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HERBICIDE OPERATION EVALUATION

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1. IAW REF A THE FOLLOWING EVALUATION OF EFFECTIVENESS OF HERBICIDE OPERATIONS IN ICTZ IS SUBMITTED.

2. DURING OPERATION NEVADA EAGLE AND SOMERSET PLAIN DEFOLIATION PROVED EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN PERMITTING INCREASED SURVEILLANCE OF ENEMY INFILTRATION ROUTES AND LOC'S SUCH AS ROUTE 547 OUT OF THE A SHAU VALLEY.

3. DEFOLIATION ALONG FRIENDLY LOC'S HAS EXPOSED ENEMY AMBUSH SITES AND DENIED THE ENEMY CONCEALED OBSERVATION SITES. THIS TECHNIQUE HAS BEEN USED ALONG ROUTE 9 N NICTZ AND HAS CONSIDERABLY REDUCED FREQUENCY OF ENEMY ATTACKS ON FRIENDLY CONVOYS.

4. DEFOLIATION IN BASE AREA 114 AND 101 HAS PROVIDED FOR

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Cnl Cops CMC, XXVI

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PAGE TWO RUMMAFA 3293 C O N F I D E N T I A L

BETTER SURVEILLANCE AND INTER^DIGATION BY FIRE OF AREAS
WHICH PREVIOUSLY OFFERED CONCEALMENT TO THE ENEMY. IN
ADDITION GROUND TROOPS MAKING SWEEPS IN THESE AREAS HAVE
BEEN MATERIALLY ASSISTED INCREASED GROUND LEVEL
OBSERVATION THEREBY PERMITTING SWEEPS OF LARGER AREAS.

5. ALTHOUGH THE CROP DESTRUCTION PROGRAM IS JUST
STARTING IN SICTZ IT IS ANTICIPATED THE OPERATION WILL
SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF CROPS AVAILABLE TO
ENEMY FORCES IN QUANG TIN AND QUANG NGAI PROVINCE.

6. IN SUMMARY: THE HERBICIDE PROGRAMS IN ICTZ HAVE
BEEN SUCCESSFUL AND EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN ASSISTING
THE COMMANDERS IN THE CONDUCT OF THEIR COMBAT OPERATIONS.

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