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SYNOPSIS OF OP INSTR 13/67 (OP LISMORE) ISSUED BY HQ 1 ATF AT 300600 APR 67 AS OPS 658 TO LT COL E H SMITH CO 7 BAR (.) TIME ZONE GMM HOTEL (.) ONE (.) SIT (.) FIRST (.) THE THICKLY WOODED AREA TO THE EAST OF DAT DO IS A KNOWN VC BASE AREA (.) IT IS USED BY THE VC FOR EQUIPMENT AND ARMS CACHES FOR THE LOCAL DISTRICT AND GUERILLA FORCES (.) IT ALSO PROVIDES AND HAS BEEN USED AS A COVERED APPROACH BY VC MAIN FORCES WHEN MOVING IN FROM THE EAST TO ATTACK TARGETS IN SOUTHERN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE (.) ELEMENTS OF MAIN FORCE CMM DISTRICT FORCES AND GUERILLAS MAY OCCUPY POSITIONS IN THE AREA AT ANY TIME (.) ALTHOUGH RECENTLY SEARCHED DURING OP PORTSEA IT MUST BE EXPECTED THAT VC BASE ELEMENTS WILL GRADUALLY SLIP BACK TO REBUILD AND RESTOCK AS LONG AS THERE IS NOT CONTINUOUS SURVEILLANCE OF THE AREAS (.) SECOND (.) ALTHOUGH THE MAIN TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN THE AREA BETWEEN LONG TAN (YS4965) AND PHUOC HAI (YS5153) ARE NOMINALLY UNDER GVN CONTROL THE AREA AND PEOPLE ARE LARGELY VC DOMINATED (.) DOMINATION IS MAINTAINED BY A CONTINUOUS VC PRESENCE IN THE AREA AND THE SMALL ARVN/RP/PF FORCES EMPLOYED IN STATIC SECURITY ROLES ARE INEFFECTIVE (.) THE VC FORCES WHICH HAVE MADE THIS POSSIBLE ARE (.) D445 BN (.) C25 COY (LONG DAT DISTRICT COY) (.) VILLAGE GUERILLA SQUADS FROM CMM LONG TAN CMM AN NGAI CMM AN NHUT CMM LONG DIEN CMM PHUOC THO CMM PHUOC TINH CMM PHUOC THANH CMM LONG HAI CMM PHUOC HOA LONG CMM PHUOC LOI CMM TAM PHUOC CMM HOI MY CMM PHUOC HAI (.) THIRD (.) THE VC MAINTAINED THEIR INTEREST IN THE ~~XXXXXXXX~~ DAT DO AREA MAINLY BECAUSE OF ITS VALUE AS A PROCURING AND PROVISIONING

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CENTRE AND BECAUSE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE JUNGLE BASES AND COVERED TRACKS AND TRAILS EAST TO THE SONG RAI AND THENCE TO THE MAIN FORCE BASE AREAS TO THE NORTH EAST (.) CONTROL OF THE AREA GIVES THE VC ACCESS TO THE MAIN POPULATION CENTRES OF PHUOC TUY CMM AND TO THE RICE CMM FISH CMM SALT AND FRUIT PRODUCING REGION (.) IT ALSO GIVES THEM FREE ACCESS TO THE TOWN MARKET WHERE THEY ARE ABLE TO PURCHASE UNLIMITED QUANTITIES OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES CMM CLOTH CMM BATTERIES AND OTHER SUPPLIES OBTAINED IN VUNG TAU AND SAIGON (.) FOURTH (.) MANY PW CMM RALLIERS AND AGENTS HAVE GIVEN INFORMATION THAT THE MAIN SUPPLY ROUTES FROM THE AREA ARE (.) ALFA ALFA (.) VIA ROUTE 52 TO THE VICINITY OF LONG TAN (.) BRAVO BRAVO (.) VIA ROUTE 23 TO THE VICINITY YS5561 (.) CHARLIE CHARLIE (.) A VARIOUS ROUTES AND TRACKS TO THE AREA OF THE SONG RAI (YS 5959) (.) THESE ROUTES HOWEVER ARE GENERAL AXES OF MOVEMENT RATHER THAN THE EXACT PATH (.) FIFTH (.) MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS ARE LIKELY TO BE FOUND ON A LINE TAKEN IN PROLONGATION OF THE BARRIER (.) BRAVO (.) FRIENDLY FORCES (.) FIRST (.) ARVN/RF/PF OUTPOSTS ARE LOCATED AT (.) ALFA ALFA (.) YS522536 - PF PL (.) BRAVO BRAVO (.) YS515536 - ARVN COY (.) CHARLIE CHARLIE (.) YS511549 - RF PL (.) DELTA DELTA (.) YS502557 - RF COY (-) (.) ECHO ECHO (.) YS500570 - ARVN COY (.) FOXTROT FOXTROT (.) YS588637 - RF COY (.) GOLF GOLF (.) YS601637 - RF COY (.) SECOND (.) MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS ARE TO BE FOUND IN AND AROUND EVERY ARVN/RF/PF OUTPOST (.) THIRD (.) 6 RAR IS TO ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR WP AND TAOR PTLS (.) FOURTH (.) 6 RAR IS TO PROVIDE 1 ATF STANDEY COY (.) CHARLIE (.) ATIS AND DETS (.) FIRST (.)

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ UNDER COMD FROM 011700 MAY CMM TWO COMBAT ENGR TEAMS (.) SECOND (.) UNDER OP CON FROM 020700 MAY CMM A SQN 3 CAV REGT LESS ONE TP (.) THIRD (.) REMAINING IN DS CMM ONE BTY 1 FD REGT (.) FOURTH (.) IN SP FROM 020700 MAY CMM TWO AIRMOBILE COYS CMM FAC CMM REBRO STA ON HORSESHOE CMM PSYWAR AC (.) FIFTH (.) IN DS FROM 020700 MAY CMM ONE H13 161 RESCUE FLT (.) SIXTH (.) IN SP AND ON CALL FROM 020700 MAY CMM ONE LT FIRE TEAM (.) SEVENTH (.) IN SP ON 7 MAY 67 CMM ONE AIRMOBILE COY MAX RAAF HEL LIPT (.) TWO (.) MSN (.) YOU ARE TO (.) ALFA (.) CONDUCT AN AIRMOBILE OP INTO THE AREA YS 6062 ON 2 MAY 67 (.) BRAVO (.) CONDUCT A SEARCH AND DESTROY OP IN YOUR ALLOTTED AO (.) THREE (.) EXEC (.) ALFA (.) TASKS (.) FIRST (.) YOUR ALLOTTED AO IS THAT AREA BOUNDED BY (.) ALFA ALFA (.) EAST - SONG RAI (.) BRAVO BRAVO (.) WEST - THE BARRIER AND A CONTINUATION LINE FROM THE END OF THE BARRIER CMM PARALLEL TO AND 1000M FROM ROUTE 44 (.) CHARLIE CHARLIE (.) SOUTH - COASTLINE (.) DELTA DELTA (.) NORTH - CATTLE LINE (SOUTH OF ROUTE 23) (.) SECOND (.) YOUR LZ IS IN YS6062 WEST OF THE SONG RAI (.) THIRD (.) YOU ARE TO SEARCH YOUR AO AND DESTROY ANY EN CMM INSTLS OR SAMPANS FOUND (.) EVERY EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE TO EVAC ANY CACHES FOUND (.) FOUR (.) ADMIN AND LOG (.) ALFA (.) ALL ADMIN AND LOG IS TO REMAIN ON A UNIT OR SUBUNIT BASIS (.) BRAVO (.) FORECAST BIDS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED TO DAQME BY 011600 MAY (.) FIVE (.) COMD AND SIG (.) ALFA (.) HQ 1 ATF REMAINS PRESENT LOC (.) BRAVO (.) FREQUENCIES CMM CALLSIGNS AND NIS (.) CURRENT SOI (.) CHARLIE (.) PASSWORD PTS OF ORIGIN Q HR (.) AS ISSUED

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