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& Hanoi Reaction to US
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SPECIAL MEMORANDUM

MOSCOW, PEKING, AND HANOI REACTION
TO THE U.S. AIR STRIKES AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM

10 February 1965

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TRENDS AND HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNIST BLOC BROADCASTS

AIR STRIKES AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM

The U.S. air strikes against the DRV in retaliation for the 7 February Viet Cong attacks on Pleiku and other South Vietnam areas draw government statements from Moscow and Peking on 8 February pledging unspecified support and assistance to Hanoi. Beneath the verbiage of condemnation of the U.S. "provocation," however, there is a measure of caution in both statements. Neither raises the specter of a broad conflict or portrays the U.S. actions as a threat to "world" peace.

Followup propaganda from Peking displays typical bellicosity and bluster and is similar to Chinese comment in the initial phase of the propaganda campaign following the August Tonkin Gulf incident. Thus Chinese media publicize a big rally staged in Peking on the 10th, attended by Mao Tse-tung, Liu Shao-chi, and Chou En-lai, and reports of demonstrations throughout the country are beginning to come in. Moscow, characteristically, shows more restraint. Like Peking, however, it derides U.S. statements that the air strikes were retaliatory, and Soviet media widely publicize international expressions of indignation and popular protests in the USSR. While indicating that "DRV defenses" will be strengthened, some Moscow broadcasts take note of growing sentiment in the United States and elsewhere for a political settlement in Vietnam.

The 8 February DRV Government statement showed an initial reluctance on the part of North Vietnam to refer specifically to the need or likelihood of bloc aid. As at the time of the Tonkin Gulf crisis, Hanoi propaganda stresses that the adversary has been "duly punished." Reports of a rally in Hanoi on the 8th are followed by accounts of rallies and protests throughout the country.

SOVIET SUPPORT The Soviet Government statement says that "in the face of the U.S. actions" the USSR "will be forced, together with its allies and friends, to take further measures to safeguard the security and strengthen the defense capability of the DRV." It adds that "no one should doubt that the Soviet people will fulfill its international duty to the fraternal socialist country." In his airport speech upon leaving Hanoi on 10 February, Kosygin states that agreement was reached about the measures to be taken to strengthen DRV defense. While it may be conjectured that some such measures were a prime concern of the Kosygin mission from the outset, the Soviet premier had referred publicly to Soviet "assistance" only once prior to his airport speech during his stay in Hanoi--at a 7 February rally when he avowed Soviet readiness to "give the DRV all necessary assistance if the aggressors dare to encroach upon its independence and sovereignty."

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Speaking at a reception on 8 February, after the U.S. air strike but before the release of the Soviet Government statement, Kosygin avoided any repetition of the "necessary assistance" pledge. He referred to the "brazen" U.S. attack on the DRV and went on to say merely that "the Soviet Union, all socialist countries, all progressive forces are united with the friendly Vietnamese people, who are giving, with arms in hand, a vigorous rebuff to imperialist intervention." In a later passage on the Vietnamese people's "struggle," he spoke of an "international duty" to strengthen the socialist comity and assist "oppressed and fighting peoples," but did not specify the DRV. It is an open question whether the contents of the Soviet Government statement, released in Moscow three and a half hours after TASS carried Kosygin's speech, were known to the Soviet premier in Hanoi at the time he delivered the speech.

At a reception on 6 February, Kosygin had said only that the Soviet Union and "all progressive forces of the world" have supported the DRV's "struggle against imperialist provocations" as well as the struggles of the peoples of South Vietnam and Laos. His omission of any specific reference to assistance was made the more conspicuous by Pham Van Dong, who at the same reception recalled Kosygin's pledge of assistance in his 9 December 1964 Supreme Soviet speech. Thus the DRV premier quoted and "warmly welcomed" Kosygin's remark in the Supreme Soviet that "the Soviet Union is ready to give" the brotherly socialist DRV and Cuba "all necessary help if the aggressors dare to attack them." NHAN DAN's 6 February editorial also recalled Kosygin's December statement.

Undertones of sarcasm could be read into Pham Van Dong's tributes to Soviet support. In the 9 December Kosygin remark which he cited, the pledge of aid to the DRV was in a sense diluted by being coupled with aid to Cuba. And in the next paragraph of his speech Pham hailed the USSR for "actively struggling," as one of the Geneva conference co-chairmen, for observance of the 1954 Geneva agreements--a statement which could bring to mind the Soviet Union's relative public inactivity in its role as cochairman during the recent period. Addressing the 8 February reception at which Kosygin failed to mention Soviet aid, Pham "sincerely thanked Comrade Kosygin for his kind words about our country and people," about friendship between the Soviet and Vietnamese peoples, and about Soviet "support and assistance" to "our revolutionary cause."

The pledge of assistance in the Soviet Government statement was promptly repeated in Moscow radio commentaries and in an IZVESTIYA article on the 9th. The first editorial support comes on 10 February, in a PRAVDA editorial article which assails U.S. "banditry" and "arbitrariness" in sharp terms but only in the context of Indochina, without raising the specter of a broadened war. PRAVDA repeats the government statement's pledge that the Soviet Union will carry out

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its "international duty to a fraternal socialist country," but otherwise hints at Soviet action only obliquely in the question, "Do they understand in Washington what danger to peace is created by this playing with fire near the powderkeg into which they have transformed South Vietnam?" The editorial article also repeats from the 8 February government statement the assurance that the Soviet Union wants peace and "normal" relations with the United States and the cryptic admonition that such relations are "incompatible with aggressive manifestations of policy" capable of nullifying "steps undertaken in the interests of improving Soviet-American relations."

CHINESE SUPPORT The CPR Government statement, released by NCNA an hour after TASS had released the Soviet statement, declares that in view of the U.S. violations of the Geneva agreements, "the DRV has gained the right of action to fight against U.S. aggression, and all other countries upholding the agreements have gained the right of action to assist the DRV." The CPR Government statement of 5 August 1964 on the Tonkin Gulf incident had used exactly the same language. The current statement goes on to say that "as to how this right will be exercised is our own affair. The situation is continuing to develop." The current statement also echoes the August document when it states that aggression against the DRV means aggression against China and that "the DRV is a member of the socialist camp, and all other socialist countries have the unshirkable international obligation to support and assist it with actual deeds."

CPR trade union head Liu Ning-i, speaking at the big 10 February rally in Peking, echoes the government statement regarding the socialist countries' obligation to support the DRV with deeds and states at the conclusion of his speech that "we are ready at all times to join our Vietnamese brothers and fight shoulder to shoulder with them." Earlier in the speech, however, he says that if the United States spreads the flames of war to the DRV, "the Vietnamese people" will "most assuredly be able to destroy the U.S. aggressors lock, stock, and barrel on their own soil." As at the time of the August Tonkin Gulf crisis, routine Peking radio broadcasts occasionally note pledges by Chinese citizens to volunteer.

The PEOPLE'S DAILY editorial of 10 February elaborates on the language of the government statement in declaring that an invasion of the DRV means an invasion of "all socialist countries" as well as an invasion of the CPR. It goes beyond the editorial of the 9th in raising, though vaguely, the specter of a broadened war. Calling the assurance that the United States seeks "no wider war" a "monstrous lie," the 10 February editorial says that once Washington embarks on an expansion of the war it will not be able to "control and decide the time, place, and scale of that war." It points contemptuously to the "meager" U.S. forces "spread thinly over a long arc" stretching from Korea to Indochina and says that if the United States "imposes war on us" it will be obliterated

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in an Asia-wide war. The editorial of 9 February had similarly deprecated U.S. strength in the statement that the United States is seeking to extend the war with its "small forces in Indochina, Southeast Asia, and the Far East" and added, "We are waiting for you in battle array." That editorial stressed the need for repayment of a "blood debt" which is now drawing "compound interest"--imagery used in some routine Peking propaganda but not this time in the CPR Government statement, although it had appeared in the government statement on the August Tonkin Gulf crisis.

HANOI COMMENT Hanoi warmly acclaims the Soviet and Chinese support pledges and takes pains to display them jointly, even in comments addressed to Kosygin. In his 10 February farewell speech to the Soviet delegation, Pham Van Dong cites the pledges in both the Soviet and CPR statements and expresses gratitude to these and "other fraternal countries." A 10 February NHAN DAN editorial on Kosygin's visit quotes only the Soviet pledge, but expresses gratitude for both the CPR and Soviet government statements. A long VIETNAM NEWS AGENCY (VNA) item on the 10th carries both statements plus a 9 February North Korean Government statement which promises to "firmly stand by" and "actively assist" the Vietnamese people; VNA notes that all three statements are played up in Hanoi dailies.

In his farewell comments, Kosygin confirms that the two sides reached complete accord on "measures to be taken to strengthen the defense potential of the DRV" and agreed to hold "frequent exchanges of views" on this subject. The results of these talks, he says, will be reflected in a joint statement to be released "soon."

Hanoi's voluble, heated propaganda reaction to the air strikes pictures the incident as a sequel to previous air and naval "provocations" against the DRV rather than as a move which essentially alters either America's or North Vietnam's positions in the conflict. DRV propaganda hails the "heroic exploit" of the antiaircraft units and claims, as of the 9th, that 12 planes were downed. Hanoi press comment urges public vigilance against further U.S. moves, but also calls on readers to "express anger in production" and cites production as their "central task." There is only occasional, passing reference to the 3 February communique of the DRV Defense Council which called for "all-out efforts" to build the army and urged defense units to "get ready to fight."

Officially, Hanoi responds in vague and carefully worded fashion. A Defense Ministry statement on the 7th warns that the United States must "bear the responsibility" for the "consequences" of its "aggression" and demands an end to "provocative and war-seeking acts against the DRV and the aggressive war in South Vietnam." Repeating this demand, a DRV Government statement on the 8th routinely urges the Geneva conference cochairmen and conference participants to take

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"timely and effective actions" to halt U.S. actions. These demands were also repeated in a resolution adopted at an 8 February protest rally in Hanoi. DRV references to retaliation thus far do not go beyond the assertion by NHAN DAN that the United States will receive "hard return blows" if it attacks the DRV by "land, sea, or air."

Hanoi only briefly reports the 7 February White House statement and Secretary McNamara's press conference explaining the attack, and has ignored the assurance that the United States seeks "no wider war." Hanoi does, however, note that an antiaircraft missile battalion and "numerous army units" have been ordered to South Vietnam. A DRV Foreign Ministry statement on the 10th protests the arrival of additional units of the Seventh Fleet off South Vietnam, and declares that this "obviously is part of a prearranged U.S. plan to stage provocative attacks against the DRV."

Noting statements that the air raids were in retaliation for Viet Cong attacks on Pleiku and other areas in South Vietnam, NHAN DAN and the army daily QUAN DOI NHAN DAN call this a "clumsy smokescreen" and a "pretext" for the raids, but do not flatly disclaim responsibility for Viet Cong actions. Hanoi's denunciation of the air raids coincides with high praise for the "staggering blow" dealt the United States at Pleiku by the "Liberation Army."

Implying that the air raids will not deter future rebel aggression in the South, the DRV Government statement declares that "the Vietnamese people will never shrink before any threat of the United States" and will "further increase their forces and step up their struggle." The Viet Cong's Liberation Radio on the 8th protests the air raids and says they had "heightened the determination of our people throughout the country to fight and win."

POLITICAL SETTLEMENT Only Moscow of the three bloc radios has picked up U.S. and other statements favoring a negotiated settlement in Vietnam. And a passage in Kosygin's 9 February rally speech seems rather blatantly to call attention to the fact that the DRV has not supported a political settlement. Thus, after "demanding" the cessation of foreign intervention in Laos, Kosygin says that "like the DRV Government, we hold that it is necessary to convene an international conference on the Laotian issue without any preconditions attached." He adds that "the Soviet Union supports the resolution of the conference of nonaligned countries in Cairo on the convocation of a new international conference on Indochina with a view to the peaceful settlement of the questions which have arisen there." The accounts of the Cairo conference declaration carried by TASS, as well as the report published in PRAVDA on 12 October, had not included the reference to a conference on Indochina. Peking, on the other hand, had reported it, and a 14 October PEOPLE'S DAILY editorial referred to it--along with such other items as liquidation of military bases--as "justifiable aspirations."

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TASS on 8 February says a Gallup poll has shown that a large majority of Americans favor an "international conference" on Vietnam. And on the 9th TASS notes congressional calls for "neutralization of Southeast Asia" and for a negotiated settlement, and publicizes a similar call by an Indian trade unionist. Statements by the British and French communist parties calling for a Geneva conference to settle the Vietnam crisis are carried by TASS on the 8th, and the French CP statement is used in newscasts in scattered foreign languages including Vietnamese. On 10 February TASS promptly reports the announcement by the French information minister that the French Government is prepared to take part in talks on an "international agreement that would exclude foreign interference" in Indochina, and that the initiative for a new conference should come from the Soviet Union and Britain, the cochairmen of the 1954 Geneva conference. TASS also quotes Indira Ghandi as stating in Moscow that the Indian Government favors the calling of "a 14-nation conference on Indochina."

Bundy memo
8 February 1965

Following are additional immediate reactions to the air strike by foreign governments.

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

I have briefed President Reid Cabral on Vietnam action. His response was characteristically immediate and unequivocal. He said he considered action timely and asked that US Government be assured Dominican Republic "at your side". President commented he would be in touch with his UN delegation today to instruct it to be ready to give full support to US in any action that might be required there.

HONDURAS

I conveyed to Foreign Minister today text of White House announcement on Vietnam. He expressed satisfaction and relief at action taken, and agreed emphatically this latest U.S. response to North Vietnam aggression absolutely necessary and correct.

AUSTRALIA

I briefed the External Minister of Affairs Paul Hasluck on the Dong Hoi mission. Hasluck replied that the External Staff fully supports the action and regrets that the weather prevented full strike.

JAPAN

Ambassador reached Vice Foreign Minister ODA with text of White House announcement. ODA felt Prime Minister Sato would regard U.S. action as taken in necessary self defense.

NEW ZEALAND

Deputy Chief of Mission briefed External Affairs Secretary on Dong Hoi strike. Secretary commented decision for retaliatory action represented stage which Assistant Secretary Bundy had alerted us to expect in case of continued provocation.

IRAN

Deputy Chief Mission briefed undersecretary in Foreign Ministry re Dong Hoi strike. He said he thought that in circumstances US action was logical and there no other choice.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

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Following are the immediate reactions ^{to} of the air strike by foreign governments:

CANADA

Embassy notified Rogers of External Affairs of U.S. air strike against North Vietnam immediately. He had already heard announcement on 8:00 a. m. newscast (as had Embassy), which carried unconfirmed report that air strike was against Hanoi Airport. Rogers showed no surprise and harked back to Gulf of Tonkin attacks and reprisals, saying: "Well, this is what you said you were going to do."

THAILAND

I filled in Foreign Minister Dawee and Prime Minister this afternoon re mission against Dong Hoi. Both expressed satisfaction with results and inquired whether U.S. intended mount future reprisals out of Thai bases now that original missions have had to stand down for weather. I promised to inform them as soon as we received further word.

INDIA

I informed Ministry of External Affairs Deputy Secretary Arora of air strike at 1945 local time, February 7. Surprisingly Arora took Embassy officer's statement calmly and then said: "I suppose this means that war has been extended to North Vietnam." Embassy officer responded that it still in power of North Vietnam to prevent expansion. Arora expressed appreciation for information and recognized it as operational information given in confidence.

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Damage Assessment



StRoom Report



SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 1965

- 1020 Received phone call from NMCC that airfield at SOC TRANG, 90 miles southwest of Saigon, was under mortar attack. 15 shells had fallen, no casualties. 3 Flareships in vicinity, all but one helicopter had been evacuated and there were armed helicopters in the area.
- 1035 JCS 071459Z to CINCPAC, COMUSMACV
1. Further air strikes by U.S. Forces not favorably considered for now. Will review again when McGeorge Bundy returns.
 2. Authorized strike against target #32 with #39, or other suitable target same general area as weather alternate. To use South Vietnam forces only for attack with conventional ordnance, less NAPALM.
 3. To insure success, use of navigational assistance from Farm Gate, and Flak Suppression, CAP, RECCE, and SAR from U.S. resources authorized.
- 1045 NMCC advised Ambassador Taylor's secure and unclassified telephone at his quarters is inoperative. It will take him about one hour to reach MACV Headquarters if a secure phonecon with Washington is desired.
- 1050 CINCPACFLT forces authorized by JCS and CINCPAC to conduct Bomb Damage Assessment of Target #33 (DONG HOI) at earliest time 8 February Saigon time. Can use 3 PHOTO RECCE, 4 CAP and 8 Flak Suppression aircraft.
- 1125 CINCPAC 071503Z
- Directed CINCPACFLT to move a Marine LAAM Battalion by air from Okinawa to DA NANG airfield, South Vietnam ASAP. On conclusion of this, aircraft are to proceed to TON SON NAUT to participate in dependent evacuation if ordered.
- 1150 NMCC advised by phone that attack on SOC TRANG had ended. No casualties or damage to aircraft.

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SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 1965 (Cont'd)

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COMNAVPHIL 071416Z

Discusses capacities Hong Kong, Bangkok and Philippines as havens for U. S. dependents if evacuated from South Vietnam.

1233

CTG 77.5 (USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43)) 071446Z

This is an amplifying report of strike conducted against target #33, DONG HOI, by USS CORAL SEA aircraft.

070556Z - Strike aircraft launched

070700Z - Strike commenced

070820Z - Strike aircraft recovered except for two aircraft which had diverted to DA NANG

070950Z - 2 aircraft which had diverted were recovered aboard CVA 43

While strike appeared successful, low ceiling precludes accurate assessment of damage. This to be determined in more detail earliest on 8 February. 3 aircraft were damaged and 1 aircraft was crashed about 1 mile at sea. Pilot successfully ejected, but no information available concerning his rescue or capture. SAR will continue at first light 8 February. No enemy aircraft were sighted during strike.

Detailed strike report by USS HANCOCK not yet received.

1251

COMUSMACV 071630Z

Directs 2nd Air Division to execute strike by South Vietnamese forces against target #32 as primary and #39 as the weather alternate.

1300

CINCPACFLT 071649Z

Deleted support of 4 CAP and 8 Flak Suppression aircraft authorized by JCS for Bomb Damage assessment mission over DONG HOI, 8 February.

SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 1965 (Cont'd)

1305 Mr. Reedy announced at 12:30 p.m. that President Johnson has ordered dependents withdrawn from South Vietnam.

1423 CTG 77.7 071353Z

Reported all strike aircraft recovered aboard USS HANCOCK. One pilot was injured. He received superficial cuts about face and neck from shell fragment penetrating aircraft. There were no other injuries.

1425 CINCPAC 070620Z

DEFCON TWO was set for all Pacific Command forces in South Vietnam, Thailand and South China Sea area.

1428 Intercepted North Vietnamese message from Vinh Linh to Hanoi indicated on limited damage. All landline communications were lost due telegraph poles being knocked over -- very little other damage reported, according to operator chatter.

1435 MACV EAC 071820Z

Made following points:

1. No civilian casualties during attacks on PLEIKU, SOC TRANG, and TUY HAO.
2. No contact with forces attacking SOC TRANG.
3. Limited amount of equipment captured after attacks.
4. No fires from attack at PLEIKU, but were some after TUY HOA attack.

1452 CTG 77.7 071353Z

Amplifying report of strike on DONG HOI, Target #33.

Confirmed previously recorded information. Indicated strike damage assessment inconclusive. Confirmed loss of one A4 aircraft.

SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 1965 (Cont'd)

1500 Received from NMCC latest bomb damage assessment lists:

- A. 10 buildings destroyed
- B. 1 building burning
- C. 2 buildings heavily damaged
- D. In area where 5 buildings were destroyed, the area is burning

Confirming detailed message will follow.

1512 JCS 071808Z

Set forth alert for deployment of various units to WESTPAC bases. Included were:

- A. Two tactical fighter squadrons to Japan and one to the Philippines
- B. Seven tactical fighter squadrons to bases to be specified by CINCPAC
- C. One C-130 squadron to NAHA
- D. One TRTF (6 RF101 and one PPC) to Kadena, Japan
- E. One TRTF (6 RB-66) to TAN SON NAUT, South Vietnam
- F. One C-124 squadron to Tachikawa, Japan

Force movement to be directed later.

1532 MACV EAC 071935Z

Reported all shelling SOC TRANG airfield was short. There were no casualties. The airstrip is now secure and operational.

1558 CTG 77.7 071740Z

Reported damage assessment from strike of DONG HOI based on 100% photo coverage.

Of 12 numbered areas and 1 unnumbered area (no correlation as to what areas hold or how many buildings in each) following damage reported:

2055

The President called the Situation Room and asked if we had any additional information concerning a second mortar attack in South Vietnam at which there were no casualties reported. I informed him we had received no further information on it. He then asked if we had received any additional substantiative information concerning battle damage assessment. I informed him that we have recently received a message that the photo reconnaissance mission had been aborted because of unfavorable weather conditions in the target area as the pilots had reported fog in the target area. The President stated the battle damage reports which he had received were not satisfactory and that he would have to have more substantiative information and that if they couldn't get pictures of battle damage they should call in the pilots and get a first-hand report from them on damage assessment.

This requirement was relayed at 2100 to the NMCC Team Chief with the request that they prepare the best substantiative battle information that we can obtain and relay it to us in terms of the layman's language which can be both meaningful and understood.

The President asked what time Mr. McGeorge Bundy was due to arrive and I told him at 10:20 p.m. at Andrews Air Force Base. He asked if Mr. Bundy was coming to the White House or going home and I told him it was my understanding that Mr. Bundy would proceed to his home.

I reported this conversation to Mr. Bromley Smith

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Colonel Purdy called the Situation Room and said that "we had all they had" and DIA analysts were still trying to make bomb damage assessment. I requested that Colonel Purdy go back to DIA (BDA Section) and ask them to come up with something for us immediately. Colonel Purdy agreed that DIA analysts should be able to assess BDA reports with their own key. He agreed to call back as soon as possible.

- 2155 CTG 77.7 by message 080156Z informed JCS they plan to launch a second weather reconnaissance at 0245Z and if weather is satisfactory, which is forecast, will launch a photo reconnaissance mission at 0400Z.
- 2210 Situation Room asked Colonel Purdy of the NMCC to come up with a BDA report of the DONG HOI barracks area to be delivered to the Situation Room by 0600, 8 February. Situation Room asked that they go back to the field for any possible details which they may have and are still holding regarding the bomb damage. Also asked Colonel Purdy to have DLA make this report including a read-out of their IPIR #1, all pilot debriefings to date, and any further photo flights over the area which come in before 0600.
- 2220 COMUSMACV msg 08/0146Z informed CINCPAC UNAF strike primary target will be #32 (VU CON Military Installation) with #39 as secondary (CHOP LE Army Barracks). Time over target still estimated as 08/0600Z.
- 2230 Lynda called at this time for general information on the current situation in Vietnam.

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MAC J-31 3788 (DTG 08/0345Z) from COMUSMACV to CINCPAC: Operations Plan for VNAF strike 8 Feb.

Aircraft involved will be:

- 24 A1H VNAF
- 6 A1E Farmgate
- 8 F-100 Flak Supp.
- 1 RF-101 Weather Recce
- 2 RF-101 Pathfinder/BDA
- 4 F-100 BDA Escort
- 4 F-100 MIG Cap
- 4 F-100 Rescue Cap
- 1 KC-135 tanker for rescue cap

Primary target is #32 (VU CON military installation) and secondary is #39. Target time is 0600Z (however NMCC informed us by telephone that target time will be 0730Z).

- 0106 MAC J-31 3790 (DTG 08/0435Z) COMUSMACV to CINCPAC reports new target time for reprisal strike is 08/0730Z (0230 EST) and increases KC-135 tanker to two instead of one.

0230 NMCC to Situation Room

Strike was off at 0700Z (0200 EST).

Strike aircraft going to target 39 which is secondary target due to weather at primary target.

Strike aircraft consisted of:

26 A1H VNAF
6 A1E
8 F-100 Flak Supp.
4 F-100 MIG Cap
2 RF-101 Pathfinder/BDA

4 F-101 BDA aircraft as yet not launched.

0300 LCDR WARD (NMCC) - Two TS messages from MACV to NMCC

1. Last 4 F-100 BDA escort airborne at 0725Z.
2. One of Flak Suppression aircraft returning to DNG streaming fuel. Cause of trouble unknown. He is accompanied by a wing man.

0315 NMCC reported aircraft has landed safely at DNG

0336 LCDR WARD (NMCC)

NMCC has a report that an A-1 pilot bailed out near DA NANG. Do not have information on whether this was an A1H or A1E aircraft.

0345 NMCC reported that A-1 pilot who bailed out was Vietnamese and has been recovered.

8 F-100 Flak Suppression aircraft have returned to DA NANG.

0346 080725Z (200T-00159) reported 24 A1H (UNAF) plus 2 spares and 4 A1H (USAF) plus 2 spares departed DA NANG at 08/0645Z, estimating target 08/0731Z. Also gave timing for flak suppression and pathfinder aircraft (8 F-100), BDA (1 RF 101) and Rescap (4 F-100).

0416 NMCC

All A1H aircraft have landed (with the exception of the one which was lost where the pilot bailed out over DA NANG, pilot recovered)

Six to eight aircraft received battle damage.

Preliminary reports from the pilots from the strike planes indicate heavy damage in the target area.

4 MIG CAP and 4 F-100 Rescue CAP along with the KC-1 tanker are all in the traffic pattern for landing.

0500 NMCC

Colonel Rosin, DIA, will do the special BDA report for the Situation Room.

In a telephone conversation with MACV the following was relayed concerning the strike mission:

RF 101 Pathfinders indicated that the strike was very effective and produced excellent results. They noted several large fires in the strike area and also secondary explosions in the barracks buildings.

The timing for the whole operation was excellent.

F-100's together with A1E aircraft flying flak suppression lashed the target area and shortly thereafter the A1H VNF strike aircraft came in on target.

All aircraft recovered 0856Z (0356 EST), with the exception of the one aircraft which crashed at DA NANG.

Two F-100's sustained minor battle damage.

0528 MACV to NMCC 08/0914Z reported initial overall estimate of strike results good. Heavy damage inflicted on target.

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MACV 08/0942Z to NMCC reported intial interview with RF-101 Pathfinder pilot indicates strike very effective and excellent results. Numerous fires, secondary explosions in barracks buildings. Al's appeared to be on target and most munitions expended. Exact battle damage not known except two F-100's reported with minor damage.

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Steverson Letter to
the United Nations

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT
February 7, 1965

TO: Mr. Bromley Smith *S*
The White House

Here is the final text
of the Stevenson letter to
the Security Council President
that I mentioned to you on the
telephone.

Read
Benjamin H. Read
Executive Secretary

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*Ball cleared this with President
by phone for use ~~with~~ this evening.*

February 7, 1965

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LETTER TO HIS EXCELLENCY ROGER SEYDOUX, PRESIDENT,
SECURITY COUNCIL, UNITED NATIONS.

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Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform you of the following acts which have further disturbed the peace in Viet-Nam.

In the early morning of February 7th, Vietnamese time, Viet Cong forces carried out coordinated attacks on South Vietnamese air bases in Pleiku and Tuy Hoa, on two barracks installations in the Pleiku area, and on a number of villages in the area of Tuy Hoa and Nha Trang. Numerous casualties were inflicted, and at least one village was burned.

These attacks by the Viet Cong, which operates under the military orders of North Vietnamese authorities in Hanoi, were a concerted and politically timed effort to sharpen and intensify the aggression at a moment designed for broader effect in the field of international politics, and to test the will of the Republic of Viet Nam and the United States to resist that aggression.

The Government of the Republic of Viet-Nam and the Government of the United States immediately consulted and agreed that it was necessary to take prompt defensive action. Accordingly, on the afternoon of February 7th, Vietnamese time, United States and South Vietnamese air elements were directed to take joint action against certain military facilities in the southern

southern area of North Viet-Nam. An attack was carried through against Dong Hoi, which is a military installation and one of the major staging areas for the infiltration of armed cadres of North Vietnamese troops into South Viet-Nam in violation of international law and of the Geneva Accords of 1954.

The Viet Cong attacks of February 7th related directly to the central problem in Viet-Nam. That central problem is not one of a struggle by one element of the population in South Viet-Nam against the Government. There is, rather, a pattern of military operations directed, staffed, and supplied in crucial respects from outside the country. Up to 34,000 armed and trained soldiers have infiltrated into South Viet-Nam from the north since 1959. In addition, key items of equipment, such as mortars of the type employed in the attacks of February 7th, have come from North Viet-Nam. During 1964, the infiltration of men and equipment has increased sharply, and virtually all of those, now coming in are natives of North Viet-Nam.

Infiltration in such numbers can hardly be labelled "indirect aggression" - though that form of aggression is illegal too. What we are witnessing in Viet-Nam today is a sustained attack for more than six years across a frontier set by international agreement.

Members

Members of the Security Council will recall that we discussed in the Council, in August 1964, aggression by the Hanoi regime against naval units of the United States in the Gulf of Tonkin. At that time we described these attacks as part of a pattern which includes the infiltration of armed personnel to make war against the legitimate government of South Vietnam, the arming of terrorist gangs in South Vietnam, the assassination of local officials as an instrument of policy, the continued fighting in Laos in violation of the Geneva agreements, -- a pattern, in short, of deliberate systematic and flagrant violations of international agreements by the regime in Hanoi which signed them and which by all tenets of decency, law, and civilized practice, is bound by their provisions.

The Republic of Vietnam, and at its request the Government of the United States and other governments, are resisting this systematic and continuing aggression. Since reinforcement of the Viet Cong by infiltrators from North Viet-Nam is essential to this continuing aggression, counter-measures to arrest such reinforcement from the outside are a justified measure of self-defense.

Mr. President,

Mr. President, my Government is reporting the measures which we have taken in accordance with our public commitment to assist the Republic of Vietnam against aggression from the North.

We deeply regret that the Hanoi Regime, in its statement of August 8, 1964, which was circulated in Security Council document S/5888, explicitly denied the right of the Security Council to examine this problem. The disrespect of the Hanoi regime for the United Nations adds to the concern which any UN member state must feel about Hanoi's violation of the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter.

Nevertheless I would remind you, and through you other members of the Security Council and of the UN, that our mission in Southeast Asia is peace and that our purpose is to ensure respect for the peace settlement to which all concerned are committed.

We therefore reserve the right to bring this matter to the Security Council if the situation warrants it.

In a statement issued this morning on behalf of President Johnson, the United States Government once again emphasized that "we seek no wider war. Whether or not this course can be maintained lies with the North Vietnamese aggressors. The

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key to the situation remains the cessation of infiltration from North Viet-Nam and the clear indication by the Hanoi regime that it is prepared to cease aggression against its neighbors."

Our objective is a peaceful settlement. This would require both the self-restraint of the regime to the North and the presence of effective international peacekeeping machinery to make sure that promises are kept.

This is our purpose. But we will not permit the situation to be changed by terror and violence and this is the meaning of our action this weekend.

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Reprisal Attack Options

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 b. JCS 001887, DTG 141528Z Nov 64 NOTAL
 c. JCS 004422, DTG 021527 Feb 65 NOTAL
 d. CINCPAC Msg DTG 280210Z Oct 64

1. Ref a requested you proceed with reprisal planning against five (5) southern targets listed in ref b, JCS Outline Plan, and specified forces to be considered available for execution.

2. Further consideration of reprisals on basis recent

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intelligence, and other aspects, has resulted in re-
quirement for additional flexibility in reprisal options
as compared ref a, and in certain changes in targets con-
sidered more suitable in terms of Washington objectives:

3. Therefore request you develop as matter of urgency
reprisal plans based on target system and attack options
described below.

OPTION 1

TGT #	NAME	ESTIMATED SORTIES			
		STRIKE	FLAK	CAP	TOTAL
33	Dong Ho1 Bks	24	8	8	40
36	Vit Thu Lu Bks	24	8	8	36
39	Chap Le Bks	<u>40</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>56</u>
	OPTION 1 Totals	88	28	16	132

OPTION 2

OPTION 1 plus

24	Chanh Hoa Bks	28	12	12	52
32	Vu Con Bks	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>22</u>
	OPTION 2 Totals	126	48	32	206

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OPTION 3

TGT #	NAME	ESTIMATED SORTIES			
		STRIKE	FLAK	CAP	TOTAL
OPTION 2 plus					
14	Thanh Hoa Bridge	32	12	4	48
74	Quang Khe Naval Base	22	4	2	28
OPTION 3 Totals		180	64	38	282

4. Request plans include provisions to strike any or all of Options as described above, or alternatively, any target or combination of targets from this complex if designated.

5. For reprisal circumstances ref a, consider US forces available and alert as indicated that ref, viz F-105 det Danang raised to squadron strength, plus other US forces presently in SVN and Thailand subject coordinations and controls as specified ref a, plus up to three CVA. Use of VNAF not contemplated in this situation. Request plan for this force ASAP and NLT 7 Feb 65. When this plan available, ref a is withdrawn.

6. Request further plans, earliest feasible but not to delay above, for reprisal strikes on targets

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from above complex, limited to US forces normally in country plus CVA in area, from non alert status. Strikes on this basis to be simultaneous, launched within minimum feasible reaction time and/or as near as practicable to first light after reprisal incident.

7. Further request plans include preliminary provisions, not to be revealed to GVN officials unless separately directed, for strike Target 32 by VNAF. US flak suppression, CAP, Pathfinder, and SAR authorized for this mission. Para 5, ref a pertains. This strike by VNAF may or may not be ordered in connection other possible reprisals, depending on circumstances.

8. For info, Targets 52 Vinh Army Supply Depot and 71 Ben Thuy Port Facilities were considered for inclusion in above complex, but were replaced by Target 24 Chanh Hoa Army Barracks and 32 Vu Con Army Barracks. Latter two are considered to provide significant targets at less risk and requiring less sorties, while still contributing to sending a strong signal to the DRV. Target 14, Thanh Hoa Bridge is considered a significant logistic and prestige target with moderate

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defenses and sortie requirements. Target 74 is only
operational naval base in southern DRV, and also has
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INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS

In reply refer to:
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Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Bundy:

Mr. McNaughton has directed that a copy of the attached
JCSM 70-65 be provided to you.

Sincerely,

F. J. BLOUIN
Rear Admiral, USN
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JCSM-70-65
29 JAN 1965

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Reprisal to Significant Incidents in the RVN (S)

1. US reprisals for Viet Cong (VC)/Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) significant incidents have been the subject of national policy deliberations. The Joint Chiefs of Staff desire to review past actions on the subject and to provide their current views and recommendations. Initially, the concept of reprisal against the DRV appeared in NSAM 288, dated 17 March 1964. That NSAM recognized the DRV as the instigator, the motivating and sustaining force behind the VC and considered reprisals only by Government of Vietnam (GVN) forces against North Vietnam.

2. VC/DRV deliberate actions against US personnel and forces have increased. For a compilation of the 1964 incidents, see Appendix A.

3. Subsequent to attacks against US Navy destroyers in the Tonkin Gulf, NSAM 314, dated 10 September 1964, ordered preparedness to respond against the DRV in the event of any attack on US units or any special DRV/VC action against South Vietnam (SVN). On 1 November 1964, a mortar attack against the Bien Hoa Airfield resulted in the loss of a portion of a USAF B-57 squadron and the death of four US military personnel and the wounding of 72. A recent act -- the bombing of the Brink BOQ in Saigon on 24 December -- killed two US personnel and wounded 64 US and 43 Vietnamese.

4. The Joint Chiefs of Staff by JCSM-933-64, dated 4 November 1964, recommended strong reprisal actions be taken against the DRV

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for the attack on the Bien Hoa Airfield. In addition, by JCSM-955-64, dated 14 November 1964, the Joint Chiefs of Staff advised that they considered the reprisals recommended for the Bien Hoa incident equally applicable for any subsequent provocation of a similar nature in Southeast Asia. The Joint Chiefs of Staff on 23 December 1964, by JCSM-1046-64, again recommended an air attack be conducted against the DRV as a reprisal for the Drink BQG bombing incident.

5. The lack of US response to major VC/DRV attacks against US personnel and forces in the RVN could be misconstrued, with the result that further anti-US incidents could take place, to include attacks against US dependents. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have noted Ambassador Taylor's views and agree with him that reprisal actions should be taken to dampen further terrorist acts.

6. The Joint Chiefs of Staff consider that the next such significant provocation should be met with a positive, timely, and appropriate response in order to demonstrate to the DRV that these provocations will bring prompt and destructive response from the United States. Reprisals should be undertaken, preferably within twenty-four hours, against selected targets in the DRV. CVN forces should be used to the extent feasible.

7. As you are aware, US military forces can respond to provocations on short notice. To apprise you of military planning actions, a resume of possible reprisal actions of varying intensities for which US plans are available for execution in a minimum of time is contained in Appendix S. This resume sets forth strike forces available for reprisal actions in both Laos and North Vietnam, together with the target designations and sorties required for four preplanned actions.

8. The Joint Chiefs of Staff recommend that:

a. A US reprisal with VNAF participation as feasible be taken for the next significant provocative act.

b. This action be initiated promptly, preferably within twenty-four hours.

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In order to reduce the time involved in the decision-making process, the Joint Chiefs of Staff will, insofar as practicable, recommend reprisal actions based upon the actions contained in Appendix B.

For the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

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EARLE G. WHEELER
Chairman
Joint Chiefs of Staff

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APPENDIX A

COMPILATION OF VIET CONG TERRORIST AND HARASSMENT
ACTIONS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED AGAINST US
PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS IN 1964

<u>Incident</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>	<u>Damage</u>
VC Entry of MAAG Compound	Kontum	3 Feb 64	2 US wounded	Unk
Attempted ambush of US Convoy between Pleiku and Kontum	Pleiku	31 Jan 64	Unk	Unk
Explosion in bar	Saigon	7 Feb 64	6 US injured	Unk
2 bombs exploded under bleachers (Pershing Field)	Saigon	9 Feb 64	2 US killed 23 US injured	Unk
Explosion against wall of US officers' quarters	Bien Hoa	5-12 Feb 64	None	Unk
Grenade exploded in ship	My Tho	5-12 Feb 64	2 US injured	Unk
US Movie Theater attack	Saigon	16 Feb 64	3 US killed 35 US injured	Theater heavily damaged
Grenade thrown at Intelligence team guard near US officer quarters	Saigon	12-19 Feb 64	1 US injured	Unk
Explosive charge on wall of MAAG NCO quarters	Long An	26 Feb- 4 Mar 64	None	Unk
2 incidents - sniper fire at US vehicles	Da Nang	16-21 Mar 64	Unk	Unk
6 incidents - fire at USMC Compound	Da Nang	16-21 Mar	Unk	Unk
Bomb thrown in USN bus	Afld Saigon	20 Mar 64	(bomb did not explode)	None
Sniper fire at US guard & compound	Da Nang Afld	6 Apr 64	None	None
Grenade thrown at US vehicle	Kien Hoa	3 Apr 64	2 US wounded	None
Grenade thrown into US bus	Saigon	18 Apr 64	2 US wounded	Bus slightly damaged

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<u>Incident</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>	<u>Damage</u>
Grenade thrown in Hotel	Vinh Binh	11 Apr 64	3 US wounded	Unk
Fired on USOM Jeep	Khanh Hoa	25 Apr 64	1 US wounded	Jeep damaged
Grenade thrown into Bangalo Club in Rach Gia	Kien Giang	26 Apr 64	3 US wounded	Unk
Sniper fired on USMC Compound	Quang Nan	27 Apr 64	1 US wounded	None
VC mined USNS Card at Pier	Saigon	1 May 64	None	Ship sank but was salvaged
Grenade thrown at US personnel	Saigon	2 May 64	8 US wounded	None
Grenade thrown at US officer, in officer billets at Rach Gia	Kien Giang	2-9 May 64	1 US injured	Unk
VC fired on USMC Compound	Quang Nan	6 May 64	None	None
VC fired on USMC Compound	Quang Nan	10 May 64	1 US wounded	None
Grenade thrown into OSSF Mess Hall	Pleiku	10 May 64	3 US wounded	Unk
Kidnapped 2 US Marines	Quang Nan	6 Jun 64	2 US kid-napped	None
Bombing near BOQ	Saigon	10 Jun 64	None	Minor- to guard gate
Fired on US Navy Engineers	Quang Tri	19 Jun 64	1 US wounded	None
Bombing of Air Vietnam Office	Tan Son Nhut Afld	26 Jun 64	2 US injured	Building wall & roof
Bombed theater	Saigon	27 Jun 64	None	Unk
Explosive thrown at US officer	Saigon	2 Jul 64	2 US injured	None
Grenade thrown at US Embassy (did not detonate)	Saigon	6 Jul 64	None	None
Bombing of US truck	DaNang	20 Jul 64	None	2½ ton truck damaged

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<u>Incident</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>	<u>Damage</u>
Placed trip wires across airstrip	Kien Giang	21 Jul 64	1 US wounded	Unk
Fired on US jeep	Pleiku	15 Jul 64	1 US wounded	None
Explosive thrown at US personnel	Cholon	31 Jul 64	US none (6 Vietnamese wounded)	None
Vietnamese Nightclub bombed	Saigon	1 Aug 64	7 US injured	Unk
Kidnapped USOM Rep	Phu Yen	8 Aug 64	1 US kidnapped	None
Plastic bomb exploded on bicycle	My Tho	12 Aug 64	5 US wounded 3 US killed	None
Sniper Fire	Thua Thien	21 Aug 64	1 US advisor killed	None
Grenade thrown at US truck	Saigon	26 Aug 64	None	None
Caravelle Hotel Bombing	Saigon	25 Aug 64	1 US wounded	Extensive damage to 5th floor
Fired on communication team	Da Nang	2 Sep 64	None	None
Explosion near MACV admin bldg.	Bac Lien ✓	1 Sep 64	None	None
Grenade thrown into movie theater	Kien Hoa	4 Sep 64	3 US wounded	Unk
Harassing fire on MACV Compound	Vinh Long	23 Sep 64	None	Unk
Grenade thrown in USOM Jeep	Binh Duong	25 Sep 64	1 US killed 1 US wounded	Jeep Damaged
Grenade thrown at US in cycle cab	Vinh Binh	10-17 Oct 64	2 US injured	None
Sniper fire at US correspondent	Binh Long	18 Oct 64	1 US civilian wounded	None
Grenade exploded in bar	Vung Tan	17 Oct 64	1 US injured	Unk
VC apprehended with bomb on pier near US ship	Saigon	30 Oct 64	None	Unk

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<u>Incident</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>KIA/WIA</u>	<u>Damage</u>
Mortar fire at US aircraft	Bien Hoa Afld	1 Nov 64	4 US killed 72 US injured	5 B-57 dest(US) 13 B-57 dam(US) 1 H-43 dest(US) 3 H-43 dam(US)
Grenade thrown at US personnel	Saïec	9 Nov 64	None	None
Bombed snack bar at Tan Son Nhut	Saigon	18 Nov 64	18 US wounded	Major damage
Grenade thrown at US vehicle	Da Nang	21 Nov 64	None	Jeep dest.
Grenade thrown at USOM guest house	Saigon	27 Nov 64	None	None
Grenade thrown near US Advi- sory Hq	Tra Vinh	5 Dec 64	2 US injured	None
Explosion in bar	Saigon	12 Dec 64	1 US injured	Unk
Attack near 5th Div Advisory Det. Billets	Binh Duong	14 Dec 64	3 US injured	Unk
Brink Hotel Bombed	Saigon	24 Dec 64	2 US killed 64 US wounded	Exten- sive damage Hotel now unoccu- pied
Grenade thrown into restaurant	Kien Hoa	27 Dec 64	5 US wounded	Unk

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APPENDIX B

Resume of Reprisal Actions in Southeast Asia

The attached is a resume of reprisal actions which are 1
available for rapid response to VC/DRV provocative acts in 2
Southeast Asia. Certain judgments and interpretations have 3
been used in determining the strike forces available and 4
reaction times. For example, the USAF forces listed as 5
available with a 12 hour reaction time is dependent on CINCPAC 6
initiating deployment of certain of these forces from Clark 7
Air Base to Southeast Asia immediately following receipt of 8
information that an incident has occurred. Likewise, it is 9
recognized that the mix of aircraft in CVAs varies with the 10
mission assigned and the size of the CVA itself, so an 11
"average" complement has been used for the CVA strike forces. 12
The resume includes the latest sortie figures for DRV targets, 13
based on recent weaponeering studies conducted by CINCPAC. 14

US REPRISAL ACTIONS

STRIKE FORCES AVAILABLE FOR REPRISAL ACTIONS IN LAOS AND NORTH VIETNAM

STRIKE FORCES	REACTION TIME (HOURS)					
	1 ^{1/} (DeSoto Patrol)	6 ^{2/}	12 ^{3/}	48 ^{4/}	72	AFTER 72
USAF					Same as 48 hr. column plus following deployments:	
B-57	28 - Bien Hoa	4-5 - Bien Hoa	28 - Bien Hoa	S		S
F-100	36 - Da Nang	12 - Da Nang	36 - Da Nang	A	18 - Conus	A
	18 - Takhli	12 - Takhli	18 - Takhli	M	to Clark	M
F-105	18 - Hanoi	2-6 - Da Nang	18 - Da Nang	E	18 - Conus	E
	18 - Korat	6-10 - Korat	18 - Korat		to Clark	
B-52				30 - Guam		
CVA						
A-4	48	24	24	48	S	72
A-1	24	12	12	24	A	36
A-3	9	6	6	9	M	15
F-4/8	40-46	20-23	20-23	40-46	E	60-69
USMC MAG						
A-4						47 - Da Nang
VNAF						
A-1H		11	11	60		

Appendix B

NOTES: (Keyed to reprisal actions described in subsequent pages.)
 1/ DeSoto Patrol reprisal forces. Only case in which forces are prepositioned, held in alert status and prepared to conduct reprisal attacks without delay.

- (CINCPAC FRAG ORDER #3) Designed for Action 3, but could also execute Actions 1, 2 and 4 (except for B-52 attack on Phuc Yen Airfield in Action 4).
- 2/ Forces immediately available under normal conditions. Could conduct initial strikes in Actions 1 and 2 with fewer sorties and lower damage levels. Could not conduct simultaneous strikes and achieve desired damage levels called for in Actions 3 and 4.
 - 3/ USMC fully deployed. Only one carrier available. Could accomplish Action 2. Could initiate strikes in Actions 1, 3 and 4 at lower damage levels.
 - 4/ Could conduct all strikes in Actions 1, 2, 3 and 4. 60 VNAF sorties available each day at expense of pacification program. By 31 Jan 65, 75 VNAF sorties available.

Appendix B

US REPRISAL ACTIONS

ACTION 1. Reprisal Against VC Provocations (McNamara 30 Nov 64). Applies specifically to actions as distinguished from DRV actions which are Recognizes variations in nature of provocation (and consequently of appropriate response). VNAF participation prescribed. Lists an appropriate shopping list of reprisal targets - 16 targets in 94 target list south of the 19th parallel. (See Annex A for targets) JCS recommended air strikes on Target #36, Vit Thu Lu Barracks as reprisal for VC attack on Brink BOQ. (JCSM-1076-64, dated 28 December 1964)

ACTION 2. JCS Outline Plan (JCS 001887 DTG 141528Z Nov 64). One day strike; 6 hour reaction time; VNAF participation provided; 5 targets - all south of the 19th parallel. CINCPAC comments (CINCPAC 181944Z Nov 64) incorporated.

TGT #	NAME	FLAK/STRIKE/CAP	COMMENTS
		ESTIMATED SORTIES	
33	Dong Hoi Barracks (VNAF supported by PACAF)	40	Supports FL/VC.
36	Vit Thu Lu Barracks	36	VC staging area.
39	Chap Le Barracks	56	Supports infiltration.
52	Vinh Supply Depot E	60	Cmd/Cont Hq for PL/VC.
71	Ben Thuy Port	46	Port for Vinh.

ACTION 3. DeSoto Patrol Reprisals (CINCPAC 280210Z Oct 64). US unilateral punitive strikes against DRV in reprisal for attacks on DeSoto Patrol. Forces prepositioned when patrol initiated. Four target options. Options IA and IB (one strike day each), responding to attacks resulting in little or no damage to a DeSoto Patrol unit. Options II A and II B (two strike days each), responding to attacks resulting in significant damage to or loss of life in a DeSoto Patrol unit. CINCPAC prepared to conduct air strikes on remainder of 94 targets in DRV. (See Annex B for target options)

ACTION 4. Recommended Reprisals to VC Attack on Bien Hoa (JCSM-933-64, dated 4 November 1964)

a. Within 24-36 hours:

(1) Conduct air strikes on the following targets in Laos:

<u>TGT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ESTIMATED SORTIES</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
3	Tchepone Barracks	4	Supports PL/VM.
8	Tchepone Mil Area	4	Supports PL/VM.
19	Ban Thay Mil Area		Staging supply area for indigenous troops.
8	Nape Highway Bridge	8	Key bridge on supply route from DRV (Rte 8).
-	Ban Ken Bridge, Rte 7*	38	Key bridge on Rte 7. Main supply route DRV into North Laos.

* This bridge was destroyed on 12 January 1965. To be restruck if restored.

(2) Conduct low level recce of infiltration targets in NVN south of 19th parallel.

(3) Land Marine Special Landing Force at Da Nang.

(4) Airlift Army or Marine units from Okinawa to Saigon/Tan Son Nhut/Bien Hoa area.

(5) Evacuate US dependents from Saigon concurrently with strikes below.

b. Within 60-72 hours conduct night strike on:

6 Phuc Yen Airfield 30 B-52s from Guam.

c. At next first light conduct air strikes against DRV targets:

<u>TGT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FLAK/STRIKE ESTIMATED SORTIES</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
6	Phuc Yen Airfield	76	Daylight follow-up attack to above night strike.
3	Hanoi Gia Lam Airfield	56	US
8	Haiphong Cat Bi Airfield	30	US
48	Haiphong POL Storage	48	US
49	Hanoi POL Storage	12	US
36	Vit Thu Lu Barracks	32	VNAF

d. CAP, photo recce, and SAR as appropriate.

e. Following above:

- (1) Armed recon on infiltration routes in Laos.
- (2) Air strikes against infiltration routes and targets in DRV.
- (3) Conduct progressive air strikes against "94 target" list. (See Annex C).

ANNEX A TO APPENDIX B

Targets South of 19th Parallel

<u>TGT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FLAK/STRIKE ESTIMATED SORTIES 1/</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
24	Chanh Hoa Barracks	40	Also Div hqs.
33	Dong Hoi Barracks	32	Probable Div hqs.
36	Vit Thu Lu Barracks	32	Guerrilla staging area.
38	Vinh Barracks	100	Hqs military region IV.
39	Chap Le Barracks	52	
41/42	Phu Van Ammo Depot E & NE	130	Major depot.
64	Xom Bang Ammo Depot	112	Supports PL forces in "pan-handle".
52	Vinh Army Supply Depot E	48	
53	Phu Van Supply Depot SE	48	
55	Vinh Son Supply Depot SW	12	
90	Route 9	12	Main supply route into southern Laos and SVN.
4	Dong Hoi Airfield	16 (per wk)	Closest airfield to SVN jet fighter capable.
5	Vinh Airfield	26	Capable of recovering jet fighters.
71	Ben Thuy Port	44	Vinh's port, probable naval base.
74	Quang Khe Naval Base	26	Can repair SWATOWs.

Additional Targets South of 19th Parallel

32	Vu Cor. Army Barracks	10	Strike sorties only. Computed for 94 Target Study. Will be recom- puted and integrated into OPLANS by CINCPAC.
71.1	Phuc Loi Naval Base	7	
91	Route Armed Recce Rte 12	17 (per wk)	

NOTES: 1/ CAP, SAR and photo recce as required.

ANNEX B TO APPENDIX B

DeSoto Patrol ReprisalsOption I A - One Strike Day

<u>TGT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FLAK/STRIKE/CAP ESTIMATED SORTIES</u>	<u>EXPECTED DAMAGE LEVEL</u>
6	Phuo Yen Airfield	88	A/C-90%
48	Haiphong POL	52	Storage units-90%
49	Hanoi POL	20	Storage units-90%
69	Hon Gay Port	137	Facilities-40%
72	Port Wallut	99	Facilities-40%
3	Hanoi Gia Lam Airfield	8	Armed Recce
8	Haiphong Cat Bi Airfield	8	Armed Recce

Option I B - One Strike Day

36	Vit Thu Lu Barracks	36	90%
39	Chap Le Barracks	56	70%
52	Vinh Supply Depot E	60	50%
64	Xom Bang Ammo Depot	120	70%
71	Ben Thuy Port	46	50%
74	Quang Khe Naval Base	28	75%

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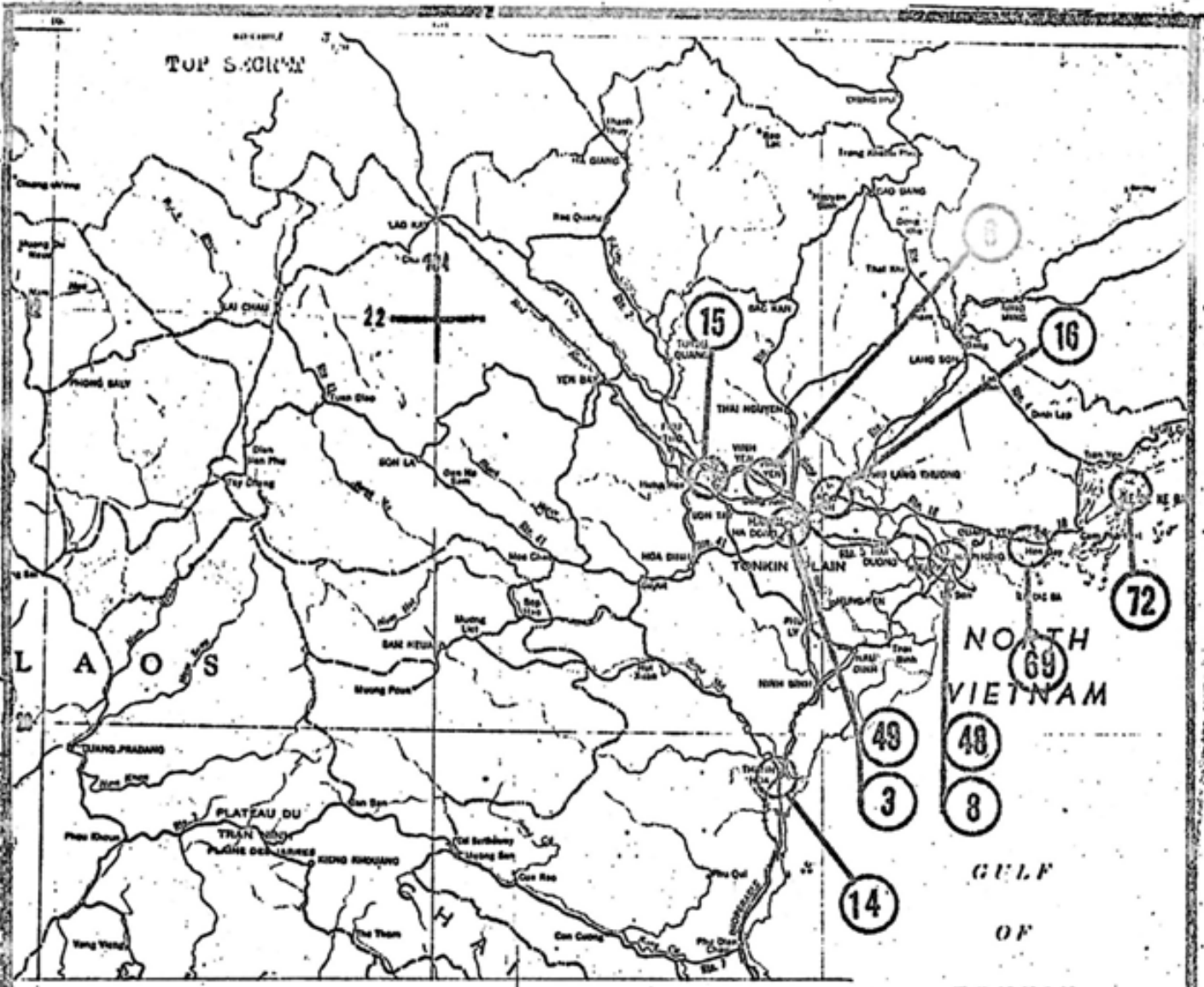
3	Hanoi Gia Lam Airfield	72	A/C-88%
8	Haiphong Cat Bi Airfield	32	A/C-80%
68	Cam Pha Port	74	Facilities-70%
71	Ben Thuy Port	46	50%
74	Quang Khe Naval Base	52	63%

Option II B - Two Strike DaysFIRST DAY - Same as Option I ASECOND DAY

RESTRICKES AGAINST FIRST DAY TARGETS AS REQUIRED PLUS THE FOLLOWING:

<u>TGT #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>FLAX/STRIKE/CAP ESTIMATED SORTIES</u>	<u>EXPECTED DAMAGE LEVEL</u>
3	Hanoi Gia Lam Airfield	72	A/C-80%
8	Haiphong Cat Bi Airfield	32	A/C-80%
14	Thanh Hoa RR & Hwy Bridge	48	One span-85%
15	Viet Tri RR & Hwy Bridge	60	Same as above.
16	Dap Cau RR & Hwy Bridge	48	Same as above.

OPTION II B - LOCATION OF TARGETS



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TARGET # NAME

FIRST DAY

- 6 PHUC YEN AIRFIELD
- 48 HAIPHONG POL STORAGE
- 49 HANOI POL STORAGE
- 69 HON GAY PORT FACILITIES
- 72 PORT WALLUT FACILITIES
- 3 HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD (ARMED RECCE)
- 8 HAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD (ARMED RECCE)

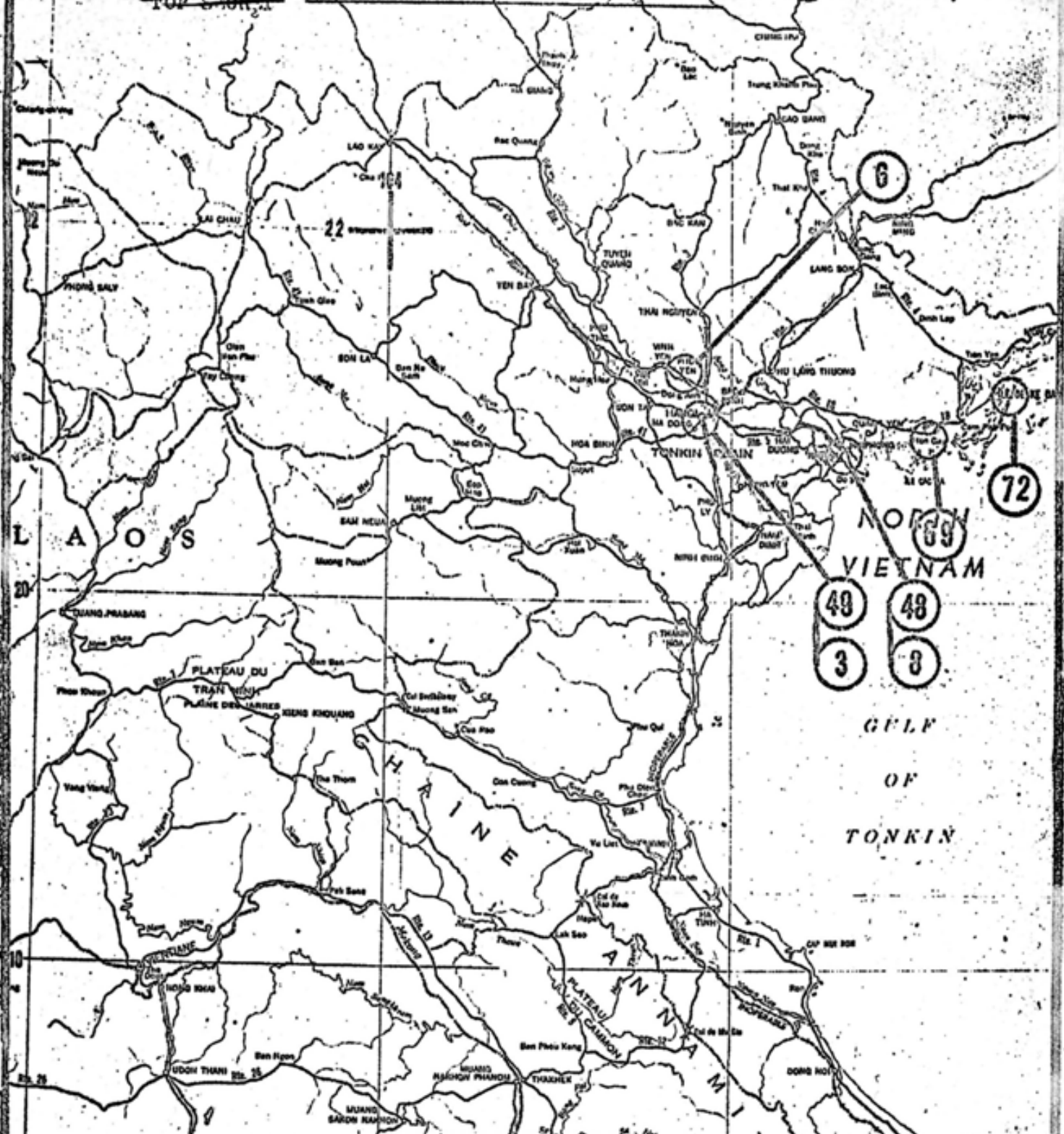
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- 3 HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD
- 8 HAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD
- 14 THANH HOA RR & HWY BRIDGE
- 15 VIET TRI RR & HWY BRIDGE
- 16 DAP CAU RR & HWY BRIDGE



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OPTION IA LOCATION OF TARGETS



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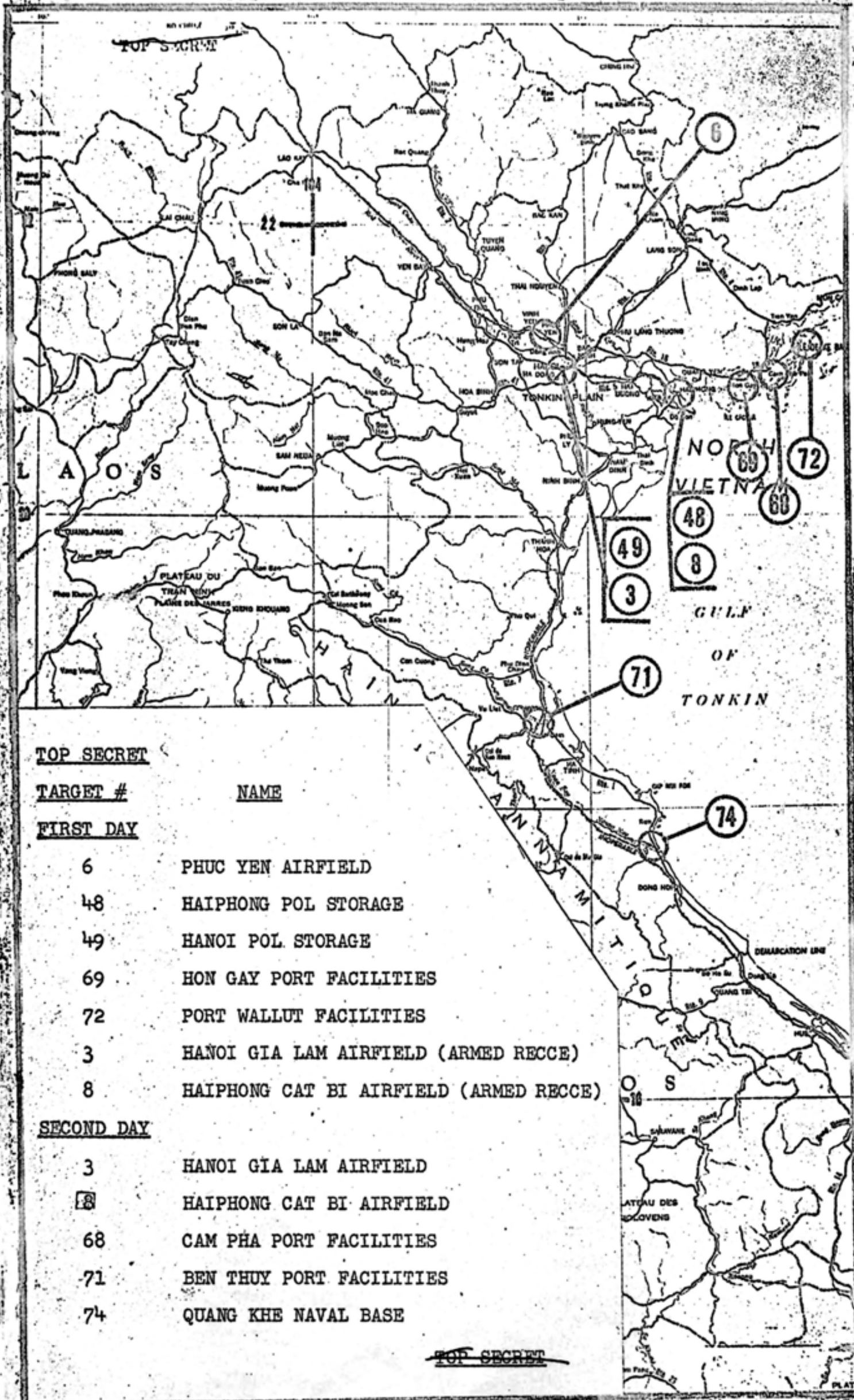
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- 6 PHUC YEN AIRFIELD
- 48 HAIPHONG POL STORAGE
- 49 HANOI POL STORAGE
- 69 HON GAY PORT FACILITIES
- 72 PORT WALLUT FACILITIES
- 3 HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD (ARMED RECCE)
- 8 HAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD (ARMED RECCE)

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OPTION II A - LOCATION OF TARGETS



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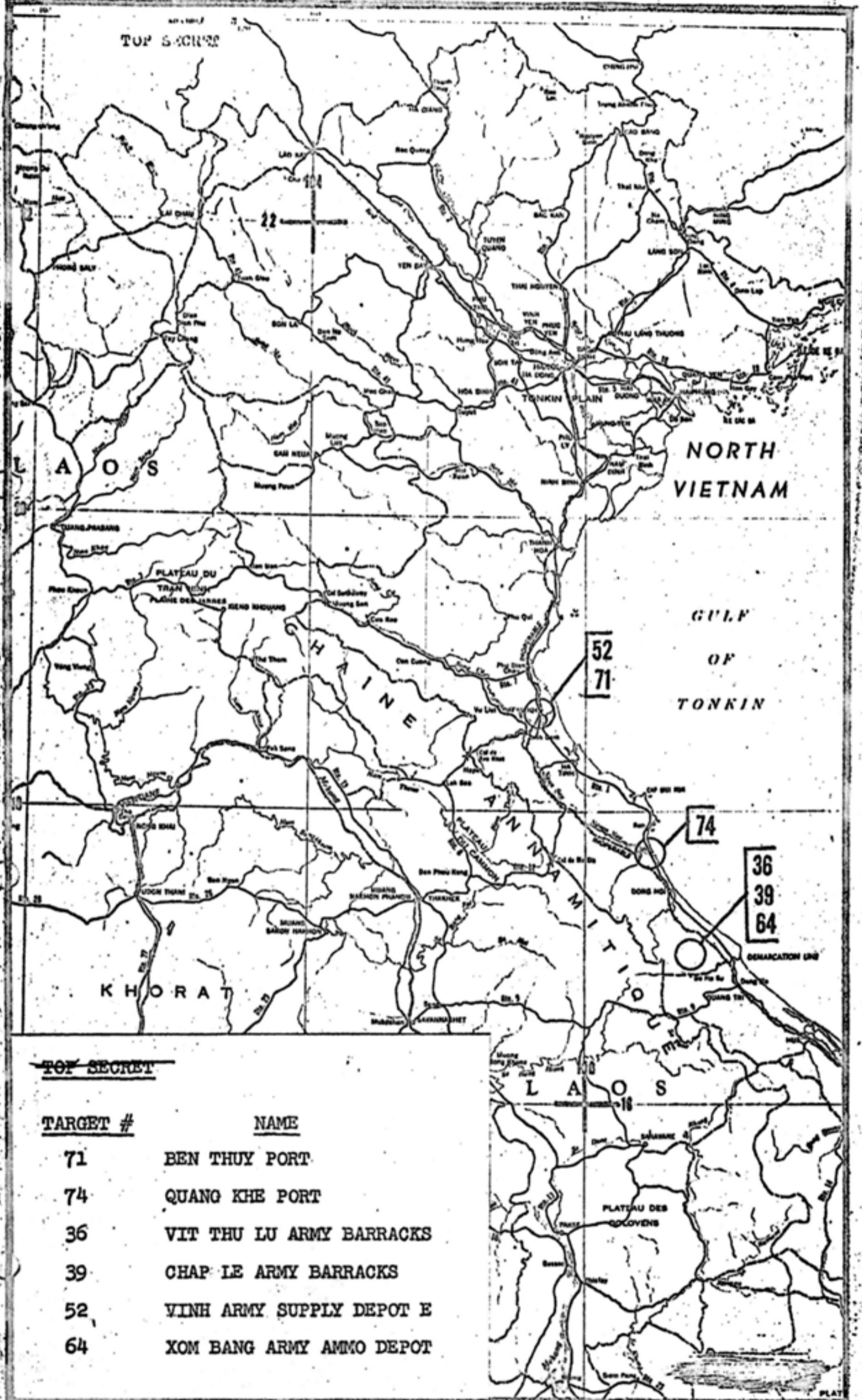
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- 6 PHUC YEN AIRFIELD
- 48 HAIPHONG POL STORAGE
- 49 HANOI POL STORAGE
- 69 HON GAY PORT FACILITIES
- 72 PORT WALLUT FACILITIES
- 3 HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD (ARMED RECCE)
- 8 HAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD (ARMED RECCE)

SECOND DAY

- 3 HANOI GIA LAM AIRFIELD
- 8 HAIPHONG CAT BI AIRFIELD
- 68 CAM PHA PORT FACILITIES
- 71 BEN THUY PORT FACILITIES
- 74 QUANG KHE NAVAL BASE

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TARGET #	NAME
71	BEN THUY PORT
74	QUANG KHE PORT
36	VIT THU LU ARMY BARRACKS
39	CHAP LE ARMY BARRACKS
52	VINH ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT E
64	XOM BANG ARMY AMMO DEPOT

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FOR GENERAL WESTMORELAND FROM GENERAL JOHNSON

1. I am extremely proud of the bravery and conspicuous courage under fire of U.S. Army personnel during the recent Viet Cong attack at Pleiku. The 11 Corps Advisory Detachment and the 52d Aviation Battalion reacted instantly and coolly to the sudden, heavy attack. In the greatest personal danger, Specialist 5 Pyle and others gave or risked their lives to insure that their comrades were warned in time and that the enemy was promptly engaged and held. In the face of enemy mortar, demolition charge, and small arms fire, unit leaders, under heavy pressure, brought their units into position and went into action. Threatened aircraft were manned and removed to safety, often at serious personal risk. Throughout the attack, concern was shown for endangered comrades by warnings and by assistance when necessary.

2. Beyond these individual acts, I was most gratified to hear of the steady conduct of the units as a whole, which indicates collective military professionalism of the first order.

3. Please pass to these fine American soldiers my heartiest commendations for their actions, which reflected great credit upon the U.S. Army.

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February 7, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR
THE PRESIDENT

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Authority RAC 22853
By is NARA, Date 4-16-98

Following are the immediate reactions to the air strike by foreign governments:

CANADA

Embassy notified Rogers of External Affairs of U.S. air strike against North Vietnam immediately. He had already heard announcement on 8:00 a.m. newscast (as had Embassy), which carried unconfirmed report that air strike was against Hanoi Airport. Rogers showed no surprise and harked back to Gulf of Tonkin attacks and reprisals, saying: "Well, this is what you said you were going to do."

THAILAND

I filled in Foreign Minister Dawee and Prime Minister this afternoon re mission against Dong Hoi. Both expressed satisfaction with results and inquired whether U.S. intended mount future reprisals out of Thai bases now that original missions have had to stand down for weather. I promised to inform them as soon as we received further word.

INDIA

I informed Ministry of External Affairs Deputy Secretary Arora of air strike at 1945 local time, February 7. Surprisingly Arora took Embassy officer's statement calmly and then said: "I suppose this means that war has been extended to North Vietnam." Embassy officer responded that it still in power of North Vietnam to prevent expansion. Arora expressed appreciation for information and recognized it as operational information given in confidence.

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	KIA	WIA
ARMY	8	130
AF	0	3
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TOTAL: 141
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OF 2400, 31 JAN 65:

	KIA	WIA	MIA
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IS 137 (INCLUDING 8 KIA). FROM
OUR LAST REPORT THIS IS AN INCREASE
OF 35 WIA MISCELLANEOUS.
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FLAMING DART BDA (S)

- A. MACV 090315Z
- B. CINCPAC 090707Z

1. REF A REQUESTED AUTHORITY BDA TGT NUMBER 39 FOR
PRIMARY REASON PHOTOS TAKEN 8 FEBRUARY DID NOT RPT
NOT ACCOUNT FOR BULK OF ORDNANCE DELIVERED BY VNAF
AIRCRAFT.

2. REF B STATES THAT REF A NOT FAVORABLY CON-
SIDERED AND THAT TROJAN HORSE COVERAGE WILL BE REQUESTED.

3. EVIDENCE NOW INDICATES THAT MAJORITY OF VNAF
STRIKE FORCE HIT 3 MILES SOUTH OF TARGET. THUS, EARLY
BDA TAKES ON MUCH GREATER SIGNIFICANCE. WOULD POINT
OUT THAT CLEMENT WEATHER WHICH EFFECTIVE TROJAN HORSE
COVERAGE DEMANDS MAY BE MANY DAYS AWAY.

4. THEREFORE AGAIN REQUEST AUTHORITY TO DIS-
PATCH 1 RF-101 WITH 4 F-105/F100 ESCORTS UNDER BEST

WX CONDITIONS 10 FEB OR SOONEST FEASIBLE DATE THERE-
AFTER.

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PLEIKU REPRISAL STRIKES

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A. JCS 071459Z
B. CINCPAC 071630Z

1. REF A AND B DIRECT EXECUTION OF VNAF/USAF REPRISAL STRIKES, WITH NECESSARY SUPPORT MISSIONS, AGAINST TARGET IN DRV.
2. REQUEST AUTHORITY TO LAUNCH FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT FOR ADDITIONALLY REQUIRED POST STRIKE BDA OF CHAP LE BARRACKS, TGT NUMBER THIRTY-NINE:

PAGE 2 RUMSMA 941B ~~TOP SECRET LINDIS~~
 2 RF-101, BDA RECCE; ETD TSN 090600Z
 4 F-105, ESCORT: ETD DNG 090630Z
 3. F-105 ARMAMENT WILL BE TWO CBU-2, FANMO EACH.
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PRESS CONFERENCE

1. GENERAL KMANH COMMENCED PRESS CONFERENCE WITH STATEMENT THAT FOR 19 YEARS, RVN HAS FOUGHT AN INCREASINGLY CRUEL WAR ORGANIZED AND DIRECTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHINESE MASTERS. LISTED PLEIKU, NINH DINH AND PHU YEN AS LATEST AGGRESSIONS.
2. THEN STATED THAT VNAF, IN COOPERATION WITH U.S. FORCES, STRUCK AT TARGETS NORTH OF 17TH PARALLEL:
3. ON 7 FEB STRIKES WERE CONDUCTED ON DONG HOI AREA. STRAFED AND BOMBED. VNAF AIRCRAFT, THOUGH AIRBORNE, WERE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT THEIR STRIKES BECAUSE OF WEATHER. AIRCRAFT FROM USS RANGER, USS HANCOCK AND USS CORAL SEA CONDUCTED STRIKES. 49 AIRCRAFT TOTAL. ONE PLANE WAS LOST.
4. ON 8 FEB AT 1530 HOURS, 24 VNAF AIRCRAFT SUPPORTED BY (UNDESIGNATED) NUMBER OF USAF PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED BINH HINH AREA. OBSERVED COLUMNS OF FIRE AND SMOKE. **ALL** AIRCRAFT RETURNED. ONE PILOT WAS FORCED TO "BAIL OUT" NEAR DA NANG. PILOT WAS RECOVERED. ALL AIRCRAFT EXPENDED THEIR ORDNANCE. PRELIMINARY RESULTS INDICATE STRIKES WERE 70 PER CENT SUCCESSFUL, I.E., 70 PER CENT OF OBJECTIVES WERE HIT.

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5. PLANES WERE SHOT AT; A FEW WERE HIT INCLUDING THAT OF AIR VICE MARSHAL NGUYEN CAO KY. HE WAS NOT HURT BADLY WHEN ONE BULLET PASSED UNDER HIS ARM, INCREASING HIS UNIFORM.

6. TOMORROW THE VNAF PILOTS RETURN FROM DA NANG TO SAIGON. THEY WILL RECEIVE APPROPRIATE WELCOME.

7. GEN KHANH SAID YESTERDAY WAS "HAPPIEST DAY OF MY LIFE WHEN I ORDERED MY 'SOLDIERS' OVER THE 17TH PARALLEL TO RETALIATE..." AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS.

8. WHEN ASKED IF WE WILL CONTINUE RETALIATORY ATTACKS, THE GENERAL SAID HE COULD NOT VIOLATE SECURITY BUT THAT THE RVNAF WAS PREPARED TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT ARE "TIMELY AND TO THE POINT".

9. IN ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE WERE SUB-GENERAL NGUYEN CAO (J-2) AND SUB-GENERAL THANG (J-3) - THE LATTER DESCRIBING THE ATTACKS FOR TESS.

10. THE ATTACKS WERE NOT DESCRIBED IN DETAIL.

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ACTION FLASH SAIGON 1636 INFO FLASH CINCPAC, DOD, WHITE HOUSE
UNN FEB 7, 6AM

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RE DEPTTEL 1533 AND SAIGON'S 2425

CONSIDER IT MOST IMPORTANT THAT TIMING OF YOUR JOINT
ANNOUNCEMENT BE COORDINATED SO THAT IT COMES ABOUT SIMUL-
TANEOUSLY WITH OUR PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. WE EXPECT THIS
TO BE SHORTLY AFTER 0800 EST.

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DELIVER TO SEC VANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE BY TELLEPHONE AT ONCE
TAYLOR AND BUNDY RECOMMENED FOLLOWING JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT:
"THE ACTING PM AND THE US AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCED THIS EVENING THAT,
ACTING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE GVN AND THE USG, ARMED FORCES OF
THE TWO COUNTRIES HAVE TODAY TAKEN ACTION AGAINST A NUMBER OF MILITARY
INSTALLATIONS IN NORTH VIETNAM. THESE INSTALLATIONS HAD BEEN EMPLOYED
IN THE DIRECTION AND SUPPORTPO THMME ENGAGED IN AGGRESSION IN SOUTH
VIETNAM SUCH AS THE ATTACKS EARLIER THIS MORNING AGAINST
INSTALLATIONS AND PERBONNEL IN THE AREAS OF PLEIKU AND TUY HOA.
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TARGET HIT NBR 33 TARGET DONG HOI,
A/C LAUNCHED 83
A/C WHICH DELIVERED ORDNANCE 49
OTHERS (34). WERE UNABLE TO STRIKE TARGET DUE TO
WEATHER.
A/C DOWN - 1 IN WATER 1-2 MILES OFF
DONG HOI. ALL OTHERS RECOVERED.
INITIAL RESULTS OF STRIKE INDICATED
MANY FIRES IN BLDGS - SOME BLDGS
HEAVILY DAMAGED.
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RE DEPCIRTEL 1438

BAD WEATHER HAS REQUIRED CANCELLATION OF AT LEAST TWO OF THE FOUR MISSIONS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL. ACCORDINGLY TAKE NO REPEAT NO ACTION ON REFTEL UNTIL YOU RECEIVE CLARIFICATION AND GREEN LIGHT.

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ACTION FLASH SAIGON 1635 INFO FLASH CINCPAC, DOD, WHITE HOUSE
UNN FEB 7, 4AM

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SAIGON PASS COMUSMACV

RE SAIGON'S 2419

YOUR REQUEST FOR RESCHEDULING DRV MISSIONS NOT FLOWN TODAY
WILL BE CONSIDERED BY HIGHEST LEVELS AT MEETING HERE 0800
EST TODAY.

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FROM SAIGON FEB 7, 3PM

MAJOR GENERAL MOORE HAS JUST REPORTED THAT WEATHER MAKES IT
IMPOSSIBLE TO FLY DRV MISSIONS TODAY. I RECOMMEND THAT AUTHORITY
BE GIVEN AT ONCE TO RESCHEDULE MISSIONS IN FIRST FLYABLE DAY-
LIGHT WEATHER BEGINNING MORNING FEB 8 (SAIGON TIME). TAYLOR
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SAIGON FEB 7, 12 NOON

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ACTING ON AUTHORITY RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE FROM WASHINGTON ALEX JOHNSON AND I CALLED ON ACTING PRIMIN OANH AT HIS RESIDENCE AT ABOUT 10:15 AM. I EXPLAINED THAT MY GOVT HAD DIRECTED US TO TAKE UP WITH HIM AS HEAD OF GOVT OF VN A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE. I THEN DESCRIBED THE DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE GVN/US REPRISALS AGAINST DRV TARGETS WHICH WE HAD HAD WITH SELECTED REPS OF THE HUONG GOVT ON DEC 7 AND JANUARY 25, INCLUDING MENTION OF THE
~~GEN 2417 418 337 328 1433 441 362 7 12 10:15 AM VN GVN/US DRV 7-25~~

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AGREEMENTS REACHED AT THE LATTER MEETING. OANH INDICATED THAT HE HAD SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THESE CONTACTS.

I THEN DESCRIBED THE TWO VC ATTACKS IN THE EARLY HOURS OF 7 FEBRUARY AT PLEIKU AND TUY HOA AND SAID THAT MY GOVT, WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF GVN, WAS PREPARED TO TAKE AIR REPRISAL ACTION AGAINST FOUR SELECTED TARGETS IN SOUTH DRV, IN WHICH CASE ONE OF THE FOUR WOULD BE STRUCK BY VNAF. I TOLD HIM THAT KHANH HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY WESTMORELAND AND FAVORED SUCH ACTION.

OANH, WHO WAS AWARE OF THE VC ATTACKS, READILY CONCURRED IN NAME OF GVN. HE UNDERTOOK TO MAKE NECESSARY CONTACT WITH CHIEF OF STATE SUU.

WE THEN MADE THE POINT THAT IN OUR JUDGMENT THIS REPRISAL ACTION WAS SIGNIFICANT NEW STEP WHICH WE SHOULD TAKE ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND WITH A VISIBLE CLEARING OF THE BOARDS FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION. OUR GOVT WOULD SOON BE TAKING ACTIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE SUCH AS INTRODUCING HAWK MISSILES AT DANANG AND POSSIBLY INITIATING THE EVACUATION OF DEPENDENTS. WE HOPED THAT THE GVN WOULD BE THINKING OF WAYS TO EXPLOIT THESE REPRISALS TO MAXIMUM EFFECT, AND TO DEMONSTRATE THAT A NEW AND ENCOURAGING ELEMENT HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE WAR.

~~CPN VC 7 PLEIKU TUY HOA GVN DRV VNAF KHANH WA HAD BEEN VC GVN SUU DANANG GVN~~

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OANH AGREED THAT ONCE THE REPRISALS HAD BEEN MADE THERE WAS MUCH ADDITIONAL JOINT PLANNING AND ACTION FOR THE FUTURE TO BE DONE.

WE THEN DISCUSSED THE DRAFT PRESS RELEASE FOR USE AFTER THE AIR STRIKES WHICH HAD BEEN TELEPHONED TO WASHINGTON BUT FOR WHICH WE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED APPROVAL. OANH HAD NO TROUBLE WITH THE LANGUAGE EXCEPT ON ONE POINT. HE WANTED TO FIND SOME WAY TO SAY THAT KHANH CONCURRED WITHOUT ACTUALLY MENTIONING HIM BY NAME. HE COULD NOT FIND AN ACCEPTABLE FORMULA AND AGREED WITH OUR TEXT.

IN LEAVING, I MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF A VC MILITARY OR TERRORIST REACTION AND SUGGESTED THAT APPROPRIATE PRECAUTIONS BE TAKEN.

TAYLOR.

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SAIGON 230 CINCPAC 142 DOD WHITE HOUSE UNN FEB 7, 11 AM

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DEPTEL 1168

DAWEE HAS JUST GIVEN THAI PERMISSION ON BEHALF PRIME MINISTER
FOR USE TAKLI AND KHORAT.

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SEEK IMMEDIATE THAI CONCURRENCE FOR USE TAKHLI AND KORAT IN
REPRISAL STRIKE AGAINST INFILTRATION INSTALLATIONS TODAY.

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CAUTION THAI MAINTAIN SECURITY. BALL
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Reprisal action for attacks on U. S. bases and barracks under intense consideration here. Possible attack plan may involve Thai bases. Stand by to seek Thai concurrence on most urgent basis.

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SUBJ: SITREP NO. 1

1. IN REPRISAL FOR VIET CONG MORTAR ATTACKS AGAINST TWO US INSTALLATIONS AT PLEIKU WHICH RESULTED IN 7 US KIA AND 109 US WIA, CINCPAC CONDUCTED A RETALIATORY ATTACK AGAINST DONG HOI BARRACKS IN NORTH VIETNAM. TOT WAS 070700Z WITH 49 US AIRCRAFT PARTICIPATING. SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED ON TARGET.

2. CINCPAC ESTABLISHED DEFCON 2 AT 070620Z FOR PACOM FORCES IN RVN, THAILAND AND SOUTH CHINA SEA AREA; DEFCON

This makes a loud signal to listeners

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3. FOR ALL OTHER PACOM FORCES WEST OF 160 DEGREES E LONGITUDE. CINCONAD ESTABLISHED DEFCON 4 AT 071120Z.

3. MACV HAS REPORTED AN ADDITIONAL VC ATTACK AGAINST SOC TRANG AIRFIELD APPROXIMATELY 90 MILES SOUTH WEST OF SAIGON. NO PERSONNEL OR MATERIAL CASUALTIES RESULTED AND ATTACK DISCONTINUED AT APPROXIMATELY 071500Z.

4. YOU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS BY SITREPS.

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In further reprisal for Viet Cong mortar attacks against US installations in VietNam, RVN launched twenty six VNAF ALH strike aircraft supported by twenty eight US aircraft against a military target in North VietNam. TOT was 080730Z. One ALH lost but VNAF pilot bailed out and was recovered. Initial report indicates that all other ALH aircraft returned and landed with six to eight suffering battle damage. Initial overall estimate of strike results good. Heavy damage inflicted on target.

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SUBJ: DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES (U)

REF: JCS 4760 DTG 070455Z

1. MOVE MARINE LAAM BATTALION (-) (HQ/ELE PLUS 1 BATTERY)
BY AIR FROM OKINAWA TO DA NANG ASAP.

2. AFTER OFF-LOADING AT DA NANG AIRCRAFT WILL
PROCEED TO TON SON NHUT AND BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE
IN DEPENDENT EVACUATION.

3. DECISION ON REMAINDER OF LAAM BATTALION WILL BE
MADE LATER. GP-3

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SUBJ: ALERTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF FORCES

REF: JCS 2339/153

1. IN VIEW OF CURRENT REPRISALS AGAINST NORTH VIETNAM,
YOU ARE DIRECTED TO ALERT FOLLOWING FORCES FOR MOVEMENT:

A. FOR CINCPAC:

(1) ONE BATTERY, MARINE LAAM BN BY AIR FROM
OKINAWA TO DA NANG WITH NECESSARY AIRLIFT, REST OF LAAM
BY MOST EXPEDITIOUS MEANS.

(2) 173D ABN BDE BY AIR FROM OKINAWA TO TON SON NHUT.

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B. FOR CINCSTRIKE:

(1) 10 TACTICAL FIGHTER SQUADRONS FOR MOVEMENT
TO WESTPAC.

C. FOR CINCSAC: FORCES NECESSARY TO PROVIDE CAPA-
BILITY PARA 5D(1), APPENDIX TO REFERENCE A.

2. CONFIRM CINCPAC ORDERS TO POSITION ONE AMPHIB GP
WITH MARINE SLF OFF CAP ST JAQUEST AND SECOND AMPHIB GP
WITH BLT OFF DA NANG WITH 6 HOUR REACTION TIME TO DA NANG.

3. REQUEST CINCPAC RECOMMENDATION ON ANY OTHER ALERTING
ACTIONS, DEPLOYMENTS DESIRED, AND DEPLOYMENT BASES OF
CINCSTRIKE FORCES. GP-3

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SPL SITREP 001 FLAMING DART AS OF 070600Z
070600Z CHECK INDICATES NO DIFFICULTIES EXPECTED IN MEETING
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1. EXPECT GOVERNMENTAL ANNOUNCEMENT WITHIN NEXT TWELVE HOURS OF DECISION TO WITHDRAW ALL US DEPENDENTS FROM SOUTH VIETNAM.
2. FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS APPLY:
 - A. WITHDRAWAL TO BE EXPEDITED BUT ORDERLY.
 - B. MACV TO ADVISE JCS OF CIVIL AIRLIFT CAPABILITY AND ANY MILITARY AIRLIFT REQUIRED TO EXPEDITE EVACUATION.
 - C. CINCPAC TO DESIGNATE SAFE HAVENS AND PROVIDE ANY NECESSARY MILITARY AIRLIFT.
3. PROVIDE JCS EVACUATION SCHEDULES AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE

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REF: A. JCS 4756 DTG 070246Z.

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REF: A. JCS 4755 DTG 070220Z NOTAL.

AMPLIFYING INSTRUCTIONS REFERENCE A FOLLOWS:

- A. ADVISE ASAP PLANNED TIMES OF STRIKE LAUNCH AND TIMES OVER TARGET.
- B. USE OPTIMUM CONVENTIONAL ORDNANCE.
- C. US CAP, FLAK SUPPRESSION, BDA, POST STRIKE RECCE AND SAP AUTHORIZED FOR ALL TARGETS.
- D. INSURE NO INTERFERENCE BY OPLAN 34A OPERATIONS.

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E. ADVISE DETAILS OF PLANS WHEN AVAILABLE, INCLUDING NUMBER OF SORTIES, WEAPON LOADING, TACTICS, AND RESULTS. FLASH REPORTS ON LAUNCH OF AIRCRAFT, RECOVERY, MISSION SUCCESS DESIRED PLUS PHOTO COVERAGE ASAP. GP-3
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JCS 004753
CONFIRMING OUR TELECON, YOUR ARE DIRECTED TO READY AND
ARM AIRCRAFT TO EXECUTE OPTION TWO (TARGETS 33, 36, 39, 24,
32). DO NOT REPEAT DO NOT EXECUTE UNTIL DIRECTED BY JCS. GP-1
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REPRISAL BDA (S)

1. COMUSMACV MAC J31 3922 DTG 090315Z
1. FOR VARIOUS REASONS YOUR REQUESTS NOT FAVORABLY
CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME.
2. INTEND TO SUBMIT REQUEST TO HIGHER AUTHORITY TO
FULFILL YOUR REQUEST BY OTHER MEANS. GP-3.

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TARGET SELECTION FOR VNAF

1. MOST IMPORTANT THAT VNAF STRIKE NOT REPEAT NOT BE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER. THEREFORE WEATHER FACTOR OVER RIDING IN SELECTING PRIMARY TARGET. WEATHER APPEARS UNPROMISING FOR TARGET 32 AS PRIMARY.

2. RECOMMEND ELEMENTS OF TARGET 4, DONG HOI AIRFIELD, AND TARGET 24, CHANH HOA BKS, BE CONSIDERED FOR PRIMARY. THE POL STORAGE AND BARRACKS AREA JUST SOUTH OF RUNWAY ON AIRFIELD AND THE 50 BUILDING AREA ABOUT 2,00' DUE NORTH OF CENTER OF DONG HOI

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RUNWAY MAKE EXCELLENT GROUPING FOR ATTACK. THEY ARE EASILY IDENTIFIABLE, AND APPROACHES AND BREAK AWAY CAN BE MADE OVER THE SEA. USE YOUR JUDGEMENT IN SELECTING SPECIFIC ELEMENTS.

3. RETAIN TARGET 39, CHAP LE BARRACKS, AS SECONDARY. IF WEATHER RECCE INDICATES 39 HAS BEST WEATHER YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO LAUNCH WITH 39 AS PRIMARY.

- 4. JCS HAS APPROVED.
- 5. ADVISE DECISION WHEN MADE.

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FLAMMING DART AS OF 071000Z.

1. RESULTS OF STRIKES UNDER OPTION ONE:

A. CTG 77.7 REPORTED MANY FIRES STARTED IN BUILDINGS
IN NORTHERN SECTOR DONG HOI TGT AREA. HEAVY DAMAGE TO MANY
BUILDINGS IN SAME AREA. HEAVY AA FIRE OBSERVED FROM TWO
GUNBOATS ON RIVER NORTH OF COMPLEX. ALL AIRCRAFT RECOVERED; TWO
DAMAGED.

B. CTG 77.5 REPORTED ONE A4E PILOT EJECTED. DOWN AT 019

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DEGREES, ONE TO TWO MI FROM DONG HOI. ALL OTHER AIRCRAFT
RECOVERED; TWO DAMAGED.

2. CINCPAC 070920Z RECOMMENDED ACTIONS TO ALERT AND DEPLOY
ADDITIONAL FORCES. GP-3
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PERSONAL FROM GEN WESTMORELAND FOR ADMIRAL SHARP.
REPRISAL STRIKES AGAINST DRV

ALTHOUGH WE UNDERSTAND HANCOCK STRIKE DID AN EXCELLENT
JOB, FULL PLANNED IMPACT OF REPRISAL ACTION NOT ACHIEVED.
HAVE JUST RECEIVED WEATHER BRIEF THAT WEATHER TOMORROW IN
COASTAL AREA WILL PROBABLY BE OPERATIONALLY MARGINAL, WHEREAS
TARGETS IN PIEDMONT PROBABLY WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN. THEREFORE
RECOMMEND THAT TOMORROW THE 8TH TGT 33 BE HIT AGAIN, THAT
TARGET 39 BE TRIED AGAIN WITH VNAF PARTICIPATION ON 39

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COORDINATED WITH AND BY 2ND AIR DIV AND THAT TARGET 24 BE
STRUCK IN LIEU OF TARGETS 32 AND 36. IF FULL PACKAGE IS NOT
POLITICALLY ACCEPTABLE, SUGGEST WE STRIKE AS MUCH AS TRAFFIC
WILL BEAR, BUT URGE YOU TRY FOR ENTIRE PACKAGE. AM PROPOSING
FOREGOING TO AMBASSADOR AND WILL COMMUNICATE HIS REACTION
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FLAMING DART AS OF 070700Z

- 1. DEFCONS SET AT 070620Z
 - A. DEFCON TWO FOR ALL PACOM FORCES IN RVN, THAI-
LAND AND SOUTH CHINA SEA AREA.
 - B. DEFCON THREE FOR ALL OTHER PACOM FORCES WEST OF
160 DEGREES EAST LONGITUDE.
- 2. FORCES ASSIGNED TO CONDUCT OPT ONE:

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TARGET	FORCE	AC/LOAD	LOCATION
A. 33	PACFLT	12A4C/72-250 LB 4A4/8C8U-2 8LAU-3 4F8/16 ZUNI 8 SW	TG 77.5
B. 33	PACFLT	9A4E/54-250 LB 18 LAU-3 8A4C/64-250 LB 4F8E/16 ZUNI 8 SW 4F8C/8SW 2RF-8A 2F8C/4 SW	TG 77.7
C. 36	PACFLT	8A1/96-250 LB 16A4/192-250 LB 4F4/16 LAU-3 24 LAU-10 8 SW 8 SPARROWS	TG 77.4

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4F4/8 SW
8 SPARROWS

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D. 39 PACAF CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER
E. 32 VNAF/
FARMGATE CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

3. FORCES DEPLOYED

A. TG 76.5 ENR POSIT OFF CAP ST JAUQUES
B. TG 76.7 ENR POSIT OFF DA NANG

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A. JCS 4756 DTG 070246Z

1. REF A AUTHORIZES BDA FOR ALL TARGETS.
2. BECAUSE OF LATE HOUR OF STRIKES AND SUBSEQUENT POST, STRIKE RECCE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO ACCOMPLISH ESCORTED BDA ALSO ON 8 FEBRUARY AS REQUIRED.

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A. CINCPAC 040014Z

1. EXECUTE OPTION 1 REF A PLUS TARGET 32 BY VNAF AND FARMGATE WITH US SUPPORT.

2. SIMULTANEOUS 070700 ZULU TOT FOR US FORCES DESIRED. VNAF FARMGATE TOT AS CLOSE AS PRACTICABLE WITH U.S.

3. SUBMIT REPORTS DIRECTED REF A.

INCLUDE ESTIMATED TOT IN OP-2

AND ACTUAL TOT IN AN OP-5.

4. SUBMIT ASAP OP-00 FLASH PRECEDENCE. GP-4.

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PERSONAL FOR SHARP FROM WESTMORELAND

1. AMBASSADOR TAYLOR AND I RECOMMEND THAT:

A. HAWK BATTALION (-) BE DEPLOYED ASAP IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFERENCE A AND B.

B. WE NOTE YOUR DEPLOYMENT OF BLT'S OFF DA NANG AND VUNG TAU. RECOMMEND 6 HOUR REACTION TIME.

C. ADDITIONALLY RECOMMEND ONE BN OF 173D ABN BRIGADE BE REBARTED.

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SAIL TG 76.5 ASAP TO POSITION OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND OF OFF
CAP ST JACQUES. SAIL TG 76.7 ASAP TO POSITION OUT OF
SIGHT OF LAND OFF DANANG. ADVISE ETD SUBIC AND EA OFF
RVN EACH TASK GROUP. AVOID UNNECESSARY SPECULATION. NO
PUBLIC OR PRESS DISCLOSURE. COMSEVENTHFLT AND CTF 76
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PLEIKU RETALIATORY ACTION (S)

1. WITH FORCES NOW IN PLACE IN VIETNAM AND THAILAND, AND WITH AIRCRAFT FROM THREE CARRIERS (WHICH CAN MAKE STRIKES ON 7 FEB), CAN EXECUTE OPTIONS 1 AND 2 OF CINCPAC OPERATION ORDER FLAMING DART DURING DAYLIGHT SAIGON DATE 7 FEB PROVIDING ORDER TO STRIKE IS RECEIVED BY 071200H.
2. THERE ARE 18 F105S IN DANANG ALONG WITH THE 18 F100S. RANGER ON STATION AT POINT YANKEE, HANCOCK CAN LAUNCH BY ABOUT 1300H, CORAL SEA WILL BE ABLE TO LAUNCH ABOUT 1630H

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7 FEB.

3. HAVE INSTRUCTED CINCPACFLT AND CINCPACAF TO LOAD AIRCRAFT FOR OPTION 2 BUT BE PREPARED SHIFT OPTION 1 IF THAT IS DIRECTED. RECOMMEND WE BE GIVEN APPROVAL TO EXECUTE OPTION 2. BELIEVE THIS TO BE APPROPRIATE RETALIATION FOR ATTACK ON PLEIKU.; &0-3.
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FLAMING DART (U)

A. CINCPAC 040014Z

1. BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPTION TWO REF A.
WITH MINIMUM DELAY. ASSUME ALERT POSTURE
ACCORDINGLY.

2. EXECUTE ORDER WILL BE ISSUED BY
CINCPAC AND MAY BE LIMITED TO ONLY OPTION ONE.
DO NOT REPEAT NOT EXECUTE UNTIL ORDER RECEIVED.

3. FOR COMUSMACV: CHOP PACAF FORCE TO
CINCPACAF IAW REF A.

4. FOR CINCPACAF:
ASSUME OPCON OF FORCES IAW REF A. GP-1.

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THIS IS A FLAMING DART MSG. THIS IS A SUPPLEMENTAL OP-A W2JP UP RPT
FOR MISSION FLOWN BY 2AD AND VMJF ON 8 FEB 65. (PLEIKU RETALIATION).

BRONZE 1-8 FLT 8/F100 LAUNCHED DNG ON 8 FEB 65 AT 0652Z TO PROVIDE
FLAK SUPPRESSION AT CHAP LE ARMY BRKS LOCATED AT YD 0895. BRONZE
FLT WAS BRIEFED TO PROVIDE FLAK SUPPRESSION ON ALL KNOWN AND ANY
UNKNOWN ACTIVE FLAK SITES IN THE CHAP LE ARMY BRKS

REA. FLT WAS
AIRBORNE AT 0640Z. RNDZ WITH PATHFINDER ACFT 01 AND 02 AT
0656Z AND PROCEEDED TO TGT. FROM SOUTHEAST DIRECTION. KNOWN FLAK
SITES IN THAT LOCATPON WERE NOT GUNNED OR MANNED. OF KNOWN FLAK

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TGT ESCORTED BY BRONZE 6. DIRECT BOMB HITS WERE NOTED ON VARIOUS

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SITES IN THE AREA ONLY REVEALED GUNS WERE SEEN, APPARENTLY UNMANNED. HEAVY CONCENTRATIONS OF SMALL ARMS AND LIGHT MACHINE GUN FIRE WAS COMING FROM VARIOUS LOCATIONS WITHIN TGT COMPLEX ADJACENT TO BLDG AREAS. CBU PASSES WERE INITIATED BY BRONZE 1-4 AND UNITS EXPENDED WITH APPROX FOUR PASSES MADE.

PER ACFT. BRONZE 5-8 ENTERED TGT AREA FROM THE NORTH EAST DIRECTION AND HIT AREAS OF HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE. AFTER BRONZE 5-8 EXPENDED CBU ALL EIGHT ACFT STRAFFED AREAS OF PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED FIRE. ALL ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED AND MANY FIRES WERE NOTED WITHIN THE TARGET COMPLEX. TWO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS WERE NOTED. ONE WAS ESTIMATED 50 YDS NORTH WEST OF TGT AREA "E" AND BURNED WITH HEAVY BLACK SMOKE FOR 2-3 MINS BEFORE EXPLODING VIOLENTLY WITH A LARGE BALL OF FLAME AND HEAVY BLACK SMOKE. SOME OF FIRE AND SMOKE MAY HAVE BEEN FUEL SUPPLY OR TANKS. SECONDARY EXPLOSION WAS NOTED IN BLDG AREA NORTH WEST OF TGT AND ADJACENT TO 3AM SITES. FIRE AT THIS LOCATION BURNED BRIGHTLY AND ERUPTED SEVERAL TIMES WITH LARGE EXPLOSIONS. AT 0728Z BRONZE 1-8 CLIMBED TO 12,000 FT OVER TGT AND OBSERVED A-1 STRIKES ON TGT. FUEL WAS OBSERVED LEAVING FROM UNDERSIDE OF BRONZE 5 AND HE DEPARTED THE TARGET AREA ON VARIOUS SECTIONS OF TGT. BRONZE 1-4, 7-8 WITHDREW FROM TGT AREA AT THE

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COMPLETION OF STRIKE 0748Z. ALL BRONZE ACFT RECOVERED DANANG BY 0830Z. BRONZE 5, 7, 8 RECEIVED MINOR DAMAGE FROM SMALL ARMS GROUND FIRE, CALIBRE ESTIMATED 7.5 MM. YELLOW 1-4 4/100 BDA ESCORT FROM DNG LAUNCHED ON 8 FEB 55 AT 0725Z TO ESCORT RF 101 BDA ACFT OVER CHAP LE ARMY BRKS LOCATED AT YD 0895. JOIN-UP WITH RF 101 MADE AT 0745Z AND PROCEEDED TO TGT AREA AT LOW LEVEL. FLT ARRIVED ON TGT AT 0802Z. ON FIRST LOW LEVEL PASS OBSERVED LIGHT SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM LARGE BRKS AREA AT SOUTHEAST END OF COMPLEX. RF 101 CLEARED YELLOW TO EXPEND AND 24 TUBES OF CBU WERE DROPPED ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED AREA. RF 101 ACCOMPLISHED THREE MEDIUM ALT RUNS WITHOUT INCIDENT. DPTD TGT 0820Z AND RECOVERED DNG AT 0840Z. 30 PROP DRIVEN STRIKE ACFT (AIH & E) PARTICIPATED IN STRIKE ON CHAP LE ARMY BRKS NW TGT COMPLEX 170750N-1055550E (YD000945). THIS BRKS COMPLEX CONTAINS 5 AREAS: APPROX 45 SMALL BRKS, 4 SMALL WAREHOUSES TYPE BLDGS, 4 PROBABLE ADMIN BLDGS, APPROX 40 STORAGE/SUPPORT TYPE BLDGS, AN AMMO STORAGE AREA WITH 2 AMMO STORAGE BLDGS AND EXTENSIVE PERSONNEL TRENCHES. 4 MEDIUM AND 6 LIGHT AAA POSITIONS ARE LOCATED IN TGT AREA. 24 VNAF AIH'S WERE THE PRIMARY STRIKE ACFT, 6 USAF AIE'S PARTICIPATED AS PATHFINDER AND FLAK SUPPRESSION ACFT. VNAF AIH'S APPROACHED TGT ARDA FROM NW AND ROLLED IN ON TGT FROM

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THE WEST. THEY DELIVERED A TOTAL OF 97,920 LBS OF ORDNANCE. ONE FLT, FOX GREEN RECEIVED GND FIRE AT YD150330 AND DETD THEIR ORDNANCE ON THE SOURCE OF THE GND FIRE. USAF AIE'S APPROACHED TGT AREA FROM SW AND ROLLED INTO THE TGT ON A NORTHERLY HEADING. THE AIE'S DELIVERED A TOTAL OF 30,000 LBS OF ORDNANCE ON FLAK SUPPRESSION IN THE TGT AREA. ESTIMATES OF STRIKE SUCCESS ON CHAP 11 TGT COMPLEX, BY USAF PILOTS, 95 PERCENT TO 100 PERCENT DESTROYED.

A GREAT DEAL OF FLAK AND GND FIRE WAS ENCOUNTERED IN THE TGT AREA. IT APPEARED TO COME FROM TWO LOCATIONS: (1) THE TGT COMPLEX AND (2) IN AN AREA ACROSS THE ROAD JUST TO THE EAST OF THE TGT COMPLEX, (YD080600). FLAK WAS MEDIUM INTENSITY, BLACK BURSTS AT 500 FT. NONE OF THE ACFT WERE HIT BY FLAK BUT 16 ACFT WERE HIT BY SA/AV FIRE 30 AND 50 CAL. ONE VNJF PILOT WAS WOUNDED BY PLEXIGLASS FRAGMENTS AND ANOTHER VNAF PILOT WAS FORCED TO BAILOUT JUST NORTH OF DNG AIR BASE. HE HAS BEEN RECOVERED WITH SLIGHT INJURIES. WEATHER IN THE TGT ARD WAS ACCURATELY FORECAST AND WAS EXCELLENT FOR THE STRIKE. ONLY A SMALL BAND OF CLOUDS WAS ENCOUNTERED SW OF THE TGT AND IN NO WAY HAMPERED THE STRIKE. AS A FINAL SUM-UP, THE COORDINATION BETWEEN JET AND RECIP ACFT WAS EXCELLENT AND MISSION APPEARED TO BE A TOTAL SUCCESS. GP-3.

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TGT NO. 33 DONG HOICGRMY BARRACKS WNW 17-28-42N 106-35-487S
REF A. CTG 77.7 071740Z
CHANGES TO REF A.
AREA 1 - 7 BUILDINGS DESTROYED, Q BUILDING WITH HEAVY DAMAGE
ADDITIONS TO REF A
AREA 5 - 1 BUILDING BURNING, 1 BUILDING WITH HEAVY DAMAGE
AREA 7 - 1 BUILDING BURNING

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WRAP-UP REPORT FOR DONG HOI ARM BKS TARGET (NR. 33)

A. INITIAL STRIKE REPORT DTG 070900Z.

B. AMPLIFYING STRIKE REPORT DTG 071446Z.

1. THIS IS SUMMARY REPORT ON STRIKE CONDUCTED AGAINST DONG HOI ARMY
BRKS WNW TARGET ON 7 FEB 65.

2. POST-STRIKE RECCE RESULTS

A. TARGET DONG HOI ARMY BRKS

(1) STRIKE NO. ONE AGAINST THIS TARGET.

(2) 7 FEB 65

(3) COMOR NO. 7T232

(4) GEO COORDINATES 17-28-20N/106-35-40E

(5) BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT SUMMARY: TEN BUILDINGS DESTROYED
TWO BUILDINGS HEAVILY DAMAGED, UNKNOWN NUMBER OF BUILDINGS LEFT
BURNING. LOW CEILINGS AND SMOKE PREVENTED DETAILED OBSERVATION OF THE
TARGET AREA. PHOTO BDA CONDUCTED BY TG 77.7

3. WEATHER OVER THE TARGET WAS VARIABLE FROM THIN LAYERS AT 700 FT
UPWARD TO OVERCAST AT 2300FT. 12-15 NM VISIBILITY. EN ROUTE
COASTAL WEATHER WAS VARIABLE WITH OVERCAST 2000-2500 FT.

4. TASK GROUP COMMANDERS ESTIMATE OF MISSION SUCCESS AND RESULTS:
UNFAVORABLE WEATHER IN THE TARGET AREA WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR
IN THE RESULTS OF THIS STRIKE. UNFAVORABLE WEATHER IN THE TARGET
AREA WAS A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE RESULTS OF THIS STRIKE.
APPROXIMATELY 18 PER CENT OF THE ORDNANCE CARRIED WAS NOT EXPENDED
ON THE TARGET. THIS REFLECTS FIRM BRIEFING OF THE PILOTS AGAINST
INDISCRIMINATE BOMBING OF AREA NOT CONSIDERED "MILITARY". IN SPITE
OF WEATHER CONDITIONS THE RESULTS OF THE MISSION ARE ESTIMATED FROM
PILOT DEBRIEFS AS MODERATELY GOOD.

5. TASK GROUP COMMANDERS RECOMMENDATIONS: FURTHER PHOTO
RECONAISSANCE IN THE TARGET AREA SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN ORDER TO
PROVIDE COMPLETE EVALUATION OF RESULTS.

6. STATUS OF SAR EFFORTS AND INTENTIONS: SEARCH FOR DOWNED PILOT

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CONDUCTED IN VICINITY SEAWARD OF DANG HOI FROM MOUTH OF KIEM GIANG RIVER TO A POINT ABOUT EIGHT MILES SEAWARD, UTILIZING DANANG HU-16 AND A1H AIRCRAFT FROM RANGER AND CORAL SEA. SEARCH WAS TERMINATED AT DARKNESS. SAR RETURNED AT 2035. SAR COORDINATOR DIRECTED TF 77 UNITS TO RESUME SEARCH OF THE AREA OFF SHORE BEGINNING AT 080630H WITH A1H AND E1B AIRCRAFT.

7. TASK GROUP COMMANDERS INTENTIONS; MAINTAIN READINESS FOR FURTHER OPERATIONS AS DIRECTED BY CTF 77.

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TGT NO. 33 DONVRHOI ARMY BARRACKS WNW 17-28-42N 106-35-48E
REF A. CTG 77.7 071740Z
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AREA 5 - 1 BUILDING BURNING, 1 BUILDING WITH HEAVY DAMAGE
AREA 7 - 1 BUILDING BURNING
AREA 8 - 2 BUILDINGS BUEING
AREA 12 - 3 BUILDINGS WITH MEDIUM DAMAGE
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1. THIS IS CTG 77.7 PLAN FOR BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSEMENT MISSION ON DONG

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HOI BARRACKS, TGT NO. 33.

- A. PHOTO RECCE: 2 RF8A
- B. TARCAP: 4 F8C, 2 SW, FAMMO- EACH ACFT
- C. FLAK SUPPRESSION: 8 A4E, 3 LAU-3A (INST), FAMMO-EACH ACFT
- D. WEATHER RECCE: 2 F8E, 2 SW, FAMMO-EACH ACFT
2. TARGET: BOMB DAMAGE ASSESSMENT ON DONG HOI BARRACKS, TGT NO.33
3. ROUTE: HANCOCK DIRECT DONG HOI BARRACKS DIRECT TOMCAT DIRECT HANCOCK.
4. PLAN TO LAUNCH 8 FEB AS TARGET WEATHER PERMITS.
5. TIME ENROUTE TO TARGET: 0 PLUS 35 MINS.
6. ALL ACFT LAUNCH AND RECOVER HANCOCK.
7. WILL USE YT REPORTING. THERE WILL BE NO OP-1 RPT.
8. NO ELINT PLANNED.
9. RESCAP WILL BE PROVIDED BY CORAL SEA/HANCOCK SAR ACFT OFF DONG HOI IF REQUIRED.
10. PHOTO ACFT WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY 8 A4E ACFT ON BDA RUNS.
11. WEATHER RECCE: PLAN TO LAUNCH 2 F8E AT 080600H.
12. OBJECTIVE: OBTAIN POST STRIKE PHOTOS OF DONG HOI BARRACKS TGT NO. 33.

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A. THIS IS AMPLIFYING REPORT OF CTG 77.7 STRIKE ON DONG HOI BARRACKS TGT NUMBER 33.

1. TIME OF LAUNCH. AT TIME 1400H COMMENCED LAUNCH OF 8 A4C, 9 A4E, 4 F8E AND 4 F8C. LAUNCH COMPLETED AT TIME 1420H. AT TIME 1450H COMMENCED LAUNCH OF 2 RF8A AND 2 F8C. LAUNCH COMPLETED AT TIME 1453H.

2. TIME OF ATTACK. DONG HOE BARRACKS TGT NUMBER 33 STRUCK BY FIRST ELEMENT CONSISTING OF 8 A4C ACFT AT 1502H FOLLOWING STRIKE BY CORAL SEA AIRCRAFT. ALL AIRCRAFT LAUNCHED FROM HANCOCK STRUCK THE TARGET. HANCOCK ATTACK COMPLETED AT 1525H.

3. ORDNANCE LOAD. AIRCRAFT LOADED WITH ORDNANCE AS FOLLOWS:

8 A4C, 8 MK-81 SNAKEYE, FAMMO-EACH ACFT.

9 A4E, 6 MK-81 SNAKEYE, 2 LAU-3A, FAMMO- EACH ACFT.

4 F8E, 4 ZUNI, 2 SIDEWINDERS, FAMMO- EACH ACFT.

4 F8C, 2 SIDEWINDERS, FAMMO-EACH ACFT.

2 RF8A (PHOTO) - NO ORDNANCE.

2 F8C (PHOTO ESCORT) - 2 SIDEWINDERS, FAMMO- EACH ACFT.

4. ORDNANCE EXPENDED ON TARGET. 110 MK-81 SNAKEYE BOMBS (RETARDED MODE)

17 LAU-3A ROCKET PODS

14 ZUNI

UNDETERMINED 20MM AMMO.

TOTAL UNEXPENDED ORDNANCE: 8 MK-81 SNAKEYE BOMB, AND 1 LAU-3A POD.

5 WEATHER. WEATHER OVER TARGET VARIED FROM 1500 FT TO 2300 FT OVERCAST WITH THIN SCATTERED CLOUDS BELOW/ MULTI CLOUD LAYERS ABOVE. VISIBILITY 15 MILES PLUS. MARGINAL CONDITIONS SBR ATTACK.

6. AA FIRE. CONSIDERABLE AA FIRE OBSERVED ON APPROACH TO TARGET FROM NUMEROUS POSITIONS.

TWO SWATOW GUNBOATS IN RIVER AT POSIT XE 6840 ALSO DIRECTED HEAVY AA FIRE AT STRIKE ACFT. GENERALLY HEAVY AA FIRE ENCOUNTERED FROM MANY SITES IN TARGET COMPLEX. SEVERAL GRAY PUFFS OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 1500 TO 2000 FT, BELIEVED TO BE FROM 37MM GUNS ON GUNBOATS. OTHER GROUND FIRE BELIEVED TO BE FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPONS PRE-BREIFED AA POSITIONS TO WEST OF ELEMENT NUMBER TEN (CINCPACFLT TTI-NO. 0617-17N 106 E-E4) WERE UNOCCUPIED. TOTAL OF ONE A4C AND ONE F8E WERE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY FLAK. ONE A4E AND ONE A4C RECEIVED MODERATE DAMAGE. ONE A4E RECEIVED LIGHT BOMB BLAST DAMAGE.

7. FLAK SUPPRESSION. FLAK SUPPRESSION ACFT, 4 F8E, COMMENCED FLAK

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SUPPRESSION RUNS THIRTY SECONDS PRIOR TO FIRST STRIKE ACFT ATTACK, AND PROVIDED CONTINUOUS FLAK SUPPRESSION. FLAK SUPPRESSION EFFORT DID NOT APPRECIABLY DIMINISH INTENSITY OF GROUND FIRE. ONE A4E MADE ONE BRIEF 20MM FIRING RUN ON ONE GUNBOAT. RESULTS UNKNOWN.

8. TARCAP. 4F8C A/C PROVIDED HIGH CAP AT 30,000 GT. PILOTS REPORTED CLOUD LAYERS AT 15,000 FT, 18,000 FT, AND 27,000 FT. THE F8C TARCAP ARRIVED IN THE TARGET AREA 4 MIN PRIOR TO THE INITIAL HANCOCK STRIKE AND DEPARTED THE AREA 4 MIN AFTER THE TERMINATION OF THE STRIKE. NO ORDNANCE WAS EXPENDED AND NO ENEMY A/C OBSERVED.

9. PHOTO RECCE. 2 RF8A A/C FLYING ON A COURSE OF 328 DEG AND AT AN ALTITUDE OF 1500 FT MADE ONE POST STRIKE PHOTO RUN EACH OVER THE TARGET AREA AT TME 1535H. 2 F8C EXPENDED 400 RDS OF 20MM ON ONE STRAFING RUN (AHEAD OF PHOTOS) AS THEY FLEW ESCORT FOR THE PHOTO A/C. ONE OF THE FIGHTER PILOTS REPORTED SEEING TWO TRACER BULLETS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 2000 FT: THE TRACER FIRE CAME FROM THE EAST. BDA PHOTOS WILL FOLLOW ASAP.

10. STRIKE RESULTS. STRIKE WAS LAUNCHED FROM HANCOCK IN VICINITY 15-50N 110-29E. AFTER INITIAL RENDEZVOUS, FLIGHT CLIMBED TO 20,000 FT, MAINTAINED ALTITUDE TO COASTAL ENTRY POINT (17-00N/107-07E). FLIGHT LET DOWN THROUGH HOLE IN OVERCAST AT COASTAL ENTRY POINT AND TURNED NORTH, RUNNING 1/2 MILE OFF SHORE AT 300 FT AND 400 KTS. WEATHER WAS MARGINAL WITH 300 FT SCATTERED LAYER. ABOUT 10 MILES FROM TARGET THE WEATHER IMPROVED TO 2300 FT OVERCAST WITH SOME THIN SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 1000 FT. FLIGHT CLIMBED TO 2300 FT AND OVER THE TARGET AT TIME 1500H. FIRST A4C DIVISION CROSSED OVER PENINSULA, OVER DONG HOI HARBOR, TO THE CENTER OF CITY AND MADE A TURN TO RUN-IN ON THE BUILDINGS OF AREA NR 5 (CINCPACFLT TTI 0617-17N 106E-E4) JUST TO EAST OF ATHLETIC FIELD. WHILE CROSSING HARBOR AREA, FLIGHT WAS FIRED ON BY ONE PATROL SURFACE CRAFT, WITH BOTH FORE AND AFT GUN TURRETS. SECOND DIVISION OBSERVED TWO ORANGE-RED FLASHED BURSTS WITHIN FIRST DIVISION FORMATION. ALL MK-81 ORDNANCE DELIVERIES FOR BOTH DIVISIONS WERE COMMENCED AT 2300 FT AND 375-400 KNOTS, WITH RELEASE AT 800 FT AND 425-440 KNOTS. STRAFING RUNS WERE SIMILARLY EXECUTED.

STRIKE LEADER OBSERVED SMALL FIRES THROUGHOUT AREA NUMBER FIVE (CINCPACFLT TTI) AFTER ATTACK.

SECOND A4C DIVISION MADE TWO RUNS ON TGT BUILDINGS IN NE QUADRANT OF TTI AREA NUMBER ONE. OBSERVED 3 LARGE FIRES IN AREA AFTER SECOND RUN.

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STRAFING RUN WAS THEN MADE ON BUILDINGS FURTHER TO WEST, EXPENDED 248 RDS 20MM. OBSERVED CONSIDERABLE SMALL-ARMS FIRE, INCLUDING TRACERS, JUST TO SOUTH OF TARGET AREA. THE FIRST SECTION OF THE FIRST DIVISION OF A4E ACFT ATTACKED TTI AREA NUMBER EIGHT IN A TWENTY DEGREE BOMBING RUN. ALL A4E RUNS WERE ON A HEADING OF 240 TO 270 DEG TRUE. TARGET ACQUISITION WAS DIFFICULT DUE TO MINIMUM ALTITUDE USE ON BOMBING RUNS AND SMOKE IN AREA. THE SECOND SECTION OF THE FIRST DIVISION HIT THE AREA MIDWAY BETWEEN TTI AREA NUMBERS EIGHT AND ELEVEN. DAMAGE UNKNOWN. THE SECOND DIVISION OF A4E ACFT ATTACKED TTI AREA NUMBER TEN. DAMAGE UNKNOWN. INITIAL PHOTO EVALUATION INDICATES TWO AREAS OF SUBSTANTIAL FIRES. BOTH WHITE AND BLACK SMOKE WAS OBSERVED FROM FIRES IN TGT AREA. 11. RECOVERY. ALL AIRCRAFT EXCEPT 4 A4E AND 2 A4C INITIALLY RECOVERED ABOARD HANCOCK. RECOVERY COMMENCED AT 1544H. RECOVERY COMPLETE AT 1624H. 4 A4E AND 2 A4C DIVERTED TO DANANG EACH WITH ONE PIECE OF HUNG ORDNANCE. ONE ACF JETTISONED (AT SEA) THREE HUNG SNAKEYE BOMBS. TOTAL HUNG ORDNANCE: 8 MK-81 SNAKEYE BOMBS AND ONE LAU-3A POD. ACF DIVERTED T DANANG WERE RECOVERED ABOARD HANCOCK AT 1805H. BGP-3 BT

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THIS IS A NAVY STRIKE MESSAGE OP-4, FLOWN ON 7 FEB 65.

A. KALL SIGN FLYING EAGLE.

B. DONG HOI MILITARY AREA

C. IN TGT AREA SMALL ARMS FIRE OBSERVED. TRACERS OBSERVED
ENTERING OVERCAST. BURSTS OBSERVED AT 2,000 FEET BROWN IN KOLOR.
GROUND FIRE WAS NOT ACCURATE OR INTENSE, UN FIRE WAS OBSERVED
FROM GUN BOATS IN RIVER.

D. PILOT REPORTED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO ESTIMATE EFFECT-
IVENESS OF ORDNANCE DELIVERY FROM HIS POSITION. 1 SEKONDARY

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EXPLOSION WITH DENSE BROWN SMOKE WAS OBSERVED. ORDNANCE LOAD CONSISTED OF SNAKE EYE, LAU-3, 20MM. 118 BOMBS DELIVERED IN TGT. 18 ROCKET PODS EXPENDED AND UNKNOWN 20MM. 6F-8 KARRIED 4 ZUNIE EACH. EXPENDITURE UNKNOWN. TOTAL STRIKE AIRCRAFT 29. AIRCRAFT MADE TWO RUNS EACH ON TARGET AREA WM BOMBS WERE EXPENDED ON THE FIRST RUN AND ROCKETS EXPENDED ON SEKOND RUN. FLYING EAGLE ONE WAS ONLY PILOT DEBRIEFED (COMMANDR MUNDSON), ONE PILOT OF AIRCRAFT DAMAGED IN ENGAGEMENT RECOVERED THIS STATION. PILOT SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES FROM WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE SHRAPNEL. PILOT TREATED THIS STATION BUT WAS NOT DEBRIEFED. ALL AIRCRAFT AND CREWS RECOVERED THIS STATION ARE RECOVERING CARRIER IMMIDATELY. SEEN AIRCRAFT RECOVERED THIS STATION FOR TURN AROUND TO CARRIER. 0-4.

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1. 4 A1H RECOVERED ABD CVA 61 AT 071033Z.
2. ACFT HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN DIVERTED FROM RETURNING STRIKE TO ASSIST IN SAR OPS FOR DOWED A4 ACFT FOM CORAL SEA.
3. ALL RANGER ACF LAUNCHED ON STRIK ACCOUNTED FOR.
1 A4C WHICH LANDED AT DANANG RECOVERED ABD CVA 61 080800Z
ALL RANGR STRIKE ACFT AB.

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1. A4E SILVERFOX 508 AND 513/ GECOVERED DANANG. REFUELED AND
RETURNING TO CVA-43.

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THIS IS A FLAMING DART MSG. THIS IS THE OP-4 SUPPLEMENT REPORT FOR
MISSIONS FLOWN BY 2ND AIR DIVISION ON 7 FEB 65.

- A. WX RECCE 1/RF101 RUSK 17
- B. TGTS: 39 AND 32
- C. NONE
- D. RAIN SHOWERS, PATCHY 497, \$ 19&, XOUNTANINOUS AREAS OBSCURED.
TOPS 6000FT, BOTTOMS 200 FT, ISIBILITY 1 NM.
- E. NARRATIVEACCOUNT OF XMISSION: RUSK 17 LAUNCHED AT 0358Z FROM
TSN TO 34,000. THE A/C PROCEEDED TO BAN XE THOUT, QLEIKU, AND DA

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NANG. AT 0445Z DESCENDED TO 500 FT AT DANANG. RUSK 17 PROCEEDED EAST OF DANANG OVER THE WATER TO GET UNDER THE CLOUD BASES. THE A/C THEN PROCEEDED INBOUND TO HUE AT 500FT. RUSK 17 PROCEEDED INBOUND TOWARD DMZ DESCENDING TO 200 FT. THE WEATHER OBSERVED IN THE TARGET AREA WAS AS FOLLOWS: TOPS AT 6000FT, BASES 200 FT. VISIBILITY WAS 1NM IN RAIN SHOWERS WITH PATCHY 497, \$ 19%. MOUNTAINOUS AREAS WERE OBSCURED. AT THIS TIME RUSK 17 BROKE OFF AND CLIMBED TO ALTITUDE THROUGH THE WEATHER TO CHECK CLOUD TOPS AND BASES. THE CLIMB WAS BEGUN AT 1255Z. AT 1310Z RUSK 17 CALLED PANAMA AND GAVE A WEATHER DESCRIPTION. THE A/C RETURNED TO TAN SON NHUT BY WAY OF DA NANG, QUANG BINH, AND BAN XE THOUT. RUSK 17 LANDED AT 0551Z. MOST NORTHERLY PENETRATION BY RUSK 17 WAS YD 192 640. FROM 35,000 FT ABOVE THIS POINT CLOUD COVERAGE DESCRIBED EXTENDED NORTHWARD AT LEAST 35-40 MILES. 0-4.

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 1. ALL HANCOCK AIRCRAFT REPORTED FOR ABOARD CVA-19 OR DANANG.
 2. NO AICCRAFT LOST OR MISSING.
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1. PILOT OF A4E SOWN OFF DONG HOI LT. EDWEARD A. DICKSON, 646194,
USNR. ATTACHED VA-155 MISSING.
2. PILOT A4E LISTED MISSING REFERENCE B LANDED SAFELY DNAANG.
3. ALL AICRAFT EXCEPT A4E PARA (1) ACCCOUNTED FOR.
4. TWO AIRCAFT DIVERTED DANANG REFUELING FOR RETURN CVA-43
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- FLAMING DART OPVXI (U)
1. FLIGHT LEADER REPORT OF STRIKE AGAINST TGT 36 (VIT THU LU BKS).
 - A. LAUNCHED CVA 61 AT 070530Z (AIH) AND 070640Z (JETS).
 - B. RECOVERED JETS 70836Z. 4 AIH ACTING AS RESCAP.
4 AIH ENROUTE TO CVA 61.
 2. MISSION UNSUCCESSFUL. ACFT UNABLE TO REACH TGT DUE TO WX.
1 DIV A4C REACHED WITHIN 2 MILES OF TBT AND REPORTED CLOUDS COMPLETELY OBSCURED AREA.
 3. AT 0637Z, CTF 770 RECEIVED WORD OVER SSB FROM 2ND AIR DIVISION

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THAT USAF HAD CANCELLED OUT ON TGT 39 DUE TO E AND RECOMMENDED CTF 77 NOT LAUNCH IF WX NOT OK. AT THIS TIME CORAL SEA AND HANCOCK STRIKE ONLY FEW MINUTES FROM TGT AND RANGER AIHS WERE AIRBORNE AND JETS IN PROCESS OF BEING LAUNCHED. IN RANGER STRIKE LEADER NOTIFIED TO EXPECT POOR WEATHER AND EXERCISE DISCRETION IN MAKING ATTACK. DECISION FOR PERMITTING STRIKE TO CONTINUE ATTACK. DECISION FOR PERMITTING STRIKE TO CONTINUE B

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FACT THAT (1) MOST OF RANGER STRIKE AIRBORNE AND WOULD HAVE TO JETTISON ORDNANCE IN ANY EVENT, (2) CORAL SEA AND HANCOCK ASSIGNED SEA LEVEL TGT, AND, (3) FOREST WEATR OF 1500 FT SCATTRED, 4000 F BROKEN, VIS 10 MILES HELD PROMISE OF BEING

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REPORT NO. ONE FOR DONG HOI ARMY BKS TGT NR 33

A. MY STRIKE LAUNCH REPORT DTG 070600Z NOTAL

1. RECOVERED FOLLOWING ACFT ABD CVA 43 IN VIC 15-43N/111-09E AT 070817Z

A. STRIKE GO A4C/E

B. FLAK SUPPRESSION 4 A4E

C. TARCAP 4 F8D

D. PHOTO RECCENONE

2. PRELIMINARY FLIGHT LEADER REPORT

A. TARGET WEATHER 700-1000 OVC VIS 10 MI. RAIN SHOWERS

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B. STRIKE CONSIDERED SLIGHTLY SUCCESSFUL DUE TO WEATHER AND SOME HUNG ORDNANCE.

C. TIME ON TGT 070700Z. TIME OFF TGT 070708Z.

D. SURPRISE (WAS) ACHIEVED.

3. DAMAGE OBSERVED IN TGT AREA: MUCH SMOKE OBSERVED NO FIRES SIGHTED BY ATTACK AIRCRAFT. WEATHER PREVENTED ACCURATE BDA.

4. DEFENSE REACTION OBSERVED: NO FLAK OBSERVED UNTIL AFTER ATTACK COMMENCED OVER TGT. MODERATE TO HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF LIGHT AA PROBABLY 37/57 MM OVER TGT AREA

5. BATTLE DAMAGE SUSTAINED OWN STRIKE FORCE ACTF:

ONE A4E HIT OVER TGT PILOT EJECTED NEAR COASTLINE.

ONE A4E MISSING

ONE A4E DIVERTED DANANG

ONE A4E HIT PORT WING RECOVERED ABOARD

ONE A4C HIT STBD WING RECOVERED ABOARD.

6. THIS REPORT TO BE AMPLIFIED UPON COMPLETION OF DEBRIEF. ALL PILOTS.

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1. RECOVERED ABOARD CVA 61 AT 070836Z.
15 A4C
8 F4B
2 RF8A
1 A4C LANDED DANANG HUNG ORDNANCE.
2. STRIKE AGAINFJ TARGET 36 (VIT THU LU BKS)
UNSUCCESSFUL, ACFT UNALBE REACH TARGET DUE TO WEATHER.
3. NO DAMAGE OR IMSES TO RANGER ACFT.

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A. CTG 77.7 IARCAP 4 F8C, CALL PAGE BOY.
B. TARGET OBSCURED BY CLOUD LAYERS BELOW.
C. NO ENEMY AIRCRAFT OBSERVED.
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- FLAMING DART OP-4 (U)
 - A. CTG 77.7 FLAK SUPPRESS/TARCAP 4 F8E, CALL NICKEL.
 - B. HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIR APPR HX.-3000 3;FT SOUTH WEST AREA GEORGIA SHOWN IN PHOTO IN 94 LIST.
 - C. ONE F8E REKVICED ONE AA HIT. IN SPD BRAKE AREA. MINOR DAMAGE.
 - D. AFTER TWO PASSES, AA FIRE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. HEAVY SMOKE IN NORTHERN AREA.
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- FG 77.7 PHOTO RECCE 2 RF8A, CALL CORKTIP DNB. CTG 77.7 PHOTO ESCGT,
W F8C, CALL PAGE BOY.

C. FIRES (WITH WHITE AND BLACK SMOKE) OBSERVED IN EIGHT OR NINE AREAS.
IN GENERAL TARGET COMPLEX.

D. INITIAL LANDFALL TEN MILES NORTH DONG HOI. ENCOUNTERED LIGHT TO
MODERATE GROUND FIRE.

E. MADE ONE PHOTO RECCE RUN EACH RF8A AT TIME 1535H, XIFHOWING ONE
STRAFING RUN BY TWO ESCORTS. ESCORTS OBSERVED LIGHT AS VIRE FROM
EASTERN SECTOR OF TARGET AREA.

F. NO AIRCRAFT DAMAGE.

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FLAMING DART OP-5 (U) SECOND REPORT.
A. MY 070810Z.

- 1. AFTER DEBRIEFING PILOTS BELIEVE DOWNED PILOT LOCATED NOT MORE THAN ONE TO TWO MILES OFF SHORE EAST OF DONG HOI.

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- FLAMING DART OP-3 (U)
- 1. FOUR F8D FLAK SUPPRESS/TARCAP, 13 A4 STRIKE / FLAK SUPPRESS ACFT
RRECOVERED 070820Z, CVA 43
- 2. A4E SILVERFOX 508 DIVERTED DANANG
A4E SILVERFOX 503 PILOT EJECTED
A4E SILVERFOX 513 UNACCOUNTED FOR AT PRESENT.
- 3. AMPLYING DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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 FLAMING DART OP-4 (U)
 A. CTG 77.7 STRIKE 8 A4C CALL DIAMOND BACK.
 B. MANY FIRES STARTED IN BUILDINGS IN NORTHERN SECTOR DONG HOI AREA
 HEAVY DAMAGE TO MANY BLDGS IN SAME AREA.
 C. HEAVY AA FIRE OBSERVED FROM TWO GUNBOATS ON RIVER NORTH OF
 COMPLEX.
 D. ONE A4C ACFT HIT IN AILERON AREA LEAVING SIX INCH HOLE.
 E. WEATHER AT TGT: 2300 FT OVERCAST - MULTI LAYERS. THIN SCATTERED
 CLOUDS BELOW. VISIBILITY 15 MILES.
 F. TWO A4C DIVERT DANANG.

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FLAMING DART OP-5 (U)

1. STRIKE LAUNCHED BY CTG 77.4/RANGERHGAINTS TGT 36

ABORTED DUE TO WEATHER.

2. ASSIGNED TGT, VIT THU LU BARRACKS OBSCURED BY

LOW CLOUDS BASES AT TOP OF HILLS.

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FLAMING DART OP-3 (U)

1. CTG 77.7 STRIKE/FLAK SUPPRES 5 A4E CALL FLYING EAGLA RECOVERED

CVA-19. 070803Z.

2. 4 A4E DIVERTED DANANG. WILL REPORT RECOVERY LATER

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 1. CTG 77.7 TARCAP 4 F8C CALL PAGE BOY RECOVERED CVA-19 070758Z.
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1. CTG 77.7 FLAK SUPPRESS/TARCAP 4 F8E CALL NICKEL RECOVERED CVA-19
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RUMBAJ/COMUSMACTHAI

RUMBAJ/DEPCOMJUSMAGTHAI

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FLAMING DART OP-3 (U)

1. CTG 77.7 STRIKE 6 A4C CALL DIAMOND BACK RECOVERED CVA-19 070749Z

2. 2 A4C DIVERTED TO DANANG. WILL REPORT RECOVERY LATER.

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DE RUMSBJ 24A 07/0737Z

Z 070729Z

FM 2 AIR DIV TSN AB RVN

TO RUEKDA/JCS

RUMSMA/MACV

RUHLHQ/CINCPAC

INFO RUHLKM/PACAF

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RUMABA/13AF

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RUMFUI/CTG 77

RUMFUI/CTG 77.4

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RUMSAG/613 ADVON DANANG

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RUMUDN/USAIRA VIENTIAN LAOS

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RUMSATD/428 TFS DANANG AB RVN

RUMSATB/44TFS KORAT THAILAND

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A. RF101 WX RECCE

B. TARTETS: 39 AND 32

C. NONE

D. BOTH AREAS: OVERCAST, TOPS AT 6000' BOTTOMS 200'. PATCHY GROUND FOG, VISIBILITY 1 NM IN RAIN SHOWERS, MOUNTAINS INLAND FROM COAST OBSCURED.

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1. CTG 77.7 TARCAP 4 F8C CALL PAGE BOY LAUNCHED 070619Z
2. EST TOT OPUPUPPZ. TGT 33 (DONG HOI BKS).
3. LAUNCHED FROM CVA-19

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RUMBAJ/DEPCOMJUSMAGTHAI

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FLAMING DART OP-2 (U)

1. FLAMINGDART TGT 33 12 A4C STRIKE ACFT.

4A4 FLAK SUPP. 4 F8D FLAK SUPP.

LAUNCHED 070556Z, CVA 43

2. EST TOT 070700Z

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FLAMING DART OP-2 (U)
1. LAUNCHED AT 070655: 16 AAC, LOADED 12 MK 81 SNAKEYE (INST/
NON DELAY)/FAMMO EACH ACFT; 4 F4B, FLAK SUPPRESS, 2 SW/2SPA/
4LAU3A/EACH ACFT; (4 F4B, TARCAP, 2SW/S SPA, EACH ACFT. 2 RF8A, PHOTO
BDA.
2. TARGET: FLAMING DART 36 (VIT THU ARMY BARRACKS).
TIME OVER TGT: 070730Z.
3. THIS STRIKE ELEMENT TO JOIN WITH A1H STRIKE LAUNCHED AT
070530Z FOR COORDINATED STRIKE.
4. LAUNCHED FROM CVA 51.
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ZCCSB534ZCPQA662
CZCPQA662ZCIPX707
*****ZZ RUEKDA
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Z O 070700Z
FM 2 AIR DIV TSN AB RVN
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RUMSMA/MACV
RUHLHQ/CINCPAC
INFO RUHLKM/PACAF
RUHLHL/CIMCPACFLT
RUMABA/13AF
RUMGEUL/COMSEVENHFLT
RUMFUI/CTG 77
RUMFUI/CG 77.4
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DART MSG. OPS 2 LAUNCH ASH 01, 02 2/RF101 ATD
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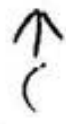
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1. CTG 77.7 PHOTO RECCE 2 RF8A CALL CORKTIP LAUNCHED 070650Z.
2. CTG 77.7 PHOTO ESCORT 2 F8C CALL PAGEBOY LAUNCHED 070653Z.
3. EST TOT 070740Z. TGT 33 (DONG HOI BKS).
4. LAUNCHED FROM CVA-19.

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FLAMING DART OP-2

A. CTG 77.4 070735Z

B. CTE 70.2.1.1 070347Z. (NOTAL)

1. CHANGE TIME OVER TGT REPORTED REF A TO
070730Z. CHANGE REQUESTED BY COMUSMACV REF B WHICH
WAS RECEIVED AFTER LAUNCH AND FORWARDING OF REF A.

2. CTG 77.5 AND CTG 77.7. TIME OVER TGT FOR
YOUR STRIKE AGAINST TGT 33 NOT CHANGED. REMAINS
070700Z.

3. ACFT- ARE BEING HELD OVER VIC CVA 61.

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Z 070650Z
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Z 070611Z

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FM CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SEVEN

TO JCS
CINCPAC
COMUSMACV
INFO AMEMB VIENTIANE
AMEMB SAIGON
AIRA VIENTIANE
CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FOUR
FICPAC FAC CIBI PT
PACAF
CINCPACFLT
13TH AF
2ND AIR DIV
COMSEVENTHFLT
CTF SEVEN SEVEN
COMUSMAGTHAI
DEPCOMJUSMAGTHAI
5TH AF
CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE
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FLAMING DART OP-2 (U)
1. CTG 77.7 STRIKE 8 A4C CALL DIAMOND BACK LAUNCHED 070606Z.
2. EST TOT 070700Z. TG 33 (DONG HOI BKS).
3. AAUNCHED FROM CVA-19
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FLAMING DART OP2. (U)

1. LAUNCHED 8 A1H, LOADED 12 MK 81 (INST/NON DELAY), FAMMO EACH ACFT, AT 070530Z AGAINST FLAMING DART TGT 36 (VIT THU LU ARMY BARRACKS). TOT 070700Z
2. THIS STRIKE ELEMENT TO COORDINATE WITH JET ELEMENT TO BE LAUNCHED AT 070610Z. TOT 070700Z
3. LAUNCHED FROM CVA 61

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1. CTG 77.7 FLAK SUPPRESS/TARCAP 4 F8E CALL NICKEL LAUNCHED 070619Z

2. EST TOT 070700Z. TGT 33 (DONG HOI BKS).

3. LAUNCHED FROM CVA-19.

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FLAMING DART OP-2 &(U)

1. CTG 77.7 STRIKE/FLAK SUPPRESS 9 A4E CALL FLYING EAGLE GPUPYQPZ.
LAUNCHED.

2. ;35 ~~07~~ 070700Z. TGT 33 (DONG HOI BKS).

3. LAUNCHED FROM CVA-19.

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1. CTG 77.7 STRIKE 8 A4C CALL DIAMOND BACK LAUNCHED 0- YPYZ.
2. EST TOT 070700Z. TG 33 (DONG NOI BKS).
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RUMFUI/U4KT/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
RUAUBUZ/V4SZ/CTF SEVEN THREE
RUMFUAC/M8NW/CTG SEVEN SIX PT FIVE
RUMFCR/J9XU/CTG SEVEN SIX PT SEVEN
INFO RUAUBAE/V0HO/CTF SEVEN NINE
RUMFCR/A0HO/CTU SEVEN THREE PT THREE PT ONE
RUAUBUR/E5RX/CTG SEVEN ZERO PT EIGHT
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- A. COMSEVENTHFLT 070200Z NOTAL
- 1. IG 76.5- ETD SUBIC (LESS THOMASTON) 070830Z. THOMASTON ETD 080001Z.
ETA IG 76.5 CAP ST. JACQUES 091830Z.
- 2. IG 76.7- ETD SUBIC 070630Z ETA DANANG 092030Z

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DE RUMGEUL 621B 07/0157Z

O 070200Z

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TO RUMFUAV/CTF 76

INFO RUHPB/CINCPACFLT

RUMFUAC/CTG 76.5

RUMFUAC/CTG 76.7

RUMFCR/CTG 76.6

RUMGEO/CTF 79

RUMFUAV/CG NINTH MEB

RUHKA/CINCPAC

RUECW/CNO

RUECEM/CMC

RUHPG/CG FMFPAC

RUMGUI/CTF 77

RUMGEUZ/CTF 73

RUMGEC/CTU 73.3.1

RUMFUAR/CTG 70.8

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AMPHIBIOUS READINESS POSTURE (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 070019Z NOTAL

1. SAIL ASAP TG 76.5 (PRINCETON, BEXAR, THOMASTON WITH BLT 1/9 AND
HMM-162 EMB) TO POSITION OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND OFF CAP ST JACQUES.

2. SAIL ASAP TG 76.7 (HENRICO, UNION, VANCOUVER WITH BLT 3/9) TO
POSITION OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND OFF DANANG.

3. KEEP ALCON ADVISED ETD SUBIC AND ETA OFF RVN FOR EACH GROUP.
AVOID UNNECESSARY SPECULATION. NO PUBLIC OR PRESS DISCLOSURE.

CTF 76 ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT THIS MSG.

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VV CWH151
OO RUEPWW
DE RUECW 707 07/0107Z
O 070107Z
FM CNO
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHC/STATE
ZEN/CIA
ZEN/JCS
O 062322Z
FM CINCPACFLT
INFO RUHKA/CINCPAC
RUECW/CNO
O 062206Z

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CTF 76
INFO CTG 79.2
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CTF 73
CTU 73.3.1
CTG 77.4
CTG 77.5
CTG 77.7
CTG 76.5
CTG 76.7
CTG 76.8
CTG 76.6
CTF 79
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CTG 70.8
CTG 70.9

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WESTPAC POSTURE (U)

1. PLEIKU IN RVN HAS BEEN ATTACKED AND A NUMBER OF US SERVICE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED.
2. FOR CTF 77. RETURN TG 77.5, TG 77.7 AND CANBERRA TO YANKEE STATION AT 25 KNOTS. ADVISE ETA.
3. FOR CTF 76. PLACE TG 76.5 TG 76.7 AND TG 76.6 ON 6 HRS NOTICE FOR SAILING.
4. FOR CTF 77 AND CTF 76. ACKNOWLEDGE THIS MSG.

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Pleiku/Holloway
Attack

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Received from NMCC by phone--1708EST:

Camp Holloway:
7 US killed
48 US wounded

52 people evacuated from Pleiku.

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By phone from NMCC ___

1645 EST.

US compound at Pleiku:
1 US killed
13 US wounded

Camp Holoway:
4 US killed
38 wounded

Also reported:
1 CV2B destroyed
6 ~~UH1H~~ helos destroyed
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Tuy Hoa

No casualties reported...the POL area seemed to be the objective.

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Z 071720Z ZEA
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO RUEHEX/WHITE HOUSE ATTN MR BUNDY
RUEHJS/DOD
RUEPIA/CIA
071650Z ZEA
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO RUEHCR/SECSTATE WASHDC
INFO RUEHEX/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHJS/DOD
RUHPA/CINCPAC
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~~SECRET~~ ACTION FLASH DEPT 2429 INFO FLASH WHITE HOUSE 340
DOD 421 CINCPAC 1437 FROM SAIGON FEB 8, 1AM

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REF DEPTTEL 1633 AND 1637.

REPEATING INFO PASSED TO NMCC, THERE WERE NO REPEAT NO VIET-
NAMESE CASUALTIES NOR PROPER IHMLOSAGE AS RESULT OF VC ATTACK
ON AMERICAN INSTALLATIONS AT PLEIKU EARLY MORNING 7 FEB.
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CFN 2429 340 421 1437 8 1 AM 1633 1637 NMCC NO NOR VC PLEIKU 7

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Z 071430Z ZEA
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FOLL SENT ACTION FLASH SAIGON 1637 INFO FLASH CINCPAC UNN
DOD UNN WHITE HOUSE UNN FEB 7, 9 AM

SAIGON PASS COMUSMACV

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REF DEPTTEL 1633

KNOW HOW PRESSED YOU ARE BUT ANY INFORMATION ON
VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES OR DAMAGE TO VIETNAMESE INSTALLATIONS
AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE MOST HELPFUL HERE. NOT NECESSARY TO
ASSEMBLE ALL DATA BEFORE FORWARDING AND PIECE-MEAL REPORTS
WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

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DE RUEKDA 60 07/0936Z
Z 070933Z
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INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHCR/STATE
RUEPIA/CIA
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1. AT 061800Z FEB, AN ESTIMATED VC COMPANY CONDUCTED A 15-MINUTE MORTAR ATTACK (REPORTEDLY 10 ROUNDS) AGAINST THE II CORPS MACV COMPOUND AT PLEIU WHILE TO THE EAST OF PLEIKU THEY INITIATED SIMULTANEOUSLY A 5-10 MINUTE MORTAR ATTACK ON CAMP HOLLOWAY AND THE PLEIKU AIRSTRIP ADJACENT TO IT; THIS LATTER MORTAR ATTACK WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A GROUND PROBE OF THE N. E. END OF THE STRIP. THE PRECISE EXTENT OF THE GROUND PROBE IS UNDETERMINED. SMALL ARMS, 57RR'S, RIFLE GRENADES, AND BEMOLITION CHARGES UNDER THREE OF THE AIRCRAFT, HAVE ALL BEEN REPORTED. THREE MEN WERE SEEN OUTSIDE THE AIRFIELD PROTECTIVE WIRE AND WERE ENGAGED BY THE PERIMETER DEFENSE (SACHEL CHARGES WERE ALSO REPORTEDLY USED IN THE ATTACK ON THE MACV COMPOUND). A VC 4-TUBE 81MM MORTAR POSITION HAS BEEN LOCATED VIC AR 807471. SIXTY-NINE 81 MM MORTAR ROUNDDY CONTAINERS WERE DISCOVERED EMPTY ON-SITE. SEVEN MINUTES AXTER THE ATTACK BEGAN, 3 ARMED HU-1B'S AND A FLARZSHIP WERE AIRBORNE. AT 070140Z. AN 80-MAN EAGLE FLIGHT REACTION FORCE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH AN UNKNOWN NUMBER OF VC VICINITY AR 9060.

2. UNCONFIRMED US CASUALTY FIGURES FROM ATTACKS OM MACV COMPOUND AND CAMP HOLLOWAY ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. MACV COMPOUND - 1 KIA, 23 WIA (10 EVACUATED)
- B. CAMP HOLLOWAY-6 KIA, 86 WIA (66EVACUATED)

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C. TOTAL: 7 KIA, 109 WIA (76 EVAC)
NO RVNAF OR CIVILIAN CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN
REPORTED.

3. A TOTAL OF 52 BILLETS WERE DAMAGED, 7
WITH MAJOR DAMAGE, 10 MODERATE DAMAGE,
35 MINOR DAMAGE. FIVZ HU-1B'S HAVE BEEN
COMPLETELY DESTROYED; 9-11 HU-1B'S HAVE
BEEN DAMAGED. MINOR DAMAGE WAS INFLICTED
UPON 3 O-1F'S, 1CV-2B, AND 1 VNAF O-1H.

MAJOR DAMAGE TO 1CV-2B. US PERSONNEL
IN PLEIKU ARE DISPOSED AS FOLLOWS:
595 AT VAMP HOLLOWAY (488 SPT COMMAND;
107 2D AIR DIV); 183 IN MACV COMPOUND.

4. THE VC ATTACK AT TUY HOA IN PHU YEN
PROVINCE IS NOT REPEAT NOT A PART OF THE
PLEIKU ATTACK. IT RATHER APPEARS TO BE
PART OF A COUNTRY-WIDE PATTERN REPRESENTING
A GENERAL RESUMPTION OF VC OFFENSIVE
ACTIVITY FOLLOWING TET. THE DETAILS: AT
061845Z FEB, THE VC LAUNCHED A MORTAR
ATTACK AGAINST A POL STORAGE AREA AT
CHAP CHAI AFIELD WEST OF TUY HOA CITY
(VIC CQ 152 475). THE FACILITY WAS SET
AFIRE RESULTING IN THE BURNING OF 50 CANS
OF AVIATION GASOLINE. CASUALTIES:

3 PF WIA.

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DE RUEKDA 022 07/0426Z
O BPUPRWIZ FF1
FM JCS
TO RUKDAG/CINCAL
RUFLCR/CINCEUR
RUCKHC/CINCLANT
RUWGAL/CINCNOAD
RUHPH/CINCPAC
RUCSBR/CINCSAC
RULPAL/CINCSO
RUCJHK/CINCSTRIKE/MEAFSA
RUEKC/ANMCC
RUEKVDA/NEACP
RUEKMJ/NECPA
ZEN/DIA
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RUEPCR/NSA
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JCS 004757 JCS SENDS.
AT ~~250410Z~~ THE VIET CONG ATTACKED FACILITIES
OCCUPIED BY US FORCES IN PLEIKU AND TUY HOA, RVN. AT
THIS TIME REPORTS INDICATE 8 US KIA AND 61 WIA. A NUMBER OF
AIRCRAFT WERE DESTROYED OR DAMAGED. THE US AND GVN HAVE
DIRECTED AIR ATTACKS AGAINST CERTAIN MILITARY TARGETS
IN NORTH VIETNAM IN REPRISAL. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
FURTHER MILITARY ACTION INVOLVING US/GVN AND DRV FORCES
MAY ENSUE. COMMANDERS WILL INSTITUTE INCREASED INTEL-
LIGENCE VIGILANCE AT THEIR DISCRETION AND REPORT
IMMEDIATELY AND SIGNIFICANT INDICATIONS OF HOSTILE
ACTION OR INTENT. GP3
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070215Z
FM COMUSMACV
TO NMCC
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INFO CINCPAC

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RECOMMEND DOD RELEASE CASUALTY LIST
PLEIKU-CAMP HOLLOWAY ASAP ACCORDING
TO CONUS CRITERIA. REQUEST ADVISE
MACOI WHEN NAMES RELEASED.
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DE RUEKDA 14 07/0307Z
Z: 070306Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHCR/STATE
RUEPIA/CIA
RUEPCR/NSA
07/0115Z
FM MACV EAC
TO NMCC
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TOTAL U.S. CASUALTIES PLEIKU
ATTACK AS OF 0830H ARE:

7 KIA
63 WIA (INCLUDE 4 WHO ARE
EXPECTED TO DIE)
A TOTAL OF 60 CASUALTIES HAVE BEEN
EVACUATED TO NA TRANG FROM PLEIKU
AREA.

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O 070107Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEHCR/STATE DEPT
RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEPIA/CIA
O 062352Z

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FM CINCPAC

TO RUHLHL/CINCPACFLT
INFO RUHLHS/CINCUSARPAC
RUHLKM/CINCPACAF
RUMSMA/COMUSMACV
RUMFCR/COM7TH FLT
RUMFCR/CTF 76
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AMPHIB POSTURE (U)

1. SAIL ONE AMPHIB GRP WITH SLF TO POSIT OFF CAP ST JACQUES
2. SAIL SECOND AMPHIP GRP WITH BLT TO POSIT OFF DANANG.
3. NOTIFY ALCON ETA.

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VV CWH148
OO RUEPWW
DE RUECW 706 06/2249Z
O 062249Z
FM CNO
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
ZEN/CIA
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ZEN/JCS
O 062109Z

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INFO CNO
O 062051Z
FM CINCPACFLT
TO RUMGEUL/COMSEVENTHFLT
INFO RUMFUI/CTF SEVEN SEVEN
RUMFUI/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FOUR
RUMFUS/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT FIVE
RUMFUH/CTG SEVEN SEVEN PT SEVEN
RUMFUAV/CTF SEVEN SIX
RUMGEO/CTF SEVEN NINE
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WESTPAC POSTURE (U)

- A. PACAF CC HICKAM AFB HAW 061935Z PASEP
 - B. PACAF CC HICKAM AFB HAW 061910Z PASEP
 - 1. PLEIKU HAS BEEN ATTACKED AND A NUMBER OF US SERVICE PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN KILLED AND WOUNDED.
 - 2. DIRECT 2 CVAS NOW ENROUTE SUBIC TO RETURN VICINITY PT YANKEE AT 25 KNOTS.
 - 3. HAVE RECEIVED NO DIRECTIVE CONCERNING CHANGE OF AMPHIB READINESS BUT AMPHIB FORCE SHOULD BE ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE MOVEMENT.
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JCU240
*****ZZ RUEPWW

DE RUEKDA 125 06/2220Z
Z 062219Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
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Z 062153Z FEB 65
FM MACV EAC
TO NMCC
CINCPAC

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1. REPORTED THAT AT CAMP HOLLOWAY
7 U.S. KIA AND 48 U.S. WIA.
2. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT 2 OF
THE SERIOUS WIA FROM U.S.
ADVISOR COMPOUND DIED ON WAY TO
HOSPITAL AT NHA TRANG.
3. SO FAR 52 PERSONS HAVE BEEN
EVAC FROM CAMP HOLLOWAY AND U.S.
COMPOUND.

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DE RUEKDA 123 06/2150Z
Z 062149Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
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ITEM NO 005
O 062120Z FEB 65
FM MACV EAC
TO NMCC
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SUBJ: PLEIKU ATTACK

1. LATEST REPORTS INDICATE THAT AT THE U.S. ADVISORS COMPOUND THERE WAS 1 U.S. KIA, AND 13 U.S. WIA (4 SERIOUS).
2. AT CAMP HOLLOWAY: 4 U.S. KIA, AND 38 U.S. WIA.
3. THE ABOVE FIGURE ARE NOT FINAL AND APPEARS THE WIA FIGURE MAY BE HIGHER AS PERSONS WITH MINOR WOUNDS REPORT FOR TREATMENT.
4. ALSO REPORTED THAT ONE CV2B, AND 6 UH1B'S WERE DESTROYED AND 1 CV2B ONE VNAF TOID AND UNK NR UH1B'S DAMAGED.
5. APPEARS THAT 57MM RR FIRE AND RIFLE GRENADES WERE EMPLOYED IN BOTH OF THESE ATTACKS.
6. NO CASUALTIES REPORTED AT TUY HOA. POL STORAGE AREA WAS APPARENT OBJECTIVE OF ATTACK. A PORTION OF STORAGE AREA WAS DESTROYED, BUT 22 BARRELS OF AVN FUEL WERE SALVAGED

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DE RUEKDA 121 06/2130Z
Z 062129Z
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INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
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061855Z
FM PACAF CC
TO AFPC
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TELECON NBR 114/ 06/1824Z
FM 2 ADIVCP
TO PACAFCC
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AT THIS TIVL 06 1805 WORD RECEIVED THROUGH AOC THAT PLEIKU AND
HOLLAWAY SLIP IS UNDER MORTAR ATTACK. THE
ARMY IS TRYING TO EVAC ITS HEUEYS SOME IN JURED AND SOME DAMAGE
ALREADY REPORTED. A FLARE SHIP FROM NA TRANG IS ON ITS WAY AND
VNAF GOONEY FROM TSN ON AIR BORN ALERT IS ON ITS WAY TO
PLEIKU WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
END OF TELECON NBR 64
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061930Z
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2ADIV.

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DEAD

REFERENCE TELECON 114 25 AMERICANS REPORTED WOUNDED AND 5 /\$3-S.
STRIP HAS NO LIGHTS EVAC WILL START AT FIRST LIGHT IF FLARE POTS
CAN T BE UTILIZED. EVAC SHIPS STANDING BY.
NO ESTIMATS OF DAMMAGE AVAILABLE AS YET. ATTACK SEEMS TO HAVE
ENDED. 25 WOUNDED 3 TO 5 DEAD CONFIRMED AIR FORCE HAS 10 WOUNDED
OF THESE 3 VERY SERIOUS AND 2 OF THEM LOOK CLOSE TO DEATH.
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JCU234
*****ZZ RUEPWW
DE RUEKDA 118 06/2109Z
Z 062108Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHC/STATE DEPT
RUEPIA/CIA
061954Z FEB 65
FM MACV EAC
TO NMCC
CINCPAC

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1. REPORTED THAT AIRFIELD AT TUY HOA
VIC CQ145460 UNDER MORTAR ATTACK 061930Z,
AND POL STORAGE AREA ON FIRE.
2. NO REPORTED CASUALTIES AT PRESENT.

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JCU235
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Z 062119Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHC/STATE DEPT
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061950Z
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~~SECRET~~/DOCC-H TELECON NBR 72. THE FOLLOWING TWO TELECONS
PASSED TO PACAF FROM 2ADIVM

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TUYHOA UNDER MORTAR ATTACK AT THIS TIEM. TWO VILLAGES IN AREA
ALREADY BURNT. MACV ADVISORY TEAM NR28 LOCATED AT TUY HOA
ALSO A FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER UNIT AF JUST RECEIVED
WORD POL STORAGE AT TUY HOA ON FIRE. ALSO A SMALL VILLAGE ABOUT
10 MILES NORTH OF NA TRANG UNDER ATTACK.
TELECON NBR TWO

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REF TELECON 114 LATEST ON PLEIKU
VONE DEAD 10 297, \$35 4 SERIOUS. HOLLAWAY 3 DEAD 34 SERIOUSLY
WOUNDED, MANY WALKING WOUNDED. 1 CARBOU DEMOLISHED, 1 HUEY
CRASHED ON TAKE OFF. PUTTING OUT FLARE POTS TO LAND
C-123 MED EVAC.
END OF TELECON NBR 72
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*****ZZ RUEPWW

DE RUEKDA 115 06/2018Z
Z 062017Z
FM JCS
INFO RUEPWW/WHITE HOUSE
RUEHC/STATE DEPT
RUEPIA/CIA

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FM MACV EAC
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1. REPORTED THAT U.S. ADVISORS COMPOUND
VIC AR020480 AND 52ND AVN BN AREA AT OLD
PLEIKU AIRFIELD VIC AR032460
RECEIVED 81MM MORTAR AND 57MM RR FIRE
FROM APPROX 061800Z UNTIL 061815Z.
2. SOME BUILDINGS WERE DAMAGED AT U.S.
COMPOUND AND 10 U.S. PERSONNEL REPORTED
AT PRESENT WIA. STATUS OF PERSONNEL AND
EQUIPMENT AT 52ND AVN BN AREA IS NOT
FIRM REPEAT IS NOT FIRM BUT REPORTS
INDICATE ONE UH1B HELICOPTER DOWN ON
EAST END OF RUNWAY AND 3 U.S. KIA AND
25 WIA.

*3.32 p.m. EST
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SUNDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 1965

- 1020 Received phone call from NMCC that airfield at SOC TRANG, 90 miles southwest of Saigon, was under mortar attack. 15 shells had fallen, no casualties. 3 Flareships in vicinity, all but one helicopter had been evacuated and there were armed helicopters in the area.
- 1035 JCS 071459Z to CINCPAC, COMUSMACV
1. Further air strikes by U. S. Forces not favorably considered for now. Will review again when McGeorge Bundy returns.
 2. Authorized strike against target #32 with #39, or other suitable target same general area as weather alternate. To use South Vietnam forces only for attack with conventional ordnance, less NAPALM.
 3. To insure success, use of navigational assistance from Farm Gate, and Flak Suppression, CAP, RECCE, and SAR from U. S. resources authorized.
- 1045 NMCC advised Ambassador Taylor's secure and unclassified telephone at his quarters is inoperative. It will take him about one hour to reach MACV Headquarters if a ~~secure~~ phonecall with Washington is desired.
- 1050 CINCPACFLT forces authorized by JCS and CINCPAC to conduct Bomb Damage Assessment of Target #33 (DONG HOI) at earliest time 8 February Saigon time. Can use 3 PHOTO RECCE, 4 CAP and 8 Flak Suppression aircraft.
- 1125 CINCPAC 071503Z
- Directed CINCPACFLT to move a Marine LAAM Battalion by air from Okinawa to DA NANG airfield, South Vietnam ASAP. On conclusion of this, aircraft are to proceed to TON SON NAUT to participate in dependent evacuation if ordered.
- 1150 NMCC advised by phone that attack on SOC TRANG had ended. No casualties or damage to aircraft.

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By iw NARA, Date 1-24-99

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COMNAVPHIL 071416Z

Discusses capacities Hong Kong, Bangkok and Philippines as havens for U.S. dependents if evacuated from South Vietnam.

1233

CTG 77.5 (USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43)) 071446Z

This is an amplifying report of strike conducted against target #33, DONG HOI, by USS CORAL SEA aircraft.

070556Z - Strike aircraft launched

070700Z - Strike commenced

070820Z - Strike aircraft recovered except for two aircraft which had diverted to DA NANG

070950Z - 2 aircraft which had diverted were recovered aboard CVA 43

While strike appeared successful, low ceiling precludes accurate assessment of damage. This to be determined in more detail earliest on 8 February. 3 aircraft were damaged and 1 aircraft was crashed about 1 mile at sea. Pilot successfully ejected, but no information available concerning his rescue or capture. SAR will continue at first light 8 February. No enemy aircraft were sighted during strike.

Detailed strike report by USS HANCOCK not yet received.

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COMUSMACV 071630Z

Directs 2nd Air Division to execute strike by South Vietnamese forces against target #32 as primary and #39 as the weather alternate.

1300

CINCPACFLT 071649Z

Deleted support of 4 CAP and 8 Flak Suppression aircraft authorized by JCS for Bomb Damage assessment mission over DONG HOI, 8 February.

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1305 Mr. Reedy announced at 12:30 p.m. that President Johnson has ordered dependents withdrawn from South Vietnam.

1423 CTG 77.7 071353Z

Reported all strike aircraft recovered aboard USS HANCOCK. One pilot was injured. He received superficial cuts about face and neck from shell fragment penetrating aircraft. There were no other injuries.

1425 CINCPAC 070620Z

DEFCON TWO was set for all Pacific Command forces in South Vietnam, Thailand and South China Sea area.

1428 Intercepted North Vietnamese message from Vinh Linh to Hanoi indicated ~~on~~ limited damage. All landline communications were lost due telegraph poles being knocked over -- very little other damage reported, *according to operator chatter*.

1435 MACV EAC 071820Z

Made following points:

1. No civilian casualties during attacks on PLEIKU, SOC TRANG, and TUY HAO.
2. No contact with forces attacking SOC TRANG.
3. Limited amount of equipment captured after attacks.
4. No fires from attack at PLEIKU, but were some after TUY HOA attack.

1452 CTG 77.7 071353Z

Amplifying report of strike on DONG HOI, Target #33.

Confirmed previously recorded information. Indicated strike damage assessment inconclusive. Confirmed loss of one A4 aircraft.

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1500 Received from NMCC latest bomb damage assessment lists:

- A. 10 buildings destroyed
- B. 1 building burning
- C. 2 buildings heavily damaged
- D. In area where 5 buildings were destroyed, the area is burning

Confirming detailed message will follow.

1512 JCS 071808Z

Set forth alert for deployment of various units to WESTPAC bases. Included were:

- A. Two tactical fighter squadrons to Japan and one to the Philippines
- B. Seven tactical fighter squadrons to bases to be specified by CINCPAC
- C. One C-130 squadron to NAHA
- D. One TRTF (6 RF101 and one PPC) to Kadena, Japan
- E. One TRTF (6 RB-66) to TAN SON NAUT, South Vietnam
- F. One C-124 squadron to Tachikawa, Japan

Force movement to be directed later.

1532 MACV EAC 071935Z

Reported all shelling SOC TRANG airfield was short. There were no casualties. The airstrip is now secure and operational.

1558 CTG 77.7 071740Z

Reported damage assessment from strike of DONG HOI based on 100% photo coverage.

Of 12 numbered areas and 1 unnumbered area (no correlation as to what areas hold or how many buildings in each) following damage reported:

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The President called the Situation Room and asked if we had any additional information concerning a second mortar attack in South Vietnam at which there were no casualties reported. I informed him we had received no further information on it. He then asked if we had received any additional substantiative information concerning battle damage assessment. I informed him that we have recently received a message that the photo reconnaissance mission had been aborted because of unfavorable weather conditions in the target area as the pilots had reported fog in the target area. The President stated the battle damage reports which he had received were not satisfactory and that he would have to have more substantiative information and that if they couldn't get pictures of battle damage they should call in the pilots and get a first-hand report from them on damage assessment.

This requirement was relayed at 2100 to the NMCC Team Chief with the request that they prepare the best substantiative battle information that we can obtain and relay it to us in terms of the layman's language which can be both meaningful and understood.

The President asked what time Mr. McGeorge Bundy was due to arrive and I told him at 10:20 p.m. at Andrews Air Force Base. He asked if Mr. Bundy was coming to the White House or going home and I told him it was my understanding that Mr. Bundy would proceed to his home.

I reported this conversation to Mr. Bremley Smith

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Colonel Purdy called the Situation Room and said that "we had all they had" and DIA analysts were still trying to make bomb damage assessment. I requested that Colonel Purdy go back to DIA (BDA Section) and ask them to come up with something for us immediately. Colonel Purdy agreed that DIA analysts should be able to assess BDB reports with their own key. He agreed to call back as soon as possible.

- 2155 CTG 77.7 by message 080156Z informed JCS they plan to launch a second weather reconnaissance at 0245Z and if weather is satisfactory, which is forecast, will launch a photo reconnaissance mission at 0400Z.
- 2210 Situation Room asked Colonel Purdy of the NMCC to come up with a BDA report of the DONG HOI barracks area to be delivered to the Situation Room by 0600, 8 February. Situation Room asked that they go back to the field for any possible details which they may have and are still holding regarding the bomb damage. Also asked Colonel Purdy to have DIA make this report including a read-out of their IPIR #1, all pilot debriefings to date, and any further photo flights over the area which come in before 0600.
- 2220 COMUSMACV msg 08/0146Z informed CINCPAC UNAF strike primary target will be #32 (VU CON Military Installation) with #39 as secondary (CHOP LE Army Barracks). Time over target still estimated as 08/0600Z.
- 2230 Lynda called at this time for general information on the current situation in Vietnam.

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MAC J-31 3788 (DTG 08/0345Z) from COMUSMACV to CINCPAC: Operations Plan for VNAF strike 8 Feb. Aircraft involved will be:

- 24 A1H VNAF
- 6 A1E Farmgate
- 8 F-100 Flak Supp.
- 1 RF-101 Weather Recce
- 2 RF-101 Pathfinder/BDA
- 4 F-100 BDA Escort
- 4 F-100 MIG Cap
- 4 F-100 Rescue Cap
- 1 KC-135 tanker for rescue cap

Primary target is #32 (VU CON military installation) and secondary is #39. Target time is 0600Z (however NMCC informed us by telephone that target time will be 0730Z).

- 0106 MAC J-31 3790 (DTG 08/0435Z) COMUSMACV to CINCPAC reports new target time for reprisal strike is 08/0730Z (0230 EST) and increases KC-135 tanker to two instead of one.

0230 NMCC to Situation Room

Strike was off at 0700Z (0200 EST).

Strike aircraft going to target 39 which is secondary target due to weather at primary target.

Strike aircraft consisted of:

26 A1H VNAF
6 A1E
8 F-100 Flak Supp.
4 F-100 MIG Cap
2 RF-101 Pathfinder/BDA

4 F-101 BDA aircraft as yet not launched.

0300 LCDR WARD (NMCC) - Two TS messages from MACV to NMCC

1. Last 4 F-100 BDA escort airborne at 0725Z.
2. One of Flak Suppression aircraft returning to DNG streaming fuel. Cause of trouble unknown. He is accompanied by a wing man.

0315 NMCC reported aircraft has landed safely at DNG

0336 LCDR WARD (NMCC)

NMCC has a report that an A-1 pilot bailed out near DA NANG. Do not have information on whether this was an A1H or A1E aircraft.

0345 NMCC reported that A-1 pilot who bailed out was Vietnamese and has been recovered.

8 F-100 Flak Suppression aircraft have returned to DA NANG.

0346 080725Z (200T-00159) reported 24 A1H (UNAF) plus 2 spares and 4 A1H (USAF) plus 2 spares departed DA NANG at 08/0645Z, estimating target 08/0731Z. Also gave timing for flak suppression and pathfinder aircraft (8 F-100), BDA (1 RF 101) and Rescap (4 F-100).

0415 NMCC

All A1H aircraft have landed (with the exception of the one which was lost where the pilot bailed out over DA NANG, pilot recovered)

Six to eight aircraft received battle damage.

Preliminary reports from the pilots from the strike planes indicate heavy damage in the target area.

4 MIG CAP and 4 F-100 Rescue CAP along with the KC-1 tanker are all in the traffic pattern for landing.

0500 NMCC

Colonel Resia, DIA, will do the special BDA report for the Situation Room.

In a telephone conversation with MACV the following was relayed concerning the strike mission:

RF 101 Pathfinders indicated that the strike was very effective and produced excellent results. They noted several large fires in the strike area and also secondary explosions in the barracks buildings.

The timing for the whole operation was excellent.

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F-100's together with A1E aircraft flying flak suppression lashed the target area and shortly thereafter the A1H VNF strike aircraft came in on target.

All aircraft recovered 0856Z (0356 EST), with the exception of the one aircraft which crashed at DA NANG.

Two F-100's sustained minor battle damage.

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MACV to NMCC 08/0914Z reported initial overall estimate of strike results good. Heavy damage inflicted on target.

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MACV 08/0942Z to NMCC reported initial interview with RF-101 Pathfinder pilot indicates strike very effective and excellent results. Numerous fires, secondary explosions in barracks buildings. Al's appeared to be on target and most munitions expended. Exact battle damage not known except two F-100's reported with minor damage.

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