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OUTGOING MESSAGES

1. CG III MAF 110426Z FEB66 (Confidential)
   Subj: Secretary Navy Inquiry: Alleged Cargo Losses

2. CG III MAF 111311Z (Confidential)
   Subj: Possible American Detainee

3. CG III MAF 132321Z FEB66 (Unclass)
   Subj: Happy Birthday Gen

4. CG III MAF 150132Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Exclusive for LtGen KRULAK from MGen MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Operation Taut Bow (U)

5. CG III MAF 140944Z FEB66 (Top Secret)
   Pass to MGen WALT personnel for LtGen KRULAK info
   MGen WALT from MGen MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Operations-Visitors to III MAF-Summary

6. CG III MAF 151112Z FEB66 (Top Secret)
   Exclusive for LtGen KRULAK from MGen MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Release of SLF and Final Phases Double Eagle and Immediate Future

7. CG III MAF 170006Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Personal for LtGen KRULAK from MGen MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Task Force Delta Northwest of BATO area

8. CG III MAF 171216Z FEB66
   Personal for MGen FIELDS from MGen MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Availability of Col SADLER

9. CG III MAF 180242Z FEB66
   Exclusive for LtGen KRULAK info MGen WALT from MGen MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Report of significant events III MAF

10. CG III MAF 191348Z (Top Secret)
    Personal for LtGen KRULAK from MGen MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: March-April Operations

11. CG III MAF 210558Z (Secret)
    Excl for LtGen KRULAK from MGen MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: Incident occurring late January

12. CG III MAF 211210Z (Secret)
    Personal for Gen WESTMORELAND from MGen MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: Congressional hearings

13. CG III MAF 220546Z (Confidential)
    Personal for LtGen KRULAK from MGen MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: Visit of BGen DUNN, MACV Engr
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14. CG III MAF 230002Z (Top Secret)
   Excl for LtGen KRULAK info MGW WALT from MGW MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Visit of MGW ROSSON

15. CG III MAF 230526Z (Secret)
   Excl for MGW KRULAK info MGW WALT from MGW MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Press reporting pacification and Civic Action Program

16. CG III MAF 240542Z Feb 66 (Top Secret)
   Exclusive for LtGen KRULAK from MGW MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Deployment of additional squadrons

17. CG III MAF 242332Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Exclusive for LtGen KRULAK info MGW WALT from MGW MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Pacification Program Quang Nam

18. CG III MAF 250052Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Personal for MGW WESTMORELAND from MGW MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: Holbrook Paper

19. CG III MAF 270414Z FEB66 (Uncl)
    Personal for MGW WALT info MGW KRULAK
    Subj: Info on Auth. for III MAF Hqs Club and Financial Plan

20. CG III MAF 281311Z FEB66 (Top Secret)
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    Subj: Capsule Report to LtGen WALT

21. CG III MAF 020620Z Mar 66 (Secret)
    Exclusive for MGW KRULAK from MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: TACC at MACV Level

22. CG III MAF 040902Z Mar 66 (Top Secret)
    Exclusive for MGW KRULAK info MGW WALT from MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: Significant Events

23. CG III MAF 041400Z Mar 66 (Top Secret)
    Exclusive for MGW KRULAK and WALT from MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: ADM SHARP & General WESTMORELAND visit

24. CG III MAF 050600Z Mar 66 (Secret)
    Personal for MGW KRULAK from MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: ADCON of former First Marine Division Units
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25. CG III MAF 080002Z Mar66 (Top Secret)
   Personal Exclusive for LtGen KRULAK
   from MCCUTCHEON
   Subj: COMUSMACV anxious to clear out VC in Rung Sat area

26. CG III MAF 080756Z Mar66 (Confidential)
    Personal for LtGen MOORE from MCCUTCHEON
    Subj: Reporting Load

25. 2AirDiv 061329Z Mar66 (CONFIDENTIAL)
    For MajGen McCUTCHEON from LtGen Moore
    Subj Country Strike Missions
INCOMING MESSAGES

1. CG FForcev-NHA RVN 090620Z FEB66 (Secret)
   From: Gen Larsen
   Subj: Bink-Dinh Operation of 1st Air Cav Div (U)

2. CG FMFPAC 090713Z FEB66 (Confidential)
   From: LtGen Krulak
   To: MGen McCutcheon
   Subj: Secretary Navy Inquire on U.S. News and World Report Story (U)

3. CG FMFPAC 101914Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Personal for MGen McCutcheon from LtGen Krulak
   Subj: U.S. Prisoner in Camp near Ba-fo

4. CG FMFPAC 102337Z FEB66 (Top Secret)
   Exclusive for MGen McCutcheon from LtGen Krulak
   Subj: Presidential Meeting in Honolulu

5. CG FMFPAC 131942Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Exclusive for Gen Greene and MGen McCutcheon from LtGen Krulak
   Subj: Emergency Military Construction Program (EMCP) in support of SEASIS (U)

6. CG FMFPAC 150217Z FEB66 (Top Secret)
   Exclusive for MGen McCutcheon from LtGen Krulak
   Subj: Release of SLF (U)

7. CG FForcev-NHA RVN 041140Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Personal from Gen Lawson to Gen Walt
   Subj: Coordination of III MAF FForcev Operation (U)

8. CG FForcev-NHA RVN 060420Z FEB66 (Secret)
   From: Gen Lyson
   To: Gen Vinn LOC
   Subj: Coordination of III MAF - FForcev Operations (U)

9. CG FMFPAC 162018Z FEB66 (Unclassified)
    Personal for MGen McCutcheon
    Subj: Concurrence of III MAF 151117Z

10. CG FMFPAC 162101Z FEB66 (Confidential)
    Exclusive for Gen Greene from LtGen Krulak info MGen McCutcheon
    Subj: Sec Nav Inquiry: Alleged black market activities (C)

11. CG FIRST MARDIV 180213Z FEB66 (Unclassified)
    Personal for MGen McCutcheon from MGen Fields
    Subj: Assignment of Col Mitchell O. Sadler to III MAF
12. CG FMFPAC 180317Z (Top Secret)
   Excluse for MGen FIELD, MGen MCCUTCHEON and BGen HENDERSON
   from LtGen KRULAK
   Subj: A few random tidbits

13. CG FFORCEV 090635Z (Secret)
   Subj: Request for SLF

14. CG FFORCEV 090620Z (Secret)
   Personal for Gen WALT from Gen LARSEN
   Subj: Binh-Dinh Operations of 1st Air Cav Div (U)

15. CG FMFPAC 200149Z (UncI)
   Personal for MGen MCCUTCHEON from LtGen KRULAK
   Subj: Awards for meritorious service

16. SEC DEF 151407Z (UncI)
   Personal for Adm SHARP and Gen WESTMORELAND to Mr. Sylvester
   Subj: Mr. Earl Richert editor Strips-Howard Newspaper trip
to far east

17. 2ND AIR DIV Tan Son Nhut AB 220918Z (Secret) FEB66
   Subj: III MAF Command and Control requirements

18. PACUEAIRC WHEELER AFT HAWAII 250230Z FEB66 (Secret)
   Subj: Personal Col SHULTZ from Col WALTERS

19. COMUSMACV 270821Z Feb 66 (UncI)
    Personal for MajGen CHUAN for General WESTMORELAND
    Subj: Congratulatory message

20. CG FMFPAC 282130Z Feb 66 (Top Secret)
    Exclusive for MajGen MCCUTCHEON from LtGen KRULAK
    Subj: Future Wing Composition

21. COMUSMACV 061239Z (UncI)
    Personal for MGen MCCUTCHEON, MGen THI, BGen DONG from WESTMORELAND
    Subj: Congratulatory message

22. COMUSMACV 060956Z (UncI)
    Personal for MGen MCCUTCHEON & BGen PLATT from WESTMORELAND
    Subj: Congratulatory message

23. CG FMFPAC 061947Z (Secret)
    Personal for MGen MCCUTCHEON from LtGen KRULAK
    Subj: ADCON of former 1st Marine Division Units

24. CG FMFPAC 052244Z (Confidential)
    Personal for MGen MCCUTCHEON from LtGen KRULAK
    Subj: III MAF Operations Jan 1966
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25. C3 FMFPAC msg 061932Z (Top Secret)
   EXCLUSIVE for MGEn MCCUTCHEON from LtGen KRULAK
   Subj: Base out of country

26. CHNAADVGRP 080126Z (Confidential)
    Personal for MGEn MCCUTCHEON from RADm WARD
    Subj: Naval Component Commander
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1. APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO EASE MY REPORTING LOAD IN
ORDER TO GET FOR YOU WHAT YOU CONSIDER TO BE MINIMAL
ESSENTIAL DATA TO COMPARE PLANS WITH ACTUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS.
DESIRE TO COOPERATE BUT WILL STILL HAVE TO REVISE MY INTERNAL
REPORTING SYSTEM TO GET THIS PARTICULAR INFO. ANTICIPATE BEING
ABLE TO FINISH OFF WITH FIRST DAILY BIDAR'S SUMMARIES LATER ON THIS WEEK.
2. WILL SEND REPORT ALL JET Sorties flown IN SUPPORT OF 2AD.
MISSIONS flown IN SUPPORT OF III MAF OF COURSE need NOT

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BE SUBMITTED SINCE I MANAGE THOSE RESOURCES EXCLUSIVELY
AS TACTICAL AIR COMMANDER OF III MAF. REGARDS.

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FROM: SGMTHS

TO: RINEJ

SUBJECT: COUNTRY STRIKE MISSIONS

I am referring to Reference 2 nd Confidential Message 6 2 86 Dec 65 which made the request for end of mission reports on all in-country strike missions. From response to referenced request, it is stated that inability to provide reports as requested due to administrative burden and communications saturation.

Requirement for certain after action information continues to exist. Information which I feel is required in interest of good management and direction of in-country effort without more information than now being reported 2 no has no basis for evaluating plans.

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US accomplishments, no composite of results, and incomplete target status information. We are also in position of being unable to respond to frequent comusac requests for certain data. Air Force Units are required to submit individual mission reports in line. I do not think it necessary to burden you with this requirement. Accordingly, I instructed my Staff to review requirement and determine minimum essential data needed. This review resulted in determination that single daily report could meet this requirement. Essential data elements, and desired format as follows (by corps areas):

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SUBJ: ADCON OF FORMER FIRST MARDIV UNITS

A. CG FMFPAC 222140Z FEB

1. THE CONFERENCE DIR BY REF A CONVENED 030900H AND COMPLETED ITS
   DELIBERATIONS AT 031500H. AS DIRECTED BY PARA THREE ALFA OF REF A,
   III MAF STAFF PREPARED A DETAILED LISTING OF REINFORCING UNITS FOR
   SHIFT OF ADCON FROM 3D MARDIV TO 1ST MARDIV. THIS LISTING WAS
   DESIGNED TO RETURN ALL FORMER REINFORCING ELEMENTS TO 1ST MARDIV
   ADCON, BUT EXCEPTED THE COMPLETE RETURN OF ORIGINAL INFANTRY

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BATTALIONS AND SOME BLT ATTACHMENTS (FORMER 1ST DIV UNITS LOCATED
HUE/DANANG AND 3D DIV UNITS LOCATED CHU LAI) IN RETURN FOR
LIKE ELEMENTS FROM 3D MARDIV BEING SHIFTED ADCON TO 1ST MARDIV.
THIS PLAN GROUPED OPCON/ADCON TOGETHER BY CURRENT DEPLOYMENT IN
THE THREE ENCLAVES, SPECIFICALLY THE FOLLOWING INFANTRY BATA
LIONS WITH SOME REINFORCING ELEMENTS ARE INVOLVED:
(1) REMAINING ADCON 3D MARDIV ARE 1/1 AT DANANG; 2/1 AT PHU BAI
(2) SHIFTING ADCON 1ST MARDIV AT CHU LAI ARE 1/4 AND 2/4

2. THE FOREGOING PLAN WAS DEVELOPED TO PROTECT THE INTEGRITY OF
   THE UNITS WHO HAVE BEEN OPERATING SUCCESSFULLY TOGETHER AND TO
   PROVIDE FOR UNITY OF COMMAND THROUGH PARALLEL ADMINISTRATIVE
   OPERATIONAL CONTROL BY GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS.

3. YOUR SENIOR CONFERENCE REPRESENTATIVE, LtcOL W. F. SAUNDERS,
   STATES THAT YOU HAVE SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED THAT ALL UNITS FORMERLY
   ADCON 1ST MARDIV WOULD BE RETURNED ADCON 1ST MARDIV. PREMIS
   THAT YOU DID NOT DESIRE US TO REDEPLOY BATTALIONS BETWEEN ENCLAVES
   TO ACHIEVE THE ORIGINAL OPCON/ADCON OF THE TWO DIVISIONS AND TO
   PRESERVE UNITY WITHIN THE ENCLAVES, IT IS RESPECTFULLY REQUESTED
   THAT YOU RECONSIDER THIS GUIDANCE IN VIEW OF THE DIFFICULTIES
   THAT WILL ARISE FROM THE EXERCISE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL

CG III MAF P 050600Z/MAR MGEN MccUTCHEON

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OVER DIVIDED ENCLAVES, THE MOST EXTREME EXAMPLE OF WHICH WOULD BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF 2/1 IN PHU BAI FROM 1ST MARDIV HQ LOCATED IN CHU LAI.

4. ADCON SPREAD OVER THE ENCLAVES WILL TEND TO AGGRAVATE AN ALREADY DIFFICULT ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT. EVERY DAY THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF MARINES MOVING WITHIN AND BETWEEN THE ENCLAVES;

THESE ARE ROTATION PERS AND REPLACEMENTS PERS; MANY ARE MEN GOING ON AND RETURNING FROM R&R; PATIENTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE TRAVELERS ADD TO THE TOTAL. EACH OF THESE GROUPS ARE SUBJECT TO LAST MINUTES SCHEDULE CHANGES, REVISED QUOTAS, AND A MYRAID OF VARIABLES THAT REQUIRES THEIR CONTROL TO BE FLEXIBLE AND IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIVE TO THE CONTROL OF THEIR ADMINISTRATIVE COMMANDERS. IN ADDITION, RESPONSE TO OTHER ROUTINE BUT HIGHLY IMPORTANT ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS WILL BE LESS TIMELY DUE TO TIME/DISTANCE FACTORS AND COMMUNICATIONS DELAYS ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMUNICATIONS NETS.

EXAMPLES OF ITEMS WHICH WILL BE DELAYED OR COMPLETED WITH DIFFICULTY ARE RESPONSE TO SPL/CONG INTEREST QUERIES, WELREPS, REQUEST MAST, BOARD ACTIONS FOR SUCH ITEMS AS HARDSHIP DISCHARGES AND MERITORIOUS PROMOTIONS, PROCESSING OF ROUTINE CORRESPONDENCE.

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FROM AND TO BN/CO LEVEL, ROUTINE ADMIN OF UCMJ, PROCESSING OF DECORATIONS AND AWARDS, CASUALTY REPORTING, AND UNIT ADMINISTRATION OF FIELD EXCHANGE BRANCHES.

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1. LATE RUMOR FROM SAIGON HAS IT WESTMORELAND INFATUATED WITH IDEA OF
SETTING UP TACC AT MACV LEVEL UNDER DEPUTY COMMANDER (AIR) AND ALSO
IDEA OF FORMING TRUE AIR COMPONENT VICE AIR FORCE COMPONENT COMMAND.

2. LOOKS LIKE USAF IS CONTINUING IN FIGHTING VIA ANY AND ALL CHANNELS.
SUBJECT HAS NOT COME UP TO ME YET BUT IS SMOLDERING. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.
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SECRET PERSONAL FOR GEN WESTMORELAND FROM MG MCCUTCHEON
1. YOU MENTIONED THE HOLBROOK PAPER ON PACIFICATION IN QUANG NAM AT LAST COMMANDERS CONFERENCE.
2. AM SURE YOU KNOW NOW THAT TWO OF THREE PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN GREATLY SIMPLIFIED. DR CHI IS TO BE NEW PROVINCE CHIEF AND QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR WILL BE DISSOLVED. CHI WILL HAVE A MILITARY DEPUTY. DR CHI IS ALSO A MEMBER OF VNQDD. THIS APPOINTMENT SEEMS TO BE AN ASTUTE MOVE BY GEN THI AND HOPEFULLY VNQDD WILL BE BOUND TO PROVIDE BETTER SUPPORT NOW THAT PROV CHIEF IS ONE OF THEIR KIND.
3. SORRY TO READ ABOUT WRIST. AM SURE THAT WONT SLOW YOU DOWN.
RESPECTFULLY. GP-4

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1. A MR. HOLBROOK OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY RECENTLY AUTHORED A TRIP REPORT ON THE SUBJECT OF THE PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IN QUANG NAM. THE PAPER RUNS SEVEN PAGES SINGLE SPACED AND THE GENERAL THEME IS THAT THE PACIFICATION CAMPAIGN IN QUANG NAM IS IN CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY. THE REASONS BOIL DOWN TO THESE: (1) FRAGMENTATION OF COMMAND OF CVN RESOURCES IN THE AREA; (2) STRENGTH OF THE VC IN THE AREA; AND (3) THE CURRENT ATTITUDE OF THE VNQDD, THE STRONGEST POLITICAL GROUP IN THE PROVINCE. HOLBROOK POSES PROBLEMS BUT NO SOLUTIONS.

2. HAVE HAD SEVERAL TALKS WITH GENERAL THI. AS A RESULT OF URGING THAT STARTED WITH GENERAL WALT MANY WEEKS AGO, GENERAL THI HAS NOW DECIDED TO LET COLONEL TUNG GO AS PROVINCE CHIEF OF QUANG NAM. HE HAS CHOSEN DOCTOR NGUYEN HUU CHI AS HIS REPLACEMENT EFFECTIVE ABOUT 1 MARCH. CHI IS DESCRIBED AS A YOUNG AND COURAGEOUS MAN BUT NOT UNDULY AMBITIOUS. CHI IS CURRENTLY LECTURER AT THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADMINISTRATION IN SAIGON. THE NATIONAL POLICE DIRECTOR HAS ALSO AGREED TO ASSIGN A COMPETENT POLICE CHIEF TO QUANG NAM PROVINCE TO ASSIST CHI. COLONEL YEU WILL RELINQUISH COMMAND OF QUANG NAM SPECIAL SECTOR AND MOVE UP TO GENERAL THI'S STAFF. DOCTOR CHI WILL THEN BE IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE PROVINCE AND HAVE A DEPUTY CHIEF FOR THINGS MILITARY. ALL THIS SHOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS SOLVING THE FRAGMENTATION OF THE COMMAND PROBLEM SPELLED OUT IN HOLBROOK'S PAPER.

3. THE VNQDD PROBLEM SHOULD ALSO BE SOLVED AT LEAST IN PART. DOCTOR CHI IS A MEMBER OF THE VNQDD. GENERAL THI UNDERSTAND ESSENTIALLY TOLD THE VNQDD THAT HE HAD ASSIGNED TWO EFFECTIVE PROVINCE CHIEFS THAT COULD NOT SEEM TO GET ALONG WITH THE VNQDD AND THIS WAS GOING TO BE HIS LAST EFFORT. EITHER THEY GET ALONG THIS TIME OR ELSE, THIS SEEMS TO BE AN ASTUTE POLITICAL MOVE BY THI AND PERHAPS THE VNQDD WILL FALL IN LINE.

4. AS FAR AS THE THIRD PROBLEM IN THE HOLBROOK PAPER THERE IS NO IMMEDIATE SOLUTION. EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE PROBLEM, THE NEW 59 MAN RURAL CONSTRUCTION CADRES SHOULD HELP BUT THE SOLUTION WE HAVE BEEN PLUGGING FOR IS IN PF.

5. ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THI FORTHCOMING VISIT OF THE CHINESE MARINE CORPS COMMANDANT. HE HAS PROMISED FULL COOPERATION AND VOLUNTEERED TO SHOW THEM PARTS OF 1ST AND 2ND DIVISION AREAS IN ADDITION TO HOSTING THEM AT LUNCH. WE ARE WORKING OUT ALL THE DETAILS NOW AND I ANTICIPATE NO PROBLEMS.

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1. INTEREST IN YOUR 180317Z NOTAL YOU BROUGHT UP THE PROBLEM OF LACK OF PRESS REPORTING OF PACIFICATION AND CIVIC ACTION PROGRAMS AND ASKED IF ANYBODY HAD ANY IDEAS.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME STRAWS IN THE WIND RECENTLY. I AM SURE YOU SAW THE 33FEB SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT OF THE JOURNAL AMERICAN. BOTH THE COVER AND CENTER SECTION SPREAD SHEET TOUCHED ON CIVIC ACTION. IN THE LAST FEW DAYS WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL FOREIGN PRESS AND WHO WERE INTERESTED IN CA EXCLUSIVELY. ROBERT FINNEGAN OF BBC LEFT WITH ENOUGH INFO FOR A 30 MIN SHOW. IN ADDITION JESSE ZOUSMER, A VP OF ABC, SPENT SEVERAL HOURS WITH GEN ENGLISH AND GEN PLATT. BOTH TALKED TO HIM AND PLATT TOOK HIM ON A TOUR OF DOUBLE EAGLE AREA. THIS TOUR WAS NOT ON CA BUT WAS AN IMPORTANT SIDE BENEFIT AND SHOULD MAKE US SOME MILEAGE.

3. HAVE JUST READ THE FEB 8TH EDITION OF TIME WITH PREMIER KY'S PICTURE ON THE COVER. THIS ISSUE RPT ON THE HONO CONF AND THEN DESCRIBES THE KIND OF PROGRAMS VISUALIZED TO WIN THE WAR. IT APPEARS TO ME THIS IS A FINE CORNER STONE FROM WHICH COULD BE KICKED OFF A SERIES OF ARTICLES BY SOME FIRST RATE JOURNALIST ON THE ENTIRE PACIFICATION PROGRAM WITH. OF COURSE, EMPHASIS ON WHAT WE ARE DOING IN I CORPS. THERE JUST ISN'T ENOUGH SEX IN THE PACIFICATION BUSINESS TO MAKE IT APPEALING TO THE MAJORITY OF THE PRESS TYPES WHO ARE LOOKING FOR RED HOT UP TO THE MINUTE ACTION FOR TWO OR THREE MINUTE NEWS STORIES.

PACIFICATION DOES NOT LEND ITSELF TO THIS BUT DOES LEND ITSELF TO A SERIES OF ARTICLES AND NOW THAT TIME HAS SET THE STAGE I SHOULD THINK THE AMERICAN PUBLIC WOULD BE READY TO HEAR MORE ABOUT IT. I GUESS YOU SAW A RECENT NEWSWEEK WHOSE DATE I FORGET WHICH ALSO TOUCHED BRIEFLY ON PACIFICATION AND MENTIONED THAT THIS WAS A PRODUCT OF ONE GENERAL LANDSALDE. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE SUSPECTED ALL ALONG THAT HE WOULD SEE THE MERIT IN IT AND MAKE AN EFFORT TO PUT A FEATHER IN HIS CAP FOR CONCEIVING OF THE IDEA AND LAUNCHING IT TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION.

4. RECRUITING THE APPROPRIATE AUTHOR FOR SUCH A SERIES CANNOT BE DONE AT III MAF. MAINLY BECAUSE WE DON'T SEE EYE TO EYE WITH THE ARMY ON THE CONCEPT OF HOW TO WIN THIS STRUGGLE. PACIFICATION IS PART OF THE DIFFERENCE OF OPINION. THE INITIATIVE SHOULD COME FROM HONOLULU OR WASHINGTON.

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VISIT OF BGEN DUNN, MACV ENGR
A: CG FMFPAC 132228Z
1. AS I WAS UNABLE TO MEET BGEN DUNN AND RADM WOODING OICC RVN UPON
ARRIVAL DANANG, ARRANGED FOR CAPT ANDERSON, CO 30TH NCR TO MEET AND
ESCORT TO OFFICE OF ADM WESCHLER. CAPT ANDERSON ACCOMPANIED BGEN DUNN
AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN AREA. BGEN DUNN STATED THAT HE WAS ON ORIENTATION
VISIT AND NOT INTERESTED IN DETAILS OR BRIEFINGS, BUT WAS INTERESTED
IN REL DISTANCE AND PHYSICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN CONST PROJECTS IN
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1. CTZ, etc. General briefing presented by NASA on the port development of DaNang, Chu Lai, and a mention of Hue, no specific questions raised during briefing or during lunch with ADM Weschler.

2. Fol lunch was taken on a motor tour of commercial pier, wharf area, small boats ramp area at bridge on way to AFLD for helo, given compl helo orientation of local areas, Hue, Phu Bai, and country in between. Expressed interest in harbor problem at Hue, and only cursory interest in AFLD at Phu Bai. Upon return DaNang was given motor tour of DaNang AFLD and CNST projects, driven to 3D DIV CP.

3. I had BG Dunn and RADM Wooding as well as ADM Weschler, Capt Anderson, and others for dinner at my mess. Conversations were general and no specific areas of discussion arose.

4. BG Dunn and RADM Wooding departed 180730H for Chu Lai, were met and escorted on area orientation tour at Chu Lai by CDR Walls, MCB 4, and LT Dudley Roicc. No problems or special topics of discussion according to verbal reports submitted by LT Dudley.

5. In summary, BG Dunn impressed those with whom he had contact that he is capable individual who knows his job and expects to work at it. Believe general briefings and area orientation sufficed for this visit and that next visit will be more meaningful. GP-4

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1. IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST AT COMMANDERS' CONFERENCE,
I HAVE QUESTIONED KEY COMMANDERS ON EFFECT OF HEARINGS ON
TROOP MORALE.
2. INDICATIONS ARE THAT VERY FEW INDIVIDUALS ARE AWARE OF
HEARINGS AND THERE IS NO MEASURABLE IMPACT ON OFFICERS OR
MEN. AS YET, AS MATTER OF INTEREST, AS LATE AS THIS WEEK WE
STILL RECEIVED NORMAL NUMBER OF REQUEST FROM INDIVIDUALS IN
OKINAWA AND JAPAN TO BE TRANSFERRED TO FIGHTING FRONT.
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1. The incident occurred late January has been under investigation that you should be aware of. Information has not yet been submitted to MACV but will be in the near future. Investigation is continuing.

2. On the night of 29 January, a five-man patrol from 2nd Platoon, Company A, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines moved into Giao-Thi Hamlet in search of VC who were alleged to be sleeping in the hamlet. When the patrol returned, they reported having killed 2 VC by ambush. On 31 January and 1 February a Vietnamese named Le Dinh appeared in the "A" Company area, asking for the body of his brother. Company officers investigated and were told by Le Dinh, local officials, and hamlet residents that on the night in question, Marines had entered a house where Le Du, Le Dung, and Thi Thi, wife of Le Du were sleeping. That the Thi Thi had been hit with a rifle muzzle, Le Du was killed, and Le Dung was taken away by the Marines. Later in the evening, Le Dung was killed by "A" Company Marines marking an OP as he passed their position, and was buried by a detail from that company.

3. The CIT report on interrogation of Le Dinh implicated the Marines of Company A. In response to the investigation at battalion, the patrol members reaffirmed their earlier report. A subsequent investigation ordered by the commanding general, 3d Marine Division revealed that the members of Company A patrol had killed Le Du and Le Dung; that all parties involved had submitted false statements concerning the case; that the platoon leader knew the patrol intended to kill the two Vietnamese; and subsequently admitted their complicity in the offenses.

4. An Article 32 investigation has been ordered on all parties involved in these offenses.

5. Another incident occurred four days later under somewhat similar circumstances and involving the same company. At 020425H Marines at a Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines OP reported that they had killed a VC moving in front of the OP. The following morning the wife of a Luu Dinh stated that her husband had been taken from his house by a Marine at about midnight, and subsequently killed. Luu Dinh's body was located the following morning. The three Marines at the OP persist in their original statements. Company C, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines had a patrol in the area of Luu Dinh's house that night but all members deny entering the hamlet.
6. THE LATTER INCIDENT WAS THE SUBJECT OF AN INVESTIGATION APPOINTED BY THE COMMANDING GENERAL, 3D MARINE DIVISION, BUT A LOGICAL SUSPECT HAS NOT BEEN IDENTIFIED. THIS CASE IS NOT CONSIDERED CLOSED.

7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING BOTH INCIDENTS WILL BE REPORTED AS OBTAINED.

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1. FLOOD OF VISITORS CONTINUES. ON 14-17 FEB HOSTED FOL:
AUSSIE AMB TO RVN; UK AMBASSADOR TO RVN; CINCFE, AIRCHIEF MARSHALL GRANBY; CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN OF ALA; MGEN HUFFT, ADJ GEN OF LA;
RADM PRESSEY, CINOPAC, ASST SECTY MANSFIELD OF STATE DEPT; BGЕН DUNN, NEW MACV CONST CZAR; RADM WOODING, OICC; AND DESILVA OF CAS.

2. MANSFIELD INTERESTED IN BLACKMARKET OPERATIONS. GAVE HIM FULL TREATMENT AND HE SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH ACTION TAKEN. SAID WE WERE MUCH BETTER OFF THAN SAIGON.

3. CHAISSON WENT TO MACV ON 15 FEB TO BRIEF JONES AND DEPUY ON DOUBLE EAGLE EXTENSION. WESTMORELAND DELIGHTED WITH PLAN AND ENDORSED ENTHUSIASTICALLY. THEY TOOK US TO TASK HOWEVER ON NOT SENDING IN SPOT REPORTS OFTEN ENOUGH. THEY WANT INFO AS IT HAPPENS AND ARE NOT CONTENT TO WAIT FOR SITREP. WE HAVE OPENED FULL VALUE NOW AND GIVING THEM PLENTY. JUST A LITTLE EDUCATION REQUIRED ON OUR PART.

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4. Mt. Thong, village chief of Le My who succeeded Mr. Lu, was assassinated 15 Feb while attending Buddhist prayer festival in nearby hamlet. Division investigating. Could be VC or could be get-even play on part of Lu. I attended portion of funeral on 16th and 3d Marines have squad in village to ensure stability. Action underway to get new chief.

5. Had two hours with Thi on 17th. Discussed various things but main purpose was just to keep pump primed.

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1. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU INTEND TO MAKE COL HARRISON O. SADLER

OF5293 USMC AVAILABLE FOR ASGZ AS CO FLSU NR ONE IN RESPONSE TO REF A.

2. LTCOL Bahl, CURRENTLY HOLDING THE COMD, IS URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR

PlANNING FOR ACTIVATION OF THE FORCE LOG COMD. ACCORDINGLY WOULD

APPROVE THE EARLY ASSIGNMENT COL SADLER TO THIS HQ FOR AS CO FLSU

NR ONE. RESPECTFULLY
PERSONAL FOR LGEN KRULAK FROM MCCUTCHEON
A. CG FMFPAC 101954Z
B. CG III MAF 111314Z

1. TASK FORCE DELTA WITHDREW LAST ELEMENTS FROM POSITIONS NORTHWEST OF BAT O YESTERDAY. AREA REPORTED REF B AS SUSPECTED LOCATION OF POW CAMP WAS SWEEPT. NO SIGN OF CAMP OR POW.
2. NO FURTHER PLANS FOR THAT AREA IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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OPERATION TAUT BOW (U)

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED ON OPERATION TAUT BOW AS
OF 141500H.

2. OPERATION IS A RECONNAISSANCE IN FORCE OF EASTERN PORTION OF HAPPY
VALLEY AREA VIC (ZC 160700)(ZC 160620)(AT 830700)(AT 830620) TO
DETERMINE ENEMY STRENGTH, INSTALLATIONS AND TO CAPTURE PRISONERS.

3. TASK ORGANIZATION:
   3D RECON BN (-)(REIN)
   HQ CO (-)
   ARTY LN TM
   ARTY FO TM
   FAC TM
   DET 3D ENGR BN
   CO A
   CO C(-)
   CO A 1ST BN, 1ST MAR.

4. CONCEPT:
   A. PHASE I. MOVEMENT BY FOOT TO OBJECTIVE AREA. DISPLACE
      ARTILLERY FORWARD TO PROVIDE SUPPORT.
   B. PHASE II. CONDUCT SERIES OF RECON/COMBAT PATROLS FROM
      ESTABLISHED BUT CONTINUALLY RELOCATED PATROL BASES EAST OF
      NS GRID LINE 16.
   C. PHASE III. EXTRACTION BY HELO OR RETURN BY FOOT MARCH.

5. SITUATION: OPERATION COMMENCED ON 7 FEB. BY 9 FEB HAD ESTAB-
   LISHED BASE IN OBJECTIVE AREA VIC (AT 831659) 11 KM WEST OF
   STARTING POINT. PATROL BASE RELOCATED ALMOST DAILY. SERIES OF
   PATROLS DISPATCHED THROUGHOUT AREA. CONTACT FREQUENT BUT LIMITED
   TO SQUAD OF VC OR LESS. EVIDENCE OF RECENT HABITATION DISCOVERED
ALONG WITH STORAGE OF FOOD, CLOTHING AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. THREE SMALL ARMS AND SEVERAL CHI COM GRENADES CAPTURED. ONE VC CAPTURED; DIED, BEFORE HE COULD BE EVACUATED. CAPTURED DOCUMENTS AIR TRANSPORTED TO 3D MARDIV HGS. ESTIMATED 18 VC KIA. USMC: 15 WOUNDED, NOT SERIOUS, FROM GRENADE AND BOOBY TRAP FRAGMENTS.

6. COMUSMACV ADVISED AT BEGINNING OF OPERATION THAT DAILY SITREPS WOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE SECRECY BECAUSE OF POTENTIAL DIFFICULTY IN EXTRACTING OR REINFORCING UNIT DURING UNFAVORABLE WEATHER.

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A. CG FMFPAC 101934Z (PERSONAL)
1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A FOLLOWING INFO IS FURNISHED:
A. ON 3 FEBRUARY 1966 THREE CIDG (MONTAGNARD) ESCAPEES FROM VC
CAMP ESTIMATED TO BE IN VIC (BS 4944), DEBRIEFED BY 704TH INTEL DET
AND REVEALED FOLLOWING INFO:
(a) ALL STATED THAT ON 23-24 JAN 66 ONE CAUC POW WAS BROUGHT INTO
THE CAMP; DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS:
RACE: CAUC

AGE: YOUNG (SIC)
HT: SIX FEET
WT: HEAVY
HAIR: RED OR LIGHT RED, SHORT
WOUNDS: BOTH UPPER ARMS BRUISED FROM ROPE BURNS
CLOTHING: UNMARKED JUNGLE UTILITIES, JUNGLE BOOTS, NO
COVER (ONE CIDG DESCRIBES CHEVRONS ON LEFT SLEEVE)
DISTINGUISHING MARKS: ALL DESCRIBE TATTOO ON LEFT FOREARM,
ONE DESCRIBES AS BLUE BUTTERFLY.
(2) ESCAPEES FURTHER STATED VC GUARDS RELATED THAT TWO U.S. MILI-
TARY PERSONNEL CAUGHT NEAR BATO AND ONE SHOT AFTER CAPTURE.
ONE CIDG STATED HE HAD HEARD U.S. DETAINEE HAD BEEN CAPTURED NEAR
BATO AND WAS A PARATROOPER. AT NO TIME DID CIDG'S TALK DIRECTLY
TO U.S. DETAINEE.
(3) ALL CIDG WERE SHOWN PICTURES OF ALL USMC DETAINEES, BUT
COULD NOT MAKE IDENTIFICATION.
B. COMMENTS:
(1) RECORDS OF USMC DETAINEES HELD AT THIS HEADQUARTERS REVEAL
ABOVE DESCRIPTION IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF LCPL GRISSETT, EDWIN R.
JR., 1938579, USMC 1ST FORCE RECON CO., DOB: 19 SEP 43, WHO WAS

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REPORTED MIA IN VIC BATD SINCE 22 JAN 66. DISTINGUISHING MARKS: HT 73 INCHES, WT. 160, BUILD MED, HAIR BROWN, RACE CAUCASIAN, SCARS/MARKS. TATTOO RIGHT FOREARM OF CONFEDERATE FLAG. GRISSETT WAS JUMP QUALIFIED.

(2) GRISSETT'S PREVIOUS COMMANDING OFFICER, INDICATES CIDG DESCRIPTION SIMILAR TO THAT OF GRISSETT.

(3) 704TH INTEL DET BELIEVES CIDG DESCRIPTION ALSO SIMILAR TO THAT OF EISENBURG, WILLIAM F, CAPT, 04274803 USAR, RECORDS THIS HEADQUARTERS ON EISENBURG REVEAL DESCRIPTION: HT 72 INCHES, WT 160, HAIR BROWN, RACE CAUCASIAN, SCARS/MARKS TATTOOS, LT FOREARM DAGGER AND SCROLL WITH WORD FORBES, LARGE TATTOO RT FOREARM ROSES WITH WOOD NATION, RT SHOULDER PARACHUTE WINGS, LT SHOULDER AMERFLAG WITH EAGLE, MIA BAG (BS 495780) 5 JULY 65.

2. TASK FORCE DELTA DEVELOPED PLAN OF ACTION FOR RESCUE ATTEMPT AT TIME INITIAL INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED. AN OPERATION HAS BEEN IN MILL FOR SEVERAL DAYS AND MAY BE CONDUCTED WEATHER PERMITTING AFTERNOON 11 FEB IN AREA TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND/OR ATTEMPT RESCUE.

3. CG TASK FORCE DELTA IS OF OPINION POSSIBILITY OF RESCUE BEING ACCOMPLISHED IS OF LOW ORDER.

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SECRETARY INQUIRY: ALLEGED CARGO LOSSES

A. TELCON CMC TO CG III MAF OF 8 FEB 66
B. CMC 081249Z (NOTAL)
C. YOUR 090321Z
D. YOUR 090743Z

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1. WITH RESPECT TO THE INQUIRY ON BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES A
GENERAL OUTLINE OF SEC SYSTEM EMPLOYED FOLLOWS (REFS A, B, C REFER.)

A. SEC PROVIDED CARGO IN HARBOR INCLUDES PATROL AT MOUTH OF
HARBOR CONTROLLING INGRESS AND EGRESS, CARGO CHECKERS ON SHIPS
DURING UNLOADING, USE OF U.S. PERSONS ONLY IN SHIP TO SHORE WMT,
CONTINUOUS SUPERVISION BY CONTROL BOATS, CARGO CHECKERS AND GUARDS
ON SHORE.

B. INFO AVAILABLE INDICATES LOSS THIS STAGE IS NEGLIGIBLE AND
ATTRIBUTABLE TO OCCASIONAL THEFT BY VIETNAMESE COMMERCIAL PIER
ABUTS CARGO AREA AND GREAT NUMBER VIETNAMESE AND BOATS IN AREA
PRECLUDES 1� PER CENT EFFECTIVE CONTROL. ALSO DO NOT DESIRE TO
CREATEMORE SERIOUS INCIDENT BY HAVING GUARDS HABITUALLY FIRE AT
WOMEN OR CHILDREN WHO ATTEMPT AND OCCASIONALLY SUCCEED IN PETTY
THEFTS. SHORE DUMPS ARE CLEARED OF INCOMING CARGO QUICKLY.

C. THERE HAVE BEEN ISOLATED INSTANCES OF THEFTS DURING HAUL
FROM SHORE DUMPS TO STORAGE AREAS AND/OR FROM DANANG TO OUTLYING
AREAS AND FROM STORAGE AREAS. TRUCK TRANSPORTATION INCLUDES U.S.
AND VN CONTRACT. THIS PHASE IS CONTROLLED THROUGH A RECEIPT SYSTEM
COVERING THE SHIPPER, DRIVER AND RECEIVER SO THAT ALL DOCUMENTS ARE
SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED AND COLLATED (SEE: FOR/NCG ORDER 461/6.1).
"SHOTGUN" RIDERS ARE USED BUT THIS SVC IS LIMITED BY PERSONNEL

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AVAILABILITY. STORAGE FACILITIES ARE GUARDED BY ARMED GUARDS.

D. AVAILABLE INFO SHOWS OCCASIONAL ACTS OF LARCENY FROM
SHIPMENTS, TRUCKS AND STORAGE BUT NOTHING THAT SUPPORTS "50 PERCENT
OF ALL SHIPMENTS ETC." STATEMENT. FOR EXAMPLE EXCHANGE LOSSES
FOR 26 DEC 1965 THROUGH 4 FEB 1966 TOTALED ONLY $9,300 OUT OF AN
ESTIMATED $1 MILLION MERCHANDISE RECEIVED DURING THAT PERIOD.
BELIEVE THIS IS SUBSTANTIALLY LESS THAN CONUS COMMERCIAL
EXPERIENCE AND PLANNING FACTOR.

2. REPLYING TO REF D A SUMMARY OF INFO ON ALL BLACK MARKET
ACTIVITIES IS SET FORTH BELOW.

A. THE POTENTIAL TYPES OF BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES WITH WHICH
WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE PRESENT TIME ARE LISTED BELOW. OUR
CONCERN IS NOT PREDICATED UPON THE KNOWN EXISTENCE OF ANY MAJOR
PROBLEM BUT RATHER ON FRINGE INDICIA AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THESE
ACTIVITIES. ALSO LISTED ARE THE EXISTING CONTROLS. THESE VARY IN
EFFECTIVENESS AND WILL BE RELATED TO THE PRINCIPAL TYPE ACTIVITY
IN THE COURSE OF THE SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSION.

BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES

MONEY
LUXURY ITEMS
TOILET ARTICLES & TOBACCO PRODUCTS
GOVERNMENT PROPERTY
GASOLINE/FUELS

BLACK MARKET CONTROLS

COMMAND ATTENTION
TROOP EDUCATION & INDOCTRINATION
PAPER WORK
SHOTGUNS
SURVEILLANCE/INVESTIGATION & PUNITIVE DISCIPLINE
SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL
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B. COMMAND ATTENTION & TROOP EDUCATION & INDOCTRINATION

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ARE THE BASIC CONTROLS FOR ALL BLACK MARKET PROBLEM AREAS. THIS RECOGNIZES THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE THE ONLY "BEFORE-THE-FACT" PREVENTIVE MEASURES THAT HAVE PROVED SUCCESSFUL. NECESSARILY, THE EMPHASIS HERE--AS IN CIVIL AFFAIRS/CIVIC ACTION AND IN STANDARDS OF CONDUCT--IS PLACED UPON THE FACT THAT VOLUNTARY AND UNDERSTANDING COOPERATION BY ALL HANDS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR MISSION IN VIETNAM.

C. MONEY. THERE ARE STRAWS IN THE WIND INDICATING THE POTENTIAL FOR ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSACTIONS. THESE STRAWS CONSIST OF THE ACTIONS OF VIETNAMESE TO CONTACT SERVICEMEN IN SAIGON AND DANANG IN AN EFFORT TO BUY MPC AND GREEN. IN ONE RECENT CASE A VIETNAMESE WOMAN WAS CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSACTIONS IN A TRIAL HELD AT HUE; THE TESTIMONY IMPlicated MARINES. IN ANOTHER CASE A MARINE ACCEPTED 490 DOLLARS IN MPC FROM A VIETNAMESE OSTENSIBLE TO CONVERT THE MPC TO PIasters BUT HE ABSCONDED WITH THE MONEY. HE WAS CONVICTED OF LARCENY. ANOTHER MARINE PURCHASED 5,700 DOLLARS IN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF THE SEPARATE OFFENSE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION U.S. CURRENCY (GREEN). THE CONTROLS ARE THE MPC SYSTEM, RECORDS OF MPC PAID, PIasters PURCHASED AND MONEY ORDERS PURCHASED. ALSO THERE IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR MAILING DOLLAR INSTRUMENTS (CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, ETC.) OUT OF THE COUNTRY PROMPTLY. (SEE FOR/NCC ORDER 7220.1) THE MAJOR CONTROL HERE IS IN THE HANDS OF MACV -- SURPRISE ISSUE OF A NEW MPC SERIES.

D. LUXURY ITEMS SUCH AS CAMERAS, TAPE RECORDERS, RADIOS, ETC HAVE BEEN IN SHORT AND INFREQUENT SUPPLY. WHEN AVAILABLE THE MILITARY POLICE HAVE MADE A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO KEEP THE EXCHANGE OUTLET AND THE CABARET AND BUSINESS AREA UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR ARRESTS BUT NO KNOWN PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED IN THIS AREA.

PAPER WORK -- RATION CARDS -- ARE TO BE USED FOR CONTROL PURPOSES IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

E. TOILET ARTICLES (SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, RAZOR BLADES, ETC.) AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS (CIGARETTES, ETC.) APPARENTLY ARE THE OBJECT OF
BLACK MARKET ACTIVITY. THESE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN
SHOPS AND FROM STREET VENDORS IN SAIGON AND DANANG. THERE IS NO
KNOWN INDIGENOUS IMPORTING BUSINESS SUPPLYING THESE PRODUCTS.
THE SOURCE COULD BE BREAKING BULK AND PILFERING DURING INTRA-
THEATRE SHIPMENT, DURING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OR WHILE IN STORAGE,
BY SERVICEMEN AND BY VIETNAMESE WORKMEN. IN ADDITION, IT IS
REASONABLE TO ASSUME THERE ARE SOME PURCHASES AND RESALE OR GIFTS
ON THE PART OF INDIVIDUAL SERVICEMEN. VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE BEEN
SEEN TRANSFERRING SMALL QUANTITIES OF THESE ITEMS TO VIETNAMESE
CIVILIANS. SHOTGUN RIDERS ARE USED ON TRANSPORTING VEHICLES, AS
AVAILABLE. ALSO PAPER WORK TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE LOAD
IS EMPLOYED AS A CONTROL.

F. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. TO A MUCH LESSER EXTENT -- IN FACT, ONLY
OCCASIONALLY -- IS SEEN IN THE BACK ALLEY MARKETS FOR SALE. AS WITH
ALL OF THESE ITEMS: IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOURCE
OF SUPPLY IS LOCAL OR SAIGON. SHOTGUN RIDERS AND PAPER WORK ARE
THE PRINCIPAL CONTROLS FOR THESE ITEMS. LOCAL OUTLETS HAVE COPIED
AND MANUFACTURED OR REPACKAGED U.S. ITEMS (JUNGLE BOOTS, DUNGAREES,
REUSE OF BEER AND WHISKEY BOTTLES, ETC.). SEEING THESE ITEMS,
WITHOUT EXAMINING THEM CAN MISLEAD THE CASUAL OBSERVER AND PRODUCE
A FALSE CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM.

G. GASOLINE AND OTHER FUELS ARE BLACK MARKET TARGETS. INFO
FROM ONI SOURCES SHOWS THE ATTENTION BY PILFERERS IS FOCUSED
PRIMARILY ON COMMERCIAL SOURCES. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ONI, A
VIETNAMESE BOOTLEG GASOLINE STATION OPERATOR WAS APPREHENDED BY
THE VIETNAMESE POLICE, FORMERLY SOME FUEL MAY HAVE BEEN STOLEN
FROM OUR LINES OR STORAGE FACILITIES BUT THESE ARE PATROLLED
AND GUARDED. ONI REPORTS INDICATE PILFERING AND THEFT OCCURS
DURING COMMERCIAL DELIVERIES. THE CAPS ON THE TANK TRUCKS MAY
HAVE THE HINGE FIXED WITH DUMMY BOLTS, PERMITTING ACCESS WITHOUT
BREAKING THE SEAL. FUEL IS REMOVED AND LARGE BALLOONS INSERTED AND

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INFLATED TO RESTORE THE LEVEL OF FUEL TO FORECHECK MARK.
CONTAINERS MAY BE HUNG IN THE TANK SO THAT WHEN THE FUEL IS
DRAINED FROM THE TANK, SOME IS RETAINED IN THESE CONTAINERS AND
HAULED AWAY. OCCASIONALLY A COMMERCIAL TRUCK IS DIVERTED AND A
FORGED SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOR DELIVERY. PAPER WORK AND ALERTING THE
PERSONNEL CONCERNED TO THE KNOWN USES ARE THE PRINCIPAL CONTROLS
EMPLOYED HERE. WHEN DISCREPANCIES ARE NOTED, DELIVERY IS REFUSED
AND THE INCIDENT REPORTED TO THE COMPANY.

H. SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL TO HANDLE THESE PROBLEMS, AND ENSURE
TIMELY SURVEILLANCE, INVESTIGATION AND PUNITIVE ACTION, IN THE PAST,
WERE IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY BUT THESE ASSETS ARE IMPROVING. ONE CI
OFFICER RECENTLY REPORTED TO III MAF. AN MP BATTALION IS DUE TO
REPORT IN THE NEAR FUTURE; BUT THIS HAS NOT SLIPPED TO MAY. THE
BATTALION IS NEEDED FOR BALCK MARKET AND OTHER CONTROL PROBLEMS. THE
SINGLE ONI AGENT WHO HAS BEEN HERE IS ROTATING BUT FOUR AGENTS ARE
SCHEDULED FOR THIS AREA; ONE OF THESE HAS ALREADY ARRIVED.

TRAINED CID PERSONNEL IS AN AREA IN WHICH WE CURRENTLY NEED
ADDITIONAL HELP. A LTCOL AS III MAF PROVOST MARSHAL WITH SEVEN
ACREDITED ENLISTED INVESTIGATORS ARE NEEDED. THE RATION OF ONE
MARINE INVESTIGATOR TO 10,000 MARINES TO HANDLE THESE SENSITIVE
PROBLEMS IS DEEMED MODEST. EXPERIENCE WILL DETERMINE THE
SUFFICIENCY W/0 THESE IT IS DIFFICULT TO DEFINE THE TRUE PROBLEM
BY HARD FACTS. FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATIONS TO CONFIRM OR DISPROVE
INITIAL RPTS ARE REQ. TO ESTABLISH VALIDITY OR ALLEGATIONS. THE
HEAVY PRESSURE ON THIRD MARINE DIVISION LEGAL WILL BE ALLEVIATED
WHEN THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION IS ESTABLISHED (WITH THEIR LEGAL
PERSONNEL) AT CHU LAI AND WILL BE FURTHER ALLEVIATED WHEN THE
FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND AND NAVAL COMPONENT COMMAND ARE ESTABLISHED
AND BECOME LIABLE GENERAL COURT MARTIAL AUTHORITIES. JUNE WILL SEE
ABOUT 76,000 MARINES HERE. WITH THE FOREGOING ASSET WE SHOULD
STAY AHEAD OF THE POTENTIAL BLACK MARKET AND OTHER INVESTIGATIVE
PROBLEMS AND ENSURE CONTROLS, INCLUDING PERIODIC SURVEYS TO
CORRECT BLACK MARKET AND OTHER COMPARABLE ACTIVITY.
3. IN FURTHER RESPONSE TO REF. D, SANDERS KNOWN MOVEMENTS AND CONTACTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:
   a. SOL SANDERS, U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, CHECKED INTO THE DANANG PRESS CENTER ON JANUARY 7, 1966, AND REMAINED FOR ONE DAY, DEPARTING THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THE ESCORT SECTION DID NOT TAKE MR. SANDERS TO THE FIELD OR ANY MC ACTIVITIES AT ANY TIME DURING HIS BRIEF VISIT. SVCs WERE AVAILABLE TO HIM, BUT THE SERVICES WERE NOT REQUIRED OR REQUESTED.
   b. THE BEST RECOLLECTION AND THE RECORD LOG MAINTAINED BY THE ESCORT SECTION SHOW MR. SANDERS VISIT OF JANUARY 7 WAS HIS FIRST VISIT TO DANANG.
   c. DURING HIS STAY HE DID NOT ATTEND, NOR ASK FOR, ANY SPECIAL BRIEFINGS ON THE TACTICAL AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY NOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS. HE DID NOT TALK WITH OFFICERS OR MEMBERS OF THE III MAF, 3D MARINE DIVISION OR 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING; RATHER HIS TIME WAS DEVOTED TO THE PATIO OF THE PRESS CENTER.
   d. ONCE DURING HIS VISIT, MAJOR STYLES REPORTED THAT MR SANDERS, WITH MAJOR STYLES OF THE CIB; SAM THOMSEN, POLITICAL AIDE TO GENERAL WALT, MIKE MALLOY OF UPI WITH HIS WIFE RUTH WHO REPRESENTS CEPLEY NERS, AND BOB SHAPLAN OF THE NEW YORKER MAGAZINE, GATHERED ON THE PRESS CENTER PATIO FOR GENERAL DISCUSSIONS. THIS DISCUSSION COULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE BASIS FOR THE ARTICLE.
4. WE REALIZE THE GROWING MAGNITUDE AND SERIOUS NATURE OF THE POTENTIAL BLACK MARKET AND RELATED ALLEGATIONS PROBLEMS. OUR CURRENT ASSETS DO NOT PERMIT GIVING THIS AREA THE DEGREE OF ATTENTION IT DESERVES. ALL FACETS OF THIS OVERALL PROBLEM MUST BE CONTINUOUSLY EXPLORED. TOTAL ASSETS LISTED ABOVE, WHEN AVAILABLE, SHOULD PROVIDE THE CAPACITY FOR THIS APPROACH AND THE ABILITY TO KEEP YOU COMPLETELY INFORMED.
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PERSONAL FOR KEN MCCUTCHEON FROM RADM WARD (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
NAVAL COMPONENT COMMANDER (U)

a. YOUR任務S FEB
1. HAVE COMPLETED ON REF A, IN A PERSONAL IN RESPONSE TO A PERSONAL FROM CHYNAP AS FOLLOWS:
   a. TARGET DATE FOR TURNOVER: HAVE RECOMMENDED TARGET
   DATE OF 11 APRIL. MAJORITY OF NEW PERSONNEL WILL HAVE BEEN ON BOARD ABOUT TEN DAYS AT THAT TIME AND WILL BE ACQUAINTED

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b. USMC FOR NAVFORV STAFF: HAVE REQUESTED:
   1) AT SAIGON FOR BASE PLANNING: ONE LCO; ONE CAPT.
   2) AT DANANG FOR BASE PLANNING: ONE LCO; ONE MAJ; ONE CAPT.
   3) AT SAIGON FOR DELTA OPS PLANNING: ONE LCO.
   4) AT SAIGON FOR INTELLIGENCE DIV: ONE E-5.

CONSIDER FORESEEING SHOULD MEET REQUIREMENTS FOR MARINE CORPS PARTICIPATION TO HAVE ADDITIONAL MARINE INPUT IF SO DESIRED.

c. USE OF PRESENT NCC STAFF: ASSISTANCE OF USMC PERSONNEL NOW ON NCC STAFF DURING TRANSITION PERIOD MOST WELCOME.

GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED.

d. AREA COORDINATION FUNCTIONS: COCUR IN GENERAL WITH PROPOSED DIVISION OF MACV AREA COORDINATION FUNCTIONS. WILL SUBMIT AGREED CG III MAF/CHNAVADVGRP POSITION THIS SUBJECT FOR COMMACV APPROVAL.

e. NCC SUPPORT: HAVE NO OBJECTION TO RECOMMENDED ATTACHMENT OF TWO NCOS TO CG III MAF.

f. NCC SUPPORT OF III MAF. CONCUR IN GENERAL WITH PROPOSED TASKING FOR SUPPORT OF III MAF. HAVE DISCUSSED TASKING WITH NCC

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COMPONENT CG III MAF STAFF AND CDR REA DANANG AND HAVE UNCOVERED NO AREAS FOR DISAGREEMENT. WARM REGARDS.

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3. THE HELICOPTER CHART ON PAGE 46 IS IN ERROR BY A FACTOR OF TEN. IT WILL BE CORRECTED THIS MONTH.

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PERSONAL FOR MGGN MCCUTCHEON FROM LGEN KRULAK
ADCON OF FORMER FIRST MARDIV UNITS (U)
A. YOUR 050666Z/MAR (S)
1. LT. COL. PUNDERS WAS FOLLOWING THE BROAD GUIDANCE THAT I
HAD GIVEN HIM. HOWEVER, ON REFLECTION, I BELIEVE THIS GUIDANCE WAS
TOO BROAD, IN LIGHT OF THE PRESENT DISPOSITION OF UNITS IN VIETNAM.
2. WHAT I WANT TO STRIVE FOR IN THE FUTURE IS FOR ALL BNs
TO REJOIN THEIR PARENT REGIMENTS, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AND
WITHOUT DETRIMENT TO THE OPERATIONAL SITUATION. IN THE MEANTIME

PAGE 2 RHLBP 063 SECRET
I CONCUR IN YOUR PLAN TO BASE ADCON ON CURRENT DEPLOYMENT,
TO PRECLUDE SPREADING ADCON FOR THE FIRST MARDIV OVER THREE
ENCLAVES. FORTHCOMING DIRECTIVE FOR SHIFT OF ADCON WILL
INCORPORATE YOUR PROPOSAL IN REF A.
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UNCLAS 07136 FROM MACJ00.
PERSOANL FOR MAJ GEN MCCUTCHEON AND BRIG GEN PLATT FROM
WESTMORELAND
SUBJ: CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RESOUNDING VICTORY IN PROGRESS IN
QUANG NGAI. POUR IT ON!
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THE RESOUNDING SUCCESS OF OPERATION UTAMALIEN KEI 26 IN
GUANG NGAI PROVINCE IS INDEED HEARTENING AND EXEMPLIFIES A
HIGHLY EFFECTIVE COMBINED OPERATION. RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE
IN THIS OPERATION REFLECT EXCELLENT PLANNING, CLOSE COORDINATION
AND AGGRESSIVE EXECUTION BY ALL UNITS INVOLVED. HEARTY
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF 1ST AND 5TH AIRBORNE,
37TH RANGERS, 1ST AND 3RD BATTALIONS OF THE 5TH REGIMENT, 1/4
APC AND US MARINE TASK FORCE.

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THE RESULTS TO DATE ON OPERATION LAM SON 235 ARE
MOST GRATIFYING. YOUR SKILLFULLY DEVELOPED CONCEPTS AND
THEIR SWIFT AND PROFESSIONAL EXECUTION BY ELEMENTS OF YOUR
DIVISION MANIFEST THE RESOURCEFULNESS OF YOUR COMMAND AND THE
COURAGE AND TENACITY OF YOUR TROOPS. MY HEARTY CONGRATU-
LATIONS FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

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PERSONAL COL SHULTZ FROM COL WALTERS. YOUR DE 58211 22 FEB 66.
INFO THIS HQ INDICATES 25,000 FT. OF 100 PAIR CABLE AVAILABLE IN
SQ SHOULD ARRIVE IN COUNTRY 23 FEB. MAJ FORD HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED
TO PROCEED TO DA NANG AND DETERMINE IF ADEQUATE MATERIAL IS
AVAILABLE ON SITE. IF MATERIAL IS AVAILABLE WE WILL PROCEED WITH
YOUR REQUIREMENT. IF ON-SITE ENGINEERING IS REQUIRED
MR. SHUTE OF DET 5 WILL BE TASKED TO ASSIST. ASSISTANCE WILL
BE REQUIRED FROM THE ECT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO RUN CABLE ON
THE BRIDGE. GP 4
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SUBJ; III MAF COMMAND AND CONTROL REQUIREMENTS:
A. CINCPACAF SECRET MSG DDS3113, 18 FEB 66.
B. 1965, COMM GP LTR, SUBJ; OUTSIDE PLANT CABLE - RVN/THAILAND, 17
FEB 66 (NRTAL). PAC GEELA RGN ONLY ADDRESSEE.

REF A STATES PACAF DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO PROVIDE
IMMEDIATE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DANANG AND III MAF HQS AS
AN INTERIM PENDING INSTALLATION OF OUTSIDE PLANT SCHEME 8091A5K.

REF B LISTS SCHEME 8091A5K AS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF INSTALLATION
FOR RVN. PERSONAL VISIT BY III MAF C-E OFFICER THIS DATE INDICATES

PAGE 2 RUMSBJ 95A E C RE E I
III MAF COMMAND AND CONTROL SEVERELY LIMITED BY LACK OF ADEQUATE
COMMUNICATIONS LINK BETWEEN DANANG AND III MAF HEADQUARTERS.

2. RECOMMEND SUFFICIENT CABLE BE RUN ON THE EXISTING BRIDGE NOW
AND REPLACE WHEN SUBMARINE CABLE BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE PERMAN-
ENT CABLE RUNS ON THE DANANG EAST SIDE OF THE RIVER CAN PROCEED
NOW AS STIPULATED IN THE SCHEME. II MAF C-E OFFICER ADVISES HE
HAS A CONSTRUCTION TEAM AVAILABLE AND WILL ASSIST IN THE INSTALL-
ATION OF THIS CABLE AND PROVIDE ANY COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT
NECESSARY. REQUEST YOUR ON-SITE TEAM BE INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED
ALONG THESE LINES. GP-4.

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FROM ADM. SHARP AND GEN. WESTMORELAND

FEBRUARY 20 FOR 4-WEEK TOUR OF FAR EAST

AND VIET NAM. RICHERT IS NOT A WORKING NEWSPAPERMAN BUT WILL BE ON

A SELF-EDUCATIONAL TYPE TOUR. IF YOUR SCHEDULES PERMIT, APPRECIATE

YOUR SEEING HIM. HIS SCHEDULE FOLLOWS:

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1300 DEPART HONG KONG VIA AIR PHILIPPINES 361
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0845 DEPART MANILA VIA PAA 841
1100 ARRIVE SAIGON, VIET NAM
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VISIT OUTLYING AREAS: SEN GEN. WESTMORELAND

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1145 ARRIVE SINGAPORE
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AWARDS FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE
1. Shortly after the 9th MEB landed at DaNang I advised Fred
Karch, that, as a matter of policy, recommendations for awards
for meritorious service should be submitted at the completion of
the individual's tour. Subsequently, this policy was modified by
my MSG 140030Z/JAN66 (FMFPACBUL 1650) to that which is presently
in the FMFPAC awards manual, and which states that such
recommendations should be submitted near the completion of the

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INDIVIDUAL'S TOUR. I DID THIS IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO
REWARD AN INDIVIDUAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE PRIOR TO
DETACHMENT.
2. It is clear to me now, however, that the modification to my
original policy set up an unsound situation. The authority to
make awards requires strict adherence to the policies,
procedures, and criteria established by the Secretary of the
Navy in his awards manual (SCHNAVINST P1650.1C). The policy
therein for awards for meritorious service, other than for single
specific acts of merit, is that they must be submitted after
the termination of the services for which the recommendation is
being made.
3. Consequently, permitting submission of meritorious awards
near the end of the tour is contrary to the regulation, and I
am obliged to revert to my original policy, a bulletin is
being issued making this change to our awards manual.
4. Please show this to wait upon his return. Regards,
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Suggest we inform him beforehand as to time of arrival
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FROM GEN LARSEN

SUBJECT: DINH-DINH OPERATION OF 1ST AIR CAV DIV (U)
1. (S) WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT operation
WHITE WING WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ITS OBJECTIVES AND AT THAT TIME
THE 1ST AIR CAV SHOULD HAVE CLEARED THE AN LAC VALLEY AND RETURNED
TO THE COASTAL PLAIN. THEREAFTER, CONTINGENT ON WEATHER CONDITIONS
FAVORABLE FOR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HELICOPTERS, THE
1ST AIR CAV DIV WILL BE REORIENTED TO THE SOUTHWEST AND COMMENCE
OPERATION IN THE KIN SON VALLEY AIMED AT THE LOCATION AND DEST-
STRUCTION OF THE VC BASE AREA(S) WHICH INTELLIGENCE HOLDS TO BE IN
THAT VALLEY.

2. (S) SUBSEQUENTLY, IN LATE FEB THIS FORCE WILL BE COMMIT-
TED TO A THREE-PHASE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION EXTENDING SOUTH
FROM BOO SON AS FOLLOWS:

A. PHASE I - CLEARANCE OF THE HIGH GROUND WEST AND SOUTH
WEST OF PHU CU PASS AND THE HIGH GROUND EAST OF PHU CU PASS TO THE SEA.

B. PHASE II - CLEARANCE OF THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN EAST OF
KAY I BETWEEN THE INLETS DAM TRA O ON THE NORTH AND DAM NUOC NGAL
ON THE SOUTH.

C. PHASE III - COORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND CLEAR
OPERATION IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN EAST OF PHU CAT AND NORTH OF
QUI Nhon.

3. (S) REQUEST YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO PROVISION OF US
MARINE SUPPORT IN THE CONDUCT OF PHASES I AND II ABOVE. THIS WOULD
TAKE THE FORM OF A SERIES OF LEAPFROGING AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULTS IN
COORDINATION WITH THE AIRLANDED OPERATIONS OF THE 1ST AIR CAV DIV AS
FAR SOUTH AS THE EAST-WEST GRIDLINE 68. DIRECT COORDINATION WITH
GENERAL KINNARD IN CONNECTION WITH MARINE SUPPORT TO PHASES I AND II.

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SHOULD CONTINUE. SINCE IT HAS WORKED SO EFFECTIVELY DURING YOUR CURRENT JOINT OPERATIONS IN THE AN LOA AND COASTAL VALLEYS.

4. (S) PHASE III OF THIS OPERATION IS PLANNED TO COMMENCE IN THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH, LASTING APPROXIMATELY 5 DAYS. IT WILL CONSIST OF A COMBINED SEARCH, DESTROY AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN EAST OF PHU CAT AND NORTH OF QUI NHON. FORCES OF THE 1ST AIR CAV, ARVN AND THE CAP ROCK DIV WILL CONVERGE ON THE AREA GENERALLY FROM THE NORTH, WEST AND SOUTH RESPECTIVELY.

5. (S) BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION WE HAVE REQUESTED MACV APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (SLF) TO HIT SPECIFIC TARGET AREAS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PHASE III OPERATIONAL AREA. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. CR 397536
- B. CR 132515
- C. CR 112433
- D. CR 114436
- E. CR 167421

DUE TO THE COMPLEX COORDINATION REQUIRED IN PHASE III, THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL COORDINATE ALL OPERATIONS SOUTH OF THE EAST-WEST GRIDLINE 53.

6. (S) IT IS HOPED THAT III MAF ASSETS CAN BE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPATE JOINTLY WITH 1ST AIR CAV DIV IN PHASES I AND II OF Binh Dinh Operation outlined above. CP4.

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AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT BY A LSMC BLT IS ALSO DISCUSSED IN REFERENCE.
4. (S) FURTHER REQUEST THAT WHEN COMMAND OF THE SLF IS PASSED
OFFICER-ON-CALL OF THE FORCE IS PASSED TO THIS HQ. SINCE THE BULK OF
THE COMBINED FORCES ARE ATTACKING FROM THE LAND, OPCON BY THIS HQ
OF ALL FORCES AFOFFICE IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO INSURE COORDINATION.

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1. COL MITCHELL O. SADLER IS AVAILABLE FOR DUTY WITH III MAF AND WILL REPORT TO YOU ON 21 FEB 1965.

2. TO PREDELUDE PAYMENT PER DIEM HE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ROLLS OF FIRST MARINES FOR TAD III MAF.

3. BEST REGARDS JEFF.

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SECNAV INQUIRY: ALLEGED BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES (C)
A. CG FMFPAC 090747Z
1. FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION MENTIONED IN REF A REGARDING THE SCOPE OF BLACK MARKET AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE DANANG AREA. INVESTIGATION LEADS ME TO CONCLUDE THAT SUCH ACTIVITIES ARE A THREAT, BUT THAT CG III MAF IS AWARE OF THE SERIOUS POTENTIAL OF THE PROBLEM, AND IS TAKING SOUND MEASURES TO KEEP IT UNDER CONTROL. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT THE PROBLEM IS COMPLETELY SOLVED, OR WILL EVER BE, BUT I CANNOT BEGIN TO SWALLOW THE 50 PER CENT FIGURE IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT.
2. IT MAY BE USEFUL TO REVIEW THE ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE PROBLEM:
   A. THERE IS A DAILY FLOW OF 40000 TONS OF VALUABLE SUPPLIES THROUGH THE PORT OF DANANG; VIRTUALLY EVERY POUND OF THIS WOULD BE IMMEDIATELY NEGOTIABLE THROUGH COMMERCIAL, BLACK MARKET, OR VIET CONG CHANNELS. THIS MAKES AN INVITING BLACK MARKET PRICE.
   B. THE PEOPLE ARE POOR, MANY ARE HUNGRY, AND MANY HAVE LIVED THEIR LIVES IN A DESPERATE HAND-TO-MOUTH STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL. RECENT INTRODUCTION OF THE VALUABLE CARGOES IN GREAT QUANTITY, COUPLED WITH THE POVERTY OF THE PEOPLE, TENDS TO CREATE LARGE NUMBERS OF POTENTIAL BLACK MARKETERS.
   C. MANY (PERHAPS MOST) OF THE MERCHANTS IN THE DANANG AREA ON A SET OF STANDARDS WHERE GRAFT, KICK-BACKS AND PAYOFFS ARE A NORMAL METHOD OF OPERATION. THIS ALSO TENDS TO ENCOURAGE BLACK MARKETING.
   D. THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM IS STILL STRUGGLING TO WEED OUT DISHONEST OFFICIALS AND ESTABLISH ORDER IN THE CITIES AND COUNTRYSIDE. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN FULLY SUCCESSFUL.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT IS STILL SOMewhat HALTING, AND POPULATION CONTROL MEASURES ARE FAR FROM SATISFACTORY, WHICH MAKES ILLEGAL COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC MOST DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.

3. ALL CARGO STORED IN, NEAR, OR MOVED THROUGH THE CITY OF DANANG MUST BE HANDLED THROUGH CROWDS OR IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO LARGE SEGMENTS OF THE POPULATION, THUS AGGRAVATING THE SECURITY PROBLEM.

F. THE DELICATE POLITICAL NATURE OF DEPLOYMENT IN VIETNAM CREATES ITS OWN SECURITY PROBLEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, SERIOUS INCIDENTS MIGHT VERY LIKELY OCCUR IF SENTRIES FIRED HABITUALLY ON WOMEN OR CHILDREN WHO ATTEMPT PETTY THEFTS. IN OTHER WORDS, SENTRIES ARE NOT ABLE TO EXTEND A FULL MEASURE OF PROTECTION TO ALL TYPES OF MATERIAL.

G. THE ARTIFICIAL RATE OF MONETARY EXCHANGE CREATES A TEMPTING TARGET TO MANY. ALTHOUGH THE LEGAL, IN-COUNTRY EXCHANGE RATE IS ABOUT 118 PIASSTERS ON THE DOLLAR, US GREEN CURRENCY CAN READILY BRING AS MUCH AS 180 PIASSTERS ON THE DOLLAR AND 120 TO 130 FOR M.P.IO.

BECAUSE OF THE PORTABILITY OF THE COMMODITY, AND THE EASE WITH WHICH A TRANSACTION CAN BE ARRANGED, A CONTINUOUS BLACK MARKET THREAT EXISTS.

5. THE PRECISE NATURE OF THE SECURITY PROBLEM FOR MATERIAL VARIES THROUGH THE STAGES BETWEEN CARGO UNLOADING AT THE SHIP, DELIVERY TO CONSUMER AND SUBSEQUENT STORAGE. CONTROL MEASURES VARY ACCORDINGLY. HERE IS A SUMMARY OF STEPS BEING TAKEN THROUGH THE VARIOUS PHASES;

A. IN THE ACTUAL UNLOADING, MOVEMENT ASHORE AND SECOND UNLOADING AT DUMPS, SECURITY PROVIDED FOR CARGO IN THE HARBOR INCLUDES A MARITIME PATROL AT THE MOUTH OF THE HARBOR, CONTROLLING INGRESS AND EGRESS ; CARGO CHECKERS ON SHIPS, DURING UNLOADING, USES U.S. PERSONNEL ONLY IN THE SHIP TO SHORE MOVEMENT, CONTINUOUS SUPERVISION BY CONTROL BOATS, AND THE USE OF CARGO CHECKERS AND GUARDS ON SHORE.

B. BY ACTUAL STATISTICS LOSS FROM THE SHORE DUMPS IS NEGIGIBLE, AND ATTRIBUTABLE TO OCCASIONAL THEFT BY VIETNAMESE.

C. IN THE MOVEMENT FROM SHORE DUMPS TO STORAGE AREAS, AND FROM DANANG TO OUTLYING AREAS, THERE HAVE BEEN ISOLATED INSTANCES OF THEFTS. TRUCK TRANSPORTATION INCLUDES U.S. AND VI CONTRACT.

THIS PHASE IS CONTROLLED THROUGH A RECEIPT SYSTEM COVERING THE SHIPPER, THE DRIVER AND RECEIVER. ALL DOCUMENTS ARE SUBSEQUENTLY
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RECOVERED AND COLLAPSED. SHOTGUN RIFLES ARE USED TO GUARD THE MATERI-ALS IN TRANSIT, AND STORAGE FACILITIES ARE GUARDED BY ARMED GUARDS.

4. SEVERAL AREAS OF POSSIBLE BLACK MARKET ACTIVITY ARE RECEIVING SPECIAL ATTENTION BY CG III MAF. I EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT GREATER CONCERN FOR THESE ASPECTS IS NOT PREDICATED ON THE KNOWN EXISTENCE OF ANY MAJOR PROBLEM, BUT RATHER BECAUSE THESE ARE THE AREAS WHICH POSE THE GREATEST THREAT, AND WHICH INVITE ACTIVITIES THAT COULD INCREASE SHARPLY AT ANY TIME IF NOT KEPT UNDER TIGHT CONTROL.

A. POSSIBLE BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES BY US PERSONNEL. COMMAND ATTENTION AND TROOP EDUCATION AND INDOCTRINATION FORM THE FOUNDATION FOR ALL CONTROLS OF BLACK MARKET PROBLEMS. THE EMPHASIS IN III MAF IS PLACED UPON THE FACT THAT VOLUNTARY AND UNDERSTANDING COOPERATION BY ALL HANDS IS ESSENTIAL TO THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF OUR MISSION IN VIETNAM. ALTHOUGH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ASSESS PRECISELY THE EFFECT OF SUCH PROGRAMS, THEY BEAR CLOSE RELATIONSHIP TO THE III MAF CIVICATION PROGRAM, IN THAT IT IS NECESSARY THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL MARINE UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PROGRAM, THAT HIS ROLE IS AN ESSENTIAL ONE, AND THAT HE IS IN EFFECT AND AMBASSADOR OF THE UNITED STATES. THIS IS THE DIRECTION OF CG III MAF EFFORT IN TROOP EDUCATION AND INDOCTRINATION.

B. LUXURY ITEMS. THESE ARE SUCH ITEMS AS CAMERAS, TAPE RECORDERS, RADIOS, AND RECORD PLAYERS, WHICH ARE IN SHORT AND INFREQUENT SUPPLY. MILITARY POLICE ARE MAKING A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO KEEP THE EXCHANGE OUTLET AND THE CABARET AND BUSINESS AREAS UNDER CLOSE SURVEILLANCE. THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR ARRESTS, BUT NO REAL PROBLEM HAS YET DEVELOPED IN THIS AREA. AS A FURTHER PRECAUTION, RATION CARDS WILL BE ISSUED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

C. TOILET ARTICLES. INCLUDED HERE ARE SUCH ITEMS AS SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, RAZOR BLADES, AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS, WHICH ARE GOOD TARGETS FOR BLACK MARKET ACTIVITY. SOME OF THESE ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE IN SHOPS AND FROM STREET VENDORS IN SAIGON AND DANANG, YET THERE IS NO KNOWN INDIGENOUS IMPORTING BUSINESS SUPPLYING THESE PRODUCTS. THE SOURCE COULD BE BREAKING BULK AND SMALL QUANTITY PILFERING DURING INTRA-THEATER SHIPMENT, DURING LOCAL TRANSPORTATION OR WHILE IN STORAGE, OR BY VIETNAMESE WORKMEN. IN ADDITION, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THERE ARE SOME PURCHASES AND RESALE BY THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICEMAN. VIETNAMESE TROOPS HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRING SMALL QUANTITIES OF THESE ITEMS TO VIETNAMESE CIVILIANS. HOWEVER, THE BLACK MARKETING OF TOILET ARTICLES AND EXCHANGE SUPPLIES IS NOT REGARDED BY CG III MAF AS A PROBLEM OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS.

D. GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. THIS IS SEEN ONLY OCCASIONALLY IN THE BACK ALLEY MARKETS FOR SALE. IT IS DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE SOURCE OF THE MATERIAL IS LOCAL OR SAIGON. AS A RELATED AND INTERESTING POINT, LOCAL OUTLET HAVE COPIED AND MANUFACTURED SOME US ARTICLES SUCH AS JUNGLE BOOTS AND UTILITY UNIFORMS OF VARIOUS

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DESIGNS. BEER AND WHISKEY BOTTLES ARE OFTEN REUSED. SEEING THESE ITEMS WITHOUT EXAMINING THEM CAREFULLY CAN MISLEAD THE CASUAL OBSERVER AND PRODUCE AN INCORRECT CONCLUSION CONCERNING THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM.

E. TRANSACTIONS IN MONEY. THERE HAVE BEEN INDICATIONS THAT ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSACTIONS MAY BECOME A MAJOR PROBLEM. FOR EXAMPLE, SEVERAL VIETNAMESE HAVE CONTACTED SERVICEMEN IN SAIGON AND DANANG IN AN EFFORT TO BUY MPC AND GREEN. IN ONE RECENT CASE A VIETNAMESE WOMAN WAS CONVICTED OF ILLEGAL MONEY TRANSACTIONS IN A TRIAL HELD AT HUE; THE TESTIMONY IMPlicated MARINES. IN ANOTHER CASE A MARINE ACCEPTED 49 DOLLARS FROM A VIETNAMESE, ONSENSIBLY TO CONVERT THE MPC TO PIASTERS, BUT HE ABSCONDED WITH THE MONEY. HE WAS CONVICTED OF LARCENY. ANOTHER MARINE PURCHASED 5,700 IN POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. HE HAS BEEN CONVICTED OF THE SEPARATE OFFENSE OF ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF U.S. CURRENCY (GREEN). THE CONTROLS NOW IN EFFECT ARE THE MPC SYSTEM, RECORDS OF MPC PAID, PIASTERS PURCHASED AND MONEY ORDERS PURCHASED. ALSO THERE IS THE REQUIREMENT FOR MAILING DOLLAR INSTRUMENTS, SUCH AS CHECKS, MONEY ORDERS, ETC., OUT OF THE COUNTRY PROMPTLY. AND, OF COURSE, THE MAJOR CONTROL HERE IS IN THE HANDS OF THE MACV-SURPRISE ISSUE OF A NEW MPC SERIES.

F. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS. MILITARY GASOLINE AND OTHER FUELS ARE PRIME BLACKMARKET TARGETS; HOWEVER, INFO FROM ONI SOURCES SHOWS THE ATTEMPT BY PILFERERS IS FOCUSED PRIMARILY ON COMMERCIAL SOURCES WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF ONI, A VIETNAMESE BOOTLEG GASOLINE STATION OPERATOR WAS APPREHENDED BY THE VIETNAMESE POLICE. SOME FUEL HAS BEEN STOLEN FROM III MAF LINES VICINITY OF RED BEACH STORAGE FACILITIES BUT THESE ARE NOW MORE DEFINITIVELY PATROLLED AND GUARDED AS OUR AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL HAS INCREASED. ONI REPORTS INDICATE PILFERING AND THEFT ALSO OCCURS DURING COMMERCIAL DELIVERIES. THE CAPS ON THE TANK TRUCKS MAY HAVE THE HINGE FIXED WITH DUMMY BOLTS, PERMITTING ACCESS WITHOUT BREAKING THE SEAL. FUEL IS REMOVED AND LARGE BALLOONS INSERTED AND INFLATED TO RESTORE THE LEVEL OF FUEL TO THE PROPER CHECK MARK. CONTAINERS MAY BE HUNG IN THE TANK SO THAT WHEN THE FUEL IS DRAINED FROM THE TANK, SOME IS RETAINED IN THESE CONTAINERS AND HAULED AWAY. OCCASIONALLY A COMMERCIALC COMMERCIAL TRUCK IS DIVERTED AND A FORGED SIGNATURE OBTAINED FOR
DELIVER PAPER WORK AND ALERTING THE PERSONNEL CONCERNED TO THE KNOWN DECEPTIONS ARE THE PRINCIPAL CONTROLS EMPLOYED HERE.

5. I WOULD SUMMARIZE THE BLACK MARKET PROBLEM IN THE DANANG AREA LIKE THIS;

EVERY MAJOR CONDITION WHICH INVITES BLACK MARKET ACTIVITIES EXISTS AROUND DANANG. THERE IS POVERTY, GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION, A HERITAGE OF SHADY OPERATIONS, FINANCIAL IMBALANCE, TREMENDOUSLY VALUABLE PRICES IN THE MILITARY SUPPLIES AND CARGOES , AND FINALLY, A DESPERATE STRUGGLE FOR DAY-TO-DAY SURVIVAL ON THE PART OF THE VIETNAMESE POPULACE. TO COMPENSATE FOR THIS WE HAVE A WELL-TRAINED, WELL-DISCIPLINED, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY ORGANIZATION, WHICH IS LED BY MEN OF IMAGINATION WHO ARE AWARE OF THE DANGER. I HAVE FOUND NOTHING TO LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THAT ANY ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM IS BEING ALLOWED TO RUN LOOSE. NEVER THE LESS, I HAVE URGED CG III MAF TO KEEP CONSTANT CHECKS ON ALL INDICES. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS.

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1. (S) IT IS APPARENT THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE OPERATIONS
   OF OUR RESPECTIVE FORCES IN OPN MASHER/WHITE WING AND THOSE OF III
   MAF IN OPN DOUBLE EAGLE WILL REQUIRE THE EXACT COORDINATION IF WE
   ARE TO SUCCEED IN DESTROYING THE VC NOW ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW TO THE
   NORTH AND WEST FROM THE COASTAL PLAIN VIC TRI QUAN. A LINK-UP OF
   FORCES MAY INDICATE THE ENTRY OF II MAF ELEMENTS INTO THE II CTZ AS
   FAR SOUTH AS THE BS 13 EAST-WEST GRIDLINE.

2. (S) REQUEST YOUR APPROVAL AND COORENCE IN ALLOWING III
   MAF ELEMENTS TO OPERATE IN II CTZ TO THIS GRIDLINE SPECIFIED ABOVE.

3. (S) IF YOU CONCUR IN THE PROPOSAL, I WILL HAVE GENERAL
   KINNARD AS MY COMMANDER ON THE GROUND OFFICE NECESSARY COORDINATION
   WITH CG, III MAF AND WITH GENERAL SONG, YOUR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE
   OPERATIONAL AREA.

4. (U) REQUEST YOUR Earliest CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSAL
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1. (S) IT IS APPARENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE OPERATIONS OF OUR
RESPECTIVE FORCES MUST BE VERY CLOSELY COORDINATED IF WE ARE TO
SUCCEED IN DESTROY THE VC NOW ATTEMPTING TO WITHDRAW TO THE NORTH
AND WEST FROM THE COASTAL PLAIN VIC TAN QUANG.

2. (S) APPROVAL OF MY REQUEST IN REF MSG HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM
GEN VINH LOC, CG II CTZ. ACCORDINGLY, I HAVE DIRECTED CG 1ST CAV
DIV TO COORDINATE HIS OPERATIONS WITH YOURS. GEN KINNARD IS
AUTHORIZED TO EFFECT BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS BETWEEN HIS FORCES AND
YOURS (WITH YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE) SO AS TO PERMIT YOUR OPERATING
IN 11 CORPS AREAS AS FAR NORTH SOUTH AS THE BS 13 EAST - WEST GRIDLINE
IF YOU SO DESIRE.

3. (U) REGARDED CONFIDENTIAL 17 MARCH 66.

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EMERGENCY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (EMCP) IN SUPPORT OF SEASIS (U)

1. THIS IS A REPORT OF A CONFERENCE HELD AT CINCPAC HQ ON 9 FEB ON EMERGENCY CONSTRUCTION. SHARP WAS INITIALLY UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY WERE TO REVIEW THE CINCPAC EMCP LINE ITEM PRIORITY LISTS IN SUPPORT OF THE PHASE II AND PHASE III-A ADDON FORCE BUILDUPS THAT HAD BEEN DEVELOPED FOR MR. McNAMARA AT HIS REQUEST ON 7 FEB. A CUMBERSOME EXAMINATION OF THE PRIORITY LISTS, WHICH REVEALED THEIR SIZE AND SCOPE, MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO EXTEND THEIR REVIEW, AND THE REMAINDER OF THE CONFERENCE WAS DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS:
   A. THE FY 66 EMCP WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS UPON THE FY 66 SUPPLEMENTARY BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS.

B. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE EMCP.

C. CONTRACT LOGISTIC SUPPORT SERVICES.

2. THE FY 66 EMCP, THE FY 66 SUPPLEMENTARY BILL NOW BEFORE CONGRESS, INCLUDES 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS FOR MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FROM WHICH OSD WILL RESERVE 200 MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONTINGENCIES. THE LATEST CINCPAC EMCP, WHICH IS A CONSOLIDATION OF PACOM SERVICE COMPONENT SUBMISSIONS AND WHICH WOULD RECTIFY PHASE II DEFICIENCIES, AND SATISFY ALL PHASE II AND PHASE III-A ADDON REQUIREMENTS, TOTALS 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS HAD BEEN VIEWED BY MR. McNAMARA WITH SOME SURPRISE BECAUSE OF THE DISPARITY BETWEEN THE FY 66 SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING CEILING AND THE NEW CINCPAC EMCP. IT WAS THEN REVEALED THAT THE NEW CINCPAC 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS EMCP IS A TOTAL PROGRAM, GOING FAR BEYOND THE IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS TO BED DOWN PHASE II AND PHASE III-A FORCES, AND INCLUDES MANY AREA DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS THAT SHOULD PROPERLY BE FUNDED IN FY 67. (INITIALLY THIS POINT HAD NOT BEEN SURPRISE ACROSS TO MR. McNAMARA DURING THE MEETINGS LAST WEEK, HOWEVER HE UNDERSTOOD ULTIMATELY.) IT WAS AGREED BY THE CONFEREES THAT THE 1.2 BILLION DOLLARS IN THE FY 66 SUPPLEMENTAL EMCP WILL SUFFICE TO MEET IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS AND TO KEEP THE EMCP IN RVN FUNDED FOR THE NEXT 6 TO 8 MONTHS AT PROJECTED EXPENDITURE RATES, WHICH ARE BASED UPON PRESENT AND PLANNED CIVILIAN AND MILITARY CONSTRUCTION CAPABILITIES.

3. REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE EMCP IN SUPPORT OF SEASIS. THE SUPPORTS AGREED THAT THE AUTHORITY FOR RVN MUST BE VESTED IN COMUSMACV, TO BE EXERCISED THROUGH HIS ENGINEER. UNDER THE LATEST AUTHORITY GRANTED BY OSD, HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REPROGRAM CONSTRUCTION FUNDS BETWEEN SERVICES, BUT THERE WAS RECOGNITION THAT HE COULD ACCOMPLISH THE SAME END BY DIRECTING THAT A GIVEN PROJECT BE FUNDED BY A SERVICE COMPONENT OTHER THAN THE ONE THAT HAD ORIGINALLY INITIATED THE PROJECT. GENERAL WHEELER, WHO WAS PRESENT, STATED THAT HE HAD BEEN DIRECTED BY MR. McNAMARA TO MONITOR .
THE MATTER OF REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY CLOSELY AND TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS IF ADDITIONAL FLEXIBILITY IS REQUIRED.


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1. REF A REPORTS A NUMBER OF CIVIL PRISONERS AND ONE U.S. PRISONER IN CAMP NEAR BA-TO. U.S. PRISONER DESCRIBED AS REDヘADED, 5 FEET 11 INCHES, 170 LBS, TATTOO RIGHT ARM.
2. HAS RESEARCH BEEN UNDERTAKEN TO ASCERTAIN IF HE IS A MARINE MIA FROM BA-TO OR ELSEWHERE?
3. TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE DOES, MACV, OR I CORPS HAVE ANY PLANS FOR ATTEMPTING RESCUE OF PRISONERS?
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SECRETARY OF THE NAVY INQUIRY ON U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT STORY (U)
A. RW 090321Z.

1. REF A REQUESTED YOU TO TRACK DOWN A REPORT OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO A MARINE GENERAL IN DANANG RELATING TO BLACK MARKET AND RELATED ACTIVITIES WHICH APPEARED IN U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT OF 14 FEB. DISPERSE THE REQUEST IN THAT MESSAGE UNOFAR AS BEING CONCERNED WITH THE MATTER OF THIS INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED BY A MARINE GENERAL IN DANANG. BY OTHER MEANS I HAVE DETERMINED THAT DANANG WAS NOT THE SOURCE OF THE STORY HOWEVER, I WOULD STILL BE INTERESTED IN THE DETAILS OF SANDERS MOVEMENTS AND CONTACTS IN DANANG TO THE DEGREE THAT YOU CAN FEASIBLY ASCERTAIN THEM.

2. OF MORE SUBSTANTIVE IMPORTANCE, HOWEVER, TO THIS MATTER WHICH IS ASSUMING SERIOUS PROPORTIONS IN THE MINDS OF HIGH OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON, PLEASE UNDERTAKE, AS A MATTER OF PRIORITY, A DISCRET BUT DETAILED INQUIRY INTO THE EXTENT AND SCOPE OF BLACK MARKET OF MILITARY ITEMS IN THE DANANG AREA, REPORTING DIRECTLY TO ME BY THIS MEANS. I RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS AN EASY TASK BUT IT IS IMPORTANT TO MY BEING EQUIPPED TO FIELD AN ARRAY OF INQUIRIES FROM THE WASHINGTON LEVEL. WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET 09/13 FROM AVF-GC-PN FOR GEN WALT
FROM GEN LARSEN
SUBJ: BINH-DINH: OPERATION OF 1ST AIR CAV DIV (U)

1. (S) WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT OPERATION
WHITE WING WILL HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ITS OBJECTIVES AND AT THAT TIME
THE 1ST AIR CAV SHOULD HAVE CLEARED THE AN LAO VALLEY AND RETURNED
TO THE COASTAL PLAIN. THEREAFTER, CONTINGENT ON WEATHER CONDITIONS
FAVORABLE FOR CLOSE AIR SUPPORT AND EMPLOYMENT OF HELICOPTERS, THE
1ST AIR CAV DIV WILL BE REORIENTED TO THE SOUTHWEST AND COMMENCE
OPERATIONS IN THE KIMSON VALLEY AIMED AT THE LOCATION AND DEST-

2. (S) SUBSEQUENTLY, IN LATE FEB THIS FORCE WILL BE COMMITTED
TO A THREE-PHASE SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATION EXTENDING SOUTH
FROM BONG SON AS FOLLOWS:

A. PHASE I: CLEARANCE OF THE HIGH GROUND WEST AND SOUTH
WEST OF PHU CU PASS AND THE HIGH GROUND EAST OF PHU CU PASS TO THE SEA.
B. PHASE II: CLEARANCE OF THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN EAST OF
HIGHWAY 1 BETWEEN THE INLETS DAM IRA O ON THE NORTH AND DAM NUOC NGAL ON
THE SOUTH.

C. PHASE III: CoORDINATED SEARCH AND DESTROY AND CLEAR
OPERATION IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN EAST OF PHU CAT AND NORTH OF
Gui Nhon.

(S) REQUEST YOUR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO PROVISION OF US
MARINE SUPPORT IN THE CONDUCT OF PHASES I AND II ABOVE. THIS WOULD
TAKE THE FORM OF A SERIES OF LEAPFROGGING AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULTS IN
COORDINATION WITH THE AERIAL OPERATIONS OF THE 1ST AIR CAV DIV AS
FAR SOUTH AS THE EAST WEST GRIDLINE 68. DIRECT COORDINATION WITH
GENERAL MINARD IN CONNECTION WITH MARINE SUPPORT TO PHASES I AND II
SHOULD CONTINUE, SINCE IT HAS WORKED SO EFFECTIVELY DURING YOUR

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CURRENT JOINT OPERATIONS IN THE AN LAO AND COSTAL VALLEYS.

4. (S) PHASE III OF THIS OPERATION IS PLANNED TO COMMENCE IN THE SECOND WEEK OF MARCH, LASTING APPROXIMATELY 5 DAYS. IT WILL CONSIST OF A COMBINED SEARCH, DESTROY AND CLEAR OPERATION IN THE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN EAST OF PHU CAT AND NORTH OF QUI HON. FORCES OF THE 1ST AIR CAV, ARVN AND THE CAP ROK DIV WILL CONVERGE ON THE AREA GENERALLY FROM THE NORTH, WEST AND SOUTH RESPECTIVELY.

5. (S) BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION AE HAVE REQUESTED MACV APPROVAL OF A SPECIAL LANDING FORCE (SLF) TO HIT SPECIFIC TARGET AREAS ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE PHASE III OPERATIONAL AREA. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. CR 397536
B. CR 108915
C. CR 112488
D. CR 114460
E. CR 107421

DUE TO THE COMPLEX COORDINATION REQUIRED IN PHASE III, THIS HEADQUARTERS WILL COORDINATE ALL OPERATIONS SOUTH OF THE EAST/WEST GRIDLINE 68.

6. (S) IT IS HOPED THAT III MAF ASSETS CAN BE PROVIDED TO PARTICIPATE JOINTLY WITH 1ST AIR CAV DIV IN PHASES I AND II OF BINH DINH OPERATION OUTLINED ABOVE. GP-4