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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

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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,
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S E C R E T 52498 FROM MACCOC11

SUBJ: CONTINGENCY PLANNING FOR I CTZ (U)

1. (S) THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE ENEMY MAY LAUNCH AN ATTACK INTO I CTZ IN ORDER TO SEIZE A MAJOR STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS. REINFORCEMENT OF I CTZ MAY BE NECESSARY DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING 10 REPEAT 10 DEC 1966.

2. (S) THERE ARE PRESENTLY SEVERAL CONTINGENCY PLANS TO REINFORCE I CTZ WITH US FORCES. IN ADDITION, IT IS CONSIDERED PRUDENT TO DEVELOPE A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO REINFORCE I CTZ WITH A ROK REGIMENT IN THE EVENT A MAJOR ENEMY THREAT DEVELOPEPES.

3. (S) REQUEST COMROKRV ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

A. PREPARE A CONTINGENCY PLAN TO MOVE ONE RO ARMY REGIMENT TO CHU LAI

B. PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE RAPID DISPLACEMENT OF AN ADVANCE

COMMAND POST FROM HQ ROKRV-FFC TO CHU LAI TO EXERCISE OPCON OF 2D ROK MARINE BRIGADE IN ADDITION TO THE REDEPLOYED ROK ARMY REGIMENT

C. BE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLAN AS EARLY AS 14 REPEAT 14 DECEMBER 1966.

D. INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF REQUIREMENT FOR COMBAT

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AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ABOVE THAT WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

E. SUBMIT AIRLIFT REQUIREMENTS TO THIS HEADQUARTERS PRIOR TO 12 DEC 1966.

F. PROVIDE III MAF AND USARV ESTIMATED STRENGTH AND EQUIPMENT DENSITY OF REGIMENT AND ADVANCE CP TO BE DEPLOYED.

G. ADVISE THIS HEADQUARTERS OF NICKNAME YOU DESIRE BE ASSIGNED TO THIS CONTINGENCY PLAN.

H. GIVE PRECEDENCE TO THIS PLAN OVER THE PREPARATION OF ANY OTHER CONTINGENCY PLANS.

I. (S) REQUEST CG, III MAF ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING

A. DEVELOP CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR RECEPTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF ONE ROK ARMY REGIMENT AND AN ADVANCE CP IN CHU LAI.

B. INFORM THIS HEADQUARTERS OF REQUIREMENTS FOR COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT ABOVE THAT WHICH CAN BE PROVIDED FROM AVAILABLE RESOURCES.

J. (S) REQUEST CG, USARV:

A. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE AUTHORIZED SUPPORT TO THE ROK ARMY ELEMENTS REDEPLOYED UNDER THE PLAN.

B. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE MACV AIRDROP RESUPPLY PLAN 3-66.

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6. (S) REQUEST CMDR, 7TH AF:

A. BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND SUPPLY AIRLIFT TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN.

B. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE MACV AIRDROP RESUPPLY PLAN 3-66.

7. (S) REQUEST CG, I FFORCEV MAKE AVAILABLE ANY ASSISTANCE REQUESTED BY CONROKTV IN DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PLAN. EXISTING CONTINGENCY PLANS OF I FFORCEV FOR SIMILAR DEPLOYMENT WHICH HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT OVER A LONG PERIOD MAY PROVE TO BE OF PARTICULAR HELP.

8. (U) NO CHANGE IN MAF SUPPORT SUPPLY PROCEDURES.

9. (U) DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED BETWEEN ALL ACTION ADDRESSEES. REQUEST THIS HEADQUARTERS BE INFORMED OF ACTION TAKEN AND FURNISHED THREE COPIES OF CONTINGENCY PLANS.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE. CP-4

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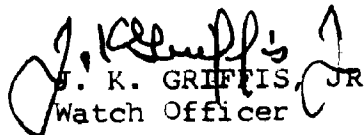
Subj: ARVN Participation in Operations NORTH CAROLINA,
SOUTH CAROLINA and TENNESSEE

Source: Major DONNELLY, FMFPAC Command Center

1. In response to a Watch Officer query, log entry 0316350 refers, Major DONNELLY, FMFPAC CC, passed the following information relative to ARVN participation in Oplans 115, 116 and 117:

- a. It is not specifically written into the plans.
- b. Organic units operating in their normal areas would be coordinated.
- c. Four general reserve battalion's have been ordered north and are presently operating in coordination with USMC units operating in the Prairie area. This would undoubtedly be the pattern for reaction to the threat.

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 CG III MAF 120710Z NOTAL
 MY 141742Z

REF A CONTAINED THE RECOMMENDED CONCEPT FOR AN AMPHIBIOUS
 OPERATION WHICH IS NOW DESIGNATED DECK HOUSE TWO. THE RECOMMENDED
 COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A STATED CG FIRST MAW

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 WOULD PROVIDE CAS UPON REQUEST.

AS YOU ARE AWARE SEVENTHFLT CARRIERS AT YANKEE STATION ARE
 HEAVILY COMMITTED IN THE HIGH PRIORITY DESTRUCTION OF POL. RESOURCES
 NVN. IN ADDITION THE DIXIE STATION CARRIER REMAINS BUSY
 PROVIDING INCOUNTRY SUPPORT PRIMARILY IN THE III AND IV CTZ. AS A
 RESULT OF THESE COMMITMENTS, THE INITIATING DIRECTIVE (REF B) FOR
 DECK HOUSE TWO, REQUESTED CG III MAF TASK CG FIRST MAW TO PROVIDE
 CAS FOR DECK HOUSE TWO IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONCEPT STATED REF A.
 THEREFORE, IT IS NOT INTENDED TO REPOSITION SEVENTHFLT CARRIERS
 AT THE PRESENT TIME. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE NEED ARISE DUE TO
 DEVELOPMENT OF A CRITICAL SITUATION WHICH IS BEYOND THE CAPABILITIES
 OF CG FIRST MAW TO HANDLE, EITHER IN DECK HOUSE TWO OR OPERATION
 WITH CAROLINA, WE WILL IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE
 TO YOUR FORCES. IF THIS SHOULD BE REQUIRED THE DIXIE STATION
 CARRIER WOULD FIRST BE MOVED NORTH OF THE I CTZ AND THEN THE
 YANKEE STATION CARRIER WOULD BE COMMITTED AS REQUIRED.

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY USE OF THAI BASED AIRCRAFT IN SVN (U)
1. RECENT INTELLIGENCE CREDITS NVN WITH THE CAPABILITY OF
CONDUCTING THREE DIVISIONAL OPERATIONS IN I CORPS IN THE NEAR
FUTURE.
2. AS PRELUDE TO III MAF OPERATION IN NORTHERN I CTZ, MACV
PLANS A MASSIVE AND PROLONGED APPLICATION OF AIR POWER (GRAND SLAM)
IN AN ATTEMPT TO RENDER THE NVN 324B DIVISION INCAPABLE OF
RECOVERY. OPERATION CONCEIVES MAX EFFORT ARC LIGHT WITH TAC AIR
FOLLOW-UP FOR 36 HOUR PERIOD. STRIKES WILL OCCUR IN DMZ, RP I,

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AND NORTHERN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. ALL TAC AIR WILL BE FAC OR SKY
SPOT CONTROLLED AND WILL BE UNDER CONTROL OF ABCCC.
3. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO TASK THAI BASED AIRCRAFT TO STRIKE
TARGETS IN SVN. APPROVAL IS REQUIRED NOT LATER THAN 10 SEPTEMBER.
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GEN WESTMORELAND:

SUBJECT: THREAT TO I CTZ (U)

REF: A. JCS 2105 DTG 082012Z SEP 66 (TS) (SPECAT)

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H. CINCPAC DTG 262010Z AUG 66 (TS)

I. COMUSMACV 24840 DTG 231140Z JUL 66 (S).

J. CINCPAC DTG 290333Z JUL 66 (TS)

1. (U) THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO REFERENCES A AND B.

2. (S) THE CURRENT ENEMY BUILDUP IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE,
THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE (DMZ) AND NORTH VIETNAM (NVN) IMMEDIATELY
ABOVE THE DMZ CONSTITUTES A DIRECT THREAT TO US/FWGVN
FORCES IN I CTZ AND TO THE SECURITY OF QUANG TRI AND THU THIEN
PROVINCES. THE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS THREAT UNDERSCORES THE
IMPORTANCE AND URGENCY OF UTILIZING ALL PRACTICABLE MEANS TO
PREVENT THE ENEMY FROM GENERATING A MAJOR OFFENSIVE DESIGNED

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ACT: J3-8(1-8)

INFO: CJCS-5(9-13) CSA-1(14) CNO-6(15-20) CSAF-1(21) CMC-6(22-27)

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TO J"LIBERATE" THE PROVINCES IN QUESTION AND TO INFLICT MAXIMUM CASUALTIES ON US/RW/GVN FORCES.

3. (TS) THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS SUPPORT MY CONCERN:

A. THE ENEMY IS CONSOLIDATING HIS POSITION IN NORTHERN I CTZ AND , ACCORDING TO MY J-2, THE 324TH B DIVISION IS REINFORCED BY THE 341ST DIVISION AND BEING FURTHER REINFORCED BY POSSIBLY TWO ADDITIONAL DIVISIONS, ONE NOW IN THE VICINITY OF THE DMZ AND ONE ON THE MOVE SOUTH. HE CONES T USE THEE DMZ AS A TROOP HAVEN AND AS A SUPPLY HEAD FOR HIS FORCES MOVING INTO NORTHERN I CTZ.

B. THE ENEMY IS CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE AND PROBING ATTACKS SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE. HIS PREPARATIONS IN THE AREA INCLDE ENTRENCHMENTS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS POSITIONS, FOXHOLES, AA EMPLACEMENTS, MINEFILDS, FORTIFIED CAVES AND TUNNELS. ALL OF THIS POINTS NOT ONLY TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF A BASE IN THE SOUTH OF THE DMZ FROM WHICH HE CAN SUPPORT OPERATIONS, BUT TO HIS WELL RECOGNIZED TACTIC OF DETAILED PREPARATION OF THE BATTLEFIELD.

C. ENEMY AA DEFENSES IN THE DMZ HAVE BEEN ENHANCED BY ADDITION OF AN AA RE8.3,5. RECENT 7TH AIR FORCE TACTICAL AIR STRIKES ON MISSILE ASSOCIATED TRUCKS AND VANS IN PROXIMITY OF THE DMZ OFFER CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE OF AN EFFORT TO EXTEND HIS SAM ENVELOPE SOUTHWARD TOWARD THE DMZ, THUS THREATENING OUR FREE USE OF THE B-52 WEAPON SYSEM IN NORTHERN I CTZ.

D. THE SIZE OF HIS BUILDUP, DISPOSITION OF FORCES, FORWARD STOCKAGE OF SUPPLIES, AA WEAPON SYSTEMS BEING DEPLOYED SOUTHWARD AND DEPTH OF PATROL PENETRATIONS INDICATE BY ALL ACCEPTED STANDARDS THAT THE ENEMY IS DEVELOPING AN OFFENSIVE AS OPPOSE TO A DEEFENSIVE POSTRE

E. BY OCTOBER, THE WEATHER IN LASO WILL BE CLEARING AND THE ENEMY MAY BE EBPECTED ONCE AGAIN TO MOVE PERSONNEL AND SUPPORTING MATERIAL IN QUANTITY THROUGH THE AREA, THUS PERMITTING HIM TO ENGAGE OUR FLANK IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE FROM THE WEST. CONVERSELY, WORSENING WEATHER IN THE COASTAL PLAIN OF I AND II CTZS WILL WORK TO THE ENEMY'S ADVANTAGE IN ATTACKS

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ON FRIENDLY POSITIONS IN THESE AREAS. UTILIZING TRADITIONAL ROUTES THROUGH THE LASO PANHANDLE, H WILL BE ABLE TO REINFORCE LARGE SCALE DIVERSIONARY ATTACKS FURTHER SOUTH IN COORDINATION WITH A MAIN ASSAULT THROUGH THE DMZ AND AGAINST OUR ESTERN FLANK.

4. (S) THE SUCCESS OF OUR EFFORTS IN COPING WITH ENEMY INITIATIVES HAS BEEN BASED UPON SPOILING ATTACKS BY GROUND AND AIR FORCES TO DISRUPT THE PLANS BEFORE HE IS CAPABLE OF COMPLETING PREPARATIONS FOR ATTACK. HE THUS HAS BEEN KEPT OFF BALANCE AND PREVENTED FROM MOUNTING A SUCCESSFUL OFFENSIVE. IT NOW WOULD APPEAR, HOWEVER, THAT BECAUSE OF OUR APPROACH, THE ENEMY IS EMPLOYING A NEW TACTIC ENTAILING USE OF SANCTUARIES IN THE DMZ AND NORTH THEREOF IN AN EFFORT TO PREVENT SPOILING ATTACKS. SINCE WE ARE UNABLE TO EXERCISE THE INITIATIVE IN MOVING GROUND FORCES INTO THE DMZ OR NVN, WE ARE LEFT WITH FIREPOWER ALONE AS THE INSTRUMENT FOR ATTACK. I CONSIDER IT IMPERATIVE, IN THIS REGARD, THAT WE UTILIZE AERIAL DELIVERED FIREPOWER AND NAVAL GUNFIRE (NGF) IN THIS SITUATION IF WE ARE TO THWART THE ENEMY'S PENDING OFFENSIVE AS DISCUSSED ABOVE.

5. (S) DURING THE LATTER PART OF AUGUST AND THUS FAR IN SEPTEMBER, SLAR COVERAGE ALONG THE COAST OF NVN IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE DMZ HAS INDICATED HEAVY MOVEMENT BY TRUCK AND SEA TO THE DMZ AREA. AIR STRIKES ALONG THE COAST IN THIS AREA HAVE PRODUCED NUMEROUS SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND SECONDARY FIRES ON A CONSISTENT BASIS. MUCH OF THIS TRUCK MOVEMENT FUNNELS INTO ROUTE 102, AND HAS BEEN PICKED UP BY TALLY HO FORWARD AIR CONTROLLERS (AFACS) INSIDE THE DMZ. INDEED, ALL AVAILABLE EVIDENCE SUPPORTS A CONCLUSION THAT THE FINAL MOTORABLE PORTION OF THIS ROUTEE IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF THE DEMARKATION LINE CONSTITUTES THE MOST LUCRATIVE SINGLE TARGET IN THE ENEMY'S BUILD-UP COMPLEX. IT IS IN THIS TRUCK HEAD THAT SUPPLIES ARE BROKEN OUT FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT BY PORTERS, BICYCLE AND ANIMAL OVER AN EXTENSIVE AND WELL WORN TRAIL NETWORK. AS SUBMITTED PREVIOUSLY, THIS TARGET BEARS THE DESIGNATION QUANG TRI 145. ITS CHARACTERISTICS ARE SUCH THAT TO PERMIT OBSERVED TACTICAL AIR STRIKES AGAINST SPECIFIC INSTALLATIONS IN THE TRUCK HEAD, THE JUNGLE CANOPY FIRST MUST BE OPENED UP BY A B-52 STRIKE. ADDITIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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DATA IN SUPPORT OF THE TARGET WERE SUBMITTED IN REFERENCE D.
6 (S) IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT QUANG TRI 145 IS IN A JUNGLE-
COVERED, SPARSELY POPULATED AREA REMOTE FROM ICC PRESENCE.
THERE IS NO KNOWN POPULATION IN THE TARGET BOX. AS RELATED TO
POSSIBLE CONCERN THAT A B-52 STRIKE IN THE NORTHERN PORTION OF
THE DMZ MAY BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE, THE REMOTE LOCATION OF
THE TARGET REDUCES BUT CANNOT ELIMINATE THIS POSSIBILITY
SELECTION OF A TOT DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS, PREFERABLY
AFTER MIDNIGHT, WOULD ENHANCE STILL FURTHER THE PROSPECTS OF
CONCEALING THE NATURE OF THE STRIKE.

7 (S) ALL FACTORS CONSIDERED, QUANG TRI 145 STANDS
OUT AS A TARGET MEETING THE CRITERIA OF BEING HIGHLY CRITICAL
(REFERENCE A) AND OF BEING DIRECTLY RELATED TO COMBAT ACTIONS
CONTEMPLATED FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE (REFERENCE B) FOR
THE REASONS CITED ABOVE, THE TARGET MUST BE ENGAGED BY B-52S

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GEN WESTMORELAND

INITIALLY TO PERMIT SUBSEQUENT OF THE TARGET IS DEEMED ESSENTIAL
IF ENEMY LOGISTIC ACTIVITY THEREIN IS TO BE DISRUPTED
APPRECIABLY PRIOR TO DISPERSAL AND BURIAL OF HIS SUPPLIES.
FINALLY, PROMPT ENGAGEMENT OFFERS THE PROSPECT OF INFLECTING
A SEVERE PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW ON THE ENEMY WHO MUST CONSIDER
AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT HE CAN PROCEED WITH IMPUNITY IN USING
THE DMZ AS BASE FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS.

8. (S) EARLIER REFERENCE HAS BEEN MADE TO NEED FOR
EMPLOYMENT OF NGF IN CONNECTION WITH
THE DEVELOPING ENEMY OFFENSIVE. USE OF THIS CAPABILITY TAKES ON
SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE BY VIRTUE OF THE FACT THAT, SINCE INCEPTION OF
TALLY HO ON 20 JULY 1966, FACS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO OPERATE
EAST OF A LINE FROM XW 6815 TO XD 9672 BECAUSE OF ENEMY GROUND
FIRE. IN THIS COASTAL AREA DURING THE TIME FRAME INDICATED, THREE
US AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN SHOT DOWN AND 12 DAMAGED BY HOSTILE GROUND
FIRE. PRESENT AA ORDER OF BATTLE FOR THE TALLY HO AREA
(SOUTH OF 1702N TO THE DMZ) REVEALS, IN THIS CONNECTION:

A. FIFTY KNOWN AA SITES WITH THREE TO FOUR GUNS PER
SITE. ONE SIXTH OF THESE SITES USUALLY ARE OCCUPIED.
B. ONE HUNDRED FORTY-TWO KNOWN LIGHT AA SITES WITH
FOUR TO SIX GUNS PER SITE. ONE-THIRD OF THESE SITES USUALLY ARE
OCCUPIED.

C. SIX KNOWN MEDIUM AA SITES WITH SIX TO EIGHT GUNS
PER SITE. ONE-THIRD OF THESE SITES USUALLY ARE OCCUPIED.

9. (S) WITH RESPECT TO ENGAGEMENT OF THE AA TARGETS
REFERRED TO ABOVE, WATER DEPTH ALONG THE COASTLINE IN QUESTION

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ACT: J3-8(1-8)

INFO: CJCS-5(9-13) DJS-3(14-16) CSA-1(17) CNO-6(18-23) CSAF-1(24)

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WILL PERMIT BOTH 8"/55 AND 5"/54 NGF UNITS AVAILABLE TO CINC-PACFLT TO PROJECT EFFECTIVE FIRE TO A DEPTH OF 10 TO 12 NM IN-SHORE. ALL OF THE AA/ AW SITES DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE WITHIN THIS FIRE ENVELOPE. SUPPRESSION OF FIRE FROM THESE SITES WILL FACILITATE VISUAL RECCE AND FAC CBSTROZBOXEBSR STRIKES AGAINST ENEMY TROLEFNKYWEAWRCXI AND SUPPLIES MAKING THEIR WAY INTO THE DMZ.

10. (TS) IN SUMMARY, AS RESPONSIBLE COMMANDER ON THE GROUND, I CONSIDER THAT AN URGENT MILITARY REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR EMPLOYMENT OF B-52S AGAINST TARGET QUANG TRI 142. ACCORDINGLY, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO ENGAGE THE TARGET UNDER COVER OF DARKNESS WITH LEAST PRACTICABLE DELAY. ADDITIONALLY, AUTHORITY IS REQUESTED TO EMPLOY MGF AGAINST SUITABLE ENEMY TARGETS IN THE COASTAL SEGMENT OF THE TALLY HO AREA, WITH PRIORITY TO AA/ AW SITES. ADDITIONAL B-52 TARGETS IN THE AREA NORTH OF THE DMZ ARE UNDERGOING REVALIDATION PURSUANT TO REFERENCE C. REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ENGAGE THESE TARGETS MAY BE FORTHCOMING DEPENDING UPON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SITUATION.


11. (U) AMBASSADOR LODGE
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Reference: COMUSMACV 130420Z Sep 66		CNO (1)	
1. By separate message ARC LIGHT strike on Quang Tri 145		CMC (1)	
(Dead Vine II) has been authorized. COMUSMACV's associated request to employ naval gunfire along coastal area from 17th		DJS (1)	
parallel to 17 degrees 52 minutes was considered but not approved.		J-3 (1)	
2. FYI: Gromyko has asked to see Secretary Rusk relative to Vietnam within the next week. This obviously creates a sensitive situation.		CJCS (1)	
3. I believe that favorable consideration for naval gunfire support along the southern coast of North Vietnam in support of our combat operations can be obtained if CINCPAC and COMUSMACV can limit the area of operation or further specify the targets to be engaged. I recognize that foregoing requirement			
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<p>will be difficult to meet in view of the fluidity of the situation; nevertheless, I am confident that you can select the more important areas and targets against which naval gunfire should be employed.</p> <p>4. We will take action promptly on your further requests for naval gunfire and ARC LIGHT strikes.</p>					
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- C. IINCPC 080725Z SEP 66
- D. CINCPAC 082128Z SEP 66 NOTAL
- E. CINCPAC 090400Z SEP 66 NOTAL

1. REFS A AND B REFER TO BUILD-UP OF ENEMY ACTIVITY VICINITY DMZ AND QUANG TRI PROVINCE AND REFERRED TO ACTION PLANNED INCLUDING CONCENTRATED AIR EFFORT GRAND SLAM.

2. REF C DIRECTED CINCPACFLT DESIGNATE SUPPORT CARRIER TO SUPPORT OPERATION AND ALERTED NGF SUPPORT. REF D AND E REQUESTED ARC LIGHT REVALIDATION IN NVN-DMZ AREA OF OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF GRAND SLAM.

3. REQUEST INFORMATION ON III MAF OPERATION PLANNED FOR QUANG TRI, ESTIMATED TIME OF IMPLEMENTATION, AND PLANS FOR GRAND SLAM SUPPORTING AIR OPERATIONS, INCLUDING ARC LIGHT PLANS.

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A. COMUSNAV 240107Z JUL 68

2. COMUSMACV AIR DROP RESUPPLY PLAN ^{REQUIREMENTS}

1. (S) SITUATION: CURRENT

6. ENERGY 27445.5 8.57. = 2748.530.57

3. FRIENDLY: IT MAY TO BE REINFORCED BY ONE ARMY BDE (REIN) FOR EMPLOYMENT IN QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN OR QUANG NGAI PROVINCES..

ASSUMPTIONS

40 THE MAIN PARTS ENGAGED OF PRAIRIE REMAIN IN AREA.

22 THAT AIRFREIGHT SHIPPING WILL BE PROVIDED AS REQUIRED FOR
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.

632 TWA FLT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS IN PRAIRIE AREA.

THAT UNDER THE AF WILL PROVIDE REQUIRED TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FOR

DEPT. OF DEFENSE AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT AFTER DEPLOYMENT. O

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A schematic diagram of a single neuron. It shows a cell body (soma) with a nucleus, a dendrite, and an axon. The axon is covered by a myelin sheath. The diagram is labeled with 'Dendrite', 'Soma', 'Nucleus', 'Axon', and 'Myelin sheath'.

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1. MISSION: WHEN DIRECTED BY COMUSMACV III MAF DEPLOYS DIV SIZE FORCE TO QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES AND DESTROYS VC/NVA FORCES IN AREA; EMPLOYS SEA BDE IN CONJUNCTION WITH III MAF FORCES TO COUNTER ENEMY THREATS IN QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN, AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

2. EXECUTION:

a. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

(1) III MAF DEPLOYS REMAINDER DIV SIZE FORCE TO QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES INCLUDING SLF. DIV CMD GRU DEPLOYS FROM DNG AND ASSUMES CONTROL OF DEPLOYED DIV. TASK FORCE CMD GRU ESTABLISHED AT DNG ASSUMES CONTROL OF 3D MARDIV FORCES REMAINING IN QUANG NAM PROVINCE. DEPLOYMENT EXECUTED BY AIRLIFT, MOTORIZED CONVOY AND/OR SEALIFT.

(2) III MAF UNITS NOT COMMITTED THIS PLAN CONTINUE CURRENT MISSIONS.

(3) US ARMY BDE DEPLOYS TO THE CHU LAI BASE AREA. ON ARRIVAL REPORTS FROM 1ST MARDIV. PREPARES TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN THIEN MUOCAB IEP IVPUH ON AND CONCIT IF FORCE SECURITY ATTACKS IN QUANG NAM, QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCES.

b. 3D MARDIV.

(1) DEPLOY REMAINDER OF A DIV FORCE (MINUS ALTERNATE CMD POST) TO DESTROY VC/NVA FORCE IN QUANG TRI AND THUA THIEN PROVINCES.

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(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) ASSUME OPCON REGT'L HQS AND ONE ADDITIONAL REINFORCED BN FROM 1ST MARDIV ON EXECUTION THIS PLAN.

(5) ASSUME OPCON SLF BLT WHEN OPCON IS PASSED TO III MAF.

(6) ACTIVATE TASK FORCE GOLF (3D MARDIV ALT CMD GRP) AND PASS OPCON TO THIS HQS.

c. 1ST MARDIV

(1) ON EXECUTION THIS PLAN DESIGNATE AND PASS OPCON OF ONE REGT'L HQS AND ONE ADDITIONAL BN (REIN) TO 3D MARDIV FOR DEPLOYMENT TO AREA IN QUANG TRI OR THUA THIEN PROVINCES DESIGNATED BY VG 3D MARDIV. SUBMIT PROPOSED TASK ORG FOR APPROVAL NLT 9 SEPT66.

(2) PREPARE PLAN FOR RECEPTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF US ARMY BDE.

ASSUME OPCON ON ARRIVAL CHU LAI BASE AREA.

d. TASK FORCE GOLF.

(1) ASSIGNED AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY THAT PORTION OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE CURRENTLY AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY 3D MARDIV.

(2) ASSUME OPCON 3D MARDIV UNITS REMAINING IN AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY.

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CONTINUE NORMAL OPNS.

(13) DESIGNATE ONE INFANTRY BN (REI) AS IIIMAF RESERVE. PLACE ON 12 HR ALERT TO MOVE BY AIRLIFT AND/OR MOTORIZED CONVOY.

1. US ARMY BDE.

(11) REPORT OPCON 1ST MARDIV

(12) ESTABLISH BASE AREA CHU LAI TAOR AS DIRECTED BY CG 1ST MARDIV.

(13) PREPARE PLANS FOR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPNS IN THIEN PHUOC, TAM KY.

THANG BINH AREA TO INCLUDE CLEARING OF ROAD FROM TAM KY TO THIEN PHUOC.

1. 1ST MAW. *which one*

(13) PROVIDE AIR SUPPORT AS REQUIRED.

(12) ASSUME OPCON SLF HMM SQDN, WHEN OPCON SLF IS PASSED TO III MAF

1. 7TH ENGR BN.

(13) PROVIDE SUPPORT AS DIRECTED.

(12) BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE CMD CRP FOR PROV INF BN.

1. COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

(13) EFFECTIVE FOR PLANNING ON RECEIPT, EXECUTION ON ORDER. SUBMIT SUPPORTING PLANS TO THIS HQS NLT 20SEP66.

(12) Dirlauth within III MAF AND WITH CG 1ST ARVN DIV AND CG 2D ARVN

DIV. OTHER LIAISON OUTSIDE III MAF AS AUTH BY THIS HQS.

(3) DURATION OF OPN: INDEFINITE

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(13) CODE NAME: NORTH CAROLINA

(13) REI'S AS PUBLISHED.

1. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

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

(13) LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREAS/BEACH SUPPORT AREAS ESTABLISHED AND OPERATED BY DIV AND ASK FORCE COMMANDERS AS REQUIRED.

(13) EVACUATION AND HOSPITALIZATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORCE/SA I CORPS ORDER 66200.2 (MEDICAL SOP).

(13) 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 (200 S/T PER DAY FOR TWO DAYS).

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

(13) SPECIFIC PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO THE ATTACHED ARMY BDE.

(13) SUPPLY SOURCES:

(13) CLASS I, III & IV COMMON CATALOGUED SUPPLY - NSA DNG.

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

(13) CLASS II, PLUS ARMY PECULIAR ALL CLASSES - USASC QUI NHON.

(13) SUPPLY POINT DISTRIBUTION WHEN EMPLOYED IN DNG OR CHU LAI TAOR'S.

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(3) IF BDE IS EMPLOYED OUTSIDE DNG OR CHU LAI TAOR'S, FLC WILL PROVIDE LIAISON PARTY WITH NECESSARY COMMUNICATIONS TO CG, ARMY BDE. FLC RECEIVES REQUISITIONS FROM BDE, PROCURES SUPPLIES, AND COORDINATES WITH APPROPRIATE DIV/ TASK FORCE COMMANDER TO INSURE TIMELY DELIVERY TO LOGISTIC SUPPORT AREA.

G. DIRECT LIAISON AUTHORIZED BETWEEN FL AND USEC UNION SOR AFT REQUIREMENTS. NACT - MAJ HARRIS, QUI NHON 167 OR 166.

5. (S) COMMAND AND COMM-ELECT.

A. COMM-ELECT.

(1) IAW CURRENT INSTRUCTIONS.

(2) REQUIREMENTS BEYOND CAPABILITY, SUBMIT TO THIS HQS.

B. COMMAND RELATIONS.

(1) ADC 3D MARDIV DESIGNATED CG TASK FORCE GOLF UPON EXECUTION THIS PLAN TASK FORCE GOLF WILL PASS OPCON III MAF.

(2) OPCON USA BDE WILL PASS TO CG 1ST MARDIV ON ARRIVAL CHU LAI BASE AREA. ACTION ADDRES ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT.

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