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OPLAN 4-70 (Bald Eagle) (Security for Visits of High Ranking Officials) (U)

Reference: Americal OPLAN 1-70 dtd, 12 February 1970

TASK ORGANIZATION: No change except Bde Control, listed below:

BDE CONTROL  
 F/17 Cav  
 48th Inf Plat (Scout Dog)  
 F/8 Cav  
 A/26th Engrs

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUM

b. Friendly Forces:

(1) Americal Division: Continues current operations and provides VIP security in accordance with Americal Div OPLAN 1-70.

(2) 198th Inf Bde continues current operations and provides security for high ranking officials in the Bde AO in accordance with Americal Div OPLAN 1-70.

(3) 7th Marines: Continues current operations.

(4) 5th ARVN Regt: Continues current operations.

2. (C) MISSION: 196th Inf Bde continues current operations and provides security for high ranking officials visiting the Bde AO in accordance with the criteria established in Americal Division OPLAN 1-70.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept: 196th Inf Bde assumes OPCON of one Air Cav Troop utilizing the gunships as air cover for the VIP's helicopters and the Aero Scout platoon on strip alert. All Bn's provide local security in their specific AO's and provide 1 Inf Co to act as primary reaction force while the VIP's are in their respective AO's.

b. 2-1 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Inf Co on HAWK HILL stands by in vicinity of the S4 pad to act as Bald Eagle reaction force in conjunction with the Aero Scout platoon.

c. 3-21 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to provide 1 Inf Company on stand by to act as the Bald Eagle reaction force.

d. 4-31 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to provide 1 Inf Co on stand-by to act as the Bald Eagle reaction force.

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a. 1-46 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to provide 1 Inf Co on stand-by to act as the Bald Eagle, reaction force.

f. F/17 Cav:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to act as a ground reaction force on order.

g. A/26 Engrs:

h. F/8 Cav:

(1) Becomes OPCON to 196th Inf Bde on order.

(2) Provides 2 cobra gunships to escort the VIP helicopter while in the 196th Inf Bde AO.

(3) Position the Aero Rifle platoon and its lift ships on stand by at HAWK HILL.

j. 2nd platoon 23rd MP Co: See Annex A (Military Police).

k. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Definitions:

(a) High Ranking Officials: The President, the Vice President, Members of the Cabinet, Members of Congress, COMUSMACV, Deputy COMUSMACV or other general or flag officers of four star rank (or civilian equivalent) and other designated US sponsored dignitaries and officials.

(b) Bald Eagle: An infantry rifle company reinforced by the Aero Rifle Platoon, on alert for helicopter employment as a separate maneuver element.

(2) This OPLAN is effective for planning on receipt and for execution on order.

4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS: Current AdminO.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOL

(2) Callwords for visiting high ranking officials to be published.

b. Command: Bde CP at ~~12~~ HAWK HILL.

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- A (Military Police) to 196th Inf Bde OPLAN 4-70 (U) *Confidential*

Reference: Americal OPLAN 1-70, 12 Feb 70

TASK ORGANIZATION: OPLAN 4-70

1. (U) SITUATION: OPLAN 1-70

2. (U) MISSION: OPLAN 1-70

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. 2nd platoon, 23 MP Company:

(1) Continue Current Operations.

(2) During visits by high-ranking officials, take the following security measures:

(a) Insure that vehicle(s) to be utilized by principal are inspected and free of explosive devices.

(b) Provide Military Police escort vehicles, one preceding the principal's convoy about 100-500 meters, and one directly behind the principal. No red lights or sirens are to be utilized; unless required by emergency conditions. Radio communications between the two vehicles will be maintained in the event of an emergency. When security lead vehicles are provided by Vietnamese (in cases where they are the host), only one trail Military Police vehicle is required.

(c) Prior to the arrival of the principal, conduct a route reconnaissance and select alternate route(s) to be used in the event of an emergency.

(d) Insure that security personnel are familiar with any recent or nearby enemy activity or any indication of imminent action, and be prepared to brief the VIP's Personal Security Officer.

(e) Inspect airfields and helipads to insure absence of explosive devices prior to use by aircraft carrying high-ranking officials. Maintain continuous surveillance of the area to be utilized from completion of inspection until departure of the principal.

4. (U) ADMIN AND LOGISTICS: OPLAN 4-70

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL: OPLAN 4-70

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~~Confidential~~ (Cover and Deception) to 196th Inf Bde OPLAN 4-70 (Bald Eagle) (U)

REFERENCE: Americal Div OPLAN 1-70 (Base Defense) (U), dtd 12 Feb 70.

TASK ORGANIZATION: Same as OPLAN 4-70

1. (U) SITUATION: Same as OPLAN 4-70.

2. (C) MISSION: The 196th Bde conducts cover and deception operations to deceive the enemy of the fact that VIP(s) are in the 196th Bde AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Concept: 196th Bde continues current operations and covers preparation for Bald Eagle mission by insuring helicopter lift force is assembled just prior to the VIP(s) arrival. The Bald Eagle reaction force will be kept on normal operations and duties and assemble immediately prior to the arrival of high ranking officials. The Air Cavalry Troop will continue operations, then break station in ample time to provide an escort.

b. 2-1 Inf, 3-21 Inf, 4-31 Inf and 1-46 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Conduct normal patrols concentrated on covering danger areas along the visiting official's flight route, and in mortar or rocket positions, if he is visiting the battalion fire base.

(3) If required to provide 1 Inf Co as the Bald Eagle reaction force, keep this element and its equipment under cover and assemble them just prior to the required stand by time.

c. F/17 Cav: Continue current operations.

d. A/26 Engrs: Continue current operations.

e. F/8 Cav: Continue current operations.

f. 2 Plat 23 MP Co: Continue current operations.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See OPLAN 4-70.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Avoid increasing the amount of radio transmissions on the day of the visit.

(2) Use only secure means to discuss any last minute coordination concerning the visit.

b. Command: Same as OPLAN 4-70.

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d. 4-31 Inf:

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e. 1-46 Inf:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to provide 1 Inf Co on stand-by to act as the Bald Eagle, reaction force.

f. F/17 Cav:

(1) Continues current operations.

(2) Be prepared to act as a ground reaction force on order.

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h. F/8 Cav:

(1) Becomes OPCON to 196th Inf Bde on order.

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4. ADMIN AND LOGISTICS: Current AdminO.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

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b. Command: Bde CP at IZ HAWK HILL.

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TASK ORGANIZATION: OPLAN 4-70

1. (U) SITUATION: OPLAN 1-70

2. (U) MISSION: OPLAN 1-70

3. (C) EXECUTION:

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(1) Continue Current Operations.

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4. (U) ADMIN AND INVESTIG: OPLAN 4-70

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL: OPLAN 4-70

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ANNEX B (Cover and Deception) to 196th Inf Bde OPLAN 4-70 (Bald Eagle) (U)

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TASK ORGANIZATION: Same as OPLAN 4-70

1. (U) SITUATION: Same as OPLAN 4-70.

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(3) If required to provide 1 Inf Co as the Bald Eagle reaction force, keep this element and its equipment under cover and assemble them just prior to the required stand by time.

c. F/17 Cav: Continue current operations.

d. A/26 Engrs: Continue current operations.

e. F/8 Cav: Continue current operations.

f. 2 Plat 23 MP Co: Continue current operations.

4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: See OPLAN 4-70.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Avoid increasing the amount of radio transmissions on the day of the visit.

(2) Use only secure means to discuss any last minute coordination concerning the visit.

b. Command: Same as OPLAN 4-70.

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