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Visual Reconnaissance on 31 August 1971 (U)

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1. (C) The following areas are submitted in priority order for visual reconnaissance on 31 August 1971. Essential Elements of Information are provided for each area.

a. 2-17 Cav

(1) The Southern A Shau Valley with emphasis on the vicinity of FB Thor and the vicinity of FB Destiny. To locate elements of the 6th NVA Regiment. To determine the general extent of enemy activity and the direction of enemy foot and vehicular traffic.

(2) Northern portion of Rte 616 and Rte 616 extension with emphasis on areas of Trial 1-4, FB Shiloh and from Tan Tawam to Barnett to O'Reilly. To locate elements of the 812th NVA Regiment and to determine the extent of enemy activity on the avenues of approach into the lowlands. (Signs of moderate activity heading toward lowlands on 29 August.)

b. 3-5 Cav

(1) The new power/commo line; Greene-Alpine Road; Red Devil Road; and the Khe Sanh Plain. To locate enemy elements/caches/camps and to determine the status of the roads. To conduct document/equipment searches in the area. To examine the commo line for practicality of using "Left Twist" and an appropriate location for employment.

(2) The Ba Long Valley; the north-south segment of QL-9; and the DMZ area from northwest of Fuller to coast. To determine the extent of enemy activity/movement in the Ba Long Valley and to detect enemy movements/firing positions in the DMZ area, particularly in the area north of Fuller.

c. MILK FAC: The area between Barbara and Barnett; and the Greene-Alpine Road. To locate enemy camps/caches/bulldozers in the area.

2. (C) The 220th BAC will conduct VR of the following areas:

a. Rte 547 and the southern A Shau Valley with emphasis on the Thor and Destiny areas.

b. Greene-Alpine Road and Rte 603 extension to locate artillery firing from north of the DMZ on population centers.

c. Western portion of QL-9 and the Vietnamese salient with emphasis on Rte 616 extension.

d. The area bounded by Ripcord, O'Reilly, Tan Tawam and Thunder.

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