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BOMB OR BRENDAE EXPLOSIONS ATTRIBUTED TO VC TROOPS IN
URBAN AREAS OF THE RVN DURING THIS GOVERNMENT PERIOD.

B. THE TEMPO OF GROUND OPERATIONS INCREASED AGAIN THIS
WEEK. IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY, II CORPS OPERATION
QUYET THANG 303 CONTINUES. A LARGE SCALE SEARCH AND CLEAR OP-
ERATION, QUYET THANG 404, WAS INITIATED IN PHU THIE PROVINCE; HOW-
EVER, AS YET IT HAS PRODUCED NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. MOST OPER-
ATIONAL ACTIVITY WAS FOCUSED, AS USUAL, IN THE DELTA REGION.
IV CTZ, IN PARTICULAR, WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN TERMS OF NUMBERS OF
OPERATIONS, BUT THE RESULTS OF MOST OF THESE WERE NOT SUBSTANTIAL.
OF THESE OPERATIONS, DAN CHI 41, CONDUCTED IN AN AREA ASTRIDE
THE BORDER BETWEEN AN XUYEN AND RA XUYEN PROVINCE, PRODUCED
SIGNIFICANT RESULTS. (SEE PAR 2A BELOW). THE NUMBER OF CLEAR
AND HOLD OPERATIONS REMAINS AT NINE, THE SAME LEVEL AS THAT
OF THE PRECEDING THREE WEEKS.

VIOLENT VC REACTION SLOWED THE PROGRESS OF PACIFICATION
IN SEVERAL OF THE CRITICAL PROVINCES WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY SHOWN
THE MOST HEADWAY. THAT THE VC INTEND TO MAKE A CONCERTED EFFORT
TO HALT PACIFICATION WAS ILLUSTRATED IN GIANG TIN AND
PARTICULARLY IN BINH BINH WHERE A SHARP INCREASE IN VC INCIDENTS
OCCURRED. LIMITED PROGRESS WAS RECORDED IN THE III
CTZ. ONE BRIGHT SPOT WAS NOTED IN TAY BINH WHERE THE GAIN OF

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90 FAMILIES OF REFUGEES WAS ASSURED BY GRANTING SHELTER AND FARMLAND TO PERMIT THE PEOPLE TO BECOME SELF SUFFICIENT WITHIN THE SPAN OF ONE HARVEST SEASON. THE VC HAVE STEPPED UP THEIR HAMLET AND OUTPOST HARASSMENT PROGRAM IN THE 7TH DIVISION AREA SOUTH OF SAIGON. ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE IV CTZ.

VNAF/USAF AIR OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE RVN AT A PACE COMPARABLE WITH LAST WEEK'S LEVEL. THERE WAS AN OVERALL REDUCTION IN COMBAT AIR STRIKES, WITH THE GREATEST ACTIVITY CENTERED ON II CTZ. ONE VNAF L-19 AIRCRAFT WAS LOST AND ITS CREW OF THREE KILLED. ADDITIONALLY, FIVE USAF AIRCRAFT RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE; HOWEVER, NO CREWMEMBERS WERE INJURED. A NUMBER OF OUTPOSTS AND HAMLETS UNDER VC ATTACK WERE SUPPORTED BY FLAESHIPS AND FIGHTERS. ROUTINE AIR OPERATIONS, CONSISTING OF LOGISTICS, RECONNAISSANCE, PSYWAR, AND TRAINING SORTIES, WERE CONDUCTED COUNTRYWIDE WITH LITTLE CHANGE IN TEMPO.

ARMY AVIATION ACTIVITY WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A SHARP INCREASE IN OPERATIONAL TASKS PERFORMED, DUE IN GREAT MEASURE TO THE INITIATION OF II CORPS OPERATION QUYET THANG 404, AND THE CONTINUING AIRMOBILE SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONAL QUYET THANG 303. EAGLE FLIGHTS AND SMALL UNIT HELIBORNE OPERATIONS IN IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE AND TIEN GIANG TACTICAL AREA ALSO CONTRIBUTED

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TO THIS INCREASE. THE LARGEST OF THESE HELIBORNE OPERATIONS
TRANSPORTED APPROXIMATELY 100 RANGER TROOPS IN LONG AN PROVINCE.

VNN EMPLOYMENT REMAINED AT GENERALLY THE SAME LEVEL
AS LAST WEEK.

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2. FRIENDLY:

A. SIGNIFICANT OPERATION

OPERATION DAN CHI 41

THE CA MAU BRIGADE CONTROLLED THIS SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION WHICH WAS INITIATED AT 180800H JUN, APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CA MAU CITY (WR1010) IN AN OPERATIONAL AREA WHICH INCLUDED THE BORDER OF AN XUYEN AND BA XUYEN PROVINCES OF IV CTZ.

THE MISSION WAS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THREE LOCAL FORCE VC COMPANIES: THE DAM DOI COMPANY WITH AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 80; THE QUANG LONG COMPANY WITH AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 90; AND THE GIA RAI COMPANY, WITH AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 90. IN ADDITION, FIVE VC WORKSHOPS AND FOUR MILITARY LIAISON TEAMS (3 FOUR MAN MESSENGER TEAMS) WERE REPORTED TO BE WITHIN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS.

THE 33D REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS WITH ITS 1ST BATTALION AND 3D BATTALION (-), THE 42D RANGER BATTALION, ONE COMPANY OF THE 51ST RANGER BATTALION, AN M113 TROOP, A PLATOON OF 155 HOWITZERS, AND A PLATOON OF 4.2 MORTARS CONSTITUTED THE FRIENDLY GROUND FORCES. THREE COMMAND LANDING CRAFT MEDIUM (LCM), ONE MONITOR, TWO LANDING CRAFT VEHICLE PERSONNEL, AND TWO RIVER PATROL BOATS WERE PROVIDED BY THE NAVY. USAF T-28

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AIRCRAFT AND VNAF A-1H AIRCRAFT PROVIDED AIR SUPPORT. FIVE UH-1B AND FIVE AH-1B US ARMY HELICOPTERS PROVIDED ESCORT AND TROOP LIFT.

THE SCHEME OF MANEUVER ENCOMPRISED TWO MAIN THROUSTS. THE RANGER BATTALION WOULD DRIVE SOUTH FROM THE RACH RAU CANAL TOWARD THE GANH HAO RIVER AND SWING TO THE EAST JUST NORTH OF THE RIVER. ANOTHER FORCE OF TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS WAS TO ATTACK TO THE NORTHEAST TOWARD THE GANH HAO RIVER AND ESTABLISH BLOCKING POSITIONS NEAR THE SOUTH BANK. A SMALLER FORCE, IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, CONSISTING OF AN M113 TROOP AND A RANGER COMPANY, WAS TO MOVE FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTH FROM THE CANAL AND STRIKE TWO OBJECTIVES. THE NAVY WAS TO PATROL THE RACH MUONG RIVER AND PROVIDE GUNFIRE SUPPORT ON CALL. AN EAGLE FLIGHT WAS TO BE ALERT TO STRIKE VC CONCENTRATIONS.

THE OPERATION COMMENCED AS PLANNED AT 180800H JUN. THE TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS MOVING FROM THE SOUTH REACHED THE GANH HAO RIVER AND ESTABLISHED THEIR PLANNED BLOCKING POSITIONS BY 181600H HOURS. THE RANGER FORCE MOVING DOWN FROM THE NORTH REACHED THE RIVER BY 1530 THE SAME DAY, THEN SWIFT EAST UNTIL IT WAS OPPOSITE THE BLOCKING POSITIONS OF THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS. THE M113 TROOP-RANGER COMPANY FORCE REACHED ITS TWO

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OBJECTIVES IN THE EASTERN PART OF THE AREA BY 181655H HOURS. NONE OF THESE UNITS DEVELOPED VC CONTACT. HOWEVER, THE EAGLE FLIGHT WHICH HAD THE 21ST RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY ALOFT IN NINE UH-1B HELICOPTERS, ESCORTED BY FIVE AH-1B HELICOPTERS, SIGHTED A VC CONCENTRATION ABOUT FIVE KILOMETERS TO THE EAST OF THE ML13 TROOP-RANGER FORCE OBJECTIVES AT 181300H HOURS. THE EAGLE FLIGHT PROMPTLY ATTACKED THE VC. THIS PROVED TO BE THE MAIN ENGAGEMENT OF THE OPERATION. TWENTY VC WERE KILLED BY A COMBINATION OF FIRE FROM THE HELICOPTERS AND FROM GROUND ACTION BY THE RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY.

SOME OTHER MINOR GROUND CONTACTS OCCURRED DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE OPERATION, BUT NO SINGLE ONE OF THESE ACTIONS WAS SIGNIFICANT. VNAF A-1E AIRCRAFT FLEW FOURTEEN OF THE TWENTY COMBAT AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS, WHILE USAF T-28 AIRCRAFT FLEW THE REMAINDER. PILOT REPORTS INDICATE 4 VC KILLED, 38 STRUCTURES DESTROYED AND 15 DAMAGED, AND 17 SAMPANS DESTROYED. THE NAVAL FORCES DID NOT REPORT ANY CONTACT. THE OPERATION TERMINATED AT 191700H JUN.

THE TOTAL FRIENDLY LOSSES FOR THE OPERATION WERE 8 WIA, INCLUDING ONE OFFICER. VC LOSSES WERE 20 KIA; 11 CAPTURED, INCLUDING 3 SUSPECTS; 7 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS; 9 GRENADES; 200 ROUNDS OF SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION; AND A QUANTITY OF DOCUMENTS.

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ANALYSIS OF THIS OPERATION INDICATES A SOUND BASIC PLAN FOR THE GROUND OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH THE NAVAL FORCES COULD HAVE BEEN INTEGRATED INTO THE OPERATION MORE EFFECTIVELY. THE NAVAL FORCES WERE DEPLOYED ONLY ON THE EAST BANK OF THE RIVER AT THE WESTERN EDGE OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS, THE SEVERAL NAVIGABLE WATERWAYS WERE AVAILABLE FROM WHICH RIVER FORCES COULD HAVE HELPED TO SEAL OFF VC ESCAPE ROUTES. THE SUCCESS OF EAGLE FLIGHTS EMPLOYED IN COORDINATION WITH GROUND FORCES WAS DEMONSTRATED IN THIS OPERATION. THE GROUND MANEUVER FORCED THE VC TO EXPOSE THEMSELVES TO THE EAGLE FLIGHT WHOSE PROMPT AND AGGRESSIVE ATTACK PROVED TO BE THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ACTION IN THE OPERATION.

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B. SUMMARY OF GROUND OPERATIONS (STATISTICS IN ANNEX A).

(1) LARGE AND SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS:

(A) ARVN GROUND OPERATIONS EMPLOYING FORCES OF THREE RIFLE COMPANIES OR LARGER INCREASED FROM LAST WEEK'S FIGURE OF 57 TO 65. OF THESE 65 OPERATIONS 32 RESULTED IN ONE OR MORE CONTACTS WITH THE VC. III CORPS, IV CORPS, AND TIEN GIANG TAC/A LED IN NUMBER OF OPERATIONS PRODUCING VC CONTACT WITH SEVEN EACH, II CORPS WITH FIVE, I CORPS WITH FOUR, AND CMD AND RUNG SAT SP/A WITH ONE CONTACT APIECE.

(B) SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS DECREASED FROM 8227 TO 7937 AND AGAIN DECREASED IN CONTACTS FROM 68 TO 49.

(2) NIGHT OPERATIONS:

(A) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT AGAIN INCREASED, FROM 27 LAST WEEK, TO 32 THIS WEEK.

(B) THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS WITH NIGHT CONTACT INCREASED FROM 17 TO 23.

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C. SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS

(1) VNAF: AIR OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE RVN AT A PACE WHICH WAS LOWER THAN LAST WEEK'S LEVEL. WHILE VNAF FIGHTERS CONDUCTED AIR STRIKES CONTINUOUSLY, THEY WERE MOST ACTIVE IN II CORPS WHERE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND INTERDICTION MISSIONS SUPPORTED SEVERAL GROUND OPERATIONS. VNAF FLAKESHIPS AND FIGHTERS SUPPORTED OUTPOSTS AND HAMLETS UNDER VC ATTACK IN KIEN HOA, HAU NGHIA, BA XUYEN, AND VINH HINH PROVINCES. ONE VNAF L-19, WHICH HAD BEEN ESCORTING A TRAIN IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE, CRASHED OFF THE COAST AT 150000H JUN 64. THE THREE CREWMEMBERS WERE KILLED, BUT THE AIRCRAFT WAS LATER SALVAGED. THE CAUSE OF THE CRASH IS UNKNOWN. THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN LOGISTICS SORTIES THIS WEEK WITH AN INCREASE IN PASSENGERS MOVED; HOWEVER, CARGO TONNAGE DROPPED SHARPLY. PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT AND CONFINED PRIMARILY TO COVERING TARGETS IN III CRZ.

(2) USAF: THERE WAS A MODERATE RISE IN USAF AIR OPERATIONS THIS WEEK OCCASIONED BY INCREASES IN LOGISTICS AND RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY. WHILE COMBAT AIR ACTIVITY WAS PRIMARILY IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN III AND IV CRZS, A-1H AIRCRAFT CONDUCTED OPERATIONS IN II CRZ, MARKING THE FIRST APPEARANCE OF USAF FIGHTERS HERE SINCE JAN 64. FLAKESHIPS AND FIGHTER AIRCRAFT

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AUGMENTED THE VNAF FORCE IN SUPPORTING THE DEFENSE OF POSTS AND HAMLETS UNDER VC ATTACK. THE MAJORITY OF TARGETS COVERED BY THE PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WERE IN III CTZ. THERE WAS A RISE IN AIR LANDED ASSAULT SORTIES INCLUDING SEVEN AIR DROPS OF SUPPLIES. FIVE AIRCRAFT, AN O-1F, THREE C-123, AND AN L-19 WERE HIT BY VC GROUND FIRE, BUT NO CREW MEMBERS WERE INJURED.

(3) USA:

(A) DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, TASKS, SORTIES FLOWN, AND FLYING HOURS INCREASED, REVERSING THE DECREASING TREND ESTABLISHED OVER THE PAST FOUR WEEKS.

(B) IN II CORPS, HELIBORNE SUPPORT OF OPERATION QUYET THANG 404 WAS SUPPORTED BY A COMPOSITE AIRMOBILE FORCE, UTILIZING AIRCRAFT FROM II AND III CORPS AVIATION UNITS. AIR LANDED ASSAULT AND SUPPRESSIVE FIRE MISSIONS DOMINATED THE OPERATION, WITH ARMED ESCORT HELICOPTERS ACCOUNTING FOR MODERATE ENEMY CASUALTIES.

(C) IN III CORPS, EAGLE FLIGHTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE MISSIONS WERE STAGED IN SUPPORT OF THE 5TH DIVISION. SPORADIC ENEMY GROUND FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED ON MOST OF THE MISSIONS BUT SUPPRESSED BY ARMED HELICOPTER ESCORT.

(D) ON 16 JUN, IN TIEN GIANG SPECIAL AREA, FIVE UH-1B HELICOPTERS ESCORTED BY FIVE AH-1B HELICOPTERS, TRANSPORTED

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US AND ARVN PERSONNEL INTO A LANDING ZONE EIGHTEEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF SAIGON. WHILE ENROUTE TO THE LANDING ZONE, THE AIRCRAFT ENCOUNTERED MODERATE ENEMY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE RESULTING IN TWO US CREWMEN WOUNDED. THE ESCORT HELICOPTERS RETURNED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE, ACCOUNTING FOR TWELVE VIET CONG KILLED IN ACTION (CONFIRMED) AND TWO STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

(4) USMC: MARINE CORPS AVIATION ACTIVITY DECREASED DURING THE PERIOD DUE TO AN OVERALL DECREASE IN AVIATION ACTIVITY IN I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. COMBAT SUPPORT MISSIONS FLOWN BY MARINE CORPS HELICOPTERS WERE PREDOMINANTLY AIR LANDED RESUPPLY.

D. SUMMARY OF NAVAL OPERATIONS:

(1) SEA FORCES: SEA FORCE UNITS CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSION OF PATROL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, UNITS OF THE FORCE PROVIDED GUNFIRE SUPPORT IN ONE OPERATION, HUNG SAT 33/64 AND OTHER UNITS WERE EMPLOYED IN THE RECOVERY OPERATION OF A VIETNAMESE AIR FORCE L-19 AIRCRAFT WHICH HAD CRASHED OFF THE COAST OF KHANH HOA PROVINCE.

(2) SEA FORCE: UNITS OF THE FORCE PROVIDED COMBAT LIFT, PATROL, AND GUNFIRE SUPPORT IN FOUR JOINT OPERATIONS: VUNG LUONG TAN, THAN LONG 9, HUNG SAT 33/64 AND DAN CHI 41.

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(3) JUNK FORCE: UNITS OF THE FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSION OF COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND ASSISTED IN THE SALVAGE OPERATIONS OF THE DOWNED L-19 AIRCRAFT MENTIONED IN PARA 2D(1) ABOVE.

E. CIDG:

OPERATIONS OF I CTZ WERE HIGHLIGHTED BY EXTENSIVE PATROLLING BY UNITS UP TO COMPANY SIZE. REPORTS FROM II CTZ INDICATE THAT AGGRESSIVE PATROLLING CONTINUES WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS. AT PLEI MRONG IN PLEIKU PROVINCE, A PATROL ENGAGED SIX VC, KILLING ONE, WOUNDING TWO, AND CAPTURING TWO WEAPONS, ONE OF WHICH WAS A CHICOM SUBMACHINE-GUN. A CIDG PATROL FROM CAMP KANNACK IN BINH DINH PROVINCE ENGAGED AN UNREPORTED NUMBER OF VC, KILLING FIVE, CAPTURING SEVEN, AND CAPTURING TWO WEAPONS. CONTACT WITH THE VC IS BECOMING MORE FREQUENT AND TRAINING IS BEGINNING TO SHOW ITSELF TO BE SUPERIOR TO THAT OF THE VC. THIS SUPERIORITY IN THE QUALITY OF TRAINING IS EVIDENCED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF VC KILLED COMPARED TO THE RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF FRIENDLY LOSSES SUFFERED. THE "B" DETACHMENT IN II CTZ REPORTS A VC UNIT WITH ONE 105MM HOWITZER (NOT CONFIRMED BY J2, MACV).

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ALL CAMPS IN III CTZ CONTINUE TO CONDUCT EXTENSIVE PATROL OPERATIONS. RESULTS OF THESE OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE. AT TRANG SUP IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, CONTACT WAS MADE WITH TWO COMPANIES OF VC. NINETEEN VC WERE KILLED. FRIENDLY LOSSES CONSISTED OF FIVE KILLED, INCLUDING ONE USSF SGT. AT SUOI DA IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, TWO COMPANIES PARTICIPATING IN HELICOPTER-BORNE OPERATIONS MADE TWO CONTACTS WITH ESTIMATED SQUAD SIZE VC UNITS. RESULTS OF THESE ACTIONS WERE ONE VC KILLED AND ONE CAPTURED. FRIENDLY LOSSES CONSISTED OF TWO WOUNDED. THE "B" DETACHMENT IN III CTZ ALSO REPORTED A VC UNIT WITH ONE 105MM HOWITZER (NOT CONFIRMED BY J2, MACV).

FRIENDLY PATROL OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN ON THE INCREASE THROUGHOUT IV CTZ. STRIKE FORCE FROM CAMP AN LONG DROVE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY VC ACROSS THE CAMBODIAN BORDER IN THE VICINITY OF CAI CHANH. RESULTS OF THIS OPERATION WERE ONE VC KILLED, TWO VC SUSPECTS CAPTURED, AND THREE BOOBYTRAPS DESTROYED. ONE CIDG AND ONE USSF CAPTAIN WERE WOUNDED IN THIS ACTION.

THE CAMP AT TAN PHU WAS CLOSED OUT AND RELOCATED AT DON PHUCC.

F. PERSONNEL

ON 12 JUN 64, THE PRIME MINISTER SIGNED INTO LAW

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DECREE NUMBER 211/QP AND 212/QP GRANTING SALARY INCREASES TO MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL FORCE EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 64. THESE DECREES GENERALLY EQUATE REGIONAL FORCE SALARIES TO THOSE OF ARVN, EXCEPT THAT OFFICERS AND NCO'S WILL BE PAID AT THE LOWEST ECHELON (NO CREDIT FOR TIME IN GRADE OR TIME IN SERVICE PRIOR TO 1 JULY) AND NCO'S WILL NOT RECEIVE RECOGNITION FOR TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES. OVERALL, RF MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE ABOUT TWO-THIRDS MORE MONEY AT END OF JULY THAN THEY WILL AT END OF JUNE.

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3. (C) ENEMY SITUATION

A. VC ACTIVITY:

(1) GENERAL: VIET CONG INITIATED ACTIVITY SHOWED A DEFINITE DROP IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS THIS WEEK FROM THAT OF THE WEEK BEFORE. THERE WAS ONE BATTALION SIZE ATTACK IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE LESS THAN 25 KILOMETERS FROM SAIGON, AND THREE COMPANY SIZE ATTACKS WERE REPORTED FROM BINH DINH, GO CONG AND VINH BINH. HOWEVER, THE OVERALL INTENSITY OF VC EFFORTS, ON A COUNTRY-WIDE BASIS, APPEARED TO DECLINE. ALSO, IN SEVERAL REPORTED INSTANCES, VC ACTIONS SEEMED TO MEET WITH STIFFENED RESISTANCE, AS IN THE BATTALION ATTACK ON DUC HOA, WHICH LEFT THIRTEEN VC DEAD ON THE SCENE WHILE PRESUMABLY MANY MORE DEAD AND WOUNDED VC WERE CARRIED AWAY. ONE OF THE COMPANY SIZE ACTIONS WAS AN AMBUSH OF AN RVN NAVAL PATROL ON A GO CONG WATERWAY IN WHICH THE NAVAL ELEMENT FIRST RAN THE GAUNTLET, THEN REVERSED ITS COURSE TO COUNTERATTACK THE ENEMY. VC ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES CONSISTED MAINLY OF TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST THE POPULACE AND HARASSING FIRES AGAINST TROOPS. IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE RVN, VC ACTIONS WERE ALSO PREDOMINANTLY OF A HARASSING NATURE. THERE WERE EVIDENTLY FEWER SMALL SCALE ARMED ATTACKS THAN DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK.

(2) I CORPS: VIET CONG ACTIVITY IN THE OPCZ WAS LOWER THAN LAST WEEK BUT STILL AT A HIGHER LEVEL THAN DURING EARLIER WEEKS. THE ACTIONS CONSISTED MOSTLY OF TERRORISM CARRIED OUT IN THE COASTAL REGIONS AROUND THE CITIES OF QUANG TRI AND HUE, AND SOUTHWEST OF DA NANG. HARASSMENT OF NRL HAMLETS APPEARED TO BE THEIR MAIN AIM, WITH KIDNAPPINGS,

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HARASSING FIRES, AND SEVERAL ASSASSINATIONS OF HAMLET OFFICIALS. OTHER HARASSING ACTIONS WERE ALSO DIRECTED AT THE GENERAL POPULACE. ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE DROPPED AND EVEN PROPAGANDA EFFORTS APPEARED TO SLACKEN. SABOTAGE TOOK A SLIGHT RISE, WITH SEVERAL BRIDGES REPORTED DESTROYED AND THE MINING OF A TRAIN WHICH DERAILED THE ENGINE AND FOUR CARS, WOUNDING TWO PERSONS.

(3) II CORPS: VIET CONG ACTIVITY IN THE CTZ WAS ROUGHLY HALF THAT OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK. TWO ATTACKS AGAINST NRL HAMLETS WERE REPORTED. A COMPANY SIZE ATTACK WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST ADJACENT CHANG THANG AND CHANG HUNG NRL HAMLETS IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND A PLATOON SIZE ATTACK TOOK PLACE AGAINST A NRL HAMLET IN QUANG DUC. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE RELATIVELY LIGHT. TERRORISM PROVIDED THE BULK OF THE REPORTED INCIDENTS. VC ACTIVITY WAS CENTERED IN THE COASTAL PLAINS OF QUANG NGAI AND BINH DINH AND CONSISTED MOSTLY OF HARASSMENT OF HAMLETS AND TROOPS. MINING OF TRAINS WAS REPORTED FROM QUANG NGAI, PHU YEN, AND KHANH HOA PROVINCES. ALONG WITH DAMAGE TO BRIDGES AND RAILS, CASUALTIES RESULTED IN SEVERAL CASES. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF CASUALTIES RESULTED FROM THE MINING OF A PASSENGER TRAIN IN KHANH HOA PROVINCE ON 18 JUNE WHEN TEN PASSENGERS WERE KILLED AND 30 WOUNDED.

(4) III CORPS: THE LARGEST VIET CONG ATTACK SINCE 16 MAY TOOK PLACE IN THE CTZ WHEN AN ESTIMATED VC BATTALION LAUNCHED A TWO PRONGED NIGHT ATTACK ON DUC HOA, A DISTRICT SEAT IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE. THE ATTACK, ON 17 JUNE, WAS SUPPORTED BY MORTARS AND RECOILLESS RIFLES. THE DEFENDING ARVN RANGER COMPANY, A 50-MAN RF UNIT AND A PF SQUAD SUPPORTED

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BY A 105MM HOWITZER PLATOON FOUGHT OFF THE ATTACK WHICH AT ONE POINT PENETRATED INTO THE TOWN SQUARE. CONFIRMED VC CASUALTIES WERE 13 DEAD, AND 6 VC WEAPONS WERE CAPTURED. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 6 KILLED, 36 WOUNDED AND 5 WEAPONS LOST. ELSEWHERE IN THE CTZ, VIET CONG ACTIVITY CONSISTED MAINLY OF TERRORISM SUCH AS HARASSMENT OF TROOPS AND KIDNAPPINGS. ON 19 JUNE, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VIET CONG AMBUSHED A SPECIAL FORCES COMPANY NORTHWEST OF TAY NINH; THREE US SPECIAL FORCES PERSONNEL WERE REPORTED MISSING. ON 20 JUNE, VC KIDNAPPED THE DIRECTOR OF THE LARGE MICHELIN RUBBER PLANTATION IN BINH DUONG, TENDING CREDENCE TO RECENT CONFIDENTIAL REPORT THAT THE MANAGEMENT OF THAT PLANTATION WAS ALLEGEDLY REFUSING TO LET ITSELF BE "TAXED" BY THE VIET CONG. THREE RAIL SABOTAGE INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED FROM BINH THUAN. IN ALL CASES THE RAILS WERE REMOVED AND ONE INCIDENT RESULTED IN THE OVERTURNING OF TWO CARS. THE OTHER TWO SABOTAGE ACTS WERE DETECTED BEFORE ANY DAMAGE TO TRAINS OCCURRED.

(5) CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT: AS ELSEWHERE, THE REPORTED ACTIVITY IN THE DISTRICT DROPPED OFF THIS WEEK, BUT THERE WERE STILL REPORTS OF CONSIDERABLE HARASSMENT OF HAMLETS AND AN OCCASIONAL HARASSING FIRE INCIDENT, ASSASSINATION, AND KIDNAPPING.

(6) RUNG SAT SPECIAL ZONE: NO ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(7) TIEN GIANG (7TH DIVISION) TACTICAL AREA: HARASSING FIRE DIRECTED AGAINST TROOPS AND POSTS IN LONG AN AND KIEN HOA PROVINCES CONSTITUTED THE BULK OF VC ACTIVITY REPORTED IN THE TA THIS WEEK. THERE WERE SMALL AMBUSHES IN DINH TUONG AND ONE SMALL SCALE ATTACK OF A WATCHTOWER. LOSSES WERE RELATIVELY LIGHT IN ALL ACTIONS. AN ESTIMATED

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COMPANY OF VC AMBUSHED 4 RVN PATROL BOATS IN GO CONG PROVINCE. THE PATROL FORCE COUNTERATTACKED AND KILLED 23 VC.

(8) IV CORPS: THE MAJORITY OF ATTACKS AND AMBUSHES REPORTED DURING THE WEEK TOOK PLACE IN THIS CTZ. A COMPANY SIZE VC FORCE ATTACKED COC XOAI NRL HAMLET AND SMALLER UNITS ATTACKED SEVERAL OTHER HAMLETS IN THE NEAR VICINITY ON 16 JUNE. THIS ACTION TOOK PLACE IN THE DELTA REGION OF VINH BINH NEAR THE BASSAC RIVER. FRIENDLY TROOPS SUPPORTED BY FLARESHIPS, WERE ABLE TO BEAT OFF THE ATTACKS, AND CASUALTIES WERE LIGHT. THE BULK OF REPORTS FROM THE CTZ CONCERNED HARASSING FIRES DIRECTED AGAINST FRIENDLY TROOPS AND POSTS AND WIDELY SEPARATED THROUGHOUT VINH LONG AND VINH BINH PROVINCES.

B. OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS

(1) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: DURING THIS WEEK THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF EXPLOSIONS ATTRIBUTED TO VC TERRORISTS. THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK SINCE THE PERIOD OF 18 TO 25 APRIL THAT THERE HAS NOT BEEN AT LEAST ONE EXPLOSION BY VC TERRORISTS REPORTED IN THE RVN. SAIGON, ON 16 JUNE, SAIGON MUNICIPAL POLICE SCORED ANOTHER SUCCESS IN THEIR EFFORTS AGAINST THE TERRORISTS BY UNCOVERING A VC CELL AND ARRESTING 13 MEMBERS OF THE CELL. DOCUMENTS AND LEAFLETS WERE SEIZED WHICH ADVOCATED SUPPORT OF THE VC CAUSE.

SEVERAL DEMONSTRATIONS BY LARGE ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUPS OCCURRED DURING THE WEEK IN DA NANG AND HUE. ON 14 JUNE, APPROXIMATELY

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6,000 CATHOLICS DEMONSTRATED IN SUPPORT OF THE MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL AND FOR THE CESSATION OF "THE PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS IN THE RVN". BANNERS CARRIED BY THEM DISPLAYED ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-CATHOLIC PERSECUTION THEMES. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF ENTHUSIASM OR ANTI-GVN SENTIMENTS, AND THE DEMONSTRATION WAS ORDERLY. ON THE SAME DAY, A SIMILAR DEMONSTRATION BY CATHOLICS FROM DA NANG AND SURROUNDING AREAS WAS HELD IN DA NANG WHERE SPEECHES WERE DELIVERED TO AN ESTIMATED 10,000 PERSONS. ALSO IN HUE AND DA NANG ON 15 JUNE, MEMBERS OF THE VIETNAM NATIONALIST PARTY (VNQDD = VIET NAM QUOC DAN DANG) POSTED BANNERS AND DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS, ANTI-COMMUNIST AND ANTI-NEUTRALIST IN THEME AND COMMEMORATING THE YEN BAI UPRISING ON 17 JUNE 1930. THE YEN BAI UPRISING, WHICH THE VNQDD HAS TAKEN AS SYMBOL OF ITS ORGANIZATION, WAS AGAINST FRENCH DOMINATION OF VIETNAM AT THAT TIME. ON 16 AND 17 JUNE IN DA NANG, THE VNQDD BROADCAST SPEECHES FROM LOUDSPEAKERS MOUNTED ON CIVILIAN VEHICLES, URGING THE PEOPLE TO RISE UP AND SUPPORT THEIR GOVERNMENT AND TO DEFEAT THE COMMUNISTS AND NEUTRALISTS. ON 17 JUNE IN HUE, THE VNQDD SPONSORED MEMORIAL SERVICES COMMEMORATING THE UPRISING.

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4. SUMMARY OF ARVN AND VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES
(STATISTICS IN ANNEX E).

A. ARVN CASUALTIES TOTALED 84 KIA, 245 WIA, AND 66 MIA/
CAPTURED FOR THE WEEK. THIS WAS A DECREASE FROM THE
PREVIOUS WEEK WHEN 444 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. A TOTAL OF
103 WEAPONS WERE LOST; A DECREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK
WHEN 156 WEAPONS WERE LOST.

B. THE VC SUFFERED 234 CASUALTIES (194 KILLED AND 40
CAPTURED). THIS WAS A SLIGHT DECREASE FROM LAST WEEK'S
TOTALS (213 KILLED AND 48 CAPTURED). GOVERNMENT FORCES
CAPTURED A TOTAL OF 61 WEAPONS DURING THE WEEK AS COM-
PARED WITH 73 LAST WEEK; ALL WERE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.

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A. GENERAL: THE SEVERITY OF VC REACTION CAUSED A DECELERATION OF THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM IN ABOUT HALF OF THE CRITICAL PROVINCES OF VIETNAM. IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, HOWEVER, THE DRAMATIC STAND OF A RANGER COMPANY MANAGED TO PRESERVE THE IMAGE OF ARVN SUPERIORITY. THE SCREEN OF PROGRESS WAS NONE THE LESS DISTORTED BY THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW SIX POINT CRITERIA FOR CONSTRUCTED HAMLETS. AS OF 30 APRIL 1964 GVN REPORTED 6,562 HAMLETS CONSTRUCTED (COMPLETED) WHILE THE 30 MAY STATISTICS RECORDED 4,207 HAMLETS CONSTRUCTED. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HAMLETS UNDER GVN CONTROL, (INCLUDING THOSE CONSTRUCTED AND THOSE UNDER CONSTRUCTION) WAS REDUCED FROM 7,344 AS OF 30 APRIL TO 4,905 AS OF 30 MAY. NUMEROUS PROVINCES HAVE NOT COMPLETED THEIR RE-EVALUATION; THUS THESE FIGURES ARE STILL SUBJECT TO FURTHER REDUCTION.

THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM MAY BENEFIT FROM THE PRIME MINISTER'S MOST RECENT DECREES MODIFYING THE PAY OF REGIONAL FORCE PERSONNEL. SAID PERSONS WILL, AS OF 1 JULY, RECEIVE COMPENSATION EQUAL TO ARVN REGULAR FORCES. SHOULD THESE DECREES HAVE THE DESIRED EFFECT ON RECRUITING OF REGIONAL FORCE MEMBERS, ARVN UNITS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE PERMITTED TO TURN OVER MANY SECURITY MISSIONS TO OTHERS AND PROCEED WITH MORE APPROPRIATE MISSIONS. IN QUANG TINH AND BINH DINH PROVINCES, VC REACTION TO THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM HAS PRACTICALLY HALTED FORWARD MOTION. QUANG BINH SHOWS PROMISE SINCE THE 25TH DIV COMMANDER HAS DEMONSTRATED A HIGH DEGREE OF CONFIDENCE IN THE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF.

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ACTIVITIES IN III CTZ ARE HIGHLIGHTED BY EFFORTS TO ORGANIZE THE COMMAND STRUCTURE AFTER NUMEROUS CHANGES. IV CORPS CRITICAL PROVINCES ARE MAKING REAL PROGRESS IN CONSTRUCTION OF ROADS AND BRIDGES, RECRUITING OF POPULAR FORCE PERSONNEL, AND EMPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE.

B. QUANG TIN: ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE COMBAT YOUTH CADRE WERE GRADUATED FROM A FIVE DAY TRAINING COURSE AT QUANG TIN TRAINING CENTER ON 8 JUNE. THEY HAVE BEEN FORMED INTO 10 TEAMS FOR OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. THE TEAMS WILL WORK IN SELECTED HAMLETS OFFERING ADVICE AND GIVING ASSISTANCE WITHIN THEIR CAPABILITY. THE VC REACTED TO THE PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE KIEP DUC DISTRICT BY SINKING THE TINH RIVER FERRY AT BIEN HOA AND BINH AN HAMLETS.

C. QUANG NGAI: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS ARE PROGRESSING SLOWLY WITH NO SIGNIFICANT GAINS DURING THE WEEK. MARTIAL LAW ESTABLISHED IN DUC PHO DISTRICT CONTINUES IN EFFECT. TO DATE OVER 150 SUSPECTED VC HAVE BEEN LOCATED IN THE DISTRICT. THE 25TH DIV COMMANDER IS BEGINNING TO RELEASE SOME CONTROL OF PACIFICATION OPERATIONS AND REGIONAL FORCES TO PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS. PREVIOUSLY THE DIVISION HAS CONTROLLED ALL PROVINCIAL FORCES AND EXERCISED COMPLETE CONTROL OVER ALL OPERATIONS. THIS ACTION APPEARS TO REFLECT THE CONFIDENCE THE DIV COMMANDER HAS IN MAJOR LY, THE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF. MAJOR LY HAS BEGUN A CAMPAIGN OF SELLING HIMSELF TO THE PEOPLE AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVE TO GVN. HE HAS ALSO INDICATED THAT HE IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH US ADVISORS.

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D. KINH BINH: SINCE 11 JUNE THE VC HAVE REACTED TO PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN PHU MY AND PHU CAT DISTRICTS WITH A SHARP INCREASE IN INCIDENTS. THESE INCIDENTS OF HARASSING AND TERRORIZING THE HAMLET RESIDENTS AND THE PEOPLE WORKING ON THE 35 KM HOAT IN HOAI NHON DISTRICT TO THE EXTENT THAT ALL WORK HAS CEASED ON THIS PROJECT. CHANH THANG AND CHANH HUNG HAMLETS IN PHU CAT DISTRICT WERE ATTACKED BY THE VC WHO KILLED THE GATE GUARDS AND HELD THE HAMLETS UNTIL THEIR WITHDRAWAL APPROXIMATELY 24 HOURS LATER. IN OVERRUNNING THE NANG LANG OUTPOST IN HAOI AN DISTRICT, THE VC KILLED EIGHT POPULAR FORCE MEMBERS AND WOUNDED SEVEN. APPROXIMATELY 20 WEAPONS AND 150 HAND GRENADES WERE LOST TO THE VC. NO VC CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. IT IS NOT FEASIBLE TO PREDICT THE DEGREE OF RETARGATION THIS INCREASED VC ACTIVITY WILL HAVE ON THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM AT THIS TIME.

E. PHUOC THANG: (MILREP 16-23 MAY 64) IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE RECENT ABANDONMENT OF FIVE HAMLETS RESULTED FROM AN ILL-ADVISED AND NEEDLESS ORDER FROM THE PBT ZONE COMMANDER TO SUDDENLY WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM THE PHU GIAO AREA. IT LEFT SEVERAL THOUSAND INHABITANTS HOMELESS AND DISILLUSIONED AND NULLIFIED A YEAR'S EFFORT TO ESTABLISH GVN CONTROL IN THAT AREA. IT IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF DECISIONS BY TACTICAL COMMANDERS WITHOUT CONSIDERATION FOR THE WELFARE OF THE POPULACE. AN LAM THI HAMLET, FORMERLY WITH OVER 2,000 INHABITANTS, WAS ALSO BEEN DESERTED AS VC PRESSURE CONTINUES TO PLAY NAVOC WITH THE HAMLET PROGRAM.

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III CORPS IS DEVELOPING A NEW PLAN WHICH ENVISIONS A SEPARATE TASK FORCE TO PACIFY THE SOUTHWESTERN PORTION OF THE PROVINCE. THE TASK FORCE, UNDER THE COMMAND OF THE DEPUTY III CORPS COMMANDER, WILL ALSO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PORTIONS OF SOUTHERN BINH DUONG AND NORTHERN BINH HOA PROVINCES. MEANWHILE, LIMITED PACIFICATION PROGRESS IS BEING REALIZED IN 12 HAMLETS NEAR THE PROVINCE CAPITAL, LARGELY THROUGH THE PERSONAL EFFORTS OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF. HE APPEARS TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS FACING THE PROVINCE BUT IS NOT AGGRESSIVE IN DEMANDING MORE SUPPORT FROM HIS STAFF.

F. TAY NINH: APPROXIMATELY 90 FAMILIES OF REFUGEES HAVE BEEN FURNISHED HOMES AND LAND FOR FARMING IN THE VICINITY OF BEN SOI. THESE PEOPLE SHOULD BE SELF SUFFICIENT UPON THE HARVEST OF THE NEXT RICE CROP. SOME 30 FAMILIES REQUESTED PERMISSION AND WERE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER HOMES ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER. MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE PERFORMING THEIR DUTIES WELL IN THE AREA UNDERGOING PACIFICATION. THESE TEAMS ARE WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE COMPANIES OF THE 9TH REGIMENT AND ARE PROGRESSING FAVORABLY IN PACIFICATION OPERATIONS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF HAS TAKEN DEFINITE STEPS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS TYPES OF FORCES OPERATING WITHIN TAY NINH. IN THE RECENT PAST THERE HAS BEEN A NOTICEABLE LACK OF COORDINATION BETWEEN SPECIAL FORCES OPERATIONS AND THOSE CONDUCTED UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF.

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REPRESENTATION OF ALL TYPE FORCES WITHIN THE SECTOR OPERATIONS CENTER SHOULD SOON ALLEVIATE THIS PROBLEM.

G. BIEN HOA: PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES ARE AT A STAND-
STILL EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL CHANGES AND A REORGANIZATION OF
PACIFICATION FORCES WHICH HIGHLIGHTED THE WEEK'S EVENTS. THE
DEPUTY III CORPS COMMANDER ASSUMED CONTROL OF BOTH ARVN REGI-
MENTS IN THE PROVINCE AND WILL DIRECT ALL MILITARY OPERATIONS
IN SUPPORT OF THE PACIFICATION PLAN WHICH ALSO INVOLVES PLANS
IN PORTIONS OF PHUOC THANH AND BIEN HOA. THE ~~PROVINCE~~ CHIEF
WILL CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN HIS CUSTOMARY ROLE EXCEPT FOR
MILITARY MATTERS.

H. HAI NGHIA: THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THIS CRITICAL PRO-
VINCE REMAINS GRIM BUT CONTINUES TO SHOW STEADY, BUT MODEST,
IMPROVEMENT. ARVN UNITS ARE ACTIVELY ASSISTING IN RELOCATION
OF THE POPULATION AND ARE DISPLAYING A GENUINE INTEREST IN THE
PEOPLE. HAMLET CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING NEW SCHOOLS AND DISPEN-
SARIES, IS MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS. VC ACTIVITY, WHICH IN-
CREASED SHARPLY, WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY A BN SIZE ATTACK ON BUC HOA,
A DISTRICT CAPITAL. ARVN ELEMENTS, ALTHOUGH OUTNUMBERED, WERE
SUCCESSFUL IN DEFENDING THE TOWN. THE LOCAL INHABITANTS APPEAR
TO REGARD THE OUTCOME AS A CLEAR VICTORY FOR GVN WHICH MAY
SERVE AS A MUCH NEEDED MORALE BOOSTER. RUMORS REGARDING A NEW
PROVINCE CHIEF HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED, AND A CHANGE OF COMMAND WILL
TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK. ADDITIONALLY, A NEW DISTRICT CHIEF WAS

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APPOINTED FOR DUC HOA DISTRICT. IT IS TOO EARLY TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF THESE CHANGES, BUT THEY OBVIOUSLY REFLECT GVN CONCERN FOR THE HAU NGHIA SITUATION.

I. LONG AN: THE PRIMARY PACIFICATION EFFORT IN LONG AN APPEARS TO BE ROAD SECURITY OF HIGHWAY 4. FUTURE PLANS ARE NOW BEING FORMULATED TO SECURE HIGHWAY 5, THE CHOLON - GO CONG MAIN ARTERY THAT RUNS THRU THE EASTERN PART OF LONG AN. RECENT VC SUCSESSES OUTSIDE THE PACIFICATION AREA, AND, IN FACT, A SUCCESSFUL PENETRATION OF A POST JUST 600 METERS WEST OF THE PROVINCE CAPITAL, HAS GIVEN CAUSE FOR A NEW HARD LOOK AT THE OVERALL PACIFICATION PLAN. THE OIL SPOT CONCEPT HAS NOT BEEN FOLLOWED IN LONG AN. CURRENT OPERATIONS MIGHT RIGHTLY BE CALLED AN "OIL SPREAD" ALONG HIGHWAY 4. PRESENTLY, THE 10TH REGIMENT MAINTAINS SECURITY ASTRIDE THIS HIGHWAY, EXTENDING FROM THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON SOUTH TO THE BORDER OF DINH TUONG PROVINCE, A DISTANCE OF 25KMs. IN ADDITION TO THE SECURITY OF HIGHWAY 4, PACIFICATION OF HAMLETS LOCATED ALONG THIS ARTERY HAS BEEN UNDERTAKEN. ONLY FIVE COMPANIES ARE ACTUALLY ENGAGED IN THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. THE REMAINING FOUR COMPANIES ARE ON STATIC SECURITY MISSIONS GUARDING BRIDGES AND GUN SITES. THE DISSIPATION OF FORCES ALONG THIS HIGHWAY GIVES SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO THEIR REINFORCEMENT CAPABILITY. THUS FAR, THE VC HAVE ELECTED TO ATTACK ONLY THE POORLY DEFENDED AND ISOLATED POSTS AND HAMLETS. IN ALMOST ALL CASES, THE VC USED TRAITORS TO SUCCESSFULLY PENETRATE THE SECURITY OF THESE INSTALLATIONS.

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J. DINH TUONG: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS ARE PROCEEDING DESPITE SOME SHIFTING OF TROOP SUPPORT WITHIN THE PROVINCE. FIFTEEN MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS OF 10 MEN EACH HAVE COMPLETED TWO WEEKS ON-THE-JOB TRAINING AND ARE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED IN BEN TRAM DISTRICT. THERE ARE A TOTAL OF 20 TEAMS OPERATING IN AREAS UNDER PACIFICATION. SINCE A SHORTAGE OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE IS EXPECTED, ANOTHER SCHOOL HAS STARTED AT PROVINCE WITH 95 STUDENTS ATTENDING. SIGNIFICANTLY, THIS WEEK PROVINCE AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN A MORE REALISTIC VIEW OF THEIR PACIFIED HAMLETS. THEY REPORTED NO HAMLETS COMPLETED UNDER THE NEW SIX POINT CRITERIA. THIS BRINGS TO THREE THE NUMBER OF PROVINCES IN 7TH DIV NOW REPORTING NO COMPLETED HAMLETS. THE OTHERS ARE LONG AN AND GO CONG. THE MAIN CRITERION NOT MET IS THE ELIMINATION OF VC INFRASTRUCTURE. WHETHER THIS CRITERION HAS BEEN ATTAINED IS LARGELY A MATTER OF JUDGEMENT. IT APPEARS THAT CORPS, DIVISION, AND SECTOR PERSONNEL NEED TO ARRIVE AT A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS MEANT BY THE STATEMENT "ELIMINATION OF VC INFRASTRUCTURE".

K. GO CONG: EFFORTS IN GO CONG'S PACIFICATION AREA CONTINUE TO MAKE PROGRESS; HOWEVER, OUTSIDE THE AREA THE VC OVERRAN A POST WITH THE HELP OF TRAITORS, KILLING 4 SDC, 1 WOMAN AND 1 CHILD. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 8.5 KM^s NORTHWEST OF GO CONG ON HIGHWAY 5. THE SECTOR ADVISOR CLAIMS THAT PROVINCE HAS INSUFFICIENT FORCES TO KEEP THE VC OFF BALANCE OUTSIDE THE PACIFICATION AREA, AND IF MORE TROOPS ARE NOT RECEIVED, RECURRENCE OF VC

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ATTACKS CAN BE EXPECTED. PROVINCE HAS RECEIVED THREE OF THE FOUR BOATS REQUESTED FROM SAIGON TO PATROL THEIR RESPECTIVE WATERWAYS. WORK ON REPAIRING THE FERRY SITE AT MY LOI CONTINUES. A NEW FERRY TURNSTILE IS BEING TRANSPORTED UNDER ESCORT FROM SAIGON TO EXPEDITE REOPENING OF THE FERRY LINK WHICH CONNECTS LONG AN'S HIGHWAY 5 WITH GO CONG. THE LATERITE FOR ROAD REPAIR RECEIVED BY GO CONG FROM MY THO WAS OF POOR QUALITY. PROVINCE EXPECTS A NEW LATERITE SHIPMENT BY BARGE FROM KIEN HOA NEXT WEEK. SOME PERSONNEL SHORTAGES WERE RESOLVED THIS WEEK WHEN A SECTOR S-5, AN ASSISTANT TO THE PROVINCE CHIEF FOR PACIFICATION, AND TWO DISTRICT PACIFICATION OFFICERS WERE ASSIGNED.

L. KIEN HOA: BECAUSE THE VC MAINTAIN THE CAPABILITY OF CONDUCTING OPERATIONS ANYWHERE IN KIEN HOA, THE PROVINCE CHIEF FEELS THAT ALL HAMLETS IN AREAS PACIFIED OR UNDERGOING PACIFICATION MUST BE EQUALLY REINFORCED. HE HAS RECENTLY REQUESTED AN ADDITIONAL 82,000 ROLLS OF BARBED WIRE TO STRENGTHEN 137 HAMLETS IN SEVERAL VULNERABLE AREAS. HIS PLAN CALLS FOR A NETWORK OF FORTIFIED HOUSES SURROUNDED BY BARBED WIRE WITHIN THE HAMLETS. THIS "MAZE" NETWORK WILL BE PROTECTED BY POPULAR FORCES UTILIZING SHARPENED PICKETS, BOOBY TRAPS AND MINES. PROVINCE PRESENTLY CLAIMS 52 HAMLETS UNDER SVN CONTROL, 136 HAMLETS TO BE CONSOLIDATED, AND 25 TO BE CONSTRUCTED. THE NUMBER REPORTED UNDER SVN CONTROL APPEARS OPTIMISTIC AND WILL PROBABLY DECREASE AS SOON AS A RE-EVALUATION USING THE NEW SIX POINT CRITERIA CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED.

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IT WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED IN MILREP 7-13 JUNE THAT THERE WAS A NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF BARBED WIRE. SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED; HOWEVER, THERE IS ENOUGH WIRE TO FILL PREVIOUS ALLOCATIONS. REDISTRIBUTION OF CURRENT STOCKS SHOULD MEET PRESENT REQUIREMENTS. EVALUATION OF FUTURE REQUIREMENTS MAY BRING ABOUT A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES.

M. KIEN TUONG: A RECENT INCREASE IN VC ACTIVITY THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE HAS FORCED REDEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS FROM THE PACIFICATION AREA TO MOC HOA, THE PROVINCE CAPITAL. IT APPEARS THAT THE PACIFICATION OIL SPOT WHICH STARTED IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE ON 1 APRIL 64, MAY DRY UP BEFORE IT HAS A CHANCE TO SPREAD. THIS WEEK THE 7TH DIV ISSUED ORDERS TO KIEN TUONG TO HOLD WHAT PACIFICATION AREA THEY HAD, BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT RECEIVE ANY ADDITIONAL TROOP SUPPORT THIS YEAR. AN ON-THE-SPOT INSPECTION OF THE PACIFICATION AREA (KINH QUAN I AND II HAMLETS), REVEALED THE VC COULD REOCCUPY THE AREA WITHIN 24 HOURS IF THE CIVIL GUARD COMPANY AND ARVN COMPANY WERE TO LEAVE. THE PROBLEM OF PACIFYING THESE HAMLETS IS NOT ONLY THE PACIFICATION OF THE IMMEDIATE AREA, BUT THE ELIMINATION OF THE VC FORCES WHO LITERALLY WAIT ON THE PERIMETER OF THE PACIFICATION AREA FOR THE TROOPS TO WITHDRAW. THE DILEMA IS THAT THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH TROOPS AVAILABLE TO PACIFY AND AT THE SAME TIME CONDUCT OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE PERIMETER TO KEEP THE VC OFF BALANCE. IF ANY PROGRESS IS TO BE MADE, POPULAR FORCES MUST BE RECRUITED, ADEQUATELY TRAINED,

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EQUIPPED AND ASSIGNED TO THESE HAMLETS. THEN PACIFICATION TROOPS CAN BE EMPLOYED ELSEWHERE. IT MAY WELL BE THAT ADDITIONAL POPULAR FORCES WILL HAVE TO BE PROVIDED BY SAIGON, SINCE KIEN TUONG HAS NO RECRUITING POTENTIAL. THE KEY TO PROGRESS IN KIEN TUONG AND THE OTHER 7TH DIV PROVINCES SEEMS TO BE THE SUCCESSFUL EMPLOYMENT OF THE POPULAR FORCES IN SECURED HAMLETS. ONLY THEN WILL THE PACIFICATION TROOPS BE ABLE TO EXTEND THE OIL SPOT.

N. CHUONG THIEN: THE VC HAVE PUBLISHED A LETTER LISTING THE NAMES OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE CONDUCTING PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN VINH PHUOC VILLAGE IN KIEN HUNG DISTRICT. THE LETTER WARNS THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE TO CEASE THEIR OPERATIONS OR BE SUBJECT TO PUNISHMENT. PACIFICATION OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING. IN DINH AN VILLAGE THREE MEMBERS OF THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE WERE ALLEGEDLY KIDNAPPED BY THE VC AND SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED AFTER 24 TO 48 HOURS. THEY WERE WARNED BY THE VC TO CEASE THEIR ACTIVITIES OR BE BEHEADED. THE INCIDENT IS BEING INVESTIGATED BY PROVINCE. THE PRESENCE OF THE 1ST BN, 31ST REGT, AND REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCES ARE PREVENTING MORE DRASTIC MEASURES BY THE VC AGAINST THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE. THE PEOPLE IN THE HAMLETS BEING PACIFIED ARE COOPERATING WITH THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE. THE BRIDGE IN DINH AN HAS BEEN REPAIRED, OPENING ROAD TRAFFIC FROM RACH GIA INTO KIEN HUNG DISTRICT. PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN KIEN HUNG DISTRICT IS HAMPERED BY LACK OF BRIDGING, WHICH WHEN

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INSTALLED WOULD PERMIT MOVEMENT OF SUPPLIES BY ROAD FROM DUC LONG TO KIEN HUNG. THE REQUEST FOR INSTALLATION OF THIS BRIDGE IS AT IV CORPS HEADQUARTERS FOR ACTION. IN DUC LONG DISTRICT THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE IN THEIR 2D WEEK OF TRAINING. THE TRAINING IS CONDUCTED IN VI THUY AND BINH TUONG VILLAGES WHERE THE CADRE WILL BEGIN PACIFICATION OPERATIONS. THE CIDG FORCES FORMERLY LOCATED AT LUONG TAM HAVE CLEARED THE PROVINCE. POPULAR FORCES HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO LUONG TAM TO PROVIDE SECURITY. THE SECTOR ADVISOR CONTINUES TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF PACIFICATION TRAINING AND OPERATIONS TO THE PROVINCE CHIEF, WHO IS INCLINED TO DEVOTE MORE OF HIS TIME TO ORGANIZING MILITARY OPERATIONS AND BUILDING UP THE REGIONAL FORCES.

O. AN XUYEN: ON 18 JUNE THE CA MAU BRIGADE INITIATED A 2-3 DAY SEARCH/CLEAR OPERATION IN SUPPORT OF PACIFICATION USING THREE BATTALIONS AND ONE MLI3 TROOP IN QUAN LONG DISTRICT. THE FIRST PACIFICATION GROUP, CONSISTING OF FOUR MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS, ONE POPULAR FORCE PLATOON, AND ONE REGIONAL FORCE PLATOON, WILL COMPLETE TRAINING THIS WEEK AND BEGIN OPERATIONS IN QUAN LONG DISTRICT ON 22 JUNE. FREQUENT CHANGES OF THE TEAM LEADER AND POORLY MOTIVATED MEMBERS OF THE TEAM HAVE NECESSITATED A RE-ORGANIZATION AND RETRAINING OF THE SECTOR TRAINING TEAM FOR PACIFICATION. THE DIV TEAM WILL CONDUCT THIS ONE WEEK RETRAINING PROGRAM. THE COMMENCEMENT OF TRAINING FOR THE SECOND PACIFICATION GROUP WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL 29 JUNE AS A RESULT OF THE ABOVE.

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THE SPECIAL FORCES HAVE CLEARED THE CAMP AT TAN PHU. PROVINCE WAS ABLE TO RECRUIT 216 MEMBERS OF THE CIDG FORCES INTO THE POPULAR FORCES AND HAVE ASSUMED CONTROL OF THE CAMP. ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEMBERS OF THE CIDG FORCES DEPARTED WITH THE SPECIAL FORCES TEAM. WELL-DRILLING OPERATIONS BEGAN THIS WEEK AND SUBSEQUENTLY STOPPED DUE TO EQUIPMENT BREAKDOWN. PARTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR REPAIR OF EQUIPMENT. GEOLOGICAL SURVEYS ARE FAVORABLE AND INDICATE FRESH WATER SOURCES.

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6. SUPPORTING PROGRAMS

A. PSYWAR/CIVIC ACTION

A ONE WEEK SCHOOL FOR RECENTLY ASSIGNED SECTOR ADVISORS, SECTOR S5 ADVISORS, AND UBCM REPRESENTATIVES WAS CONDUCTED IN SAIGON THIS WEEK. REPRESENTATIVES FROM ANEMB, UBCM, USIS, AND MACV PRESENTED A PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THESE PERSONNEL WITH CURRENT INFORMATION PERTINENT TO THEIR DUTIES.

I CORPS:

PSYWAR TEAMS IN THE 1ST DIVISION TACTICAL AREA ARE CONCENTRATING THEIR EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE NATIONAL RECRUITING CAMPAIGN. ONE TEAM IS OPERATING IN EACH PROVINCE VISITING DISTRICT, PROVINCE, AND ARVN RECRUITING STATIONS.

ARVN TROOPS IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE ARE CONTINUING TO ASSIST CIVILIANS IN THE MOVEMENT OF POSSESSIONS AND IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF WELLS AND HOMES. CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN QUANG TIN PROVINCE HAVE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED AN ENLIGHTENED ATTITUDE REGARDING MILITARY CIVIC ACTION. THIS ATTITUDE HAS MANIFESTED ITSELF IN A PARTICULARLY SUCCESSFUL PACIFICATION PROGRAM.

II CORPS:

THE CHIEF OF PHU MY DISTRICT, DINH DIEM PROVINCE, HAS

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ORGANIZED A DISTRICT PSYWAR TEAM OF 18 MEN AND 2 WOMEN. THE TEAM IS BEING TRAINED BY CADRE FROM THE CORPS PSYWAR EN.

AS A RESULT OF A SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN PHU CAT DISTRICT, BINH DINH PROVINCE, 800 PEOPLE (190 FAMILIES) WERE RELOCATED AND RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL. IN PLEIKU PROVINCE

224 REFUGEES RETURNED TO GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

III CORPS: NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.

IV CORPS:

THE WEAPONS REWARD PROGRAM IN AN GIANG SECTOR CONTINUES TO SHOW GOOD RESULTS. DURING THE PAST WEEK, 6 CHIEU HOI RETURNERS TURNED IN 7 WEAPONS (4 RIFLES AND 3 CARBINES) AND 80 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION. THIS REWARD PROGRAM HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE SPECIAL FORCES IN AN GIANG AND IS BEING INITIATED IN KIEN PHONG AND VINH LONG SECTORS.

VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS HAVE PLACED INCREASED EMPHASIS ON THE MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM (MEDCAP). VINH LONG SECTOR HAS ESTABLISHED SEVEN 4-MAN TEAMS. AN GIANG SECTOR HAS ORGANIZED A MEDCAP TEAM FOR EACH OF ITS 9 DISTRICTS AND THE SECTOR CIVIL GUARD BATTALION HAS INITIATED A MEDICAL PROGRAM FOR THE TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS. US ADVISORS AGAIN REPORT THAT MEDCAP IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM OPERATING.

OFFICIALS OF AN XUYEN PROVINCE PAID APPROXIMATELY 240,000\$VN TO 57 PERSONS CLAIMING CROP DAMAGE FROM DEFOLIATION

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OPERATIONS. THIS IS THE FIRST REPORTED INCIDENT OF INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS BEING MADE FOR LOSSES DUE TO DEFOLIATION.

B. PERSONNEL.

THE BUILDUP IN RVNAF STRENGTH CONTINUES, ALTHOUGH AT A SLOW PACE. EFFORTS TO ACCELERATE THE PROGRAM HAVE THUS FAR NOT PRODUCED THE PLANNED NUMBERS OF PERSONNEL. FOR THE INCLUSIVE PERIOD 1 MAY TO 14 JUN 64, OF 9,825 PERSONNEL PROGRAMMED TO BE CONSCRIPTED AND IN TRAINING, ONLY 4,731 WERE ACTUALLY PLACED IN TRAINING. INCREASED ATTENTION IS PLANNED TO APPREHEND DRAFT EVADERS BY ORGANIZING POLICE "ROUND UPS" IN URBAN AREAS. INITIAL REPORT INDICATES RVNAF END MAY ASSIGNED STRENGTH INCREASED BY 1,132 TO 208,550. REGIONAL FORCE ASSIGNED STRENGTH FOR 31 MAY INCREASED BY 529 TO 86,189. POPULAR FORCE ASSIGNED STRENGTH INCREASED BY 128 TO 96,391 FOR 31 MAY 64.

C. DEPENDENT HOUSING.

TARGET DATE OF 16 JUN (ESTABLISHED BY RVNAF AND REPORTED ON BY GENERAL WESTMORELAND AT HONOLULU) FOR OBTAINING A REALISTIC REQUIREMENTS FIGURE FOR DEPENDENT HOUSING HAS NOT BEEN MET. SUFFICIENT REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM FIELD UNITS ON WHICH TO BASE ANY MATERIALS OR BUDGETARY PLANS. THE NEED FOR THIS INFORMATION TO FORMULATE A PROPOSAL TO SECRETARY MACNAMARA IS BEING STRESSED AT ALL LEVELS. GENERAL HARKINS, IN A LETTER

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TO GENERAL KHANH, THIS WEEK, ENJOINED THE PREMIER'S IMMEDIATE AND PERSONAL ATTENTION TO THIS MATTER.

SINCE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO GO BACK TO THE FIELD AND PUSH COMMANDERS FOR THEIR REPORTS, ANTICIPATE IT WILL BE MID-JULY BEFORE THE REALIZATION OF A FIRM REQUIREMENTS FIGURE.

D. HERBICIDE OPERATIONS.

CHEMICAL CROP DESTRUCTION OPERATIONS INITIATED ON 31 MAY 64 BY I CORPS IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE WERE CONTINUED. VNAF HELICOPTERS FLEW 4 SORTIES ON 15 JUN AND 4 SORTIES ON 18 JUN IN THE AREA YD3529 - YD3427. APPROXIMATELY 230 HECTARES OF VC CROPS WERE SPRAYED WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SPRAY MISSION ON 18 JUN, SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED AND ONE AIRCRAFT WAS HIT WITH NO CASUALTIES, THE OPERATION WILL CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE.

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DURING THE PERIOD 521 PERSONS RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL. THIS TOTAL IS NEARLY EQUAL TO THE FIGURE REPORTED LAST WEEK; HOWEVER, THIS WEEK THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN CIVILIAN RETURNEES WHILE THE OTHER THREE CATEGORIES DECREASED COMPARED TO LAST WEEK. THE RETURNEES INCLUDED 12 MILITARY, 5 POLITICAL, 4 DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS, AND 500 CIVILIANS. THE 500 CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN TEMPORARILY RESETTLED IN SON KHANH VILLAGE, QUANG NAM

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PROVINCE. SIX INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS WERE BROUGHT IN BY THE
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