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Hq, 11th Bde, 23d Div
FSB Dottie, BS 630855, RVN
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OPLAN 8-71 (Security for Visits of High-Ranking Officials - Code III and above.) (U)

Reference: 23 Div OPLAN 5-71, 16 July 1971.

Task Organization: No Change except 11th Brigade receives one air cavalry troop OPCON.

1. (C) SITUATION: Terrorist attacks by Viet Cong, individual acts, or organized mob violence by dissident groups may pose a threat to high-ranking officials visiting the 11th Infantry Brigade TAOI.

a. Enemy Forces: Current Intsum.

b. Friendly Forces:

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

(2) 198th Infantry Brigade continues current operations and provides security as required.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Current task organization.

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

2. (C) Mission: 11th Brigade provides security for high-ranking officials during visits to 11th Brigade by maintaining BALD EAGLE/SPARROW HAWK forces on immediate alert when high-ranking officials are in the TAOI.

3. (C) Execution:

a. Concept of Operation: Upon receipt of notification that high-ranking officials will visit 11th Brigade TAOI, the Brigade executes positive measures to provide maximum security. 11th Brigade assumes OPCON of one air cavalry troop including aero rifle platoon to assist in providing maximum security. Battalion will provide local security for visitors to their TAOI's.

b. 3-1:

(1) Continue current operations

(2) Be prepared to provide Bald Eagle/Sparrow Hawk reaction force on order.

c. 1-20:

(1) Continue current operations.

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(2) Be prepared to provide Bald Eagle/Sparrow Hawk reaction force on order.

d. 1-52:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to provide Bald Eagle/Sparrow Hawk reaction force on order.

e. TF 23d Cav:

(1) Continue current operations.

(2) Be prepared to establish route security along QL#1 on order.

f. 6-11 Arty: DS

g. D/26th Eng: DS

h. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) Definitions

(a) High-ranking officials: The President, the Vice President, Members of the Presidential Cabinet, Members of Congress COMUSMACV, Dep COMUSMACV, or other generals or flag officers of four-star rank (or civilian equivalent), and other designated U.S. sponsored dignitaries.

(b) BALD EAGLE: a rifle company on alert for helicopter employment as a separate maneuver element.

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

(2) Bald Eagle/Sparrow Hawk will be committed on order of CO 11th Infantry Brigade or his designated representative.

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

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

(5) Coordinate security arrangements with security officer accompanying high-ranking officials if applicable.

(6) Provide separate vehicles for transportation when simultaneous appearances are made by COMUSMACV and DEP COMUSMACV.

(7) Provide standby vehicles in the event a vehicle is disabled.

(8) Vehicles transporting COMUSMACV or DEP COMUSMACV will not be marked or identified in any manner which would associate the vehicle with its passengers.

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

(10) This OPLAN supercedes OPLAN 1-70 (Security for Visits of High-Ranking Officials.)

4. (U) Service Support: Itinerary for visits of high-ranking officials to be published upon receipt.

5. (C) Command and Signal:

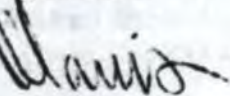
a. Signal: Current SOI in effect.

b. Command: Brigade CP at FSB DOTTIE.

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ANNEX A (MILITARY POLICE) to 11th Inf Bde OPLAN 8-71 (U)

Reference: 23d Inf Div OPLAN 5-71, 16 July 71

Task Organization: OPLAN 8-71

1. (U) Situation: OPLAN 8-71
2. (U) Mission: OPLAN 8-71
3. (C) Execution: 11th Bde MP Platoon:

- a. Continue current operations

- b. During visits by high-ranking officials, take the following security measures:

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

- (2) 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. When security lead vehicles are provided by Vietnamese (in cases where they are the last), only on trail Military Police vehicle is required.

- (3) 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.

- (4) 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 Personal Security Officer.

- (5) 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) Service Support: OPLAN 8-71.
5. (U) Command and Signal: OPLAN 8-71.

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