 IND WPNS CAPTURED. LATEST CASUALTIES ARE FRD 3 KIA, 20 WIA (3 AUST), VC 13 KIA (BC), 1 VCC, 637 VCS.

C. OPN CIRCLE PINES CONTINUES WITHOUT CONTACT. 1/5 MECH NOW LOCATED VIC XT568269 AND 1/69 ARM(-) VIC XT5687251 WITH BOTH UNITS MOVING IN A SOUTH SOUTHWESTERLY DIRECTION. 2/27 INF (-) HAS BEEN MOVED INTO BLOCKING POSITION VIC XT5942. NO CHANGE IN AIR SORTIES. RESULTS TO DATE ARE FRD 20 KIA, 102 WIA, 14 APC.

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12 TANKS, 1 VTR, AND 2 UH1B DAMAGED. VC 85 KIA (80), 13 KBA, 4 VCC, 5 VCS, 35 IND WPNS, 1 C/S WPN, 35 TONS RICE, 300 LBS TNT, AND 5 SAMPANS CAPTURED.

4. (C) IV CTZ: OPERATION DAN CHI 215 CONTINUES. ARMORED CAV UNITS REPORTED LIGHT CONTACT AND DISCOVERY OF AN ARMS CACHE VIC WS6208 AT 041130H. RAG UNITS MADE LIGHT CONTACT WITH AN UNK NUMBER OF VC VIC WS7103 AT 041200H, AND GROUND UNITS REPORTED CONTACT WITH AN ESTIMATED VC FLT VIC WS6700 AT 041200H. NO UNITS REPORTED CONTACT AS OF 041730H. SEARCH OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE 5 APRIL. NO TAC SORTIES IN SUPPORT. RESULTS TO 041730H: FROLY 7 WIA. VC 35 KIA BY GROUND FIRE, 50 KBA (UN-18), 3 VCC. MATERIAL SEIZED: 2 81MM MORTARS, 1 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, 1 57 MM RECOILLESS RIFLE, 44 WPNS, 24 75MM RDS, AND 20 57MM RDS.

5. (C) POLITICAL SITUATION:

A. NHA TRANG AS OF 041200H MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN NHA TRANG. FOUR RANGER COMPANIES ARE POSITIONED IN THE CITY, TWO AT THE RADIO STATION ONE FOR AIRFIELD SECURITY AND ONE IN RESERVE AT THE NAVAL ACADEMY.

B. DANANG 2D AND 3D VN MARINE BATTALIONS ARE BEING MOVED TO DANANG FROM SAIGON NIGHT OF 4-5 APRIL. BNS TO CLOSE NLT 050600H APRIL. 1ST BN TO MOVE TO DANANG ON AM OF 05 APRIL, TIME UNKNOWN. VNAF WILL FLY 1ST BN. US ADVISORS WILL NOT ACCOMPANY.

C. DALAT: ALL US PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN RESTRICTED TO BILLETTS. THEY ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE CITY ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS. (REPORTED BY 2D SIG GP, DALAT).

D. CMR:

(1) ALL RVNAF FORCES IN CMR REPORTEDLY RESTRICTED TO BILLETING AREAS. 7TH AF REPORTS ALL VN AIR FORCE ELEMENTS AT TAN SON NHUT (TSN) AT 100 PER CENT ALERT.

(2) PRIOR RESTRICTIONS ON AIR AMERICA CONTINENTAL AIR SERVICE DEPARTING TSN LIFTED TODAY. RESTRICTIONS STILL APPLY TO AIR VEITNAM. VNAF MILITARY FLIGHTS REQUIRE SPECIAL CLEARANCE.

(3) INFORMATION HERE IS THAT ONE OR TWO RANGER BNS PRESENTLY LOCATED IN III CORPS AREA WILL BE MOVED TO CMR AREA TONIGHT. IDENTITY OF THESE UNIT (S) UNKNOWN. A BE PREPARED MISSION FOR THE MOVEMENT OF ONE REGIMENT IN IV CORPS AREA TO CMR HAS OSTENSIBLY BEEN PASSED. AGAIN, UNIT IDENTITY UNKNOWN. 7TH ABN BN CURRENTLY AT BIEN HOA AB IS REPORTEDLY TO CLOSE TSN AT 050000H.

(4) ALL US MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WORKING FOR US AGENCIES IN THE SAIGON AREA HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO LIMIT PERSONAL MOVEMENT TO THAT NECESSARY TO PERFORM THEIR JOBS. ALL PERSONNEL TO STAY OUT OF ALL PUBLIC PLACES SUCH AS BARS AND RESTAURANTS AND TO AVOID CROWDS.

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III MAF DAILY SITREP 94-66 032400H TO 042400H APRIL 1966.

1. OPN SUMMARY

A. GENERAL

(1) OPN ORANGE. 1/3D MAR UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSHES  
AND PATROLS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. CO D/1/3D MAR  
CONDUCTED PLAT S&D OPNS MATHMF VC GU RIVER: PLANX V D/1/3D  
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 CO D/1/1ST MAR AF CO XEXED MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS ONSOUTH BANK  
 OF VU GIA RIVER WITH V BOUNDARIES FROM ZC 180543 TO (ZC 180538)  
 TO (ZC 170530) WITH CO I OPERATING ON WEST. CO D CONDUCTED DETAILED  
 SEARCH OF NGOC KINH (2) (ZC 190545) AT 0300H FOLLOWED BY SEARCH OF  
 TAN MEI VIC (BU JOTQPL AT 041153H. AT 041212H CO D KILLED 1 VC  
 AND CAPTURED 1 VC VIC (ZC 184547). CO B/1/3D MAR CONDUCTED NPH XMD IN  
 NGOC KINH (1) AND FOUND 800 LBS RICE VIC (ZC 199543). OPN ORANGE  
 UNITS DESTROYED CAVES AND BUNKERS AND CONFISCATED TOTAL OF 3000 RDS  
 SA AMMO, 6200 LBS RICE AND 200 LBS CORN. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE  
 RECEIVED THROUGHOUT DAY. TOWARD END OF REPORTING PERIOD UNITS  
 CONSOLIDATED PSNS AND COMMENCED NIGHT PATROLING AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.  
 B. PLANS SUMMARY

1. OPN ORANGE. 1/3D MAR CONTINUES S&D OPN AND DEFENSE OF  
 AIR FIELD. CO D/1/3D MAR CONDUCTS S&D IN DUC TAY VIC (ZC 164544)  
 AND TINH DANG VIC (ZC 173546). CO L CONTINUES S&D AND HOANG PHUOC  
 BAC VILLAGE COMPLEX. CO I/3/3D MAR AND CO D/1/1ST MAR CONTINUE  
 OPNS SOUT OF VU GIA RIVER. CO B/1/3D MAR TO BE HELILIFTED TO 1/3D  
 MAR CP AREA VIC (ZC 137537).  
 C. MAJOR UNIT OPN

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- (1) NAME OF OPN: ORANGE  
 (2) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING  
 (3) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

USMC

ENEMY

KIA: 17

KIA: 36

WIA: 77

KBA: 6

MIA: 0

KIA (POSS): 30

KBA (POSS): 15

VCS: 27

WPNS: 2

(4) CUM TAC AIR STRIKE SORTIES: 73; DAMAGE: KBA-6; 109  
 STRUCTURES DESTROYED; 16 STRUCTURES AND 2 WATER WHEELS DAMAGED.

(5) CUM RESULTS NAVAL GUN FIRE SUPPORT: NONE

2. CONFIDENTIAL - STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS

PART I - US FORCES

C. OBJECTIVES

PROVINCE

LOCATION

TYPE

NAME

INIT/TERM

CI QUANG NAM

(ZC 1554)

S&D ORANGE

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D. FORCE

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QKKKIII MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 94-66 032400H TO 042400H APRIL 1966  
I. OPERATIONS.

A. OPN ORANGE. 193D MAR UNITS CONDUCTED NIGHT AMBUSHES AND PATROLS WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT. CO D/1/3D MAR CONDUCTED BG PLATSS&D OPNS NORTH WU GIA RIVER JPC PLAT OF CO D/1/3D MAR DISCOVERED VC HARBOR SITE VIC (ZC 1360) WIT EXTENSIVE CAVE AND FORTIFICATION EST 4000 LBS

560) 785 3/53,8;3 :--;3 -, \$ 1945818:-589,; EST 4000 LBS  
RICE FOUND DURING SEARCH OF CAVES. CO L CONDUCTED OPNS IN NORTH-WESTERN SECTION OF OPN AREA IN HOANG PHUOC BAC VILLAGE COMPLEX;  
800 LBS RICE LOCATED VIC (ZC 127554). CO D/1/1ST MAR AND CO I/3/3D

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MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS ON SOUTH BANK OF VU GIA RIVER WITH CO  
BOUNDARIES FROM (ZC IPTREL TO (": 180538) TO (ZC 170530) WITH VO  
I OPERATING ON WEST. CO D CONDUCTED DETAILED SEARCH OF NGOC KINH  
(2) (ZC 190545), AT 0800H FOLLOWED BY SEARCH OF TAN HIEP VIC  
(ZC 195150) AT 041153H. AT 0

121-H CO D KILLED 1 VC AND CAPTURED  
1 VC VIC (ZC 184547). CO B/1/3D MAR CONDUCTED S&D IN NGOC KINH (1)  
AND FOUND 800 LBS RICE VIC (ZC 199543). OPN ORANGE UNITS DESTROYED  
CAVES AND BUNKERS AND CONFISCATED TOTAL OF 3000 RDS SA AMMO, 6200  
LBS RICE AND 200 LBS CORN. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE RECEIVED  
THROUGHOUT DAY. TOWARD END OF REPORTING PERIOD UNITS CONSOLIDATED  
PSNS AND COMMENCED NIGHT PATROLING AND AMBUSH ACTIVITIES.

## B. 3D MARINE DIVISION

## 1. DANANG TAOR

## (A) 3D MARINES

(1) 1/3B MAR. AT 041945H CO C PLAT APPREHENDED 1

VCS VIC (AT 926857).

(2) 2/3D MAR. AT 041245H PLAT CO G FOUND EST 2500 LBS RICE IN  
HUT VIC (AT 909719); RICE CONFISCATED AND SENT TO DISTRICT  
HQ. AT 041355H 2 VN MEN RAN FROM HUT VIC (AT 928675) AS PLAT FROM  
CO E APPROACHED. VN REFUSED TO HALT WHEN ORDERED BY PLAT AND MARINES

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OPENED FIRE, KILLING ONE WHILE OTHER VN APPREHENDED BY CO H PLAT;  
SEARCH OF DEAD VC PRODUCED 3 M-26 GRENADES, 1 PISTOL BELT, ASSORTED  
DOCUMENTS AND PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS. AT 041845H CO G PLAT APPREHENDED  
4 FEMALE VCS VIC (AT 877670) AND (AT 880705), VCS DID NOT HAVE  
ID CARDS. SMALL PARCEL OF DOCUMENTS WAS FOUND VIC (AT 883705);  
VCS AND DOCUMENTS SENT TO BN CP. AT 041805H CO H PLAT  
ENCOUNTERED 2 VC MALES AND 2 VN FEMALES VIC (AT 905692); 1 VC MALE  
WAS WEARING BELT WITH 4 M-26 HAND GRENADES. WHEN SIGHTED MALE VC  
RAN AND WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE BY PLAT; 1 KIA OTHER VC ESCAPED; 2  
VCS FEMALES WERE CAPTURED; ONE CHICOM GRENADE, 4 M-26 GRENADES, 1  
CARTRIDGE BELT AND VARIOUS DOCUMENTS CONFISCATED. AT 041900H CO H  
PLAT APPREHENDED ONE VCS VIC (AT 9206K28) NEAR AREA WHERE COMM  
WIRE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN CUT SEVERAL TIMES.

## (B) 9TH MARINES

71) 219TH MAR. AT 041630H CO G PLAT PTL VIC (BT 000619) REC'D SA FIRE  
FROM 10 VC VIC (BT 001617) AND (AT 994619); 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC);  
MARINES RETURNED HEAVY SA AND M-79 FIRE AND 27 RDS 81MM AT VC;  
AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 3/9TH MAR. AT 032225H CO M SQD PTL VIC (BT 046657) OBSERVED EST  
6 VC AND DIRECTED GU RDS SA AND 2 RDS M-79. VC RETURNED 8 RDS SA

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AND FLED; AREA SEARCHED; 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 M-26 GRENADE CONFISCATED. AT 041605H LVT IN SUPPORT CO K VIC (BT 042678) STUCK MINE; 1 USMC AND 2 PF WIA. AT 041630H CO L SQD PTL VIC (BT 106645) TRIPPED MINE; 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC). AT 041900H TANK IN SUPPORT CO M VIC (BT 080631) DETONATED MINE; TANK DISABLED, NO CAS. BETWEEN 041720H AND 041900H CO M PLAT S&D PTL VIC (BT 074623) REC'D 15 RDS SA FIRE FROM 3 VC-; MARINES CALLED IN 14 RDS 105MM; SQD SEARCHING AREA RECAK'D 40 TO 60 RDS SA FROM 6 VC VIC (BT 076610) AND CALLED IN 24 RDS 105MM, AND FIRED 15 RDS 60MM, 10 RDS M-79 AND 150 RDS SA; AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(3) 3/3D MAR. AT 041100H CO K PLAT PTL VIC (AT 960600) REC'D 1 RD SA FIRE FROM VIC (BT 960596); MARINES RETURNED 25 RDS SA AND 2 RDS 3.5 HE; AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. ATT 042030H CO K SQD AMBUSHED 1 VC VIC (AT 965635) 1 VC KIA (BC).

(C) 3D ENGR BN. ENGRS CONDUCTED 4 VISUAL AND 15 DELIBERATE SWEEPS AND INFANTRY SUPPORT OPNS FOR 4 INFANTRY BNS IN DANANG TAOR.

(D) 12TH MARINES  
MISSIONS FIRED: 248  
OBSERVED: 13  
UNOBSERVED: 235

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AMMO EXPENDED:

105MM: 641 HE, 151 WP, 9 HC

155HOW: 65 HE, 7 WP

155GUN: 7 HE, 3 WP

8 INCH: 12 HE

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 895

2. PHU BAI TAOR.

(A) 4TH MARINES

(1) 2/1ST MAR. AT 031935H VIC (YD 918112) CO F VEHICLE WITH 3 MARINES TRAVELING HIGHWAY 1 REC'D 4 RDS SA FIRE, 2 PASSENGERS RETURNED FIRE; VEHICLE DID NOT STOP AND RESULTS OF RETURN FIRE UNKNOWN. AT 041000H 3 NVN RALLIERS SURRENDERED TO COMBAT CO VIC (YD 932086) RALLIERS WERE TURNED OVER TO PHU LOC DISTRICT WITH 3 PACKS CONTAINING CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES.

(B) 4/12TH MARINES

MISSIONS FIRED: 212

OBSERVED: 7

UNOBSERVED: 205

H&I: 19

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1. I CORPS.

OPERATIONS:

OPERATION ORANGE IS CONTINUING, CULULATIVE LOSSES:

USMC VC AIR SORTIES

12 KIA 37 KIA 62

67 WIA 2 VCC

1 MIA 19 VCS

SUMMARY OF UNREST AND TROOP MOVEMENT INTOAF

D. NO

VIOLENCE HAS BEEN REPORTED FROM DANANG AS OF 051100H. THE 2D & 3D VIETNAMESE MARINE BNS WERE FLOWN FROM SAIGON TO DANANG AB. THEY ARE DEPLOYED ON THE VNAF (EAST) SIDE OF THE AIR BASE. THE 1ST BN V MARINES IS BEING AIRLIFTED BY VNAF FROM SAIGON TO DANANG TODAY. LOCAL I CORPS TROOP MOVEMENTS INTO DANANG AS FOLLOWS:

3D BN, 51ST REGT IS IN SECURITY MISSION AT I CORPS HQ, DANANG.

11TH RANGERS (-) AND APLT OF 5/4 (APC TROOP) MOVED FROM HOI AN TO DANANG DURING NIGHT. PRESENT LOCATION UNKNOWN.

2/7 APC TROOP ARE ENROUTE TO DANANG FROM HUE. US ADVISORS DID NOT MOVE WITH UNITS.

2. II CTZ.

A. OPNS BUCHANAN AND SU BOY CONTINUE W/O CONTACT. OPNS FILLMORE AND BUK KAE 5 CONTINUES WITH SPORADIC LIGHT CONTACT WITH UP TO SQUAD SIZE FORCES.

B. OPN LINCOLN CONTINUED WITH LIGHT RESISTANCE YES-TERDAY VIC YV 350900. LARGEST CONTACT OCCURRED WHEN 1/9 CAV ON AERIAL RECON SPOTTED VC FORCE VIC YV 829727. TARGET ENGAGED WITH TAC AIR AND ARA KILLING 43 VC. TODAY 1ST BDE, 1ST CAV CONDUCTS PATROLLING VIC OF BLOCKING PSNS REPORTED MY 040445Z APR. 3D BDE, 1ST CAV CONDUCTS S/D OPNS WITH 1/7 CAV VIC LZ 1 (YA 923008), LZ4 (YA 837041), LZ5 (YA 855013), AND LZ6 (YA 858095) AND 2/7 CAV VIC LZ H (YV 910980). 3D BDE, 25TH DIV CONTINUES S/D OPNS NORTH OF CHU PONG MOUNTAIN.

C. DALAT, NHA TRANG, QUI NHON- SITUATION UNDER CONTROL AND QUIET.

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## J. CUU LOSSES OF OPNS IN PROGRESS:

	LINCOLN	FILLMORE	BUN KAE 5	SU BCK	BUCHANAN
	CAV/25/TOI	US/ROK/TOI	ROK	ROK	US
A	32/2/34	5/2/5	19	4	1
A	62/22/84	30/2/32	49	6	6
A	5/0/5	0/0/0	0	0	0
	VIET CONG				
A	358	64/3/69	133	17	4
C	6	11/14/25	33	9	0
S	0	71/27/93	42	39	14
D WPN	76	23/2/25	22	14	0
S WPN	6	0/0/0	0	0	0
R	206	159	-	41	23

## 3. III CTZ.

A. OPN CIRCLE PINES. OPERATIONS CONTINUES WITH 2 CONTACTS REPORTED. (1) AT 041010H 1/5 MECH BECAME ENGAGED WITH AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY VIC XT 573252. VC BROKE CONTACT AND WITHDREW AT APPROXIMATELY 042100. FRD UNIT WAS SUPPORTED BY FLARESHIP, ARTY, AND TAC AIR SORTIES. RESULTS WERE FRD - 15 KIA (BC), (2) AT 050500Z 2/27 (-) WAS ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED REINFORCED VC PLAT VIC XT 643228. ATTACK WAS SUPPORTED BY 60MM MORTARS AND CONTINUES TILL 0524 WHEN VC WITHDREW. TAC AIR, FLARESHIP, AND ARTY SUPPORTED FRD FORCES. RESULTS ARE FRD - 4 KIA, 24 WIA. VC - 25 KIA (BC). TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTS TO DATE ARE FRD - 25 KIA, 125 WIA. VC - 6 KIA (BC), 13 WIA (BC), 5 VCC, 5 VCS. A TOTAL OF 171 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED. THIS OPERATION WILL TERMINATE OUT 051500H.

B. NO OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

## 4. IV CTZ.

NEGATIVE CONTACT WAS REPORTED IN OPERATIONS DAN CHI 215. CUU LONG IS AS OF 050933H. 39 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED IN CHI 215; RESULTS ARE UNCHANGED SINCE MY 041112Z.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CCN 10779

1. (C) I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE (CTZ):

A. 1 ST DIV (ARVN) (HQ IN HUE) COMMANDING GENERAL  
ISSUED A STATEMENT 35 APRIL MAKING THE FOLLOWING 3 POINTS.

1. 1ST DIV (ARVN) AGREES WITH THE "STRUGGLE  
COMMITTEE" MOVEMENT..

2. IT DOES NOT AGREE WITH PREMIER KY THAT THE CITIES  
OF HUE AND DANANG ARE CONTROLLED BY COMMUNISTS.

3. 1ST DIV WILL PROTECT THE PEOPLE FROM A SAIGON  
TAKE OVER.

4. I CORPS ADVISORS REPORT THAT US PERSONNEL ARE  
ALLOWED TO PASS THROUGH DANANG ROAD BLOCKS WITH NO DIFFICULTY.

C. FOUR US C-124 ACFT ARE SCHEDULED TO LIFT 10 ARVN  
M-41 TANKS, 62 PAK, 3 TNKS, 4000 LBS OF EQUIPMENT AND 20 DRUMS  
MAGAS FROM TSN O DANANG. REQUIRED CLOSURE TIME 061500H. ACFT  
ARE COMING FROM JAPAN. ESTIMATE ALL 4 WILL CLOSE TSN PRIOR 0  
052400H.

D. OPN ORANGE. RESULT (CUN):

USAC	VC	CORTIES
KIA 17	KIA 42	75.
MIA 77	VCC 0	
MIA 0	VCS 27	

3 TONS OF RICE AND 3,000 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMO  
CAPTURED.

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A NUMBER OF OTHER UNITS EITHER ENROUTE OR ALREADY ARRIVED. THE VNMV BNS WERE STILL AT DANANG AIRFIELD AT 051200H WHERE THEY WERE BROUGHT BY USAF C-130 AIRCRAFT AT 050240H. EARLIER TELEPHONE REPORTS THAT THEY WERE MOVING TOWARD THE CITY PROVED UNFOUNDED. A THIRD VNMV BN IS ABOUT TO DEPART SAIGON FOR DANANG AND A TROOP OF APC FROM QUANG TRI ARE NOW ENROUTE TO DANANG. IN ADDITION, THE 3D BN, 51ST ARVN REGT, DETACHMENTS OF THE 11TH AND 37TH RANGER BNS, AND A TROOP OF APC ARE CLOSING DANANG FROM THE SOUTH. THE RELATION BETWEEN THESE MOVEMENTS AND THE ROAD BLOCKS WHICH HAVE BEEN SET UP AROUND DANANG BY ARMED CIVILIAN AND OF LOCAL ARVN ELEMENTS IS NOT NOW KNOWN.

DANANG RADIO IS NOW ON THE AIR, ON SHORT WAVE, BROADCASTING INFLAMMATORY SPEECHES IN SUPPORT OF THE SO CALLED STRUGGLE COMMITTEE, ENJOINING ARVN TO BAND TOGETHER WITH THE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL CHUAN IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE NOW TALKING WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COMMITTEE. BEYOND THEIR ATTENTION TO VIET

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NAMESE MATTERS. THE COMMITTEE HAS ANNOUNCED AN INTENTION TO SEIZE A HIGH RANKING US HOSTAGE. AS YET NO OVERT STEP IN THAT DIRECTION HAS BEEN TAKEN.

ALTHOUGH CG III MAF HAD AT 050500H ORDERED A 100 PERCENT ALERT FOR ALL US FORCES IN THE DANANG AREA, THIS WAS EASED SOMEWHAT AT 0800H. THIS IS NOT TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT NORMAL BUSINESS HAS BEEN RESUMED. RESTRICTIONS ON LIBERTY CONTINUE, NO US VEHICLES ARE YET MOVING THROUGH DANANG, PORT OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED SINCE 041700H AND RIOT CONTROL UNITS CONTINUE ON ALERT. HOWEVER THE III MAF POSTURE REMAINS ONE OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN THE LOCAL POLITICAL STRUGGLE.

(2) SEARCH AND DESTROY ACTIVITIES IN OPERATION ORAFGE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE VU GIA RIVER ACCOUNTED FOR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN ENEMY CASUALTIES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. AN ADDITIONAL 19 KIA (2 KBA) PLUS 25 POSSIBLES INCREASE THE TOTAL CONFIRMED AND POSSIBLE KILLS TO 97. COMPANY I 1ST BN 3D MAR OPERATING SOUTH OF THE RIVER

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RECEIVED SPORADIC SMALL ARMS FIRE AND SUFFERED 9  
VIA FROM MINES AND SA FIRE. CO L 3D BN D MARINES  
WAS HELILIFTED INTO THE OPERATION AND ESTABLISHED  
POSITIONS VIC (ZC 138535). FIVE INFANTRY COMPANIES NOW  
PARTICIPATING ARE CONTINUING A SEARCH OF  
HAMLETS WITHIN FIVE KILOMETERS OF THE HA TAN  
AIRSTRIIP. AIR STRIKES TO DATE HAVE DESTROYED  
95 STRUCTURES IN THE HILLS ADJACENT TO THE PRINCIPAL VIL-  
LAGES. THE B-52 STRIKE REPORTED IN SITREP 369 WAS CONDUCT-  
ED AS PLANNED (FOR DETAILS SEE PARA D).

(3) DURING THE FINAL PHASES OF OPERA-  
TION JACK STAY, THE 4TH VNMV BATTALION CONTINUED  
OPERATIVNS ON THE LONG THANH PENINSULA WHILE THE  
KXJTH VNMCHLTALION COMPLETED OPS IN THE CENTRAL AREA  
OF RUNG SAT AND RETURNED TO THEIR CP. CO'S A, B,  
AND D OF THE SLF (BLT 1/5) ESTABLISHED NIGHT  
POSITIONS VIC LZ CROW (XS 961702), CONDUCTED  
VIGOROUS PATROLS AND STAKED OUT NUMEROUS AMBUSHES.  
CO "C" REMAINS ON THE SITE OF THE VC HOSPITAL VIC (XS  
957673) TO CONTINUE ITS DESTRUCTION. THE LANDING FORCE NOW  
C PA3 4 LINE 4 AA (ZC 138535). AB FIVE TO READ THE

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PLANS TO RE-EMBARK FROM LONG TA ON 6 APRIL IN LST'S.  
THIS WILL COMPLETE ALL CURRENTLY PLANNED JACKSTAY  
OPERATIONS.

(4) PACIFICATION AND CIVIC ACTION.  
FOLLOWING A TOUR OF THE FORTY-THREE PROVINCES IN FEB-  
RUARY AND MARCH, THE MINISTER OF RURAL CONSTRUCTION,  
GENERAL THANH, PUBLISHED HIS OBSERVATIONS OF THE  
1966 REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE GUID-  
ANCE OF ALL CONCERNED. THE COMMENTS OF THE MINISTER  
STRIKE AT THE VERY CORE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS IN  
REVOLUTIONARY DEVELOPMENT, WHICH MUST BE SOLVED  
IF SIGNIFICANT GAINS ARE TO BE MADE IN 1966.  
IN ESSENCE, THE MINISTER HAS NOTED THAT THE RVNAF  
MUST BE MADE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR HIGHEST DUTY  
IS THAT OF PROTECTING THE PEOPLE, THEREBY AIDING  
THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL  
OFFICIALS MUST ALSO ACCEPT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY  
TO BRING THE SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY TO THE COUNTRY  
AND TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A GREATER VOICE IN THEIR  
GOVERNMENT. MANPOWER MUST BE EFFECTIVELY UTILIZED  
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1. I CTZ.

A. REF MY 051232Z APR, PARA C US CIVILS EDL GAVE NOT  
AND WILL NOT BE EVAC FROM HUE AT THIS TIME.

B. OPERATION ORANGE CONTINUES WITH DESTRUCTION OF  
CAVES AND TRENCHES THROUGHOUT AREA. PATROLS AND AMBUSHES AREO. RESULTS CU  
LATIVE: USMC

KIA 17, WIA 77; ENEMY KIA 42, VCS 27, IND WPNS 2. AIR SORTIES 73.

C. ARVN UNITS IN DANANG PREVIOUSLY REPORTED REMAIN AS  
FOLLOWS:

(1) 3D B 513 REGT - LOCATED AT ICORPS HQ  
(2) 11TH RANGE BN (-) - MANNING BLOCKING POSITIONS  
BETWEEN I CORPS HQ AND DANANG AB.

(3) 3 ARVN MARINE BNS FROM SAIGON REMAIN IN  
POSITION AT AIR BASE.

(4) 2/7 (APC TROOP) RETURNED NORTH TO 1ST DIVISION  
HOME BASE.

(5) ELEMENT 5/4 (APC PLT) RETURNED TO HOI AN

(6) TANK STRENGTH:

HUE - 12 M41 TANKS

DANANG - 7 M41 TANKS, 3 MORE DUE TO ARRIVE  
DANANG FROM SAIGON THIS AFTERNOON.

D. A US RADIO INTERCEPT OF A DANANG RADIO BROADCAST  
STATED THAT DANANG WAS UNDER MARTIAL LAW. NO ADDITIONAL VN-  
FORMATION AVAILABLE, NO OUTWARD CHANGE, DANANG QUIET AT THIS  
TIME.

E. US ADVISORS WITH 1ST DIVISION ARE LOCATED AS  
FOLLOWS:

DIV GROUP - LOCATED IN BILLETTS AT HUE WITH THE  
EXCEPTION OF THE G-3 ADVISOR WHO REMAINS AT DIV CP.

2D REG TM - REMAINS WITH REGT CP AT QUANG TRI.

1ST REGT TM - REMAINS WITH REGT CP AT DONG HA.

3D REGT TM - EVACUATED TO PHU BAI INCLUDING 2/3  
TM IN FIELD WITH 2D BN, 3D REGT.

2. II CTZ

A. OPNS BUCHANAN AND XKSDKPQ N AND FILLMORE CONTINUE WITH SPORADIC  
GHT CONTACT.

CIDG COMPANY WORKING WITH 1/327 CONTACTED VC PLAT VIC BQ 992776  
APPROX 251900H. 1/101ST ABN BDE REPORTED KILLING 30 VC BY ARTY.  
LITTLE CONTACT SINCE.

B. OPN LINCOLN CONTINUES WITH VERY LIGHT CONTACT. ALL  
UNITS CONTINUE S/D IN SAME GENERAL AREAS RPID IN MY 050503Z APR.  
3D BDE, 25TH DIV PREPARES TO RETURN TO OPCOM OF I FFORCEV O/A  
7 APR IN PREPARATION FOR OPN LONGFELLOW (TO BE REPORTED IN  
SEPARATE TELECON WHEN PLANS FIRM).

C. POLITICAL SITUATION APPARENTLY UNDER CONTROL  
THROUGHOUT II CTZ. ALL QUIET AND ORDERLY IN DALAT, MHA TRANG,  
PLEIKU, AND QUI NHON. 800 - 700 DEMONSTRATING PEACEFULLY IN  
PHAN THIEP (AN 3029) AS OF 1130A.

D. CUG LOSSES OF OPNS IN PROGRESS:

4 cc rec'd  
1-Chron  
1-St  
2-Burned  
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	LINCOLN	FILMORE	BUN KAES	SU BOK	BUCHANAN
	CIV/25/TOT	25/1/TOT	RCK		US
KIA	32/1/33		19		1
WIA	32/21/83	33/4/37	53	6	5
	3/2/3	3/3/3	0	0	0
		VIET CONG			
KIA	373	128/7/115	227	17	4
VCC	7	11/13/26	35	9	0
VCS	0	143/37/175	33	39	14
IND WPN	79	24/2/23	25	14	0
C/S WPN	6	3/0/0	0	0	0
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## 3. III CTZ.

A. OPERATION ABILENE. OPERATION CONTINUES WITH LIGHT CONTACT. MAJOR UNIT LOCATIONS ARE: 2ND BDE YS 525730, 3RD BDE YS 682632, 1/16 INF YS 682632, 2/16 INF YS 536687, 1/13 INF YS 525733, 2/13 INF YS 515687, 2/23 INF YS 601543, A TOTAL OF 269 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED. LATEST CASUALTIES (CUM) ARE: FRD 4 KIA, 31 WIA (3 AUST), VC: 21 KIA (30), 2 VCC, 633 VCS.

B. OPERATION CIRCLE PINES. OPERATION TERMINATED AT 052400. ALL ELEMENTS CLOSED AT HOME BASE. A TOTAL OF 190 TAVVH LSNDMYTIES SUPPORTED. FISCAL CASUALTIES ARE FRD 32 KIA, 195 WIA. A TOTAL OF 14 APC, 12 TANKS, 1 VTR, AND 2 UH13 WERE DAMAGED DURING THE OPERATION. THE MAJORITY HAVE BEEN REQUIRED AND ARE PRESENTLY SERVICEABLE.

C. OPERATION GREEN EAGLE. OPERATION COMMENCED 050700 IN TAY NINH PROVINCE XT 0555. FORCES CONSIST OF US SPECIAL FORCES AND 3 CIDG COMPANIES. A TOTAL OF 15 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED. LATEST CASUALTIES ARE: FRD 1 KIA (VN), 7 WIA (VN), VC: 9 KIA, 4 KBA, 14 VCC, 6 VCS.

D. 4TH MARINE BN (ARVN) MOVED BY AIR FROM VUNG TAU (YS 3040) TO TAN SON NHUT AIR BASE, SAIGON. NO ADDITIONAL INFO AVAILABLE.

## 4. IV CTZ.

OPN LONG PHI 962, A 1 DAY, 5 BN S/D OPN CONTROLLED BY 9TH ARVN DIV IN VINH LONG PROVINCE (WS 3929) APPROX 9 KM SE OF SA DEC, BEGAN 060500H APR 66 TO LOCATE AND DESTROY EST 2 VC CO'S AND LOCAL GUERRILLAS. UNITS: TF - 13 HQ 13TH REGT, 1/13 INF, 3/13 INF, 3/2 TROOP, 13TH RCN CO. TF VINH LONG - HQ VINH LONG SECTOR, 2/14 INF, HUE RF BN, VINH LONG RF BN, 1 RF CO, RESERVE - 43RD RGR BN, 9TH RCN CO. 1 BTRY 125MM HOW IN DS FM 9TH DIV CP LOC WS 964339. 6 TAC AIR SORTIES PREPLANNED. 2 PLTS ARMED UH-1B SUPPORTING. CONCEPT: 3/13 INF EXECUTE AIRMOBILE ASSAULT 060500H VIC WS 912263, SEIZE OBJ 35 (WS 904283); ON ORDER SEIZE OBJ 24 (WS 915290) AND OBJ 28 (WS 932294). 1/13 INF CROSS LD WS 911349 AT 060700H, ATK S AND SEIZE OBJ 20 (WS 399330), OBJ 22 (WS 905294); ON ORDER SEIZE OBJ 24 & 36 (WS 930290). 3/2 TROOP (ATTCH 13TH RCN CO) CROSS LD (WS 300310) AT 060500H, ATK SE TO WS 395263, ATK N TO SEIZE OBJ 31 (WS 399283). 2/14 INF CROSS LD (WS 98542) AT

H; ATK 130  
SW TO SEIZE OBJ 10 (WS 978300), OBJ 12 (WS 953283), OBJ 14 (WS 945283); AND BLOCK AT WS 938292. HUE BN CROSS LD (WS 958339) AT 060700H; ATK S TO SEIZE OBJ 4 (WS 954313), OBJ 6 (WS 938304); AND BLOCK AT WS 932302. VINH LONG RF BN CROSS LD (WS 953333) IN 3 LOVP'S AND BLOCK VIC OBJ 26 & 28. RESERVES STAGE T VINH LONG (XS 0529) AND BE PREPARED FOR HELIBORNE ASSAULT AS EAGLE FLIGHT ANYWHERE IN ZONE.

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1. I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE.

A. OPERATION ORANGE CONTINUES WITH ONLY SPORADIC CONTACT REPORTED. CUMULATIVE RESULTS: FRIENDLY 13 KIA, 87 WIA. VC: 49 KIA, 2 VCC, 32 VCS, 3 IND WPNS. 100AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED.

B. DANANG. POLITICAL SITUATION REMAINS UNCHANGED. DEMONSTRATIONS CONTINUE IN DANANG, HUE, AND QUANG TRI WITH NO VIOLENCE REPORTED. NO CHANGE IN TROOP DISPOSITIONS. THREE VN MARINE BNS REINFORCED WKS ARE LOCATED AT DANANG AB.

C. 1ST ARVN DIVISION ADVISORS HAVE REJOINED THEIR RESPECTIVE UNITS WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT THE 3D REGT ADVISORS ARE AT PHU BAI.

D. REFERENCE TELECON NMCC (LT COL HOLT) AND MACV (MAJOR IRVIN). THE ANEMB, SAIGON REPORTS 214 US CIVILIANS ARE IN DANANG.

2. II CTZ.

A. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT IN II CTZ OPNS.

B. OPN LINCOLN - 3D BDE, 25TH DIV (-) TERMINAUI

BELN 071300H AND RED

NS TO PLEIKU IN PREPARATION FOR FUTURE OPNS. 2/8 CAV MOVES TO PLEIKU AS 1ST CAV DIV RESERVE/REACTION FORCE. REMAINING 1ST AND 3D BDE, 1ST CAV DIV UNITS CONTINUE S/D OPNS FROM PRESENT PSNS (NO CHANGE FROM MY 050508Z APR).

C. NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN POLITICAL SITUATION FROM 061650Z APR.

D. CUM LOSSES OPNS IN PROGRESS:

FRIENDLY

	LINCOLN	FILLMORE	BUN KAE 3	SU BOK	BUCHANAN
	CAV/25/TOT	US/ROK/TOT	ROK	ROK	US
KIA	33/1/34	6/2/8	21	4	1
WIA	64/22/86	38/4/42	51	6	6
MIA	5/0/5	0/0/0	0	0	0

VIET CONG

	LINCOLN	FILLMORE	BUN KAE 3	SU BOK	BUCHANAN
KIA	385	115/7/122	259	17	4
VCC	7	12/15/27	55	9	0
VCS	0	149/33/134	88	39	14
IND WPNS	79	25/2/27	29	14	0
C/S WPNS	6	0/0/0	0	0	0
AIR SORTIES	222	190		52	30

3. III CTZ.

A. OPN ABILENE. CONTINUES WITHOUT CONTACT. A TOTAL OF 304 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED. CASUALTIES TO DATE ARE: PRD 8 KIA, 35 WIA (3 AUST), VC: 23 KIA, (BC), 15 VCC, 637 VCS.

B. OPN CIRCLE PINES. FINAL STATISTICS OMITTED, MY 060450Z FOR VC ARE AS FOLLOWS: KIA 157 (BC), KBA 13, VCC 3, VCS 7, 35 IND WPNS, 1 C/S WPN, 300 POUNDS TNT, 35 TONS RICE, AND 3,100 ROUNDS SMALL ARMS AMMO RECOVERED. 5 SAMPANS, 121 TUNNELS DESTROYED.

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III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 96-66 052400 TO 062400H APRIL 1966

I. OPERATIONS

A. OPN ORANGE. 1/3D MARINES MAINTAINED NIGHT DEFENSIVE POSNS AND CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. AT 060920 1/3D MAR RECEIVED AIR DROP RESUPPLY AT (ZC 147537). AT 061152H ARTY FIRE CALLED ON SUSPECTED VC TRAINING CAMP AT (ZC 183485). CP LOCATION OF 1/3D MAR REMAINED SAME THROUGH OUT PERIOD.

(1) CO D/1/1ST MAR CONDUCTED SQ&K.

D OPNS AT 061305H,

DESTROYED 10 FIGHTING HOLES AND CAVES VIC (ZC 175334) AT

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061420H. CONTINUED S&D OPNS IN PHUOC LAM VIC (ZC 135532). AT  
061800H CO D COMPLETED S&D OPNS IN DONG PHUOC (1). CP  
LOCATION AT END OF PERIOD (ZC 135533).  
(2) CO B/1/3D MAR CONTINUED S&D OPNS IN THANH DAI (1)  
VIC (ZC 105566). AT 061322H AIR STRIKE FLOWN BY 2 A4 FROM VMA-311  
ON FORTIFIED PSNS VIC (ZC 104565) IN SUPPORT OF CO B/1/3D MAR  
RESULT IN 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION. AT 061410H SECOND AIR STRIKE WAS  
CALLED ON CO B/1/3D MAR OBJ VIC (ZC 108565); STRIKE COMPLETED  
AT 061420. CO B CONTINUED SWEEPS OF AREA VIC (ZC 1056)  
DESTROYING CAVES, TUNNELS, HOLES AND TRECHES.  
CO B CAPTURED 5 VCS DURING PERIOD AND DESTROYED BARBED WIRE  
AND DIGGING TOOLS VIC (ZC 109566). CP LOCATION AT TERMINATION  
OF OPNS VIC (ZC 096564).  
(3) CO D/1/3D MAR COMMENCED SWEEP AT 060705H IN AREA  
VIC (ZC 143557) KILLING 2 VC THAT WERE FLEEING AREA.  
CO D ELEMENTS DETONATED BOOBY TRAP, REPORTED TO BE 105MM  
SHELL, RESULTING IN 1 USMC KIA AND 1 WIA. AT 061425H CO D  
COMMENCED S&D OPNS IN TAI SON VIC (ZC 140557) AND DESTROYED 20  
CAVES DURING SWEEP. CP LOCATION AT END OF PERIOD VIC (ZC 156549).  
(4) CO I/3/3D MAR REMAINED IN DONG PHUOC (1) AND

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CONDUCTED S&D OPNS. CP LOCATION AT END OF PERIOD VIC (ZC 166533).  
(5) CO L/3/3D MAR COMMENCED MOVING ON HOAND PHUOC (2) AT 061025H.  
AT 061135H CO L DESTROYED 4 TUNNELS VIC (ZC 123558). AT 061437H  
CO L MOVED TO BLOCKING PSN (ZC 115556) TO SUPPORT CO B/1/3D MAR  
ATTACK ON THANH DAI (1) (ZC 108565). CP LOCATION AT END OF PER-  
IOD VIC (ZC 127549).  
CJM CAS: VC: KIA-43; KBA-5; KIA(POSS)-61; KBA (POSS)-38;  
VCC-2; VCS-52; INDIV WPNS CAPTURED-3; USMC: KIA308; WIA-87.  
B. 3D MARINE DIVISION

1. DANANG TAOR

(A) 3D MARINES

(QL 1/3D MAR. AT 060045H MARINES AT H&S CO POSN VIC (AT 943787)  
OBSERVED 2 VC NEAR DEFENSIVE WIRE; VC WERE TAKEN UNDER SA FIRE;  
VC BROKE CONTACT AND SEARCH OF AREA PRODUCED NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
AT 060145H TANK CREW AT H&S CO POSN VIC (AT 943787) OBSERVED 5  
VC PROBING POSN AND FIRED ON THEM; VC RETURNED 4 RDS CARBINE FIRE  
AND BROKE CONTACT; SEARCH OF AREA PRODUCE NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT  
061839H VN BOY NOTIFIED CO A OF A BOOBY TRAP VIC (AT 8757630);  
INVESTIGATION SHOWED IT WAS ARTILLERY OR MORTAR SHELL STICKING  
VERTICALLY FROM HOLE IN GROUND. WITH NO TRIP WIRES VISABLE. EOD

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NOTIFIED; BOOBY TRAP TO BE DESTROYED AT FIRST LIGHT 7 APRIL.  
(2) 2/30 MAR. AT 060915H PTL FROM CO G WAS HIT BY ELECTRICALLY  
DETONATED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE VIC (AT 885704) CAUSING 7 USMC  
WIA AND 1 ARVN WIA (ALL MED EVAC). SEARCH OF AREA PRODUCED 90  
METERS OF ELECTRICAL WIRE BELIEVED TO BE USED IN EXPLODING DEVICE.  
AT 061005H ELEMENTS OF CO E OBSERVED EXPLOSION VIC (AT 942665);  
INVESTIGATION REVEALED 1 DEAD COW AND 1 WOUNDED COW AND CRATER  
APPARENTLY FROM M-26 GRENADE; ASSUMED THAT CATTLE TRIPPED BOOBY  
TRAP. AT 061030H ENGR ROAD CLEARING TEAM APPENDED 1 VCS WITH  
SUITCASE OF MEDICINE.

L 11:15 943664); SUITCASE CONTAINED FRENCH  
MADE VITAMIN C, 19 BOTTLES STERILE WATER AND 20 BOTTLES  
DIHIDROSTREPTICIN; MEDICINE WAS SENT TO REGIMENTAL CP.

(8) 9TH MARINES

(1) 2/9TH MAR. AT 061300H CO G PLAT PTL  
VIC (BT 000615) RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM VIC (AT 995614) AND CALLED  
IN 5 RDS 105MM HE; PLAT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
AT 061500H CO G PLAT PTL VIC (BT 004612) RECEIVED 30 RDS SA FIRE  
FROM VIC (AT 993610) AND VIC (BT 003608); PTL RETURNED 100 RDS  
SA AND CALLED IN 17 RDS 81MM HE CAUSING VC TO CEASE FIRE, AND  
SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

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(2) 3/9TH MAR. AT 052145H CO M SQD PTL VIC (BT 059623) RECEIVED  
50 RDS SA FIRE AND 5 RDS 60MM FROM VIC (BT 056626); 1 USMC WIA  
(MINOR). SQD RETURNED 50-60 RDS SA; 1 M79 AND CALLED IN 6 RDS  
105MM HE; 1 VC KIA (POSS). AT 052230H CO M SQD PTL VIC (BT 058630)  
RECEIVED 20 RDS SA AND 3 RIFLE GRENADES FROM 6 VC VIC (BT 260630).  
PTL RETURNED 30 RDS SA, 3 RDS M-79 AND CALLED IN ARTY HE; PTL  
SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 061200H H&S CO SQD PTL VIC  
(BT 071652) HEARD DIGGING VIC (BT 071651) AND FOUND 1 105MM DUD  
AND FRESHLY DUG HOLE IN TRAIL; PTL DESTROYED DUD IN PLACE AND  
SEARCHED AREA FOR VC WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. FROM 061030H TO  
061400H CO I SURROUNDED TRA KHE (2) VIC (BT 070680) IN RESPONSE TO  
INTELLIGENCE REPORT THAT 30 VC WERE HOLDING RALLY IN HAMLET; CO  
ELEMENTS SWEEPED VILLAGE AND APPREHENDED 7VCS INCLUDING 1 VN FEMALE  
(IDENTIFIED AS VC CADRE) WHO ASSAULTED VILLAGE CHIEF, AND 1 VN  
FEMALE WHO WAS DISTRIBUTING VC PROPAGANDA; VCS FORWARDED TO ITT. AT  
061700H CO M PLAT PTL VIC (BT 078632) RECEIVED 8 RDS SA FIRE FROM  
2 VC VIC (BT 072631); PLAT RETURNED 20 RDS SA AND 5 RDS M79 AND  
SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 061730H CO M PLAT PTL  
VIC (BT 078632) RECEIVED 20 RDS SA FROM VIC (BT 082630). RETURNED  
50 RDS SA, 6 RDS M79 AND CALLED IN 12 RDS 82MM; VC FLED SOUTH.  
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(3) 3/30 MAR. AT 052330H CO M PLAT BRIDGE SECURITY  
E.M VIC (AT 963661) RECEIVED 6 RDS SA FROM VIC (AT 963654) AND  
VIC (AT 960654). PLAT RETURNED SA, 1 RD 100MM AND 1 RD 40MM.  
WHILE SEARCHING AREA PTL MEMBER TRIPPED M-26 GRENADE RIGGED WITH  
TRIP WIRE CAUSING 1 USMC KIA (MED EVAC), NEGATIVE RESULTS ON SEARCH.  
AT 061000H CO K SQD PTL VIC (AT 947606) RECEIVED 7 RDS SA FIRE  
FROM VIC (AT 947605); RETURNED 40 RDS SA AND PURSUED 1 VC  
THROUGH VILLAGE; VC BROKE CONTACT. PTL SEARCHED AREA WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 060945H 3/30 MAR RPTD THAT 3D TANK BN 3/4

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TON TRUCK STRUCK MINE WITH 20 POUND CHARGE VIC (AT 982624); 2  
USMC WIA (3D TANY BN) (MED EVAC).  
(4) 3D ENGR BN. ENGINEER CONDUCTED 4 VISUAL AND  
14 DELIBERATE SWEEPS AND SUPPORTED INFANTRY OPERATIONS FOR 4  
INFANTRY BATTALIONS IN DANANG TAOR.  
(5) 12TH MARINES  
MISSIONS FIRED: 346  
OBSERVED: 11  
UNOBSERVED: 335  
H&I: 335  
AMMO EXPENDED:  
105MM: 491 HE, 1 WP, 4 ILLUM, 15 HC  
155HOW: 31 HE, 16 WP  
155 GUN: 19 HE, 1 WP  
8 INCH: 2 HE  
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 580  
2. PHU BAI TAOR  
(A) 4TH MARINES  
(1) 1/1ST MAR. AT 060155H CO A PTL FOUND 1  
UNARMED M-16 AP MINE VIC (YD 798096); MINE RECOVERED BY PTL. AT

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060345H CO B SQD AN3 KILLED 5 VC VIC (YD 783165); SQD CAPT 2 7.62  
CARBINES, 1 M-3 SMG, 1-K50 SMG, GRENADES, CLOTHING, AMMO AND  
DOCUMENTS. AT 061930H HELD ON MED EVAC OF NON BATTLE CAS REC'D  
2 RDS SA FIRE VIC (YD 788114); FIRE RETURNED WITH 2 M-79 RDS;  
RESULTS UNK.  
(2) 2/1ST MAR. AT 061130H 3D PLAT CO H  
APPREHENDED 1 VN VIC (YD 895155) WHO CLAIMED TO BE ENROUTE TOO  
CO A MED BN WITH SEVERE STOMACH PAIN; SUBJECT DETAINED AND MED  
EVAC TO CIT.  
(3) 1/4TH MAR. AT 061200H CO A SQD PATROL REC'D 80 RDS  
SA FIRE VIC (YD 659215); PTL RETURNED FIRE AS ADDITIONAL SQD IN  
AREA MANEUVERED TO ASSIST; 2 USMC WIA (MED EVAC); AREA SEARCHED  
WITH NEG RESULTS.  
(B) 3/12TH MARINES  
MISSIONS FIRED: 225  
OBSERVED: 9  
UNOBSERVED: 216  
H&I: 114  
AMMO EXPENDED  
105MM: 120 HE, 11 WP, 5 ILLUM

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155HOW: 125 HE, 1 WP  
TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 262

C. 1ST MARINE DIVISION

1. CHU LAI TAOR

(A) 1ST MARINES

(1) 3/1ST MAR. AT 060415H H&S CO WATER BORNE PATROL APPREHENDED 3 VCS IN BOAT VIC (BT 482125) IN VIOLATION OF CURFEW; VCS TAKEN WITH BOAT TO CHU LAI SPLASH POINT AND FORWARDED TO ITT. AT 061610H CO K SQD S&D PATROL MEMBER TRIPPED BOOBY TRAP VIC (BT 451141) (APPARENTLY GRENADE WITH TRIP WIRE ON A POLE); 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC). AREA SEARCHED AND NUMEROUS PUNJI TRAPS AND 1 81MM MORTAR RD BOOBY TRAP FOUND. ENG SQD WITH CO K WILL CLEAR AREA 7 APR. AT 062015H CO E OP VIC (BT 436160) SAW 2 GROUPS OF VC VIC (BT 437155, 438154) IN KHAKI WITH WHITE HELMETS AND WPNS; VC DISAPPEARED INT TREE LINE; AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 060830H CO E PATROL FOUND 2 CHILDREN IN HOUSE VIC (BT 418159) WITH SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN LEGS; PATROL UNABLE TO DETERMINE SOURCE OF WOUNDS AND EVACUATED CHILDREN TO 1ST MED BN.

(B) 7TH MARINES

(1) 1/7TH MAR. AT 061005H CO A OP SAW 7 VC VIC (BT 620022) SHOOTING

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AT JUNK FLEET; VC CEASED FIRE AND DISAPPEARED; PATROL DISPATCHED TO AREA AFTER INSURING NO FRIENDLY TROOPS IN AREA. NEG RESULTS. AT 061030H CO D PLAT S&D OPN VIC (BS 678990) DESTROYED CAVE WITH 2 ENTRANCES AND 6 FT BRANCH TUNNEL. AT 061120H CO D S&D PLAT PTL VIC (BS 677987) REC'D 7 RDS CARBINE FIRE FROM UNK NUMBER VC VIC (BT 663005); UH-1E GUNSHIPS FIRED ROCKETS AT VC; PTL SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(2) 2/7TH MAR. AT 062330H CO H PERIMETER VIC (BT 515012) REC'D HAND GRENADE. 1 USMC KIA, 1 USMC WIA (MED EVAC), RETURNED SA FIRE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

(3) 3/7TH MAR. AT 060750H CO K SQD PTL VIC (BS 571943) REC'D 3 RDS SA FROM VIC (BS 571945); SQD RETURNED FIRE AND AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 061010H CO M PLAT S&D OPN VIC (BS 585919) REC'D 3 RDS 60MM MORTAR FIRE. AS PATROL MANUEVERED OUT OF AREA, REC'D 30 RDS SA FROM IMMEDIATE AREA; 1 USMC WIA. PTL RETURNED SA AND CALLED ARTY FIRE ON SUSPECTED MORTAR PSNS VIC (BS 584923). PTL SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 061230H CO M PLAT S&D OPN APPREHENDED 1 FEMALE VCS VIC (BS 580925); VCS RETURNED TO ITT. AT 061300H SAME PLAT VIC (BS 580920) RECEIVED 3 M-79 RDS FROM VIC (BS 580924); INTERROGATION OF CIVILIANS REVEALED 3 VC FLED;  
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PTL PURSUED WITH NEGATIVE CONTACT RESULTS. AT 061545H CO L SQD PTL  
VIC (BT 555001) RECEIVED 1 RD SA FROM VIC (BT 548012), BUT COULD  
NOT LOCATE ENEMY.

(C) 1ST RECON. 1ST PLAT CO D CONTINUES OBSERVATIONS WITH NO  
CONTACT AND NO SIGHTINGS

(D) CHU LAI DEFENSE CMD. AT 062115H MCB-3 ELEMENTS SAW 1 VC (BT  
529124) AND FIRED 5 RDS SA; PLT SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

E. 3D AMTRAC BN. LATE ENTRY. AT 040800H LVT TRANSPORTING  
ELMS OF CO A/1/7TH MAR BECAME STUCK ON ROCK IN THAI CAN

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RIVER VIC (BS 630970). DURING EXTICATION VEHICLE CAPSIZED AND SUNK. NO CASUALTIES, INITIAL RETRIEVAL EFFORTS UNSUCCESSFUL. 3D AMTRAC BN PERSONNEL ASSISTED BY 1ST RECON BN DIVERS CONTINUING EFFORTS TO REFLOAT LVT. ON 6 APRIL LVT RETURNING FROM SITE OF SALVAGE LNS RECEIVED SA FIRE AT MOUTH OF TRA BONG RIVER VIC BS 620974 VC POSN UNK AND FIRE NOT RETURNED.

(F) 11TH MARINES

MISSIONS FIRED: 62

OBSERVED: 5

UNOBSERVED: 51

H&amp;I: 61

AMMO EXPDED:

105MM: 510KE

107MM: 56HE

155HOW: 60KE

8 INCH: 18Y

TOTAL ROUNDS FIRED: 644

D. GENERAL

1 DKANG AIR BASE DEFENSE BN. 1/9TH MARCOFKTED

MOBILE SKURITY (TROL OPNS BUT NO EXTERNAL PATROPACTIVITY IN

ACCOJACE WITH IIIMAFINSTRUCTION.

2. MEINSTANCES REPORTED OF VIETNAMESE KTIONALS

VOLUMEERING INFORMATION ABOUT VC DIRECTLY TO MARINES:

(A) REFER I. B. 1 (A) (1) THIS REPORT.

3. EFFECTS OF WEATHER ON OPERATIONS

(A) 1ST AND 3D MARDIV. CONTINUED DRY WEATHER ASSISTED GROUND OPERATIOS.

(B) 1ST MAW. WEATHER FAVORED FLIGHT OPERATIONS.

4. RECAP OF SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS.

UNIT	PATROLS			AMBUSHES			LIST SCOUT		S&D OPNS	
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3/9	15	3		5	4		7			
3/3	17	2		9			8			
3D RECON		6				3				
DANANG TOTAL	75	17		6	65	3	59	10	13	
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2/1	26			20		18		
PHU BAI TOTAL	64	3		53	1	34	2	1
3D MARDIV TOTAL	139	20		6 118	4	93	10	15
3/1	13	8		6 3				1
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1/7	2	2	2	1 2				
						20		1
2/7	5			5		9		
3/7	16	3	2		4	6	2	
IST RECON			2				2	
IST MARDIV TOTAL	36	15	6	22	12	41	4	3
III MAF TOTAL	36	154	26	28	130	4	134	14
							15	4

TOTAL CONTACTS: 33, 22 DAY, 11 NIGHT, 24 VC INITIATED

TOTAL CASUALTIES: VC: 5 KIA, 1 KIA (POSS), 13 VCS

USMC: 1 KIA, 15 WIA

WFNS CAPTURED: 2 CARBINE, 1 M3-SMG, 1 K-50 SMG

II. FIRST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING OPERATIONS.

A. MAG-11

1. MAG-11 ACFT FLEW 66 SORTIES, 79 HOURS, EXPENDED

46 TONS OF BOMBS AND 1480 RDS OF 20MM. 38 STRUCTURES, 2 GUN

PSNS, 2 TRUCKS, 1 TRENCHLINE DESTROYED; 18 STRUCTURES, 2 BUNKERS

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B. MAG-12

1. A4 ACFT FLEW 106 SORTIES FOR 127 HOURS AND EXPENDED

38 TONS BOMBS, 1.5 TONS NAPALM, 4300 RDS 20MM IN SUPPORT OF  
OPERATION ORANGE, 2 A4 FROM VMA-311 ATTACKED GROUP OF STRUCTURES  
VIC (ZC 104565) WITH NAPALM BOMBS AND 20MM. 8 STRUCTURES  
DESTROYED, 3 DAMAGES AND 1 SECONDARY EXPLOSION.

C. MAG-16

1. HELICOPTERS FLEW 956 SORTIES FOR 264 HOURS AND CARRIED

104 TONS OF CARGO, 883 PAX, 92 MED EVACS. SUPPORT FOR OPN ORANGE  
CONSISTED OF 4 UH-34, 2 CH-37, CARRYING 30 TONS CARGO, 26 PAX AND  
53 MED EVACS. 5 CH-46, 13 UH-34 FROM MAG-16 SQUADRONS ARE PRESENTLY  
AUGMENTING HMM-163 AT PHU BAI ON STANDBY BASIS.

D. MAG-36

1. HELICOPTERS FLEW 239 SORTIES FOR 103 HOURS AND CARRIED

1.4 TONS CARGO, 259 PASSENGERS AND 6 MED EVAC. AT 061110H,  
8 UH-34 OF HMM-261 ESCORTED BY 2 VMO-6 ARMED UH-1E AND 2 A4,  
RETRACTED 52 MARINES OF 1/7TH MAR VIC (BS 677987) TO  
VIC (BS 624991). HOSTILE FIRE WAS RECEIVED BUT QUICKLY SUPPRESSED  
BY ESCORTING UH-1E AND A4.

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E. DAILY SORTIE RECAP

FLOWN FOR	A4	F4B	F8E	RF-8A	EF-108	UH-34D	UH-1E	CH-37	CH-46
III MAF	54	11	7	3	0	896	169	17	81

I CORPS	22	17	6	0	0	12	0	20	0
7TH A.F.	30	11	10	3	15	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	106	39	23	3	1	908	169	37	81

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1ST BN	3	3	7	7
2ND BN	15	12	17	16
TOTAL	18	15	24	23

III. MY NEXT SUMMARY DUE 072400H APRIL 1966.

IV. DO NOT SERVICE THIS MSG, FOLLOW UP AIR MAIL DELIVERY TO ALL ADDRESSES.

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1. I CORPS.

A. OPERATION ORANGE. THE 1ST BN, 3D MAR (REIN) CON-  
TINUES S&D OPNS WITH 3 RIFLE COS NORTH OF VU GIA RIVER ALONG  
YANG RIVER FROM VIC ZC 1056 TO AC 1955; 2 COS SOUTH OF VU GIA.  
UNITS ARE CONTINUING TO DESTROY CAVES AND BUNKERS AND CLEARING  
RTE 14 IN AREA. RESULTS: CUMULATIVE.

USMC	ENEMY	SOPTIES
KIA-18	KIA-55	110
WIA-87	VCC-6	
	VCS-53	

2. OPERATION IOWA/LIEN DET 32

1. COMMENCED 080300H APR

2. TASK ORG

A) USMC 1ST MAR REGT (-) (REIN): 2/4 (-), 3/1 (-) M/NDV

ARVN 2/6

3. MISSION-S&D

M; DURATION-2 DAYS

5. CONCEPT-AT 080800H 3/1 COMMAND GROUP WITH  
2 COS IN HELO ASSAULT LZ WREN (BT 372125). ATTACKS NE AND LINKS  
UP WITH BLOCKING FORCES (2/4 (-)) VIC (CT 397145). ON 2 PLUS 1  
2/4 AND 3/1 ABREAST CONDUCT S&D SW TO VIC LZ WREN. 3/1 THEN  
WITHDRAWN & 2/4 RETURNS NE TO VIC (CT 397145). ARVN 2/6  
PROVIDE LOCK FROM BT 373175 ALONG NORTH BANK OF SONG WIN AN  
TO INTERSECTION OF SONG BATUC AND SOUTH ALONG WESTERN BANK  
OF SONG BATUC TO BT 360140. ONE RE CO BLOCKS VIC BT 3310.

6. FIRE SUPPORT-1/11 DS

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C. DANANG/HUE. POLITICAL UNREST CONTINUES. NO  
VIOLENCE REPORTED. NO CHANGE IN TROOP DISPOSITIONS. REPORT  
INDICATES VNAF MAY CUT COMMUNICATIONS AND POWER TO ARVN RADIO  
STATION LOCATED MONKEY MOUNTAIN VIC BT 0535. VNAF A14 AIR-  
CRAFT HAVE BEEN MAKING REPEATED LOW PASSES OVER I CORPS HQ  
THIS MORNING. 1ST MAR BN (VN) WILL BE AIRLIFTED FROM DANANG  
TO SAIGON AND ESTIMATED ETA SAIGON 031700H APR.  
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ZEN/CG THIRD MARDIV

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III MAF DAILY SITREP 98-66 02

00H TO 082400H APRIL 1966.

1. OPN SUMMARY

A. GENERAL

723 OPN ORANGE 1/3D MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS WITH 3  
 RIFLE COMPANIES NORTH OF VU GIA RIVER. UNITS HAD LIGHT CONTACT  
 THROUHQUT PERIOD WITH CO D/1/1ST MAR SUSTAINING 2 WIA (NON  
 EVAC) FROM 3 RIFLE GRENADES. AT 082345H. ELEMENTS OF 1/3D MAR  
 CONTINUED TO DESTROY TUNNELS, CAVES, TRENCHES AND FIGHTING HOLES.  
 1/3/3RD MAR HELILIFTED TO DANANG TAOR.

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(2) OPN IOWA. 1ST MAR (-) COMMENCED S&D OP I QUANG TIN VIC (BT 3814) WITH 3/1ST MAR COMPLETING HELILIFT TO LZ WREN VIC (BT 372125) AT 080915H AND SWEEPING NE TUSQINK-UP WITH 2/4TH MAR AT 081335H WITHOUT CONTACT. 2/4TH MAR ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSN VIC (BT 385155) AT 080800H; NO ENEMY CONTACT. CG 1ST MARDIV DIGUAOLD 3/1ST MAR TO RETURN TO TAOR PSN PRIOR TO DARK IN VIEW OF 1 HOUR STANDBY ALERT OF 3/7TH MAR FOR RIOT CONTROL FORCE IN DANANG. 3/1ST MAR CLOSED TAOR PSN AZR 081832H.

**B. PLANS SUMMARY**

(1) OPN ORANGE 1/3D MAR CONTINUED S&D OPN ALONG NORTH BANK OF WU GIA RIVER VIC (ZC 1754).  
 (2) OPN IOWA. 1ST MAR WITH 2/4TH MAR NOW REDUCED TO ONE BN OPERATION CONDUCT S&D OPN ON AXIS OF ADVANCE SE TO AN TAN BRIDGE VIC (BT 498066).

**C. MAJOR UNIT OPN**

(1) (A) NAME OF OPN: ORANGE  
 (B) PARTICIPATING UNITS: DELETE CO L/3/3D MAR  
 (C) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING  
 (D) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

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KIA-18	KIA-50
SXKNBIA-91	KBA-7
	KIA(POSS)-31
	KB
	! POSS)-38
	VC-6
	VCS-53
	WPNS-3

(E) CUM TAC AIR STRIKE SORTIES: 118; KBA-7; STRUCTURES DESTROYED 132; 127 STRUCTURES AND 2 WATER WHEELS DAMAGED  
 (F) CUM RESULTS OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: NONE

~~(2) (A) NAME OF OPN: IOWA~~~~(B) CONTROL HQS: 1ST MAR (-) (REIN)~~~~(C) TYPE OPN: S&D~~~~(D) DTG INITIATED: 080530H~~~~(E) PROVINCE: QUANG TIN (BT 3814)~~~~(F) PURPOSE: TO FIX AND DESTROY VC UNITS AND INSTALLATIONS~~~~(G) PARTICIPATING UNITS: 2/4TH MAR (-), 33/1ST MAR (-), 1/11TH MAR, CO A 1ST TK BN, CO A 1ST AT BN~~

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III MAF DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 98-66 072400H TO 082400H APRIL 1966

I. OPERATIONS

1. OPNORANGE. 1/3D MARINES MAINTAINED NIGHT DEFENSIVE  
POSITIONS AND CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES AT FIRST  
LIGHT RIFLE COMPANIES COMMENCED S&D OPNS TO DISCOVER HIDDEN  
BUNKERS AND CAVES. CO D/1/1ST MAR CONDUCTING S&D OPNS IN SECTOR  
RECEIVED SNIPERFIRE FROM VIC (ZC 194544). CO D/1/1ST MAR CON-  
TINUED S&D OPN WITHOUT FURTHER CONTACT AND ESTABLISHED AND  
MAINTAINED CP VIC (ZC 190596) THROUGH END OF PERIOD. CO

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B/1/3D MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS IN SECTOR; CP THROUGH END OF PERIOD VIC (ZC 12749). CO D/1/3D MAR CONTINUING S&D OPNS SOUTH OF VU GIA RIVER DESTROYED 15 CAVES VIC (ZC 165516) AND (ZC 165552). CO I/3D MAR DESTROYED TUNNEL AND TRENCH AT (ZC 170536) AND (ZC 72534); CP THROUGH END OF PERIOD VIC (ZC 163534). CO L/3/3D MAR ON S&D OPNS DESTROYED 6 FIGHTING HOLES VIC (ZC 146548) CO L COMPLETED HELILIFT TO DANANG TAOR AT 081534H. 1/3D MAR UNITS CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS. CV LOCATION AT END OF PERIOD VIC (ZC 163534). CUM CAS: VC: KIA-50, 3A-7, KIA(POSS)-81, KBA(POSS)-38, VCC-6, VCS-53, AND 3 INDIV EPNS CAPTURED. USMC: KIA-18, WIA-91

B. OPN IOWA AT 080534M 1ST MAR (-) COMMENCED S&D OPN IN QUANG TIN VIC (BT 3814). FOLLOWING DELIVERY OF 167 RDS PREP FIRE IN LZ WREN BY USS HOPEWELL, 3/1ST MAR COMPLETED HELILIFT INTO LZ VIC (BT 372125) AT 0809TH AND SWEEP NE TO LINK-UP WITH 2/4TH MAR AT 081335H WITHOUT CONTACT. ENROUTE CAVES, FIGHTING HOLES, TRENCHES. PUNKI TRAPS DISCOVERED. 2/4TH MAR ESTABLISHED BLOCKING PSN VIC (BT 385155) AT 080800H; NO ENEMY CONTACT. CG 1ST MARDIV DIRECTED 3/1ST MAR TO RETURN TO

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TAOR PSN PRIOR TO DARK IN VIEW OF 1 HOUR STANDBY ALERT OF 3/7TH MAR FOR RIOT CONTROL FORCE IN DANANG. 3/1ST MAR CLOSED TAOR PSN AT 081830H. AREA VIC (BT 377158) HEAVILY BOOBY TRAPPED. CUM CAS: VC: NONE; USMC: NONE.

## C. 1ST MARINE DIVISION

## 1. CHU LAI TAOR

## (A) 1ST MARINES

(1) 3/1ST MAR. AT 080918H CO K 3RD PTL VIC (BT 424158) DETONATED BOOBY TRAPPED 155MM RD; DETONATION WAS ELECTRIC PRESSURE DEVICE USING BA-279 BATTERY; 1 USMC IA. AT 082140H CO K PERIMETER VIC (BT 443167) RECEIVED 12 RDS AW AT CLOSE RANGE VIC (BT 436162); FIRE NOT RETURNED BECAUSE OF FRIENDLY AMBUSH IN AREA. MARINES THREW GRENADES AND

SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

## (B) 7TH MARINES

## (1) 1/7TH MAR. AT 081000H CO A PLAT PTL

VIC (BT 653023) RECEIVED 2 RDS SA FROM 2 VC VIC (BT 657024); 3 M-79 AND 20 RDS SA RETURNED; AREA SEARCHED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. AT 081230H CO B PLAT PTL VIC (BS 611949) RECEIVED 2 RDS SA FROM VIC (BS 614943); LOCATION OF VC UNKNOWN; CONTINUED

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A. OPERATIONS IOWA LIEN KET 32, NO CHANGE SINCE MY 082157Z.

B. OPERATION ORANGE: OPERATION CONTINUES WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT  
 CONTACT. UNITS HAVE DESTROYED MANY SUNKERS, CAVES, TUNNELS, TRENCH  
 LINES AND BOOBY TRAPPS. UNITS BEGAN EXTRACTION FROM THEIR PERATIONAL  
 AREA AT 081530H AND WILL CONTINUE EXTRACTION ON A PREPLANNED  
 SCHEDULE UNTIL THE LAST UNITS IS EXTRACTED ON 12 APRIL. RESULTS TO  
 DATE: FRD: 18 KIA, 88 WIA. VC: 61 KIA, 5 VCC, 53 VCS, 3 IND WPNS,  
 3 TONS RICE.

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III MAF DAILY SITREP 99-66 082400H TO 092400H APRIL 1966

1. OPN SUMMARY

A. GENERAL

(1) OPN ORANGE. 1/3D MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS WITH 3 COMPANIES NORTH OF VU GIA RIVER. ALL UNITS HAD LIGHT CONTACT THROUGHOUT PERIOD AS CO 1/3D MAR WAS HELILIFTED FROM AREA OF OPNS TO DANANG TAOR AT 091605H. ELEMENTS OF 1/3D MAR ASSISTED IN RICE RECOVERY OPN CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL FORCES IN HOANG PHUOC (1) VIC (ZC 170532).

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(2) OPN IOWA. 1ST MAR ELEMENTS CONDUCTED S&S OPNS TO SE  
ALONG ROUTE 1 TO VIG (BT 430199). 2/4TH MAR CLOSED TAOR PSN  
AT 091200H. 1ST MAR FWD CP CLOSED AT 090815H.

**PLANS SUMMARY**

(1) OPN ORANGE. 1/3D MAR CONTINUE OPN ALONG NORTH  
BANK OF VE GIA RIVER. CO B/1/3D MAR TO BE HELILIFTED  
DANANG TAOR ON ORDER.

(2) OPN IOWA. OPN TERMINATED 091100H.

**C. MAJOR UNIT OPN**

(1) (A) NAME OF OPN: ORANGE

(8) PARTICIPATING UNITS: DELETE CO 1/3/3D MAR

(C) DTG TERMINATED: CONTINUING

(I) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

USMC	ENEMY
KIA-18	KIA-50
WIA-92	KBA-7
	KIA(POSS)-89
	KBA(POSS)-38
	VCC-6
	VCS-53

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(E) CUM TAC AIR STRIKE SORTIES: 118; KBA-7;  
STRUCTURES DESTROYED 132; 127 STRUCTURES AND 2 WATER WHEELS  
DAMAGED

(F) CUM RESULTS OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT: NONE

(2) (A) NAME OF OPN: IOWA

(8) CONTROL HQS: 1ST MAR (-) (REIN)

(C) TYPE OPN: S&D

(I) DTG INITIATED: 030530H

(E) PROVINCE: QUANG TIN (BT 3814)

(F) PURPOSE: TO FIND AND DESTROY VC UNITS AND  
INSTALLATIONS

(G) PARTICIPATING UNITS: DELETE 3/1ST MAR (-)

(H) DTG TERMINATED: 091100H

(I) RESULTS: (CUMULATIVE)

USMC	ENEMY
NONE	NONE

(E) CUM TAC AIR STRIKE SORTIES: 10, STRUCTURES  
DESTROYED 2

(F) CUM RESULTS OF NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT:

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1ST MAR DAILY HISTORICAL SUMMARY 99-66 082400H TO 092400H APRIL 1966 C14  
A OPN ORANGE 1/3D MAR MAINTAINED NIGHT DEFENSIVE  
PSNS AND CONDUCTED NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. AT FIRST  
LIGHT RIFLE COMPANIES COMMENCED S&D OPNS IN SECTOR.  
CO D/1/1ST MAR COMPLETED S&D OPNS IN LAP THUAN VIC (ZC  
183537). AT 090710H CO RECEIVED SA FIRE FROM SNIPERS  
VIC (ZC 193554). CO RETURNED SA FIRE WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.  
CO D/1/1ST MOVED SW TO PHUOC LAM VIC (ZC 170532) TO CONTINUE  
S&D OPNS. CO D/1/1ST MAR ESTABLISHED CP VIC (ZC 170532).

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CO D/1/3D MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS IN NGOC PHUOC DAM (ZC 113557) IN SUPPORT RICE  
1 PLAT BLOCKING TO NW VIC (ZC 113557) IN SUPPORT RICE  
RECOVERY OPN TO BE CONDUCTED BY SPECIAL FORCES. CO D/1/3D  
MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS VIC (ZC 155548) SWEEPING EAST VIC  
(ZC 162537) WHERE CO D/1/3D MAR OPERATED FOR REMAINDER OF  
PERIOD. CO 1/3/3D MAR CONDUCTED S&D OPNS IN NGOC KINH (4)  
VIC (ZC 142523). AT 091520H 4 CH-46 OF AMM-164 COMMENCED  
HELILIFTING CO 1/3/3D MAR AND NKOUR 105IM HOW TO DANANG TAOR  
COMPLETING LIFT AT 091605H. 1/3D MAR CONTINUED OPNS UNTILL  
HOURS OF DARKNESS AT WHICH TIME ELEMENTS OF 1/3D MAR  
CONDUCTED PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. CUM CAS VC: KIA-50,  
KBA-7, KIA(POSS)-81, KBA(POSS)-38, VCC-6, VCS-53 AND  
7 INDIV WPNS CAPTURED. USMC: KIA-18, WIA-92.  
B. OPN IOWA. 1ST MAR (-) WITH 2/4TH MAR CONDUCTED S&D  
OPNS TO SE ALONG TR 1 TO BRIDGE VIC (BT 430109) AT 090745H.  
ELEMENTS OF 2/4TH MAR FOUND BOOBY TRAPED 2.75 INCH RKT VIC  
(BT 400141) AND DESTROYED IN PLACE. 1ST MAR CLOSED  
XORWARD CP AT 090815H. 2/4TH MAR REACHED PLANNED ENTRUCKING  
POINT VIC (BT 430109) AND CLOSED TAOR PSN AT 091200H. OPN  
IOWA TERMINATED 091100H WITH NO CONTACT DURING PERIOD.

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CUM CAS: VC; NONE; USMC: NONE.

C. 1ST MARINE DIVISION

1. CHU LAI TAOR

(A) 1ST MARINES

(1) 3/1ST MAR. AT 090545H CO R SQD PTL

RECEIVED 6 RDS SA FROM VIC (BT 445166); PTL RETURNED 30  
RDS AW FIRE IN DIRECTION MUZZLE FLASHES AND FIRE CEASED.IMMEDIATE SEARCH OF AREA REVEALED 1 VC KIA. AT 091100H  
BN CMD GRP BRAVO AND CO I AND CO M REPORTED TO CHU LAI  
DEF DMD RELIEVING 2/7TH MAR ELEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR  
SECURITY OF AIR STRIP, CLASS V DUMP AND RMK FACILITIES.

(2) 2/4TH MAR. AT 091650H CO H SQD PTL

APPREHENDED 1 VCS WITH 2 DISSIMILAR ID CARDS VIC (BT  
470068); VCS SENT TO LY TIM DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS.

(3) 7TH MARINES

(1) 1/7TH MAR. AT 090800H CO B(-) PLAT

PTL DEPARTED TO PROV SECURITY FOR CONVOY TO QUANG NGAI AND  
RETURNED 091900H. NO CONTACT. AT 091230H CO B PLAT PTL  
RETURNED TO TAOR PSNS AFTER 4 DAY CLEARING OPN MY HUE ISLAND  
VIC (BS 6095). PTL CONDUCTED WITH PF AND POLITICAL ACTION

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OR 56 PERCENT WERE DUE TO MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 121 MINES AND EXPLOSIVE DEVICES DETONATED OR DESTROYED IN PLACE. OVER HALF OF THESE INCIDENTS (64) WERE IN THE AREA 60 0 MILES SOUTH OF DNANG.

3. III MAF

## A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

## (1) OPERATIONAL CHANGE

(A) FIRST BN, THIRD MARINE REPORTED THE DESTRUCTION OF 15 CAVES (ZC 1651) IN THE HILLS OVERLOOKING THE SOUTH BANK OF EHS GONV VU GAI AND CO 1, THIRD MARINES, DESTROYED SIX INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS (ZC 146 BRIL IN CHAN SON HAMLET DURING THE DAY OF 8 APRIL.

(B) ON SIGNIFICANT ENEMY CONTACTS WERE REPORTED AS SEARCH OPERATIONS AND NIGHT PATROLS.

THE EIGHTH DAY OF THE PLANNED 10-DAY OPERATIONS. MBUSHES CONTINUED INTO

(C) COL. THIRD BN, THIRD MARINE WAS RETURNED BY HELICOPTER TO THEIR FORMER POSITIONS IN THE DANANG TACTICAL AREA BY 81534H.

## (D) UNIT LOCATIONS

CO B, 1ST BN, 3D MAR.

(ZC 13534)

(ZC 127 549)

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CO D, 1ST BN, 3D MAR.

CO D, 1ST BN, 1ST MAR.

CO 1, 3DBN, 3D MAR.

## (E) RESULTS (CUMULATIVE)

USMCC

18 KIA

91 WIA

(ZC 151)

(ZC 190 596)

(ZC 163 534)

VC

57 KIA (7 KBA)

81 KIA (POSS)

6 CAPTURED

53 SUSPECTS

## SE (2) OPERATION IOWA

(A) THE TWO RIFLE COMPANIES (I AND M) OF THIRD BN, FIRST MARINES WHICH LANDED ELEVEN MILES NORTHWEST OF CH LIA AT 080600H, MOVED NORTHEAST TO LINK UP WITH COMPANIES E AND F, 2D BN, FOURTH MARINES AT 1335H; NO CONTACTS WERE REPORTED.

(B) IN VIEW OF THE ALERT STATUS FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT TO DANANG OF THE THIRD BN, SEVENTH MARINES, 33 5845Z, FIRST MARINE WERE DIRECTLY TO RETURN TO THE CH LIA TACTICAL AREA. THE FORCE CLOSED CHU LIA AT 081830H.

(C) SECOND BN, FOURTH MARINES CONTINUES THEIR

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H. OPN ORANGE. 1/3D MAR MAINTAINED NIGHT DEFENSIVE  
 PSNS AND CONDUCTED PTLS AND AVBUSHES. AT 100733H W BTRY (4.2)  
 1/12TH MAR COMMENCED RETRACTION FROM ARE OF OPNS BY  
 HELICOPTERS GOZMAG-16 WITH XD MAR COMMENCING RETRACTION  
 AT 101455H. HILILIFT OF BOTH UNITS COMPLETEDIGT 101630H.  
 REMAINING ELEMENTS OF 1/3D MAR CONTINUED S&D OPNS IN AREA  
 AT 101800H ELEMENTS OF 1/3D MAR ESTABLISHED NIGHT PSNS AND

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PREPARED TO CONDUCT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES. CUM CAS:VC:  
KIA-50, KBA-7, KIA(POSS)-8, KBA(POSS)-38, VCC-6, VCS-53,  
AND 3 INDIV WPNS CAPTURED. USMC: KIA-18, WIA-92.

1ST MARINE DIVISION  
CHU LAI TAOR

(1) 31ST MAR. AT 100030H CO L SQD PTL  
RECEIVED 4RDS SA FIRE FROM TREELINE VIC (BT 507147);  
PTL RETURNED 12RDS SA AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE  
RESULTS. AT 106255H CO K SQD PTL SEARCHING STREAM BANK  
(BS 444149) SIGHTED VC ATTEMPTING TO EVADE PTL BY DIVING  
INTO WATER AND ENTERING UNDERWATER CAVE ENTRANCE. PATROL  
PROBED BANK, LOCATED CAVE AND FOUND VC; 1VC KIA. SEARCH  
CONTINUED AND LARGER CAVE COMPLEX FOUND CONTAINING TWO  
VCS. CUS RETURNED TO BN AND CAVES DESTROYED. AT 102010H  
CO K CP VIC (BT 437161) RECEIVED 15 RDS SA FROM VIC (BT  
434161); CO K RETURNED 2 RDS M-79, 100 RDS SA FROM M-60  
WITH UNKNOWN RESULTS. AT 101530H CO I RELIEVED OF RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR SECURITY OF CLASS V DUMP AND SW SECZNR OF MAG-12  
AIRFIELD SECURITY BY CO E/2/4.

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(2) 2/4TH MAR. AT 101025H CO H PLAT  
PTL VIC (BT 449030) RECEIVED 2RDS SA FROM SOUTH, EXACT  
LOCATION UNKNOWN. FIRE NOT RETURNED AND PTL CONTINUED.  
AT 101255H SAME PTL VIC (BT 441039) RECEIVED 14 RDS SA  
FIRE FROM UNKNOWN NUMBER VC VIC (BT 443048); PTL RETURNED  
10 RDS M-79, 50 RDS SA AND SEARCHED AREA WITH NEGATIVE  
RESULTS. AT 101406H SAME PTL VIC (BT 452033) RECEIVED  
30 RDS SA FROM 4VC VIC (BT 445045); PTL RETURNED 50  
RDS SA, 4 M-72 LAAW AND CALLED IN ARTY MISSION WITH  
UNKNOWN RESULTS.

(3) 7TH MARINES  
(1) 1/7TH MAR.

M 100900H N3S 15  
(5) 18: (BS 627971) RECEIVED 100RDS SA AND 1 RIFLE GRENADE  
FROM UNK NUMBER VC VIC (BS 628965). SQD PROVIDING SECURITY  
FOR LVT RETRIEVER RETURNED 199 RDS SA, 6 M-79 RDS, 1M-72  
LAAW RD AND CALLED 15 RDS 81 MM MORTAR HE WITH UNKNITLS  
RESULTS.

(C) 1ST RECON BN. AT 101100H 2D PLAT CO D  
CALLED ARTY MSN ON 3VC ARMED WITH 2RIFLES 1BAR  
MOVING WEST VIC (BT 372062); 11VC WIA (POSS).NHT

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1. (C) I CTZ.

A. OPERATION VIRGINIA: REF MY 111503Z. OPN DELAYED FOR

72 HOURS. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE.

B. OPERATION ORANGE: OPN TERMINATED AT 111853H. XMRAL

RESULTS, FRD: 18 KIA, 92 WIA. VC: 57 KIA (US BC), 6 VCC, 53 VCS, 3 IWPN. 118 SORTIES, TAC AIR, SUPPORTED.

C. OPN NEVADA/LIEN KET 34: USMC UNITS IN COORDINATION WITH THE 2D ARVN DIV COMMENCED NEVADA/LIEN KET 34 AT 120700H IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, (AREA BS 6590 TO BS 6574, ALONG N BANK OF SONG TRA KHUC TO OCEAN, ALONG COAST TO BS 7390). THIS OP-N IS A 5 DAY S&D OPN CONTROLLED BY THE 2D ARVN DIV. (7TH MAR CP WILL BE CO-LOCATED WITH 2D DIV CP). UNITS PARTICIPATING:

TF A (ARVN)	TF B (ARVN)	USMC TF
7TH AIR BORNE	1ST VN MAR BN	1ST BN 7TH MAR
4 PC	37TH RNG BN	2 D BN 7TH MAR
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ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE: 31ST NVA REGT - 2000  
 1ST VC REGT - 1400

195TH AA BN - 400  
 TOTAL - 3800

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D. THS 2D AND 3D VN MARINE BNS HAVE COMMENCED MOVEMENT FROM DANANG TO TAN SON NHUT. THE 1ST VN MARINE BN IS INVOLVED IN OPERATION NEVADA/LIEN KET 34.

## 2. (C) II CTZ.

A. OPN MOSBY, FILLMORE, BUCHANAN, BUN KAE 5, AND SU BOK CONTINUE WITH NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

B. OPN AUSTIN II (REF MY 111012Z APR) BEGAN 12 APRIL WITH RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS FROM 1ST BDE, 101ST ABN DIV, MOVING INTO AO. MAIN FORCE WILL FOLLOW UPON COMPLETION OF MOV OF OPERATION ELEMENTS FROM TUY HOA TO PHAN THIET. NO CONTACT REPORTED.

## C. CUM RESULTS OF OPN IN PROGRESS:

	MOSBY	FILLMORE	BUN KAE	SU BOK	BUCHANAN
	US	US/ROK/TOT	ROK	ROK	US
KIA	1	7/2/9	23	5	1
WIA	7	62/10/72	57	7	6
		VIET CONG			
KIA	-	146/7/153	284	24	4
VCC	-	13/17/30	74	9	0
VCS	-	188/42/230	107	89	14
IND WPNS	-	32/2/34	30	116	0
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SORTIES	-	225	20	48	31

## 3. (C) III CTZ.

A. OPERATION ABILENE CONTINUES WITH ONLY ONE SIGNIFICANT CONTACT. C/2/16 INF AT APPROXIMATELY 120430 ENCOUNTERED A VC BASE CAMP VIC YS 532845. INITIAL ASSESSMENT OF CASUALTIES ARE: US: 32 KIA, 60 WIA, 6 MIA. VC UNKNOWN. CUMULATIVE RESULTS: FRD: 45 KIA, 127 WIA (3 AUST), 6 WIA. VC: 44 KIA (US 30), 21 VCC, 675 VCS, 33 IND WPSN.

B. OPN MAKHA. OPERATION CONTINUES WITH MINOR CONTACT. CUMULATIVE RESULTS: FRD: 7 US WIA, VC: 3 KIA (US BC), 3 VCC, 5 VCS.

C. OPN DENVER. NO CHANGE SINCE MY 111133Z APRIL.

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## 4. (C) IV CTZ.

A. IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE AT SOC TRANG (XR 0457), ONE GRENADE WAS THROWN INTO THE 44TH RANGER BN COMPOUND AT 112030H; KILLING ONE WOMAN AND WOUNDING 15 ARVN, 4 WOMEN NKSAND 11 CHILDREN, TOTAL: 1 KILLED, 30 WOUNDED. 3 VC SUSPECTS WERE SEIZED.

B. OPN PHI LONG 79 (REF PARA 4A, MY 111101Z, APR 66) TERMINATED ITS OPERATIONAL PHASE BY 121015H. NO CHANGE FROM RESULTS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. 31 TAG AIR SORTIES AND 2 PLTS ARMED UH-1B SUPPORTED.

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