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14 January 1969

SUBJECT: Input Data for OP-LI for 16 December 1968 to 15 January 1969

Commanding Officer  
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1. SUBJECT: Coordination of PMAF Operations.

2. DESCRIPTION: Due to the nature of the conflict and the distribution of the population the situation frequently arises where various PMAF operate concurrently in the same A.O. without any one unit having complete authority over the area. In the recent past incidents have arisen due to this situation which have caused the loss of life.

3. EVALUATION: Operations within the Oregon AO have proceeded without serious incident only because the excellent rapport developed between the 1-52 Inf, the ARVN advisors, the Sector advisors and Special Forces personnel at Tien Phu. In conduct of aerial operations within the 1-52 A.O. there is a constant requirement for close direct coordination with both elements. The movement of maneuver elements and the use of supporting fire must be closely supervised to prevent friendly contacts. Various techniques are being utilized to facilitate coordination and control. A liaison has been co-located with ARVN's battalion advisor and radio contact is maintained with Special Forces as required. The frequent interchange of locations and plans between all elements and the establishment of the informal sub-areas of operation facilitate coordination and control. Frequent use is also made of A.O. extensions when operations require boundary changes. Although emphasis is constantly placed on complete coordination and all possible measures are taken to avoid potential friendly contacts problems continue to exist. Small units without American advisors are unable to effect direct coordination with US units and the use of artillery and mortar fire is frequently not properly coordinated.

4. RECOMMENDATION: The ideal solution would be the creation of exclusive A.O.'s for each element operating within the area. A buffer zone of least 1000 should

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Also be established along the boundary. All units requesting to operate within the US A.O. should be required to have an American advisor with each element in order to ensure the adequate coordination will be possible. Finally, all artillery and mortar fire within the US A.O. should be passed with complete air clearance data prior to the granting of military clearance. If these additional procedures are followed and close coordination maintained, the potential for trail accidents can be greatly reduced.

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1 January 1969

SUBJECT: FM- ORD 54-68 (3)

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Americal Division Frag Order Nr 54-68 is quoted for your information and compliance.

1. (C) General: Beginning on or about 1 July 68 the FMK-BRJ will start the rehabilitation of Hwy 1. Paving will extend from Chu Lai to BT430109 and south to the TH BONG River. Paving will proceed north, then south from Chu Lai and will take approximately 3 months to complete.

2. (C) 198th AIB:

a. Provide security force for FMK-BRJ road work parties on highway as required.

b. Provide night security for FMK-BRJ road equipment as necessary.

3. (C) Coordinating Instructions:

a. Direct coord with Resident Officer in charge of construction FMK-BRJ is directed.

b. FMK-BRJ will provide necessary barricades and personnel for traffic control.

c. Paving force will consist of surveying party (2 teams, 5 men) earth moving party (35 men) and paving party (15 men). These functions will be separated by distances of up to one mile, requiring flexible security response.

d. ROICC is LT CDR MacCall (ph CL 3406)."

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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