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6. UNITS ENTERED SONG BAY HAP AT 1800H AND PROCEEDED TOWARD RENDEZVOUS AT CAI NUOC. AT VQ 945752, AREA FROM WHICH UNITS WERE AMBUSHED PREVIOUS NIGHT, (MY 271545Z) PCF 94 AND 23 BEACHED AND PLACED LANDING PARTIES ASHORE TO RECON AREA WHILE PCF 43 PROVIDED COVER IN RIVER. LANDING PARTIES DISCOVERED 2 FRESHLY DUG SPIDER HOLES

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WITH MANY SPENT ROUNDS OF AK 47 AND CARBINE IN THE AREA. LOT 13 BLEW 2 LARGE OFFENSIVE BUNKERS. UNITS THEN PROCEEDED DIRECTLY TO CAI NUOC LOCATION WITHOUT INCIDENT. RFPF TROOPS WERE EMBARKED, 30 MEN IN EACH PCF, AND UNITS DEPARTED ENROUTE INSERTION POINT AT VQ 984832. AT VQ 982818 UNITS WERE TAKEN UNDER HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE. OTC CALLED FOR ALL UNITS TO TURN INTO FIRE AND BEACH. UNITS RESPONSE WAS IMMEDIATE AND PCF'S CHARGED AMBUSH COMPLETELY THROWING ENEMY OFF GUARD. SURPRISE RUSH ON AMBUSH SITE CAUSED VC TO STAND UP AND RUN. PCF 23 AND 43 ACCOUNTED FOR 3 KIA (80) BEFORE TROOPS WERE LANDED. WITH SUBSEQUENT INSERTION OF TROOPS, ENEMY WAS OVERRUN. 3 CHINESE COMMUNIST RIFLES WERE CAPTURED 20 YARDS FROM PCF'S. LANDING PARTIES FROM BEACHED UNITS PROCEEDED TO SWEEP IMMEDIATE AREA AND DESTROYED 2 STRUCTURES WHILE RFPF MOVED INLAND IN PURSUIT OF ENEMY. WHILE TROOPS CONDUCTED SWEEP, PCF 94 AND 23 MOVEFAUIMKIVER TOWARDS AREA FROM WHICH ARMY ADVISOR REPORTED GUNSHOTS. PCF 43 REMAINED AT ORIGINAL AMBUSH SITE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR TROOPS. PCF 94 AND 23 PROCEEDED TO VQ 984831 AND THEN TURNED TO RETURN TO PCF 43 LOCATION. AT VQ 984830 B-4B ROCKET EXPLODED IN WATER CLOSE ABOARD PCF 94 BLOWING OUT WINDOW FRAME. BOTH UNITS RECEIVED HEAVY SMALL ARMS FIRE AND OTC AGAIN CALLED UNITS TO TURN INTO FIRE AND CHARGE AMBUSH SITE. PCF 43 WAS CA

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AND MOVED IMMEDIATELY TO ASSIST. PCF 94 BEACHED IN CENTER OF AMBUSH IN FRONT OF SMALL PATH WHEN VC SPRUNG UP FROM BUNKER 10 FEET FROM UNIT. MAN RAN WITH WEAPON TOWARDS HOOTCH. FORWARD M-68 GUNNER WOUNDED MAN IN LEG. OINC JUMPED ASHORE AND GAVE PURSUIT WHILE OTHER UNITS SATURATED AREA WITH FIRE AND BEACHED PLACING ASSAULT PARTIES ASHORE. OINC OF PCF 94 CHASED VC INLAND BEHIND HOOTCH AND SHOT HIM WHILE HE FLED CAPTURING ONE B-40 ROCKET LAUNCHER WITH ROUND IN CHAMBER. OINC'S OF PCF'S 43 AND 23 LED ASSAULT PARTIES THROUGH BRUSH AND JOINED WITH PCF 94 GROUP. PARTIES FRVVM 3 ACF'S VUOCEEDED TO SWEEP AREA ANDSSUSTA FEEDWS- 431 .6 BWPQ HEQZ FEB 69. UNITS REMAINED IN AMBUSH AREA AT LENGTH DUE TO SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF AREA OVERRUN. RFPF ADVISOR CALLED FOR MORTAR SUPPORT TO SUPPRESS SNIPER FIRE. PCF 43 PROVIDED MORTAR WITH LIGHT MINE 36 SPOTTING. PCF 43'S QUICK AND ACCURATE RESPONSE WAS DESCRIBE BY LIGHT MINE 36 AS INSTRUMENTAL IN SUPPRESSING FIRE AND ALLOWING RFPF'S TO MOVE AHEAD AND ROUT ENEMY. WHILE PCF 43 PROVIDE MORTAR SUPPORT, PCF 94 AND 23 ASSAULT PARTIES RECONNED TO VQ 985335 WHERE 3 VC WERE OBSERVED RUNNING FROM THEM OUT OF FIRING RANGE. ASSAULT PARTY COULD NOT FIVE PURSUIT DUE TO PROXIMITY OF MORTAR ROUNDS PASSING OVERHEAD. UOT. 13 PERSONNEL PLACED CHARGECS IN

GE FOUR CTE 194.5.4.4 281225Z FEB 69 C O N F I D E N T I A L TO MAJOR BUNKERS ANEIOICE BINS AND PROVIDED MAXIMUM DESTRUCTION POSSIBLE. ASSAULT PARTIES THEN RENDEZVOUSED WITH RFPF AND UNITS PROCEEDED TO CLEAR AREA. WHILE BACKING AWAY FROM BEACH, SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED FROM OPPOSITE BANK. FIRE WAS SUPPRESSED AND ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CHIEU HOI SNIPERS. RESULTS NEGATIVE AND MORE SMALL ARMS FIRE WAS RECEIVED. UNITS AGA IN SUPPRESSSSSSSED FILAHMMD RLE.

NDB RYMLMN PGZQENDING TO CAI NUOC LOCATION WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. TROOPS WERE DISEMBARKED AND UNITS DEPARTED AREA. WHILE EXITING SONG BAY HAP UNITS RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM VQ 960765 AND VQ 965765. UNITS TURNED AND MADE 2 STRAFING RUNS ON LOCATION, SUPPRESSING FIRE, AND THEN CLEARED RIVER WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT. AREA OF SECOND AMBUSH WHERE PCF'S ROUTED VC AND LANDED ASSAULT PARTIES WAS OF CONSIDERABLE TACTICAL IMPORTANCE. AREA WAS MAJOR VC SUPPLY POINT AND WAYSTATION FOR INFILTRATION. BUNKERS DISCOVERED ALMOST ONE MILE INLAND BY PCF ASSAULT PARTIES REVEALED MANY BUNDLES OF CLOTHING WRAPPED IN WATERPROOF PACKETS. CONSTRUCTION OF COMPOUND SHOWED MUCH PLANNING FOR EFFICIENT PRODUCTION OF SUPPLY MATERIALS AND PERIMETER DEFENSE. BELIEVE FIRST AMBUSH WAS DESIGNED TO KEEP UNITS OUT OF AREU BUT PCF TACTICS NEGATED VC EFFORTS. STRONGLY RECOMMEND ADDITIONAL SWEEP IN AREA WITH LHFI SUPPORT. ROUNDS EXPENDED 7000 .50 CAL, 6000 M-60,

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