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February 19, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE STAFF SECRETARY
FROM: JON HOWE |S|
SUBJECT: Memoranda for the President's File

Due to the sensitivity of the reports for the President's file on the meetings of January 26 and January 27, 1971, the reports have been forwarded directly to Alex Butterfield in an envelope marked sensitive.

JTH:sfp:2-19-71

Date: January 27, 1971

Time: 1:00 p.m.

FOR ACTION: General Haig

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: February 1, 1971

Time: 5:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

Report for the President's File on his Meeting with Admiral Thomas H. Moore, Dr. Henry Kissinger and General Alexander Haig on Tuesday, January 26, 1971 at 12:00 Noon.

ACTION REQUESTED:

 For Necessary Action For Your Recommendations Prepare Agenda and Brief Draft Reply For Your Comments Draft Remarks

REMARKS:

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If you have any questions or if you anticipate a delay in submitting the required material, please telephone the Staff Secretary immediately.

John R. Brown III
Staff Secretary

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION MEMORANDUM

WASHINGTON

LOG NO.:

Date: February 1, 1971

Time: 9:00 a.m.

FOR ACTION: Dr. Kissinger

cc (for information):

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

DUE: Date: February 6, 1971

Time: 2:00 p.m.

SUBJECT:

Report for the President's File on his Meeting with Secretary Rogers, Secretary Laird, Director Helms, Admiral Moorer, Deputy Secretary Packard and Dr. Kissinger on Wednesday, January 27, 1971 at 12:05 p.m.

ACTION REQUESTED:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For Necessary Action | <input type="checkbox"/> For Your Recommendations |
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John R. Brown III
Staff Secretary

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February 14, 1971

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: Enemy Losses

The summary below indicates significant enemy losses in Laotian and Chup operations as of February 14, 1971:

<u>Laos (Lam Son 719)</u>	Cumulative	24-Hour Change
Individual Weapons	776	+8
Crew-Served Weapons	95	+5
Small Arms Ammunition (found)	28,040	+7,590
Other Assorted Ammunition (pounds) **	47,980	+14,000
Food (pounds)	61,400	+14,000
Vehicles	48	Unchanged
Medical Supplies (pounds)	2,260	Unchanged
Petroleum (gallons)	110,000 *	Unchanged
Structures Destroyed	197	+55
Bunkers Destroyed	145	+45
Enemy KIA	495	+47
U. S. KIA	20	+1
ARVN KIA	64	+19
Miscellaneous Equipment & Supplies (pounds)	52,600	Unchanged
<u>Cambodia (Toan Thang 1/71)</u>		
Individual Weapons	252	+13
Crew-Served Weapons	43	+3
Small Arms Ammunition	2,800	Unchanged

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<u>(Cambodia - Continued)</u>	Cumulative	24-Hour Change
Small Rocket & Mortar Ammunition (rounds)	234	Unchanged
Food (pounds)	19,600 *	Unchanged
Bunkers Destroyed	32	Unchanged
Structures Destroyed	10	Unchanged
Enemy KIA	852	+107
ARVN KIA	115	+1

* - Estimated Destroyed

** - MACV Attempting to get Estimate in Rounds

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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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Rear Admiral, USN
Deputy Director for
Operations (NMCC)

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18 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 172200-180800 GMT (180600-181600 Saigon time, 171700-180300 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. Operations are characterized by search operations in the vicinity of present positions and improvement of area security.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, a US Army UH-1 helicopter was downed by enemy ground fire. At the close of the reporting period four persons were extracted with recovery operations still in progress for the crew chief.

(2) At Point 2, US Army helicopter gunships of the 2/17 Air Cavalry Squadron located and cut two 6 to 8-inch POL pipelines leaving one burning and the other with fuel draining on the ground. Approximately 1 hour later and 1/2 mile to the south, another section of pipeline was observed and engaged. This pipeline was severed and set afire.

(3) At Point 3, US Army air cavalry elements engaged and destroyed one 2 1/2-ton POL tanker and killed five enemy soldiers.

(4) At Point 4, an ARVN airborne infantry battalion engaged an enemy force killing eight enemy soldiers and seizing two individual weapons and one 110 volt generator (NFI). There were no ARVN casualties.

(5) At Point 5, an ARVN airborne infantry battalion engaged the enemy killing 38 enemy soldiers. In addition, one person was detained and 150 grenades and seven individual weapons were seized. One ARVN soldier was killed and 14 were wounded in the action.

(6) At Point 6, a US Army AH-1G helicopter received ground fire, caught fire and crashed. The two crewmembers were wounded.

(7) At Point 7, US Army air cavalry helicopter gunships engaged and destroyed eight 2 1/2-ton POL tankers.

(8) At Point 8, an element of an ARVN infantry battalion, while searching, engaged an enemy force. Five enemy soldiers were killed and two individual weapons were seized. Two ARVN soldiers were killed in the action.

(9) Other actions in the LAMSON 719 area resulted in two ARVN soldiers killed and four ARVN soldiers wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) RVNAF forces in Laos continued reconnaissance and search operations. Improved weather permitted an increase in air operations for the reporting period.

(2) The 4th Battalion, 3d Infantry Regiment completed a move by air from FSB HOTEL to Landing Zone GRASS I without incident.

(3) One company from TF 3/187 completed a combat assault into Landing Zone VIC. No enemy contact was reported.

(4) Seven C-130 aircraft sorties landed at Khe Sanh during the period.

(5) US Army air cavalry units were successful in locating and cutting at least two POL pipelines.

(6) US Engineers continue work on Highway 9 east of the RVN/Laos border and at Khe Sanh. ARVN Engineers continue work on Highway 9 west of the border and the helicopter resupply pad south and east of the Route 9/Laos border intersection.

2. Remarks:

a. The total number of RVNAF troops in Laos is 10,479.

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

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| (1) Infantry (including airborne) | - 14 |
| (2) Artillery | - 3 (equivalent) |

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- (3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons - 2
- (4) Engineer - 2
- (5) Ranger - 2

c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

B-52

5 secondary explosions

Tactical Air

6 fords cut
5 secondary fires
5 bunkers destroyed
1 gun site destroyed
1 secondary explosion
1 road cut

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

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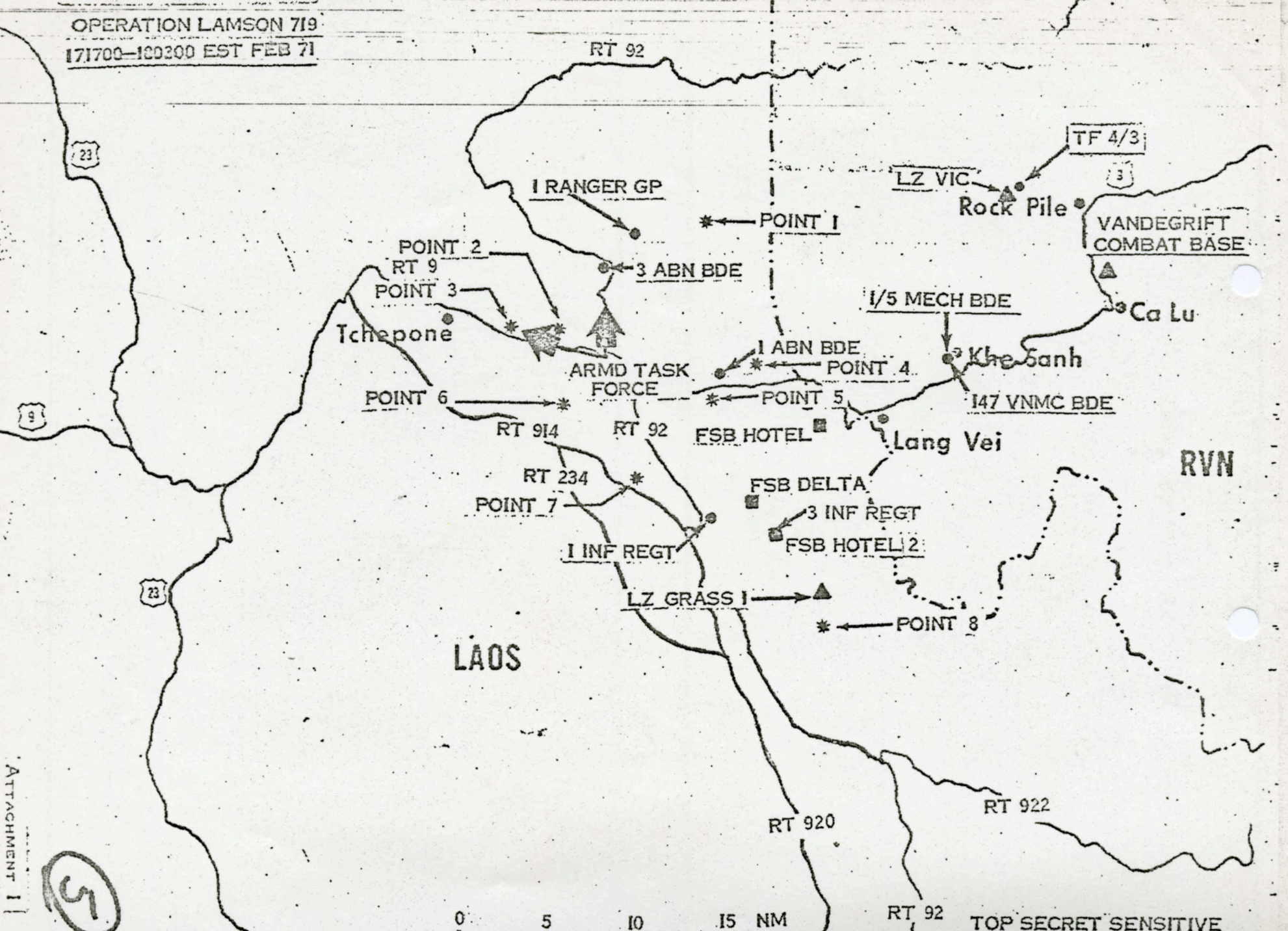
1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment and Materiel Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
5. Aircraft Losses/Casualties

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Enclosure 1

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ATTACHMENT 1

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CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 171700-180300 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	2	0	31	163	12
RVNAF	3	18	0	135	513	0
	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	55	8	1	980	244	9

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	8	0	1,046	13
crew-served Weapons	2	0	106	13
ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	34,840	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	160*	0	64,060**	7,800
ehicles	0	10	26	54
ommunication quipment (Radios)	0	0	11	2
edical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	8,260	0
OL (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	15,455	101,480
ocuments (Pounds)	0	0	3	0
ice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	74,800	26,000
tructures	0	0	420	261
unkers	0	0	0	171
iscellaneous Equip- ent/Supplies (Pounds)	160	0	69,760 4,000 73,760	4,000
Handgrenades, 150				
*Adjusted				

74,800
26,000
100,800

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LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-4 (USMC)	2	64
A-6 (USMC)	0	17
A-7 (USN)	0	4
B-52	0	21
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	0	146
F-100 (USAF)	0	2
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	3,485
Air Cavalry	0	2,457
Helo Troop Lift	0	9,314
Helo Med Evac	0	171
C-130 Logistics	0	369
Helo Logistics	0	11,984
	<u>LAOS</u>	
A-4 (USMC-USN)	6	238
A-6 (USMC)	0	11
A-7 (USN)	0	71
B-52	12	205
B-57 (USAF)	0	4
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	21	555
F-100	0	4
AC-119 Gunships	0	4
AC-130 Gunships	0	29
Helo Gunships	0	2,387
Air Cavalry	0	1,537
Helo Troop Lift	0	2,470
Helo Med Evac	0	55
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	821

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Attachment 4

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AIR SUPPORT
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VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-37	0	6
B-57 (RAAF)	0	28
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	77
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	16
	<u>LAOS</u>	
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	54
Helo Troop Lift	0	140
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	49

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
	RVN/LAOS	RVN/LAOS
US		
AH-1G	0/1	3/5*
UH-1H	0/1	1/5
OH-6A	0/0	1/1
OH-58A	0/0	1/0
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/2	7/12
VNAF		
UH-1H	0/0	0/2

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)			CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US						
AH-1G	0/0	0/2	0/0	2/2	0/7	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
TOTALS	0/0	0/2	0/0	5/6 ⁺	8/15*** ⁺	0/8 ⁺
VNAF						
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.

+Corrected data.

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18 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 172200-180800 GMT (180600-181600 Saigon time, 171700-180300 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 was no significant change in task force locations or composition during the reporting period. Two major actions occurred in the vicinity of the Chup Plantation during the period.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, Task Force 9 Headquarters in Snuol received five rounds of 82-mm mortar fire on 16 February. Countermortar fire was placed on suspected enemy mortar positions with unknown results. Twenty-four ARVN soldiers were wounded.

* (2) At Point 2, the 31st Ranger Battalion in a night defensive position received an indirect fire and ground attack on 17 February. Supported by helicopter gunships and VNAF AC-47 aircraft, the friendly force killed 56 enemy soldiers. The one soldier detained was identified as a member of the 5th Regiment, 7th NVA Division. Two individual weapons, one antiaircraft gun, one antitank rocket and an unknown amount of ammunition were seized. One ARVN soldier was killed and 21 were wounded.

* (3) At Point 3, the night defensive position of the 2d Battalion, 43d ARVN Infantry Regiment received a ground attack on 17 February. The friendly force was supported by artillery and VNAF AC-47 aircraft. Sixty enemy soldiers were killed. Four enemy detainees were identified as members of the 271st VC Regiment. The following items were seized:

- 30 Handgrenades
- 12 AK-47 rifles
- 10 Bangalore torpedoes
- 5 Claymore mines
- 2 Heavy machineguns
- 2 Antitank rocket launchers
- Unknown quantity rocket propelled grenades

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Two ARVN soldiers were killed and four wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:
Friendly operations are proceeding according to schedule.

3. Remarks:

a. Elements of Task Force 3 are continuing to move to an area north of Dambe to assess the results of six B-52 strikes on 16 February.

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

Attachments:

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

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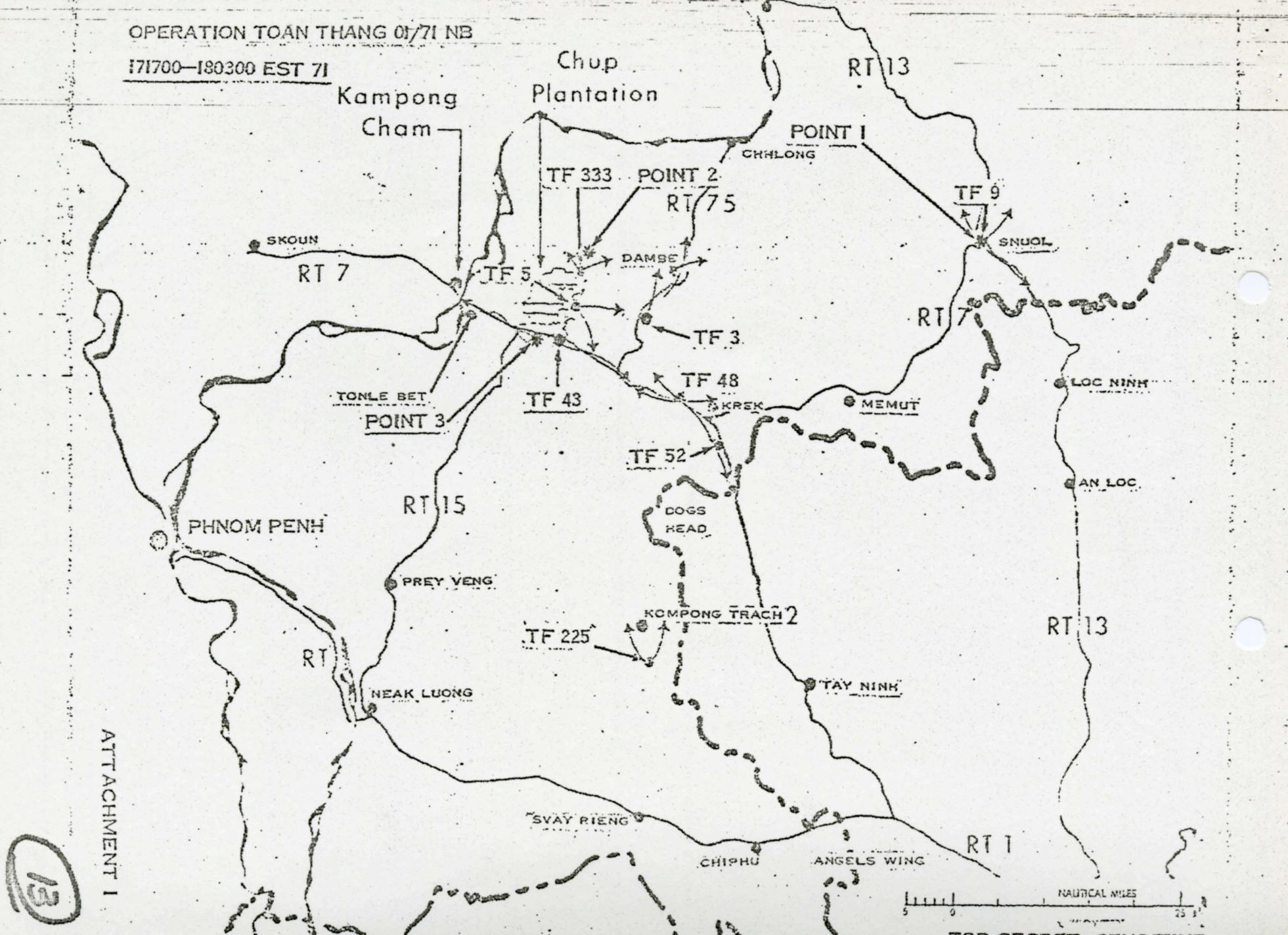
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OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

171700-180300 EST 71



ATTACHMENT I

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES(PERIOD 171700-180300 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	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	3	51	0	155	625	5
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	123	0	5	1,314	0	63

*Data on KBA is not available.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	51	0	321	21 342
Revolvers	5	0	63	0 63
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	*	0
Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	2	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	40 boxes	0
Gasoline (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	0	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	25,000	73,800 98,800
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	10
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	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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AIR SUPPORT

(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
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US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-37	4	162
B-52	0	15
F-100	12	153
AC-119 Gunships	0	3
Helo Gunships	0	119
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	0	27
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	0	333
A-37	0	7
F-5	0	181
AC-47 Gunships	0	23
Helo Gunships	0	106
Helo Troop Lift	0	70
Helo Med Evac	0	114
Helo Logistics	0	165

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 171700-180300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<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>US</u>						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 19/0600-20/0600 Saigon time.

OUTLOOK: 20/0600-21/0600 Saigon time.

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 5,000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, scattered stratus 1,500 feet, and fog, visibility 3 to 5 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 5,000 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, broken stratus surface to 1,500 feet AGL and fog, visibility 1/2 to 2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Continued slight decrease in clouds.

NORTHERN S. VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, maximum cloudiness between 2300 and 1100 Saigon time, ceiling unlimited occasionally 2,000 feet, visibility 7 miles except 2 to 5 miles in patchy fog/haze.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy occasionally partly cloudy with haze, ceiling 4,500 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 3 to 7 miles in haze. Between 2300 and 1000 Saigon time, broken stratus, 500 to 1,500 feet AGL and fog, visibility 1/4 to 3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight decrease in clouds.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Cloudy with fog, ceiling 500 feet, visibility 1/2 mile in fog during night-time hours. Between 1100 and 2000 Saigon time, partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited, visibility 7 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 4,000 feet, visibility 4 to 7 miles in haze except occasionally 1 mile near sunrise/sunset. Between 0400 and 1000 Saigon time, in valleys, broken stratus, 500 to 1,500 feet AGL and fog/haze, visibility 1/2 to 4 miles

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Mostly clear with haze, ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 to 7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and 0900 Saigon time, patchy fog, visibility 1/2 to 3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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

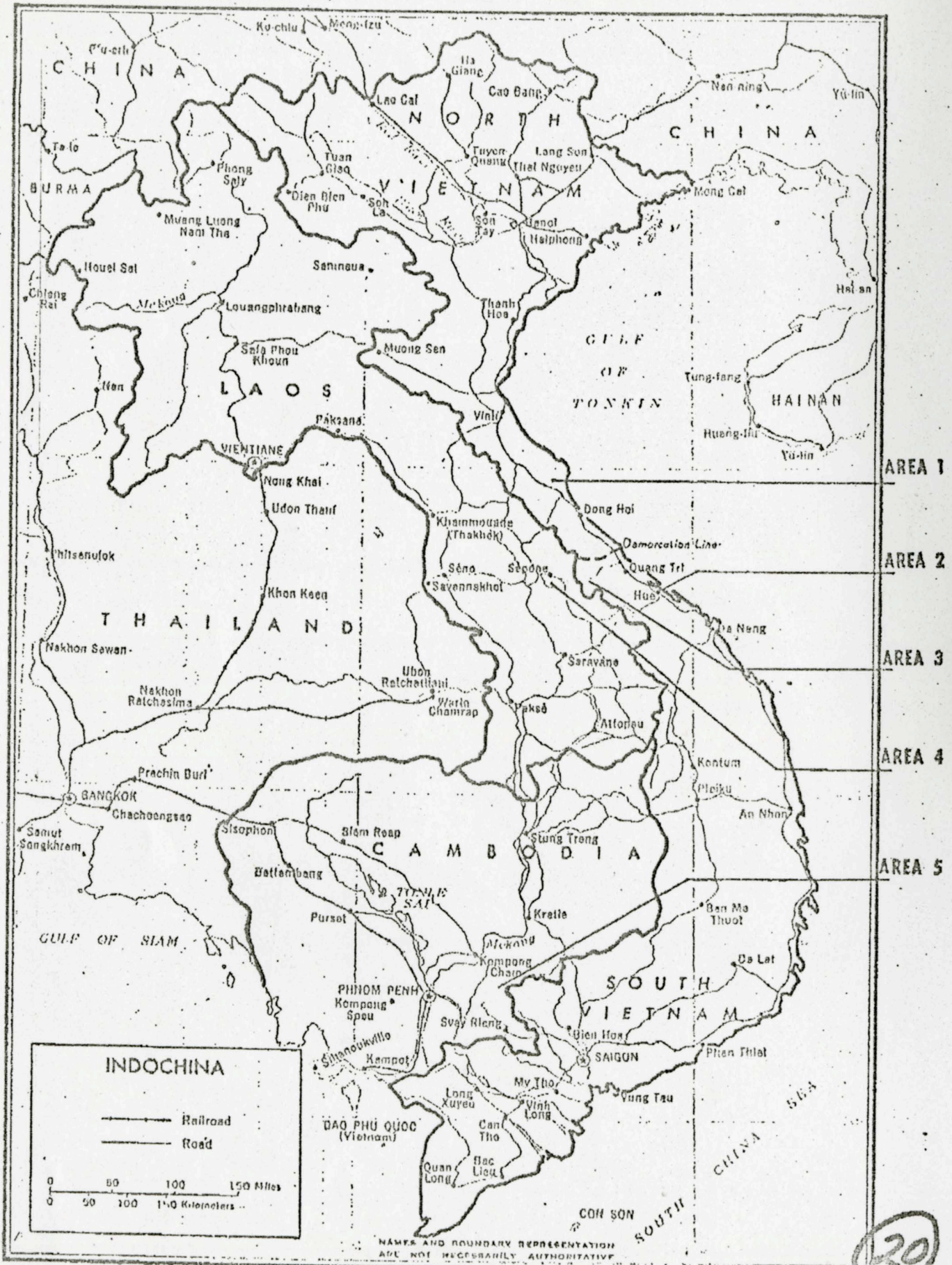
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Military Situation Report on Operations in
Laos and Cambodia

Attached are situation reports on operations in Laos
and Cambodia.

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18 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 170800-172200 GMT (171600-180600 Saigon time, 170300-171700 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 report limited combat activity. No major stores of enemy materiel and equipment were located during the reporting period.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, elements of the 4th Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment engaged an estimated enemy platoon. Eight enemy soldiers were killed and five individual weapons were seized. Friendly losses were one ARVN soldier killed and one wounded.

(2) At Point 2, the position of the 2d Battalion, 3d ARVN Infantry Regiment was struck by an enemy indirect fire attack. Number and type of rounds are unknown. Three ARVN soldiers were killed and eight wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) RVNAF forces in Laos continued reconnaissance and search operations. Unfavorable weather caused a virtual halt in air operations for the reporting period. There was no movement of supplies to Khe Sanh by air on 17 February. Road movement priority has been established for 105-mm and 155-mm artillery ammunition.

(2) US Engineers continue work on Highway 9 east of the RVN/Laos Border and at Khe Sanh. ARVN Engineers continue work on Highway 9 west of the border and the helicopter resupply pad in Laos south of the Route 9/ border intersection.

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:

<u>B-52</u>	<u>Tactical Air</u>
26 secondary explosions	12 trucks destroyed
	5 trucks damaged
	14 secondary explosions
	6 secondary fires
	1 bunker destroyed

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

RT 92

TF 4/3

I RANGER GP

Rock Pile

VANDEGRIFT COMBAT BASE

RT 9

3 ABN BDE

1/5 MECH BDE

Ca Lu

Tchepone

I ABN BDE

Khe Sanh

147 VNM BDE

ARMD TASK FORCE

RT 914

RT 92

FSB HOTEL

Lang Vei

RVN

RT 234

POINT 1

FSB DELTA

3 INF REGT

I INF REGT

FSB HOTEL 2

LZ GRASS 1

POINT 2

LAOS

RT 920

RT 922

RT 92

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ATTACHMENT 1

LAMSON 719CASUALTIES(PERIOD 170300-171700 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	7	0	31	161	12
RVNAF	6	34	0	132*	495*	0*
	<u>KIA**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA**</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	79	2	1	925*	236*	8

*Adjusted figure.

**The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

LAMSON 719

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 170300 - 171700 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	5	0	1,038	13
Law-served Weapons	0	0	104	13
Munition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	34,840	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	63,900*	7,800
Vehicles	0	0	26	44
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	11	2
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	8,260	0
Fuel (Gals.)	0	0	15,455	101,480
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3	0
Clothing/Food (Pounds)	0	0	74,800	26,000
Structures	0	0	420	261
Trucks	0	10	0	171
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	69,600	4,000
Adjusted:				

LAMSON 719AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES(PERIOD 170300-171700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>		
A-37	2		6
B-57 (RAAF)	3		28
Helo Gunships	0		0
Helo Troop Lift	0		77
Helo Med Evac	0		0
Helo Logistics	0		16
	<u>LAOS</u>		
A-37	0		0
B-57 (RAAF)	0		0
Helo Gunships	0		54
Helo Troop Lift	0		140
Helo Med Evac	0		4
Helo Logistics	0		49

LAMSON 719AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 170300 - 171700 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
<u>US</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	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/0	7/10
<u>VNAF</u>		
UH-1H	0/0	0/2

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 170300 - 171700 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)</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	2/11*	3/6**	0/0
OH-6A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0**/1	0/0
OH-58A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	5**/0	0/0
CH-47	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/5**	0/0	0/0
F-4	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0
TOTALS	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/18	8/12	0/0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	***9/9	0/0	0/0

*Includes seven ARVN

**Adjusted figure

***Includes four US newsmen

18 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THIANG 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 was no significant change in task force locations or composition during the reporting period.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported: There were no significant combat actions reported during this reporting period.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: Friendly operations are proceeding according to schedule.

3. Remarks:

a. Results of Tactical Airstrikes:

- 10 Bunkers destroyed
- 2 Structures destroyed
- 2 Gun positions destroyed
- 3 Secondary fires
- 1 Secondary explosion

b. The total number of RVNAF troops in Cambodia is 17,720.

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

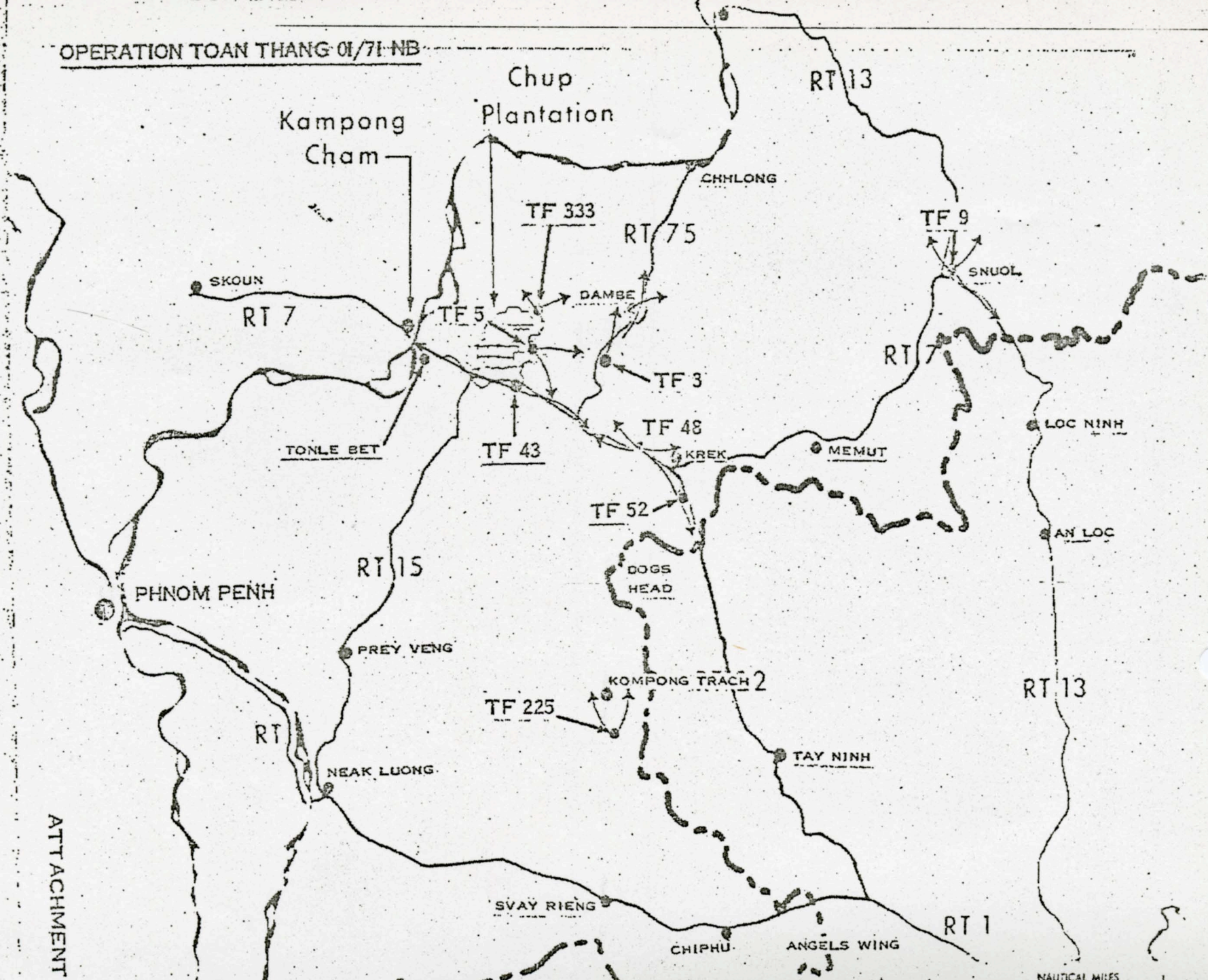
- (1) Infantry - 18
- (2) Armored Cavalry Squadrons - 5
- (3) Ranger - 7

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



ATTACHMENT 1

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CASUALTIES(PERIOD 170300 - 171700 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	0	0	0	1*	0
RVNAF	1	17	0	152	574	5
FANK	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA**</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA**</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	12	0	2	1,191	0	58

*Adjusted figure.

**Data on KBA is not available.

TOAN THIANG 01/71 NB

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 170300 - 171700 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	8	0	270	21
Reserved Weapons	3	0	58	0
Ammunition:				
1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	2,800	0
2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	*	0
Articles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	2	0
Medical Supplies (Cans)	0	0	40 boxes	0
(1,000 Gals.)	0	0	0	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	.1	0	3.6	0
Medical Food (Pounds)	0	17,600	25,000	73,800
Medical Structures	0	0	0	10
Medical Containers	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
89 B-40 Rounds				
25 75-mm Rounds				
16 Mines				
4 61-mm Mortar Rounds				

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 170300 - 171700 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 170300-171700 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<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>US</u>						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 18/2000-19/2000 Saigon time.

OUTLOOK: 19/2000-20/2000 Saigon time.

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 5000 feet, visibility 7 miles; becoming by 1000 Saigon time, partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited, occasionally 5000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling occasionally 1500 feet, and fog, visibility, 3-5 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 4500 feet except between 1000 and 2000 Saigon time, occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus, ceiling surface to 1500 feet AGL, and fog, 1/2-2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing clouds.

NORTHERN S. VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, maximum cloudiness between 2000 and 1100 Saigon time, ceiling unlimited, occasionally 2000 feet; visibility 7 miles except 2-5 miles in patchy fog/haze.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy with haze, ceiling 3500 feet, visibility 3-5 miles in haze; becoming by 1000 Saigon time, cloudy, ceiling 4500 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Between 2300 and 1000 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog/drizzle, visibility 1/4-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Cloudy, ceiling 1000 feet AGL, visibility 3 miles in haze; becoming by 0001 Saigon time, cloudy with dense fog, ceiling surface to 200 feet AGL, visibility 0-1/4 mile in fog; becoming by 1200 Saigon time, cloudy, ceiling 1500 feet AGL, visibility 2-4 miles in fog/haze.

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Partly cloudy with haze; ceiling unlimited, occasionally 4000 feet; visibility 4-7 miles in haze except occasionally 1 mile in haze near sunrise/sunset. Between 0400 and 1000 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Mostly clear with haze; ceiling unlimited; visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Between 0500 and 0900 Saigon time, patchy fog, visibility 1/2-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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

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During Cambodian and Laotian Operations

A comparison of US KIAs during the past two weeks with the equivalent period in February of 1970 follows:

<u>1970</u>		<u>1971</u>	
Weeking Ending		Week Ending	
February 7	95	February 6	24
February 14	96	February 13	51

Although I do not recommend that you use this, for your information, the following is a comparison of U.S. battle deaths in Southeast Asia during the first week of the Laotian operation which would be announced on Thursday, with U.S. deaths during the first full week of the operations in Cambodia last spring:

<u>First week of Laotian Operation</u>		<u>First full week of Cambodian</u>	
<u>February 6-13, 1971</u>		<u>Operation May 2-9, 1970</u>	
US KIA	51	US KIA	168

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17 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. General: This report covers the period 162200-170800 GMT (170600-171600 Saigon time, 161700-170300 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. Operations are characterized by search operations in the vicinity of present positions and improvement of area security.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, Ranger elements engaged an enemy force resulting in six Rangers killed and seven wounded. Fifty enemy hand flares were seized; other enemy losses are not known.

(2) At Point 2, elements of an ARVN airborne infantry battalion and an armored cavalry squadron found a cache which included two Russian-made trucks (NFI), three machineguns (two 7.62-mm, one 12.7-mm), and one Russian-built PT-76 amphibious tank. The condition of the equipment is not known.

(3) At Point 3, elements of an ARVN airborne battalion and an armored cavalry squadron engaged an enemy force. Thirty-six enemy soldiers were killed, one person was detained, and 600 pounds of TNT explosive, 16 individual weapons, and one radio were seized. Four ARVN soldiers were wounded in the action.

(4) At Point 4, an ARVN infantry battalion found a cache which included:

- 500 batteries (NFI)
- 6 CHICOM radios
- 2 AN/GRC-9 radios (US)
- 1 radio test set
- 1 ton of electronic parts

In addition, 60 huts in the area were destroyed.

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(5) At Point 5, an ARVN infantry battalion made contact with an enemy force resulting in 15 enemy soldiers killed and eight individual weapons, one machinegun tripod, and 800 rounds of small-arms ammunition seized. There were no ARVN casualties.

(6) At Point 6, the command post of the ARVN 3d Infantry Regiment was struck by 250 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire followed by a ground attack. Eight enemy soldiers were killed and 35 blocks of TNT explosive and one individual weapon were seized. Six ARVN soldiers were wounded.

(7) At Point 7, an element of an ARVN infantry battalion found six enemy bodies and seized 20 blocks of TNT explosive, 12 antitank grenades, five handgrenades, and one individual weapon. There was no contact with an enemy force.

(8) Other actions in the LAMSON 719 area resulted in one ARVN soldier killed and two ARVN soldiers wounded. Enemy losses were two killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All planned objectives were accomplished during the reporting period, except for scheduled combat assaults which were cancelled because of adverse weather.

(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 35 percent complete. The assault strip is operational for C-130 aircraft.

(3) A ground controlled approach (GCA) system has been installed at the Khe Sanh airstrip, but the weather there has been below GCA minimum conditions. The GCA system is awaiting test flight under visual flight rule (VFR) conditions before becoming operational.

(4) ARVN engineers continue work on the helicopter logistics pad south of the Route 9 - Laotian border intersection.

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) - 14
- (2) Artillery - 3 (equivalent)
- (3) Armored Cavalry Squadrons - 2
- (4) Engineer - 2
- (5) Ranger - 2

c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

B-52

None reported

Tactical Air

2 secondary explosions
1 secondary fire

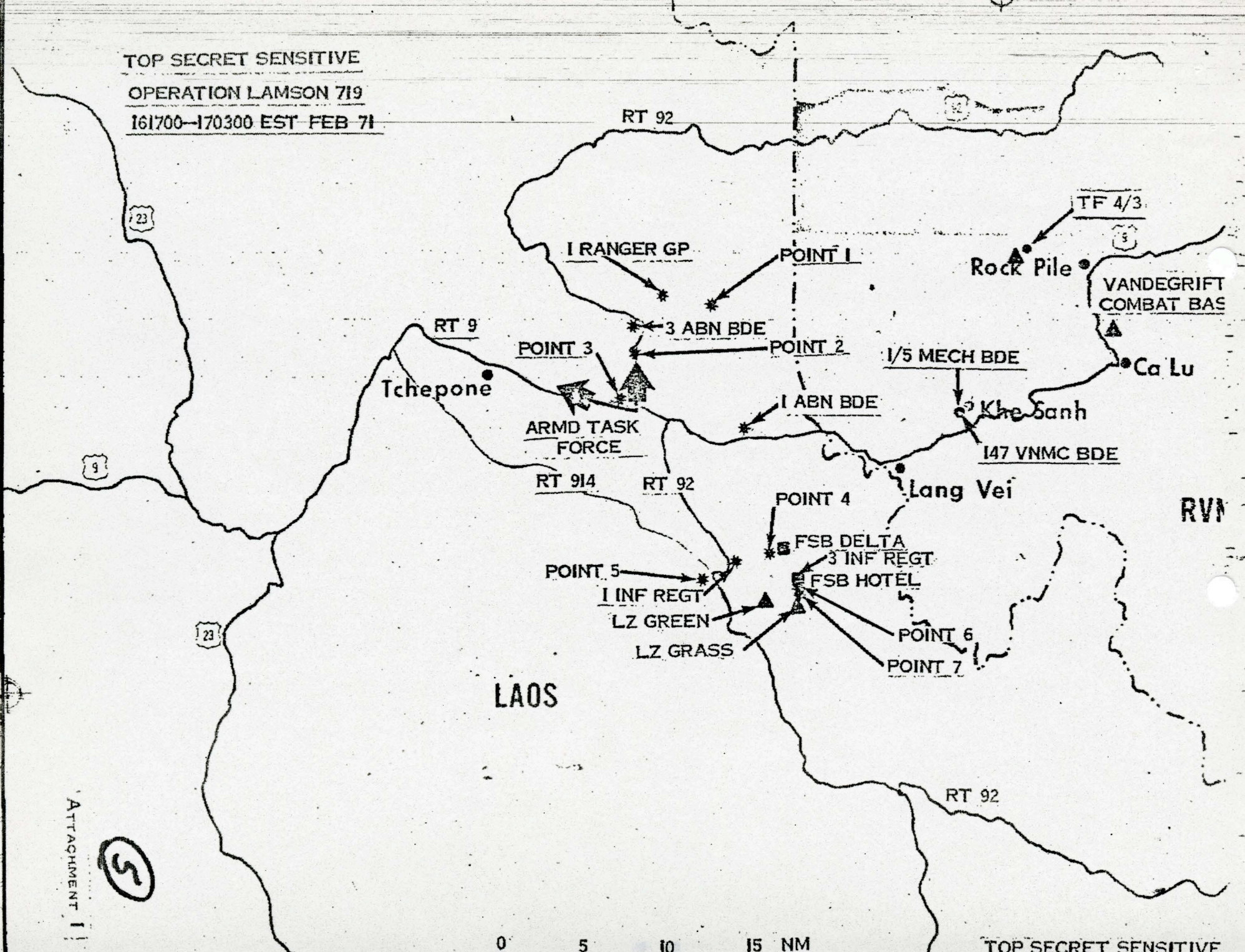
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Attachments:

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OPERATION LAMSON 719
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ATTACHMENT 1

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LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 161700-170300 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	5	0	31	154	12
RVNAF	1	23	0	94	348	1
	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	69	0	1	788	271	7

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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LAMSON 719EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	28	0	1,033	13
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	104	13
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	800	0	34,840	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	750*	0	63,900**	7,800
Vehicles	3	0	26	44
Communication Equipment (Radios)	8	0	11	2
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	8,260	0
POL (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	15.45	101.48
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	74,800	26,000
Structures	0	60	420	261
Bunkers	0	0	0	161
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	69,600	4,000

* TNT, 750 pounds (estimated)
B-40 Antitank Grenade, 1 round
Handflares, 50 each.

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LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST Feb 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-4 (USMC)	0	62
A-6 (USMC)	0	17
A-7 (USN)	0	4
B-52	0	21
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	6	133
F-100	0	2
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	3,407
Air Cavalry	0	2,405
Helo Troop Lift	0	9,189
Helo Med Evac	0	166
C-130 Logistics	0	352
Helo Logistics	0	11,686
	<u>LAOS</u>	
A-4 (USMC-USN)	8	222
A-6 (USMC)	0	11
A-7 (USN)	0	62
B-52	3	176
B-57 (USAF)	0	4
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	4	507
F-100	0	4
AC-119 Gunships	0	4
AC-130 Gunships	0	26
Helo Gunships	0	2,350
Air Cavalry	0	1,537
Helo Troop Lift	0	2,470
Helo Med Evac	0	55
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	821

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Attachment 4

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST Feb 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	25
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	77
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	16
	<u>LAOS</u>	
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	54
Helo Troop Lift	0	140
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	49

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LAMSON 719

AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST Feb 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
<u>US</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	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
<u>VNAF</u>		
UH-1H	0/0	0/2

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST Feb 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)</u>			<u>CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)</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	0/0	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.

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Attachment 5

17 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. General: This report covers the period 162200 - 170800 GMT (170600 - 171600 Saigon time; 161700 - 170300 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. Combat activity remained at a low level.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported: At Point 1, elements of the 1st Battalion, 49th ARVN Infantry Regiment engaged an enemy force on 16 February. Six enemy soldiers were killed and two individual weapons and six hand grenades were seized. One ARVN soldier was killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: Friendly operations are proceeding according to schedule.

3. Remarks:

a. Elements of Task Force 3 are moving north to conduct reconnaissance of B-52 strikes north of Dambe (Points 2 and 3, attachment 1). Three B-52s struck Point 3 at 162217 EST and three struck Point 2 at 162340 EST.

b. There were no significant problems encountered during the reporting period.

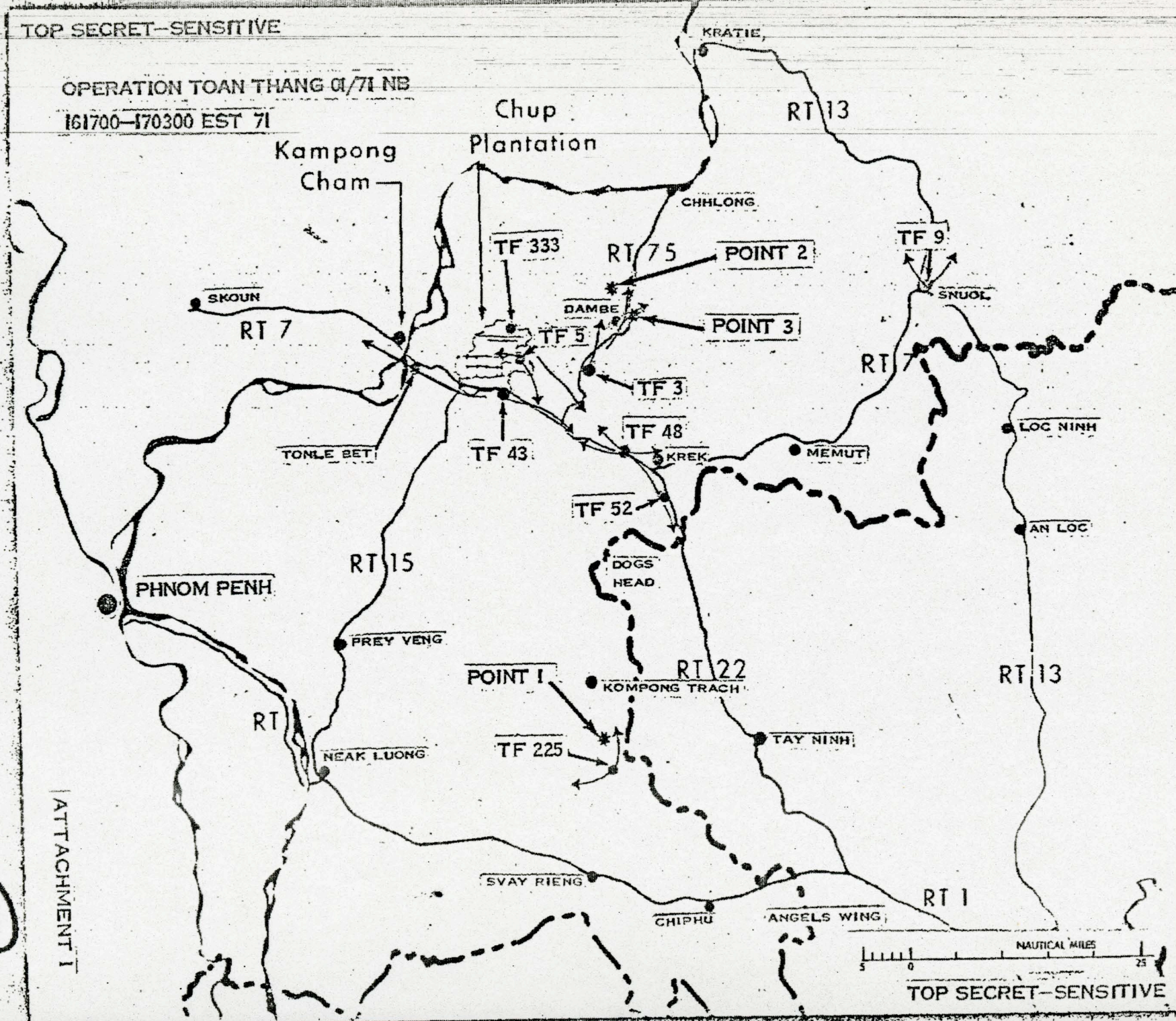
c. Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

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

OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

161700-170300 EST 71



ATTACHMENT 1

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 161700-170300 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	0	0	0	2	0
RVNAF	3	4	0	151	557	5
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	8	0	1	1,179	0	56

*Data on KBA is not available.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	4	0	262	21
Pre-served Weapons	0	0	55	0
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	2,800	0
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	*	0
Motor Vehicles	0	0	0	0
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	2	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	40 boxes	0
Gasoline (1,000 Gals.)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3.50	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	25,000	56,200
Buildings	0	0	0	10
Trucks	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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AIR SUPPORT(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST FEB71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
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US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-37	4	152
B-52	6	15
F-100	2	139
AC-119 Gunships	0	3
Helo Gunships	0	110
Helo Troop Lift	0	36
Helo Med Evac	0	25
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	0

VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

A-1	0	309
A-37	0	7
F-5	0	165
AC-47 Gunships	0	22
Helo Gunships	0	104
Helo Troop Lift	0	63
Helo Med Evac	0	112
Helo Logistics	0	154

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 161700-170300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<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>US</u>						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 18/0600-19/0600 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 19/0600-20/0600 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast occasionally cloudy, minimum cloudiness between 1200 and 1700 Saigon time, ceiling 4000 feet, visibility 7 miles.

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

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN S. VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Overcast with light rain, drizzle, and fog, ceiling 800 feet, visibility 1-5 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Overcast with drizzle and fog, ceiling 500 feet AGL in valleys, otherwise 3500 feet, visibility 1/2-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Overcast with fog/drizzle, ceiling 100 feet AGL, visibility 1/4 mile. Between 1000 and 1800 Saigon time, overcast with fog, ceiling 500 feet AGL, visibility 1 mile.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy with haze, ceiling occasionally 4000 feet, visibility 4-7 miles in haze except occasional 1 mile in haze near sunrise/sunset. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus surface to 1000 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/2-2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

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

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Map

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AREA 1

AREA 2

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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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23 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 220800-222200 GMT (221600-230600 Saigon time, 220300-221700 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (TS) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: RVNAF forces report no significant activity in the vicinity of the ARVN 21st and 39th Ranger Battalion area during this reporting period. Contacts with enemy forces in the area around Route 9 increased during the reporting period. In the southern portion of the area of operations, elements of the ARVN 3d Infantry Regiment have succeeded in cutting Route 914. Elements of this regiment are now blocking both Routes 92 and 914.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, the position of the ARVN 21st Ranger Battalion was struck by fifteen 82-mm mortar rounds. Two ARVN rangers were wounded.

(2) At Point 2, the ARVN 2d Airborne Battalion engaged an enemy force killing 10 enemy soldiers and seizing three individual and three crew-served weapons. Two ARVN soldiers were killed and 18 wounded.

(3) At Point 3, the command post of the ARVN 3d Airborne Brigade at Fire Support Base 31 was struck by 150 rounds of mixed 82/130-mm mortar fire. No casualties or damages were reported.

(4) At Point 4, the ARVN 11th Airborne Battalion engaged an enemy force. One ARVN soldier was killed and 14 wounded. No enemy casualties were reported.

(5) At Point 5, an enemy force attacked the ARVN 11th Armored Cavalry Squadron employing fifty 82-mm mortar rounds. In the 1 1/2-hour action two ARVN soldiers were killed, 13 wounded, and three armored personnel carriers were destroyed. No enemy casualties were reported.

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(6) At Point 6, the ARVN 1st Airborne Battalion engaged an enemy force killing 20 enemy soldiers. The following items were seized:

- 215 hand grenades
- 40 antitank grenades
- 12 82-mm mortar rounds
- 2 individual weapons
- assorted ammunition

Two ARVN soldiers were wounded.

(7) At Point 7, the ARVN 3d Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment engaged an enemy force killing nine enemy soldiers and seizing four AK-47 rifles, one light machinegun, and 7.5 tons of rice. The graves of 43 enemy soldiers were also found. One ARVN soldier was wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) The US 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division elements accomplished all preplanned objectives for the period.

(2) RVNAF units accomplished all preplanned objectives for the period except for link-up of armored cavalry elements with elements of the 3d Airborne Brigade on Route 92 north of Route 9. Four battalions of the 1st and 3d ARVN Infantry Regiments continue to block Routes 92 and 914. Elements of the 3d Infantry Regiment arrived on Route 914 at 200300 EST and are searching northwest along the route.

(3) Engineer and logistics efforts in Khe Sanh continue according to plans.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Laos for this operation is 10,104.

b. RVNAF battalions by type in Laos for this operation are:

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

c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

B-52

7 secondary explosions

Tactical Air

25 vehicles destroyed
22 bunkers destroyed
10 secondary explosions
7 secondary fires
4 vehicles damaged
2 gun positions destroyed

d. Work on Khe Sanh airstrips and adjacent areas continues with no change in 28 February completion date for old air strip. Thirty-nine C-130 sorties delivered 4,876 tons of cargo during the period including 45,080 gallons of JP-4 fuel.

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

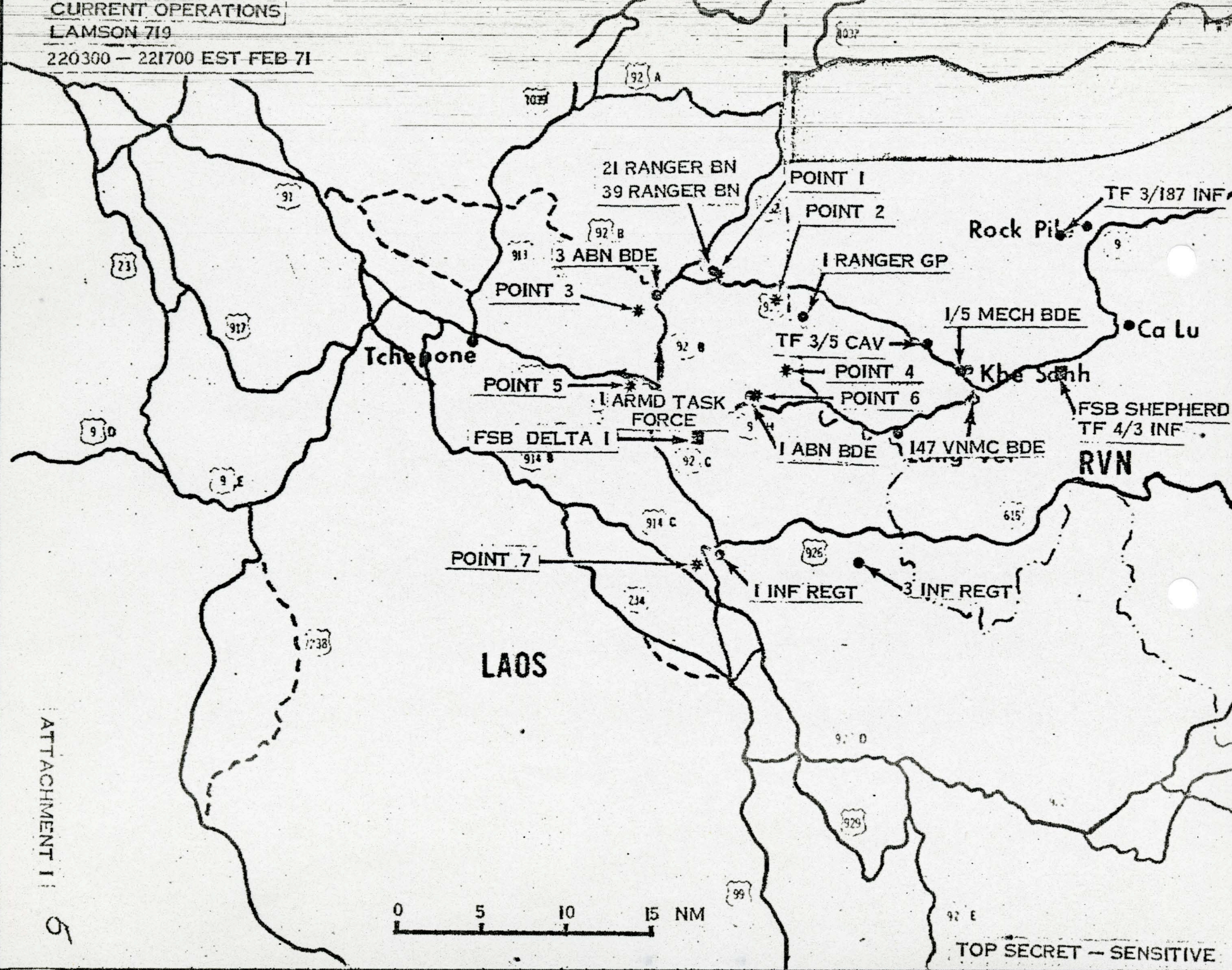
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2. Casualties
3. Equipment and Materiel Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
5. Aircraft Losses/Casualties

CURRENT OPERATIONS

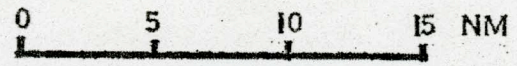
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220300 - 221700 EST FEB 71



ATTACHMENT I

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LAMSON 719CASUALTIES(PERIOD 220300-221700 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	1	11	0	54	235*	15
RVNAF	13	80	0	276**	842	101**
	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	129	2	0	2,187	466	9

* Adjusted by updated figures

**Based on revised RVNAF figures of 39th Ranger Battalion contact to reflect 100 KIA and 78 MIA.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 220300-221700 HST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED/DESTROYED*</u>
Individual Weapons	0	3	1,303**
Crew-served Weapons	0	6	235**
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	144,000**
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	55,400
Vehicles	0	0	118***
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	10
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,400
POL (Gallons)	0	0	134,360
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	670,000**
Structures	0	0	691
Bunkers	0	5	240
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	74,760

*Vast majority of equipment/materiel initially reported captured subsequently destroyed due to inability to evacuate. Only minimal amount is retained for display or intelligence purposes.

**Adjusted Data.

***Includes 14 tanks

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LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 220300-221700 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-4 (USMC)	0	88
A-6 (USMC)	0	18
A-7 (USN)	0	6
B-52	0	29
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	4	173
F-100	0	2
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	126	4,490
Air Cavalry	169	3,458
Helo Troop Lift	381	11,924
Helo Med Evac	7	237
C-130 Logistics	31	485
Helo Logistics	837	15,748

	<u>LAOS</u>	
A-4 (USMC-USN)	18	334
A-6 (USMC)	0	16
A-7 (USN)	39	173
B-52	14	310
B-57 (USAF)	1	7
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	57	859
F-100	0	8
AC-119 Gunships	2	13
AC-130 Gunships	3	45
Helo Gunships	463	4,462
Air Cavalry	380	3,257
Helo Troop Lift	125	3,329
Helo Med Evac	19	103
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	195	1,873

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VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 220300-221700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>		
A-37	0		8
B-57 (RAAF)	8		74
Helo Gunships	0		0
Helo Troop Lift	4		93
Helo Med Evac	0		0
Helo Logistics	0		20
<u>LAOS</u>			
A-37	0		4
B-57 (RAAF)	0		0
Helo Gunships	6		93
Helo Troop Lift	8		255
Helo Med Evac	0		4
Helo Logistics	20		142

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(US Unless Otherwise Indicated)

(PERIOD 220300-221700 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)</u>
AH-1G	0/0	5/4#
UH-1C	0/0	0/1
UH-1H	0/0	# 3/6
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
OH-6A	0/0	1/2
OH-58A	0/0	1/0
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/0	11/16

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES
(US Unless Otherwise Indicated)

(PERIOD 220300-221700 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>
AH-1G	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	0/6	0/4
UH-1C	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/11*	3/11**	0/6
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/18***	0/0	0/0
OH-6A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/0
OH-58A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	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
TOTALS	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/29	5/20	0/20

Includes two operational losses

Includes one operational loss

* Includes seven ARVN

** Includes one ARVN

*** Includes 14 ARVN and four US Newsmen

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23 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. (C) General: This report covers the period 220800-222200 GMT (221600-230600 Saigon time: 220300-221700 BST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (TS) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at Attachment 1. Task Force 5 continues to move east to Chhlong and south along Route 75. Task Force 3 continues to move north along Route 75 to link-up with Task Force 5. There were no significant actions reported in this new area of operations. The more significant actions in the remainder of the area of operations are as follows:

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, the ARVN 4th Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment engaged an estimated enemy company killing 29 enemy soldiers and seizing an unreported number of weapons. Nine ARVN soldiers were killed.

(2) At Point 2, updated reports of ARVN casualties in a mortar attack on Task Force 9 Headquarters reveals 11 ARVN soldiers killed vice three and 50 wounded vice 22.

(3) AT Point 3, the ARVN 36th Ranger Battalion and the 3d Squadron, 15th Armored Cavalry Regiment from Task Force 33 engaged an enemy force killing 11 enemy soldiers and seizing one antitank grenade launcher. One ARVN soldier was killed and five were wounded.

(4) At Point 4, the ARVN 4th Battalion, 43d Infantry Regiment engaged an enemy force killing eight enemy soldiers and seizing one light machinegun and one AK-47 rifle. There were no friendly casualties.

(5) At Point 5, Elements of the ARVN 2d Battalion, 43d Infantry Regiment, supported by tanks, engaged an enemy force killing 19 enemy soldiers and seizing two AK-47 rifles and one antitank grenade launcher with nine rounds. There were no friendly casualties.

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c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:
All operations proceeding according to schedule.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. Results of Tactical Airstrikes:

55 structures destroyed
22 bunkers destroyed
9 secondary fires
3 secondary explosions

b. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 17,448.

c. RVNAF battalions by type in Cambodia for this operation are:

- (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 and Materiel Seized/Destroyed
- 4. Air Support
- 5. Aircraft Losses

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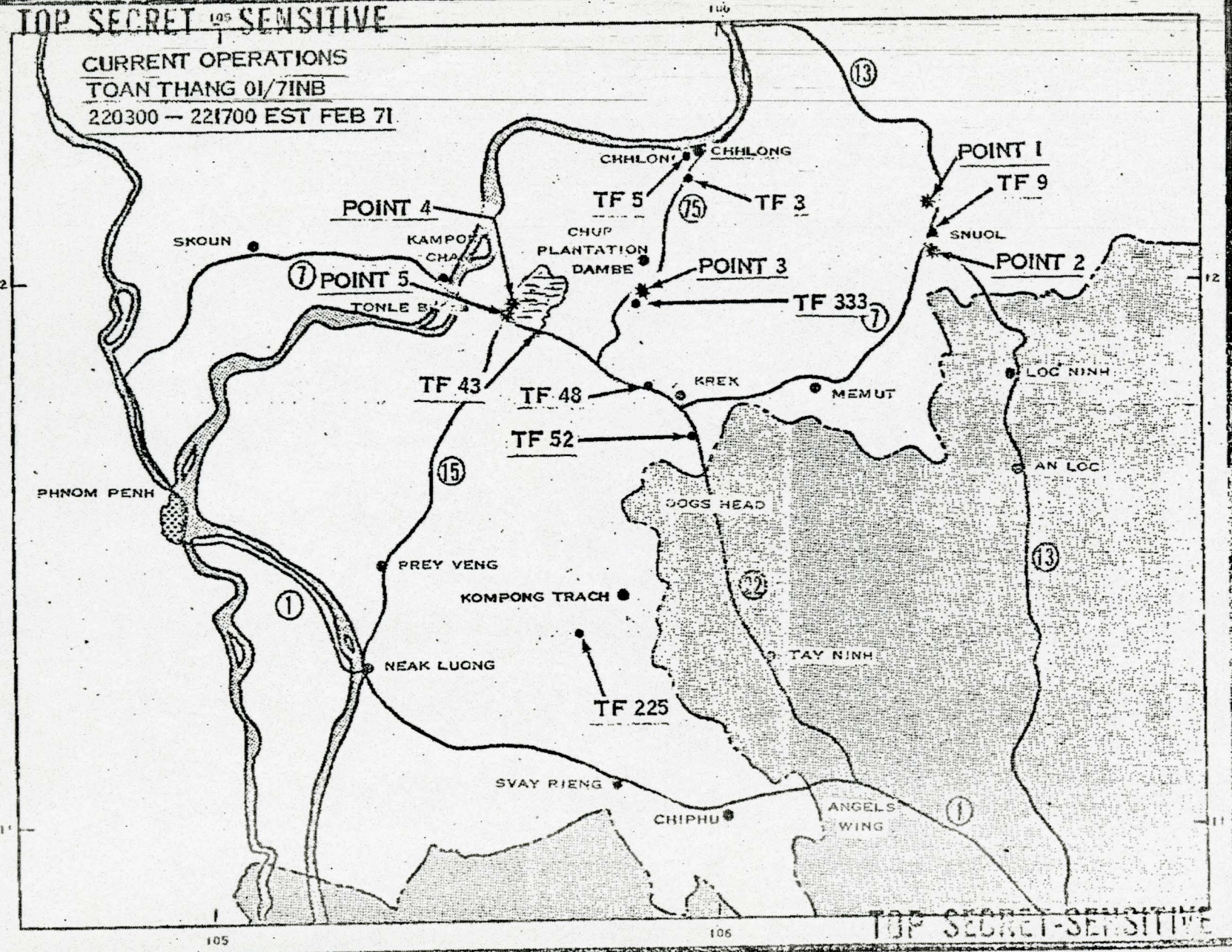
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CURRENT OPERATIONS
TOAN THANG 01/7INB
220300 - 221700 EST FEB 71.

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES(PERIOD 220300-221700 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	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	4	43	0	180	862	0
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	57	0	5	1,555	0	73

*Data on KBA is not available.

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 220300-221700 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	8	0	344	25
Crew-served Weapons	3	0	75	0
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	2,000	0	4,800	0
(2) B-40 Rounds	23	0	222	0
(3) 75-mm Rounds	0	0	25	0
(4) 60-mm Rounds	20	0	31	0
(5) 81-mm Rounds	30	0	47	0
(6) Mines	0	0	16	0
Vehicles	0	0	1	1
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	3	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	2	0
Fuel (Gallons)	0	0	0	0
Logistics (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	27,400	56,200
Structures	0	0	0	10
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous Equipment (Pounds)	0	0	0	0

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 220300-221700 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 220300-221700 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<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>US</u>						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 23/2000-24/2000 Saigon time.
OUTLOOK: 24/2000-25/2000 Saigon time.

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast, ceiling 3500 feet, visibility 7 miles.
Becoming by 1100 Saigon time, overcast, ceiling
3000 feet occasionally 1500 feet, visibility
7 miles occasionally 5 miles in drizzle/fog.

MOUNTAINS - Overcast occasionally cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet,
visibility 7 miles occasionally 5 miles in drizzle.
Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys,
stratus, 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/2-2
miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 2000
feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles.
Between 2100 and 1200 Saigon time, stratus, 1000
to 1500 feet, and fog, visibility 1/4-4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited
occasionally 4000 feet, visibility 3-7 miles in haze.
Becoming by 2300 Saigon time, overcast, ceiling 500-
1000 feet AGL, visibility 1/2-3 miles in fog/haze/
drizzle. Becoming by 1100 Saigon time, cloudy
occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet
occasionally unlimited, visibility 3-7 miles in haze.

OUTLOOK - Little change

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Overcast, ceiling 100 to 500 feet AGL, visibility
0-2 miles in fog. Becoming by 1100 Saigon time,
cloudy occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 1500
feet AGL occasionally unlimited, visibility 4-7
miles in haze.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited patchy 5000 feet, visibility 3-6 miles in haze except occasional 1 mile in haze near sunrise/sunset. Between 0500 and 1000 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus 500 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

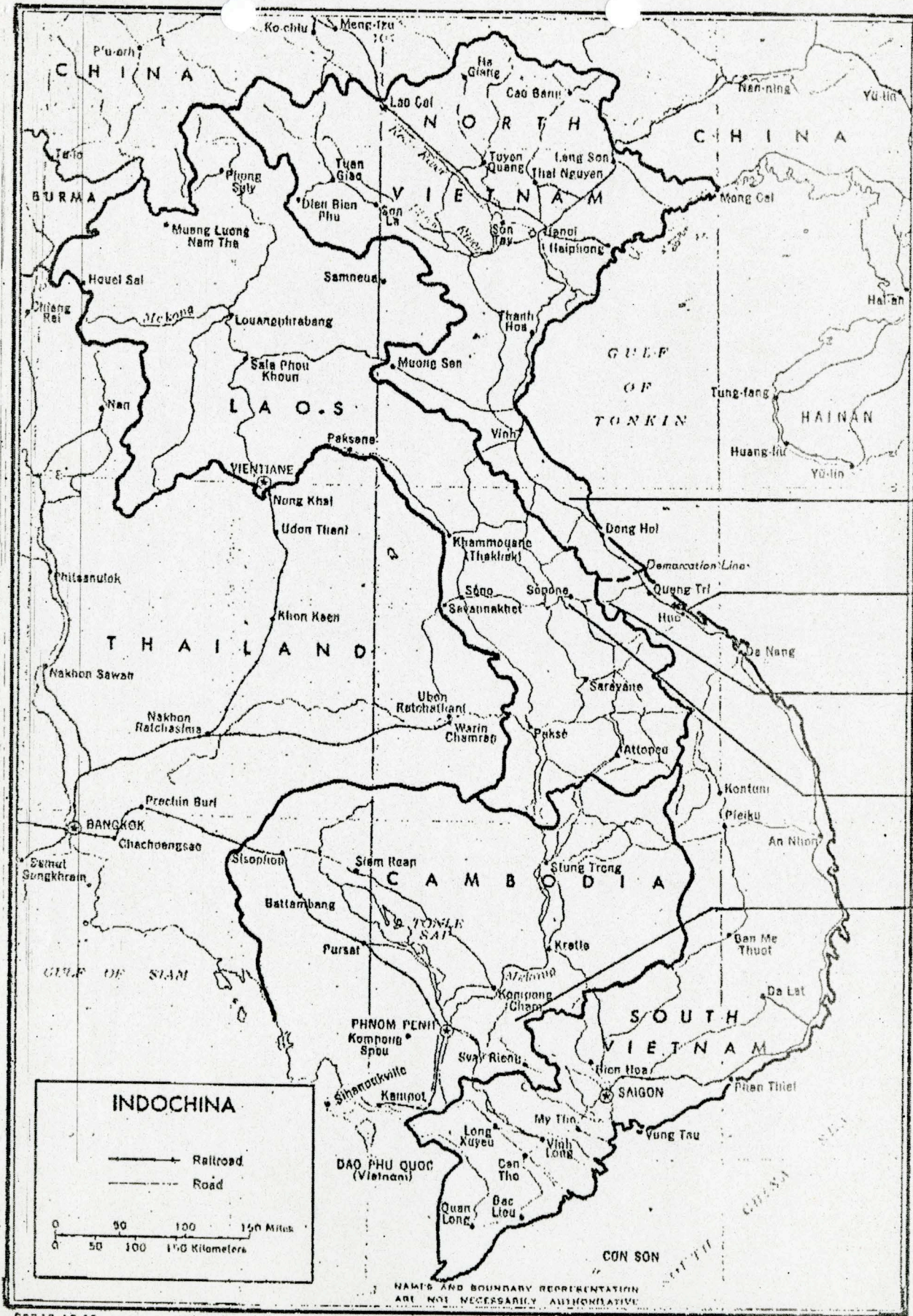
Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited patchy 3000 feet, visibility 4-7 miles in haze. Between 2000-0500 and 1600-2000 Saigon time, isolated showers/thunderstorms. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus, 1000 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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

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Map

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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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Brigadier General, USAF
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23 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 222200-230800 GMT (230600-231600 Saigon time; 221700-230300 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (TS) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: RVNAF and US forces reported limited combat activity during the period, consisting primarily of enemy attacks by fire. Highest priority is being given to the location and destruction of NVA heavy artillery positions through the use of dedicated forward air controllers and analysis of shelling reports.

b. Significant Combat Activity Reported:

(1) At Point 1, enemy forces fired two antitank grenades at a US vehicle. US forces reacted with machine-gun and tank fire. A search of the area disclosed four enemy dead, two individual weapons, two antitank grenade launchers, ten hand grenades, and four antitank grenades.

(2) At Point 2, the command post of the 3d ARVN Airborne Battalion received a combined mortar and sapper attack. Three enemy soldiers were killed and 15 hand grenades seized.

(3) Three other attacks by fire against ARVN elements were reported, resulting in five ARVN soldiers wounded and one APC damaged.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) The US 1st Brigade, 5th Mechanized Division elements accomplished all preplanned objectives for the period.

(2) All RVNAF preplanned objectives for the period were accomplished with the exception of completing movement of the 2d Battalion, 3d ARVN Infantry Regiment into Fire Support Base Delta 1, which was in progress at the end of the reporting period, and movement of the 2d VNMC Battalion from its current position to field locations.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Laos for this operation is 10,104.

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b. RVNAF battalions by type in Laos for this operation are:

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

c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

<u>B-52</u>	<u>Tactical Air</u>
None reported this period.	1 bulldozer damaged
7 additional secondary explosions for previous period.	7 secondary explosions.
	1 secondary fire
	1 gun position destroyed

d. A UH-1H and a UH-1C supporting 3d ARVN Infantry Regiment collided in mid-air, killing eight US crewmen and four ARVN (See attached map). Two ARVN were seriously injured. MACV reports the loss as operational and states that the accident is being investigated.

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

Attachments;

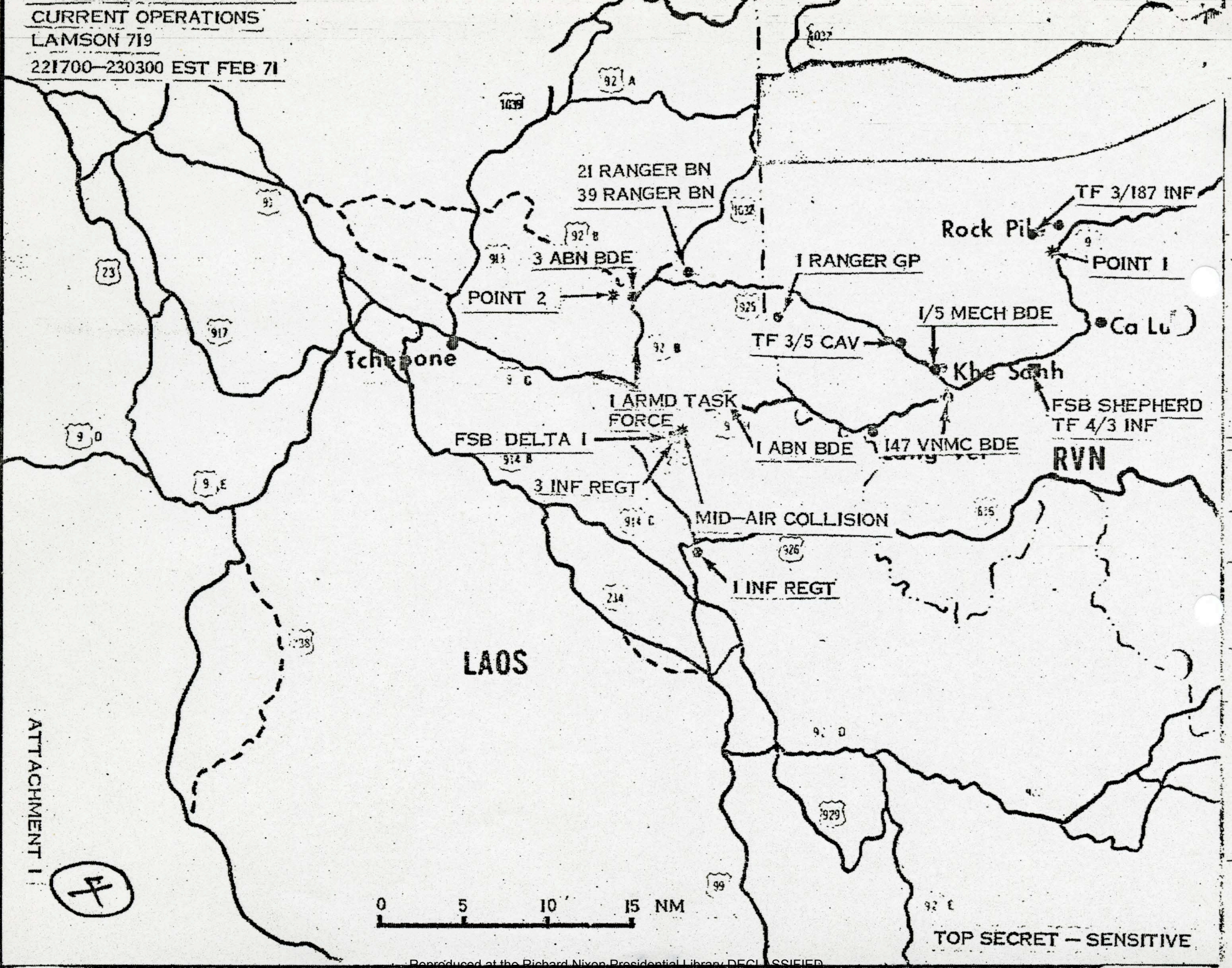
1. Map
2. Casualties
3. Equipment and Materiel Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
5. Aircraft Losses/Casualties

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Enclosure 1

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ATTACHMENT I

LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 221700-230300 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	0	0	54	235	15
RVNAF	NOT AVAILABLE			276	842	101
	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA*</u>	<u>KBA</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	4	0	0	2,191	466	9

*Includes KBA

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED(PERIOD 221700-230300 BST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED/DESTROYED*</u>
Individual Weapons	4	0	1,307
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	237
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	144,000
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	40	0	55,440
Vehicles	0	0	118**
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	10
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,400
POL (Gallons)	0	0	134,360
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	670,000
Structures	0	2	693
Bunkers	0	0	240
Miscellaneous Equip- ment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	74,760

*Vast majority of equipment/materiel initially reported captured subsequently destroyed due to inability to evacuate. Only minimal amount is retained for display or intelligence purposes.

**Includes 14 tanks

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AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 221700-230300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
<u>RVN</u>		
A-4 (USMC)	0	88
A-6 (USMC)	0	18
A-7 (USN)	0	6
B-52	0	29
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	6	179
F-100	0	2
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	4,490
Air Cavalry	0	3,458
Helo Troop Lift	0	11,924
Helo Med Evac	0	237
C-130 Logistics	0	485
Helo Logistics	0	15,748

LAOS

A-4 (USMC-USN)	0	334
A-6 (USN)*	1	22*
A-7 (USN)	4	177
B-52	6	316
B-57 (USAF)	0	7
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	16	875
F-100	0	8
AC-119 Gunships	0	13
AC-130 Gunships	0	45
Helo Gunships	0	4,462
Air Cavalry	0	3,257
Helo Troop Lift	0	3,329
Helo Med Evac	0	103
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	1,873

*Corrected data

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 221700-230300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE</u>
	<u>RVN</u>	
A-37	0	8
B-57 (RAAF)	0	74
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	93
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	20
	<u>LAOS</u>	
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	93
Helo Troop Lift	0	255
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	142

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(US Unless Otherwise Indicated)

(PERIOD 221700-230300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<u>PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)</u>	<u>CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)</u>
AH-1G	0/0	5/4#
UH-1C	0/1 (Operational Loss)	0/2##
UH-1H	0/1 (Operational Loss)	##3/7##
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
OH-6A	0/0	1/2
OH-58A	0/0	1/0
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/2	11/18

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES
(US Unless Otherwise Indicated)

(PERIOD 221700-230300 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>
AH-1G	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	0/6	0/4
UH-1C	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/4
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/11*	3/11**	0/6
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/18***	0/0	0/0
OH-6A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/3	0/0
OH-58A	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	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
TOTALS	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/29	5/20	0/20

Includes two operational losses

Includes one operational loss

* Includes seven ARVN

** Includes one ARVN

*** Includes 14 ARVN and four US Newsmen

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Attachment 5

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23 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. (C) General: This report covers the period 222200-230800 GMT (230600-231600 Saigon time; 221700-230300 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (TS) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF task force elements are shown at Attachment 1. Task Force 3 engineer elements are proceeding north toward link-up points with Task Force 5. No major actions have been reported in the area. Two significant actions were reported in the remainder of the TOAN THANG area of operation.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, in a day-long action, the 2d Battalion, 9th ARVN Infantry Regiment, supported by artillery and tactical airstrikes, killed 59 enemy soldiers and seized seven weapons (one crew-served). ARVN casualties were one killed and nine wounded.

(2) At Point 2, elements of the 74th Ranger Border Defense Battalion engaged an enemy force. Results were nine enemy killed and two individual weapons seized, with ARVN casualties of five wounded.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: All operations proceeding according to schedule.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. Results of Tactical Airstrikes:

1 structure destroyed.
6 caches destroyed.

b. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 17,448.

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c. RVNAF battalions by type in Cambodia for this operation are:

- (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 and Materiel Seized/Destroyed
4. Air Support
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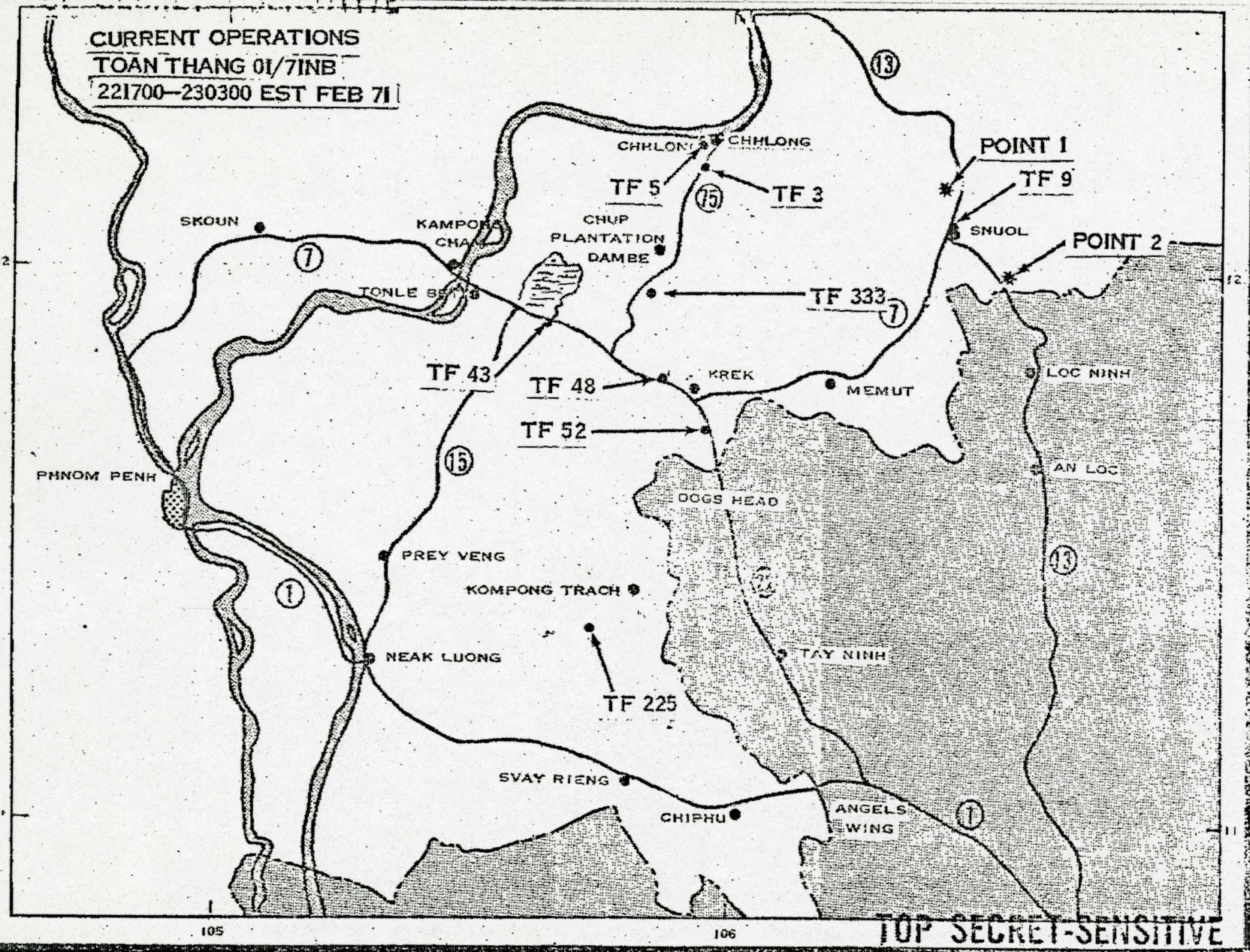
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CURRENT OPERATIONS
TOAN THANG 01/71NB
221700-230300 EST FEB 71



ATTACHMENT 1

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 221700-230300 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	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	4	40	0	184	902	0
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>KBA*</u>	<u>DET</u>
<u>ENEMY</u>	68	0	0	1,623	0	73

*Data on KBA is not available.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 221700-230300 EST FEB 71)

	<u>PERIOD</u>		<u>CUMULATIVE</u>	
	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>	<u>SEIZED</u>	<u>DESTROYED</u>
Individual Weapons	5	0	349	25
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	77	0
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	4,800	0
(2) B-40 Rounds	0	0	222	0
(3) 75-mm Rounds	0	0	25	0
(4) 60-mm Rounds	0	0	31	0
(5) 81-mm Rounds	0	0	47	0
(6) Mines	0	0	16	0
Vehicles	0	0	1	1
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	3	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	2	0
POL (Gallons)	0	0	0	0
Document (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	27,400	56,200
Structures	0	0	0	10
Bunkers	0	0	0	32
Miscellaneous Equipment (Pounds)	0	0	0	0

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TOAN THIANG 01/71 NB

AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 221700-230300 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES(PERIOD 221700-230300 EST FEB 71)

<u>TYPE AIRCRAFT</u>	<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>US</u>						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>VNAF</u>						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 24/0600-250600 Saigon time
OUTLOOK 25/0600-260600 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast, ceiling 3000 feet, occasionally 1500 feet; visibility 7 miles, occasionally 5 miles in drizzle and fog.

MOUNTAINS - Overcast, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet, occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles occasionally 5 miles in drizzle. Between 2100Z and 0300Z, in valleys, broken stratus 500 to 1500 feet AGL and fog, visibility 1/2-2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 2000 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 2300 and 1200 Saigon time, scattered to broken stratus, 1000 to 1500 feet and fog, visibility 1/4 to 4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet occasionally unlimited, visibility 3 to 7 miles in haze. Between 2300 and 1100 Saigon time, overcast stratus, 500 feet AGL and fog with occasional drizzle, visibility 1/2 to 3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Slight increase in low clouds.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 1500 feet AGL occasionally unlimited, visibility 3 to 7 miles in haze. Between 2300 and 1100 Saigon time, broken variable overcast, ceiling 100 to 500 feet AGL, visibility 1/4 to 4 miles in fog.

OUTLOOK - Slight increase in low clouds.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited patchy 5000 feet, visibility 3 to 6 miles in haze except occasionally 1 mile in haze near sunrise/sunset. Between 0500 and 1000 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy broken stratus, 500 feet AGL and fog/haze, visibility 1/2 4 miles.

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OUTLOOK - Little change.

CHUP PLANTATION-AREA 5:

Partly cloudy, patchy cloudy, ceiling unlimited
patchy 3000 feet, visibility 3 to 7 miles in haze.
Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy broken
stratus, 1000 feet AGL and fog/haze, visibility
1/2 to 3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NOTE: All cloud heights are given in feet Above Mean Sea Level,
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Map

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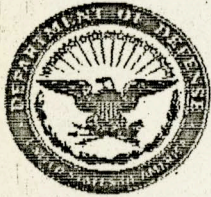
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JAMES RIPPE, WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM

Subject: Information Regarding Pipeline Cuts

1. A review of field reports indicate the following actions were taken to cut or destroy enemy pipeline in Laos:

- 15 Feb - Air Cav continued efforts to destroy approximately 1,000 meters of exposed pipeline vic XC 504135.
- 17 Feb - At 180320Z vic XD 465425 and XD 466425, air cav elements observed three 6 to 8" pipelines, two lines severed. At 180430Z vic XD 471415 another pipeline was observed and severed.
- 19 Feb - At 190535Z air cav elements breached the pipeline at XD 521320 and XD 510361 (Flames 25 ft in air)
- 19 Feb - Elements of 2d Bn, 1st Infantry (ARVN) removed a 19 foot long section at XD 526335.
- 21 Feb - At 210800Z at XD 515349, the 2d Bn, 1st Infantry (ARVN) destroyed 300 meters of pipeline.

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 H. L. BEESLEY
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SUBJECT: ARVN/FAR LIAISON

THIEU HAS NOW INFORMED ME THAT HE BELIEVES IT WILL BE MORE SECURE TO SEND AN EMISSARY TO VIENTIANE RATHER THAN HAVE LAO DELEGATION COME TO VIET-NAM, AND WILL PLAN TO DO SO. PLEASE REPEAT TO AMBASSADOR GODLEY.

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SPECAT EXCLKSIVE FOR ADM MOORER, GEN HOLLOWAY,
ADM MCCAIN, GEN ABRAMS, GEN CLAY, LTGEN BYERLEY,
MGEN EVANS

SUBJECT: BDA OF ARCLIGHT STRIKE N-691 IN MR 11
1. AIRA STAFF OBSERVED THE ARCLIGHT STRIKE UNDER
REFERENCE FROM AN ORBIT ALTITUDE 11,500 FEET
SOUTHWEST OF TARGET BOX. THEY ENJOYED GOOD VIEW
OF STRIKE ZONE, THEY OBSERVAD EIGHT TO ELEVEN
SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS RANGING FROM TWO TO FIVE
DIAMETERS IN SIZE. THE FIVE DIAXETER EXPLOSION
COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN TWO EXPLOSIONS. OF TME
EXPLOSIONS OBSERVED ONE WAS LARGE ACD TWO OTHERS
RELATIVELY LARGE WHEREAS THE REMAINDER WERE
OF TWO DIAMETER SIZE.D
2. ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBSERVE
ARCLIGHTS AS FREQUENTLY AS I WOULD LIKE DUE TO
WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS, THOSE WE HAVE
OBSERVED APPEAR TO BE MOST LUCRATIVE AND I
BELEIVE ARE HAVING SIGNFICANT DETRIMENTAL EFFECT
ON ENEMY'S PLANS TO OVERRUN BAN NA/LONG TIENG

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AREA. CONGRATULATIONS FOR PRECISION BOMBING
AND THANKS TO ALL CONCERNED. ALL THE BEST,
AS EVER.

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T O P S E C R E T SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM MCCAIN, INFO ADM MOORER, AMB
GODLEY AND AMB BUNKER, FROM GEN ABRAMS. DELIVERNDURING DUTY HOURS.
SECTION I OF II.

SUBJECT: OPERATION LAMFON 719. REPORT NR. 39 FOR PERIOD ENDING
230800Z FEB 71 (U).

REFS: A. CINCPAC 300204Z JAN 71 (TS/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE).

B. JCS 292318Z JAN 71 (TS/SPEVAT/EXCLUSIVE).

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1. (U) THIS REPORT IS BASED ON INITIAL COMBAT REPORTS AND MAY
BE REVISED UPON MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION.

2. (S) PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES: TACTICAL MOVEMENT BY
AIR TODAY INITIALLY DELAYED DUE TO MIST AND GROUND FOG. 3DNREGI-
MENTAL COMMAND POST COMPLETED MOVE TO DELTA ONE AT 230513Z AND 4/3
COMPLETED MOVE TO LZ BROWN AT 230820Z. AT END OF REPORTING PERIOD,
2/3 MOVE IN PROGRESS AND EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED EARLY EVENING.
HIGHEST PRIORITY TO LOCATION AND DESTRUCTION OF NVA HEAVY ARTILLERY
FIRING INTO RANGER AND AIRBORNE POSITIONS THROUGH USE OF DEDICATED
FAC AND SHELLREP ANALYSIS. CG, I CORPS STATES THAT NVA 36TH DIV
ARRIVED IN ICHEPONE BY TRUCK THREE DAYS AGO.

3. (S) SITUATION:

A. SIGNIFICANT TACTICAL ACTIVITY DURING PERIOD.

(1) 1/5 MECH CONT OPNS IN AO. TAC AIR AND ARTY DIRECTED
AGAINST BUNKER COMPLEXES AH XD7449 AND XD8551. SEARCH OF BUNKER

COMPLEX VIC XD7449 CONT.

(A) TF 3/187. AT 230150Z PLT SIZE ELM REC'D SA FIRE VIC XD903561. SA FIRE, MORTAR AND ARTY EMPLOYED WITH UNK RESULTS. NO FRD CAS.

(B) TF 1/77 CONT OPNS IN ASSIGNED AO. AT 230300Z VIC XD968537, TWO RPG RDS DAMAGED 1/4 T TRUCK. EN ENGAGED WITH .50 CAL AND TANK MAIN GUN CANISTER. RESULTS: FOUR EN KIA, TWO B-40, TWO AX-47, TEN GRENADES AND FOUR RPG RDS CAPTURED.

(C) REMAINDER 1/5 ELMS REPORTE NO SIGNIFICANT ACTY DURPNG PERIOD.

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(2) RVNAF UNITS CONZ OPNS IN AO'S IN RVN AND LAOS. WEATHER DELAYED START OF SCHEDULED LIFTS UNTIL 230330Z. 3D REGT CP, ONE ENG CO AND SIX 105MM MOW LIFTED INTO FSB DELTA ONE (XD555342), COMPLETING AT 230515Z. 4/3 MOVED BY AIR INTO LZ BROWN (XD503357) CLOSING AT 230815Z. LIFT OF 2/3 IN PROGRESS. BN OF VNMC TO BE INSERTED 24 FEB.

(A) 1ST INF DIV. OTHER UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCH OPNS.

(B) ABN DIV. UNITS CONDUCTED SEARCH OPNS. AT 222245Z VIC XD503471, 3D ABN BN CP ON FSB 31 REC'D UNK TYPE/NUMBER MORTAR RDS AND SAPPER ATTACK BY UNK SIZE EN FORCE. RESULTS, THREE EN KIA 15 GRENADES CAPTURED. AT 222300Z VIC XD520390: 9TH ABN BN REC'D 10 X122MM ROCKETS. NO CAS OR DAM.

(C) ARMHTF. AT 230300Z VIC XD400408, 11TH ACS REC'D FIVE 82MM MORTAR RDS. FIVE ARVN WIA AND ONE APC DAM.

(D) 1ST RANGER GP. ELMS CONT TO IMPROVE DEFENSIVE POSITIONS. NO CONTACT REPORTED.

(3) AIR OPNS. AT 230313Z, VIC XD553344 ONE UH-1H AND ONE UH-1C SUPPORTING 3D INF REGT COLLIDED IN MID AIR. EIGHT US CREW MEN ABOARD AND FOUR ARVN KILLDD. TWO ARVN SERIOUSLY INJURED. ACCIDENT BEING INVESTIGATED.

(4) ENGINEER EFFORT. ENGINEERS CONT WORK ON AIRSTRIPS, TAXIWAYS AND PARKING APRONS AT KHE SANH, IMPROVING, WIDENING AND CLEARING QL 9 AND BASE DEVELOPMENT OF FSA-1 AND FSA-2.

(5) LOGISTICS. JP-4 STOCKAGE AT FSA 2 REACHED 150,000 GALS ON 23 FEB. AS OF 230600Z, NINE C-130 BLADDER BIRDS LANDED AT KHE SANH.

B. FRIENDLY:

(1) TASK ORGANIZATION AND TROOP LOCATION MO

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(A) US: NO CHANGE

*North along
Route 92*

*1/2 Pt 9 west
Pt 92*

(B) RVNAF:

1 3D REGT CP-XD555343

2 2/3 REGT-XD543327

A (2) TOTAL LAOS BERTROOPS IN LAOS: NO CHANGE
 (3) TOTAL NUMBER OF FRIENDLY BATTALION IN LAOS, BY TYPE:
 NO CHANGE.

4. (S) OPERATIONAL RESULTS: CHANGES ONLY.

A. CASUALTIES (PERIOD):

(1) FRIENDLY	KIA	WIA	H	MIA
(A) US N	0	0		0
(B) RVNAF S	NOT AVAILABLE			
(2) ENEMY	KIA (TOTAL)	KBA		DET
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B. CASUALTIES (CUMULATIVE):

(1) FRIENDLY	KIA	WIA		MIA
(A) US	0	0		0
(B) RVNAF	NOT AVAILABLE			
(2) ENEMY	KIA (TOTAL)	KBA		DET
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C. EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL:

(CAPTURED/DESTROYED)

	H	N	PERIOD ENEMY H CPTR/DEST	CUMULATIVE ENEMY CPTR/DESTR
(1) I/WPNS N			4/0	1307
(2) CS/WPNS H			2/0	1237
(3) AMMO				
(A) SA (RDS)			0/0	144,000
(4) (STROCHERKSONS)			.0220	20932

5. (TS) COMBAT SORTIES AS OF 230800Z FEB 71:

A. TACTICAL SORTIES:

		PERIOD US/VNAF	IN-COUNTRY CUMULATIVE US/VNAF
(1) F-4 (USAF/USMC) H		6/0	S 179/0
			OUT-COUNTRY
(2) F-4 (USAF/USMC)		16/0	875/0
(3) A-6 (USN)		1/0	22/0
I (4) A-7 (USN) I		4/0	177/0
(5) B-52		6/0	316/0

B. LOGISTICAL SORTIES: NGNE REPORTED.

C. RESULTS OF B-52 AND TAC AIR STRIKES: B-52 DURING PERIOD:
 NO SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS FOR THIS PERIOD. ADDITIONAL SECONDARY EXPL

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FOR PERIOD 220801Z - 222200Z: SIX (2X-5X). TAC AIR REPORT FOR
 PERIOD: ONE GUN SITE DEST; ONE BULLDOZER DAM, ONE SECONDARY FIRE,
 AND SEVEN SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS.

D. AIRCRAFT LOYSES BY TYPE:

	N	PERIOD RVN/LAOS	CUMULATIVE RVN/LAOS
(1) OH-6A			
(2) OH-6A			

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S(3) UH- (US)	0/2	3/9
(4) UH-1 (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
(5) OH-CU	0/0	0/1
(6) AH-G	0/0	5/4
KUL F-4S(US)	0/0	1/0

- 6. (S) PLANS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD.
 - A. 1/5 MECH WILL CONT OPNS IN AC. NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES CONDUCTED VIC NDP'S AND FSB DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.
 - B. RVNAF FORCES CONT OPNS IN AO'S IN RVN AND LAOS. NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSH CONDUCTED VIC NDP'S AND FSB'S DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS.
 - C. ENGINEERS CONT OPNS ON AIRSTRIP AT KHE SANH TO MAINTAIN AND UPGRADE QL 9, AND ON BASE DEVELOPMENT.

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T O P S E C R E T YPCAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM MOORER
AND ADM MC CAIN FROM GEN ABRAMS. DELIVER DURING
NORMAL DUTY HOURS.

REF: MAC 01901 E.O. BTG 22PEIZ FEB 71 (TS)

1. AT 1500 HOURS, 22 FEBRUARY 1971, I MET WITH GENERAL VIEN,
AND AT 1730 HOURS I ACCOMPANIED AMBASSADOR BUNKER TO W MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT THIEU AND GENERAL VIEN(ALL TIMES LOCAL). THE
MEETING WITH GENERAL VIEN WAS ABOUT 45 MINUTES AND WITH
PRESIDENT THIEU ABOUT 90 MINUTES.

2. AT BOTH MEETINGS MY BRIEFING COVERED THE FOLLOWING:

A. THE ENEMY SITUATION IN LAM SON 719 AREA, CNCLUDING THE
NEW HEADQUARTERS FESVRIBED IN REFERENCE, AND ENEMY REENFORCE-
MENT CAPABILITY; THE ENEMY SITUATION IN THE PLAINE DDS JARRE AND
IN THE BOLOVENS; AND, FINALLY, THE ENEMY SITUATION IN THE CHUP AREA.
I CONCLUDED FROM THIS THAT THE ENEMY WAS DETERMINED TO STAND AND
FIGHT IN BOTH LAM SON 719 AND THE CHUP AREA. THERE WOULD BE
HEAVY FIGHTING.

B. I COVERED THE FIGURES ON TACAIR AND B-52 SORTIES IN SUP-
PORT OF THE PLAINE DES JARRE, LAM SON 719, AND CHUP. I POINTED
OUT THAT AT THIS TIME ALL B-52 SORTIES ARE ALLOCATED TO GENERAL LAM
FOR LAM SON 719. I HAVE RESERVED TO MYSELF AUTHORITY TO DIVERT
ANY GE THESE FOR AN EMERGENCY IN NORTHERN LAOS OR CHUP. I TOLD
HIM AUTHORITYSHAD BEEN GIVEN TO GO TO FORTY SORTIES PER DAY.

C. I COVERED THE STATUS IN DAYS OF SUPPLY FOR ARVN IN
LAM SON 719 INCLUDING THE INVENTORIES AT QUANG TRI, VANDERGRIFT,
AND KHE SANH FOR FOOD, FUEL, AND AMMUNITION. I REPORTED THAT US
AND VNAF HELICOPTER LOSSES IN LAM SON 719 HAD BEEN REPLACZD,
AND THAT ARVN ARTILLERY LOSSES ALSO HAVE BEEN REPLACED. ALSO, THJT
TEN M-548'S HAD BEEN TURNED OVER TODAY TO GENERAL TRI'S FORCES.

D. I THEN COVERED THE CUMULATIVE HELICOPTER LIFT SORTIES IN SUPPORT OF ARVN IN LAM SON 719 AND CHUP IN THE CATEGORIES GKNSHIP, AIR CAV, MEDEVAC, TROOP LIFT, AND LOGISTICS LIFT.

E. I REPORTED THAT 12 C-130 SHIPS WITH 50 SORTISS PER DAY ARE DEDICATED TO THE SUPPLY OF KHE SANH.

3. PRESIDENT THIEU THEN DISCUSSED HIS VISIT TO I CORPS. HE HAD TALKED WITH GENERAL LAM AND THE DIVISION COMMANDERS; THEY ARE CONVINCED THAT THE QUALITY OF THEIR SOLDIERS IS SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF THE ENEMY. THEY KNOW THAT THERE WILL BE MORE HEAVY FIGHTING AND THAT THERE WILL BE MORE CASUALTIES. THEY ARE ALSO CONVINCED THAT THEY MUST DO IT. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE IN GENERAL LAM.

4. PRESIDENT THIEU THEN OUTLINED HIS VIEW-FIRST, THAT THE 3D REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIVISION SHOULD MOVE TO CUT THE ROADS AROUND THE JUNCTION OF 914 AND 92 (HE HOPED THAT WOULD BE ACCOMPLISHED TODAY). NEXT, THE 1ST REGIMENT, 1ST ARVN DIVISION SHOULD MOVE NORTH AND WEST ALONG THE HIGH GROUND BETWEEN ROUTES 9 AND 914. IN ABOUT 3 DAYS PHASE II SHOULD BE LAUNCHED, AIR-ASSAULTING 2 AIRBORNE BRIGADES IN ONE DAY AROUND SEPONE. HE SAID IT WOULD TAKE HEAVY B-52, HEAVY TACAIR, AND A GREAT DEAL OF HELICOPTER SUPPORT. HE FELT THAT ONCE THE AREA WAS CLEANED OUT THEY WOULD WITHDRAW. HE FAVORS WITHDRAWING OVER ROUTE 92 THROUGH BASE AREA 611. HE FEELS THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN PREPARING FOR A BIG BATTLE IN MR 1 TO TAKE PLACE IN JUNE AFTER AMERICAN STRENGTH IS DOWN AND BEFORE ELECTIONS HERE. HE REITERATED HIS CONCERNS: ENEMY ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS AND HEAVY ARTILLERY; AND US SUPPORT, TACAIR, B-52, AND HELICOPTERS.

5. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTIONS I SUGGESTED THAT VN MARINES WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE MOVED INTO LAOS TO COVER THE REAR OF THE AIRBORNE. GEN VIEN SUPPORTED THIS VIEW.

6. I WILL HAVE TO DO SOME WORK WITH GENERAL VIEN, GENERAL SUTHERLAND, AND GENERAL LAM BEFORE COMING DOWN HARD ON THIS PLAN.

7. A LATE CALL FROM GENERAL SUTHERLAND REPORTS THE ARVN 3D REGIMENT HAS BEEN ON AND ALONG ROUTE 9 SINCE 20 FEB 71. GPAQM BT

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MEMORANDUM FOR DR. KISSINGER

FROM: THE SITUATION ROOM

SUBJECT: Preliminary read out of Lam Son 719 SPECAT

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As of early this morning, activity around the 39th ARVN ranger battalion's positions remained intense. According to pilots operating in the area, the enemy is within 200 meters of the perimeter. However, other reports indicate the enemy occupies portions of the perimeter trenches. U.S. tactical air, flareships and artillery continue to support the rangers. On several occasions the gunships were ordered to fire into the outpost trenches. Unconfirmed reports indicate the 39th ARVN ranger battalion will infiltrate in groups of two and three after darkness to the positions of the 21st ranger battalion. No casualties figures were reported from this area.

Five U.S. personnel were killed when a U.S. Army helicopter was downed by enemy fire, 3 miles southwest of A Chau. The aircraft was attempting to extract three U.S. team members.

A total of three helicopters were downed by hostile fire during the reporting period in Lam Son 719.

Several mortar and rocket attacks were reported overnight.

One search operation uncovered four tons of 82 mm, B-40 and 12.7 mm ammo.

Casualties for the period are 1 U.S., 2 ARVN and 26 enemy killed.

Late information from the NMCC: The Da Nang Airfield is reported under mortar and rocket fire. The attack began at 12:30 EST. No details on the number of rounds or damage. NMCC also reports that the Qui Nhon ammo dump is on fire again. No details at this time.

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SUBJECT: LAO DELEGATION TO SAIGON.

1. AT OUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT THIEU FEBRUARY 18, HE REFERRED TO SOUVANNA PHOUMA'S DESIRE, ABOUT WHICH HE HAD INFORMED BERGER, TO SEND A DELEGATION OF GENERALS TO SVN TO COORDINATE MILITARY ACTIONS AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.
2. TWO DAYS AGO, HE SAID, SOUVANNA RENEWED THE REQUEST. THIEU SAID SUCH A MEETING MIGHT BE USEFUL TO COORDINATE LAO GUERRILLA ACTION WITH GVN OPERATIONS. HE HAD NOT RPT NOT ANSWERED IT YET AND WAS THINKING OF PUTTING OFF A REPLY UNTIL AFTER CALLING BACK THE GVN AMBASSADOR IN VIENTIANE NEXT WEEK. HE ADDED THAT SOUVANNA FEARED COMMUNIST CHINESE INTERVENTION IN LAOS.
3. I ASKED IF SUCH A VISIT COULD BE KEPT SECRET. THIEU SAID AS FAR AS SOUTH VIETNAM WAS CONCERNED THE ANSWER WAS YES. THE GROUP COULD COME IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES TO BIEN HOA, PLEIKU, NHA TRANG, OR OTHER BASE. ANY LEAK WAS MORE LIKELY TO BE IN VIENTIANE THAN HERE. ON BALANCE HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE SAFER AND MORE SECURE IF HE SENT SOMEONE TO VIENTIANE. I SAID AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN TOLD ME IN WASHINGTON THAT HE THOUGHT A CAREFULLY ARRANGED VISIT TO VIENTIANE COULD BE KEPT SECURE, SINCE THE MILITARY SIDE OF THE AIRPORT COULD BE USED AND THE AIR FIELD WAS SOME DISTANCE FROM THE CITY.
4. IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS IN THIS MATTER, PLEASE LET ME HAVE THEM.
5. PLEASE REPEAT TO AMBASSADOR GODLEY.

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SUBJECT: ARVN/FAR LIAISON

BASED ON SAIGON'S 2423 AND STATE 28916 I MENTIONED
CASUALLY TO SISOUK THAT OUR SUGGESTION WOULD BE
FOR A SINGLE GVN EMISSARY TO COME TO VIENTIANE.
HE THANKED ME FOR OUR VIEW AND SAID HE AGREED
AND WOULD SO INFORM SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR.
GP-1. GODLEY
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SUBJECT: ARVN/FAR LIAISON

REF: A. SAIGON 2423. B. VIENTIANE 1051

1. FROM REFTELS, IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT INITIATIVES FOR MEETINGS OF GVN AND RLG OFFICERS ARISE FROM MILITARY QUARTERS IN BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WITH POLITICAL AUTHORITIES BEING COMMENDABLY CAUTIOUS.
2. OUR EXPERIENCE WOULD SUGGEST THAT GROUP OF LAO OFFICERS VISITING VIET-NAM LIKELY TO BE LESS DISCREET THAN SINGLE GVN OFFICER VISITING VIENTIANE. THEREFORE, OUR PREFERENCE WOULD BE FOR A SINGLE, COMPETENT GVN EMISSARY, APPROPRIATELY INSTRUCTED RE SENSITIVITY AND DISCRETION, TO VISIT VIENTIANE WHERE GODLEY COULD ASSURE THAT SISOUK UNDERTAKES RESPONSIBILITY FOR HIS SECURITY.
3. WE BELIEVE THIEU HAS AN OFFICER OF THIS QUALITY WHOM HE HAS REGULARLY USED FOR SENSITIVE MISSIONS IN LAOS.

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