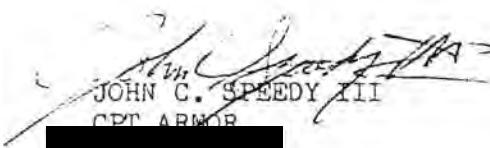


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Dear General Cushman:

Attached is a map that was retained from the Embassy relief mission in 1968 that may be useful for the Division museum. If you find it an asset, please forward it to the museum as a momento of "First Strike's" contribution to the defense of Saigon. Congratulations on maintaining your tradition of leadership of the 101st!

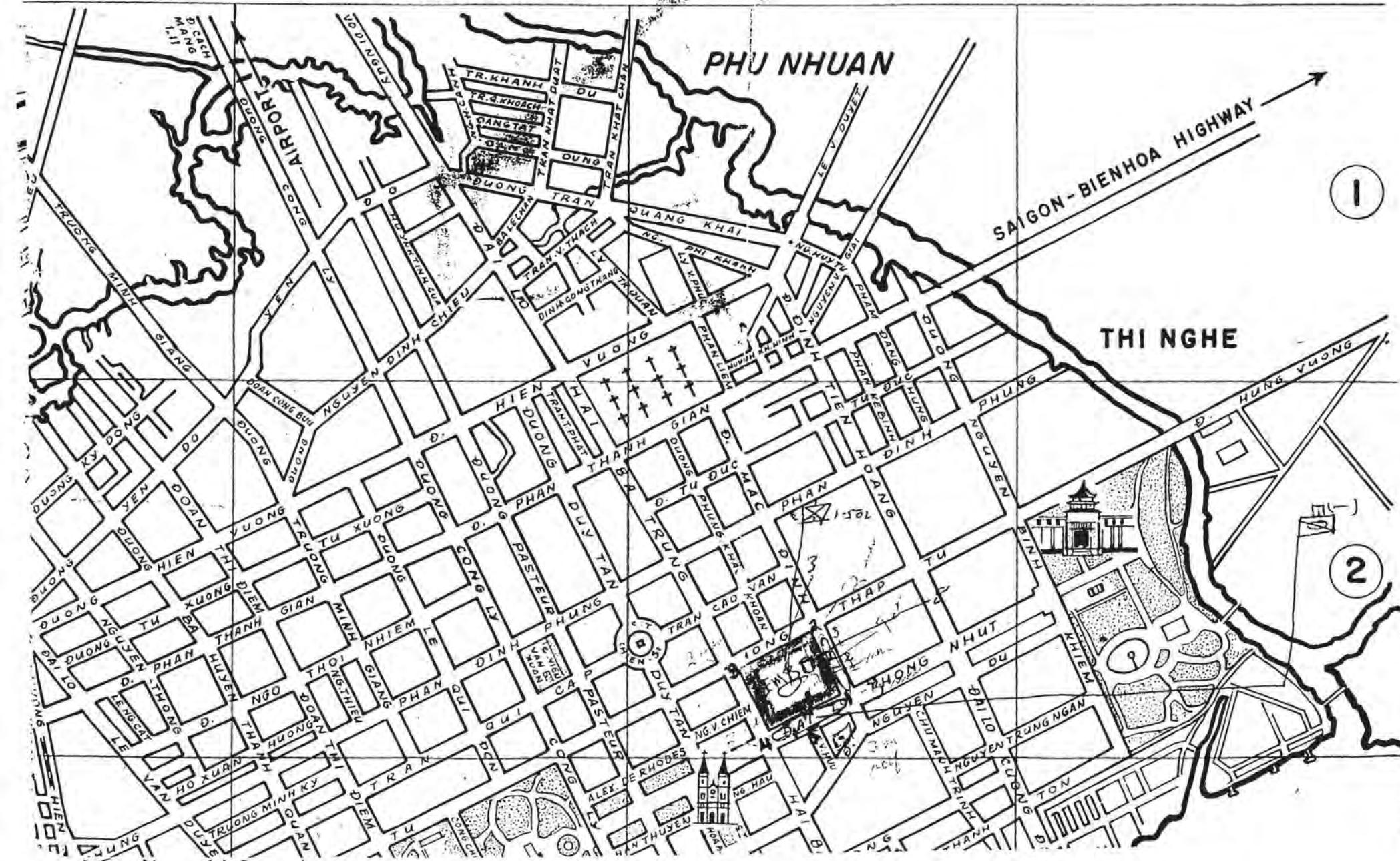

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Defense of the
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get off balcony
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EXPLANATION OF MAP

THE ATTACHED MAP WAS USED BY THE CO "C" CO., 1st BN(ABN), 502D INF TO SECURE THE US EMBASSY FROM FURTHER ATTACK IN FEBRUARY, 1968 AFTER COMMUNIST FORCES HAD ATTACKED THE FACILITY. DEFENSE FORCES CONSISTED OF PARATROOPERS, MARINES, AND MILITARY POLICEMEN. THE VARIOUS LOCATIONS NOTING THE PRESENCE OF SMALL DETACHMENTS OF MEN REFLECTS THE ATTEMPT TO SECURE THE AREA BY DOMINATING THE AVENUES OF APPROACH TO THE EMBASSY. THE SYMBOL FOR THE ARMORED CAVALRY TROOP (-) WAS PUT ON THE MAP TO DENOTE THE LOCATION OF A TROOP OF THE 3D SQDN, 4TH CAV THAT REENFORCED THE DEFENSE ONE NIGHT. THE 8 MEN LOCATED IN THE ONE LOCATION WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE MISSION COORDINATORS QUARTERS LOCATED WITHIN THE EMBASSY COMPOUND. PERSONNEL LOCATED OUTSIDE THE COMPOUND USED AVAILABLE COVER AND CONCEALMENT AS BEST THEY COULD TO DOMINATE THE AVENUES OF APPROACH TO THE EMBASSY. THE NOTE IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE MAP REFERED TO SUSPECTED SNIPER PROBLEMS THAT DID NOT MATERIALIZE.

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