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SUBJECT: Forecast of Operations 26 October - 8 November 1969

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## 1. (C) General.

a. All current indications point to enemy preparation for a possible Winter - Spring offensive, however this could be influenced by political considerations, e.g., further withdrawals of U.S. troops, progress at the Paris Peace talks, and inclinations of the current leaders in Hanoi. There also have been indications of an October highpoint, but this has not yet materialized.

b. It is anticipated that should a highpoint occur in the near future, it will be primarily in the form of attacks by fire, sapper attacks and actions by local force units. Selected targets in proximity to main force base areas will be susceptible to attacks by these forces, but there are no indications of such activity at this time. Main force units are expected to continue current training, infiltration, and resupply activities.

c. During the period 26 October - 8 November, the 1st Cav Div, with the 11th ACR OPCON, and in close coordination with the 2d ARVN Airborne Bde, 1st and 15th ARVN Cav Regt and 9th ARVN Regt, will continue to direct operations toward locating and neutralizing major enemy forces and interdicting infiltration routes through War Zone "C", BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG Provinces; and to identifying and eliminating known and suspected base areas and cache sites. Emphasis will be placed on interdicting lines of communication. Simultaneously, support of the GVN pacification program and DONG TIEN operations will receive increased emphasis.

## 2. (C) Concept of Operation.

## a. 1st Bde/2d ARVN Abn Bde:

(1). The 1st Bde with the 2-5 Cav, 11th Abn Bn and 1-12 Cav and the 2d Abn Bde with the 3d Abn Bn, 2-7 Cav and 9th Abn Bn will conduct extensive air and ground reconnaissance throughout War Zone "C", in separate Bde AOs. Operations will be targeted against elements of the 1st NVA and 9th VC Divisions, the 82d and 50th Rear Service Elements, and artillery units in support of enemy maneuver forces. Priority of effort will be directed towards the following:

(a) Locating and interdicting trails and lines of communication leading S and SE from the bunker complexes vicinity XT2184, and XT2378 into the area S of FSB CAROLYN and SW of FSB IKE.

(b) Locating and eliminating the cache sites NW of FSB JAMIE; and interdicting the trail network N of FSB JACKIE, and the suspected crossing sites along the SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR E of FSB JACKIE and SE of FSB JAMIE.

(c) Interdicting the MUSTANG TRAIL complex vicinity of FSB VICKY.

(d) Continuing to coordinate and conduct operations with CTDG elements emphasizing overwatch responsibility for the KATUM area.

(e) Continuing to plan for combined operations in the MINH THANH area with the 11th ACR; continue operations to upgrade the two hamlets of MINH THANH village.

(f) Continue planning to conduct artillery raids in reaction to hard intelligence.

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(g) Assume responsibility for FSB ST BARBARA on 1 November 1969. Upgrade the defensive positions at ST BARBARA; conduct operations to the W and NW of FSB ST BARBARA.

(2) 2-5 Cav conduct operations to NW, W and S of FSB IKE. 2-7 Cav conduct combined operations with the 3d Abn Bn to the NW and along the SAIGON RIVER to the E and SE of FSB JAMIE. 1-12 Cav conduct operations to the NW, E and S of FSB GRANT. 3d Abn Bn conduct operations to the N, NW and E against the crossing site NE of FSB JACKIE. 9th Abn Bn conduct operations against the MUSTANG TRAIL and in vicinity of FSB VICKY. 11th Abn Bn conduct operations to the NW, W and S of FSB CAROLYN.

b. 2d Bde:

(1) Continue operations in assigned AO with the 5-7 Cav and the 2-12 Cav. Brigade will continue combined operations with elements of the 5th ARVN Division, RF/PF of PHUOC LONG Province, and CIDG forces employing artillery fires, and extensive ground reconnaissance, airmobile and ambush operations. Priority of effort will be directed towards the following:

- (a) Interdicting the ADAMS ROAD complex.
- (b) Locating and neutralizing base areas and cache sites NE of FSB MARY.
- (c) Conducting operations targeted against the 174th NVA Regiment, D-168 Local Force Bn and the SONG BE Bn.
- (d) Locating and neutralizing the suspected hospital complex SE of FSB JUDIE.

(e) Locating and interdicting lines of communication and bunker complexes E and NE of FSB JUDIE.

(f) Conducting operations targeted against the K17 and K25 Local Force companies.

(2) Continue to energize and conduct combined operations with RF/PF units with emphasis toward upgrading night ambush activities giving maximum protection to villages and hamlets; conduct pre-emptive operations to deny village and hamlet areas to the enemy.

(3) Continue support of the pacification and DONG TIEN programs.

(4) Continue to conduct intensified PSYOP efforts in the DUC BAN, PHU VAN, and DUC HAN areas in order to exert maximum pressure on the VCI.

(5) Maintain strict overwatch responsibility over DUC PHONG District. to include periodic artillery raids, air strikes, and persistent CS drops, to neutralize enemy fires from the E of DUC PHONG.

(6) Maintain overwatch responsibility of the 1st ARVN Cav Regiment from REMAGEN IV (YTO667) NE to the 1st ACR AO limit.

(7) Assume tactical control of the 1st Cav Div resupply convoy from CAMP GORVAD to SONG BE and its return during the period 30-31 October.

(8) Continue planning for the introduction of one ARVN Abn Bde into the Bde AO in late November and early December.

(9) Be prepared to assume OPCON of one ACAV Troop from the 11th ACR for employment in the SONG BE area on 30 October.

(10) Conduct aerial reconnaissance vicinity the SONG BE Bn area.

(11) Continue to target operations against the D-168 Local Force Bn in zone, and the K17 and K25 District units.

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(12) 5-7 Cav conduct operations to the NE and E of FSB MARY. 2-12 Cav conduct operations to the NE, E and SE of FSB JUDIE.

c. 3d Bde:

(1) Continue operations in assigned AO with the 1-5 Cav, 1-7 Cav, and 1-8 Cav employing extensive artillery fires, and ground reconnaissance, airmobile and ambush operations. Intensify interdiction of SERGES JUNGLE HIGHWAY. Increased emphasis will be directed toward DONG TIEN operations with provincial and district forces, targeted against local force units. Operations will be targeted against elements of the 7th NVA Division, 85th Rear Service Group and D-368 Local Force Bn in zone operating in Eastern BINH LONG Province and Western PHUOC LONG Province. Priority of effort will be directed toward:

- (a) Interdicting the K16 District unit base area vicinity XU992160.
- (b) Conducting operations targeted against the F94 CHON THANH Platoon vicinity XU8700.
- (c) Conducting operations against the main NVA/VC forces operating along the SERGES JUNGLE HIGHWAY.
- (d) Locating and neutralizing crossing sites along the SONG BE River.
- (e) Continuing defoliation of approved enemy cultivated areas vicinity YT0397 and XU9913.
- (f) Locating and eliminating the NVA/VC base areas vicinity XU8718, XU8704 and XU9700.

(2) Continue planning to reopen, on a temporary basis, FSB DEB in a coordinated 3-5 day operation, with elements of the 11th ACR and CIDG Forces, in the tri-border area (XT8719).

(3) Continue to coordinate combined and unilateral operations with the CIDG Forces of CHI LINH and DONG XOAI against the cache site NE of CHI LINH.

(4) Continue planning to open a new FSB W/NW of ODESSA.

(5) Continue to upgrade contingency plans for the reinforcement and security of BO DUC/BU DOP.

(6) Continue coordination with BINH LONG Province to conduct DONG TIEN operations and training with RF/PF forces.

(7) 1-5 Cav conduct operations to the N and NW of FSB VIVIAN. 1-7 Cav conduct operations to the N and SE of FSB WESCOTT. 1-8 Cav conduct operations to the N, NW and SW of FSB ELLEN.

d. 11th ACR (OPCON):

(1) Continue operations in assigned AO with three squadrons; continue to seek out and neutralize NVA/VC forces attempting to move along infiltration routes in the SAIGON RIVER CORRIDOR (vic MINH THANH), BINH LONG and PHUOC LONG Provinces; conduct combined operations with the 9th ARVN Regiment, 15th ARVN Cav Regiment, CIDG units and RF/PF with the following priority of effort:

(a) Continue support for DONG TIEN and pacification programs emphasizing combined operations with RF/PF, formal training and civic action.

(b) Continue operations to locate, interdict and neutralize base areas, and LOC emanating from vicinity Base Areas 350 and 352.

(c) Continue to secure convoys on QL13.

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- (d) Continue approved maintenance schedule through October.
- (e) Conduct operations to neutralize local force VC units and VCI.
- (2) Continue planning for the conduct of road opening operations, on order, to BO DUC/BU DOP.
- (3) Prepare counterattack plans to destroy NVA/VC forces attacking FSBs JACKIE, VICKY and JAMIE.
- (4) Be prepared to release one armored cav troop on 28 October.
- (5) Be prepared to conduct combined operations W of LOC NINH.
- (6) Be prepared to conduct combined operations with one ARVN Airborne Bn vicinity MINH THANH.

## e. DIVARTY:

Continue to conduct Mini-Cav, ambush and patrolling operations in AO CHIEF utilizing 2-8 Cav and D/1-9 Cav (-). Emphasis will be directed towards combined operations with the PHU GIAO RF/PF, national police, and the DONG XOAI and CHI LINH CIDG forces. Operations will be targeted against known and suspected rocket and mortar sites, VC guerrillas vicinity PHUOC HOA, elements of the DONG NAI Regiment, supply and infiltration routes and cache sites. Priority of effort will be directed toward:

- (1) Conducting ambushes NW and E of CAMP CORVAD and along Hwy 1A vicinity YT0061 to YT0466.
- (2) Locating, interdicting and eliminating cache sites and enemy activity vicinity XT920620 and YT090620.
- (3) Conducting minimum daylight reconnaissance and patrolling operations with maximum nighttime ambushes within AO CHIEF.
- (4) Continuing overwatch of SONG BE Bridge.
- (5) Coordinating radar and sniper teams for maximum effectiveness.

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