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ANNEX A (Intelligence Estimate) to OPLAN 1-70 (U)

Reference: Same as OPOD 1-70

1. (U) MISSION See OPOD
2. (C) AREA OF OPERATIONS.

a. Weather:

(1) General: During the period from November thru February the area of interest is under the influence of the Northeast Monsoon. This season is characterized by low clouds and light rain or drizzle. Ceilings of less than 2000 feet are common during the night and morning hours, gradually lifting and partially breaking up during the afternoon. Aircraft visibility of 1 to 3 miles is common in the early morning fog, and in fog or drizzle during surges in the monsoon. Ground level visibility is frequently less than one mile in early morning fog. During this period, 4 to 10 days of more than one inch of rainfall and 2 to 5 days of more than 2 inches of rainfall can be expected. Illumination Data (See Appendix 1).

(2) Effects on Enemy Course of Action:

- (a) Enemy movement will be limited by heavy rains.
- (b) Enemy movement security will be enhanced due to cloud cover and fog conditions.
- (3) Effects on Friendly Course of Action:
 - (a) All forms of aerial support will be restricted due to weather conditions.
 - (b) Trafficability of the area is poor for both wheeled and tracked vehicles.

b. Terrain:

(1) General: The old Hau Duc area is characterized by multi-canopied and single ~~canopied~~ undergrowth forest. Two major rivers, the Song Tranh and the Song Vang, trisect the region and present a major obstacle for both friendly and enemy troop movement. The area to the West of the Song Tranh river is dominated by low hilly terrain ranging in height from 181 meters at AT9798 to 824 meters at AT9102. Minor river valleys are interspersed throughout the area making the bordering hills good points for observation. The area immediately south of the Song Vang is low rice paddy terrain bordered by rising contour of multi-canopied undergrowth forest.

(2) Cover and Concealment:

- (a) Cover is good throughout the study area, particularly in the mountainous portion. The low hills in the western and northern portion offer cover ranging from fair to good.
- (b) Concealment is excellent in the mountainous area due to the dense vegetation. Concealment is poor in the area immediately south of the Song Vang.

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(a) Observation: The dense forest and secondary growth limit short range observation in the mountain area, although from selected points, long range observation is good. The low hill throughout the area somewhat limit long range observation.

(b) Fields of Fire: Fields of fire will be poor for flat trajectory weapons in the mountain areas due to the dense vegetation. High trajectory weapons will have fair to good fields of fire. In the low hills area flat trajectory weapons will have fair to good fields of fire. However, high trajectory weapons will have excellent fields of fire.

3. (C) ENEMY SITUATION:

a. General: The major enemy forces operating in the 196th Bde area have continually used the region around old Hau Duc as a Staging and storage area. Recent reconnaissance efforts have shown the old Hau Duc area as being the terminal point for two major infiltration and supply routes, the Dak Rose trail and K-7 corridor (See Appendix B). Currently the trail activity leading into the Hau Duc region is of a high volume, indicating the probable existence of major enemy base area. Confirmed enemy units operating in the area of concern which pose a major threat to friendly forces are the 2nd NVA Div headquarters and its support elements and elements of Military agencies. The enemy can be expected to defend his base with up to the equivalent of one regiment.

b. Disposition, Composition and Strength. See current Intsum.

c. Reinforcement Capability: The enemy can reinforce with two MF battalions within three days and two MF Regts (minus) within five days.

d. Peculiarities and Weaknesses:

(1) Due to the presence of major enemy headquarters in the area of concern anti-aircraft activity is expected to be high.

(2) Enemy units are presently experiencing a food shortage.

(3) Enemy will be forced to use his base area as his staging point.

4. (C) ENEMY CAPABILITIES:

a. The enemy is capable of attacking with the equivalent of one regiment augmented by support elements from 2nd NVA Division. These elements include one battalion of anti-aircraft weapons (GK31), and one battalion of mortars and recoilless rifles (GK33).

b. The enemy is capable of conducting individual fire attacks.

c. The enemy is capable of directing sapper attacks against friendly concentrations.

5. (C) CONCLUSIONS: The enemy will defend in place and reinforce to maintain possession of the area due to the tactical value of the stores he has accumulated there.

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6. (C) VULNERABILITIES:

a. Enemy is vulnerable to friendly artillery and tactical air support.

b. Enemy is vulnerable to aerial reconnaissance.

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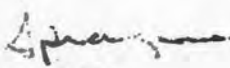
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- 1 - Illumination Data
- 2 - Trail Study (Overlay)
- 3 - Target Data

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APPENDIX 3 (Target Data) to ANNEX A (Intelligence Estimate) to
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Reference: Same as OPORD 1-70

1. (C) FORTIFICATIONS:

AT921061 Fording point
AS965986 10f/hs
AT980112 17 f/hs, 1 ~~mm~~/LW psn
BT013053 15 f/hs
BT015033 25 f/hs
AT874105 3 ~~mm~~/LW psn, 1 mort psn, 1 rkt psn, 10 f/hs
AT910058 Hut
AT914077 Hut
AT912046 Base camp, well used trail, 5 huts, 1 bunker
AT953108 3 huts
AT964099 6-8 huts
AT969099 2 huts
AT963105 4 huts
AT912046 Base camp
AT953108 3 large huts
AT910046 Poss base camp
AS968988 Company size camp site, many f/hs
AT902057 Base camp, 5-6 huts
BS005965 3 large huts
AT929129 Base camp w/12 camouflaged huts, several bunkers
AS915965 Intersection of several well used trails
AS909264 1 hut

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AS983958 2 f/hs and poss bunker in tree-line of cleared field
 AS983957 2 huts hidden in trees
 BS037967 3 huts
 AS900879 1 hut under trees
 BS008973 1 tunnel entrance
 AS958998 20-30 huts hidden under trees
 BS039968 3-4 bunkers and trench
 BS034993 1 footbridge
 BS038997 2 small foot bridges
 AS922957 Base camp
 AS877983 Foot bridge
 AS927978 1 hut
 AS917960 1 hut
 AS924957 Bridge over gully
 AS926955 1 hut
 AS909939 4 huts
 AS906960 3 huts
 AS910965 Base camp w/numerous huts, fighting pens, trenches and AA/AW
 pens

2. (C) ANTI-AIR ACTIVITY:

02 May BS031943 O-1G rec light SA cal .30 fire, negative hits
 22 Jun BS022977 UH-1H rec mod SW fire, neg hits
 22 Jun BS023978 UH-1H rec mod SA cal .30 fire, neg hits
 04 Jul AS986942 OH-6A rec unk intensity and unk type .30 cal fire, unk
 nr hits, A/C crashed and was not recoverable, 3 KIA
 08 Jul AS977984 UH-1H rec light SA cal .30 fire, 1 hit, A/C cont to fly,
 neg cas.
 27 Sep BT008109 OH-6A rec light SA cal .30 fire, neg hits.
 23 Oct AS991968 OH-6A rec intense SA .30 cal fire, neg hits
 23 Oct AS991968 2 AH-1H rec intense SA AW .30 cal fire, neg hits.
 12 Nov AS908947 O-1G rec light SA cal .30 fire, neg hits.
 13 Nov AT957108 UH-1G rec intense SA cal .30 fire, unk no hits, acft
 crashed and was not recovered, 4 U.S. WIA (E).

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AS983955 PW Camp
BS022972 Weapons cache
BS000970 2 weapons and ammo caches

4. (C) UNCONFIRMED HARD TARGETS:

AS990960 VC Secret Zone
AT950043 VC Prison camp
AT947076 VC Hospital
AS992930 VC Weapons cache

NOTE: APD missions conducted recently indicated large personnel concentrations in the area South of the Song Vang River between grid coordinates AS9797 and BS0397.

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ANNEX F (SIGNAL) to OPLAN 1-70 (U)

1. (C) SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces and Capabilities: The enemy has the capability to jam and/or monitor FM radio.

b. Friendly Forces: See OPLAN 1-70

2. MISSION: Install, operate and maintain the Task Force and Brigade communication system.

3. (C) EXECUTION:

a. Brigade: Communications Platoon will install and operate an FM retransmission station on LZ MARGE BT189046, on D-1. This station will retrans the Brigade Command Net (Non-Secure) on a frequency of 31.70 MHz. The retrans site will also maintain a manual relay station in the Brigade Secure Net. Be prepared to establish an alternate retrans site at LZ PREP.

b. TF 1-46: Maintain a station on the Brigade Command Net retrans frequency. The Task Force command Net will be LEROY SQUASH 39.70. The Task Force secure, Air/Ground and Admin/Log Nets will be the existing 1-46 Inf Bn nets.

c. TF PROFESSIONAL: Maintain existing stations in the Brigade Command and Secure Nets. The LZ Pro Command Net will be the existing 1-46 Inf Command Net. TF Pro will install and maintain an FM retransmission station in the vicinity of NEW HAU DUC BTO65048 on the existing Command Net, the retrans frequency will be 33.30.

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