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11th Infantry Brigade
FSB Dottie (BS630855), RVN
291130Z July 1971

OPLAN 9-71 (Rapid Reaction) (U)

References: Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series H7014 Sheets 6639 I thru IV, 6739 II, 6638I, 6736IV, 6738I, and 6630IV.

Task Organization: Current Task Organization

1. (C) SITUATION

a. **Enemy Forces:** The enemy will make every effort to hinder the pacification program by conducting simultaneous and coordinated attacks against RF/PF forces in the populated areas and surrounding outposts. The enemy will attempt to lower the morale of the Territorial Forces and cause the people to lose faith in the GVN. Enemy attacks on PF units are most likely to occur during the hours of darkness. The enemy may be expected to establish ambushes along likely avenues of approach used by ground forces, and to interdict likely helicopter landing zones within their capability. The survival of the Territorial Forces and the pacification program will depend on the speed with which friendly air, artillery, and ground support can be rendered.

b. **Friendly Forces:**

(1) 23d Infantry Division continues current operations.

(2) 2d ARVN Regt continues current operations and assists in reinforcing RF/PF forces.

(3) 6th ARVN Regt continues current operations and assists in reinforcing RF/PF forces.

(4) 198th Inf Bde continues current operations.

c. **Attachments and Detachments:** Task Organization

d. **Assumptions**

(1) Adequate aviation assets will be available.

(2) RF forces will be adequately trained in airmobile operations.

(3) US assets will not be committed until RVNAF assets have been used to the maximum.

2. (C) **MISSION:** 11th Infantry Brigade provides support to Regional Forces (RF) for reaction operations throughout the 11th Brigade AOI.

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3. (c) EXECUTION

a. Concept of operations: RF provide reaction forces to conduct combat assaults into appropriate LZ's within areas of likely attack. RF units should be ready for airlift one hour after the request for support is received. Additional RF and ARVN forces may be committed as the tactical situation develops, however RF units have the primary responsibility for providing reaction forces. US units will be prepared to provide additional forces on order.

b. 3-1, 1-20, and 1-52 Inf Bn's:

- (1) Continue current operations
- (2) Conduct reconnaissance in respective TAOI of reaction priority areas.
- (3) Effect coordination with District Chiefs in TAOI for LZ's, LZ's, points of contact, and exchange of communication frequencies.
- (4) Encourage each District to maintain a reaction force capable of conducting combat assaults.
- (5) Be prepared to provide additional forces as required.

c. TF 23d Cav:

- (1) Continue current operations.
- (2) Be prepared to provide reaction forces on order.

d. 6-11th Arty: DS

e. D/26th Engr: DS

f. 59th Inf Plt (3D):

g. Coordinating Instructions

- (1) Direct coordination between units is directed.
- (2) Liaison with each district will be maintained.
- (3) Priority areas are defined as follows:

(a) Priority I: Areas within the secure and control zones.

(b) Priority II: Remote outpost.

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(c) Priority III: Mountain districts

(4) ARVN forces will be committed prior to commitment of US Forces.

(5) H-Hour: H-Hour will be first PZ time.

(6) This plan is effective for planning upon receipt, execution on order.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT: SCF

5. (U) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

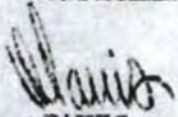
a. Signal: Current SOI in effect

b. Command: Bde CP at FSB Dot'ie

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1-52	3
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23d Div	2
Div Arty	2
D/26 Engr	1

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