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CIA-DoD BRIEFING BY GENERAL DUPUY
AND GEORGE CARVER

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CIA-DOD Briefing

1. DuPuy- Build-up of NVA Morceaux Battalions: 103- Areas hit: A Hack force was 85,000
of that, KIA was 42,000
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Mandatory Review
Case # NLJ 83-27
Document # 103General DuPuy (DoD)
George Caver (Abrams: For every one man we count
dead, he loses 1/3 to injuryAbrams: Saigon wasn't taken.
They did get near Tensonnut- Losses:

NVA-VC	500 / day
Weapons	16,000 enemy

- Movements:

Buildup near Saigon + Hue.

- Force level of SVN

March 68	647,000
June 68	685,000
June 69	779,154
June 70	801,215

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- Equipment modernization.
- Combat Deaths

P- Were 80,000 KIA

H- What kind of soldiers were they?

A- Mixed group, but armed men.

D- Lowest estimate of enemy force under arm

153,000 - 250/day = 98% KIA

270,000 - 500 KIA/day = 85% KIA

Dupuy: At what point does attrition
catch up w/ infiltration?

They don't.

P: If we knock off 80,000/yr.

Can they sustain it.

H- How many N.V.A. were killed.

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Wheeler: I am studying the matter now.

Westmoreland. believes they could bring
in 2 divisions in next 30-60 days.

For next several months, he will take
more + more chances because he is
attaching Americans here at home.

President: Everybody is recommending surrender.

What are estimates:

- input of VC
- NVA held down in NV.
- How many available from N.
- How fast can we kill them.

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Wheeler: Giap's theory is there always going to
be people dying

CARVER: Communists want to take SON
Keep VN state structure from developing.

Decision to put in line elements

late Spring 1964

Autumn 1964 - moving in

Showed up in early 1965

Their escalation

March 1965 - 1st US troops
to Da Nang

Feb. 1965 Bombing

May - June

Decision by LBJ
July - 100,000 put in

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> Are we relatively much stronger today
than a year ago, 2 years ago?

Abrams - Yes

P - From July 65 to July 70

If you take 5-yr period, are
we as far along proportionally
as we were in WWII

W: Yes Better off

P: How many they have (a.c.)

W: 100

P: How many we have

W: 1,000

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P- You seen any Chinese men?

W- No

P- Has M16 problems in India

A- Yes

CARVER: Decisions made last summer in Hanoi.

They think they can take us in guerilla war that
we will not start conventional WAR.

They decided to exploit differences between (us +
sun) + (sun + people). + stop pacification.

MAJOR trends going against them

Had to move off protracted
war status

- collapse GVN
- destroy pol basis
- collapse our will to carry
on struggle in election yr

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we know all our imperfections
Have an imperfect picture of their losses
They wanted to create false synthesis

. They did take casualties.
Controversy over how many. -

Abrams - CIA says we lump
sub drivers, messengers, couriers, together
& call them VC-NVA.

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- 1 Abrams
- 2 Wheeler
- 3 Helms
- 4 DuPuy + Assistant
- 5 McPherson
- 6 VP
- 7 Christian
- 8 Fowler
- 9 Zwick
- 10 Carver

We can't afford to hid ourselves
on figures. B52's + Tac Air
isn't counted.

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P- Any pressure from Washington
on body would

W: No.

They have lost more in 3
months than we have in whole war.

Wheeler:

Carver. GUN has been thrown back to
Detroit & Province towns

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Carver: Expect 2nd effort. Select individual units. Kontun + Bannet ⊕

Abrams: Agree they could hit.

West of Kontun

Carver: Still can play with negotiations. Always can make some gesture. accept S.A.

Prediction - Make 1968 a decisive war.

Next 2-4 months will be
decisive. Political balance
may tip.

Our contribution must
be one of attitude

In next 2-3 months
will be decisive