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1. GENERAL:

A. VIET CONG INITIATED ACTIVITY DURING THE WEEK SHOWED SIGNS OF A POSSIBLE CHANGE IN TREND. WHILE VC ACTIONS CONTINUED TO DECLINE IN NUMBERS THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE COUNTRY, AN APPARENT SHARP RISE IN INTENSITY WAS DEMONSTRATED BY TWO ATTACKS, ONE IN HAU NGHIA AND ANOTHER IN KONTUM, AND BY ONE AMBUSH IN BINH DINH. ALL THREE OF THESE ACTIONS WERE OF BATTALION SIZE. STILL PREDOMINANT BY FAR WERE TERRORISTIC ACTIONS AGAINST THE POPULACE IN THE NORTHERN PROVINCES AND HARASSMENTS OF SMALL POSTS AND TROOP UNITS IN THE SOUTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY.

B. IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE RVN, TWO OF THE LARGER SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATIONS TERMINATED, QUYET THANG 224, AND THE FOLLOW UP TO THE DO XA OPERATION, QUYET THANG 303 (SEE PARA 2A (2)). THIS LATTER OPERATION SERVED TO DISRUPT THE VC COMMAND AND CONTROL SYSTEM IN THE CTZ AS WELL AS TO DESTROY SOME OF THE VC FOOD SOURCES.

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IN TAY NINH PROVINCE OF III CTZ, TWO MONTAGNARD CIDG COMPANIES DESERTED FROM ~~THE SPECIAL FORCES CAMP~~ AT SUOI DA ON 3 JULY. THEY ARE APPARENTLY RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES, OVER 100 KILOMETERS TO THE NORTH. HOWEVER, THEY LEFT THEIR WEAPONS AT THE CIDG CAMP, AND ALL OF THE WEAPONS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

IN VINH BINH PROVINCE OF IV CTZ, OPERATION LONG PHI 14 FURNISHED ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF AGGRESSIVE ACTION BY ARVN TROOPS. RANGER UNITS OVERWHELMED A VC FORCE WHICH HAD BEEN CONDUCTING A STRONG DEFENSE FROM PREPARED POSITIONS (SEE PARA 2A (1)).

CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATIONS CONTINUE WITH MINE UNDERWAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

ALTHOUGH SOME CRITICAL PROVINCES SHOWED GAINS IN THE PACIFICATION EFFORT, THE NATIONWIDE PROGRAM CONTINUED AT ABOUT THE SAME PACE AS LAST WEEK. THE MOST NOTEWORTHY SUCCESSES WERE RECORDED IN THE TWO CRITICAL PROVINCES LOCATED AT THE SOUTHERN TIP OF VIETNAM. HERE ARVN FORCES ARE PROVIDING ADEQUATE SECURITY FOR THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCE UNITS ARE BEING RECRUITED AND TRAINED TO ASSUME THE SECURITY MISSIONS, THUS RELEASING ARVN FOR EXPANSION OF THE OIL SPOTS. MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE PROCEEDING WELL WITH

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THE HAMLET PROGRAM, AND THE PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTING PACIFICATION. UNFORTUNATELY THIS IS NOT THE CASE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THE PACE IN THE THREE NORTHERN CRITICAL PROVINCES IS SLOW. PRESENT REPORTS IN III CTZ LACK AGGRESSIVENESS, BUT THE FUTURE SEEMS TO HOLD A PROMISE FOR SUCCESS ONCE THE EFFORT GETS ORGANIZED. THE REMAINING CRITICAL PROVINCES HAVE SHOWN LITTLE IF ANY GAIN OVER THE PREVIOUS PERIOD.

VNAF/USAF AIR ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED AT A REDUCED LEVEL THIS WEEK. THIS REDUCTION WAS DUE, IN PART, TO INCLEMENT WEATHER WHICH BUILT UP BY MONSOON, PRIMARILY OVER THE NORTHERN SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. COMBAT AIR STRIKES WERE LIGHT WITH INTERDICTION SORTIES DOMINATING. ONE VNAF A-1H WAS LOST THIS WEEK WHILE ON A TRAINING MISSION. TWO ACTIONS WERE COMPLETED DURING THIS PERIOD WHICH AFFECT VNAF/USAF AIRCRAFT RESOURCES. FIRST, THE F-4E FIGHTER WAS PHASED OUT OF THE USAF COMBAT EMERGENCY, AND SECOND, THE VNAF HELICOPTER FORCE WAS AUGMENTED BY THE TRANSFER OF 24 H-34, FROM THE USMC TASK HELICOPTER.

ARMY AVIATION AIR ACTIVITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DECREASED SLIGHTLY AND A TREND TOWARD MORE ROUTINE MISSIONS BECAME EVIDENT AS OPERATIONS OVER THANG BINH AND PHU LUNG TA DREW TO A CLOSE. THIS DECREASE CONTRASTS THE STABLE BETWEEN ESTABLISHED IN PREVIOUS WEEKS. IDENTIFIED ENEMY GROUND FIRE

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ACCOUNTED FOR A SHARP RISE IN GREN CASUALTIES AND AIRCRAFT
KILLS. THREE CREWMEN DIED, FOUR CREWMEN WERE WOUNDED, AND TWO
BOMBERS WERE SHOT DOWN BY GROUND FIRE. FOUR OTHER US CREWMEN
DIED AS A RESULT OF A HELICOPTER CRASH IN IV CORPS. THE CAUSE
OF THE CRASH IS UNDETERMINED AT THIS TIME. MARINE CORPS
ACTIVITY REMAINED RELATIVELY STABLE DURING THIS PERIOD.

THE EMPLOYMENT DECREASED SLIGHTLY THIS WEEK, PARTLY
BECAUSE OF THE SCANT PARTICIPATION IN JOINT OPERATIONS. ON
1 JULY THE USS CURRENT (ABS 22) AND THE USS TAWASA (APT 92)
ARRIVED IN SAIGON TO ATTEMPT REMOVAL OPERATIONS OF THE US
COMMERCIAL SHIP M AND J MED AMERICA. THE USN SHIPS AND THE
COMMERCIAL SHIP DEPARTED SAIGON ON 4 JULY. AN ESSO BARGE
WAS STOPPED BY THE VC ON 2 JULY, BUT WAS ALLOWED TO PROCEED ON
ITS MISSION AFTER THE CAPTAIN'S RECORD AND PAPERS WERE SEIZED
AND THE CREW WAS LECTURED.

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2. FRIENDLY:

A. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS

(1) SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION LONG PHI 14 WAS INITIATED 260630H JUNE IN VINH BINH PROVINCE, APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES EAST OF THE CITY OF CAN THO. THE 14TH REGIMENT CONTROLLED THIS OPERATION.

THE MISSION WAS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE 517TH AND 519TH COMPANIES OF THE CUU LONG VC BATTALION. INTELLIGENCE REPORTS INDICATED THE TWO VC COMPANIES HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN THE AREA TO HARASS TWO NEWLY RESETTLED HAMLETS.

THE FRIENDLY UNITS PARTICIPATING IN THE OPERATION CONSISTED OF ONE BATTALION OF THE 14TH REGIMENT, THE 43D RANGER BATTALION, TWO REGIONAL FORCE COMPANIES, THE 14TH SCOUT COMPANY, AND THE 14TH REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS. ONE PLATOON OF 4.2 MORTARS AND ONE PLATOON OF 105 HOWITZERS PROVIDED ARTILLERY SUPPORT. VNAF, USAF, AND ARMY AVIATION PROVIDED TACTICAL AIR SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION.

THE BASIC PLAN OF BATTLE VISUALIZED A COORDINATED ATTACK BY TWO BATTALIONS. THE INFANTRY BATTALION WAS TO MAKE A FRONTAL ATTACK ON THE GROUND, WHILE THE RANGER BATTALION CONDUCTED A HELIBORNE VERTICAL ENVELOPMENT OF THE VC REAR. THE TWO REGIONAL COMPANIES WERE TO OCCUPY BLOCKING POSITIONS

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TO THE SOUTHWEST OF THE LINE OF DEPARTURE, THE SCOUT COMPANY WAS TO BE HELD IN RESERVE FOR COMMITMENT WHEN AND WHERE NECESSARY TO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME OF THE BATTLE.

AT 260630H THE INFANTRY BATTALION ADVANCED NORTH ALONG THE CAN CHUNG CANAL TOWARD ITS JUNCTURE WITH THE TRA BOH CANAL (XR2795). THE TWO REGIONAL FORCE COMPANIES WENT INTO THEIR BLOCKING POSITIONS THREE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF THE LINE OF DEPARTURE.

AT 0635 THE 1ST COMPANY OF THE RANGER BATTALION WAS HELILIFTED TO THE VICINITY OF ONE OF THE NEWLY RESETTLED HAMLETS AT LONG HOI (XR2793). THE VC WERE BESIEGING THE HAMLET. THE RANGER COMPANY WAS IMMEDIATELY DEPLOYED FROM ITS LANDING ZONE AND ADVANCED TOWARD THE HAMLET. HERE THEY WERE SUBJECTED TO VC FIRE CONSISTING OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, 60MM, AND 81MM MORTAR FIRE FROM DUG IN POSITIONS. ALTHOUGH THE COMPANY COMMANDER WAS LOST IN THE INITIAL EXCHANGE OF FIRE, THE RANGER COMPANY CONTINUED TO LAUNCH FIERCE ASSAULTS AGAINST THE PREPARED VC POSITION.

THE 3D COMPANY OF THE RANGER BATTALION WAS HELI-LIFTED TO THE VC LEFT FLANK AND IMMEDIATELY LAUNCHED AN ATTACK ON THAT FLANK WHILE THE 1ST RANGER COMPANY CONTINUED TO PRESS ITS FRONTAL ATTACK. BEFORE THE FRIENDLY FORCES

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COULD ENCIRCLE THEM, THE VC DISENGAGED AND WITHDREW, LEAVING BEHIND 36 DEAD. RVN FORCES ESTIMATED THAT 40 DEAD OR WOUNDED WERE CARRIED AWAY. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 14 WOUNDED (INCLUDING THREE OFFICERS) AND 13 WOUNDED.

AT 0815 A USAF T-28, WHICH WAS PROVIDING AIRCOVER, WAS SHOT DOWN. THE US PILOT AND VIETNAMESE OBSERVER PARACHUTED TO SAFETY, AND AN ARMY HELICOPTER PICKED UP THE CREW AND WEAPONS FROM THE DESTROYED AIRCRAFT.

TO CONTINUE THE ATTACK AND CUT OFF THE RETREATING VC, THE 2D RANGER COMPANY AND THE SCOUT COMPANY WERE HELICOPTERED TO LOCATIONS ABOUT TWO KILOMETERS TO THE NORTH OF THE JUNCTURE OF THE CAN CHUNG AND TRA ECH CANALS. THEY ENGAGED VC IN A FIRE FIGHT AT THIS POINT WHICH RESULTED IN FOUR VC KILLED. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE THREE KILLED AND THREE WOUNDED. DURING THIS ENGAGEMENT A US ARMY HELICOPTER WAS SHOT DOWN, KILLING THE PILOT AND CO PILOT AND INJURING THE TWO CREW MEMBERS. THE HELICOPTER WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED.

THE NEXT DAY, THE RANGER BATTALION AND THE INFANTRY BATTALION EXECUTED A DOUBLE ENVELOPMENT TO ENTRAP THE VC. THE INFANTRY BATTALION SWEEP TO THE EAST AND NORTH, WHILE THE RANGER BATTALION SWEEP TO THE WEST AND NORTH. THE TWO FORCES JOINED ABOUT 12 KILOMETERS TO THE NORTH WITHOUT ESTABLISHING VC CONTACT.

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VNAF AND USAF FLEW 33 SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THE OPERATION WITH PILOTS CLAIMING 7 VC KILLED, 22 STRUCTURES DESTROYED, 3 STRUCTURES DAMAGED, AND 1 SAMPAN DESTROYED. A TOTAL OF 59 FLARES WERE DROPPED. ARMY AVIATION SUPPORTED PRIMARILY WITH AIRLIFTS, SUPPRESSIVE FIRE, AND MEDICAL EVACUATION. ARMY AVIATORS CLAIMED 71 VC KILLED AND 38 STRUCTURES DESTROYED. HEAVY GROUND FIRE WAS RECEIVED THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION. THE OPERATION TERMINATED 281800H JUNE.

FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE: 20 KIA (5 OF THESE WERE OFFICERS WHICH INCLUDES 2 US OFFICERS), 20 MIA (2 US), 1 T-28 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AND 1 AH-1B HELICOPTER HEAVILY DAMAGED. VC LOSSES WERE: 47 KIA, 29 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 1 60MM MORTAR, WEAPONS PARTS, A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION, AND SOME DOCUMENTS.

IN SUMMARY, THE OPERATION WAS SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE OF THE WELL EXECUTED PLAN, AIDED BY THE USE OF HELICOPTERS TO ACHIEVE SPEED AND SURPRISE. ONCE THE FRIENDLY FORCES GAINED THE INITIATIVE, THEY MAINTAINED THE PRESSURE ON THE VC BY AGGRESSIVE ATTACKS AND DECISIVE MANEUVER. THE RANGER COMPANY THAT CONTINUED THE ATTACK AFTER LOSING ITS COMPANY COMMANDER DEMONSTRATED THE AGGRESSIVENESS APPARENT THROUGHOUT THE OPERATION. HOWEVER, A WEAK POINT WAS NOTED ON THE SECOND DAY OF THE OPERATION, WHEN THE MANEUVER ELEMENTS MOVED OUT OF

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RANGE OF THE ARTILLERY, AND NO ACTION WAS TAKEN TO REPOSITION THE ARTILLERY SO THAT IT COULD RENDER EFFECTIVE FIRE SUPPORT.

(2) QUYET THANG 303

THE INITIAL ACTIONS OF THIS LARGE SCALE SEARCH AND CLEAR OPERATION IN KONTUM PROVINCE, WHICH COMMENCED 300700H MAY, UP TO 8 JUNE WERE REPORTED IN THE MILREP OF 06 TO 13 JUNE 64. THIS REPORT WILL COVER THE SUBSEQUENT TIME PERIOD AND THE RESULTS FOR THE ENTIRE OPERATION.

AS INDICATED IN THE REFERENCED MILREP, FIVE BATTALIONS WERE COMMITTED TO THIS OPERATION IN THE WESTERN DO XA AND BONG HONG REGIONS OF NORTHEASTERN KONTUM PROVINCE. THE MAJOR ACTION OF THE OPERATION OCCURRED IN THE STAGES WHEN TWO ARVN COMPANIES AMBUSHED TWO VC PLATOONS AND INFLECTED SEVERE LOSSES UPON THE VC.

THE OPERATION LASTED ONE MONTH, AND ARVN UNITS CONDUCTED DAY AND NIGHT OPERATIONS THROUGHOUT THIS PERIOD. ALTHOUGH NO LARGE CONCENTRATIONS OF VC WERE ENCOUNTERED SUBSEQUENT TO THE SUCCESSFUL ARVN AMBUSH, SEVERAL MINOR CONTACTS WERE ESTABLISHED SPORADICALLY DURING THE MONTH. THE GOVERNMENT FORCES DESTROYED A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF VC STRUCTURES AND CAPTURED A QUANTITY OF WEAPONS. SOME VC FOOD SOURCES WERE ELIMINATED BY THE DESTRUCTION OF GRUBS AND THE BURNING OF

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LIVESTOCK. THE CONTINUING PRESSURE OF THE RVNAF OPERATIONS WAS ALSO INTENDED TO PRECLUDE THE USE OF THE AREA AS A BASE FOR THE VC FIFTH REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS WHICH EMPLOYEDLY ATTEMPTED TO MOVE TO THIS AREA WHEN FORCED OUT OF THE DO KA REGION OF NORTHWESTERN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE BY OPERATION QUIET THANG 202.

THE 52D US ARMY AVIATION BATTALION CONTINUED ITS HELICOPTER SUPPORT CONSISTING PRIMARILY OF RESUPPLY MISSIONS AFTER THE INITIAL AIR LANDED ASSAULTS. ARMED HELICOPTERS PROVIDED ESCORT FOR THESE MISSIONS AND PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE WHEN NEEDED. ENEMY FIRE FROM THE GROUND WAS ENCOUNTERED OCCASIONALLY, GRADUALLY DECREASING AS THE OPERATION PROGRESSED. VNAF, EMPLOYING PRIMARILY A-1H AIRCRAFT, FLEW A TOTAL OF 22 FIGHTER SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS OPERATION. THE GREAT MAJORITY OF TASKS WERE AIR COVER AND CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. IN MOST INSTANCES, THE RESULTS OF STRIKE MISSIONS WERE OBSCURED BY TREES; HOWEVER, PILOTS REPORTED 20 VC STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

THESE ARE THE TOTAL RESULTS: FRIENDLY LOSSES, 11 KIA, AND 16 MIA (8 OF THESE WERE BY SPIKE TRAPS); VC LOSSES: 59 KIA, AND ACCORDING TO RVNAF REPORTS, A NUMBER OF KIA AND MIA CARRIED AWAY; 6 FM, 3 AR, 123 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, 3 MINEADES, 2 MINES, AND A QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION WERE CAPTURED;

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4 BASES, 675 STRUCTURES, 1 LIAISON POST, 3 FARMS, 79 HECTARES OF CROPS, AND 40 TONS OF CEREAL WERE DESTROYED; 396 ANIMALS WERE KILLED.

ANALYSIS REVEALS THAT DURING THE FIRST STAGES OF THE OPERATION, THE RVN FORCES SEIZED THE INITIATIVE AGAINST A MAJOR VC BASE AREA TO IMPOSE THEIR WILL ON THE ENEMY. WHILE NO REALLY LARGE SCALE ENGAGEMENT DEVELOPED, PRESSURE WAS MAINTAINED AGAINST THE VC 5TH REGIONAL COMMAND, THE VC COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WAS DISRUPTED, AND SOME OF THEIR FOOD SOURCES WERE DESTROYED. IN ADDITION TO THE PRESSURE AND PHYSICAL DESTRUCTION OF RESOURCES, THIS OPERATION SHOULD HAVE A DETRIMENTAL PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON THE ENEMY.

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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 FIGURES OF 65 TO 74. OF THESE 74 OPERATIONS 36 RESULTED IN ONE OR MORE VC CONTACTS. IV CORPS LED IN NUMBER OF OPERATIONS PRODUCING VC CONTACT WITH 13, III CORPS HAD SEVEN, I CORPS, II CORPS AND TIEN GIANG TAC/A HAD FIVE EACH, WHILE GMD HAD ONE.

(B) SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS DECREASED FROM 8449 TO 7455, BUT INCREASED IN CONTACTS FROM 51 TO 68.

(2) NIGHT OPERATIONS:

(A) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT REMAINED THE SAME AS LAST WEEK, AT 30.

(B) THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS WITH CONTACT INCREASED FROM 22 TO 28.

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C. SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS.

(1) VNAF: A CONTINUED DOWNWARD TREND WAS NOTED IN VNAF OPERATIONAL SORTIES THIS WEEK. THIS REDUCTION IS ATTRIBUTABLE, IN PART, TO ADVERSE WEATHER AND A REDUCED REQUIREMENT FOR AIR SUPPORT. COMBAT ACTIVITY, CONSISTING OF CLOSE AIR AND INTERDICTION SORTIES, WAS HEAVIEST IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS IN THE IV CTZ, WHILE ELSEWHERE THE ACTIVITY WAS SPORADIC WITH INTERDICTION SORTIES PREDOMINATING. FLARESHIPS WERE ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING OUTPOSTS AND HAMLETS UNDER VC ATTACK IN HAU NGIA, VINH BINH, KON Tum, KIEN PHUONG, AND KIEN HOA PROVINCES. A MODERATE REDUCTION WAS NOTED IN AIR LOGISTICS OPERATIONS; HOWEVER, PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE ACTIVITY INCREASED. ONE VNAF A-1H WAS LOST AND THE PILOT INJURED WHEN IT CRASHED AND BURNED AT BINH HOA WHILE ON A TRAINING MISSION. ON 29 JUN 64 TWENTY FOUR H-34 WERE TRANSFERRED FROM THE USMC TASK ELEMENT AT DA NANG TO THE VNAF, THUS FACILITATING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD VNAF H-34 SQUADRON, THE 217TH. THIS SQUADRON WAS ACTIVATED AT DA NANG AND WILL MOVE TO PLEIKU LATER.

(2) USAF: AS A RESULT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, COUPLED WITH A REDUCED REQUIREMENT FOR AIR SUPPORT, THERE WAS A SHARP DECLINE IN USAF FLYING ACTIVITY THIS WEEK. COMBAT AIR SORTIES WERE FLOWN MAINLY AGAINST INTERDICTION TARGETS IN THE

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III AND IV CTZ. THREE USMC AIRCRAFT RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE THIS WEEK; ONE INCIDENT RESULTED IN SUPERFICIAL WOUNDS TO THE PILOT. ROUTINE AIR OPERATIONS CONSISTING OF LOGISTICS, RECONNAISSANCE, AND PSYWAR SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED COUNTRYWIDE AT LEVELS BELOW THOSE OF LAST WEEK.

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(A) DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, TASKS, SORTIES FLOWN, AND HOURS DECREASED SLIGHTLY FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTALS.

(B) ON THE 1ST OF JULY, IN I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE SIX MARINE UH-34D HELICOPTERS, ESCORTED BY TWO ARMED HELICOPTERS, STAGED FROM DA NANG TO A LANDING ZONE TWO KILOMETERS WEST OF OF THE SMALL TOWN OF CAM Y (BT1122). THE FLIGHT ENCOUNTERED GROUND FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF CAM Y, THREE AIRCRAFT SUSTAINING HITS. ONE ARMED HELICOPTER CRASHED AND BURNED AS A RESULT OF THIS GROUND FIRE, KILLING TWO US GREENS AND WOUNDING TWO OTHERS. THE AIRCRAFT WAS CONSIDERED A TOTAL LOSS.

(C) ON THE THIRD OF JULY IN II CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, HELICOPTERS OF THE 117TH AVIATION COMPANY WERE COMMITTED TO ASSIST AN ARVN CONVOY UNDER ATTACK BY VIET CONG GROUND ELEMENTS. AIRCRAFT RENDEZVOUSED WITH THE CONVOY IN THE VICINITY OF AN TUC AIRFIELD (BR/544) AND ROUTE 19. ONE AIR-

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CRAFT SUSTAINED A MINOR HIT ENROUTE TO THE OPERATIONAL AREA. ARMED HELICOPTER ESCORT PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE, THE CREWS ESTIMATING SIX VC KILLED IN ACTION AND ONE FIFTY CALIBER MACHINE GUN DESTROYED.

(D) ON THE 29TH OF JUNE IN IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE, A UH-1B HELICOPTER ON A ROUTINE MISSION IN SUPPORT OF KIEN PHONG, CRASHED AND BURNED SHORTLY AFTER TAKEOFF FROM THE CAO LANH AIRFIELD (WS7055). THE FOUR US CREWMEN ABOARD SUSTAINED FATAL INJURIES.

ON THE 30TH OF JUNE, SEVEN UH-1B HELICOPTERS, ESCORTED BY FIVE ARMED HELICOPTERS, TRANSPORTED EIGHTY ARVN TROOPS OF THE 51ST RANGER BATTALION INTO LANDING ZONES TWO KILOMETERS EAST OF KIEN GIANG (WS1500). GROUND TROOPS WERE PART OF A QUICK REACTION FORCE COMMITTED ON A CORPS NIGHT OPERATION. OBSERVERS WERE UNABLE TO ASSESS ENEMY CASUALTIES INFLICTED BY ARMED ESCORT HELICOPTERS.

ON THE FIRST OF JULY, TWO HELICOPTERS OF THE 57TH MEDICAL DETACHMENT, STAGED FROM SOC TRANG TO EFFECT MEDICAL EVACUATION OF ONE US AND NINE ARVN WOUNDED FROM AN AREA FIFTEEN KILOMETERS SOUTH OF KIEN GIANG (XS0533). THE PILOT OF ONE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND WAS KILLED BY ENEMY FIRE.

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HIS INVOLUNTARY REACTION CAUSED THE HELICOPTER TO RISE AND FALL BACK ON ITS TAIL. TWO CREWMEN WERE INJURED. THE AIRCRAFT SUSTAINED TOTAL DAMAGE. SEVEN ARMED HELICOPTERS WERE IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO THE AREA TO ENGAGE VIET CONG GROUND FORCES HINDERING EVACUATION AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS. FOUR AIRCRAFT SUSTAINED HITS WHILE DELIVERING SUPPRESSIVE FIRE. PILOTS ESTIMATED SEVEN VIET CONG KILLED IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA. RECOVERY OF THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT WAS NOT ACCOMPLISHED UNTIL THE FOLLOWING DAY, DUE TO EXTREMELY HEAVY GROUND FIRE AT THE CRASH SITE.

(E) ON THE 29TH OF JUNE, ARMED HELICOPTERS OF THE 120TH AVIATION COMPANY STAGED FROM BEN TRE (XS5131) TO PERFORM VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF ARVN 7TH DIVISION. SPORADIC SMALL ARMS AND MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS RECEIVED IN THE VICINITY OF THE SONG BEN TRE RIVER (XS5726), RESULTING IN STRUCTURAL DAMAGE TO ONE AIRCRAFT. THE AIRCRAFT MADE A PRECAUTIONARY LANDING AND A MAINTENANCE CREW WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO THE AREA. HELICOPTERS PROVIDING AERIAL SECURITY FOR THE DOWNED AIRCRAFT RECEIVED FIRE FROM SEVERAL VIET CONG IN A NEARBY MANGROVE SWAMP BORDERED BY HUTS. ESCORT HELICOPTERS PROVIDED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AND OBSERVERS

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ESTIMATED TEN VIET CONG KILLED AND FIVE STRUCTURES DESTROYED.
THERE WERE NO AMERICANS INJURED DURING THE ENCOUNTER.

(4) USMC: ON THE 29TH OF JUNE, ANOTHER MILESTONE WAS REACHED IN AVIATION HISTORY IN VIETNAM. IN A FORMAL CEREMONY AT DA NANG, THE TWENTY FOUR UH-34D HELICOPTERS PREVIOUSLY ORGANIC TO THE MARINE MEDIUM HELICOPTER SQUADRON 364 WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE VNAF 217TH HELICOPTER SQUADRON. THIS SQUADRON WILL SHARE THE MISSION OF DIRECT AIR SUPPORT OF I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE WITH THE NEWLY ARRIVED 162ND MARINE SQUADRON.

D. SUMMARY OF NAVAL OPERATIONS:

(1) GENERAL:

ACTIVITY IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA WAS RELATIVELY QUIET THIS WEEK AS UNITS OF THE RIVER FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PATROLS IN THE AREA. OPERATION RUNG SAT 34/64 WAS LAUNCHED IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA AND IS CONTINUING. TWO CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE WITH THE VC DURING THE OPERATION. ON 1 JULY VNN RIVER CRAFT AND UNITS OF A REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC IN A 15 MINUTE FIREFIGHT NEAR YS110503. THE RESULTS WERE ONE REGIONAL FORCE SOLDIER WOUNDED, ONE VC KILLED, AND ONE VC SMALL BOAT DESTROYED. ON 2 JULY, A UTILITY LANDING CRAFT (LCU) PATROLLING THE SOI RAP RIVER WAS

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FIRE ON FROM THE SHORE WITH RIFLE FIRE. THE LCU RETURNED THE FIRE. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES ON EITHER SIDE.

THE USS CURRENT (ARS 22) AND USS KAWASA (ATF 92) ARRIVED IN SAIGON ON 30 JUNE TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OPERATIONS ON THE US COMMERCIAL SHIP, A AND J MID-AMERICA. THE THREE VESSELS DEPARTED SAIGON ON 4 JULY.

ON 2 JULY, A TUG AND ESSO BARGE ENROUTE FROM NHA BE TO BIEN HOA ON THE DONG NAI RIVER WERE STOPPED BY THE VC. THE VC TOOK THE CAPTAIN'S PAPERS AND RECORDS, GAVE HIM A RECEIPT, AND LECTURED THE CREW. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCIDENT, ESSO HAS SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR ESCORT SERVICES.

(2) SEA FORCE: UNITS OF THE SEA FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS OF PATROL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT. THERE WAS NO SEA FORCE UTILIZATION IN JOINT OPERATIONS THIS WEEK, AND NO SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WERE REPORTED BY THE FORCE.

(3) RIVER FORCE:

THIS WEEK, UNITS OF THE RIVER FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS OF RIVER PATROL AND PARTICIPATED IN ONE OPERATION, RUNG SAT 34/64.

A REPORT RECEIVED THIS WEEK INDICATES THAT ON 24 JUNE, A VC MINE EXPLODED NEAR A UNIT OF THE 21ST RIVER ASSAULT GROUP ON THE TU MOI CANAL, WS670750. THE MINE, APPARENTLY

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DETONATED BY A CIVILIAN FERRY BOAT, CAUSED NO DAMAGE TO THE VNM CRAFT OR PERSONNEL BUT KILLED THE FERRY BOAT PILOT AND DESTROYED THE FERRYBOAT.

A DELAYED REPORT FROM 27 JUNE REPORTS THAT TWO RIVER PATROL BOATS (STCANS), WHILE ON A ROUTINE PATROL MISSION ON THE BASSAC RIVER ENCOUNTERED A GROUP OF VC ATTEMPTING TO CROSS THE RIVER NEAR XR208782. THE STCANS OPENED FIRE AND KILLED FOUR VC. A VC BOAT WITH SOME DOCUMENTS WAS CAPTURED; HOWEVER, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ESCAPED VIA A SMALL CANAL.

ON 28 JUNE, TWO STCANS APPREHENDED ONE ARMED VC TRYING TO CROSS THE PHUNG YHON RIVER NEAR XS175785. THE VC WAS TURNED OVER TO LONG PHU DISTRICT FOR INVESTIGATION.

(4) COASTAL FORCE: (PREVIOUSLY TERMED JUNK FORCE) - DURING THE WEEK, UNITS OF THE COASTAL FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSION OF COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND PARTICIPATED IN ONE JOINT OPERATION, TAY DUC HOA.

A DELAYED REPORT INDICATES THAT ON 25 JUNE, A COMMAND JUNK OF THE 13TH DIVISION ENROUTE TO ITS BASE IN HEAVY SEAS BEGAN FLOODING, DUE TO A SPLIT SEAM. ATTEMPTS TO BEACH THE JUNK FAILED, AND IT SANK IN CAU HAI BAY, ZD072110. NO PERSONNEL LOSSES WERE REPORTED, AND SALVAGE OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING THIS WEEK IN AN ATTEMPT TO RAISE THE JUNK.

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ON 2 JULY, TWO COMMAND JUNKS OF THE 34TH DIVISION, BEING TOWED TO VUNG TAU FOR REPAIRS BY TWO COMMAND JUNKS OF THE 40TH DIVISION, PARTED THEIR TOWLINES IN HEAVY SEAS, NEAR YS245475. ONE JUNK HAS BEEN LOCATED BEACHED ON ROCKS NEAR VUNG TAU, AND A SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR THE OTHER JUNK.

E. CIDG:

THIS WEEK NO MAJOR CONTACTS OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF CIDG OPERATIONS AGAINST THE CIDG; SEE PARA 3.

THE TREND TOWARD PATROLLING ACTIVITIES CONDUCTED BY BORDER SURVEILLANCE CAMPS IS SHOWING A MARKED INCREASE.

FRIENDLY LOSSES FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD WERE 56 KIA, 44 WIA (INCLUDING 4 US), AND 22 MIA. ONE USSF NCO WAS WOUNDED BY A PUNJI STAKE. ENEMY LOSSES WERE 19 KIA, 14 WIA, 12 POWS, AND 8 WEAPONS CAPTURED. THE VC ALSO SUFFERED THE LOSS OF DOCUMENTS, RICE CACHES, ASSORTED MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION.

THE BORDER SURVEILLANCE CAMP AT A RO (YC666254) IN 1ST CTZ HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY HARASSED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD BY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE. CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CAMP AND PROPOSED CV-2 AIRSTRIP IS CONTINUING. AN ADDITIONAL ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY TROOPS HAVE BEEN AIR LIFTED FROM THE CAMP AT AN DIEM (ZC082569) TO AID IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW CAMP.

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PLANS FOR THE TURNOVER OF AN DIEM TO THE NHAN DUC DISTRICT CHIEF, QUANG NAM PROVINCE, ARE BEING COMPLETED WITH THE CAMP BEING SCHEDULED TO BE TURNED OVER BY 1 AUGUST 64.

THE KHE SANH (XB850375) AREA AND CAMP ASHAU (YC5G0838) REPORT INCREASED VC ACTIVITY. ASHAU'S SURROUNDING OUTPOSTS RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE ON THREE OCCASIONS DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD.

IN III CORPS SOU DA CAMP WAS RELOCATED AT COORDINATES XT284656 ON 3 JULY 64. TWO MONTAGNARD COMPANIES DESERTED AT APPROXIMATELY 031800H JULY AND ARE BELIEVED RETURNING TO THEIR HOMES IN THE BU DOP AREA. VM SPECIAL FORCES REPORTS THAT THE DESERTERS LEFT THEIR WEAPONS AT THE NEW CAMP, AND ALL WEAPONS ARE ACCOUNTED FOR.

IN IV CORPS CIDG FORCES FROM AN LONG CAMP (WS408868) WERE FIRED UPON BY A PF UNIT. THE CIDG AND PF HAD BEEN ON A COMBINED OPERATION AND WERE RETURNING TO BASE CAMP. THE INCIDENT OCCURRED WHEN A HEATED DISCUSSION OCCURRED BETWEEN THE CIDG AND PF. THE PF UNIT SET UP A ROAD BLOCK AT HONG NGU (WS485950) AND AS THE CIDG PASSED THROUGH ON TRUCKS, THE PF FIRED AND THE CIDG SUFFERED FOUR KILLED.

IN I CTZ CIDG SPONSORED CA PROJECTS CONSISTED OF EMERGENCY FEEDING AT KHAM DUC AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE CLOTHING AT MY KEY ORPHANAGE IN DA NANG.

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ONE CIDG PSYWAR PROJECT CONSISTED OF DISTRIBUTING PSYWAR PACKS AT A RO.

IN II CTZ CA PROJECTS CONSISTED OF: SURVEY OF HAMLETS IN THE BUON BENG AREA TO DETERMINE THE VILLAGERS NEED FOR CATTLE; CONDUCTING ENGLISH CLASSES FOR 92 STUDENTS AT BU PRANG AND GIA VUC; TREATING A TOTAL OF 320 PATIENTS IN THE CORPS AREA; DISTRIBUTING 700 KILOS OF RICE TO REFUGEES AT BU PRANG; ERECTING A 1500 GALLON WATER TANK AT PHEY SRUNH; AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF SIX LATRINES AND EIGHT SUMPS AT GIA VUC.

IN III CTZ CA, THE MAJOR PROJECT CONSISTED OF TREATMENT OF 1292 PATIENTS IN THE CORPS AREA. PSYWAR ACTIVITIES CONSISTED OF DISTRIBUTING 40,000 LEAFLETS WITH THE THEME "TAXATION BY VC" TO "A" DETACHMENTS FOR HAND DISTRIBUTION, DISTRIBUTING 20,000 LEAFLETS CONCERNING FOUR VC THAT DEFFECTED LAST MONTH, AND AIR DROPPED 200,000 LEAFLETS URGING VC TO DEFFECT.

IN IV CTZ CA PROJECTS CONSISTED OF: COMPLETION OF PLANS TO PURCHASE MATERIAL FOR THE SCHOOL AT DON PHUC; OBTAINING APPROVAL AND PROMISE OF MATERIALS FROM USOM FOR A SCHOOL AT AN LONG, BEGINNING OF DEPENDENT HOUSING AT AN LONG; DISTRIBUTION OF CLOTHING, BLANKETS AND RICE TO REFUGEES AT

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LONG KHANH AND LONG BINH; AND PROVIDING CEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL AT LONG KHANH.

PSYWAR ACTIVITIES IN THE IV CTZ FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD CONSISTED OF DISTRIBUTING 15,000 LEAFLETS TO ALL "A" DETACHMENTS CONCERNING THE TRAIN DERAILMENT AT DONG BA THIN; PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING 10,000 LEAFLETS TO AN LONG CONCERNING OPEN ARMS RETURNERS; PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING 17,000 PROPAGANDA SLOGANS PRINTED ON 10 X 15 INCH POSTERS TO ALL "A" DETACHMENTS, PREPARING AND DISTRIBUTING 400 SURRENDER POSTERS AIMED AT VC RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY OPERATING NEAR TO CHAU, AND DISTRIBUTION OF 3,800 "RURAL SPIRIT MAGAZINES" TO ALL "A" DETACHMENTS.

F. CHANGES IN FRIENDLY FORCES: [REDACTED] REPORT.

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3. (C) ENEMY SITUATION

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A. VC ACTIVITY:

(1) GENERAL: VIET CONG INITIATED ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THE WEEK DECLINED IN NUMBERS FROM THAT OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK, BUT THERE WAS A DEFINITE INCREASE IN WIDELY SEPARATED INSTANCES IN SIZE AND VIOLENCE OF VC ACTIONS. PREPONDERANT VC ACTIVITY CONSISTED OF ACTS OF TERRORISM — HARASSING FIRE, KIDNAPPING, ASSASSINATIONS AND GENERAL HAMLET HARASSMENTS. THERE WERE ONE BATTALION SIZE AMBUSH AND TWO BATTALION SIZE ATTACKS REPORTED ALONG WITH ONE, AND POSSIBLY TWO MORE, COMPANY SIZE ATTACKS. ONE INCIDENT OF RAILROAD SABOTAGE WAS THWARTED AND RESULTED IN THE RECOVERY OF TWO US ANTITANK MINES. THERE HAS BEEN A SUDDEN INCREASE IN HELICOPTER CRASHES IN THE PAST WEEK; HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO APPARENT INDICATIONS OF INCREASED VC CAPABILITIES OR INTENSIFICATION OF THEIR EFFORTS. VC ACTIVITIES IN THE NORTHERN AREAS CONSISTED OF HARASSMENTS OR TERRORISTIC ACTIONS AGAINST THE POPULATION WHILE ACTIVITIES IN THE DELTA AREA WERE MAINLY DIRECTED AGAINST POSTS OR SMALL TROOP UNITS. ONE INCIDENT OF TERRORISM AGAINST US PERSONNEL OCCURRED WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS DETONATED NEAR A GROUP OF OFFICERS AWAITING A BUS NEAR A BOQ IN SAIGON. TWO OFFICERS WERE SLIGHTLY WOUNDED.

(2) I CORPS: VC INITIATED INCIDENTS DECLINED AGAIN THIS PAST WEEK, AND WERE CONCENTRATED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY IN THE COASTAL PLAINS AREA NEAR THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAINS. THE

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VC EFFORT CONSISTED MAINLY OF ACTS OF TERRORISM AGAINST THE CI-
VILIAN POPULATION IN THE LOWLANDS AREA OF THE 25TH DIVISION AND HAMLET
HARASSMENTS WERE THE MOST FREQUENT OCCURRENCES IN THE FOUR
PROVINCES. THERE WERE TWO ATTACKS, INCLUDING ONE IN COMPANY
STRENGTH, AND THREE AMBUSHES. PROPAGANDA DECREASED ALMOST
50% FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK, WHILE ANTI-AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS
DECREASED OVER 50%.

(3) II CORPS: NUMERICALLY, THE VC EFFORT ONCE
AGAIN WAS CENTERED ON THE LOWLANDS AREA OF THE 25TH DIVISION
(QUANG NGAI AND BINH DINH PROVINCES) WITH A CONTINUING TREND
OF ACTIVITY DROPPING IN QUANG NGAI AND RISING IN BINH DINH.
THROUGHOUT THE CORPS ZONE, VC ACTIVITY DECREASED AND PARTICULARLY
THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS AND AMBUSHES DECLINED SHARPLY
FROM THAT OF THE PREVIOUS WEEK. HOWEVER, THE VC CARRIED OUT
A BATTALION SIZE AMBUSH AGAINST A 40-VEHICLE ARVN AMMUNITION
CONVOY IN BINH DINH PROVINCE NEAR AN KHE PASS, WHICH CAUSED
HEAVY CASUALTIES (27 KIA, 25 WIA), LOSS OF WEAPONS, EQUIPMENT
AND SMALL ARMS AMMUNITION AND DAMAGE TO 29 TRUCKS. THE
SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF ARTILLERY AMMUNITION CARRIED ON THE
TRUCKS REMAINED INTACT. REPORTEDLY, THE VC LOST 3 KIA, AND
1 SUBMACHINE GUN. ON THE EARLY MORNING OF 4 JULY, THE VC IN
ESTIMATED BATTALION STRENGTH ATTACKED THE POLEI KRONG CIDG
TRAINING CAMP IN KONUM. RESULTS WERE 42 PERSONNEL KIA AND
32 WIA INCLUDING 2 US NCO'S. ALSO, THREE CIVILIANS WERE
KILLED AND SEVEN WOUNDED. THE VC CAPTURED ONE COMM MORTAR,

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6 LIGHT MACHINE GUNS, 10 BASS, 10 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND ONE ARSENAL OF AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT. VC LOSSES WERE CONFIRMED AS ONE KIA AND ARVN REPORTED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC KIA AND WIA CARRIED AWAY. ALSO DURING THE WEEK THERE WAS AN UNKNOWN AN NRL HAMLET, POSSIBLY OF COMPANY SIZE. ONE RAIL SABOTAGE INCIDENT WAS REPORTED FROM KHANH HOA PROVINCE. A RAILROAD SECURITY PATROL DISCOVERED A VC ATTEMPTING TO MINE THE TRACKS. IN THE ENSUING ENGAGEMENT THE VC WAS KILLED, AND TWO US M1A1 ANTITANK MINES WERE REMOVED FROM THE TRACKS.

(4) III CORPS: AS DURING THE WEEK BEFORE, THE CENTER OF VC ACTIVITY WITHIN THE CORPS ZONE WAS IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE. THROUGHOUT THE CTZ, VC ACTIVITY DECLINED SHARPLY OVER THE WEEK; HOWEVER, INCIDENTS IN HAU NGHIA INCREASED SLIGHTLY, WITH ONE BATTALION SIZE ATTACK REPORTED. ONE ATTACK IN PHUOC TUY WAS POSSIBLY OF COMPANY SIZE. ACTIVITY IN CRITICAL TAY NINH PROVINCE REMAINED ABOUT THE SAME AS DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK.

(5) CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT: VC ACTIVITY WITHIN THE DISTRICT ALSO DECLINED FROM THAT OF THE PRECEDING WEEK. HOWEVER, TWO VC PLATOONS STAGED A DAYLIGHT RAID ON A HAMLET NEAR THE LONG AN BORDER, KILLING THREE CIVILIANS AND THREE PF PERSONNEL AND TAKING WITH THEM TEN WEAPONS, TEN GRENADES AND A LOUD SPEAKER.

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(6) HUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA: NO ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(7) TIEN GIANG (7TH DIVISION) TACTICAL AREA:

ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN DELTA TACTICAL AREA HAS DECLINED OVER THE PAST WEEK. VC ACTIONS CONSISTED MAINLY OF TERRORISM SUCH AS HARASSING FIRE, ASSASSINATIONS OF CIVILIANS, AND ROAD SABOTAGE, THE LATTER PARTICULARLY IN KIEN HOA WHERE THIS ACTIVITY WAS AGAIN ENTERED ALONG THE MAIN ROAD BETWEEN TRUC GIANG, THE PROVINCE CAPITAL, AND HO CAY DISTRICT TOWN. IN GO CONG, OVERALL ACTIVITY DECLINED SHARPLY DURING THE WEEK. IN DINH TUONG, ACCORDING TO AN AGENT REPORT, A VC DISTRICT COMMISSAR IN THE MY THO AREA ORDERED VILLAGE-LEVEL VC CADRE TO HAVE THE PEOPLE STORE A QUANTITY OF RICE, NUOC MAM AND SALT IN THEIR HOMES FOR USE OF THE VC MILITARY WHEN IN THE AREA. HE ALSO DIRECTED THAT EACH VILLAGE COMMISSAR REPORT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPANS AVAILABLE IN EACH VILLAGE TO TRANSPORT AMMUNITION AND SUPPLIES. ANOTHER AGENT REPORT FROM THE SAME AREA STATED THAT VILLAGE COMMISSARS HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO FORM "ENGINEER SQUADS" TO SUPPORT "REGULAR" VC BATTALIONS WHEN THESE ARE OPERATING IN THEIR AREAS.

(8) IV CORPS: AS IN THE OTHER CORPS ZONES AND PROVINCES, ACTIVITY DECLINED DURING THE PAST WEEK. THE MAJORITY OF VC ACTIONS WAS ONCE AGAIN CONCENTRATED IN THE 9TH DIVISION AREA AND CONSISTED MAINLY OF ACTS OF TERRORISM SUCH AS HARASSING FIRE AND KIDNAPPINGS. ONE ATTACK AGAINST A POST WAS REPORTED IN PHONG DINH PROVINCE.

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B. OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS.

(1) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT THERE WERE THREE EXPLOSIONS IN URBAN AREAS THAT WERE ATTRIBUTED TO VC TERRORISTS. ON 28 JUNE 64, A GRENADE WAS THROWN INTO THE COURTYARD OF A BUDDHIST TEMPLE IN GIA DINH PROVINCE; THERE WERE NO INJURIES. ON 29 JUNE 64, A GRENADE WAS THROWN INTO THE COMPOUND OF THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY, SAIGON. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND ONLY MINOR PROPERTY DAMAGE. ON 2 JULY 64, A SHRAPNEL TYPE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, BELIEVED TO BE A 60MM MORTAR SHELL, WAS THROWN AT A GROUP OF US OFFICERS WAITING FOR A BUS. TWO OF THE US OFFICERS WERE INJURED SLIGHTLY. THE LONG FUZE ON THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE PERMITTED THE OFFICERS TO TAKE COVER PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION. NO PERSONS WERE APPREHENDED IN THESE THREE INCIDENTS.

ON 30 JUNE 64, THE NATIONAL POLICE IN TAY NINH REPORTEDLY SHOT AND KILLED A VC TERRORIST. A SEARCH OF HIS BODY DISCLOSED FOUR GRENADES. IN CHUONG THIEN PROVINCE, THREE VC TERRORISTS WERE APPREHENDED DURING THIS WEEK; IN QUANG NGAI PROVINCE, THREE VC TERRORISTS WERE CAPTURED, AND A 12 KILOGRAM MINE AND THREE HAND GRENADES WERE SEIZED.

REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE VC TERRORISTS PLAN TO STEP UP THEIR TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES IN JULY IN COMMEMORATION OF THE GENEVA ACCORDS WHICH WERE SIGNED ON 20 JULY 54. THESE INCREASED ACTIVITIES REPORTEDLY WILL ALSO BE

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DIRECTED AGAINST THE EXPECTED ARRIVAL OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO THE RVN, GENERAL MARSHALL PETER. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THE VC WILL SABOTAGE US INSTALLATIONS, PLACE GRENADES ON US BUSES, AND THROW GRENADES AT US PERSONNEL GATHERED TOGETHER.

(2) PW INTERROGATION: ON 1 JULY 64, INTERROGATION OF VC RETURNEE TRAN PHUEN, A NATIVE OF QUANG NAM PROVINCE, WAS HELD AT 22D DIVISION HEADQUARTERS IN KONTRUM PROVINCE. FROM THIS INTERROGATION IT WAS LEARNED THAT PHUEN ENTERED KONTRUM PROVINCE IN SEPTEMBER 1963 FROM NORTH VIETNAM AND BECAME AN ECONOMIC CADRE OF VIET CONG DISTRICT H30 IN NORTHERN KONTRUM. HE STATED THAT THE VIET CONG PLAN FOR THE REMAINING MONTHS OF 1964 IS TO INFILTRATE NRI HAMLETS WITH POLITICAL, INTELLIGENCE AND SECURITY CADRE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS INFILTRATION IS NOT TO DESTROY THE NRI HAMLETS BUT TO REMAIN CONTROL OF THE POPULATION AND DEMONSTRATE VIET CONG STRENGTH. PHUEN STATED THREE REASONS FOR HIS RETURN TO THE GVN SIDE: (A) VIET CONG VICTORY PROPAGANDA WAS NOT TRUE. (B) LIFE WITH THE VIET CONG WAS MOST DIFFICULT, WITH FOOD SHORTAGES EXISTING AS IN THE NORTHERN KONTRUM VILLAGE OF DAK GIE. (C) GVN PROPAGANDA LEAFLETS AND BROADCASTS. REPORTEDLY THIS IS THE FOURTH VIET CONG TO DESERT IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS IN THE II CORPS TZ. ALL OF THESE HAD INFILTRATED INTO VIETNAM IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND ALL COMPLAINED OF SEVERE HARDSHIPS IN THE MOUNTAINS.

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4. SUMMARY OF ARVN AND VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES

(STATISTICS IN ANNEX B)

A. ARVN CASUALTIES TOTALED 214 KIA, 273 WIA, AND 101 MIA/CPTR FOR THE WEEK. THIS IS A DECREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK WHEN 623 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. A TOTAL OF 38 WEAPONS WERE LOST; AN INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK WHEN 216 WEAPONS WERE LOST.

B. THE VC SUFFERED 387 KNOWN CASUALTIES (340 KILLED AND 47 CAPTURED) DURING THE WEEK. THIS IS AN INCREASE OVER LAST WEEK'S TOTAL OF 327 (258 KILLED AND 69 CAPTURED). GOVERNMENT FORCES CAPTURED 137 WEAPONS INCLUDING ONE 60MM MORTAR. LAST WEEK'S TOTAL WAS 80 WEAPONS.

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5. CRITICAL PROVINCES

A. GENERAL: THE PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IS MOVING SLOWLY AHEAD IN SOME PROVINCES, IS HOLDING ITS OWN IN SOME AND IN OTHERS APPEARS TO BE LOSING GROUND. HAMLET CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT IN METHODS OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE EMPLOYMENT HIGHLIGHTED PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES IN THE CRITICAL PROVINCES IN THE I AND II GTZ. DIFFICULTIES CONTINUE TO PLAGUE THE III GTZ, HOWEVER, AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW MAY BE TAKEN OF THE RELOCATION OF TWO BATTALIONS IN BINH DUONG WHICH HAS BEEN STALEMATED FOR SEVERAL MONTHS. IN THE 7TH DIV AREA, PACIFICATION IS PROGRESSING SLOWLY BUT SURELY. LONG AN AND QUANG BINH REGISTERED NO NOTICEABLE GAINS. PROGRESS WAS CONFINED TO TROOP RELOCATIONS AND ATTEMPTS TO COUNTERACT VC RE-ACTIONS IN THE OTHER THREE PROVINCES IN THIS AREA. PACIFICATION OPERATIONS CONTINUE TO SHOW THE MOST PROGRESS IN THE IV GTZ. CHUONG THIEP IS PROGRESSING WELL, MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS ARE TRAINED AND OPERATING, AND THERE HAS BEEN NO OVERT VC REACTION IN THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS. IN AN XUYEN MOBILE ACTION CADRE, PSY/OPS AND INDEMNATION ACTIVITIES ARE WINNING MORE PEOPLE TO THE CAUSE OF GVN EVERYDAY. PROGRESS IS GOOD. MANY PEOPLE ARE REQUESTING RESETTLEMENT TO PACIFIED AREAS, AND THE PROVINCE HAS RECEIVED SOME RELIEF FROM THE REGIONAL FORCES RECRUITING PROBLEM. AFTER A PROLONGED PERIOD OF STUDY AND ANALYSIS A SYSTEM OF REGIONAL PROVINCE PACIFICATION REPORTS WAS ADOPTED BY THE GVN, AND INSTRUCTIONS WERE DISSEMINATED TO PROVINCE CHIEFS THIS WEEK.

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CONCURRENTLY, THE GVN ACCEPTED 33 MISSION PROPOSALS FOR A MODEST INITIAL STEP IN PROGRAMMING AND SCHEDULING REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES. THE NEW SYSTEM FURTHER EMPHASIZES THE COOPERATION AND TEAM PLAY NECESSARY ON THE PART OF PROVINCE CHIEF, SECTOR ADVISOR, AND USOM PROVINCE REPRESENTATIVE. RECEIPT OF THE FIRST MONTH'S REPORTS SHOULD IMPROVE CONSIDERABLY THE ABILITY OF ALL AGENCIES OF THE COUNTRY TEAM TO MEASURE PACIFICATION PROGRESS AND TO GIVE SOUND, TIMELY ADVICE CONCERNING THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. IN ANOTHER STEP TO IMPROVE COOPERATION BETWEEN MACV AND COUNTERPART AGENCIES, MOVEMENT OF THE MACV OFFICE OF SECTOR AFFAIRS TO THE SAME AREA AS THE GVN NEW RURAL LIFE DIRECTORATE WAS INITIATED. THIS MOVE, TO BE COMPLETED ON 6 JULY, SHOULD ENHANCE THE TIMELINESS OF REPORTS AND FACILITATE THE EARLY DETECTION OF PROBLEM AREAS, THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE COORDINATION ON ALL FACETS OF PACIFICATION.

B. QUANG TIN: A FORTIFIED TRIANGULAR BELT ENCLOSES 11 HAMLETS IN KY SANH AND KY KNOWNG VILLAGES, LY TIN DISTRICT, IS NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS TRIANGLE HAS ITS APEX AT THE NEWLY FORTIFIED HAMLETS OF KY SANH #7 AND #8 AND ITS BASE ALONG THE WATER OBSTACLE FORMED BY THE BAY AND THE RIVER IN THE EXTREME SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE PROVINCE. THIS IS AN EXPERIMENT TO PROVIDE SECURITY FOR THE 11 HAMLETS CONCERNED AND INCLUDES 15,000 PEOPLE. IT IS HOPED THIS WILL DENY THE VC ACCESS TO THE MARKETS IN THE AREA. IF SUCCESSFUL, THE 7,000 METER LONG FOR-

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TYPED BELT CONSISTING OF MINES AND TRIPMINES, WILL PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY OF ENCOMPASSING THE 11 HAMLETS WITH 17,000 METERS OF FENCE AND OF RELOCATING SOME 400 FAMILIES INTO THESE HAMLETS. TRAFFIC WILL BE FUNNELED THROUGH THE POPULATION CONTROL POINTS AT THE GATES. ELSEWHERE IN THE PRIORITY I AREA, HAMLET CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT A SLOW PACE. BARBED WIRE AND PICKETS ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED AS FAST AS AVAILABLE TRANSPORTATION PERMITS.

C. QUANG NGAI: THE PACIFICATION OF QUANG NGAI PROVINCE MOVED NEITHER FORWARD NOR BACKWARD THIS WEEK. OBTAINING QUALIFIED LEADERSHIP FOR HAMLETS AND VILLAGES IS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE FORM OF HARASSMENTS, KIDNAPPINGS, AND ASSASSINATIONS DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT HAMLET AND VILLAGE CHIEFS AND COMBAT YOUTH. WHILE NO HAMLETS MEET THE CURRENT COMPLETION CRITERIA, 116 DO MEET ALL POINTS EXCEPT THAT REQUIRING A DEMOCRATIC ELECTION. EFFECTIVENESS OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS SEEMS TO HAVE IMPROVED SINCE THE PROVINCE CHIEF ESTABLISHED THE REQUIREMENT FOR THEM TO LIVE WITH THE PEOPLE FULL TIME. THROUGH THE URGING OF US ADVISORS, THE SECTOR SOIC HAS MOVED FROM 25TH DIV TOC TO SECTOR TOC. ALTHOUGH THE INTELLIGENCE SECTION IS LOCATED IN THE SAME BUILDING, IT IS NOT YET FULLY INTEGRATED WITH THE OPERATIONS SECTION. DVC PHO DISTRICT REMAINS UNDER MARTIAL LAW WITH THE ENTIRE 50TH REGIMENT ENGAGED IN PACIFICATION OPERATIONS THERE. ROADWAY IN THIS DISTRICT IS EXTREMELY LIMITED SINCE NEARLY 50% OF THE POPULATION ARE EITHER

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VC SYMPATHIZERS OR VC SUPPORTERS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF HAS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO REPLACE AT LEAST TWO DISTRICT CHIEFS WHOM HE CONSIDERS INEFFECTIVE. THE MATTER IS BEING CONSIDERED AT II CORPS, WHICH CONTROLS ASSIGNMENTS OF DISTRICT CHIEFS IN THE CORPS AREA.

D. BINH DINH: THE PACIFICATION OF BINH DINH PROVINCE FALTERED SLIGHTLY THIS WEEK WHEN THE PROVINCE CHIEF FOUND IT NECESSARY TO RELIEVE ONE DISTRICT CHIEF, A VIS REPRESENTATIVE, AND FIVE CIVILIAN ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL FOR INEFFICIENCY. HE HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING NEXT MONDAY TO DEVELOP AN IMPROVED SOP FOR EMPLOYMENT OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS. OPERATIONS OF THE MEDCAP TEAM CONTINUES TO BE OF TREMENDOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE. EVEN THOUGH CAPABILITIES OF TEAM ARE FAR BELOW THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE, THEIR PRESENCE AND EFFORTS ARE RECEIVED WITH ENTHUSIASM. EXPANSION OF THE MEDCAP PROGRAM WOULD DEFINITELY BE ADVANTAGEOUS IN PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS IN THIS PROVINCE. THE POSSIBILITIES ARE BEING CONSIDERED. CONTROL OF CHANH THANG AND CHANH HUNG HAMLETS IN PHU GAT DISTRICT HAS REVERTED GVN CONTROL TO ~~CONTROL~~ BY THE VC. (REF MILREP 13-20 JUN). THE DISTRICT CHIEF HAS REPLACED THE REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY FORMERLY ASSIGNED TO THIS AREA WITH ANOTHER REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY BECAUSE OF LACK OF AGGRESSIVENESS.

E. PHUOC THANG: THE PROVINCE CHIEF RECEIVED PERMISSION TO OFFICIALLY ABANDON AN LINE III HAMLET ON 30 JUNE (REF MILREP 20-27 JUNE). FEW FAMILIES WERE EFFECTED BY THE DECISION SINCE

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MOST OF THE FORMER INHABITANTS VOLUNTARILY RESETTLED INTO OTHER HANLETS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. PACIFICATION OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN SHARPLY CURTAILED AS THE PROVINCE CHIEF DISMISSED 40 OF THE 60 MOBILE ACTION CADRE BECAUSE OF INEFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE. THIRTY NEW CADRE HAVE BEEN RECRUITED AND ARE EXPECTED TO COMMENCE TRAINING IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

F. TAY NINH: THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THIS PROVINCE PROCEEDS AT THE SAME TEMPO AS LAST WEEK WITH THE 9TH REGIMENT CONTINUING TO OPERATE IN THE PACIFICATION AREA. THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS ARE SHOWING MODEST PROGRESS IN THE DISPLACEMENT OF THE HANLETS.

G. HINH DUONG: IT APPEARS THAT THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM IN HINH DUONG MAY GET UNDERWAY AFTER A FAIRLY LONG PERIOD OF WASTED MOTION. THE COMBINED REPORTS OF THE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE NEW US SECTOR ADVISOR HAVE CAUSED THE REPOSITIONING OF TWO ARVN BATTALIONS INTO THE VICINITY OF THE PRIORITY I PACIFICATION AREA CHAN THANH DISTRICT. THESE FORCES WERE PREVIOUSLY SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE ON STATIC DEFENSE MANSIONS. THIS RELOCATION REPRESENTS A NEEDED POSITIVE STEP IN THE PACIFICATION OF THE PROVINCE.

H. HAN NINH: PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THIS PROVINCE CONTINUE TO PROGRESS SLOWLY. THE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF, LT COL. TU, APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN FULL COMMAND OF THE PROVINCE. HE HAS MADE ONE MAJOR CHANGE IN SUBORDINATE COMMANDERS BY REPLACING THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF BUC HUA DISTRICT WITH A MORE SENIOR OFFICER.

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ON 1 JULY COL TU HELD A MEETING OF ALL PARTIES TO PACIFICATION, THE MAJOR THEME OF WHICH WAS TO LEND GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION TO THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. THE CHOLERA EPIDEMIC IN PHU HUC AND CU CHI DISTRICTS APPEARS TO BE UNDER CONTROL. AFTER 11 DEATHS LAST WEEK THERE HAVE BEEN NO MORE DEATHS NOR ANY NEW CASES REPORTED DURING THE PAST WEEK. MEDICAL PERSONNEL INOCULATED ANOTHER THOUSAND PERSONS THIS WEEK, BRINGING THE TOTAL TO 13,000. A NINE MAN WELL DRILLING TEAM BEGAN WORK IN THE PROVINCE THIS WEEK AND INTENDS TO DIG SEVERAL DEEP WELLS WHICH ARE NEEDED BADLY IN SOME AREAS. THIS TEAM CAME FROM THE PHILIPPINES AND CONSISTS OF SEVEN US MILITARY AND TWO USMC PERSONNEL. THE PROVINCE RECEIVED A FULL TIME USIS REPRESENTATIVE (VIETNAMESE) THIS WEEK, AND HE HAS BEEN EFFECTIVE IN EXPLOITING VC ATROCITIES AGAINST THE PEOPLE. THE 53RD COMBAT ENGINEER BN COMPLETED A SCHOOL AND A COMBINED DISPENSARY-INFORMATION HALL IN DUC HANH A HAMLET. THE BN FINISHED CONSTRUCTION OF A SCHOOL AND A DISPENSARY IN GIONG GIAN HAMLET AND EXPECT TO FINISH AN INFORMATION HALL AT DUC LOP NEXT WEEK.

I. HAN NHIA: A VC BN MOVING THROUGH THE PROVINCE ON 28 JUNE ATTACKED AND OVERRAN THE TRA CU POST, KILLING SEVENTEEN SDC AND EIGHTEEN CIVILIANS. THE 30TH RANGER BN WAS DISPATCHED TO REINFORCE THE POST BUT THE VC HAD WITHDRAWN WHEN THEY ARRIVED. BY LATE AFTERNOON THE SAME DAY PARTIAL INDENNIFICATION IN THE FORM OF MONEY, FOOD, AND CLOTHING, HAD BEEN MADE TO THOSE WHO

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SUFFERED LOSSES, AND TWO DAYS LATER 30 PERSONS WERE EVACUATED TO THE HIEP HOA AREA FOR RESETTLEMENT IN HAMLETS. THE REMAINDER OF INDEMNIFICATION PAYMENTS WAS ALSO MADE ON 30 JUNE. THE VC RETURNED TO THE POST ON THE NIGHT OF THE 30TH AND KIDNAPPED THOSE WHO CHOSE TO REMAIN. SINCE THERE ARE NO ACCURATE FIGURES ON THE POPULATION OF THE POST, IT IS NOT KNOWN HOW MANY WERE KIDNAPPED. THE BIEN HOA POST, LOCATED APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF MILE FROM HIEP HOA, WAS EVACUATED BECAUSE IT WAS CONSIDERED UNDEFENDABLE.

J. LONG AN: THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN LONG AN HAS NOT CHANGED SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE LAST REPORTING PERIOD; HOWEVER, IT APPEARS THAT HIGH LEVEL DECISIONS WILL SOON BE MADE THAT WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON STEPPING UP THE PACIFICATION PROGRESS. CURRENTLY, THE MARINE BN IS CONDUCTING SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS NEAR CAN DUC WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF KEEPING HIGHWAY 5 OPEN. PACIFICATION OF HAMLETS ASTRIDE THIS HIGHWAY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE FOR SEVERAL MONTHS UNTIL A SURVEY CAN BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE RESOURCES NEEDED. IN THE PRIMARY PACIFICATION AREA THE 10TH REGIMENT HOLDS ITS GROUND DESPITE A VC ATTACK OF A HAMLET 4 KILOMETERS EAST OF THE HIGHWAY. REPORTEDLY, THE OIL SPOT WILL BE EXTENDED DIRECTLY EAST IN THE PRIMARY PACIFICATION AREA. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR PACIFICATION TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK IN FIVE MORE HAMLETS. THIS WEEK THE PROVINCE CHIEF CLAIMS 16 HAMLETS PACIFIED, BUT THE SECTOR ADVISOR STATES NONE ARE

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CONSIDERED COMPLETED BY NATIONAL STANDARDS. IN MAY 29% OF THE POPULATION WAS REPORTED IN HAMLETS IN AREAS UNDER SOME FORM OF GVN CONTROL. HOWEVER, IN JUNE A REEVALUATION WAS MADE, AND THIS FIGURE DECREASED TO 15%.

K. DINH TUONG: REPORTS RECEIVED FROM DINH TUONG SECTOR CLAIM 53% OF THE POPULATION IS VC DOMINATED, WHILE 47% ARE IN AREAS BEING CLEARED, PACIFIED, OR UNDERGOING PACIFICATION. IN JUNE, 29% OF THE POPULATION WERE REPORTED IN HAMLETS IN AREAS UNDER SOME FORM OF GVN CONTROL, COMPARED TO 24% IN MAY. AN INSPECTION OF THE VINH KIM PACIFICATION AREA BY A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE OFFICE OF SECTOR AFFAIRS REVEALED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BEING MADE IN THIS AREA. PRESENTLY, TWO TEN-MAN MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS ARE EMPLOYED TAKING THE CENSUS AND PHOTOGRAPHING THE INHABITANTS. SINCE THE VC WERE FORCED TO LEAVE VINH KIM, THE POPULATION HAS INCREASED FROM 7 TO 1,025 BY THE RETURN OF FORMER RESIDENTS OF THE AREA. PRIOR TO VC CONTROL OF THE VILLAGE, THE POPULATION WAS 1,225. ALTHOUGH VINH KIM IS NOT THE PRIMARY PACIFICATION AREA, THE OIL SPOT IN THIS AREA IS MOVING EAST SLOWLY TO JOIN WITH THE OIL SPOT MOVING WEST FROM THE PROVINCE CAPITAL OF MY THO. TO EXPEDITE THE MERGING OF THESE TWO OIL SPOTS, AN ARVN BN WAS MOVED INTO THE AREA MIDWAY BETWEEN THESE TWO OIL SPOTS TO CONDUCT SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS.

L. GO CONG: DESPITE THE RECENT ROTATION OF THE TWO MARINE BATTALIONS IN THE A1 PACIFICATION AREA, THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTICEABLE EFFECT ON THE PACIFICATION EFFORT. VC REACTION TO

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THE PACIFICATION EFFORT HAS BEEN LIMITED TO SMALL SCALE ATTACKS AND HARASSMENTS. IT IS BELIEVED VC ACTIVITY WILL REMAIN LOW SINCE THIS IS THE RICE PLANTING SEASON AND REPORTS INDICATE THE VC ARE NOW CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE RECRUITING PROGRAM. OF THE 103 HAMLETS PLANNED THIS YEAR, 21 ARE BUILT; HOWEVER, THE SECTOR ADVISOR REPORTS NON-REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL SIX POINT CRITERIA. REPORTEDLY, IN JUNE, 37% OF THE POPULATION WAS IN HAMLETS IN AREAS UNDER SOME FORM OF GVN CONTROL, COMPARED TO 26% IN MAY. A SECTOR OPERATIONS INTELLIGENCE CENTER (SOIC) IS NOW OPERATING IN THE PROVINCE WITH US/GVN REPRESENTATION. TO FURTHER ASSIST THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN THE PROVINCE, SIXTY NATIONAL POLICE ARE CURRENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE PROVINCE WITH EXPECTATIONS OF RECEIVING 20 MORE. A SURVEY AND REEVALUATION OF USOM RADIOS FOR HAMLETS, VILLAGES, AND DISTRICTS IS PRESENTLY BEING CONDUCTED. DISTRIBUTION OF RADIOS HTL'S IN HAMLETS, TR-5'S AT VILLAGE LEVEL, AND TR-20'S AT DISTRICT WILL DEPEND ON THE SECURITY OF THE AREA IN WHICH THESE RADIOS ARE TO BE INSTALLED. GO COME IS STILL WAITING FOR THE 30 ADDITIONAL MOBILE ACTION CADRE PROMISED FROM SAIGON. ALTHOUGH LOCAL PERSONNEL ARE PREFERRED, THERE IS NO RECRUITING POTENTIAL IN GO COME TO SATISFY THIS REQUIREMENT. GVN AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THIS SITUATION AND SOME ACTION MAY BE EXPECTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

M. KIEN HOA: AT WEEKS END THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN KIEN HOA WAS GIVEN A BOOST WITH THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE 8TH ABN BN. THERE ARE NOW FIVE BATTALIONS LOCATED IN THE PROVINCE WHICH IS THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED IN THE 7TH DIVISION. THE MISSION

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OF THIS NEW BN IS NOT YET KNOWN. KIEN HSA CLAIMS 52 HAMLETS PACIFIED OF THE 160 PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR. THIS IS A GVN FIGURE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN SURVEYED BY US ADVISORS. IN MAY, 25% OF THE POPULATION WERE IN CONSTRUCTED HAMLETS. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THIS FIGURE FOR JUNE.

H. KIEN TUONG: ALTHOUGH THE 3RD BN (-) WAS FORCED TO RETURN TO THE PROVINCE CAPITAL FROM THE PACIFICATION AREA BECAUSE OF INCREASED VC ACTIVITY, THE PROVINCE IS CONTINUING ITS PACIFICATION EFFORT EAST ALONG THE CANAL ON A REDUCED SCALE. THE TROOPS NOW AVAILABLE IN THE PACIFICATION AREA ARE ONE ARVN AND ONE REGIONAL COMPANY (RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE TRAINING CENTER) AND ONE POPULAR FORCES PLATOON. IN JUNE, GVN CLAIMED THAT 66% OF THE POPULATION WERE REPORTED TO BE LIVING IN CONSTRUCTED HAMLETS COMPARED TO 35% FOR THE MONTH OF MAY. FORTY SIX HAMLETS ARE LISTED AS PACIFIED (CONSTRUCTED) OF THE 70 PLANNED FOR THIS YEAR. THIS FIGURE IS PRESENTLY BEING CHECKED BY AMERICAN ADVISORS TO DETERMINE HOW MANY ACTUALLY MEET THE SIX POINT CRITERIA. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF INCREASED VC REACTION TO THE PACIFICATION EFFORT IN KIEN TUONG WAS DISCLOSED THIS WEEK WHEN A SECOND ATTEMPT TO AMBUSH THE PROVINCE CHIEF WAS THwarted. A GROUP OF MOTOR BOATS ESCORTING THE PROVINCE CHIEF ALONG THE CG CANAL IN KIEN HINH DISTRICT WAS MACHINE-GUNNED BY AN ESTIMATED VC PLATOON. ONE OF THE ESCORT TROOPS WAS KILLED AND TWO WOUNDED BEFORE REINFORCEMENTS COULD ROUTE THE VC.

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O. CHUNG TRIEN: IN VINH PHUOC AND BINH AN VILLAGES OF KIEN HUNG DISTRICT PACIFICATION OPERATIONS ARE PROGRESSING WELL. THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE COORDINATING THEIR ACTIVITIES WITH THE VILLAGE AND HAMLET LEADERS ARE CANVASSING THE PEOPLE TO DETERMINE THEIR PRIMARY NEEDS. TWENTY-FIVE FAMILIES FROM CONTESTED AREAS HAVE SOUGHT REFUGE IN THESE TWO VILLAGES, AND MORE ARE EXPECTED TO CHOOSE TO LIVE IN AREAS WHICH ARE UNDERGOING PACIFICATION. SEVEN MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING THIS WEEK AND ARE NOW OPERATING IN VI THUY AND VINH TUONG VILLAGES IN DUC LONG DISTRICT. SINCE THE KIDNAPPING AND SUBSEQUENT RELEASE OF THREE MOBILE ACTION CADRE SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, THERE HAS BEEN NO FURTHER OVERT VC REACTION AGAINST PACIFICATION OPERATIONS.

P. AN XUYEN: THE SECTOR TEAM FOR TRAINING MOBILE ACTION CADRE HAS BEEN REORGANIZED AND RETRAINED AND IS NOW TRAINING THE LEADERS OF FOUR TEAMS SCHEDULED FOR OPERATIONS IN TAN XUYEN VILLAGE IN QUAN LONG DISTRICT. THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE OPERATING IN DINH THANH AND TAN XUYEN VILLAGES ARE CONDUCTING A CENSUS AND UPDATING FAMILY IDENTIFICATION. CONCURRENTLY PSY/OPS AND INFORMATION ACTIVITIES ARE BEING CONDUCTED IN THESE AREAS. A CAO DAI LEADER IN THE AREA HAS INFORMED THE DISTRICT CHIEF AND PROVINCE CHIEF THERE ARE TWO HUNDRED FAMILIES IN A CONTESTED AREA IN DAN DOI DISTRICT WHO WANT TO MOVE INTO THE VILLAGE OF DINH THANH WHERE THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE OPERATING. ADMINISTRATIVE

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DETAILS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED ON THIS MOVEMENT. LAND HAS BEEN SET ASIDE FOR HOMES, AND SEVERAL FAMILIES HAVE ARRIVED. THE PROVINCE CHIEF, IN ARRANGING FOR THIS MOVEMENT, INFORMED THE CAO DAI LEADER THE YOUNG MEN MUST BE WITH THE FAMILIES WHEN THEY ARRIVE. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE ADVISORY GROUP AND USOM REPRESENTATIVE THERE ARE MANY FAMILIES WITHIN THE PROVINCE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MOVE INTO AREAS OF GVN CONTROL BECAUSE OF THE HEAVY VC TAXATION. THIS MOVEMENT IS DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF THE VC CONTROL OVER THE PEOPLE AND THEIR ACTIVITIES. TO ALLEVIATE THE CRITICAL SHORTAGE OF PARAMILITARY FORCES IN THIS PROVINCE, 260 MEMBERS OF THE CAO DAI SECT HAVE ARRIVED IN CA MAU FOR THE REGIONAL FORCES. THEY WERE RECRUITED PRINCIPALLY IN BA XUYEN. ADDITIONAL RECRUITS ARE EXPECTED SHORTLY. A TWO WEEK TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN ORGANIZED FOR THIS GROUP. THE DIV PACIFICATION TEAM WILL BEGIN TRAINING OF HOSTILE ACTION CADRE IN HAI YEN NEXT WEEK.

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6. SUPPORTING PROGRAMS

A. PSYWAR/CIVIC ACTION

A PLAN FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES PSYWAR TRAINING CENTER WAS SUBMITTED THROUGH ARVN CHANNELS TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR APPROVAL. THIS PLAN ENVISIONS AN INCREASE IN CAPACITY FROM 270 TO 1000 STUDENTS. THIS EXPANSION IS BADLY NEEDED IN ORDER THAT THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF CRITICAL PSYWAR AND CIVIC ACTION SPECIALISTS CAN BE TRAINED. FIRST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES ENGINEER ESTIMATES OF COST INVOLVED IN REBUILDING THE CENTER AT THA DUC CALL FOR 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS TO PROVIDE NECESSARY BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT. A FORMAL ENGINEER STUDY IS TO BE PREPARED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

THE SECOND PSYWAR ORIENTATION COURSE FOR REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES COMMANDERS WAS COMPLETED ON 20 JUNE. DURING THE GRADUATION EXERCISE THE 91 OFFICERS IN THE COURSE WERE ADDRESSED BY CHIEF OF CABINET, MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PSYWAR/CIVIC ACTION TO THE OVERALL COUNTERINSURGENCY EFFORT.

I CORPS:

PSYWAR TEAMS CONTINUE TO DEVOTE A MAJOR SHARE OF THEIR EFFORTS TO THE RECRUITING DRIVE.

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I CORPS G5 IS PRESENTLY CONDUCTING A WEEK LONG CONFERENCE ON PSYWAR/CA AND RELATED ACTIVITIES. MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY, PARAMILITARY, AND CIVIL GOVERNMENT ARE IN ATTENDANCE.

DEFINITE STEPS ARE BEING TAKEN IN THE CORPS AREA TO INTEGRATE PSYWAR/CA EFFORTS INTO ALL MILITARY AND CIVIL PROGRAMS.

II CORPS:

IN PHU BON PROVINCE THE 22ND DIVISION MEDCAP (MEDICAL CIVIC ACTION PROGRAM) DETACHMENT IN PHU THO DISTRICT 22-24, JUNE TO PREVENT A POSSIBLE CHOLERA OUTBREAK. A FEW CASES OF CHOLERA WERE LOCATED, AND THE INDIVIDUALS WERE TREATED. PROVINCE MEDCAP TEAMS WORKED THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE GIVING CHOLERA SHOTS TO THOSE WHO HAD NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED THEM.

THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CIVILIANS TREATED BY COMBINED VIETNAMESE/US MEDCAP TEAMS IN II CORPS AREA FOR THE REPORT PERIOD IS 18,899.

III CORPS:

THE PSYWAR PROGRAMS ARE RAPIDLY IMPROVING AND ARE GAINING IN EFFECTIVENESS. THE PROPAGANDA THEMES USED DURING THE REPORT PERIOD WERE MORE DIVERSE THAN THOSE PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED, AND THERE ARE INDICATIONS OF INCREASING FLEXIBILITY, QUICKENED RESPONSE, AND IMPROVED, IMAGINATIVE USE OF

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PROPAGANDA. SECTORS ARE RECEIVING MORE PSYWAR OPERATORS; DEVELOPING COORDINATED EFFORTS; AND ARE, LITTLE BY LITTLE, RECEIVING LONG-NEEDED EQUIPMENT.

EACH BATTALION OF THE 9TH REGIMENT CONDUCTS A DAILY SICK-CALL FOR LOCAL CIVILIANS, AND ELEMENTS OF THE REGIMENT ARE ALSO ASSISTING IN HAMLET FENCING AND IN POPULATION RELOCATION PROJECTS.

THE WORK OF THE 44TH REGIONAL FORCE BATTALION IN BINH THUAN PROVINCE HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS. IT COMPLETED AN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOL, AN AID STATION, AN INFORMATION HALL, AND AN ATHLETIC FIELD IN THIEN NGHIEP.

IV CORPS:

NOTHING SIGNIFICANT.

TIEN GIANG (7TH DIV) TACTICAL AREA:

A 10 DAY COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR ALL MILITARY UNIT PSYWAR OFFICERS IS BEING CONDUCTED. THE COURSE COVERS METHODS OF PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, AND SOLDIER-CIVILIAN RELATIONS.

MOBILE ACTION CADRES HAVE BEEN EFFECTIVE IN THEIR MISSIONS OF CENSUS, PSYWAR, AND SANITATION.

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B. DEFOLIATION

CHEMICAL CROP DESTRUCTION WAS INITIATED ON 1 JULY BY VNAF H-34 HELICOPTERS IN SUPPORT OF THE II CORPS QUIET THANG 404 OPERATION IN PHU YEN PROVINCE. THREE SORTIES WERE FLOWN AND 60 HECTARES SPRAYED AT BQ7689 WITH EXCELLENT RESULTS. THE OPERATION IS SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE THROUGH MID-JULY.

C. PERSONNEL

PLANNING CONTINUES FOR AN ALL-OUT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN TO ATTRACT VOLUNTEERS, TO INCLUDE POSTERS, RADIO BROADCASTS, MOBILE RECRUITING TEAMS, PAMPHLETS, AND DISPLAYS. CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF IS SCHEDULED FOR 15 JULY. THE KEYSTONE OF THIS CAMPAIGN WILL BE THE FOLLOWING ENLISTMENT AND REENLISTMENT BONUSES FOR THE VOLUNTEERS WHICH WERE APPROVED EFFECTIVE 1 JULY 1964.

FOR ENLISTMENT FROM CIVILIAN LIFE INTO COMBAT UNIT:

<u>ENLISTMENT PERIOD</u>	<u>BONUS</u>
2 YEARS	1,800\$VN
3 YEARS	3,000\$VN
4 YEARS	4,000\$VN
5 YEARS	4,500\$VN

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FOR ENLISTMENT FROM CIVILIAN LIFE INTO TECHNICAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT:

2 YEARS	1,200\$VN
3 YEARS	1,800\$VN
4 YEARS	2,400\$VN
5 YEARS	3,200\$VN

FOR DRAFTEE WHO COMPLETES ETS AND REENLISTS FOR:

<u>2</u> YEARS	3,000\$VN
3 YEARS	4,500\$VN
4 YEARS	6,000\$VN
5 YEARS	7,500\$VN

FOR REENLISTMENT - 1,500\$VN FOR EACH YEAR OF
REENLISTMENT.

A CASH AWARD FOR THOSE CONSCRIPTEE'S WHOSE TERM OF
SERVICE WAS EXTENDED BEYOND 36 MONTHS HAS BEEN APPROVED. AWARD
WILL BE 100\$VN FOR EACH MONTH OF RETENTION. THIS AWARD WILL
BE PAID IN A LUMP SUM TO THE INDIVIDUALS AT THE TIME OF THEIR
FINAL PAYMENT BEFORE SEPARATION. CONSCRIPTEE'S EXTENDED
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING: 906 SCHEDULED FOR DISCHARGE IN JUNE,
TO BE DISCHARGED IN SEPTEMBER; 900 SCHEDULED FOR DISCHARGE
IN JULY, 1034 SCHEDULED FOR DISCHARGE IN AUGUST, AND 1497
SCHEDULED FOR DISCHARGE IN SEPTEMBER WILL BE DISCHARGED IN
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D. CHIEU HOI

DURING THE PERIOD 75 PERSONS RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL. THIS IS THE LOWEST FIGURE REPORTED SINCE MID-MAY 64, AND RESULTED FROM THE FACT THAT NO CIVILIAN RETURNEES WERE RECORDED AS RETURNING DURING THE PERIOD. THE RETURNEES INCLUDED 44 MILITARY, 21 POLITICAL, AND 10 DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS. SIX INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 12 GRENADES WERE BROUGHT IN BY THE RETURNEES.

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