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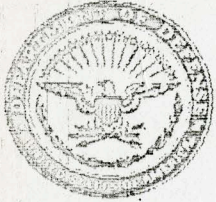
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THE JOINT STAFF

16 February 1971
0600 EST

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Military Situation Report on Operations in
Laos and Cambodia

Attached are situation reports on operations in Laos
and Cambodia and the weather forecast for the areas.

E.O. Martin

E. O. MARTIN
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy Director for
Operations (NMCC)

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16 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 150800-152200 GMT (151600-160600 Saigon time, 150300-151700 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 are reporting no major actions. RVNAF forces in Laos continue to locate sizeable stores of material and equipment.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At point 1, elements of US Task Force 4/3 Infantry engaged 24 enemy, killing 15, and seizing four individual weapons and two radios.

(2) At point 2, a US Army CH-47 helicopter was hit by fire and exploded in mid-air. Five US personnel were killed and one is missing.

(3) At point 3, elements of the 8th ARVN Airborne Battalion made contact with an enemy force. Twelve ARVN soldiers were wounded. Enemy losses are unknown. Later, in the same area, elements of the 17th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron seized two Russian trucks and destroyed six tons of rice.

(4) At point 4, the 2d Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment discovered the bodies of 43 enemy soldiers believed to have been killed by air. In the same area, 45 bags of rice were discovered.

(5) At point 5, the 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment received 80 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack, resulting in two ARVN soldiers killed and eight wounded. Three enemy soldiers were killed and two individual weapons seized.

(6) Other actions in the LAMSON 719 area and northern South Vietnam resulted in four friendly soldiers killed (two US) and 17 friendly soldiers wounded (three US). Enemy losses were 11 killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All planned objectives were accomplished during the reporting period.

(2) US engineers are continuing efforts to upgrade Highway 9 east of the Laotian border. Reconstruction of the old landing strip at Khe Sanh is 25 percent complete.

3. Remarks:

a. The total number of RVNAF troops in Laos is 10,321.

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

(1) Infantry (including airborne)	13
(2) Artillery	3 (equivalent)
(3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons	2
(4) Engineer	1
(5) Ranger	2

c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

B-52

No results reported

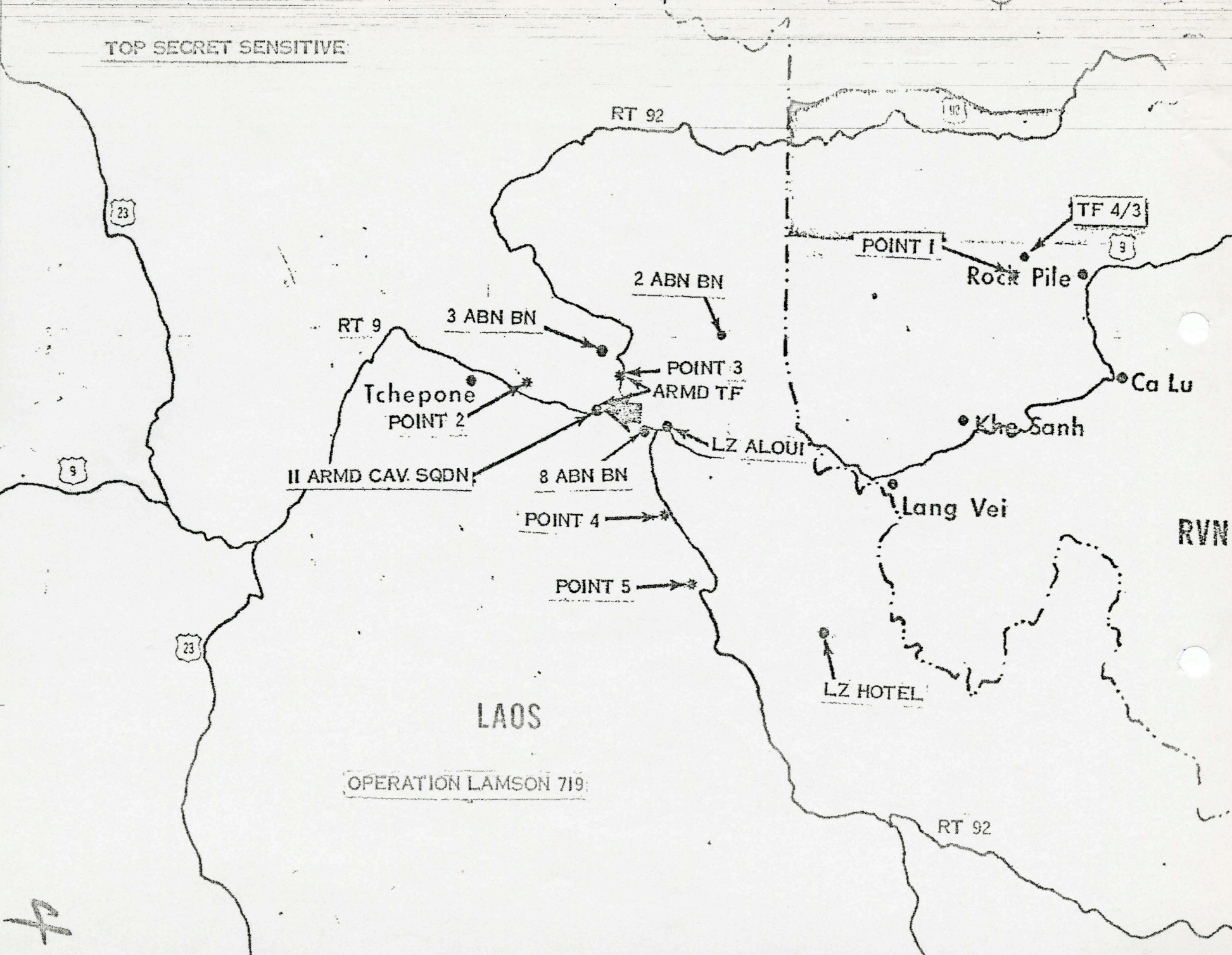
TACTICAL AIR

39 vehicles destroyed
 2 gun sites destroyed
 1 vehicle damaged
 11 secondary fires
 13 secondary explosions
 30 bunkers destroyed

d. Statistical data for the operations are shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

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



OPERATION LAMSON 719

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	1	7	9	25	126	11
RVNAF	9	42	0	85	292	1
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	86	57	1	622	265	6

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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LAMSON 719

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	45	0	991	13
Crew-Served Weapons	5	1	97	13
Ammunition				
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)	0	0	34,040	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	2,000	63,180*	7,800
Vehicles	2	1	21	43
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	2	3	2
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	8,260	0
POL (1,000 Gals.)	0	1.48	15.45	101.48
Documents (Pounds)	1	0	2	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	11,200	12,000	72,800**	26,000
Structures	0	0	400	200
Bunkers	0	0	0	151
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	69,600	4,000

*Includes:

9,000 rounds of 37-mm ammunition
5 antitank grenades
6 satchel charges

**Corrected Data

AIR SUPPORT-LAMSON 719
COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

RVN

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	0	62
F-4 (USAF)	0	127
A-6 (USMC)	0	17
A-7 (USN)	0	4
F-100	0	2
B-52	0	21
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	375	3,176
Air Cavalry	163	2,196
Helo Troop Lift	694	8,707
Helo Med Evac	8	159
G-130	8	350
Helo Logistics	904	11,009

LAOS

A-4 (USMC-USN)	24	196
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	40	452
A-6 (USMC)	4	9
A-7 (USN)	11	52
F-100	0	4
B-52	6	161
B-57 (USAF)	1	3
AC-130 Gunships	3	24
Helo Gunships	447	2,057
Air Cavalry	361	1,374
Helo Troop Lift	194	2,310
Helo Med Evac	8	45
AC-119	1	3
Helo Logistics	128	747

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

RVN

A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	4	20
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	77
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	6

LAOS

B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	4	48
Helo Troop Lift	8	128
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	23	38

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
<u>US</u>		
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RVN/LAOS</u>	<u>RVN/LAOS</u>
AH-1G	0/0	3/4*
UH-1H	0/0	1/4
OH-6A	0/0	1/1
OH-58A	0/0	1/0
CH-47	0/1	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0

VNAF

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>RVN/LAOS</u>	<u>RVN/LAOS</u>
UH-1H	0/0	1/1

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES


<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
<u>US</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
AH-1G	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	0/5	0/0
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	**0/0	2/4	3/7	**0/2
OH-6A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/1	0/0
OH-58A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	0/0
CH-47	0/5	0/0	0/1	0/5	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0
<u>VNAF</u>						
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	***9/9	0/0	0/0

*Includes two operational losses.

**Includes one ARVN.

***Includes four US Newsmen.

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Attachment 5 

16 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 150800-152200 GMT (151600-160600 Saigon time, 150300-151700 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: Position of RVNAF task force elements are shown at attachment 1. Sweep operations in the Chup Plantation area continue to produce scattered contacts. One major action was reported near Snuol.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At point 1, elements of the 1st ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron and 4th Battalion, 8th ARVN Infantry Regiment en route to reinforce another ARVN unit made contact with an enemy force, killing 17 and seizing two individual weapons. ARVN casualties were one killed and six wounded.

(2) At point 2, updated information of an enemy attack on the 1st Battalion, 7th ARVN Infantry Regiment previously reported in NMCC MFR, same subject, dated 151500 EST February 1971, indicates that the action lasted approximately 23 hours and resulted in 203 enemy soldiers killed. ARVN losses were 10 killed, 50 wounded, and five missing. Friendly forces lost 10 individual weapons and one radio. Enemy material seized included 17 individual weapons and 3 antitank grenade launchers.

(3) At point 3, elements of the 18th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron and 1st Battalion, 52d ARVN Regiment discovered and destroyed an 11-ton rice cache.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: Friendly activities continued according to plan.

3. Remarks:

a. Results of Tactical Airstrikes:

- 58 Bunkers destroyed.
- 12 Structures destroyed.
- 7 Secondary fires.

b. The total number of RVNAF troops in Cambodia is 17,917.

c. The total number of RVNAF battalions in Cambodia by type is:

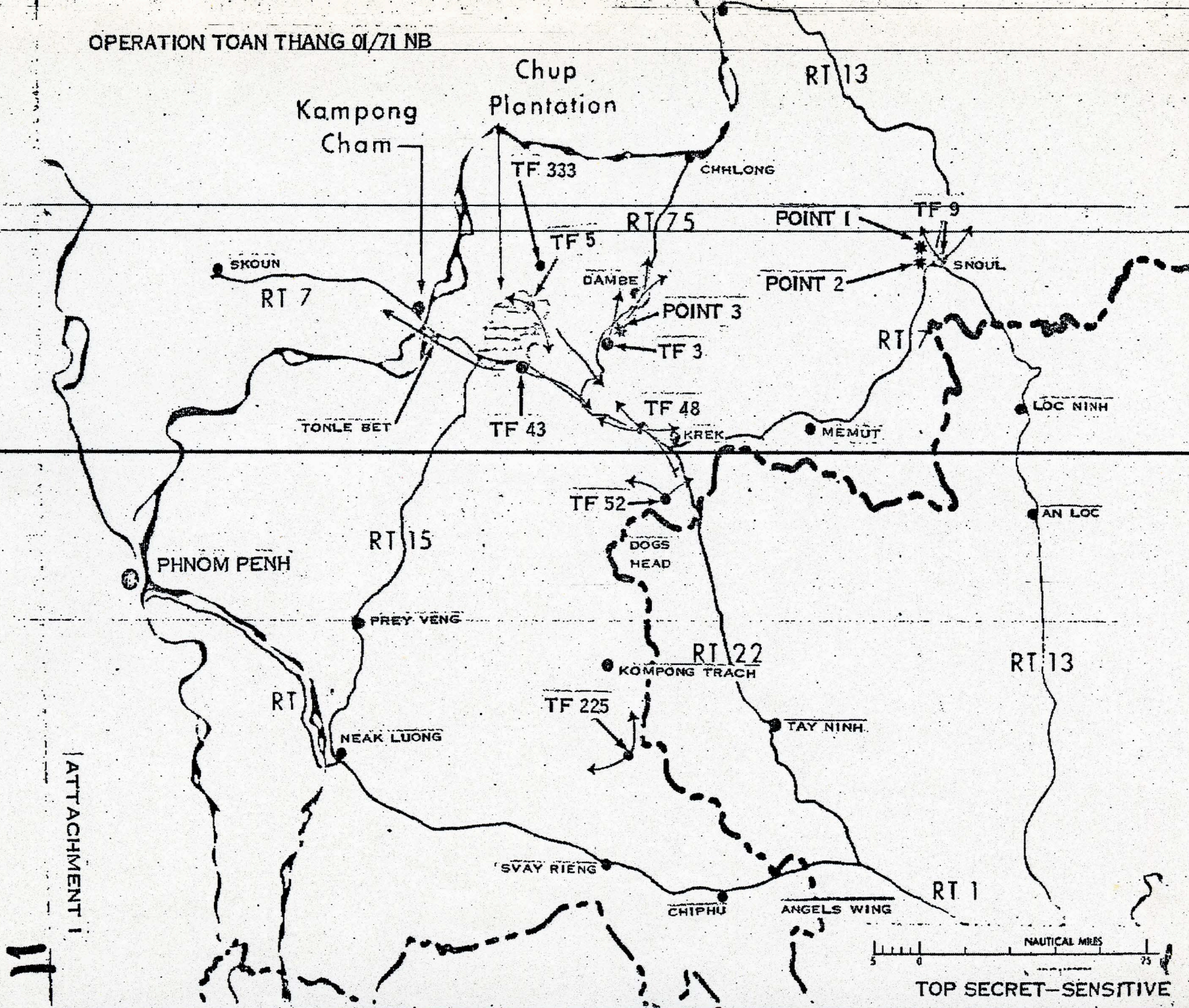
- (1) Infantry - 18
- (2) Armored Cavalry Squadrons - 5
- (3) Ranger - 7

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

Attachments:

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

OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB



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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

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	9	31	5	132	504	5
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	156	0	2	1,125	0	53

TOAN TRANG 01/71 NB

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	5	0	247	21
Crew-Served Weapons	3	0	53	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	2	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	40 boxes	0
POL (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	.25	0	3.50	0
Food (Pounds)	12,000	22,000	25,000	38,600
Structures	0	0	0	10
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies	0	0	0	0
*189 B-40 Rounds				
25 75-mm Rounds				
16 Mines				
4 61-mm Mortar Rounds				

AIR SUPPORT - TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	14	136
F-100	0	121
B-52	0	9
AC-119 Gunships	0	3
Helo Gunships	16	102
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	4	22
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	20	285
A-37	0	7
F-5	9	149
AC-47	3	19
Helo Gunships	29	102
Helo Troop Lift	7	63
Helo Med Evac	15	110
Helo Logistics	36	154

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

TYPE AIRCRAFT

PERIOD

CUMULATIVE

US

TYPE

AH-1G

0

0

UH-1H

0

0

OH-6A

0

0

VNAF

TYPE

UH-1H

0

0

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

NONE

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 16/2000 - 17/2000 Saigon time.
OUTLOOK: 17/2000 - 18/2000 Saigon time.

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Cloudy with occasional light rain, ceiling 3500 feet, visibility 7 miles occasionally 3 to 5 miles in rain.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus surface to 1500 AGL and fog, visibility 1/2 to 2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing clouds.

NORTHERN S. VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet occasionally 10,000 feet, visibility 7 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy with light haze, ceiling 4000 feet occasionally 10,000 feet, visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy in valleys, stratus surface to 1500 feet and fog/drizzle, visibility 1/4 to 3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing clouds.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited, visibility unrestricted. Between 0000 and 1100 Saigon time, overcast with fog, ceiling 400 to 1200 feet AGL, visibility 1/2 - 5 miles.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing clouds.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy with light haze, ceiling 10,000 feet, visibility 4 to 7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus surface to 1000 feet and fog, visibility 1/2 to 2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing clouds.

CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Mostly clear with light haze, ceiling unlimited, visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and

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0900 Saigon time, patchy fog/haze, visibility
1-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

Note: All cloud heights are given in feet above Mean Sea
Level, except those indicating AGL (Above Ground Level).

Attachment
Map

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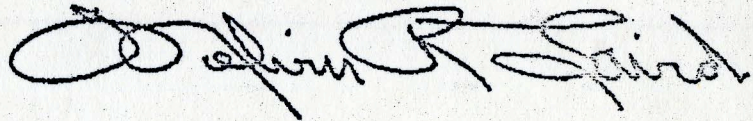
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16 February 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

Subject: Status Report on Operations in Laos and Cambodia

1. (C) Reference is made to your memorandum, dated 11 February 1971, subject as above.
2. (C) In accordance with your request, the 1600 hour daily reports are attached as enclosures 1 and 2.



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16 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 152200-160800 GMT (160600-161600 Saigon time, 151700-160300 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 are reporting no major actions. RVNAF forces in Laos continue to locate stores of enemy materiel and equipment.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, an element of the 39th Ranger Battalion engaged an enemy force. Two ARVN rangers were wounded and five enemy soldiers were killed.

(2) At Point 2, the Reconnaissance Company, 1st Infantry Division found an enemy facility including eight bunkers which were destroyed. Seized in the area were 27 individual weapons, two trucks, one 37-mm antiaircraft gun, and 1 ton of assorted 82-mm mortar and small-arms ammunition.

(3) At Point 3, the 2d Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment engaged an enemy force killing six enemy soldiers and seizing one individual weapon and one antitank grenade.

(4) Other actions in the LAMSON 719 area resulted in five friendly soldiers killed (one US) and 17 friendly soldiers wounded (three US). Enemy losses were seven killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All planned objectives were accomplished during the reporting period.

(2) US engineers are continuing efforts to upgrade Highway 9 east of the Laotian border. Reconstruction of the old landing strip at Kho Sanh is 25 percent complete. The assault strip is operational with C-130 aircraft delivering ground handling equipment in preparation for volume traffic to begin on 17 February.

(3) Elements of the 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment were initially delayed on the combat assault onto Landing Zone GREEN because of weather and was later diverted to Landing Zone GRASS because of heavy enemy ground fire around Landing Zone GREEN.

3. Remarks:

- a. The total number of RVNAF troops in Laos is 10,289.
- b. The total of friendly battalions in Laos by type is:
 - (1) Infantry (including airborne) 13
 - (2) Artillery 3 (equivalent)
 - (3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons 2
 - (4) Engineer 1
 - (5) Ranger 2

c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

B-52

TACTICAL AIR

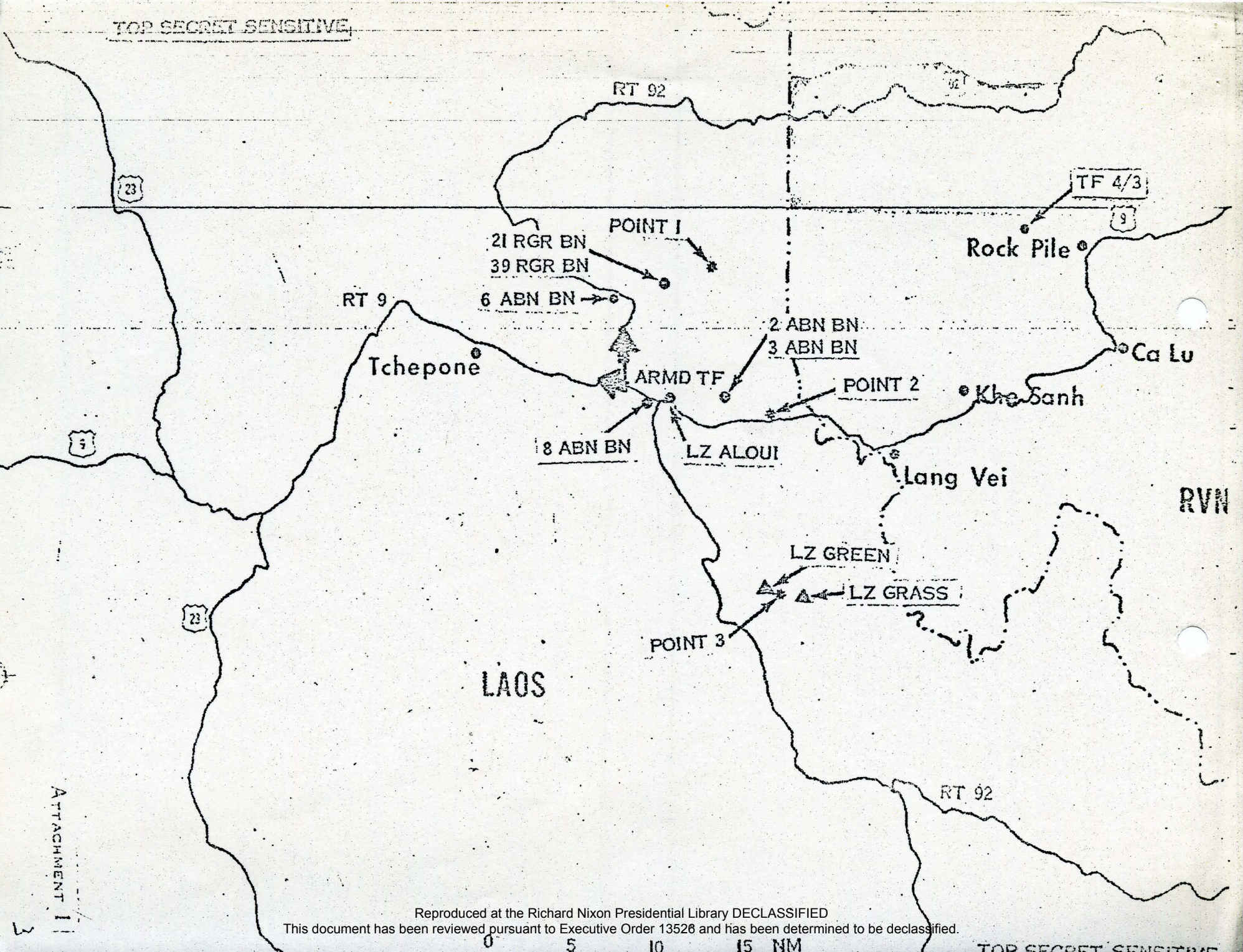
No results reported

150 rounds 37-mm ammunition
destroyed
3 gun sites destroyed
1 gun site damaged

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

Attachments:

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



ATTACHMENT 1

LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB70)

	<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	3	2	0	28	128	11
RVNAF	2	13	0	87	305	1
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	72	0	0	694	265	6

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

LAMSON 719

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	4	0	997*	13
Crew-served Weapons	3	0	100	13
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	34,040	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	63,180	7,800
Vehicles	2	0	23	43
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	3	2
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	8,260	0
FOL (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	15,45	101.48
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	2	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	72,800	26,000
Structures	0	0	400	200
Bankers	0	8	0	159
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	69,600	4,000
Corrected Data				

LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-4 (USMC)	0	62
F-4 (USAF)	0	127
A-6 (USMC)	0	17
A-7 (USN)	0	4
F-100	0	2
B-52	0	21
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	3,176
Air Cavalry	0	2,196
Helo Troop Lift	0	8,707
Helo Med Evac	0	159
C-130	0	350
Helo Logistics	0	11,009
	<u>LAOS</u>	
A-4 (USMC-USN)	6	202
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	20	472
A-6 (USMC)	0	9
A-7 (USN)	0	52
F-100	0	4
B-52	3	164
B-57 (USAF)	0	3
AC-130 Gunships	0	24
Helo Gunships	0	2,057
Air Cavalry	0	1,374
Helo Troop Lift	0	2,310
Helo Med Evac	0	45
AC-119	0	3
Helo Logistics	0	747

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LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	20
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	77
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	6
	<u>LAOS</u>	
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	48
Helo Troop Lift	0	128
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	38

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Attachment 4

LAMSON 719

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN/LAOS</u>	<u>RVN/LAOS</u>
<u>US</u>		
AH-1G	0/0	3/4*
UH-1H	0/0	1/4
OH-6A	0/0	1/1
OH-58A	0/0	1/0
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
<u>VNAF</u>		
UH-1H	0/0	0/2 ⁺

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)</u>		
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
<u>US</u>						
AH-1G	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	0/5	0/0
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/4	3/7**	0/2
OH-6A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/1	0/0
OH-58A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	3/0	0/0
CH-47	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/6
F-4	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	***9/9	0/0	0/0

*Includes two operational losses.

**Includes one ARVN.

***Includes four US Newsmen.

+Adjusted, based on information

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16 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 152200-160800 GMT (160600-161600 Saigon time, 151700-160300 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: Position of RVNAF task force elements are shown at Attachment 1. There was no significant change in task force locations or composition during the reporting period.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1 on 15 February, the 52d ARVN Ranger Battalion discovered a cache containing 8.2 tons of polished rice. The rice was destroyed in place. There was no contact with the enemy.

(2) At Point 2, the 15th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron and the 30th Ranger Battalion in a night defensive position received small-arms and antitank grenade fire. Friendly units returned fire. The Commanding Officer, 30th Ranger Battalion was killed and two ARVN soldiers were wounded. Approximately 14 hours later at 160120 EST, the same two units engaged an enemy force. Thirty-three enemy soldiers were killed and eight (six individual, two crew-served) weapons were seized. Five ARVN soldiers were killed and 10 wounded in this encounter.

(3) In addition to the significant combat activities described above, two other enemy contacts were reported which resulted in three enemy soldiers killed, while ARVN casualties were 10 soldiers wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: Friendly activities continued according to plan.

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/Materiel Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
5. Aircraft Losses

TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB 71)

	<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	1	0	0	2	0
RVNAF	6	24	0	138	528	5
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY:</u>						
	44	0	2	1,169	0	55

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 151700-160300 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	11	0	258	21
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	55	0
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	*	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	2	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	40 boxes	0
POL (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3.50	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	16,400	25,000	55,000
Structures	0	0	0	10
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
*189 B-40 Rounds				
25 75-mm Rounds				
16 Mines				
4 61-mm Mortar Rounds				

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**15 February 1971
0600 EST**



THE JOINT STAFF

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**Subject: Military Situation Report on Operations in
Laos and Cambodia**

Attached are situation reports on operations in Laos
and Cambodia and the weather forecast for the areas.

E. O. Martin

**E. O. MARTIN
Brigadier General, USAF
Deputy Director for
Operations (NMCC)**

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15 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 140800-142200 GMT (141600-150600 Saigon time, 140300-141700 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 resistance of varying intensities. Visual sightings of enemy personnel and indications of enemy activity continue to be numerous. ARVN forces in Laos continue to locate sizeable caches of enemy materiel/equipment.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, elements of US Task Force 4/3 Infantry engaged the enemy on two occasions, killing eight and seizing four individual weapons and one radio. Two US soldiers were wounded.

(2) At Point 2, US air cavalry elements attacked and destroyed two trucks. Six 55-gal. POL drums were observed burning in the area. In addition, 18 secondary explosions were observed.

(3) At Point 3, a US Army UH-1H helicopter on final approach to a landing zone was hit by an incoming mortar round and crashed, destroying the aircraft. Casualties were three US and one ARVN wounded, all of whom were extracted.

(4) At Point 4, an enemy attack by fire on the 3d ARVN Airborne Battalion resulted in six ARVN soldiers killed, three wounded, and one bulldozer destroyed.

(5) At Point 5, an enemy attack by fire on the ARVN Armored Task Force and the 8th ARVN Airborne Battalion killed three ARVN soldiers and wounded 31.

(6) At Point 6, the 8th ARVN Airborne Battalion located a cache containing 300 bicycles, 300 bicycle tires and assorted spare parts.

(7) At Point 7, the 2d Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment seized three Russian trucks.

(8) At Point 8, the 2d Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment located and destroyed the following items:

- 1,100 gallons POL in drums
- 1,000 meters telephone wire
- 700 hoes and shovels
- 2 tons 122-mm rockets

In addition, 3 tons of medical supplies were seized.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All planned objectives were accomplished during the reporting period.

(2) Highway 9 is in good condition up to Khe Sanh. Some sections have been peneprimed to reduce dust. Highway 9 from Khe Sanh to the border is open but is single lane west of Lang Vei. Widening and improving continues.

(3) Mat replacement is essentially complete on the assault strip at Khe Sanh. The first C-130 was scheduled to land at 150200 EST February 1971.

3. Remarks:

a. The total number of RVNAP troops in Laos is 10,021.

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| (1) Infantry (including airborne) | 13 |
| (2) Artillery | 3 (equivalent) |
| (3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons | 2 |
| (4) Engineer | 1 |
| (5) Ranger | 2 |

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

d. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

B-52

17 secondary explosions

TACTICAL AIR

12 vehicles destroyed
1 gun site destroyed
2 vehicles damaged
41 secondary fires
4 secondary explosions

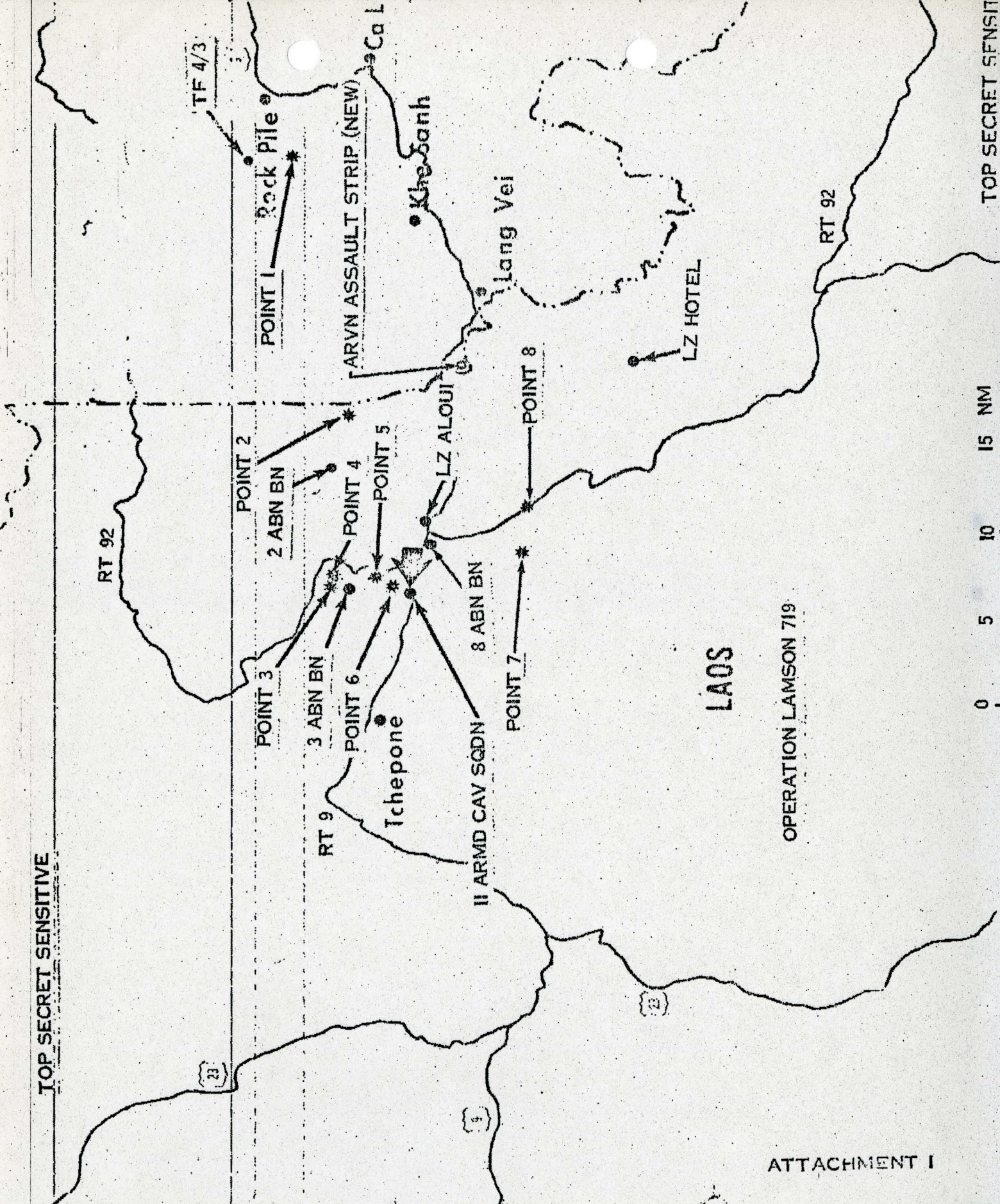
Attachments:

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

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OPERATION LAMSON 719

LAOS

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ATTACHMENT I

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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	8	0	22	110*	2
RVNAF	10	41	0	74	245	1
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	39	33	0	534	208	5

*Corrected Data.

**The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

LAMSON 719

EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	8	0	771	13
Crew-Served Weapons	0	0	85	10
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)	0	0	23,040	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	4,000	46,180	5,800
Vehicles	3	2	12	41
Communication Equipment (Radios)	1	0	3	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	6,000	0	8,260	0
POL (1,000 Gals.)	0	1.48	9.95	101.48
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	1	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	47,400	14,000
Structures	0	3	0	200
Bunkers	0	6	0	151
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	8,000	4,000	61,600	4,000

AIR SUPPORT-LAMSON 719
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

TYPE AIRCRAFT	<u>RVN</u>	
	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	0	62
F-4 (USAF)	6	127
A-6 (USMC)	5	16
A-7 (USN)	0	4
F-100	0	2
B-52	0	21
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helio Gunships	158	2,801
Air Cavalry	313	2,033
Helio Troop Lift	504	8,013
Helio Med Evac	23	151
C-130	5	342
Helio Logistics	868	10,105

<u>LAOS</u>		
A-4 (USMC)	17	164
F-4 (USAF)	42	398
A-6 (USMC)	0	5
A-7 (USN)	3	41
F-100	0	4
B-52	9	146
B-57 (USAF)	0	2
AC-130 Gunships	1	21
Helio Gunships	177	1,610
Air Cavalry	234	1,013
Helio Troop Lift	280	2,116
Helio Med Evac	8	37
AC-119	0	2
Helio Logistics	146	619

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

<u>RVN</u>		
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	5	16
Helio Gunships	0	0
Helio Troop Lift	8	77
Helio Med Evac	0	0
Helio Logistics	6	6

<u>LAOS</u>		
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helio Gunships	6	44
Helio Troop Lift	8	120
Helio Med Evac	0	4
Helio Logistics	10	15

c. The total number of RVNAF battalions in Cambodia by type is:

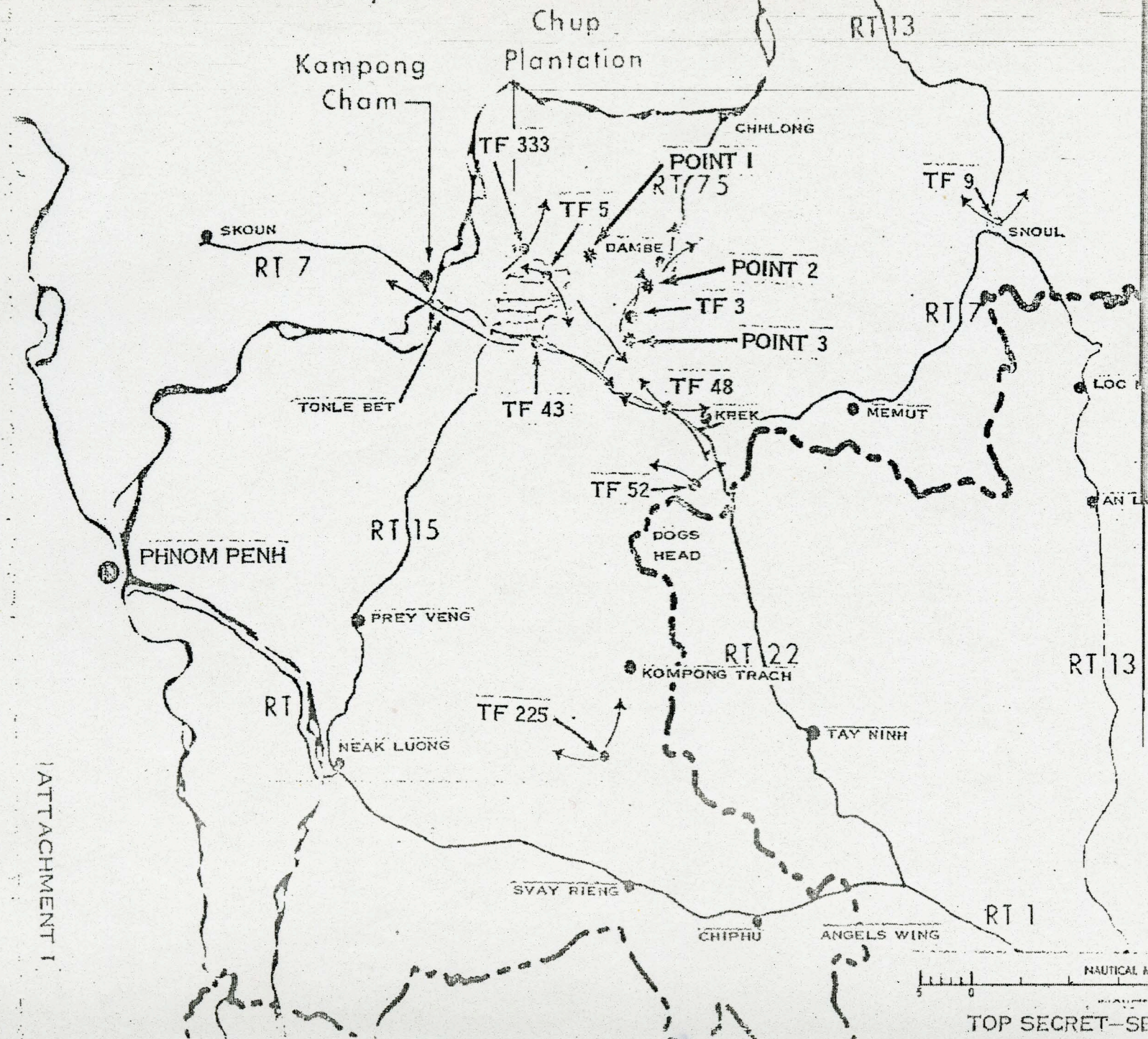
- (1) Infantry - 18
- (2) Armored Cavalry Squadrons - 5
- (3) Ranger - 7

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

Attachments:

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

OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB



ATTACHMENT 1

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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	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	5	10	0	120	438	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	24	0	6	876	0	46

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EQUIPMENT/MATERIEL/DESTROYED

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	6	0	216*	21
Crew-Served Weapons	3	0	46	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	2	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	40 Boxes	0
POL (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3.25	0
Food (Pounds)	10,000	0	13,000	16,600
Structures	0	0	0	10
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies	0	0	0	0

*Corrected Data

- **189 B-40 Rounds
- 25 75-mm Rounds
- 16 Mines
- 4 .61-mm Mortar Rounds

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AIR SUPPORT - TOAN THIANG 01/71 NB

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	2	120
F-100	0	109
B-52	0	9
AC-119 Gunships	0	3
Helo Gunships	2	86
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	2	18
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	28	265
A-37	0	7
F-5	14	140
AC-47	3	16
Helo Gunships	3	73
Helo Troop Lift	8	56
Helo Med Evac	3	95
Helo Logistics	30	118

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

TYPE AIRCRAFT

PERIOD

CUMULATIVE

US

TYPE

AH-1G

0

0

UH-1H

0

0

OH-6A

0

0

VNAF

TYPE

UH-1H

0

0

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

NONE

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Note: All cloud heights are given in feet above mean sea level, except those indicating AGL (above ground level).

Attachment
Map

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 15/2000 - 16/2000 Saigon time.
OUTLOOK: 16/2000 - 17/2000 Saigon time.

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast with rain/drizzle and fog, ceiling patchy 1000 feet, 2500 feet, visibility 2-5 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Overcast with rain/drizzle and fog, ceiling 3500 feet, visibility 1-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight decrease in clouds and precipitation.

NORTHERN S. VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Overcast with drizzle and fog, ceiling 1000 feet, visibility 2-5 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy with rain/drizzle and fog, ceiling 3000 feet, visibility 2-5 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus, surface to 1500 feet AGL and fog, visibility 1/4 - 3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight decrease in clouds.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Overcast with occasional rain/drizzle and fog, ceiling 200 to 500 feet AGL, visibility 3/4 - 5 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight improvement in ceilings and visibilities.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling 3000 feet, visibility 5 - 7 miles in light haze.
- Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus, surface to 1000 feet and fog, visibility 1/2 to 2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight decrease in clouds.

CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Mostly clear, ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 - 7 miles in light haze. Between 0500 and 0900 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling 1000 feet and fog/haze, visibility 1/4 - 4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight decrease in stratus and fog.

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February 14, 1971

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

HENRY A. KISSINGER *HK*

SUBJECT:

General Abrams' Report
on Laos Operation

We asked General Abrams for his assessment to get a feel for how the operation was going and what difficulties there might be. General Abrams has given us a detailed reply (Tab A). The specific items on which we asked Abrams' views and a summary of his reply follows.

1. Comparison of actual ARVN troop movements and time phasing with the original plan. Execution has been more deliberate than envisioned because:

- a) General Lam is insuring adequate flank security for establishing fire support bases
- b) Roads in Laos were in worse condition than expected
- c) General Lam was assuring protection of his lines of communication against contingencies of bad weather and enemy interdiction.

2. Any changes in objectives. Time phasing has been extended for reasons noted above and President Thieu has directed additional effort on Routes intersecting Route 9 to destroy enemy supplies in these areas. The principal objective remains the disruption of base area 604 and cutting of the enemy line of communication. The ARVN control of Route 92 achieved this objective in part.

3. ARVN performance to date. General Abrams considers it very good and professional.

4. Intensity and effect of enemy resistance. It has been continuous and about as expected. Early contact with two enemy regiments, however, led to General Lam's decision to bolster his flank security. Five enemy regiments are in the area and one more could reinforce in 48 hours.

5. Estimate of when ARVN will establish blocking position across enemy supply lines. Route 92 is already blocked; routes through and west of Tchepone will be blocked in about eight to ten days.

6. The enemy supply situation and effect on enemy strategy. Supply reserves south of Tchepone are limited. Occupation of Tchepone will disrupt the entire logistical structure. LOCs farther west are subject to interdiction.

7. Effects of enemy anti-aircraft on U.S. helo operations. Losses have been less than anticipated given the total number of sorties flown.

8. Effects of weather. Operations were slowed by bad weather for the first two days. Since then the weather has been good. Increasing cloudiness may have some effect on helo operations over the next few days.

General Abrams also notes:

1 -- Primary objective remains to cut and disrupt the trail system. Exploitation of enemy caches is secondary.

-- The operation will continue as planned but at a slower pace than visualized because of the need for flank security. Our support is fully available for continued ARVN movement.

-- The operation has gone well despite the delays caused by weather and bad road conditions. General Abrams believes that the operation will move west at the earliest possible time and is satisfied with the way it is going.

Neither Secretary Rogers nor Secretary Laird is aware that we asked General Abrams for these views. It is important that we maintain the security of this exchange particularly as concerns Secretary Laird in order to protect General Abrams.

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TEXT OF MESSAGE FROM GEN. ABRAMS

1. (TS) Reference requested my personal appraisal of progress to date of Lamson 719 and forecast for the immediate future.
2. (TS) A comparison of the actual ARVN troop movements and time phasing with those originally planned reveals that the execution to date has been somewhat more deliberate than originally envisioned. Three reasons appear paramount: First, General Lam considered it prudent to insure adequate flank security including establishment of fire support bases along Highway 9. Second, the roads on the Laotian side of the border were in far worse condition than expected with many erosion cuts twenty feet deep. Third, General Lam is determined to secure his lines of communication of the ground against the contingencies of prolonged bad weather and enemy interdiction.
3. (TS) There have been modifications to the plan from that presented in Washington. Phase II of Lamson 719 (assault by RVNAF along Route 9) was originally estimated as being of approximately 3 days duration. The time phasing has been extended for reasons outlined herein: to achieve maximum destruction of the enemy system, President Thieu has also directed that additional battalions be deployed along Route Segments 1032B and 92C with the mission of destroying all supplies in these areas. Even so, the objective of the operation remains to achieve maximum disruption of the enemy system within base area 604. A prime purpose of the operation was to sever the enemy LOC, and by cutting and controlling Route 92, this has to a certain degree been accomplished, as evidenced by the equipment and supplies already uncovered.
4. (TS) I would assess the ARVN performance to date as a very good and professional one. Their kill ratio is on the order of ten to one and the number of captured or destroyed items is beginning to rise significantly. Details have been provided in operational summaries.
5. (TS) Contact with the enemy has been continuous, characterized by numerous company-size and smaller ground attacks. Although enemy reaction to date has generally followed the assessment made in the planning phase, the early contact with the 64th and 88th regiments had not been anticipated by Gen. Lam and is an element in his decision to bolster his

flank security. Enemy forces within the AO now number five enemy regiments with one additional regiment capable of reinforcing within forty-eight hours.

6. (TS) As for an estimate as to when the ARVN will establish a blocking position across the main enemy supply lines, although an important segment has already been blocked at Route 92, I anticipate that the block on the routes through and west of Tchepone will not be in place for another 8 to 10 days.
7. (TS) The enemy currently has limited supply reserves south of the objective area which will allow continuation of protracted warfare at an ever decreasing rate, occupation of the Tchpone area and interdiction of the LOC's therein will serve to disrupt his entire logistical structure. The only early alternative to continuation of a viable logistic plan will be to establish his main LOC farther to the west where his supply movements become increasingly vulnerable to interdiction.
8. (TS) The relatively high AAA threat in the AO resulted in certain helicopter losses. However, these losses have been less than anticipated considering the total helicopter sorties flown to date. The Air Cav and Tacair effort is targeted on a concentrated AAA suppression campaign and is achieving good results.
9. (TS) Weather had some adverse effect on operations during the first two days of Lamson 719 resulting in cancellations of combat assaults. Since 10 February, however, the weather has generally been favorable for both aid and ground operations and has had minimal impact on RVNAF activities. As for the future, we expect an increase in cloudiness in Khe Sanh and the area west of the border starting tomorrow and continuing for the next four to five days. This should allow heliborne operations from approximately 1100H to 1900H daily. Obviously, any further deterioration of weather will hamper heliborne operations and may reduce road trafficability.
10. (TS) The primary objective of the operation remains to cut and disrupt, to the extent possible, the trail system. Although General Lam does not intend to ignore enemy caches and will search for and capture or destroy enemy supplies in the area as they are uncovered, this remains secondary to the objective of blocking the major trail system.

11. (TS) Barring an unexpected development in the enemy situation or weather, Gen. Lam is planning on continuing the movement of his armor west along Rte. 9 but it is going to be slower than originally planned because of the difficulty in moving off of the route with flank security. The deeper heliborne thrusts will be resumed when the ARVN leaders are convinced that their flanks, rear and LOC are secure and that their forward supply posture is adequate. Our support of this operation is proceeding at full availability of resources to expedite this development.
12. (TS) On balance, the operation has gone well to date. Some delay has been caused by a combination of factors: weather restrictions on helicopters lift initially, the poor condition on Route 9 between RVN/Laotian border and the road junction of 9 and 92 requiring major engineer effort, and a somewhat more deliberate approach to the attack by ARVN than was visualized in our initial concept. We leaned toward expeditious but prudent attainment of final objective areas prior to commencing search and spoil operations; however, it is difficult to argue the Thieu/Lam point that it is prudent to secure and develop the primary line of communication for supply line assurance in the event of sustained bad weather or enemy intervention. In my discussions with Gen. Vien yesterday, I pointed out that we should move on to the west at the earliest time that Gen. Lam felt satisfied he could do so and I am confident that this will be done. In my visit to Quang Tri on the 12th, I was satisfied with what I saw. That opinion has not changed as a result of the meeting I had with Gen. Vien.

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FOR: HENRY A. KISSINGER

FROM: GENERAL HAIG 

Attached is the 2:00 p.m. CIA estimate of the Lam Son 719 operation. Paragraphs 6 through 8 deal specifically with the effects of the operation on enemy supply efforts. In addition to this analysis CIA is preparing now a detailed analysis which focuses on the enemy's current supply efforts in the light of Lam Son 719.

One of the key elements of this document is the fact that the enemy has continued to move supplies in spite of increasing difficulties and has obviously expressed the intention of doing so throughout the month of February. This would tend to confirm that the rock is still north of the Tchepone.

A separate wrap up of today's activities will be dispatched shortly. Admiral Moorer has asked for an overall appraisal along the lines we discussed from General Abrams for the President. The reply which will come directly to the Chairman for the President has been requested by tomorrow morning, Washington time.

Based on his response I believe we can make a timely decision on further steps. I have gone over all of the questions with Admiral Robinson and am confident that General Abrams will provide us with the information which is needed. I am sending questions to you separately.

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REACTIONS TO SPECIAL ALLIED OPERATIONS

(Information as of 1400 EST)



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Reactions in South Vietnam

9. South Vietnamese reaction to the Laotian operation remains generally favorable. Minor reservations have been expressed by several political figures and some newspapers, but outright opposition has been voiced only by a few leftists and militant students. Military leaders, Catholics, and northern refugees predictably have given the most unequivocal support. Some legislators have complained about President Thieu's failure to consult with the National Assembly, but they still generally express approval of

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incursions into Cambodia last spring and has been absent from Chinese propaganda for several years. Nevertheless, the government statement and other authoritative comment on the situation in Indochina since the beginning of the month has generally placed Chinese "assistance" in terms of rear base support, and there is nothing in Peking's public or private comments on the situation to suggest any change in its effort to avoid direct military involvement in the war--so long as the present ground rules remain in effect.

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South Vietnamese Operations in Cambodia

18. South Vietnamese forces continue to skirmish with the enemy as they move deeper into Communist-controlled areas of eastern Cambodia, but no major fighting has been reported during the past twenty-four hours. In the Chup plantation area, South Vietnamese rangers with armored support are continuing to move north and east of the plantation, but only light contact with the enemy has been reported.

19. There is some evidence, however, that a major fight may be shaping up a few miles east of the plantation. The Communist 95C regiment has moved about 15 miles eastward from within the plantation and is now located in close proximity to the Headquarters, 7th Division, and its subordinate 165th and 209th regiments. Still another enemy regiment, subordinate to the Communist 5th Division, has been identified in this vicinity. This means

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the operation. Ky's warning about the danger of getting "bogged down" in foreign ventures has been echoed in some quarters, and has prompted public reassurance from Thieu that the Laotian campaign would be successful and that South Vietnamese forces would not become bogged down. Many Vietnamese have emphasized the need for at least tacit support of the Laotian Government, as well as full support from the United States, for a successful outcome to the operation.

10. Some South Vietnamese military figures also are taking a cautious approach to the operation in Laos.

[REDACTED] some members of the South Vietnamese Joint General Staff (JGS) believe their military forces are stretched thin because of cross-border operations in Laos and Cambodia, and that they could be hard pressed if the Communists attacked in other parts of South Vietnam. The JGS reportedly would consider terminating the cross-border operation into Laos if this happened.

Laotian Reactions

[REDACTED]

Meanwhile, the US Embassy in Vientiane reports that the state of emergency declared on 12 February by Souvanna has so far had little visible effect. According to a senior Lao official, the declaration is only intended as a sop to the military. The Embassy believes the move will facilitate conscription and add a note of austerity to the Lao scene.

Cambodian Reactions

12. Lon Nol is said to be heartened by the South Vietnamese push into southern Laos. His brother, Colonel Lon Non, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] that the ARVN operation had helped considerably to relieve the prime minister of his

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worries over the flow of Vietnamese Communist supplies and troops from Laos into Cambodia. Non also said that that ARVN's ability to undertake such an offensive will give Cambodian military leaders increased confidence and determination in their own fight against the Communists.

Thai Reaction

13. In the first public comment by the Thai leadership, Prime Minister Thanom told the press in Bangkok on 11 February that the allied operation in southern Laos was being conducted to reduce the threat posed to South Vietnam by the movement of North Vietnamese troops and supplies through Laos. Thanom also suggested the convening of a Geneva-style conference to restore peace in Indochina, but he added that Thailand would not formally propose such a conference at this time.

Chinese Communist Reactions

14. The Chinese Communists yesterday concluded an agreement for economic and military aid to North Vietnam over and above that provided for by an annual aid pact signed last fall. At a banquet in honor of a visiting North Vietnamese economic delegation, Vice-Premier Li Hsien-Nien stuck to the now standard Chinese line of concern about US intentions and expressions of undefined support for the Indochinese nations' fight.

15. The same day the Chinese issued a new government statement pledging to take "all effective measures" to aid their Indochinese allies. This contained similar references to rear-base support for North Vietnam. It referred to the Laos operation in terms of a "menace to China" and warned that the Chinese "will not remain indifferent to it."

16. The suggestion that the allied operations pose a threat to China itself is clear escalation of Chinese rhetoric regarding the war. This formulation was carefully avoided by Peking during the allied

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that elements of some four Communist regiments and at least one division headquarters are concentrated within a radius of about 10 miles. The region to the north of both the plantation and the area of enemy build-up reportedly holds large stocks of Communist supplies. The enemy may well consider this area of sufficient importance to require a strong stand in its defense.

20. In the meantime, [REDACTED] South Vietnamese General Do Cao Tri plans to insert two battalions of rangers by helicopter behind enemy lines in the Chhlong area, in southern Kratie Province, on 14 February. The objective of this operation will be to cut off Vietnamese Communist troops and COSVN rear services elements believed to be moving northward from the Chup area toward Chhlong. At the same time, a South Vietnamese armored task force will sweep along Route 75 behind the enemy forces in order to capture or destroy supplies. It is possible that this operation may be delayed for several days, however, until the two ranger battalions can be withdrawn from their current operations on the eastern edge of the camp plantation.

21. Elsewhere a South Vietnamese armor and infantry task force moving north from the Parrot's Beak region fought a four-hour battle with the Communists on 12 February. The South Vietnamese claim to have killed 28 enemy troops while suffering only minor casualties. [REDACTED]

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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 and the weather forecast for the areas

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13 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 120800-122200 GMT (121600-130600 Saigon time, 120300-121700 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 resistance of varying intensities. Search operations in the 1st ARVN Infantry Division area of operations continue to produce sizeable quantities of materiel.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, a USAF AC-130 gunship supporting a 21st ARVN Ranger Battalion action killed 15 enemy soldiers.

(2) The 37th ARVN Ranger Battalion killed 13 enemy soldiers, detained one person and seized 10 individual weapons at Point 2. ARVN casualties were four killed and six wounded.

(3) At Point 3, the 3rd Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment discovered a cache containing the following items:

- 1,000 - Picks and Shovels
- 500 - Boxes containing blankets, hammocks, and mosquito nets
- 82 - 55-gal drums POL
- 53 - bags salt (13,000 lbs total)
- 30 - 75-mm Recoilless Rifles
- 2 - Individual Weapons

(4) At Point 4, the 1st Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment found 80 houses containing three tons of miscellaneous supplies.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: Allied forces continue successful saturation patrolling operations. Combat assaults by the 2d Battalion, 1st ARVN

Infantry Regiment and 7th VNMC Battalion scheduled for 12 February were completed without contact. US engineers continue work on airstrips at Khe Sanh and improvements to Highway 9. ARVN engineers continue work to clear an assault landing strip south on Highway 9 east of the Laotian border.

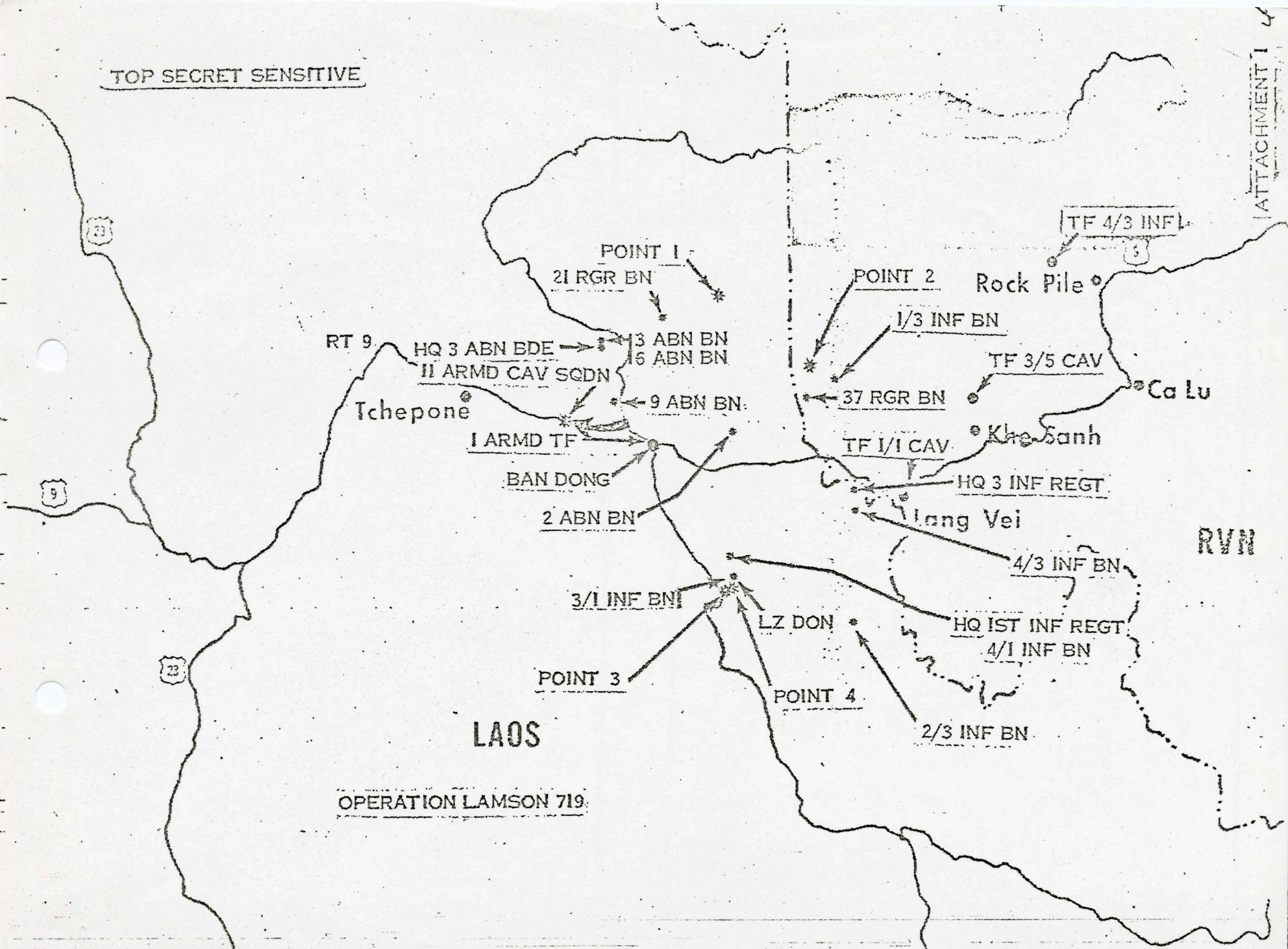
3. Remarks:

- a. The total number of RVNAF troops in Laos is 9,502.
- b. The total 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/Materiel/Facilities Seized/Destroyed
- 4. Air Support
- 5. Aircraft Losses/Casualties



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	0	0	0	18	91	4
RVNAF	3	2	0	44	130	1
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	21	17	1	360	156	3

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

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	0	0	739	0
Crew-Served Weapons	30	2	64	7
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)	1,530	0	15,450	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Tons)	.02	0	16.03	0.90
Vehicles	0	3	6	21
Communication Equipment	0	0	2**	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	10	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)	5.9	0	5.9	100
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	2*	0
Rice (Tons)	5.2	0	16.7	0
Facilities	0	0	0	0
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons)	16	0	18.3	0
Structures	0	80	0	124
Bunkers	0	60	0	77

*Letters

**Corrected Data.

AIR SUPPORT-LAMSON 719
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

In Country

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-4 (USMC)	12	62
F-4 (USAF)	8	113
A-6 (USMC)	0	2
A-7 (USN)	0	4
F-100	2	2
B-52	0	21
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	386	2,412
Air Cavalry	209	1,498
Helo Troop Lift	530	6,740
Helo Med Evac	13	106
C-130	0	329
Helo Logistics	865	8,121

Out Country

A-4 (USMC)	15	116
F-4 (USAF)	36	269
A-6 (USMC)	0	2
A-7 (USN)	7	28
F-100	2	2
B-52	8	119
B-57 (USAF)	0	1*
AC-130 Gunships	2	17*
Helo Gunships	480	1,163*
Air Cavalry	375	591*
Helo Troop Lift	249	1,596*
Helo Med Evac	3	19*
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	58	281*

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

In Country

A-37	4	4
B-57 (RAAF)	2	6
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	8	59
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

Out Country

B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	8	32
Helo Troop Lift	22	91
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	0

*Corrected Data

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
<u>US</u>		
<u>TYPE</u>		
AH-1G	0	8
UH-1H	0	4
OH-6A	0	1
OH-58A	0	2
F-4 (11 Feb)	0	1
<u>VNAF</u>		
<u>TYPE</u>		
UH-1H	0	2

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE</u>		
<u>US</u>						
<u>TYPE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>
AH-1G	0	0	0	4	3	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	6	5	2
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
OH-58A	0	0	0	0	3	0
F-4	0	0	0	0	0	1
<u>VNAF</u>						
<u>TYPE</u>						
UH-1H	0	0	0	18*	0	0

US casualty figures reflect data for 11 helicopters only.
Casualty data for four US helicopters is not available.

*Includes four US newsmen.

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Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

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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 task organization or troop strength since the last report.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) The 15th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron killed 10 enemy soldiers in an action at Point 1 in which two ARVN soldiers were killed, four wounded, and one APC destroyed.

(2) At Point 2, elements of the 5th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron and the 33rd ARVN Ranger Battalion engaged an enemy force, killing 11 and seizing one individual weapon. ARVN casualties were one killed and seven wounded.

(3) At Point 3, the 3rd Battalion, 50th ARVN Infantry Regiment and one troop of the 10th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron fought a 3-hour battle, killing 28 enemy soldiers, capturing three, and seizing the following items:

- 30 antipersonnel mines
- 6 individual weapons
- 1 flame thrower
- 1 antitank grenade launcher
- 1 radio

ARVN casualties were two killed and 14 wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: Operations during the reporting period continued according to schedule.

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

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Attachments:

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

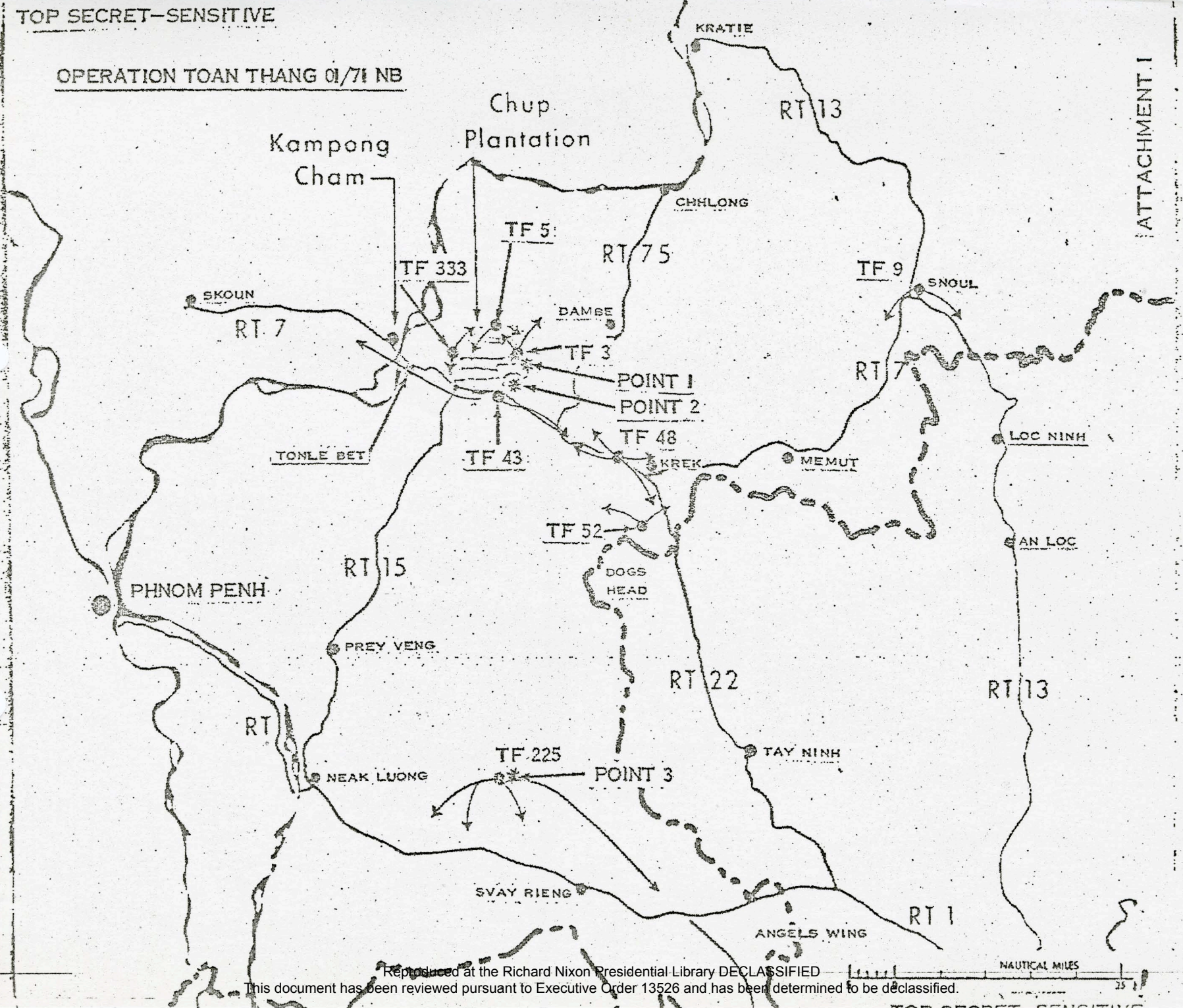
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OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

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	22	46	0	108**	380**	0
<u>ENEMY</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
	54	0	3	737**	0	23**

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

**Corrected Data.

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	41	0	214*	21
Crew-Served Weapons	4	0	40*	0
Ammunition (Rounds)				
(1) Small-Arms	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous	0	0	**	0
Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment	1	0	2	0
Medical Supplies (Boxes)	40	0	40	0
POL (1,000 Gal.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	2.25	0	3.25	0
Food (Tons)	0	0	1.5	8.3
Facilities				
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Tons)	0	0	0	0
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Structures	0	0	0	10

*Corrected data

**189 B-40 Rounds
 25 75-mm Rounds
 4 61-mm Mortar Rounds

AIR SUPPORT - TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
A-37	0	108
F-100	0	97
B-52	0	9
AC-119 Gunships	0	2
Helo Gunships	10	84
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	3	16
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	24	208
A-37	0	7
F-5	13	114
AC-47	2	10
Helo Gunships	6	70
Helo Troop Lift	0	34
Helo Med Evac	6	85
Helo Logistics	20	73

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST VALID: 13/2000-14/2000 Saigon time.
OUTLOOK VALID: 14/2000-15/2000 Saigon time.

NVN PANHANDLE. AREA 1:

COASTAL - Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 4500 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 0200 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus, broken, 1000 feet, and fog, visibility 3 to 4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy between 1200 and 1700 Saigon time, ceiling 4000 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus, broken 500 feet, and fog/drizzle, visibility 1-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN S. VIETNAM. AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 2500 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus, broken, 500 feet, and fog, visibility 2-4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 500 feet AGL (above ground level) occasionally 4000 feet, visibility 1-6 miles in fog. minimum cloudiness between 1100 and 2000 Saigon time.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH. AREA 3:

Cloudy to overcast during night-time and morning hours, becoming partly cloudy by 1000 Saigon time, ceiling 300 to 1200 feet becoming by 1000 unlimited occasionally 1200 feet, visibility 1/2 to 4 miles in fog becoming 7 miles after 1000.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

TCHEPONE. AREA 4:

Partly cloudy, occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 4000 feet, visibility 4 to 7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus, broken, 1000 feet, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2 to 2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

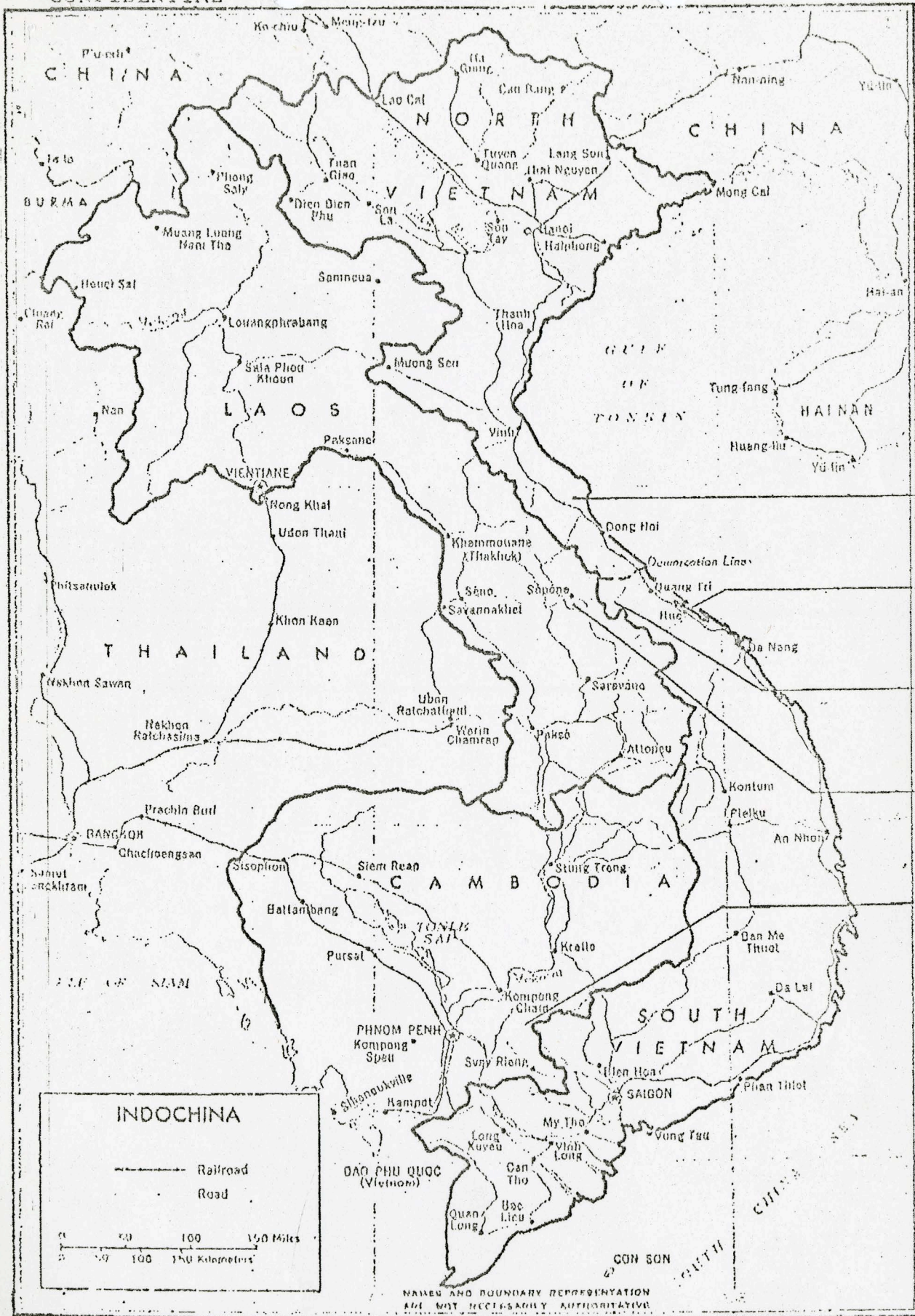
CHUP PLANTATION. AREA 5:

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 to 7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and 0900 Saigon time, patchy stratus, broken, 1000 feet, and fog, visibility 1/4 - 4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

Note: All heights in feet are given above mean sea level except Khe Sanh which is given above ground level.

Attachment
Map



Names and boundary representation are not necessarily authoritative.

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February 11, 1971

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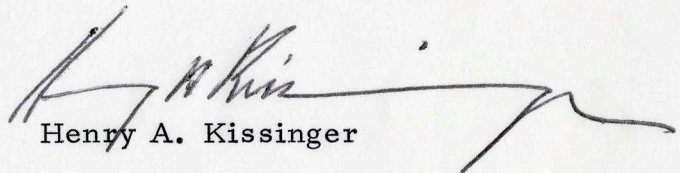
MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Status Reports on Operations in
Laos and Cambodia

My memorandum of February 9, 1971 requested two daily reports for the President on the major operations being conducted by South Vietnamese forces in Laos and Cambodia. It has been determined that a single report which reaches the White House Situation Room by 4:00 p.m. daily, including Saturdays and Sundays, will satisfy the President's requirements. The submission from Defense need not duplicate routine NMCC reports.

This new reporting procedure is effective as of February 12, 1971.



Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff
Director, United States Information Agency

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SUBJECT: Status reports on operations in Laos and Cambodia

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