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OPLAN 6-72 Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle (Security for Visits of High Ranking Officials) (U)

References: a. Map, Vietnam, 1:50,000, Series to Sheets TBA  
b. XXIV Corps Reg 190-4, Distinguished Visitor Security, dtd 5 Jun 71.

Time Zone Used Throughout the Plan: HOTEL

Task Organization: Current Task Organization.

## 1. (C) SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces. Current INTSUM.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) XXIV Corps provides integrated security measures to assure safety of distinguished visitors (DV's) during visits to Military Region 1 (MR 1).

(2) RVNAF continue current combat and consolidation operations.

(3) 11th CAG provides air escort for DV's and quick reaction force (QRF) aircraft for employment of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle Reaction Force.

(4) 196th Inf Bde continues dynamic defense of DA NANG and provides security for Distinguished Visitors as directed by CG, XXIV Corps.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Current Task Organization.

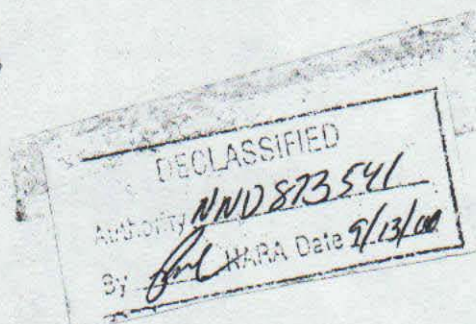
d. Assumption: Enemy forces will attempt to inflict injury on DV's visiting MR 1.

2. (C) MISSION: 1st Bn, 46th Inf continues defense of DA NANG in assigned area of operations and provides security for distinguished visitors as directed by CG, 196th Inf Bde.

## 3. (C) EXECUTION

a. Concept of Operations: 1st Bn, 46th Inf continues defense of DA NANG in assigned Area of Operation and provides Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle Reaction Force for protection of DV's on order. Priority of commitment to Sparrow

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Hawk/Bald Eagle Reaction Force mission will be the company serving as DA NANG Reaction Force.

(1) Rifle Co's:

- (a) Continue current missions.
- (b) Be prepared to provide reaction forces as required.

(2) RCN Plt:

- (a) Continue with current mission.
- (b) On order, be prepared to become OPCON to designated rifle company for assistance in Operation Sparrow Hawk or Bald Eagle.

b. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Definitions:

(a) Distinguished Visitor (DV): DV's are the President, Vice-President, members of the Presidential Cabinet, members of Congress, COMUSMACV, DEPCOMUSMAV, other General of Flag Officers of four star rank (or civilian equivalent) and other US sponsored dignitaries and officials as designated by CG, XXIV Corps.

(b) Sparrow Hawk: A 30 man platoon on alert for helicopter employment as a separate maneuver element.

(c) Bald Eagle: A reinforced company on alert for helicopter employment as a separate maneuver element.

(2) Alert reaction times will vary dependent on enemy threat, sensitivity of DV, and location of areas to be visited by DV.

(3) Sparrow Hawk force will carry protective masks, CS grenades, and basic load.

(4) This plan effective for planning on receipt; for execution order.

(5) PZ will be on 446 unless otherwise directed.

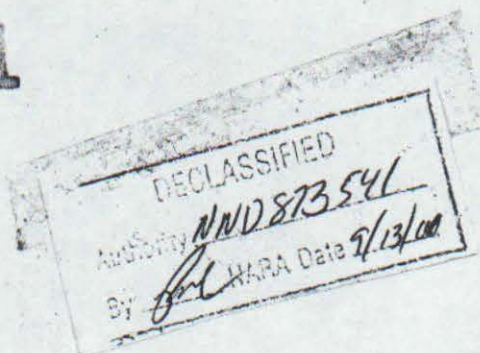
4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT

Transportation: 11th CAG will furnish 5 UH-1H's and 2 AH-1G's in support of Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle reaction force. During daylight hours, Bde Avn Plt provides C&C aircraft; during hours of darkness, C&C aircraft; during hours of darkness, C&C aircraft provided by one of the 5 QRF aircraft. For planning purposes; ACL of 6.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL

a. Signal: (1) Current SOI in effect.

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(2) Sparrow Hawk/Bald Eagle reaction force will be committed in the following manner: XXIV Corps notifies 196th Inf Bde; Bde notifies Bn; Bn notifies reaction force. No direct communication will be established between XXIV Corps and reaction force except as directed.

b. Command: (1) Sparrow Hawk force remains under operational control of parent battalion.

(2) Bn CP located at Camp Crescenz (AT 970754).

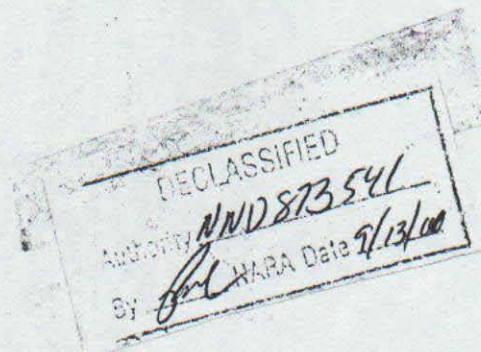
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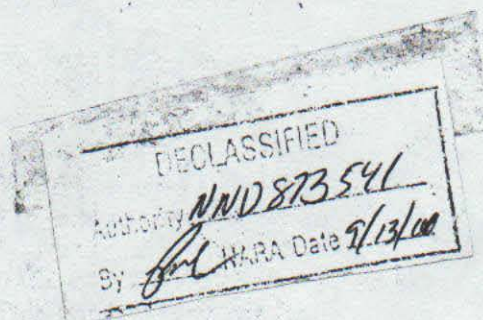
Reference: Map, Vietnam, to be issued upon execution of this OPLAN.

Time Zone: Hotel

Task Organization: No change, except that two (2) 81mm squads will deploy with each rifle company.

1. (C) SITUATION:
  - a. Enemy Forces: Annex A, (Intelligence)
    - (1) MACV continues to provide military assistance.
    - (2) RVNAF continues to conduct military, psychological and civic action operations.
    - (3) 7th Air Force provides air defense, close air support, and air transport (C-130 A/C) to deploy 1-46, if required.
    - (4) 11th CAG provides army aviation support if required.
    - (5) 196th Inf Bde continues current operations: Continues dynamic defense operations in northern/southern AO's and defends the Brigade Ridge.
  - c. Attachments and Detachments:
    - (1) One (1) Arty Btry (-) 105mm attached, on order.
    - (2) A minimum of one (1) scout dog team per rifle company will be requested from 48th IPSD to accompany deploying units.
    - (3) One (1) engineer squad will be requested to accompany HHC, 1-46th Inf, when deployed.
    - (4) A Forward Support Element (FSE) from Spt Bn will be requested if deploying units remain in the operational area in excess of 8 days.
  - d. Assumptions: (1) The 1-46th Inf will be tasked to deploy with reinforcements to provide security operations outside the Brigade tactical area of interest (TAOI). Areas of possible commitment include:
    - (a) Quang Tri Combat Base
    - (b) Phu Bai Combat Base
    - (c) Tan My Loran Station
    - (d) Cam Ranh Bay Area

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(e) Pleiku Area

(2) The 196th Inf Bde (-) will not deploy and will retain its current missions.

(3) The 1-45th will be placed OPCON to a controlling headquarters in the designated area of operations.

(4) The initial deployment will be conducted into a secure base for further deployment of units on security missions.

2. (C) MISSION: 1-46th Inf continues current operations; on order, deploys within 48 hours to any location in RVN.

3. (C) EXECUTION: a. Concept of Operations: Annex B (Sequence of Events)

(1) Maneuver: 1-46th Inf, when assigned rear area security missions, is relieved by 1-1 Cav or another unit as designated, deploys by air to designated area of operations within 48 hours, reverts to OPCON of a designated controlling headquarters, and conducts security operations as directed for an indefinite period of time. When assigned the northern AO, be prepared to release OPCON of up to two (2) rifle companies to 1-1 Cav, or other unit as designated, on order. If deployed, order of march will be:

(a) Advance Party

(b) Assault Echelon

Reconnaissance Plt (Prov)

DA NANG Reaction Company

Cnd and Control Group

Brigade Ridge East Company

Artillery Battery (-)

Brigade Ridge West Company

(c) Follow-up Echelon

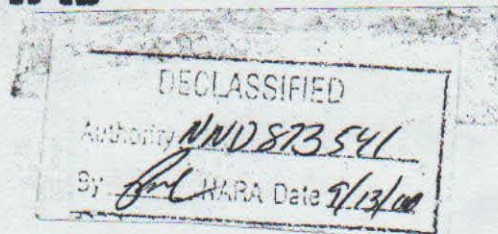
(2) Fires: Units will deploy with organic 81mm mortar squads (2 each) and a basic load of ammunition, to include illumination. Fire support will be provided by the attached Arty Btry (-), and by fire support elements located in the area of operations through the Battalion Artillery liaison officer. Air support requests will be submitted in accordance with joint directives through the unit to which the Battalion is placed OPCON.

b. Company on DA NANG Reaction Force: (Concept of Operation)

(1) Continue current mission.

(2) Be prepared, if relieved of mission by a designated unit, to brief

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contingency missions assigned as DA NANG Reaction Force.

(3) Be prepared to deploy by A/C within 24 hours, as the lead element for the Battalion, and secure a forward operating base at a designated location in RVN.

c. Company on Brigade Ridge East: (Concept of Operations)

(1) Continue current missions.

(2) On order, conduct relief-in-place operations.

(3) Be prepared to deploy entire unit within 36 hours to a designated location in RVN.

d. Company on Brigade Ridge West: (Concept of Operations)

(1) Continue current missions.

(2) On order, conduct relief-in-place operations with Troop 1-1 Cav.

(3) Be prepared to deploy entire unit within 48 hours to a designated location in RVN.

(4) On order, Battalion reserve.

e. Headquarters Commandant: (1) Prepare Battalion Headquarters elements and representative staff sections for deployment in accordance with Annex C (Air Movement Tables).

(2) On order, establish a Battalion Headquarters at designated forward secure base in RVN.

(3) Establish CP security as required.

(4) Coordinate with Bn Surgeon on establishment of forward Battalion Aid Station.

f. Reconnaissance Plt (Prov): (1) Be prepared to deploy within 12 hours to secure the Battalion Command Post at a designated location in RVN.

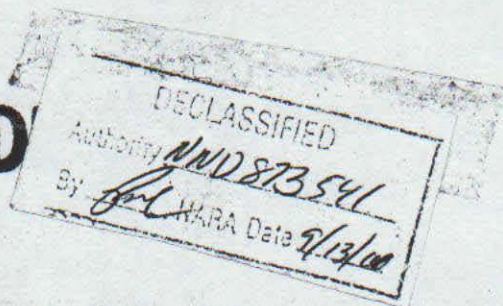
(2) Be prepared to conduct extensive patrolling, reconnaissance, and security missions as required.

g. Medical Plt: Deploy as part of the follow-up echelon and establish a forward Battalion Aid Station.

h. Attached Arty Btry (-): (1) Be prepared to deploy IAW Annex B (Sequence of Events).

(2) Priority of fires to company in contact and to initial unit employed in security missions.

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1. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Units will deploy with three days rations and basic load IAW 1-46 Combat SOP.

(2) Bde Avn will provide a CAC aircraft for the duration of the deployment period.

(3) Units will prepare unit deployment loads IAW Annex D (Co Load Lists), on order.

(4) Units will coordinate with Bn S-4 NLT one (1) day after receipt of this plan. Locations, containers required, and transportation pertaining to load plans will be coordinated to finalize movement plans.

(5) 50,000 "Chieu Hoi" leaflets will be held at rear base and forwarded on-call to FOB.

4. (U) SERVICE SUPPORT: a. See Annex E (Service Support).

b. Battalion S-4 will deploy with 5 days CL I, II, III, IV, V.

c. An S-4 representative will accompany the advance party to establish liaison with forward support personnel.

d. Staff sections will coordinate with Hqs Cmdt on internal placement of facilities within the Bn Hqs area.

e. PDS reports will be submitted IAW Bn SOP. Personnel services will be established when FOB is established D Day + 5.

5. (C) COMMAND AND SIGNAL: a. See Annex F (Communication).

b. Signal: Current SSI in effect as noted below:

(1) Special SOI to be issued at time of departure.

(2) Internal communications will be established IAW Bn CBT SOP.

(3) Bde to Bn communications will consist of one secure teletype and one voice circuit.

(4) If time and conditions allow, one common-user voice circuit will be established between the Charger switchboard and Tackle switchboard.

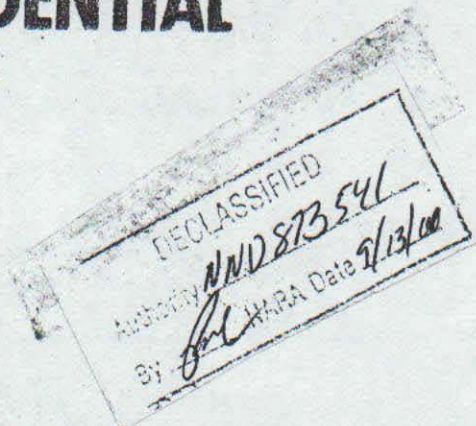
(5) Bn Sig Off will obtain copies of unit SOI to which placed OPCON.

c. Command: (1) Command relationships TBD.

(2) Bn C location TBA.

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Annex A (Intelligence Estimate of Possible 1-46 Deployment) to OPLAN 4-72

1. MISSION: 1-46th Inf continues current operations; on order, deploys within 48 hours to any location in RVN.

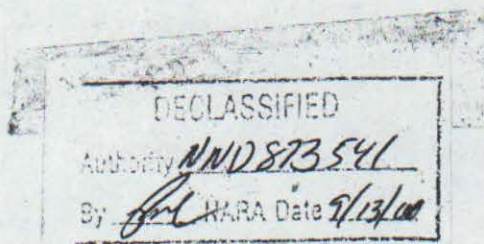
2. GENERAL SITUATION: a. Intelligence indicators point to increased enemy activity throughout RVN during the Post-Tet Period. Incidents of intensified reconnaissance of allied installations, abortive sapper attacks, ground and mortar attacks, establishment of forward caches and aid stations, and increased infiltration and proselytizing near populated areas all indicate extended late February High Points. Allied military installations and personnel, areas of the Government Resettlement Program and Lowland Population Centers remain most likely targets.

b. Reports have indicated numerous dates as possible beginnings for this increased activity. The period from 19-20 Feb until the first of March, however, continues to be most frequently mentioned.

c. Retaliatory activity in response to increased US air strikes North of the DMZ and in the Western Highlands of MR I, in addition to President Nixon's trip to mainland China, would tend to encourage an upsurge in the tempo of enemy activity.

d. Areas of RVN which seem particularly likely for increased activity are the Hue-Phu Bai area, the Central Highlands, and the Tay Ninh areas. In addition, an increase in lowland activity might well serve as a screen for the movement of NVA units into Western areas.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY: Specific area details will be published separately, as particular situations present themselves.



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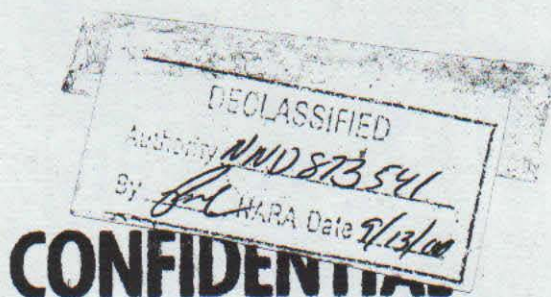
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Annexes: A - Intelligence Estimate  
B - Sequence of Events  
C - Air Movement Tables  
D - Service Support  
E - Communications





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OPLAN 5-72 (Repatriation of US Prisoners of War) ("EGRESS RECAP") (U)

References: a. Map, Vietnam 1:50,000  
b. XXIV Corps OPLAN 190-70

Time Zone: HOTEL

Task Organization: No Change

1. (C) SITUATION

a. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUMS.

b. Friendly Forces: (1) 5th ARVN Regiment and other ARVN forces will continue current operations and are prepared to provide maximum assistance with repatriation of GVN/FW personnel.

(2) The 196th Infantry Brigade will receive, process, and further evacuate US PW's, civilian, and third country nationals repatriated within assigned AO.

c. Attachments and Detachments: Task Organization.

d. Assumptions: (1) Specific details as to place and time of release will be provided prior to repatriation.

(2) Responsibilities for a situation involving a third country will be as directed by higher authority.

(3) The repatriation will be monitored by an impartial international group.

(4) That the enemy will act in good faith once initial contact and basic requirements for discussion are established.

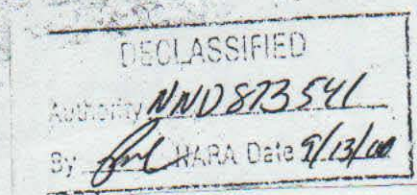
(5) Reception points will be designated at remote sites in the 196th Inf Brigade TAOI.

2. (C) MISSION: 1-46th Infantry Battalion will receive, process, to further evacuate US PW's, civilians, and third country nationals repatriated within assigned AO.

3. (C) EXECUTION

Concept of Operations: This plan provides for large and small scale repatriations to include personnel who return to US military control as a result of negotiated releases or escape and evasion. Upon notification, the 1-46th Infantry will have up

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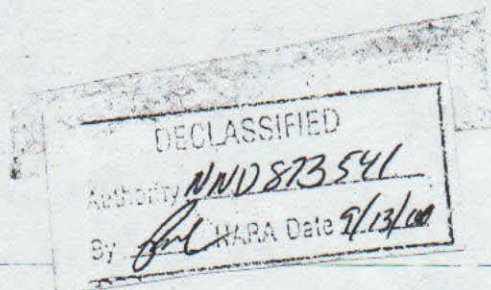


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to two (2) Prisoner Reception Teams (PRT) airlifted to designated reception points. Emphasis at the reception point will be on immediate personal needs of the returnee and medical determination of physical conditions. Returnees will be air evacuated from the reception point to a Service Control Center (SCC) at the 95th Evacuation Hospital. Returnees will be further evacuated to a designated Central Processing Center (CPC) or Component service processing center.

- a. Rifle Line Companies: (1) Continue with current mission.
  - (2) On order, provide security for PRT's.
- b. RCN Plt: Continue with current mission.
- c. Principle Staff: (1) XO
  - (a) Continue with current mission.
  - (b) On order, assume duties of team chief for Battalion Prisoner Reception Team (PRT) Bravo.
  - (c) On order provide two medical officers, one for PRT Alpha and one for PRT Bravo.
    - (2) S-1: (a) Continue with current mission.
    - (b) On order, provide two (2) information officers, one PRT Alpha and one for PRT Bravo.
    - (c) On order, provide two interpreter/intelligence specialist, one for PRT Alpha and one for PRT Bravo.
  - (3) S-3: (a) Continue with current mission.
  - (b) On order, assume duties as team chief for PRT Alpha.
  - (c) On order, provide, from your office, one officer (03) to serve as escort officer for PRT Alpha.
- (4) S-4: (a) Continue with current mission.
  - (b) On order, provide one officer (03) to serve as escort officer for PRT Bravo.
  - (c) On order, provide the necessary items to accompany each team (para 2, Appendix 1, Annex A).
  - (d) On order, provide 2 communications officers, one for PRT A and one for PRT B.
- d. Coordinating Instructions: (1) Continue current operations.
  - (2) All plans, instructions, message traffic, correspondence and oper-

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ational activities pertaining to processing of US military personnel who may be recovered from PW, WIA, Evader, or Detainee status will be identified with the unclassified nickname "EGRESS RECAP".

(3) This plan is effective for planning on receipt and execution on order. At the time of execution, this plan and supporting plans will be evaluated so that modifications can be immediately initiated, if required, to conform to provision of any agreement, negotiated or tacit, for repatriation of US PW's.

4. (C) Service Support: See Annex A and C.

5. (C) Command and Signal: a. Signal: Current SOI/SSI in effect.

b. Command: 1-46th Inf Bn CP, Camp Crescenz.

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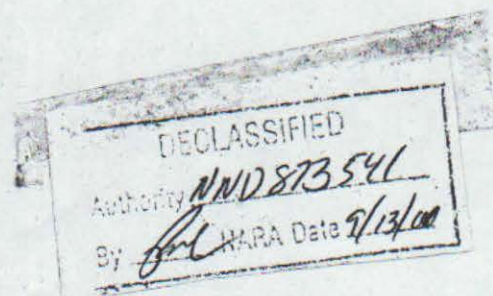
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Annexes: A - Large and Small Scale Repatriation of US PW's (U)  
B - Reception of Civilians (U)  
C - Reception and Processing Procedures (U)

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Annex A (Large and Small-Scale Repatriation of US PW's) to OPLAN 5-72

1. (C) SITUATION: a. General:

(1) This annex provides general information concerning the types and methods of repatriation for US PW's. In addition, the instructions contained in the annex are applicable to the recovery of US personnel that may return to US control as a result of escape or evasion from capture by enemy forces.

(2) In a large-scale situation there are more than 20 returnees from any single service or more than 50 aggregate, or there are indications of a continuous flow of released PW's. In event of a large-scale repatriation, released PW's will be evacuated from the SCC to a CPC at Cam Ranh Bay.

(3) A small-scale situation is one in which there is not a continuous flow of returnees, and in which the total number of US returnees does not warrant the establishment of a CPC. In this situation returnees will be evacuated from the SCC to parent service processing centers.

b. Enemy Forces: Current INTSUMS.

c. Friendly Forces: (1) CG, 196th Infantry Brigade: Provides detailed instructions for PRT's and general guidance for processing of returnees.

(2) CO, 95th Evacuation Hospital: Provides for patient care, as required of returnees.

(3) 5th ARVN Regiment: Assists in reception and evacuation of any GVN citizens repatriated by the enemy in the 196th Infantry Brigade TAOI.

2. (C) MISSION: To receive and process returnees in the 196th Infantry Brigade TAOI in accordance with the basic plan and this annex, and to assist in the repatriation of RVN and FVMAF PW's, if requested.

3. (C) EXECUTION: a. Concept of Operation:

(1) Reception Points: Until agreement is reached with the enemy on details of repatriation, initial planning must include provisions for the establishment of one or more receipt points anywhere within the 196th Infantry Brigade TAOI.

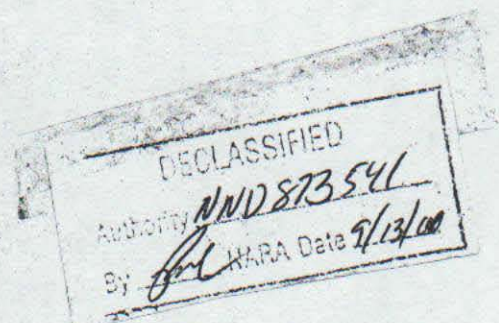
(2) Service Control Center (SCC): In large or small-scale repatriations returnees will be air evacuated, if possible, from the reception point to the SCC at the 95th Evacuation Hospital.

(3) Processing Center: In a large-scale repatriation, returnees will be air evacuated from the SCC to the MACV CPC at Cam Ranh Bay. In a small-scale repatriation, returnees will be air evacuated from the SCC to the below designated centers:

(a) Army - 26th Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh.

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(b) Navy and USAF - USAF Hospital, Cam Rahn Bay.

(c) Marines - 1st Med Bn, 1st Marine Div, DA NANG.

(4) Processing of Returnees: The processing at reception points and SCC will be conducted as delineated in Annex C (Reception and Processing Procedures).

b. The following information, if available, will be included:

(1) Number of personnel recovered and nationality.

(2) Name, rank, and SSAN in the case of US PW's; name, rank, and service number of Free World Military personnel; name, company, agency, or group of affiliation of civilian returnees.

(3) Date, coordinates, and circumstances of recovery.

(4) Estimated physical condition of returnees.

(5) Interim disposition of returnees.

(6) ETD Reception Point.

(7) ETD SCC.

(8) ETA CPC or component processing center.

c. PRT Leaders will:

(1) Provide PRT as specified in Appendix 1, this annex.

(2) Immediately provide CO, 1/46th Inf Bn information concerning release or recovery of returnees as outlined in paragraph 3b above.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

(1) The welfare and morals of US returnees is of prime importance. All reasonable efforts will be made at all stages of processing to provide for their personal, psychological, and spiritual needs.

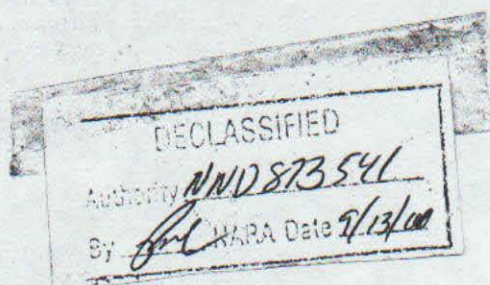
(2) Full cooperation will be extended to any International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) or third-country representatives who may be present to observe the processing and repatriation of US returnees.

4. SERVICE SUPPORT

5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL: a. Signal: Same as OPLAN 5-72

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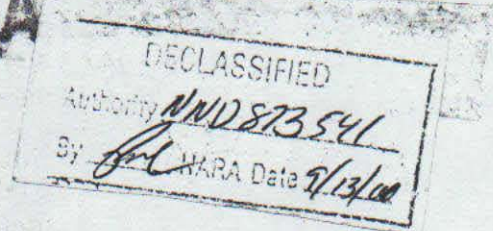
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b. Command: Same as OPLAN 5-72.

Appendixes: 1 - Organization of Prisoner Reception Teams (PRT) (U)  
2 - Prisoner Receipt Form (u)  
3 - Prisoner Identification Form (U)

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Appendix I (Organization of Prisoner Reception Teams) (PRT) to Annex A to OPLAN 5-72

1. (C) Organization of PRT's.

a. PRT's will be designated as follows:

Alpha	1 PRT
Bravo	1 PRT

b. Each battalion PRT will consist of a team chief (04), escort officer (03) interpreter/intelligence specialist, medical officer, communications officer, and an information officer.

c. PRT will not become involved in any issue other than the specific point of prisoner release, i.e., "We are here to discuss the release of prisoners and that is all." "We are glad to have these men returned and hope others will be released soon."

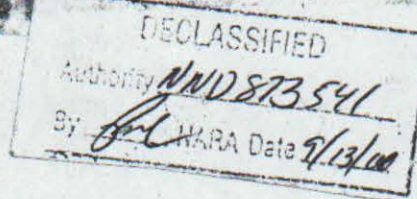
d. Team members will be explicit in whom they represent, i.e., the Commanding Officer, 1/46th Infantry Battalion.

2. (C) The following items will accompany each PRT:

- a. 5 chairs, folding
- b. 1 table, folding
- c. 2 sets of binoculars
- d. 2 - 5 gallon cans of ice water
- e. Hot and cold drinking cups
- f. AN/PRC 25 radio
- g. RC 292 antenna
- h. Release receipt forms
- i. Maps of prisoner release site
- j. 2 litters
- k. 46 blankets

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Appendix 3 (Prisoner Identification Form) (U) to Annex A to OPLAN 5-72

IDENTIFICATION OF RETURNEE

NAME:

RANK:

SSAN:

NATIONALITY:

AGENCY AFFILIATION (CIVILIANS):

PHYSICAL CONDITION:

TIME OF RELEASE:

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Appendix 2 (Prisoner Receipt Form) (U) to Annex A to OPLAN 5-72

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
HEADQUARTERS, 1ST BATTALION, 46TH INFANTRY  
196TH INFANTRY BRIGADE  
APO San Francisco 96256

SUBJECT: Receipt of Returned US PW(s)

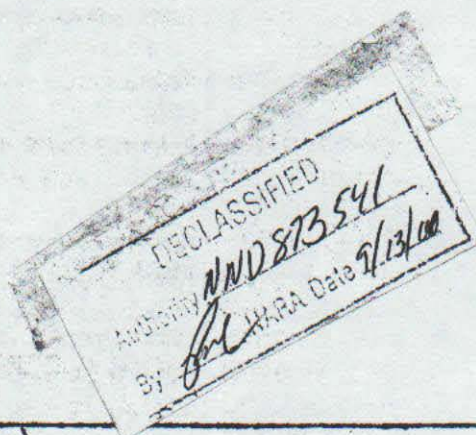
Receipt is hereby acknowledged for the following returned United States personnel:

NAME

RANK

SSAN

SERVICE



(Name)

MAJ

Officer-in-Charge

Prisoner Reception Team