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Saigon, Vietnam
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References: Target area maps to be marked and furnished by Joint VN/US
Task Force. Map Scale 1:25,000.

Time Zone: ZULU

Task Organization:

US Forces:

- a. MAAG Vietnam.
- b. 2nd ADVON (USAF):
 - (1) Tactical Air Force Transport Squadron Provisional No. 1 (C-123's).
 - (2) Special USAF Photo-Recon Forces.
 - (3) 5th Tactical Control Group.
 - (4) Other USAF Forces assigned to 2nd ADVON.

1. SITUATION:

a. Enemy Forces: Communist (Viet Cong) forces deployed at widely
dispersed isolated areas. See latest VN and US intelligence estimates for
specific VC strengths and capabilities.

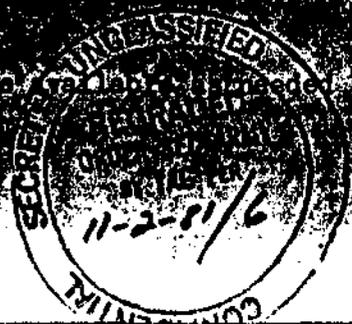
b. Friendly Forces:

- (1) South Vietnamese Military Forces. RVNAF military forces in-
cluding Army and Air Force units.
- (2) VN Civil Agencies.

c. Attachments and Detachments: See Task Organization.

d. Assumptions:

- (1) Chemical Defoliant Agents will be made available as needed.



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and in sufficient quantity to accomplish defoliating tasks outlined by Joint
VN/US Task Force.

(2) RVNAF will deliver defoliants to spray-aircraft.

(3) Target areas will be designated and adequately marked so as
to assure identification by aircrew personnel.

(4) Logistic support personnel will be made available by RVNAF.

2. MISSION:

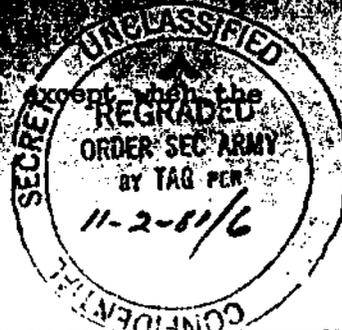
To clear vegetation along certain border segments, key VC redoubt areas
and along sensitive lines of communications such as roads, railroads, etc., by
means of aerial chemical defoliating operations. To deny certain food (rice,
tapioca, etc.) to the Viet Cong forces by destroying crops in designated areas
known to be sustaining the enemy.

3. EXECUTION:

a. Concept of Operations:

(1) Tactical Air Force Transport Squadron Provisional No. 1,
assigned to Tactical Air Command and under operational control of CINCPAC,
PACAF, 13th Air Force and 2nd ADVON will be deployed to and subsequently em-
ployed at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Vietnam, for the purpose of con-
ducting defoliating spray operations in South Vietnam. 2nd ADVON will provide
other 2nd ADVON operational units and logistic support and will establish air
facilities at both Tan Son Nhut and Danang Air Bases, Vietnam, to conduct de-
foliating operations.

(2) Aircraft will be crewed by USAF personnel except when the



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requirements of the mission dictates, Commander, 2nd ADVON is authorized to augment the crew with VNAF personnel. Vietnamese military personnel will be utilized to maximum extent possible in the handling of chemicals for the defoliating operations.

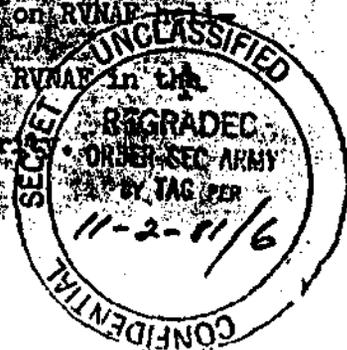
(3) Areas to be sprayed will be closely identified and defined by Government of Vietnam personnel, marked by color markers, balloons, helicopters or other means that will be readily identified by the aircraft commander.

(4) A joint planning committee consisting of representatives of MAAG Vietnam, 2nd ADVON and RVNAF will be formed for the purpose of preparing detailed plans pertaining to target briefing folders to include area designation, specific target areas, scheduling of missions and target marking.

(5) The planning committee will submit target folders to Commander, 2nd ADVON for execution on the day preceding the scheduled mission, Commander, 2nd ADVON will determine the feasibility of missions in view of available resources, weather and other possible limiting factors.

(6) Commander, 2nd ADVON will control defoliating operations through an AOC utilizing the present technical facilities of the CRP at Tan Son Nhut.

(7) The crop spraying mission will be conducted by VN crews flying VN helicopters. Chief MAAG will install spray equipment on RVNAF aircraft. Make defoliants available to the RVNAF and advise the RVNAF in the conduct of operations when authorized to do so by higher authority.



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b. In coordination with RVNAF, MAAG Vietnam, 2nd ADVON units will execute approved defoliating tasks and support operations.

c. Specific Tasks of US Elements:

(1) MAAG Vietnam. Will coordinate with GVN in planning and approving defoliating operations involving US Forces.

(2) 2nd ADVON (USAF) Forces.

(a) Tactical Air Force Transport Squadron Provisional No 1 (C-123's) will conduct aerial defoliating operations as directed.

(b) Other 2nd ADVON forces will conduct aerial photographic reconnaissance or logistic support operations.

d. Coordinating Instructions:

This plan is to be effective for planning immediately upon receipt and for execution immediately upon joint US/GVN approval.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS:

a. Administration. 2nd ADVON has administration responsibility for all USAF attached units.

b. Logistics.

(1) Normal logistic support beyond the capabilities of the Tactical Air Force Transport Squadron Provisional No. 1 (C-123's) will be provided by 2nd ADVON.

(2) Messing and billeting will be on the local economy or as otherwise arranged, as the situation dictates.

(3) Special logistic support will be provided as specified in

ANNEX A.

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5. COMMAND AND SIGNAL:

a. Signal. See ANNEX B, "Signal".

b. Command.

(1) Headquarters MAAG - 606 Tran Hung Dao, Cholon, Vietnam.

(2) Headquarters 2nd ADVON - Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Vietnam. (All USAF units will be under command of Commander, 2nd ADVON).

Tactical Air Force Transport Squadron Provisional No. 1

(C-123's) - Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Saigon, Vietnam.

LIONEL C. MCGARR
Lieutenant General, USA
Chief

ANNEXES:

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ANNEX A
LOGISTICS

1. MISSION: To furnish necessary chemical defoliant in order to support basic plan.

2. ASSUMPTION: That upon arrival of 398,000 gallons, the entire operation can be accomplished. If further re-supply is required, it will be as directed by Chief MAAG.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES:

a. Chief of Supply Section, AF Section in coordination with Chief, Quartermaster Branch, Logistics Division, USARMSEC and ARVN is responsible for:

- (1) Receipt of chemical defoliant upon arrival in-country.
- (2) Storage of chemical defoliant.
- (3) Issue of chemical defoliant to using organization.
- (4) Transportation of chemical defoliant from storage to site of using organization.

b. Using organization is responsible for:

- (1) Requesting delivery of chemical defoliant from Chief of Supply, AF Section MAAG.
- (2) Advising Chief of Supply, AF Section MAAG of chemical defoliant utilized.
- (3) Transfer of chemical defoliant from drums into



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ANNEX B

SIGNAL

1. GENERAL: The objective of the basic plan is to conduct defoliating operations in South Vietnam.
2. ASSUMPTIONS:
 - a. Target areas will be adequately marked by friendly forces to permit easy identification by air crews. Depending on the type of target and environmental conditions, flags, signal panels, pyrotechnics or other methods may be used.
 - b. 2nd ADVON will obtain and assign tactical voice call signs for aircraft and will coordinate radio frequency requirements.
 - c. The 5th Tactical Control Group will obtain frequencies and assign tactical call signs for point-to-point communications.
 - d. The 5th Tactical Control Group will establish a duplex radio-teletype circuit with on-line cryptographic capability between Tan Son Nhut and Danang, install one channel of UHF air/ground communications in the Danang control tower and continue to operate in-place facilities at Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa.
3. MISSION: To provide navigational aids, point-to-point and base communications facilities required to support defoliating operations and associated activities at Tan Son Nhut, Danang and Bien Hoa.
4. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS: Communications electronics



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Tan Son Nhut are adequate and will be used to the maximum extent possible. Limited South Vietnam-operated navigational aid are available at Tan Son Nhut, Bien Hoa and Danang airfields for use by task force aircraft. The Tan Son Nhut-Danang radioteletype circuit will be the primary channel for operational, logistic and administrative message traffic. Existing facilities between Tan Son Nhut and Bien Hoa are adequate.

5. TASKS:

a. MAAG Vietnam will coordinate communications-electronics requirements with the RVN.F and will render communications-electronics assistance within its capabilities.

b. 2nd ADVON will:

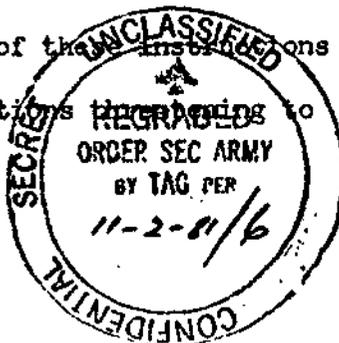
(1) Exercise operational control over the communications-electronics facilities provided by this plan.

(2) Insure that air crews are briefed on the communications-electronics facilities available to them.

(3) Insure that PACAF and 13th AF CEI and Communications-Electronics Standing Operating Procedures are followed insofar as possible.

(4) Develop supplementary communications-electronics procedures as may be deemed necessary.

6. COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY: Communications security instructions contained in PACAF OPORD 224-61 are applicable. Violation of the instructions will be authorized only in emergencies or in other situations where flying safety.



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7. AIR/GROUND CHANNELIZATION:

a. VHF.

- A. 118.3 Bien Hoa and Danang Towers
- B. 118.1 Tan Son Nhut Tower
- C. 126.2 Bien Hoa, Danang and Tan Son Nhut Towers
- D. 121.5 Emergency
- E. 142.2 Tan Son Nhut RP
- F. 135.9 Don Muang CRC
- G. 118.9 Saigon Control
- H. 119.1 Bien Hoa VHF/DF

b. UHF.

- 1. 236.6 Tan Son Nhut, Bien Hoa and Danang Towers
- 2. 340.2 Navy Tower
- 3. 275.8 Ground Control
- 4. 363.8 Approach Control
- 5. 255.4 ARTCC
- 6. 271.8 Tan Son Nhut RP
- 7. 364.2 Tan Son Nhut RP
- 8. 227.4 Don Muang CRC
- 9. 339.4 Don Muang CRC
- 10. As desired
- 11. As desired
- 12. 278.4 PACAF Common



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- 13. 344.6 Pilot to Forecaster
- 14. 305.4 UHF/DF
- 15. 261.4 Approach Control
- 16. 270.6 GCA
- 17. 335.8 GCA
- 18. 289.4 GCA

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