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OPLAN 4-70 (Security for Visits of High Ranking Officials - Code III and Above)
(U)

Reference: Americal Division OPLAN 1-70, dated 12 February 1970.

Task Organization: No change except one (1) Air Cavalry Troop OPCON to Infantry Battalion tasked to provide BALD EAGLE reaction force, on order.

1. (C) SITUATION

Terrorist attacks by Viet Cong, individual acts, or organized violence by dissident groups may pose a threat to high-ranking officials visiting the 198th Infantry Brigade TAOR.

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUMs.

b. Friendly forces:

- (1) Americal Division provides security for high-ranking officials during visits to Americal Division TAOR.
- (2) 11th Infantry Brigade provides BALD EAGLE reaction force on order.
- (3) 196th Infantry Brigade provides BALD EAGLE reaction force on order.
- (4) 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry provides ground reaction force, on order.
- (5) 16th CAG provides chase ship and gunship escort for aircraft of high-ranking officials, on order; is prepared to release OPCON of one (1) Air Cavalry Troop with aero rifle platoon to designated Infantry Brigade, on order.
- (6) 23d Military Police Company provides escort vehicles, conducts route reconnaissance, and inspects air fields and helipads to insure absence of explosive devices.

c. Attachments and detachments: Current task organization.

d. Assumption: High-ranking officials may be escorted by officers responsible for coordinating personal security arrangements.

2. (C) MISSION

On order, 198th Infantry Brigade provides one (1) rifle company, for BALD EAGLE reaction force, on thirty (30) minute alert, for security of high-ranking officials.

3. (C) EXECUTION

a. Concept of operation: Upon notification of BALD EAGLE reaction force, 198th Infantry Brigade will task one (1) Infantry Battalion to maintain one (1) rifle company on a thirty (30) minute stand-by. Designated Infantry Battalion will be prepared to assume OPCON of one (1) Air Cavalry Troop including aero rifle platoon.

b. 1-6 Infantry, 1-52 Infantry, and 5-46 Infantry:

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) On order, provide one (1) rifle company on thirty (30) minute stand-by.
- (3) Battalion tasked will provide Brigade TOC the following:
 - (a) Designation of rifle company.

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- (b) Location of PZs.
- (c) Number of troops at each PZ.
- (d) Call sign of unit at each PZ.
- (e) Frequency of unit at each PZ.
- (4) Be prepared to assume OPCON of one (1) Air Cavalry Troop.
- c. H/17 Cavalry: Be prepared to provide ground reaction force, on order.
- d. Coordination instructions:
 - (1) Units visited by high-ranking officials will insure physical security of these persons during their visit.
 - (2) Air movement of BALD EAGLE reaction force will be accomplished with Brigade assets.
 - (3) Definitions:
 - (a) High-ranking officials: The President, the Vice President, Members of the Presidential Cabinet, Members of Congress, COMUSMACV, DEFCOMUSMACV, or other general or flag officers of four-star rank (or civilian equivalent) and other designated US sponsored dignitaries and officials.
 - (b) BALD EAGLE: A reinforced rifle company on alert for helicopter employment as a separate maneuver element.
 - (4) Access to high-ranking officials by non US personnel will be restricted.
 - (5) Information concerning visits of high-ranking officials will be disseminated on a strict need-to-know basis.
 - (6) If enemy activity is in progress or threat of enemy activity is imminent, route security will be provided by armed guards or military police posted at regular intervals along the route. The guards or military police will be kept out of sight of the principal's party.
 - (7) This OPLAN is effective for planning on receipt and for execution, on order.
 - (8) Security for distinguished visitors not meeting the criteria in subparagraph (3) (a), above, will be planned on a case-by-case basis.
- 4. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS
 - Itinerary for high-ranking officials will be published upon receipt.
- 5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL
 - a. Command: Brigade CP at LZ Bayonet.
 - b. Signal:
 - (1) Current SOI.
 - (2) Call words for visiting high-ranking officials will be disseminated upon receipt.

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