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5. MACVCC Msg 210021Z Jun 66, OPERATION KANSAS COMMENCES 21 Jun 66
6. MACVCC Msg 212154Z Jun 66, OPERATION KANSAS
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1. SITUATION. DURING PAST 10 DAYS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING BUILDUP IN VIET AN, QUE SON, LOC SON, HEIP DUC AREA. TWO DEFECTORS HAVE IDENTIFIED NUMBER OF UNITS OF 620TH DIV.

2. AS A RESULT CG III MAF AND CG I CORPS BEGAN COORD RECON EFFORT ON 13 JUNE. TOTAL OF SEVEN TEAMS INSERTED, ONE OF WHICH PARACHUTED TO ESTAB OP IN VIC (AT 9416). TO DATE THREE TEAMS HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED DUE TO CONTACTS.

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ATION KANSAS. IN EVET SIGNIFICANT ENEMY FORCES

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DEVELOPED BY RECON ELEMENTS, 1ST MARDIV IN COORDINATION WITH 2D DIV ARVN WOULD LAUNCH HELIBORNE ATTACK IN AREA. 1ST MARDIV FORCES TO BE UNDER CONTROL TASK FORCE XRAY, 2D ARVN DIV FORCES UNDER CG 2D ARVN DIV; CP'S TO BE CO-LOCATED AT TAM KY. TOTAL MARINE FORCES UP TO FOUR BNS. TOTAL ARVN FORCES UP TO FOUR BNS. AREA OF OPERATION BOUNDED BY (AT 860290) (AT 100440) (BT 180220) (AT 890180).

B. REINFORCEMENTS: ONE BTRY 155MM HOW. BEING MOVED FROM DANANG TO VIC (BT 228320) BY MOTOR CONVOY. TWO BNS 3D MARDIV ALERTED FOR MOVE TO OPERATIONAL AREA ON 6 HRS AND 12 HRS RESPECTIVELY.

4. SIGNIFICANT CONTACT MADE IN AREA (BT 132202) AT APP 160145H. FLARE SHIP LAUNCHED, AND ARTILLERY FROM THIEN PHUOC FIRED IN SUPPORT. FLARE SHIP REMAINED ON STATION. RECON DIRECTED FLARE SHIP AND ARTILLERY. TWO PVAC NOT ABLE TO ENTER AREA DUE TO CONTACT. ONE PVAC MOVED TO LZ VIC (BT 3023) TO RELIEVE RECON. ONE PVAC DOWN 500 M SOUTH OF LZ, AND SECURED BY D/1/5. FIXED

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OPERATION KANSAS

1. SITUATION. DURING PAST TEN DAYS INTELLIGENCE INDICATING BUILDUP IN VIET AN, QUE SON, LOC SON, HEIP DUC, AREA. TWO DEFECTORS HAVE IDENTIFIED NUMBER OF UNITS OF 620TH DIVISION.

2. AS A RESULT CG III MAF AND CG I CORPS BEGAN COORDINATED RECON EFFORT ON 13 JUNE. TOTAL OF 17 TEAMS INSERTED, 1 OF WHICH PARACHUTED TO ESTABLISH OP IN VICINITY (AT 9416). TO DATE 3 TEAMS HAVE BEEN EXTRACTED DUE TO CONTACT.

3. A. CONCEPT OF OPERATION KANSAS. IN EVENT SIGNIFICANT ENEMY FORCES DEVELOP BY RECON ELEMENTS, 1ST MARDIV IN COORDINATION WITH 2D DIVISION ARVN WOULD LAUNCH HELIBORNE ATTACK IN AREA. 1ST MARDIV FORCES TO BE UNDER CONTROL TASK FORCE XRAY. 2D ARVN DIV FORCES UNDER CG 2D ARVN DIV; CP TO BE CO-LOCATED AT TAM KY. TOTAL MARINE FORCES UP TO FOUR BATTALIONS. TOTAL ARVN FORCES UP TO FOUR BATTALIONS. AREA OF OPERATION BOUNDED BY (AT 860290), (AT 100440), (BT 180220), (AT 890180).

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4. SIGNIFICANT CONTACT MADE IN AREA (BT 132202) AT APPROX 160145H. FLARE SHIP LAUNCHED, AND ARTILLERY FROM THIEN PHUOC FIRED IN SUPPORT. FLARE SHIP REMAINED ON STATION. RECON DIRECTED FLARE DROPS AND AIR STRIKES. MED EVAC NOT ABLE TO ENTER AREA DUE TO HEAVY 12.7MM FIRE. C/1/5 MOVED TO LZ VICINITY (BT 3023) TO RELIEVE RECON TEAM, LANDING AT 0720H. 1 UH-1E GUNSHIP DOWN 500 METERS SOUTH OF LZ, ANOTHER UH-1E DOWN IN CHU LAI TACR AND SECURED BY D/1/5. FIXED WING AIR CONTINUALLY ON STATION. GP-4.

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1. (C) I CTZ

A. AT 160205H A USMC RECON TEAM VIC BT130200 REPORTED CONTACT WITH VC. AT 160300H CONTACT WAS HEAVY AND EXTRACTION WAS REQUIRED. AIR AND ARTY SUPPORTED. VC EST AT BN STRENGTH. HELICOPTERS ARRIVED FOR EXTRACTION 160330H, BUT WERE UNABLE TO LAND DUE TO HEAVY FIRE. HELICOPTERS AND TAC AIR REMAINED IN AREA. A RELIEF FORCE C/1/5 MAR AIR LANDED AT 160720H, BY 160920H RECON TEAM EXTRACTED. BY 161057H C/1/5 MAR EXTRACTED 2 UH1E DAMAGED, 1 UH1E DESTROYED. RESULTS: FRD 9 KIA, 15 WIA.

B. REF MY 152354Z. 5TH ABN BN (ARVN) REPORTED UNDER OPCON OF THE PROV CHIEF, COL TOAN. PRESENTLY REPORTED AS LOCATED VIC YD768228-764233. A GROUP OF APPROX 2000 BUDDHIST REPORTED VIC YD763232, PURPOSE OF GATHERING UNKNOWN.

C. 1ST DIV BUDDHIST CHAPLAIN HAS CALLED ON BUDDHIST SOLDIERS, POLICE, RF & PF TO ASSEMBLE VIC 1ST DDV HQS WITHOUT VIOLENCE. IF AFTER 24 HOURS GEN CO & PREMIER KY HAVEN'T RESIGNED THEY ARE TO RETURN TO THEIR FAMILIES. BY 161530H APPROX 400 ARVN HAD FORMED IN FRONT OF 1ST DIV HQS.

D. A CROWD OF BUDDHIST ESTIMATED AT 3000 HAS ASSEMBLED OUTSIDE THE DIEU DE PAGODA IN HUE.

E. FOLLOWING LOCATIONS REPORTED ON 1ST DIV UNITS (NOT CONFIRMED).

1/3 PHONG DIEN YD523347

2/3 AN LO YD620304

BLACK PANTHER CO HUE, LOC UNK

3/3 UNKNOWN

F. 1ST ARVN ENG BN LOC VIC YD7714 REPORTEDLY DISPLAYING SIGNS TO THE EFFECT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR BUDDHIST CAUSE.

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USMC NIGHT RECON PARASHUTE OPN

A. CG 111 RAF 156749Z

1. AS PART OF THE EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS PLANNED AND NOW BEING EXECUTED FOR GPM HISSAS OUTLINED IN REF A, ONE FORCE RECON TEAM PARACHUTED INTO AREA SOUTH OF HIEP DUC ON THE NIGHT OF 13-14 JUNE. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A USMC FORCE HAS ACTUALLY CONDUCTED A NIGHT COMBAT PARACHUTE OPERATION.

2. THE RECON PATROL COMPOSED OF JEE OFF AND 12 MARINES WAS BRIEFED AND THEN MOVED TO THE CHU LAI AIRFIELD AT 132400H WHERE A US ARMY C-47 LIFTED THEM TO THEIR OBJECTIVE AREA AT 140100H.

3. MISSION OF THE PARROL WAS 1. EST

ON/NEAR HILL 555 (AT 9421612), ABOUT 4 MILES SOUTH AND EAST OF
HAIEN DOO WENT THE 5000 TRAIL, AND OBSERVE/REPORT VC ACTIVITY
TO THE NORTH AND WEST. IT WAS PLANNED THAT THEY REMAIN IN
POSITION FROM 142000Z - 151700Z.

4. THE DROP WAS COMPLETED BY PARACHUTE FROM AN ALTITUDE OF 600 FT. ALL TEAM MEMBERS LANDED WITHIN A 150 YD AREA WITH ONE MINOR INJURY. A TWISTED ANGLE. THERE WAS NO INDICATION THAT THEIR ENTRY HAD BEEN DETECTED. THEY CONCEALED THEIR PARACHUTES, ASSEMBLED, AND BY 1400HRS WERE MOVING TO THE SELECTED POSITION.

2. DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEXT 48 HOURS, THIS TEAM OBSERVED AND REPORTED SEVERAL SPECIFIC SIGHTINGS OF 44 ARMED VC FROM 800-1000 YDS NORTH OF THEIR POSITION. ALMOST ALL OF THE VC WERE EQUIPPED IN THE USUAL PHASE 1/VI/66 BLACK PAKAMA TYPE CLOTHING AND WORE SUN HELMETS. ONE GROUP OF ELEVEN WAS REPORTED AS ENGAGED IN BATT. CONSIDERED TO BE A TYPICAL TRAINING UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF A TYPICAL VC LEADER.

6. AT 141850H, TWO WOODCUTTERS WITH A DOG APPROACHED THE AREA WHERE THE TEAM HAD HIDDEN THEIR PARACHUTES (AT 937178) AND THE DOG DETECTED AN UNFAMILIAR SCENT. ONE PARACHUTE WAS DISCOVERED AND THE WOODCUTTERS HASTILY LEFT TAKING THE CHUTE WITH THEM. BY 141915H A GROUP OF 9 ARMED VC WERE REPORTED MOVING EAST ALONG THE RIVER (AT 936179) APPARENTLY SEARCHING AND ACCOMPANIED BY THE TWO WOODCUTTERS. AT THIS POINT THE TEAM LEADER DECIDED TO REINSTATE RECONSTRUCTION AND AVOID FURTHER COMPROMISE OF HIS TEAM.

THE AIRCRAFT WAS PICKED UP BY HELICOPTERS THEREAFTER AND
RETURNED TO THE MILITARY AREA OF LOS ANGELES.

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 1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTS OF 17 JUNE, UNLESS OTHERWISE
 SPECIFIED.

2. HIGHLIGHTS

A. NIGHT PARACHUTE OPERATION

(1) IN WHAT IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN THE FIRST
 TIME A USMC FORCE HAS ACTUALLY CONDUCTED A NIGHT COMBAT

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 PARACHUTE OPERATION,

A THIRTEEN MAN FORCE RECON TEAM PARACHUTED INTO THE OPERATION
 KANSAS AREA SOUTH OF HIEP DUC ON THE NIGHT OF 13 - 14 JUNE.

(2) THE MISSION OF THE PATROL, AS PART OF THE
 EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS BEING EXECUTED FOR OPM
 KANSAS, WAS TO ESTABLISH AN OP NEAR HILL 555H (AT 945161) 4 MILZS
 SOUTHEAST OF HIEP DUC AND OBSERVE VC ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.
 IT WAS PLANNED THAT THE TEAM WOULD REMAIN IN POSITION FROM
 140200H TO 151700H. OPM KANSAS, HIT WILL BE RECALLED, HAS BEEN
 POSTPONED UNTIL 21 JUNE (SEE MY REPORT OF 16 JUNE).

(3) THE DROP WAS COMPLETED BY 140205H FROM AN ARMY CV-2
 AIRCRAFT AT AN ALTITUDE OF 600 FT. ALL TEAM MEMBERS LANDED WITHIN
 A 150YD AREA WITH ONE MPNOR INJURY, A TWISTED ANKLE. THERE WAS
 NO INDICATION THAT THEIR ENTRY HAD BEEN DETECTED. THEY CONCEALED
 THEIR PARACHUTES, ASSEMBLED, AND BY 140230H WERE MOVING TO THE
 SELECTED POSITION.

DURING THE COURSE OF THE NEXT 18 HOURS, THIS TEAM OBSERVED AND
 REPORTED SEVEN SEPARATE SIGHTINGS OF 44 ARMED VC FROM 800 TO 1800
 YARDS NORTH OF THEIR POSITION. OO

ALMOST ALL OF THE VC WERE KILLED IN THE USMC KHAM!

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GUIDANCE OF AN INSTRUCTOR OR ADVISOR. AT 141830H, TWO
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TWO WOODCUTTERS. AT THIS POINT THE TEAM LEADER DECIDED
TO REQUEST EFRACTION AND AVOID FURTHER COMPROMISE
OF HIS TEAM. THE PATROL WAS PICKED UP BY HELO SHORTLY
THEREAFTER AND RETURNED TO TE GRU LAI AREA AT 142030H.

~~2. SLF AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION DECK HOUSE ONE~~

~~(1) EARLY ON THE MORNING OF 18 JUNE,
THE USS JOOK (APD-130) LANDED UDT PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT BEACH
RECONNAISSANCE PRIOR TO THE AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT, 17 MILES SOUTH OF
QUY NHON, AND PATROLLED THE BAY IN CONJUNCTION~~

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WITH SNARE BOATS AND JUNK FORCES TO CLEAR ALL VIET-
NAMESE BOATS FROM THE ASSAULT AREA. THEN AT 0630H,
THE FIRST WAVE OF 10 LVT(A)H MADE UNOPPOSED LANDINGS.
COMPANIES K AND J LANDED OVER RED BEACH WHILE COMPANY
L EXECUTED A SIMULTANEOUS HELIBORNE ASSAULT
LANDING AT LZ CHOW ABOUT 4000 METERS INLAND. (FOR
COORDINATES OF LANDING AREAS SEE MY REPORT OF 16 JUNE).
ENEMY GROUND FIRE FROM TRENCHES NEAR THE HLZ WAS
SILENCED BY ARMED UH-1E'S ESCORTING THE LIFT. COMPANY
M REMAINS EMBARKED ABOARD THE ARG/SLF SHIPPING IFP
RESERVE TO EXPLOIT CONTACTS WITH THE VIET CONG.~~

~~(2) FIXED WING AIR SUPPORT IS BEING PROVIDED
BY A SQUADRON FROM THE USS CONSTELLATION (CVA-64) WHILE
THE USS LEBRON RIVER (LST-1099), USS THOMASON (DD-769)
AND THE USS PAUL (CGA-303) REMAIN OFF SHORE FOR
REAR LOGISTICS SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.~~

~~(3) ONLY LIGHT AND SPORADIC CONTACT HAS
BEEN ENCOUNTERED TO DATE. WITH 2 VC KSA AND 1 VC CAPTURED.
ONE VC HAD BEEN KILLED. RUM-364 REPORTED THE
LOSS OF A T-12 AFTER IT EXPERIENCED ENGINE FAILURE~~

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1. 1 CTZ:

A. 10P KANSAS. OP COMMENCES 21 JUN WITH THE HELILIFT OF 1 USMC CO (REIN) INTO THE PINK POPPY STRIKE AREA TO RECON,

ASSESS DAMAGE, AND GATHER INTELLIGENCE. STRIKE IS SCHEDULED FOR APPROXIMATELY 210715H. 2 USMC COS ARE ALERTED AS REACTION

FORCE.

B. IF SUFFICIENT INFO IS GATHERED THE OP WILL BE DEVELOPED INTO A COORDINATED USMC/ARVN MULTI-XN SIZE S/D OP WITHIN THE AREA BOUNDED BY COORD (AT860290 - BT 100440 - BT100220 - AT890180). 1ST MAR DIV AND 2D ARVN DIV WILL BE IN CONTROL OF OPERATING FORCES.

C. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES HAVE INDICATED A NUMBER OF UNITS OF THE 620TH NV DIV LOCATED WITHIN THIS AREA. J-2 CARRIES THE FOLLOWING ENEMY OB IN THE GENERAL AREA OF OPERATIONS.

1ST VC REGT	2,000
31ST NVA REGT	2,000
21ST NVA REGT	2,000

D. ADDITIONAL INFO WILL BE PROVIDED AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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1. (C) I CTZ. OPN KANSAS, E/2/5 USMC HELILIFTED INTO AN LZ VIC (AT935243) AT 210840H TO EXPLOIT THE ARC LIGHT STRIKE CONDUCTED AT 210630H. FIRST FOUR WAVES RECEIVED SA FIRE. GUNSHIPS SUPPRESSED THE FIRE. THE COMPANY CONDUCTED A SWEEP OF THE AREA AND WAS EXTRACTED AT 211017H. NO CASUALTIES. NO VC BODIES, WPNS, EQUIPMENT OR DOCUMENTS FOUND.

~~2. (C) II CTZ.~~

~~A. OPN SU BOX: 220100H, AMBUSH PATROL FROM 10TH CO, 1ST REGT, CAP ROK INF DIV, ENGAGED VC PLATOON VIC GR049467. ONE ROK~~

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WAS KIA WHILE VC LOSSES WERE 12 KIA AND 2 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS CAPTURED.

B. OTHER OPERATIONS CONTINUE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED. 2/7 CAV AND C/1/9 CAV (RECON) CLOSED TUY HOA 212320H TO JOIN OPN NATHAN HALE UNDER OPCON 3RD BDE, 1ST CAV DIV.

3. (C) III CTZ. NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPORTED.

4. (C) IV CTZ. IN BA XUYEN PROVINCE, AT SOC TRANG, THE U.S. AIRFIELD (XT58591) RECEIVED AN ESTIMATED 20 ROUNDS OF WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE 75MM RR FIRE 220105H TO 220117H. THREE ARMY OIE'S LIGHTLY DAMAGED; 1 UNID DESTROYED; 16 UNID'S DAMAGED, 5 SEVERELY, 9 MODERATELY, AND 2 LIGHTLY; 3 U.S. PERSONNEL WOUNDED. AN OIE, AIRBORNE AT THE TIME OF ATTACK, LOCATED THE GUN POSITIONS AT XR090535, XR100512, AND XR072513. REACTION FORCE WILL SWEEP THE AREA AT FIRST LIGHT.

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NAM AREA WITH ITS CENTER THIRTY MILES SOUTH OF DANANG.

2. RECENT DOCUMENTED ORDER OF BATTLE FROM III MAF
LOCATES THE FOLLOWING ENEMY UNITS IN OR NEAR THE KANSAS AREA
AS OF 1 JUNE 1966 EXCEPT FOR THE 21ST NVA REGIMENT AND THE RQ-23D
AA BATTALION WHICH IS AS OF 7 JKNE 1966:

A. CONFIRMED UNITS WITHIN THE AREA OF
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21ST NVA REGIMENT 620TH DIV	2000	AT 9325, 34 MI SSW DANANG
RQ21ST AA NVA BN 620 DIV	400	AT 9422, 32 MI SSW DANANG
CHU DUNG BN (MF)	300	AT 9538, 25 MI S DANANG
QUE SON CO (LF)	110	BT 0132, 27 MI S DANANG
TOTAL	2,810	

B. CONFIRMED ENEMY UNITS UNLOCATED IN QUANG**TIN PROVINCE**

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
620TH NVA DIV HQ	100	QUANG TIN PROVINCE
1ST VC REGT 620TH DIV	2000	NORTHERN QUANG TIN PROVINCE
RQ23D-120MM MORT BN	400	QUANG TIN PROVINCE
TOTAL	2500	

C. PROBABLE ENEMY UNITS WITHIN THE AREA OF**OPERATION KANSAS**

UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
3D BN, 5TH REGT	400	AT 8737, 21 MI S DANANG
49TH BN (MF)	500	BT 0733, 29 MI SSE DANANG
TOTAL	900	

D. POSSIBLE ENEMY UNITS LOCATED IN QUANG TIN**PROVINCE**

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UNIT	STRENGTH	LOCATION
31ST NVA REGT 620TH DIV	2000	BT 1825, 33 MI SE DANANG
RQ20 NVA BN 620 DIV	400	QUANG TIN PROVINCE
RQ 22 NVA BN 620 DIV	400	QUANG TIN PROVINCE
RQ24NVA BN 620 DIV	200	QUANG TIN PROVINCE
TOTAL	3000	

GRAND TOTAL CONFIRMED, PROBABLE, AND POSSIBLE (9210)

3. THE FOLLOWING IS A SERIES OF RECENT LOW LEVEL
AGENT REPORTS OF ENEMY IDENTIFIED AND UNIDENTIFIED UNITS REPORTED
IN OR NEAR THE OPERATION KANSAS AREA FOR THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS:
ALL DISTANCES ARE FROM HIEP DUC. (&WITHIN THE KANSAS OPERATION
AREA)

6 JUNE	40 VC W/LABORERS	BT 105288	16 MI ENE &
6 JUNE	200 VC W/LABORERS	BT 144337	16 MI ENE &
(BOTH GROUPS REPORTED TO BE CONSTRUCTING FORTIFICATIONS AND TUNNELS.)			
6 JUNE	THANH MIA BN 1ST REGT	BT 155308	16 MI ENE &
6 JUNE	U/I BN 21ST REGT	AT 993363	9 MI NE &
6 JUN	U/I BN	BT 055211	8 MI SE
7 JUNE	U/I REGT	AT 9909	9 MI SE

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8 JUNE	RECON CO 1ST REGT	BT 220201	20 MI ESE
8 JUNE	U/I BN	BT170160	18 MI SE
8 JUNE	72D BN	BT 315285	26 MI ENE
9 JUNE	80TH BN	BT138336	15 MI NE
10 JUNE	21ST REGT	BT 195188	18 MI ENE
10 JUNE	90TH BN	BT 093300	12 MI ENE &
10 JUNE	70TH BN	BT 118310	14 MI ENE &
10 JUNE	80TH BN	BT 095310	13 MI ENE &
10 JUNE	7TH REGT	AT 953262	3 MI NE &
11 JUNE	31ST REGT	AT 980170	6 MI SE
11 JUNE	30TH BN	BT 230160	21 MI ESE
11 JUNE	U/I BN 620TH DIV	AT 940325	6 MI NE &
12 JUNE	40TH BN	BT 180228	17 MI EAST
12 JUNE	70TH BN	BT 165226	16 MI ESE &
12 JUNE	72D BN	BT 175260	17 MI ENE
12 JUNE	105 BN	BT 107448	18 MI NE
12 JUNE	C-121 BN	BT 005256	6 MI ENE &
13 JUNE	72D BN	BT 230240	20 MI EAST
13 JUNE	105 BN	AT 973333	7 MI NNE &
13 JUNE	U/I BN 21ST REGT	AT 998298	7 MI NE &

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4. ON 31 MAY, AN ASSISTANT PLATOON LEADER FROM THE RQ-20TH NVA COMBAT SUPPORT BATTALION, 620TH NVA DIVISION DEFECTED TO FRIENDLY FORCES TWENTY-FIVE MILES SOUTH-SOUTHEAST OF DANANG. THE SOURCE STATED THAT HIS UNIT WAS WAITING FOR THE 1ST VC REGIMENT LOCATED TWENTY-NINE MILES SOUTH OF DANANG TO ARRIVE BEFORE PREPARING TO OPEN THE SUMMER CAMPAIGN IN QUE SON AND THANG BINH DISTRICTS OF SOUTHERN QUANG NAM PROVINCE AND NORTHEASTERN QUANG TIN PROVINCE, RESPECTIVELY. HE FURTHER STATED THAT THE 21ST NVA REGIMENT, THE 31ST NVA REGIMENT, AND A NEWLY INFILTRATED REGIMENT WERE LOCATED THIRTY MILES SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. ANOTHER DEFECTOR FROM THE RQ-21ST NVA AA BATTALION, 620TH NVA DIVISION STATED ON 5 JUNE, THAT THE 21ST NVA REGIMENT AND VARIOUS DIVISIONAL SUPPORTING UNITS WERE REPORTEDLY LOCATED IN AN AREA FROM TWENTY-EIGHT TO THIRTY-FIVE MILES SOUTH-SOUTHWEST OF DANANG. ELSEWHERE, THE ATTACKING FORCE AGAINST THE MARINE RECON UNIT ON 16 JUNE TWENTY-SIX MILES WEST-NORTHWEST OF CHU LAI, WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE 3D REGIMENT WHICH HAD INFILTRATED ACROSS THE DMZ IN LATE FEBRUARY 1966. A DEFECTOR WHO TURNED HIMSELF INTO FRIENDLY FORCES AT THIEN PHUOC DISTRICT ON 17 JUNE CLAIMED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE "TIGER BATTALION" OF THE 3D NVA

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REGIMENT. HE CLAIMED THAT HIS UNIT HAD ATTACKED THE MARINES ON 16 JUNE.

5. DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD FROM 6 JUNE THROUGH 13 JUNE, MANY REPORTS OF ENEMY ACTIVITY HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT LOCATED ENEMY UNITS WITHIN AND EAST-SOUTHEAST OF THE PROPOSED AREA FOR OPERATION KANSAS. ELEMENTS OF THE 1ST VC REGIMENT WERE LAST LOCATED THIRTEEN MILES NORTHEAST OF HIEP DUC ON 10 JUNE. REPORTS OF 6 AND 13 JUNE LOCATED UNITS OF THE 21 ST REGIMENT APPROXIMATELY SIX MILES NORTHWEST OF HIEP DUC. ANOTHER REPORT OF 11 JUNE STATED THAT THE 31ST NVA REGIMENT WAS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST OF HIEP DUC. ALL OF THESE REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE 21ST NVA REGIMENT AND THE 31ST REGIMENT WERE LOCATED IN THE CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN PORTION OF OPERATION KANSAS. THE 1ST VC REGIMENT MAY PRESENTLY BE LOCATED ALONG THE SOUTHEAST PORTION OF THE OPERATION KANSAS AREA WEST OF TAM KY.

6. THE LATEST INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATIONS OF ENEMY UNITS WITHIN THE OPERATION KANSAS AREA WAS A REPORT OF 16 JUNE. THIS REPORT STATED THAT THREE UNCONFIRMED ENEMY BATTALIONS WERE LOCATED IN AN AREA FIVE MILES SOUTHEAST, TWELVE MILE NORTHEAST. AND TWENTY MILES EAST OF HIEP DUC.

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 ZEN/I FFORCEV
 ZEN/II FFORCEV
 ZEN/COMNAVFORV
 ZEN/SA IV CORPS
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~~C O N F I D E N T I A L~~ CCN 21351

~~1. I CTZ:~~

~~A. OP KANSAS OFFICIALLY CLASSIFIED AS COMM ON 16 JUNE
 WHEN RECON ACT STARTED (REF MY 161217Z, PARA 12). RES (CUM)
 FRD: 8 KIA, 20 WIA; VC: 75 KIA, 1 VCC, 10 VCS, 32 IND WPNS.~~

~~B. OP LAN CON 001 CONT WITH TWO SIGNIFICANT CONTACTS
 REPT. AT 211700 EST VC BN CONTACTED VIC YD430608. CUM RES:
 FRD (VN): 10 KIA, 24 WIA, 2 MIA; VC: 10 KIA, 30 VCS.~~

~~2. II CTZ:~~

~~A. OP HOOKER I. TERM 212400H. FINAL RESULTS~~

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 INDICATED IN F BELOW.

~~B. OP PAUL REVERE CONT W/LT CONTACT.~~

~~C. OP FILLMORE CONT W/LT SPORADIC CONTACT.~~

~~D. OP SU BOK CONT W/LT CONTACT.~~

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~~E. OP NATHAN HALE CONT UNTIL 220630H W/SPORADIC
 CONTACT W/SMALL VC FORCES. AT 220630H ELM OF 1/8 CAV, 2/327
 ARN INF AND C 1/9 CAV SQDN REPT MV CONTACT IN VIC BQ9969.~~

~~F. CUM RESULTS FOLLOW:~~

~~FRIENDLY~~

	HOOKER I	P. REVERE	NATHAN HALE	SU BOK	FILLMORE
	US	US/VN/TOT	US	ROK	US/ROK/TOT
KIA	0	23/16/39	20	17	10/19/29
WIA	0	193/41/234	96	54	94/49/143
MIA	0	2/10/12	0	0	0
		VIET CONG			
KIA	1	359/76/435	104	234	197/159/356
VCC	0	67/6/73	0	26	41/29/76
VCS	0	9/5/14	22	120	333/98/431
IVPNS	10	131/15/146	8	61	47/11/58
C/S WPNS	2	8/0/8	3	0	0/1/1

NMCC710
 VV ACN774MACV2681
 TELECON ITEM 332/66
 O 230523Z
 FM MACVCC
 TO NMCC
 CINCPAC
 INFO ZEN/III MAF
 ZEN/I FFORCEV
 ZEN/II FFORCEV
 ZEN/COMNAVFORV
 ZEN/SA IV CORPS
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1. I CTZ:

A. OP KANSAS TERM 221800H. CUM RESULTS: USMC: 8 KIA, 20 WIA; VC: 79 KIA, 1 WIA, 1 VCC, 12 VCS AND 32 IND VPN OPTA.

B. LAM SON 283 CONT. VC BROKE CONTACT AT 230235H. CUM RESULTS: FRD: 27 KIA, 72 WIA; VC: 134 KIA, 38 VCC, 15 IND VPNS (ALL U.S. CONF). VC ENGAGED: 808 BN (CONF) 814 BN (SUSP). 20 AIR SORTIES HAVE SUPPORTED.

C. REACTION OP REPT ON MY 222140ZSJUN WAS NAMED QUYET THANG 244 AND TERM 230800H. FINAL RESULTS: FRD: 20 KIA, 31 WIA

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 20 MIA, 43 IND WPNS, 2 C/S WPNS; VC: 42 KIA, 4 IND WPNS. VC
 UNITS ENGAGED: 45TH MF VC BN, C-17 LOCAL FORCE BN.

2. II CTZ:

A. OP NATHAN HALE CONT WITH A & C 2/327 MOV FR THE AO
 TO TUY HOA, CLOSING 221800H. 2/7 CAV CLOSED AO 230600H. SMALL
 UNIT S/D OPS CONT THROUGHOUT THE AO WITH SPORADIC CONTACT BEING
 REPT. CENTER OF MASS OF MAJOR UNIT ARE: 2/7 CAV BQ9867, 1/8
 CAV BQ9170, 1/9 CAV SQD BQ9375, 2/327 ABN (-) CQ0871.

B. OP FILLMORE CONT NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT BEING REPT.

C. OP PAUL REVERE CONT W/LT CONTACT.

D. OP SU BOX CONT W/SPORADIC, LT CONTACT

E. CUM RESULTS FOLLOWS:

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	P. REVERE US/VN/TOT	NATHAN HALE US	SU BOX ROK	FILLMORE US/ROK/TOT
KIA	23/16/39	32	18	10/19/29
WIA	193/41/234	113	58	94/49/143
MIA	2/10/12	0	0	0
		VIET CONG		
KIA	359/76/435	321	240	197/159/356

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VCC	67/6/73	8	26	41/29/70
VCS	9/5/14	24	120	333/98/431
IMPNS	131/15/146	88	65	47/11/58
C/S WPNS	8/0/8	9	0	0/1/1
AIR SORTIES	201	46	441	506

3. III CTZ:

A. OP EL PASO CONT WITH 2/16 INF LOC A RICE CACHE OF
 APPROX 350 TONS. A TOTAL OF 331 TAC AIR SORTIES HAVE SPT.
 RESULTS: FRD: 48 KIA, 90 WIA; ARVN: 22 KIA, 71 WIA, 16 MIA;
 LOST: 3 US & 28 ARVN IND WPNS, 1 US C/S WPN AND 1 US AN-PRC
 25; DEST: 1 US APC & 3 ARVN VEH; DAM: 9 US HEL, 1 U.S. APC,
 1 U.S. TK. VC: 240 KIA, (ARVN & US BC) 17 VCC, 41 VCS;
 RALLUER 1, 63 IND WPN, 50 C/S WPN CPTR; 770 TONS RICE. DEST:
 1 HOSPITAL, MISC EQUIP & INSTALLATIONS.

B. SAIGON. VN POLICE AND VN TROOPS ENTERED THE VIEN
 HOA DAO (MAIN BUDDIST INSTITUTE) AT 230730H. A DETAILED
 SEARCH OF THE GND AND BUILDINGS IS BEING CONDUCTED. IT IS REPT
 THAT THE VN POLICE HAVE APPREHENDED THE PERSON WHO KILLED THE
 VN POLICEMAN. NO INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN REPT.

4. IV CTZ: NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.

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5. DECK HOUSE ONE. CONT NO SIGNIFICANT CONTACT REPT.
 CUM RESULTS: USMC: 3 KIA, 12 WIA. VC: 22 KIA, 23 VCC,
 84 VCS.

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