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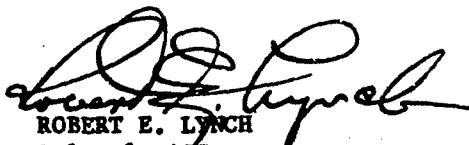
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SECTION I - SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

1. (C) PERSONNEL

a. LTC Robert A. Hetz assumed position of Executive Officer, 80th General Support Group, 12 January 1970 Vice LTC James N. Hanson who was reassigned to COUS.

b. Personnel turbulence remained high during the reporting period and replacements of officers and enlisted men were inadequate especially among the ranks of senior Non-Commissioned Officers and personnel possessing skills of cooks, mechanics, and drivers. The overall command strength dropped to a low of 2,685.

c. The Group continued to perform Post, Camp, and Station (PCS) functions, without authorization for the requisitioning or promotion of personnel. These functions include Security Police Detachment, Special Services Activities (PX, Craft Shop, Beach, and Library), Officer/NCO/EM Clubs, Transportation

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Motor Pool, and Transient Detachment. All personnel (166) are assigned from the assets of the Group.

## 2. (C) INTELLIGENCE

a. The primary sources of intelligence information continued to be from III Marine Amphibious Force, Marine Air Group (16), Naval Support Activity Security, 1st Logistical Command, USASUPCOM, DNG, Company C, 5th Special Forces, and the 524th MI Det. In Chu Lai, Duc Pho, and other areas in Southern I Corps Tactical Zone, the Americal Division continued to be the primary source.

b. Information concerning the tactical situation in the vicinity of the Da Nang East area was received from the daily INTSUM, messages, and direct liaison with the agencies listed above.

c. Enemy activity directly affecting logistical operations showed a significant decrease during the reporting period. The hostile actions noted included mortar and rocket attacks, convoy ambushes, and interdiction of land lines of communication.

## 3. (C) OPERATIONS

a. The Group continued to exercise command and control of US Army Logistical Support Forces in Quang Nam, Quang Tin, and Quang Ngai Provinces, an area 25 miles North of Da Nang and 110 miles South to the Southern I Corps Tactical Zone Border. The support provided included Class I, Class II & IV and Class III to divisional and non-divisional units within the Group's area of responsibility. Additionally, line haul of supplies and equipment was provided to units in Northern I Corp Tactical Zone through the utilization of assets from the 363rd Transportation Company which was reverted to the operational control of the Group from the ACoFS Transportation, USASUPCOM, Da Nang.

b. The 43rd APU experienced a 65% increase of incoming mail during the reporting period and the significant contributing factor was the Christmas Season. Volume of mail handled in pounds was:

### INCOMING

|                       | <u>NOV</u> | <u>DEC</u> | <u>JAN</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1st Class             | 5,885      | 14,182     | 7,872      |
| 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Class | 10,923     | 21,076     | 25,540     |
| SAM and PAL           | 65,185     | 85,249     | 26,608     |
| Official              | 126,029    | 244,840    | 181,305    |
| Registered            | 2,620      | 2,417      | 3,814      |
| TOTALS:               | 210,642    | 367,764    | 245,139    |

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## OUTGOING

|                       | <u>NOV</u> | <u>DEC</u> | <u>JAN</u> |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1st Class and Airmail | 8,601      | 12,509     | 10,610     |
| 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Class | 8,445      | 10,407     | 11,012     |
| SAM and APL           | 3,669      | 2,968      | 1,452      |
| Offical               | 64,676     | 12,184     | 9,223      |
| Registered            | 3,865      | 2,553      | 3,071      |
| TOTALS:               | 89,256     | 40,421     | 35,368     |

Approximately 98% of all incoming Christmas mail (mail postmarked between 1-15 Dec 69) was delivered to all serviced units on or before Christmas Day. "Operation Sleighbells", which was instituted in early November as a reminder to all personnel to mail packages and letters early, was highly successful due to widespread publicity (see outgoing mail figures). Additional personnel and equipment were attached to the APU during the holiday season to augment the units handling and storage capability.

c. The 64th Finance Section (D) continued to provide financial support to all US Army non-divisional units throughout I Corps Tactical Zone. As a result of Conversion Day (C-Day) during the last reporting period, Military Payment Certificates (MPC), series 661, was destroyed on 18 December 1969. MPC, series 681, is presently in use.

d. The 516th Personnel Service Company continued to provide personnel service support to all non-divisional US Army units in the I Corps Tactical Zone.

e. The US Army Mortuary continued to provide support to all US and FVMAF in I Corps Tactical Zone. During the reporting period, 528 remains were received and processed: November 180, December 198, January 210. The number of remains received during the period represented an all time low, with the number received during the month of November being the lowest since the establishment of the Da Nang Mortuary.

Following is a listing of VIP that visited the Mortuary during the period.

- (1) BG A. E. HUNTER, USASUPCOM, Qui Nhon, 18 November 1969.
- (2) BG PADALINO, Fleet Logistics Command, 8 December 1969.
- (3) MG W.J. WOOLWINE, 1st Logistical Command, 13 December 1969.

## f. CHAPLAIN'S ACTIVITIES

(1) During the Christmas Season, the 80th Group Chaplain provided gifts and entertainment to 250 orphans of the China Beach orphanage. The entertainment was provided by units of the 80th Group - 156th HEM Co, 85th Maintenance Company, and HHC.

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(2) Chaplain (MG) FRANCES L. SAMPSON, DA, Chief of Chaplains visited the Group on 15 January 1970, and met with the Da Nang Area Army Chaplains in the Chapel of the Flags.

#### 4. ORGANIZATION

a. Current Group organization for the reporting period is depicted in enclosure 1.

b. The following units were gained:

(1) HHD, 92d Composite Service Battalion, assigned 1 December 1969.

(2) Property Disposal Operations (PDO) Company, assigned 1 January 1970.

c. The following unit was detached: 1st Platoon, 57th Transportation Company, rejoined parent unit 9 November 1969.

d. HHD, 92d Composite Service Battalion, a newly activated unit assigned to the Group, is organized under MTOE 29-500G which has an authorized strength of 26 personnel, 6-Officers and 20-Enlisted men. Presently, the unit is at full strength with the mission of providing command, control, administrative, technical, operational, and staff planning supervision for assigned maintenance, supply, and transportation units. The units assigned to HHD, 92d CS Bn were previously assigned to Headquarters 80th Group under the direct command, control, and supervision of the Group Commander and Group Staff.

#### 5. TRAINING

a. Increased emphasis was placed on counter-sapper training in view of the latest intelligence reports that indicate a "TET" offensive beginning early in the next reporting period. Formal instruction was conducted at company level.

b. Continued emphasis was placed on driver training programs throughout the period. Classes and practical exercises are being conducted at unit level, with Battalion and Group Staff supervision on a periodic basis, to insure that all vehicle operators are safe, proficient, and defensive drivers.

c. Familiarization firing and battle sight zero for individual and crew-served weapons was conducted during the period to insure that the newly arrived personnel were oriented on basic weapon capabilities and limitations.

d. Project SKILLS continued to be the program utilized to improve the logistical capability of the Group by Special Orientation and Indoctrination Briefings for all newly assigned personnel and by emphasizing logistical training at all echelons. During the reporting period, the following number of personnel received training under the SKILLS program.

- (1) Skills I ALPHA - 364
- (2) Skills I BRAVO - 204
- (1) Skills I CHARLIE - 67

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**6. LOGISTICS**

**a. Supply**

(1) Class I - Upon the transfer of responsibility for supervision of the Class I distributing point at Da Nang Naval Support Activity, from 80th General Support Group to 34th S&S Battalion, one NCO was retrained as a liaison agent at the facility. His duties are to expedite the shipment of Class I to Duc Pho and Chu Lai. The value and necessity of such an agent was realized during the delivery of the Thanksgiving dinner when certain special items were not delivered until the agent resolved the confusion.

(2) Class II and IV - Support for Southern ICTZ continued to be provided by the 334th S&S Company in Da Nang, the 226th S&S Company in Chu Lai and LSA Duc Pho. The establishment of command control over certain construction materials has reduced the issue considerably. Programs to upgrade the storage yard of the 334th and 226th S&S Companies were initiated and are continuing.

(3) Class III - Local and line haul resupply of POL is continuing from Chu Lai to Southern ICTZ customers. A slippage of the soil foundation underneath a MOGAS tank caused the tank to tilt and buckle at the seams at the Duc Pho tank farm. Until a suitable solution can be made to reinforce the tank and its foundation, the tank will be filled no greater than one third of its capacity. The 334th S&S Company effectively increased its service to its customers by adding a MOGAS tanker and by placing a DF-2 tanker at the POL distribution point. The supply of packaged and bulk fuels has been normal with no serious problems encountered.

**b. Field Services**

**(1) Laundry:**

(a) The 523rd QM Laundry Platoon continued to operate at Chu Lai and Duc Pho in an efficient manner. One new Eidel replaced an old machine which had become unserviceable. Five additional units are on requisition and will replace the old units presently in operation.

(b) Several reporting irregularities indicating possible fraud by the Contract (Korean) laundries at Da Nang and Chu Lai required the initiation of different and more closely supervised procedures. The new system provides a cross check on all figures submitted by Korean Laundry personnel. All individual laundry and sewing services will be recorded by the individual's unit.

(2) Food Service - The Food Service Advisor and Food Service Supervisor continued to monitor the operation of the mess halls in the area. Technical assistance visits and inspections have been instrumental in maintaining the continual high standards in all messes.

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(3) Transportation - The 92nd Composite Service Battalion received Operational control of the 363rd Transportation Company during the period. The 63rd and 363rd Transportation Companies continued local and line haul services throughout the ICTZ.

a. Maintenance

(1) DS Activities

(a) DS Maintenance in the Southern ICTZ continued to be provided by the 85th Maintenance Company (LT) (BS), the 588th Maintenance Company (DS) (DIV), and the 596th Maintenance Company (LT) (DS).

(b) The 85th Maintenance Co provides DS support to approximately 106 customer units in the Da Nang area with their back-up support being provided by the 156th HEM Co.

(c) The 596th Maintenance Co provided DS level support to approximately 70 non-divisional units in the Chu Lai area. The maintenance shops of the 596th were moved into new facilities during December. This will enable the maintenance and tech supply activities to be physically separated, result in a better flow of personnel and equipment, and improve the overall maintenance effort.

(d) The 588th Maintenance Co continued to provide DS backup support to both the 596th Maintenance Co and the 723rd Maintenance Battalion (Americal Division), in Chu Lai. In addition this unit provided DS support to the SP artillery in the Southern ICTZ.

(e) In order to provide better support to customer units, the electronics and small arms sections of the 588th and 596th were combined in November at the 588th where the better facilities were available. This combination of the sections will permit better utilization of assigned equipment and will result in reduced downtime for these items of equipment.

(f) Significant problem areas were encountered in the area of repair parts for the M37, truck, cargo, 3/4 ton; M123A1C, truck, tractor, 10 ton; M48 and construction equipment of all types; and milstandard engines for 10Kw and smaller generators.

(2) Tech Supply - Zero balance lines average 31.2%.

(3) GS Activities.

(a) During the reporting period, the 156th HEM Co (GS) continued to perform normal GS mission, to include backup support to all DS maintenance units in ICTZ; overhaul of 60 selected lines (end items, major and subassemblies) for return to depot stocks; and repair & returned in as excess by using units.

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(b) Back-up support provided to DS maintenance units (Capacity/Capability) has been minimal during this reporting period due to limitations imposed by environmental & operational factors (distance, time, weather, enemy activity, & transportation).

(c) Quotas for the FY70 were revised downward in Dec 69 due to both a shortage of unserviceable assets & zero balances of critical repair parts (line stoppers). Total number of lines on the FY70 overhaul program was reduced from 60 to 54. Based on revised quotas for FY70, the 156th HEM Co has achieved 50% of quotas (one-half of FY70 program completed/Jul-Dec 69) on 14 lines, or 26% of the 54 total lines. Shortages of unserviceable assets & line stopping repair parts continued to be a serious problem.

(d) Retrograde and Disposal

(1) Retrograde: The 633rd C&S Company went through a massive clean-up and yard reorganization during the reporting period. This has improved their retrograde & salvage procedures. Two box factories, in support of retrograde shipments, were established at the 633rd and 403rd Transportation Company. During the period, 7,432 short tons of retrograde were shipped.

(2) Disposal: To efficiently handle and increase government return on the high backlog, a PDO Company was activated. A total of 9,200 short tons of scrap property and 4,100 short tons of useable were received. A plan of action has been prepared of the reorganization to the Da Nang yard and establishment of an ANVEX in Phu Bai to receipt for scrap only.

(e) Transportation - Motor Pool (Da Nang)

The Transportation Motor Pool is supporting 29 units. At present they provide organizational maintenance for 320 vehicles. Total mileage driven during last quarter is 378,750 miles. The TMP is still operational without an approved TDA which causes resources to be diverted from TOE units.

(f) Materiel Management

(1) Due to the extreme shortages of personnel in the Materiel Management Section, only four (4) visits were conducted during the month of Jan 70, and seven during Dec 69. Units were encouraged to bring problems to the attention of the IMA Team for correction.

(2) AGI - Eleven units were inspected during the period with all units receiving a rating of SATISFACTORY. Units inspected were:

29 CA Co  
588th Maint Co  
135rd EOD Det  
596th Maint Co  
4th QM Det

85th Maint Co  
547th Sig Det  
HHD, 57th Trans Bn  
226th S&S Co  
523rd QM Ldry Flt & 200th F&C Flt

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(3) CMMI - Ten units were inspected during the period ~~with six units receiving~~ SATISFACTORY rating and four units receiving UNSATISFACTORY ratings. Units receiving UNSATISFACTORY ratings were re-inspected and received a SATISFACTORY rating.

## SATISFACTORY RATING

HHD 57th Trans Bn  
596th CI 1 Flt,  
200th FC Flt

588th Maint Co  
226th S&S Co  
547th Sig Det

## UNSATISFACTORY RATING

63rd Trans Co  
4th QM Det

334th S&S Co  
523rd QM Ldry Flt

7. COMMUNICATIONS: During the latter part of the reporting period, a new wiring system was installed in all perimeter towers and gates within the Group Compound. The installation included direct lines to the Security Detachment switchboard (Primary) and a hot loop (Alternate). Additional radios were requested in order to provide reaction forces with adequate communications in the event of deployment during enemy attacks.

## 8. (U) MATERIEL

a. The artillery units supported by the Group have experienced a high failure rate of M37 recoil mechanisms for the 105MM and the M102 Howitzers. The cause for failure is now under study, but in the interim, instructions have been published form TM9-1015-234-35 (DS, GS, and Depot Maintenance Manual for Howitzer, light, towed, 105MM, M102) which gives procedures for the inspection of recoil mechanisms.

b. Command emphasis was exerted during the period to preclude engine failure of 5ton tractors, committed daily for line haul, due to contamination. Actions taken include the supervision and instructions for:

- (1) The changing of engine oil filters.
- (2) The cleaning and changing of air filters.
- (3) The draining and replacing of all primary and secondary filters.

c. Remedial classes on the operation and maintenance of materiel handling equipment (MHE) was conducted during the beginning of the reporting period. This instruction included:

- (1) Operator Training
- (2) Equipment Capabilities and Limitations
- (3) Scheduling of Preventive maintenance.
- (4) Operator trouble shooting to detect and correct defects.

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9. (C) OTHER

a. Physical Security

(1) The overall responsibility for installation defense of Logistical Forces in Da Nang East was assumed by CO, USASUPCOM, Da Nang, in January 1970. The Logistical Forces compounds in the area were divided into Sub-Sub Sectors and the senior commander of each Sub-Sub Sector assumed operational control of all forces within his area of responsibility. New plans were published which clearly delineated the responsibilities of all personnel in each assigned area. An additional security net was established for primary means of communications, (NCS, USASUPCOM, Da Nang) which includes all Sub-Sub Sector operation centers, and an integrated wireline was established for an alternate means. Two practice alerts were conducted (one during the hours of darkness) to insure that all personnel understood their responsibilities and to eliminate problems encountered.

SECTION II — Lessons Learned

1. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel to support non-TOE/TDA mission essential functions.

(1) Observation: The 80th General Support Group is tasked by USASUPCOM, DNG, to provide post, camp, and station functions for all 1st Logistical Command Units within the Da Nang East areas. These functions include TMP, Special Services, Security Detachment, Clubs and Messes, and the Transient Detachment, all of which are recognized by higher Headquarters, to include 1st Logistical Command, as mission essential requirements; however there are no TOE/TDA authorizations for their establishment.

(2) Evaluation: The assignment and replacement of required personnel is becoming critical. Because there are no authorized TOE/TDA, personnel are assigned from the TOE assets of the 80th General Support Group. Prior to the last reporting period, assignments were provided satisfactorily, to a degree in that the logistical functions were normally manned at minimal operational levels. During the last reporting period, due to the imposed manpower ceiling throughout RVN, the Group received a reduction of 216 spaces, thereby limiting the resources available for assignment of personnel to non-TOE/TDA mission essential activities. The lack of approved TOE/TDA precludes requisitioning and promoting replacements.

(3) Recommendation: That requisitioning and promotion authority be granted this Headquarters or authority granted to establish a provisional unit.

b. Adequate Staffing of 633rd CC&S Company

(1) OBSERVATION: The 633rd CC&S Company is presently organized - under TOE 29-139F, a Type B organization, which has a personnel authorization

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of 91 personnel (6-Officers, 3-Warrant Officers, and 82-Enlisted men). When this unit is operating at reduced strength, its capability is reduced approximately 28%.

(2) **EVALUATION:** The 633rd CC&S Company has the responsibility of providing collection, classification, and salvage service to all US Army units in ICTZ, and under the present organization, the personnel authorization is totally inadequate. The TOE states that the capabilities of the Type B organization, are the same as those of a full strength organization with the existing vacancies being filled by non-US personnel, however, the LN labor market does not have sufficient personnel with the required skills to perform the units mission nor is adequate LN personnel manning authorized.

(3) **RECOMMENDATION:** That the 633rd CC&S Company be reorganized under full TOE authorization for personnel and equipment.

2. **INTELLIGENCE:** NONE

3. **OPERATIONS:** NONE

4. **ORGANIZATION:** NONE

5. **TRAINING:** NONE

6. **LOGISTICS:** NONE

7. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

a. **Communications Equipment for Convoy Operations.**

(1) **OBSERVATION:** Organic communications equipment in transportation units, whose primary mission is Line Haul, is not adequate to provide suitable communications when two convoys are moving in different directions with two or more serials.

(2) **EVALUATION:** Minimum requirements for communications within convoys are two radios per serial. Transportation units that are required to provide two convoys, with two serials each, experience extreme difficulty in that their TOE authorization is six radios. (2-AN/VRC 47 and 2-AN/VRC 46).

(3) **RECOMMENDATION:** That additional radios be authorized to augment organic radios in consonance with the units mission or that the TOE, of transportation units with line haul missions, be modified to include adequate radios.

8. **MATERIEL:**

a. **Lack of Dayroom Furniture**

(1) **OBSERVATION:** The inability to acquire furnishings for unit dayrooms through normal supply channel has an adverse effect on unit morale in

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that there are minimal provisions for reading, T.V. viewing, and letter writing in the company area.

(2) **EVALUATION:** The procurement of furnishings for dayrooms would provide a recreational outlet and enhance morale in that unit personnel could perform the activities mentioned above in a place other than their living quarters.

(3) **RECOMMENDATION:** That command emphasis be exerted at all echelons on the immediate procurement of dayroom furniture.

**b. Failure of Landing Legs on 12 ton S&Ps**

(1) **Observation:** The Group has experienced a very high failure rate of landing legs on the 12 ton Stake and Platform Trailers. The failure consists primarily of the lower half of the leg bending and become unserviceable.

(2) **Evaluation:** Due to the nonavailability of replacement legs, a program has been instituted in the DSU's of the Group to manufacture suitable legs for use on these trailers.

(3) **Recommendations:**

a. That expeditious action be taken to obtain a sufficient quantity of landing legs in the supply system.

b. That an evaluation of subject landing legs be conducted to determine how they can be strengthened to prevent failure.

**9. OTHER**

**a. Security Vehicles for Convoy Operations**

(1) Hardened organic vehicles, dedicated to the security role for line haul operations, are not included in the TOE authorizations of Transportation units whose primary mission is to provide combat service support over land lines of communications on a daily basis.

(2) Transportation units within this command perform line haul missions daily, in two or more directions, and on many occasions make turn-around trips. The lack of organic security vehicles causes material not to be moved, on occasion, within established priorities. Because the organic vehicles are supporting the security requirements for one or more convoys daily, proper maintenance is not performed causing considerable down time and creating backlogs.

(3) **Recommendation:** That additional vehicles for security be authorized to augment organic vehicles or that all TOE, of transportation units with line haul mission, be modified to include a security platoon with adequate hardened

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vehicles, weapons, and communications.

SECTION III—Survival, Escape and Evasion.

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1. (U) The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by the 80th General Support Group for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1970 is forwarded.

2. (C) Pertinent comments follow.

a. Section II, paragraph 1a, concur. This headquarters is studying this situation. Proposed MTOE/MTDA's are being prepared to include additional personnel for support of new TOE/TDA mission essential functions. At present, the HHC, 80th General Support Group is manned at approximately 250 percent strength in order to adequately perform these functions.

b. Section II, paragraph 1b, concur. The 633rd Collection, Classification and Salvage Company is a Type B organization; however, the local nationals required to bring the unit up to strength to accomplish its mission are not authorized under present authorization documents. The local national augmentation should be immediately authorized and the unit permitted to reach full strength.

c. Section II, paragraph 7a, concur. The various missions assigned line haul units in South Vietnam do create different requirements for communications and command and control vehicles. Transportation units should be authorized temporary loan of radios when the actual need exceeds the authorization.

d. Section II, paragraph 8a, nonconcur. Dayroom furniture which was ordered for the 80th General Support Group was not picked up at the depot. 1st Logistical Command message, DTG 140803Z October 1969, Subject: Reduction of Furniture Inventory, directed the retrograde of all furniture except field essential items. When dayroom furniture is not available through requisition channels, units should arrange for direct purchase through their unit fund.

e. Section II, paragraph 8b, concur. The action taken by the 80th General Support Group to manufacture and repair suitable legs for 12-ton S&P trailers is quite adequate. This headquarters has insured that replacement legs are on requisition and is taking necessary follow-up action to insure requisitions are filled, as soon as legs become available in country.

f. Section II, paragraph 9a. Concur with that portion of recommendation that additional vehicles for security be authorized to augment organic vehicles within transportation units. Nonconcur with that portion that recommends a security platoon with adequate hardened vehicles. There are, at present in ICTZ, inadequate Military Police forces to provide security for line haul convoys; therefore, recommend a special authorization of two V-100 armored reconnaissance vehicles be

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made for each truck platoon with a line haul mission to provide adequate convoy security.



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DA, Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, APO 96384

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TO: Commanding General, United States Army, Vietnam, ATTN: AVHGC-DST,  
APO 96375

1. (U) The Operational Report - Lessons Learned submitted by Headquarters, 80th General Support Group for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1970 is forwarded.
2. (U) Reference item concerning personnel to support non-TOE/TDA mission essential functions, page 9, paragraph 1a. Concur. Provisional units may be established at the discretion of the commander. However, requisitioning and promotion authority can only be based upon the units that the personnel for a provisional unit are drawn from. Establishment of a provisional unit does not provide the commander with an additional base for requisitioning and promoting personnel since the assets of such a unit are drawn from existing units.
3. (U) Reference item concerning adequate staffing of 633d CC&S Company, page 9, paragraph 1b. Concur. Present local national authorizations within the Support Command are not sufficient to fill this additional requirement. The Support Command should initiate MTOE action to augment its TDA with additional local national spaces to support the requirements of the 633d CC&S Company. Full justification must be provided for each space. If a full strength military organization is desired, MTOE action should be initiated with identification of trade-off spaces to finance the additional military spaces.
4. (U) Reference item concerning communications equipment for convoy operations, page 10, paragraph 7a. Concur. Responsibility for initiation of MTOE action to obtain authorization for additional communication equipment rests with the unit. Temporary loan of equipment is, at best, an interim solution. At the present time, theater wide shortages of commo equipment do not permit temporary loan of radios from depot stock.
5. (U) Reference item concerning landing legs for M127A2 S&P trailers, page 11, paragraph 8b of basic letter and paragraph 2e of 1st Ind. Concur. The program initiated by the 80th GS GP to fabricate replacement legs is adequate to sustain internal requirements until requisitions with follow-ups submitted by Da Nang SUPCOM insure sufficient on-hand quantities to support repair requirements. Experience with other users of the M127A2 trailer indicates that additional training and orientation of drivers in trailer operation and care will reduce landing leg malfunctions.

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6. (C) Reference items concerning security vehicles for convoy operations, page 11, paragraph 9a. Concur. This headquarters requested Department of the Army, 12 November 1969, to research the feasibility of having V-100s organic to transportation units. At this time, the matter is being studied by the Combat Developments Command. Nonconcur with the suggestion for the implementation of a security platoon within TOE transportation units since the 18th Military Police Brigade is presently in the midst of acquiring additional V-100s and personnel resources to absorb the convoy security missions previously held by organic transportation TOE personnel.

7. (U) Concur with the basic report as modified by this and previous indorsement.

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Headquarters, United States Army, Vietnam, APO San Francisco 96375

TO: Commander in Chief, United States Army, Pacific, ATTN: GPOP-DT,  
APO 96558

1. (U) This headquarters has reviewed the Operational Report-Lessons Learned for the quarterly period ending 31 January 1970 from Headquarters, 80th General Support Group and comments of indorsing headquarters.
2. (C) Reference item concerning "Security Vehicles for Convoy Operations", page 11, paragraph 9a; 1st Indorsement, paragraph 6; and 2d Indorsement, paragraph 2f: noneconcur. Convoy escorting is a military police mission. Additional IM 706 Commando Cars, and/or personnel spaces for convoy escorts should be given to the military police. These increased resources would be used to escort all convoys moving through their area, not just the convoys of one particular organization. No action by DA or USARPAC is necessary. 1st Log Command has been informed of this nonconcurrency.

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TO: Assistant Chief of Staff for Force Development, Department of the  
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This headquarters concurs in subject report as indorsed.

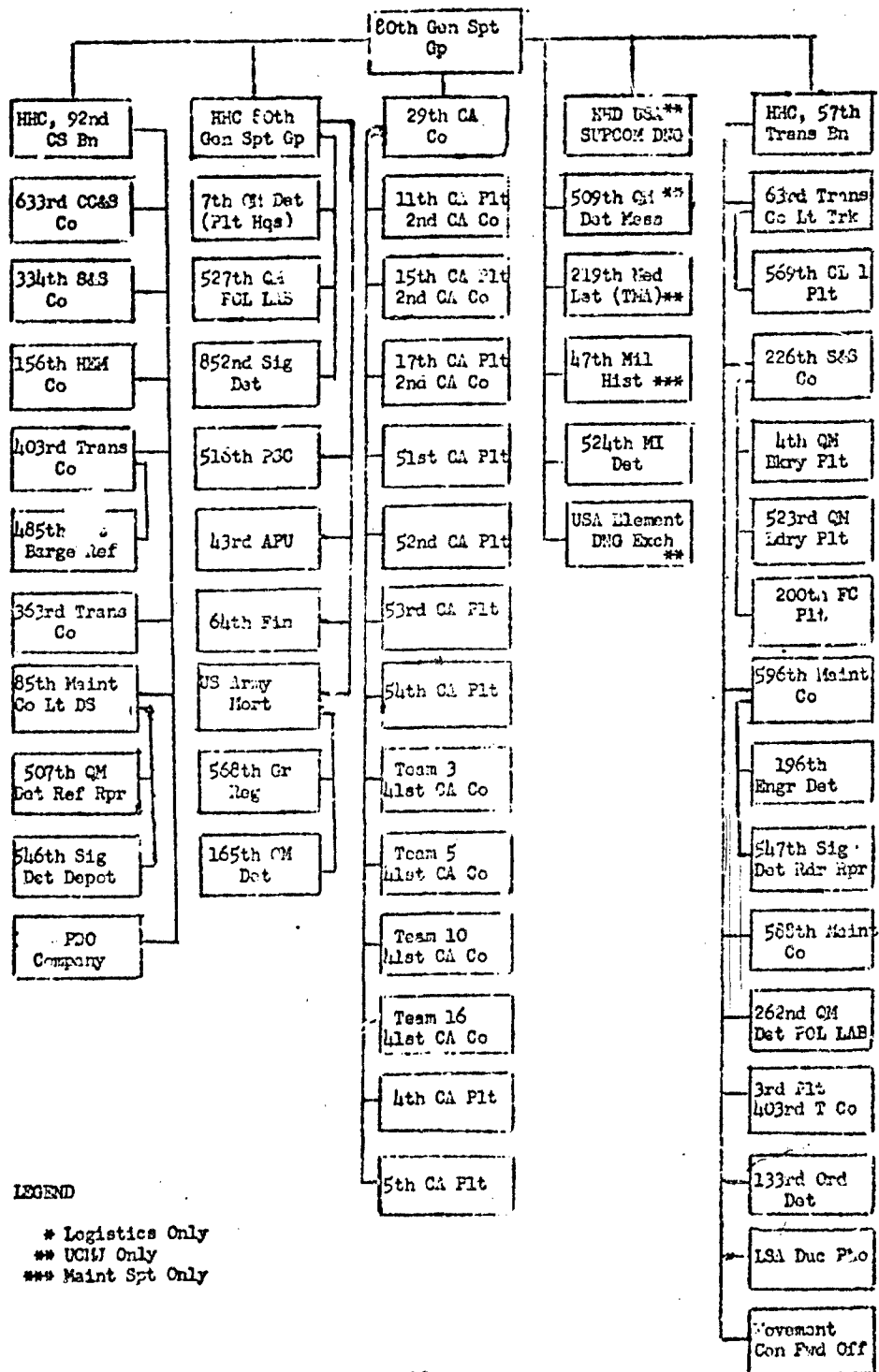
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