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OP-PLAN 8-68 (JERICHO) Relief/Reinforcement of QUANG NGAI CITY

References: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000; Series L7014; Sheets 6739II, 6739III,
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Task Org:

Co/4-3 Inf

TF JOSHUA Control
2 Plat/E-1 Cav (15 APCs)
Sqd/C-26 Engr
B/6-11 Arty (DS)

Co/3-1 Inf

SITUATION.

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly forces:

(1) On order, 11th Inf Bde provides reaction force of two rifle companies, reinforced with armored cavalry and one artillery battery (DS) to assist in relief/reinforcement of QUANG NGAI CITY.

(2) 14th Avn Bn provides two gunship teams with flare ships on 15 min. alert for immediate employment in support of QUANG NGAI, on order.

(3) 198th Inf Bde provides one Arty Btry for fire support in QUANG NGAI area, on order.

c. Attachments and detachments: Task Org.

d. Assumptions.

(1) Enemy forces can launch a sustained attack to overrun QUANG NGAI CITY at a time of his choice, with not more than two regiments.

(2) Main enemy attack will be launched from the southwest approaches into QUANG NGAI CITY.

(3) Enemy will initiate secondary attacks and rush North and South of QUANG NGAI CITY to interdict Hwy #1 and to "fix friend" forces that could be used for relief/reinforcement.

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(4) Five RVN battalions with normal supporting units and provincial forces will be available for defense of QUANG NGAI.

(5) Task Force JOSHUA will be available for employment.

(6) Helicopter support will be available to establish a combat support base and for troop lift.

2. MISSION.

On order 4-3 Inf forms TF JOSHUA as directed; provides command and control element and one rifle company; prepares to assume OPCON Co/3-1 Inf, 2 Plat/E-1 Cav and one squad, C-26 Engr; on order, deploys TF JOSHUA by air and surface means to LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA) vic QUANG NGAI CITY as directed; prepares to move one additional rifle company by air or road for release to OPCON TF JOSHUA, on order, within two hours after implementation of this plan; prepares to provide security for B/6-11 Arty if employed at or North of SON TINH (BS637769) or within LZ COBRA; prepares to conduct operations in coordination with and in area specified by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor; reconnoiters designated route for possible bypasses at critical points and select alternate approaches into possible objective areas from LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA).

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operation.

(1) Maneuver

(a) Phase I: On order, TF JOSHUA deploys with Co/3-1 Inf, 2 Plats/E-1 Cav, and squad/C-26 Engr, effecting link-up at LZ DRAGOON (BS9773527) and conducting tactical motor march north to seize and secure LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA) vic QUANG NGAI area. Upon seizure of designated LZ, TF JOSHUA(-) airlifted with B/6-11 Arty into LZ, reorganizes and prepares to attack vic QUANG NGAI CITY.

(b) Phase II: On order, TF JOSHUA attacks to relieve/reinforce threatened areas of QUANG NGAI CITY in coordination with and as directed by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor.

(2) Fires.

(a) Priority of fires to elements conducting road march during Phase I; to unit in contact during Phase II.

(b) Arty fires available after completion of airlift B/6-11 Arty.

(c) Helicopter gunship support available upon request.

b. Co/3-1 Inf.

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- (1) Be prepared to assume OPCON one plat/E-1 Cav during Phase II.
- (2) Be prepared to secure LZ (FSB) as designated with one rifle platoon and weapons platoon, on order.
- (3) Upon seizing and securing LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA), assist landing of Co/4-3 Inf and landing of guns, equipment and troops of B/6-11 Arty.

c. Co/4-3 Inf.

- (1) Be prepared to assume OPCON one plat/E-1 Cav during Phase II.
- (2) Be prepared to secure FSB as designated for B/6-11 Arty with one rifle platoon and weapons platoon, on order, vic at or North of SON TINH (DS 637769).

d. Plats/E-1 Cav.

- (1) Effect link-up with Co/3-1 Inf vic LZ DRAGON and conduct tactical road march North to seize and secure LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA) as designated.
- (2) Be prepared for release of one platoon to OPCON Co/3-1 Inf and one platoon to OPCON Co/4-3 Inf, on order.

e. B/6-11 Arty.

(1) DS.

- (2) Be prepared to be airlifted from present location to LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA), as designated, on order.

f. Squad/C-26 Engr.

- (1) Effect link-up with Co/3-1 Inf and Plat/E-1 Cav vic LZ DRAGON and conduct tactical road march to LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA), as designated.
- (2) Upon arrival of B/6-11 Arty at LZ COBRA or LZ (TBA), as designated, assist B/6-11 Arty in clearing gun positions of obstructions and assist in constructing obstacles vic LZ.

g. Coordinating instructions.

- (1) All companies 4-3 Inf be prepared for release to OPCON TF JOSHUA, on order.
- (2) Companies not initially released to OPCON TF JOSHUA, be prepared to move by air or road for release to OPCON TF JOSHUA within 2 hrs after implementation of this plan.

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(3) Coordination between commanders authorized and directed during operations.

(4) Company Commanders and Plat Ldrs, E-1 Cav conduct aerial reconnaissance of LZs and QUANG NGAI CITY, on order.

(5) Companies carry one 81mm mortar and 10 Illum, 5 WP, and 20 HE 82mm mortar ammunition.

II. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

a. Units carry one days rations and basic load of ammunition.

b. Resupply by airlift as required, on request.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

3. Signal.

(1) Current SOI in effect.

(2) Sector Advisor, QUANG NGAI: SCOUR STOWER VICTOR - Freq 55.65.

(3) 2d ARVN Div Senior Advisor: LADY GROWTH - Freq 35.70.

(4) Sub-sector Advisor, TU NGHIA: SCOUR STOWER ALPHA - Freq 55.65.

b. Command.

(1) Command group in C-47 Helicopter initially.

(2) CP location TBA.

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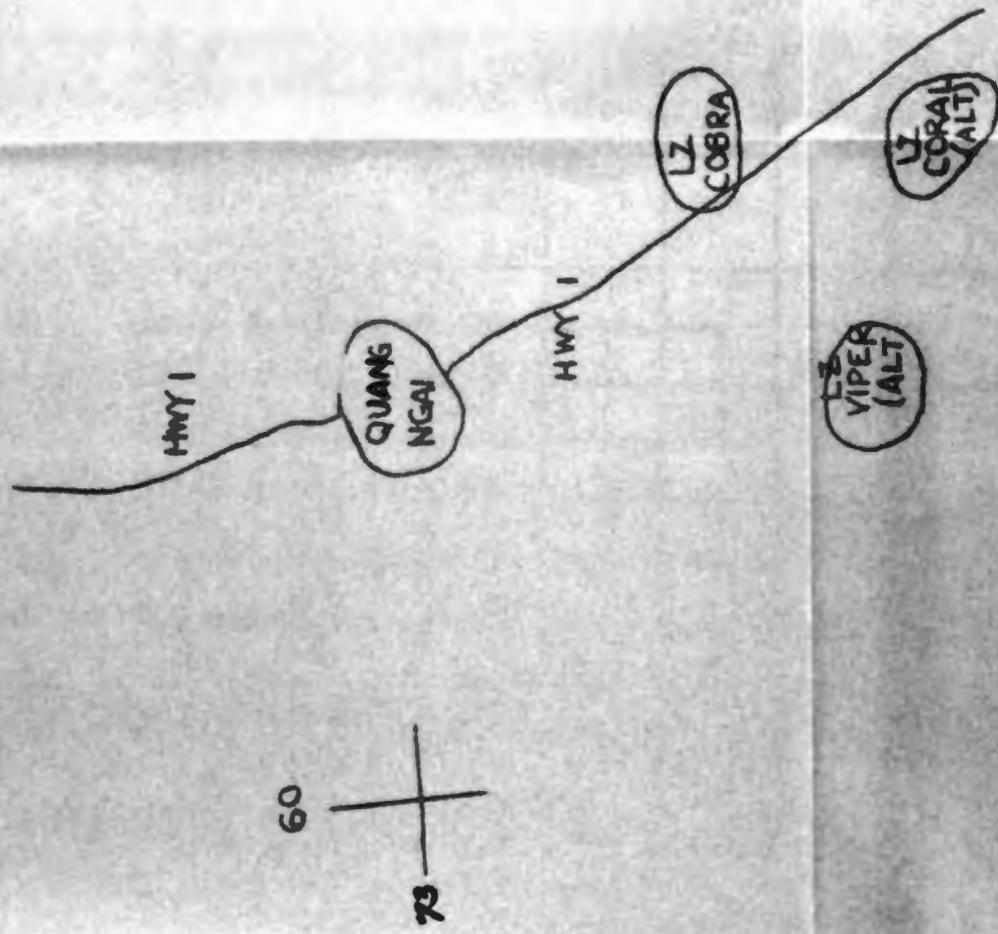
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Annex C (Contingency 1-68 (SAMSON) to OPLAN 8-68 (JERICHO) Relief/Reinforcement of QUANG NGAI CITY

Reference: Maps, S Vietnam 1:50,000; Series L70II; Sheets 6739II, 6739III, 6738I.

Task Org: No change from OPLAN 8-68 except one platoon E-1 Cav released to OPCON Co/4-3 Inf and one platoon E-1 Cav to Co/3-1 Inf.

1. SITUATION: OPLAN 8-68

2. MISSION.

On order 4-3 Inf attacks to recover critical installations within or around QUANG NGAI CITY, extracts US civilian personnel from within QUANG NGAI CITY and assists RVN forces in clearing QUANG NGAI CITY and surrounding areas; prepares for release to OPCON 2d ARVN Div Senior Advisor; prepares to conduct combat operations in conjunction with two RF companies.

3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of operations: Appendices 1,2,3,4,5.

(1) Maneuver. On order 4-3 Inf attacks along designated axis with Team (TBA) and Team (TBA) to seize objectives as designated by QUANG NGAI Sector Advisor.

(2) Fires. Priority to units in contact.

b. Tm/4-3 Inf.

c. Tm/3-1 Inf.

d. Btry/6-11 Arty.

e. Sqd/C-26 Engr.

f. Coordinating instructions.

(1) Coordination between commanders authorized and directed during operations.

(2) Attacking units report when crossing phase lines.

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(3) Effective for planning on receipt; for execution on order.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL.

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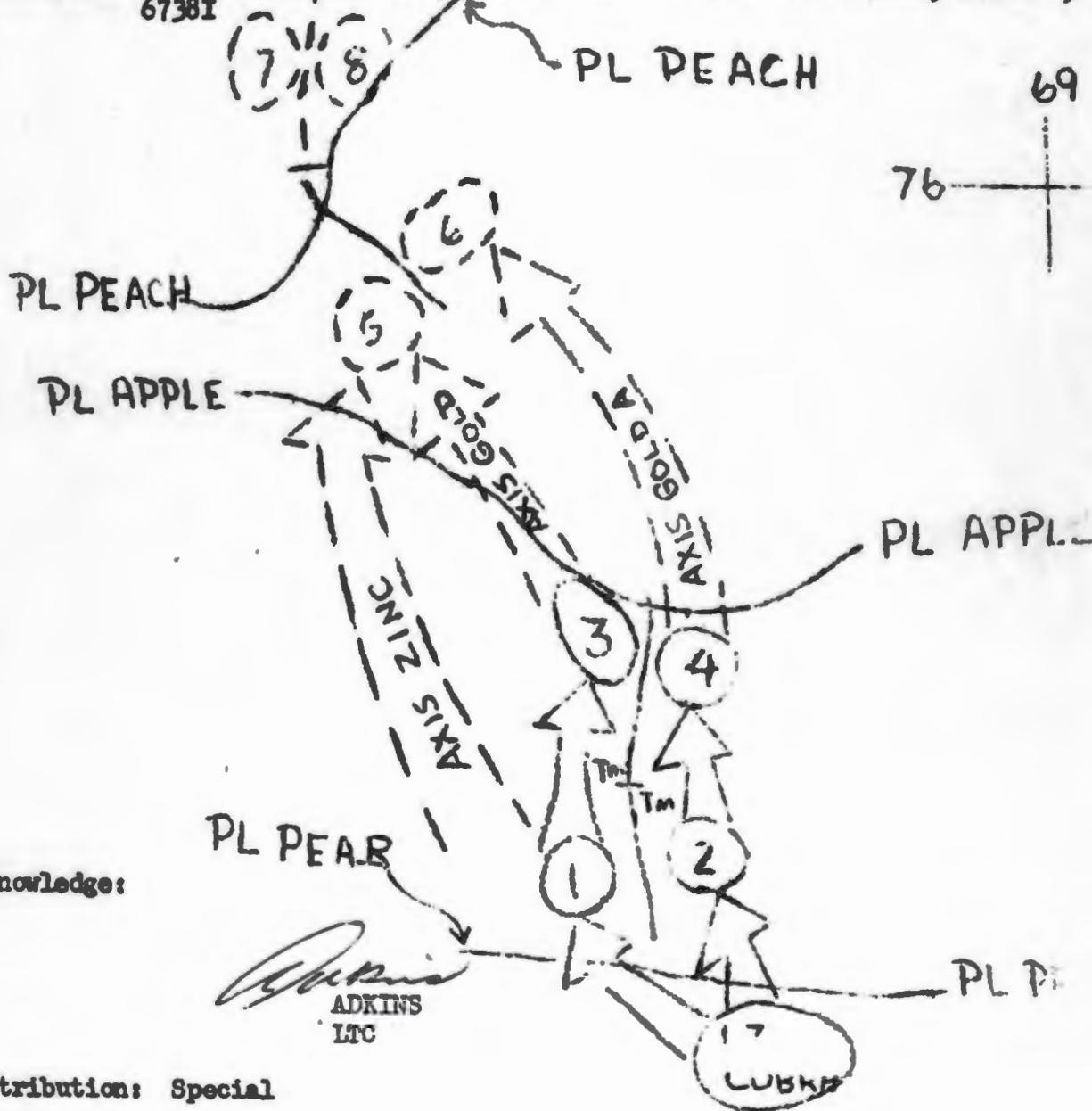
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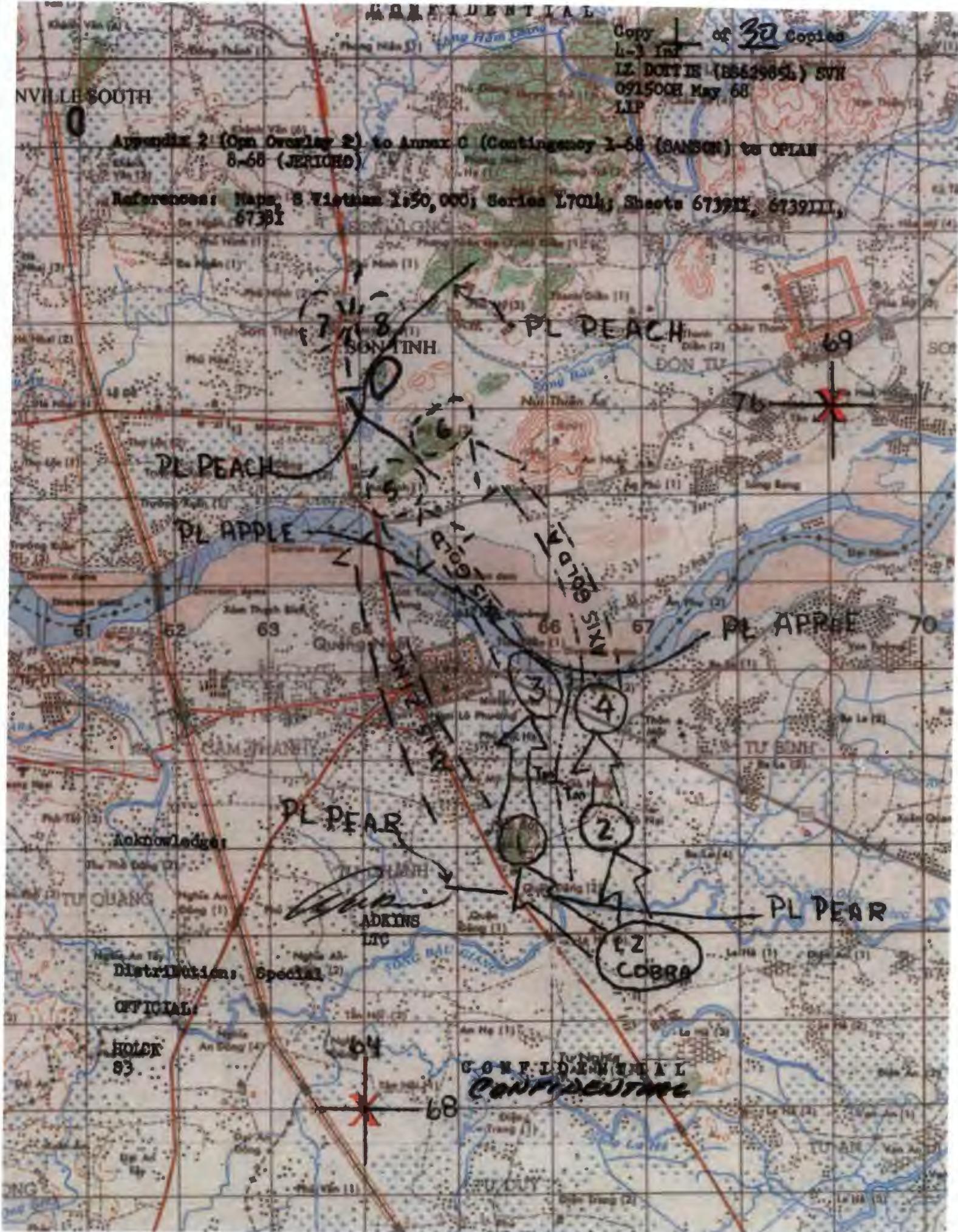
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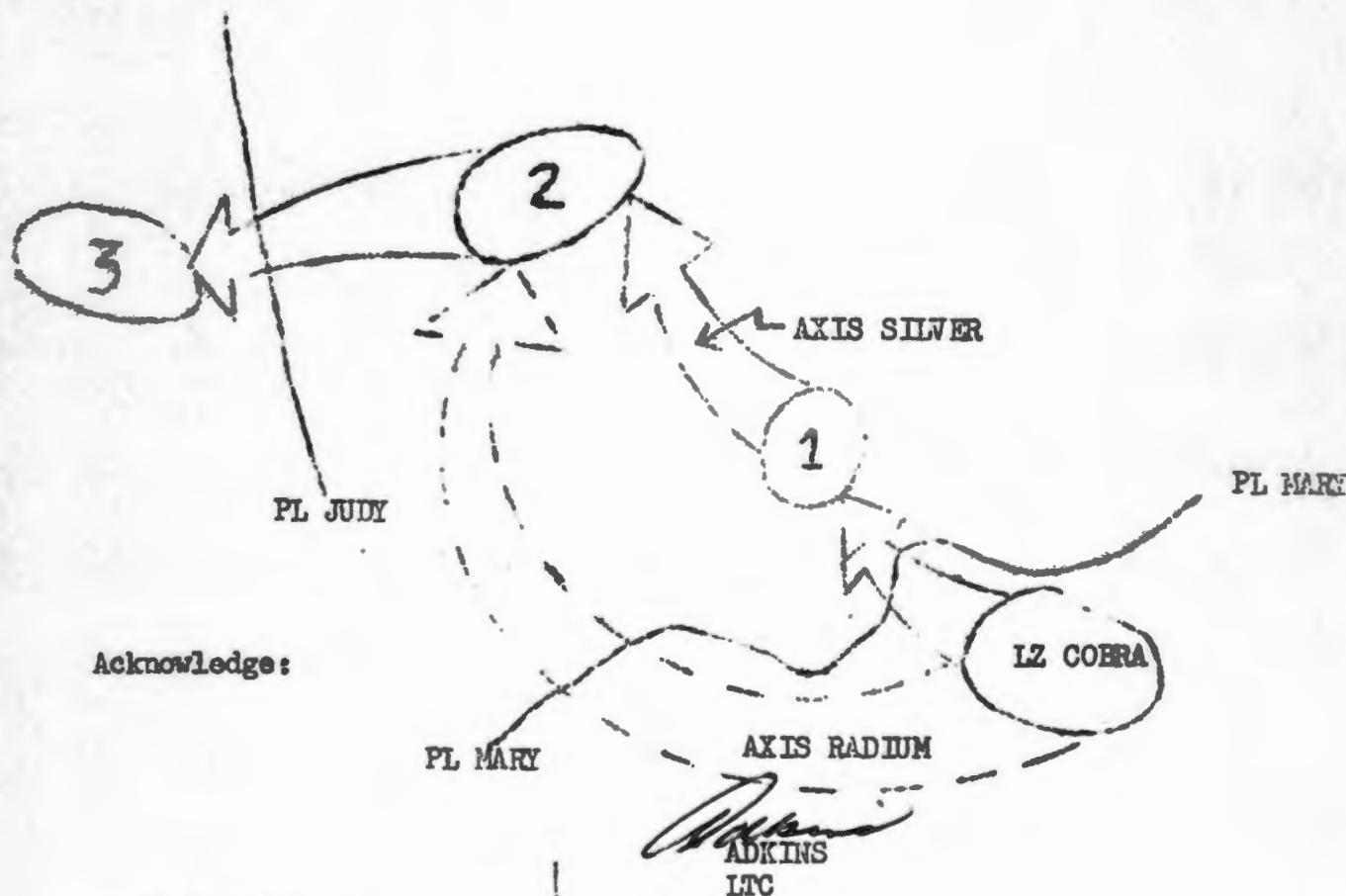
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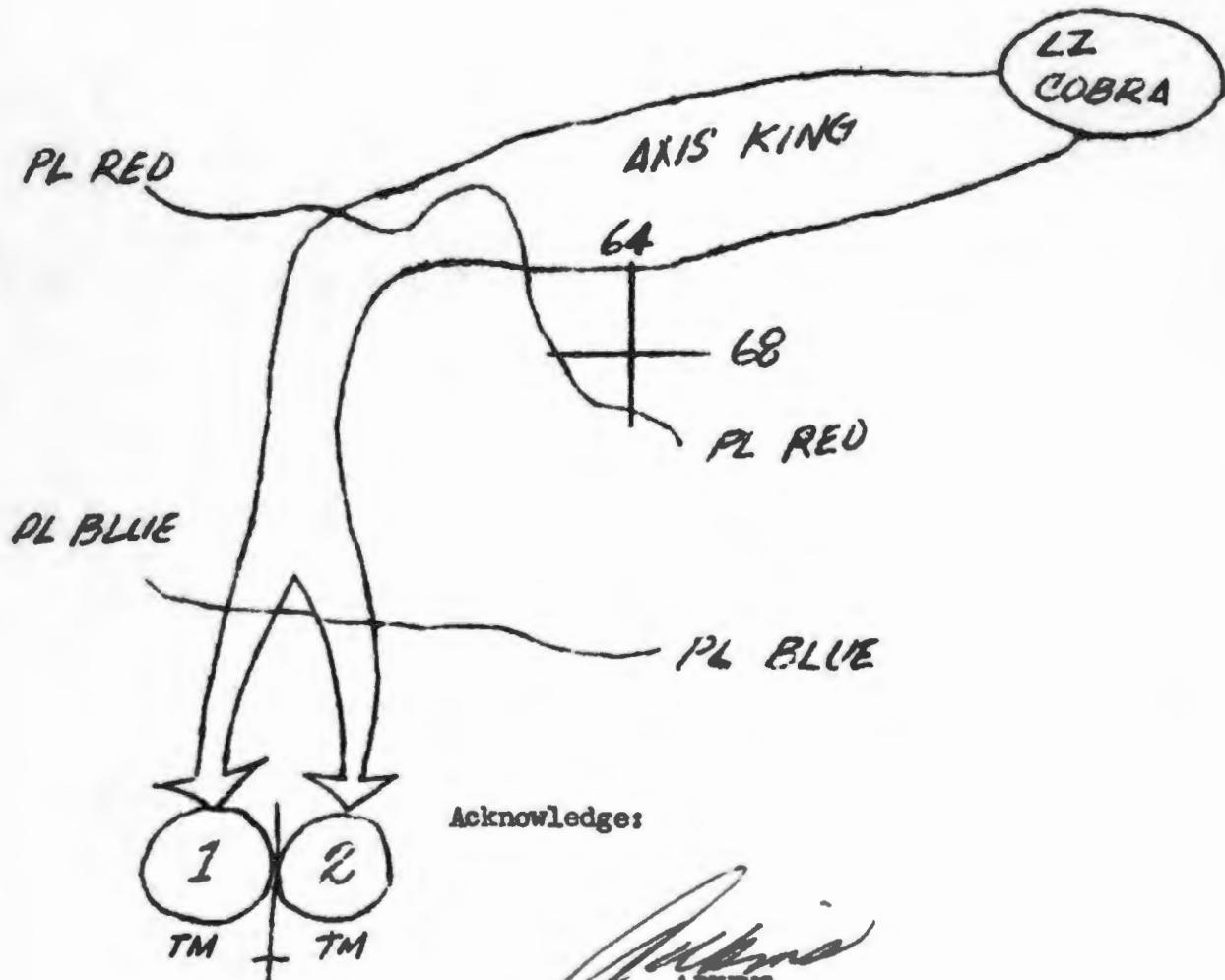
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