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1. GENERAL:

A. VIET CONG INITIATED ACTIVITIES DECLINED CONSIDERABLY THIS WEEK, BUT THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS WAS STILL ABOVE THE PRE-JULY 1964 WEEKLY AVERAGE. THE INCIDENT RATE WAS RELATIVELY LOW ESPECIALLY IN THE NORTHERN MOUNTAINOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY AND SHOWED A SHARP DROP IN OVERALL VC ACTIVITY IN THE IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. IN THE PROVINCES CLOSE TO SAIGON, VC EMPHASIS APPEARED TO BE CENTERED ON BINH DUONG WHERE THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS REMAINED HIGH, AND WHERE VC FORCES ESTIMATED AT APPROXIMATELY TWO BATTALIONS WERE INVOLVED IN A SERIES OF AMBUSHES, MEETING ENGAGEMENTS, HARASSING FIRES, AND OTHER TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES. IN SAIGON, TWO TERRORISTIC EXPLOSIONS CLAIMED ADDITIONAL FRIENDLY CASUALTIES INCLUDING SEVEN US PERSONNEL WOUNDED, TWO OF THEM SERIOUSLY, AND AT LEAST 19 VIETNAMESE, INCLUDING SEVERAL CHILDREN, INJURED.

B. THE TEMPO OF MAJOR GROUND OPERATIONS OF BATTALION AND LARGER DECREASED IN COMPARISON WITH LAST WEEK. SMALL

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ACTIONS ALSO DECREASED. THE IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE CONTINUED TO LEAD IN THE NUMBER OF MAJOR OPERATIONS CONDUCTED WHILE II CORPS TACTICAL ZONE LED IN THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS. HOWEVER, THE MOST SIGNIFICANT MILITARY EVENTS OF THE WEEK OCCURRED IN THE CRITICAL PROVINCE OF BINH DUONG IN THE III CORPS TACTICAL ZONE. OVER A THREE DAY PERIOD, IN THE VICINITY OF THE TOWN OF BEN CAT, A SERIES OF RVNAF REACTION OPERATIONS TOOK PLACE AS A RESULT OF VC AMBUSHES. THE DETAILS ARE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2A BELOW. CLEAR AND HOLD OPERATIONS DROPPED FROM ELEVEN TO TEN WITH THE TERMINATION OF OPERATION THUA THIEN 33 IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE ON THE 28TH OF JULY. TWENTY NINE NEW LIFE HAMLETS WERE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED DURING THIS OPERATION.

THE PATTERN AND TEMPO OF VNAF/USAF AIR OPERATIONS KEPT PACE WITH LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS. COMBAT AIR STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED THROUGHOUT THE RVN IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS, AND FLARESHIPS AND FIGHTERS WERE ACTIVE IN SUPPORTING POSTS AND HAMLETS UNDER VC NIGHT ATTACK. THE ENEMY REACTION TO THESE OPERATIONS WAS RELATIVELY INEFFECTIVE SINCE ONLY SEVEN AIRCRAFT RECEIVED MINOR BATTLE DAMAGE. ROUTINE AIR ACTIVITIES INCLUDING LOGISTICS, PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE, PSYWAR, AND COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES WERE CONDUCTED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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ARMY AVIATION ACTIVITY REFLECTED A DECREASE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THREE WEEKS. THIS ACTIVITY WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY HELICOPTER SUPPORT OF AN INFANTRY BATTALION IN AN OPERATION NEAR BEN CAT. WHILE ESCORTING EVACUATION HELICOPTERS, ARMED HELICOPTERS CONDUCTED EFFECTIVE SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AGAINST THE VC FORCE. ELSEWHERE IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM, A TREND TOWARD MORE ROUTINE MISSIONS BECAME PREVALENT. THE HMM 162D MARINE HELICOPTER SQUADRON WAS CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH AIRLANDED RESUPPLY MISSIONS IN SUPPORT OF I CORPS TACTICAL ZONE.

VNN SEA PATROL UNITS CONTINUED THEIR PATROL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT MISSIONS THIS WEEK AND CONDUCTED TWO SHORE BOMBARDMENT MISSIONS. LOGISTICAL SUPPORT MISSIONS WERE RELATIVELY HEAVY FOR THE FIRST PART OF THE WEEK, BUT DECLINED DURING THE LATTER PART. RIVER FORCE UNITS PARTICIPATED IN SEVEN JOINT OPERATIONS THIS WEEK AND ALTHOUGH PARTICIPATION IN COMBAT OPERATIONS WAS SLIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF THE WEEK, IT INCREASED SHARPLY AS THE WEEK PROGRESSED. COASTAL FORCE UNITS CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS OF SURVEILLANCE AND PARTICIPATED IN ONE JOINT OPERATION. ACTIVITY IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA INCREASED. THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, PACIFIC, ARRIVED IN SAIGON ON 28 JULY FOR A THREE DAY VISIT.

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THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM MADE VERY LITTLE PROGRESS OVER LAST WEEK'S EFFORT. IN QUANG TIN, THE ECONOMIC AND HEALTH PROGRAMS CARRIED THE WEIGHT OF THE PROGRAM. LITTLE PROGRESS WAS RECORDED IN QUANG NGAI AND BINH DINH, MAINLY BECAUSE OF INCREASED VC REACTION. IN THE LATTER PROVINCE, CARE IS BEING PROVIDED FOR THE 2,520 REFUGEES FROM HOI AN AND AN LAO DISTRICTS, BUT THEY MUST RELY ON THEIR OLD LAND, THREE KILOMETERS FROM THEIR NEW HOMES, FOR A LIVELIHOOD. A WEAK PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT AND LACK OF COORDINATION HAVE STALLED THE PROGRAM IN PHUOC THANH. TAY NINH CONTINUES TO SHOW STEADY PROGRESS. SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT WAS SHOWN IN BINH DUONG WHERE THE NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY STARTED TO IMPLEMENT PACIFICATION. INCREASED VC ACTIVITY HAS SERIOUSLY CURTAILED PACIFICATION IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE. A DECREASE IN VC ACTIVITY AND STEADY PRESSURE BY ARVN HAS PERMITTED LONG AN TO PROGRESS SLOWLY. DINH TUONG AND GO CONG HAVE STALLED IN THEIR EFFORTS BECAUSE OF VC ACTIVITY IN THE FORMER, AND TOO MUCH DISPERSION OF THE PACIFICATION TROOP UNITS IN THE LATTER. KIEN HOA MOVES FORWARD WITH THE OPENING OF A NEW QLL SPOT THIS WEEK. IN KIEN TUONG THERE IS A NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FORCES BEFORE FURTHER EXPANSION CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED. VC INTIMIDATION OF THE PEOPLE OF CHUONG THIEN, FOLLOWING THEIR RECENT ATTACKS, HAS HAMPERED THE PACIFICATION OF THIS PROVINCE.

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SATISFACTORY PROGRESS, ACTIVELY SUPERVISED BY THE PROVINCE AND DISTRICT CHIEFS, WAS RECORDED IN AN XUYEN.

2. FRIENDLY:

A. SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS

OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF BEN CAT

IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE A VC ATTACK ON THREE OUTPOSTS APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF BEN CAT (XF7832) TRIGGERED A SERIES OF ACTIONS THAT PROVED TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT OF THE WEEK. AT 280630H THE VC ATTACKED THE OUTPOSTS, AND COMMUNICATIONS WERE LOST ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. A REACTION FORCE WAS ALERTED AT BEN CAT. IT WAS COMPOSED OF AN INFANTRY CO, A PF PLAT, A TANK PLAT, AND A REGT HQ SECTION, SUPPORTED BY TWO PLATOONS OF ARTILLERY. THIS FORCE WAS DELIBERATELY HELD AT BEN CAT UNTIL AN O-1F OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT WAS OVERHEAD, AND IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE POST AND THE ARTILLERY PLATOONS.

THE REACTION FORCE THEN PROCEEDED NORTH ALONG ROUTE 13 WITH THE TANK PLATOON JUST OFF THE ROAD, THE DISMOUNTED TROOPS APPROXIMATELY 200 METERS TO THE EAST OF THE ROAD, AND THE REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS SECTION AND SUPPORTING WEAPONS ON THE ROAD.

ABOUT ONE KILOMETER NORTH OF BEN CAT AT 1100 HOURS, THE VC ENGAGED THE FRIENDLY FORCES WITH FIVE 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES

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FIRING AT THE LEAD TANK WHILE THE DISMOUNTED TROOPS WERE ATTACKED FROM THE RIGHT FLANK. THE TANK CAUGHT FIRE AND BURNED. CASUALTIES INCLUDED THE REGT S3 AND THE TANK PLATOON LEADER. THE OTHER TANKS RETURNED FIRE KILLING AND WOUNDING AN ESTIMATED 40 TO 50 VC.

CONCURRENTLY THE POST AT BEN CAT WAS SUBJECTED TO SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM THREE SIDES WHILE THE ADJACENT DEPENDENT HOUSING AREA RECEIVED 81MM MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. THE FRIENDLY FORCES DISENGAGED AT THE AMBUSH SITE AND RETURNED TO THE POST AT BEN CAT AND WERE DEPLOYED IN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE POST TO AWAIT REINFORCEMENTS.

AN AIR REQUEST WAS SUBMITTED AT 281110H JULY. THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVED IN THE VICINITY OF BEN CAT AT 1215 HOURS, AND ORBITED FOR 15 MINUTES UNTIL RADIO CONTACT COULD BE ESTABLISHED. THE INITIAL COMMITMENT WAS FOUR USAF A-1E WHICH EXPENDED IN THE TARGET AREA. A SECOND FLIGHT, ARRIVING AT 1325 HOURS, CONSISTED OF TWO VNAF A-1H, ATTACKED AN ESTIMATED 200 VC IN A RUBBER PLANTATION. PILOT REPORTS INDICATED 30 VC KIA. A THIRD FLIGHT OF FOUR VNAF A-1H EXPENDED AT 1745 HOURS WITH NO PILOT REPORTS SUBMITTED.

THE 1ST AIRBORNE BN FROM THE GENERAL RESERVE WAS DISPATCHED BY VEHICLE FROM SAIGON AT 281630H JULY, CLOSING INTO

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BEN CAT AT 282030H JULY. ON THE 29TH, THE 1ST AIRBORNE BN CONDUCTED A SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATION THROUGH THE AREA OF CONFLICT WITH NO SIGNIFICANT RESULTS.

THE 1ST BN, 8TH INFANTRY WAS ORDERED TO REINFORCE BEN CAT. WHILE MOVING EAST FROM THE TOWN OF BEN SUC (XT5833) TO BEN CAT THEY WERE AMBUSHED BY A VC FORCE AT APPROXIMATELY 300530 HOURS, ABOUT TEN KILOMETERS WEST OF BEN CAT. THE VC ATTACKED FROM THE NORTH SUPPORTED BY 60MM AND 81MM MORTARS. THE ARVN COLUMN BROKE UNDER THE ASSAULT AND THE TROOPS FLED TO THE SOUTH INTO A FLOODED RICE PADDY, WHERE THEY CAME UNDER INTENSE 30 CALIBER MACHINE GUN FIRE.

AIRCRAFT WAS REQUESTED IMMEDIATELY TO PERFORM ILLUMINATION, CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, AND MEDICAL EVACUATION. A C-47 FLARESHIP WAS OVER THE AREA AT 0540, BUT RADIO CONTACT COULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED AND CONSEQUENTLY IT DROPPED NO FLARES. ARTILLERY SUPPORT BEGAN AT 0532H, BUT HAD LITTLE EFFECT BECAUSE IT WAS RESTRICTED BY THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE VC TO THE FRIENDLY FORCES. A FLIGHT OF HELICOPTERS WITH ARMED HELICOPTER ESCORT ARRIVED AT 0740H. AT THIS TIME THE FRIENDLY UNIT WAS IN NECK DEEP WATER IN A RICE PADDY AND INEFFECTIVE AS A UNIT. FOUR USAF A-1E ARRIVED AT 0745 AND PROVIDED CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. FROM THIS TIME TO 1820 USAF, VNAF, AND US ARMY AIRCRAFT CONTINUED TO SUPPORT THE OPERATION.

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VNAF HELICOPTERS, SUPPORTED BY US ARMY ARMED HELICOPTERS, PERFORMED MEDICAL EVACUATION IN SPITE OF INTENSE VC GROUND FIRE. THE 1ST AIRBORNE BN DEPARTED BEN CAT AT 0600H TO RELIEVE THE BESEIGED UNIT. THE EFFECTIVE AND CONTINUOUS AIR SUPPORT HAD FORCED THE VC TO DISPERSE AND THE 1ST AIRBORNE BN MADE NO CONTACT WITH THE VC. THE RETURN OF THE TWO BATTALIONS FROM THE AMBUSH SITE TO BEN CAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT, AND WAS CONCLUDED AT 301930H JULY.

THE 1ST BN, 46TH REGT AND AN M113 TROOP WAS ORDERED FROM THE TOWN OF CU CHI (XT6313) TO REINFORCE AT BEN CAT. THEY DEPARTED CU CHI AT 300900H JULY AND CLOSED BEN CAT AT 1900.

AT THE PRESENT TIME THREE BATTALIONS (+) ARE AT BEN CAT AND FURTHER OPERATIONS TO RELIEVE THE VC PRESSURE IN THE AREA ARE ANTICIPATED. THE VC UNITS IN THE AREA ARE BELIEVED TO BE TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 658TH VC REGT WITH AN ESTIMATED STRENGTH OF 600 TO 750 MEN.

THE INITIAL RESULTS FOR THE THREE DAYS OF ACTION WERE AS FOLLOWS: FRIENDLY LOSSES: 45 KIA (INCL 1 US), 59 WIA, 14 MIA, 1 CALIBER 50 MACHINE GUN, 4 CALIBER 30 MACHINE GUNS, 1-2 1/2 TON TRUCK, 1 60MM MORTAR, 2 AN/PRG 10 RADIOS, 5 BAR, 42 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, AND 1 M-24 TANK DAMAGED. VC LOSSES WERE: 2 KIA CONFIRMED, AND AN RVNAF ESTIMATE OF OVER 300 KIA/WIA BY AIRSTRIKES.

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IN ANALYSIS, THE UNIT THAT WAS AMBUSHED NEAR BEN CAT WAS MET BY A SUPERIOR FORCE AND ITS RETURN TO BEN CAT PROBABLY PREVENTED MORE SERIOUS LOSSES. THE COMBAT AND LOGISTIC AIR SUPPORT THROUGH THE TIME PERIOD PROVIDED BY VNAF, USAF, AND US ARMY AVIATION WAS TIMELY AND EFFECTIVE. THE INTELLIGENCE IN THE AREA WAS NEITHER TIMELY NOR ACCURATE WITH REGARD TO THE LOCATION AND STRENGTH OF VC UNITS. THE 1ST BN, 8TH REGT, WHICH BROKE UNDER VC FIRE, DID NOT PERFORM AS A WELL DISCIPLINED UNIT SINCE IT DISPERSED TO THE RICE PADDY WITHOUT RETURNING FIRE. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP BY THE BN COMMANDER.

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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 DECREASED FROM LAST WEEK'S FIGURE OF 66 TO 58. OF THESE OPERATIONS 24 RESULTED IN ONE OR MORE VC CONTACTS. I, II, III, IV CORPS EACH HAD FIVE CONTACTS AND THE TIEN GIANG TACTICAL AREA HAD FOUR.

(B) SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS DECREASED FROM 14,402 TO 13,470 AND CONTACTS DECREASED FROM 94 TO 84.

(2) NIGHT OPERATIONS:

(A) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT INCREASED FROM 23 TO 25.

(B) THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS WITH CONTACT AT NIGHT DECREASED FROM 26 TO 21.

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C. SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS

(1) VNAF: THE TEMPO OF OVERALL VNAF AIR OPERATIONS WAS UNCHANGED, AND, WHILE THESE OPERATIONS RANGED COUNTRYWIDE, THE CENTER OF ACTIVITY WAS IN III AND IV CTZ AND IN THE TIEN GIANG TAC/AREA. COMBAT FLYING WAS HIGHLIGHTED BY TIMELY SUPPORT FOR OPERATIONS QUYET THANG 505, THANG LONG 15, DAN CHI 823, OPERATIONS IN THE BIEN CAT AREA, AND BY A NIGHT STRIKE AGAINST A SECRET VC AMMUNITION DUMP. THIS WEEK THERE WAS A REDUCTION IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT, WHICH WAS OFFSET BY AN INCREASE IN STRIKES AGAINST INTERDICTION TARGETS. THE CLOSE AIR SUPPORT MISSIONS WERE CONCENTRATED IN III AND IV CTZ AND IN THE TIEN GIANG TAC/AREA; THE LARGEST AMOUNT OF INTERDICTION MISSIONS WERE FLOWN IN I CTZ. WHILE THE REQUIREMENT TO SUPPORT HAMLETS AND OUTPOSTS UNDER VC NIGHT ATTACK WAS SLIGHTLY REDUCED, WITH AN ATTENDENT REDUCTION IN THE REQUIREMENT FOR FLARESHIPS, THE VNAF MADE GREATER USE OF THEIR A-1H IN SUPPORTING THESE INSTALLATIONS. ON THE EVENING OF 30/31 JULY 64, THE VNAF PLANNED AND LAUNCHED A NIGHT STRIKE AGAINST A SECRET VC AMMUNITION DUMP AND TROOP CONCENTRATION IN BIEN HOA PROVINCE (YTO60190). DURING THE PERIOD 302245H TO 310025H JULY, A VNAF FLARESHIP ILLUMINATED THE AREA BY DROPPING 29 FLARES. THEN A FLIGHT OF FOUR VNAF A-1H USING NAPALM AND WHITE PHOSPHOROUS

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BOMBS ATTACKED THE TARGET BETWEEN 2305H AND 2335H. THIS STRIKE FOLLOWED AT 2355H WITH A SECOND ATTACK BY TWO A-1E EMPLOYING THE SAME GENERAL ORDNANCE LOADS. ALTHOUGH THE RESULTS WERE OBSCURED BY DARKNESS, THREE LARGE SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE REPORTED IN THE TARGET AREA. NO VNAF AIRCRAFT RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE THIS WEEK. THERE WAS A DECREASE IN PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE OPERATIONS, WHICH WERE FLOWN AGAINST TARGETS IN III CTZ. AIR LOGISTICS OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON A REDUCED SCALE THIS WEEK WITH THE EMPHASIS ON MOVING CARGO RATHER THAN TROOPS. VNAF H-34 FLEW TWENTY-FIVE SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF OPERATIONS IN THE BEN CAT AREA, ON EVACUATING CASUALTIES. THE VNAF PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM WAS MARRED THIS WEEK BY AN AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT WHICH RESULTED IN MAJOR DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT; HOWEVER, THE STUDENT PILOT WAS NOT INJURED.

(2) USAF: IN A PROGRAM WHICH EXERCISED ALL TYPES OF TACTICAL AND SUPPORT AIRCRAFT, USAF AIR OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED ON A LARGER SCALE THIS WEEK. GENERALLY PARALLELING THE VNAF PATTERN, USAF FIGHTERS CONDUCTED MORE STRIKES AGAINST INTERDICTION TARGETS THAN IN SUPPORT OF GROUND OPERATIONS. THE COMBAT ACTIVITY AGAIN THIS WEEK WAS CONCENTRATED IN THE DELTA REGION; THE MOST SIGNIFICANT AIR STRIKE SUPPORT WAS PROVIDED IN A SERIES OF OPERATIONS AROUND BEN CAT. THE EMPLOYMENT OF USAF FLARESHIPS

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AND FIGHTERS AGAINST VC ATTACKS ON HAMLETS AND POSTS MAINTAINED LAST WEEK'S PACE. THE REQUIREMENT FOR PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE BY HIGH PERFORMANCE AIRCRAFT INCREASED MARKEDLY THIS WEEK, WITH THE GREATEST EFFORT DIRECTED AGAINST TARGETS IN II AND III CTZ. THERE WAS ALSO AN INCREASE IN AERIAL PSYWAR SORTIES, FLOWN WITH THE U-10; THESE SORTIES WERE CONCENTRATED IN QUANG NGAI AND BA XUYEN PROVINCES OF II AND IV CORPS RESPECTIVELY. WHILE THE OVERALL AIR LOGISTICS EFFORT COMPARED FAVORABLY WITH THAT OF LAST WEEK, THE PATTERN OF ACTIVITY CHANGED WITH A REDUCTION IN AIR LANDED RESUPPLY MISSIONS OFFSET IN PART BY AN INCREASED REQUIREMENT FOR AIRBORNE RESUPPLY (PARADROP). THIS WEEK THE EMPHASIS WAS ON THE MOVEMENT OF CARGO RATHER THAN THE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS. SEVEN AIRCRAFT RECEIVED BATTLE DAMAGE; BUT NO CREWMEMBERS WERE INJURED. THE BATTLE DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED ON CARGO, FIGHTER AND PSYWAR AIRCRAFT.

(3) ARMY AVIATION:

(A) DURING THE PERIOD REPORTED, AVIATION ACTIVITY IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN SORTIES AND HOURS FLOWN.

(B) ON 27 JULY, TWO ARMED HELICOPTERS ON ESCORT MISSIONS IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE, RECEIVED LIGHT GROUND FIRE FROM XS2145, FORTY KILOMETERS WEST OF BEN TRANH. CREWS RETURNED

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FIRE AND PILOTS ESTIMATED TEN VIET CONG KILLED. THERE WERE NO HITS SUSTAINED DURING THE ENCOUNTER.

(c) ON THE 28TH OF JULY, NINE UH-1B, ESCORTED BY A FIRE TEAM OF TWO ARMED HELICOPTERS, 120TH AVIATION COMPANY, STAGED AT TAN HIEP IN SUPPORT OF THE ARVN 3RD RANGER BATTALION. IN FOUR LIFTS, 310 TROOPS WERE TRANSPORTED INTO A LANDING ZONE THIRTY KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THL BONG AIRFIELD (XS2878), IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE. ENEMY SMALL ARMS AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE WAS OBSERVED COMING FROM A CANAL BORDERING THE LANDING ZONE. THE TWO ARMED ESCORT HELICOPTERS PLACED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE ON THE ENEMY GROUND FORCE, AFTER HAVING BEEN FIRED UPON, AND PILOTS ESTIMATED ELEVEN VIET CONG KILLED AND SIX STRUCTURES DESTROYED. IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, FIVE ARMED HELICOPTERS FROM THE UTT COMPANY IN SUPPORT OF THE SAME OPERATION ENCOUNTERED GROUND FIRE IN THE VICINITY OF XS3585, FIFTY KILOMETERS WEST OF CHOLON. CREWS RETURNED FIRE AND PILOTS ESTIMATED FIFTEEN VIET CONG KILLED AND NINE STRUCTURES DESTROYED.

(4) USMC:

(A) DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD, MARINE CORPS AVIATION ACTIVITY INCREASED SLIGHTLY IN SORTIES AND HOURS FLOWN.

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(B) ON THE 29TH OF JULY, EIGHT UH-34D, HMM 162, STAGED DA NANG TO TRANSPORT 5.5 TONS OF CARGO INTO A LANDING ZONE THIRTY KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE STAGING AREA. THE MISSION WAS COMPLETED WITHOUT INCIDENT.

(C) ON THE SAME DAY, FIVE MARINE UH-34D, ESCORTED BY TWO ARMY ARMED HELICOPTERS, STAGED FROM DA NANG TO EFFECT AN EMERGENCY RESUPPLY MISSION INTO A LANDING ZONE AT YC9966. TWENTY FIVE KILOMETERS WEST OF DA NANG. ONE UH-34D ENCOUNTERED GROUND FIRE DURING LIFTOFF FROM THE LANDING ZONE AND SUSTAINED ONE HIT IN THE MAIN ROTOR BLADE. DAMAGE TO THE AIRCRAFT WAS NOT SERIOUS ENOUGH TO HAMPER THE MISSION.

D. SUMMARY OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

(1) GENERAL:

ADM U S GRANT SHARP, CINCPAC, ARRIVED IN SAIGON AT 281300H JULY FOR A VISIT AND DEPARTED SAIGON AT 300800H JULY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MINING OF THE LANDING CRAFT MEDIUM (LCM 1047) AT CA CAU ON 11 JULY, INDICATES THAT THE BOAT WAS HIT BY A 150 KILOGRAM VC CONTROLLED, MOORED MINE. THIS IS THE LARGEST KNOWN CHARGE USED BY THE VC TO DATE IN RIVER WARFARE.

THE TEMPO OF ACTIVITY IN THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA REFLECTED A SLIGHT INCREASE THIS WEEK. (DELAYED REPORT) ON 25

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JULY, A MAN TURNED HIMSELF IN AT QUANG XUYEN DISTRICT, CLAIMING TO HAVE BEEN FORCED TO ENLIST BY THE VC AND SUBSEQUENTLY SENT TO RUNG SAT FOR TRAINING. IN HIS ESCAPE, HE CLAIMS TO HAVE KILLED A VC AND TOOK HIS WEAPON, A US MODEL 17 RIFLE. THE MAN LED DISTRICT FORCES TO THE AREA WHERE THE ESCAPE HAD TAKEN PLACE AND THE BODY WAS FOUND WITHOUT PERSONAL PAPERS. INVESTIGATION OF THE MAN IS CONTINUING.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA INDICATED THAT THE VC HAD BUILT GUN EMPLACEMENTS WITH CONNECTING TRENCHES ON THE DONG DINH AND GION GAO RIVERBANKS IN ORDER TO ATTACK VNN RIVER CRAFT. AREA FORCES CHECKING THE INFORMATION, FOUND FOUR ~~CAMOUFLAGED~~ PILL BOXES WITH TRENCHES ALONG THE GION GAO RIVER FROM YS100500 TO YS140520. A VNN MONITOR DESTROYED THEM WITH 40MM FIRE.

ON 26 JULY AT 1000H, TWO TUGS, EACH TOWING TWO CALTEX BARGES FROM CAN THO, WERE STOPPED BY THE VC ON THE SOI RAP RIVER NEAR FORT DU RACH CAT IN LONG AN PROVINCE. AFTER PAYING THE VC "TAXES" THE TUGS WERE RELEASED AND REPORTED THE INCIDENT TO THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA HEADQUARTERS. THEY GUIDED REGIONAL AND RIVER FORCE UNITS BACK TO THE AREA AND AN ESTIMATED 30 VC WERE OBSERVED WITHDRAWING. SIX OF THESE WERE BELIEVED SHOT WHEN RIVERCRAFT OPENED FIRE. AT 1500H ON THE SAME DATE, THE VC

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ATTEMPTED TO STOP A TUG WITH THREE ESSO BARGES IN THE SAME AREA. THE TUG DID NOT STOP BUT PROCEEDED TO LY NHON IN THE RUNG SAT AREA AND INFORMED AUTHORITIES THERE THE TUG HAD RECEIVED TWENTY HITS FROM VC FIRE.

ON 26 JULY, A WNN MONITOR FIRED INTO VC CONCENTRATIONS IN CAN GIO DISTRICT OF THE RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA, ON A TRIBUTARY TO THE CAU GAU RIVER. ONE VC WAS KILLED AND THREE WERE WOUNDED IN THIS BOMBARDMENT.

ALSO FROM 26 JULY ARE REPORTS OF TWO ADDITIONAL CONTACTS WITH THE VC IN THE SPECIAL AREA. ONE WHEN VC OF UNKNOWN STRENGTH FIRED 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES AT RIVER FORCE UNITS AT AMBUSH AT THE RACH RAO CANAL AND THE OTHER WHEN UNITS OF THE RIVER FORCE WERE FIRED ON NEAR THE ONG RA CANAL. NO CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE WAS SUFFERED BY EITHER SIDE IN EITHER CONTACT.

(2) SEA FORCE:

THE EMPLOYMENT OF SEA FORCE UNITS INCREASED THIS WEEK AS UNITS OF THE FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PATROL AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT MISSIONS. RELATIVELY HEAVY UTILIZATIONS OF UNITS FOR LOGISTICAL SUPPORT EARLIER IN THE WEEK IS THE PRIME CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE INCREASE.

AT 270930H JULY, AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC FIRED ON A LANDING SHIP INFANTRY LARGE (LSIL 331) AND A COMMAND JUNK FROM

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MOTOR BOAT WAS SEIZED WITH CARGO CONSISTING OF 100 ROUNDS OF US THREE INCH HOWITZER AMMO (MARKED WITH LOT NUMBERS), 10,000 ROUNDS OF US 7.62MM AMMO (FRANKFORT ARSENAL), AND ABOUT FIVE POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS.

(4) COASTAL FORCE:

THIS WEEK UNITS OF THE COASTAL FORCE CONTINUED THEIR PRIMARY MISSIONS OF COASTAL SURVEILLANCE AND PARTICIPATED IN ONE JOINT OPERATION, QUANG TRI 54.

ON 26 JULY A JUNK OF JUNK DIVISION 41, CARRYING PERSONNEL OF PC 04, TO GONG ONG DOC DISTRICT MARKET IN AN XUYEN, WERE ATTACKED, AS THEY ANCHORED, BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC FIRING FROM THE SHORE. FRIENDLY FORCES HAD ONE MAN WOUNDED WHILE THE VC SUFFERED NO LOSSES.

E. CIDG:

THERE WERE TWO MAJOR FRIENDLY INITIATED ACTIONS CONDUCTED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THE FIRST ACTION TOOK PLACE IN THE I CTZ IN THE VICINITY OF CIDG/BORDER SURVEILLANCE CAMP KHAM DUC (ZC001090) FIFTY-FIVE KILOMETERS SOUTHWEST OF DA NANG, QUANG TIN PROVINCE. HERE A THREE COMPANY SIZE PATROL CONTACTED AN ESTIMATED VIET CONG COMPANY ON 261515H JULY APPROXIMATELY TWENTY KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE CAMP. IN THE ENSUING ACTION EIGHT VC WERE KIA AND ONE BRITISH STEN GUN, ONE US CARBINE, ONE

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CHINESE PISTOL, ONE FRENCH MAS 36 RIFLE, ONE GERMAN MG-42 WITH SPARE BARREL, AND TEN CHINESE GRENADES WERE CAPTURED. NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT WERE ALSO CAPTURED, AND SIX VIET CONG HOUSES WERE DESTROYED. SEVEN STRIKE FORCE PERSONNEL WERE WOUNDED IN THE ACTION. AT CAMP BU MI GA (BP315835), DARLAC PROVINCE, A PATROL CONTACTED THE VIET CONG APPROXIMATELY TEN KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF THE CAMP. THIS AREA HAD BEEN SELECTED AS AN OBJECTIVE WHEN IT WAS REPORTED TO BE A VIET CONG STOPOVER AND SUPPLY POINT. IN THE FIREFIGHT THAT DEVELOPED, FIVE VIET CONG WERE KIA, THREE VIET CONG WERE WIA AND ONE FRENCH MAS 36 AND ONE CONVERTED FRENCH MAT 49 SMG WERE CAPTURED. MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES WERE ALSO CAPTURED, AND THIRTY VIET CONG HOUSES WERE DESTROYED.

IN THE II CTZ ON 31 JULY A PATROL FROM CAMP BUON BRIENG (AQ928562), DARLAC PROVINCE, ENGAGED AN ESTIMATED VIET CONG COMPANY AND RECAPTURED TWO AMERICAN BARS AND TWO AMERICAN IMGS WHICH HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE VIET CONG ON 23 JULY 1964 IN AN AMBUSH IN THE VICINITY OF CAMP BUON BRIENG. NO SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITIES OCCURRED IN THE III AND IV CTZ DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS IN THE I, II AND IV CTZ; HOWEVER, IN

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THE II CTZ 1304 PATIENTS WERE TREATED BY "A" DETACHMENT MEDICS. PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACTIVITIES WERE LIMITED TO THE DROPPING OF 3000 LEAFLETS, WITH THE THEME "NAM DONG VICTORY", IN THE I CTZ.

F. CHANGES IN FRIENDLY FORCES

(1) MAJOR NGUYEN HUU MAI WAS APPOINTED THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, J6, REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ARMED FORCES ON 29 JULY TO SUCCEED LT COLONEL DUONG THAN SON. MAJ MAI WAS THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ARMY VIETNAM SIGNAL DIRECTORATE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ASSUMING HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AND HAD FORMERLY SERVED AS THE SIGNAL OFFICER FOR THE IV CORPS TACTICAL ZONE.

(2) THE SECTOR ADVISOR OF HAU NGHIA PROVINCE WAS KILLED AS A RESULT OF A VC AMBUSH ON 28 JULY.

3. (C) ENEMY SITUATION:

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A. VC ACTIVITY:

(1) GENERAL: VIET CONG INITIATED ACTIVITY REPORTED DURING THE WEEK DROPPED CONSIDERABLY FROM THE UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVELS REACHED DURING THE TWO PRECEDING WEEKS, ALTHOUGH STILL REMAINING ABOVE THE WEEKLY AVERAGE FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1964. THE INCIDENT RATE WAS PARTICULARLY LOW IN THE NORTHERN, MOUNTAINOUS SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY. THROUGHOUT THE RVN THIS WEEK, THE DECLINE IN TERRORISTIC ACTIVITIES WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A DROP IN THE NUMBER OF ATTACKS; HOWEVER, TWO OF THESE AGAIN WERE OF BATTALION SIZE AND TWO OF COMPANY SIZE. VIET CONG ACTIVITY AGAINST THE SAIGON-HUE RAILROAD LINE INCLUDED SEVERAL INCIDENTS; BUT, TRAFFIC WAS ONLY TEMPORARILY HALTED IN EACH INSTANCE. KEEPING PACE WITH THE REDUCED LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, VIET CONG CASUALTIES AND WEAPONS LOSSES ALSO SEEMED TO DECLINE.

(2) I CORPS: VC INITIATED ACTIONS REPORTED DURING THE PERIOD SHOWED A CONTINUING DECLINE IN NUMBER AND INTENSITY. THERE WERE SEVERAL INCIDENTS OF HARASSING FIRE AGAINST TROOPS; BUT, NO VC ATTACK REPORTED FROM ANY OF THE FOUR NORTHERNMOST PROVINCES. IN QUANG TRI, ROUTE 9 REMAINED CLOSED. HOWEVER, AS WORK PROGRESSED ON ONE OF THREE STILL UNUSABLE BRIDGES, THE ROAD WAS EXPECTED TO BE OPEN FOR TRAFFIC IN ABOUT ONE WEEK, BY USE OF BY-PASSES. A TRAIN MINING NEAR HUE ON 31 JULY WAS THE ONLY VC ACTIVITY AGAINST THE RAILROAD IN THE CTZ IN THE PAST NINE DAYS.

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(3) II CORPS: THE RATE OF VC INCIDENTS IN THIS CORPS TACTICAL ZONE WAS CONSIDERABLY LOWER THAN THE WEEK BEFORE. THIS MAY WELL INDICATE THAT THE UNUSUALLY HIGH LEVEL OF VC ACTIVITY BEFORE AND FOR SEVERAL DAYS AFTER 20 JULY HAS STRAINED VC STRENGTH OR THAT THERE IS SOME SUBSTANCE TO RECENT PW CLAIMS OF VC AMMUNITION SHORTAGE IN THAT REGION. HOWEVER, WHILE THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DECLINED, THE PATTERN DID NOT CHANGE, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS. HARASSING FIRES AGAINST NEW LIFE HAMLETS CONTINUED, BUT IN ELEVEN OF FOURTEEN REPORTED INSTANCES THE ARMED HAMLET DEFENDERS OFFERED RESISTANCE. IN DARLAC PROVINCE ON 29 JULY, AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY INFILTRATED A HAMLET, LEAVING FIVE COMBAT YOUTHS WOUNDED. THE ENEMY LEFT BEHIND SEVEN DEAD, TWO AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND THREE INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. THIS WAS THE FIRST SETBACK OF THIS KIND FOR THE VC IN THIS PROVINCE FOR SOME TIME. IN BINH DINH ON 26 JULY, A PASSENGER TRAIN WAS MINED, HALTING TRAFFIC FOR 36 HOURS, BUT CAUSED NO CASUALTIES. ON 30 JULY, ANOTHER TRAIN WAS MINED IN PHU YEN; THE ENGINE WAS DAMAGED AND TRAFFIC WAS INTERRUPTED FOR FOUR HOURS. ALSO IN PHU YEN, ON THE SAME DAY, AN ESTIMATED VC PROVINCIAL COMPANY SUPPORTED BY TWO DISTRICT PLATOONS AND EMPLOYING MORTARS, MACHINE GUNS AND RECOILLESS RIFLES OVERRAN A HAMLET. FRIENDLY LOSSES REPORTEDLY WERE 13 MISSING WITH 19 WEAPONS LOST.

(4) III CORPS: VC ACTIVITY IN THE CTZ CONTINUED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME OVERALL RATE AS DURING THE PRECEDING WEEK, WITH TERRORISM, HARASSING FIRE, AND ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE PREDOMINATING.

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THE CENTER OF VC EFFORTS AMONG III CORPS PROVINCES WAS AGAIN BINH DUONG WHICH HAS HAD THE HIGHEST RATE OF VC INCIDENTS IN THE CTZ FOR EIGHT WEEKS OUT OF THE PAST NINE. THE LARGEST MILITARY ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK ALSO OCCURRED IN BINH DUONG, POINTING UP TO CONTINUED CRITICALITY OF THAT CORRIDOR PROVINCE BETWEEN WAR ZONES C AND D. TAY NINH HAD THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, WHILE VC ACTIVITY DECLINED CONSIDERABLY IN HAU NGHIA, POSSIBLY DUE TO CONCENTRATION OF VC EFFORTS IN THE TWO NEIGHBORING PROVINCES TO THE NORTH AND NORTHEAST. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY, IN BINH DUONG, WAS TRIGGERED ON THE MORNING OF 28 JULY, WHEN AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED AND DESTROYED THE 20-MAN OUTPOST OF LAI KHE, 6 ROAD KILOMETERS NORTH OF BEN CAT. AN ARVN REACTION FORCE WAS FORMED AT BEN CAT (SEE PAR 2A). AFTER THE REACTION FORCE HAD MOVED OUT, AN L-19 AIRCRAFT REPORTED THE PRESENCE OF A VC PLATOON OFF THE LINE OF MARCH, AND IT WAS BROUGHT UNDER FRIENDLY FIRE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER CONTACT WAS MADE WITH A LARGE FORCE OF VC. AT THE SAME TIME, BEN CAT AND THE ADJACENT DEPENDENT HOUSING AREA RECEIVED SMALL ARMS AND 81MM MORTAR FIRE, RESPECTIVELY. VC FORCES IN THE AREA WERE ESTIMATED TO BE IN STRENGTH OF APPROXIMATELY TWO BATTALIONS. ON THE MORNING OF 30 JULY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED ONE COMPANY OF THE 8TH ARVN BATTALION ENROUTE FROM BEN CUI TO BEN CAT AND DETONATED MINES AGAINST THE REMAINING COMPANY WHICH WAS MOVING TO THE SCENE AS REINFORCEMENTS. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE SEVEN KIA

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INCLUDING ONE US CAPTAIN, 2L RIA AND THE LOSS OF FOUR WEAPONS. ANOTHER UNIT MOVING TO THE AREA DREW VC SNIPER FIRE AND STILL ANOTHER UNIT HAD ONE TRUCK MINED. THIS STRONG AND PERSISTENT VC REACTION TO THE PRESENCE OF ARVN FORCES IN THE VICINITY OF BEN CAT SEEMS TO INDICATE THAT THE VC PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON RETAINING THEIR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT IN THE AREA CONNECTING THEIR WAR ZONES C AND D AND CONTAINING IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION ROUTES FROM NORTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST INTO THE HEART OF THE MEKONG DELTA.

(5) CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT: THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN THE DISTRICT OUTSIDE SAIGON OCCURRED LATE IN THE REPORTING PERIOD WHEN A HAMLET AND NEARBY OUTPOST IN GIA DINH WERE ATTACKED ON THE MORNING OF 1 AUGUST. THE USE OF MORTARS AND RECOILLESS RIFLES, AS INDICATED IN THE INITIAL REPORT, SUGGEST THAT ELEMENTS OF A VC MAIN OR LOCAL FORCE UNIT WERE INVOLVED IN THE OPERATION.

(6) HUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA: NO SIGNIFICANT INCIDENTS WERE REPORTED.

(7) THIEN GIANG (7TH DIVISION) TACTICAL AREA: VIET CONG INCIDENTS IN THIS AREA WERE PREDOMINANTLY IN THE CATEGORY OF TERRORISM. DINH TUONG PROVINCE SUFFERED THE BRUNT OF VC ACTIVITY, WITH REPEATED HARASSMENTS IN PARTICULAR OF TWO OUTPOSTS, NHU HIEP AND TAM BINH. A LATE REPORT RECEIVED THIS WEEK DESCRIBED HOW TWO VC FORCES MISTAKENLY AMBUSHED ONE ANOTHER DURING THE HARASSMENT OF A VILLAGE IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE ON 19 JULY; FOUR VC WERE KILLED.

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(8) IV CORPS: IN THE IV CORPS TZ, VC ACTIVITIES APPEARED TO DECLINE SHARPLY IN NUMBER, AND RETURNED TO THE PATTERN OF HARASSMENTS OF POSTS AND SMALL TROOP UNITS WHICH CHARACTERIZED PRE-JULY EXPERIENCE, AFTER A FLURRY OF HARASSMENTS AGAINST THE POPULACE IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS. IN PARTICULAR, THE VC HARASSED OUTPOSTS ALONG BA DAM CANAL IN PHONG DINH AND ALONG NGOC HOA CANAL IN CHUONG THIEN. A TARGET OF REPEATED VC HARASSMENTS DURING THE WEEK WAS RACH RANG POST IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, ALSO LOCATED ON AN IMPORTANT CANAL.

B. OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS:

(1) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS REPORT THERE WERE TWO EXPLOSIONS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INTEREST WHICH WERE ATTRIBUTED TO VC TERRORISTS. ON 31 JULY 1964, AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS THROWN AT A GROUP OF SIX OFF-DUTY US MILITARY POLICEMEN AS THEY DEPARTED FROM AN ELECTRICAL SHOP IN CHOLON. THE US PERSONNEL SOUNDED A WARNING AND RE-ENTERED THE STORE BEFORE THE EXPLOSION. SIX VIETNAMESE WERE INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION; NO US PERSONNEL WERE INJURED. ON THE NIGHT OF 1 AUGUST 1964 AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WAS PLACED AGAINST THE WALL OF A VIETNAMESE NIGHTCLUB LOCATED IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON. SEVEN US MILITARY PERSONNEL WERE INJURED BY THE EXPLOSION; TWO OF THE SEVEN, SERIOUSLY INJURED, WERE HOSPITALIZED. APPROXIMATELY 13 VIETNAMESE WERE INJURED BY THE BLAST. THE SUSPECTED PERPETRATOR WAS APPREHENDED AND IS IN POLICE CUSTODY.

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ON 26 JULY 1964, THE STUDENTS OF THE SAIGON AND HUE CHAPTERS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF STUDENTS MET AT THE SAIGON CHAPTER HEADQUARTERS. THEY FORMED A COMMITTEE CALLED THE REVOLUTIONARY STUDENTS COMMITTEE AND ADOPTED THE SLOGAN "REQUEST THE GOVERNMENT BE TRULY REVOLUTIONARY—THAT THEY DO NOT DEPEND ON FOREIGNERS TO DECIDE THE DESTINY OF THE PEOPLE". LATER, LEAFLETS WERE DISTRIBUTED ADVOCATING THAT THE GOVERNMENT:

- A. BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND NATIONALIZE FRENCH PROPERTY.
- B. RE-ESTABLISH A TRUE REVOLUTION.
- C. MARCH ON THE NORTH AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS (OF DRV).

DURING THE NIGHT OF 28 JULY 1964, APPROXIMATELY 300 STUDENTS OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF VIETNAMESE STUDENTS OF SAIGON DESTROYED PART OF THE FRENCH WAR MEMORIAL IN SAIGON BY PULLING DOWN ALL OF THE MAJOR STATUES OF THE MEMORIAL. ALTHOUGH THE MEMORIAL WAS GUARDED BY LOCAL POLICE, THE POLICE HAD ORDERS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF THE STUDENTS.

ONE REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT THE VC PLAN TO SUBVERT BODYGUARDS AND VALETS OF HIGH RANKING ARVN OFFICERS AND GRVN OFFICIALS. THROUGH THESE AGENTS, THE VC PLAN TO ASSASSINATE THE OFFICERS AND OFFICIALS WITH SMALL EXPLOSIVE DEVICES CAPABLE OF BEING CONCEALED IN A SMALL MATCH BOX, VASE, OR CIGARETTE BOX.

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ON 26 JULY 1964, RUMORS CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT THE CENTRAL MARKET IN DUC HOA VILLAGE, DUC HOA DISTRICT, HAU NGHIA PROVINCE, THAT VC BATTALION 516 WAS BEING ASSEMBLED IN THE AREA OF STARCOM SITE, CHOLON, IN PREPARATION FOR AN ATTACK ON STARCOM TO BE LAUNCHED, PRIOR TO THE END OF JULY. RUMORS HAVE BEEN PREVALENT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS THAT THE STARCOM SITE WILL BE ATTACKED; HOWEVER, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM THESE RUMORS.

(2) TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE: ON 25 JULY 1964, AT 2100 HRS, DURING PATROL OPERATIONS ON THE CO CHIEU RIVER BETWEEN KIEN HOA AND VINH BINH, A VVN 23RD RIVER ASSAULT GROUP TEAM ENGAGED VC IN THE VIC OF XS 396140. ONE MOTORIZED SAMPAN LOADED WITH AMMUNITION AND DOCUMENTS WAS CAPTURED AS IT WAS TRYING TO CROSS THE RIVER FROM NORTH TO SOUTH. TWO VC IN THE SAMPAN WERE KILLED AND TWO WERE WOUNDED AND DISAPPEARED IN THE RIVER. WHILE A VC ELEMENT ON THE RIVER BANK FIRED AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND MACHINE GUNS, THE RIVER ASSAULT GROUP TEAM CAPTURED THE SAMPAN AND DISCOVERED THAT ITS CARGO CONSISTED OF 100 75MM PROJECTILES, 10,500 ROUNDS OF MAS 36 RIFLE AMMUNITION AND MANY DOCUMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN FORWARDED THROUGH CHANNEL FOR EVALUATION AND TRANSLATION.

EXAMINATION OF THE 75MM BOUNDS REVEALED THAT THEY ARE US 75MM HE AMMUNITION FOR PACK HOWITZER, M116. THEY APPEARED TO BE IN ORIGINAL CONDITION AND WERE PACKED IN CARTRIDGE CONTAINERS, TWO TO A WOODEN BOX. WHEN THE ORIGINAL HE MARKINGS WERE

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UNCHANGED AND LOT NUMBERS INDICATED THAT THE AMMUNITION WAS MANUFACTURED IN 1944, THE WOODEN BOXES HAD CHINESE MARKINGS ON THE OUTSIDE. CHECKING OF LOT NUMBERS AGAINST ORDNANCE CONTROL RECORDS (OCO) REVEALED THAT THIS AMMUNITION HAD NOT BEEN IN RVN CHANNELS.

J2 COMMENT: DISCOVERY OF THE AMMUNITION ON A SAMPAN DOES NOT IN ITSELF PROVIDE A CLUE AS TO HOW IT WAS INTRODUCED IN THE COUNTRY. THE ROUNDS, PACKED FOR BULK DELIVERY, WERE MOST LIKELY DESTINED FOR SOME VC DUMP OR DEPOT IN IV CORPS TZ, IN PROXIMITY TO ONE OF THE NUMEROUS CANALS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THIS AMMUNITION WAS TO BE FIRED FROM A HOWITZER, BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF COMPLETE ROUNDS, RATHER THAN TO BE USED AS MINES FOR IN THE LATTER CASE THE PROJECTILE ALONE WOULD SUFFICE, ELABORATE PACKAGING WOULD BE UNNECESSARY, AND THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR THE VC TO CARRY THE ADDITIONAL WEIGHT OF THE CARTRIDGE CASE, FUZE, CONTAINER BOXES, ETC. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT THE VC HAVE RECEIVED 75MM PACK HOWITZERS; HOWEVER, THESE WEAPONS HAVE BEEN USED IN BURMA AND CHINA DURING WORLD WAR II, AND CONSTITUTED THE PRIMARY FIELD PIECES OF THE FRENCH ARMY IN INDOCHINA PRIOR TO 1954, WHEN MANY OF THEM WERE CAPTURED BY THE VIET MINH. THE KINGDOM OF CAMBODIA ALSO HAS THESE FIELD PIECES IN ITS ARSENAL. THE RVN FORCES HAVE BEEN ISSUED 16 OF THESE 75MM PACK HOWITZERS THROUGH MAP. ALL OF THEM ARE ACCOUNTED FOR: EIGHT ARE IN IV CORPS, EIGHT ARE IN THE 80TH ORDNANCE DEPOT, ONE IS IN THE ARTILLERY SCHOOL, AND ANOTHER IS IN THE ORDNANCE

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THE 75MM PACK HOWITZER, BEING A LIGHT (1400 LBS), EASILY TRANSPORTABLE AND VERSATILE WEAPON, COULD BE USED EFFECTIVELY BY THE VC. IT CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO EIGHT PARTS FOR PORTAGE AND READILY REASSEMBLED FOR USE. IT CAN EASILY BE DISGUISED AS A CART OR FARM WAGON AND CAN BE DRAWN BY ANIMALS OR INDIVIDUALS. IT HAS A RANGE OF 9,620 YARDS, AND IS CAPABLE OF DIRECT, INDIRECT, OR PLUNGING FIRE AT A RATE OF SIX ROUNDS PER MINUTE.

THIS HAS BEEN THE FIRST DISCOVERY OF 75MM PACK HOWITZER AMMUNITION IN THE POSSESSION OF THE VC. ALTHOUGH NOT CONFIRMED BY ANY OTHER EVIDENCE, THE PRESENCE OF COMPLETE AND PACKAGED ROUNDS WOULD SEEM TO SUGGEST THAT THE VC ARE PREPARING TO USE 75MM PACK HOWITZERS WHICH ARE NOW, OR EXPECTED TO BE, IN THEIR POSSESSION.

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

A. ARVN CASUALTIES TOTALLED 146 KIA, 308 MIA, AND 56 MIA/  
CAPTURED FOR THE WEEK. THIS IS A DECREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS  
WEEK WHEN 837 CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. A TOTAL OF 160  
WEAPONS WERE LOST, A DECREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK WHEN  
498 WEAPONS WERE REPORTED IN THIS CATEGORY.

B. VC CASUALTIES AND WEAPON LOSSES 26 JULY - 01 AUGUST 64:

THE VC SUFFERED 250 KNOWN CASUALTIES (186 KILLED AND 64  
CAPTURED) DURING THE WEEK. THIS IS BELOW LAST WEEK'S 283  
CASUALTIES (246 KILLED AND 37 CAPTURED) AND IS THE SECOND  
CONSECUTIVE WEEK THAT CASUALTIES HAVE DROPPED. GOVERNMENT  
FORCES CAPTURED 64 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS, A SLIGHT INCREASE OVER  
LAST WEEK'S 62 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.

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5. CRITICAL PROVINCES

A. GENERAL: THERE WAS VERY LITTLE PROGRESS RECORDED IN THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM THIS WEEK. IN THE THREE CRITICAL PROVINCES OF I AND II CTZ'S PROGRESS WAS SLOW. IN III CORPS TWO PROVINCES MADE GAINS, TAY NINH AND BINH DUONG, WHILE TWO WERE SERIOUSLY CURTAILED. THESE WERE PHUOC THANH AND HAU NGHIA. LONG AN AND KIEN HOA SHOWED THE ONLY FORWARD PROGRESS IN THE 7TH DIVISION AREA. IN THE OTHER THREE PROVINCES IN THIS AREA, DINH TUONG, GO CONG AND KIEN TUONG, THE EFFORT HAS STALLED. THE ONLY SATISFACTORY PROGRESS IN THE TWO CRITICAL PROVINCES OF IV CTZ WAS RECORDED IN AN XUYEN. CHUONG THIEN IS STILL SUFFERING FROM THE SETBACKS CAUSED BY RECENT VC ATTACKS. THE SENIOR ADVISOR OF THE 7TH DIVISION HAS ORGANIZED AN ORIENTATION TEAM TO VISIT THE PROVINCES IN HIS AREA FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPLAINING THE CONCEPT AND PHASING OF PACIFICATION. THE TEAM IS HEADED BY THE DEPUTY SENIOR ADVISOR AND MEMBERSHIP CONSISTS OF G3, G2, G5, MEDICAL AND NR1D ADVISORS. BRIEFING IS PRESENTED TO U.S. ADVISORS DOWN TO BATTALION LEVEL AND WILL COVER ALL FIVE PROVINCES AND ALL 20 BATTALIONS. NEWCOMERS TO 7TH DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS WILL RECEIVE SAME GUIDANCE DURING DIVISION CONDUCTED PROCESSING. ON THE NATIONAL SCENE, A DECREE DATED 9 JULY MAY RESULT IN INCREASED ATTENDANCE OF POPULAR FORCE PERSONNEL AT TRAINING CENTERS. THIS DECREE AUTHORIZED A RATION ALLOWANCE OF 15\$VN PER DAY (IN KIND) WHILE UNDERGOING TRAINING, WHEREAS THE TRAINEES HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN REQUIRED TO PURCHASE RATIONS. GVN AUTHORITIES STATE THAT THE RECENT DECISION TO SUSPEND THE COMBAT YOUTH

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LEADERS TRAINING PROGRAM IS BECAUSE OF THE COMBAT YOUTH/POPULAR FORCE INTEGRATION AND THAT POPULAR FORCE HEADQUARTERS WILL ADMINISTER FUTURE TRAINING PROGRAMS. THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE PERMANENT BUREAU OF THE CENTRAL PACIFICATION COMMITTEE HAS ISSUED A MEMO WHICH ELABORATES ON THE 6-POINT CRITERIA ESTABLISHED AS A STANDARD FOR A CONSTRUCTED (PACIFIED) HAMLET. THE DOCUMENT IS WORDED IN SUCH A WAY THAT A LIBERAL INTERPRETATION BY PROVINCE OFFICIALS MIGHT RESULT IN A RELAXATION OF HITHERTO RIGID STANDARDS, BY PERMITTING CERTAIN HAMLETS TO AVOID COMPLETE COMPLIANCE. THIS HEADQUARTERS IS STUDYING THE MATTER WITH AN AIM OF PRESSING FOR NECESSARY ELABORATION WHILE MAINTAINING ADEQUATELY STRINGENT STANDARDS.

B. QUANG TIN: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS ARE CONTINUING WITH PARAMILITARY FORCES ENGAGED IN SPREADING THE OIL SPOT OF KY LONG, KY NGHIA, KY TINH VILLAGE AREA (REF MILREP 6 JUNE 64). ONE WIRE FENCE AROUND EACH KEY HAMLET OF THE TRIANGULAR BELT HAS BEEN COMPLETED. HOWEVER PROGRESS SLOWED CONSIDERABLY ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF 120 KM OF ROAD FOR ROUTES INTO ALL HAMLETS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND INTO AREAS WHERE HAMLETS ARE PLANNED. THIS IS DUE TO A LOWERING OF PRIORITY AND A LACK OF OPERATIONAL VEHICLES (MILREP 25 JULY 64). ON 28 JULY, 75 FAMILIES WERE MOVED FROM THE PHU NHIN HAMLET TO KY NGHIA VILLAGE, TAM KY DISTRICT. THIS MOVE WAS SUPERVISED BY THE DISTRICT CHIEF AND ASSISTED BY THE POPULAR FORCES. TO IMPROVE OVERALL HEALTH CONDITIONS IN THE PROVINCE, A MALARIA CONTROL PROJECT ALONG THE COAST EAST AND

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WEST OF ROUTE ONE WAS INITIATED. A COMBINED ARVN/US TEAM ARRIVED ON 29 JULY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INSTALLING TWO WINDMILLS FOR IRRIGATION OF THE AREA NORTH OF TAM KY ALONG ROUTE ONE WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR INCREASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

C. QUANG NGAI: THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM SHOWED LITTLE PROGRESS THIS WEEK. THE VC CONTINUED TO REACT VIOLENTLY TO THE PROGRAM BY BURNING 77 HOUSES IN TWO HAMLETS IN SON HA DISTRICT. THE HAMLET CHIEF OF AN LOT HAMLET, BINH SON DISTRICT, WAS ASSASSINATED BY THREE VC DRESSED AS CIVILIANS. IN NGHIA HANH DISTRICT THE HAMLET CHIEF OF MY SON AND SIX COMBAT CADRE WHO WERE WORKING IN THE HAMLET WERE KIDNAPPED BY THE VC. IN THREE DISTRICTS, MO DUC, BINH SON AND DUC PHO, A TOTAL OF 2,230 METERS OF FENCE WAS DESTROYED. MUCH OF THE FENCE WAS BARBED WIRE AND WAS CUT INTO 18 INCH LENGTHS TO PREVENT ITS REUSE. VC INCIDENTS CONTINUE TO INCREASE IN DUC PHO DISTRICT WHICH REMAINS UNDER MARTIAL LAW. THE 50TH ARVN REGIMENT, LESS ONE COMPANY, IS ON DUTY THERE. REPORTS INDICATE THAT INCREASED INCIDENTS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE FACT THAT THE VC ARE AT PRESENT DEPENDING ON ENTRY INTO HAMLETS TO SECURE MUCH OF THEIR FOOD SUPPLY. THIS WEEK THE PROVINCE CHIEF RECALLED 14 TEAMS OF COMBAT CADRE, A TOTAL OF 201 PEOPLE, FROM DISTRICTS WHERE THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING IN SUPPORT OF PACIFICATION TO ATTEND A THREE DAY REORIENTATION COURSE. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE TEAMS HAS BEEN UNSATISFACTORY DUE TO LACK OF ABILITY, SUPERVISION, AND MOTIVATION.

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D. KINH BINH: VC AGGRESSION DIRECTED AGAINST HAMLETS ARE SLOWING PACIFICATION OPERATIONS. DURING THE PERIOD THERE WERE 16 ATTACKS DIRECTED AGAINST HAMLETS AND 21 ACTS OF TERRORISM. THESE ACTS OF TERRORISM WERE DIRECTED PRIMARILY AGAINST OFFICIALS AT THE HAMLET LEVEL AND INCLUDED THE ASSASSINATION OF ONE HAMLET CHIEF, ONE POLICEMAN, AND FOUR OTHERS. THE VC BURNED 33 HOUSES IN KHANH PHUOC HAMLET AND 40 HOUSES IN HIEP LONG HAMLET WERE ACTUALLY BURNED BY SOME 100 CIVILIANS FROM THE HILLS NEARBY, WHILE THE VC HELD THE HAMLET OCCUPANTS UNDER GUARD. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS TO WHETHER THE 100 ARSONISTS WERE FORCED INTO THIS ACTION OR DID SO WILLINGLY. ON THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF PACIFICATION OPERATIONS 2,520 PEOPLE IN VC CONTROLLED AREAS OF HOAI AN AND AN LAO DISTRICTS WERE RELOCATED TO A MORE SECURE AREA (MIL REP 25 JULY 1964). FOOD FOR A TWO WEEK PERIOD HAS BEEN PROVIDED AND PAYMENT OF 1,000,000VN PER FAMILY IS BEING MADE. THE ADVANCE PLANNING FOR THIS OPERATION FAILED TO PROVIDE FARM LAND FOR THE PEOPLE. THE ONLY LAND AVAILABLE IS THEIR FORMER LAND SOME THREE KM AWAY ACROSS A PASSABLE RIVER. AN INTERESTING SIDE LIGHT TO THIS RELOCATION IS THE FACT THAT OF A TOTAL 2,520 PEOPLE RELOCATED, THERE WERE NO YOUNG MEN. IT IS ASSUMED THAT MOST OF THEM ARE NOW WITH THE VC.

E. PHUOC THAM: THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUED TO DEMONSTRATE ITS INABILITY TO DIRECT AN EFFECTIVE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. THERE IS LITTLE COORDINATION BETWEEN PROVINCIAL STAFF OFFICIALS AND BETWEEN PROVINCE AND SUPPORTING ARVN UNITS. KEY PERSONNEL HAVE NO CLEAR

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CONCEPT OF THEIR MISSION AND ROLE IN PACIFICATION. MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE INEFFECTIVE AND VIRTUALLY UNSUPERVISED. STRONG ACTION WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN AT HIGHER ECHELON TO GET THE PROGRAM IN THIS PROVINCE OFF DEAD CENTER.

F. TAY NINH: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS CONTINUED TO ACHIEVE STEADY PROGRESS. POPULAR SUPPORT OF BRIG GEN TAT BY THE CAO DAI IS EXCELLENT AND IT APPEARS THAT MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS IN THE PROVINCE ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND EFFECTIVE. TWO ACTIONS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY BEING CONSIDERED COULD DEAL A SEVERE SETBACK TO THE PACIFICATION PROGRAM. THIRD CORPS IS CONSIDERING THE REMOVAL OF THE 33D RANGER BATTALION FROM THE PROVINCE. WITHOUT THESE TROOPS, THE PROVINCE CAN HOLD THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE PRESENTLY CONSIDERED TO BE PACIFIED AND SECURED: HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL EXPANSION OF THE PACIFIED AREAS WOULD BE DOUBTFUL. GEN HON, CG OF THE 5TH DIV, DURING A CONFERENCE WITH THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE SECTOR ADVISOR, INDICATED THAT HE IS CONSIDERING ABANDONING THE HAMLET OF XOM BAO DON FOR SECURITY REASONS. THE PROVINCE CHIEF AND THE SECTOR ADVISOR, FEEL SUCH A MOVE WOULD REDUCE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN GVN ABILITY TO DEFEND THE PEOPLE AND WOULD AFFORD AN EXCELLENT SOURCE OF PROPAGANDA FOR THE VC AND HAVE ADVISED AGAINST IT. PROPAGANDA EFFORTS TO CONVINCING THE POPULATION IN WAR ZONE "C" TO MOVE TO GVN CONTROLLED AREAS HAVE BEEN STEPPED UP.

G. BINH DUONG: THE PACIFICATION PICTURE IMPROVED SLIGHTLY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1963. A RELATIVELY NEW PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT HAS STARTED TO IMPLEMENT THE PACIFICATION PLAN AND IS RECEIVING

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SUPPORT FROM 5TH DIVISION AND III CORPS COMMANDERS. PLANS PROVIDE FOR REPOSITIONING TROOP UNITS FOR BETTER SECURITY OF THE PRIORITY PACIFICATION AREA. HOWEVER, VC REACTED SHARPLY TO ATTEMPTS TO RELOCATE UNITS. A REINFORCED BATTALION WAS AMBUSHED AS IT DEPARTED THE AN NHON TAY AREA WHICH IS BEING ABANDONED. VC PRESSURE WAS STRONG THROUGHOUT THE NORTHERN SECTION OF THE PROVINCE. IN THE AREA OF PACIFICATION MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE WORKING IN 17 HAMLETS. TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 7TH REGIMENT ARE PROVIDING SECURITY FOR THEM, BOTH WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE HAMLETS. THIS MISSION SHOULD BE PERFORMED BY REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCES TO FREE ARVN FOR OFFENSIVE OPERATIONS. ATTEMPTS ARE BEING MADE BY US ADVISORS TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. THE 5TH ENGINEER BATTALION IS PERFORMING OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND IN CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS WORKING DIRECTLY WITH THE POPULATION. PROVINCE HAS INITIATED A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR LOCALLY RECRUITED CADRE WHO WILL WORK ONLY IN THEIR HOME HAMLETS. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MOTIVATED PERSONNEL WHO ARE IN POSITION TO IDENTIFY THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE.

H. HAU NGHIA: INCREASED VC ACTIVITY, COMBINED WITH POORLY TRAINED AND MOTIVATED MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS, HAS SERIOUSLY CURTAILED PACIFICATION OPERATIONS. A VC AMBUSH AT TAN PHU TRUNG RESULTED IN THE DEATH OF THE U.S. SECTOR ADVISOR. THIS INCIDENT, COMBINED WITH VC THREATS AND CONTINUED INTIMIDATION OF THE CADRE TEAMS, HAS RENDERED PACIFICATION EFFORTS LARGELY INEFFECTIVE. PROVINCE AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS STILL HAVE NOT DEVELOPED AN ADEQUATE SUPERVISION

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AND INSPECTION PROGRAM TO INSURE EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE BY THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS. APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF THE CADRE TEAM MEMBERS ARE FROM SAIGON AND HAVE LITTLE INTEREST IN OR ENTHUSIASM FOR THE LOCAL PACIFICATION PROGRAM. A DETAILED STUDY OF THE COMBAT YOUTH PROGRAM INDICATES THAT PREVIOUS REPORTS BY PROVINCE AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS, WERE ERRONEOUS. ON THE SPOT INSPECTION OF TRAINING BY THE U.S. ADVISOR TO THE 46TH INF REGT INDICATES THAT 74 PERSONNEL ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE COMBAT YOUTH TRAINING PROGRAM, WITH AN AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE OF 56 TRAINEES. SOME 70 COMBAT YOUTH HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN TRAINED IN THE VC DOMINATED DUC HOA DISTRICT, BUT NONE HAVE BEEN ARMED.

I. LONG AN: PACIFICATION IS PROGRESSING SLOWLY IN LONG AN MAINLY DUE TO SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS THAT HAVE KEPT THE PRESSURE ON THE VC, AND A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN OVERALL VC ACTIVITY IN JULY. PROVINCE CLAIMS 17 HAMLETS PACIFIED OF THE 75 IN THE A1 AREA. THIS IS AN INCREASE OF ONE HAMLET PACIFIED OVER PREVIOUS REPORTS. THE SECTOR ADVISOR STATES THESE HAMLETS MEET MOST, BUT NOT ALL, OF THE SIX POINT CRITERIA. THERE ARE 16 MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS WORKING IN THE A1 PACIFICATION AREA. SO FAR, PROVINCE HAS BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN RECRUITING THE 120 ADDITIONAL CADRE THAT WILL BE NEEDED IN HAMLETS ASTRIDE HIGHWAY 5 WHEN CLEARING OPERATIONS IN THIS AREA PERMIT THEIR EMPLOYMENT. IF THIS SITUATION CONTINUES TO PREVAIL, SOME OTHER AREA WILL HAVE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO ALLEVIATE THIS SHORTAGE OF MANPOWER.

J. DINH TUONG: INCREASED VIET CONG ACTIVITY AND A REALIGNMENT

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OF TROOPS HAS TEMPORARILY STALLED THE PACIFICATION PROCESS IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE. SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS CEASED IN THE VINH KIM-MY THO AREA WHEN THE 51ST RANGER BATTALION, MINUS ONE COMPANY, WAS ORDERED TO SECURE CAI BE DISTRICT - THE SCENE OF A VICIOUS BATTLE ON 20 JULY IN WHICH THE VC SLAUGHTERED 40 CIVILIANS. USOM SUPPORT WAS RUSHED TO CAI BE TO REBUILD THE DISTRICT AND TO CONSTRUCT NEW FAMILY QUARTERS. AN EMERGENCY ISSUE OF 3000 SHEETS OF METAL ROOFING, CEMENT, FOOD AND CLOTHING HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE OPERATING IN THE PROVINCE ARE CONSIDERED BY THE SECTOR ADVISOR TO BE ABOUT 50% EFFECTIVE. IN HAMLETS WHERE THE SECURITY IS QUESTIONABLE LITTLE WORK IS ACCOMPLISHED. INTERPRETATION OF THE SIX POINT CRITERIA CONTINUES TO CAUSE A DIFFERENCE IN REPORTING COMPLETED HAMLETS. THE SECTOR ADVISOR REPORTS NO HAMLETS COMPLETED WHEREAS PROVINCE CLAIMS 37. PLANS TO RESOLVE THIS DIFFERENCE WERE MADE THIS WEEK WHEN IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT A US/GVN TEAM WILL VISIT THESE HAMLETS TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER OR NOT THEY MEET THE NATIONAL STANDARDS.

K. GO CONG: INERTIA CHARACTERIZES PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN GO CONG. THIS MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE LARGE AREA (80 SQUARE KILOMETERS) OCCUPIED BY THE TWO MARINE BATTALIONS. PRESENT PLANS CALL FOR IMPROVING THIS AREA, ERADICATING THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE AND KEEPING THE VC FROM RE-ENTERING. DUE TO THEIR LARGE AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY, THE UNDER-STRENGTH UNITS IN THE PACIFICATION AREA WILL PROBABLY NOT BE ABLE TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATIONS THIS YEAR. VC REACTION TO THE PACIFICATION EFFORT HAS MAINLY BEEN HARASSMENT, PARTICULARLY BY THE USE OF ELECTRICALLY

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DETONATED MINES. EFFECTIVENESS OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE IS CONSIDERED MARGINAL. UNLIKE MOST OF THE PROVINCES IN THE 7TH DIVISION, THESE TEAMS ARE NOT UNDER THE OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE BATTALION COMMANDER. IN GO CONG THE CONTROL OF THE CADRE IS DELEGATED TO THE DISTRICT CHIEF. THIS WEEK, PROVINCE ORGANIZED A TEAM CONSISTING OF THE SECTOR ADVISOR, THE DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF, THE USOM REPRESENTATIVE AND THE PROVINCE DEPUTY FOR PACIFICATION, TO RE-EVALUATE THE STATUS OF GO CONG'S NEW LIFE HAMLETS. PROVINCE CLAIMS 21 COMPLETED HAMLETS, WHEREAS THE SECTOR ADVISOR REPORTS NONE COMPLETED.

L. KIEN HOA: PROGRESS WAS INDICATED THIS WEEK WHEN A NEW OIL SPOT ENCOMPASSED AP NHUT, A FORMER VC HAMLET. THE 3RD BATTALION, 12TH REGIMENT, MINUS ONE COMPANY, OCCUPIED THE AREA ABOUT 4 KM'S NORTHEAST OF BEN TRE ON 12 JULY. SINCE THEN, THE VC HAVE REACTED WITH 60-MM MORTAR AND RIFLE GRENADES AIMED AT THE CP. A MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAM ARRIVED IN THE AREA ON 28 JULY. WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO HIS DUTIES THE ASSISTANT TEAM LEADER SEEMED KNOWLEDGEABLE AND PROPERLY MOTIVATED. NEARBY A VILLAGE OFFICE AND POPULAR FORCE POST WAS BEING CONSTRUCTED. BARBED WIRE SURROUNDS THE NEW HAMLET AND THE BATTALION ADVISOR SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT HIS FORCES COULD REPEL ANY VC ATTACK. MUCH OF THE PROGRESS IN KIEN HOA IS ATTRIBUTED TO THE EXCELLENT ARTILLERY SUPPORT AFFORDED NEW LIFE HAMLETS UNDER PACIFICATION. NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED THIS MONTH. FIVE ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE NEW LIFE HAMLETS WERE THWARTED BY PRECISION ARTILLERY FIRE. PRESENTLY,

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THERE ARE 21 FAMILIES IN THE NEW HAMLET. MANY OTHER FAMILIES IN THE VICINITY WERE FORCED TO EVACUATE THE AREA DUE TO AIRSTRIKES AND VC RETALIATION. AS PACIFICATION PROGRESSES MORE OF THESE FAMILIES ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

M. KIEN TUONG: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN KIEN TUONG REMAIN AT A STANDSTILL AND LITTLE PROGRESS IS ANTICIPATED IN THE NEAR FUTURE BECAUSE OF POOR PROSPECTS FOR RECRUITING PARAMILITARY FORCES COUPLED WITH THE COMPARATIVELY SMALL NUMBER OF ARVN TROOPS THAT CAN BE SPARED FOR THIS AREA. ANOTHER CHANGE IN PACIFICATION FORCES IS EXPECTED THIS WEEK. THE 2ND BATTALION, 40TH REGIMENT WILL BE REPLACED BY A RANGER BATTALION. PROVINCE HAS RECEIVED ORDERS THAT THE NEW RANGER BATTALION WILL BE STATIONED IN THE VICINITY OF MOC HOA LEAVING ONLY TWO UNDER-STRENGTH REGIONAL COMPANIES IN THE PACIFICATION AREA. THE 4.2 MORTARS IN THE PROVINCE WILL BE REPLACED BY TWO 105 MM HOWITZERS WHICH WILL BE POSITIONED ABOUT FOUR KILOMETERS SOUTH OF MOC HOA. THERE IS SOME CONCERN AT SECTOR FOR THE SECURITY OF THESE GUNS, SINCE THEIR POSITION WILL BE ISOLATED DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE RAINY SEASON. THIS PROBLEM AREA IS PRESENTLY UNDER STUDY. A REQUEST FOR AN ALL-WEATHER ROAD FROM CAI LAI TO MOC HOA IS BEING CONSIDERED AT SAIGON. IF APPROVED, THIS WILL BE THE ONLY SUCH ROAD IN KIEN TUONG PROVINCE. THE SURGICAL SUITE IN MOC HOA IS STILL NOT OPERATIONAL BECAUSE OF INSUFFICIENT PERSONNEL TO OPERATE THE SUITE. IT APPEARS THIS SITUATION MAY SOON BE RECTIFIED, SINCE A MILITARY SURGEON AND 15 MEDICS WERE ASSIGNED TO PROVINCE THIS WEEK.

N. CHUONG THIEN: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN KIEN HUNG DISTRICT,

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THE FIRST IN THE PROVINCE TO BEGIN SUCH OPERATIONS, HAVE SUFFERED A MAJOR SETBACK. SEVEN MOBILE ACTION CADRE TEAMS FORMERLY OPERATED IN THE TWO VILLAGES OF VINH PHUOC ( GO QUAO) AND DINH AN. NOW NO TEAMS ARE OPERATING IN DINH AN AND ONLY ONE TEAM IS REPORTED TO BE OPERATING IN VINH PHUOC VILLAGE, WHERE THREE REGIONAL COMPANIES AND ONE RANGER COMPANY PROVIDE SECURITY TO THE DISTRICT HQS. SINCE THE ATTACK AGAINST THE 1ST BN, 31ST REGIMENT THE VC HAVE INTIMIDATED THE PEOPLE AND DIRECTED THEM NOT TO COOPERATE WITH THE PACIFICATION OPERATIONS. THEY ARE CONDUCTING PROPAGANDA MEETINGS CONDEMNING THE PACIFICATION OPERATIONS AND ARE THREATENING THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE WITH DIRE CONSEQUENCES IF THEY CONTINUE THEIR WORK. MANY FAMILIES HAVE DEPARTED DINH AN VILLAGE FOR THE ADJACENT PROVINCE OF KIEN GIANG BECAUSE OF THE POOR SECURITY CONDITIONS. VINH PHUOC VILLAGE IS FREQUENTLY SUBJECT TO VC HARASSING FIRE. THE DISTRICT CHIEF OF KIEN HUNG IS VERY CONCERNED OVER THE DISTRICT SECURITY STATUS. CONSIDERABLE VC ACTIVITY HAS BEEN REPORTED THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT. RESUMPTION OF PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THIS DISTRICT WILL BE DEPENDENT ON INCREASED GVN SECURITY MEASURES. PACIFICATION OPERATIONS IN DUC LONG ARE CONTINUING SATISFACTORILY. IN VI THUY AND VINH THONG VILLAGES, CENSUS TAKING IS CONTINUING, CLASSROOMS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED AND REHABILITATED AND A USOM PIG PROGRAM IS BEING INTRODUCED. THERE HAS BEEN NO VC ACTIVITY AGAINST THE PACIFICATION OPERATIONS THIS PAST WEEK. IN LONG MY THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE ARE IN THEIR SECOND WEEK OF TRAINING. US ADVISOR REPORTS OF THE TRAINING AND ATTENDANCE ARE FAVORABLE. A CONSIDERABLE LOSS TO THE DISTRICT AS

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WELL AS THE PROVINCE IS THE REASSIGNMENT TO SAIGON OF THE DISTRICT CHIEF, WHO IS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST IN PROVINCE. THE ADVISORY GROUP AND THE PROVINCE CHIEF HAVE PROTESTED THE REASSIGNMENT. THE PROVINCE CHIEF, LT COL PHAM, CONTINUES TO PRESENT A PICTURE OF APATHY AND LETHARGY, SELDOM LEAVING THE PROVINCIAL HEADQUARTERS. LT COL PHAM IS VERY CONCERNED THAT THE VC ARE GOING TO ATTACK THE PROVINCE CAPITAL OF VI THANH. THE DEPUTY PROVINCE CHIEF, MAJ NGHIA, IS CONDUCTING MANY OF THE PROVINCIAL OPERATIONS. RECRUITING AND TRAINING OF HOA HAO IS CONTINUING.

O. AN XUYEN: PACIFICATION OPERATIONS ARE PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY. THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN ORGANIZING A NET AMONG THE HAMLET POPULACE TO UPROOT THE VC INFRASTRUCTURE. USIS AND VIS CONTINUE TO CONDUCT POLITICAL TALKS. FIVE ADDITIONAL MOBILE ACTION TEAMS BEGAN OPERATIONS IN QUAN LONG DISTRICT THIS WEEK. THEY ARE CONDUCTING A CENSUS AT THIS TIME. THE DISTRICT CHIEF IS ACTIVE IN SUPERVISING THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE. THE PROVINCE CHIEF IS BECOMING MORE ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN PACIFICATION OPERATIONS AND HAS DIRECTED TRAINING TO BEGIN NEXT WEEK FOR FOUR ADDITIONAL MOBILE ACTION TEAMS. SECURITY CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED WITH THE POSITIONING OF THE 2ND BN, 32ND REGIMENT IN THE DISTRICT. THE PROBLEM OF IDENTIFYING THE INDIVIDUAL CAO DAI BEING TRAINED FOR THE REGIONAL FORCES HAS BEEN RESOLVED. ISSUANCE OF WEAPONS TO THE CAO DAI WILL NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL THE REGIONAL COMPANIES BEING FORMED RECEIVE NUMERICAL DESIGNATIONS. WEAPONS FOR THE POPULAR FORCE PLATOONS SUPPORTING THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE HAVE BEEN

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RECEIVED. IN HAI YEN THE DIVISION TEAM IS CONTINUING TO TRAIN THE FIRST GROUP OF MOBILE ACTION CADRE. FATHER HOA HAS REQUESTED, IN WRITING, ASSISTANCE OF THE PROVINCE CHIEF IN RESETTLING 100 CAO DAI FAMILIES IN HAI YEN. FATHER HOA IS ASKING FOR FUNDS TO BUILD A POST, HOUSES AND A MARKET PLACE FOR THE CAO DAI. THE PROVINCE CHIEF IS FORWARDING A REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT.

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6. SUPPORTING PROGRAMS:

A. ~~PSYWAR~~/CIVIC ACTION

ALL VIETNAMESE MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PROPAGANDA AGENCIES HAVE COMBINED FORCES TO PUT ON AN EXTENSIVE NATIONAL PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS CAMPAIGN TO EXPLOIT THE MASSACRE OF 40 CIVILIAN DEPENDENTS OF REGIONAL FORCE PERSONNEL AT CAI BE-IN DINH TUONG PROVINCE. IN ADDITION TO UTILIZING ALL COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA, MAJOR DELEGATIONS OF SAIGON LEADERS HAVE BEEN SENT TO CAI BE TO PRESENT MONEY, MEDICINE, AND FOOD TO THE SURVIVORS. HOPEFULLY, THIS MAY PRESAGE A CLOSER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SAIGON AND THE RURAL AREAS. FINALLY, SUNDAY, 2 AUGUST, WAS DECLARED AS A NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE VICTIMS. THIS OCCASION WILL BE USED TO FURTHER INCITE THE PEOPLE AGAINST THE VIET CONG.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, PSYWAR/CA UNITS CONTINUE NORMAL OPERATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE CHIEN HOI, PACIFICATION, AND RECRUITING PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION, THERE IS CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON VIET CONG ATROCITIES.

I CORPS

TWO CIVIL ACTION MEDICAL TEAMS HAVE BEEN FORMED BY THE 1ST DIVISION MEDICAL COMPANY. EACH TEAM CONSISTS OF ONE OFFICER AND SEVEN ENLISTED MEN; ONE TEAM WILL BE ASSIGNED TO EACH PROVINCE IN THE DIVISION AREA.

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II CORPS

THE DESTRUCTION OF SEVEN PACIFIED HAMLETS IN PHU YEN PROVINCE HAS HAD UNFAVORABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT. AT THE PRESENT TIME 1020 HOMELESS VIETNAMESE FROM THESE HAMLETS ARE BEING PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROVINCE. THE REMAINDER OF THE PEOPLE FROM THE BURNED OUT HAMLETS HAVE NOT BEEN LOCATED.

IN PHU BON PROVINCE A DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY WAS HELD WITH 1000 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE FROM SIX VILLAGES. RICE, SALT, CLOTHING AND COOKING UTENSILS WERE GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE BY SECTOR AND DISTRICT PERSONNEL.

III CORPS

THE INFORMATION HALL AT B TAN D JERAN HAMLET, LAM DONG PROVINCE, WAS REBUILT WITHIN 24 HOURS AFTER THE VIET CONG HAD ENTERED AND DEMOLISHED IT. AID IN THE FORM OF RICE AND SALT WAS ALSO PROVIDED TO THE PEOPLE BY PROVINCE OFFICIALS.

IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE THE 46TH REGIMENT TREATED 405 CIVILIAN MEDICAL PATIENTS, AND IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE THE 7TH REGIMENT TREATED 1750. IN TAY NINH PROVINCE THE 9TH REGIMENT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 51ST ENGINEER BATTALION, COMPLETED TWO SCHOOLS IN THE HIEN THIEN DISTRICT, AND CIVIC ACTION WORKERS BEGAN DISTRIBUTION OF SEWING MACHINES, CEMENT, AND ROOFING MATERIALS IN HIEN THIEN AND KHIEM HANH DISTRICTS.

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IV CORPS

FACE TO FACE PERSUASION BY PSYWAR/CA TEAMS HAS PROVEN TO BE ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF GETTING THE GOVERNMENT'S MESSAGE ACROSS TO THE PEOPLE. SUCH OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED IN AN XUYEN AND BA XUYEN DURING THE WEEK; IT IS PLANNED TO CONTINUE THEM.

IN HAI YEN SPECIAL SECTOR THE VIET CONG DISTRIBUTED LEAFLETS WRITTEN IN CHINESE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, INDICATING THEY ARE DIRECTED AT THE FOLLOWERS OF FATHER HOA. SOME LEAFLETS WERE IN ENVELOPES ADDRESSED TO KEY PERSONNEL.

B. PERSONNEL:

(1) RVNAF STRENGTH: STRENGTH REPORTS OF RVNAF AS OF 15 JULY SHOW INCREASE TO: REGULAR FORCE 217,814; REGIONAL FORCE 87,413; AND POPULAR FORCE 103,118. THE BUILDUP OF RVNAF STRENGTH CONTINUES AND END-JULY 1964 STRENGTH IS ESTIMATED AS FOLLOWS: REGULAR FORCE 219,000; REGIONAL FORCE 88,000; AND POPULAR FORCE 121,000.

(2) APPREHENSION AND TRIAL OF DESERTERS: THE EFFORTS EXPENDED FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 1964 IN THE APPREHENSION AND TRIAL OF DESERTERS RESULTED IN A TOTAL OF 1,162 REQUESTS FOR APPREHENSION BEING ISSUED, WITH 656 BEING APPREHENDED. THERE WERE 7,772 OUTSTANDING REQUESTS FOR APPREHENSION OF DESERTERS

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AS OF 30 JUNE 1964. THERE WERE 738 DESERTERS TRIED DURING JUNE 1964 AND 1285 PERSONNEL AWAITING TRIAL.

C. COMMUNICATIONS: ON 27 JUNE 1964, FOURTEEN ENLISTED MEN OF VIETNAM AIR FORCE COMMENCED ON-THE-JOB TRAINING IN THE OPERATION OF THE SSM-33 "PYTHON" ON-LINE CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT. TEN ENLISTED MEN ARE ASSIGNED TO THE JOINT OPERATIONS CENTER AND FOUR TO THE III CORPS COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR THIS TRAINING. UPON COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAM OF APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS DURATION, THESE PERSONNEL ARE TO BE ASSIGNED TO THE VIETNAM AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER WHERE THE PYTHON SYSTEMS ARE TO BE INSTALLED.

D. CHIEU HOI: DURING THE PERIOD 1,643 PERSONS RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL. THIS IS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE, IN NUMBER, WHEN COMPARED TO THE 121 REPORTED THE PREVIOUS WEEK; IT RESULTED FROM THE RESETTLING OF 1500 CIVILIAN REFUGEES TO SAFER VILLAGES WITHIN VINH LONG PROVINCE. THE RETURNEES INCLUDED 58 MILITARY, 27 POLITICAL, 34 DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS, AND 1524 CIVILIANS. EIGHT INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND SEVEN GRENADES WERE BROUGHT IN BY THE RETURNEES.

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ANNEX A (SUMMARY OF GROUND OPERATIONS)

1. BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER (THREE LINE COMPANIES EQUIVALENT OR MORE) READ IN NINE COLUMN; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/TIEN GIANG TA/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

- (A) SEARCH AND CLEAR /5/7/6/12/4/0/0/34.
- (B) FIX AND DESTROY /0/3/0/3/1/0/0/7.
- (C) CLEAR AND HOLD /2/0/2/0/6/0/0/10.
- (D) RECON /1/1/0/0/0/0/0/2.
- (E) SECURITY /0/0/1/3/0/0/0/4.
- (F) SEARCH AND RESCUE /0/0/1/0/0/0/0/1.
- (G) TOTAL /8/11/10/18/11/0/0/58.

2. BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER WITH VC CONTACT: READ IN NINE COLUMN; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/TIEN GIANG TA/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

- (A) SEARCH AND CLEAR /2/5/4/4/3/0/0/18.
- (B) FIX AND DESTROY /0/0/0/1/0/0/0/1.
- (C) CLEAR AND HOLD /2/0/0/0/1/0/0/3.
- (D) RECON /1/0/0/0/0/0/0/1.
- (E) SECURITY /0/0/1/0/0/0/0/1.
- (F) SEARCH AND RESCUE /0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0.
- (G) TOTAL /5/5/5/5/4/0/0/24.

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3. BATTALION DAYS OF OPERATIONS (TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS  
EMPLOYED IN OP-UNITS EQUATED TO BN BASE OF 3 RIFLE CO EQUIVALENT)  
READ IN NINE COLUMN; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/TIEN GIANG TA/  
CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND CLEAR /61/78/28/43/21/0/0/231.  
(B) FIX AND DESTROY /0/18/0/14/2/0/0/34.  
(C) CLEAR AND HOLD /86/0/44/0/117/0/0/247.  
(D) RECON /7/4/0/0/0/0/0/11.  
(E) SECURITY /0/0/3/10/0/0/0/13.  
(F) SEARCH AND RESCUE /0/0/1/0/0/0/0/1.  
(G) TOTAL /154/79/76/67/140/0/0/537.

4. BATTALION OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT:

I/1, II/7, III/5, IV/7, TIEN GIANG TA/5, CMD/0,  
RUNG SAT SP AREA/0, TOTAL 25.

5. BATTALION NIGHTS IN FIELD DURING COURSE OF OPERATIONS:

I/152, II/93, III/66, IV/30, TIEN GIANG TA/132, CMD/0,  
RUNG SAT SP AREA/0, TOTAL 273.

6. SMALL UNIT ACTIONS (LESS THAN 3 RIFLE CO EQUIVALENT)

READ IN NINE COLUMN; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/TIEN GIANG TA/  
CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) WITH DAY CONTACT /3/24/10/9/11/6/0/63.

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(B) WITH NIGHT CONTACT /0/4/3/5/5/4/0/21.

(C) WITHOUT CONTACT /1631/3322/2655/2755/2280/705/  
38/13386.

(D) TOTAL /1634/3350/2668/2769/2296/715/  
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ANNEX B

AIR OPERATIONS

TABLE I. AIR OPERATIONS MUNITIONS EXPENDITURES

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TYPE MUNITION/USAF/VNAF/USA/USMC

1000 GP/0/0/0/0.

750 GP/0/0/0/0.

500 GP/146/161/0/0.

250 GP/0/12/0/0.

100 GP/8/765/0/0.

260 FR/78/276/0/0.

220 FR/4/0/0/0.

120 FR/82/23/0/0.

100 WF/284/12/0/0.

NAPALM/217/18/0/0.

ROCKET/0/269/2354/0.

20 MM/18,249/29,020/0/0.

50 CAL/0/0/0/0.

7.62 MM/0/0/271,930/0.

TABLE II. AIR OPERATIONS CLAIMS

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TYPE TARGET/USAF/VNAF/USA/USMC

VC PERSONNEL 30/138/0.

STRUCTURES DESTROYED 2/102/100/0.

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STRUCTURES DAMAGED /0/13/0/0.  
SAMPANS DESTROYED 40/0/3/0.  
SAMPANS DAMAGED /0/0/0/0.

TABLE III. AIR SUPPORT TO NEW LIFE REGIONS AND OUTPOSTS  
READ IN SIX COLUMNS/CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/FLARESHIPS/  
FLARES/FIGHTERS

I/0/0/0/0/0.  
II/0/0/0/0/0.  
III/PHUOC TUY/1/2/1/2.  
III/BINH DUONG/0/2/0/0.  
III/TAY NINH/2/4/116/6.  
III/HAU NGHIA/1/1/53/0.  
III/BIEN HOA/1/1/29/6.  
IV/VINH BINH/4/9/667/8.  
IV/BA XUYEN/1/1/116/0.  
IV/PHONG DINH/4/6/325/6.  
IV/CHUONG TRIEM/1/1/49/0.  
IV/KIEN GIANG/1/1/26/0.  
IV/AN XUYEN/1/2/235/2.  
TG/DINH TUCNG/6/11/501/10.  
TG/KIEN TUCNG/2/3/146/2.  
GD/GIA DINH/1/2/34/0.

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TABLE IV. AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/DATE/TIME AIRCRAFT/COORDS/CORPS/REMARKS

USAF: 26 JUL/C-123/XT400250/III/ABR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

26 JUL/C-123/XT415250/III/ABR/2 HITS, NO INJURIES.

26 JUL/U-10B/WR750964/IV/PSW/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

30 JUL/U-10B/BS566392/II/PSW/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

30 JUL/A-1E/YT100220/III/ID/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

30 JUL/A-1E/XS265396/TG/CA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

1 AUG/A-1E/XT810710/III/ID/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

USA: 26 JUL/UH-1B/WR950627/IV/EA/1 HIT, MINOR DAMAGE.

26 JUL/UH-1B/WR140915/IV/EA/1 HIT, MINOR DAMAGE.

30 JUL/UH-1B/BH150225/III/ALR/2 US WIA, 1 HIT.

30 JUL/UH-1B/XT710200/III/CSL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES

30 JUL/AH-1B/XS265398/7TH DIV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

30 JUL/AH-1B/XT711188/III/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

30 JUL/AH-1B/XT623400/III/SF/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

31 JUL/JOV-1/XS235405/7TH DIV/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

1 AUG/AH-1B/XT715185/III/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

USMC: 28 JUL/UH-34D/YC991665/I /ALR/2 HITS, NO INJURIES.

TABLE V. AIRCRAFT STATES

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/SERVICE/TIME ACFT/AUTH/ASSIGN/AVAIL/

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USAF/T-28/0/3/0/0.

USAF/O-1F/22/19/19/0.

USAF/U-10B/4/4/4/0.

USAF/C-123/52/52/50.6/0.

USAF/C-47/7/7/8/0.

USAF/C-54/4/4/4/0.

USAF/A-1E/55/15/15/0.

USAF/R-RB-57/0/0/4.9/0.

USAF/RF-101/0/0/10/0.

USAF/U-3B/2/2/1.4/0.

USAF/F-100/0/0/8/0.

VNAF/A-1H/75/74/70/0.

VNAF/T-28B/25/26/5/0.

VNAF/O-1A/71/44/38/0.

VNAF/C-47D/48/31/27/0.

VNAF/RC-47D/3/3/3/0.

VNAF/RT-28/18/18/14/0.

VNAF/EC-47D/1/1/1/0.

VNAF/U-17A/25/25/25/0.

VNAF/U-6A/9/8/8/0.

VNAF/H-34/80/54/50/0.

USA/UH-1B/197/195/150.

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USA/GV-2B/16/16/11.

USA/JOV-1/6/6/4.

USA/O-1F/58/48/42.

USA/U-1A/26/26/22.

USA/CH-37/6/6/6.

USA/U-6/15/15/NA.

USA/U-8/9/9/6.

USMC/UH-34/24/24/23.

USMC/O-1B/3/3/3.

USMC/C-117/1/1/1.

TABLE VI. SUMMARY OF AIR ACTIVITY, TASKS, SORTIES, TONS/CARGO, PASSENGERS, AND TOTAL FLYING HOURS.

USAF: 13-AA, 3-ABA, 69-ABR, 6-AC, 482-AIR, 28-CA, 2-CSL, 17-EA, 4-EC, 20-FL, 47-ID, 133-PR, 13-PSW, 1-N, 57-A, 141-T, 1636 TASKS, 929 SORTIES, 969 TONS/CARGO, 3156 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1205.

VNAF: 11-AA, 54-AC, 150-AIR, 8-AR, 74-CA, 4-COB, 2-CSL, 18-EA, 11-EC, 2-ER, 2-ES, 14-ET, 18-FL, 36-FAC, 106-ID, 9-PR, 18-TAE, 2-VR, 127-T, 666 TASKS, 607 SORTIES, 41.3 TONS/CARGO, 717 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1251.

USA R/W: 56-AE, 11-AGA, 8-ACP, 4-ABR, 1-AIR, 69-ALA, 133-AIR, 13-COB, 580-OSL, 109-CL, 275-EA, 48-PSW, 33-ER,

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161-SF, 28-TAE, 121-VR, 1650 TASKS, 4297 SORTIES, 122.9 TONS,  
5892 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1917.6.

USA F/W: 2-AE, 1-AGA, 5-ABR, 86-ALR, 1-AR, 25-ART, 55-COB,  
249-CSL, 301-CL, 6-EA, 10-PR, 5-PSW, 34-RR, 2-SAR, 11-SF,  
3-TAE, 203-VR, 999 TASKS, 1434 SORTIES, 178.0 TONS, 2713 PAX,  
TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1184.9.

USMC R/W: 7-AE, 3-ALA, 61-ALR, 132-CSL, 37-CL, 12-EA,  
4-SAR, 12-SF, 20-TAE, 28-VR, 316 TASKS, 872 SORTIES, 33.4 TONS,  
1440 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 365.2.

USMC F/W: 2-RR, 17-VR, 19 TASKS, 96 SORTIES, TOTAL FLYING  
HOURS 44.8.

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ANNEX C: (VNN OPERATIONS DATA)

	<u>SEA</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>REVERA</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>COASTAL</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>ICD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>2CD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>3CD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>4CD</u>
TABLE I UTILIZATION (DAILY AVERAGE)							
TOTAL ASN	44	152	555	113	178	119	145
TOTAL AVL (AVG)	33	113	384	84	135	78	87
TOTAL EMP (AVG)	23	88	218	55	84	25	54

TABLE II EMPLOYMENT (DAILY AVERAGE)

CBT SPT	0	21	0	0	0	0	0
SEA PTL	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIV PTL	4	38	0	0	0	0	0
CSTL SURVL	6	0	218	55	84	25	54
CONVOY SCTY	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
PROV SPT	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
STAT DEF	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
LOG SPT	8	2	0	0	0	0	0
TNG	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	2	5	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE III SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

JUNKS SEARCHED	288	23	4082	1343	1744	538	457
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PERSONS SEARCHED	1013	76	17662	6493	6957	2257	1955
JUNKS DETAINED	4	0	2	0	0	2	0
PERSONS DETAINED	12	0	35	24	3	8	0
CONFIRMED VC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE IV LOGISTICS (TOTALS)

RICE (TONS)	0
POL (TONS)	0
AMMO (TONS)	1154
VEHICLES (NR)	23
PEOPLE (NR)	1378
GEN CARGO (TONS)	192

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ANNEX D - (C) - VC INCIDENTS

(READ IN 8 COLUMNS: CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/TERRORISM/SABOTAGE/  
PROPAGANDA/AA FIRE/TOTAL)

I/TOTAL/0/68/3/21/3/95

I/1 DIV/0/44/3/17/1/65

I/QUANG TRI/0/19/0/9/0/28

I/THUA THIEN/0/25/3/8/1/37

I/2 DIV/0/24/0/4/2/30

I/QUANG NAM/0/17/0/4/1/22

I/QUANG TIN/0/7/0/0/1/8

II/TOTAL/5/106/7/10/3/131

II/25 DIV/1/50/1/1/2/55

II/QUANG NGAI/0/18/1/0/2/21

II/BINH DINH/1/32/0/1/0/34

II/22 DIV/1/29/3/6/1/40

II/KONTUM/0/2/0/1/0/3

II/PHU BON/0/4/0/3/1/8

II/PIEIKU/1/23/3/2/0/29

II/23 DIV/3/27/3/3/0/36

II/DARLAC/0/14/0/0/0/14

II/KHANH HOA/0/1/0/0/0/1

II/NINH THUAN/0/0/0/0/0/0

II/PHU YEN/3/12/3/1/0/19

II/QUANG DUC/0/0/0/2/0/2

II/TUYEN DUC/0/0/0/0/0/0

III/TOTAL/12/78/11/13/20/134

III/BL SZ/1/8/1/4/7/21

III/BINH THUAN/1/2/1/2/4/10

III/BINH TUY/0/2/0/0/2/4

III/LAM DONG/0/1/0/2/0/3

III/LONG KHANH/0/3/0/0/1/4

III/PET SZ/0/16/0/7/1/24

III/BINH LONG/0/12/0/3/0/15

III/PHUOC LONG/0/2/0/2/0/4

III/PHUOC THANH/0/2/0/2/1/5

III/PB SZ/0/7/2/0/1/10

III/BIEN HOA/0/2/2/0/1/5

III/PHUOC TUY/0/5/0/0/0/5

III/5 DIV/11/47/8/2/11/79

III/BINH DUONG/3/21/5/1/7/37

III/HAU NGHIA/6/6/2/0/0/14

III/TAY NINH/1/11/1/1/1/15

QMD/GIA DINH/1/9/0/0/3/13

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<u>RUNG SAT/BIEN HOA/0/1/0/0/0/1</u>	IV/KIEN PHONG/1/3/1/0/0/5
<u>TG/TOTAL/8/98/45/1/19/171</u>	IV/VINH BINH/2/13/0/0/7/22
TG/DINH TUONG/5/46/22/11/84	IV/VINH LONG/0/5/0/0/4/9
TG/GO CONG/1/10/7/0/1/19	IV/21 DIV/2/10/9/2/11/64
TG/KIEN HOA/2/20/6/1/5/34	IV/AN XUYEN/2/6/0/1/1/10
TG/KIEN TUONG/0/5/4/0/1/10	IV/BA XUYEN/0/1/3/1/4/9
TG/LONG AN/0/17/6/0/1/24	IV/CHUONG THIEN/0/8/2/0/1/11
<u>IV/TOTAL/7/64/10/3/23/107</u>	IV/KIEN GIANG/0/9/1/0/4/14
IV/9 DIV/5/24/1/1/12/43	IV/PHONG DINH/0/16/3/0/1/20
IV/AN GIANG/2/3/0/1/1/7	
<u>COUNTRY TOTAL/32/415/76/48/68/639</u>	

NOTE: BIEN HOA PROVINCE DIVIDED BETWEEN PHUOC BIEN SPECIAL  
ZONE (III CORPS) AND RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA (VNN).

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ANNEX E (STATISTICAL DATA/RVN AND VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES)

1. RVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES

A. PERSONNEL LOSSES (READ IN 9 COLS AS TITLED I/II/III/

IV CORPS/TIEN GIANG TA/CMD/HUNG SAT SA/TOTAL.

(1) REGULAR: KIA /2/8/50/10/0/4/0/74.

WIA /8/11/88/45/7/3/0/162.

MIA-CPTR /0/0/31/0/0/0/0/31.

(2) RF: KIA /0/1/29/3/2/1/0/36.

WIA /4/8/28/17/5/2/0/64.

MIA-CPTR /0/0/2/0/1/0/0/3.

(3) PF: KIA /3/5/15/2/10/1/0/36.

WIA /10/24/21/9/15/3/0/82.

MIA-CPTR /0/21/0/1/0/0/0/22.

(4) OTHER: KIA /0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0.

WIA /0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0.

MIA-CPTR /0/0/0/0/0/0/0/0.

(5) TOTAL: 510 (146 KIA, 308 WIA, 56 MIA-CPTR).

B. WEAPON LOSSES: TOTAL: 160; PISTOLS/CARBINES/RIFLES 145,  
AUTOMATIC RIFLES 8, CAL 30 MACHINE GUNS 4, CAL 50 MACHINE GUN 1,  
1 CANNON 75MM DAMAGED, MORTARS 60MM 1. BY AREAS: I/0, II/54,  
III/90, IV CORPS/9, TIEN GIANG TA/5, CMD/2, HUNG SAT SE AREA/0.

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2. VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPONS LOSSES 26 JULY - 01 AUGUST 1964.

(READ IN 8 COLUMNS: I/II/III/IV CORPS/TIEN GIANG/CMD/RUNG  
SAT/TOTAL)

A. CASUALTIES:

KIA 0/76/22/23/51/13/1/186

CPTD 1/20/2/2/38/1/0/64

B. WEAPONS:

INDIVIDUAL: 12/14/13/4/6/2/0/51

CREW SERVED: NONE

C. RADIOS: NONE

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**ANNEX F (CRITICAL PROVINCES)**

READ ALL TABULATIONS IN 14 COLUMNS: ~~AS~~ TUNG/BIEN DUONG/BIEN  
TUONG/GO CONG/HAN HUU/LA/KIEN HOA/KIEN TUONG/LANG AN/TAY NINH/AN XUYEN/  
CHUONG THIEP/QUANG TIN/QUANG NGAI/BIEN BINH/PHUOC THANH.

- (A) COMP OF APPR/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/36/c.
- (B) POP IN COMPL/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/37/c.
- (C) POP IN V CONSTR/c/c/c/c/c/c/10/c/c/c/c/61/c.
- (D) SH W SCH/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (E) SH W DISP/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (F) ONE SELF-HELP PROJ/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (G) TWO SELF-HELP PROJ/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (H) SH MIL TNG/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/59/c.
- (I) SH MIL ARM/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (J) W AUTH SCUD/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (K) ABS SH/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.
- (L) W REINF CPRL/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c/c.

NOTE A: GO CONG INCLUDED WITH BIEN TUONG  
NOTE B: NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE  
NOTE C: NO CHANGE