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SUBJECT: Operational Report, Lessons Learned

TO: Commanding Officer
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1. Blue Standby Squad.

a. On 29 November 1969, this unit spotted a downed aircraft belonging to Jaguar Yellow. Our Blues were inserted to secure this downed aircraft, while one squad was left at Quan Loi on standby. During this time, an aircraft covering the Blues was shot down. Because of the standby squad, the unit was able to deploy immediately to the second downed aircraft along with the QRF.

b. The standby squad proved to be a deciding factor in securing the second downed aircraft.

c. A standby squad, even if made up of people on profile from the Blues, should be designated before every Blue's insertion. This enables the unit to react for unforeseen emergencies.

2. BDA of Heavy Arty.

a. On 1 December 1969, this unit conducted a BDA of a heavy arty box. The little bird made a low level pass over the entire area of the box before working specific areas. By doing this, he was able to spot one (1) NVA which resulted in one (1) KBH.

b. Before conducting the BDA, the low bird should fly over the entire area looking for movement. If specific areas are worked before viewing the whole box, movement may go undetected.

c. A fast once-over could prove to be very lucrative.

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