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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Military Situation Report on Operations in
Laos and Cambodia

Attached are situation reports on operations in Laos
and Cambodia.

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12 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 112200-120800 GMT (120600-121600 Saigon time, 111700-120300 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: US and RVNAF forces continued their efforts in the LAMSON 719 area, meeting with varied enemy resistance. Patrol operations in the 1st Infantry Division and 1st Airborne Division areas of operation are producing significant quantities of captured materials.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, on 11 February, an element of US Task Force 4/3 triggered a mechanical ambush. Another element moving to assist, received small-arms fire from an unknown size, well dug in, enemy force. The enemy was engaged with small arms, artillery and tactical air. There were two US soldiers killed and eight wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown.

(2) On 11 February, at Point 2, the ARVN 21st Ranger Battalion reported two attacks by fire of 40 82-mm mortar rounds each, resulting in 12 ARVN wounded. In the same area, an element of the 21st Rangers made contact with an estimated enemy platoon, killing 11. There were no friendly casualties.

(3) The 3d ARVN Airborne Battalion found, at Point 3, a cache containing 700 bags of rice (15,400 lbs.) and 250 rounds of mixed 75-mm recoilless rifle and 120-mm mortar ammunition.

(4) On 12 February, at Point 4, an element of the 37th Ranger Battalion, supported by helicopter gunships, engaged an enemy force of unknown size. During the contact, which is continuing, two AH-1G helicopters were downed by 12.7-mm fire, killing two and wounding two US personnel. One ARVN soldier was killed and four wounded. Ten enemy were killed and four small arms seized. The air cavalry unit supporting reported that there is an enemy battalion or larger force in the area.

(5) At Point 5, an element of US Task Force 1/1 located a cache containing 34 claymore mines, 150 pounds of TNT, 100 pounds of rice, 15 82-mm mortar rounds, and 10 grenades.

(6) The ARVN 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, discovered a cache at Point 6. In the area near the cache, the bodies of 50 enemy soldiers killed by air-strikes were found. Initial reports indicate the cache contained the following:

Over 600 individual weapons
400 82-mm mortar rounds
Unknown number 12.7-mm ammunition rounds
Unknown number 122-mm rocket rounds

(7) Late on 11 February, at Point 7, the ARVN 2d Airborne Battalion contacted an unknown size enemy force, killing 32 and seizing 20 individual and three crew-served weapons. Three ARVN were killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All pre-planned objectives for the period were accomplished.

(2) Elements of the ARVN 11th Armored Cavalry Squadron have proceeded west along Route 9 to a point 2 nautical miles northwest of Ban Dong.

(3) US engineers continue widening and improving Highway 9. Mat-laying and penpriming of the assault strip at Khe Sanh continues. The Khe Sanh assault strip is scheduled to be ready for C-130 traffic on 14 February.

(4) ARVN engineers continue upgrading of Route 9 in Laos and have conducted a reconnaissance of the area in the vicinity of the Route 9/Laos border area to locate a site for an assault airfield to be constructed by ARVN engineers.

3. Remarks:

a. The total number of RVNAF troops in Laos is 9,502.

b. The total number of friendly battalions in Laos by type is:

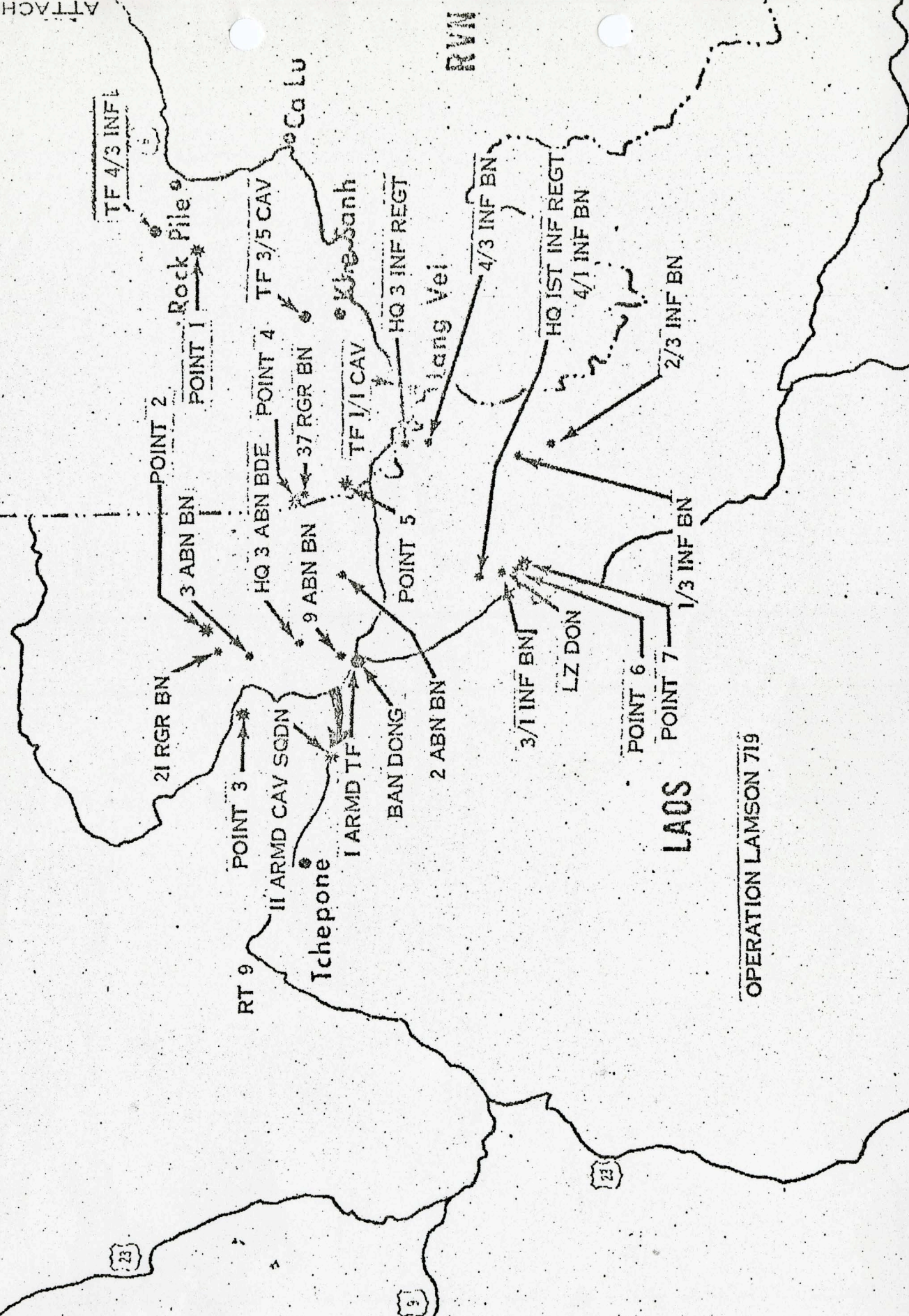
(1) Infantry (including airborne)	12
(2) Artillery	2
(3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons	2
(4) Engineer	1
(5) Ranger	2

c. Statistical data for the operations is shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment/Material/Facilities Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
5. Aircraft Losses/Casualties

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OPERATION LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>FRIENDLY</u>						
US	2	10	2	18	91	4
RVNAF	4	20	1	41	128	1
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA**</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA**</u>	<u>DET</u>
	130	(74)	0	339	(139)	2

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.
**Corrected figure.

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/FACILITIES SEIZED/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	691	0	739	0
Crew-Served Weapons	9	2	34	7
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)	120	0	13,920	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Tons)	9.2	0	16.01	0.90
Vehicles	0	3	6	21
Communication Equipment	2	0	3	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	10	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)	0	0	0	100
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	2*	0
Food (Tons)	7.7	0	11.5	0
Facilities	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons)	0	0	2.3	0
Structures	0	0	0	44
Bunkers	0	15	0	17

*Letters.

AIR SUPPORT-LAMSON 719
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

In Country

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	0	50
F-4 (USAF)	2	105
A-6 (USMC)	0	2
A-7 (USN)	0	4
B-52	0	21
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	Not Available	2,026
Air Cavalry	Not Available	1,289
Helo Troop Lift	Not Available	6,210
Helo Med Evac	Not Available	93
C-130 Logistics	Not Available	329
Helo Logistics	Not Available	7,256

Out Country

A-4 (USMC)	10	101
F-4 (USAF)	37	233
A-6 (USMC)	0	2
A-7 (USN)	0	21
B-52	3	111
B-57	0	15
AC-130 Gunships	Not Available	683
Helo Gunships	Not Available	216
Air Cavalry	Not Available	1,347
Helo Troop Lift	Not Available	11
Helo Med Evac	Not Available	0
C-130 Logistics	Not Available	0
Helo Logistics	Not Available	0
B-57 (USAF)	0	1

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

In Country

B-57 (RAAF)	0	4
Helo Gunships	Not Available	0
Helo Troop Lift	Not Available	51
Helo Med Evac	Not Available	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

Out Country

B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	Not Available	24
Helo Troop Lift	Not Available	69
Helo Med Evac	Not Available	4
Helo Logistics	Not Available	0

12 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 112200-120800 GMT (120600-121600 Saigon time, 111700-120300 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at Attachment 1. There have been no significant changes in the task organization or troop strength of RVNAF forces since the last report.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported: At Point 1, at 102300 EST, the 35th ARVN Ranger Battalion, and the 3d Squadron, 18th Armored Cavalry, engaged an unknown number of the enemy. Small arms and automatic weapons fire were exchanged. Fifteen of the enemy were killed and one individual weapon was captured. Friendly losses were one ARVN killed, four wounded, and one armored personnel carrier destroyed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

Operations during this period continued according to schedule.

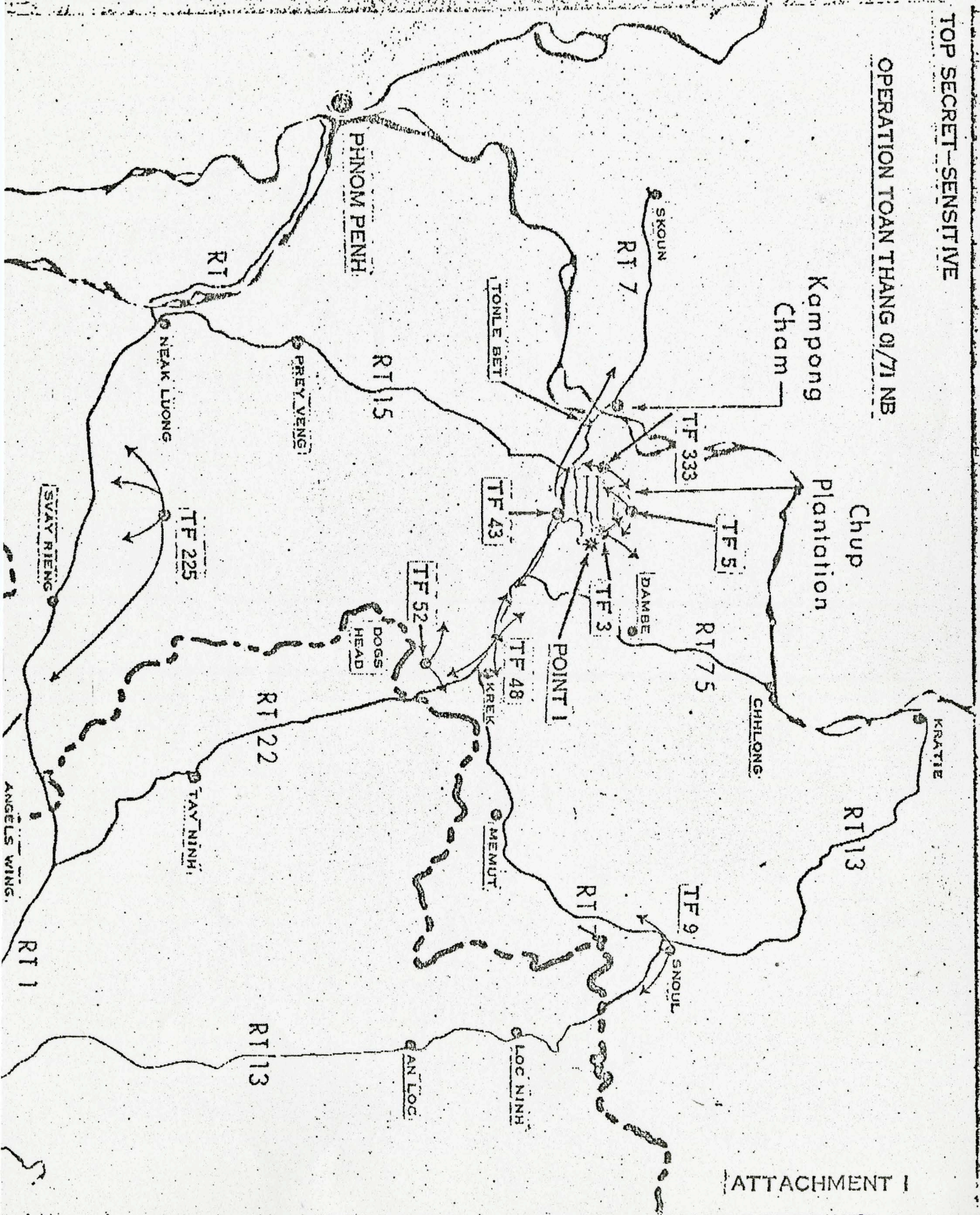
3. Remarks: Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment/Material/Facilities Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support

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OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB



ATTACHMENT I

CASUALTIES

	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>FRIENDLY</u>						
US	0	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	2	4	0	88	338	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	15	0	0	708	0	53

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

AIR SUPPORT - TOAN THIANG 01/71 NB

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	10	108
F-100	16	97
B-52	0	9
AC-119 Gunships	0	2
Helo Gunships	0	74
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	0	13
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	0	184
A-37	0	7
F-5	0	101
AC-47	0	8
Helo Gunships	0	64
Helo Troop Lift	0	34
Helo Med Evac	0	79
Helo Logistics	0	53

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/FACILITIES SEIZED/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	1	0	194	21
Crew-Served Weapons	0	0	39	0
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous	0	0	**	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment	0	0	1	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	1	0
Food (Pounds)	0	0	3,000	16,600
Facilities				
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons)	0	0	0	0
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Structures	0	0	0	10
** 189 B-40 Rounds				
25 75-MM Rounds				
4 61-MM Mortor Rounds				

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11 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General. This report covers the period 112400-110800 GMT (110800-111600 Saigon time, 101900-110300 EST) February 1971. The information here is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: US and RVNAF forces participating in Operation LAMSON 719 continued with light enemy contact reported in Quang Tri Province and increased anti-aircraft and small arms fire in the vicinity of planned landing zones.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, Task Force 4/3 conducted a combat assault into Landing Zone VIC (XD 911564) without opposition at 101955 EST February. An hour later, air cavalry units supporting Task Force 4/3 received heavy 12.7-mm fire from an area close by and diverted to another landing area. TAC air was employed. At 110030 EST, an aircraft leading an assault received 12.7-mm fire and crashed. A UH-1H helicopter attempting to extract the downed crew was also hit and crashed. Both crews appear to be alive. A second combat assault was diverted to another landing zone.

(2) The 3d ARVN Airborne Battalion found a cache at Point 2, late on 10 February containing 2.7 tons of rice, 70 rolls of delay fuze wire and 40 cases of assorted small-arms ammunition.

(3) On 11 February, while establishing motorized patrols and road blocks to the north and south of Landing Zone ALOUI (XD 5239) elements of 1st ARVN Armored Brigade Task Force contacted an enemy force of unknown size at Point 3. Two Armored Personnel Carriers were destroyed, one ARVN soldier was killed and one wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown. In the same vicinity, another Task Force element detonated an unknown size mine, resulting in nine ARVN wounded.

(4) At Point 4, on 10 February, an OH-58A helicopter supporting TF 1/1 cavalry was shot down by small arms fire. No further details are available.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All pre-planned objectives for the period were accomplished except as noted in paragraphs (2) and (3) below. Combat assaults in assigned landing zones were conducted as scheduled except where heavy fire required diversion.

(2) An element of Task Force 4/3 was diverted due to heavy small arms and 12.7-mm fire in the action described in paragraph 2:b.(1) above.

(3) The 1st Battalion, ARVN 1st Infantry Regiment was inserted into Landing Zone WHITE (XD 575290) instead of Landing Zone DON (XD 6329) based upon intelligence which reported a major enemy concentration six kilometers south of Landing Zone DON.

(4) Engineers continue to improve and upgrade Route 9 and prepare the assault and old mat air strips at Khe Sanh.

(5) The 10th ARVN Engineering Group completed construction of a by-pass on Route 9 in Laos and opened a pioneer road to Landing Zone ALOUI.

(6) The results of the B-52 strikes on 11 February (Saigon time) were 35 secondary explosions.

3. Remarks:

a. The total number of RVNAF troops in Laos is 8,170.

b. The total number of friendly battalions in Laos by type is:

(1) Infantry (including airborne)	9
(2) Artillery	2
(3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons	2
(4) Engineer	1
(5) Ranger	2

c. Statistical data for the operation is shown in the attachments.

d. The aircraft losses reported in paragraph 2. above will not be included in statistics until further data is received.

Attachments:

1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment/Material/Facilities Seized/Destroyed

CASUALTIES

	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>FRIENDLY</u>						
US	0	0	0	14	66	2
RVNAF	2	14	0	25	88	0

ENEMY

<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
20	7	0	102	46	0

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/FACILITIES SEIZED/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons			30	0
Crew-Served Weapons			23	4
Ammunition				
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)			+13,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Tons)			6.36	0.90
Vehicles			6	18
Communication Equipment			0	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)			10	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)			0	100 (D)
Documents (Pounds)			0	0
Food (Tons)			3.8	0
Facilities			0	0
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons)			.1	0
+Cache found - see paragraph 2.b, Point 2.				

11 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 112400-110800 GMT (110800-111600 Saigon time, 101900-110300 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at Attachment 1. There have been no significant changes in the task organization or troop strength of RVNAF forces since the last report.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1 at 101045 EST, the 38th Ranger Battalion in a night defensive position received 200 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack. Small arms and automatic fire were exchanged with ARVN artillery and AC-47 gunships supporting the ARVN unit. Enemy losses were 61 killed, and 20 small arms, two B-40 rocket launchers, and one machinegun captured. One ARVN soldier was killed and six were wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) Operations during this period continued according to schedule.

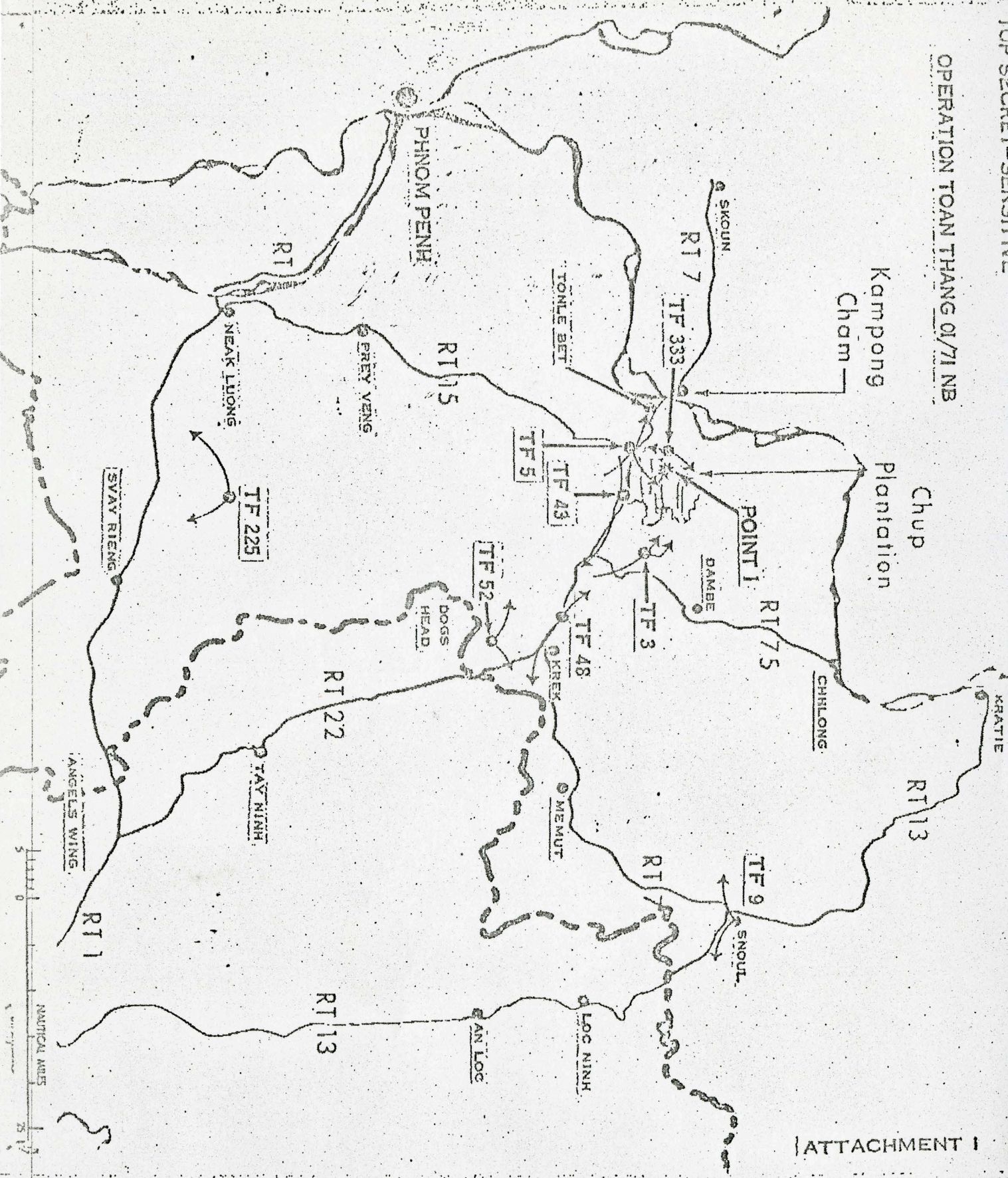
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ATTACHMENT I

CASUALTIES

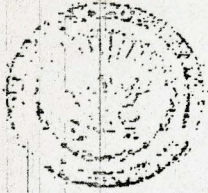
	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>FRIENDLY</u>						
US	0	0	0	0	0	0
RVNAF	1	6	0	81	285	0
<u>ENEMY</u>						
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	61	0	0	604	0	51

EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL/FACILITIES SEIZED/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	20	0	168	21
Crew-Served Weapons	3	0	34	0
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous ** (Tons)	0	0	1.06	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment ***	0	0	Unknown	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	1	0
Food (Pounds)	0	0	3,000	16,600
Facilities ***				
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons) ***				

** Data by type not available

*** Data not available



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Status Report on Operations in Laos and Cambodia

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Attached are status reports on operations in Laos and Cambodia.

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ENCLOSURE 1

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11 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 100300-101900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: US and RVNAF forces participating in Operation LAMSON 719 continued operations with light enemy contact reported in Quang Tri Province and increased resistance and delaying actions by the enemy in Laos.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1 (See Attachment 1), an element of TF 1/77 Armor was ambushed by an enemy force damaging one US Army armored personnel carrier (APC) and wounding seven U.S. Army soldiers. Three enemy soldiers were killed.

(2) At Point 2, an element of TF 1/77 Armor received an attack from an enemy force employing 27 122-mm rockets resulting in four U.S. Army soldiers wounded.

(3) At Point 3, an element of the ARVN 3d Airborne Battalion engaged an enemy force. Six Molotova trucks were seized, one loaded with 120-mm ammunition. Friendly losses were one ARVN soldier killed and seven wounded.

(4) In the previous report, paragraph 4, it was reported that two VNAF UH-1H helicopters were down due to enemy action. This report has been confirmed to the extent that the I Corps G3 and G4 were killed in one aircraft along with three other persons. Losses in the second VNAF UH-1H have not been confirmed.

(5) At Point 4, two U.S. Army AH-1G helicopter gunships were downed by enemy groundfire. In the two incidents, two crewmembers were wounded and all crewmen were extracted. Both aircraft were destroyed.

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ENCLOSURE 1

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) Weather delayed planned combat assaults during the morning hours but improved in the afternoon. The 1st Armored Task Force reached landing zone ALOUI and linked up with the ARVN 9th Airborne Battalion which completed a helicopter assault into the area. The 4/1 Infantry Battalion completed helicopter assault into landing zone DELTA. Three other scheduled battalion-size helicopter assaults were cancelled due to darkness.

(2) 1/5 Mechanized Brigade continued operations with no change in mission or area of operation.

(3) TF 1/11 Infantry conducted local search and security operations in assigned area and discovered two small ammunition caches.

(4) TF 4/3 Infantry completed air extraction from field locations to Ca Lu to prepare for future operations.

(5) TF 1/77 Armor continued security operations along Route 9 and engaged enemy forces as indicated in 2b(1) and (2) above.

(6) TF 3/187 Infantry continued security mission with no enemy contact reported.

(7) TF 3/5 Cavalry continued pioneer road improvement and screening of the area north and northeast of Khe Sanh.

(8) RVNAF units continued operations in assigned areas.

(a) The 3d Infantry Regiment with the 1/3, 2/3, and 4/3 Infantry Battalions, searched in assigned areas.

(b) The 2d and 3d Airborne Battalions conducted company-size search operations in assigned areas.

(c) The 1st Armored Task Force continued to attack along Route 9 effecting link-up with 9th Airborne Battalion in the vicinity of LZ ALOUI.

(d) 9th Airborne Battalion completed helicopter assault into LZ ALOUI. Initially the landing zone was

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defended by five truck-mounted 12.75-mm machineguns and small-arms fire. Helicopter gunships and tactical aircraft were employed to suppress the antiaircraft fire and the landing of the battalion was completed in approximately 2 hours. Enemy losses have not been reported.

(e) The 4/1 Infantry Battalion completed helicopter assault into LZ DELTA.

(9) Engineer effort was directed toward improving Route 9. Dry weather has improved the conditions of the road. In addition, work continued on the two airstrips at Khe Sanh with 14 February estimated as the completion date for mat installation and readiness of the assault strip for aircraft. Base improvement at all locations continues with priority at Khe Sanh.

3. Remarks:

a. Improved weather conditions assisted in forward movement of supplies and POL. The level of JP-4 fuel at Khe Sanh was not considered to be a problem at the end of the reporting period.

b. Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment/Material/Facilities Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
5. Aircraft Losses

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CASUALTIES

	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>FRIENDLY</u>						
US	0	16	0	14*	66	2
RVNAF	6	18	0	23*	74*	0
<u>ENEMY</u>						
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	26	12	0	82*	39	0

*Adjusted.

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/FACILITIES SEIZED/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	13	0	26	0
Crew-Served Weapons	18	2	22	4
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms	0	0	200	0
(2) Miscellaneous **	3.00	0	6.36	0.90
Vehicles	6	2	6	18
Communication *** Equipment				
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	10	0	10	0
POL (1,000 Gal.) ***				100 (EST)
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
Food (Pounds)...	0	0	2,320	0
Facilities ***				
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons)	0	0	0.1	0

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***Data not available for this report.

AIR SUPPORT-LAMSON 719
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

In Country

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	1	50
F-4 (USAF)	4	99
A-6 (USMC)	1	2
A-7 (USN)	0	4
B-52	0	4
AC-130 Gunships	0	21*
Helo Gunships	56	1,778
Air Cavalry	62	1,117
Helo Troop Lift	504	5,652
Helo Med Evac	3	86
C-130 Logistics	23	309
Helo Logistics	596	6,816

Out Country

A-4 (USMC)	42	73
F-4 (USAF)	56	136
A-6 (USMC/USN)	1	2
A-7 (USN)	0	9
B-52	15	96*
B-57	1	1
AC-130 Gunships	4	10
Helo Gunships	218	551
Air Cavalry	126	126
Helo Troop Lift	147	1,183
Helo Med Evac	3	5
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	40	90

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

In Country

B-57 (RAAF)	0	4
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	10	41
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

Out Country

B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	6	18
Helo Troop Lift	20	48
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	0

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ATTACHMENT 4

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
<u>US</u>		
<u>TYPE</u>		
· AH-1G	3	6*
UH-1H	0	3*
OH-6A	0	1
<u>VNAF</u>		
<u>TYPE</u>		
UH-1H	2	2

*Adjusted.

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SUBJECT: TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 091900-101900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based upon available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at Attachment 1. There have been no significant changes in the task organization or troop strength of RVNAF forces in the past 24 hours.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1 at 100630 EST, 15th Armored Cavalry Squadron engaged an enemy force. Five enemy soldiers were killed and one individual weapon was seized. Three ARVN soldiers were wounded.

(2) At Point 2 at 101045 EST, 30th Ranger Battalion and 15th Armored Cavalry Squadron engaged the enemy killing seven enemy soldiers and capturing three individual weapons and a grenade launcher. One ARVN soldier was killed and two were wounded.

(3) At Point 3 at 100345 EST, 38th Ranger Battalion and 5th Reconnaissance Company, supported by ARVN artillery and tactical aircraft, engaged the enemy in a four and one-half hour contact. Thirty-five enemy soldiers were killed and nine individual weapons were seized. Eight ARVN soldiers were killed and 22 wounded.

(4) At Point 4 at 091945 EST, 1st Infantry Battalion, 49th Regiment, supported by VNAF tactical aircraft, engaged the enemy. Fourteen enemy soldiers were killed and six individual weapons and 14 mines were seized. Five ARVN soldiers were killed, 16 wounded and one crew-served weapon and one grenade launcher were seized. An undetermined number of the ARVN casualties resulted from misplaced VNAF air strikes.

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c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) Movement of Task Force 5 on two axes north through central and eastern portions of the Chup Plantation proceeded according to plan and resulted in the one significant action reported above (Point 3).

(2) Task Force 333, in coordination with Task Force 5, moved north on two axes through the western portion of the Chup Plantation.

3. Remarks:

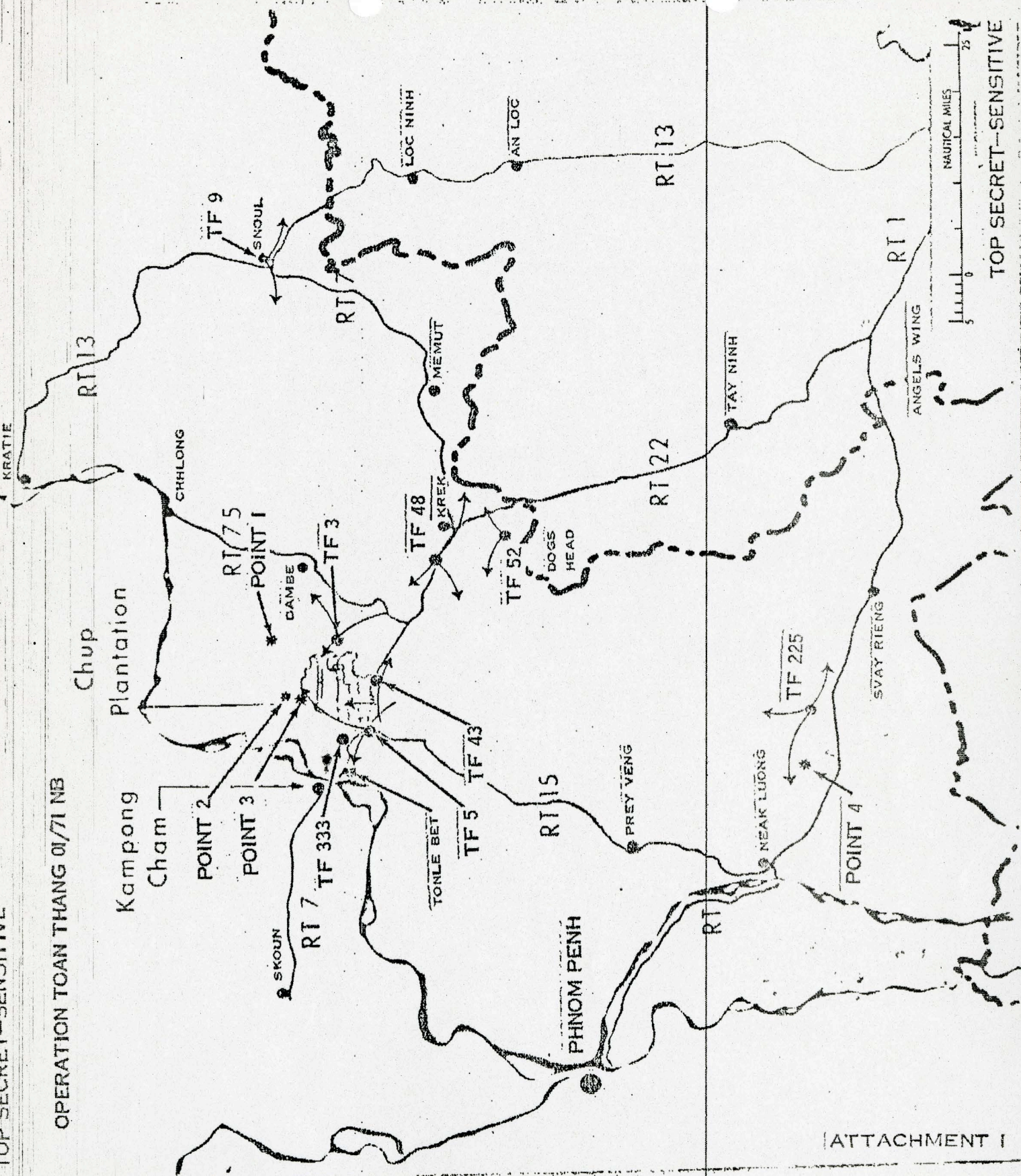
a. No significant problems were encountered during the reporting period.

b. Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment/Material/Facilities Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
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ATTACHMENT I

CASUALTIES

	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>FRIENDLY</u>						
US	0	0	0	0	0	0
RVNAF	14	55	0	80	279	0
<u>ENEMY</u>						
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	97	0	3	543	0	51

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/FACILITIES SEIZED/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	31	0	148	21
Crew-Served Weapons	4	0	31	0
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous ** (tons)	0.80	0	1.06	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment ***	0	0	Unknown	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	1	0
Food (Pounds)....	0	0	3,000	16,600
Facilities ***				
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons) ***				

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AIR SUPPORT - TOAN TIANG 01/71 NB

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	18	84
F-100	12	69
B-52	0	6
AC-119 Gunships	0	2
Helo Gunships	10	66
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	4	10
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	18	164
A-37	0	3
F-5	3	92
AC-47	0	5
Helo Gunships	4	43
Helo Troop Lift	2	34
Helo Med Evac	8	76
Helo Logistics	6	43

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

TYPE AIRCRAFT

PERIOD

CUMULATIVE

US

TYPE

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Status Report No. 4 on Operations in Laos and Cambodia as of
1900 hours EST, February 11, 1971

1. Diplomatic Reactions and Developments

USSR - Although Soviet news media have acknowledged the issuance of Foreign Ministry statements by the DRV and Communist China expressing support to the Laotian Patriotic Front, the Soviets have not as yet put out any official statement, beyond the vague semi-official TASS statement of February 3 and the remarks Kosygin made to a Syrian delegation on February 1 & 2, and to DRV's Deputy Premier Le Thanh Nghi on February 10. TASS on February 11 also acknowledged the DRV's Foreign Ministry statement denouncing US bombing raids against the northern sector of the demilitarized zone.

Albania - The Foreign Ministry issued a statement yesterday charging that the aim of the "aggression against Laos" was to implement Vietnamization of the war and to turn Indochina into a "place d'arme" against the peoples of the area, and especially against Communist China. The "aggression" once more exposes the plots the Nixon administration is "hatching in collaboration with...the Soviet revisionists" on the "so-called peaceful solution" of the war.

East Germany - A statement of condemnation issued by the Foreign Ministry was broadcast in summary by Hanoi. It charged that the policy to "vietnamize" the war was in essence the "intensification of the war of aggression against the peoples of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia." This seems to be the only East European reaction so far replayed by Hanoi radio.

Norway - A Foreign Ministry spokesman told the press on February 10 that the government regretted any expansion of the fighting in Indochina, but he noted that Laotian territory had long been used by North Vietnamese forces. In response to a question in parliament, Foreign Minister Stray declined to condemn American actions in Indochina as violations of international law.

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Communist China - Peking has added a strong attack on alleged Thai involvement in Laos to its continuing denunciations of the ARVN operation. A February 10 New China News Agency report charged that two Thai regiments and an artillery unit were taking part in the Laos operation and that 1,000 Thai troops had earlier been dispatched to the Bolovens Plateau. As in similar news releases issued at the time of the Cambodian incursion, Peking ends with a thinly veiled threat that Thai participation in the Laos conflict will bring a rise in the level of the insurgency within Thailand.

Japan - Foreign Minister Aichi, according to press accounts, told the Diet that his government has asked the Laotian Government to advise it of any requests the Laotians would like Japan to carry out in order to bring peace to Laos. He also said that Japan would be in touch with Britain and the Soviet Union, the Geneva Co-Chairmen, and with other countries and the UN as well. He added, however, that he did not believe an international conference was called for and that his government would continue its wait-and-see attitude for the time being.

The Foreign Office, meanwhile, has told us that it is proceeding with preparations for its planned diplomatic initiative on Laos. Without revealing details, a Foreign Office source echoed Aichi's statement to the Diet by hinting that the initiative would involve approaches to the Geneva Co-Chairmen, ICC members and perhaps others.

Thailand - In a delayed press report just received, Foreign Minister Thanat Khoman is quoted as saying on February 5--before Operation Lamson began--that the Laotian Government admits it does not control the Ho Chi Minh trail. Therefore, "if the South Vietnamese move in against the North Vietnamese concentration, it would be of indirect benefit to Laos."

Laos - Vientiane Radio on February 11 broadcast the text of Souvanna Phouma's February 5 letter to Britain and the Soviet Union, as Geneva Co-Chairmen, in which he protested North Vietnamese use of the Ho Chi Minh trail and attacks on various Laotian centers. The letter makes no mention of the ARVN operation, which was imminent at the time it was written. Its publication after Vientiane's mild commentary on the ARVN incursion emphasizes the pro forma nature of the Laotian government's protest over Operation Lamson.

Cuba - The Foreign Ministry issued a note February 11 condemning the "imperialist aggression" against Laos, calling it a repetition of the "cowardly and monstrous crime" against

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Cambodia ten months ago. The note confirmed Cuban solidarity with "the people of Laos and its patriotic forces."

Tanzania - An official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has explained that the editorial appearing in the government-owned Standard (reported in Status Report No. 3) was an inept effort to express "Tanzanian solidarity with the Vietnamese in their struggle against the US-supported Saigon regime," but that the further criticism of the US did not reflect the policy of the Tanzanian Government.

2. Significant Foreign Public Reactions

USSR - A February 10 article in Red Star derides the State Department's statement of February 8 as an effort to delude world public opinion concerning the extent of the American involvement in the Laotian operation. Rather than being a "humanitarian action for 'protecting the lives of Americans'," Red Star declares that "thousands of additional graves will appear in Arlington Cemetery. New thousands of widows will mourn their loved ones, not only in Indochina, but in the United States itself."

A TASS report of February 11 cites US news agency reports to document the presence of US troops in Laos. In the battles being fought in Laos, according to TASS, "the Peoples Armed Forces of Liberation of South Vietnam give much assistance to the Laotian patriots."

Norway - Some 1200 persons, mostly of student age, marched through the streets of Oslo on February 10 in support of the FLN and to protest American policies in Indochina. There were no incidents during a 10 minute pause for speeches in front of the American Embassy.

India - During lunch with Ambassador Keating and Department Legal Adviser Stevenson, Indian Foreign Secretary Kaul deliberately missed an opportunity to express Indian concern and disapproval of the Laos operation.

Kaul also took pains to make clear that the Indian Government's statement had called for withdrawal of all foreign forces from Laos and noted that Souvanna's statement had pointed out the operation would not have been necessary in the absence of the North Vietnamese presence in Laos.

Mexico - The Popular Socialist Party (PPS) and the Mexican Communist Party (PCM) have expressed negative reactions. The PPS has demanded that Mexico voice its protest, declaring that the

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operation is a violation of international law which should be opposed by all the world's peace-loving people. The PCM has categorically condemned the invasion. A pronouncement by the students is expected shortly.

3. Congressional and Domestic Reactions and Developments

Editorial Reactions of 7 Newspapers

Editorials from 7 additional newspapers reaffirm the margin of approval for U.S. policy over disapproval (12 to 6)--although a number of newspapers are "on the fence" (8 papers, most having made noncommittal comments during the news blackout prior to the State Department's statement of February 8).

Two Chicago papers which opposed U.S. policy last month regarding Cambodia Highway 4 have taken more favorable stands in the case of Laos. The Chicago News (2/9) now supports U.S. action; the Chicago Sun-Times (2/9) is "on the fence," hoping that Laos will prove to be the last U.S. "rear-guard action" in Indochina.

Approval of U.S. action is registered by the Cincinnati Enquirer (2/4).

Two papers that were noncommittal are the Cleveland Plain Dealer (2/4) and Norfolk Pilot (2/4).

Opposition to U.S. policy regarding Laos comes from two newspapers long opposed to the Vietnam war: Boston Globe (2/9) and Des Moines Register (2/2).

Protest Groups

The Laos drive has sparked protests by groups of persons at several points in the country--in addition to the demonstrations at the White House, in Berkeley; at the University of Wisconsin in Madison; at the Federal Building in Pittsburgh; on the Oakland University campus in suburban Detroit; at Michigan's Wayne State University; at Ohio State University in Columbus; at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio; at Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio; at the Stanford University computer center, in Palo Alto; on Boston Common; also, in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Baltimore and Albany.

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4. Internal South Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian Developments

Cambodia - Sirik Matak will replace Lon Nol as Commander of the Armed Forces in addition to his other duties during the latter's illness. Sirik Matak's assignment was announced in an order of the day signed by Lon Nol himself.

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1. Diplomatic Reactions and Developments

A statement passed by the Yugoslav government on February 9 condemns the "invasion" as a crude violation of Laotian sovereignty and a "fresh escalation" of the war. It views the "invasion" as "the work of a discredited government" (the GVN) which "oppresses its own people." The Yugoslav government again calls for the "complete, unconditional" withdrawal of US troops from Indochina as the only way for the peoples of the area to decide their fate without outside interference.

Ambassador Lucet called upon Assistant Secretary Green to underline the French Government's "deep concern" about Lamson 719, an operation which the French felt may prolong and extend the war. France feels that the presence of North Vietnamese forces in south Laos was not sufficient reason for the introduction of other foreign troops.

The Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman said government "has noted with regret" expansion of war to Laos, but noted this area had long been used by Hanoi.

The Government of India released on February 9 a statement that it was "deeply disturbed at the entry of South Vietnamese troops under cover of American air and artillery support in southern Laos." The GOI expressed regret and concern, urging all countries to respect the Geneva Accords and withdraw all outside forces from Laos and predicting that if this is not done, there is grave risk of Indochina conflict escalating further and threatening peace of whole region.

Ambassador Rockwell briefed Moroccan Foreign Minister Ben Abbes who said his government had been concerned over apparent expansion of the war. Ben Abbes was skeptical that Lamson 719 would produce lasting results and was pessimistic about the seemingly endless hostilities in Indochina. The Foreign Minister made clear Morocco's appreciation of US role in opposing communist expansionism and it was Ambassador Rockwell's belief that Ben Abbes therefore accepted the Laos operation as a necessary evil.

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2. Significant Foreign Public Reactions

USSR - Moscow TASS International Service of February 10 carries a summary of an editorial in Pravda by Viktor Mayevskiy, one of the leading Soviet commentators on international affairs. As reported in the very brief condensation carried by TASS, Mayevskiy reiterates the same basic line taken earlier in the Soviet media, lashing out at the "new crime perpetrated by the US military in Indochina." The summary of the editorial makes no distinction between the South Vietnamese and US forces, condemning the "armed invasion of Laos by US military and Saigon puppets."

Communist China - Peking has issued at least three press statements on Lamson 719 in the past 24 hours. The authoritative People's Daily commentator alleged that the operation "proved" that Vietnamization was a "deceptive pretext" under the cover of which the US has deliberately carried out its plan to expand the war. 11

France - French press comment on SVN operations in Laos ranges across the spectrum from support to outright opposition. Independent Le Monde sees US as interested in striking at Pathet Lao as at North Vietnamese in Laos, but uninterested in promoting a rightist coup in Laos. Rightist press expresses support for incursion, centrist press expresses understanding for move, and leftist press condemns the action.

Netherlands - The South Vietnamese incursion into Laos received front-page treatment in all national Dutch dailies. Coverage was largely limited to factual stories with little editorial comment.

Denmark - On February 6, Foreign Minister Hartling stated that "a negotiated solution is the only way out" of the Indochina conflict. Embassy Copenhagen reports that only three newspapers covered the Foreign Minister's statement, one of which ignored his references to North Vietnamese operations and build-ups in Laos.

Norway - Approximately 300 demonstrators, most of whom were student age, demonstrated near Embassy on Friday, February 5, to protest incursion into Laos.

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3. Congressional and Domestic Reactions and Developments

Supporting editorials continue to outnumber editorials protesting U.S. policy re Laos--although some support is conditional. "Every effort should be made," said the Christian Science Monitor (Feb. 9), "to ensure...that the (Laos) strike not be allowed to hamper America's withdrawal plans or result in a significant widening of the war."

Approval Wm. Randolph Hearst, Jr., in his Sunday column, swung the Hearst newspapers firmly into line in behalf of U.S. policy. The Scripps-Howard papers have also reaffirmed their support (Feb. 9).

Approval has been registered by the Washington Star (Feb. 9), New York News (Feb. 5), and Newark News (Feb. 3).

The Wall Street Journal, in language similar to the Monitor, said: "We see little choice but to balance the risk of deeper involvement against the need for an orderly withdrawal and periodic military ventures to facilitate it."

Disapproval Disagreement with U.S. policy was registered by three papers which in January were also critical of American action in Cambodia, and by the Philadelphia Inquirer (Feb. 4,5) which was favorable to the Cambodia action.

The Laos move was termed "a grave mistake" by the Los Angeles Times. Two other disapproving papers--long critical of the Viet-Nam war--were the New York Post and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. These papers opposed the "widening" and "escalation" of the war.

Explanations Wanted While not taking firm stands on the Laos move, the Denver Post (Feb. 4) and the Philadelphia Bulletin (Feb. 5) said they were "anxious to hear" the official explanation of the Laos operation. The Bulletin said the explanation should be given by President Nixon himself.

4. Internal South Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian Developments

Negative report.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

References: Two previous NMCC MFRs, 8 Feb 71, same subject

1. General: This is the second Situation Report on Operation LAMSON 719. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations

a. Operations continue both in Quang Tri Province and across the border in Laos with increased contact with the enemy (See attached map)

b. At point 1, US Task Force 1/1 maintained contact with an enemy force in a fortified position. US casualties are one soldier killed, six wounded and one missing. Enemy casualties are unknown.

c. US Task Force 3/5 completed the Pioneer road from the vicinity of the Rockpile to Khe Sanh at 0335 EST, 8 February. The road is now opened to tracked vehicles.

d. US Task Force 1/11, Infantry, while conducting security operations in the vicinity of Khe Sanh discovered a 4,500 pound ammunition cache in a bunker complex at point 2.

e. US Task Force 3/187, Airborne Infantry, discovered a 37 bunker complex at point 3.

f. An armored personnel carrier of US Task Force 1/77 was damaged by a command detonated mine in the vicinity of Point 4 on 7 February killing one US soldier and wounding six. In the same area a small ammunition cache was also discovered.

g. The ARVN 2D Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment established contact with the enemy upon landing at point 5. Five ARVN were wounded and nine enemy were killed in the action. One crew served and one individual weapon were seized.

h. The ARVN 21st Rangers encountered an unknown amount of machinegun fire upon landing at Point 6 on 8 February, wounding eleven soldiers. A US Air Cavalry unit destroyed two 2 1/2

ton trucks and engaged a bunker complex in the same vicinity. Secondary explosions lasting 30 minutes were observed.

i. In air cavalry operations, heavy small-arms fire was received from the vicinity of Point 7 on 7 February. Fire was returned killing two enemy. Earlier in the same day one enemy soldier had been killed and two secondary explosions noted.

j. In another incident near Point 8 on the same day, 10 enemy with two 12.7-mm machineguns were engaged with unknown results. During the incident, two AH-1G and two OH-6A helicopters received hits without sustaining casualties.

k. Near Point 9, a UH-1H helicopter received automatic weapons fire setting the plane afire and causing it to crash. Two US soldiers were killed and two are missing.

l. At Point 10 on 7 February, an OH-6A helicopter made a forced landing for unknown reasons. There were no casualties. The aircraft was extracted.

m. On the 8th at Point 11 a UH-1H helicopter crashed after receiving small-arms fire. One US soldier was wounded.

n. Six enemy were killed in the vicinity of Point 12 on 8 February.

o. At Point 13 on 8 February, a UH-1H helicopter crashed after receiving an unknown number of hits. Four US and seven ARVN soldiers were killed.

p. A US air cavalry element observed two unidentified enemy tanks at Point 14 on the 7th. Attack was not possible due to weather.

q. A US air cavalry element making rocket runs against the enemy at Point 15, observed a large secondary explosion with fireball and flames rising to 1,500 feet.

r. An AC-130 aircraft destroyed 10 trucks and damaged three others near Point 16 during the night.

s. ARVN ranger units in the vicinity of Point 17 received mixed mortar and recoilless rifle fire killing three and wounding 15.

t. No work was accomplished on the airstrips at Khe Sanh since the start of the operation because of their use for helicopter launch and recovery. Completion of repairs is unknown.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	6	17	3	10*	41	3
RVNAF	3	38	0	3	38	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	20	10	0	34	21*	0

*Adjusted figures

4. Equipment/Material Seized/Destroyed/Lost (Cumulative):

	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOST</u>
a. Individual Weapons	6	0	0
b. Crew-served Weapons	2	1	1
c. Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (rounds)	200	0	0
(2) Other (tons)	3.35	.9	0
d. Vehicles	0	14	0
e. Food (tons)	1	0	0
f. Miscellaneous Equipment/ Supplies (tons)	.1	0	0
g. POL (1,000 gal.)	0	100	0

5. Air Support: The air support data for Operation LAMSON 719 is as follows:

a. US Combat Support Sorties In Country/Out Country:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	6/7	49/9
F-4 (USAF)	2/33	91/49
A-6 (USMC)	0/1	1/1
A-7 (USN)	0/0	4/0
B-57 (RAAF)	3/0	4/0
B-52	30/0	75/0
AC-130 Gunships	0/3	0/3

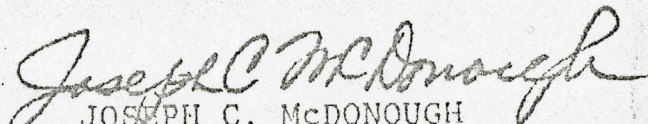
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<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
Helo Gunships	135/333	1549/333
Air Cavalry	40/0	986/0
Helo Troop Lift	424/1036	4991/1036
Helo Med Evac	33/2	78/2
C-130 Logistics	0/0	275/0
Helo Logistics	640/50	5752/50

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties In Country/Out Country:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
Helo Gunships	0/6	0/6
Helo Troop Lift	16/17	16/17

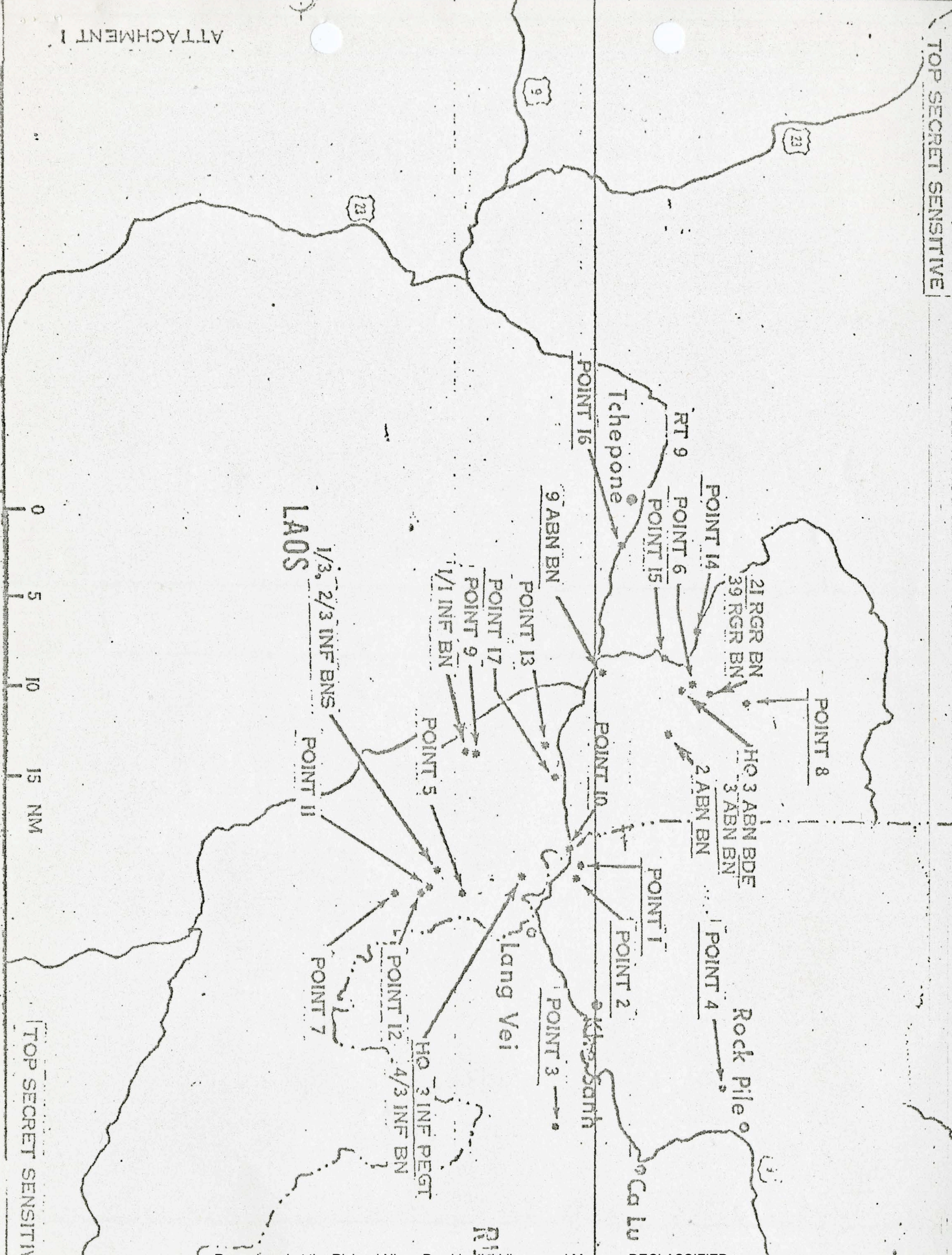
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

Reference: Five previous NMCC MFRs, 4-8 Feb. 71, same subject

1. General: This is the sixth situation report on Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB and covers the period 071900-081900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at attachment 1. Troop strength of RVNAF forces on this operation is now 16,651, including 16 infantry battalions, seven ranger battalions, and five armored cavalry squadrons.

b. Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1 at 072135 EST the 4th Bn 8th Regt on a ground reconnaissance mission, engaged an unknown number of the enemy. Tactical air supported the ARVN unit. Enemy losses were 21 killed, and five small arms and one B-40 rocket launcher captured. Friendly losses were three ARVN killed and seven wounded.

(2) At Point 2 at 071555 EST the 1st Bn 9th Regt in a night defensive position received an undetermined number of mortar rounds followed by a ground attack. Six of the enemy were killed and one detained. Enemy equipment captured included two AK-47s, two B-40 rocket launchers, two petard mines, and two hand grenades. Six ARVN soldiers were wounded.

(3) At Point 3 at 072225 EST the 1st Bn 9th Regt on a ground reconnaissance mission, engaged an unknown number of the enemy resulting in one enemy killed; and 1-ton of wheat, 660 pounds of rice, and one AK-47 captured. No friendly casualties were reported.

(4) At Point 4 at 081145 EST, Headquarters of the 3d Armored Cavalry Squadron, in a night defensive position, received a rocket attack. Four ARVN were killed and 12 wounded. Enemy casualties are unknown.

(5) At Point 5 at 070000 EST, the 3d Bn 49th Regt engaged an enemy force of undetermined size. Eight Cambodian communists were detained and no friendly casualties were reported.

c. Unit Maneuvers:

(1) Task Force 3 continued operations in the Chup Plantation.

(2) Task Force 5 continued security mission for Route 7 and conducted limited search operations in the southern part of the Chup Plantation.

(3) Task Force 9 continued operations in the Snoul area and provided security for Route 13.

(4) Task Force 48 conducted search operations and secured Route 7 in its assigned area of operations.

(5) Task Force 52 provided security for Route 7 in its area of operations.

(6) Task Force 225 conducted limited search operations west of the Angels Wing.

(7) Task Force 333 continued operations east of Tonle Bet.

(8) No operations involving FANK forces participating in this operation have been reported.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	0	0	0	0	0	0
RVNAF	11	33	0	48*	195*	0
FANK	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	37	0	8	370*	0	48

*Adjusted figures.

4. Equipment/Material Seized/Destroyed/Lost (Cumulative)

	<u>Seized</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Friendly Lost</u>
a. Individual Weapons	11/95*	0/21	0/1
b. Crew-served Weapons	6/20	0/0	0/3
c. Ammunition			
(1) Small-arms Rounds	0/2,300*	0/0	0/0
(2) Other tons	0/.15*	0/0	0/66
d. Vehicles	0/0	0/0	0/5
e. Food (tons)	0/1.5	1.3/1.3	0/0
f. Miscellaneous Equipment/ Supplies	0/0	0/0	0/0

*Adjusted figures

5. Air Support.

a. US Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	20	48
F-100	8	43
B-52	0	6
AC-119	0	1
Helo Gunships	2	48
Helo Troop Life	0	36
Helo Med Evac	2	5

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-1	26	116
F-5	17	72
AC-47	2	2
Helo Gunships	16	26
Helo Troop Lift	10	22
Helo Med Evac	24	62
Helo Logistics	11	25

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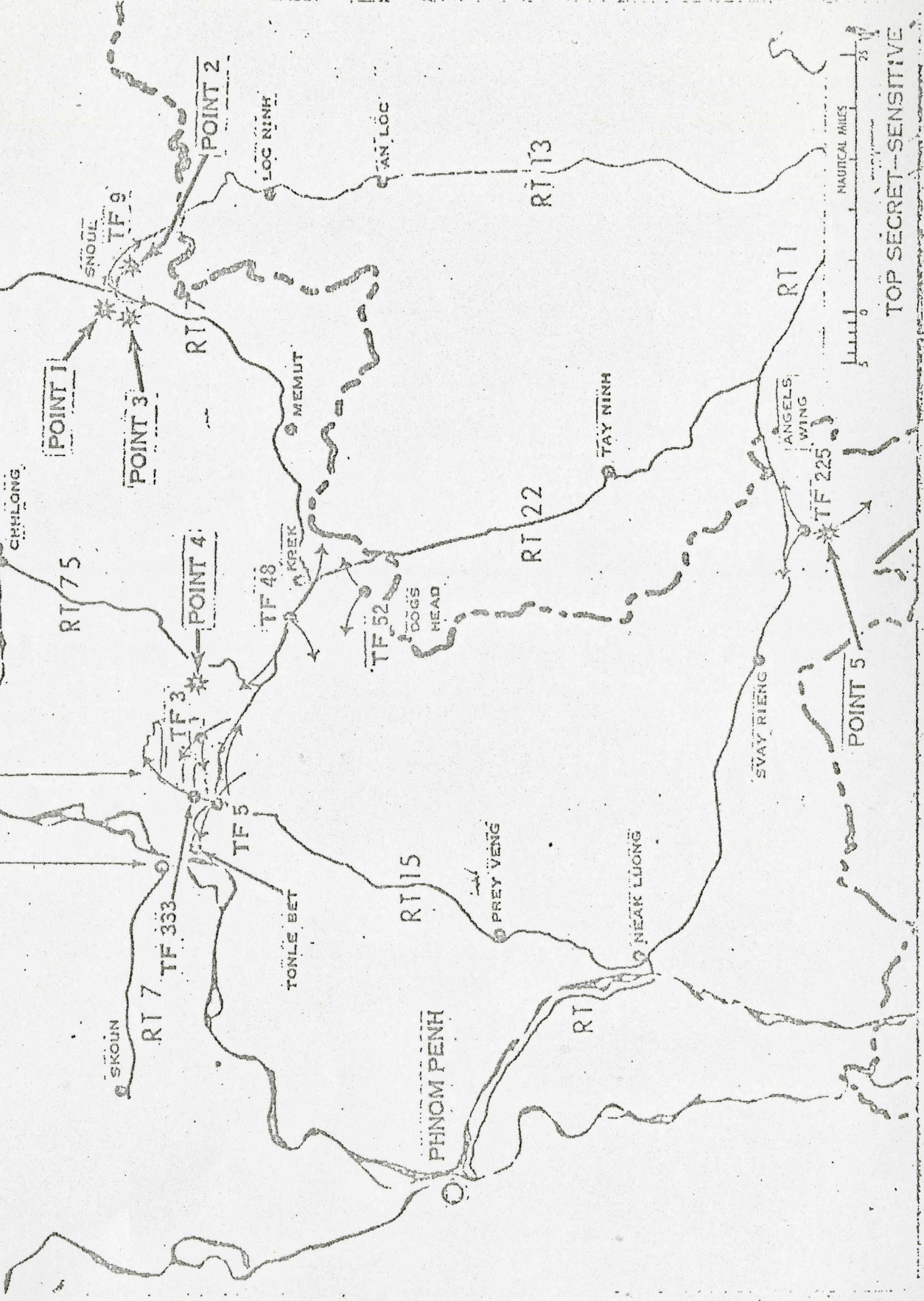
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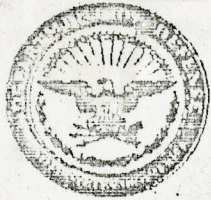
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This is an update to the first situation report on Operation LAMSON 719. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. As of 080500 EST February, a total of five helicopter assaults had been conducted by ARVN elements:

(1) Point 1, 21st Ranger Battalion.

(2) Point 2, 2d Airborne Battalion.

(3) Point 3, 3rd Airborne Brigade Headquarters and 3rd Airborne Battalion.

(4) Point 4, 3rd Infantry Regiment Headquarters and 4th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment.

(5) Point 5, 1st and 2nd Battalions of the 3rd Infantry Regiment.

b. All landings were made without contact, however; 2nd Battalion of the 3rd Infantry Regiment (Point 5) diverted to an alternate landing zone due to intense small-arms and automatic weapons fire in the primary landing zone. Ground contact subsequent to landing has been reported in the area near Point 5, where ARVN elements killed nine enemy soldiers and seized two weapons (one crew-served), and one field radio. Five ARVN soldiers were wounded.

3. Two US Army helicopters were reported down:

a. Point 6, a UH-1H received one hit from a 12.7-mm anti-aircraft weapon. Aircraft caught fire and crashed. Two crewmembers are missing, two crewmembers were wounded and have been extracted. An ARVN reconnaissance company was inserted to search for the missing crewmembers.

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b. Point 7, a UH-1H received small-arms fire and crashed. All crewmembers, one of whom was wounded, were extracted. Efforts will be made to recover the damaged helicopter.

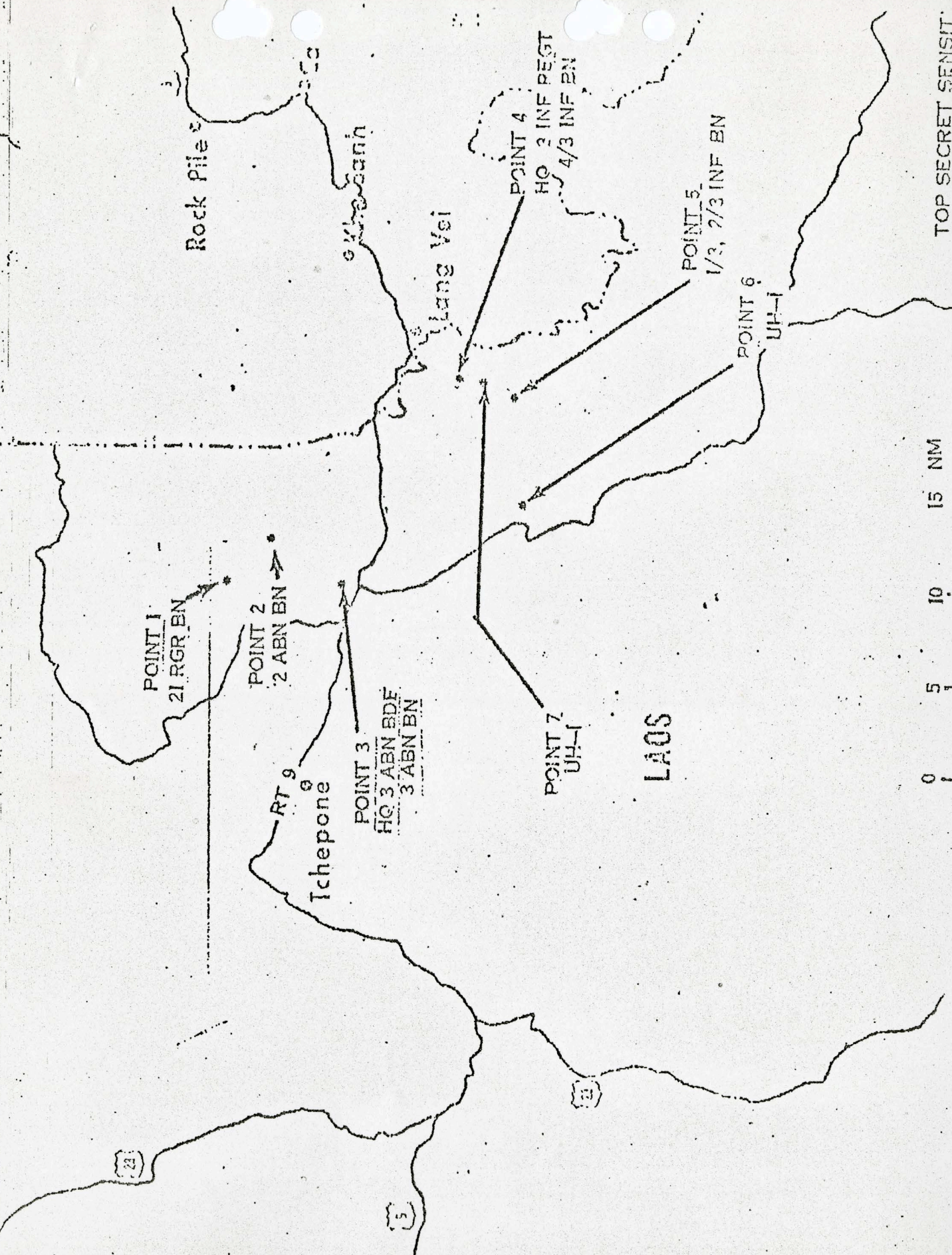
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

References: Four previous NMCC MFRs, 4-7 Feb 71, same subject

1. General: This is the fifth situation report on Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB and covers the period 061900-071900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at attachment 1 and Task Organization is at attachment 2. Troop strength of RVNAF forces on this operation is now 15,600, including 16 infantry battalions, seven ranger battalions, and five armored cavalry squadrons.

b. Actions Reported:

(1) Updated information concerning an action in the Chup Plantation on 6 February indicates that 123 enemy soldiers were killed, vice 119 reported in NMCC MFR, same subject, dated 071450 EST February 1971.

(2) At Point 1 at 071555 EST, a Task Force 9 night defensive position received 70 rounds of mixed 60- and 82-mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack. ARVN artillery supported the defenders. Six enemy soldiers were killed, one person detained, and five weapons (one crew-served), six grenades, three antitank grenades, and two mines were seized. Six ARVN soldiers were wounded.

(3) At Point 2 at 070710 EST, a Task Force 333 night defensive position received a combined mortar and ground attack. One ARVN soldier was killed, 14 wounded, and one APC destroyed. Enemy losses are unknown.

(4) At Point 3 at 051600 EST, Task Force 48 Headquarters received 10 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire, causing a fire which destroyed the following materiel/equipment:

18,926 liters gasoline
 1,756 81-mm mortar rounds
 962 155-mm howitzer rounds
 932 60-mm mortar rounds
 861 105-mm howitzer rounds
 3 trucks
 1 155-mm howitzer
 1 105-mm howitzer

No casualties were reported.

(5) At Point 4 at 062400 EST, elements of the 3/49th ARVN infantry battalion engaged an enemy squad, killing seven and seizing three individual weapons. There were no friendly casualties.

c. Unit Maneuvers:

(1) Task Force 3 continued search operations and established blocking positions in the northern Chup Plantation.

(2) Task Force 5 continued to provide security along Route 7.

(3) Task Force 9 continued security operations along Route 13 and conducted operations in and around Snuol.

(4) Task Force 48 conducted search operations and secured Route 7 within its area of operations.

(5) Task Force 52 secured the eastern portion of Route 7.

(6) Task Force 225 continued operations west of the Angel's Wing.

(7) Task Force 333 continued to exploit recent contacts in the southwest edge of the Chup Plantation.

(8) No operations involving FANK forces participating in the operation have been reported.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	0	0	0	0	0	0
RVNAF	12	66	0	48	199	0
FANK	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	140	0	24	440	0	40

4. Equipment/Materiel Seized/Destroyed/Lost (Cumulative)

	<u>Seized</u>	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Friendly Lost</u>
a. Individual Weapons	88	21	1
b. Crew-served Weapons	16	0	3
c. Ammunition:			
(1) Small Arms Rounds	0	0	0
(2) Other (tons)	.8	0	66
d. Vehicles	0	0	5
e. Food (tons)	1.5	0	0
f. Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (tons)	0	0	0

5. Air Support:a. US Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	12	28
F-100	8	35
B-52	0	6
AC-119	0	1
Helo Gunships	2	46
Helo Trooplift	0	36
Helo Medevac	0	3

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-1	28	90
F-5	18	55
Helo Gunships	6	10
Helo Trooplift	0	12
Helo Medevac	28	38
Helo Logistics	5	14

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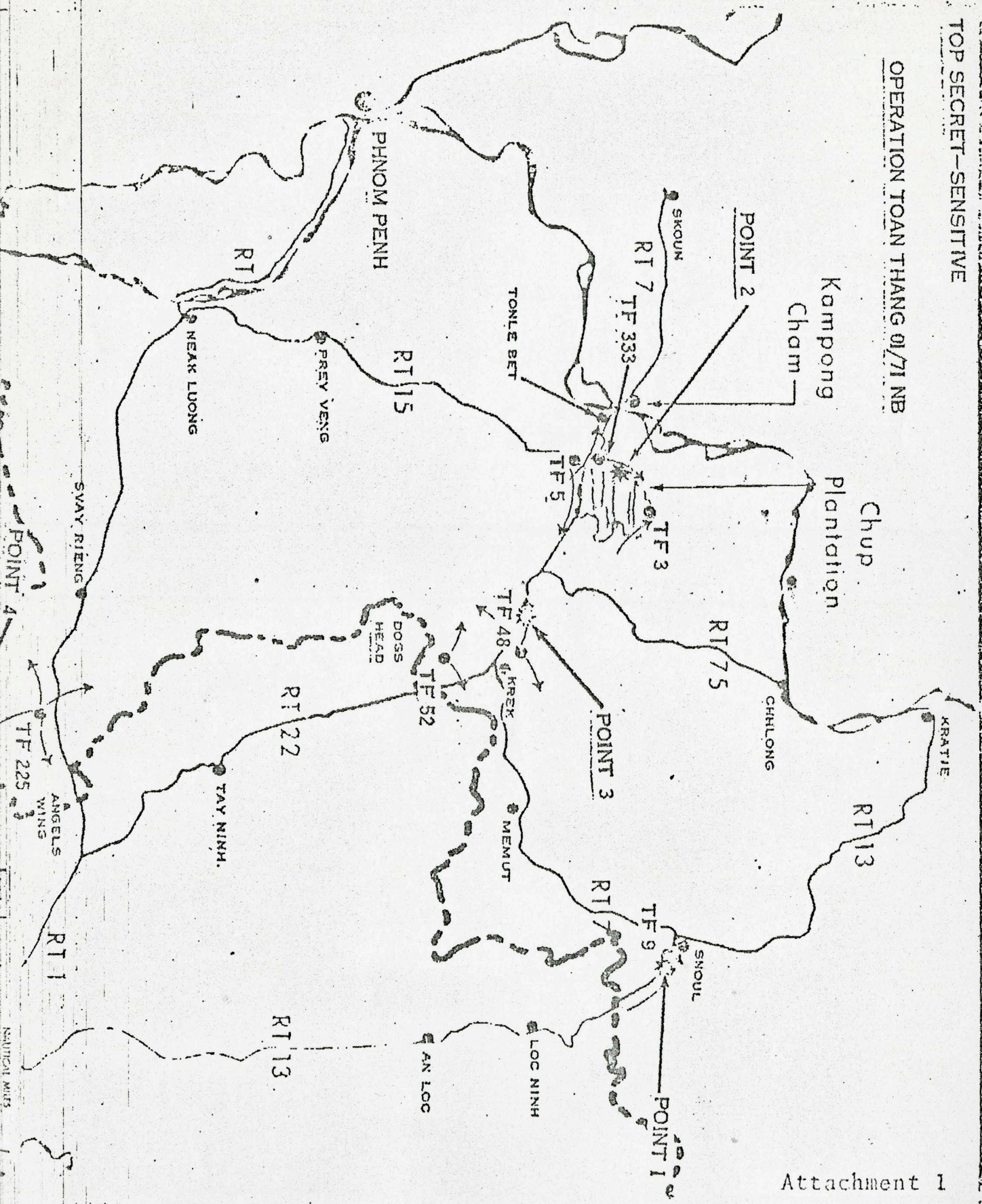
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TASK ORGANIZATION

RVNAF FORCES

TF 333

HQ 3d Rgr Gp
31st Rgr Bn
36th Rgr Bn
52d Rgr Bn
Hq 1st ACS (two troops)
A/46 Arty (six 155-mm)
A/61 Arty (six 105-mm)

TF 5

HQ 5th Rgr Gp
33d Rgr Bn
38th Rgr Bn
1/52 Inf (Bn)
Troop, 15th ACS
Troop, 5th ACS
C/251 Arty (six 105-mm)
C/46 Arty (-) (four 155-mm)

TF 3

HQ 3d Armd Cav Bde
30th Rgr Bn
35th Rgr Bn
15th ACS (two troops)
18th ACS (three troops)
B/52 Arty (six 105-mm)
C/51 Arty (six 105-mm)
C/50 Arty (two 155-mm)

TF 48

HQ 48th Inf Regt
2/48 Inf (Bn)
3/48 Inf (Bn)
4/48 Inf (Bn)
2/52 Inf (Bn)
5th ACS (two troops)
A/183 Arty (seven 105-mm)
C/183 Arty (six 105-mm)
B/180 Arty (six 155-mm)

TF 52

HQ 52d Inf Regt
3/52 Inf (Bn)

TF 225

HQ 49th Inf Regt

1/49 Inf (Bn)

2/49 Inf (Bn)

3/49 Inf (Bn)

4/49 Inf (Bn)

3/50 Inf (Bn)

10th ACS (three troops)

64th Border Rgr Bn (-)*

83d Border Rgr Bn (-)*

2/A/250 Arty (two 155-mm)

1/B/250 Arty (three 155-mm)

A/251 Arty (-) (four 105-mm)

A/252 Arty (six 105-mm)

TF 9

HQ 9th Inf Regt

1/9 Inf (Bn)

2/9 Inf (Bn)

4/9 Inf (Bn)

4/8 Inf (Bn)

1/7 Inf (Bn)

Company, 3/9 Inf

Troop, 1st ACS

B-C/53d Arty (12 105-mm)

A/50th Arty (six 155-mm)

US FORCES

12th Avn Gp

23d Arty Gp

A/6/27 Arty (two 8", two 175-mm)

C/6/27 Arty (two 8", two 175-mm)

B/2/32 Arty (two 8", two 175-mm)

C/2/12 Arty (six 155-mm)

A/2/32 Arty (three 175-mm)

B/2/35 Arty (six 155-mm)

C/2/32 Arty (two 8", two 175-mm)

B/7/8 Arty (two 8", two 175-mm)

*Not carried as part of battalion totals shown in paragraph 2 per MACV.



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Subject: Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II

References: Nine Previous NMCC MFRs, 31 Jan-7 Feb 71,
same subject

1. General: This is the tenth situation report on the Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II and covers the period ending 071900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based on initial combat reports and may be revised based upon more complete information. This is the final report covering Operation DEWEY CANYON II. Activities of units previously reported under Operation DEWEY CANYON II will be reported under Operation LAMSON 719.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. During the reporting period enemy activity increased slightly over the previous period. Three significant actions were reported:

(1) Elements of TF 1/77 Armor Point 1 (see attached map) received fourteen 122-mm rockets from an enemy force resulting in one US Army soldier wounded. At the same time another element of the same unit received an unknown number of antitank rocket grenades which wounded three US soldiers. Enemy losses are not known.

(2) Elements of TF 4/3 Infantry while moving into night locations at Point 2, were attacked by an enemy force employing small-arms fire and grenades. Three US Army soldiers were killed and one was wounded.

(3) A US Army resupply company was attacked twice while moving west on Route 9 (Point 3). The enemy force employed antitank grenades, small-arms and automatic weapons fire. One US Army soldier was killed, eight soldiers were wounded, one 5,000 gallon tank truck was destroyed and five 5,000 gallon tankers were damaged. Enemy losses are not known.

b. The 1/5 Mechanized Brigade, with six maneuver elements of battalion size under operational control, continued operations along Route 9. US unit locations remain unchanged.

(1) TF 1/1 Cavalry continued the screening mission to the Laotian border and assisted ARVN units moving into assembly areas.

(2) TF 3/5 continued to open the pioneer road from the Rock Pile to Khe Sanh.

(3) TF 1/11 Infantry, TF 4/3 Infantry, TF 3/187 Infantry and TF 1/77 Armor continued operations in assigned areas of operation.

c. Engineer effort continued on Route 9 which is now open to the Laotian border. Work continued on the airstrips at Khe Sanh.

d. RVNAF forces dispersed in forward assembly areas in preparation for ground and helicopter assault across the Laotian border.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	4	13	0	5	22	0
RVNAF	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	0	0	0	14	11	0

4. Equipment/Materiel Seized/Destroyed/Lost (Cumulative):

	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOST</u>
a. Individual Weapons	5	0	0
b. Crew-served WEapons	0	0	1
c. Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (rounds)	200	0	0
(2) Other (tons)	.65	.9	0
d. Vehicles	0	2	0
e. Food (tons)	1	0	0
f. Miscellaneous Equipment/ Supplies (tons)	.1	0	0

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5. Air Support: The air support data for Operation DEWEY CANYON II is as follows:

a. US Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	7	45
F-4 (USAF)	19	105
A-6 (USMC)	0	1
A-7 (USN)	4	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	1
B-52	24	45
Helo Gunships	136	1,414
Air Cavalry	170	946
Helo Trooplift	542	4,567
Helo MedEvac	6	45
C-130 Logistics	10	275
Helo Logistics	658	5,112

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties: None reported.

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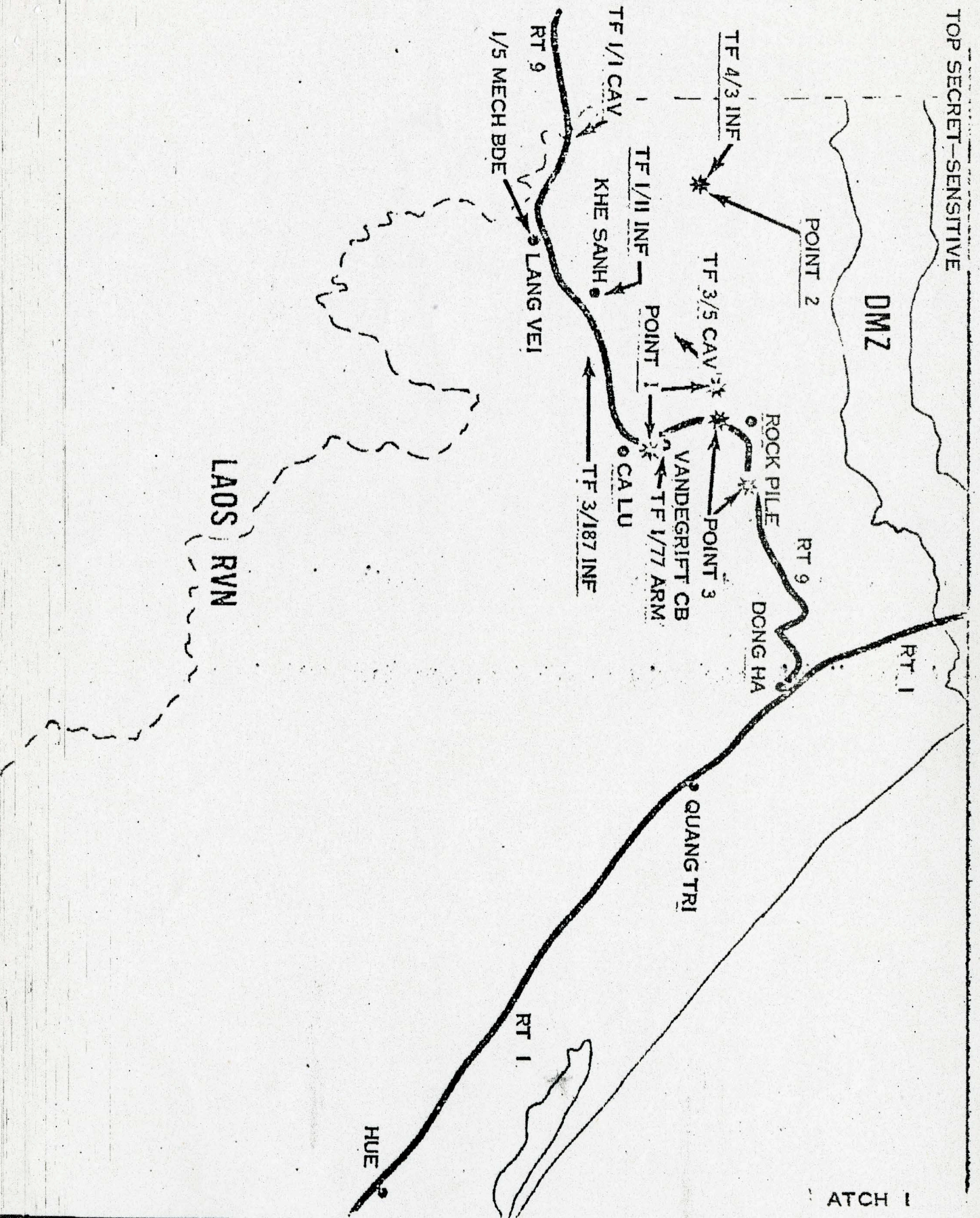
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

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1. General: This is the first Situation Report on Operation LAMSON 719. This is a Vietnamese operation supported by US aircraft and artillery and is intended to disrupt the North Vietnamese Army's supply and infiltration routes south through Laos into the Republic of Vietnam. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. At 071812 EST February, an ARVN engineer platoon, with security elements, crossed the Laotian border on Route 9 (see attached map) to repair a cut in the road 500 meters west of the border. Tactical air and artillery supported the operation. At 072100 EST February, elements of the ARVN 1st Armored Brigade and 1st Airborne Brigade crossed the Laotian border with an armored cavalry troop leading west on Route 9. No contact with the enemy was reported.

b. A total of eleven B-52 missions were flown between 071601 and 071945 EST in support of the operation (see attached map).

c. Three battalion-size helicopter assaults were conducted by ARVN elements with negative enemy contact:

(1) Point 1, 21st Ranger Battalion at 072205 EST February.

(2) Point 2, 2d Airborne Battalion at 072225 EST February.

(3) Point 3, 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment at 072145 EST February.

d. A telephone report from MACV Command Center at 080230 EST February, indicated that the lead elements of the 1st Armored Brigade, moving west astride Route 9, had penetrated 6 1/2 miles into Laos without encountering enemy resistance.

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3. Casualties: None reported.
4. Equipment/Material Seized/Destroyed/Lost (Cumulative):
None reported.
5. Air Support: None reported.

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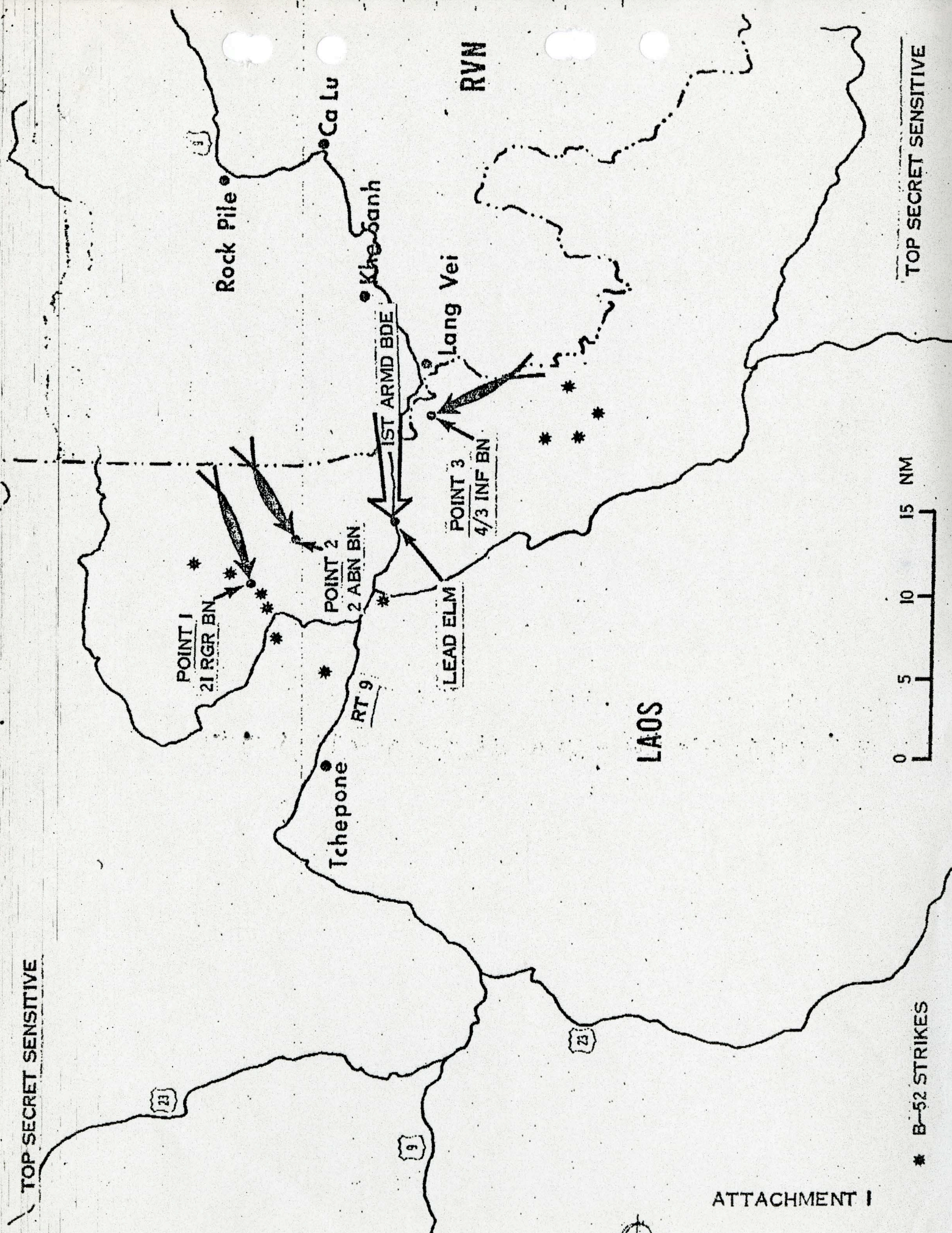
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ATTACHMENT I

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

References: Three Previous NMCC MFRs, 4-6 Feb 71, same subject

1. General: This is the fourth situation report on Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB and covers the period 051900-061900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at attachment 1 and Task Organization is at attachment 2. Troop strength of RVNAF forces on this operation is now 15,345, including 15 infantry battalions, seven Ranger battalions, and five armored cavalry squadrons.

b. Actions Reported:

(1) At point 1 at 061400 EST, a Task Force 333 night defensive position (NDP) occupied by two Ranger battalions (31st and 52d) and 1st ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron was struck by 60-mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack. A VNAF flareship supported the ARVN defenders. One hundred and nineteen enemy soldiers were killed and the following items were seized:

- 200 meters of telephone wire
- 24 AK-47 rifles
- 15 antitank grenades
- 14 60-mm mortar rounds
- 6 antitank grenade launchers
- 6 AK-47 rifle magazines
- 2 boxes of machinegun ammunition
- 2 mines
- 1 bangalore torpedo
- miscellaneous equipment and documents

Two ARVN soldiers were killed and 30 wounded.

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4. Equipment, Material:

	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
a. Individual weapons	34	57
b. Crew-served weapons	3	9
c. Ammunition		
(1) Small-arms rounds	0	0
(2) Other (tons)	0.6	0.7*
d. Vehicles	0	0
e. Food (tons)	0.4	0.4

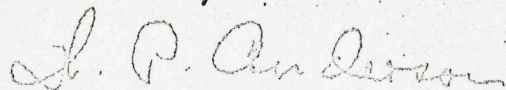
5. Air Support:a. US Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	4	16
F-100	0	27
B-52	0	6
Helo Gunships	8	44
Helo Trooplift	0	36
Helo Medevac	3	3

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-1	22	62
F-5	15	37
Helo Gunships	2	4
Helo Trooplift	0	12
Helo Medevac	4	10
Helo Logistics	5	9

*Change due to updated figures from MACV.

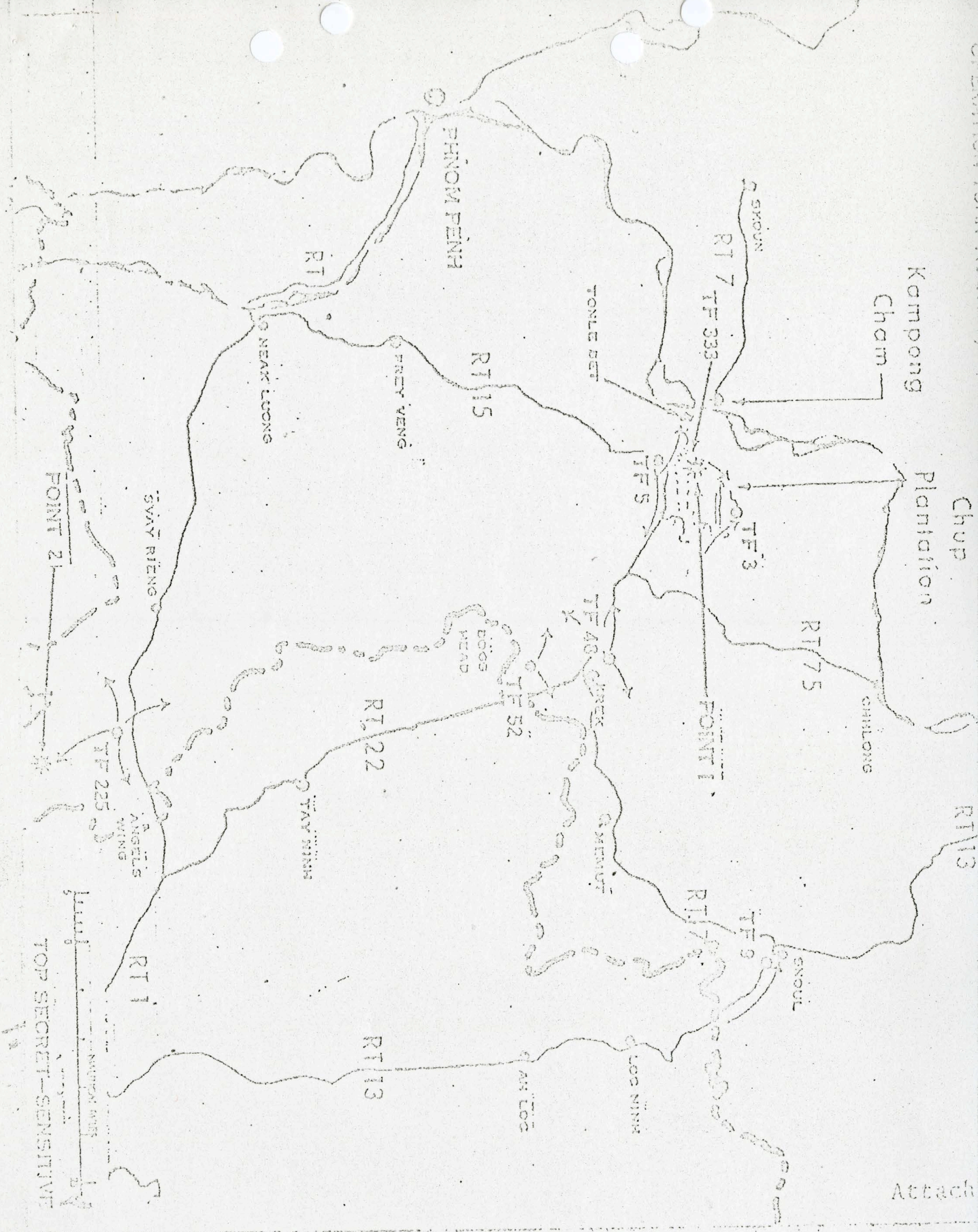


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ARMY FORCES

TF 333

HQ 3D RGR GP
31ST RGR BN
36TH RGR BN
52D RGR BN
HQ 1ST ACS (2 TROOPS)
A/46 ARTY (6-155MM)
A/61 ARTY (6-105MM)

TF 3

HQ 3D ARMD CAV BDE
30TH RGR BN
35TH RGR BN
15TH ACS (2 TROOPS)
18TH ACS (3 TROOPS)
B/52 ARTY (6-105MM)
C/51 ARTY (-) (4-155MM)
C/50 ARTY (6-155MM)

TF 52

HQ 52D INF REGT
3/52 INF (BN)

TF 5

HQ 5TH RGR GP
33D RGR BN
38TH RGR BN
TROOP 15TH ACS
C/251 ARTY (6-105MM)
B/46 ARTY (-) (4-155MM)

TF 48

HQ 48TH INF REGT
2/48 INF (BN)
3/48 INF (BN)
4/48 INF (BN)
2/52 INF (BN)
5TH ACS (2 TROOPS)
A/183 ARTY (6-105MM)
C/183 ARTY (6-105MM)
B/180 ARTY (6-155MM)

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TF 225

HQ 19TH INF REGT

1/49 INF (BN)

2/49 INF (BN)

3/49 INF (BN)

4/49 INF (BN)

3/50 INF (BN)

10TH ACS (3 TROOPS)

64TH BORDER RGR BN (-)*

83D BORDER RGR BN (-)*

2/A/250 ARTY (2-155MM)

1/C/250 ARTY (3-155MM)

B/251 ARTY (-) (4-105MM)

A/252 ARTY (6-105MM)

TF 9

HQ 9TH INF REGT

1/9 INF (BN)

2/9 INF (BN)

4/9 INF (BN)

4/8 INF (BN)

1/7 INF (BN)

TROOP, 1ST ACS

B-C/53D ARTY (10-105MM)

A/5TH ARTY (6-155MM)

US FORCES

12TH AVN GP

25D ARTY GP

A/6/27 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)

C/6/27 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)

B/2/32 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)

C/2/12 ARTY (6-105MM)

A/2/32 ARTY (3-175MM)

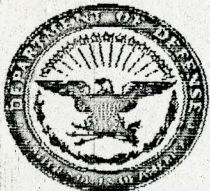
B/2/35 ARTY (6-155MM)

C/2/32 ARTY (3-8")

C/4/8 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)

B/7/8 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)

*Not carried as part of battalion totals shown in paragraph 2 per MACV.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II

References: Eight Previous NMCC MFRs, 31 Jan-6 Feb 71,
same subject

1. General: This is the ninth situation report on the Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II and covers the period ending 061900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based on initial combat reports and may be revised based upon more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. During the reporting period enemy activity remained at a low level with one incident reported. At Point 1, (see attached map) elements of TF 1/77 Armor received 16 rounds of 122-mm rocket fire from an enemy force. One US Army soldier was killed and two soldiers were wounded.

b. Ordnance was accidentally dropped on ARVN elements, vicinity of Point 2, by a USN A-6C aircraft. Six ARVN soldiers were killed, 51 were wounded and one armored personnel carrier (APC) was destroyed. The incident is being investigated.

c. The mission, task organization and location for US forces remained essentially unchanged except for TF 4/3 Infantry which executed an unopposed helicopter assault into three landing zones at Point 3, northwest of Khe Sanh:

(1) The 1/5 Mechanized Brigade, with six maneuver elements of battalion-size under operational control, continued operations along Route 9.

(2) TF 1/1 Cavalry continued screening operations along Route 9 to the Laotian border.

(3) TF 1/11 Infantry continued to provide security for the Khe Sanh area.

(4) TF 3/187 Infantry and TF 1/77 Armor continued operations to secure Route 9 within assigned areas.

(5) TF 3/5 Cavalry moved to the southeast as work on the pioneer road from the Rock Pile to Khe Sanh continued.

(6) Engineer effort continued on Route 9 to widen, improve bypasses and bridges, and spread gravel on wet sections. During the reporting period 1,000 vehicles traveled on Route 9 west of Vandegrift Combat Base. Work continued on the old mat airstrip; however, wet soil conditions precluded compaction operations on the assault airstrip. Priority engineer effort is now directed toward the construction of helicopter refuel/rearm areas, fuel storage areas and improving forward support facilities at Khe Sanh.

(7) One USMC truck company has been placed under the operational control of XXIV Corps to assist in the movement west to Khe Sanh.

d. RVNAF units continued movement into assembly areas with the following changes in location and task organization noted:

(1) The 2d Airborne Brigade completed the move by air from Saigon to Dong Ha and Quang Tri.

(2) The 1st Armored Brigade; Headquarters, 1st Regiment and 3d Regiment, 1st Infantry Division; 1st Airborne Brigade and support artillery, moved by road and air to the Khe Sanh area.

(3) Additions to RVNAF task organization are shown on Attachment 2.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	1	2	0	1	7	0
RVNAF	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	0	0	0	14	11	0

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4. Equipment/Material Seized/Destroyed/Lost (Cumulative):

	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>FRIENDLY LOST</u>
a. Individual Weapons	5	0	0
b. Crew-served Weapons	0	0	1
c. Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (rounds)	200	0	0
(2) Other (tons)	.65	.5	0
d. Vehicles	0	2	0
e. Food (tons)	1	0	0
f. Miscellaneous Equipment/ Supplies	.05	0	0

5. Air Support: The air support data for Operation DEWEY CANYON II is as follows:

a. US Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	1	38
F-4 (USAF)	5	86
A-6 (USMC)	0	1
B-57 (RAAF)	0	1
B-52	0	21
Helo Gunships	334	1,278
Air Cavalry	140	776
Helo Trooplift	742	4,025
Helo MedEvac	32	39
C-130 Logistics	12	275
Helo Logistics	986	4,454

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties: None reported.

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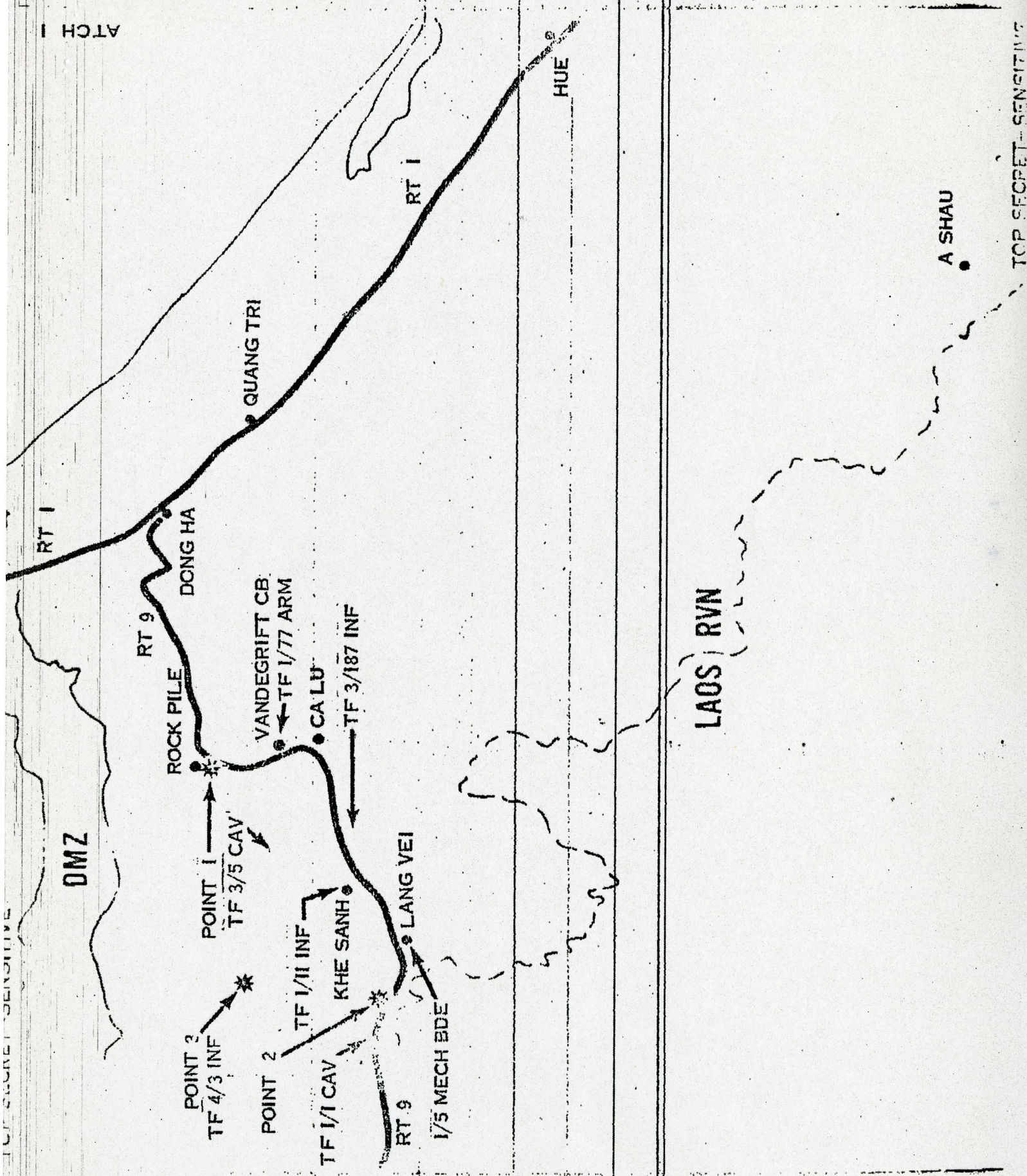
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RVNAF TASK ORGANIZATION

The following RVNAF units have been added to the troop list for Operation DEWEY CANYON II during the reporting period:

1st Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division

- 1/1 Infantry Battalion
- 2/1 Infantry Battalion
- 3/1 Infantry Battalion
- 4/1 Infantry Battalion

3d Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division

- 1/3 Infantry Battalion
- 2/3 Infantry Battalion
- 3/3 Infantry Battalion
- 4/3 Infantry Battalion

2d Airborne Brigade, 1st Airborne Division

- 5th Airborne Battalion
- 7th Airborne Battalion
- 11th Airborne Battalion



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

Reference: a. NMCC MFR 041800 EST Feb 71, same subject
b. NMCC MFR 051430 EST Feb 71, same subject

1. General. This is the third situation report on Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB and covers the period 041900-051900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. Positions of RVNAF forces are shown at attachment 1 and Task Organization at attachment 2.

b. Action Reported.

(1) COMUSMACV Special Report of Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB, included one incident involving the enemy. At Point 1, at 050445 EST February, in the Tonle Bet area, the 1st Armored Cavalry Squadron and the 36th Ranger Battalion Command Post received 70 rounds of 82-mm mortar resulting in three ARVN killed and four wounded.

(2) A later report from COMUSMACV described the following two incidents:

At Point 1, at 050600 EST February, elements of the 36th Ranger Battalion, engaged an enemy force of unknown size. The small arms and automatic fire exchange resulted in eight ARVN wounded.

Near Point 1, at 051430 EST February, the 1st Armored Cavalry Squadron and the 36th Ranger Battalion, received enemy small arms, automatic weapons, B-40 rockets, and 75-mm recoilless rifle fire followed by a ground attack. AC-47 and helicopter gunships supported the ARVN units. Ninety-one of the enemy were killed, one was detained, and 26 individual weapons, two crew-served weapons, six B-40 rounds, and 10 rounds 75-mm recoilless rifle ammunition were captured. Friendly losses were 10 ARVN killed and 37 wounded.

c. Task Force 3 moved north along the eastern edge of the Chup Plantation.

d. Task Force 5 continued operations south of Route 7 and assumed responsibility for the security of Route 7 from Tonle Bet to the western boundary of the Task Force 48 area of operations.

e. Task Force 9 moved north along Route 13 toward Snoul.

f. Task Force 48 conducted search operations north of the Dogs Head.

g. Task Force 52 assumed responsibility for the area north of the Dogs Head.

h. Task Force 225 continued operations in their assigned area west of the Angels Wing.

i. Task Force 333 moved west along Route 7 and linked up with the 52d Ranger Battalion in the Tonle Bet area.

j. Operations of FANK units with ARVN forces has not been reported.

k. There are 14,972 RVNAF troops in Cambodia involved in this operation.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	0	0	0	0	0	0
RVNAF	5	11	0	19	66	0
FANK	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	11	0	8	81*	0	15

*Adjusted figure

4. Equipment/Material:

	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
a. Individual Weapons	4	23*
b. Crew-served Weapons	0	6
c. Ammunition		
(1) Small-arms Rounds	0	0
(2) Other tons	0	0.01
d. Vehicles	0	0
e. Food (tons)	0	0
f. Miscellaneous Equipment/ Supplies	0	0

*Adjusted figure

5. Air Support:

a. US Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	4	12*
F-100	4	27*
B-52	0	6
Helo Gunships	4	36
Helo Troop Lift	0	36

*Corrected figures

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-1	22	40
F-5	14	22
Helo Gunships	0	2
Helo Troop Lift	0	12
Helo MedEvac	2	6
Helo Logistics	0	4

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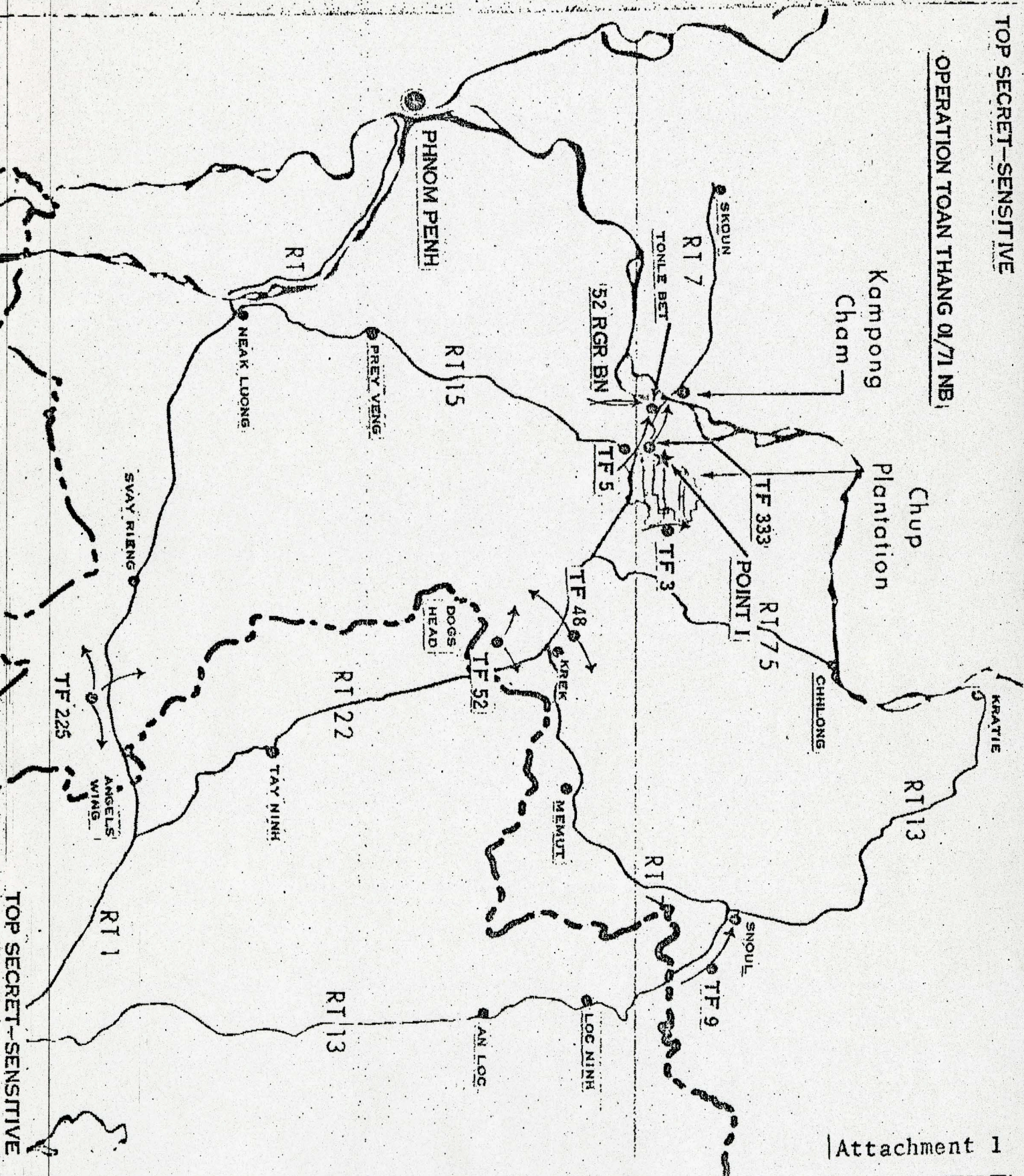
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OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB



Attachment 1

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TASK ORGANIZATION

RVNAF FORCES

TF 333

HQ 3D RGR GP
31ST RGR BN
36TH RGR BN
52D RGR BN
HQ 1ST ACS - 2 TROOPS
A/46 ARTY (6-155MM)
A/61 ARTY (6-105MM)

TF 3

HQ 3D ARMD CAV BDE
HQ 18TH ACS - 3 TROOPS
35TH RGR BN
HQ 15TH ACS - 2 TROOPS
30TH RGR BN
B/52 ARTY (6-105MM)
C/51 ARTY (4-155MM)
C/50 ARTY (4-155MM)
1/C/50 ARTY (2-155MM)

TF 5

HQ 5TH RGR GP
33D RGR BN
38TH RGR BN
TROOP 15TH ACS
C/251 ARTY (6-105MM)
B/46 ARTY (-) (4-155MM)

TF 48

HQ 48TH INF REGT
2/48
3/48
4/48
3/43
5TH ACS - 2 TROOPS
C/183 ARTY (4-105MM)
1/B/180 ARTY (2-155MM)
1/A/183 ARTY (2-105MM)
1/C/183 ARTY (2-105MM)
B/180 ARTY (-) (4-155MM)
A/183 ARTY (-) (4-105MM)

TF 225

49TH INF REGT
1/49
2/49
3/49
4/49
3/50
10TH ACS - 3 TROOPS
64TH RGR BN (-)
83D RGR BN (-)
1/A/252 ARTY (3-105MM)
2/A/250 ARTY (2-155MM)
B/251 ARTY (4-105MM)
1/C/250 ARTY (3-155MM)
2/A/252 ARTY (3-105MM)

TF 9

HQ 9TH INF REGT
1/9
2/9
3/9
4/9
1/7
4/8
1ST ACS (TROOP)
74TH RGR BN
B-C/53D ARTY (10-105MM)
A/5TH ARTY (6-155MM)

US FORCES

12TH AVN GP

23D ARTY GP

A/6/27 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)
C/6/27 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)
B/2/32 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)
C/2/12 ARTY (6-105MM)
A/2/32 ARTY (3-175MM)
B/2/35 ARTY (6-155MM)
C/2/32 ARTY (3-8")
C/4/8 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)
B/7/8 ARTY (2-8", 2-175MM)



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II

References: Six Previous NMCC MFRs, 31 Jan-4 Feb 71,
same subject

1. General: This is the seventh situation report on the Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II and covers the period ending 041900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based on initial combat reports and may be revised based upon more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. There were three incidents reported during this period (see attached map). There were 10 enemy soldiers killed and two US soldiers wounded. At point 1 on 3 February, US Army air cavalry elements engaged 10 to 15 enemy soldiers killing six. At point 2 on 3 February, US Army air cavalry elements engaged six enemy soldiers killing one. At point 3, ARVN elements engaged a small enemy force killing three enemy soldiers and seizing one individual weapon.*

b. Locations of US/RVNAF units involved in the operation are shown in the attachments.

c. Two battalions under operational control of the 1/5 Mechanized Brigade (3/187 Infantry, 1/11 Infantry) continued operations along Highway 9. The 4/3 Infantry moved to Khe Sanh but remains under the operational control of the brigade.

d. Task Force 1/1 Cavalry continued reconnaissance in force along Highway 9 west of Khe Sanh.

e. Engineer effort to improve Highway 9 continues. A test of the dirt assault landing strip has revealed that the strip will not take C-130 aircraft without an estimated additional four days work to include compacting, penpriming, and installation of matting. Estimated completion date is now 9 February. In addition, the 10 February estimated completion date for the old steel

*See paragraphs 3 and 4.

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mat strip is being reevaluated due to the slow progress of work. Major problem is the lack of equipment for removing damaged panels.

f. The 1st ARVN Airborne Division Headquarters, one airborne brigade headquarters, and three airborne battalions moved from Dong Ha to a position south of Khe Sanh.

g. The remainder of the 147th VNMC Brigade (2d VNMC Battalion, 8th VNMC Battalion) closed into Dong Ha.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	0	2	0	0	5	0
RVNAF	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
ENEMY	7*	7	0	12**	9	0

*Three enemy KIA and one weapon seized by ARVN not included as part of Operation DEWEY CANYON II statistics per MACV.

**Change of one additional KIA in cumulative figure is due to update from MACV.

4. Equipment/Material:

	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
a. Individual weapons	0*	6*
b. Crew-served weapons	0	2
c. Ammunition		
(1) Small arms (rounds)	0	400
(2) Other (tons)	0	0.70
d. Vehicles	0	3
e. Rice (tons)	0	2.0
f. Miscellaneous equipment/supplies	0	0.55

5. Air support: The air support data for Operation DEWEY CANYON II is as follows:

a. US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	2	29
F-4 (USAF)	6	76
B-52	0	18
HELO GUNSHIPS	259	752

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<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
AIR CAVALRY	270	486
HELO TROOPLIFT	1,179	2,918
HELO MEDEVAC	0	5
C-130 LOGISTICS	33	245
HELO LOGISTICS	595	2,881

b. VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES: None reported.

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DONG HA CMBT BASE (ARVN)

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KHE SANH

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Roman numerals indicate unit position. See attachment 2 for Task Organization.

TASK ORGANIZATION

US FORCES

I

XXIV CORPS (FWD) (ARTY)
45 ENGR GP
2/17 AIR CAV SQDN

VIII

TF 4/3 INF
TF 1/11
27 ENGR BN
TF 326 ENGR BN

II

14 ENGR BN

IX

TF 3/5 CAV

III

TF 3/187

X

TF 1/77 ARM
1/82 ARTY (-)

IV

1/5 MECH BDE HQ

V

TF 1/1 CAV

VI

2/94 ARTY

VII

108 ARTY GP HQ
8/4 ARTY
5/4 ARTY

TASK ORGANIZATION

RVNAF FORCES

XI

- 1 ABN BDE
- 1 ABN BN
- 8 ABN BN
- 9 ABN BN
- 1 ABN DIV ARTY
- 10 ENGR GP
- 101 ENGR BN
- 102 ENGR BN
- 147 VNMC BDE
- 4 VNMC BN
- 2 VNMC BN
- 8 VNMC BN

XII

- 1 CORPS (FWD CP)
- 44 ARTY BN

XIII

- 1 ARMD BDE
- 11 ARMD CAV SQD
- 17 ARMD CAV SQD
- 64 ARTY BN

XIV

- ABN DIV HQ
- 3 ABN BDE
- 2 ABN BN
- 3 ABN BN
- 6 ABN BN

XV

- HQ 1ST INF DIV
- 2/1 INF BN
- 3/3 INF BN

XVI

- RGR GP
- 21 RGR BN
- 37 RGR BN
- 39 RGR BN



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General:

a. TOAN THANG 01/71 NB is an ARVN Operation designed to relieve pressure on FANK Forces in the Kampong Cham area of Cambodia by destroying enemy forces and facilities and disrupting their logistic operations. US forces will provide long range artillery, tactical air support from within RVN and airlift support when airlift requirements exceed South Vietnamese capability. No US ground combat forces or US advisors are involved. Forces consisting of elements of the 5th, 18th, and 25th ARVN Divisions (28 RVNAF battalions, approximately 20,000 men) will be under the command of General Tri, Commanding General, Military Region 3. One trained and three or four untrained FANK battalions (approximately 2,000 men) will operate with ARVN forces.

b. This is the first situation report on Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB and covers the period 031500-031900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based upon initial combat reports and may be revised based upon more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. The operation commenced at 1500 EST 3 February. There was no contact with the enemy and no friendly or enemy casualties have been reported. See map, attachment 1, and Task Organization, attachment 2.

b. Task Force 333 is advancing westward along Route 7 and into the Chup Plantation area.

c. Task Force 5 is proceeding west parallel to Route 7.

d. Task Force 3 is moving westward.

e. Task Force 225 is in the area of operations west of the Angel's Wing.

f. Task Force 9 crossed the RVN border and is proceeding towards Snuol.

3. Casualties: None reported.

4. Equipment/Material - Captured/Destroyed: None reported.

5. Air Support: Air support data for Operation TOAN TANG 01/71 NB is as follows:

a. US Combat Support Sorties

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
B-52	3	3
A-37)	31	31
F-100)		

b. VNAF Combat Support Sorties: None reported.

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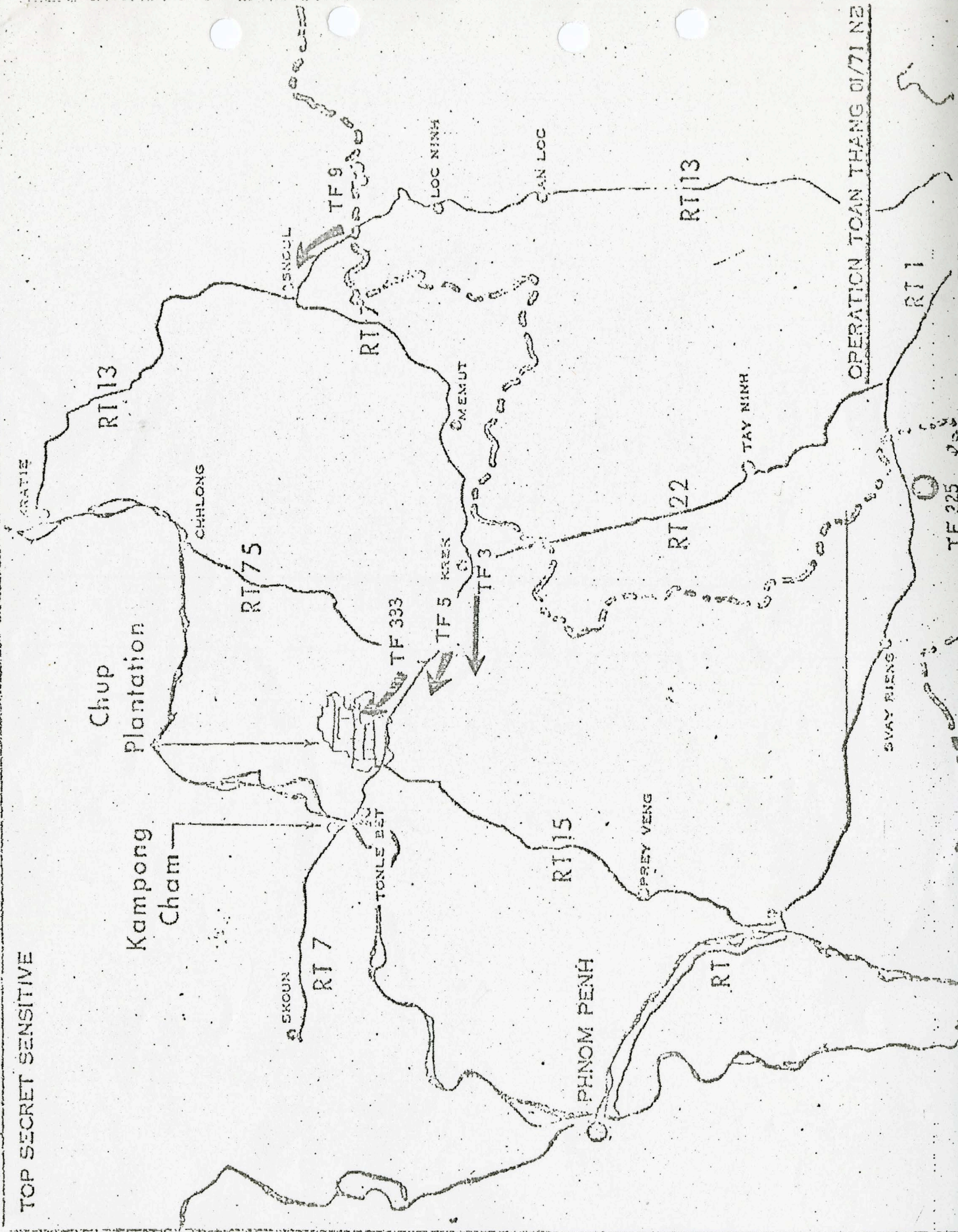
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TASK ORGANIZATION

RVNAF FORCES

TF 333	C/50 ARTY (4-155MM)
HQ 3D RGR GP	1/C/50 ARTY (2-155MM)
31ST RGR BN	
36TH RGR BN	TF 225
52D RGR BN	495TH INF REGT
HQ 1st ACS - 2 TROOPS	1/49
A/46 ARTY (6-155MM)	2/49
A/61 ARTY (6-105MM)	3/495
	4/49
TF 5	3/50
HQ 5TH RGR GP	10TH ACS - 3 TROOPS
73D RGR BN	64TH RGR BN
58TH RGR BN	83D RGR BN
TROOP 15TH ACS	1/A/252 ARTY (3-105MM)
C/251 ARTY (6-105MM)	2/A/250 ARTY (2-155MM)
B/46 ARTY (4-155MM)	B/251 ARTY (4-105MM)
	1/C/250 ARTY (3-155MM)
TF 3	2/A/252 ARTY (3-105MM)
HQ 3D ARMD CAV BDE	
HQ 18TH ACS - 3 TROOPS	
35TH RGR BN	
HQ 15TH ACS - 2 TROOPS	
30TH RGR BN	
B/52 ARTY (6-105MM)	
C/51 ARTY (4-155MM)	

TF 9

HQ 9TH INF REGT

1/9

2/9

3/9

4/9

4/8

1ST ACS TROOP

97TH RGR VN

74TH RGR BN

B-C/530 ARTY (10-105MM)

A/5TH ARTY (6-155MM)



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II

References: Five Previous NMCC MFRs, 31 Jan-3 Feb 71,
same subject

1. General: This is the sixth situation report on the Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II and covers the period ending 031900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based on initial combat reports and may be revised based upon more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. There were three incidents reported during this period (see attached map). There were no friendly or enemy casualties reported. At point 1 on 2 February, US Army air cavalry elements engaged a storage area and observed 44 secondary explosions. A camouflaged truck was also destroyed. At point 2 on 3 February, a US Army light observation helicopter received 50 rounds of automatic weapons fire with no hits reported. At point 3 US Army infantry elements found a bunker containing forty 105-mm artillery rounds.

b. Locations of US/RVNAF units involved in the operation are shown on the attached map.

c. The three battalions under operational control of the 1/5 Mechanized Brigade (3/187 Infantry, 1/11 Infantry, 4/3 Infantry) continued operations along Highway 9.

d. Task Force 1/1 Cavalry continued reconnaissance in force along Highway 9 west from Khe Sanh, reaching a point 1,000 meters from where the RVN/LAOS border intersects Route 9.

e. Engineer effort to improve Highway 9 continued, with Route 9 open to a point 3.5 nautical miles west of Lang Vei. Work on the assault landing strip has been completed. Work on the steel mat strip at Khe Sanh continues with estimated completion date of 10 February.

f. The 1st ARVN Ranger Group with three battalions moved to a point northwest of Khe Sanh along the RVN/LAOS border.

g. The 1st ARVN Infantry Division Headquarters with two infantry battalions moved into the Khe Sanh area.

h. One VNUMC brigade headquarters with one VNUMC battalion has been added to RVNAF elements assembled at Dong Ha.

i. The 108th Artillery Group Headquarters moved from Dong Ha Combat Base to the Khe Sanh area.

j. Task Force 3/5 Cavalry continues to move southwest from the Rockpile towards Khe Sanh.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	0	0	0	0	3	0
RVNAF	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DETAINED</u>		<u>KIA</u>	<u>DETAINED</u>	
ENEMY	0	0		4	0	

4. Equipment/Material:

	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
a. Individual weapons	3	6
b. Crew-served weapons	1	2
c. Ammunition		
(1) small-arms (rounds)	200	400
(2) other (tons)	0.65	0.70
d. Vehicles	2	3
e. Rice (tons)	1.0	2.0
f. Miscellaneous equipment/supplies	0.5	0.55

5. Air support: The air support data for Operation DEWEY CANYON II is as follows:

a. US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE*</u>
B-52	0	18
C-130	18	212*
A-4 (USMC)	8	27
F-4	8	70
HELO GUNSHIPS	127	493
AIR CAVALRY	62	216
HELO TROOPLIFT	476	1,739

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<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
HELO MEDEVAC	0	5
HELO LOGISTICS	561	2,286

*Change in cumulative figure is due to updated figures from MACV.

b. VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES: None reported.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II

References: Four Previous NMCC MFRs, 31 Jan-2 Feb, same subject

1. General: This is the fifth situation report on the Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II and covers the period ending 021900 EST February 1971. The information herein is based on initial combat reports and may be revised based upon more complete information.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. There were four light contacts with enemy forces reported during this period (see attached map). A total of two enemy soldiers were killed. There were no friendly casualties reported. At point 1 a US Army Ranger team engaged four enemy soldiers on 1 February killing two. At point 2 on 2 February, US armored cavalry elements found a small cache containing one 57-mm recoilless rifle, one automatic rifle, and one 81-mm mortar bipod. At point 3 a US Army air cavalry troop raided a suspected enemy location. They met no resistance, but discovered 40 to 50 bamboo huts containing beds, tents, and clothing. The huts appeared to have been occupied between 12 to 24 hours earlier. At point 4 US air cavalry elements destroyed an enemy truck.

b. Locations of US/RVNAF units involved in the operation are shown on the attached map.

c. The three battalions under operational control of the 1/5 Mechanized Brigade (3/187 Infantry, 1/11 Infantry, 4/3 Infantry) continued operations along Highway 9. The brigade command post has moved to Lang Vei.

d. Task Force 1/1 Cavalry continues reconnaissance in force along Highway 9 west from Khe Sanh, and has established a north to south reconnaissance screen. A feint to the south of Lang Vei is also underway.

e. Engineer effort to improve Highway 9 continues, with Route 9 open to Lang Vei for all but tractor trailers. Work on the assault landing strip and the steel mat strip at Khe Sanh continues with estimated completion dates of 4 and 10 February unchanged.

f. The 1st Brigade, 1st ARVN Airborne Division, with three battalions, closed their assembly area at Dong Ha along with the division artillery, and the 10th Engineer Group with two battalions.

g. Task Force 3/5 Cavalry continues to move southwest from the Rockpile towards Khe Sanh.

3. Casualties:

<u>FRIENDLY</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
US	0	0	0	0	3	0
RVNAF	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DETAINED</u>		<u>KIA</u>	<u>DETAINED</u>	
ENEMY	2	0		4	0	

<u>4. Equipment/Material:</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
a. Individual weapons	1	3
b. Crew-served weapons	1	1
c. Ammunition		
(1) small-arms (rounds)	0	200
(2) other (tons)	0	0.05
d. Vehicles	1	1
e. Rice (tons)	0	1
f. Miscellaneous equipment/supplies	0	0.05

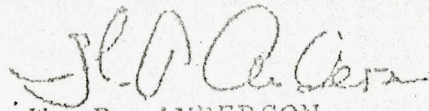
5. Air support: The air support data for Operation DEWEY CANYON II is as follows:

a. US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE*</u>
B-52	6	18*
C-130	18	150
A-4 (USMC)	4	19
F-4	12	62
HELO GUNSHIPS	116	366
AIR CAVALRY	14	154
HELO TROOPLIFT	626	1,263
HELO MEDEVAC	0	5
HELO LOGISTICS	564	1,725

*Change in cumulative figures is due to updated figures from MACV.

b. VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES - None reported.



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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Combined US/RVNAF Operation DEWEY CANYON II
Reference: NMCC MFR 310400 EST Jan 71, Subj: Combined
US/RVNAF Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This is the second situation report on the Combined US/RVNAF Operation, DEWEY CANYON II, formerly called LAMSON 719 and covers the period ending 301900 EST January 1971.

2. Summary of Current Operations:

a. Location of US/RVNAF units currently involved in the operation are shown on the attached map.

b. US/RVNAF elements continue to attack west along Highway 9 with no enemy contact reported during the period.

c. Task Force 3/5 continues attack along axis parallel to and north of Highway 9.

d. Task Force 3/187 continues search and clear operations along Highway 9 west of Ca Lu.

e. Task Force 4/3 continues search and clear operations in assigned areas and secures Highway 9 in sector west of Ca Lu.

f. Task Force 1/11 secures Khe Sanh and Hill 3330 and conducts search and clear operations within assigned area.

g. Task Force 1/77 secures Highway 9, vicinity of Combat Base Vandegrift.

h. 5/4 Artillery continues to support from current positions.

i. 2/17 Cavalry continues to conduct reconnaissance in assigned reconnaissance zone.

j. Engineer units continue to repair and upgrade Highway 9 west of Dong Ha and have begun repair work on the assault landing strip at Khe Sanh.

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k. RVNAF units have closed areas as indicated on attached map.

3. Casualties:

<u>FORCE</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
US	None	
RVNAF	None	
ENEMY	1	1

4. Equipment/Material - Captured/Destroyed (PAST 24 HOURS):

Undetermined number of mines and explosives.

Cumulative:

a. ammunition	0.2 tons
b. rice	1.0 tons
c. mines and explosives	undetermined amount.

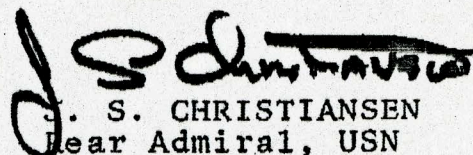
5. Air Support: The air support data for operation DEWEY CANYON II is as follows:

a. US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES:

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PAST 24 HOURS</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
B-52	6	6
C-130	30	30
HELO GUNSHIPS	68	252
HELO TROOPLIFT	118	368
HELO MEDEVAC	1	1
HELO LOGISTICS	28	130

b. VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES:

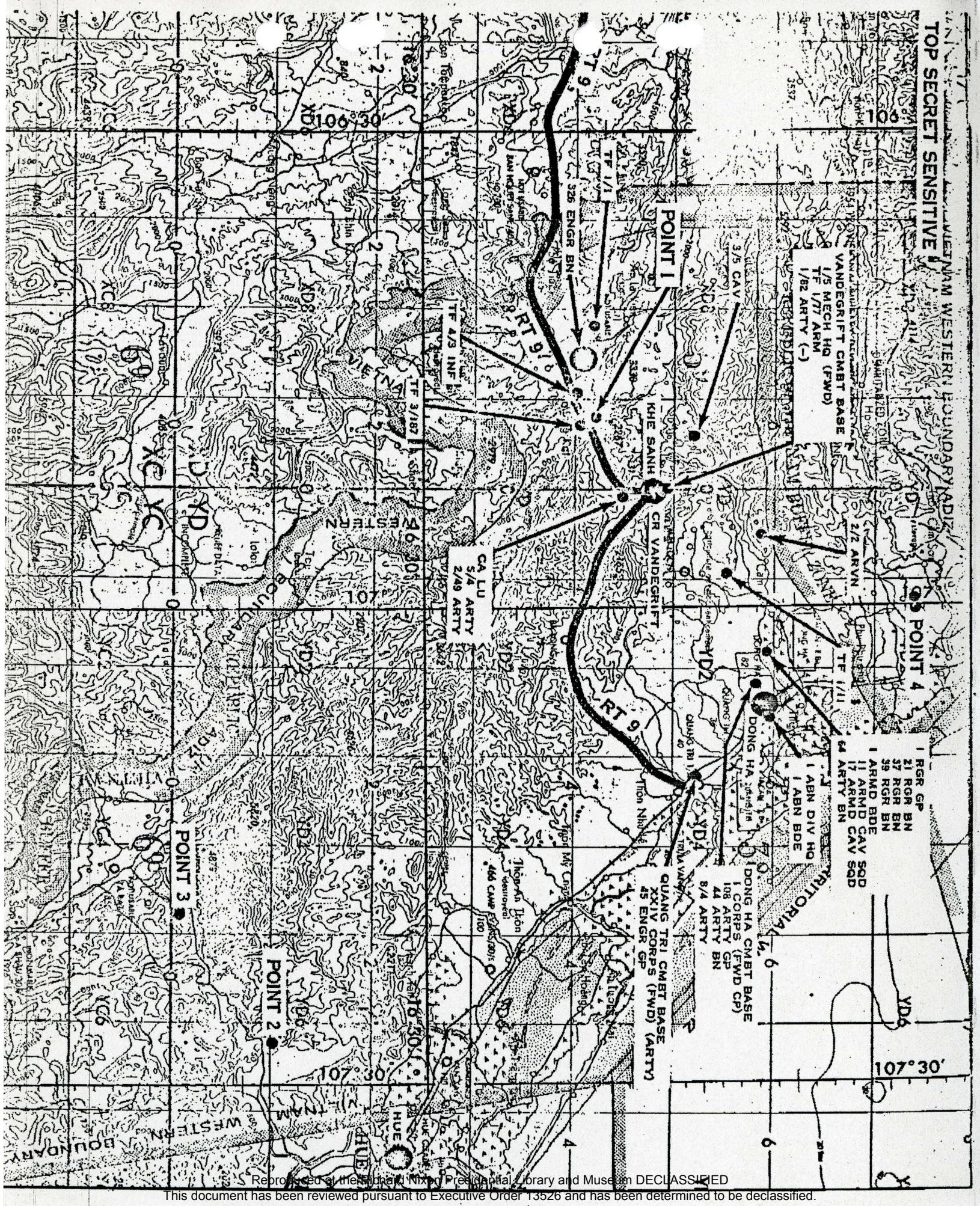
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SUBJECT: LON NOL - CURRENT SITUATION NR. 1 (U)

1. (S)(NFO) ON 11 FEBRUARY SREY SAMAN STATED THAT FANK OPERATING PROCEDURES WOULD BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

A. A COMMITTEE OF FOUR GENERALS (SREY SAMAN; U-SAY; SAK SUT-SAKHAN; AND THAPPANA NGIN) WILL FUNCTION UNDER SIRIK MATIK TO DECIDE MAJOR POLICY QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (MND) AND THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR. THEY WILL MEET DAILY IN A SERIES OF CONFERENCES FOR BRIEFING, ASSESSMENT, AND DECISION MAKING SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THE PRACTICE OF LON NOL.

B. AT 0700, THAPPANA NGIN WILL PRESIDE OVER A MEETING OF THOSE OFFICIALS AND COMMANDERS DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH THE DEFENSE OF THE CAPITAL: COMMANDER PPSMR; FANK G-2; COMMANDERS OF THE RESERVE BRIGADES IN PHNOM PENH; 1ST BRIGADE; 7TH BRIGADE; PARACHUTE BRIGADES; ETC.

C. ABOUT 0900 THE GENERAL'S COMMITTEE WILL MEET AT THE GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEFINGS; REVIEW OF THE GENERAL SITUATION; AND AGREEMENT ON POLICY QUESTIONS.

D. ABOUT 1000, SIRIK MATIK WILL COME TO THE GENERAL STAFF

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HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEFING BY GENERAL'S COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR PROPOSALS OF A MAJOR POLICY NATURE WHICH REQUIRE HIS DECISION.

2. (S)(NFD) THIS FORMULA WOULD PROVIDE A CERTAIN COMPROMISE BETWEEN LON NOL'S METHODS AND WHAT ARE KNOWN TO BE THE VIEWS OF SOME OF THE YOUNGER GENERALS. THE MORNING MEETING ON PHNOM PENH DEFENSES CONTINUES A MEETING INSTITUTED BY LON NOL AFTER THE POCHENTONG ATTACK. ORIGINALLY SET TO COMMENCE AT 0630, LON NOL RELENTED AND GAVE THE STRAGGLERS AN EXTRA HALF-HOUR TO ASSEMBLE. THIS MORNING MEETING RAN FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS, TO BE RESUMED ON SOME DAYS ABOUT 1700. ON THESE OCCASIONS ATTENDEES SIMPLY STAYED ON FOR THE EVENING MEETING WHICH INVOLVED ALL KEY STAFF OFFICERS PLUS COMMANDERS OF THE NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND PPSMR. THE EVENING MEETING LASTED FROM TWO TO FOUR HOURS. THUS AT THE END LON NOL AND SOME OF HIS KEY SUBORDINATES WERE SPENDING FROM FIVE TO SEVEN HOURS PER DAY IN MEETINGS - SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK. THE ELIMINATION OF THE EVENING MEETING WOULD REPRESENT IN PARTICULAR THE VIEW OF SREY SAMAN WHO REPORTEDLY DARED TO SUGGEST TO LON NOL THAT THE EVENING MEETING SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK WASN'T A VERY EFFICIENT WAY TO DO BUSINESS. LON NOL TOLD HIM TO KEEP QUIET, AND CONTINUED THE PRACTICE OF THIS PARTICULAR MEETING.

3. (S)(NFD) NEVERTHELESS, THE GENERALS HESITATE TO ABANDON THE EVENING MEETING COMPLETELY SO LONG AS LON NOL IS STILL PRESENT. KHOUROUDETH STATED THAT THAPPANA NGIN AND SAK SUTSAKHAN PRESIDED - MORE OR LESS JOINTLY - OVER THE EVENING MEETING ON 11 FEBRUARY, PERHAPS TO REASSURE LON NOL - IN BED ON THE FLOOR ABOVE - THAT THINGS WERE STILL NORMAL. THE ABSENCE OF SREY SAMAN AND U-SAY FROM THIS MEETING WAS EXPLAINED BY SREY SAMAN'S KNOWN AVERSION TO THE EVENING MEETING AND THE FACT THAT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE TACTICAL IN NATURE.

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HEADQUARTERS FOR BRIEFING BY GENERAL'S COMMITTEE AND TO HEAR PROPOSALS OF A MAJOR POLICY NATURE WHICH REQUIRE HIS DECISION.

2. (S)(NFD) THIS FORMULA WOULD PROVIDE A CERTAIN COMPROMISE BETWEEN LON NOL'S METHODS AND WHAT ARE KNOWN TO BE THE VIEWS OF SOME OF THE YOUNGER GENERALS. THE MORNING MEETING ON PHNOM PENH DEFENSES CONTINUES A MEETING INSTITUTED BY LON NOL AFTER THE POCHENTONG ATTACK. ORIGINALLY SET TO COMMENCE AT 0630, LON NOL RELENTED AND GAVE THE STRAGGLERS AN EXTRA HALF-HOUR TO ASSEMBLE. THIS MORNING MEETING RAN FOR ABOUT TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS, TO BE RESUMED ON SOME DAYS ABOUT 1700. ON THESE OCCASIONS ATTENDEES SIMPLY STAYED ON FOR THE EVENING MEETING WHICH INVOLVED ALL KEY STAFF OFFICERS PLUS COMMANDERS OF THE NAVY, AIR FORCE, AND PPSMR. THE EVENING MEETING LASTED FROM TWO TO FOUR HOURS. THUS AT THE END LON NOL AND SOME OF HIS KEY SUBORDINATES WERE SPENDING FROM FIVE TO SEVEN HOURS PER DAY IN MEETINGS - SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK. THE ELIMINATION OF THE EVENING MEETING WOULD REPRESENT IN PARTICULAR THE VIEW OF SREY SAMAN WHO REPORTEDLY DARED TO SUGGEST TO LON NOL THAT THE EVENING MEETING SEVEN DAYS PER WEEK WASN'T A VERY EFFICIENT WAY TO DO BUSINESS. LON NOL TOLD HIM TO KEEP QUIET, AND CONTINUED THE PRACTICE OF THIS PARTICULAR MEETING.

3. (S)(NFD) NEVERTHELESS, THE GENERALS HESITATE TO ABANDON THE EVENING MEETING COMPLETELY SO LONG AS LON NOL IS STILL PRESENT. KHOUROUDETH STATED THAT THAPPANA NGIN AND SAK SUTSAKHAN PRESIDED - MORE OR LESS JOINTLY - OVER THE EVENING MEETING ON 11 FEBRUARY, PERHAPS TO REASSURE LON NOL - IN BED ON THE FLOOR ABOVE - THAT THINGS WERE STILL NORMAL. THE ABSENCE OF SREY SAMAN AND U-SAY FROM THIS MEETING WAS EXPLAINED BY SREY SAMAN'S KNOWN AVERSION TO THE EVENING MEETING AND THE FACT THAT SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WERE TACTICAL IN NATURE.

4. (U) REQUEST DIA PASS TO STATE AND CIA.

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