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ORGANIZATION OR INSTALLATION		LOCATION	PERIOD COVERED				
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1st Bn, 8th Cav		FSB Ellen	0001	25 Oct. 69	2400	25 Oct. 69	
ITEM NO.	TIME IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS, ETC.			ACTION TAKEN	INITIALS
1.	0001		Journal opened. Big Ears operational neg. sitings			JS	DF
2.	0003-0600		Negative situation report			JS	DF
3.	0630		AS target LZ construct yu 025121 tot 0900H mission # 5206 (HDI HDJ) Big Duke CC snappy 662 tot 0710, Log Bird Black Bandit 096 tot 0710			JS	RB
4.	0640		A/Co reports 100% stand to and all trip flare and claymores in. A/Co. 16 now returning to FSB. 0735H QRF A/Co. 26. 16 back on Eilen 0800			JS	DF
5.	0710		Saber Red working frid #0624-0123 tot-0710H yu 078235 NE-SW trail used by 5 ind. in last 24H 068243 5 rafts 4x8 destroyed, 10 15x15 rafts destroyed 052256 NS trail movement to S by 2 ind. running in last 6 hrs and used by 01 elephant last 12 hrs in both direction 060270 02 deer feeding in pond both destroyed 061271 NS trail used by 02 elephants and he- avy smell of elephants in area. #040245 2 5x15 rafts destroyed			JS Bde	DF
6230	0930		Rash 02A A/S tot 0900 yu 025121 LZ construct complete 0930 BDA 1 ship unusable because of				
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		crater				JS Bde	RC
7005	1005	CLC EM is due at FTA NLT 26 Oct. 1800H. is Justice in field with you? If so can you find a LZ for EM pick up? If not do you have a alt. student in rear? Note D-3 can pick up with CC. Get replacement from D-5 in rear				JS	RC
8.	1020	Current locs 1000H A/Co.-Ellen, B/Co.(-) 920122, 16-930128, C/Co.-005180, D/Co.-924118 E/Co.-Ellen				JS Bde	JB
9.	1020H	Requested pink team for D/Co. for some trail				JS Bde	JB
10.	1110	D/Co. at # 921120 found 01 bunker and 24 1/2 lb charges in bunker. Spot report for C/Co. at 006183 found 1 bunker 8x10 01 bunker 6x8 unfinished C/Co. destroyed them also 01 trail leading 200 AZ weather CL 00 W				JS Bde	RC
11.	1239	Extraction of B/Co. 930128 to FSB Ellen 1st lift of PZ 1130H, 1st lift on LZ 1145. Com- plete 1243 hrs. 19 total sorties. CA of A/ Co. to 930128 from Ellen 1st lift off PZ 1145 1st on LZ 1158H complete 1230 hrs total sor- ties 18.				JS Bde	RC
12.	1230	Entered the VC-From this time on he was afraid of any US weapon especially the B-52 and					
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	U. interrogators comment-source was cooperative				
	but not very knowledgeable concerning location				
	and personnel. Interrogator Grover, Interpreter-Hiep, 1) Initial interrogation report				
	A) Report No., B. Date of Rally-11 Oct. 69,				
	c. Place of Rally-Loc Ninh, D/Unit rallied				
	to-National police. E. Name-Chung Nguu (AKA				
	Chung Van Thanh) code name Chay. F. Rank				
	category-Gorilla Hoi Chanh, G. Uni-Tan Jha				
	(Know to US-AP Son Tay) Gorilla Force. H.				
	Disposition-an Loc Chieu Hoi Center. 2)i.				
	Dob Pob-1948 Tan Lap Phu An Loc (d) Binh Long				
	(P) J. Letter box No. AKA code Nos.-none K.				
	Strength- 5 personnel L. Parent organization				
	unknown to source M. Area of operation-From				
	Son Tay xu 820125 to Tan Loi() xu 855138-				
	source stated his unit operated on both sides				
	of hgh 1/4 between these 2 villages. N. Base				
area-source stated his unit base area set					
between son Tay xu 820125 and Tan Loi xu-855					
138-Base Area is approx. 2 Kilometers E of					
Son Tay next to a trail runs parallel to a					
rubber plantation. source stated a stream					

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		also ran a few meters to S. of base camp,					
		camp in vic of Xu 835126 2) O. Mission-source					
		stated his unit mission was to keep track of					
		ARVN and US Forces and transport food & wea-					
		pons. P. Personality-Son Tay-force Ba Nang					
		Rit. leader Xiem-ach. J. leader Ngot-gorilla					
		Tham-gorilla the source also a gorilla Nam					
		Truc-head of District Committee-Nam Boe-seo					
		to Nam Truc Q. Moral-source stated very low					
		because no rice and medicine-stated he was afraid					
		to die. R.-Supply-source stated he went on					
		supply run the other day into Cambodia near					
		the Song Mang River source stated the follow-					
		ing weapons brought back to sources base camp					
		for pick up by unknown unit. 82mm rds, 60mm rds,					
		B-40 rds, grenades and S/A ammo quantity un-					
		known. S. Weapons and ammo-1 AK-47 unknown					
		rds. 3 SKS unknown rds. 1 K-54 pistol unk.					
		rds. T. Added info-source stated he abducted					
		into gorilla force approx. 1 yr. ago-since					
		this time he had wanted to Chieu Hoi but he					
		never had a chance-finally he just left the					
		base camp and walked to Loc Ninh-he Chieu					

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		Hoi's not only because he was a gorilla and had a hard life but VC unit had been in arty				
		strike right after source			JS	JB
12.	1240	Sniffer mission-tot 0902-0925H 9019, 9014, 9521, 950157, max-925146, 920142, Saber to Do				
		VR tot 0937-0956H 0002, 00955, 0402, 040955 Neg. read. Due to A/S			JS	JB
13.	1315	D/Co at 921120 found 6 82mm mortar rounds, at 922120 01 120° bridge made of bamboo and 8° logs with bamboo mate surface bridge spans swamp and stream area has signs of recent use at 915123 5 bunkers 12x10 2' ohc used in last 24 hrs 02 shovels 2 picks and 10 ponchos all destroyed except ponchos D/Co. kept ponches mortor in bunker no markings bridge 4° wide could hold ox cart 24 1/2 charges for mortars			JS Bde	JB
14.	1343	A/S requests. 030180-40 bunkers (2), 992163-30 bunkers, (3), 977146-20 bunkers (6) 974149 30 bunkers (4) 975158-30 bunkers (5) 962143 9 bunkers (7) 997145-50 bunkers (1)			JS Bde	JB
1505	1405	Report 21 Oct. 1600H 50 VC around 1 bunker zu-979078 were cleaning weapons-wearing black uniforms and jungle hats-AK-47's, B-40, B-41, BAR's, CPC				

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		K-50, K54, 2 82mm C-3 Saber Red checked grid			
		neg findings			JS JB
1615	1415	Current 1400H locs. A/Co.-932130, B/Co.- Ellen, D/Co. 922119, C/Co.-005180. E/Co. (-)			
		Ellen 16-037057 E/Co. 16 left FSB 1100H			JS Bde JB
17.	1515	IR boxes 1023, 1024, 1025, 1037, 1038-1830H 1086, 1087-0400H			JS JB
18.	1635	RR 16 request to come in for base defense for night of 25 Oct. 69. Request denied by Duke-6			
19.	1700	1/7 request A/0 ext from present 9905 E 0105 S 0100 ASAP Granted			JS Bde JB
20.	1655	Special forces unit in contact 1655H at 913252 912249, 911250 with a company size element			JS JB
21.	1845	Final locs. A/Co.-942137, B/Co.-Ellen, C/Co.- 006173, D/Co. (-)-925115, 36-917126, E/Co.- Ellen, 16-035056			JS Bde JB
22.	1847	Hatchet Report Plt Sq day---- 4 0 night-- 5 0			
		9			JS Bde JB
23.	1845	Request the following Sniffer Boxes be run ASAP 1) 0114, 0814, 0821, 0121, 2) 0322, 1022, 1029 0329			JS Bde EW
24.	1847	25 Bunkers 6x8 neg recent use last 3 mo.			

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		3 acers red peppers and squach has not been harvested, 15 bike frames and parts, 942137			
		929127 EW trails-7 ind last 6-12 hrs.			JS JB
25.	2020	Rod 1/6 will move by hook from Ellen to 8796 buick 8696 at 0930H 26 oct mission 3613 ground contact Silver Spartan security push Baron Primary Baron 65 or 64 Blackhats should tell bird its mission and to come up on VIV control.			JS Bde RB
26.	2035	Effective 2300H Hooper Esteem push will be changed to 61.25			JS Bde SH
26.	0900	RR 16 heard movement to their NE about 500 meters away. Sounded like someone cutting bamboo. E/Co. fired 12 rds HE on area mortar RR 16 will check out area tommorow morning before coming into FSB Ellen. Big Ears working area out SE of FSB Ellen			JS Bde SH
27.	2105	2 of 6 Chu Hoi's captured Monday at QL and they will come to Ellen 26 Oct. to go up on Psyops mission at C 1/8 loc to talk in bird or on ground. Steel needs to get a speaker for them in bird			JS Bde RB
28.	2115	Red Baron request AO extension to yu 0103			

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28. Bn 8th Cav						
29. 2134		E to 0503 S to 0500 W to 0100 Approved Request persistant CS mission on 3 acres of garden plot center mass. 941136, 941139, 944136 Request defoliation mission at Ellen in the west or readout on same. Must check in with Bn 65. 23 needs corners of area for CS. Will lay on another defoliant mission, for Ellen			JS Bde	RB
30. 2134		Provide LNO to CIDG on a continuing basis. Wants a reliable man who can coord. activities in local Bu Dop area want choice ready 26 Oct. AM w/commo to go to Bu Dop and wants secure equipment at Bu Duo Dist SF loc. Warning think about 3 red legs and 1 family maybe to go up to Bo Duc if situation continues to develope			JS Bde	RB
31. 2235		Pink team in route to Bo Duc in AM Red Baron would like to have 2nd Bde AO ext after it terminates at 26 Oct. 1800H. They will be taking it over at 27 Oct. 0001 and it will terminate at 09 Nov. 2400H. AO ext to the East of 2nd Bde ext. now will terminate in the next couple of days. Ext for Red Ba- ron approved by Bn 3			JS Bde	SH
32. 2245		Tentative plans for 27 Oct. sent in			JS Bde	RB

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