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PERIOD COVERED: 311601Z OCTOBER TO 071600Z NOVEMBER 1964

1. (S) GENERAL:

A. (S) THE WEEK OPENED WITH A DAMAGING MORTAR ASSAULT ON BIEN HOA AIRFIELD DURING THE EARLY HOURS ON 1 NOVEMBER. DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK THERE WAS AN OVERALL INCREASE IN THE TEMPO AND INTENSITY OF VIET CONG ACTIVITY AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS WEEK. THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO PLACE PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE. MAIN ROADS WERE GENERALLY OPEN EXCEPT FOR HIGHWAY 1 IN II CTZ. ALTHOUGH RAIL SABOTAGE DECLINED FOR THE THIRD SUCCESSION WEEK, THE NATIONAL RAILROAD WAS STILL IMPASSABLE IN II CTZ BECAUSE OF ENEMY SABOTAGE IN LATE OCTOBER.

B. (S) MAJOR GROUND OPERATIONS INCREASED SLIGHTLY DURING THE PERIOD, BUT CONTACTS DECREASED. SMALL UNIT ACTIONS SHOWED A MARKED DECLINE IN NUMBER AND IN VC CONTACTS. IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, OPERATION DAN CHI 84 UTILIZED AN EAGLE FLIGHT WITH A RANGER BATTALION TO INFLICT HEAVY LOSSES ON A VC FORCE THAT HAD ATTACKED A POPULAR FORCE POST. FINAL RESULTS WERE 56 VC

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KIA, PLUS PILOT REPORTS OF AN ADDITIONAL 100 VC KIA. ARVN CAPTURED ONE VC, A 60 MM MORTAR AND 25 WEAPONS. ARVN LOSSES WERE ONE KIA AND 25 MIA.

ONE RVNAF REGIMENT AND EIGHT BATTALIONS (TWO INFANTRY, FIVE RANGER, AND ONE MARINE) ARE CURRENTLY RATED NOT COMBAT EFFECTIVE BY SENIOR ADVISORS. THIS COMPARES WITH ONE REGIMENT AND TEN BATTALIONS SO RATED LAST WEEK.

AIR ACTIVITY DECREASED SLIGHTLY FROM LAST WEEK WITH PART OF THE DECREASE BEING CAUSED BY ADVERSE WEATHER IN THE NORTHERN HALF OF THE COUNTRY. BASED ON AGENTS REPORTS OF CONCENTRATIONS OF APPROXIMATELY 600 VC, TWO AIR STRIKES, ONE INVOLVING 24 A-1H AND 8 A-1E, AND THE OTHER 26 A-1H, WERE CONDUCTED ON 7 NOVEMBER ON TARGETS IN PHUOC THANH PROVINCE (ZONE D). AGENTS REPORTS INDICATE THAT VC CASUALTIES FROM THE FIRST STRIKE WERE MANY. NO RESULTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE SECOND STRIKE.

ARMY AVIATION ACTIVITIES DECREASED FROM THE RECORD LEVELS ESTABLISHED IN THE PRECEDING TWO PERIODS. THE NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT HIT BY GROUND FIRE INCREASED, AND ONE ARMED UH-1B WAS SHOT DOWN AND ONE O-1F HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 061800H NOVEMBER. AVIATION ASSETS IN THE IV CTZ CONTINUED TO BE EMPLOYED LARGELY IN MASS IN CONNECTION WITH AIR LANDED ASSAULTS WHILE AIRCRAFT IN OTHER CTZ WERE COMMITTED MOSTLY TO INDIVIDUAL

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UNITS AND SMALL UNIT SUPPORT MISSIONS.

US MARINE AVIATION ACTIVITY REMAINED THE SAME AS THE PREVIOUS WEEK. ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS CAUSED THE CURTAILMENT OF ALL OPERATIONS FOR TWO DAYS. SUPPORT RENDERED TO I CORPS CONSISTED PRIMARILY OF AIRLANDED RESUPPLY AND TACTICAL AERO-MEDICAL EVACUATION MISSIONS.

THE COASTAL FORCE INSTALLATION AT QUI NHON WAS HEAVILY DAMAGED BY TYPHOON IRIS ON 4 NOVEMBER WITH 24 JUNKS SUNK, THE LST RAMP AND JUNK PIER DESTROYED, THE REPAIR FACILITY BLOWN DOWN, AND FIVE JUNKMEN INJURED.

PACIFICATION ACTIVITIES CONTINUED AT THE SAME SLUGGISH PACE. THROUGHOUT THE NATION, THE MINOR GAINS RECORDED IN SOME AREAS WERE OFFSET BY GVN INACTIVITY AND VC INCIDENTS IN OTHER AREAS, AND BY ONE NATURAL DISASTER. THE I CORPS PLAN FOR THE REPACIFICATION OF THE LOWLANDS IS STILL IN THE FORMULATIVE STAGES, WITH NO SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS ANTICIPATED UNTIL OPERATIONS ALONG HIGHWAY 1 ARE ACCELERATED. ASSESSMENT OF THE CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE CAUSED BY THE WIND AND TORRENTIAL RAINS OF TYPHOON IRIS ALONG THE COASTAL AREAS FROM BINH DINH NORTHWARD TO QUANG NAM IS CONTINUING. THE CITY OF QUI NHON IN BINH DINH APPEARS TO HAVE SUFFERED THE MOST DAMAGE, WITH 85 PERCENT OF THE LOCAL JUNKS REPORTED SUNK, 25 PERCENT OF THE ROOF TILES BLOWN OFF, AND MOST OF THE WINDOWS BROKEN. IN BINH DINH ALSO, THE VC KIDNAPPED 400

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PEOPLE, REPORTEDLY FOR USE AS LABORERS. IN III CORPS OUTSIDE THE HOP TAC AREA, PACIFICATION OPERATIONS CONTINUED TO PROGRESS GENERALLY ON SCHEDULE EXCEPT IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE. HERE, THE VC BURNED ONE HAMLET TO THE GROUND AND ABDUCTED ABOUT ONE FOURTH OF THE PEOPLE. IN ANOTHER HAMLET THE VC BURNED THE SCHOOL, DISPENSARY, AND INFORMATION CENTER.

THE ASSISTANT FOR CIVIL AFFAIRS ON THE HOP TAC COUNCIL, A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR, BEGAN WORKING ON A FULL TIME BASIS DURING THE WEEK; THE ASSISTANT FOR POLICE AFFAIRS, A RANKING MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, WAS NAMED. THIS FILLS OUT THE HOP TAC COUNCIL WHICH IS PROVING TO BE AN EFFECTIVE MECHANISM FOR PROGRESS.

OF THE 27 COMBAT BATTALIONS NOW AVAILABLE IN HOP TAC, EIGHT BATTALIONS ARE INVOLVED IN SECURING ACTIVITIES WHILE EIGHT ARE ENGAGED IN CLEARING OPERATIONS. THE REMAINING BATTALIONS CONDUCTED 13 BATTALION SIZE AND THREE REGIMENTAL SIZE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS, A SIZEABLE INCREASE OVER LAST WEEK. THESE AND OTHER ACTIONS RESULTED IN MORE THAN 100 VC KILLED IN THE HOP TAC AREA.

PACIFICATION ACTIVITY IN HAMLETS IS GRADUALLY INCREASING. FOR EXAMPLE, 12 HAMLETS WERE "COMPLETED" AND PACIFICATION BEGAN IN 17 OTHERS DURING THE WEEK.

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2. (S) FRIENDLY:

A. (S) SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS:

(1) BACH DANG 4/48 WAS A SEARCH/DESTROY OPERATION INITIATED 300700H OCT IN PHUOC THANH PROVINCE. THE 48TH REGT WAS THE CONTROL HEADQUARTERS. THE AREA OF THE OPERATION WAS APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF TAN UYEN.

THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER RECEIVED INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT INDICATED A VC BUILD UP IN THE AREA. ELEMENTS OF THE TAN UYEN LOCAL FORCE VC PLATOON AND A VC GUERRILLA PLAT HAD BEEN REPORTED IN THE SAME GENERAL VICINITY.

THE FRIENDLY FORCES CONSISTED OF TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS AND A RANGER BATTALION, SUPPORTED BY TWO PLATOONS OF 105 HOWITZERS. A PLATOON OF ARMED UH-1B HELICOPTERS PROVIDED AVIATION SUPPORT.

THE SCHEME OF MANEUVER WAS TO USE THE RANGER BATTALION AS A BLOCKING FORCE ON THE NORTHERN FLANK AND USE THE TWO INFANTRY BATTALIONS AS A SEARCHING FORCE MOVING NORTH ALONG THE AXIS OF THE THU DAU MOT - PHUOC HOA ROAD.

THE OPERATION PROCEEDED AS PLANNED WITH NO VC CONTACT MADE BY ANY UNIT DURING THE MORNING OF THE FIRST DAY. IN THE AFTERNOON, HOWEVER, THE SUPPORTING HELICOPTERS WERE FIRED UPON FROM A POSITION JUST WEST OF ONE OF THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS. THE HELICOPTERS RETURNED FIRE AND RELAYED THE LOCATION TO THE

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GROUND UNIT. THE BATTALION SHIFTED TO THE WEST AND AT XT858324 RECEIVED FIRE FROM THE VC. THE UNIT ATTACKED THE POSITION AND KILLED TWO AND CAPTURED FOUR VC. ON FURTHER INSPECTION THE AREA WAS FOUND TO BE A HUGE VC SUPPLY DUMP. THE FRIENDLY FORCES SECURED THE AREA AND CONTINUED THEIR SEARCH MISSION WITH NO FURTHER VC CONTACT. THE OPERATION TERMINATED 311800H OCT.

THE FINAL RESULTS REFLECTED NO FRIENDLY LOSSES AND TWO VC KILLED AND FOUR CAPTURED. THE GREATEST VC LOSS WAS THE SUPPLY DUMP WHICH ARVN REPORTED AS CONTAINING 120 TONS OF RICE (US FORCES ESTIMATED THE RICE TO BE NEARER 100 TONS), 3000 METERS OF CLOTH, 200 M-16 MINES, 100 GRENADES, 100 KNIVES, 200 KILOS OF SOAP AND 2000 ASSORTED BATTERIES. ALL OF THESE SUPPLIES WERE EVACUATED OR DESTROYED IN PLACE.

THE OPERATION WAS PLANNED AND EXECUTED WITH THE AID OF TIMELY AND ACCURATE INTELLIGENCE. THE LOSS OF SUPPLIES REPRESENTS A SERIOUS BLOW TO THE VC IN THE AREA.

(2) SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION DAN CHI 84 WAS INITIATED 020700H NOV IN AN XUYEN PROVINCE, IV CTZ, UNDER CONTROL OF THE 21ST DIV. THE MISSION WAS TO LOCATE AND DESTROY THE VC FORCES WHICH HAD BEEN INTERFERING WITH THE RIVER AND CANAL TRAFFIC FROM CAMAU (WR160150) TO NAM CAN (VQ990685). INTELLIGENCE SOURCES INDICATED THE 306TH MAIN FORCE VC BN, THE U MINH 2 LOCAL FORCE VC BN, AND THE DAM DOI LOCAL FORCE VC CO, WITH AN AGGREGATE

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STRENGTH OF 700 MEN, WERE LOCATED IN THE OPERATIONAL AREA. A CONCURRENT MISSION WAS TO CLEAR THE BAY HAP RIVER AND CANAL ROUTE FROM CAMAU SOUTH TO NAM CAN (VQ990685), SO THAT BOATS COULD MOVE CHARCOAL AND SUPPLIES DOWN THE RIVER.

THE FRIENDLY FORCES WERE THE 2D BN, 32D REGT; THE 1ST AND 3D BNS, 33D REGT; AND A REGIONAL FORCE COMPANY. A PLATOON OF 155 HOWITZERS PROVIDED ARTILLERY SUPPORT. A COMPOSITE NAVAL FORCE OF SEVEN BOATS FROM THE IV NAVAL ZONE PARTICIPATED IN THE OPERATION. US ARMY HELICOPTERS, VNAF A-1H, AND O-1F FORWARD AIR CONTROL AIRCRAFT FURNISHED AIR SUPPORT. THE 44TH RANGER BN, DESIGNATED AS AN EAGLE FLIGHT ON STANDBY, WAS IN RESERVE NEAR CAMAU.

THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS CALLED FOR THE MOVEMENT SOUTH FROM CAMAU, USING THE BAY HAP RIVER AS AN AXIS OF ADVANCE. THE OPERATION WAS TO TAKE FOUR DAYS TO REACH THE VICINITY OF NAM CAN.

D DAY -1 WAS USED FOR POSITIONING TROOPS. THE OPERATION COMMENCED AS PLANNED ON THE MORNING OF 2 NOV, WITH THE TWO BATTALIONS OF THE 33D REGT MOVING SOUTH ALONG THE BAY HAP RIVER, AND THE BATTALION OF THE 32D REGT MOVING SOUTH ON A PARALLEL ROUTE TO THE EAST. THERE WAS NO CONTACT ON THE FIRST DAY. AT 031230H NOV, THE 2D BN, 32D REGT, MADE LIGHT CONTACT WITH THE VC ABOUT 25 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF CAMAU. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE 6 WIA; VC LOSSES WERE UNKNOWN.

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THE MAJOR CONTACT OCCURRED LATER THE SAME DAY AT 1430H. THIS CONTACT WAS DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE VC HARASSMENT OF KHAI QUANG POST (WR140290), ABOUT 20 KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF CAMAU, WHICH WAS OUTSIDE OF THE AREA OF OPERATIONS. A MEDICAL EVACUATION HELICOPTER, ESCORTED BY TWO ARMED HELICOPTERS, WAS SENT TO EVACUATE WOUNDED. THE HELICOPTERS WERE FIRED ON AND THE ARMED HELICOPTERS RETURNED THE FIRE. IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THERE WAS A LARGE VC FORCE IN THE AREA AND THE EAGLE FLIGHT, STANDING BY AT CAMAU, WAS SENT TO KHAI QUANG POST AT 1400H.

A FORCE OF 56 RANGERS FROM THE 44TH BN LANDED 300 METERS EAST OF THE POST, BETWEEN TWO ELEMENTS OF AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY. ONE GROUP WAS DUG IN ALONG A CANAL (WRO30295), AND ANOTHER GROUP WAS IN THE WOODS TO THE SOUTH. AS THE RANGERS LANDED, SOME OF THE VC LEFT THEIR POSITIONS AND STARTED TO WITHDRAW. THE RANGERS KILLED 15 WITH THEIR INITIAL BURSTS OF FIRE. THE REMAINDER OF THE VC STAYED IN THEIR FOXHOLES ALONG A NORTH-SOUTH CANAL WHICH WAS EAST OF THE POST. THE VC IN THE WOODS TO THE SOUTH WERE SUBJECTED TO SUPPRESSIVE FIRE BY THE ARMED HELICOPTERS. THE TRANSPORT HELICOPTERS WERE AUGMENTED BY ADDITIONAL HELICOPTERS AND LIFTED IN TWO MORE FORCES OF RANGERS, BETWEEN 1700H AND 1800H, BRINGING THE TOTAL FRIENDLY FORCE TO 272. THE RANGERS THEN PROCEEDED TO MOVE ALONG THE LINE OF VC POSITIONS, ELIMINATING THEM ONE BY ONE. FRIENDLY FORCES

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SEARCHED THE AREA FOR ANY REMAINING VC UNTIL 2000 HOURS. NO FURTHER CONTACT WAS MADE. AMBUSH PATROLS WERE SET UP DURING THE NIGHT. THESE PATROLS MADE LIGHT CONTACT KILLING SEVERAL VC STRAGGLERS.

IN THIS ONE ENGAGEMENT, THE VC SUFFERED LOSSES OF 56 KIA (ALL 56 SEEN BY US ADVISORS), 1 CAPTIVE, ONE 60 MM MORTAR, AND 26 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. IN ADDITION, PILOTS REPORTED AN ESTIMATED 100 VC KIA BY SUPPRESSIVE FIRES OF THE HELICOPTERS.

NO OTHER CONTACT OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE OCCURRED AS THE INFANTRY BATTALIONS MOVED SOUTHWARD TOWARD NAM CAN. ARVN FORCES SUFFERED A FEW WOUNDED FROM BOOBY TRAPS WHILE ENROUTE. THE OPERATION CONTINUES WITH NO FURTHER CONTACT BEING REPORTED.

ANALYSIS OF THE OPERATION TO DATE REVEALS THE EXCELLENT RESULTS MADE POSSIBLE BY ADVANCE PLANNING FOR, AND TIMELY USE OF, A QUICK REACTION RESERVE FORCE. THE DECISION TO QUICKLY COMMIT THE RESERVE AGAINST AN ENEMY CONCENTRATION ADJACENT TO THE PLANNED OPERATIONAL AREA SHOWS DECISIVENESS AND AGGRESSIVENESS ON THE PART OF THE COMMANDER. THE 44TH RANGER BN WAS HIGHLY PRAISED FOR ITS ACTION IN THE OPERATION.

THIS OPERATION AGAIN DEMONSTRATES THE SUCCESS GAINED THROUGH THE USE OF AN EFFECTIVE GROUND UNIT SUPPORTED BY HELICOPTERS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "EAGLE FLIGHT" TECHNIQUES.

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

(1) LARGE AND SMALL UNIT OPERATIONS:

(A) ARVN GROUND OPERATIONS EMPLOYING FORCES OF THREE RIFLE COMPANIES OR LARGER INCREASED FROM LAST WEEK'S FIGURE OF 61 TO 64. OF THESE OPERATIONS, 26 RESULTED IN ONE OR MORE CONTACTS. I CORPS HAD 9 CONTACTS, IV CORPS 7, III CORPS 6, II CORPS 3, AND CMD 1. BATTALION DAYS OF OPERATION TOTALED 442, A DECREASE FROM THE 462 REPORTED LAST WEEK. CONTACTS DECREASED FROM 27 TO 26.

(2) NIGHT OPERATIONS:

(A) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT DECREASED FROM 30 TO 29.

(B) THE NUMBER OF SMALL UNIT ACTIONS WITH CONTACT AT NIGHT DECREASED FROM 20 TO 16.

C. (C) SUMMARY OF AIR OPERATIONS.

(1) VNAF: VNAF AIR ACTIVITY WAS CONDUCTED AT A REDUCED LEVEL DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE NUMBER OF INTERDICTION MISSIONS FLOWN. THIS CATEGORY SHOWED A MODERATE INCREASE. POOR WEATHER CONDITIONS ASSOCIATED WITH A TROPICAL STORM CURTAILED AIR ACTIVITY IN I AND II CTZ ON THURSDAY, 5 NOV. THE MAJORITY OF THE COMBAT SORTIES WERE ALLOTTED TO III AND IV CTZ. TRAINING SORTIES SHOWED A MARKED DECREASE. ONLY ONE AIRCRAFT, AN A-1H, WAS HIT BY ENEMY GROUND

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FIRE. MINOR DAMAGE WAS SUSTAINED AND NO INJURIES INCURRED. ONE U-17 CRASHED APPROXIMATELY 500 METERS EAST OF TROC GIANG AIRFIELD, XS550320, AT 071145H NOV DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE. ONE VNAF CREW MEMBER FATALLY INJURED AND ONE VNAF CREW MEMBER SLIGHTLY INJURED. AIRCRAFT WAS TOTALLY DESTROYED. TWELVE A-1H AIRCRAFT FLEW CLOSE SUPPORT AIR STRIKES IN DEFENSE OF BIEN HOA AIRBASE DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF 1 NOV. TWO C-47 FLARESHIPS ALSO SUPPORTED THE AIRBASE, DROPPING 50 FLARES. FOR DAMAGE INCURRED BY VC SHELLING OF BIEN HOA AIRBASE SEE PARA 3A(4) BELOW. BETWEEN 070155H AND 071126H NOV VNAF A-1H FIGHTER BOMBERS FLEW A TOTAL OF 45 ID SORTIES AGAINST VC CONCENTRATIONS IN ZONE D. A TOTAL OF 82 TONS OF GP AND FRAGMENTATION BOMBS AND 1000 ROUNDS OF 20 MM WERE EXPENDED. PILOT REPORTS TARGET AREA OBSCURED BY DARKNESS AND TREES.

(2) USAF: USAF AIR ACTIVITY DECREASED SLIGHTLY IN THE NUMBER OF SORTIES AND HOURS FLOWN; HOWEVER, DEFOLIATION AND PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE SORTIES SHOWED A MARKED INCREASE. TRAINING SORTIES CONTINUED AT THE SAME RATE. DESPITE THE INCREASE IN DEFOLIATION ACTIVITY, NO C-123 AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED HIT BY ENEMY GROUND

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FIRE. THIS IS SIGNIFICANT WHEN COMPARED WITH PREVIOUS REPORTS. ONE RF-101, ONE C-47, AND ONE A-1E RECEIVED SLIGHT BATTLE DAMAGE FROM GROUND FIRE. THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL INJURIES. ONE O-1F CRASHED APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES EAST OF LONG THANH, YB357500, AT 071733H NOV DUE TO ENGINE FAILURE. AIRCRAFT WAS A TOTAL LOSS. ONE USAF CREW MEMBER RECEIVED MINOR INJURIES. SIX A-1E AIRCRAFT FLEW CLOSE AIR STRIKES IN DEFENSE OF BIEN HOA AIRBASE FROM 011050H NOV TO 010710H NOV. ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED UNDER PAC DIRECTION. ONE C-123 FLARESHIP DROPPED 230 FLARES IN SUPPORT OF THIS ACTION. DAMAGE TO USAF AIRCRAFT INCURRED IN MORTAR SHELLING OF BIEN HOA AIRBASE IS COVERED IN PARA 3A(2) BELOW. EIGHT A-1E FIGHTER BOMBERS ASSISTED A VNAF INTERDICTION EFFORT IN ZONE D. BETWEEN 070220H AND 070226H NOV THESE AIRCRAFT DELIVERED 18.4 TONS OF GP AND WP BOMBS ON TARGETS VICINITY YT123288 AND YT115305. PILOTS REPORTED TARGETS OBSCURED BY DARKNESS.

(3) ARMY AVIATION:

(A) ARMY AVIATION ACTIVITIES DECREASED

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FROM THE PREVIOUS PERIOD. TWENTY EIGHT AIRCRAFT WERE HIT BY GROUND FIRE; TEN OF THEM DURING ONE AIR LANDED ASSAULT MISSION IN THE IV CTZ. ONE ARMED UH-1B WAS SHOT DOWN AND ONE O-1F HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE 061800H NOV. THE CREW MEMBERS OF THE ARMED UH-1B WERE RECOVERED UNINJURED. AIRBORNE ASSAULT MISSIONS CONTINUED TO DOMINATE THE EMPLOYMENT OF AVIATION ASSETS IN THE IV CTZ. IN OTHER CTZ SUPPORT WAS HEAVILY COMMITTED TO MISSIONS CONDUCTED BY INDIVIDUAL UNITS OR SMALL UNIT ACTIONS.

(B) DAN CHI 84. ON 3 NOV 13 TROOP CARRIER HELICOPTERS, TWO AERIAL COMMAND POST UH-1B, TWO UH-1B HELICOPTER AMBULANCES, ONE UH-1B AIRCRAFT RECOVERY HELICOPTER, TWO O-1F SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT, AND 11 ARMED UH-1B ESCORT HELICOPTERS, 13TH AVIATION BATTALION, STAGED AT CA MAU TO AIRLIFT ELEMENTS OF THE 44TH RANGER BATTALION INTO LANDING ZONES 20 KM NORTHWEST OF CAMAU, WRO30270. TEN HELICOPTERS WERE HIT BY GROUND FIRE FROM THE VICINITY OF THE LANDING ZONE. HELICOPTER CREWS RETURNED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE TO PROTECT TROOP CARRIER HELICOPTERS AND REPORTED 99 VC KIA. ON 4 NOV, THE SAME AIRCRAFT FORCE, AUGMENT BY FIVE ADDITIONAL UH-1B TROOP CARRIERS, SUPPORTED THE OPERATION

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BY AIRLIFTING THE 44TH RANGER BN FROM THE LANDING ZONE TO CAMAU. GROUND FIRE AT THE LANDING ZONE WAS LESS INTENSE THAN THE PREVIOUS DAY, AND NO AIRCRAFT WERE HIT. CREWS DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AND REPORTED EIGHT VC KIA.

(C) THE 68TH AVIATION COMPANY SUPPORTED III CORPS WITH NUMEROUS VISUAL SURVEILLANCE AND HELICOPTER ESCORT MISSIONS DURING THE WEEK. ARMED HELICOPTERS WERE ENGAGED MAINLY IN THE THREE PROVINCES BORDERING THE CMD ON THE NORTH, WEST, AND SOUTH. HELICOPTER CREWS WERE TAKEN UNDER FIRE FROM 18 LOCATIONS IN THESE AREAS AND CLAIMED 99 VC KIA AND 42 STRUCTURES AND 5 SAMPANS DESTROYED BY THEIR SUPPRESSIVE FIRE.

(D) OPERATION LONG MY 14. TWENTY-FIVE TROOP CARRIER UH-1B HELICOPTERS, ESCORTED BY 11 ARMED UH-1B HELICOPTERS, 13TH AVIATION BATTALION, STAGED AT TRA VINH, XR460965, TO PERFORM MULTIPLE AIRLIFTS OF 790 TROOPS, ELEMENTS OF THE 43D RANGER BN, AND 2D BN OF THE 14TH REGT, INTO LANDING ZONES 30 KM SOUTHWEST OF TRA VINH. AIRLIFT COMMENCED AT 060725H NOV AND WAS COMPLETED AT 061115H NOV.

(E) THE 92D AVIATION CO, (GV-2B), COMPLETED ITS MOVE TO THE RVN AND IS LOCATED AT QUI NHON.

(F) BIEN HOA ACTION REPORT. AT 010025H NOV 64 BIEN HOA AIRFIELD WAS ATTACKED BY VC MORTAR FIRE. SOME MORTAR ROUNDS HIT IN THE VICINITY OF THE 116TH AVN CO TROOP BILLETTS, LOCATED ADJACENT TO THE PARKING RAMP. BEGINNING AT 0040H

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HELICOPTERS OF THE 118TH AVN BECAME AIRBORNE. ELEVEN UH-1B AND TWO ARMED UH-1B DEPARTED FOR TAN SON NHUT AIRFIELD. SIX ARMED UH-1B, 118TH AVN CO, DELIVERED SUPPRESSIVE FIRE AT A SUSPECTED VC POSITION ONE MILE NORTH OF BIEN HOA. TWO ARMED UH-1B, 68TH AVN CO, DEPARTED TAN SON NHUT AT 0050H TO SUPPORT III CORPS AT BIEN HOA, BUT RETURNED AT 0130H WITHOUT EXPENDING ORDNANCE. FIVE UH-1B, 118TH AVN CO, AND 4 UH-1B, 57 MED DET, PERFORMED AERO MEDICAL EVACUATION MISSIONS BETWEEN 0030H AND 0345H.

(4) USMC:

(A) ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS CONTINUED TO EFFECT MARINE OPERATIONS IN THE I CTZ. ON TWO DAYS, ALL ACTIVITY WAS CURTAILED BECAUSE OF UNFAVORABLE WEATHER. ON OTHER DAYS, MARINE AVIATION SUPPORT WAS DEVOTED LARGELY TO THE MOVEMENT OF TROOPS AND SUPPLIES, AND TO AERO-MEDICAL EVACUTATION MISSIONS.

(B) ON 3 NOV AT 1145H, 16 UH-34 MARINE HELICOPTERS AND TWO US ARMY ARMED UH-1B STAGED AT HUE CITADEL TO SUPPORT AN AIRLANDED ASSAULT BY A QUICK REACTION FORCE. TWO RANGER CO OF THE 1ST DIV WERE MOVED IN THREE LIFTS INTO TWO LANDING ZONES 12 KILOMETERS SOUTH OF HUE. HEAVY GROUND FIRE ISSUING FROM THE VICINITY OF THE LANDING ZONES FAILED TO DETER THE MISSION. ACTION TERMINATED AT 031455H NOV.

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D. SUMMARY OF NAVAL OPERATIONS.

(1) GENERAL:

ACTIVITY IN THE VNN CONTROLLED RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA REMAINED RELATIVELY HEAVY THIS WEEK AS VNN UNITS CONTINUED THEIR PATROL AND BOMBARDMENT MISSIONS IN THE AREA.

AT 022340H NOV PATROL UNITS OF THE 22D RAG ENCOUNTERED TWO VC IN A SMALL BOAT ON THE CA GAU AND ONG THIEN RIVERS. VNN PERSONNEL OPENED FIRE, AND BOTH VC WERE KILLED. BODIES AND WEAPONS FELL OVERBOARD AND WERE NOT RECOVERED. THE BOAT WAS SEIZED.

AT 040600H NOV, OPERATION RUNG SAT 63/64 WAS LAUNCHED AGAINST SUSPECTED VC LOCATIONS NEAR THANH THO HAMLET. THE OPERATION TERMINATED AT 041700H NOV WITH THREE VC KILLED AND THREE RIFLES SEIZED. ONE RF SOLDIER WAS KILLED IN THE OPERATION.

(2) SEA FORCE:

UNITS OF THE SEA FORCE CONTINUED PATROL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT MISSIONS DURING THE WEEK AND PARTICIPATED IN ONE COMBAT OPERATION; DB VUNG LIEM.

(3) RIVER FORCE:

RIVER FORCE UNITS CONTINUED PATROL MISSIONS DURING THE WEEK AND PARTICIPATED IN SEVEN COMBAT OPERATIONS; DAN CHI 84, RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA 62/64, 63/64, DN KIEN VAN, AN DAN 6/64,

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THANG LONG 23, AND AN BINH 42. ON 3 NOV UNITS OF THE 22D RAG ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC AT XS925640. RESULTS: NONE. ON 4 NOV, UNITS OF THE 24TH RAG ON PATROL ON THE SOI RAP RIVER ENGAGED AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC IN THE VICINITY OF DINH LO (XS916700). VC FIRED AR AND RIFLE FIRE BUT WITHDREW WHEN FIRE WAS RETURNED. RESULTS: NONE.

(4) COASTAL FORCE:

UNITS OF THE FORCE CONTINUED COASTAL SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS THROUGH THE WEEK.

(DELAYED REPORT) EFFECTIVE ON 28 OCT, THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD COASTAL DISTRICTS WERE ADJUSTED TO CONFORM TO RECENT CHANGES IN CORRESPONDING CTZ BOUNDARIES. THE CHANGE OF BOUNDARIES RESULTED IN SOME CHANGES IN JUNK DIVISION ASSIGNMENTS. JUNK DIVISION 20 AT CO LAY WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE FIRST COASTAL DISTRICT AND REDESIGNATED AS DIVISION 16. JUNK DIVISIONS 30 AND 31 AT PHAN THLET AND HAM TAN RESPECTIVELY WERE TRANSFERRED TO THE SECOND COASTAL DISTRICT. VNN ACCEPTED THREE MOTOR ONLY (KIEN GIANG) JUNKS BUILT UNDER GVN CONTRACT AT RACH GIA. THESE NEW JUNKS ARE ASSIGNED TO THE FOURTH COASTAL DISTRICT. THE NEW TOTALS OF JUNKS ASSIGNED TO EACH COASTAL DISTRICT ARE: FIRST - 130, SECOND - 205, THIRD - 74, AND FOURTH - 143.

AT 041130H NOV, THE EYE OF TYPHOON IRIS PASSED THROUGH QUI NHON IN BINH DINH PROVINCE AND CAUSED CONSIDERABLE

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**DAMAGE TO JUNKS AND JUNK DIVISION FACILITIES. TWENTY-FOUR COASTAL FORCE JUNKS WERE SUNK, THE LST RAMP WAS DESTROYED, JUNK PIERS WERE DESTROYED AND THE REPAIR FACILITY WAS REPORTEDLY BLOWN DOWN. APPROXIMATELY FIVE JUNKMEN WERE INJURED; NONE WERE KILLED. ADDITIONALLY, AN ESTIMATED 85% OF THE LOCAL JUNKS WERE SUNK. A VNM/USN TEAM WAS SENT TO SURVEY THE DAMAGE AND HAS REPORTED THAT NINE SAIL-ONLY JUNKS AND ONE MOTOR-SAIL JUNK ARE BEYOND ECONOMICAL REPAIR AND FOUR COMMAND JUNKS, 3 MOTOR-SAIL JUNKS AND SEVEN SAIL-ONLY JUNKS ARE CONSIDERED SALVAGEABLE. CHANGES TO THE INVENTORY OF JUNKS WILL BE EFFECTED AFTER COMPLETION OF FORMAL SURVEY PROCEEDINGS.**

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**IN I-CTZ, ACTIVE PATROLLING CONTINUES, WITH FEW VC/CIDG CONTACTS. WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE HAMPERED RESUPPLY AND MOVEMENT OF REPLACEMENT DETACHMENTS. A PATROL FROM KHE SANH (XD850375), 100 KM WEST OF HUE, ENGAGED A VIET CONG FORCE IN THEIR BIVOUAC AREA ON 31 OCT. THIS ENGAGEMENT RESULTED IN THE CAPTURING OF VC WEAPONS, FOOD, DOCUMENTS.**

**IN II CTZ UNREST DEVELOPED AT CAMP BUON BRIEN (AQ928562), 100 KM SOUTH OF PLEIKU, OVER THE RETURN OF VNSF TO THE CAMP. THE CIDG FORCES WERE INFORMED BY THE USSF DETACHMENT COMMANDER TO RETURN TO WORK OR THE USSF WOULD LEAVE THE CAMP. THE SITUATION IS STILL UNEASY AT THIS CAMP. ENEMY ACTIVITY WAS LIGHT THROUGHOUT**

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THE CORPS WITH NO PROBES OF CAMPS OR CONTACT WITH LARGE ENEMY FORCES.

IN III CTZ, CAMP BU GIA MAP (YU345375) AND BU DOP (XU973285), 135 KM NORTH OF SAIGON, CONDUCTED JOINT OPERATIONS 28 OCT - 4 NOV 64. THIS OPERATION RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF A VC REST AND TRAINING AREA, VICINITY YU192364. THESE TWO CAMPS ARE PLANNING A 30 DAY OPERATION TO BE CONDUCTED IN NEAR FUTURE.

IN IV CTZ, SIX OF THE SEVEN CAMPS REPORTED ENEMY CONTACT DURING THIS PERIOD. A DETACHMENT STAGING OUT OF MQC HOA (XS117) 70 KM NORTH OF CAN THO, HAS ESTABLISHED A FORWARD OPERATIONAL BASE AT LONG KHOT (WT925075), 100 KM NORTH OF CAN THO.

F. (S) CHANGES IN FRIENDLY FORCES:

(1) EFFECTIVE 5 NOV MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN KHANH WAS APPOINTED COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, RVNAF, BY PRIME MINISTER HUONG.

(2) SUB BRIGADIER GENERAL NGUYEN XUAN TRANG ARRIVED PLEIKU 3 NOV TO ASSUME DUTIES AS THE DEPUTY CG, II CORPS.

(3) REFERENCE MACV MILREP FOR PERIOD 171601Z TO 241600Z OCT 64, PARA 2F(2)(B) WHICH STATES SUB BRIGADIER GENERAL HUYNH VAN CAO: SHOULD READ: BRIGADIER GENERAL HUYNH VAN CAO.

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3. (C) **VC ACTIVITY**

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(1) **GENERAL:** THERE WAS A MODERATE INCREASE IN VC

INITIATED INCIDENTS IN THE TWO SOUTHERN CTZs WHILE ENEMY ACTIVITY IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS EXPERIENCED DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

ALTHOUGH THE WEEK OPENED WITH THE DRAMATIC ATTACK ON BIEN HOA AIRFIELD, THERE WAS ONLY A SLIGHT INCREASE IN INTENSITY WITH ONE LARGE SCALE ATTACK RECORDED. THE ENEMY CONTINUED TO PLACE PRIMARY RELIANCE ON TERRORISM, ESPECIALLY THE HARASSMENT OF POSTS AND HAMLETS, AND SABOTAGE OF LINES OF COMMUNICATION. VC SABOTAGE OF THE RAILROAD DECREASED FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK REACHING A LEVEL ONLY SLIGHTLY HIGHER THAN THAT IN AUGUST.

HOWEVER, NORMAL TRAFFIC IS STILL HALTED BETWEEN QUANG NGAI CITY AND QUI NHON BECAUSE OF SABOTAGE WHICH OCCURRED IN LATE OCTOBER.

AS OF 7 NOVEMBER A CONVOY OF TRAINS WHICH DEPARTED DA NANG ON 27 OCTOBER WAS HALTED 60 KILOMETERS NORTH OF QUI NHON WITH 13 TRACK CUTS IN FRONT OF THE CONVOY AND EIGHT BEHIND. TYPHOON

IRIS SLOWED RAIL REPAIR WORK. GENERALLY ROAD CONDITIONS WERE IMPROVED THIS WEEK; HOWEVER, THE COMBINATION OF VC SABOTAGE AND STORM DAMAGE CLOSED HIGHWAY 1 IN THE II CTZ. THE ABSENCE OF ANY SHARP INCREASE IN VC ACTIVITY THIS WEEK, AFTER TWO WEEKS OF UNUSUALLY LOW ACTIVITY, SUGGESTS THAT THE ENEMY IS HOLDING BACK, PERHAPS KEEPING A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE POLITICAL SCENE IN SAIGON.

ACTIVITY SHOULD INCREASE OVER THE NEXT TWO WEEKS, WITH A

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CONCURRENT RISE IN INTENSITY. WHILE A LIMITED NUMBER OF LARGER SCALE ATTACKS MAY OCCUR, THE ENEMY WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO DEVOTE MOST OF HIS EFFORT TO THE SLOW, GRINDING CAMPAIGN OF TERRORISM AND SABOTAGE WHICH HAS DOMINATED THE WAR IN RECENT MONTHS. THE VC MUST BE CONCEDED THE CAPABILITY OF PERPETRATING OTHER MAJOR INCIDENTS AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE ENEMY APPREHENSION THAT ANOTHER INCIDENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD LEAD TO U.S. RETALIATION AGAINST THE DRV. IN ADDITION, THE EXPECTATION THAT CURRENT SECURITY MEASURES WILL EVENTUALLY SLACKEN OFF, WOULD TEND TO DICTATE A PAUSE BEFORE LAUNCHING ANOTHER SPECTACULAR ATTACK AGAINST U.S. INSTALLATIONS.

(2) I CORPS: VC ACTIVITY IN THE I CTZ REMAINED AT ABOUT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST WEEK, WITH THE BULK OF THE REPORTED INCIDENTS BEING IN THE FORM OF HARASSING FIRE AGAINST HAMLET AND MILITARY TARGETS. ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST ROAD AND RAIL FACILITIES DECLINED. HAMLET ENTRY AND KIDNAPPING WERE FAIRLY COMMON, AND GENERALLY UNOPPOSED. IN QUANG TRI ON 2 NOV THREE AMERICAN ADVISORS WERE WOUNDED WHEN A TRUCK IN WHICH THEY WERE RIDING STRUCK A MINE. SIX FREIGHT CARS WERE DAMAGED ON 4 NOV IN QUANG NAM WHEN THE VC MINED AN ESCORTED PASSENGER TRAIN. THE VC FIRED 60MM MORTAR ROUNDS ON DIA LOI DISTRICT CAPITAL IN QUANG NAM ON 5 NOV WOUNDING TWO CIVILIANS. ON 4 NOV IN CENTRAL QUANG NAM, VC HARASSED FOUR PF PLATOONS ON AN OPERATION, RESULTING IN ONE PF BEING KILLED AND 45 PF, WITH THEIR WEAPONS, REPORTED AS MISSING. IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE ON 1 NOV, THE VC ATTACKED A

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VILLAGE OFFICE SIX KILOMETERS EAST OF HUE RESULTING IN SEVEN DEFENDERS KILLED, 11 WOUNDED, 16 MISSING, 27 WEAPONS AND ONE RADIO LOST. TWO RAILROAD MININGS WERE ALSO REPORTED IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE PROVINCE. THREE HARASSMENTS OF MILITARY POSTS IN QUANG NGAI INVOLVED THE USE OF EITHER 60MM MORTAR OR 57MM RECOILLESS RIFLES. A REPORT INDICATED THAT ON 1 NOV, VC IN ARVN UNIFORMS KIDNAPPED THREE POLICEMEN. VC INCIDENTS THUS FAR REPORTED WERE GENERALLY SCATTERED, SPECIFIC TRENDS OR PATTERNS CANNOT BE DEVELOPED.

(3) II CORPS: VC ACTIVITY WAS AT THE SAME RELATIVELY LOW LEVEL AS REPORTED LAST WEEK WITH THE BULK OF INCIDENTS OCCURRING IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. KONUM AND PLEIKU PROVINCES SHOWED AN INCREASE OVER LAST WEEK, BUT MOST OF THE MOUNTAIN PROVINCES WERE FREE OF VC INITIATED INCIDENTS. IN BINH DINH FOUR ACTS OF SABOTAGE AGAINST HIGHWAY ONE AND THE RAILROAD HAVE THUS FAR BEEN REPORTED. FENCE DESTRUCTION, KIDNAPPING AND OTHER TERRORISTIC ACTS ACCOUNTED FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE INCIDENTS. ON 2 NOV, AT CU TAI HAMLET, IN THE NORTHEAST PORTION OF THE PROVINCE, THE LOCAL MILITIA RESISTED VC ENTRY ATTEMPTS; HOWEVER, THE VC SUCCEEDED IN KILLING FOUR DEFENDERS AND KIDNAPPING FOUR CIVILIANS. ON 5-6 NOV TWO HAMLETS DEFENDED BY 2 PF PLATOONS IN CENTRAL BINH DINH WERE INFILTRATED. REPORTED LOSSES WERE: 11 KILLED, 22 WOUNDED AND 76 WEAPONS LOST. THE MINING OF A DRAINAGE SYSTEM ON 6 NOV, RESULTED IN THE FLOODING OF A PORTION OF HIGHWAY ONE NORTH OF THE LAI GIANG RIVER.

INCIDENTS IN KONTUM WERE CHARACTERIZED BY HARASSMENT OF HAMLETS AND MILITARY POSTS. ON 3 NOV, VC FIRED 60MM MORTARS ON A HAMLET IN THE CENTRAL PART OF THE PROVINCE; THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES REPORTED. PLEIKU, A PROVINCE NORMALLY FREE OF VC ACTIVITY, REPORTED FOUR INCIDENTS ALL OF A TERRORISTIC NATURE; TWO OF WHICH WERE THE ASSASSINATION OF HAMLET OFFICIALS. THIS INCIDENT TOOK PLACE TEN KILOMETERS NORTH OF PLEIKU CITY. TWO INCIDENTS IN PHU YEN, RESULTED IN ONE PF KILLED, ONE WOUNDED, AND THE CAPTURE OF ONE VC. IN LAM DONG ON 1 NOV, THE VC HARASSED AND MINED THE BAO LOC AIRFIELD. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED. THE PROVINCE OF PHU BON REPORTED THAT ON 6 NOV, A CONVOY OF ELEMENTS OF AN ARTILLERY BATTALION AND NATIONAL POLICE WAS AMBUSHED BY AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE THREE KILLED, SIX WOUNDED, AND NINE MISSING WITH THEIR INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS.

(4) III CORPS: VC INITIATED INCIDENTS INCREASED MODERATELY OVER LAST WEEK; HOWEVER, THERE WAS A NOTICEABLE RISK IN INTENSITY HIGHLIGHTED BY THE MORTAR ATTACK ON BIEN HOA AIRFIELD AND AN ATTACK ON ELEMENTS OF THE 50TH REGIMENT IN LONG AN PROVINCE. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION OF THE 1 NOV ATTACK ON BIEN HOA INDICATES THAT THE VC IMPLACED AS MANY AS SIX 81MM MORTARS IN A WELL PREPARED POSITION ON THE FORWARD SLOPE OF A HILL 1500 METERS FROM THE AIRFIELD CENTRAL TOWER. THE TOWER MAY HAVE BEEN USED AS A REGISTRATION POINT. THE VC COMMENCED FIRING AT 0025 AND WITHIN 20 MINUTES BELIVERED 50 TO 60 ROUNDS ONTO THE AIRFIELD. THE FIRE WAS CONCENTRATED ON THREE TARGET

AREAS THE ELEMENTS OF THE 241 COMPANY, THE 241  
PARKING AREA, AND THE B57 PARKING AREA. AN INSPECTION OF EMPTY  
CANISTERS AND DUD ROUNDS INDICATES US 81MM MARK 56 (HEAVY)  
AMMUNITION OF 1945 VINTAGE WAS USED. EXAMINATION OF CUT-DOWN  
FOLIAGE AROUND THE POSITION SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE  
POSITION HAD BEEN PREPARED SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE ATTACK.  
THE IDENTITY OF THE VC UNIT INVOLVED IS NOT YET FIRMLY  
ESTABLISHED, BUT EVIDENCE TO DATE POINTS TOWARD THE 241 COMPANY,  
A MORTAR UNIT REPORTEDLY A PART OF AN ARTILLERY ORGANIZATION  
CONTROLLED DIRECTLY BY COSVN. FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE FOUR US  
AND TWO VIETNAMESE KILLED, 72 US AND FOUR VN WOUNDED, TWO VN  
MISSING, FIVE B57 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED AND 13 DAMAGED, SEVEN A1H  
DAMAGED, ONE H43 HELICOPTER DESTROYED, ONE G47 AND TWO I-19  
DAMAGED. A FEW HOURS AFTER THE ATTACK ON THE AIRFIELD THE VC,  
UTILIZING 81MM MORTARS, ATTACKED TAN UYEN DISTRICT TOWN 15  
KILOMETERS NORTHWEST OF BIEN HOA, IN PHUOC THANH PROVINCE.  
FRIENDLY LOSSES WERE ONE US AND THREE ARVN KILLED, ONE US, 12  
ARVN, AND TEN CIVILIANS WOUNDED. IN LONG AN ON 4 NOV, THE VC  
CARRIED OUT A WIDESPREAD, COORDINATED ATTACK AGAINST ELEMENTS  
OF THE 50TH REGIMENT WHICH HAD BEEN PROVIDING SECURITY ALONG  
HIGHWAY 4, AND SUPPORT OF NRI HAMLET CONSTRUCTION TEAMS. THE  
OPERATION BEGAN AT 0130 WITH HARASSMENT OF ONE COMPANY OF THE  
REGIMENT'S FIRST BATTALION IN BIVOUAC EIGHT KILOMETERS SOUTH  
OF BEN LUC. THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER REACTED TO THE HARASSMENT  
BY DISPATCHING THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION SOUTH FROM BEN  
LUC TO THE BIVOUAC OF 3 NOV. AS LINED FOR REPORT ON 4 NOV.

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LUC, DEPLOYING THE SECOND BATTALION NORTH FROM THE 12. BATTALIONS ARRIVED AT THE SCENE WITHIN AN HOUR WITHOUT INCIDENT. AT 0230 A LARGE GROUP OF VC UTILIZING MORTARS AND RECOILLESS RIFLES ATTACKED THE BIVOAC AREA OF THE FIRST COMPANY OF THE THIRD BATTALION AT GO DEN, SIX KILOMETERS EAST OF BEN LUC. WITH TWO PLATOONS ON PATROL, THE COMPANY HEADQUARTERS AND REMAINING COMBAT PLATOON WERE QUICKLY OVERRUN AND FORCED TO WITHDRAW. THE REMAINDER OF THE BATTALION ARRIVED FROM ITS BIVOAC ONE KILOMETER TO THE EAST OF GO DEN AND FORCED THE ENEMY TO WITHDRAW. AT 0400 THE REGIMENT LAUNCHED A PURSUIT OPERATION BUT FAILED TO GAIN CONTACT. ALTHOUGH THE QUICK REACTION OF THE REGIMENTAL COMMANDER TO WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN A FEINT DEPRIVED HIM OF USE OF TWO BATTALIONS AT THE SCENE OF THE MAIN ATTACK, THE THIRD BATTALION ACQUITTED ITSELF WELL, LOSING 10 KILLED, 16 WOUNDED, WHILE KILLING AT LEAST 34 OF THE ENEMY. THE WEAPONS LOSS RATE WAS IN FAVOR OF THE VC. THIS WAS THE FIRST SIEGEABLE ATTACK ON ELEMENTS OF THE 25TH DIVISION SINCE ITS MOVE INTO III CTZ AND COULD BE DESIGNED TO COUNTER THE HOP TAC OPERATIONS WHICH THE 50TH REGIMENT HAS BEEN SUPPORTING. AT THE SAME TIME THE VIET CONG PLACED SMALL ARMS OR MORTAR FIRE ON DUC HOA DISTRICT CAPITAL IN HAU NGHIA PROVINCE; THE 50TH REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS OUTSIDE OF DUC HOA; AND THREE ARTILLERY POSITIONS SOUTH OF THE ATTACK AREA. IN ADDITION THREE POSTS WERE ATTACKED SOUTHEAST OF THE ATTACK AREA IN AN OBVIOUS EFFORT TO CONFUSE AND SLOW THE ARVN REACTION. POPULAR FORCES

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MANNING THE POSTS LOST NINE KILLED, SIX WOUNDED AND THREE MISSING; TWO OF THE POSTS WERE HALF DESTROYED. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THREE HARASSING ACTIONS THAT TOOK PLACE IN SOUTHERN HA NGHIA (BUT WITHIN THE VC PROVINCES OF LONG AN) AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS OPERATION WERE INTENDED TO FURTHER DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENT FORCES. IN BINH HOA ON 4 NOV AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC ATTACKED AN VIEN NRL HAMLET RESULTING IN FIVE REGIONAL FORCE, TWO POPULAR FORCE, AND ONE CIVILIAN KILLED, TEN WOUNDED, ONE MISSING AND THE LOSS OF 17 WEAPONS AND TWO RADIOS. IN PHUOC LONG PROVINCE, ON 7 NOV THE VC ATTACKED A NRL HAMLET GUARDED BY TWO PF PLATOONS. FRIENDLY LOSSES INCLUDED THREE KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED, 11 MISSING AND 18 WEAPONS LOST. ELSEWHERE IN THE III CTZ THE ENEMY CONTINUED HIS CAMPAIGN OF ROAD AND BRIDGE SABOTAGE AND HARASSMENT OF POSTS AND HAMLETS. IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE CHANH LUU BASE, JUST EAST OF BEN CAT AND ASTRIDE ENEMY COMMUNICATION LINES WITH WAR ZONE D, WAS HARASSED BY MORTAR FIRE SEVERAL TIMES BOTH THIS WEEK AND LAST. GOVERNMENT FORCES WERE ABLE TO KEEP MAIN ROADS, INCLUDING HIGHWAY 13, OPEN MOST OF THE WEEK. AGAIN THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF VC ACTIVITY AGAINST THE RAILROAD IN III CTZ.

(5) CAPITAL MILITARY DISTRICT: THERE WERE SEVERAL INSTANCES REPORTED OF VC HARASSMENT OF TOWNS AND HAMLETS, INCLUDING 81MM MORTAR FIRE DIRECTED ON BINH CHANH DISTRICT CAPITAL ON 4 NOV. THE PENETRATION OF CAN CONG NRL HAMLET AND BURNING OF THE HAMLET OFFICE ON 5 NOV WERE ALSO REPORTED.

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GAU CONG IS PART OF THE VILLAGE IMMEDIATELY ACROSS THE RIVER FROM DOWNTOWN SAIGON. THE HAMLET ITSELF IS FOUR KILOMETERS FROM THE US EMBASSY.

(6) RUNG SAT SPECIAL AREA: NO SIGNIFICANT VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED.

(7) IV CORPS: VC INITIATED ACTIVITY SHOWED A SLIGHT RISE THIS WEEK. THIS SMALL INCREASE OCCURRED IN THE TERRORISM CATEGORY WHERE THE VC CONTINUED TO PLACE EMPHASIS ON HARASSMENT OF GVN POSTS. ACTS OF SABOTAGE, SMALL SCALE ATTACKS, AND AMBUSHES REMAINED AT THE SAME LOW LEVEL OF THE PRECEDING WEEK. DINH TUONG, KIEN HOA AND VINH LONG HAD THE LARGEST NUMBER OF VC INITIATED INCIDENTS, WHILE PHONG DINH, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTING MANY INCIDENTS, WAS THE SCENE OF TWO SMALL SCALE ATTACKS, THE ONLY ONES THUS FAR RECORDED IN THE CTZ THIS WEEK. A LOW LEVEL OF VC ACTIVITY WAS REPORTED IN SEVERAL PROVINCES, INCLUDING AN GIANG WITH NO INCIDENTS REPORTED, AND KIEN TUONG WITH ONLY ONE VC INITIATED INCIDENT REPORTED. ROAD CONDITIONS WERE CONSIDERED GOOD ONCE AGAIN THIS WEEK JUDGING BY THE LOW SABOTAGE AVERAGE OF ONE INCIDENT PER PROVINCE, WITH NO PROVINCE REPORTING MORE THAN THREE. THE TWO VC ATTACKS IN PHONG DINH THIS WEEK OCCURRED ON THE 2ND AND 4TH OF NOV AND CAUSED CONSIDERABLE LOSSES TO GVN FORCES. IN THE FIRST ENCOUNTER, A 12 MAN SQUAD SUFFERED LOSSES OF THREE KILLED AND FOUR WOUNDED, WHILE IN THE LATTER ENGAGEMENT TEN WERE KILLED, TEN WOUNDED AND ONE MISSING OUT OF THE ORIGINAL FORCE OF 30 PF. THESE ACTIONS WERE QUITE PRODUCTIVE FOR THE

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VC AS A TOTAL OF 63 WEAPONS (56 ON THE 2ND AND 56 ON THE 4TH)  
WERE LOST BY GOVERNMENT FORCES.

B. OTHER INTELLIGENCE REPORTS:

(1) COUNTERINTELLIGENCE: THERE WERE NO EXPLOSIONS  
OR OTHER INCIDENTS OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INTEREST REPORTED.

(2) CAMBODIAN INCIDENTS: THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS  
REPORTED ALONG THE CAMBODIAN BORDER.

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

A. (C) ARVN CASUALTIES TOTAL 529, KIA 134, WIA 286, MIA/CPTR 109 FOR THE WEEK. THIS IS AN INCREASE FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK'S TOTAL OF 417 CASUALTIES. A TOTAL OF 287 WEAPONS WAS REPORTED LOST, AN INCREASE FROM THE 208 REPORTED AS LOST LAST WEEK.

B. (C) THE VC SUFFERED 258 KNOWN CASUALTIES (184 KIA AND 74 CAPTURED) DURING THE WEEK. THIS WAS A DECREASE IN COMPARISON TO LAST WEEK'S 436 (335 KIA AND 101 CAPTURED). GOVERNMENT FORCES CAPTURED 81 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS. LAST WEEK'S TOTAL WAS 104 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS AND 1 CREW SERVED WEAPON.

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5. (C) SUPPORTING PROGRAMS.

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A. (C) PSYWAR/CIVIC ACTION.

THE GVN CONDUCTED A NATIONWIDE PROPAGANDA PROGRAM TO UTILIZE THE OCCASION OF THE 1 NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY OF THE COUP D'ETAT THAT TOPPLED THE DIEM REGIME AS A VEHICLE TO PROMOTE SUPPORT FOR THE GOVERNMENT. A NATIONAL HOLIDAY WAS PROCLAIMED, AND CELEBRATIONS WERE HELD THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. A LARGE PARADE FEATURED THE FESTIVITIES IN SAIGON. MILITARY PSYWAR UNITS WERE USED TO PUBLICIZE THE EVENT IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. IN II CORPS PARTICULAR CARE WAS TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT MONTAGNARDS WERE REPRESENTED AT ALL EVENTS.

COMMUNIST RADIO STATIONS, RADIO HANOI AND THE CLANDESTINE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT RADIO IN SOUTH VIETNAM, EXPLOITED THE SUCCESSFUL VC ATTACK ON THE BIEN HOA AIRBASE. THE COMMUNIST REPORTS WERE QUITE ACCURATE, AND IT APPEARS THAT THEIR PRIMARY SOURCE OF INFORMATION WAS THE INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICES. THE PRINCIPAL THEME USED BY THE COMMUNISTS WAS: "THE ATTACK DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY OF THE MIGHT OF THE PEOPLE TO OVERCOME THE MODERN WEAPONS OF THE US IMPERIALISTS."

PSYWAR UNITS AND THE PSYWAR DIRECTORATE CONTINUED TO DEVOTE A MAJOR SHARE OF THEIR EFFORT IN SUPPORT OF THE RECRUITING PROGRAM. SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM WILL OFFER OPPORTUNITIES FOR PSY OPS EXPLOITATION.

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THE COMMANDANT, PSYWAR TRAINING CENTER, INSPECTED A KILOMETER SQUARE PIECE OF LAND, 16.5 KM FROM SAIGON ON THE BIEN HOA HIGHWAY, NEAR THE OFFICER CANDIDATE SCHOOL AT THU DUC, TO DETERMINE THE SUITABILITY AS THE SITE OF CONSTRUCTION OF THE RVNAF POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL. PLANS NOW BEING DRAFTED BY THE HIGH COMMAND CALL FOR A TWO YEAR CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM WITH A TOTAL COST ESTIMATED AT 1.5 MILLION DOLLARS. AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THE POLITICAL WARFARE SCHOOL IS PLANNED TO CONSIST OF THE PRESENT PSYWAR TRAINING CENTER, SOCIAL SERVICES TRAINING CENTER, MILITARY SECURITY SERVICES TRAINING CENTER, ARMED FORCES CULTURAL CENTER, RVNAF PHYSICAL TRAINING INSTRUCTION GROUP, AND THE RVNAF BAND SCHOOL. THE PREVIOUSLY EXISTING REQUIREMENT FOR THIS FACILITY WAS MADE MORE PRESSING BY THE RECENT MOVE OF THE PSYWAR TRAINING CENTER TO LESS THAN ADEQUATE FACILITIES. IT IS HOPED THAT CONSTRUCTION CAN BE STARTED IN DEC 64 WITH END OF YEAR FUNDS.

THUA THIEN PROVINCE PAID 125 FAMILIES 25,000\$ VN EACH AS A INDEMNIFICATION FOR THEIR RELOCATION FROM HOA MY HAMLET TO PHO TRACH HAMLET IN QUANG DIEN DISTRICT.

ON 2 NOV A SCHOOL AND DISPENSARY WERE DEDICATED IN DUONG XUAN THUONG HAMLET OF THUA THIEN PROVINCE. THIS HAMLET IS SPONSORED BY 1ST DIVISION SIGNAL CO WHICH ASSISTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THESE PROJECTS.

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AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, REFUGEES CONTINUE TO COME IN, TO QUI NHON FROM THE VC CONTROLLED AREAS IN BINH DINH PROVINCE. APPROXIMATELY 10,000 REFUGEES HAVE COME IN THUS FAR. THE PROVINCE ADMINISTRATION, USOM, AND THE CHURCHES ARE PROVIDING FOR THE PEOPLE.

MILITARY CIVIC ACTION HAS IMPROVED IN THE 22D DIVISION DURING THE MONTH. EMPHASIS IS ON IMPROVING ARVN DEPENDENT HOUSING AREAS AND SCHOOLS. EIGHT TEN-FAMILY UNITS AND TWO SCHOOLS ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED. ONE AID STATION AND ONE MATERNITY CENTER HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY THE 41ST REGT. THE 42D REGT COMPLETED TWO SCHOOLS AND ONE DISPENSARY AT THE MONTAGNARD VILLAGE OF DAK RG TEANY. THE 22D DIVISION ENGINEERS RESURFACED ROADS TO MONTAGNARD VILLAGES AND REPAIRED ONE BRIDGE.

IN PHUOC THANH PROVINCE, INDEMNIFICATION WAS PAID TO SIX FAMILIES WHOSE HOMES WERE DAMAGED BY HELICOPTER FIRE.

IN BINH DUONG PROVINCE, THE NEW ZEALAND ENGINEER TEAM COMPLETED RESURFACING AND RECONSTRUCTING 3 KILOMETERS OF HIGHWAY 16, AND THEY ARE CONTINUING TO WORK IN CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS IN THE THU DAU MOT AREA.

IN TAY NINH PROVINCE, THE PHILIPPINE MEDICAL TEAM PERFORMED 9 MAJOR AND 3 MINOR OPERATIONS.

THE CULTURAL PLATOON OF THE 4TH PSYWAR BATTALION IN

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IV CORPS GAVE TWO PERFORMANCES IN THE LOCAL THEATER IN CAN THO, AND THE PROFITS FROM THESE PERFORMANCES ARE BEING USED TO AID THE WOUNDED SOLDIERS IN THE PROVINCE HOSPITAL.

IN GO CONG PROVINCE, THE VC KIDNAPPED THREE MEMBERS OF THE MOBILE ACTION CADRE, SIX LABORERS WHO WERE WORKING ON THE SCHOOL, AND TWO SCHOOL TEACHERS IN VAN LONG HAMLET. THE VC HAVE NOT YET FOLLOWED UP WITH ANY PROPAGANDA, BUT THESE ACTS COMPLICATE THE PROBLEM OF RECRUITING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES. THE LOCAL RESIDENTS RESENT THE VC ACTION, AND THE SECTOR IS PREPARING PROPAGANDA TO EXPLOIT THE INCIDENT.

A TROPICAL STORM HIT THE QUI NHON AREA OF BINH DINH PROVINCE ON 4 NOVEMBER. ALTHOUGH POWER AND COMMUNICATIONS LINES WERE DAMAGED BY THE STORM, NORMAL SERVICE WAS RESTORED THE SAME DAY. SOME FLIMS Y BUILDINGS IN ADDITION TO CORRUGATED IRON AND TILE ROOFS WERE DAMAGED BY THE WIND. NAVY COASTAL FORCE DEPENDENTS AND THE COASTAL FORCE WERE THE HARDEST HIT BY THE STORM. THE VNN RUSHED AID IN THE FORM OF BLANKETS, CLOTHES, RICE, AND FISH SAUCE TO THE COASTAL FORCE DEPENDENTS, AND ADDITIONAL RELIEF SUPPLIES ARE BEING DISPATCHED. THE PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION IS AIDING THE AFFECTED PEOPLE IN THE REPAIR OF DAMAGES.

B. (C) HERBICIDE OPERATIONS: DEPOLIATION OPERATIONS BY G-123 AIRCRAFT WERE INITIATED IN LONG KHANH AND HINH TUY

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PROVINCES ON 31 OCTOBER AND 2 NOVEMBER 1964, RESPECTIVELY.  
SIX SORTIES WERE FLOWN WITHOUT INCIDENT ALONG NATIONAL ROUTE  
1 IN LONG KHANH PROVINCE, BETWEEN COORDINATES YT650076 AND  
YS800970. SIX SORTIES WERE FLOWN WITHOUT INCIDENT ALONG  
INTER-PROVINCIAL ROAD 2 IN BINH TUY PROVINCE BETWEEN COORDINATES  
YS975880 AND ZT005020. THREE SORTIES WERE FLOWN WITHOUT  
INCIDENT ALONG INTER-PROVINCIAL ROAD 1 IN BINH TUY PROVINCE  
BETWEEN COORDINATES IS888985 AND YT925062. THREE SORTIES  
WERE FLOWN WITHOUT INCIDENT ALONG NATIONAL ROAD 1 IN BINH TUY  
PROVINCE BETWEEN COORDINATES YS870996 AND ZS065995.

C. (C) CHIEU HOI: DURING THE PERIOD 116 PERSONS  
RETURNED TO GVN CONTROL. THEY INCLUDED 45 MILITARY, 15  
POLITICAL CADRE, 14 DRAFT DODGERS AND DESERTERS AND 42 CIVILIAN  
REFUGEES. THE DEFECTORS BROUGHT IN 12 INDIVIDUAL WEAPONS  
AND 13 GRENADES.

D. (C) MANPOWER: ESTIMATED 30 OCTOBER STRENGTHS AND  
CHANGES FROM 15 OCTOBER ARE AS FOLLOWS: REGULAR FORCE -  
230,000 (PLUS 2,300), REGIONAL FORCE - 91,700 (PLUS 200),  
POPULAR FORCE - 160,000 (PLUS 1,400), COASTAL FORCE - 3,500  
(PLUS 10). NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN STRENGTHS OF THE NATIONAL  
POLICE AND CIBG, 29,843 AND 20,667 RESPECTIVELY, ARE EXPECTED.  
FOR THE PERIOD 1 - 5 NOVEMBER, 1,319 RECRUITS AND 1,124  
CONSCRIPTS WERE OBTAINED.

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AS OF 1800 HOURS, 4 NOVEMBER 1964, AS A RESULT OF THE COLLECTIVE CALL-UP, A TOTAL OF 8,165 MEN 20-25 YEARS OLD HAD BEEN SENT TO THE FOUR CALC INDUCTION STATIONS FOR INDUCTION PROCESSING. ONLY 33 ARE CHINESE DESCENT. ON 31 OCTOBER, THE US/GVN PERSONNEL AND MANPOWER COMMITTEE MET IN COMBINED SESSION TO CONSIDER THE ENFORCEMENT PLAN, WHICH BEGINS 5 NOVEMBER. THE RESULTANT PLAN PROVIDES FOR: DECENTRALIZED OPERATIONS, THE PROVINCE CHIEF TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE PLAN; MAXIMUM USE OF CIVIL POLICE FORCES (AS A MINIMUM, CIVIL POLICE WILL BE USED IN ALL CITIES; IN MOST VILLAGES AND HAMLETS IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO USE REGIONAL AND POPULAR FORCES); A SCREENING OPERATION (INITIALLY INTENSE FOR 30 DAYS, WITH PERIODIC CHECKS TO CONTINUE) TO APPREHEND DRAFT DODGERS; AND EXPEDITIOUS HANDLING OF INDIVIDUAL CASES BY THE TRIBUNALS (PERSONNEL WILL BE SENTENCED AS APPROPRIATE AND INDUCTED FORTHWITH). A POINT WAS RAISED REGARDING INABILITY TO HANDLE A LARGE NUMBER OF DEFERMENTS IN THE LAST DAYS OF THE CALL-UP PERIOD. IT WAS AGREED THAT ALL PERSONNEL WOULD REGISTER. FURTHER, IN THE EVENT POTENTIAL DEFERMENT CASES COULD NOT BE RESOLVED BY 3 NOVEMBER, THAT TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE DEFERMENT - UP TO 30 DAYS - WOULD BE CONSIDERED.

HIGH COMMAND HAS ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS TO BRING HOP-TAC COMBAT BATTALIONS UP TO 100% STRENGTH BY EARLY DECEMBER. PERSONNEL IN HEADQUARTERS AND SUPPORTING UNITS WILL BE REASSIGNED AS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE BETTER UTILIZATION OF PERSONNEL.

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ADDITIONALLY, INEFFECTIVE PERSONNEL WILL BE REMOVED FROM UNIT ROLES TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO INCREASE OPERATIONAL STRENGTH.

EM PROMOTION QUOTAS FOR NOVEMBER HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED BY THE HIGH COMMAND. THEY ARE M/SGT 1ST CLASS - 75; M/SGT - 131; SGT 1ST CLASS - 531; SGT - 967; CPL 1ST CLASS - 3,794; CPL - 5,992; PVT 1ST CLASS - 8,681; TOTAL - 20,171. RECOMMENDED LISTS FOR FIELD GRADE PROMOTIONS WERE RECEIVED BY THE HIGH COMMAND, 1,013 ELIGIBLES ARE UNDER CONSIDERATION. A TOTAL OF 255 FIELD GRADE PROMOTIONS WILL BE MADE. TARGET DATE FOR CONSIDERATION OF ELIGIBLES IS 10 NOV 64, WITH A DECREE TO BE ISSUED THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

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ANNEX A (S) (SUMMARY OF GROUND OPERATIONS)

1. (S) BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER (THREE LINE COMPANIES EQUIVALENT OR MORE) READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND DESTROY	/10/5/14/16/3/0/48.
(B) CLEARING	/2/0/1/0/0/0/3.
(C) SECURING	/0/0/2/5/0/0/7.
(D) RECONNAISSANCE	/0/1/0/1/0/0/2.
(E) GUARD & ESCORT	/0/0/0/4/0/0/4.
(F) TOTAL	/12/6/17/26/3/0/64.

2. BATTALION SIZE AND LARGER WITH VC CONTACT: READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND DESTROY	/7/3/3/6/1/0/20.
(B) CLEARING	/2/0/1/0/0/0/3.
(C) SECURING	/0/0/2/1/0/0/3.
(D) RECONNAISSANCE	/0/0/0/0/0/0/0.
(E) GUARD & ESCORT	/0/0/0/0/0/0/0.
(F) TOTAL	/9/3/6/7/1/0/26.

3. BATTALION DAYS OF OPERATIONS (TOTAL NUMBER OF DAYS EMPLOYED IN OP - UNITS EQUATED TO BN BASE OF 3 RIFLE CO EQUIVALENT) READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV

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CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) SEARCH AND DESTROY /49/35/74/57/22/0/237.  
(B) CLEARING /51/0/9/0/0/0/60.  
(C) SECURING /0/0/51/77/0/0/128.  
(D) RECONNAISSANCE /0/4/0/2/0/0/6.  
(E) GUARD & ESCORT /0/0/0/11/0/0/11.  
(F) TOTAL /100/39/134/147/22/0/442.

4. BATTALION OPERATIONS INITIATED PRIOR TO DAYLIGHT:

I/10, II/5, III/9, IV/5, CMD/0, RUNG SAT SP AREA/0, TOTAL 29.

5. BATTALION NIGHTS IN FIELD DURING COURSE OF OPERATIONS:

I/87, II/31, III/119, IV/123, CMD/17, RUNG SAT SP AREA/0,  
TOTAL 377.

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

READ IN EIGHT COLUMNS; AS TITLED/I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG  
SAT SP AREA/TOTAL.

(A) WITH DAY CONTACT /17/9/6/9/1/0/42.  
(B) WITH NIGHT CONTACT /6/2/2/5/1/0/16.  
(C) WITHOUT CONTACT /1596/3144/3154/4361/524/16/  
12,795.  
(D) TOTAL /1619/3155/3162/4375/526/16/  
12,853.

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ANNEX B (S)

AIR OPERATIONS

TABLE I. AIR OPERATIONS MISSIONS EXPENDITURES:

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TIPS NUMBER/USAF/VNAF/USMC/VNMC

1000 GP/0/0/0/0.

750 GP/0/0/0/0.

500 GP/220/425/0/0.

250 GP/58/0/0/0.

100 GP/10/736/0/0.

260 FR/63/466/0/0.

220 FR/27/0/0/0.

120 FR/357/0/0/0.

100 WF/323/50/0/0.

KAPAL/171/69/0/0.

ROCKE/0/0/3555/0.

20 M/18,590/17,250/0/0.

50 GAZ/0/0/0/0.

7.62 M/0/0/54,763/0.

TABLE II. AIR OPERATIONS CLAIMS

READ IN FIVE COLUMNS/TIPS TARGET/USAF/VNAF/USMC/VNMC

VC PERSONNEL /0/0/265/0.

STRUCTURES DESTROYED /42/37/94/0.

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STRUCTURES DAMAGED /24/0/0/0.

SAMPANS DESTROYED /0/0/11/0.

SAMPANS DAMAGED /1/0/0/0.

TABLE III. AIR SUPPORT TO NEW LIFE HAMLETS AND OUTPOST

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/CORPS/PROVINCE/ATTACKS/FLAESHIPS/  
FLARES/FIGHTERS

III/BIEN HOA/2/3/193/2.

III/HAU NGHIA/1/1/105/0.

III/LONG AN/3/3/196/0.

IV/KIEN HOA/2/3/153/2.

IV/KIEN GIANG/2/3/178/2.

IV/BA XUYEN/2/5/319/4.

IV/DINH TUONG/1/1/57/0.

IV/KIEN PHONG/1/1/80/2.

IV/KIEN TUONG/1/1/46/0.

TABLE IV. AIRCRAFT INCIDENTS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/DATE/TYPE AIRCRAFT/COORDS/CORPS/MSN/  
REMARKS

USAF: 2 NOV/RF-101/WR613136/IV/PR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

2 NOV/C-47/ZAL59140/II/ABR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

3 NOV/HU-16B/BTO20720/I/T/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

5 NOV/A-1E/WK095725/IV/ID/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

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7 NOV/O-1F/YS357500/III/VR/ENGINE FAILURE, AIRCRAFT  
DESTROYED, 1 CREW MEMBER SUFFERED MINOR INJURY.

VNAF: 7 NOV/U-17/YS550320/IV/VR/ENGINE FAILURE, AIRCRAFT  
DESTROYED, 1 CREW MEMBER FATALLY INJURED, 1 CREW MEMBER MINOR  
INJURY.

USA: 1 NOV/UH-1B/BR930500/II/CSL/8 HITS, NO INJURIES.  
1 NOV/UH-1B/BR980965/II/EA/4 HITS, NO INJURIES.  
1 NOV/UH-1B/UNK/III/CSL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
1 NOV/UH-1B/XT142248/III/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
2 NOV/UH-1B/XB490340/IV/CSL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO22302/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO22302/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO22302/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO22302/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO22302/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO22302/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO30270/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO30270/IV/EA/1 HIT, 1 US WIA.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO30270/IV/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO30270/IV/ALA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
3 NOV/UH-1B/WRO30270/IV/ALA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
4 NOV/UH-1B/XT998327/III/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.  
4 NOV/O-1F/YS110500/RUNG SAT SP A/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

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7 OCT/UH-1B/XS580929/III/SF/1 HIT, NO INJURIES,  
(DEL RPT).

2 OCT/OV-1/WS950250/IV/VR/2 HITS, NO INJURIES,  
(DEL RPT).

11 OCT/CH-37/AT950795/I/ALR/3 HITS, NO INJURIES,  
(DEL RPT).

21 OCT/O-1F/BN750890/II/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES,  
(DEL RPT).

4 NOV/UH-1B/XT708182/III/EA/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

5 NOV/UH-1B/XTO25576/III/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

5 NOV/UH-1B/XS595975/III/CSL/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

6 NOV/UH-1B/XT745165/III/VR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

6 NOV/OV-1/XS644128/IV/VR/3 HITS, NO INJURIES.

7 NOV/UH-1B/YS375859/III/SAR/1 HIT, NO INJURIES.

7 NOV/UH-1B/YS115790/III/VR/UNK, ONE INJURY.

TABLE V. AIRCRAFT STATUS

READ IN SIX COLUMNS/SERVICE/TYPE ACFT/AUTH/ASSIGN/AVAIL/  
REMARKS

USAF/O-1F/22/24/24.

USAF/U-10B/4/3/3.

USAF/C-123/74/76/73.

USAF/C-47/7/7/6.

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

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USAF/A-1E/50/33/33.  
USAF/RB-57/0/0/2.  
USAF/B-57/0/0/13.  
USAF/RF-101/0/0/12.  
USAF/F-102/0/0/12.  
USAF/U-3B/2/2/2.  
USAF/HU-16/0/0/3.  
USAF/F-100/0/0/28.  
VNAF/A-1H/100/92/70.  
VNAF/T-28B/25/22/4.  
VNAF/O-1A/71/37/33.  
VNAF/C-47D/48/31/26.  
VNAF/RC-47D/3/3/3.  
VNAF/UH-19B/17/16/16.  
VNAF/RT-28/18/17/6.  
VNAF/EC-47D/1/1/1.  
VNAF/U-17A/25/26/24.  
VNAF/U-6A/9/8/8.  
VNAF/H-34/80/61/55.  
USA/UH-1B/246/250/225.  
USA/CV-2B/16/16/11.  
USA/JOV-1/6/6/5.

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USA/O-1F/53/51/46.

USA/U-1A/26/26/23.

USA/CH-37/6/6/4.

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

USA/U-8/11/11/8.

USMC/UH-34D/25/25/23.

USMC/O-1B/3/3/2.

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

TABLE VI. SUMMARY OF TASKS, SORTIES, TONS/CARGO, PAX AND TOTAL FLYING HOURS

USAF: 4-AE, 12-AA, 21-ABR, 8-AC, 430-ALR, 1-ART, 14-CA, 5-COB, 97-CSL, 20-CL, 21-DFL, 10-EA, 16-EC, 1-ES, 14-FL, 43-FAC, 85-ID, 84-PR, 30-SAR, 114-VR, 17-M, 46-A, 157-T, 1250 TASKS. 1181 SORTIES. 1951.7 TONS/CARGO, 3535 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1595.4.

VMAF: 28-AE, 14-AA, 3-ABR, 46-AC, 38-ALR, 1-ART, 32-CA, 6-COB, 114-CSL, 16-EA, 26-EC, 1-ES, 14-ET, 10-FL, 61-FAC, 125-ID, 4-PR, 4-PSW, 24-VR, 20-M, 52-A, 277-T, 916 TASKS, 666 SORTIES, 106.9 TONS/CARGO, 772 PAX, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1235.0.

USA:

FIXED WING: 1-AE, 4-ABR, 466-ALR, 6-ART, 15-COB,

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372-CSL, 136-CL, 7-EA, 13-PR, 5-PSW, 112-RR, 18-SAR, 2-SF,  
238-VR, 1395 TASKS. 2024 SORTIES. 4867 PAX, 279.5 TONS/  
CARGO, TOTAL FLYING HOURS 1573.6.

ROTARY WING: 28-AE, 4-ACA, 21-ACP, 321-ALA,  
46-AIR, 3-ART, 53-GOB, 790-CSL, 67-CL, 467-EA, 1-FL, 43-PSW,  
14-RR, 39-SAR, 305-SF, 3-TAR, 38-TAE, 420-VR, 2663 TASKS. 5326  
SORTIES. 9010 PAX, 68.2 TONS/CARGO, 2801.6 TOTAL FLYING HOURS.

USMC:

FIXED WING: 4-PR, 2-TAE, 17-VR, 23 TASKS. 23  
SORTIES. 0 PAX, 0 TONS/CARGO, 36.5 TOTAL FLYING HOURS.

ROTARY WING: 16-ALA, 41-AIR, 3-CSL, 5-CL, 2-BFL,  
6-SAR, 2-TAR, 48-TAE, 123 TASKS. 470 SORTIES. 470 PAX, 16.0  
TONS/CARGO, 182.0 TOTAL FLYING HOURS.

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ANNEX C (C) (VNN OPERATIONS DATA)

	<u>SEA</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>RIVER</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>COASTAL</u> <u>FORCE</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>1CD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>2CD</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>3CF</u>	<u>CF</u> <u>4CD</u>
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TABLE I UTILIZATION (DAILY AVERAGE)

TOTAL ASN	44	159	552	130	205	74	143
TOTAL AVL (AVG)	34	123	388	88	150	62	88
TOTAL EMP (AVG)	22	79	232	51	75	35	71

TABLE II EMPLOYMENT (DAILY AVERAGE)

GBT SPT	2	18	0	0	0	0	0
SEA PTL	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIV BTL	3	24	0	0	0	0	0
CSTL SURV	4	0	232	51	75	35	71
CONVOY SCTY	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
PROV SPT	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
STAT DEF	0	14	0	0	0	0	0
LOG SPT	4	4	0	0	0	0	0
TNG	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	2	5	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE III SURVEILLANCE RESULTS

JUNKS SEARCHED	406	0	2965	710	1325	652	278
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PERSONS 1121 SEARCHED	0	11,333	3794	4118	2492	899
JUNKS 0 DETAINED	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERSONS 1 DETAINED	0	2	2	0	0	0
CONFIRMED VC 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TABLE IV LOGISTICS (TOTALS)

RICE  
(TONS) 0

POL  
(TONS) 400

AMMO  
(TONS) 1240

VEHICLES  
(NR) 10

PEOPLE  
(NR) 2487

GENERAL  
CARGO  
(TONS) 548

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ANNEX D - (C) - VC INCIDENTS

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

<u>I/TOTAL/2/92/16/12/13/135</u>	II/NINH THUAN/0/0/0/0/0/0
I/1 DIV/1/26/4/8/2/41	II/BL SZ/0/1/0/3/0/4
I/QUANG TRI/0/13/1/0/1/15	II/LAM DONG/0/1/0/0/0/1
I/THUA THIEN/1/13/3/8/1/26	II/BINH THUAN/0/0/0/2/0/2
I/2 DIV/1/66/12/4/11/94	II/BINH TUY/0/0/0/1/0/1
I/QUANG NAM/0/18/1/2/4/25	<u>III/TOTAL/7/72/20/6/27/132</u>
I/QUANG TIN/1/9/2/0/7/19	III/PBT SZ/2/11/7/2/16/38
I/QUANG NGAI/0/39/9/2/0/50	III/BINH LONG/0/7/0/1/0/8
<u>II/TOTAL/2/63/12/7/3/87</u>	III/PHUOC LONG/1/4/1/0/3/9
II/22 DIV/2/47/12/3/3/67	III/PHUOC THANH/1/0/6/1/13/21
II/BINH DINH/1/32/11/0/2/46	III/PB SZ/1/14/1/2/1/19
II/PHU BON/1/0/0/0/0/1	III/LONG KHANH/0/2/0/1/0/3
II/PLEIKU/0/3/0/3/1/7	III/BIEN HOA/1/10/1/0/1/13
II/KONTUM/0/12/1/0/0/13	III/PHUOC TUY/0/2/0/1/0/3
II/23 DIV/0/15/0/1/0/16	III/25 DIV/4/17/6/1/4/32
II/QUANG DUC/0/1/0/0/0/1	III/LONG AN/4/10/3/0/3/20
II/DARLAC/0/2/0/1/0/3	III/HAU NGHIA/0/7/3/1/1/12
II/PHU YEN/0/10/0/0/0/10	III/5 DIV/0/30/6/1/6/43
II/KHANH HOA/0/2/0/0/0/2	III/TAY NINH/0/8/2/0/5/15
II/TUYEN DUC/0/0/0/0/0/0	III/BINH DUC/0/22/4/1/1/28

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IV/TOTAL/4/145/15/1/13/178

IV/7 DIV/0/52/8/0/2/62

IV/DINH TUONG/0/28/2/0/1/31

IV/GO CONG/0/5/2/0/0/7

IV/KIEN HOA/0/19/4/0/0/23

IV/KIEN TUONG/0/0/0/0/1/1

IV/9 DIV/1/48/3/0/0/52

IV/AN GIANG/0/0/0/0/0/0

IV/CHAU DOC/1/8/0/0/0/9

IV/KIEN PHONG/0/8/0/0/0/8

IV/VINH BINH/0/8/3/0/0/11

COUNTRY TOTAL/16/385/63/27/56/547

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

NOTE: STATISTICS CONTAINED IN THIS ANNEX REFLECT REPORTS RECEIVED  
DURING THE WEEK AND INCLUDE INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED PREVIOUSLY.

IV/VINH LONG/0/24/0/0/0/24

IV/21 DIV/3/45/4/1/11/64

IV/AN XUYEN/0/6/0/1/3/10

IV/BA XUYEN/0/10/1/0/3/14

IV/BAC LIEU/0/8/1/0/1/10

IV/CHUONG THIEN/0/3/2/0/2/7

IV/KIEN GIANG/1/10/0/0/2/13

IV/PHONG DINH/2/8/0/0/0/10

CMD/GIA DINH/1/10/0/1/0/12

RUNG SAT/BINH HOA/0/3/0/0/0/3

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

1. (C) RVN PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES.

A. (C) PERSONNEL LOSSES (READ IN EIGHT COLUMN; AS TITLED/  
I/II/III/IV CORPS/CMD/RUNG SAT SA/TOTAL.

(1) REGULAR: KIA /6/2/23/2/0/0/33.  
WIA /13/21/50/34/0/0/118.  
MIA-CPTR /0/0/4/0/0/0/4.  
(2) RF: KIA /3/1/7/3/1/0/15.  
WIA /1/0/4/9/3/0/17.  
MIA-CPTR /1/0/6/0/0/0/7.  
(3) PF: KIA /12/28/18/28/0/86.  
WIA /43/46/17/44/1/0/151.  
MIA-CPTR /31/23/24/20/0/0/98.

(4) TOTAL: 529 (134 KIA, 286 WIA, 109 MIA-CPTR).

B. (C) WEAPON LOSSES: TOTAL 287; PISTOLS/CARBINES/RIFLES  
280, AUTOMATIC RIFLES 6, 1 MORTAR 60MM. BY AREAS: I/50, II/136,  
III/62, IV CORPS/39, CMD/0, RUNG SAT SP AREA/0.

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2. VC PERSONNEL AND WEAPON LOSSES 1 - 7 NOV 64:

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

A. CASUALTIES:

KIA	136/19/5/21/0/3/184
CPTD	35/27/10/2/0/0/74

B. WEAPONS:

INDIVIDUAL	60/8/0/10/0/3/81
CREW SERVED	NONE

C. RADIOS:

NONE

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