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B-52 OPERATIONS (U)

13 April 1969  
(MACCZ-IIIIG2)

## 1. (S) PURPOSE:

- a. To prescribe procedures and actions required for employment of B-52 forces.
- b. To provide a B-52 target clearance system responsive to the tactical needs and to assure friendly safety.
- c. To prescribe advisor responsibility and procedure when assisting III Corps combat units to nominate and obtain B-52 strikes.

## 2. (S) GENERAL:

- a. GVN political and military approval is required for all B-52 strikes in RVN. It is the responsibility of the Advisory/US/FWMAF elements requesting such strikes to insure that proper approval is obtained.
- b. Advisors are encouraged to recommend to ARVN commanders submission of request for B-52 strikes.
- c. Strike forces composed of B-52 bombers, based at Guam and U-Tapao and KC-135 tanker aircraft support SEASIA operations with saturation strikes against lucrative enemy targets. General purpose bombs (500 and 750 pound) and other conventional ordnance are delivered in such strikes. Objectives are:
  - (1) Destroy enemy defensive works, built-up areas, and command and control facilities.
  - (2) Interdict enemy lines of communication.
  - (3) Apply maximum concentration against troops and weapons during enemy preparations to mount offensives.
  - (4) Uncover and destroy enemy stockpiles and staging points in heavily forested base areas.

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(5) Take full advantage of the psychological effect of heavy aerial bombardment to harass the enemy and destroy his will to fight.

d. Targets nominated by field commanders are evaluated by COMUSMACV and selected for strike commensurate with intelligence justification, MACV objectives, current enemy disposition, and B-52 force availability.

e. Daily sorties are provided on a continuing basis by the commander, 3d Air Division, SAC. When the situation requires, a maximum surge effort can be generated against particularly lucrative targets.

3. (U) DEFINITIONS: For the purpose of this directive, the definitions listed in Appendix I apply.

4. (S) RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Hq MACV, Target generation, selection, and approval is the responsibility of Hq MACV. The Current Air Operations Division, COC (J3-073) and the Targets Branch (J234-3) within the MACV Hq assist the Director, Combat Operations Center, and the AC of S, J-2 MACV in the accomplishment of their responsibilities pertaining to ARC Light operations.

b. G2 Advisor, III Corps.

(1) Receive all RVNAF nominated strike requests.

(2) Effect staff coordination with advisory staff of requesting units, III Corps G2, and III Corps G3 Advisor on all ARVN target nominations in III Corps.

(3) Transmit all III Corps target requests to higher headquarters when final approval has been given by the DSA.

(4) Advise ADSA, III Corps and G3, II FFORCEV, of any target nomination which falls within an uncleared area.

(5) Disseminate TOT strike information to the appropriate ARVN division on all B-52 strikes within their DTA and other major OPCON elements of Headquarters, III Corps.

(6) Insure all requests are checked for proper format and essential strike information prior to forwarding to higher headquarters.

(7) Maintain records of all B-52 strikes within III CTZ.

(8) Inform the G3 Advisor of all strikes in III Corps.

(9) Receive and pass on bomb damage assessment (BDA) reports on ARVN nominated targets.

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(10) Inform G3 Advisor and ADSA of any area scheduled for a strike that cannot be cleared by affected III Corps units upon receipt of the strike message.

c. G3 Advisor, III Corps:

(1) Make available tactical and operational information to the G2 Advisor as required and insure the G2 Advisor is aware of all operational plans developed by the III Corps G3 Advisor.

(2) Obtain clearance and provide coordination for special strikes which may have originated at III CTZ Headquarters.

(3) Disseminate heavy artillery warnings to III Corps (ARVN) Divisions (TOC personnel, upon receipt from III DASC).

d. Deputy Director, III DASC:

(1) Schedule post strike visual air reconnaissance (VR) of the target area by the responsible Tactical Air Control Party (TACP).

(2) Report results of VR to the G2 Advisor, III Corps.

(3) Pass heavy artillery warning to the III Corps TOC advisory personnel.

e. Division Senior Advisors and Senior Advisors of Units OPCON to III Corps Headquarters.

(1) Advise the RVNAF units within their respective DTA's/AO's on all matters relating to B-52 strikes.

(2) Insure nominations do not jeopardize the life and safety of friendly forces and non-combatants.

(3) Insure target nominations are supported by intelligence justification.

(4) Submit requests to arrive at III Corps, ATTN: G2 Air, via secure communications or messenger, in the prescribed time for the type of strike requested.

(5) Insure the ARVN Division commander is aware of and approves all strikes within the DTA.

(6) Provide information in nomination messages as to intent to conduct a ground follow-up or tactical operations in conjunction with all nominated strikes.

(7) When appropriate, assure artillery and/or tactical air strikes are employed in the target area commencing approximately thirty (30) minutes after B-52 strikes have been completed to maximize casualties among survivors.

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(8) Insure no friendly troops go into areas cleared for B-52 strikes.

(9) Insure AO is not granted in areas with military clearance for B-52 strikes unless the B-52 clearance is first rescinded by Headquarters, III Corps.

(10) Insure all AO changes and B-52 clearance changes are coordinated. Clearance for B-52 strikes must be rescinded and acknowledged by Headquarters, III Corps before granting an AO change.

5. (U) PROCEDURES AND REPORTS:

- a. Target nominations, clearances, and strikes. (See Appendix II)
- b. Bomb damage assessment. (See Appendix III)
- c. Security. (See Appendix IV)

6. (U) REFERENCES: MACV DIR 95-14, 13 Jul 68.7. (U) PUBLICATIONS AND MESSAGES SUPERSEDED BY THIS DIRECTIVE:

- a. The following directives are superseded:

- (1) III Corps Directive 525-2, 20 April 1967.
- (2) III Corps Directive 525-4, 1 September 1967.

b. Any previously issued instructions, oral or written, in conflict with this directive are superseded.

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NUMBER 381-5DEFINITIONS

1. (U) PURPOSE: To define selected terms common to the B-52 program.
2. (S) TYPES OF STRIKES:
  - a. Pre-planned Force (PPF). A force of bombers launched against a target for which the request was received and approved by the DSA, III Corps, at least 72 hours in advance of the desired time over target (TOT).
  - b. Ground Diverted Force (GDF). A force of bombers scheduled for a strike against another target that is diverted to a target of higher priority prior to actual launch. Request for GDF must reach this headquarters a minimum of 8 hours prior to the desired TOT.
  - c. Quick Reaction Force (QRF). A force of bombers maintained on a standby alert status capable of reacting within a minimum amount of time. Request for QRF must reach this headquarters a minimum of 16 hours prior to desired TOT.
  - d. In-flight Diverted Force (IDF). A force of bombers already enroute to a scheduled target that is diverted to a new target to take advantage of late intelligence.
3. (S) ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS:
  - a. Strike Request Message. A message containing target information which requests a strike by a B-52 force. It must always indicate a desired TOT. This message is also referred to as the nomination message. Classification is SECRET and precedence is FLASH.
  - b. Strike Planning Message. A message which contains a strike proposal and is normally dispatched for planning. The message may contain a desired TOT; however, it must be followed up by a strike request message before execution. Message classification is SECRET and precedence is determined by operational situation.
  - c. Cell. The term is used to describe a part of a strike force. A cell is normally composed of 3 bombers and a strike force employed against a target is normally composed of two cells.
  - d. Target Nickname. An unclassified letter/number designator assigned to each target, scheduled to be struck, by the USAF. (An example of a letter/number designator is: A-159).
  - e. Arc Light. The unclassified code word assigned to the B-52 program.
  - f. Heavy Artillery. The unclassified code word for the prestrike warning passed in clear text prior to a B-52 strike. This warning, which is primarily for aircraft, is given 30 minutes prior to TOT block for the requesting unit and 15 minutes prior to TOT block for adjacent units in the area of the strike.

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NUMBER 381-5**SECRET****TARGET NOMINATIONS, CLEARANCES, AND STRIKES****1. (S) PURPOSE:**

a. To provide a B-52 target clearance system, for US/FWMAF and ARVN nominated targets, which is responsive to the tactical situation and still affords adequate assurance of safety to friendly troops, non-combatants, and monuments of national and religious significance.

b. To prescribe the procedures in the submission of ARVN target nominations through MACV advisory channels.

**2. (S) TARGET CLEARANCE:**

a. All targets nominated under the provisions of this directive for strike by B-52's must have government of Vietnam (GVN) Political and Military clearance. The clearance should be obtained early in the developmental stage of the target so that unnecessary delays and last minute cancellation of a target can be avoided. The nominating unit is responsible for obtaining the following clearances:

(1) DTA Clearance. The DTA commander will provide military clearance for all nominations and may also provide the political clearance in some cases.

(2) Political Clearance. If directed by the DTA commander, political clearance will require liaison with the Province/Sector Chiefs and the District/Sub-Sector Chiefs.

b. Clearance may be obtained for either the actual target box under development or for a larger area within which a target box or boxes will be placed.

c. Time span of the clearance will be determined by the validity of the individual targets and the tactical situation. In any case, once an area has been cleared for B-52's, continuous monitorship must be the order of the day until the clearance is cancelled, runs out, or the target is struck. Operations will not be conducted within a cleared area until coordination has been effected with this headquarters.

d. Advisors at all levels will assist US/FWMAF in obtaining GVN clearances of targets or target areas which they propose to develop.

e. The Senior Advisor for each ARVN Division and for major OPCON elements of III Corps is responsible for maintaining proper monitorship of all cleared areas and will insure coordination is effected with US/FWMAF units and other RVNAF units within their respective DTA's.

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NUMBER 381-5**SECRET**3. (S) FINAL OPERATIONAL CLEARANCE:

a. Receipt of the strike message, signaling the forthcoming strike of a pending target, requires the following actions by all affected elements of III Corps:

- (1) Check coordinates of target to be struck against operational plans and locations of friendly troops.
- (2) Insure that the target is in fact operationally clear and that it remains so until after the strike.
- (3) Inform III Corps G2 Air Advisor by telephone that the strike message has been received and that it is clear of friendly troops. Identify the strike by the letter/number designator assigned to each strike and contained in the strike message.

b. If an area scheduled for a strike cannot be cleared upon receipt of the strike message, immediately notify the G2 Air Advisor, G2 Advisor, G3 Advisor, or ADSA, this headquarters, by the fastest means available. At the same time action will be taken to clear the area in question without delay. Proper coordination and monitorship of clearances granted through Division Advisory Teams will preclude such situations from developing. The minimum criteria for separation of friendly troops from a target area is 3,000 meters; however, in special cases they can be as close as 1,000 meters, but no closer. Troops less than 3,000 meters from a target box must be reported by exact location to this headquarters, and specific authority must be granted by this headquarters to proceed with the strike under these circumstances or to consider the target clear.

4. (S) ARVN NOMINATED TARGETS:

a. ARVN target nominations will be forwarded to DSA, III Corps, ATTN: G2 Air Advisor, in accordance with procedures outlined herein. ARV LIGHT forces provide high altitude area saturation strikes against lucrative enemy concentrations appropriate for heavy aerial bombardment. Therefore, nominations should be against targets which warrant this type of attack, as opposed to tactical air targets, and should persist as a target throughout the time required for development, approval, and strike.

b. Commanders of the nominating unit will determine the category of the requested strike (PFF, GDF, or QRF) based on their objectives and intelligence justification. Submission of the request will be within the time limits set forth in Appendix I.

c. Development of B-52 targets to be submitted through MACV Advisory channels will be accomplished at the ARVN Division level.

d. Nomination messages will conform to the format shown in Inclosure 1 of this appendix.

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NUMBER 381-5*SECRET*B-52 TARGET NOMINATION FORMAT

1. (S) PURPOSE: To prescribe the contents and format for ARVN target nominations.
2. (S) MESSAGE PRECEDENCE AND CLASSIFICATION: All nominations and data pertaining to B-52 targets will be SECRET. Electrically transmitted messages will be FLASH. (For sample message see Inclosure 2, this appendix).
3. (S) ADDRESSEE: ARVN nominations will be sent to the following addressee:
  - a. DSA, III Corps, Bien Hoa, RVN, ATTN: G2 Air Advisor
  - b. CG, II FFORCEV, Long Bien, RVN
  - c. MACV JC073, Saigon RVN
  - d. Affected US/FWMAF units
4. (U) The subject of the message will be ARC LIGHT STRIKE REQUEST (U).
5. (S) TARGET INFORMATION (Paragraph 1):
  - a. State the type of strike being requested (i.e., PPF, GDF, or QRF) (1a)\* the target name (Province that the target is in) and number (a block of numbers is assigned to each Division by II FFORCEV) (1b)\* and the map series and sheet number (1c)\*.
  - b. Give the location of the target boxes by six digit coordinates (1d)\*. The target name and number will precede each set of coordinates. Target boxes may be 1 km wide and 2, 3, or 4 km long. Target boxes must be oriented so as to facilitate a straight 60 nautical mile approach along the axis of the box. Armed B-52's may not pass over large population centers, nor may they approach a target in SVN from another country. Boxes adjacent to the borders of SVN must be carefully oriented to provide the proper axis of approach. All coordinates and data-time groups of clearances given in messages pertaining to B-52's will be repeated once.
  - c. State the desired TOT for the target, which must be within the period for which the clearance has been granted (1e).
  - d. State the period of time that the target is expected to remain valid (1f).

\*All similar paragraph notations in this section refer to paragraphs in sample message, Inclosure 2, this appendix

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e. Enter N/A in paragraph 1g.

f. The intelligence justification for the target is the foundation of the nomination and a comprehensive and detailed description of all intelligence data, to include confirmed hard installations known to be located in the target area, will be listed. The dates on which enemy activity was detected in the target area, including contacts, sensor, returns, visual reconnaissance, intelligence reports, and agent reports, will be given in addition to the tabular data.

g. A statement that there are no noncombatants within one kilometer of the target area (1i).

h. A statement that there are no huts, villages, or inhabited dwellings within one kilometer of the target box, or, if such exist, a statement that all structures have been abandoned, destroyed, or converted to VC/NVA use (1j).

i. A statement that there are no national monuments, shrines, temples, or other places of worship within the target area (1k).

j. A statement that there are no friendly combatants within three kilometers of the target area. (Six Kilometers if CBU munitions are requested). Minimum separation criteria of three kilometers (3000 meters) from friendly combatants may be reduced to one kilometer (1000 meters) when circumstances warrant as determined by CG, II FFORCEV. Request for strikes against targets which are less than three kilometers from friendly combatants will include specific location (UTM coordinates) of friendly forces in relation to the target box (1l).

k. A statement pertaining to post strike ground exploitation intentions, to include identification of unit scheduled to perform follow-up, as applicable (1m).

l. Identification of ground operation, in support of which the strike is requested, and commander's narrative objective. The narrative should describe how the strike is anticipated to effect enemy units known or suspected to be located in the target area. The anticipated effect should include the influence on possible courses of enemy action which are expected to result from the strike. Information concerning the effectiveness of recent strikes in the target area should be included when known. The target will be classified according to classification index in Inclosure 3, of this appendix (1n).

m. A statement that Political/Military Clearance has been granted to include the date and time that the clearance expires and any limitations associated with the clearance (1o).

n. Enter N/A in paragraph 1p.

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o. Positive or negative recommendation for BDA post strike photography based on the following guide lines (1q):

- (1) The nature of the target and pre-strike intelligence should lend themselves to BDA by photo interpretation.
- (2) The target should contain land installations visible from the air such as buildings, fortifications, lines of communications, or vehicles that can be detected in photography.
- (3) The target should not have been obscured by dense jungle canopy.
- (4) The target should not have been subject to previous heavy artillery or air strikes which would obscure accurate BDA.
- (5) Pre-strike photo coverage should be available for comparative analysis.

p. A statement that target area has been coordinated with all US/FWMAF units that would be affected by this nomination and that they are aware of the time limits involved in the GVN clearance (2a, Remarks).

q. A statement that no operations are planned during the period of clearance for the area concerned, and that none will be conducted in the area until coordination has been effected with headquarters III Corps. (2b).

r. Statement as to type of ordnance desired (2c). (See Inclosure 4, of this Appendix for types of ordnance).

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NUMBER 381-5*SECRET*SAMPLE REQUEST

FROM: SA 26th Inf Div (ARVN) Xuan Long RVN  
 TO: DSA, III CTZ, Bien Hoa, RVN  
 CG, II FFORCEV, Long Binh, RVN  
 MACV JC073, Saigon RVN  
 - - - - - (Affected US/FWMAF units as needed).

SECRET CITE 25-1492-76 ATTN: G2 Air Advisor  
 SUBJECT: ARC LIGHT STRIKE REQUEST (U)

1. (S) Target Information
  - a. Preplanned
  - b. Hau Phuoc: 7164, 7165, 7166
  - c. Map Series: L7014, Sheet: 7430 IV
  - d. UTM coordinates (Listed in order of priority)

Hau Phuoc 7164	AS 505 965 RPT 505 965
	AS 515 982 RPT 515 982
	AS 508 987 RPT 508 987
	AS 497 970 RPT 497 970
Hau Phuoc 7165	UT 470 040 RPT 470 040
	UT 485 050 RPT 485 050
	UT 480 057 RPT 480 057
	UT 464 046 RPT 464 046
Hau Phuoc 7166	JT 422 150 RPT 422 150
	JT 415 155 RPT 415 155
	JT 410 333 RPT 410 333
	JT 423 160 RPT 423 160

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- e. Desired TOT: ASAP until 15/2400H Jan 68 RPT ASAP until 15/2400H Jan 68.
- f. Targets are expected to remain valid until 20/2400H Jan 68.
- g. N/A
- h. INTELLIGENCE JUSTIFICATION:

<u>INDICATOR:</u>	<u>DATE:</u>	<u>ACTIVITIES/LOCATION:</u>
CONTACT	10 Jan 68	Est Company; 6 KIA, K2 Bn, DN Rgt-ID 069401
AGENT REPORT	15 Jan 68	UI unit in area
AGENT REPORT	16 Jan 68	Base Camp; UT 485960
SLAR	Nightly 10 Jan 68 to present	Med to hvy movement throughout area
RED HAZE	15 Jan 68	15 Emissions; UT 485960
	18 Jan 68	25 Emissions; UT 485960
	22 Jan 68	19 Emissions; UT 485960
PEOPLE SNIFFER	25 Jan 68	Hvy reading; UT 580960
PHOTO	27 Jan 68	Trail activity; UT 485960 50 foxholes, 25 Med bunkers; UT 492985
IR	27 Jan 68	Div size CP; UT 777999
IR	28 Jan 68	10 Freds; UT 7085-radius 5km
VR	Daily 10 Jan to 28 Jan	SEE BELOW

VR sightings and narrative descriptions may be given at this point.

Intelligence may be combined when there are several targets or it may be given separately for each target.

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- i. There are no Non-Combatants within one kilometer of the target box(s).
- j. All structures within one kilometer of the target boxes have been abandoned, destroyed, or converted to VC/NVA use.
- k. There are no friendly troops within three kilometers of the target area.
- l. There are no national monuments, shrines, temples, or other places of worship within the target area.
- m. BDA will be accomplished by elements of the 25th Inf Div (ARVN).
- n. Targets are in support of Operation Bang Bang. Objective is the destruction of enemy base camps and supply depots and to deny the enemy access to possible jumping off points for coordinated attacks against DUC LOC AN. Target classification is 4A.
- o. GVN Political/ Military clearance has been granted through 20/2400H Jan 69 RPT 20/2400H Jan 69.
- p. N/A
- q. Photo recon is not required (BDA).

2. (S) REMARKS:

- a. Nominated area has been coordinated with all US/FWMAF units that would be affected and they are aware of the time limits involved in the GVN clearance (if coordination has not been effected, so state, making a negative statement very clear).
- b. No operations are planned during the period of clearance stated above, and prior to effecting any such plans, coordination will be affected with Headquarters, III Corps.
- c. 750 pound bombs with .025 delay fuses.

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BASE CAMP/ TRAINING AREA	LOGISTIC BASES	TROOP CONCENTRATION/HQS OPERATIONAL AREA	MILITARY ROUTE	INFILTRATION ROUTES	OTHER
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OBJECTIVE:	A	B	C	D	E	F
INTERDICTION 1.	/	/	/	/	/	/
SUPPORT 2.	/	/	/	/	/	/
SPOILING 3.	/	/	/	/	/	/
HARASSMENT 4.	/	/	/	/	/	/
DISRUPTION						

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B-52 ORDNANCE DATA

BOMB (Weight)	FUSING	PENETRATION		
		SOFT	MED	HARD
M117(750)	.01 Sec	7.2°	6.9°	6.5°
MK 82(500)	.01 Sec	8.4°	8.2°	7.8°
M59(1000)	See Note 1			
M117(750)	.025	24.6°	16.6°	10.7°
Mk 82(500)	.025	28.2°	21.6°	19.5°
M117(750)	.10	29°	20°	14°
MK 82(500)	.10	50°	35°	24°

NOTES: 1. Fusing for M-59 (1000) lbs is .025 only. No penetration data is available. However, test indicated penetration (soft) of over 30°.

2. Weights:      AVERAGE TOTAL      BURSTING CHARGE

MK 82	531 lbs	192 lbs
M117	823 lbs	386 lbs
M59	1140 lbs	315 lbs

3. MK 82 (500 lbs) penetrates deeper than M117 (750 lbs) due to more slender, streamlined shape and slightly higher impact velocity.

4. Normal impact velocity computed as between 1000 and 1200 ft/sec.

BOMB LOADS BY LOCATION

	<u>ANDERSON</u>	<u>UTAPAO</u>	<u>KADENA</u>
MK 82	24 External 84 Internal 108	24 External 84 Internal 108	
M117		24 External 84 Internal MK 82 108	42 Internal 24 External 66
M59	42 Internal only		

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BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (ARC LIGHT)

1. (C) PURPOSE: To prescribe advisor responsibilities and procedures in submission of BDA (ARC LIGHT) Reports following B-52 strikes.
2. (C) GENERAL: Post strike results determined from visual air observations, ground follow-up, ground photography, aerial photography, prisoners, agents, and captured documents are all important for the evaluation of ARC LIGHT effectiveness. Aerial reconnaissance (visual and photographic when possible) and ground follow-up will be accomplished whenever possible and practical.
3. (C) PROCEDURE/RESPONSIBILITIES:
  - a. G2 Advisor, III Corps:
    - (1) Insure BDA is made on each RVNAF nominated target struck.
    - (2) Receive telephonic BDA from nominating units and forward to II FFORCEV.
    - (4) Maintain records on all BDA of RVNAF nominated targets struck.
  - b. Deputy Director, III DASC: Schedule VR for BDA by responsible TACP and pass reports to G2 Air Advisor, III Corps.
  - c. III Corps Combined Interrogation Center Advisor: Interrogate returnees, prisoners, refugees, agents, and exploit captured documents to obtain B-52 bomb damage assessment.
  - d. Division Senior Advisors:
    - (1) Insure that ground follow-up operations are conducted when practical. A statement of ground follow-up will be contained in the target nomination message.
    - (2) Obtain aerial/ground photography of ARC LIGHT results when feasible. Significant film/picture with proper identification, annotations and resume will be provided G2 Air Advisor as soon as practical.
    - (3) Debrief air/ground follow-up personnel.
    - (4) Interrogate returnees, prisoners, refugees, agents and exploit captured documents to obtain B-52 bomb damage assessment.
    - (5) Submit a summary of BDA results on each B-52 strike.

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(a) TELEPHONIC: Follow the normal format, but identify the target struck by number only. Example: If the target struck was Binh Long 7934, identify the target only as 7934. Do not report details of "significant" importance but take note that the information will follow in the formal report (see Inclosure 1, this appendix). Telephonic reports will be submitted within 8 hours of the strike and NLT 1400 hours the following day for targets struck during the hours of darkness.

(b) ELECTRICAL: Submit via secure means. Message NLT twenty four (24) hours subsequent to strike when BDA is by air; NLT sixty (60) hours when BDA is by ground. Supplement reports may be submitted as required. Report will be addressed to DSA, III Corps, ATTN: G2 Air; CG II FFORCEV, Long Binh, RVN; MACVJC073, MACJ228, MACJ234-3, Saigon, RVN.

(6) Insure that the Air Force TACP's are aware of all ARVN Division nominated targets being struck. This should be accomplished as soon as possible subsequent to receipt of TOT message to facilitate incorporation into their normal operational planning.

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NUMBER 381-5ARC LIGHT BOA REPORT

ALPHA Date, time, call sign/target number of strike.

BRAVO Date and time of observation.

CHARLIE Number of enemy and unit designation in target area if known.

DELTA Evidence of enemy evasive tactics or protective techniques employed before or during strike/indication of prior knowledge.

ECHO Number enemy KIA (VC/NVA/Guerilla) as a direct result of strike.

FOXTROT Number enemy KIA (VC/NVA/Guerilla) by FAC/TAC-Ground follow-up.

GOLF Number enemy PW's (VC/NVA/Guerilla).

HOTEL Number detainees held.

INDIA Indicate psychological effects of strike on the enemy in an adjacent area.

JULIET Enemy installations/description/strike damage/location/action taken.

KILO Enemy equipment captured (itemized)/action taken.

LIMA Enemy documents captured (itemized)/action taken.

MIKE Describe terrain and vegetation in the target.

NOVEMBER Indicate general crater locations and percentage of above surface (tree canopy), surface, sub-surface detonations and any indications of duds.

OSCAR Secondary explosions observed from air/ground.

PAPA Percentage of target area observed from air/ground.

QUEBEC Strike objective with general assessment of the strike results and comments.

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NUMBER 381-5SECRETSECURITY

1. (S) Association of the term ARC LIGHT with the B-52 program is classified SECRET. ARC LIGHT may be used in the unclassified subject of correspondence.
2. (S) The coordinates and TOT of a B-52 nomination are classified SECRET until the strike takes place. After the target is struck, the coordinates and TOT are downgraded to CONFIDENTIAL.
3. (S) Intelligence justification and exploitation plans for B-52 request will be classified CONFIDENTIAL or SECRET, depending upon the content.
4. (S) The Map Sheet number and how long the TOT will be valid will be unclassified by themselves or when associated with the UNCLASSIFIED strike designations (Example: OSCAR 100). If reference is made to the province and target number (Example: Bien Hoa 4016) when referring to these items, the classification is SECRET.
5. (S) The clearance statement concerning distance to non-combatants, religious shrines, etc., and the distance to friendly troops will be classified CONFIDENTIAL.
6. (S) Information concerning actual target box TOT's will be disseminated with "A NEED TO KNOW" only.
7. (S) When a requirement exists to discuss any details of a B-52 strike, never associate the words "B-52" with "ARC LIGHT" and refrain from "Heavy Artillery" except for warnings. Refer to unclassified numbers only. Example: "Have you received the message on 4016?" or "Have you received ALPHA 264?"
8. (S) Information concerning B-52 strikes will be posted on maps which will be covered and will not be given to anyone without "A NEED TO KNOW".
9. (S) Security of information concerning B-52 strikes is of critical importance. Every effort will be made at all echelons to insure compromise of such information is impossible.
10. (S) Messages and related correspondence concerning post strike activities will normally be classified CONFIDENTIAL, (Exceptions are when the BDA is of significant intelligence value).
11. (S) All B-52 nominations, messages pertaining to pending targets, and clearance actions for target areas will be classified SECRET.

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