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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA

1. EAGLE PULL: NO CHANGE. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU REMAIN ON SIX-HOUR RESPONSE TO KOMPONG SOM.
2. POCHENTONG AIRFIELD: NORMAL AIRLIFT RESUPPLY CONTINUES. FULL SCHEDULE WAS FLOWN ON 30 MARCH.

VIETNAM

1. AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION
 - A. USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19)
USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8)
USS DURHAM (LKA-114)
USS FREDERICK (LST-1183)
 - B. EN ROUTE OPERATING AREA WITHIN INTERNATIONAL WATERS ABOUT MIDWAY BETWEEN QUI NHON AND NHA TRANG. ETA OF LAST SHIP TO CLOSE IS ABOUT 020900Z APR 75.
 - C. SHIPS TASKED AS POSSIBLE RECEIVING VESSELS FOR REFUGEE EVACUATION. SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED FROM PUTTING U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL, CRAFT, OR SHIPBOARD EQUIPMENT ASHORE.
 - D. U. S. MARINES EMBARKED ARE FOR EVACUATION CONTROL AND SHIPBOARD SECURITY. (SEE III MAF BELOW.)

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III MAF

1. EMBARKED ABOARD AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION:

USS BLUE RIDGE: CO 33D MAU/9TH MAB ADMIN
H&S CO (-), 1/4
D CO, 1/4
DET HMM-165 (2/CH-46D, 2/UH-1E)

USS DUBUQUE: A, B, C CO'S, 1/4
DET HMM-165 (6/CH-46D)

USS DURHAM: DET HMM-165 (2/CH-46D)

USS FREDERICK: NONE

2. CROSS-DECKING IN OPERATING AREA WILL PLACE ONE RIFLE COMPANY ABOARD EACH SHIP.

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301730 (C) NMCC

NMCC UPDATE-FONECON 301330 EDT

Saigon Press reports continue to report fall of Danang although no official reports from Saigon government have been issued. MSC reports that no ships are scheduled to return to Danang for evacuation at this time.

300604 (S) CTF 76

MOVREP

USS Blue Ridge with Admin 9th MAB-33D MAU Det HMM-165 D/1/4 departed Okinawa 300600 ETA MOD LOC 020750 APR.

300630 (S) USS DURHAM

MOVREP

USS Durham with a Det of HMM-165 and USS FREDERICK - no Marines embarked, departed Subic Bay 300745Z. ETA MOD LOC 311600Z.

300940 (C) CTG 76.5

MOVREP

USS Dubuque with CO 1/4, A/1/4, B/1/4, C/1/4, H&SCo (-) 1/4, Det HMM-165 departed Okinawa 300815Z. ETA MOD LOC 020859Z.

301518 (C) CTF 76

AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION

All shipping en route MOC LOC. ETA's as previously stated. One company will be transferred to the Frederick and another company to the Durham. There will be one company per ship OP CON of each ship's CO for ship security and evacuation control. HMM-165 A/C embarked as follows:

USS Blue Ridge	Two CH-46, Two UH-1E
USS Dubuque	Six CH-46's
USS Durham	Two CH-46's

302140 (S) CINCPAC

DAILY SITREP RVN EVACUATION

CINCPAC requests from USDAO Saigon a Daily Situation Report to include availability and location of airlift and sealift, number and location of evacuees and total number of evacuees moved. This report is desired 1400Z daily. This SITREP supersedes DAO Saigon monthly commanders assessment.

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DTG ORIGINATOR

310227 (C) AMEMBASSY
 SINGAPORE

RESUME OF MESSAGE

EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

Singapore is tentatively planning to dispatch a LST to assist in the evacuation. Singapore desires precautions as to the safe operations of the ship and crew.

310102 (S) CINCPACFLT

AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR EVACUATION OF RVN

Requests earliest guidance on further instructions concerning evacuation and decision governing entry into territorial waters of RVN.

310314 (S) COMIPAC

IPAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 089-75

RVN SITUATION (1)

Approximately 18,000 RVN military personnel were evacuated from DANANG and no friendly forces were left. Late reports indicate the NVA forces occupy most of the city. VNAF plans to strike the airfield to destroy any remaining equipment, ammunition or POL supplies. In the MR-2 region heavy pressure by NVA forces continue against the ARVN in Binh Dinh province. NVA tanks were spotted in this area. ARVN ability to hold QUI NHON City is doubtful.

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VIETNAM

1. AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP
 - A. ACTIVATED 300300Z MAR 75 WITH TASK DESIGNATOR TG 79.9, CONCURRENT WITH DEACTIVATION OF 33D MAU. 1/4 (-) (REIN) AND HMM-165 (-) (REIN) ASSIGNED.
 - B. COL D. C. ALEXANDER DESIGNATED CONCURRENTLY AS CHIEF OF STAFF 9TH MAB AND CO, AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP/CTG 79.9.
2. AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING: USS DURHAM (LKA-114) AND USS FREDERICK (LST-1183) ARRIVED OPERATING AREA AS SCHEDULED.
3. VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION: CINCPAC, AS DOD DIRECTOR VIETNAM REFUGEE EVACUATION, HAS DIRECTED CINCPACFLT TO DESIGNATE ON-SCENE COMMANDER AND ESTABLISH CONTROL AND COORDINATION PROCEDURES IN EVACUATION AREAS TO BE DESIGNATED BY AMEMB SAIGON.
4. SUBJECT TO PREVIOUSLY ESTABLISHED LIMITATIONS, CINCPACFLT IS AUTHORIZED BY CINCPAC TO EMBARK REFUGEES FOR EVACUATION PURPOSES WHILE REMAINING SEAWARD AT LEAST ONE MILE FROM SHORE. SUBSEQUENTLY, CINCPAC DIRECTED THAT ONE HELICOPTER-CAPABLE SHIP APPROACH TO WITHIN ONE MILE OF NHA TRANG.

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311038Z (S)

CINCPAC

RVN EVACUATION OPERATION SITREP -

Termination of evacuation operations at Da Nang will allow concentration of efforts at other costal area. CINCPACFLT designated as on scene commander to establish control/coordination procedures in evacuation areas designated by AE Saigon. NVA/VC continue to press the attack as II Corps attempts to regroup and reorganize its forces.

311345Z (S)

CTF 79

AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP

Deactivates 33D MAU effective 300300Z and simultaneously activates Amphibious Evacuation RVN Support Group 79.9 which assumes OPCON 1st Bn (-) (REIN) 4th Mar and HMM-165. Col D. C. ALEXANDER C/S 9th MAB and concurrently CO Support Group.

311915Z (C)

USDAO SGN RVN

OPREP-4 31MAR75

The following information is extracted from the subject report:

A total of 176 aircraft were left at the Danang Air Base during the evacuation. Included within this total were six F-5 aircraft.

312321Z (S)

COMIPAC

SPOT REPORT # 1

Two battalions of the airborne brigade defending the approach to Nha Trang have been destroyed in Qui Nhon. Three remaining regiments of the 22nd ARVN Div are being attacked by RF/PF forces in their rear. The RF/PF are rallying to the Communist side. Best estimate is that Nha Trang could fall within two days, but no more than seven. If Nha Trang falls Cam Ranh will be untenable and it is estimated that it will fall in seven days.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
292120 (C)	JCS WASH DC	<u>ARG BRAVO</u> This msg authorizes the movement of ARG BRAVO shipping to the RVN coast near the vicinity of NHA TRANG and QUI NHON. The mission is the assistance of humanitarian civilian refugee ops. The msg was previously summarized as an NMCC UPDATE - FONECON 291835 EDT.
310815 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM REFUGEE EVACUATION TASKING</u> This msg tasks CINCPACFLT specific tasks for the evacuation operation.
010159 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAMESE REFUGEES EVACUATION BY USN VESSELS</u> Subject to previously stated limitations CINCPACFLT is authorized to embark refugees for evacuation.
<p><u>NOTE:</u> JCS 300310Z MAR75 (S) listed below, states limitations during subject evacuation operation.</p>		
300310 (S)	JCS WASH DC	<u>LIMITATIONS ON US REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATIONS.</u> Specifically prohibits any U. S. military personnel, craft or ship board equipment being placed ashore in RVN. Transfer of refugees from shore to ship must be accomplished with indigenous, third country or U. S. civilian assets. U. S. military forces are not to be introduced into hostilities nor involved in combat operations.
010216 (S)	JCS WASH DC	<u>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR EVACUATION OF RVN</u> The four amphibious ships and associated landing craft and helos, currently authorized to conduct evacuation operations are authorized to approach within one mile of the RVN coast.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
010344 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>CONTINGENCY SUPPORT FOR RVN REFUGEE EVACUATION</u> Request to position two destroyers vicinity of amphibious shipping off NHA TRANG for SAR purposes.
010232 (S)	COMIPAC	<u>IPAC DAILY INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 090-75</u> <u>MR-1</u> DANANG has fallen and all evacuation has ceased. B-40 fire coming from the dock area. Weather has prevented planned VNAF airstrike to destroy aircraft left at DANANG. 14,000 troops are estimated to have been evacuated from DANANG. <u>MR-2</u> Communists report the capture of QUI NHON, but government sources claim the city has not fallen. PHU CAT air base has been largely abandoned. The 3d Abn Bde north of NHA TRANG has been taking heavy casualties. This is the main unit defending NHA TRANG.
010345 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM REFUGEE EVACUATION</u> <u>Execute msg to CINCPACFLT</u> Move one helo capable ship vicinity of NHA TRANG to within one mile of coast ASAP. Authorization is given to move all four ships within one mile of coast when required.
010300 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>CINCPACREP DESIGNATION</u> RADM Hugh A. BENTON, CINCPAC J-4 is designated CINCPAC REP SAIGON for ON-SCENE representative and coordination between CINCPAC and AMEMB Saigon, DAO Saigon, USAID, MSCO, USSAG, FAA and CINCPACFLT ON-SCENE commander for conduct of Vietnamese evacuation matters.
010236 (S)	CTG 79.9	<u>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION</u> CTG 79.9 reports OPCON for planning and operations effective 300300Z MAR75.

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1. NEAK LUONG/BANAM FALL
2. THREAT TO POCHENTONG FROM NORTH INCREASES. NORMAL AIRLIFT RESUPPLY CONTINUES WITH FULL SCHEDULE FLOWN 1 APRIL 1975.
3. EXECUTION EAGLE PULL OPTION 1 PROBABLE.
4. 31ST MAU ON 6HR ALERT IN GULF OF THAILAND AT SEA 33D DAY WITHOUT RELIEF.

VIETNAM

1. NHA TRANG FALLS/CAM RANH THREATENED.
2. AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP ARRIVED ON NEW STATION OFF NHA TRANG THIS MORNING AND TRANSFERRED RIFLE COMPANIES TO USS FREDERICK AND USS DURHAM.
3. RADM HUGH A. BENTON, CINCPAC J-4 DESIGNATED CINCPAC-REP- SAIGON; CTF 76, RADM WHITMIRE, IN BLUE RIDGE DESIGNATED ON-SCENE COMMANDER AFLOAT.
4. JCS REQUESTS CINCPAC TO PLACE MARINE SECURITY PLATOONS ON MSC SHIPPING AS WELL AS ON 3D COUNTRY SHIPS.
5. CAM RANH BAY POSITION UNTENABLE/SAIGON POSITION PRECARIOUS. EVACUATION OF AMERICAN CITIZANS FROM SAIGON USING HELOS/GSF BEING PLANNED.

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010841 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>VIETNAMESE REFUGEE EVACUATION BY USN VESSELS</u> Directs that designated amphibious shipping for evacuation to a new MODLOC position off of NHA TRANG for evacuation operations. CINCPACREP Saigon is the contact for further details of the evacuation operation.
010420 (S)	ADMIN FMFPAC	<u>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR EVACUATION OF RVN</u> Ships, associated landing craft and Helos are authorized to approach within one mile of RVN coast.
010349 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>MR-2 EVACUATION OPERATIONS.</u> NVA threat has worsened. <u>The 22nd ARVN Div is now being attacked from the rear by RF and PF forces.</u> Estimate that Nha Trang could fall in two to seven days. Need US designation of safe havens and SVN designation of evacuation point.
010538 (S)	AMPHIBIOUS EVAC RVN SPT GP	<u>TASK GROUP AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP ACTIVATED.</u> Task group amphibious evacuation RVN support group activated at 300300Z MAR 75.
010832 (S)	USDAO SGN RVN	<u>EFFECTS OF GVN SETBACKS ON MORALE IN MR-4.</u> Due to deteriorating situation morale is low. Early tendency toward panic has subsided. The tendency is to blame reverse on lack of US support. Increasing antagonism toward US detected but so far no anti-Americanism noted.
010834 (C)	USDAO SGN RVN	<u>REFUGEE SITUATION IN MR-4.</u> The Long Khanh Long Hai/Ving Tan areas is flooded with refugees. In spite of heavy overcrowding control is going smoothly.

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010856 (C)	AE SAIGON	<u>MILITARY SITUATION IN MR-3.</u> Minor contact since massive artillery attack with ground assault 31Mar75 at Chon Thanh. Some indication NVA preparing for heavy offensive action north of Trang Bang.
011115 (C)	AE SAIGON	<u>STATUS OF REFUGEE EVACUATION.</u> Estimated total number of refugees evacuated to date from Da Nang is placed at roughly 65 to 70,000. American Challenger is still picking up refugees from Da Nang who are able to escape in small craft. Status of Evacuation Efforts: Qui Nhon - Not possible to evacuate due to military situation. Tay Hoa - No evacuation. Nha Trang - some evacuation underway by air, tugs and barges. Cam Ranh - some refugees still going by ships to Cam Ranh. Total number of evacuees from the above plus Da Nang would be over three million.
011130 (C)	AE SAIGON	<u>REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE ORDERS FOR SAFEHAVEN FOR DEPENDENTS.</u> Current situation requires that Embassy have approval for all State Department personnel safehaven orders and shipments of household goods.
011157 (C)	AE SAIGON	<u>EVACUATION OF VN REFUGEES.</u> CTF-76, ABOARD USS BLUE RIDGE, designated on the scene Commander. Attempts are being made to arrange for VN National Police Field force personnel to provide security for refugee vessels. Evacuation Control Center has been set up in USDAO Saigon to: (a) Display and assist control of evacuation efforts. (b) Display and coordination of all evacuation ships and aircraft movements. (c) Display and coordinate of all ships and aircraft movements associated with logistical movements of VNAF. RADM BENTON CINCPAC Representative located at Evacuation Center.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
011218 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION.</u> This message is a CINCPAC summary of AE messages 010538Z through 011157Z.
011304 (C)	AE BONN	<u>EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES.</u> West German Foreign Ministry requested urgent clarification of security situation before committing German merchant vessels. It seems likely the ships can be used only with US security detachments aboard. Requests information from Saigon for responding to FRG request.
010841 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>VIETNAMESE REFUGEE EVACUATION BY USN VESSELS.</u> Subject to previously stated limitations COMSEVENTHFLT is authorized to embark refugees as requested by AE. States that procedures to ensure security of USN Ship be instituted as necessary.
011312 (S)	COMSEVENTHFLT	<u>VIETNAMESE REFUGEE EVACUATION BY USN VESSEL</u> Directs CTF Seven Six not to embark refugees on any USN shipping that does not have USMC security control forces embarked.
011608 (S)	CTF 76	<u>VIETNAMESE REFUGEE EVACUATION BY USN SHIPS.</u> Durham and Frederick ETA NEW MODLOC 011900Z. However, USMC transfer of Forces will not be completed until about 020700Z. ETA Blue Ridge and Dubuque 020800Z.
020155 (C)	JCS	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATIONS</u> JCS directs CINCPAC to embark one USMC platoon aboard each US MSC ship. Authorizes CINCPAC upon request of US Ambassador to embark one USMC platoon on board third country ships.
020102 (C)	USS DURHAM	<u>MOVT REPORT</u> USS DURHAM and FREDERICK arrived MOD LOC 12-15N, 109-40E at 020100Z.

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020852 (S)	NMCC FONECON	<u>NMCC FONECON UPDATE</u> MOD LOC area for RVN EVAC shipping is off coast NHA TRANG. no decision yet to move ships further south. State Dept has urged Ambassador to start moving personnel out of Phnom Penn now using commercial means.
011629 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION SIT REP # 1</u> All assigned A/C (Ten CH-46, two UH-1E) are operational. Spread load of USMC personnel will be completed by 020700Z and at that time will be prepared to commence evacuation operations.
020657 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION</u> Request USSAG develop additional option to provide for helo lift of US/designated aliens from Saigon area.
020713 (C)	AMEMBASSY SAIGON	<u>CLOSURE OF NHA TRANG</u> ConGen Nha Trang closed effective 1730, 1 April (local). ConGen SPEAR arrive Saigon.
020710 (C)	CINCPAC	<u>SECURITY FORCES</u> Direction given to CINCPACFLT on providing security forces as directed by JCS 020153. No specific Marine assignments as yet listed.

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1. EAGLE PULL: JCS AUTHORIZED USE OF USAF C-130s, BIRD C-130s AND COMMERCIAL DC-8s TO BACKHAUL EVACUEES FROM PHNOM PENH. 31ST MAU REMAINS ON 6 HOUR ALERT, 34TH DAY UNDERWAY.
2. POCHENTONG: AIRFIELD REMAINS OPEN BUT UNDER FIRE. FULL RESUPPLY AIRLIFT SCHEDULE CARRIED OUT 2 APRIL 75.

VIETNAM

1. AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP (AERSG) - NO CHANGE.
2. SAIGON - JCS TURNS DOWN REQUEST FOR KEY USMC PERSONNEL TO CONDUCT AREA SURVEY IN COUNTRY.
3. RVN COAST - JCS DENIES REQUEST TO POSITION 2 DESTROYERS WITH USN EVACUATION SHIPPING.
4. SAIGON - PRESIDENT THIEU WILL NOT ALLOW EVACUEES TO DIS-EMBARC NEAR MAJOR POPULATION CENTERS. EVACUATION EFFORT NOW TO PHU QUOC ISLAND.
5. USS MIDWAY - EN ROUTE FROM YOKOSUKA TO OKINAWA, ETA 032300Z, TO EMBARK USMC HELICOPTERS DURING 4 HOUR LAYOVER. THENCE TO SUBIC BAY ETA TBA.

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Relationships for Marine Security Forces on US / Chartered ships

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020917 (C)

USDAO

ADDITIONAL SHIPS NEEDED

Request for additional MSC-provided ships if they can be on station, essentially empty, within five days and under current funding limitations.

✓ 021025 (S)

COMIPAC

CAPITAL REGION SECURITY SITUATION

The situation continues to deteriorate rapidly. The Communists are expected to take remainder of MR-2 before the end of the week. In the capital region the NVA have observed radio silence the past three days. Their final attack toward the capital could occur in as early as seven days. Forces are in position with three more divisions enroute from NVN. Bien Hoa lies within a confirmed SA-7 operating area and will probably be the first base at which the enemy will deny air operations. Vung Tau could fall within one week. The loss of this seaport would pose a serious threat to seaborne traffic and eliminate a vital communications center.

021157 (C)

AMEMB SAIGON

PIONEER COMMANDER REPORT

Information is given regarding RVN military conduct aboard Pioneer Commander. Previous reports of killings confirmed. No injuries or threats to U. S. personnel.

✓ 021335 (C)

JCS

MARINES ABOARD THIRD COUNTRY SHIPS

Request for Marine detachments aboard third country ships will be forwarded to JCS for consideration on a case by case basis.

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✓ 020441 (S)

CINCPAC

VIETNAM EVACUATION

Enemy action coupled with influx of refugees may deny use of fixed wing and surface locs in evacuation operations from Saigon. Should this occur, helo lift would be only means to complete evacuation. The following actions are available with in-theater assets to provide for this contingency:

- a. ARG A forces available subsequent to Eagle Pull execution. (16 CH-53, 3 CH-46, 2 UH-1, 4 AH-1).
- b. ARG B (10 CH-46, 2 UH-1).
- c. USS HANCOCK - earliest closure 7 April. (16 CH-53, 3 CH-46, 2 UH-1, 4 AH-1).
- d. USS MIDWAY, currently scheduled to lift additional helo assets to Cubi Pt. for HANCOCK operations, as additional option the MIDWAY can embark Okinawa with 17 CH-46, 7 CH-53, 10 UH-1E and 6 AH-1. Estimated closure Okinawa 3 April.
- e. After Eagle Pull execution, AF HH/CH-53 helos can be utilized.

✓ 020908 (S)

CINCPAC

EVACUATION OPERATION

(As of 020500Z APR75)

A breakdown of sea lift assets and their locations are given.

Qui Nhon, Tuy Hoa and NhaTrang are believed to be under control of Communist forces. Unconfirmed reports reveal that Phan Rang and Phan Thiet are being abandoned. Route 1 south of Phan Thiet has been cut by the enemy.

✓ 021008 (S)

AMEMB SAIGON

VIETNAM CEASEFIRE ASSESSMENT - 26MAR-1APR

A twelve page summary of the week's activities is given.

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DTG 022012 () 021952 (S)	ORIGINATOR CINCPACFLT	RESUME OF MESSAGE <u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATIONS</u> Request CNO to clarify command relationship between USMC sea force cmd and ship's MASTER board MSC/USNS Ships.
✓ 030016 (S)	JCS	<u>REQUEST FOR SECURITY FOR</u> Denies request to insert key survey personnel to Saigon.
✓ 030001 (S)	JCS	<u>CONTINGENCY SUPPORT</u> Denies EVACUATION. Denies position two destr national waters of East.
✓ 030334 (S)	CTG 76.8	<u>PENETRATION OF SVN TERRITORIAL WATER (S)</u> Two UH-1E Helos penetrated 3NM limit but remain outside one mile limit while conducting recon flight.
✓ 021923 (C)	COMSC WASH DC	<u>USMC SECURITY FORCES ABOARD CONTROLLED SHIPS</u> Sets forth command relationship guidelines between ships' master and Marine Security Forces Commander.
030821 (S)	NMCC	<u>FONECON-NMCC UPDATE</u> No change in Eagle Pull. ARG Alfa/ 31ST MAU remain on 6 hour response. Option I continues. No significant changes in RVN operations. RVN support shipping remains off coast of Can Ranh Bay. No involvement in evacuation operations yet. USS Midway ETA Okinawa 032300Z - estimate 4 hours stopover to load 7/CH-53, 17/CH-46, 10/UH-1E, 6/AH-1.

Operation Eagle Pull

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1. EAGLE PULL: JCS AUTHORIZED CINCPAC TO EXECUTE OPTION I (EVACUATION BY CONTRACT AIRCRAFT). ALSO PROVIDED CINCPAC WITH STANDBY AUTHORITY TO INITIATE OPTION II (USAF FIXED-WING) OR OPTION III (USMC/USAF HELICOPTERS) WHEN REQUESTED BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, PHNOM PENH. AUTHORITY INCLUDES PERMISSION TO PREPOSITION U. S. MARINE GROUND SUPPORT FORCE IN THAILAND, SUBJECT TO THAI GOVT APPROVAL.
2. POCHENTONG: AIRFIELD REMAINS OPEN BUT UNDER FIRE.
3. MARINE SECURITY GUARD. JCS APPROVED CHEMDTC REQUEST TO PREPOSITION U. S. MARINES AT UTAPAO AS ON-CALL AUGMENTATION FOR MARINE SECURITY GUARD, AMERICAN EMBASSY, PHNOM PENH. INSERTION TO BE CONTROLLED BY AMBASSADOR, PHNOM PENH, USING ONLY MINIMUM NUMBER REQUIRED WITH APPROPRIATE ARMS AND EQUIPMENT. CHEMDTC REQUEST WAS FOR 45 MARINES ON STANDBY AT UTAPAO.

VIETNAM

1. AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION SUPPORT GROUP: REDESIGNATED AS ARG BRAVO, WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO TAKE POSITION OFF RVN COAST TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY EVACUATION FROM SAIGON OR PHNOM PENH. AUTHORIZED TO RETURN TO PORT AS NECESSARY TO RECONSTITUTE ARG BRAVO BLT.
2. USS HANCOCK (CVA-19): DIRECTED TO PROCEED AT BEST SPEED TO POSITION SO AS TO BE BEST ABLE TO SUPPORT EMERGENCY EVACUATION OPERATIONS FROM EITHER SAIGON OR PHNOM PENH.

III MAF

1. HELICOPTER DEPLOYMENT: HML-367(-)(REIN) AND HMA-369 (-) (REIN) EMBARKED ABOARD THE USS MIDWAY (CVA-43) AT OKINAWA ON 3APR75, WITH A TOTAL OF 14 CH-46D, 11 UH-1E, AND 4 AH-1J. THE MIDWAY DEPARTED OKINAWA AT 040300Z.
2. MABLEX 2-75/SUGOD I: POSTPONED BY CINCPACFLT ORIGINALLY, WAS TO HAVE BEEN WESTPAC BIENNIAL MAFLEX. SUBSEQUENTLY REDUCED TO MABLEX, 21APR75 TO 3MAY75, ON MINDORO ISLAND, R. P. DUE TO OPERATIONAL COMMITMENTS.
3. VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION: DETACHMENT OF 50 U. S. MARINES WAS SCHEDULED TO BE TRANSFERRED ABOARD USNS TRANS COLORADO ON 4APR75 AT FIRST LIGHT.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
030330(U)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>KHMER SITUATION 3APR</u> Pochentong AFB with more than thirty 107mm/four 105mm rounds. Normal air-lift opns continue. Communist penetrate area 8km NW of capital. Situation remains unclear.
030458(C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>MARCH CASUALTIES SOAR</u> Casualties soar in March on both sides as KC continue to press government forces.
030638(C)	CTG 76.8	<u>AMPHIB SHIPPING SITREP</u> MODLOC presently twenty square miles 11-19, 8NO 109-15 5E1. Plans are to move between present area and Vung Tau. Helo recon continues outside the three mile limit. Current weather conditions very poor. USS DURHAM picked up twenty refugees near Phan Rang. (Note: CTG 76.8 msg 021636 states intention of distributing class 1 LForm (22,500 meals) embarked in DURHAM to support RVN refugees.
030114(C)	HMM 463	<u>SAILING REPORT</u> The USS HANCOCK, with HMM-463 aboard, departed Pearl Harbor at 261800Z. ETA Subic Bay is 060001Z APR75.
310801 (C)	CTG 76.8	<u>OPERATION ORDER FOR AMPHIB SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION</u> This message contains the operation order for TG 76.8 and 79.9. The humanitarian aspects are stressed and specific guidance is given accordingly.
030950(S)	USDAO SAIGON	<u>REQUEST FOR BLU-82 BOMBS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE</u> A request is made for nine BLU-82 bombs and minimum necessary technical assistance to be airlifted to Tan Son Nhut. Capability urgently required for constructing helo LZs, cratering abandoned airfields, and destruction of stored supplies.
030403(U)	USNS ANDREW MILLER	<u>DANGEROUS REFUGEE SITUATION</u> Numerous ARVN military personnel becoming unruly and demanding ship transport them to Vung Tan (vice Phu Quoc Island). Request military escort in presence USNS MILLER ASAP.

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030525(S)

COMIPAC

VIABILITY OF SAIGON ENCLAVE

A GVN enclave around Saigon, requiring resupply by air, could encompass the Saigon-Gia Dinh area with a refugee-swollen population of more than four million civilians defended by remnants of three plus ARVN divisions. The chaos resulting would cause the collapse of the GVN. The NVA are expected to concentrate on destruction of ARVN combat forces rather than continuing a slow war of attrition around an isolated capital enclave.

021624(C)

CTG 76.8

AMPHIB SHIPPING SITREP

As of 021600Z all ships now have assigned USMC ship security/evacuation control personnel aboard. Communications established with AMEMB, USDAO, and CINCPACREP SAIGON.

031130(C)

AMEMB PHNOM
PENHSUMMARY OF APRIL 3

Airlift operations continued despite rocket fire. KAF tactical assets have been reduced significantly due to destruction, damage and maintenance problems. FANK elements who earlier retreated have, for the most part, reestablished their defense positions on the Northern positions on the Northern dike above Phnom Penh.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
031126(S) SENSITIVE	AMEM SAIGON	<u>HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE 3APR</u> GVN still retains footholds in Cam Ranh, Phang Rang, and Phan Thiet. Evacuation of refugees by sea is continuing from these locations.
031200(S)	CHMEDTC PHNOM PENH	<u>EROSION OF KHMER AIR FORCE</u> A summary of the downward trend of KAF assets. Unless the rocket belt around Pochentong is rapidly reoccupied by ground forces, KAF can be expected to cease being an effective fighting force by 15 April.
031208(C)	ANEMB PHNOM PENH	<u>POTENTIAL EVACUEES</u> The total number of potential evacuees is 1072. A breakdown of this figure is given.
031028 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>EVACUATION OPERATION</u> (As of 030500Z APR75) A list of sea lift assets and their locations are given. A total of 32,270 persons were evacuated on 2 April. Evacuation continues at Cam Ranh and Phan Rang. FREDERICK and DURHAM are loading some refugees from smaller craft. Other craft en route Phan Thiet. All U. S. amphibs have USMC security personnel aboard. All have at least one medical doctor.
030906 (U)	USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY	<u>STRIKE ABOARD</u> Situation has calmed down and conditions aboard ship are controllable. Anticipate possible deterioration of situation at destination. (NOTE: Previous from 030403 ANDREW MILLER indicated unruly conduct by ARVN military personnel aboard. A military escort was requested).

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030946 (S)	MAG THREE SIX	<u>MOVREP HML-367</u> ETA aboard USS MIDWAY is 032300Z. A/C to include 13 CH-46 and 9 UH-1E.
030948 (S)	MAG THREE SIX	<u>MOVREP HMA-369</u> ETA aboard USS MIDWAY is 032300Z. A/C to include 1 CH-46, 2 UH-1E, and 4 AH-1J.
031736 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>REQUEST FOR SVN OVERFLIGHT CLARIFICATION</u> Clarification/approval is requested for situation where CVA strike sorties may launch from South China Sea vice Gulf of Thailand in support of Eagle Pull thus requiring overflight of SVN.
031403 (U)	COMSCFE	<u>DANGEROUS REFUGEE SITUATION</u> (reference 030403 (U) USNS MILLER) request in reference for military escort passed to CTF 76 and USDAO Saigon for action.
031431 (C)	COMSCFE	<u>STRIFE ABOARD EVACUATION SHIPS</u> (reference 030906 USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY) Strife aboard ships may be expected to continue on ships bound for Phu Quoc. Request forwarded to USDAO Saigon for USMC security forces.
031848 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>PACOM HIGHLIGHTS 021200Z TO 031200Z</u> Details of the PACOM highlights are given. Location of major U. S. Navy ships are given for 3 April.

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020510 (S)

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VIETNAM EVACUATION. Situation may deny use of fixed wing and surface vessels in evacuation operations. A review of helo assets reveals the following:

A. ARG ALPHA - subsequent to Eagle Pull executed - 16 CH-46, 2 UH-1 and 4 AH-1.

B. ARG BRAVO - 10 CH-46 and 2 UH-1.

C. USS HANCOCK - 7Apr75 earliest closure - 16 CH-53, 3 CH-46, 2 UH-1 and 4 AH-1.

D. USS MIDWAY - Scheduled to surface lift additional assets to Cubi Point. 17 CH-46, 7 CH-53, 10 UH-1E, and 6 AH-1. Estimated requirements will exceed assets presently embarked.

040305 (S)

CINCPAC

BLU-82 BOMB REQUEST. Request nine BLU bombs delivered ASAP with small technical assistance team to teach VNAF to handle and rig weapons.

040320 (S)

CINCPAC

SURFACE EVACUATION OF SAIGON. Recommend use of MSC and Foreign merchant ships in Saigon for evacuation of large numbers of evacuees. Backhauling could commence immediately.

040407 (U)

USNS GREENVILLE
VICTORY

VESSEL COMMANDEERED. Captain notified that mass blood shed would take place if ship did not go to Vung Tan. Ships Commandeered no alternative but to proceed as demanded.

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040614 (C)

SEC STATE

PRESS REPORTS OF GVN ARRESTS OF ALLEGED COUP PLOTTERS. UPI dispatches quoted RVN Gov't as saying it had smashed a plot to overthrow President THIEU and that a number of Military Officers have been arrested.

032040 (S)

JCS

ORIGINATION FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN VIETNAM. This is an execute message. SecDef approved reduction in DAO Saigon.

040001 (S)

JCS

OPERATION EAGLE PULL. This is an execute message. CINCPAC is authorized to execute Option I EAGLE PULL. Also provide authority to initiate Option II and Option III when requested by Ambassador. Message grants authority to position air, naval and ground forces as required. May position Marine GSF in Thailand subject to RTG approval.

040022 (S)

JCS

SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION. This is an execute message. CINCPAC is directed to reconstitute ARG BRAVO to support evacuation of Saigon area and to position USS HANCOCK in support of evacuation operations from either Saigon or Phnom Penh. Immediate reconstitution of ARG BRAVO will be with appropriate complement of Embarked Marines.

040008(S)

JCS

PROTECTION OF US GOVERNMENT PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY, PHNOM PENH
CINCPAC is authorized to augment the USMC Security Guards as requested. Augmentation will be accomplished at direction of Ambassador, Phnom Penh. Prepositioning of Marines at UTAPAO subject to RTG approval.

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MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER

MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA

1. EAGLE PULL - AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH OFFICIAL MISSION STAFF BEING REDUCED TO 50 BY 6 APR BY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT FROM POCHENTONG.
2. MARINE AUGMENTATION - MARINE AUGMENTATION OF U.S. EMBASSY SECURITY GUARD CANCELLED BY CINCPAC.
3. POCHENTONG - REMAINS OPERATIONAL.

VIETNAM:

1. MARINE SECURITY PLATOONS - ON USNS TRANS COLORADO AND USNS PIONEER CONTENDER.
2. ARG BRAVO - RECONSTITUTION DIRECTED. FREDERICK UNDERWAY TO SUBIC, AFTER TRANSFERRING USMC TO BLUE RIDGE. DURHAM TRANSFERRING EVACS TO TRANS COLORADO AND MARINES TO BLUE RIDGE, WILL THEN PROCEED SUBIC. BLUE RIDGE AND DUBUQUE REMAIN OFF COAST SVN.
3. 1/9 (REIN) - ALERTED TO MOVE ON ORDER FROM OKINAWA TO CUBI PT BY USAF C-141 WITH 4.2 INCH MORTARS (G/3/12), TO EMBARK FOR RVN EVAC OPERATIONS.

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040636(S)

COMSEVENTHFLT

RECONSTITUTION OF ARG BRAVO

The following actions are directed:

a. Transfer to MC shipping all currently embarked refugees. Transfer all security/control platoons from DUBUQUE, DURHAM, and FREDERICK to US-MSC shipping ASAP. Retain Platoon assets in BLUE RIDGE.

b. Prepare to sail DUBUQUE, DURHAM, and FREDERICK earliest to Subic for re-constitution of ARG BRAVO.

040602(C)

CTG 76.8

EVACUATION/HIJACKING

300 evacuated from Cam Ranh Bay at 040235Z. Port now closed.

USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY has been hijacked. Refugees are forcing ship to go to Vung Tau vice Quoc Island.

040730(S)
(ET AL)

COMSEVENTHFLT

SHIP HIJACKING

GREENVILLE VICTORY to be allowed to proceed safely to sea after off load Vung Tau.

USS LONG BEACH/RATHBURNE to intercept GREENVILLE VICTORY and accompany ship to vicinity Vung Tau in effort to encourage return of control to Master after off load. Use of force not authorized.

040701(S)

USDAO SAIGON

SPOT REPORT

President THIEU will reportedly step down and leave for Taiwan within three days.

040846(S)

CINCPAC

SAIGON EVACUATION PLANNING FACTORS

Request consider earliest utilization identified airlift in view of large number US Citizens and other authorized personnel from Saigon.

Early decision needed on destination of potential evacuees.

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031640(C)

CTG 76.8

SITREP

USS DURHAM loaded 1404 refugees despite chaotic conditions as ten-fifteen boats converged on accomodation ladder simultaneously. Some evacuees were routed to DUBUQUE (80 taken aboard) but refused to approach as DUBUQUE ballasted down and evacuees feared ship was sinking.

Ship security and evacuation control by B 1/4 aboard DURHAM is functioning well.

First USMC security placed aboard PIONEER CONTENDER from USS FREDERICK using DUBUQUE boating. This platoon, from B 1/4 is led by 2ndLt Robert E. LEE, Jr.

040530(U)

AMEM PHNOM PENH

KHMER SITUATION-4 April

Little change in military posture of both combatants. Airlift continued despite rocket and artillery shelling. The enemy breach of the north dike line was shored up.

041451(S)

COMIPAC

RESIGNATION OF SVN CABINET

President THIEU has accepted the resignation of Prime Minister KHIEM and his entire cabinet. THIEU will invite Chairman of the Lower House NGUYEN BA CAN to be the new Prime Minister.

040918 (S)

CINCPAC

EVACUATION OPERATION

(As of 040200Z)

Total evacuees moved 3 April is 59,080. Evacuation operations continue at Phan Rang area. The status of Phan Rang City, Cam Ranh, and Phan Thiet is still uncertain. In MR III, combat remains relatively light and there have been no major changes in the security situation there.

041702 (S)

JCS

BLU-82 BOMBS, DELIVERY APPROVED

Request for 9 BLU-82 bombs (CINCPAC 040305Z (S)) to VNAF is authorized. Theater possessed technical assistance may be used as necessary.

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041157 (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>EVACUATION OF DIPLOMATS.</u> Embassy staffs of Japan, Korea, SVN, Laos, and Thailand will be evacuated from Phnom Penh on 5Apr75. The balance of foreign diplomats for whose evacuation the US bears responsibility will stand at zero.
042152 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>CANCELLATION OF MARINE AUGMENTATION EMBASSY PHNOM PENH.</u> CINCPAC intends to cancel Marine Augmentation of US Embassy security guards unless otherwise directed.
041748 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION SITREP AS OF 041400Z.</u> Evacuation from Cam Ranh Bay were halted by enemy fire. Have commenced reconstitution of ARG BRAVO to support emergency evacuation from Saigon. Refugees and assigned USMC Security/Control Platoons embarked ARG BRAVO ships to be expeditiously moved to MC shipping.
050043 (S)	COMIPAC	<u>INCREASED THREAT TO NORTHERN DELTA.</u> NVA units previously reported as moving from Moc Hoa City area did not leave and are believed to be in position to launch imminent attacks against city. The loss of Moc Hoa City will speed up final collapse of GVN as it is unlikely any RF or PF units in Delta would fight following defeat at Moc Hoa.

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041708Z (C) CTG 76.8

CTG 76.8 AMPHIOUS shipping for RVN Evac
SITREP/006

USS DUBUQUE - Stern gate damaged unable to operate any boats. Fully capable for helo operations.

USS BLUE RIDGE - Transferred reinforced platoon from D Co. 1/4 to US-MSC TRANS COLORADO for ship security.

USS DURHAM - Received 3586 refugees at Phan Pang.

USS FREDERICK - Korean LST 117 reported 2,500 evacuees aboard are starving. Preparations to transfer these evacuees to USS FREDRICK cancelled because of activation order of ARG BRAVO. Provisions delivered from USS FREDERICK to LST 117 by helicopter and boat. One USS FREDERICK boat had a shot fired over head by the Korean LST 117 because early food deliveries caused riots aboard LST 117.

USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY, USNS MILLER, USNS PIONEER CONTENDER, and USNS AMERICAN C. ALLENGER reported to be at Phu Quoc Island unloading refugees.

USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY hijacked by armed evacuees who demanded to be taken to Vung Tau. USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY proceeding to Vung Tau.

041610Z (S) CTF 79

WARNING ORDER - 1/9 (REIN) is to be air-transported from Okinawa to Cubi Point for subsequent transport by designated shipping to the RVN area in order to assist the evacuation operations.

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA1. EAGLE PULLA. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU

- RESPONSE TIME REMAINS SIX HOURS, HOWEVER REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE BY CHMEDTC/PHNOM PENH TO REDUCE RESPONSE TIME TO THREE HOURS.
- USS WILSON (DDG-7) AND USS EDSON (DD-946) DETACHED FOR TEMPORARY SUPPORT OF REFUGEE UNLOADING AT PHU QUOC ISLAND. USS MEYERKORD (DE-1058) REMAINS ON STATION WITH ARG ALFA.

B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL - 828 (195 U. S., 633 ALIEN).2. POCHENTONG: OPERATIONAL. RESUPPLY AIRLIFT CONTINUES FULL SCHEDULE.VIETNAM1. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATIONA. CTG 76.8

- BLUE RIDGE VICINITY VUNG TAU.
- DUBUQUE EN ROUTE PHU QUOC ISLAND. APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN BY ACJCS FOR USE OF USN BOATS TO OFF LOAD REFUGEES AT PHU QUOC.
- FREDERICK ARRIVED SUBIC 060430Z. DURHAM ETA SUBIC 080001Z.
- USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9) AND USS REASONER (DE-1063) HAVE CHOPPED TO CTG 76.8 AND ARE ON STATION VICINITY VUNG TAU.

B. CTG 79.9

- 1ST BN, 4TH MAR/HMM-165 (909 USMC, 40 USN; 10/CH-46D, 2/UH-1E) EMBARKED ABOARD BLUE RIDGE AND DUBUQUE, WITH MARINE SECURITY PLATOON (REIN) ABOARD USNS PIONEER CONTENDER AND USNS TRANS COLORADO.

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- UPON ARRIVAL OF DUBUQUE OFF PHU QUOC ISLAND, MARINE SECURITY PLATOON (REIN) TO BE PLACED ABOARD MSC SHIPS AT THAT LOCATION, WHEN MSC SHIP MASTER OF EACH AGREES THAT HIS SITUATION WILL PERMIT.

C. MSC SHIPPING

- USNS SGT MILLER COMMANDEERED BY EMBARKED REFUGEES AND RUN AGROUND ONE MILE OFFSHORE PHU QUOC ISLAND.
- TOTAL OF EIGHT MSC DEEP-DRAFT SHIPS IN THE REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION.
- IN ADDITION TO SGT MILLER, FOLLOWING MSC SHIPS ARE AT PHU QUOC ISLAND UNLOADING OR WAITING TO UNLOAD: PIONEER CONTENDER (U. S. MARINES EMBARKED), AMERICAN CHALLENGER, AND GREENPORT. TRANS COLORADO, WITH U. S. MARINES EMBARKED, IS EN ROUTE.

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION SAIGON (TALON VISE)

- A. USMC SURVEY TEAM: AFTER EARLIER DISAPPROVAL, JCS HAS NOW APPROVED LOW-KEY SAIGON VISIT BY SMALL USMC SURVEY TEAM.
- B. CTF 76: USS STODDERT (DDG-22) AND USS COCHRANE (DDG-21) HAVE CHOPPED TO CTF 76, FOR TALON VISE OPERATIONS. TO ARRIVE TF 76 LOCATION 6APR75.
- C. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: ABOUT 6800 U. S. CIVILIANS AND 155 U. S. MILITARY REMAIN IN SAIGON. (MARINE SECURITY GUARD, AMEMB SAIGON, HAS 70 MARINES.)

III MAF

- 1. BLT FOR RECONSTITUTED ARG BRAVO: 1ST BN (REIN), 9TH MAR (TENTATIVE - 1167 USMC, 37 USN), COMPLETED MOVE BY AIR FROM OKINAWA TO SUBIC BAY AT 051930Z.

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2. SHIP SECURITY DETACHMENTS: IN MSG TO COMSEVENTHFLT, CG III MAF/CTF 79 REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO RELOCATE SIX DETACHMENTS (2 OFF, 70 ENL EACH) FROM OKINAWA TO SUBIC BAY FOR ONWARD MOVEMENT TO REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION AREA ON FIRST AVAILABLE SHIPPING.

OTHER

1. USS HANCOCK (CVA-19): IN PORT SUBIC BAY. TRANSITTED FROM HAWAII WITH 16 MARINE CH-53D ABOARD.
2. USS MIDWAY (CVA-43): ARRIVED AT SUBIC MODLOC 060400Z FROM OKINAWA, WITH FOLLOWING MARINE HELICOPTERS ABOARD: 14/CH-46D, 11/UH-1E, 4/AH-1J.

ENCL: (1) MCCC MESSAGE SUMMARY

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050324Z (S) CTF 79

RVN EVAC OPERATIONS - The Marine Security Force for the RVN evacuation operation is formed as follows:

Each security force is made up of an especially configured company made up of a company headquarters and three security platoons reinforced with an attachment from a weapons platoon.

Each platoon is capable of providing security on MSC and/or Third Country Ships.

040809Z (S) AMEMBASSY
BANGKOK

The government of Thailand has disapproved the use of Bangkok as a safehaven for American citizens being evacuated from RVN. The Thai government pledged full assistance for helping temporary transit personnel.

050925Z (C) AMEMBASSY
TAIPEI

Concern for evacuation of Chinese from South Vietnam.

Government of China shows a growing concern for the evacuation of Chinese citizens both official and non-official. They are requesting the use of additional flights of China Air Lines and larger aircraft in order to handle the increased requirement. If needed they would utilize the transportation furnished for the RVN evacuation to evacuate Chinese. ROC government is prepared to assist evacuees in utilizing their country as a way station.

051004Z (C) AMEMBASSY
PHNOM PENH

As of April 5, 1975 the total number of potential evacuees number 861. Of these 228 are American Citizens.

051315Z (C) AMEMBASSY
BONN

RVN EVACUATION: West German ships withdraw.

Because of the number of U. S. Ships now present and because of poor security situation the Amembassy Saigon does not consider German Ships necessary and the two German Ships will withdraw.

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051350Z (C)

CTG 76.4

PHU QUOC EVACUATION OPS

The master of the PIONEER CONTENDER stated that the landing craft moving the evacuees to shore must be manned by other than VN crew. Also the evacuees from MSC ships will not be able to be controlled past noon on 6Apr.

052107Z (C)

NMCC MFR 051336Q
NFP FONECON 051650Q

SITUATION IN PHU QUOC

The USNS SGT MILLER was commandeered by the refugees and run aground at Phu Quoc.

Because of the slow processing ashore, refugees are forced to stay aboard the MSC ships. Due to the shortage of food and water the situation aboard these ships is becoming desperate.

050958 (S)

CINCPAC

EVACUATION OPERATION

(As of 050400Z)

USS DUBUQUE's stern gate damaged thus eliminating boat operations capability. Full capability remains for helo operations.

ARG BRAVO ordered reconstituted. Four USMC rifle companies to be flown from Okinawa to Cubi with requested closure time of 060300Z. Companies will be loaded aboard USS FREDERICK (underway Subic at 041400Z - approximately 40 hours en route) and USS DURHAM (will be underway after offloading refugees and security forces).

CTG 76.8 will continue to transfer Marine security personnel to MSC ships vicinity Vung Tau.

051513 (C)

CINCPAC

EVACUEE STATUS

6821 civilians and 155 U. S. military remain in Saigon.

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052018 (S)

CINCPAC

EVACUATION OPERATION

Potentially hazardous situation on ships waiting to be offloaded due to discontent, hunger, and thirst of refugees. GREENVILLE VICTORY unloaded all refugees at Vung Tau and is now proceeding to Saigon for cleanup and reprovisioning. USS DUBUQUE proceeding to Phu Quoc to deliver food and supplies plus Marine security forces. Security platoons will be transferred to each MSC ship vicinity Phu Quoc. USS DURHAM transferred refugees to TRANS COLORADO and is now proceeding Subic. Unconfirmed press reports state heavy combat is expected in MR-4 within a few days.

050001 (S)

JCS

EVACUATION VIETNAM/CAMBODIA

All TACAIR support for Eagle Pull is anticipated to be provided from USAF assets in Thailand. JCS is to be notified if CINCPAC considers the necessity for carrier use. JCS concurs with rationale to use ROE contained in OPLAN Eagle Pull for Talon Vise. Use of riot control agent not authorized in Vietnam.

052347 (S)

JCS

REQUEST FOR SECURITY FORCES

After earlier disapproval, JCS has now approved low-key Saigon visit by small USMC survey team. No movement of the two company USMC security forces to RVN is to be made without authority of the JCS. (H/2/9 AND C/3d Recon are on 12 hour alert on Okinawa).

051634 (C)

CTG 76.8

SITUATION AT PHU QUOC

Situation is critical. Evacuees on board MSC shipping are starving and will not be able to be controlled past 060400Z. RVN Navy crews appear unconcerned and uncooperative. Ship Masters and CO Marine Detachment on PIONEER CONTENDER recommend against putting food on ships for fear of uncontrolled rioting.

060147 (S)

CINCPACFLT

REQUEST FOR USN BOATS

A request is made for use of U. S. Navy boats to off-load refugees from MSC shipping at Phu Quoc. Refugees are starving aboard ships and off-loading and processing by GVN forces is extremely slow.

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060130 (S) FONECON	FMFPAC	<u>ARRIVAL OF 1STBN 9TH MARINES</u> 1STBN 9TH Marines completed move by air to Subic Bay at 051930Z Apr75.
060250 (U)	CINCPAC	<u>REQUEST FOR USN BOATS</u> (Ref: CINCPACFLT 060147 (S)) Recommend approval for use of USN boats to offload refugees from MSC shipping at Phu Quoc.
060430 (S) FONECON	NCSC	<u>SHIP MOVEMENTS</u> The USS HANCOCK arrived Subic 051845Z. The USS MIDWAY arrived Subic MODLOC 060400Z. The USS FREDERICK arrived Subic 060430Z. The USS DURHAM departed MODLOC at 060230Z enroute Subic. ETA 080001Z.
060721 (U) FONECON	NCSC	<u>REPAIRS TO DUBUQUE</u> Repairs have been completed on the USS DUBUQUE and the ship is now fully operational.
040727 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>RECONSTITUTION OF ARG BRAVO</u> Direction is given for the reconstitution of ARG BRAVO. The USS HANCOCK is to offload airwing aircraft upon arrival at Subic and load helos being transported from Okinawa aboard USS MIDWAY. When transfers are complete HANCOCK is to sail at best speed to position best able to support emergency evacuation operations from Saigon. Marine BLT or Security Forces may be embarked on HANCOCK as desired.
060915 (S) FONECON	NMCC	<u>APPROVAL FOR USE OF USN BOATS</u> ACJCS has approved CINCPAC request (060250) for use of USN boats to offload refugees at Phu Quoc. Use of force <u>not</u> authorized.

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060105Z APR75 (U)

USNS SGT ANDREW
MILLERREFUGEE EVACUATION SITREP THREEUSNS MILLER presently not aground.
Refugee unloading very slow.

060855Z APR75 (S)

CHMEDTC/PHNOM
PENH CBEAGLE PULLRequest the response time be reduced
from six to three hours, unless
unforeseen contingencies demand
emergency extraction sooner.**SECRET**

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MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER

MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA1. EAGLE PULL

- A. ARG ALFA REMAINS OFF KOMPONG SOM AND HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPTION III OF EAGLE PULL AT FIRST LIGHT EACH DAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. THIS READINESS STATUS TERMINATES EACH DAY WHEN INSUFFICIENT DAYLIGHT REMAINS TO COMPLETE ENTIRE OPERATION DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.
- B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL - 804 (171 U. S., 633 ALIEN).

2. POCHENTONG: OPERATIONAL. RESUPPLY AIRLIFT CONTINUES AT FULL SCHEDULE.VIETNAM1. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION

- A. CTF 76/USS BLUE RIDGE EN ROUTE PHU QUOC ISLAND, ETA 071000Z APR75.
- B. USS DUBUQUE AT PHU QUOC ASSISTING REFUGEE DEBARKATION FROM MSC SHIPS.
- C. MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENT (REINFORCED RIFLE PLATOON) PLACED ABOARD USNS AMERICAN CHALLENGER AND USNS GREEN PORT AT PHU QUOC ISLAND ANCHORAGE. MARINE DETACHMENTS NOW ABOARD TOTAL OF FOUR MSC SHIPS.

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION RVN (TALON VISE)

- A. ARG BRAVO RECONSTITUTION: USS HANCOCK AND USS FREDERICK AT SUBIC BAY. USS DURHAM EN ROUTE, ETA 080001Z APR 75.
- B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: ABOUT 5,422 U. S. CIVILIANS AND 155 U. S. MILITARY REMAIN IN SAIGON.

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060105Z APR75 (U)	USNS SGT ANDREW MILLER	<u>REFUGEE EVACUATION SITREP THREE</u> USNS MILLER presently not aground. Refugee unloading very slow.
060855Z APR75 (S)	CHMEDTC/PHNOM PENH CB	<u>EAGLE PULL</u> Request the response time be reduced from six to three hours, unless unforeseen contingencies demand emergency extraction sooner.
060955Z APR75 (C)	AMEMBASSY SAIGON	<u>SITUATION AT PHU QUOC Island</u> Vietnamese officials presently doing their best to speed up the processing of the refugees. The refugees must be controlled closely because of the inherit security problems in this thinly populated area.
061000Z APR75 (C)	USSAG/7AF NKP APRT TH/LG	<u>DAILY AIRLIFT REPORT FOR 6APR75</u> A total of 21 DC-8 rice resupply flights were made 6APR75.
061105Z APR75 (C)	AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH	<u>POTENTIAL EVACUEES</u> Total number of potential evacuees 804. AMCIT evacuees 171.
061630Z APR75	NFP FONECON	<u>NAVY FLAG PLOT</u> Upon inquiry reported that MSC ships American Challenger and Green Port have Marine Corps Security Forces embarked. Present location of ships is Phu Quoc.

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061300Z APR75 (C)

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

SITUATION AT PHU QUOC

Presently the landing of refugees is taking place slowly but in good order. Observations by CONGEN of Can Tho indicate refugees hungry and thirsty but not starving. There is potential danger for allowing large numbers of armed soldiers come ashore without careful screening. Supplies are now arriving, there is a need for medical and hygienic supplies.

050514Z APR75 (S)

HMH-463

AIRCRAFT READINESS REPORT AS OF 5APR75

Fourteen aircraft capable of performing mission.

062109Z APR75 (S)

CIA (87695)

RVN MARINES

Comments of RVN CMC concerning the status of RVN Marines in Vung Tau. ||

061958 (S)

CINCPAC

EVACUATION OPERATION

Marine Security Detachments on board all MSC ships at Phu Quoc except SERGEANT MILLER.

ARG ALFA units have been directed to be prepared to execute Option III Eagle Pull at first light each day until further notice. This readiness status terminates each day when insufficient daylight remains to complete entire operation during daylight hours.

BLT 1/9 (total 1495) to embark aboard shipping as follows:

HANCOCK - 3 rifle companies;

FREDERICK - 1 rifle company, LVT-7, arty (105's), tanks;

DURHAM - Logistical Support Units.

MIDWAY offloaded helo's to HANCOCK. Total HANCOCK deckload now 18 CH-53, 14 CH-46, 11 UH-1E, 4 AH-1J and 6 A-4's.

Estimated time of ARG BRAVO reconstitution/arrival of ARG BRAVO and HANCOCK at rdvs pt presently not available.

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DTG: 070525

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070525 (U)

AMEMB PHNOM PENH SITUATION - 7 APRIL

Communist pressure on the defense perimeter around Phnom Penh continues to increase. The most forward Communist positions are approximately six kilometers NW of Pochentong airfield.

The airlift continued in spite of 23 107 rocket attacks on the airfield.

061007 (S)

CTF 76

USMC SECURITY DETACHMENTS

Detachment of 60 Marines transferred to USMSC GREEN PORT and a detachment of 54 Marines to USMSC AMERICAN CHALLENGER on 6 April.

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FONECON (S)

UPDATE

ARG ALFA units directed to be prepared to execute Option III of Eagle Pull at first light each day until further notice.

Potential evacuees at Phnom Penh number 171 U. S. and 633 aliens.

Pochentong airfield operational. Airlift of supplies continues.

Potential evacuees in Saigon number 173,719.

Included in this number are 5,422 U. S. civilians and 155 U. S. military. Others include third country nationals, indigenous personnel, and other alien evacuees.

070720 (C)

AMEMB SAIGON

POTENTIAL EVACUEES

Message gives breakdown of figures listed in above summary.

070150 (S)

USSAG/7 AF

READINESS POSTURE

Eagle Pull forces remain on 6 hour alert posture. (Note requirement for ARG ALFA units in message summaries 061958 and 070400 above).

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1. EAGLE PULL
 - A. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU: RESPONSE POSTURE UNCHANGED.
 - B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 789 (163 U. S., 626 ALIEN).

VIETNAM

1. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION
 - A. CTG 76/USS BLUE RIDGE/USS DUBUQUE AT PHU QUOC.
 - B. MARINE SECURITY PLATOONS REMAIN ON USNS TRANS COLORADO, USNS PIONEER CONTENDER, USNS AMERICAN CHALLENGER, AND USNS GREEN PORT.
2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION SAIGON (TALON RISE)
 - A. ARG BRAVO RECONSTITUTION: 33D MAU ACTIVATED EFFECTIVE 072300Z APR75, AND ASSIGNED TASK DESIGNATOR 79.8. BLT 1/9 IS OPCON TO CTG 79.8 EFFECTIVE 072300Z APR75. USS HANCOCK/USS DURHAM/USS FREDERICK AT SUBIC BAY EMBARKING 33D MAU AND HELOS. ETD 090001Z APR75 FOR HOLDING AREA VICINITY OF VUNG TAU, RVN. ETA 101600Z APR75.
 - B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES FROM RVN: APPROXIMATELY 5644 U. S. CIVILIANS AND 155 U. S. MILITARY SAIGON.

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071050 (S) USSAG/7AF

EVAC READINESS SITREP AS OF 070900Z

Eagle Pull Forces will be increased to maximum alert posture daily at 2330Z until insufficient day light remains to complete operation during day light hours.

071230 (C) AE PHNOM PENH

SITUATION REPORT 7APR75

KC fail to exploit advantage as Fank forces abandoned two positions south of the northern dike thus allowing KC closer firing access to Pochentong airfield. Airfield received 24 - 107 rocket/8 - 105 howitzer rounds. No reported casualties/damage.

071350 (C) AE PHNOM PENH

ESTIMATE NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES - PHNOM PENH

Message lists detailed breakdown of evacuees. Total evacuees remaining 789 - 163 American citizens.

071513 (S) CINCPAC

EVACUATION SITREP - SAIGON

Message lists detailed breakdown of evacuees. 173,719 estimated number potential evacuees.

062244Z (S) CINCPACFLT

SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY EVACUATION

Estimate USS Durham will be loaded 090001Z. BLT 1/9 and element aboard USS Hancock. ETD Subic for Durham, Hancock and Frederick 090001Z.

060551 (S) CINCPACFLT

REQUEST FOR SECURITY FORCES

JCS authorizes insertion of advance survey party in Saigon. Low key. No movement two company USMC force to RVN without JCS authority.

061141 (S) CINCPACFLT

DAO PHU QUOC EVAC OPERATIONS

JCS approves use of U. S. Navy boats to off load evacuees. However, use of force not authorized to off load refugees.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
050541Z APR75 (S)	CTF 79	<u>WARNING ORDER</u> Warning order issued to BLT 3/9 for tactical retrograde to Okinawa.
071244Z APR75 (S)	AMEM BANGKOK	<u>EVACUEES TRANSITING THAILAND</u> Evacuees from Indochina transiting through Thailand will be arriving at the Naval Base at Utapao and at Don Muang. Reception centers have been set up at both locations.
072241Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>EMERGENCY EVACUATION AND READINESS POSTURE</u> All readiness posture and status reports are to arrive daily at 0800Z CINCPAC.
072324Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>EAGLE PULL AUGMENTATION</u> USS Hancock ETA vicinity Vung Tau 101600Z Apr with ARG BRAVO Shipping. For planning purposes, USS Hancock may be considered in addition to the forces assigned Eagle Pull Helo evacuation: USS Hancock earliest arrival Kompong Som 11Apr.
080055Z APR75 (U)	AMEM SAIGON	<u>ATTEMPTED BOMBING OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE</u> At 0825 local time 8Apr one VNAF F5E made two passes over the Presidential Palace and dropped one bomb striking the left wing of the palace adjacent to Hong Thap Tu Street.
080145Z APR75 (U)	USSAG/7AF NKP ARPT TH	<u>BOMBING OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE</u> At approximately 080035Z, the RVN Presidential Palace was bombed by a VNAF F5, two bombs unknown size (believed to be 500 lbs) were dropped. The palace was not hit. Casualties at this time are unknown. Two aircraft originally departed Bien Hoa for a mission in the Phan Thiet Area, only one aircraft participated in the bombing. Neither aircraft has returned to Bien Hoa.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
080257Z APR (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>EAGLE PULL AUGMENTATION</u> Recommended USS Hancock not be committed to Eagle Pull at this time, but sail as planned to vicinity Vung Tau. If Eagle Pull is not executed within one to two weeks, it could become necessary for ARG BRAVO to relieve ARG ALFA.
080030Z APR (U)	USS GREEN PORT	<u>POSITION REFUGEE EVACUATION REPORT OF 080001Z APR</u> Presently anchored off Phu Quoc. 2000 refugees remain aboard. Major problem is cargo hold clean up. Fifty percent of deck department sick with dysentery and conjunctivitis. Request after discharge of refugees to proceed to nearest port for clean up and to refurbish.
080235Z APR (C)	AMEM SAIGON	<u>BOMBING OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE</u> The bombing was considered an isolated incident by a disgruntled pilot.
080520Z APR (U)	AMEM PHNOM PENH	<u>SITUATION 8APR75</u> Heavy fighting all around defense perimeter. Twenty-seven rockets and eleven 105mm rounds were directed at the airfield on 7Apr. One round impacted a small Napalm Depot causing a fire. The airlift continued with a total of forty-nine sorties flown by C-130 and DC-8 aircraft.

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071258Z APR (S) CTF 79

RECONSTITUTION OF ARG BRAVO

Effective 072300Z APR the 33D MAU is activated and assigned Task Designator 79.8. Col A. M. GRAY is designated CO 33D MAU. BLT 1/9 is OPCON to the 33D MAU effective 072300Z APR.

CG 9th MAB is to continue planning for a MAB size contingency.

LSU 1/9 will chop to the 33D MAU upon embarkation.

HMH-463 and HMM-165 will report to 79.8 for planning only. HMH-463 OPCON remains with CTF 79.

080717Z APR (S) USSAG/7AF NKP

EMERGENCY EVACUATION READINESS POSTURE

Status of forces committed to Eagle Pull. Located in Thailand (USAF).

080720Z APR (U) USSAG/7AF NKP

DC-8 COMMERCIAL RICE LIFT TO PHNOM PENH

Because of VNAF F-5E incident Saigon 8Apr75, GVN has imposed security alert. This has placed all indigenous personnel at Ton Son Nhut under quarantine, therefore all DC-8 rice loading has been suspended. Eight DC-8 rice loads had been completed prior to suspension.

080720Z APR (C) AMEM SAIGON

ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES

Total number - -176,567

American citizens - - - -5,644

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1. EAGLE PULL
 - A. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU: RESPONSE POSTURE UNCHANGED.
 - B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 789 (163 U. S., 626 ALIEN).
 - C. TWELVE MARINE SECURITY GUARDS FROM VARIOUS EMBASSIES IN THE FAR EAST HAVE BEEN NOMINATED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO PHNOM PENH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THIS INCREASED SECURITY FORCE WAS REQUESTED BY THE AMBASSADOR, PHNOM PENH BECAUSE OF DECREASED SECURITY BY THE LOCAL CAMBODIAN SECURITY FORCE.

VIETNAM

1. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION
 - A. CTG 76/USS BLUE RIDGE VICINITY OF VUNG TAU.
 - B. MARINE SECURITY PLATOONS
 - (1) MSP REMAIN ABOARD THE SS PIONEER CONTENDER, SS AMERICAN CHALLENGER, AND SS GREEN PORT.
 - (2) MSP TRANSFERRED FROM THE TRANS COLORADO TO THE USS BLUE RIDGE.
 - (3) MSP SCHEDULED TO BE PLACED ABOARD THE USNS TRUMAN KIMBRO FIRST LIGHT 9APR75.
2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION SAIGON (TALON VISE)
 - A. BGEN R. E. CAREY (CG 9TH MAB) DEPARTED SUBIC BAY 090120Z ABOARD THE USS HANCOCK (CVA-19) EN ROUTE TO RVN COASTAL WATERS VICINITY OF VUNG TAU. ETA 110200Z Apr 75

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- B. ARG BRAVO/33D MAU DEPARTED SUBIC BAY AT 090120Z
EN ROUTE TO RVN COASTAL WATERS VICINITY OF VUNG
TAU. ETA 110200Z. HMH-463 AND HMM-165 ABOARD
USS HANCOCK (CONSISTS OF 16 CH-53, 16 CH-46,
2 UH-1E, AND 4 AH1J AIRCRAFT).
- C. CINCPACFLT DIRECTED COMSEVENFLT TO INITIATE PLANNING
FOR ARG CHARLIE FROM PHIBRON FIVE UNITS AND BLT 3/9.
- D. POTENTIAL EVACUEES FROM RVN: 5503 U. S. CITIZENS INCLUDING
130 U. S. MILITARY SAIGON.
- E. BLT 3/9 MOVE BY MARINE KC-130 AIRCRAFT FROM
CAMP FUJI TO OKINAWA 67% COMPLETE.

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080901Z APR (S) DAO RVN

REQUEST FOR SECURITY FORCES

Request immediate convening of planning conference in Saigon between GSF, DAO, USSAG/7AF representatives. Current proposal 350 security force considered inadequate by survey team. It is envisioned that an infantry battalion is required for security of DAO compound.

080602Z APR (C) CTG 76.8

SITREP FOR RVN EVAC SHIPPING AS OF 080400Z

USS Blue Ridge located at Vung Tau. Refugee offloading situation at Phu Quoc improving.

081320Z APR (C) AE PHNOM
PENHESTIMATED NUMBER OF EVACUEES

As of 8 April total number of potential evacuees from Phnom Penh is 787 - includes 161 Amcit.

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081219Z APR75 (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF MSGS</u> Due to significant loss of confidence in protective capabilities of GENDARMERIE Nationale, twelve additional MSGS are requested to assist in security of Chancery Compound.
071310Z APR75 (S)	COM 7TH FLT	<u>COMMAND AND CONTROL</u> Outlines Command and control relationship for Eagle Pull and Talon Vise Forces.
080513Z APR75 (S)	CTF 79	<u>COMMAND AND CONTROL</u> CincPacFlt concurs with above Cmd/control relationships. Task Com 7th Flt to initiate planning to form ARG C from PHIBRON FIVE/BLT 3/9.
041710Z APR75 (S)	CTF 79	<u>SUPPORT FOR RVN EMERGENCY EVACUATION</u> Provides instructions for marrying up CG 9th MAB and remainder of his Staff.
081748Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION</u> USS Blue Ridge arrived Vung Tau and received U. S. Marine Security Force from Trans Colorado. Trans Colorado will proceed to Saigon for clean-up and reprovisioning. Kimbro will start moving refugees 9Apr75. A U. S. Marine Security Force will be placed on the Kimbro.
081836Z APR75 (U)	SS PIONEER CONTENDER	<u>SIT REPORT</u> Presently anchored at Phu Quoc discharging refugees. Majority of crew have diarrhea and physical exhaustion. Ship will have to be cleaned and fumigated upon debarkation of refugees.
082203Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>BLU-82 BOMB</u> The subject BLU-82 Bomb is a 15,000 pound bomb delivered by air from a C-130. The bomb is dropped utilizing a parachute and is used to clear landing zones.

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090300Z APR75 (C) SECSTATE

REQUEST FOR INCREASE OF 12 MARINES FOR TDY

Lists twelve Marines nominated for TDY at Phnom Penh. Marines requested to wear civilian clothing and bring fatigues. Should report to Phnom Penh ASAP.

090330Z APR75 (U) 7AF NKP APRT.

DC-8 COMMERCIAL RICE LIFT TO PHNOM PENH

Rice flight to Pochentong resumed 9Apr75. Early morning adverse weather caused some delays. Estimated 16 to 20 flights to be completed.

090429Z APR75 (U) AMEM PHNOM PENH

KHMER SITUATION 9APR75

Defense perimeter around the capital continues to hold. Twenty-five C-130 and eight DC-8 flights were flown 8 Apr75. A total of seven 105 rounds and twenty-two 107 rockets impacted in and around the airport. Seven rockets impacted within the city.

090544Z APR75 (S) CINCPACFLT

EVACUATION READINESS POSTURE SITREP

USMC Security Detachments aboard MSC Ships:

Green Port 60 USMC

Pioneer Contender 48 USMC

American Challenger 54 USMC

Kimbrow (Embarking USMC 9APR)

Trans Colorado USMC Det transferred to Blue Ridge.

Hancock, Frederick, Durham en route RVN. ETA 110200Z.

COMPHIBRON 5 aboard Durham and has assumed command TG 76.8.

<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
080608Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION</u> <u>OVERALL ASSESSMENT AS OF</u> <u>080400Z APR75</u> Marine Security Guard on Pioneer Contender reports horrible conditions. People are dying (15 per day) and some refugees are still armed.
080834Z APR75 (S)	COMSEVENTHFLT	<u>ARG CHARLIE PLANNING</u> Continue planning for use of BLT 3/9 and incoming ARG BRAVO.
090438Z APR75 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION</u> <u>OVERALL ASSESSMENT AS OF</u> <u>090400Z APR75</u> Plan to embark USMC security force aboard USNS Truman Kimbro. Future plans are to place a USMC security force aboard USNS Greenville Victory.
090701Z APR75 (C)	AMEM SAIGON	<u>E AND E</u> TOTAL NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES: 176,548 AMCIT 5,503 MILITARY 130
081524Z APR75 (S)	CTG 78.8	<u>33D MAU REPORTING</u> BLT 1/9 OPCON LSU 1/9 OPCON HMM-165 reported for planning. HMM-463 reported for planning.

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- A. ARG ALPHA/31ST MAU: RESPONSE POSTURE UNCHANGED.
- B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 775 (151 U. S., 624 ALIEN).

2. POCHENTONG

- A. STATUS: OPERATIONAL BUT UNDER ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE.

VIETNAM1. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION

- A. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATIONS MAY SECURE TODAY:
CINCPAC INTENDS TO SECURE CURRENT REFUGEE OPERATIONS TODAY, TO MAINTAIN NUCLEUS 10 MSC SHIPS WITH 48-72 HOUR RESPONSE TIME TO SAIGON FOR 15 DAYS, AND TO SAIL SHIPS PRESENTLY INVOLVED TO VARIOUS PORTS FOR CLEANING.
- B. MSC MARINE DETACHMENTS: DETACHMENTS REMOVED FROM SS GREENPORT AND SS AMERICAN CHALLENGER. MSC MARINE DETACHMENTS REMAIN ON USNS KIMBRO AND SS PIONEER CONTAINER.

2. EMERGENCY EVACUATION (TALON VISE)

- A. CG 9TH MAB/33D MAU/ARG BRAVO: EN ROUTE RVN COAST.
- B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 176, 619 (5,763 U.S., 170, 857 ALIEN)

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091200Z APR75 (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES 9APR75.</u> As of 9Apr Phnom Penh estimates total 775 evacuees which includes 151 AMCIT.
091158Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>EVACUATION READINESS POSTURE</u> Provides disposition and readiness status of Eagle Pull and Talon Vise Forces as of 090800Z.
091414Z APR75 (S)	CTF 76	<u>AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION</u> CINCPAC Representative in Saigon, with embassy concurrence recommended that refugee operation be secured by the time MSC Pioneer Contender completes offloading at Phu Quoc. MSC Marine Detachments were removed from the Greenport and American Challenger. Blue Ridge will remain vicinity of Vung Tau. Upon completion of offloading refugees, the MSC Marine Detachment from Pioneer Contender will transfer to Dubuque. Hancock, Durham and Frederick will continue transit Vung Tau.
100601Z APR75 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>CHANGE OF EVACUATION READINESS POSTURE</u> USMC Security Detachments are embarked on only Pioneer Contender and Kimbro. Detachments aboard Greenport and American Challenger transferred to USS Dubuque.
100512Z APR75 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>EVACUATION READINESS POSTURE</u> Two USMC Companies on Oklnawa on 24-hour alert to load. ARG ALPHA/31st MAU on increased alert posture to execute Eagle Pull at first light each day until unable to complete during daylight hours then revert to six hour status.

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100424Z APR75 (S)

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REFUGEE OPERATIONS. Current refugee operations should be wrapped up today with offload Phu Quoc remainder refugees aboard PIONEER CONTENDER. CINCPAC concurs with USDAO recommendation that current refugee operations be secured if nothing further develops. Unless otherwise directed, CINCPAC intends to maintain nucleus 10 MSC controlled ships within 48-72 hours response time from Saigon for next 15 days. Subic Bay, Sattahip, & Singapore fill that bill.

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- A. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU: RESPONSE POSTURE UNCHANGED.
- B. USS HANCOCK (CVA-19), WITH HMH-463 EMBARKED:
EN ROUTE ARG ALFA/31ST MAU LOCATION. ETA 111345Z:
EMBARKED 1/9 UNITS TRANSFERRED FROM HANCOCK TO
DUBUQUE AT 102230Z APR. CG 9TH MAB TRANSFERRED TO
USS BLUE RIDGE.
- C. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 597 (148 U.S., 449 ALIEN).

2. POCHENTONG AIRFIELD

- A. AIRLIFT RESUPPLY CONTINUED ON 10 APRIL WITH HALF-DAY SUSPENSION OF RICE SORTIES FROM RVN, FULL DAY OF BIRD AIR C-130 FLIGHTS FROM THAILAND.
- B. AIRFIELD OPERATIONAL BUT VULNERABLE TO COMMUNIST ROCKET, ARTILLERY AND MORTAR FIRE.

VIETNAM1. TALON VISE

- A. USS DURHAM (LKA-114) AND USS FREDERICK (LST-1184) ARE IN HOLDING AREA VICINITY VUNG TAU, AFTER TRANSIT FROM SUBIC BAY WITH ELEMENTS OF 33D MAU EMBARKED.
- B. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 176,619 (5,763 U. S.; 170,857 ALIEN).

2. REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION

- A. CURRENT PHASE OF REFUGEE RELOCATION ENDED UPON COMPLETION OF OFFLOAD AT PHU QUOC AND NEGATIVE ONLOAD AT HAM TAN. MSC SHIPS, NOW EN ROUTE NEARBY PORTS FOR CLEANUP AND REPLENISHMENT, WILL BE RETAINED IN AREA FOR FUTURE CONTINGENCIES.
- B. FINAL TWO MARINE SECURITY DETACHMENTS ABOARD MSC SHIPS REJOINED 1ST BN, 4TH MAR, ABOARD THE BLUE RIDGE AND THE DUBUQUE.
- C. EFFECTIVE 110200Z COL D.C. ALEXANDER RELIEVED AS CDR AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP (AERSG) BY LTCOL HESTER CO 1/4 ABOARD USS DUBUQUE. COL ALEXANDER CONTINUES AS C/S 9TH MAB.

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100325Z APR75 (S)
SENSITIVE

AE PHNOM PENH

EAGLE PULL. CINCPAC recommends initiation of EAGLE PULL not later than daylight 12APR75. Chief Military Advisor to Ambassador agrees. The Ambassador requests immediate guidance as to whether plans should be made to initiate EAGLE PULL at daylight 12APR.

091020Z APR75 (C)

USDAO SAIGON

REFUGEE OPERATIONS. Recommend secure refugee operations if nothing develops by time off load PIONEER CONTENDER on 10 April.

100815Z APR75 (C)

AE SAIGON

POTENTIAL EVACUEES. Estimated number of potential evacuees: TOTAL 176,619 (5,763 U.S., 170,857 Alien).

100508Z APR75 (S)

CINCPAC

SITUATION REPORT. (As of 100400Z APR 75) CTF 76 received information from MSC Saigon that no ship regardless of Nationality is to close within three miles of Vung Tau without permission of the new VNN Coastal Zone Commander.

HANCOCK has been directed to detach and proceed to ARG ALFA to arrive no later than 112100Z APR. Should arrive sufficiently in advance of that time to make preparations to assist in EAGLE PULL operations. HANCOCK proceeding to rendezvous with BLUE RIDGE and DUBUQUE to affect transfer of 9th MAB Staff, embarked USMC companies and their equipment.

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092149Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>EAGLE PULL REQUIREMENTS.</u> CINCPACFLT is directed to sail HANCOCK to assist EAGLE PULL. Must arrive on station NLT 112100Z.
101026Z APR75 (S)	CINCPAC	<u>MOVEMENT OF USS HANCOCK.</u> HANCOCK is directed to proceed immediately at best speed to arrive on station EAGLE PULL ASAP.
101335Z APR75 (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>POTENTIAL EVACUEES</u> Total number of evacuees: 597 (148 AMCIT).
101230Z APR75 (C)	USDAO PHNOM PENH	<u>MILITARY SITUATION</u> Military situation continues to deteriorate, especially in NW where a gap was created within three kilometers of the northern part of Pochentong Airbase. Failure to react to the situation in the NW with any semblance of alacrity forces AARMA to conclude that situation in NW cannot be alleviated and that a decisive defeat is imminent (24-36 hours). No troops available for a proper counterattack. Definite threat to Pochentong.
101340Z APR75 (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>ADDITIONAL MARINE SECURITY GUARDS.</u> Six additional USMC security guards arrived Phnom Penh on 10Apr75.
101215Z APR75 (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>APRIL 10 REPORT</u> KC have an estimated 200 infiltrators within 3½ KM north of Pochentong, within mortar range. Airport and vicinity took 16 105 rounds and 16 rocket rounds on 10Apr. DC-8 rice airlift was suspended for part of the day. C-130's continued to fly.

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101406Z APR75 (S)
SENSITIVE

AE PHNOM PENH

EAGLE PULL

As of 101000Z the northern defense situation has become critical. By dawn tomorrow it is highly probable that Pochentong will be interdicted by full range of enemy direct and indirect fire weapons. Unless KC meet staff resistance, they may conceivable move to seize part or all of airport.

101355Z APR75 (S)
SENSITIVE

AE SAIGON

NVA OFFENSIVE-10APR75.

Heavy NVA attacks around city of Xuan Loc in eastern portion of MR-3 (junction of routes 1 and 20). City remains in GVN hands. MR-3 C/S estimates that NVA forces in Long Khanh province include the 7th Division, two regiments 6th Division, two regiments 341st Division.

Level of activity in the delta remained unchanged during past 24 hours.

101439Z APR75 (C)

CTG 76.8

REFUGEE UPDATE.

Refugees offloaded from PIONEER CONTENDER. USMC security detachment will be debarked today after completion of ship security search.

USNS KIMBRO anticipates on load of 1000 refugees off Ham Tan for transportation to Vung Tan.

DTGORIGINATORRESUME OF MESSAGE

101728Z APR75 (S) CINCPAC

VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATIONAL SITUATION.

Offloading at Phu Quoc is complete. Estimated that 72,000. USNS Kimbro returning empty from Vung Tau. GVN minister of social welfare, USCONGEN MR III, USAID, and Amembassy agree there are presently no more refugees to be moved.

090427Z APR75 (S) CG FMFPAC

AVIATION DETACHMENTS CHANGE OF OPCON

Effective 082400Z APR75 Det HMM-165 HML-367, HMM-164, and H&MS-36 were chopped from the Hancock to HMH-463 (REIN) for simultaneous chop to CTG 79.8 (33D MAU).

100721Z APR75 (S) CTF SEVEN NINE

CHANGE OF COMMAND AMPHIBIOUS EVAC SUPPORT GROUP

Due to requirement for Col ALEXANDER and 9th MAB Staff to dedicate effort to contingencies Col ALEXANDER is relieved and LtCol HESTER CO 1st Bn, 4th Mar is designated CO Amphibious Evacuation Support Group (CTG 79.9)

101620Z APR75 (C) CTF SEVEN SIX

SITREP CTG 76.8 AMPHIBIOUS SHIPPING FOR RVN EVACUATION

USNS Sgt Kimbro disembarked no refugees and have no known additional requirement so they assigned USMC Ship Security Detachment on the Kimbro was returned to Blue Ridge. Blue Ridge, Dubuque, and Cochrane rendezvous with Hancock at 102430Z Apr to conduct Helo transfer of USMC assets from Hancock to other ships. The transfer will not delay Hancock arrival in Eagle Pull operations are. Upon completion of transfer Blue Ridge, Dubuque, and Cochrane will join Durham and Fredrick in holding area thirty miles south of Vung Tau.

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110521Z APR75 (S)

CINCPACFLT

Arg Alpha status and response time remain unchanged. No USMC Security Detachments are embarked aboard MSC ships. The Dubuque recieved designated BLT 1/9 companies from Hancock at 102230Z Apr.

110122 APR75 (S)

HMH 463

MOVREP

HMH 463 (REIN) chopped from TG 79.8 to 79.4.
(CG FMF PAC 090427Z above refers)

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA1. EAGLE PULL

- A. EXECUTED BY 31ST MAU HELICOPTERS DURING THE PERIOD 120030Z-120550Z APR75.
- B. NO U. S. PERSONNEL OR AIRCRAFT CASUALTIES.
- C. NO HOSTILE ACTION ALONG HELO FLIGHT PATHS.
- D. THREE 75MM RECOILLESS RIFLE ROUNDS IMPACTED THE VICINITY LZ HOTEL DURING FINAL GSF EXTRACTION.
- E. NO GATHERING OF INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL AT HLZ AND, CONSEQUENTLY, NO USE OF FORCE BY MARINE GROUND SUPPORT FORCE.
- F. TOTAL EVACUATED: 276

82-U.S. PERSONNEL
35-THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS
159-INDIGENOUS PERSONNEL

- G. ONLY HLZ HOTEL (SOCCER FIELD) WAS USED. SECURED BY GROUND SUPPORT FORCE (GSF) OF 346 U. S. MARINES FROM 31ST MAU.
- H. USMC HELO OPS. 12/CH-53D OF HMM-462 FROM LPH OKINAWA INSERTED GSF AND TOOK OUT EVACUEES. 12/CH-53 OF HMM-463 FROM CVA HANCOCK EXTRACTED GSF PLUS PREPOSITIONED 10 MAN GSF COMMAND GROUP UNDER COL S. H. BATCHELDER, JR.
- I. USAF HELO OPNS: 12/CH-53/HH-53 FROM UBON WERE OVER PHNOM PENH AND SCHEDULED TO TAKE PART IN LIFT OF EVACUEES AS HELO WAVES FIVE AND SIX. HOWEVER, SINCE FIRST FOUR WAVES OF MARINE HELOS COMPLETED THE EVACUATION, USAF HELOS DID NOT LAND.
- J. 7TH AIR FORCE TAC AIR ON STATION, NO ORDNANCE EXPENDED.

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12 APRIL 19752. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU

- A. EN ROUTE SATTAHIP TO DISCHARGE EVACUEES, ETA 121200Z.
- B. SUBSEQUENTLY, TO SUBIC BAY ETA 142000Z, FOR THREE DAYS R&R.
- C. USS HANCOCK WITH HMH-463 EMBARKED PROCEEDING WITH ESCORTS TO JOIN ARG BRAVO VIC VUNG TAU. ETA 121800Z.

VIETNAM1. TALON VISE

- A. CG 9TH MAB/33D MAU/ARG BRAVO
ON STATION IN HOLDING AREA ABOUT 30 MILES SOUTH-EAST OF VUNG TAU.
- B. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR (AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP) REMAINS EMBARKED ABOARD BLUE RIDGE AND DUBUQUE.
- C. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 175,817 (4,969 U.S.; 170,848 ALIEN).

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DTG	ORIGINATOR	RESUME OF MESSAGE
110935 (C)	AMEMB SAIGON	TOTAL POTENTIAL EVACUEES 175,998 AM CIT EVACUEES 5,050
111330 (C)	AMEMB PHNOM PENH	TOTAL POTENTIAL EVACUEES 590 (AMCIT 146)
111240 (C)	AMEMB PHNOM PENH	April 11 25 rockets and 15 105mm rounds hit at the airport.
111130 (C)	USDAO PHNOM PENH	Operation against KC penetration to Samroung Tien rescheduled to 12 April.
110900 (C)	USDAO SAIGON	Communist plan to attack Saigon period early April to 15 April.
111200 (S)	AMEMB PHNOM PENH	Execute Eagle Pull Option III 0900 local 12 April 1975.
120055Z (C)	AE PHNOM PENH	<u>PHNOM PENH COMM FAILURE SECURE.</u> Effective 120100Z APR Phnom Penh has closed its Comm Facilities.
120050Z (S)	CTG 79.4	<u>EAGLE PULL EXECUTE.</u> Initial 31st MAU EAGLE PULL A/C armed with 90 GSF PENETRATED Cambodia airspace at 120043Z.
120127Z (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>AMPHIBIOUS FORCE SCHEDULING</u> Upon completion of Eagle Pull present intentions are to direct ARG ALFA less USS Hancock to Subic Bay. ASAP or as conditions permit intend ARG BRAVO to conduct port visits, coincidental with above plan for Blue Ridge proceed to Subic Bay for visit/upkeep.
120055Z (S)	COMUSSAG/7AF	<u>WARPOWER REPORTING</u> Initial penetration of Cambodian air space by armed Eagle Pull forces occurred at 1415N/1045SE at 120016Z APR75.
120135Z (S)	COMIPAC	<u>NVN MIG ORDER OF BATTLE</u> Current disposition of NVAF fighter aircraft as of 11Apr75. MIG-21 MIG-19 MIG-17/15 71 79 112

120315Z (S) AMEM SAIGON E&E PHNOM PENH
Telecon from Ambassador Dean indicates that the majority of the Cambodia Cabinet had decided to stay. The president has left. All cabinet members have been offered transportation. As of ten minutes ago more than 300 had been lifted out and he himself would leave shortly.

120432Z (S) CINCPACFLT EMERGENCY EVACUATION READINESS POSTURE SITREP 05
EAGLE PULL Evacuation in operation.
TALON VISE USS Dubuque received one company BLT 1/9 from USS Hancock.

120441Z (C) CINCPAC EAGLE PULL
Congratulations to all units participating in Eagle Pull from Admiral Noel Gayler, CINCPAC.

120448Z (U) JCS EAGLE PULL
Congratulations to all units participating in Eagle Pull from General Brown, Chairman, JCS.

120523Z (C) SECSTATE EAGLE PULL
Congratulations to all units participating in Eagle Pull from SecState, Kissinger.

120543Z (C) CINCPACFLT ARG ALFA
As soon as Eagle Pull operations are complete schedule port visit Subic Bay for ARG ALFA/31ST MAU.
Assign USS Hancock to CTG 76.8.

120606Z (S) CTG 79.4 EAGLE PULL
All 31ST MAU helos and all GSF personnel recovered aboard ship.
RSF received three 75mm recoilless rifle fire during final lift out of zone. No casualties. No ordnance expended by air or ground elements.

120735Z (C) AMEM SAIGON E&E
Total number of potential evacuees 175,817.
AmCit evacuees 4,969.

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- A. COMMENCED DEBARKATION OF EAGLE PULL EVACUEES AT 130200Z VIA CH-53 HELICOPTERS TO UTAPAO.
- B. FINAL FLIGHT OF EVACUEES TO UTAPAO COMPLETED AT 130418Z.

2. 31ST MAU/ARG ALPHA

- A. EN ROUTE FROM SATTAHIP/UTAPAO TO SUBIC BAY. ETA 170430Z.
- B. 72 HOUR RESPONSE TIME VUNG TAU.
- C. USS HANCOCK WITH HMH-463 EMBARKED WILL CHOP TO CTG 76.8 (ARG BRAVO) WHEN ARG ALPHA PASSES VICINITY VUNG TAU.

VIETNAM/TALON VISE1. EVACUATION STATUS

- A. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 175,644 (4,826 U.S.; 170, 818 ALIEN).

2. CG 9TH MAB/33D MAU/ARG BRAVO

- A. ON STATION HOLDING AREA 30 MILES SOUTHEAST VUNG TAU. PORT VISITS PLANNED WILL MEET 72 HOUR RESPONSE TIME VUNG TAU. SUBIC BAY IS THE ONLY PORT THAT MEETS THIS REQUIREMENT.

3. 1ST BN, 4TH MAR/AERSG

- A. AMPHIBIOUS EVACUATION RVN SUPPORT GROUP REMAINS EMBARKED BLUE RIDGE AND DUBUQUE.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
121954Z (S) APR75	JCS WASH DC	<u>ARG ALPHA/BRAVO SCHEDULING.</u> Directs both ARG's to maintain 72 hour response time to Vung Tau area.
122244Z (S) APR75	CINCPACFLT	<u>SITREP AS OF 130800Z.</u> EAGLE PULL opns complete. ARG A/31ST MAU less USS HANCOCK en route Subic. ARG ALFA/ARG BRAVO on 72 hour response time to Vung Tau.
130730Z (S) APR75	FMFPAC	<u>FONECON UPDATE EAGLE PULL</u> CTG 76.4 (130431Z) states that the last evacuees were debarked by helicopter at 130418Z to Utapao and the Operation Eagle Pull is complete.
130745Z (C) APR75	NFP	<u>FONECON UPDATE</u> Sailing time of ARG Bravo from Sattahip to Subic Bay approximately 1400 miles, at 15 kts, it would take four days for ARG Alpha to reach Subic Bay. Therefore EDA 17Apr75.
130600Z (C) APR75	AMEM SAIGON	<u>E&E</u> Total number of potential evacuees 175,644. AmCit evacuees 4,826.
122110Z (U) APR75	CINCPAC	<u>ARG ALFA/BRAVO SCHEDULING</u> 72 hour response time to be in area of Vung Tau.

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYVIETNAM - TALON VISE

1. EVACUATION PLANNING: CINCPAC DIRECTED BY JCS TO DEVELOP DETAILED PLANS WITH OPTIONS FOR EVACUATION OF VARYING NUMBERS (1500; 3000; 6000; 200,000), WITH PRIORITY TO U.S. PERSONNEL. PLANNING FOR 200,000 EVACUEES TO ASSUME ADMIN LIFT IN PERMISSIVE ENVIRONMENT, WITH U.S. COMBAT FORCES USED ONLY TO PROTECT AIRLIFT OR SEALIFT ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED PERSONNEL.
2. POTENTIAL EVACUEES: TOTAL 175,644 (4,826 U.S.; 170,818 ALIEN).

VIETNAM - REFUGEE EVACUATION OPERATION

1. MSC SHIPPING: IN VARIOUS AREA PORTS FOR CLEAN UP, REPLENISHMENT, AND AWAITING ORDERS.
2. USS BLUE RIDGE: IN HOLDING AREA VICINITY VUNG TAU, WITH CTF 76, CG 9TH MAB, AND ELEMENTS 1ST BN, 4TH MARINES EMBARKED.

ARG/MAU LOCATIONS

1. ARG ALFA/31ST MAU: EN ROUTE SUBIC BAY ETA 170430Z. RESPONSE TIME TO VUNG TAU HOLDING AREA, 72 HOURS.
2. ARG BRAVO/33D MAU: DEPARTING VUNG TAU HOLDING AREA ON 14 APR 75 FOR PORT VISITS. TO MAINTAIN RESPONSE TIME CAPABILITY TO VUNG TAU HOLDING AREA OF 72 HOURS.

NOTE: PUBLICATION OF "MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY" SUSPENDED WITH THIS ISSUE, PENDING SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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140640Z (S) APR75

USDAO RVN

NEMVAC RVN

Small USMC planning element
headed by a Colonel and approximately
six officers/NCO's is needed now to
effect preliminary coordination.

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140739Z (S) APR75

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EVAC SITREP AS OF 140700Z

Provide location/status of MSC
ships assigned refugee operation.

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III MAF Locations Update

UNIT	LOCATION	SHIPPING	ACTIVITY
<u>1/4</u>	Subic Bay	None Assigned (LST Tuscaloosa LSD Mt Vernon LST Barbour Cty to transport elements Oki to Subic)	Moving to MAU Camp to be structured as BLT by 10 May to support Frequent Wind.
76.4 ARG A 79.4 31st MAU BLT 2/4 HMH-462	Subic Bay 16 CH 535 3 CH 465 2 UH1ES 4 AH1JS	LPH Okinawa LPD Mancouver LPD Thomaston LST Peoria	72 Hour response time for Vung Tau area.
<u>3/4</u>	Okinawa	None Assigned	Not Committed
76.8 ARG B 79.8 33D MAU(?) BLT 1/9 HMM-165	Singapore/ Subic Bay/ Hong Kong 16-535 16-465 2 UH1ES 4 AH1JS	CVA Hancock LPD Dubuque LKA Durham LST Frederick	72 Hour response time for Vung Tau area.
<u>2/9</u>	Okinawa	None Assigned	Not Committed
76.9 ARG C 79.5 35th MAU BLT 3/9 HML-367	Okinawa (LSU NUMazu) 2 CH 535 5 CH 465	LPD Denver LPD Duluth LKA Mobile LSD Anchorage	Preparing to embark. ETD Oki 19APR75. LSU 3/9 Embarks Numazu on USS Anchorage.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
160722Z (C) APR75	AEMB SAIGON	<u>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES</u> Total: 175,744 (3,946 U.S., 171,798 Alien).
140739Z (S) APR75	CTF 79	<u>RECONSTITUTION OF BLT 1/4</u> In order to meet projected commitments, all elements BLT 1/4 to close Subic Bay by 10May75. It is proposed to return 1/4 to Subic and off load into MAU camp. Utilize USS TUSCALOOSA, MT VERNON and BARBOUR CITY to transport remaining elements of BLT 1/4 and LSU 1/4 from Okinawa to Subic.
160202 (S) APR75	CTF 79	<u>MOVREP CTF 79</u> CHOP CTU 79.5.1 to CTG 79.5.
160203 (S) APR75	CTF 79	<u>MOVREP CTF 79</u> Task Group 79.5 consists of 35th MAU with BLT 3/9, LSU 3/9, HML 367(-) (Rein) and is chopped to CTF 79.

WESTPAC OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

FREQUENT WIND: NO CHANGE.

FORCE LOCATIONS: SEE III MAF LOCATIONS UPDATE, P. B-1-2.

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYFREQUENT WIND1. 24 HOUR RESPONSE POSTURE

- A. CJCS DIRECTS ARGS TO ATTAIN 24 HOUR RESPONSE POSTURE OFF VUNG TAU ASAP.

2. CVA RECONFIGURATION

- A. CJCS DIRECTS ONE CVA RECONFIGURED WITH THAI BASED USAF H-53 HELOS ASAP (MCCC NOTE: SHOULD BE USS MIDWAY)

3. 9TH MAB REORGANIZATION

- A. EFFECTIVE 182300Z APR75, 31, 33 AND 35TH MAU DEACTIVATED AND THEIR COMPONENT UNITS CHOPPED TO 9TH MAB. (CTG 79.1)
- B. TEN SHIPS SECURITY DETACHMENTS FROM 3D MARDIV (CTG 79.2) CHOPPED TO 9TH MAB.
- C. FOLLOWING UNITS ACTIVATED AND CHOPPED TO 9TH MAB
 - 1. RLT 4 - COLONEL A. M. GRAY
 - 2. PROV MAG 39 - COLONEL F. G. MCLENON
 - 3. BRIGADE LOGISTICS SUPPORT GROUP - COLONEL H. G. EDEBOHLS

4. 1/4

- A. EFFECTIVE 182300Z APR75 1/4 (CTG 79.9) CHOPS TO III MAF (CTF 79).
- B. 1/4 RECONSTITUTES AS BLT ASAP.

5. SAIGON

- A. CINCPAC REQUESTS DEPLOYMENT OF ONE USMC INFANTRY BN TO DAO SAIGON FOR GROUND SECURITY.
- B. CINCPAC REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO PRE POSITION 6 MARINE GSF COORDINATION/PLANNING ELEMENT IN SAIGON.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
162233Z (S)	CINCPAC	<u>MARINE SECURITY GUARDS</u> Request for guards on USNS GREENVILLE and USNS KIMBRO.
170110Z (S) SECURE FONECON	COMSEVENTHFLT	<u>SECURITY DETACHMENTS</u> Directs CTF 76 to provide two USMC security detachments from Subic Bay to be transported by COD to the USS CORAL SEA FFT to the USNS GREENVILLE and USNS KIMBRO.
170443Z (S) SECURE FONECON	CINCPAC	<u>SECURITY DETACHMENTS</u> Directs COMSEVENTHFLT to continue planning the airlift of the two Marine Security Detachments to the USS CORAL SEA. They are <u>not to execute</u> until further notice. For planning purposes execution will not take place on 17 April but is highly likely for 18 April.
170507Z (S) SECURE FONECON	CTF 79	<u>SECURITY DETACHMENTS</u> Directs 79.2 (3D MARDIV) to provide three Marine Security Detachments to be airlifted from Okinawa to Subic Bay FFT to MSC shipping. 79.3 (1ST MAW) is directed to provide air transportation.
171336Z (U)	USNS SGT TRUMAN KIMBRO	<u>REFUGEE EVAC SITREP</u> At 162400Z, off Phan Thiet No communication with MSCO Saigon or Vung Tau. Awaiting coordination from shore authority prior to embarking refugees.
172323Z (S)	JCS	<u>CHANGE OF FREQUENT WIND READINESS POSTURE</u> This is an execute message. Reconfigure one CVA with Thai-based USAF H-53 helos. Bring ARG's with escorts to 24 hour response position off Vung Tau ASAP. Bring RVN evacuation operation forces except 25th Division to corresponding readiness ASAP.
180134Z (S)	CINCPAC	<u>USDAO SAIGON COMPOUND SECURITY AUGMENTATION</u> Requests immediate authorization to deploy one USMC infantry battalion to DAO Saigon for ground security. Additionally requests authority to pre-position GSF element of approximately six people in Saigon for coordination/planning with DAO and AMEMB in Frequent Wind planning.
180730Z (C)	AMEMB SAIGON	<u>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES</u> Total 178,442 (3,582 U.S., 174,460 Alien).

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RESUME OF MESSAGEREORGANIZATION FOR FREQUENT WIND

9TH MAB is activated. Effective 182300Z deactivate 31st MAU, 33d MAU, and 35th MAU. Chop the following units to CTG 79.1: BLT 2/4, LSU 2/4, HMH-462, BLT 1/9, LSU 1/9, HMH-463, HMM-165(-) (REIN), BLT 3/9, LSU 3/9, HML-367(-) (REIN). Effective 182100Z chop the ten MSG Detachments and Hq Group for command and control ~~to~~ CTG 79.1. For 79.1, effective 182300Z organize and activate PROVMAG-39, RLIT-4, and Brigade Logistics Support Group.

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CTF 77

USS MIDWAY

USS CORAL SEA

USS ENTERPRISE

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CJCS SENDS

SURJ: FREQUENT WIND READINESS (C)

1. (U) THIS IS AN EXECUTE MESSAGE.

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2. (S) DIRECT RECONFIGURATION OF ONE CVA WITH THAI-BASED USAF H-53 HELOS TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM LIFT CAPABILITY. INSURE EMBARKATION OF ADEQUATE SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL TO PERMIT SUSTAINED OPERATIONS. ACCOMPLISH ASAP.

3. (S) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE BRING ARGS WITH APPROPRIATE ESCORTS TO 24 HOUR RESPONSE IN POSITION OFF VUNG TAU. OTHER FORCES IDENTIFIED FOR USE IN VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATIONS EXCEPT FOR 25TH INF DIV WILL BE BROUGHT TO CORRESPONDING READINESS POSTURE ASAP.

4. (U) FOR CSAF: TASK MAC TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SUPPORT TO CINCPAC AS REQUIRED. FUNDING WILL BE ADDRESSED IN COORDINATION WITH CINCPAC.

5. (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON. KEEP JCS INFORMED.

6. (U) THERE IS TO BE NO UNAUTHORIZED PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS MATTER. ANY NEWS MEDIA OR PUBLIC QUERIES ARE TO BE ACCEPTED WITH A QUOTE NO COMMENT UNQUOTE REPLY AND BE CALLED IMMEDIATELY TO THE ATTENTION OF ASD(PA) VIA THE PA WATCH OFFICER IN THE NMCC. ASD(PA) WILL
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COORDINATE AND PROVIDE FURTHER PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE AS APPROPRIATE. GDS 83.

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USDAO SAIGON COMPOUND SECURITY AUGMENTATION (C)

A. USDAO SAIGON 080901Z APR75 (PASEP)

1. (S) REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO DEPLOY ONE USMC INFANTRY BATTALION TO DAO SAIGON FOR GROUND SECURITY. USE OF BATTALION RECOMMENDED BY USMC SURVEY TEAM PARA 4, REF A.

2. (S) IN ADDITION REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO PRE-POSITION SMALL USMC GROUND SECURITY FORCE (GSF) ELEMENT OF APPROX SIX PEOPLE IN SAIGON FOR COORDINATION/PLANNING WITH DAO AND AMEMB, ELEMENT (OR PORTIONS WILL ALSO ASSIST USSAG/7AF IN FREQUENT WIND PLANNING.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subj: Fonecon with LtGen L. H. WILSON, Jr., 1445 18 Apr 1975

1. LtGen WILSON passed on the following information concerning FMFPac forces for information of the Commandant and Deputy Chief of Staff for P&O: *for*

- a. 2 BLT's (2/4 and 1/9) at sea under 9th MAB--BGen CAREY Commanding
- b. 1 BLT (3/9) joining from Okinawa aboard ARG-Charlie shipping. One ship, LST Tusculooosa carrying BLT 1/4's tail to Subic (MAU camp). One ship, LSD Anchorage en route to Japan to pick up tail of BLT 3/9 including 3 CH-46s.
- c. 2 BLT's (3/4, 2/9) formed and ready to be air-lifted on order.

These BLT's were flushed out with elements from the Division Reconnaissance Battalion and combat service support units from the Division. In addition, all personnel associated with the division schools, the FAP program, the Northern Training Area, the marksmanship program and division subunits were used.

- d. 10 teams of 72 each--MSC Marine Security Detachments were formed and flown to Subic; two of which are on MSC ships, Sgt Kimbro and Greenville Victory.
- e. BLT 1/4 at Subic. When tail arrives from Okinawa could be air lifted, sea lifted as required; is next scheduled as ARG-ALFA relief.
- f. 2 BLT's (1/3, 2/3) at C-2 and ready to depart by air to Okinawa if ordered.

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- g. CO, 9th Mar and team 5 ready to be lifted into TAN SON NHUT--permission not yet granted.
- h. If CINCPAC request for one battalion for ground security is granted, it will be one of two presently on Okinawa.

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYFREQUENT WIND1. RESPONSE POSTURE

- A. CINCPAC DIRECTS ASSUMPTION OF 6 HOUR FREQUENT WIND ALERT STATUS ASAP.

2. VIETNAM SITUATION

- A. GOVERNMENT FORCES COLLAPSE AT XUAN LOC, BIEN HOA NEXT PROBABLE OBJECTIVE.
- B. PHAN THIET FALLS.
- C. COMIPAC PREDICTS SURVIVABILITY GVN/SAIGON 10-30 DAYS.
- D. DIA ESTIMATES TON SON NHUT UNDER SAM UMBRELLA BY 20 APR75 AND WITHIN ARTILLERY RANGE BY 21APR75.

3. 9TH MAB STATUS

- A. ELEMENTS 9TH MAB CONCENTRATING POSITION OFF COAST VUNG TAU.

1. 9TH MAB/BLT 2/4/ARG ALFA
ETA 201125Z APR75.
1925H
2. BLT 1/9/ARG BRAVO
ETA 201200Z APR75.
3. BLT 3/9/ARG CHARLIE
ETA 220317Z APR75.

4. USAF HH/CH-53/MIDWAY STATUS

- A. 10/USAF HH/CH-53 HELOS TO FLY ABOARD MIDWAY ALONG RVN COAST USING AIR TO AIR REFUELING. MIDWAY ETA OFF VUNG TAU WITH USAF HELOS 192300Z APR75. (THIS ESTIMATE IS NOT FIRM)

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5. LIFT CAPABILITY
 - A. LIFT CAPACITY EXPECTED
 1. 192300Z APR75 (MIDWAY ON STATION) 350 EVACS/CYCLE.
 2. 201200Z APR75 (ARG A, ARG B, AND MIDWAY ON STATION) 1750/CYCLE.
6. SAIGON SECURITY BN STATUS
 - A. COWESTPAC REQUESTED BY III MAF TO IDENTIFY AIR ASSETS TO MOVE BLT 3/4 WITH 960 PAX KADENA TO TON SON NHUT IF MOVE IS APPROVED. (MOVE NOT APPROVED AS OF THIS TIME)
7. HAWAII BASED BLT
 - A. CINCPAC REQUESTS JCS AUTHORIZE MOVE HAWAII BASED (KANE OHE) BLT TO OKINAWA.
8. MSC MARSECDETS
 - A. MARSECDETS PRESENTLY ON USNS SGT KIMBRO AND USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY. EIGHT REMAINING MSC MARSECDETS EN ROUTE VUNG TAU AREA.
9. AIRCRAFT CARRIER STATUS
 - A. USS CORAL SEA/USS ENTERPRISE ON STATION OFF VUNG TAU.
10. CINCPAC RECOMMENDS L HOUR FIRST LIGHT. MCCC COMPUTES THIS TO BE 210130Z APR75. (202130 WASHINGTON TIME)
11. COL W.W. TAYLOR JR. (CO 9TH MARINES) PLUS FIVE REPORTED BY FMFPAC COMD CENTER EN ROUTE SAIGON BY AIR.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
180544Z (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>USMC SHIP SECURITY DETACHMENT</u> Initial COD airlif of 54 Marines on board USS Coral Sea. Anticipate completion transfer of Marines from USS Coral Sea to USS Bausell (DD845) approx 180300Z. ETA USS Bausell with USNS Kimbro approx 180700Z. Additional USMC SGD personnel anticipated 180600Z on board USS Coral Sea FFT to USNS Greenville Victory via USS Gridley (DLG-21).
170030Z (S)	JCS	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION</u> Advises that planned evacuation operations planned for Phan Rang/Phan Thiet should be conducted under established ROE. Evac operation should not be undertaken without AmEmbassy Saigon assurance of GRVN approval.
181535Z (S)	JCS	<u>FREQUENT WIND FORCES</u> DIA estimate that Tan Son Nhut will be under SAM umbrella by Sunday (20Apr) Saigon time, and within artillery range by Monday (21Apr). Request by 2000Z 18Apr75 when Frequent Wind Forces can be in place off Vung Tau to begin evacuation operations with helo capability to lift 1000 evacuees in single cycle. Request when full capability will be in place what will be single lift evacuee capability.
181753Z (S)	JCS	<u>FREQUENT WIND FORCES</u> Execute movement of necessary USAF evacuation helicopters from Thailand offshore along coast of Vietnam to USS Midway, vicinity Vung Tau.
181003Z (C)	CTF76	<u>MOVREP OF BLUE RIDGE</u> Blue Ridge departed Subic 181100Z with ETA MODLOC off RVN 201100Z.
181300Z (C)	USS DURHAM	<u>MOVREP</u> Durham departed Hongkong 181400Z with ETA MODLOC off RVN 201300Z.
181230Z (C)	USS TUSCALOOSA	<u>MOVREP</u> Tuscaloosa ETD Okinawa 190100Z with ETA SUBIC 210100Z
180850Z (C)	USS MOBILE	<u>MOVREP</u> Mobile departed Okinawa 180900Z with ETA SUBIC 202200Z.

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182040Z (S) CINCPAC

RESPONSE TIME TO OFF VUNG TAU

ARG ALFA ETA 201125Z. Single lift capability 600.

ARG BRAVO ETA 201200Z Single lift capability 800.

Midway (10 USAF HH/CH-53) ETA 210100Z. Single lift capability 350. (NOTE: ETA does not reflect guidance in JCS 181753Z above).

Coral Sea on station Vung Tau.

Enterprise ETA 190716Z.

Forces to lift 1000 evacuees per cycle in place by 201200Z. (Actual lift capability 1400 per cycle).

Forces required to provide full capability of 1750 evacuees per cycle in place by 210100Z.

Recommend L-hour on selected date coincide with first light for maximum daylight operations

190029Z (S) CINCPAC

REQUEST FOR BLT

CINCPAC requests immediate authority to move BLT from Hawaii to Okinawa.

190503Z (S) CTF 79

REQUEST FOR AIR TRANSPORTATION ASSETS

Requests air assets be dedicated to transport 3rdBn, 4thMar from Kadena AB to Ton Son Nhut AB in anticipation of contingency employment. Departure time to be announced.

190620Z (C) AMEMB SAIGON

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES

Total 203,925 (3,212 U.S., 200,713 Alien).

182145Z (S) CINCPAC

FREQUENT WIND

CINCPAC directs that all shore based Frequent Wind forces, all options, to six hour alert ASAP. Upon arrival Vung Tau area assume six hour alert.

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20 APRIL 1975MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER
MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY**WORKING PAPER
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- A. 9TH MAB/RLT-4/BLT 2/4/ARG ALFA/(USS OKINAWA) BLT 1/9/
ARG BRAVO (USS HANCOCK)/USS MIDWAY/USS ENTERPRISE/
USS CORAL SEA ON STATION.
- B. 3/9/ARG CHARLIE CLOSING
 - 1. DENVER/MOBILE, ETA 212115Z APR75.
 - 2. DULUTH- DIVERTED TO SUBIC WITH BOILER PROBLEMS,
ETA 201200Z APR75, ETC UNKNOWN.
 - 3. ANCHORAGE ONLOADING NUMAZU, ETA 261100Z APR75.

2. VIETNAM SITUATION

- A. HAM TAN UNDER ATTACK, MAY HAVE FALLEN.
- B. NVA MARSHALLING UP TO 16 DIVISIONS FOR FINAL PUSH
AGAINST SAIGON.

3. HAWAII BLT

- A. 1/3 ON 24 HOUR ALERT. AUTHORITY TO MOVE MAY BE EX-
PECTED AT SUCH TIME AS 3/4 MOVE TO SAIGON IS
APPROVED.

4. GSF DEPUTY CMDR.

- A. COL TAYLOR ARRIVED SAIGON 190600Z APR75.

5. SAIGON SECURITY BN STATUS

- A. 3/4 ON 6 HOUR ALERT

6. EVACUATION STATUS

- A. 4 MSC SHIPS SAIGON (PIONEER COMMANDER, TRANS COLORADO,
PIONEER CONTENDER, GREEN WAVE) ORDERED BY JCS TO LOAD
MAXIMUM NUMBER US AND OTHER EVACS AND SAIL BY 200400Z
ARR75. 24 HOUR TIME EXTENSION IS IN EFFECT. MSC
MARSECDETS WILL BE PLACED ON THESE SHIPS WHEN THEY REACH
INTERNATIONAL WATERS.

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8. B. MCCC APPRAISAL IS THAT EVACUATION BY FIXED WING AND SEALIFT IS IN PROGRESS.

C. EVACUEES 203,756 (3,065 U.S., 200,691 ALIEN)

7. BEACH SURVEY

A. BEACH SURVEY BY ARG ALFA AT VUNG TAU BEING PLANNED.

8. COL JOHNSON, III MAF G-3, WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NKP 20APR75.

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191336Z (S) JCS WASH DC

VIETNAM EVACUATION (USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS)

JCS approves the use of riot control agents by US Forces in situations requiring crowd dispersal.

182052Z (S) JCS WASH DC

SAIGON COMPOUND SECURITY AUGMENTATION.

JCS disapproved DAO Saigon's request for USMC Battalion for ground security augmentation. However, prepositioning of six USMC in Saigon is approved.

190659Z (S) RLT 4

TASK DESIGNATORS RLT 4

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>TASK DESIGNATOR</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
BLT 1/9	CTE 79.1.2.1	USS HANCOCK
BLT 2/4	CTE 79.1.2.2	USS OKINAWA
BLT 3/9	CTE 79.1.2.3	USS DENVER

192300Z (S) JCS

FREQUENT WIND PLANNING

Proposed deployment of USMC battalion to DAO Saigon is under review. Authority to move Hawaii-based BLT to Okinawa may be expected when USMC battalion movement to Saigon is approved.

192302Z (S) JCS

FREQUENT WIND

Concerning request for beach survey at Vung Tau. Utilize ARG Alfa UDT assets. Request proposed beach survey opn be coordinated with AmEmb Saigon in order to solicit views of Ambassador - advise soonest.

191339Z (U) USNS GREEN-VILLE VICTORY

REFUGEE OPS SITREP # 6

At Vung Tau awaiting orders no refugees embarked at Phan Rang or Phan Thiet.

191045Z (S) USSAG/7AF

EVACUATION PLANNING FOR VN

Planning parameters utilized information of helo frag for Option IV to Frequent Wind.

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200014Z (S) CINCPAC

200310Z (S) COMIPAC

RESUME OF MESSAGEE & E PLANNING

AMEMBASSY authorized to plan for evacuation of certain categories of essential Vietnamese. (Note-based on premise that up to 10,000 could be moved with a full day of helo opns).

PROPOSED BEACH SURVEY

(JCS 192302Z refers)

DAO Saigon to obtain and coordinate AMEMB views on proposed beach survey.

INTELL SUMMARY

(As of 192200Z)

A threat to Bien Hoa has caused the relocation of most VNAF aircraft to Tan Son Nhut. Bien Hoa will probably be closed within a few days by artillery fire.

Route 15 to Vung Tau will probably be interdicted and the first firing of SA-2 in MR-3 may occur within the next few days.

Next week the NVA is expected to initiate major attacks toward Saigon. ARVN will be hardpressed to defend against the attacks for more than a few days.

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182939Z (S) CINCPAC

190808Z (S) CTF 79

192007Z (S) JCS

192241 (S) CINCPAC

200043Z (S) CTF 79

192231Z CG FMFPAC

192013Z (S) CINCPACFLT

RESUME OF MESSAGEFREQUENT WIND

CINCPACAF directed to not overfly SVN in view of current analysis of numerous 37, 57, SA-7 in MR-4.

GSF ADVANCE PARTY

Col. TAYLOR and party arrived Saigon 190600Z. (Note: BGen CAREY remains aboard USS Blue Ridge).

USDAO SECURITY AUGMENTATION

JCS requests (to CINCPAC) precise composition of USMC Bn envisioned for placement in DAO compound. Should include support elements and number/type crew served weapons.

USDAO SECURITY AUGMENTATION

Task organization for BLT 3/4 given.
 47/938
 13-M274A2
 35-MG 7.62
 8-106 MM RR
 36-M 79
 8-81 MM mortar
 12-M202 launcher rocket

ALERT STATUS

BLT 3/4, AC/BLT, attained six hour alert status 190900Z.

AW CONTINGENCY BLT (ACB) WARNING ORDER

CG FMFPAC directs 1ST MARBDE to provide ACB on 24 hour alert status. (Note: Fonecon FMFPAC Cmd Cntr indicates BLT 1/3).

FREQUENT WIND READINESS.

Provides attainment times for FREQUENT WIND Forces. ARG's ALFA/BRAVO all unite NLT 200900Z.

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARY1. 9TH MAB

- A. AFLOAT IN OPERATING AREA VICINITY VUNG TAU, LESS BLT 3/9.
- B. ON SIX-HOUR RESPONSE TIME TO INITIATE HELICOPTER OPTION OF OPERATION FREQUENT WIND.
- C. ELEMENTS OF BLT 3/9 ARE EN ROUTE VUNG TAU AREA ABOARD USS DENVER (LPD-9) AND USS MOBILE (LKA-115), ETA 220317Z APR. REMAINDER WITH USS DULUTH (LPD-6) AT SUBIC BAY AND USS ANCHORAGE (LSD-36) AT NUMAZU, JAPAN.

2. MARINE SHIPS SCTY DETS

- A. 54-MAN MARINE DET ABOARD USNS KIMBRO, AND 20-MAN MARINE DET ABOARD USNS GREENVILLE VICTORY. BOTH SHIPS EMPTY VICINITY VUNG TAU AWAITING TASKING.
- B. EIGHT ADDITIONAL MARINE DETACHMENTS ARE ABOARD USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) IN VUNG TAU AREA AND AVAILABLE FOR TRANSFER TO MSC SHIPPING AS DIRECTED.

3. OTHER U. S. MARINE UNITS

- A. BLT 1/4: IN MAU CAMP AT SUBIC BAY. FINAL SURFACE LIFT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT FROM OKINAWA WAS COMPLETED MORNING OF 21 APRIL.
- B. BLT 3/4: ON SIX-HOUR RESPONSE TIME TO KADENA AS AIRLIFT CONTINGENCY BLT. PREPARED TO DEPLANE AT SAIGON AS FREQUENT WIND SECURITY FORCE.
- C. 2D BN, 9TH MAR: AT CAMP SCHWAB, OKINAWA, UNCOMMITTED. PREPARED TO DEPLOY AS AIRLIFT CONTINGENCY BLT.
- D. BLT 1/3: TO DEPART HAWAII FOR OKINAWA 211800Z APR75. MOVE WILL BE BY MAC AIRLIFT.

ENCL: (1) MCCC MESSAGE SUMMARY

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DTG	ORIGINATOR	RESUME OF MESSAGE
201318Z (S)	CINCPAC	<u>VIETNAM EVACUATION OPERATION SITREP</u> Current Situation of combined Navy, Marine and Air Force units deployed for Frequent Wind.
201510Z (S)	COMIPAC	<u>SPOT REPORT # 1</u> Buffalo Hunter revealed probable Komar guided-missile patrol boat (PTG) of Tuy Hoa, Phu Yen. If confirmed, an increased threat to Naval forces off coast of SVN exists.
201740Z (S)	JCS	<u>FREQUENT WIND</u> Subject concurrence AmEmb Saigon, authority granted to conduct beach survey of Vung Tau. Recommend low key operation.
200825Z (C)	AMEMB SAIGON	<u>ESTIMATED NUMBER OF POTENTIAL EVACUEES</u> Total number 203,756. AMCIT 3,065. Other 200,691.
202226Z (S)	CINCPAC	<u>FREQUENT WIND BEACH SURVEY</u> Take JCS 201740Z APR75 for action. Insure low key operation using minimum personnel required.
202000Q (S)	FONECON FROM BGEN ROBERTS	<u>BLT 1/3 MOVEMENT</u> BLT 1/3 will be moved by air from MCAS Kaneohe to Okinawa - Execute msg to go out tonight approved by president. Okinawa battalion will not be going to Saigon as previously planned.
210118Z (S)	JCS	<u>BLT 1/3 MOVEMENT</u> BLT 1/3 will depart Hawaii via MAC air the morning of 21 Apr. for Okinawa. (NOTE: Deployment of an Okinawa based battalion to Saigon is <u>not</u> authorized at this time.)
210542Z (S)	CG FMFPAC	<u>AIRLIFT CONTINGENCY</u> <u>BLT ASSIGNMENT</u> ACB less arty btry and trk plt commences move at 211800Z from MCAS, Kaneohe Bay to Kadena, Okinawa. Logistic guidance also given.

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ENCLOSURE 1: MCCC TALON VISE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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1. EAGLE PULL/PHNOM PENH EVAC RESPONSE TIME FOR ARG ALFA MODIFIED FROM 24 HOURS TO 6 HOURS 280450Z MAR 75.
2. BIRD AIRLIFT SUSPENDED INTO PHNOM PENH DUE TO 105 HOWITZER FIRE. 1 C-130 REPORTED HIT.

VIETNAM

1. CHU LAI FALLS 27 MARCH 1975.
2. LAM DONG PROVINCE, 90 MILES N.E. OF SAIGON, FALLS 28 MAR 75.
3. ARG BRAVO ON 12 HOUR ALERT TO SAIL FOR TALON VISE/DA NANG EVAC EXCEPT USS DUBUQUE EN ROUTE YOKOSUKA TO OKINAWA. UPON ARRIVAL 29 MAR, DUBUQUE ASSUMES 12 HOUR ALERT.
4. DA NANG AIRPORT OPEN BUT RAMPS IN HANDS OF MOBS OF PEOPLE. AMERICAN AIRLIFT OF REFUGEES SUSPENDED DUE TO RIOTS AROUND LOADING AIRCRAFT. DA NANG OVERFLOWING WITH PEOPLE.
5. DA NANG EVACUEES, ALL TYPES, NOW ESTIMATED BETWEEN ONE AND TWO MILLION. EVAC PLANS, INCLUDING USE OF MILITARY SEA-LIFT COMMAND CONTROLLED SHIPS, ENVISION 50,000 EVACUEES DAILY. BULK EVAC TO CAM RAHN.

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250703 (C) CG III MAF

ACTIVATION OF NINTH MAB

Ninth MAB is activated effective 262300Z Mar 75 for MABLEX 2-75 and such contingencies as may be directed.

251945 (S) USSAG/7AF

EVACUATION OF DANANG, AIRLIFT ASSETS

Airlift aircraft assets in PACOM were surveyed for overall capability: location, type, flying time to DaNang, PAX capability: and numbers of acft of each type which could be considered available in the theater for evacuation purposes. The numbers are:

- A. C-130's - 20 (125 PAX each)
- B. C-141's - 20 (225 PAX each)
- C. DC-8 - 4 (425 PAX each)
- D. C - 5 - 2 (500+ PAX each)

252148 (S) COMSEVENTHFLT

LOI FOR TALON VISE

The LOI in support of TALON VISE OPPLAN is provided for planning upon receipt and execution when directed. The general situation pictures a necessary emergency evacuation, by sealift, of American citizens and friendly nationals from DaNang. COMSEVENTHFLT conducts such operations in DaNang employing Special Force Seventh Fleet with Ground Security Force consisting of BLT BRAVO for crowd control; protection and movement of evacuees; and augmentation of shipboard security force.

Reinforcing Ground Security Forces are two air contingency battalions in Okinawa on a 48 hour response time into DaNang airfield.

260406 (S) CINCPAC

REQUEST FOR USE OF RIOT CONTROL AGENTS

CINCPAC requests authority to use riot control agents in Vietnam to protect U. S. installations, U. S. personnel and evacuees in emergency evacuation.

260609 (C) CGFIRSTMAW

DESIGNATION OF 9TH MAB CG

BGen CAREY is designated as CG 9th MAB.

260826 (S) CINCPACFLT

RESPONSE TIMES FOR ARG BRAVO SHIPPING

Response times are given for support of Operation TALON VISE for USS FREDERICK (LST-1184), USS PRAIRIE (AD-15), USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC-19), and USS DURHAM (LKA-114).

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DTG	ORIGINATOR	RÉSUMÉ OF MESSAGE
261033(EX)	AMEMBSAIGON	<u>HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE - SUMMARY FOR PERIOD ENDING NOON MARCH 26</u>
261510 (S)	CTF SEVEN NINE	<u>PROPOSED CONCEPT FOR TALON VISE</u> The following concept is proposed for TALON:VISE: GSF will consist of one reinforced battalion (six rifle companies and one H & S company) and sixteen LVTP-7. Aviation elements will consist of twelve CH-46 and two UH-1E. Shipping will consist of current ARG BRAVO plus LCC. To implement concept the BLUE RIDGE would load at Okinawa, the DUBUQUE would depart Yokosuka for Okinawa while the DURHAM and FREDERICK would remain in Subic for loading. Troops would be airlifted to Cubi Point for embarkation.
261527 (S)	CTF SEVEN SIX	<u>HELO ASSETS/GROUND SECURITY FORCE COMPOSITION</u> Twelve CH-46 and two UH-1E helos can be accomodated on ARG BRAVO shipping. (8 on the DUBUQUE, 2 on the DURHAM, and 2 plus the 2 UH-1E on the BLUE RIDGE). BLT 1/4 will be committed to TALON VISE.
261600 (S)	USDAO SAIGON	<u>ALERT FOR EXTRACTION OF US NATIONALS</u> CONGEN DaNang has requested that an extraction of his remaining people (50) be considered beshould the streets of the city become impassable because of the refugee panic. A two hour alet is requested.
270205 (S)	CG III MAF	<u>SPECIAL AIRLIFT REQUEST</u> A special airlift request has been sent to MAC in order to marry up Okinawa based Ground Security Forces and assigned shipping at Cubi Point, R. P.
270339 (S)	COMIPAC	<u>IPAC INTELL SUMMARY</u> This daily intelligence summary (as of 270001Z) gives a synopsis of the RVN situation. Highlights include: A. The Marine Brigade remains the only viable combat force in MR 1. B. The 1st Inf Div and the two Ranger Groups have broken up and are moving more as mobs. Chu Lai fell on 26 March. Around DaNang the situation is bleak. Public order is breaking down, an atmosphere of panic has begun to spread. The Marine Division has been ordered to Saigon.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
270503 (S)	CINCPACFLT	<u>ARG BRAVO MOVEMENT</u> Guidance is given regarding the movement of ARG BRAVO. Ships are not to sail until further directed. Preparations are to continue to get underway to include loading of USMC personnel, equipment and helicopters in BLUE RIDGE. Loading of helos in Cubi Point aboard DURHAM is authorized. When directed, other USMC personnel, equipment, and helos will be loaded in the DUBUQUE.
270614 (S)	AMEMB SAIGON	<u>REQUEST FOR EXTRACTION ALERT</u> AMEMB restates urgent request for extraction alert as previously noted in USDAO msg 261600Z Mar 75.
270615 (C)	AMEMB SAIGON	<u>PHASED EVACUATION</u> In view of deterioration of the security situation, the CHARGE' implemented on March 26 a phased evacuation of persons for whom the Consulate General DaNang has E&E responsibilities.
270617 (C)	AMEMB SAIGON	<u>NHA TRANG EVACUATION</u> Non-essential personnel of all agencies and dependents at Nha Trang are being evacuated.
270621 (C)	NMCC	<u>SITUATION AT DANANG</u> A resume of the situation at DaNang is given. Crowd control is difficult at airport. City is without law and order. Commitment still exists to move protective group's families.
270944 (S)	SECSTATE	<u>SECSTATE CONCURRENCE</u> State Department concurs in paragraphs 4 and 5 of USDAO SAIGON msg 261600Z and paragraph 2 of AMEMB SAIGON msg 270614Z Mar 75.
271040 (EX)	AMEMB SAIGON	<u>HIGHLIGHTS OF NVA OFFENSIVE - SUMMARY FOR PERIOD ENDING NOON MARCH 27.</u>
270018 (EX)	AMEMB TAIPEI	<u>RVN REQUEST FOR LST SUPPORT FROM ROC</u> RVN requests LST support from Republic of China for evacuation of DaNang. Two LST's are ready to sail 28Mar75 and will require about six days sailing time. It was indicated that up to twelve ships could be used.

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271808 (S) CINCPAC

HIGHLIGHTS OF PACOM ACTIVITIES

For all practical purpose Chu Lai, RVN has fallen. A contract C-130 received light damage at Pochentong Airfield, Cambodia.

271030 (S) USSAG/7AF

DANANG EVACUATION

DCM has expressed deep concern over the situation of DaNang and the strong sense of urgency to the necessity of having CH-53's on alert at Nha Trang for possible evacuation of those remaining at Consulate. It was pointed out that the Eagle Pull assets on hand now aren't adequate to permit this.

271208 (S) USSAG/7AF

CURRENT SITUATION DANANG CITY

Air America reported that ramp security was virtually nonexistent. Runways and taxiways are still open and flt ops continuing with a/c loading on the runways. City overflowing with refugees and soldiers. Absence of policemen. Mayor's office began destroying records on 27Mar75. Staff at GVN MR-1 HQ began destroying documents on 26Mar75. Immediate threat is internal i.e. mob violence.

271320 (C) AMEMBSAIGON

ARRESTS OF ALLEGED PLOTTERS AND RUMORED INVOLVEMENT OF NGUYEN CAO KY

On 26Mar75 10 arrested who were plotting to replace govt.

272129 (C) SECSTATE

EVACUATION OF CIVILIAN REFUGEES

Request for aid from military sealift command controlled ships. Evacuation priority, U.S. citizens and such other categories of civilian refugees as designated.

272130 (C) MACSCOTTAFB

REFUGEE AIRLIFT PIO/T 51550208

Updated estimate of commercial aircraft capabilities: 3 a/c avail now, 1 on 27Mar, 2 on 28Mar, 2 on 29Mar, 1 on 30Mar, 1 on 31Mar.

270503 (S) CINCPACFLT

ARG BRAVO MOVEMENT

Do not sail ships until further directed. Load USMC personnel, equipment and helos in BLUE RIDGE. Loading of helos presently located Cubi on board DURHAM is auth, when directed. Remainder will be loaded on DUBUQUE.

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MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA

1. EAGLE PULL - NO CHANGE.
2. PHNOM PENH AIRLIFT - RECOMMENCED MORNING OF 29 MARCH AFTER 24 HOUR SUSPENSION DUE TO ROCKET AND ARTILLERY FIRE.
3. TOUL LEAP (ROCKET BELT) - NO CHANGE.
4. BANAM-NEAK LUONG - CONNECTING ROAD, ROUTE 15, CUT AGAIN. SITUATION AT NEAK LUONG DESCRIBED AS FLUID.

VIETNAM

1. DA NANG - SOME 300 ROCKETS REPORTED FIRED INTO DA NANG AIRFIELD 1900-2400H 28 MARCH 1975.
2. DA NANG - DA NANG AIRFIELD OPEN AGAIN WITH 4 AIR VIET NAM DC-4s SCHEDULED FOR 29 MARCH 1975. MARBLE MOUNTAIN AIR FIELD OPEN AND IN USE.
3. DA NANG - HAI VAN PASS BELIEVED TO HAVE FALLEN. SVN MARINES MOVED FROM HAI VAN PASS TO MARBLE MOUNTAIN FOR POSSIBLE EVACUATION. HOI AN SOUTH OF DA NANG REPORTED FALLEN.
4. DA NANG - ALL AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR AND ABOARD SS PIONEER CONTENDER EXCEPT CONSUL GENERAL FRANCIS WHO REMAINS IN THE HARBOR ON A TUG. SS PIONEER CONTENDER UNDER WAY 280630Q WITH 5000 PASSENGERS INCLUDING EIGHT U.S. MARINES OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD BATTALION. USNS MILLER UNDER WAY 282400Q WITH 6-8000 PASSENGERS.

III MAF - NO CHANGE.TIME ZONE

Q - WASH, D.C. EDT
H - RVN LOCAL TIME

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SECRETGENERAL

1. USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) EN ROUTE FROM YOKOSUKA, ETA OKINAWA 292200Z MAR.
2. PHIBRON FIVE WITH SEVEN AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS DEPARTED SAN DIEGO 281700Z MAR EN ROUTE PEARL HARBOR, ETA 4 APR 75. SCHEDULED TO CHOP TO 7TH FLEET 13 APR 75 RELIEVING PHIBRON ONE.
3. USS HANCOCK WITH HMH-463 EN ROUTE PEARL HARBOR TO SUBIC BAY, ETA 5 APR 75.

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281126Z (U) AMEMBASSY
SAIGON

ROUGH ESTIMATE OF COST OF ADDITIONAL
HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMS REQUIRED TO ASSIST
RVN IN PRESENT EMERGENCY.

A rough estimate of the total cost for the present emergency to include the evacuation of two million persons is \$140,000,000--- The cost is based upon current estimations considering heavy fighting within populated areas.

281725Z (S) DIA WASHDC

DIA DIN SUMMARY 117-75 AS OF 1200 EDT
28MAR75

The situation in Danang is approaching anarchy. The perimeter has been contracted because the soldiers of the ARVN 3D Division began deserting their positions. The roads leading to the airport are impassable. Refugees are reported trying to get on any airplane that lands. Gen TRUONG and his staff believe the defense of the city is hopeless.

281805Z (C) COMSC WASHDC

RVN EVACUATION

This message requests of COMSCFE, the number of deep draft ships which can load evacuees Danang. Also loading time and number of evacuees per ship for planning purposes.

281220Z (U) SS PIONEER
CONTENDER

EVACUATION OF MARINE DETACHMENT

Marine Det (2 SNCOs, 6 EM) from Danang was evacuated aboard SS PIONEER CONTENDER. All Marines well and in good shape. Destination of debarkation TBA.

282022Z (C) SECSTATE

MOVEMENT OF SURFACE VESSELS

The movement of surface vessels into Danang is now authorized. Restrictions previously imposed (Ref: SECSTATE 281257Z) now set aside. Same criteria applies to aircraft entering Danang area.

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 282113Z(S) COMIPAC

RESUME OF MESSAGEAAA/SA-7 THREAT UNKNOWN

The trend in AAA movements appears to be eastward through the highlands of MR-II toward the coast and southward from Northern Quang Tri Province. Addressees with possible contingency operational requirements must be aware that AAA and SA-7 elements are likely to be present with massed enemy troops.

290050Z(S) NMCC
 (FONECON)

NMCC UPDATE

- A. ETA for DUBUQUE is 292200Z.
- B. Airfield operations resume in Danang. No major NVA attack has materialized. One ship departs with 5,000 aboard.
- C. Additional chartering of ships is to be authorized.
- D. ARG-A continues on six hour standby for Eagle Pull.

282323(C) SECSTATE

EMBASSY ASSISTANCE IN EVACUATION

SECSTATE has directed AMEMBASSY in 15 countries to appeal to host government for assistance in evacuating refugees from Northern RVN.

281824Z(S) NMCC

NMCC UPDATE

Various information and DIA SITREP's are given. Latest reports show that all U.S. Citizens have departed Da Nang except one man who helps coordinate shipping. Consul General is aboard a tug in Da Nang harbor. Beach control is improving and is believed to remain manageable as long as shipping continues to provide escape. Airfield is open and indications are that minimal control has been exerted over the Da Nang population. VNAF aircraft have flown from Da Nang and this indicates that the situation at the city may be stabilizing.

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<u>DTG</u>	<u>ORIGINATOR</u>	<u>RESUME OF MESSAGE</u>
282353Z(C)	CINCPAC	<u>GROUND AMMO SHIPMENTS TO RVN</u> Surface delivery of all open ground ammunition requests is to be expedited. Consideration should be given to include diversion of ships en route WestPac.
281045Z(C)	AMCONSUL CAN THO	<u>U.S. PERSONNEL FOR EVACUATION</u> The Consulate General Can Tho has E. & E. responsibility for 241 U.S. personnel and 50 non-Americans listed by various provinces.
282311Z(C)	COMIPAC	<u>SPOT SITUATION REPORT</u> Short spot report listing conflicting stories. Items of interest previously received by MCCC and so noted in message summary.
290502Z(S)	USDAO SAIGON	<u>ROCKETS INTO DANANG</u> On 28 March from 1900-2400H enemy fired three to six 122mm rockets at fifty different times, approximately 150-300 rockets in all into Da Nang Airfield. From 2400-0700H 29 March enemy fired ten rounds 122mm rockets into Da Nang Airfield. Most refugees departed airfield on foot to unknown destination. Four Sappers at airfield were directing incoming enemy fire. At 1000H 29 March Da Nang Airfield appears like a ghost town.

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290900Z(S) NMCC

NMCC UPDATE-FONECON 290500 EDT

1. GENERAL. No significant changes have occurred in the past few hours.
2. EAGLE PULL. No change, alert posture for ARG A remains at six hours. Airlift operations continue at Phnom Penh.
3. Da Nang. The status of airfield operations is uncertain at the present time. Two ships have departed with refugees, one other ship (PIONEER COMMANDER) is nearing Da Nang. Tactical situation continues to look "grim". No specifics were available. Communication with Da Nang continues to be a problem.

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290938 (C)	AMEMBASSY CANBERRA	<u>AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT FOR EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES</u> The Australian Government has dedicated a total of seven C-130 aircraft for the evacuation of refugees in Vietnam. One aircraft departed from Butterworth, Malaysia, 29Mar for Saigon. Two aircraft have departed Sydney en route Saigon. Four other aircraft will depart shortly from Sydney for Saigon.															
290734 (C)	COMSCFE YOKO- HAMA JA	<u>RVN EVACUATION</u> Two deep draft ships can load simultaneously in anchor in Danang, with an estimated loading time of 12 hours based on past experience. Five to eight thousand evacuees estimated number to be placed upon each ship.															
290844 (S)	COMSCFE YOKO- HAMA JA	<u>POTENTIAL NSC NEMVAC SHIPPING SITREP NR 3</u> A total of nine MSC ships can be made available for evacuation of Danang. Five of these ships have already been assigned to the evacuation of Danang and are en route.															
281156 (C)	CTF 76	<u>ARG BRAVO MOVEMENTS</u> USS DURHAM has 2 (CH-46) Helicopters aboard.															
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30 MARCH 1975

MARINE CORPS COMMAND CENTER

MORNING OPERATIONAL SUMMARYCAMBODIA

1. EAGLE PULL - NO CHANGE.
2. POCHENTONG - RECIEVED 22 ROUNDS ROCKET AND ARTILLERY 29 MARCH, AIRLIFT CONTINUES.
3. BANAM - SITUATION CRITICAL.

VIETNAM

1. ARG BRAVO SHIPS - DIRECTED BY JCS TO POINT OFF COAST VN VIC NHA TRANG/QUI NHON, WITH NORMAL COMPLEMENT OF MARINES ONLY, TO ASSIST IN HUMANITARIAN CIVILIAN. REFUGEE EVACUATION. USS BLUE RIDGE, ETD BUCKNER 300600Z WITH ADMIN 9TH MAB/33D MAU, DET HMM-165 AND D/1/4, ETA MODLOC 020750Z APR. USS DURHAM WITH DET E, HMM-165 AND USS FREDERICK, ETD SUBIC 300745Z MAR, ETA MODLOC 311600Z MARCH 1975.
2. DA NANG - MSC SUSPENDED EVACUATION OPERATIONS DA NANG DUE TO UNSAFE CONDITIONS 301130Z MAR 75. BOTH AIR FIELDS CLOSED. PRESS REPORTS DA NANG HAS FALLEN.
3. CINCPAC - DESIGNATED DOD VN REFUGEE COORDINATOR.

III MAF

1. 33D MAU WITH BLT 1/4(REIN) AND HMM-165(-)(REIN) - ELEMENTS ON ARG BRAVO SHIPPING INDICATED ABOVE.
2. 1ST RADIO BATTALION, DET "P" DEPARTED HICKAM 28 MAR, CHOPPED TO III MAF, ETA FUTEMA 300900Z MAR 75.

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1. USS DUBUQUE (LPD-8) WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE OKINAWA
292200Z MAR 75.
2. USS LONG BEACH (CGN-9) AT SATTAHIP ETD 3 APRIL 75.

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NOTE: LOCAL TIME WASH, D.C. = Z MINUS 4 HOURS.
LOCAL TIME VIETNAM = Z PLUS 8 HOURS.
LOCAL TIME CAMBODIA = Z PLUS 7 HOURS.

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280556 (S)	COMSEVENTHFLT	<u>ARG BRAVO MOVEMENTS</u> Advise ComSeventhFt estimated and actual attainment of required readiness posture. Load Dubuque as necessary to attain 12 hour RFS.																																
281048 (S)	CTF 76	<u>ARG BRAVO MOVEMENTS</u> Blue Ridge, Durham and Frederick now on twelve hour readiness. Dubuque will be loaded upon arrival Okinawa. Estimate twelve hour response time for Dubuque at 300100Z MAR.																																
271510 (S)	THIRTY THIRD MARPHIBU	<u>SITREP NR ONE</u> The following is the planned task organization on the 33rd MAU: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>UNIT</td> <td>SHIP</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hq 33d MAU</td> <td>Blue Ridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CMDGRP (DET) 1/4</td> <td>Blue Ridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det H&SCo</td> <td>Blue Ridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det H&SCo</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co A (REIN)</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co B (REIN)</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co C (REIN)</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Co D (REIN)</td> <td>Blue Ridge</td> </tr> <tr> <td>81mm Mort Plat (REIN)</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>106mm RK Plat</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det 12th Mar</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plat (REIN) 1st AmtracBn</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plat 3rd Engr Bn</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det 3rd SP Bn</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Det Hq Bn</td> <td>Dubuque</td> </tr> </table> Final assignment of shipping will be accomplished when liaison established with USS Frederick and USS Durham. HMM-165 Status Currently (2) UH1E and (3) CH-46 aboard Blue Ridge Planned assignments of remaining aircraft: (8) CH-46 USS Dubuque (3) CH-46 USS Durham	UNIT	SHIP	Hq 33d MAU	Blue Ridge	CMDGRP (DET) 1/4	Blue Ridge	Det H&SCo	Blue Ridge	Det H&SCo	Dubuque	Co A (REIN)	Dubuque	Co B (REIN)	Dubuque	Co C (REIN)	Dubuque	Co D (REIN)	Blue Ridge	81mm Mort Plat (REIN)	Dubuque	106mm RK Plat	Dubuque	Det 12th Mar	Dubuque	Plat (REIN) 1st AmtracBn	Dubuque	Plat 3rd Engr Bn	Dubuque	Det 3rd SP Bn	Dubuque	Det Hq Bn	Dubuque
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290333 (S) COMIPAC

IPAC SPECIAL REPORT NO 13- RVN:
THE NEXT 90 DAYS "AN ASSESSMENT".
THE FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS ARE EXTRACTED
FROM THE SUBJECT ASSESSMENT.

Danang will fall within four days and the
airport and seaport will be closed prior to
the evacuation of refugees.

In MR-2 the coastal areas of QUI NHON and
TUY HOA are expected to fall in two weeks.
Unless the southern part of MR-II is rein-
forced by the ARVN it is expected to fall
within 30 days. This area includes NHA
TRANG and DALAT.

It is anticipated that the NVA will conduct
a major offensive in the MR-III area against
Saigon. Four weeks will be required to de-
ploy additional NVA forces to this area. It
is expected that the NVA will isolate Saigon
and the capital could fall within sixty to
ninety days.

RVNAF logistical resources are anticipated
to run out prior to 31MAY75. Without external
support the NVA will achieve victory within
sixty to ninety days.

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290940 (C)

AMEMBASSY
SAIGONAIR EVACUATION DANANG

On 29Mar75 three World Airways 727 aircraft left from Tan Son Nhut air base in one half hour intervals for Danang. The first 727 landed and was completely mobbed. The aircraft was forceably boarded by GVN military personnel. The runway was blocked by military trucks so the pilot utilized the taxiway for takeoff. Once airborne the pilot was unable to raise the landing gear as body was jammed in the left wheel well. The aircraft made an emergency landing at Tan Son Nhut. There were 385 people aboard the aircraft of which seven were civilians the remainder were ARVN or VNF soldiers. The other two aircraft returned to Saigon with out landing in Danang. The flights were ordered by Mr. DALY, a World Airways official and were not authorized by the AID mission.

290942 (U)

COMSCFE YOKO-
HAMA JARVN EVACUATION

A tug boat, the Chitose Maru with a barge in tow departed Danang 290715Z en route to Cam Ranh Bay. It is estimated that there are 600 evacuees on the tug and 2000 evacuees on the barge.

291145 (C)

AMEMBASSY
SAIGONDANANG REFUGEE EVACUATION (SITRPT # 3)

An estimated total of 15,000 have been evacuated so far by sea and airlift.

AIRLIFT

Due to impossible crowd control problems at Danang airfield no other flights are authorized. Three 727 aircraft (World Airways) and one Bird Airline DC-8 are available for airlift evacuation.

SEALIFT

The Pioneer Contender and the USNS Miller departed Danang 28 and 29March respectfully. Each ship carried 7,500 evacuees. Chaotic conditions of Danang harbor may halt sealift.

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291246 (U) COMSCFE

RVN EVACUATION

CINCPAC (DOD VIETNAM REFUGEE EVACUATION COORDINATOR), has directed COMSCFE to confirm safe conditions in DANANG harbor prior to entry of any vessel. Evacuation will only be conducted under safe conditions without danger to ships or crews.

291344 (C) AMEMBASSY
LONDONEVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

The Royal Navy frigate "Lowestofts" has been ordered to DANANG to assist in the evacuation. The ship should arrive in DANANG within twenty four hours.

291508 (C) SECSTATE

EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

Preliminary indications are that the Japanese will not assist with the evacuation.

291705 (C) CINCPAC

SAR IN CONNECTION WITH RVN SEALIFT EVACUATION

Requests permission to direct CINCPACFLT to dispatch an appropriate vessel to patrol the international waters off of South Vietnam for SAR operations. This refers to a tug with a barge in tow on the open seas with 2,600 evacuees aboard, which left DANANG.

291715 (C) MAC SCOTT
AFB ILREFUGEE AIRLIFT

The following is an estimate of the numbers of aircraft available for airlift in Vietnam.

<u>A/C</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
B-727	3
B-747	3
DC-10	2
DC-8	4
DC-707	3
L-382	2

The three B-727's are now operating in Vietnam.

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291728 (C) AMEMBASSY
 BONN

EVACUATION OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

The Federal Republic of Germany is prepared to participate in the humanitarian emergency assistance for transporting refugees out of DANANG, and other endangered areas.

The German Embassy has been empowered to charter available transportation.

West Germany noted that only civilian means of transportation will be utilized.

292235 (S) NMCC

NMCC UPDATE - FONECON 291835 EDT

JCS msg 292120Z has just been released which authorizes movement of ARG BRAVO shipping. The general tenor of the message is to down-play the combatant role and stress the humanitarian role. Thus, Marines aboard will include the Helo detachments, control personnel, and an atmosphere of "normal ships compliment".

292120 (C) JCS

ARG BRAVO EXECUTE

ARG BRAVO is to sail ASAP to the vicinity NHA TRANG - QUI NHON to assist in humanitarian civilian refugee evacuation operations. In no case will vessels participate in combat or combat support in violation of existing instructions.

Only normal shipboard complement of Marines will be embarked to assist in on-board control of refugees that may be subsequently evacuated.

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300120Z(S)

NMCC

NMCC UPDATE-FONECON 292120 EDT

ARG BRAVO shipping sailing for RVN is now being referred to as "Amphibious Shipping from ARG BRAVO".

CINCPAC has instructed CINCPACFLT to execute the sailing and to provide helicopters plus minimum Marine security for the ships and evacuation control (aboard ships). Combat troops are not required for this movement. Landing craft and helos will not touch shore.

292223Z(C)

SECSTATE

DA NANG SITUATION

Communication with Da Nang remains broken. Although chaotic conditions prevail, there are no indications that Da Nang has fallen.

300420Z(U)

NMCC

FONECON WITH NMCC DDO (BGEN ROBERTS)
300020 EDT

No confirmation of status of Da Nang. Although news media reports the fall of Da Nang, no specifics are available, i.e., control of city, airport, beach area.

300310Z(S)

JCS

LIMITATIONS ON EVACUATION OPERATIONS

U.S. Military personnel, craft, or ship board equipment is prohibited from being placed ashore in RVN. U.S. military forces must not be introduced into hostilities nor involved in combat activities.

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301015Z (S)

NMCC

NMCC UPDATE-FONECON 300615 EDT

No official confirmation of status of Da Nang. One ship is currently loading refugees although port area is receiving sporadic B-40 rocket fire. No A/C evacuation in last 30 hours.

300023Z (S)

COMIPAC

DA NANG SITUATION - Situation at

Da Nang reported as chaotic as artillery and rocket ABF's continue. Runways continue to be unuseable due to uncontrolled number of refugees and defecting ARVN and VNAF. NVA can take control of Da Nang whenever it chooses. Evacuation will not be completed before NVA take city.

MR-2 - Situation is relatively stable. No indication of an enemy large scale operation in near future.

MR-3 - Situation quiet in general and activity in Tay Ninh reduced. Civil situation in Saigon reported as stable with curfew in effect.

MR-4 - Activity continues to be light scattered.

301204Z (S)

NMCC

NMCC UPDATE - FONECON 300804 EDT

Saigon press reports that Da Nang as fallen. As of 301130Z, Military Sealift Command has suspended evacuation operations due to unsafe conditions. SS Pioneer Contender and 3 Tugs departed Da Nang at 301130Z.

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