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OPLAN 6-71 (Security for Visits of High Ranking Officials - Code III and Above) (U)

Reference: 23D Infantry Division OPLAN 5-71, Dated 16 July 1971.

Task Organization: No change except one (1) Air Cavalry Troop OPCON to 198th Infantry Brigade, 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 TAOI.

a. Enemy forces: Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly forces:

(1) 23d Infantry Division provides security for high-ranking officials during visits to Division TAOI.

(2) 11th Infantry Brigade provides BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK reaction force on order.

(3) 196th Infantry Brigade provides BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK reaction force on order.

(4) 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.

(5) 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) EXECUTION:

a. Concept of operation: Upon notification of requirement to provide BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK reaction force, 198th Infantry Brigade will task one (1) Infantry Battalion to maintain one (1) rifle company/platoon on an immediate stand-by; on order, designated battalion employs rifle company/platoon supported by Air Cavalry Troop to secure high-ranking officials.

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b. 4-3 Infantry:

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) On order, maintain one (1) rifle company/platoon on immediate stand-by.

c. 1-6 Infantry:

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) On order, maintain one (1) rifle company/platoon on immediate stand-by.

d. Air Cavalry Troop:

- (1) Be prepared to provide aerial observation and surveillance.
- (2) Be prepared to support air movement and ground employment of reaction forces.

e. Coordination instructions:

(1) Definitions:

(a) High-ranking officials: The President, the Vice President, Members of Congress, Members of the Presidential Cabinet, COMUSMACV, DEPCOMUSMACV, 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 separate maneuver element.

(c) SPARROW HAWK: A rifle platoon on alert for helicopter employment as separate maneuver element.

(2) Units visited by high-ranking officials will insure physical security of these persons during their visit.

(3) 16th CAG provides air movement of BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK reaction force.

(4) BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK will be committed only on order of CG, 23d Infantry Division or his designated representative.

(5) Access to high-ranking officials by non US personnel will be restricted.

(6) Information concerning visits of high-ranking officials will be disseminated on a strict need-to-know basis.

(7) 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

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police will be kept out of sight of the principal's party.

(8) Battalion tasked will provide Brigade TOC the following:

(a) Designation of rifle company/platoon.

(b) Location of FZs.

(c) Number of troops at each FZ.

(d) Call sign of unit at each FZ.

(e) Frequency of unit at each FZ.

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

(10) Security for distinguished visitors not meeting the criteria in subparagraph (3) (a), above, will be planned on a case-by-case basis.

(11) This OPLAN supersedes OPLAN 4-70 dated 18 Feb 1970.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT:

Itinerary for high-ranking officials will be published upon receipt.

5. (U) COMMAND SIGNAL:

a. Signal:

(1) Current SOI.

(2) Call words for visiting high-ranking officials will be disseminated upon receipt.

b. Command: Brigade CF at Chu Lai.

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