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1. CG,FMFPAC Msg 140249Z Jul 66, FMFPAC SITREP # 741, Summary of Events
12 July CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR
OPERATION SOUTH CAROLINA
2. MCCC,HQS,USMC Ltr 14 Jul 66, Subj: OPERATION SOUTH CAROLINA
3. COMUSMACV Msg 130640Z Jul 66, Subj: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR I CTZ (U)
NICKNAME TO BE ASSIGNED TO
CONTINGENCY AND ORDER: OPERATION
SOUTH CAROLINA
4. - - - - - SITUATION IN NORTHERN I CORPS, dtd 14 Jul 1966
5. CG,111,MAF Msg 270240Z Jul 66, Subj: OPLAN 116-66 (SOUTH CAROLINA)
6. COMUSMACV Msg 081026Z Dec 66, Subj: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR I CTZ -
OPERATIONS NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA

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SOUTH CAROLINA

1. MACV MARCORC/RTEDP PING
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10. FIRST BN TWENTY SEVENTH MAR
11. FIRST ADIC BN

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WESTPAC SITREP NO FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE (C)
1. THIS SUMMARIZES EVENTISGNK 12 JULY, UNLESS OTHERWISE
SPECIFIED.

2. NIGHT OPS

A. CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR NORTHERN I CORPS
DUE TO THE APPAS NZWBU SD UP OF ENEMY
FORCES IN NORTHERN I CORPS (SEE MY REPORT OF 12 JUNE)

PAGE 3 RUHLP 2890 SECRET NOFORN
AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE ENEMY IS PREPARING TO
LAUNCH A SUSTAINED DIVISION OPERATION IN THE AREA,
MACV HAS DISCLOSED A TENTATIVE TWO-PHASE OPERATIONAL
CONCEPT BY US FORCES TO MEET THIS THREAT. CONTINGENCY PLANS ARE
BEING DEVELOPED TO SUPPORT THIS CONCEPT. UNDER PHASE I, III
MAF WILGS

DEPLOY ONE USMCN DIVISION SIZE FORCE TO NORTHERN I CTZ
TO COUNTER THE VC/NVA BUILD UP. UNDER THXACONCEPT, XL
IF EXECUTION IS DIRECTED NO REINFORCEMENT OF III MAF
IS ANNOUNCED, AND MARINES WILL STAND DOWN FROM OTHER
OPERATIONS, AS REQUIRED, TO MEET THIS COMMITMENT.

~~UNDER PHASE II, ONE~~ US ARMY BRIGADE
WILL DEPLOY TO I CORPS TO ~~EXECUTE THE~~ THE
BRIGADE WILL BE PROVIDED BY EITHER I FORCEV OR II FORCEV
DEPENDING ON THE TACTICAL SITUATION IN ALL AREAS AT
THE TIME OF EXECUTION AND WILL BE UNDER THE OPERATIONAL
CONTROL OF III MAF. IN ADDITION, THE 7TH AIR FORCE WILL
BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY
AIRLIFT TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN. THE NIGHTMARE ASSIGNED
TO THE CONTINGENCY AND ORGT

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IN AN ATTEMPT TO DESTROY AND/OR DISPERSE
A PORTION OF THE REINFORCED BUILDUP OF ENEMY FORCES
MENTIONED ABOVE, THREE FLIGHTS OF SIX B-52'S HIT SUSPECTED
ENEMY POSITIONS JUST SOUTH OF ROUTE NINE, EIGHT MILES
SOUTH OF CAM LO ABOUT 0840H ON THE 13TH. TWO ADDITIONAL STRIKES OF
SIX ACFT EACH ARE SCHEDULED TO HIT THE

IN ADDITION TO THE NVA 324 B DIVISION AND THE 812TH REGIMENT
ARE BELIEVED OPERATING IN THE GENERAL AREA.

C. EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF

CINCPAC HAS APPROVED MACV'S REQUEST THAT
THE ARC/SLF BE PLACED ON AN INCREASED ALERT STATUS
FOR POSSIBLE OPERATIONS IN RVN PRIOR TO 1700 '736. HFD HAS
DIRECTED THE SLF TO BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT AN AMPHIBIOUS
SUPPORTING OPERATION IN NORTHERN I CORPS AS DIRECTED
BY MACV. IF EXECUTED, THE SUBJECT OPERATION WILL BE
DESIGNATED DECK HOUSE TWO. AMPHIBIOUS READY GROUP AND
SPECIAL LANDING FORCE REPRESENTATIVES DEPARTED SUBIC

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BAY ON THE MORNING OF 13 JULY TO INITIATE LIAISON WITH
VII MAF. ALL REMAINING UNITS WERE MAKING PREPARATIONS
TO GET UNDERWAY AT 1800H ON THE 13TH, IN AN ATTEMPT TO
BE IN POSITION OFF I CORPS NLT 16 JULY.

D. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

ACTIVITY WITHIN THE THREE MARINE OPERATIONAL
AREAS ON 12 JULY WAS CHARACTERIZED BY LIGHT CONTACT.
IN NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, THE 2D BN, 1ST MARINES
REPORTED GLIGHT CONTACT AS RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS

CONTINUED THROUGHOUT THE DONG HA AND CAM LO AREAS.
GROUND FIRE PREVENTED THE INSERTION OF RECON ELEMENTS
IN POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE DMZ, AND ONE SITE SELECTED AS
AN ALTERNATE LZ HAD BEEN FENCED IN TO PREVENT HELICOPTERS
FROM LANDING. THE 2D BN, 4TH MARINES COMMAND GROUP
AND THREE COMPANIES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE OPERATION,
AND TWO ARTILLERY BATTALIONS HAVE CHOPPED OPCON TO
B-1 FOR ADDITIONAL FIRE SUPPORT.

SOUTH OF DANANG THE NINTH MARINES CONDUCTING
OPERATION TACON REPORTED NEGLECTIBLE CONTACT AS SEARCH AND
CONTACT OPERATIONS CONTINUE SOUTH OF THE THU BON AND KY LAM

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N OF THE RIVER RECEIVED 50 ROUNDS OF
80MM MORTAR FIRE, INFLECTING THREE KIA'S. A TOTAL OF
80 ENEMY HAVE BEEN KILLED TO DATE AS THE OPERATION MOVED
INTO ITS NINTH DAY. LIGHT CONTACT WAS ALSO REPORTED IN
THE OPERATION WASHINGTON AREA 25 MILES WEST-SOUTHWEST
OF CHU LAI. DETAILS OF THESE OPERATIONS ARE FOUND IN
PARA 3.A.

E. STATUS OF WAR PRISONERS

THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT PLANS TO
RELEASE EIGHTEEN NORTH VIETNAMESE PRISONERS ON 20
JULY AS PART OF THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY MO THE PARTITION
OF VIETNAM UNDER THE GENEVA ACCORDS. INTERNATIONAL
RED CROSS AND INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES
HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND THE CEREMONY WHICH IS
SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE AT THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE.

QUITE THE CONTRARY MAY BE TRUE IN NORTH VIETNAM,
HOWEVER, AS RECENT REPORTS STATE THAT HANOI MAY BE
PLANNING TO TRY U.S. PILOTS AS "WAR CRIMINALS" A

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RECENT ARTICLE BY A NVN LAWYER DESCRIBED AS "UNDENIABLE"
CRIMES THE ALLEGED BOMBINGS OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, THE
USE OF POISON CHEMICALS AND GAS, ETC., AND STATED THAT
PILOTS ARE IN FACT CRIMINALS AND NOT PRISONERS OF WAR.
RECENT ATTENTION GIVEN CAPTURED PILOTS IN NVN AND THE
ARTICLE ON THE LEGAL JUSTIFICATION OF SUCH TRIALS ADDS
CREDENCE TO THE BELIEF THAT HANOI PLANS TO HOLD TRIALS,
POSSIBLY ON 20 JULY OR 4 AUGUST.

F. MARINE AIR STRIKES IN II CORPS

TWO F4B'S AND TWO A4'S WERE SCRAMBLED
ABOUT MID-AFTERNOON ON 12 JULY AND CONDUCTED
COORDINATED AIR STRIKES WITH USAF PILOTS ON AN ENEMY
TROOP CONCENTRATION ALONG HIGHWAY ONE, THIRTY
MILES NORTH OF QUI NHON. ARVN UNITS IN SUBSEQUENT
SWEEPS OF THE AREA COUNTED 71 DEAD VIET CONG. THE
EMERGENCY AIR STRIKES SUPPORTED AN ARVN COMPANY
AFTER THEY HAD BEEN ATTACKED BY AN ESTIMATED VC
BATTALION.

G. III MAF

A. LARGE UNIT OPERATIONS

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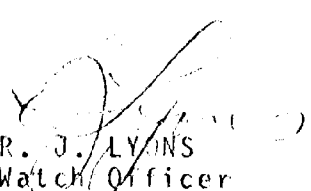
Subj: Operation South Carolina

Source: LtCol MOORE, G-3 Section, FMFPAC

1. Following information passed relative to Operation South Carolina:

"Operation South Carolina is a code name assigned by MACV to a contingency plan which calls for moving one Marine Division North of Ai Van and could be a follow-on to Operation Hastings. III MAF Oplan 113-66 is being modified. III MAF can do the job with or without Army Brigade and using 3dMarDiv vice 1stMarDiv.

FONECON LtCol MOORE G-3 Sec FMFPAC
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- MACV: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR I CTZ (U)
- A. CG, III MAF 091430Z JUN 66 (TS), SUBJ: III MAF
OPLAN 713-66 (NOTAL)
- B. MACV MSG 120850Z JUL 66 (S), SUBJ: REQUEST FOR
INCREASED ALERT STATUS (NOTAL)
- C. MACV MSG 120110Z JUL 66 (S), SUBJ: UNSCHEDULED
NGF'S MISSION REQUEST (NOTAL)
- D. MACV MSG 120953Z JUL 66 (C), SUBJ: UNSCHEDULED
NGF SUPPORT (NOTAL)

1. (S) INTELLIGENCE ACCUMULATED OVER THE PAST SEVERAL
YEARS FROM A VARIETY OF SOURCES INDICATES INCREASED POSSIBILITY
OF VC/NVA ATTACK IN I CTZ. IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE, ELEMENTS OF
MACV 224B DIVISION, INCLUDING SUPPORT ELEMENTS, HAVE BEEN
DETECTED AND ARE CONSIDERED THE GREATEST THREAT. ELEMENTS
OF MACV 224B DIVISION ARE PRESENTLY DEPLOYED TO THE WEST OF DONG HA
AND ARE SUPPLIED/REINFORCED BY SHORT LOG'S, E.G., ROUTE 9
THROUGH THE DMZ, AND INFILTRATION/EXFILTRATION
THROUGH THE DMZ. CONSIDER THAT THERE IS A STRONG
CHANCE THAT ENEMY IS PREPARING TO LAUNCH A SUSTAINED ONE-
DAY OPERATION IN NORTH I CORPS.

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2. (C) TO COUNTER THIS BUILDUP AND TO INSURE RAPID REACTION BY US FORCES TO MEET THIS THREAT, CONTINGENCY PLANS WILL BE PREPARED BY THE FORCES CONCERNED.

3. (S) CONCEPT:

A. PHASE I: III MAF WILL BE PREPARED TO DEPLOY, AS REQUIRED, ONE USMV DIVISION SIZE FORCE TO NORTHERN I CTZ. NO REINFORCEMENT OF III MAF IS PLANNED DURING THIS PHASE. STAND DOWN OTHER OPERATIONS, AS REQUIRED, TO MEET THIS COMMITMENT IF EXECUTION IS DIRECTED. CONTINUE TO PROTECT BASE AREAS.

B. PHASE II: III MAF WILL BE REINFORCED BY ONE THREE-BATTALION US ARMY BDE. BDE WILL BE PROVIDED BY EITHER I FFORCEV OR II FFORCEV, DEPENDING UPON TACTICAL SITUATION IN ALL AREAS AT TIME OF EXECUTION.

4. (S) TASKS:

A. CG, III MAF:

(1) DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLAN TO EMPLOY A DIVISION SIZE FORCE IN NORTHERN I CTZ FOR OPERATIONS TO COUNTER VC/NVA BUILDUP. REF A APPEARS TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT; HOWEVER, NO OP SIDE FORCES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR BASE DEFENSE MISSIONS.

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PLAN SHOULD PROVIDE FOR USE OF SLF.

(2) DEVELOP PHASE II CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR DEPLOYMENT AND EMPLOYMENT OF REINFORCING 3-BATTALION USA BDE. REINFORCING BDE UNDER OPCON III MAF.

(3) INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR LOG AND SERVICE SUPPORT, INCLUDING TACTICAL BRIDGING, ABOVE WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

(4) SUBMIT AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING AND AIRLIFT REQUIREMENT TO THIS HEADQUARTERS FOR MOVEMENT OF USMC FORCES TO NORTHERN I CTZ.

B. CG, I FFORCEV:

CG, II FFORCEV:

(1) DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF ONE BDE (3 BATTALIONS) TO NORTHERN I CTZ FOR REINFORCING MISSION UNDER OPCON III MAF.

(2) SUBMIT AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

(3) INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR LOG AND SERVICE SUPPORT ABOVE THAT WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

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(4) PROVIDE CG, III MAF AND CG, USARV ESTIMATED STRENGTH AND EQUIPMENT DENSITY OF BDE TO BE DEPLOYED IN PHASE II.

C. CG, USARV:

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE ARMY PECULIAR SUPPORT TO THE ARMY BDE UPON EXECUTION OF PHASE II. SUPPLIES WILL BE DELIVERED TO LSA DESI, -535 76 :8, III MAF.

(2) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE MACV AIRDROP RESUPPLY PLAN 1-66.

D. CMDR, 7TH AF:

(1) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLY AIRLIFT TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

(2) BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE MACV RESUPPLY PLAN 1-66.

5. (S) LOGISTICS GUIDANCE.

A. AIRDROP IS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY RESUPPLY (MACV AIRDROP RESUPPLY PLAN 1-66).

B. WHEN EXECUTED, THIS PLAN WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY AIRLIFT/SEALIFT ASSETS.

C. UNDER PHASE II, III MAF WILL PROVIDE COMMON ITEM SUPPORT TO REINFORCING ARMY BDE. ARMY PECULIAR ITEMS WILL BE PROVIDED BY USARV.

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6. (S) COMMUNICATIONS GUIDANCE. III MAF AND REINFORCING BDE UTILIZE ORGANIC COMMUNICATIONS DURING PHASE I AND II. CIRCUIT REQUIREMENTS FOR DEFENSE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM CIRCUITS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THIS HEADQUARTERS ASAP. IF SITUATION DICTATES, ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION SUPPORT MAY BE OBTAINED BY SUBMITTING REQUESTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS.

7. (S) A. DIRLAUTH BETWEEN ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES.

B. ARG/SLF WAS ALERTED BY REF B.

C. ADDITIONAL NAVAL GUNFIRE SUPPORT REQUESTED BY REFS C AND D.

D. REQUEST THIS HEADQUARTERS BE INFORMED OF ACTION TAKEN AND FURNISH THREE COPIES OF CONTINGENCY PLANS.

E. NICKNAME ASSIGNED THIS CONTINGENCY AND ORDER, IF EXECUTED -- OPERATION SOUTH CAROLINA.

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SITUATION IN NORTHERN I CORPS.

1. COMUSMACV has disclosed a tentative two-phase operational concept to meet the threat in Northern I Corps. Nickname for the operation is "South Carolina".

a. Phase I - Deploy one USMC Division size force to Northern I Corps. No reinforcement of III MAF is planned. III MAF will stand down from other operations, as required, to meet this commitment.

b. Phase II - Airlift one U.S. Army Brigade to I Corps to chop OPCON of III MAF. Brigade to be from either I Force V or II Force V as situation dictates. Seventh Air Force will provide airlift.

2. Leading elements of the SLF departed Subic 131000Z to take position for Operation Deck House II when directed.

3. At 130840H, three flights of six B-52's each hit suspected enemy positions just south of Route 9, eight miles south of CAM LO. Two additional six plane strikes are scheduled for the same area at 140700H.

4. Operation Hastings (2dBn, 1stMar) continues with light contact. 2dBn, 4thMar Command Group and three companies have been added to the operation, and two artillery batteries (M/4/12, I/3/12) chopped OPCON 2/1.

5. At 120355H, VC placed 82mm Mortar Fire on HAM NGHI Base, 11 miles west southwest of QUANG TRI. At 121945H VC again placed 82mm Mortar Fire and 75mm RR Fire on the Base.

6. 8th RVN ABNE BN has moved from Saigon to QUANG TRI Province and is now located at DONG HA.

7. COMUSMACV has requested three additional B-52 strikes of six aircraft each against targets about 5 1/2 miles west northwest of CAM LO. The target area is reported to contain 36 AA positions, storage areas, heavy troop movements and sightings. III MAF will exploit the strikes.

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OPLAN 116-66 (SOUTH CAROLINA)
A. COMUSMACV 130640Z 130640Z JUL 66 (S) (NOTAL)
B. COMUSMACV AIR DROP RESUPPLY PLAN 2-66 ((NOTAL))
K1. SITUATION:
A. ENEMY: CURRENT INTSUMS AND PERINTREPS
B. FRIENDLY:
(1) NO CHANGE INITIALLY.
(2) III MAF TO BE REINFORCED BY ONE ARMY BDE (CREIN) FOR EMPLOYMENT
NORTHERN I CTZ.
C. ASSUMPTIONS:
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(2) SLF WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OPN IN PRAIRIE AREA.

(3) IN THE EVENT THIS PLAN IS EXECUTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXECUTION OF OPERATION NORTH CAROLINA, III MAF DIVISION SIZE FORCE REMAINS IN OPN AREA TO BE REINFORCED BY ARMY BDE AS PROVIDED FOR IN THIS PLAN.

2. MISSION. IIPTMAF DEPLOYS DIV SIZE FORCE TO QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES TO DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES IN AREA AND PREPARES TO EMPLOY USA BDE IN REINFORCING ROLE.

3. EXECUTION.

A. CONCEPT OF OPNS. PLAN TO BE EXECUTED IN TWO PHASES.

(1) PHASE I. III MAF DEPLOYS REMAINDER DIV SIZE FORCE TO QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES, INCLUDING SLF. DIV CMD GRP DEPLOYS FROM DANANG AND ASSUMES CONTROL OF DEPLOYED DIV. TASK FORCE CMD GRP ESTABLISHED AT DANANG AND ASSUMES CONTROL OF 3RD MARDIV UNIT NOT COMMITTED TO THIS OPERATION. DEPLOYMENT EXECUTED BY AIRLIFT, MOTOR CONVOY, AND/OR SEALIFT. SLF WILL LAND OVER THE BEACH AND VIA HELOS FROM AMPHIB SHIPPING. III MAF UNITS NOT COMMITTED THIS PLAN CONTINUE CURRENT MISSION.

(2) PHASE II. III MAF CONTINUES PHASE I OPNS. COMUSMACV DEPLOYS USA BDE TO NORTHERN I CTZ.

B. 3D MARDIV.

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(1) DEPLOY DIVISION SIZE FORCE (MINUS ALT CMD GRP) TO INCLUDE FORCES PREVIOUSLY DEPLOYED TO QUANG TRI/THUA THIEN PROVINCES TO DESTROY VC/NVA FORCES. DIVISION FORCE WILL INCLUDE ONE REGT (-) (REIN) FROM THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION AS PROVIDED IN PARA 3C: 5 8 PLAN.

(2) ASSIGNED AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY: QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES.

(3) DEFEND BASE AT PHU BAI AND OTHER BASES THAT MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN ASSIGNED AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

(4) ON EXECUTION OF THIS PLAN AT A TIME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE WITH CG 1ST MARDIV ASSUME OPCON REGT (-) FROM 1ST MARDIV.

(5) PREPARE RECEPTION PLAN AND ASSUME OPCON US ARMY BDE UPON ARRIVAL IN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR REINFORCING MISSION.

(6) ASSUME OPCON SLF BUT WHEN OPCON IS PASSED TO III MAF.

(7) ACTIVATE TASK FORCE GOLF (315 -438; -25 -440) AND PASS OPCON TO THIS HQ.

C. 1ST MARDIV.

(1) ON EXECUTION THIS PLAN DESIGNATE AND PASS OPCON OF ONE INF REGT (-) ((438,)) OF TWO INFANTRY BNS TO CG THIRD MARDIV. REGT (-) (REIN) WILL INCLUDE FORCES CURRENTLY DEPLOYED TO NORTHERN I CTZ UNDER OPCON THIRD MARDIV. SUBMIT PROPOSED TASK ORG FOR APPROVAL NLT 30K166.

D. TASK FORCE GOLF.

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- (1) ASSIGNED AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT PORTION OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE CURRENTLY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY 3D MARDIV.
(2) ASSUME OPCON 3(\$ 4488; 7,85 43.-8,8,8 8, -43- 91 4309,877)856.
CONTINUE NORMAL OONS.
(3) DESIGNATE ONE INFANTRY BN ((438,) AS III MAF RESERVE, PLACE ON 12 HR ALERT TO MOVE BY AIRLIFT AND/OR MOTORIZED CONVOY.
E. US ARMY BDE
(1) ON ARRIVAL ICTZ REPORT OPCON 3D KMARDIV FOR OPNS NORTHERN ICTZ
F. 1ST MAW
(1) PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.
(2) ASSUME OPCON SLF HMM SQDN WHEN OPCON SLF PASSED TO III MAF.
G. FLC: PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.
H. 7TH ENGR BN.
(1) PROVIDE SUPPLY AS DIRECTED.
I. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
(1) EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING RECEIPT, (3/3:7589, 9, 94834. FORMIT SUPPORTING PLANS TO THIS HQ NLT 15OCT66.
(2) DIRMOUTH WITHIN III MAF AND WITH CG 3RD MARDIV. LIAISON OUTSIDE III MAF AS AUTHORIZED BY THIS HQ.
(3) DURATION OF OPN: KINDEFINITE
(4) CODE NAME: (975 1-49)8,-

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(5) EEI'S AS PUBLISHED

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. PHASE I

(1) PRESCRIBED LOADS, RESUPPLY AND CONTROL OF SUPPLIES AS DIRECTED BY CG 1ST MARDIV, CG 3RD MARDIV AND CG TASK FORCE GOLF.

(2) LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREAS/BEACH SUPPORT AREAS ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED BY DIVISION AND TASK FOR COMMANDERS AS REQUIRED.

(3) EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION IN ACCORD WITH FORCEK/SA I CORPS ORDER PG200. (MEDIACL SOP).

(4) 1ST MAW ADVISE THIS HQS BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS IF AIR DROP LIFTING CAPABILITY DROPS BELOW REQUIREMENT OF MACV AIR DROP RESUPPLY PLAN 2-66(200S/T PER DAY FOR TWO DAYS).

(5) REQUIREMENTS FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT BEYOND CAPABILITY OF III MAF SUBORDINATE UNITS WILL BE ADDRESSED TO THIS TO THIS HQS.

B. PHASE II

(1) SAME AS PHASE I, WITH FOLLOWING ADDITIONS.

(2) SUPPLY SOURCE FOR AIRBORNE BRIGADES.

(3) CLASS I, III HQ IV COMMON CATALOGUED SUPPLY- NSA DANANG

(4) CLASS V COMMON - COMUSMACV (DETAILS TO BE ISSUED SEPARATELY).

(5) CLASS II, PLUS ARMY PECULIAR ALL CLASSES - USASC GUL NHO

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(3) FLC PROVIDES LIAISON PARTY WITH NECESSARY COMMUNICATIONS TO CG, AIRBORNE BRIGADE. FLC RECEIVES REQUISITIONS FROM BRIGADE G-4, PROCURES SUPPLIES, AND COORDINATES WITH APPROPRIATE DIVISION/TASK FORCE COMMANDER TO INSURE TIMELY DELIVERY TO LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREA.

(4) DIRECT LIAISON AUTH BETWEEN FLC AND USASG QUI NHON FOR PLANNING OF JOINT SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS. CONTACT -MAJ HARRISUN QUI NHON 167 OR 166.

5. COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT.

A. COMM-ELECT

B. COMMAND RELATIONS:

(1) ADC 3D MARDIV DESIGNATED CG TASK FORCE GOLF SKON EXENSTUON THIS PLAN. TASK FORCE GOLF WILL BE UNDER OPCON CG III MAF.

(2) OPCON SLF BLT AND HMM SQDN PASSED TO CG III MAF UPON COMPLETION AMPHIBIOUS PHASE OF OPN, AND TO APPROPRIATE TACTICAL CMDS AS DIRECTED BY THIS HQS.

(3) OPCON USA BDE PASSED TO CG 3D MARDIV ON ARRIVAL AREA OF OPERATIONS.

C. ACTION ADDRES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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T O P S E C R E T 52478 FROM: MACCOC11

SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR I CTZ - OPERATIONS NORTH AND
SOUTH CAROLINA (U)

REF: A. COMUSMACV 24016, DTG 130640Z JUL 66 (S)

B. COMUSMACV 25459, DTG 240107Z JUL 66 (S)

THIS MESSAGE IN THREE PARTS
PART ONE FOR ALL

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE IS A WARNING ORDER.
2. (TS) THERE ARE INDICATIONS ENEMY MAY LAUNCH MAJOR ATTACK
INTO I CTZ IN ORDER TO SEIZE A MAJOR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE PRIOR TO
CHRISTMAS. REINFORCEMENT OF I CTZ MAY BE NECESSARY
DURING A PERIOD BEGINNING ON 10 REPEAT 10 DECEMBER.

3. (S) REQUEST ADDRESSEES REVIEW AND UPDATE NORTH CAROLINA
AND SOUTH CAROLINA CONTINGENCY PLANS. RESUBMIT OR VERIFY AIRLIFT
REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO 10 DECEMBER 1966.

4. (S) BY SEPARATE MESSAGE COMROKRV HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PREPARE,
ON A PRIORITY BASIS, A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO MOVE ONE BRIGADE AND
ADVANCE CP TO CHU LAI.
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5. (S) REQUEST THIS HEADQUARTERS BE NOTIFIED OF UNIT
DESIGNED TO BE REDEPLOYED TO I CTZ UPON IMPLEMENTATION OF
OPLAN NORTH CAROLINA OR SOUTH CAROLINA.
PART THREE FOR ALL

6. (U) DIRLAUTH.

7. (U) ACKNOWLEDGE.

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