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25 February 1971
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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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25 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 242200-250800 GMT (250600-251600 Saigon time, 241700-250300 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: Enemy action in the area of operations increased during the reporting period. Enemy attacks on Objective 31, an attack by fire on FSB HOTEL 2, and a sharp contact involving the 2d Battalion, 3d ARVN Regiment, forced cancellation of all planned airlifts and combat assaults except the lift of the 21st and 39th Ranger Battalions. The 39th Ranger Battalion is now located at the 1st Ranger Group command post, while elements of the 21st Ranger Battalion are located at the position shown in Attachment 1.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, a combined enemy tank-infantry attack on Objective 31 was reported on the afternoon of 25 February, Saigon time. Initial reports indicate that one tank was destroyed by tactical airstrikes and two tanks destroyed by ground forces. As many as eight tanks may have been destroyed. Fragmentary information also indicates that one F-4, one AH1G helicopter gunship and one UH1H trooplift helicopter have been downed. Reports state that all crewmembers have been extracted. These downed aircraft are not reflected in Attachment 5 to this memorandum, pending confirmation of the losses. Some reports state that enemy forces are withdrawing while others reflect additional tanks northwest of Objective 31. Friendly casualties have not been reported. Additional information will be disseminated as it becomes available.

(2) At Point 2, elements of the 11th ARVN Armored Cavalry Squadron were struck by mortar and recoilless rifle fire. Two ARVN soldiers were killed and 11 wounded.

(3) At Point 3, another attack by fire on the 1st ARVN Airborne Battalion killed two ARVN soldiers and wounded nine.

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(4) At Point 4, elements of the 3d Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment engaged an enemy force. Tactical airstrikes supporting the ARVN force killed 17 enemy soldiers and destroyed three individual weapons.

(5) At Point 5, the 3d Battalion, 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment in a search of the area of a B-52 strike found 92 enemy bodies and the following items of supplies and equipment:

30 individual weapons
8 tons ammunition
5 antitank grenade launchers
3 37-mm antiaircraft guns
1 12.7-mm machine gun
1 ton of rice
unknown amount of documents.

(6) At Point 6, the 2d Battalion, 3rd ARVN Infantry Regiment engaged an estimated reinforced enemy battalion which employed mortar, small arms, and antitank grenade fire. One ARVN soldier was killed and 15 wounded. Enemy losses are unknown.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) US Forces: The 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division has occupied positions south of the DMZ in northeastern Quang Tri Province and assumed control of an area of operations there.

(2) RVNAF Forces: No RVNAF unit has physically cut Route 914: Route 914 was interdicted 22-24 February when ARVN forces operated in the vicinity of the junction of Routes 92 and 914, south of the 1st ARVN Infantry Regiment's current location.

(3) Engineer effort continues to be directed at improving land lines of communication and airstrips and parking areas at Khe Sanh.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Laos for this operation is 9,857.

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

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

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c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

(1) B-52 - No secondary explosions reported.

(2) Tactical Air:

12 secondary fires
10 enemy KBA
2 gun positions destroyed
1 gun position damaged
1 vehicle destroyed
1 bunker damaged
1 secondary explosion

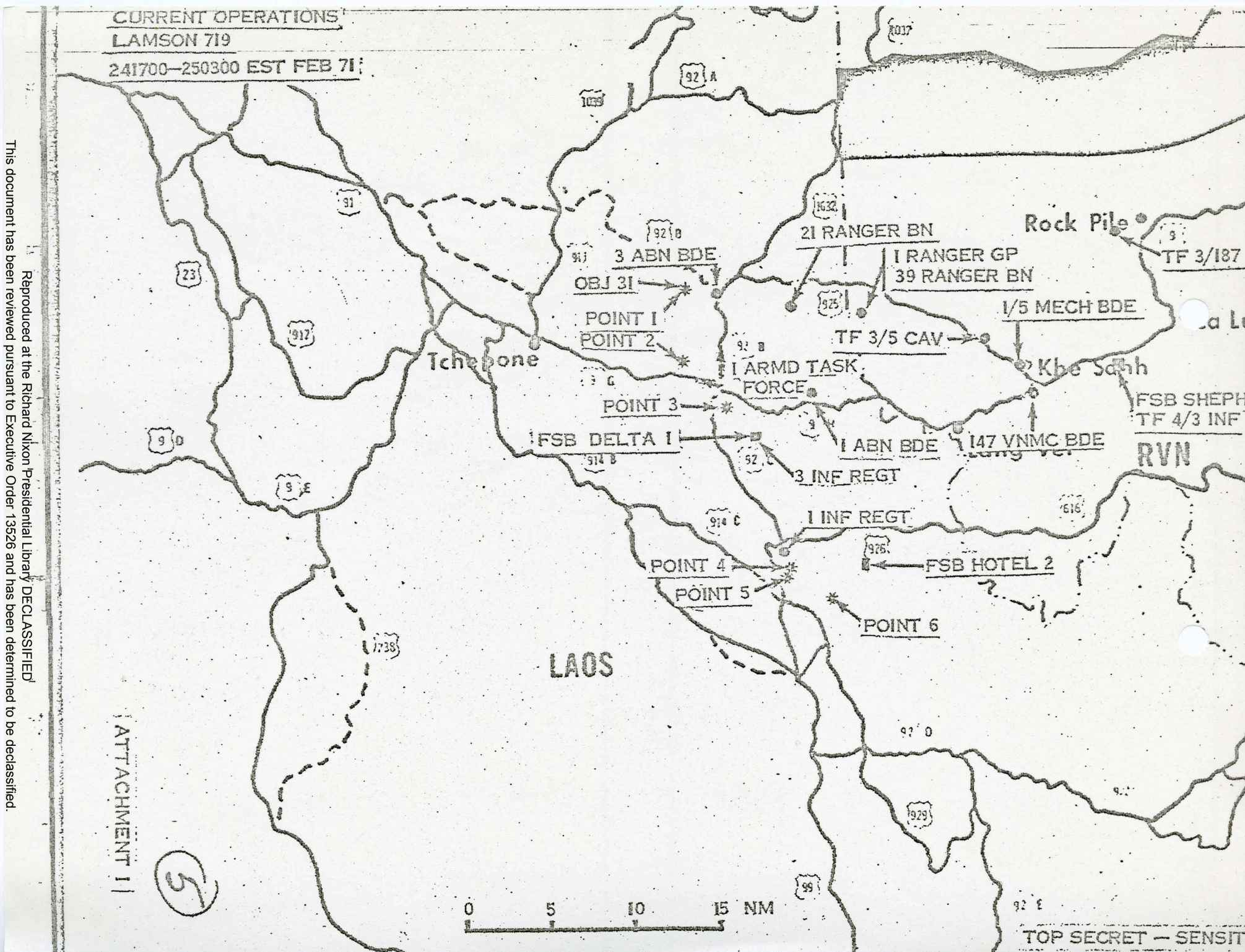
(3) The following bomb damage assessments were reported for the period 060800-212200 GMT (060300-211700 EST) February 1971:

Destroyed	Damaged	Miscellaneous
55 barrels POL	76 vehicles	638 secondary explosions
11 sampans	11 gun positions	76 secondary fires
7 gun positions		58 enemy KBA
3 caches		22 roads cut

4. (U) Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

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

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LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	3	0	65	257*	15
RVNAF	Not available.			270	882	98
	KIA**	KBA	DET	KIA**	KBA	DET
ENEMY	92	92	0	2,328*	637*	9

*Adjusted Figure.
**The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD) 241700-250300 EST FEB 71

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED/DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	30	0	1,332
Crew-served Weapons	9	0	249
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	144,340
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	16,000	248,200
Vehicles	0	0	120*
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	11
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,400
POL (Gallons)	0	0	134,360
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3
Rice/Food (Pounds)	2,000	0	784,400**
Structures	0	0	693
Bunkers	0	45	327
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	74,760

**Adjusted Figure
*Includes 14 Tanks

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AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD) 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-4 (USMC)	0	91
A-6 (USMC)	0	19
A-7 (USN)	0	8
B-52	6	35
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	2	193
F-100	0	4
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	4,897
Air Cavalry	0	3,810
Helo Troop Lift	0	12,786
Helo Med Evac	0	253
C-130 Logistics	0	546
Helo Logistics	0	17,381
LAOS		
A-4 (USMC-USN)	0	385
A-6 (USMC)	0	25
A-7 (USN)	7	220
B-52	6	372
B-57 (USAF)	0	7
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	29	1,010
F-100	0	8
AC-119 Gunships	0	13
AC-130 Gunships	0	51
Helo Gunships	0	5,065
Air Cavalry	0	3,685
Helo Troop Lift	0	3,810
Helo Med Evac	0	116
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	2,243

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD) 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-37	0	8
B-57 (RAAF)	0	85
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	99
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	20
LAOS		
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	107
Helo Troop Lift	0	279
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	176

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES
(US Unless Otherwise Indicated)

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)	CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)
AH-1G	0/0	5/4#
UH-1C	0/0	0/2##
UH-1H	0/0	##3/7##
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
OH-6A	0/0	1/2
OH-58A	0/0	1/1
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/0	11/19

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

PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)			CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
AH-1G	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/0	0/6	0/****
UH-1C	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/****
UH-1H	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/11*	3/11**	0/****
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	0/3	2/0	0/0
CH-47	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/****
F-4	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/0	0/0	0/0
TOTALS	0/0	0/0	0/0	5/29	5/20	0/8

\# Includes two operational losses
\## Includes one operational losses
* Includes seven ARVN
** Includes one ARVN
*** Includes 14 ARVN and four US Newsmen
**** Updated information by aircraft type not available.

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25 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. (C) General: This report covers the period 242200-250800 GMT (250600-251600 Saigon time: 241700-250300 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Locations of RVNAF units in Cambodia are shown on Attachment 1. All Task Forces are continuing search and clear operations in assigned areas. No significant combat actions were reported.

b. Significant Combat Operations Reported: None

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

3. (S) Remarks:

a. Results of Tactical Airstrikes:

(1) None for period.

(2) The following additional bomb damage assessment was reported for the period 040800-212200 GMT (040300-211700 EST) February 1971:

Destroyed	Damaged	Miscellaneous
327 structures	39 caches (NFI)	298 enemy KBA
53 caches (NFI)	12 structures	60 secondary fires
25 sampans	5 vehicles	59 secondary explosio
8 vehicles	3 base camps	8 roads cut
7 gunsites	2 sampans	

b. Results of B-52 Airstrikes: No B-52 strikes during the period.

c. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 17,932.

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

(1) Infantry - 18

(2) Armored Cavalry Squadron - 5

(3) Ranger - 7

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

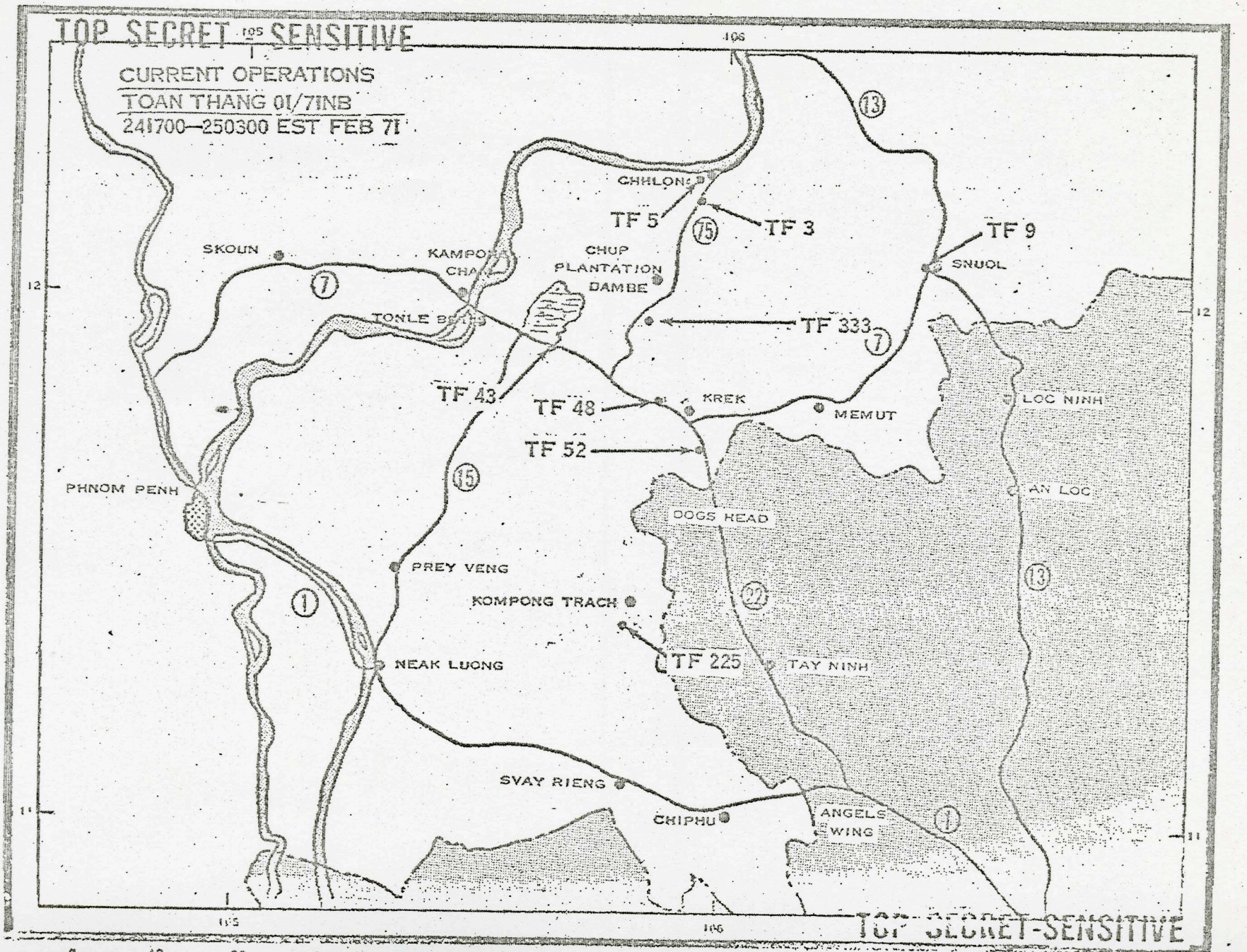
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2. Casualties
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CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	0	3	0	196	929	1
	KIA	KBA*	DET	KIA	KBA*	DET
ENEMY	3	0	0	1,709	0	73

*Data on KBA is not available.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE	
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED	DESTROYED
ndividual Weapons	1	0	377	25
rew-served Weapons	0	0	85	0
mmunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	4,800	4,000
(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
ehicles	0	0	1	1
ommunication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	3	0
edical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	2	0
OL (Gallons)	0	0	0	1,100
ocument (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
ice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	27,400	56,200
tructures	0	0	0	10
unkers	0	0	0	32
iscellaneous Equipment (Pounds)	0	0	0	600

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AIR SUPPORT

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-37	0	256
B-52	0	30
F-100	0	241
AC-119 Gunships	0	5
Helo Gunships	0	197
Helo Troop Lift	0	173
Helo Med Evac	0	45
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	77
VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-1	0	503
A-37	0	7
F-5	0	257
O-1	0	34
AC-47 Gunships	0	36
Helo Gunships	0	162
Helo Troop Lift	0	160
Helo Med Evac	0	177
Helo Logistics	0	250

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 241700-250300 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
VNAF						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 26/0600-27/0600 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 27/0600-28/0600 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast, ceiling 4500 feet occasionally 1000 feet, visibility 7 miles except 5 miles in occasional drizzle. Isolated afternoon/evening showers/thunderstorms. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, fog visibility 1-3 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Overcast, ceiling 4000 feet, visibility 7 miles except 4 miles in occasional drizzle. Between 1400 and 0800 Saigon time, isolated showers/thunderstorms. Between 2200 and 1100 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/2-2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 8000 feet occasionally 2000 feet, visibility 5 to 7 miles in haze. Between 2100 and 1100 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling 500 feet, and fog, visibility 1/4-4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 100 to 500 feet AGL, visibility 1/4-3 miles in fog/haze. Between 1200 to 1900 Saigon time, cloudy, ceiling 8000 feet, patchy 4500 feet, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Isolated showers/thunderstorms.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Cloudy, ceiling 8000 feet, visibility 4-6 miles in haze. Between 1900 to 1200 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling 100 to 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/4-3 miles. Isolated evening showers/thunderstorms.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy, occasionally cloudy, ceiling 10000 feet occasionally 5000 feet, visibility 4-6 miles in haze. Between 1500 to 0800 Saigon time, isolated showers/thunderstorms. Between 0500 to 1000 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/4-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Cloudy, ceiling 3000 feet occasionally 10000 feet, visibility 5 to 7 miles in haze. Between 1400 and 0800 Saigon time, isolated showers/ thunderstorms. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling 1000 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-3 miles.

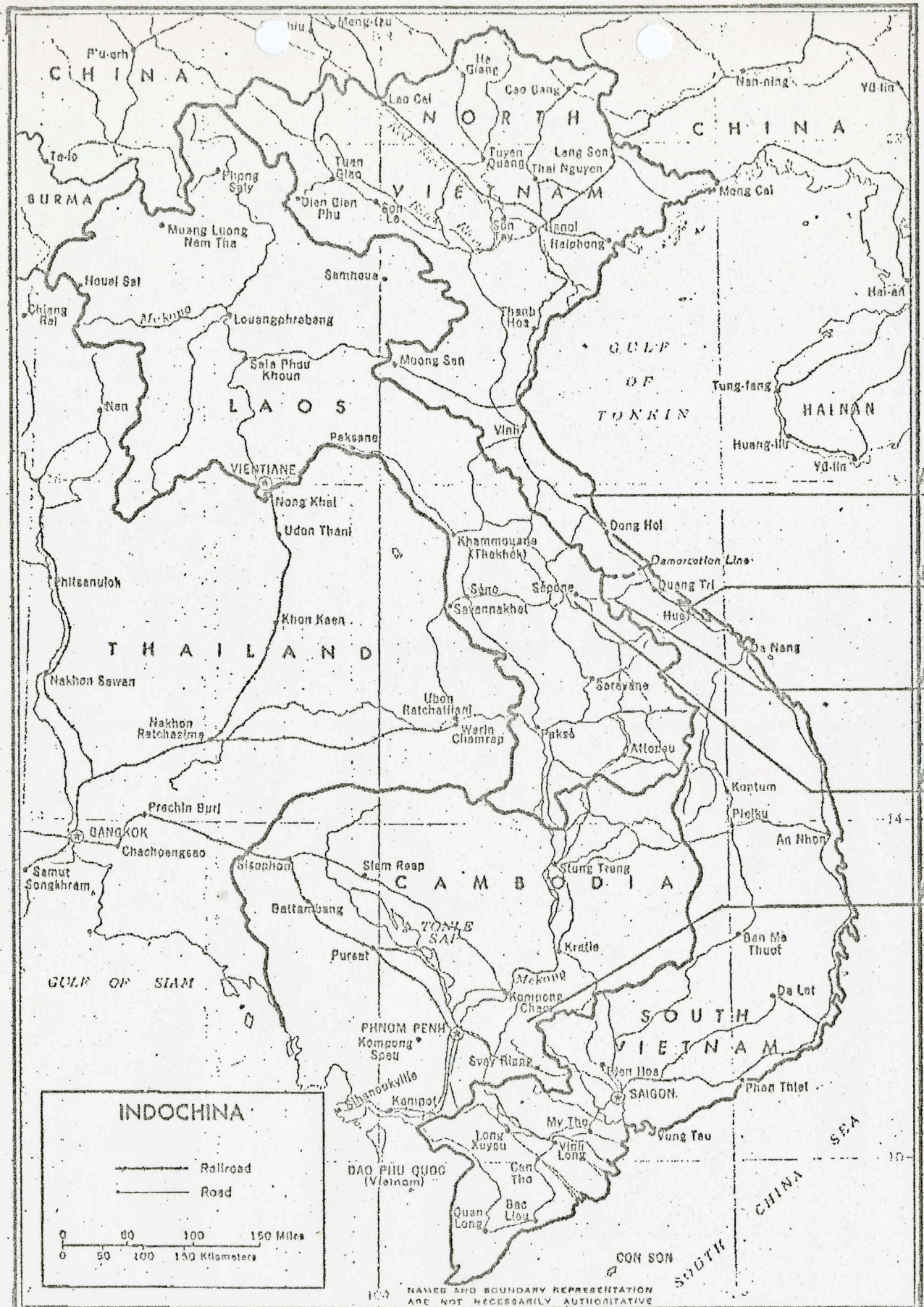
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NOTE: All cloud heights are given in feet Above Mean Sea Level, except those indicating AGL (Above Ground Level).

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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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25 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 240800-242200 GMT (241600-250600 Saigon time, 240300-241700 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: There was only one significant combat acion reported during the reporting period. The Quang Tri Combat Base received eight rounds of 122-mm rocket fire. Two US batteries fired 63 rounds of 175-mm at suspected locations, however, there was no damage to the friendly installation. RVNAF accomplished resupply missions as planned. Weather delayed combat assaults and other lifts, and then hostile fire at Metro (near Hotel 2) and Hotel 2 landing zones caused further delays.

b. Significant Combat Action Reported: At point 1 the 1/1 Infantry Battalion contacted an unknown-size enemy force. Ten enemy soldiers were killed. One ARVN soldier was wounded. Three AK-47s were captured.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) Night patrols and ambushes were conducted in the vicinity of night defensive positions and fire support bases during darkness. The 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division completed its move to Dong Ha by vehicle at 240600 EST without incident. Some time was lost to the operations due to morning fog and midafternoon clouding.

(2) Engineer effort on road construction and maintenance continued on QL 9 and HL 556. Ten acres of land has been cleared in the vicinity of 1 mile northwest of La Bao. The final emplacement of AM 2 matting at the old strip at Khe Sanh scheduled for completion on 28 February remains firm. Peneprime (7,600 gallons) has been distributed on helopads at KKe Sanh.

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:

B-52	Tactical Air
10 secondary explosions	43 secondary fires
	32 vehicles damaged
	26 bunkers destroyed
	13 secondary explosions
	9 vehicles damaged
	4 watercraft destroyed
	2 gun positions destroyed
	1 cave destroyed

4. (U) Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

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

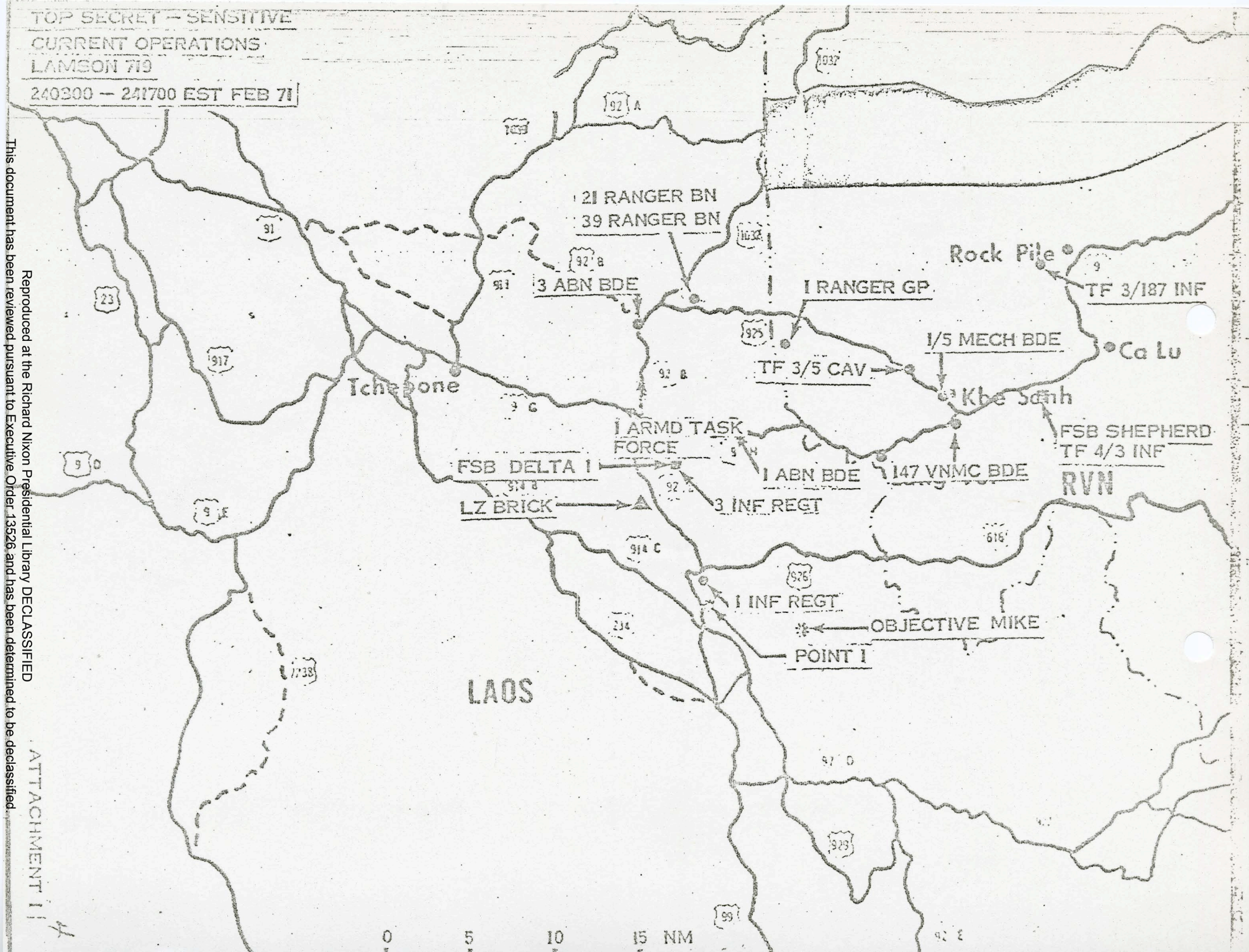
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CURRENT OPERATIONS

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240300 – 241700 EST FEB 71



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CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	3	0	65	247*	15
RVNAF	0	13	0	270*	882	98*
	KIA**	KBA	DET	KIA**	KBA	DET
ENEMY	9	9	0	2,290*	507	9

*Adjusted Figure
**The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED/DESTROYED*
Individual Weapons	7	0	1,302*
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	240*
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	144,340
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	200	232,200*
Vehicles	0	1	120**
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	11
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,400
POL (Gallons)	0	0	134,360
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	697,400
Structures	0	0	693
Bunkers	0	35	282
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	74,760

*Adjusted Figure
**Includes 14 Tanks

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AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-4 (USMC)	2	91
A-6 (USMC)	1	19
A-7 (USN)	2	8
B-52	0	29
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	8	191
F-100	2	4
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	170	4,897
Air Cavalry	208	5,810
Helo Troop Lift	399	12,786
Helo Med Evac	6	253
C-130 Logistics	21	546
Helo Logistics	813	17,381
LAOS		
A-4 (USMC-USN)	7	385
A-6 (USMC)	1	25
A-7 (USN)	20	213
B-52	24	366
B-57 (USAF)	0	7
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	42	981
F-100	0	8
AC-119 Gunships	0	13
AC-130 Gunships	5	51
Helo Gunships	278	5,065
Air Cavalry	146	3,685
Helo Troop Lift	142	3,810
Helo Med Evac	8	116
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	276	2,243

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD) 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-37	0	8
B-57 (RAAF)	7	85
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	99
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	20
LAOS		
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	6	107
Helo Troop Lift	14	279
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	18	176

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(US Unless Otherwise Indicated)

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)	CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)
AH-1G	0/0	5/4#
UH-1C	0/0	0/2##
UH-1H	0/0	##3/7##
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
OH-6A	0/0	1/2
OH-58A	0/0	1/1
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/0	11/19

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

PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

No change reported since 241500 EST Memorandum.

\# Includes two operational losses.
Includes one operational loss.

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25 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. (C) General: This report covers the period 240800-242200 GMT (241600-250600 Saigon time: 240300-241700 EST) February 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF Task Force elements are shown at attachment 1. Search and security operations continued with only a small number of contacts reported.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, the 33d Ranger Battalion engaged an estimated 20 enemy resulting in four enemy soldiers killed, two AK-47 rifles and 4,000 rounds of ammunition captured and 1,100 gallons of gasoline destroyed. One ARVN soldier was killed and one wounded.

(2) At Point 2, US air cavalry gunships, in support of the ARVN 52d Ranger Battalion, engaged and killed 12 enemy soldiers. No friendly casualties were reported.

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

3. (S) Remarks:

a. Results of Tactical Airstrikes:

82 bunkers destroyed
15 structures destroyed
10 structures damaged
1 secondary fire
1 secondary explosion

b. BDA of the 23 February B-52 strike (Point 3 on attached map):

15 enemy KBA
4 large rocket launchers destroyed
3 large bunkers destroyed
3 bunkers damaged
1 structure destroyed

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c. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 17,932.

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

(1) Infantry - 18

(2) Armored Cavalry Squadron - 5

(3) Ranger - 7

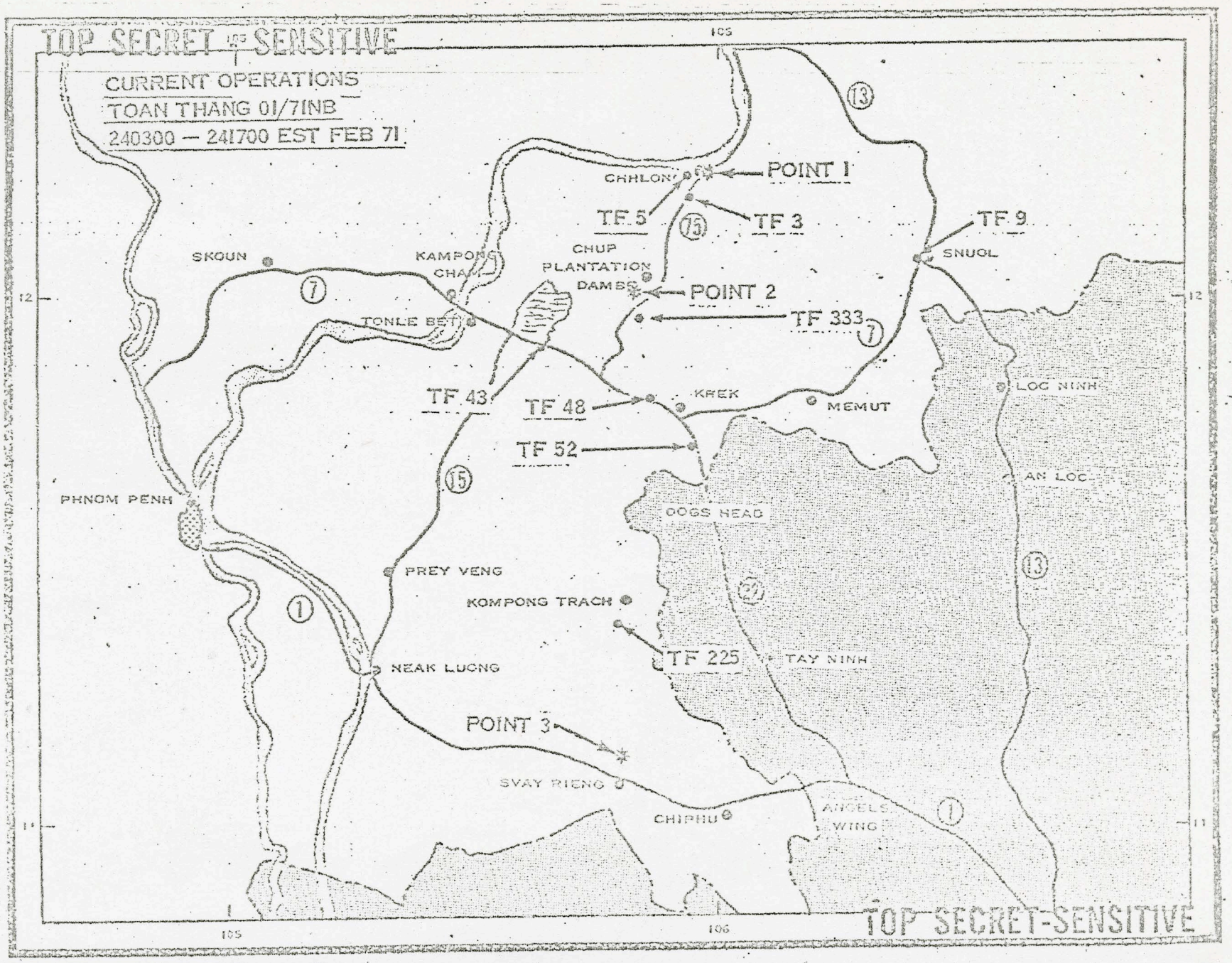
e. Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

Attachments:

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

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ATTACHMENT 1

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	2	12	0	196	926	1
	KIA	KBA*	DET	KIA	KBA*	DET
ENEMY	30	0	0	1,706	0	73

*Data on KBA is not available.

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE	
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED	DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	9	0	376	25
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	85	0
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	4,000	4,800	4,000
(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	1,100	0	1,100
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	600*	0	600

*200 sets fatigue uniforms

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIR SUPPORT

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-37	6	256
B-52	0	30
F-100	0	241
AC-119 Gunships	0	5
Helo Gunships	2	197
Helo Troop Lift	0	173
Helo Med Evac	0	45
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	77
VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-1	18	503
A-37	0	7
F-5	7	257
O-1	0	34
AC-47 Gunships	2	36
Helo Gunships	28	162
Helo Troop Lift	18	160
Helo Med Evac	8	177
Helo Logistics	11	250

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 240300-241700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
VNAF						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 25/2000-26/2000 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 26/2000-27/2000 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast, ceilings 4500 feet, visibility 7 miles except 5 miles in occasional drizzle. Between 0500-1100 Saigon time, fog, visibility 1-3 miles.

MOUNTIANS - Overcast, ceiling 4000 feet, visibility 7 miles except 4 miles in occasional drizzle. Between 2000-0800 and 1400-2000 Saigon time, isolated showers/thunderstorms. Between 2200-1100 Saigon time, in valleys, stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/2-2 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 8000 feet occasionally 2000 feet, visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Between 2100-1100 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling 1000 feet, and fog, visibility 1/4-4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 500 feet AGL, visibility 1/2-3 miles in fog/haze. Between 1200-1900 Saigon time, cloudy, ceiling 8000 feet patchy 4500 feet, visibility 3-7 miles in haze.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Cloudy, ceiling 8000 feet, visibility 4-6 miles in haze. Between 0200-1200, stratus, ceiling 100 to 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/4-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling 10000 feet occasionally 5000 feet, visibility 4-6 miles in haze. Between 2000-0800 and 1500-2000 Saigon time, isolated showers/thunderstorms. Between 0500-1000 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Cloudy, ceiling 3000 feet, visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Between 2000-0800 and 1400-2000 Saigon time, isolated showers/thunderstorms. Between 0500-1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling 1000 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

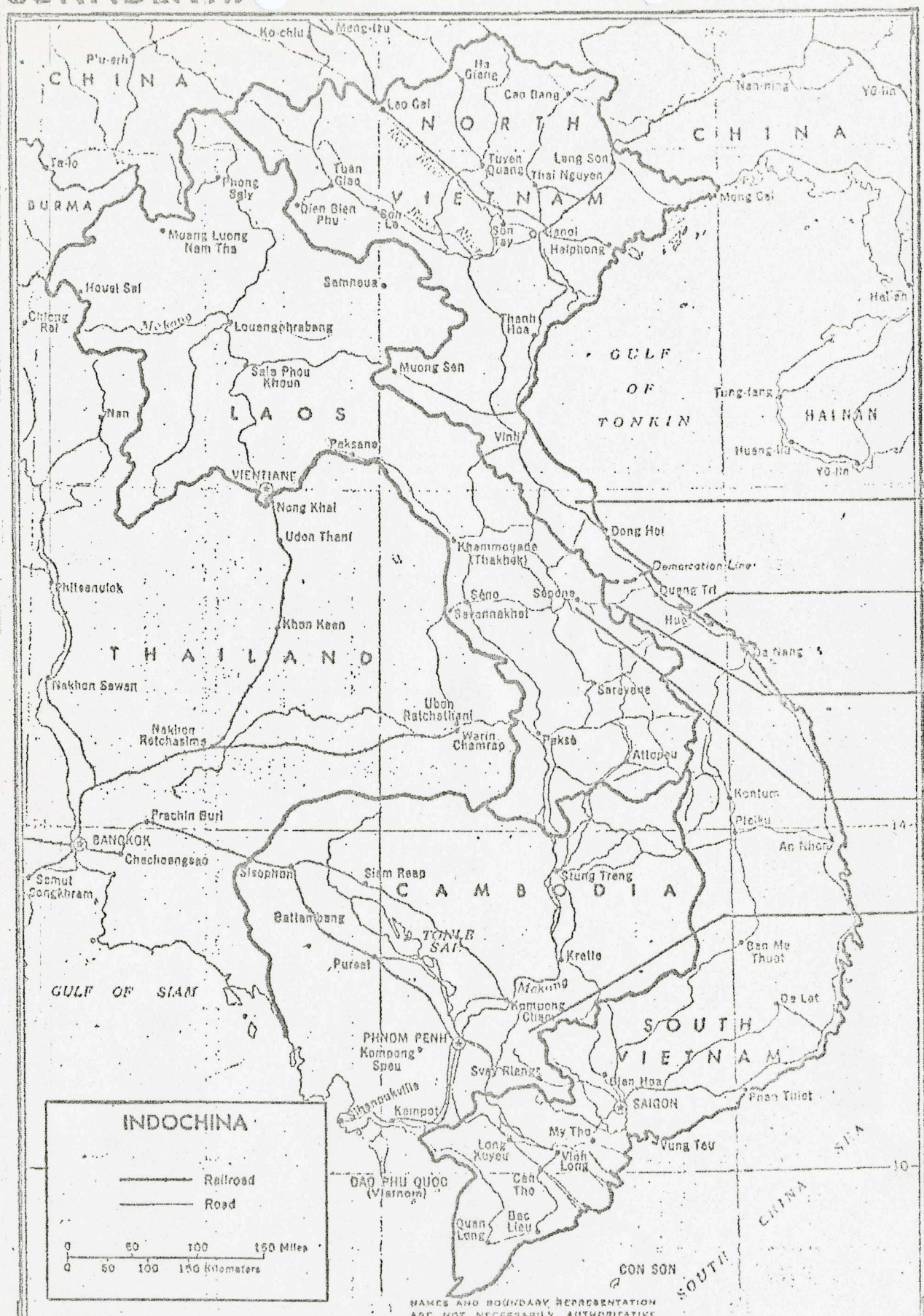
NOTE: All cloud heights are given in feet Above Mean Sea Level, except those indicating AGL (Above Ground Level).

Attachment
Map

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NMCC

THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

24 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.

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24 February 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 230800-232200 GMT (231600-241600 Saigon time, 230300-231700 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: Boundaries of the 1/5 Mech Bde have been adjusted to reorient forces against a threat developing to the northwest of Khe Sanh. Significant tactical air and artillery fire have been placed against suspected enemy LOCs in that area. RVNAF forces continue operations in AOs in RVN and Laos. Resupply and planned helicopter trooplifts scheduled for 23 February were limited due to weather in the morning hours, mortar fire on pick-up zone Hotel 2, and a mid-air collision at LZ in the vicinity of Delta 1. Road construction and maintenance continued during the period on both QL 9 and HL 556 east and south of Vandegrift.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported: At Point 1, the ARVN 3d Battalion, 1st Regiment supported by gunships contacted an unknown-size enemy force resulting in 11 enemy soldiers killed by air. One ARVN soldier was killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) All RVNAF pre-planned objectives for the period were accomplished except the moves of the ARVN 2d Battalion, 3d Regiment to Fire Support Base Delta 1, and of the 2d and 7th VNMC Battalions from current locations to field locations. These movements are rescheduled for 24 February.

(2) Engineer effort, road construction and maintenance continued on QL 9 and HL 556 east and south of Fire Support Base Vandegrift. Logistics efforts at Khe Sanh continue according to plan.

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:

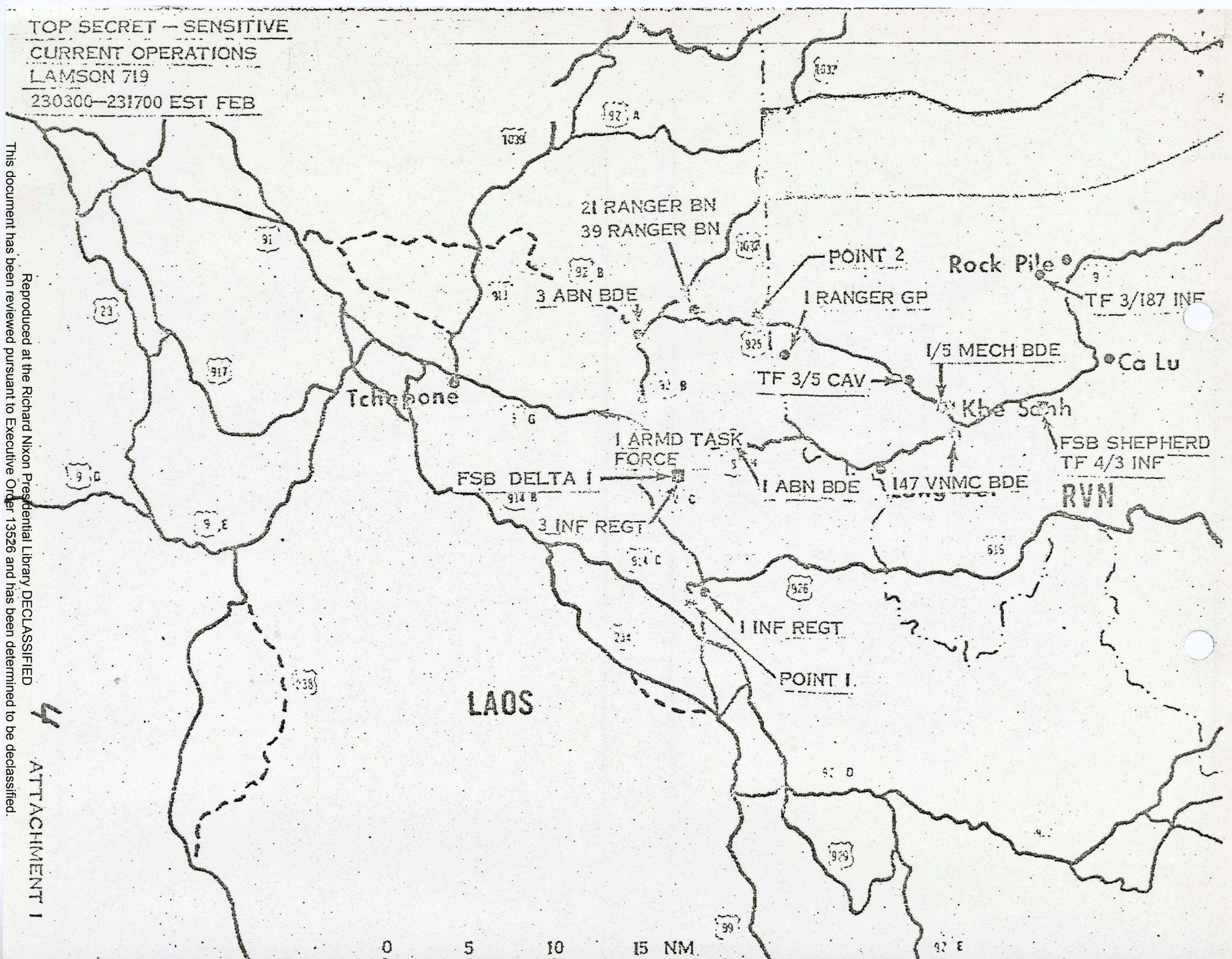
B-52	Tactical Air
Not available	15 secondary explosions 7 secondary fires 2 vehicles damaged 1 gun position destroyed

d. An OH-58A on a Hunter-Killer mission crashed and was destroyed after receiving heavy ground fire at Point 2 on the attached map. The three US crewmembers were killed.

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
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ATTACHMENT 1

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LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	3	6	0	65*	241	15
RVNAF	7	27	0	283	869	101
	KIA**	KBA	DET	KIA**	KBA	DET
ENEMY	84	32	0	2,275	498	9

* Adjusted Figure
**Tho KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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LAMSON 719

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED/DESTROYED*
Individual Weapons	1	0	1,315*
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	242*
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	340	144,340
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	40	1,400	224,200*
Vehicles	0	0	119**
Communication Equipment (Radios)	1	0	11
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,400
POL (Gallons)	0	0	134,360
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	800	697,400*
Structures	0	0	693
Bunkers	0	0	240
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	74,760

* Adjusted Figures
** Adjusted figure includes 14 tanks

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LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-4 (USMC)	1	89
A-6 (USMC)	0	18
A-7 (USN)	0	6
B-52	0	29
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	4	183
F-100	0	2
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	237	4,727
Air Cavalry	144	3,602
Helo Troop Lift	463	12,387
Helo Med Evac	10	247
C-130 Logistics	40	525
Helo Logistics	820	16,568
LAOS		
A-4 (USMC-USN)	42	376
A-6 (USMC)	0	22
A-7 (USN)	8	185
B-52	17	333
B-57 (USAF)	0	7
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	46	921
F-100	0	8
AC-119 Gunships	0	13
AC-130 Gunships	1	46
Helo Gunships	325	4,787
Air Cavalry	282	3,539
Helo Troop Lift	339	3,668
Helo Med Evac	5	108
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	94	1,967

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AIR SUPPORT
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VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-37	0	8
B-57 (RAAF)	4	78
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	6	99
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	20
LAOS		
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	8	101
Helo Troop Lift	10	265
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	16	158

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TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)	CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS)
AH-1G	0/0	5/4#
UH-1C	0/0	0/2##
UH-1H	0/0	##3/7##
UH-1H (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
OH-6A	0/0	1/2
OH-58A	0/1	1/1
CH-47	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/0
TOTALS	0/1	11/19

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES
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PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)			CUMULATIVE (RVN/LAOS		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
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	0/3	0/0	0/0	0/3	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	0/3	0/0	0/0	5/29	5/20	0/20

\# Includes two operational losses
Includes one operational losses
* Includes seven ARVN
** Includes one ARVN
*** Includes 14 ARVN and four US Newsmen

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24 February 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. (C) General: This report covers the period 230800-232200 GMT (231600-240600 Saigon time: 230300-231700 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 continues operations to the south of the Kampong Reang River. Engineers have completed construction of a floating pontoon bridge as of 230500 EST. Task Force 5 had only light contact west and south of Chhlong. Task Force 9 continued search and reconnaissance operations north of Snuol with three battalions. Task Force 43, 48, and 52 continued to conduct road security. Task Force 225 had four battalions conduct search and reconnaissance operations. Task Force 333 supported Task Force 3 in route security operations. One B-52 strike was reported 6 miles west of Dambe.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, updated reports of the contact yesterday between the ARVN 4th Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment and an estimated enemy company reveals 78 enemy soldiers were killed vice 29.

(2) At Point 2, the ARVN 36th Ranger Battalion received an indirect fire and ground attack resulting in 15 enemy soldiers killed, one B-40 rocket launcher and two AK-47 rifles captured. There were no friendly casualties.

(3) At Point 3, ARVN Task Force 48 received a mortar attack followed by a ground attack resulting in 25 enemy killed. Three AK-47 rifles were captured. Three ARVN soldiers were killed and 15 wounded.

(4) At Point 4, the ARVN Transportation Unit of Task Force 3 received a mortar attack and ground probe resulting in 22 enemy soldiers killed, three B-40 rocket launchers and five AK-47 rifles captured. Four ARVN soldiers were wounded.

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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:

36 bunkers destroyed
35 structures damaged
13 structures destroyed
8 secondary fires
6 caches destroyed

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

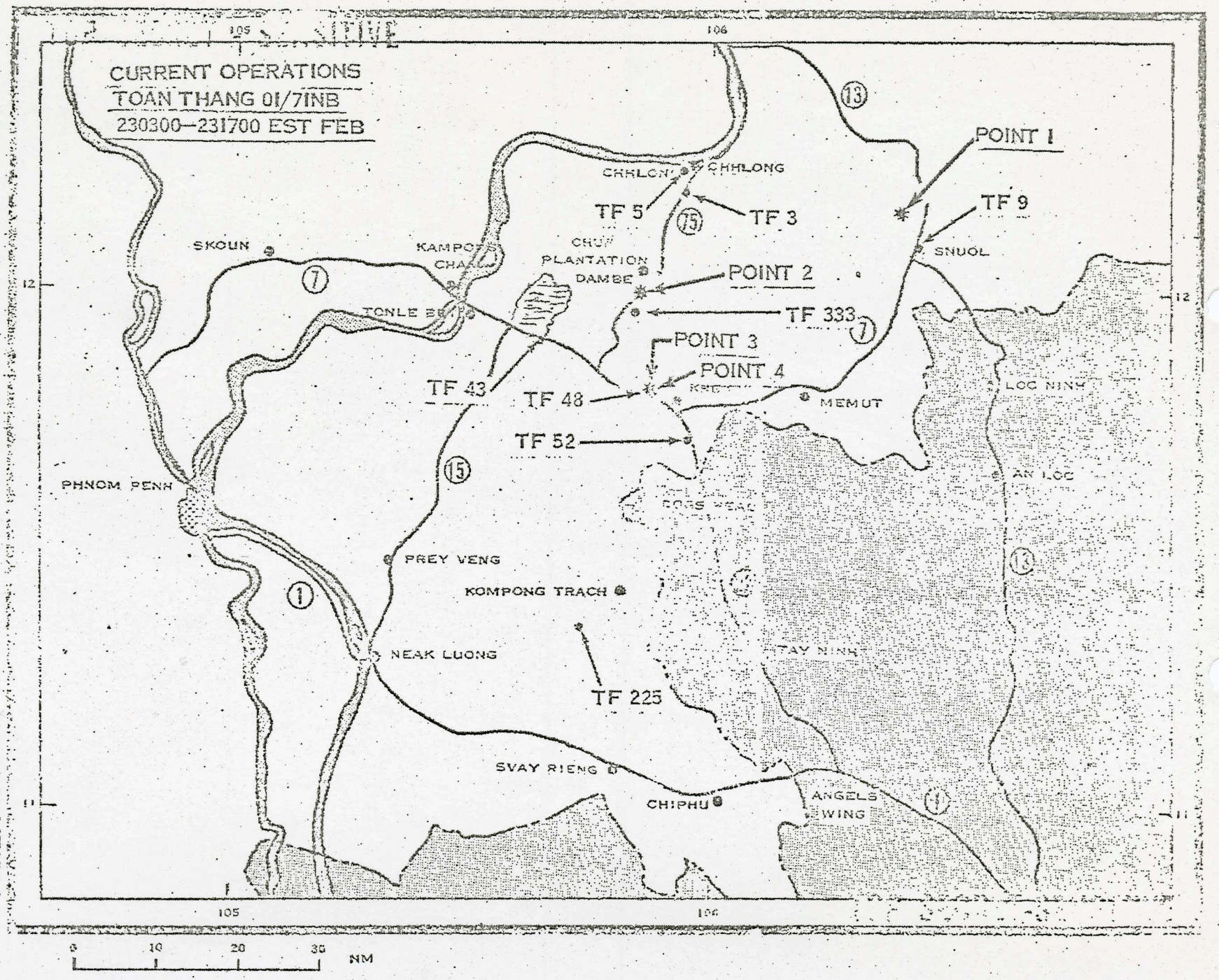
(2) Armored Cavalry Squadrons - 5

(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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ATTACHMENT 1

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	0	0	0	1	0
RVNAF	10	12	0	194	914	1*
	KIA	KBA**	DET	KIA	KBA**	DET
ENEMY	48	0	0	1,671	0	73

* Adjusted Figure
** Data on KBA is not available.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE	
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED	DESTROYED
ıdividual Weapons	15	0	364	25
rew-served Weapons	6	0	83	0
ımunition:				
(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
ehicles	0	0	1	1
ommunication Equipment Radios)	0	0	3	0
edical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	2	0
OL (Gallons)	0	0	0	0
ocument (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
ice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	27,400	56,200
tructures	0	0	0	10
unkers	0	0	0	32
iscellaneous Equipment Pounds)	0	0	0	0

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AIR SUPPORT

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-37	8	250
B-52	0	27
F-100	8	231
AC-119 Gunships	2	5
Helo Gunships	10	195
Helo Troop Lift	0	173
Helo Med Evac	3	45
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	30	77
VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-1	22	485
A-37	0	7
F-5	5	250
O-1	0	34
AC-47 Gunships	3	34
Helo Gunships	0	134
Helo Troop Lift	10	142
Helo Med Evac	20	169
Helo Logistics	18	239

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

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

PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 230300-231700 EST FEB 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US						
AH-1G	0	0	0	0	0	0
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	1	0
OH-6A	0	0	0	0	0	0
VNAF						
UH-1H	0	0	0	0	0	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 24/2000-25/2000 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 25/2000-26/2000 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast, ceiling 4500 feet, occasionally 1500 feet, visibility 7 miles, occasionally 5 miles in drizzle and fog. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, visibility 1-3 miles in fog.

MOUNTAINS - Overcast, ceiling 4000 feet, visibility 7 miles, occasionally 5 miles in haze. Between 2200 and 1100 Saigon time, 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, ceiling 2000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 2100 and 1200 Saigon time, scattered to broken stratus, 1000 to 1500 feet and fog, visibility 1/4-4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 4000 feet, occasionally unlimited, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Between 2300 and 1100 Saigon time, overcast stratus 200 feet AGL and fog with occasional drizzle, visibility 1/4-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Cloudy, occasionally partly cloudy, ceiling 1500 feet AGL, occasionally unlimited, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Between 2300 and 1100 Saigon time, broken variable overcast stratus, ceiling 200 to 500 feet AGL, visibility 1/4-3 miles in fog.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

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

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CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Partly cloudy, occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited, occasionally 3000 feet, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Isolated evening rainshowers/thunderstorms. Between 0500 and 1100 Saigon time, patchy stratus 1000 feet AGL and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

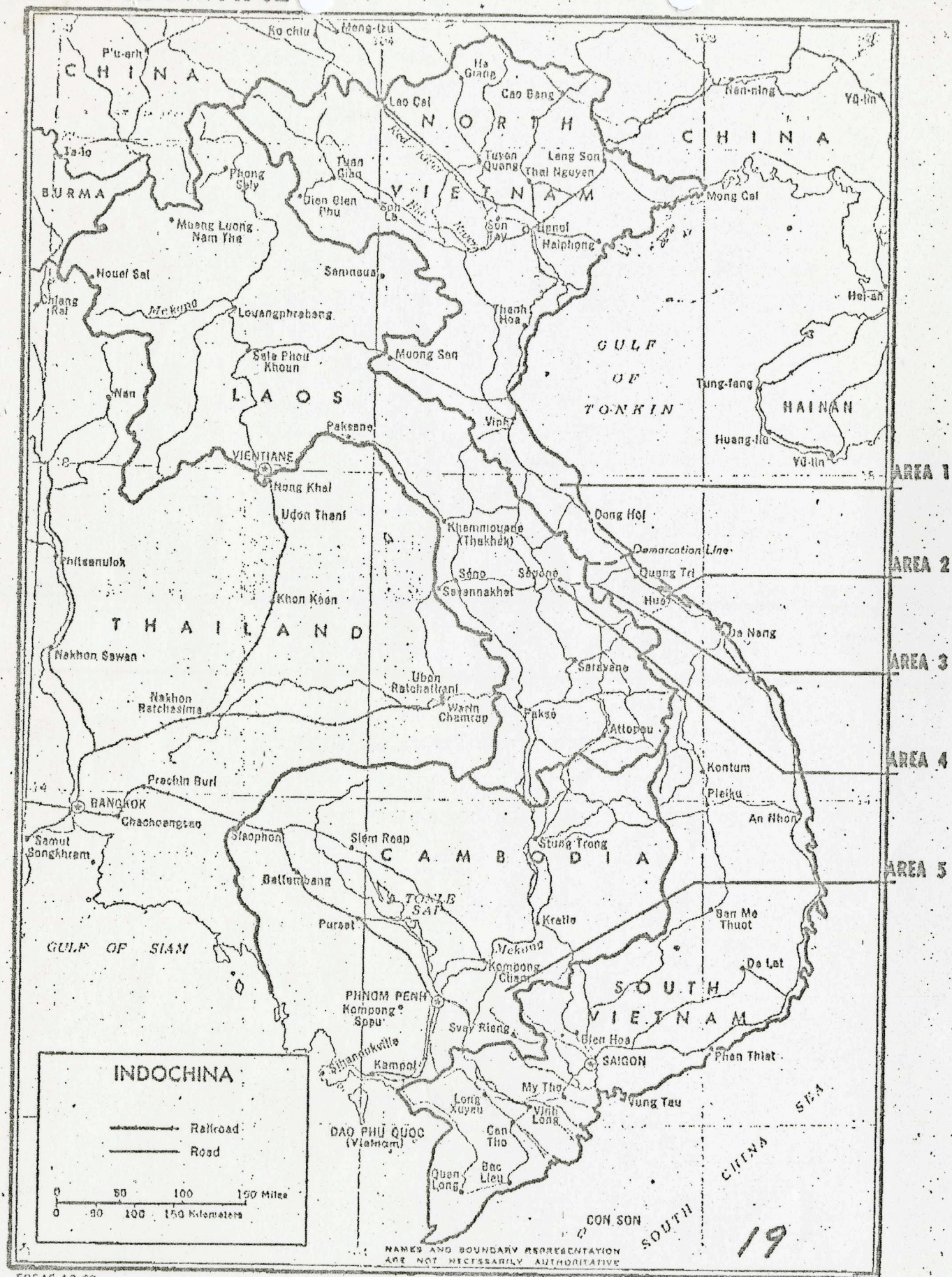
Note: All cloud heights are given in feet Above Mean Sea Level, except those indicating AGL (Above Ground Level).

Attachment
Map

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SUBJECT: OPERATION TOAN THANG 01/71 NB. REPORT NR.35 FOR PERIOD ENDING 232200Z FEB 71,(U)
REF: A. CINCPAC 300204Z JAN 71 (TS/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE).
B. JCS 292318Z JAN 71 (TS/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE).
C. JCS 100047Z FEB 71 (TS/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE).
D. JCS 102143Z FEB 71 (TS/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE).
1. (U) THIS REPORT IS BASED ON INITIAL COMBAT REPORTS AND MAY BE REVISED UPON MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION.
2. (S) PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES: UNITS CONTINUED PATROLLINGHAND RECON OPNS IN AO'S. ENGINEERS COMPLETED FLOATING PONTOON BRIDGE FOR RIVER CROSSING OF TF 3 AND SUBSEQUENT LINK-UP WITH TF 5.
3. (S)SSIGNIFICANT TACTICAL ACTIVITY:
A. TF 3: TF CONT OPNS TO SOUTH OF KAMPONG REANG RIVER. ENGINEERS COMPLETED CONSTRUCTION OF FLOATING PONTOON BRIDGE AT 231000Z. 30TH RANGER BN AND 15TH ACS CONT TO SECURE BRIDGE SITE AT WU031491. 1/52 AND 18TH ACS CONT OPNS ALONG RTE 75. AT 230155Z, AT WU996438, EIGHT ARVN KIA AND FIVE WIA WHEN APC FROM 18TH ACS HIT MINE ALONG RTE 75. APC COMBAT LOSS. ANOTHER 18TH ACS APC LOST WHEN MINE EXPLODED AT

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XU003439, ALSO ALONG RTE 75. OR ARVN WIA IN THIS INCIDENT AT 230435Z FEB. DELAYED REPORT FROMH222030Z FEB STATED THAT TRANSPORTATION UNIT OPCON TF 3 RECEIVED MORTAR ATTACK AND GROUND PROB -5 27975033. RESULTS: FOUR ARVN WIA AND 22 EN KILLED, THREE B-40 RL'S, UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF PETARD MINES, AND FIVE AK-47'S CAPTURED.

B. TF 5: RVO RANGERIBNS CONTINUEB OPNS TO WEST AND SOUTH OF CHHLONG REPORTING ONLY LIGHT CONTACTS.

C. TF 9: FORCE CONTINUED SEARCH AND RECON OPNS TO NORTH OF SNOUL WITH THREE BNS. 2/9 CONDUCTED SEARCH OF 22 FEB CONTACT AREA AT XU521440 AND XOUND 49 MORE ENEMY BODIES, ONE 12.7MM ANTI-AIRCRAFT MG, ONE HMG, ONE MG, AND THREE AK-47'S. NO CONTACTS REPORTED.

D. TF'S 43, 48 AND 52: ALL UNITSSCONT TO CGNDUCT ROAD SECURITY OPNS ALONG MSR'S. TF 48IHQS RECEIVED MORTAR ATTACK AT 222010Z FE 2#8)3 -5 27974036. MORTAR ATTACK FOLLOWED BY GROUND ATTACK. RESULTS: THREE ARVN KIA AND 15 WIA. 25 EN KILLDD, THREE B-40 RL'S, AND FIVE AK-47'S CAPTURED.

E. TF 225: FOUR BNS CONT SEARCH AND RECON OPNS. AT 230830Z 3/49 ENGAGED UNKNOWN NUMBER ENEMY AT WT813635. 12 ENEMY KIA. NO FRIENDLY CASUALTIES. FOUR AK-47'S AND 12 CC RG'S CAPTURED. 3/50 CONTINUED OPNS TO SW OF KRANHUNG VIC WT774548. REMAINDER OF FORCE CONTINUED ROUTE SECURITY OPNS ALONG MSR TO RVN BORDER.

F. TF 333: THE 31ST, 36TH, AND 52D RANGER BNS WITH 1ST ACS (-) CONT ROUTE SECURITY OPNS FOR TF 3'S MSR. 35TH RANGER BN REPORTED INDIRECT FIRE AND GROUND ATTACK AT 231450Z FEB. ATTACK ON RANGER POSITION AT WU924257 RESULTED IN NO ARVN CASUALTIES AND 15 ENEMY KIA. ONE B-40 RL AND TWO AK-47'S CAPTURED. AT 231010Z 52D RANGER BN AT WU943305 SUSTAINED FIVE WIA. NO ENEMY CASUALTIES REPORTED.

G. ONE B-52 STRIKE SCHEDULED FOR 232400Z FEB AT WU890300.

4. (S) UNIT LOCATIONS:

A. US: FO CHANGE.

B. RVNAF:

(1) 3D ARMORED CAV BDE (WU953358); 15TH ACS (XU028430); 18TH ACS(WU960360); 30TH RANGER BN (XU028480); 1/52 (WU903360).

H (2) TF 5: HQS, 5TH RANGER GP (XU037538); 33D RANGER BN (XU037538); 38TH RANGER BN (XU037538).

(3) TF 9: HQS, 9TH REGT (XU556333); 1/9 (XU598320) 2/9 (XU564435); 4/9 (XU545460); 1/7 (XU558340); 4/8 (XU557434); 74TH RGR BN (XU543282).

(4) TF 43: HQS, 43D REGT (WU728153); 2/43 (WU656173); 3/43 (WU728153); 4/43 (WU618179); 5TH ACS (WU728153).

(5) TF 48: HQS, 48TH REGT (WU973040); 2/48 (XU033015); 3/48 (WU860057); 4/48(WU884132); 35TH RANGER BN (WU075087).

(62 TF 52: 3/52 (XT052953).

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(7) TF 885: HQS, 49TH REGT (WT809495); 1/49 (WT745648); 2/49 (WT773645); 3/49 (WT813629); 4/49 (WT903452); 3/50 (WT809495); 10TH ACS (WT809495).

(8) TF 333: HQS, 3D RANGER GP (WU910216); 31ST RANGER BN (WU910216); 50TH RANGER BN (WU923258); 52D RANGER BN (WU943306); 1ST ACS (WU910216).

C. FANK:

(1) TWO COMPANIES, 132D BN (NO CHANGE).

(2) 154TH KHMER BN (NO CHANGE).

D. NUMBER OF RVNAF TROOPS IN OPERATION: 17,443.

E. NUMBER OF RVNAF BN'S IN OPERATION:

(1) INF - 13.

(2) C&V SQDNS - FIVE.

(3) RANGER - SEVEN.

5. (TS) OPERATIONAL RESULTS:

A. CASUALTIES:

	KIA PD/CUM	WIA PD/CUM	MIA PD/CUM
(1) FRIENDLY:			
(A) US	0/0	0/1	0/0
(B) RVNAF	10/194	12/914	0/1
(C) FANK	0/CH	0/0	0/0
(2) ENEMY	KIA PD/CUM	DET PD/CUM	
	48/1671	0/73	

B. EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL CAPTURED/DESTROYED/LOST:

	ENEMY CAPTURED PD/CUM	ENEMY DESTROYED PD/CUM	FRIDNDLY LOST QD/CUM
(1) I/UPNS H	15/364	0/25	0/25
(2) VS/UPNS	1/85	0/0	0/3
(3) AMMO			
(A) SA(RDS)	0/4800	0/0	0/6ST
(B) B-40RDS)	0/222	0/0	0/0
(C) 75MM(RDS)	0/35	0/0	0/0
(D) 60MM(RDS)	0/31	0/0	0/0
(E) 81MM(RDS)	0/47	0/0	0/0
(F) MINES	0/16	0/0	0/0
(4) FOOD(TONS)	0QEMU	0/28.1	0/0
(5) VEHICLES	0/1	0/11	-1/26
(6) MED SUPP(LBS)	0/0	0/0	0/0
(7) COMM EQUIP	0/3 RAD	0/0	0/5 RAD--
(8) POL(GALS)	0/0	0/0	0/5475
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C. COMBAT SORTIES FOR PERIOD ENDING: 232200Z FEB 71:

		PERIOD US/VNAFH	CUM US/VNAF
(1) TACTICAL SORTIES:			
(A)S F-100		8/0	231/0
(B) A-37		8/0	250/7
(C) A-1		0/22	0/435
(D) F-5	I	0/5	0/250
(E) AC-119G		2/0	5/0
(F) AC-47		0/3	0/34
(G) B-52		0/0	27/0
(H) HELO GUNSHIPS		10/0	195/134
(I) HELO TROOPLIFT	I	0/10	173/142
(J) MEDEVAC	I	3/20	45/159
(2) LOGISTICAL SORTIES:			
HELICOPTERS		30/18	77/239

(3) RESULTS OF B-52 AND TAC AIR STRIKES: ADDITIONAL B-52 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS FOR PERIOD 222201Z TO 230300Z FEB 71: 2(4X).

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TAC AIR: 35 BUNKERS DEST, 13 STRUCTURES DEST, 52 STRUCTURES DAM, SIX CACHES DEST, AND EIGHT SECONDARY FIRES.

(4) AIRCRAFT LOSSES BY TYPE: PERIOD CUMULATIVE

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5. (TS) PLANS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

A. TF 3: 3-18TH CAV SCHEDULED TO CROSS KAMPONG REANG RIVER WITH OPCON TO TF 5. REMAINDER FORCE CONDUCTS OPNS AROUND BRIDGE SITE AND ALONG GTE 75.

B. TF 5: CONT OPNS VIC CHHLONG WITH 38TH RANGER , :9,87:58,? &497,$ 0493 ;8: /7025510 TO KAMPONG REANG RIVER.

C. TF 9: TF, FROM POSITION NORTH OF SNOUL, TURNS TO SW. BATTALION OBJECTIVES AS FOLLOWS: 2/9 TO XU500410, 4/9 TO XU510430, AND 4/3 TO XU520400. TF (-) CONT ROUTE SECURITY AND LIMITED RECON OPNS.

D. TF'F 43, 48 AND 52: CONT ROUTE SZCURITY OPNS ALONG MSR'S. TF 48 CONDUCTS LIMITED GOUND RECON TO NORTH OF HWY 7 VIC WU9C0135.

E. TF 225: TF TURNS TO SOUTH WITH THREE BN'S SEARCHING AS FOLLOWS: 1/49 TO WT720570, 2/49 TO WT790560, AND 3/49 TO WT850570. REMAINDER OF FORCE CONT LIMIOED OPNS VIC KRANHUNG (WT786564) AND ALONG MSR'S.

F. TF 333: 52D RANGAR BN CONDUCTS GROUND RECON OPNS VIC WU912308 REMAINDER OF TF CONT SECURITY OPNS ALONG RTE 7>.

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SUBJECT: OPERATION LAMSON 719. REPORH NR. 40 FOR PERIOD ENDING 232200Z FEB 71 (Q).
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D. JCS 10214"Z FEB 71 (TS/SPECAT/EXCLUSIVE).
1. (U) THIS REPORT IS BASED ON INITIAL COMBAT REPORTS AND MAY BE REVISED UPON MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION/
2. (S) QROGRESS IN ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES: NIGHT PATROLS AND AMBUSHES CONDUCTED IN VIC NDP'S AND FSB'S. 3D REGT CP MOVE TO DELTA 1 (XD552345) AND MOVE OF 4/3 TO LZ BROWN (XD 503357) COMPLETED. MOVES OF 2/3 TO DELTA 1, THE 2DIVNMC BN TO XD 842348, XD834270, AND XD898347 AND MOVE OF 7TH VNMC BN TO XDS862397 NOT COMPLETED, RESCHEDULED FOR 24 FEB 71. AIRBORNE DIVISION, ARMORED TF AND RANGER GROUP ACCOMPLISHED OBJECTIVES AS PREVIOUSLY STATED. NO MAJOR COMBAT ACTIOF DURING REPORTING PERIOD.
". (S) SITUATION.
A. SIGNIFICANT TACTICAL ACTIVITY DURING PERIOD.
(1) 1/9 MECH CONT OPNS IN AO.NBOUNDARIES OF UNITS ADJUSTED TO REORIENT FORCES AGAINST THREAT DEVELOPING TO NORTHWEST OF KHE

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SANH. SIGNIFICANT TAC AIJ AND ARTY FIRE PLACED AGAINST SQSPECTED EN LOCS IN THAT AREA.

(A) TF 1/77 CONT OPNS IN AO. AT 230425Z VIC XD 987554 1/4TON VEHICLE REC'D SHRAPNEL FROM UNK TYPE EXPLOSION RESULTING IN MINOR DAM TO VEHICLE ANDITWO WIA (MINOR). HAT 230300Z VIC XD968537 ELM OBS AND ENGAGED ONE EN CARRYING B-41. SWEEP OF AREA RESULTED IN FOUR EN KIA, TWO B-41, TWO AK-47 CAPTURED. AT 230330Z VIC XD982577 ELM REC'D ONE UFK TYPE MORTAR RD. RESULTS TWO US WIA. AT 230720Z VIC XD 984558 TANK HIT MINE BELIEVED TO BE 155MM RD. RESULTS: ONE US WIA (MINOR).

(B) TF 3/187NCONT OPNS IN AO. AT 230804Z VIC XD931550 BN CP REC'D TWO MORTAR RFS. NO CAS OR DAM REPBRTED. SQD SIZE ELM MOVING TO AMBUSH SITE VIC XD913541 ENGAGED 10-15 EN AT 231155Z. RESQLTS: FOUR EN KIA AND FOUR US WIA.

H I (C) OTHER 1/5 MECH ELMS REPORTED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY.

(2) RVNAF FORCE CONT OPNS IN AO'S IN RVN AND LAOS. RESUPPLY AND PLANNED HELICOPTER TROOPLIFTS SCHEDULED FOR 23 FEB LIMITED DUE TO WEATHER DURING MORNING HOUFS, MORTAR FIRE ON PICK UP ZONE AT HOTEL 2 AND MID-AIR COLLISION AT LZ VIC DELTA ONE.

(A) 1ST INF DIV. AT 230340Z VIC XD 581216 3/1 CONTACTED UNK SIZE EN FORCE. RESULTS: ONE ARVN KIA AND 11 EN KBA.

(B) ABN DIV. AT 231010Z VIC XD 551430 9TH ABN BN REC'D 35X60MM MORTAR RDS RESULTING IN ONE ARVN WIA. AT 230900Z VIC XDTPYRUQ (FSB 31) 3D ABM BDE REC'D UNK NUMBER/TYPE MORTAJ RDS RESULTING IN TWO 105MM HOW 60 PERCENT DAM. AT 230715ZSVIC XD 655385 1ST ABN BDE RECON CO CONTACTED UNK SIZE EN FORCE. RESULTS: ONE ARVN KIA AND TWO WIA. ONE EN KIAN ONE AK-47 AND ONE RADIO CAPTURED.

(C) OTHER RVNAF ELMS REPORTED NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY DURING PERIOD.

(3) AIR OPNS. MARINE AIR SUPPORT RADAR TEAM (ASRT) AN/TPQ-10 RADAR AT KHE SANH BECAME OPERATIONAL AT 231030Z. 438 AIRCRAFT LANDINGS IN LAOS ON 23 FEB. 13 AIRCRAFT HIT BY HOSTILE FIRE WITH EIGHT DECLAREF NON-FLYABLE; 13 US CRZW MEMBERS DEBARKED DOWNED AIRCRAFT. ALL PERSONNEL EXTRACTED IMMEDIATELY. IN ADDITION TO TWO UH-1 AIRCRAFT REPORTEDIIN PREVIOUS SUMMARY, ONE OM-58A ON HUNTER-KILLER MISSION REC'D HEAVY GROUND FIRE VIC XD644494 AT 230930Z. AIRCRAFT CRASHED AND WAS DESTROYED. CREW OF THREE KIA. BODIES RECOVERED BY HOC BAO. AT 231030Z MARINE CH-53 COMING INTO FSB HOTEL TWO (XD696216 WAS HIT BY MORTAR FIRE. ONE MARINE WIA. CREW EXTRACTED. RECOVERY ATTEMPT TO BE MADE 24 FEB. AIR CAV ELMS REPORTED 28 KBA DURING PERIOD.

I (4) ENGINEER EFFORT. ROAD CONSTRUCTIOC AND MAINTENANCE

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CONT DURING PERIOD, ON BOTH QL 9 AND HL 556 EAST AND SOUT H OF VANDEGRIFT. EMPLACEMENT OF AM2 MATTING ON OLD STRIP AT KHE SANH CONT WITH 3600 FEET NOW COMPLETE. 1260 GAL PENEPRIME DISTRIBUTED ON PARKING APRON AND EMPLACEMENT OF M8A1 MATTING COMMENCED. 4500 GAL PENEPRIMS DPSTRUBUTED BN HELO REFUEL AND REARM PAD AND 2850 GAL ON HELO PAD AT KHE FANH.

(5) LOGCSTICS. 40 C-130 SORTIES ARRIVED AT KHE SANH 23 FEB DELIVERING 532.4 TONS CARGO, INCLUDING 56,115 GAL JP-4. JPAR STOCKAGE FSA 2 REACHED 160,000 GUL. DUST AT KHE SANH HAMPERING MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS. INTENSIFIED EFFORT BEING MADE TO PENEPRIMA CRITICAL AREAS. ONE ARATION MEAL DELIVERED TO UNITS AT FSA 2 ON 22 FEB. PLAN TO PROVIDE ONE MODIFIED A RATION MEAL DAILY.

B. FRIENDLY

(1) TASK ORGANIZATION AND TROOP LOCATION.

S (A) US

N 3/187 ABN XD 927546

I (B) RVNAF

H 3D ABN BN XD5346

I 1/1 INF XD 5&22

4/3 INF XD:936

(2) TOTAL NUMBER RVNAF TROOPS IN LAOS 10,104.

H (3) TOTAL NUMBER OF FRIENDLY BATTALIONS IN LAOS, BY TYPE. NO CHANGE

C. ENEMY SITUATION AFFECTING CURREMT OPERATIONS: NO CHANGE.

4. (S) OPERATIONAL RESULTS:

O A. CASUALTIES (PERIOD):

(1) FRIENDLY S	KIA	WIA	MIA
(A) US	3	6	0
L I (B) RVNUF	N 7	27	0
(2) ENEMY	KIA(TOTAL)	KBA	DET
I H	84 N	32	0

B. CASUALTIES(CUMULATIVE):

(1) FRIENDLY I N	KIA	WIA	MIA
(A) US (ADJUSTED)	65-	241	15
(B) RVNAF	283	869	101D
(2) ENEMY	KIA(TOTAL)	KBA	DET
	2175	498	9

C. EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL:

(CAPTURED/DESTROYED)N S	PERIOD ENEMY CPTR/DEST	CUMULATIVE ENEMY CPTR/DEST
(1) I/WPNS(ADJUSTED)	I 1/0	1315
(2) CS/WPNS (ADJUSTED)	0/0	242
(3) AMMO		

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(A) SA(RDS)		0/340	144,340
(B) OTHER(TONS)(ADJUSTED)		0/.7--	112.1
(4) VEHICLES(ADJUSTED)	S	0/0	119---
(5) RICE(TONS)(ADJUSTED)		0/.4	328.2
(6) OTHER FOOD(TONS)		0/0	20.5

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$ ADJUSTED FOR US KIA CUM: EIGHT US KILLED MID-AIR HELO COLLISION, REPT NBR 39 PARA 3A(3) ; CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO KIA, ADDED TO CUM.
$$ SIVEN RDS 82MM, SIX TM 41 MINE.
$$$ CUM MADE UP OF 14 TANKS, 105 TRUCKS.
5.N(TS) COMBAT SORTIES AS OFD
A. TACTICAL SORTIES:

	IN COUNTRY PERIOD US/VNAF	S	IN COUNTRY CUMULATIVE US/VNAF
KQL A-4(USMC)	1/0		89/0
(2) F-4(USAF/USMC)	N 4/0		183/0
(3) A-6(USMC)	S 0/0		18/0
(4) F-100(USAF) N	0/0	N	2/0
(5) A-7(USN)	0/0		6/0
(6) A-37	0/0		0/8
(7) B-57(RAAF)	4/0		H 78/0

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(8) B-52 N H 0/0 29/0
(9) HELG GUNSHIPS 237/0 4727/0
(10) AIR CAV 144/0 3602/0
(11) TROOPLIFT(13)8:80- 463/6 12,387/99
ER)E
(12) MEDEVAC 10/0 247/0
OUT-COUNTRY
(13) F-100 0/0 8/0
(14) A-4(USMC/USN) 42/0 376/0
(15) F-4(USAF/USMC/USN) 46/0 921/0
(16) A-6(USN) 0/0 22/0
(17) -57(USAF) 0/0 7/0
(18) A-7 (USN) H 8/0 185/0
(19) B-52 17/0 I "33/0
(20) AC-130(USAF) 1/0 46/0
(21) AC119(USAF) 0/0 13/0
(22) HELO GUNSHIPS 325/8 4777/101
(23) TROOPLIFT(HELICOPTER) 339/10 N S 3668/265
(24) MEDEVAC 282/0 3539/0

B. LOGISTICAL SORTIES: IN-COUNTRY
(1) C-130(LOG & TROOPLIFT) 40/0 525/0
(2) ROTARY WING I 820/0 N 16,568/20
S OUT-COUNTRY
(3) ROTARY WING S 94/16 I 1967/158

C. RESULTS OF B152 AND TAC AIR STRIKES: B-52 BDA FOR PERIOD STRIKES NOT AVAILABLE FOR THIS
EPORT. TAC AIR: FIVE VEHICLES DIST, TWO VEHICLES DWM, ONE GUNSITE DEST, 15 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS, SEVEN SECONDARY FIRES.

D. UIRCRAFT LOSSES BY TYPE:N

	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
	RVN/1)-9	4;,/LAOS
(1) S OH-6A	0/0	1/2
(2)HOH-58A	0/1	1/1
(3) UH-1 (US) S	0/0 I	H 3/9
(4) UH-1 (VNAF)	0/0	0/2
(5) CH-:7 (US)	0/0	0/1
(6) AH-1G	0/0	S5/4
(7) F-4	0/0 S	1/0

6. (S) OPERATIONAL PLANS FOR NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:
A. 1/5 MECH WILL CONT OPNS IN AO. PRIORITYSOF EFFORT TO ELI M-INATING EN THREAT DEVELOPING IN AREA NORTHWEST OF RECKPILE AND NORTH AND NORTH-NORTHWEST OF HKE SANH.

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B. RVNAF FORCES CONT OPNS IN AO'S RVN AND LAOS. ACTIVITIAS FOR 24 FEB INCLUDE RESCHEDULED HELICOPTERHTROOP LIFTS BY ELMS 1ST INF DIV AND 147TH VNMC BDE. TWO ADDITIONAL TROOQ LIFTS SCHEDULED BY ELMS 1ST INF DIV. OTHER FORCES CONDUCT SATURATION SEARCH OPNS.

(1) 8ST INF DIV.

H (A& 1ST INF REGT. 1ST BN CONT SEARCH VIC XD5822. 2D BN (-) LIFTS FROM FSB DELTA ONE (XD5534) TO FSB HOTEL (XDWUWERL. TWO COS LIFT FROM LZ BROWN (XD5035) TO FSB HOTEL. LIFT SCHEDULED FOR 232400Z . 3D BN SEARCHES EAYT FROMNVIC XD5722. 4TH BN PROVIDES SECURITY FOR FSB DELTA (XB6430).

(B) 3D INF REGT. 1ST BN COMBAT ASSAULTS FOM FSB HOTEL TWO TO LZ BRICK (XD538301) AT 232400Z . 2D BN LIFTED FROM LZ GREEN (XD6217) TO FSB DELTA ONE AT 230300Z. 4TH BN SEARCHES VIC XD6217.

(2) ABN DIV. ABN DIV ELM CONT SEARCH OPNS IN AO.

(3) ARMD TF. ARMD TF CONT SEARCH OPNS INNAO. LINUP-UP WITH 3D ABN BN ELM PLANNED VIC XD6246.

74) 1RGR GP. OPNS FOR 24 FEB INCLUDE TWO SQUAD SIZE AMBUSHES, ESTABLISHMENT OFITWO PLATOON SIZE OUTPOSTS AND RESUPPLY. AIRLIFT OF 40 REPLACEMANTS AND 3000 LBS SUPPLIES SCHEDULSD FOR 24 FEB.

(5) 147TH VNMC. LIF OF 7TH VNMC BN TO LZ VIC XD8639 AND 2D BN TO LZ'S VIC XD8434, XD8327, XD8934 PLANNED.

R C. ENGINEER EFFORT: WORK CONT TO MAINTAIN QL 9 AND WIDEN AND OPEN HL556. EMPLACEMENT OF AM2 MATTING ON OLD STRIP AT KHE SANH CONT. WORK ON HELO PARKING AREA CONT TO INCLUDE GRADING, FILLING, SHAPING, DISTRIBUTION OF PENEPRIME AND EMPLACEMENTS OF M8A1 MATTING.

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5 March 1971
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Military Situation Report on Operations in Laos and Cambodia

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

2. A telephone check with MACV at 051440 EST revealed:

a. The 3d Battalion, 2d Regiment, in vicinity of LZ Sophia found 124 enemy soldiers killed by air attacks, 56 individual weapons, 15 crew-served weapons, and eight tons of rice.

b. The heavy airlifts to LZ Sophia were completed about 050530 EST.

c. The 8th VNMC Battalion has completed lifts.

d. An up-date of 4th VNMC Battalion contact (see para 2b(9) Enclosure 1) indicates 130 enemy soldiers killed (vice 58); six friendly killed, 42 wounded; 12 individual weapons (vice 6) and 17 crew-served weapons (vice 2) captured.

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5 March 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 042200-050800 GMT March (050600-051600 March Saigon time; 041700-050300 EST March) 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation:

(1) The 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mech), continued operations in assigned areas and reported no significant activity during the period.

(2) RVNAF forces continued operations in assigned areas of operation in RVN and Laos. Priority of effort is being given to offensive operations west along the escarpment south of the Xe Pon River and to screening operations north and south of the Xe Pon River in the eastern portion of the area of operations in Laos.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, elements of Task Force 3/187 discovered 10 bunkers containing three antitank grenade launchers, 215 12.7-mm rounds, and a small amount of miscellaneous equipment.

(2) At Point 2, FSB Phu Loc and the 1st Ranger Group received one rocket and five 75-mm howitzer rounds today. Tactical air was employed against the suspected enemy firing location. No casualties were reported.

(3) At Point 3, elements of Task Force 4/3 were attacked by sappers employing small arms, antitank grenade launchers, and satchel charges on 4 March. Two US soldiers were killed and 13 were wounded. One M551 and one APC were destroyed. Friendly forces killed one enemy soldier and captured 14 satchel charges.

(4) At Point 4, two battalions of the 2d Infantry Regiment completed air movement into LZ Sophia today despite AA fire from vicinity of the LZ. The LZ has been secured. The movement of heavy equipment is in progress.

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(5) At Point 5, an infantry battalion made contact with an enemy force today resulting in three ARVN soldiers killed and three wounded. Forty-one enemy soldiers were killed (28 KBA), 13 AK47s captured/destroyed; and one 82-mm mortar, one 60-mm mortar, and two antitank grenade launchers captured.

(6) At Point 6, an airborne battalion reported contact with an unknown size enemy force yesterday resulting in one ARVN soldier wounded, six enemy killed, and 30 antitank grenades captured.

(7) At Point 7, an airborne battalion contacted an unknown size enemy force today resulting in one ARVN soldier and five enemy killed. One MG and one 82-mm mortar base plate were captured.

(8) At Point 8, on 3 March, elements of two infantry battalions in NDPs were attacked by an unknown size enemy force resulting in three ARVN soldiers wounded, 29 enemy killed, seven AK-47s, one antitank grenade launcher, 30 blocks of TNT and ten hand grenades captured.

(9) At Point 9, yesterday, the 4th VNMC battalion reported contact with an unknown size enemy force resulting in five VNMC killed and ten wounded. Thirty eight enemy were killed. Six AK-47s and two B-40s were captured.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) The combat assault into LZ Delta by the 2d VNMC Battalion was completed.

(2) The combat assault into LZ Sophia by two battalions of the 2d Infantry Regiment was completed. Airlift of heavy equipment continues.

(3) The combat assault into LZ Hotel by the 8th VNMC Battalion is in progress.

(4) Engineer Efforts: Work continues on Route 9 and on main strip, parking apron, and adjacent areas at Khe Sanh.

(5) Logistics: 30 C-130 aircraft sorties, including eight bladder aircraft, arrived at Khe Sanh.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Laos for this period is 12,600. This figure is incomplete as it does not include 4th and 5th Battalions of the 2d Infantry Regiment and 2d Battalion VNMC inserted 5 March.

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

(1)	Infantry (including airborne)	16
(2)	Artillery	4
(3)	Armored Cavalry Squadron	3
(4)	Engineer	2
(5)	Ranger	0
(6)	VNMC	4

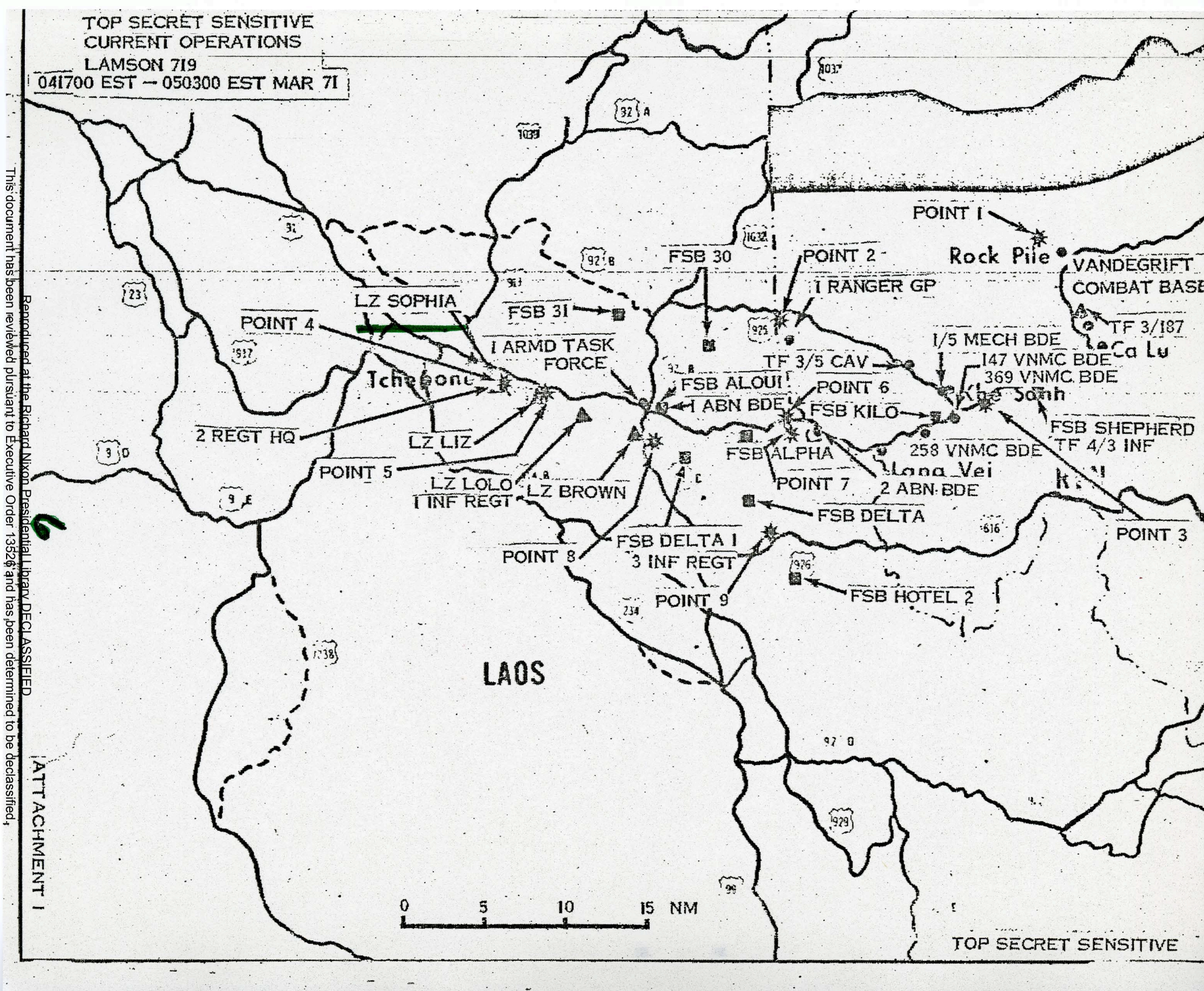
c. Results of B-52/tactical airstrikes:

4 gunsites destroyed
1 structure destroyed

4. (U) 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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CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	3	23	0	77	367	20
RVNAF	NOT AVAILABLE			396	1,430	99
	KIA*	KBA	DET	KIA*	KBA	DET
ENEMY	120	28	0	4,924	1,751	14

*The KIA figure includes the KBA figure.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

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	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED/DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	13	13	1,837
Crew-served Weapons	9	1	400
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	215	0	158,595
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	600	0	264,320
Vehicles	0	0	153
Tanks	0	0	73*
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	12
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,400
POL (Gallons)	0	0	134,360
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	5
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	719,200
Structures	0	0	706
Bunkers	0	0	568
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	75,780

*RVNAF sources claim 73 enemy tanks destroyed in Laos, of these, 43 were destroyed by air, helo gunships, and US arty, and are confirmed by US sources.

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AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-4 (USMC)	1	123
A-6 (USMC)	0	21
A-7 (USN)	0	28
B-52	0	38
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	2	249
F-100	0	8
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	7,052
Air Cavalry	0	5,438
Helo Troop Lift	0	16,952
Helo Med Evac	0	492
C-130 Logistics	0	1,073
Helo Logistics	0	23,994
LAOS		
A-1 (USAF)	0	5
A-4 (USMC-USN)	10	504
A-6 (USMC)	0	51
A-7 (USN)	7	512
B-52	18	643
B-57 (USAF)	0	11
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	58	1,703
F-100	0	26
AC-119 Gunships	0	30
AC-130 Gunships	0	77
Helo Gunships	0	8,226
Air Cavalry	0	5,167
Helo Troop Lift	0	6,646
Helo Med Evac	0	313
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	3,428

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-37	0	16
B-57 (RAAF)	0	129
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	201
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	48
LAOS		
A-37	0	4
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	173
Helo Troop Lift	0	527
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	278

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AIRCRAFT COMBAT LOSSES

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)	CUMULATIVE *(RVN/LAOS)
US HELOS		
AH-1G	0/0	1/7
UH-1	0/0	5/18
OH-6A	0/0	1/6
OH-58A	0/0	1/1
CH-47	0/0	0/2
SUB-TOTAL:	0/0	8/34
US FIXED-WING		
F-4	0/0	2/1
TOTAL US AIRCRAFT LOSSES:		10/35
VNAF HELOS		
UH-1H	0/0	0/6
CH-34	0/0	0/2
TOTAL:	0/0	0/8

US PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR OPERATIONS

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US	0	0	0	32	94	14

*SOURCE: OPREP-5

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Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB.

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 042200-050800 GMT March (050600-051600 March Saigon time; 041700-050300 EST March) 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Positions of RVNAF Task Force elements are shown at attachment 1. Search and route security operations did not result in any significant contact with the enemy. No enemy initiated activity was reported.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported: None.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives: All plans for the period were achieved.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 16,843.

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

(1) Infantry - 18

(2) Armored Cavalry Squadron - 5

(3) Ranger - 7

c. Results of B-52 and tactical air strikes:

(1) B-52 - None

(2) Tactical air -

9 secondary fires
4 bunkers
3 secondary explosions
1 boat destroyed
1 boat damaged

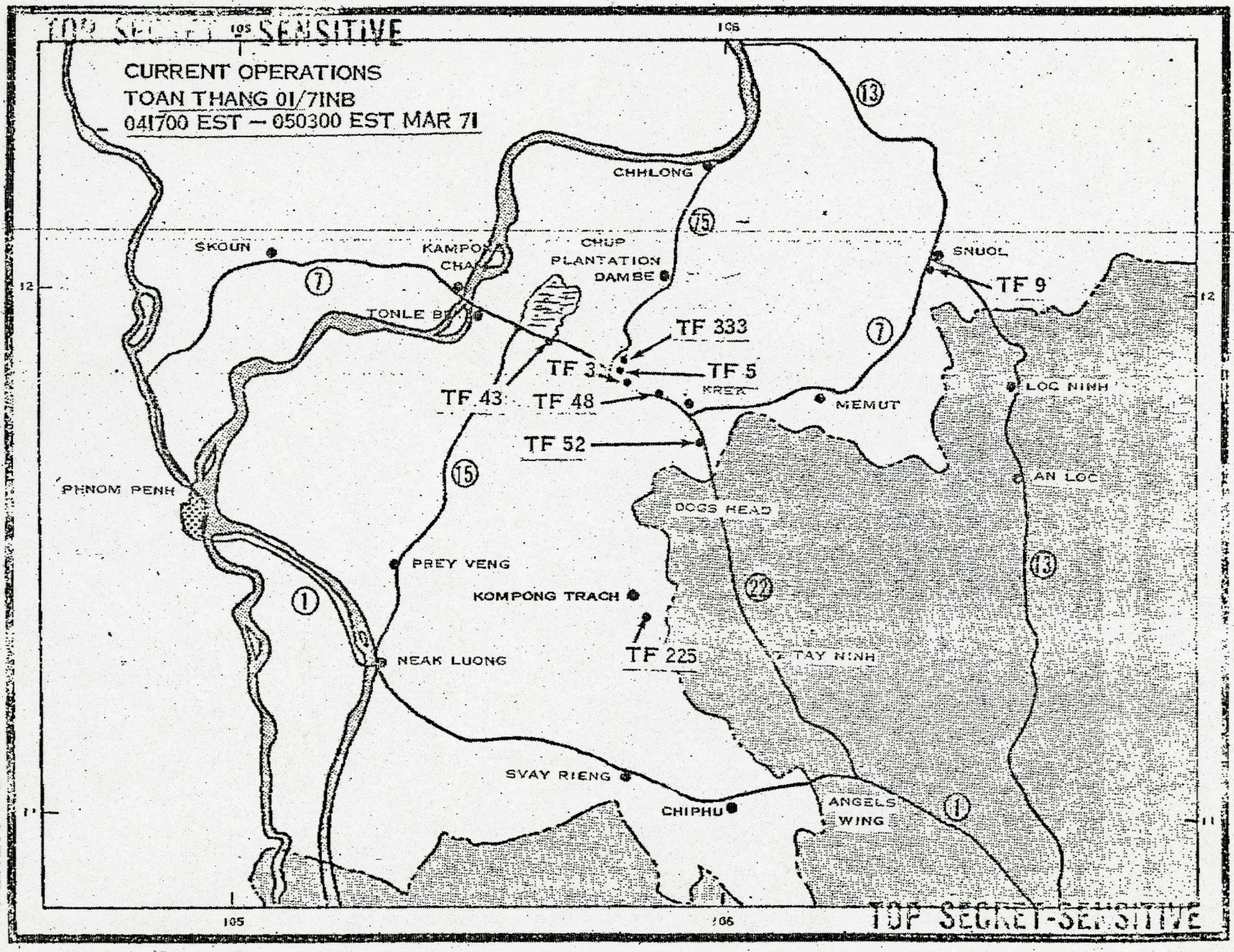
d. Statistical data for the operation are shown in the attachments.

Attachments: (Listed on next page)

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

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ATTACHMENT I

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	0	0	4	4	2
RVNAF	0	0	0	355	1,717	122
	KIA	KBA	DET	KIA*	KBA	DET
ENEMY	0	0	0	2,868	*	74

*MACV cannot correlate KBA figures with KIA figures.

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

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	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE	
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED	DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	0	0	394	25
Crew-served Weapons	0	0	101	14
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms (Rounds)	0	0	4,800	4,000
(2) B-40 Rounds	0	0	269	5
(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	1,585
Document (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	100;000	58,200
Structures	0	0	0	64
Bunkers	0	0	0	83
Miscellaneous Equipment (Pounds)	0	0	0	600

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AIR SUPPORT

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TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-37	12	330
B-52	0	47
F-100	6	295
AC-119 Gunships	0	13
Helo Gunships	0	239
Helo Troop Lift	0	213
Helo Med Evac	0	65
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	145
Air Cavalry	0	4,725
VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-1	0	691
A-37	0	15
F-5	0	346
O-1	0	34
AC-47 Gunships	1	59
Helo Gunships	0	229
Helo Troop Lift	0	379
Helo Med Evac	0	205
Helo Logistics	0	357

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AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE*
US		
AH-1G	0	0
UH-1H	0	2
OH-6A	0	1
VNAF		
UH-1H	0	0

*SOURCE: OPREP-5

U.S. PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR OPERATIONS

(PERIOD 041700-050300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US	0	0	0	4	1	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 06/0600-07/0600 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 07/0600-08/0600 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 3,500 feet, visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Becoming by 1200 Saigon time, partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 4,000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 0600-1100 and 0500-0600 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling occasionally 1,000 feet, and fog/occasional drizzle, visibility 1-4 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 4,000 feet, visibility 5-7 miles in haze. Becoming by 1200 Saigon time, partly cloudy occasionally cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 4,000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 0600-1100 and 0500-0600 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling occasionally 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1 mile.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing cloudiness.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2

COASTAL - Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 2,500 feet, visibility 4-7 miles in haze. Between 0600-1100 and 0000-0600 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling 1,000 feet, and fog, visibility 1-3 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 4,500 feet patch unlimited, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Between 0600-1100 and 1900-0600 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling surface to 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/4-3 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

KHE SANH - AREA 3

Cloudy, ceiling 3,000 feet AGL occasionally 1,200 feet AGL, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Between 0600-1100 and 1900-0600 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling surface to 500 feet AGL, and fog, visibility 1/4-3 miles (lowest stratus/fog restrictions occurring between 0600-0900 Saigon time).

OUTLOOG - Little change.

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TCHEPONE - AREA 4

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited occasionally 4,000 feet, visibility 3-7 miles in haze. Between 0600-1100 and 0300-0600 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus, ceiling occasionally 500 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2-4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5

Mostly clear, ceiling unlimited, visibility 4 to 7 miles in haze. Between 0600-1000 Saigon time, stratus, ceiling 1,000 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).

Attachment
Map

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31 January 1971

Special Operations Situation Report
(Information as of 1200 EST)

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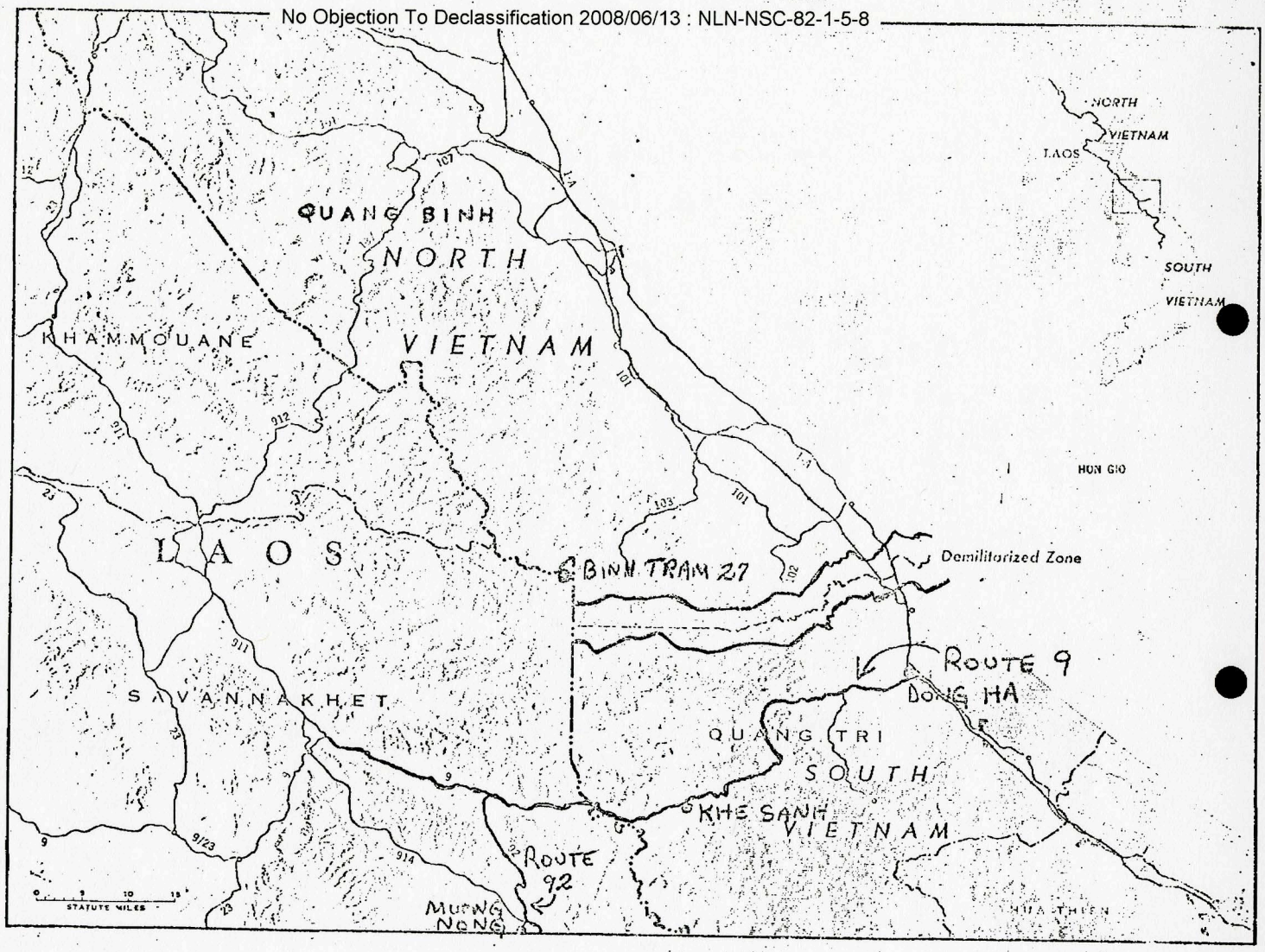
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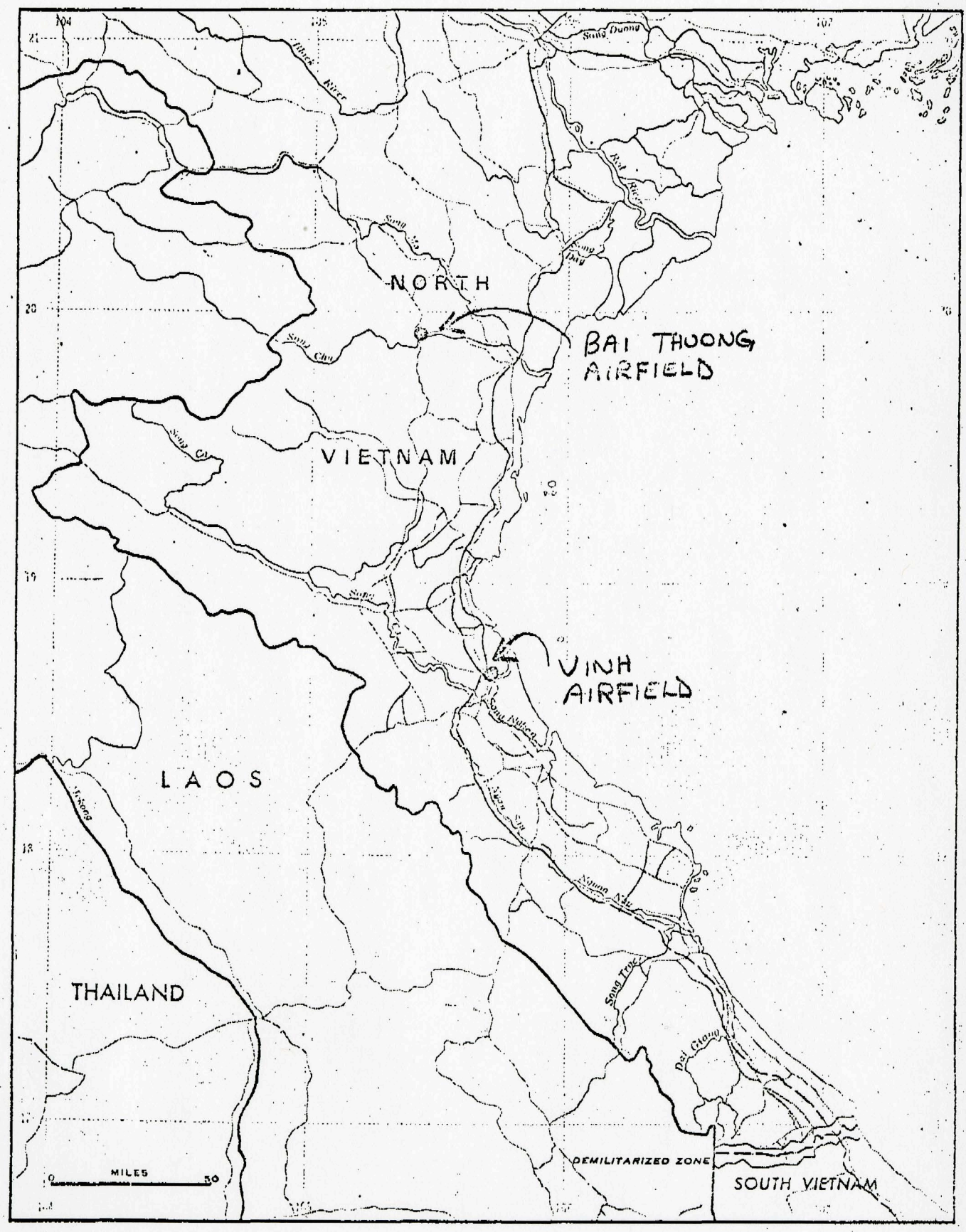
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security
Affairs
The White House

Attached is an analysis of changes in enemy combat force deployments in the Tchepone area which have taken place since 1 February.

Dick
Richard Helms

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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Directorate of Intelligence
3 March 1971

INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Major Deployments of Communist Combat Units in South Laos, Southern North Vietnam and South Vietnam's Military Region 1 Since 1 February 1971

Overall Deployment of Forces

1. As of 1 February, there were within south Laos an estimated 22,000 NVA combat troops,* of which about 11,000 were deployed within the environs of Tchepone. To bolster this force the North Vietnamese could draw upon sizeable numbers of troops deployed in North Vietnam (between Vinh and the DMZ) or in South Vietnam's Military Region 1 (MR 1). On 1 February there were nearly 40,000 NVA combat forces located in North Vietnam south of Vinh and nearly 19,000 NVA and VC combat troops in MR 1. (See Table 1) Since 1 February a number of major unit deployments have occurred which significantly alter the picture of Communist forces operating in

*This analysis excludes consideration of Pathet Lao combat forces deployed throughout south Laos. The term combat force, as used in this memorandum, excludes AAA units.

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the Lam Son 719 operational area or quickly available for reinforcing it. These deployments are believed to be a direct reaction to the Lam Son 719 operation against the logistic complex in the Tchepone area.

South Laos

2. Since 1 February our estimate of the NVA combat force in south Laos has been increased by more than 17,500 troops, some 14,500 from North Vietnam, 2,700 from South Vietnam, and about 500 from two newly identified combat battalions believed to have been in the area for sometime.* This augmentation involved the deployment to Laos of seven regiments from North and South Vietnam as follows:

From North Vietnam	Strength
304th Division	
24B Regiment	2,000
66th Regiment	2,500
308th Division	
Hqs/ Support	2,500
36th Regiment	2,500
88th Regiment	2,500
102nd Regiment	2,500
From South Vietnam	
324 B Division	
29th Regiment	1,300
812th Regiment	1,400

*These estimates exclude any consideration of casualties inflicted on enemy forces during the operation.

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In addition, there are indications that another regiment from North Vietnam -- the 9th Regiment/304th Division -- may be deploying to Laos.

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4. The recent deployments to south Laos raise the total NVA combat force there to nearly 40,000 troops. Some 28,700 of these troops are deployed in the Lam Son 719 operational area.* (A listing of these forces is shown in Table 2. The total number of Communist forces in all of Laos by function is given in Table 3.)

North Vietnam

5. In addition to deploying an estimated 14,500 troops from North Vietnam to South Laos, Hanoi undertook other significant redeployments which radically altered its troop strength between Vinh and the DMZ. During

*The Lam Son 719 operational area may be regarded generally as that part of south Laos containing Base Areas 604 and 611. It excludes the eastern part of Base Area 611 which is in South Vietnam and contains on the order of 3,500 enemy combat troops.

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February some 5,000 troops of the 95th and 101st Regiments, 325th Division, appear to have moved north from southern Nghe An Province near Vinh to an area above Thanh Hoa Province. As a result of this movement, these units are no longer considered as part of the immediate enemy threat for reinforcing Communist forces in Laos. Moreover, major elements of the 38th Artillery Regiment which had been in northern Quang Binh Province in North Vietnam, have now relocated to Quang Tri Province in South Vietnam. The combined strength of these elements is probably on the order of 800-1,000 men. The net effect of the deployment of all of these units out of the area between Vinh and the DMZ was to reduce the number of combat forces in this part of North Vietnam from nearly 40,000 to about 20,000 troops.

South Vietnam, MR 1

6. The deployment of elements of the 38th Artillery Regiment to South Vietnam and the shift of the 29th and 812th Regiments of the 324B Division to Laos resulted in a reduction of the combat force in MR 1 from 19,000 to about 17,000 men.

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Table 1

Disposition and Strength of Communist Combat Forces in Indochina

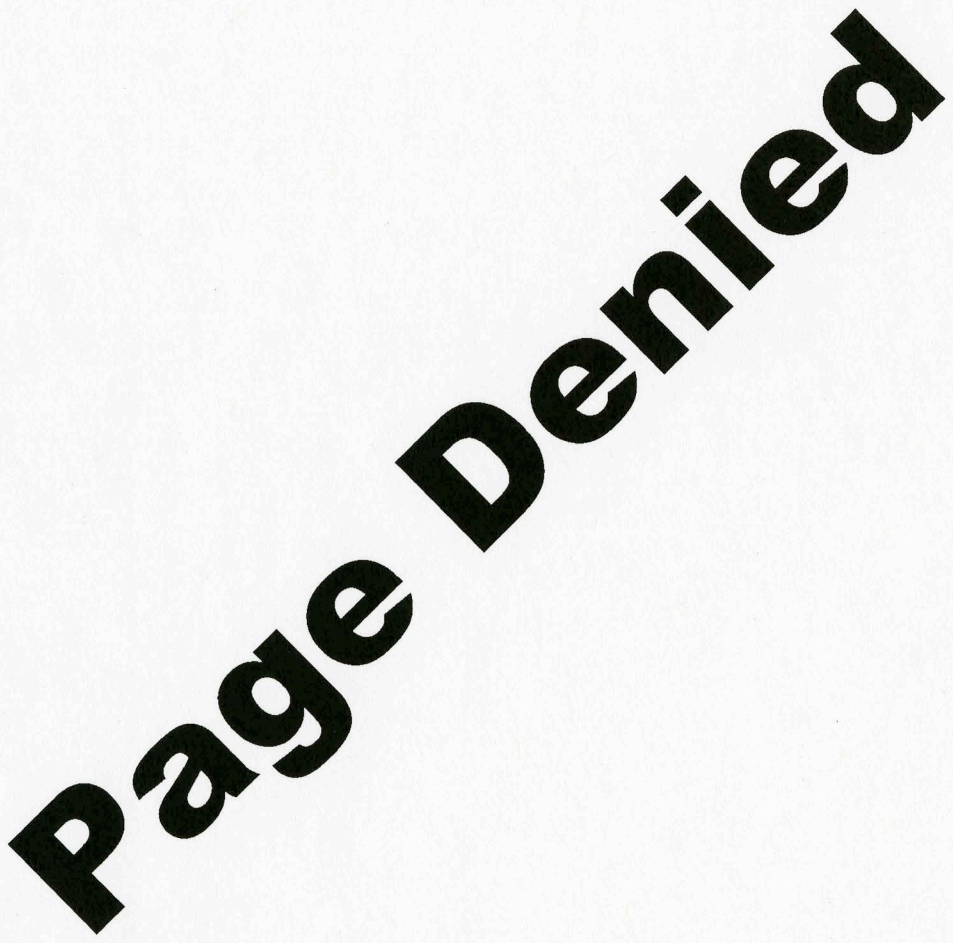
February - March 1971

(in thousands)

	1 Feb	1 March
South Laos (NVA only)	22	40
Tchepone Environs	(11)	(29)
North Vietnam (Vinh to DMZ)	40	17
TOTAL	81	77

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Table 3

Communist Forces in Laos
1 March 1971
(in thousands)

	North	South	Total
NVA Forces (including fillers)	28	79	107
Infantry	16	40	56
Antiaircraft	2	9	11
Command and Support	10	30	40
PL Forces (including DN)	31	14	45
Infantry	15	7	22
Antiaircraft	1	1	2
Command and Support	15	6	21
Total	59	93	152

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PLEASE PASS TO VIENTIANE FOR AMBASSADOR GODLEY

1. THIEU INFORMED ME THAT HE HAS HAD AN APPEAL FROM SOUVANNA, CONVEYED THROUGH THE RVN AMBASSADOR IN VIENTIANE, FOR ASSISTANCE IN TAKING CARE OF REFUGEES IN THE TCHEPONE AREA. THIEU PROPOSES TO REPLY ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A) THERE IS NO LAOTIAN POPULATION IN THE AREA. THEY EITHER HAVE BEEN DISPERSED OR PRESSED INTO SERVICE BY NVA TROOPS FOR USE AS PORTERS AND LABORERS.

B) RVNAF ARE NOT OCCUPYING ANY VILLAGES, BUT ARE OPERATING IN THE HILLS AND MOUNTAINS AROUND THEM.

C) VILLAGES OR POPULATION CENTERS ARE NOT OBJECTIVES. OBJECTIVES ARE STORAGE AREAS AND THE TRAIL NETWORK.

D) SINCE FIGHTING CONTINUES DAY AND NIGHT, WHATEVER POPULATION MAY HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA HAS BEEN DISPERSED.

E) RVNAF FORCES HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED ANY LAOTIAN PEOPLE, BUT IF THEY FIND ANY WHO WISH TO BE EVACUATED, THEY WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST THEM.

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10 March 1971
1600 EST

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Military Situation Report on Operations in Laos and Cambodia

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

2. A telephone check with MACV at 101430 EST, in a preliminary spot report, advised that on 10 March, the 4th Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, in a 1-kilometer radius 2 miles east of Objective Haiphong, found 391 enemy soldiers killed by an ARC LIGHT strike. Eight wounded enemy soldiers were captured. The following destroyed/damaged equipment and supplies were found:

644 AK-47 rifles
500 55-gallon drums of POL
100 122-mm rocket rounds
64 CHICOM radios
30 82-mm mortars
26 crew-served weapons
18 trucks
8 tracked vehicles (type not identified)
8 tons of mixed ammunition
6 tons of rice
3 122-mm guns

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10 March 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 092200-100800 GMT March (100600-101600 March Saigon time, 091700-100300 EST March) 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation:

(1) The 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) continued operations in northern Quang Tri Province providing security for Route 9 and critical installations. In the 3d Airborne Brigade area, two convoys (one US, one ARVN) were attacked with no casualties or damage to the US convoy while the ARVN convoy had one ARVN soldier wounded and two 5-ton trucks damaged. Vandergrift was struck with approximately 28 122-mm rockets; one US soldier was killed and one was wounded. Elements of the 1st Brigade, 5th Division (Mech), had a contact with an enemy force which resulted in one US soldier wounded. One 175-mm artillery piece moving to FSB Phu Loc was attacked with eight rounds of indirect fire. There were no casualties and no damage to the piece.

(2) RVNAF units in Laos continued search operations for enemy caches. In addition to the attack reported in paragraph 2b(1) below, five attacks by fire (four mortar, one antitank grenade) resulted in one ARVN soldier killed and 10 wounded. One truck was damaged.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, FSB Sophia received an indirect fire attack with 120 rounds of mixed 82-mm mortar and 122-mm rockets. Thirteen ARVN soldiers were wounded and six 105-mm howitzers were damaged.

(2) At Point 2, in the area of an ARC LIGHT strike, the 1st Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, reported finding the bodies of 144 enemy soldiers. In the same area, 100 122-mm rockets, 44 AK-47s, four trucks, two 37-mm machine guns, and one tank (type not identified) were destroyed. This is an initial report and the results are not included in reported operational results.

(3) At Point 3, the 1st VNMC Battalion was attacked by an enemy force. Fifteen enemy soldiers were killed and seven individual weapons were captured.

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c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) and units under its operational control were unable to conduct airmobile operations due to the adverse weather conditions which prevailed throughout the division's assigned area.

(2) The 2d Battalion, 1st Airborne Brigade, reported reaching objective Bravo (see attachment 1) with no significant contacts with enemy forces.

(3) Tactical air elements continued support throughout the reporting period.

(4) RVNAF units continued search operations as they moved toward assigned objectives. The 4th Battalion, 1st Infantry Regiment, has not reported cutting Route 915.

(5) Air Operations: Adverse weather conditions, principally fog at Khe Sanh, precluded scheduled helicopter operations. The weather in Laos improved during the day and tactical airstrikes were flown under FAC control.

(6) Engineer Effort: Work continued on roads and air facilities.

(7) Logistics: The foggy conditions at Khe Sanh prevented C-130 operations; however, 415 tons of supplies were delivered by truck.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Laos for this period is 16,844.

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

(1)	Infantry (including airborne)	18
(2)	Artillery	4
(3)	Armored Cavalry Squadron	3
(4)	Engineer	2
(5)	VNMC	6
(6)	Ranger	0

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c. Results of B-52 strikes:

(1) None available for this reporting period.

(2) An additional 15 secondary explosions were added for the previous reporting period.

d. Results of tactical airstrikes: Two vehicles and one gunsite were destroyed. In addition, 106 secondary fires and a pipeline cut were reported.

4. (U) 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

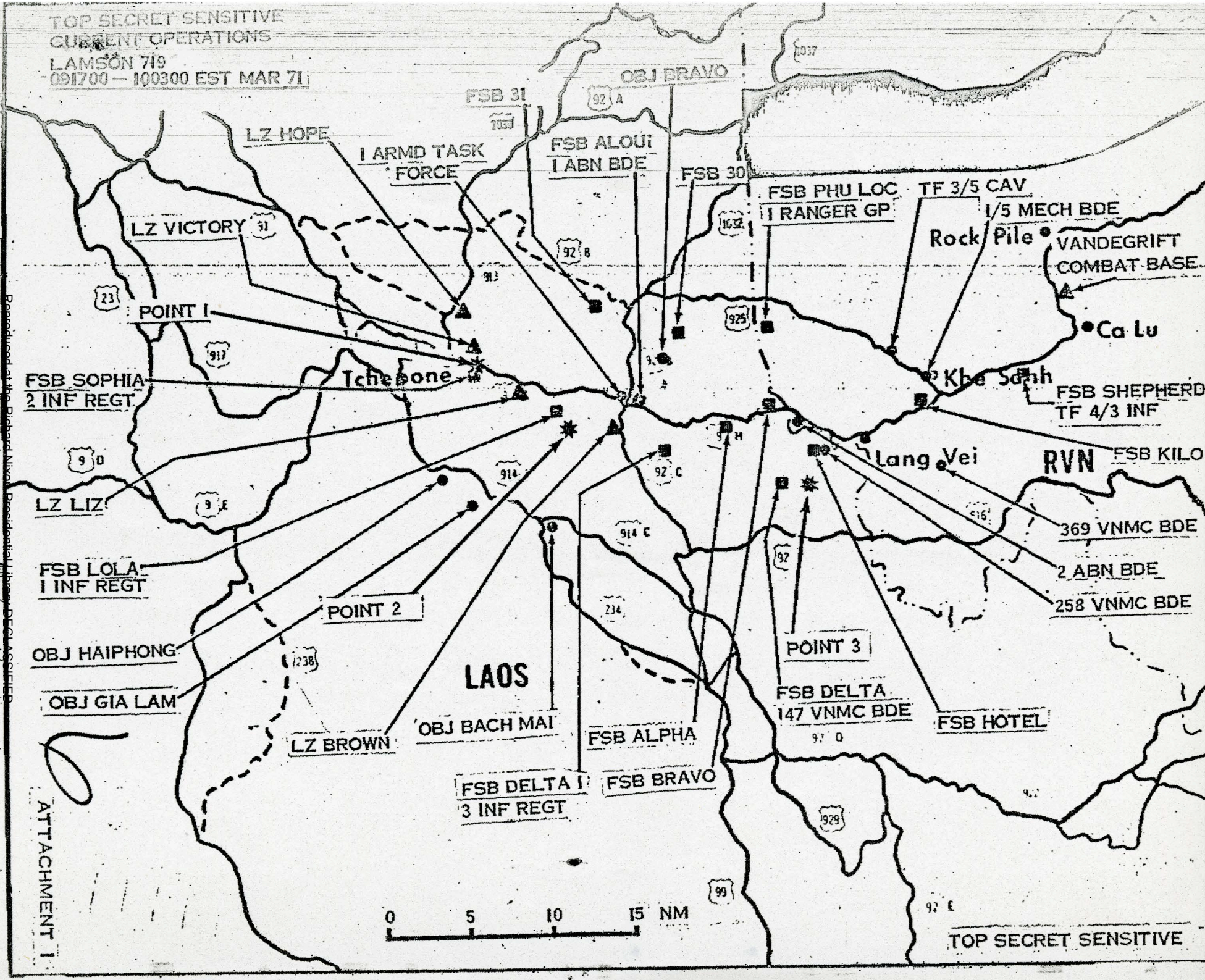
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CURRENT OPERATIONS

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CASUALTIES

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	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	1	0	82	407	25
RVNAF	NOT AVAILABLE			705	2,220	164
	KIA	KBA	DET	KIA*	KBA	DET
ENEMY	15	0	0	7,351	2,323	34

*Includes KBA.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED/DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	7	0	2,716
Crew-served Weapons	0	0	842
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)	0	0	401,436
(2) Miscellaneous (Pounds)	0	0	673,940
Vehicles	0	0	227
Tanks	0	0	73
POL (Gallons)	0	0	189,635
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	0	2,869,740
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	13
(Telephones/Km wire)	0	0	4/20
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,900
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	16
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	79,400
Structures	0	0	786
Bunkers	0	0	629

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AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-4 (USMC)	2	131
A-6 (USMC)	1	23
A-7 (USN)	0	30
B-52 (USAF)	0	38
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	6	263
F-100 (USAF)	2	24
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	8,189
Air Cavalry	0	6,097
Helo Troop Lift	0	19,102
Helo Med Evac	0	660
C-130 Logistics	0	1,339
Helo Logistics	0	27,095
LAOS		
A-1 (USAF)	0	15
A-4 (USMC-USN)	35	619
A-6 (USMC-USN)	0	79
A-7 (USN)	29	726
B-52 (USAF)	9	820
B-57 (USAF)	0	13
F-4 (USAF-USMC-USN)	72	2,305
F-100 (USAF)	16	131
AC-119 Gunships	0	40
AC-130 Gunships	0	96
Helo Gunships	0	9,815
Air Cavalry	0	5,638
Helo Troop Lift	0	9,247
Helo Med Evac	0	466
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	4,792

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

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TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-37	0	38
B-57 (RAAF)	2	166
Helo Gunships	0	0
Helo Troop Lift	0	218
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	86
LAOS		
A-37	0	16
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	0	199
Helo Troop Lift	0	579
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	0	334

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AIRCRAFT COMBAT LOSSES

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TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)	CUMULATIVE* (RVN/LAOS)
US HELOS		
AH-1G	0/0	1/10
UH-1	0/0	3/27
OH-6A	0/0	2/6
OH-58A	0/0	1/2
CH-47	0/0	0/2
SUB-TOTAL:	0/0	7/47
US FIXED-WING		
A-1	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	2/1
TOTAL US AIRCRAFT LOSSES:	0/0	9/49
VNAF HELOS		
UH-1H	0/0	0/6
CH-34	0/0	0/2
TOTAL:	0/0	0/8

SOURCE: OPREP-5

US PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR OPERATIONS

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
US	0	0	0	33	111	19

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10 March 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

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2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation:

(1) Positions of RVNAF Task Forces are as shown on attachment 1. In the 25th Infantry Division area, TF 3 attacked in a northerly direction toward Dambe and reached the location shown on attachment 1 which was the area hit by a B-52 strike. No strike results were reported.

(2) TF 43 moved north to its position as shown on attachment 1. No significant action was reported. TF 43 and 48 are prepared to support TF 3.

(3) Enemy response to RVNAF task force movement was light.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, an infantry company from the 4th Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, found 11 tons of rice in good condition. The disposition of the rice was not reported.

(2) At Point 2, the 2d Battalion, 49th Infantry Regiment, attacked an enemy force. Nine enemy soldiers were killed and three weapons (two crew-served) were captured. Ten ARVN soldiers were wounded.

(3) At Point 3, the 302d Engineer Battalion convoy detonated three enemy mines. One ARVN soldier was killed and five were wounded. One 2 1/2 ton truck was destroyed and two 2 1/2 ton trucks were moderately damaged.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) Following tactical airstrikes and B-52 strikes, TF 3 attacked northeast then turned north reaching the area of one of the B-52 strikes (see position of TF 3 on attachment 1). The results of the strike were not reported. There were no significant contacts with enemy forces.

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(2) TF 43 moved north along Route 75 behind TF 3. No significant contacts were reported.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 16,015.

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

(1) Infantry - 18

(2) Armored Cavalry Squadron - 5

(3) Ranger - 7

c. Results of B-52 and tactical airstrikes:

(1) B-52 - None available.

(2) Tactical air:

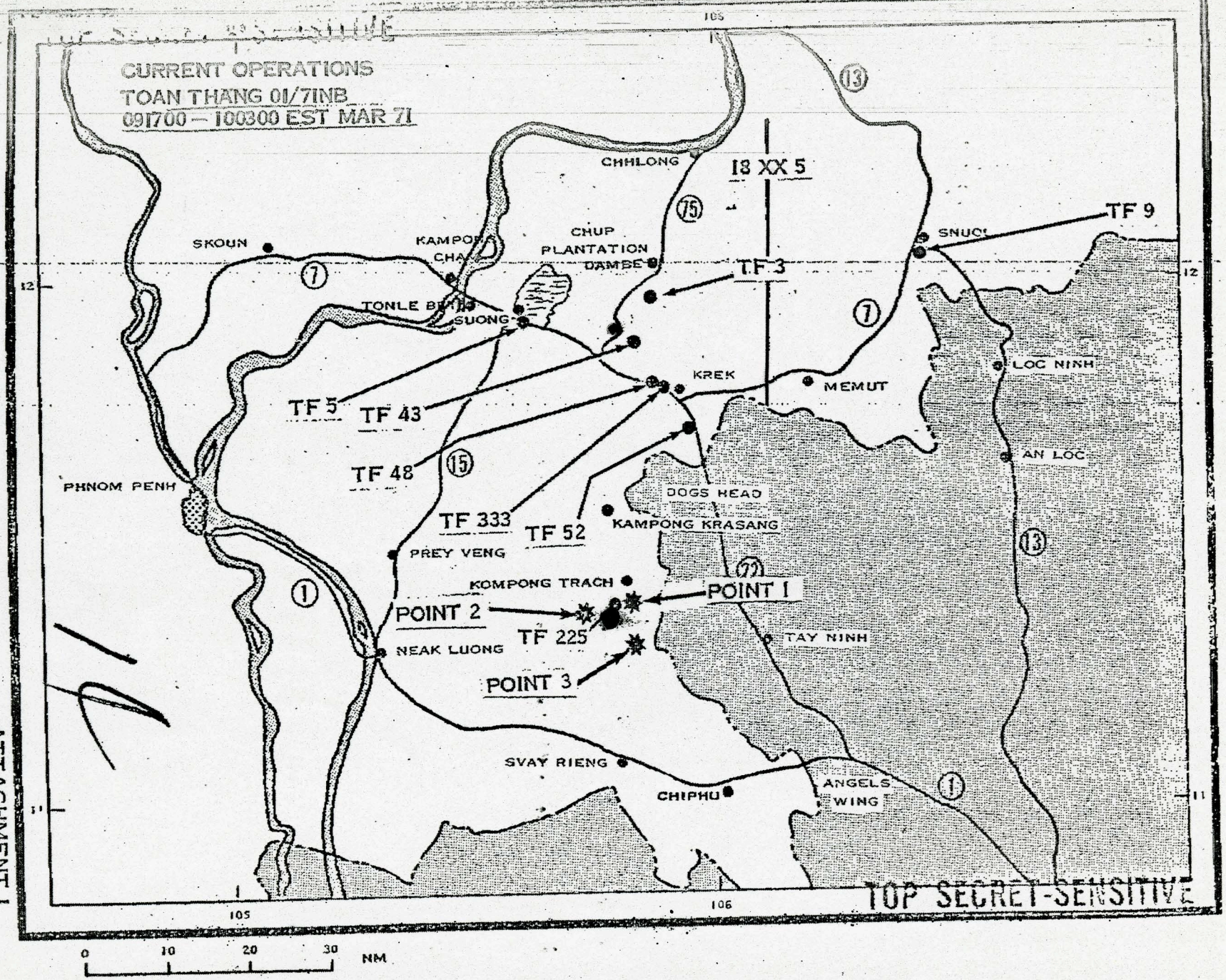
DESTROYED	DAMAGED	OTHER
14 structures	5 structures	22 secondary fires
8 bunkers	2 bunkers	4 secondary explosions

4. (U) 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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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	0	0	4	8	2
RVNAF	0	10	0	352	1,787	122
	KIA*	KBA	DET	KIA*	KBA	DET
ENEMY	10	1	0	3,374	707	84

* Includes KBA.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE	
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED	DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	1	0	413	25
Crew-served Weapons	2	0	112	2
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms Rounds	0	0	4,800	4,000
(2) B-40 Rounds	5	0	276	8
(3) B-41 Rounds	0	0	1	0
(4) 75-mm Rounds	0	0	25	0
(5) 60-mm Rounds	0	0	31	0
(6) 81-mm Rounds	0	0	53	0
(7) Mines	0	0	16	0
Vehicles	0	0	1	1
POL (Gallons)	0	0	1,585	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	22,000	0	122,000	60,200
Communications Equipment (Radios)	0	0	3	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
Miscellaneous Equipment (Pounds)	0	0	0	600
Structures	0	4	0	171
Bunkers	0	0	0	55
Base Camps	0	0	0	1
Pipelines	0	0	0	0

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIR SUPPORT

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-37	6	390
B-52	6	52
F-100	2	321
AC-119 Gunships	0	19
Helo Gunships	0	247
Helo Troop Lift	0	213
Helo Med Evac	0	67
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	145
Air Cavalry	0	6,941
VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-1	0	811
A-37	0	21
F-5	0	401
O-1	0	34
AC-47 Gunships	0	66
Helo Gunships	0	243
Helo Troop Lift	0	432
Helo Med Evac	0	212
Helo Logistics	0	383

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE*
US		
AH-1G	0	0
UH-1H	0	2
OH-6A	0	2
VNAF		
UH-1H	0	0

*SOURCE: OPREP-5

US PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR OPERATIONS

(PERIOD 091700-100300 EST MAR 71)

PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
0	0	0	4	4	0

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 11/0600-12/0600 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 12/0600-13/0600 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Overcast, ceiling 1,000 feet patchy 3,500 feet, visibility 7 miles occasionally 3 miles in rain/drizzle. Between 0600-1100 and 0200-0600 Saigon time, rain/fog, visibility 1 to 3 miles.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 3,500 feet patchy 500 feet AGL in valleys, visibility 1 to 7 miles in rain/drizzle/fog.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing stratus.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 1,000 feet, visibility 7 miles occasionally 2 miles in rain/drizzle.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy occasionally overcast, ceiling 500 feet AGL patchy 4,000 feet, visibility 3/4 to 7 miles in rain/drizzle/fog. Between 0600-1000 and 2100-0600 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling surface to 500 feet AGL, and drizzle/fog, visibility 1/8 mile.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing cloudiness.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

Overcast, ceiling 500 feet AGL, visibility 2 miles in fog. Between 2000-1200 Saigon time, ceiling 100 to 200 feet AGL, and fog/drizzle, visibility 1/8 mile.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing cloudiness.

TCHEPONE - AREA 4:

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited patchy 4,000 feet, visibility 7 miles. Between 0600-1100 and 0500-0600 Saigon time, in valleys, patchy stratus, ceiling 500 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2 to 4 miles.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing cloudiness.

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CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited, visibility 7 miles. Between 0600-1000 Saigon time, patchy stratus, ceiling 1,000 feet AGL, and fog/haze, visibility 1/2 to 3 miles.

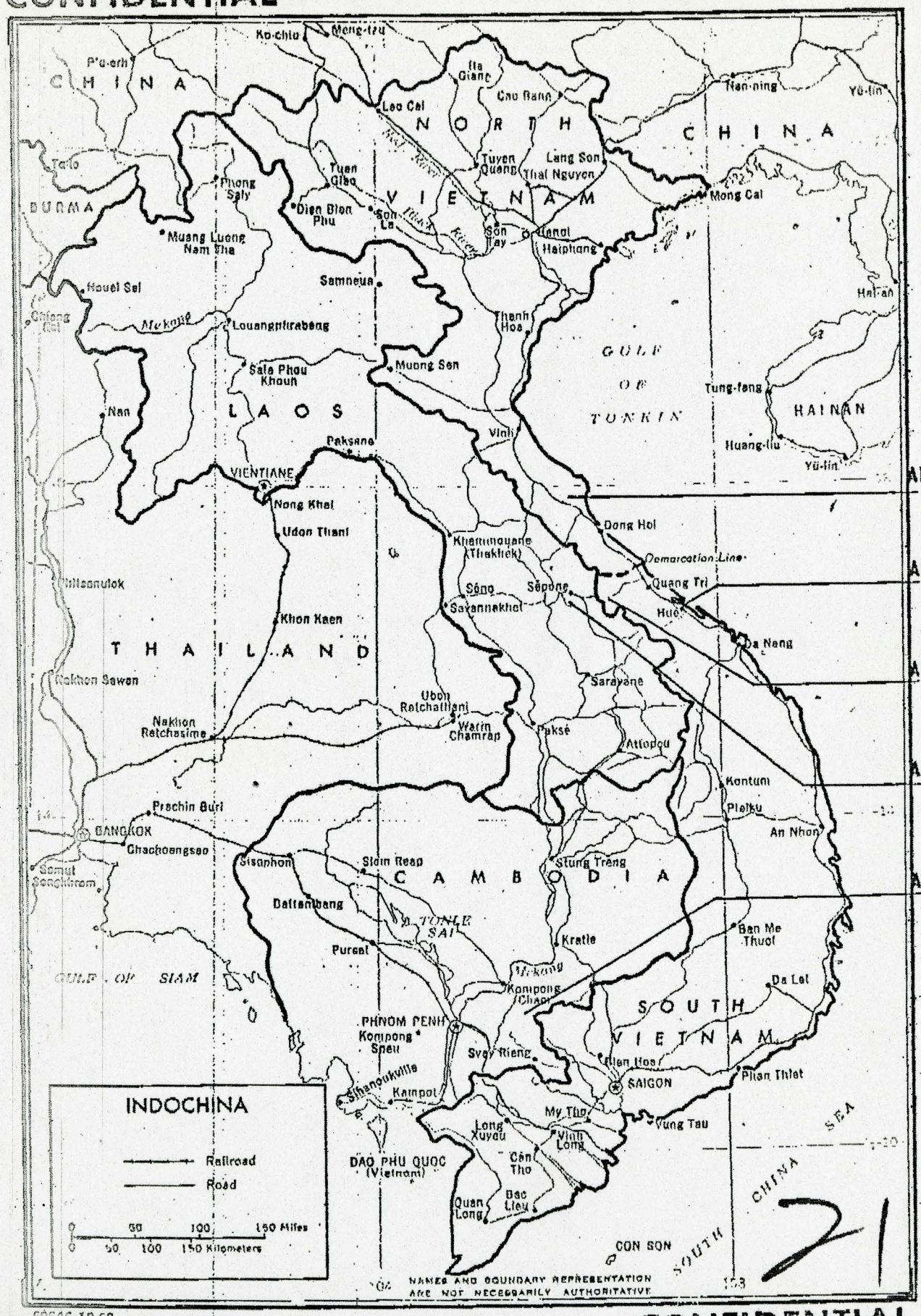
OUTLOOK - Little change.

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

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Map

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Attachment 1

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TALKED TO ABRAMS THIS MORNING.

GENERAL WEYAND WAS IN MILITARY REGION ONE YESTERDAY CHECKING ON THE PROGRESS OF THE LAMSON OPERATION.

ABRAMS SAYS TODAY HAS BEEN THE BEST DAY OF THE OPERATION SO FAR. THE ARVN MORALE IS HIGH. ALL OF THE SCHEDULED MOVES WENT OFF WITHOUT A HITCH. THERE WERE CONTACTS BUT THE RESULTS WERE GOOD. LAM IS IN GOOD SHAPE -- HE IS TOUGH, DETERMINED, CAREFUL AND HIS SPIRITS ARE GOOD. GENERAL DONG, THE COMMANDER OF THE AIRBORNE DIVISION (WHICH HAS TAKEN THE HIGHEST CASUALTIES SO FAR) MORALE IS HIGH.

ABRAMS ADVISES THAT PRESIDENT THIEU IS INVOLVED IN THIS OPERATION PERSONALLY AND HAS BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING. THIEU HAS APPROVED ALL THE PLANS, CHANGES AND MODIFICATIONS. AS YOU KNOW, HIS POLITICAL FUTURE IS INEXTRICABLY TIED TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS OPERATION.

ABRAMS TOLD ME THAT WHILE WE HAVE SOME TOUGH FIGHTING AHEAD, HE BELIEVES WE ARE GOING TO MAKE IT AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO DO WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO.

TWO FIRE SUPPORT BASES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ALONG THE RIDGE SOUTH OF ROUTE 9 TOWARDS THE TCHEPONE ROAD JUNCTIONS (LOLO AND LIZ).

THE VIETNAMESE MARINES NOW HAVE TWO BATTALIONS AT FIRE SUPPORT BASE DELTA NORTH OF ROUTE 926. TWO ADDITIONAL VIETNAMESE MARINE BRIGADES HAVE MOVED TO KHE SANH. FROM THE DELTA.

34 ADDITIONAL TANKS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT INTO MILITARY REGION ONE FROM MILITARY REGION TWO AND ARE MOVING TOWARDS THE LAOTIAN BORDER TO REINFORCE THE OPERATION. 17 TANKS MOVED ACROSS THE LAOTIAN BORDER INTO THE OPERATION YESTERDAY. ABRAMS ADVISES THAT IN SPITE OF THEIR CASUALTIES THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE ARMORED UNITS IN THIS AREA ARE IN GOOD SHAPE.

CONCEPTUALLY THEN THE ARVN HAVE STARTED THEIR MOVE TO THE WEST TOWARDS THE TCHEPONE ROAD JUNCTIONS AND HAVE MOVED VIETNAMESE MARINES AND ADDITIONAL ARMOR IN TO COVER THEIR REAR AND THEIR FLANKS. LAM REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF ROUTE 914 TO THE ENEMY LOGISTICS FLOW AND IS TAKING STEPS TO CLOSE RTE 91

WE HAD A SHARP TANK/INFANTRY ACTION LAST NIGHT UP NORTH OF BAN DONG AND WHILE THE ARVN TOOK HEAVY CASUALTIES, THEY PUNISHED THE ENEMY BADLY. ABRAMS BELIEVES THE NORTH VIETNAMESE CASUALTIES MAY HAVE RUN AS HIGH AS 300 KIA AND 14 TANKS DESTROYED. THIS AREA NORTH OF BAN DONG IN WHICH FIRE SUPPORT BASES 30 AND 31 ARE LOCATED AND IN WHICH THE HEAVIEST ACTIONS HAVE BEEN FOUGHT IS THE VITAL NORTHERN FLANK OF THE OPERATION THROUGH WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MUST BRING REINFORCEMENTS

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TO SUPPORT THEIR FORCES.

THE FIRST DIVISION, WHICH IS MOVING WEST TOWARDS THE TCHEPONE ROAD JUNCTION IS SOLID FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND THE MORALE IS HIGH. THEY EXPECT TO BE IN AS MANY AS FOUR fire SUPPORT BASES ALONG THE RIDGE OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS. FROM THERE THEY WILL HAVE A DOWNHILL SHOT AT THE ENEMY.

ABRAMS ALSO ADVISED THAT THE OPERATION IN THE CHUP PLANTATION AREA IN CAMBODIA IS GOING WELL. THE ARVN HAVE PAUSED FOR SEVERAL DAYS TO REORGANIZE AND REPLACE MATERIAL AND PERSONNEL LOSSES. THE ENEMY HAS TAKEN SEVERE LOSSES IN THE VICINITY OF DAMBE WHERE THEY HAVE CONCENTRATED FOUR NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIMENTS WITH THE INTENTION OF ISOLATING THE ARVN FORCES AS THEY MOVE SOUTH FROM CHUULONG. GENERAL MINH ATTACKED TWO TO THREE OF THESE REGIMENTS BEFORE WITHDRAWING TO THE NORTH OF DAMBE. THE ENEMY HAS SUFFERED OVER 2000 KIA IN THE CHUP OPERATION SINCE 4 FEBRUARY AND UNLESS HE HAS REPLACEMENTS READILY AT HAND, HIS COMBAT EFFECTIVENESS IS BOUND TO SUFFER.

THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT AT LEAST ONE ADDITIONAL NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIMENT MAY MOVE TO JOIN THE ENEMY HERE. GENERAL MINH WELCOMES THIS CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY FORCES AND INTENDS TO GO AFTER THE ENEMY FOLLOWING THIS PAUSE FOR REFITTING.

GENERAL MINH AND HIS TROOPS HAVE SUCCESSFULLY WEATHERED A VERY TRYING WEEK. MINH'S REPUTATION AND HIS TENTURE AS III CORPS COMMANDER SEEMED TO BE AT STAKE DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE DAMBE BATTLE. HE HAS DISPLAYED GREAT TENACITY, DETERMINATION AND SKILL IN PICKING UP THE REINS OF AN ON-GOING OPERATION WHICH HAD REACHED A CRITICAL STAGE AND WHOSE MOMENTUM HAD BEEN HAMPERED BY THE LOSS OF A CHARISMATIC LEADER, GENERAL TRI.

ABRAMS ADVISES THAT MINH HAS EMERGED AS A COMMANDER WHOSE CREDENTIALS ARE IN EXCELLENT ORDER. HE EXPECTS THAT UNDER MINH'S DIRECTION, III CORPS WILL MAKE SUBSTANTIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING THE REMAINDER OF THE CAMPAIGN.

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THE NATIONAL MILITARY COMMAND CENTER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

16 March 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.

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16 March 1971

Subject: Operation LAMSON 719

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 150800-152200 GMT March (151600-160600 March Saigon time. 150300-151700 EST March) 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation:

(1) The 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) conducted ambushes and combat patrols in the vicinity of base camps and night defensive positions and continued security operations along Route 9. Elements of the 1/5 Mechanized Brigade had sporadic contacts with an enemy force for a 6-hour period southwest of Khe Sanh.

(2) Elements of the 1st Infantry Regiment abandoned FSB LOLO at 2200 hours Saigon time on 15 March and are moving toward high ground to the east of FSB LOLO. All RVNAF units in Laos reported contact with the enemy.

(3) No additional information concerning Route 914 or the POL pipeline was reported.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported:

(1) At Point 1, elements of the US Army's 1st Battalion, 501st Infantry Regiment detonated an enemy mine on 15 March. Results of this action were three US soldiers killed and five wounded (four US, one KCS).

(2) At Point 2, elements of the 1st ARVN Ranger Group and its command post received an enemy indirect fire attack consisting of 90 mixed mortar and artillery rounds on 15 March. Four ARVN soldiers were wounded in this action.

(3) At Point 3, additional details on the enemy indirect fire attack on the Khe Sanh Airfield on 15 March indicates three US soldiers were WOUNDED (vice two) and five ARVN were wounded (vice five killed). Ten helicopters were damaged (vice eight), six UH-1H and four AH-1G.

(4) At Point 4, 10 enemy soldiers were killed and two crew-served weapons seized by elements of the 11th Battalion, 2d Airborne Brigade on 15 March There were no ARVN casualties.

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(5) At Point 5, the 1st Battalion, 3d ARVN Infantry Regiment and the regimental command post staff have abandoned FSB LOLO on 15 March. Eight ARVN artillery pieces in nonoperative condition were also abandoned at the FSB. Four 105-mm howitzers and one 155-mm howitzer were damaged beyond use by enemy fire and three 155-mm howitzers were destroyed in place in the ARVN retrograde movement.

(6) At Point 6, on 14 and 15 March, elements of the 1st Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment (mechanized) supported by an armored cavalry troop searched an area and found a bunker. The bunker contained one dead enemy soldier, two individual weapons, and three antitank grenades. Upon destroying the bunker the ~~ARVN~~ U.S. unit began receiving small-arms fire and antitank grenades. One APC was destroyed and two APC's were damaged in this action. Casualties were one US soldier killed and four wounded.

(7) At Point 7, the 3d Battalion, 2d ARVN Infantry Regiment killed two enemy soldiers and seized one individual weapon on 15 March. In addition, an enemy complex of 18 huts with a cache were found. The cache contained:

100 pounds of salt
60 tons rice
30 shovels.

The above items were destroyed by tactical airstrikes.

(8) At Point 8, on 15 March, elements of the 4th Battalion, 2d ARVN Infantry Regiment found an enemy complex of 200 bunkers which had been destroyed by tactical airstrikes. The bunkers contained 20 enemy dead, 10 tons of (copper/tin) wire, nine switchboards, five crew-served weapon barrels, and two crew-served weapons. During the search of the bunkers the ARVN unit received 60 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire which resulted in three ARVN soldiers being wounded.

(9) At Point 9, elements of the 2d Battalion, 2d ARVN Infantry Regiment received 120 rounds of 82-mm mortar fire from an enemy force on 14 March. During this engagement 15 enemy soldiers were killed and five individual weapons were seized. ARVN casualties were one killed.

(10) At Point 10, a US Army AH-1 helicopter on armed helicopter mission was downed by enemy heavy weapons

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fire. The aircraft was destroyed. Both crewmembers were recovered uninjured.

(11) At Point 11, a US Army OH-58 helicopter on a visual reconnaissance mission was downed by enemy heavy weapons fire. The aircraft was destroyed and one crewmember killed.

c. Progress of Friendly Forces in Achieving Objectives:

(1) The 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) continued to defend its area of operations and secure Route 9. Tactical surveillance was maintained over Route 9 and the central DMZ.

(2) RVNAF forces in Laos continued to defend their night defensive positions and fire support bases, conducting security operations in assigned areas.

(3) Logistics: No C-130's landed at Khe Sanh during the reporting period. Four hundred forty tons of supplies were delivered there by truck.

(4) Air Operations: Twenty-two aircraft were hit by hostile fire on 15 March; four were declared non-flyable and one AH-1 gunship was destroyed. Five US personnel were wounded and one killed in these incidents. All major units except the 1st Ranger Group received aerial resupply on 15 March. Sorties scheduled for the 1st Ranger Group were cancelled due to adverse weather.

(5) Engineer Effort: Work continues on Route 9. Repairs to the Khe Sanh assault strip, although hampered by rain, are 50 per cent completed. Completion is estimated for 17 March, Saigon time.

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Laos for this period is 16,994.

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

(1)	Infantry (including airborne)	17
(2)	Artillery	4
(3)	Armored Cavalry Squadron	4
(4)	Engineer	2
(5)	VNMC	6
(6)	Ranger	0

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c. Results of B-52 strikes: Eight secondary explosions were reported for the period.

d. Results of tactical airstrikes:

DESTROYED	DAMAGED	OTHER
48 vehicles	9 vehicles	36 secondary explosions
2 tanks	5 tanks	15 secondary fires
1 gun position		

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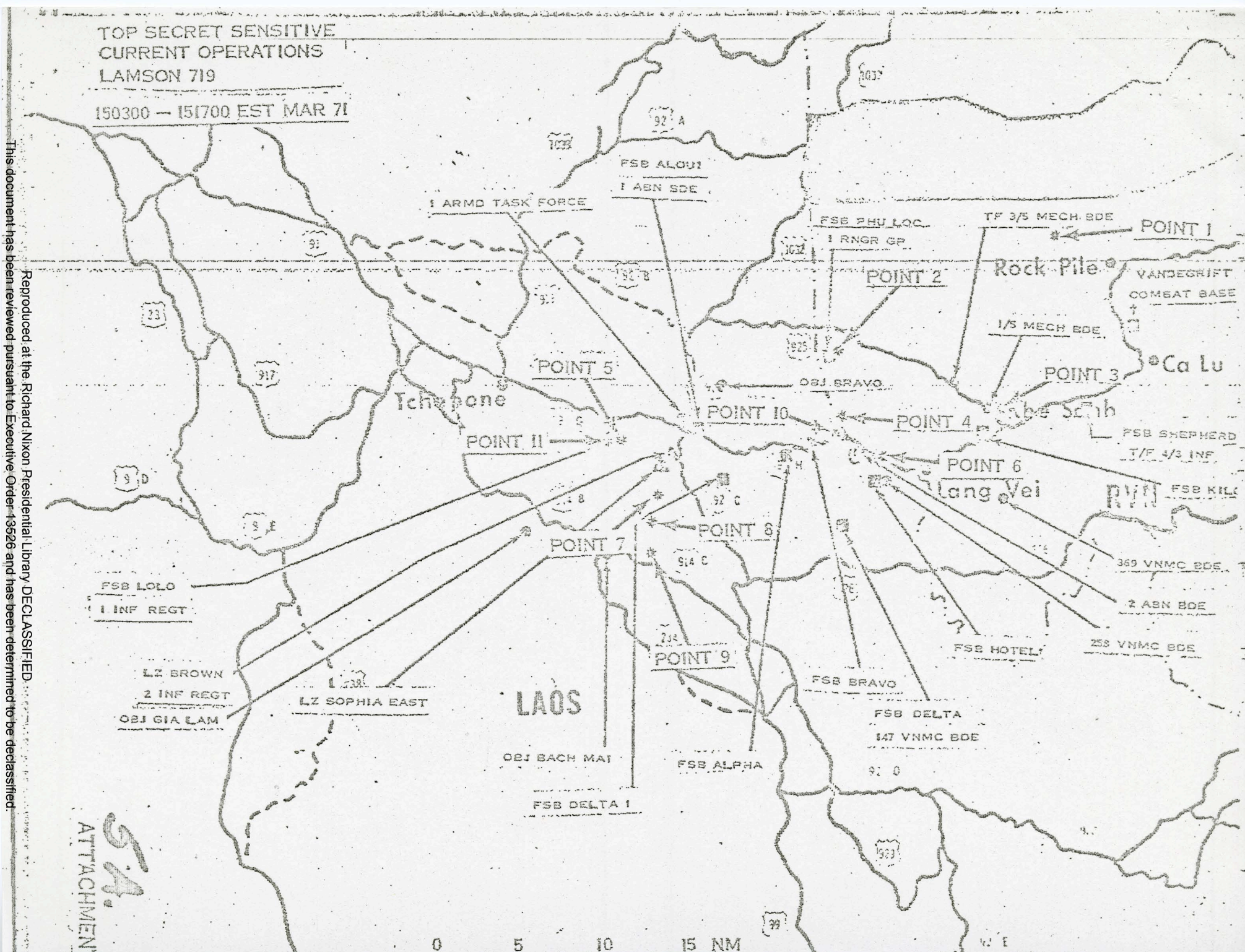
DESTROYED	DAMAGED	OTHER
39 trucks	6 trucks	45 secondary fires
7 tanks	1 tank	33 KBA
2 supply areas		32 secondary explosions
1 artillery		

4. (U) 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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LAMSON 719

CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 150300-151700 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	5	20	0	102*	516	25
RVNAF	9	13	0	755	2,833*	167
	KIA$	KBA	DET	KIA$	KBA	DET
ENEMY	112	70	0	8,564*	3,197	41

$Includes KBA.
*Adjusted data.

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EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 150300-151700 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED/DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	8	0	3,830*
Crew-served Weapons	4	2	1,150*
Ammunition:			
(1) Small-Arms (Rounds)	0	0	466,136
(2) Miscellaneous (Rounds)	2	0	74,664*$
Vehicles	0	0	280*
Tanks	0	0	99
POL (Gallons)	0	0	190,460
Rice/Food (Pounds)	0	120,000	3,140,740*
Communication Equipment (Radios)	0	0	82
(Telephones/Wire	0/0	9#/2,000	20#/24,000*
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	7,900
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	16
Miscellaneous Equipment/Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	79,800
Structures	0	18	857
Bunkers	0	221	979

*Adjusted data
$Factored
#Switchboards

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LAMSON 719

AIR SUPPORT

US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-4 (USMC)	9	152
A-6 (USMC)	0	25
A-7 (USN)	2	32
B-52 (USAF)	3	59*
F-4 (USAF-USMC)	6	296
F-100 (USAF)	0	42*
AC-119 Gunships	0	0
AC-130 Gunships	0	0
Helo Gunships	172	9,277
Air Cavalry	113	6,605
Helo Troop Lift	280	21,581
Helo Med Evac	47	773
C-130 Logistics	18	1,556
Helo Logistics	448	31,345
LAOS		
A-1 (USAF)	0	15
A-4 (USMC-USN)	70	905
A-6 (USMC-USN)	10	130
A-7 (USN)	24	1,006
B-52 (USAF)	37	1,003*
B-57 (USAF)	0	13
F-4 (USAF-USMC-USN)	97	2,861
F-100 (USAF)	18	211
AC-119 Gunships	1	51
AC-130 Gunships	4	112
Helo Gunships	370	12,384
Air Cavalry	89	6,039
Helo Troop Lift	92	10,447
Helo Med Evac	33	638
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	190	6,029

*Adjusted Figure

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AIR SUPPORT
(Continued)

VNAF/RAAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
RVN		
A-37	0	63
B-57 (RAAF)	6	213
Helo Gunships	4	20
Helo Troop Lift	6	258
Helo Med Evac	0	0
Helo Logistics	5	134
LAOS		
A-37	2	49
B-57 (RAAF)	0	0
Helo Gunships	2	213
Helo Troop Lift	10	623
Helo Med Evac	0	4
Helo Logistics	15	390

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AIRCRAFT COMBAT LOSSES

(PERIOD 150300-151700 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD (RVN/LAOS)	CUMULATIVE* (RVN/LAOS)
US HELOS		
AH-1G	0/1	1/12**
UH-1	0/0	5/32
OH-6A	0/0	3/6
OH-58A	0/1	1/4
CH-47	0/0	0/2
SUB-TOTAL:	0/2	10/56
US FIXED-WING		
A-1	0/0	0/1
F-4	0/0	1/2
TOTAL US AIRCRAFT LOSSES:	0/0	11/59
VNAF HELOS		
UH-1H	0/0	0/6
CH-34	0/0	0/2
TOTAL:	0/0	0/8

* SOURCE: OPREP-5
**Includes one loss reported as damaged on 5 Mar 71.

US PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR OPERATIONS

(PERIOD 150300-151700 EST MAR 71)

PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
1	0	0	37	120	19

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HELICOPTER COMBAT LOSSES IN SEASIA

TOTAL HELO LOSSES - COMBAT IN LAMSON 719 (1 Feb - 15 Mar) - 66

TOTAL HELO LOSSES - COMBAT IN SEASIA (1 Feb - 15 Mar) - 90
(INCLUDES LAMSON)

COMPARISONS -- 43 DAYS

1 FEB - 15 MAR 70	SEASIA (1 YEAR AGO) -	54
1 MAY - 12 JUN 70	SEASIA (CAMBODIA OPN) -	97
1 FEB - 15 MAR 69	SEASIA (2 YEARS AGO) -	72
1 FEB - 14 MAR 68	SEASIA (TET) -	99

SOURCE: OPREP-5 AND OASD TABLE 350

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16 March 1971

Subject: Operation TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

1. (U) General: This report covers the period 142200-152200 GMT March (150600-160600 March Saigon time, 141700-151700 EST March) 1971. The information herein is based on available combat reports and will be revised upon receipt of more complete information.

2. (S) Summary of Current Operations:

a. General Situation: Locations of ARVN task forces are shown on attachment 1. Search operations involving TF 3 and 48 into the Chup Plantation commenced, with other elements occupying blocking positions in or near the plantation and securing lines of communication. Reconnaissance in force and search operations continued in the Snuol and Kompong Trach areas. No significant combat actions were reported.

b. Significant Combat Actions Reported: None.

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

3. (S) Remarks:

a. RVNAF troop strength in Cambodia for this operation is 16,458.

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

(1) Infantry - 18

(2) Armored Cavalry Squadron - 5

(3) Ranger - 7

c. Results of B-52 and tactical airstrikes:

(1) B-52 - Results were not reported for this period. Five additional secondary explosions were reported for the previous period.

(2) Tactical air:

DESTROYED	DAMAGED	OTHER
120 trenchs 120 foxholes 15 structures 11 bunkers	2 structures	9 secondary explosions 7 secondary fires

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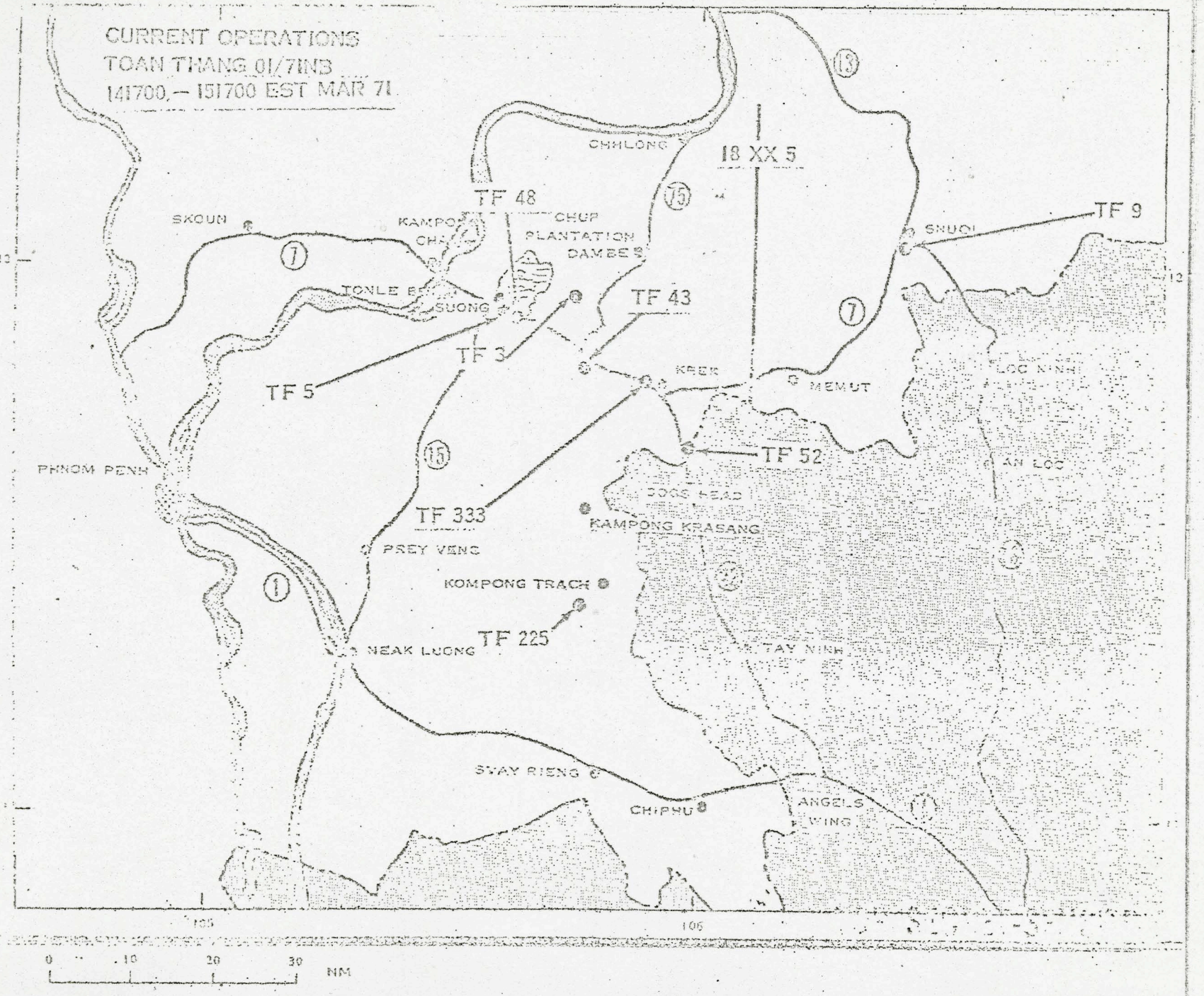
DESTROYED	DAMAGED	OTHER
31 bunkers	4 structures	11 KBA
20 structures	1 sampan	10 secondary fires
5 foxholes		6 secondary explosions
3 storage areas		
3 tunnels		
1 trench		

4. (U) 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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ATTACHMENT I

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CASUALTIES

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
	KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
FRIENDLY						
US	0	1	0	7	9	3
RVNAF	1	5	0	355	1,795	122
	KIA$	KBA	DET	KIA$	KBA	DET
ENEMY	8	3	1	3,618	934	85

$ Includes KBA.

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

EQUIPMENT AND MATERIEL SEIZED/DESTROYED

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

	PERIOD		CUMULATIVE	
	SEIZED	DESTROYED	SEIZED	DESTROYED
Individual Weapons	3	0	423	29
Crew-served Weapons	0	0	112	2
Ammunition:				
(1) Small-arms Rounds	0	0	4,800	4,000
(2) B-40 Rounds	0	0	276	8
(3) B-41 Rounds	0	0	1	0
(4) 75-mm Rounds	0	0	25	0
(5) 60-mm Rounds	0	0	31	0
(6) 81-mm Rounds	0	0	53	0
(7) Mines	0	0	16	0
Vehicles	0	0	1	1
POL (Gallons)	0	0	1,585	0
Rice/Food (Pounds)	400	0	124,400	65,600
Communications Equipment (Radios)	0	0	3	0
Medical Supplies (Pounds)	0	0	0	0
Documents (Pounds)	0	0	3.6	0
Miscellaneous Equipment (Pounds)	0	0	0	2,600
Structures	0	0	0	183
Bunkers	0	0	0	129
Base Camps	0	1	0	2
Pipelines	0	0	0	0

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AIR SUPPORT

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE
US COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-37	16	492
B-52	0	59
F-4	0	2
F-100	12	397
AC-119 Gunships	3	37
Helo Gunships	0	247
Air Cavalry	292	8,771
Helo Troop Lift	0	213
Helo Med Evac	0	67
C-130 Logistics	0	0
Helo Logistics	0	145
VNAF COMBAT SUPPORT SORTIES		
A-1	29	990
A-37	0	21
F-5	13	502
O-1	0	34
AC-47 Gunships	0	66
Helo Gunships	2	256
Helo Troop Lift	5	458
Helo Med Evac	2	219
Helo Logistics	2	400

Attachment 4

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TOAN THANG 01/71 NB

AIRCRAFT LOSSES

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

TYPE AIRCRAFT	PERIOD	CUMULATIVE*
US		
AH-1G	0	1
UH-1H	0	2
OH-6A	0	4
VNAF		
UH-1H	0	0

*SOURCE: OPREP-5

US PERSONNEL CASUALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH AIR OPERATIONS

(PERIOD 141700-151700 EST MAR 71)

PERIOD			CUMULATIVE		
KIA	WIA	MIA	KIA	WIA	MIA
0	0	0	7	8	3

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: 162000-172000 Saigon time
OUTLOOK: 172000-182000 Saigon time

NVN PANHANDLE - AREA 1:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 3500 feet -- patchy 1000 feet; visibility 7 miles -- occasionally 3 miles in rain/drizzle/fog.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 3500 feet -- occasionally 1000 feet AGL in valleys; visibility 1/2-5 miles in rain/drizzle/fog.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

NORTHERN SOUTH VIETNAM - AREA 2:

COASTAL - Cloudy, ceiling 2500 feet -- occasionally 1000 feet; visibility 7 miles -- occasionally 2 miles in rain.

MOUNTAINS - Cloudy, ceiling 1000 feet AGL -- occasionally 3500 feet; visibility 3-7 miles in drizzle/fog -- occasionally 1 mile in rain.

OUTLOOK - Decreasing clouds along coastal areas.

KHE SANH - AREA 3:

- Cloudy, ceiling 500-1000 feet AGL; visibility 1-3 miles in rain/drizzle/fog. By 1200 Saigon time -- cloudy, ceiling 1000-1500 feet AGL; visibility 3-7 miles in drizzle/fog -- occasionally 1 mile in rain.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

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Enclosure 3

TOMBSTONE - AREA 4:

- Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited -- occasionally 4000 feet; visibility 7 miles. Between 170500-1100 Saigon time in valleys -- patchy low clouds, ceiling 500 feet AGL; visibility 1/2-4 miles in fog/haze.

OUTLOOK - Little change.

CHUP PLANTATION - AREA 5:

- Partly cloudy, ceiling unlimited -- occasionally 10000 feet; visibility 7 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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