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1st Combined Action Group
III Marine Amphibious Force
FPO, San Francisco, California 96602

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From: Commanding Officer
To: Commandant of the Marine Corps (Code AO 3D)
Via: (1) Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Group
(2) Commanding General, III Marine Amphibious Force
(3) Commanding General, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific

Subj: Command Chronology for the period 1 December 1968 to 31 December 1968

Ref: (a) MCO P5750.1A
(b) FMFPacO 5750.8A

Encl: (1) 1st Combined Action Group, III Marine Amphibious Force
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1. In accordance with provisions of reference (a) and (b), enclosure (1) is submitted.
2. Downgraded at 3-year intervals
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Each mission consisted of an air tape and leaflet drop and was directed at targets surrounding and within CAP AO's. The target areas and themes were chosen using intelligence gathered from the CAPs and Americal Division and from spot reports submitted by the CAPs. In addition ground speaker teams are requested in order to react to the more promising spot reports from the CAPs and to support some combat sweeps. Upon occasion, innocent civilians wounded by friendly fire have received visits and solatium payments from the Group S-5. To combat rumors and explain what the solatium payments means, a speaker team usually accompanies the S-5. The effects and amount of this PSYOP support can be seen in the following extracts from the Americal Weekly PSYOP Report 19001H Dec to 252400H Dec Para. 14B. "Increased support has been provided in recent weeks to CAP units working in the AO. This element is ideally suited for conduct of face to face communications and has been used in the current pacification program. A total of 18 Hoi Charhs in Quang Tin province rallied during the first two weeks of this month as a direct result of their efforts in contested hamlets." Para. 15 states that Americal Division supported the below listed units with PSYOP as indicated.

<u>LEAFLETS</u>	<u>198thBde</u>	<u>11thBde</u>	<u>196thBde</u>	<u>1stCAG</u>
Anti NVA	None	312,000	1,246,000	None
Rewards	64,000	544,000	300,000	320,000
Chieu Hoi	408,000	864,000	1,304,000	1,064,000
Pro GVN	280,000	None	None	432,000
Anti VC	196,000	543,000	80,000	403,000

<u>AERIAL BROADCASTS</u>				
Anti NVA	None	None	3:25	None
Rewards	:10	:30	None	None
Chieu Hoi	:50	6:25	1:30	1:15
Pro GVN	None	1:55	:50	:45
Anti VC	:40	1:30	1:45	1:25

f. Command Relations. Including the new CAP which was activated 1 December, CAP 1-3-9, 1st Combined Action Group has 21 CAPs, two Mobile Training Teams, and two Marines attached to a Vietnamese Regional Forces Company. The three Combined Action Companies coordinate CAP activities and pass on overlays to the respective Districts and supporting battalions. The Group radio center monitors CACO frequencies but does not coordinate their activities. Headquarters personnel are organized and available as a reaction force which can be sent to any of the CAPs.

g. Logistics. Group supply distributes all Classes of supplies except Classes I & V which CAPs receive from supporting battalions. S-4 has a motor pool which provides one jeep, one M-37, and one M-35A2C truck to each company, and one jeep to each of the Group Staff Sections. A branch of the Americal Post Exchange is also operated in the Headquarters area by S-4 personnel.

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o. Activation. During the month two CAPs were activated and two changed disposition from a compound operation to a mobile operation. CAP 1-3-9 was activated on 1 December as the first of five new CAPs to be activated in and south of CACC 1-3's area in Binh Son District. CAP 1-1-6 was activated on 19 December in conjunction with the Accelerated Pacification Campaign (Le Loi Campaign). CAPs 1-3-4 and 1-1-3 went to a mobile status keeping the same AO boundaries.

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III Marine Amphibious Force
Military Assistance Command, Vietnam
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14/grp
3120/1
24 Nov 1968

From: Assistant Chief of Staff, Combined Action Program
To: Commanding Officer, 1st Combined Action Group

Subj: Activation of CAPs, approval of

Ref: (a) CG III MAF ltr 14/grp over 3120/1 of 13Nov68
(b) CG I Corps ltr 046/NDL/PDD of 18Nov68

1. Reference (a) established CG III MAF approval for the proposed activation of CAPs at the following sites:

- a. BS467875
- b. BS625880
- c. BS632816
- d. BS678770
- e. BS690602

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2. Reference (b) established CG I Corps concurrence with the proposed activations.

3. CO 1st CAG is authorized to carry out the proposed activation with the exception of the CAP listed as l.e. above. This CAP will be activated only after site inspection and discussion with this Headquarters.

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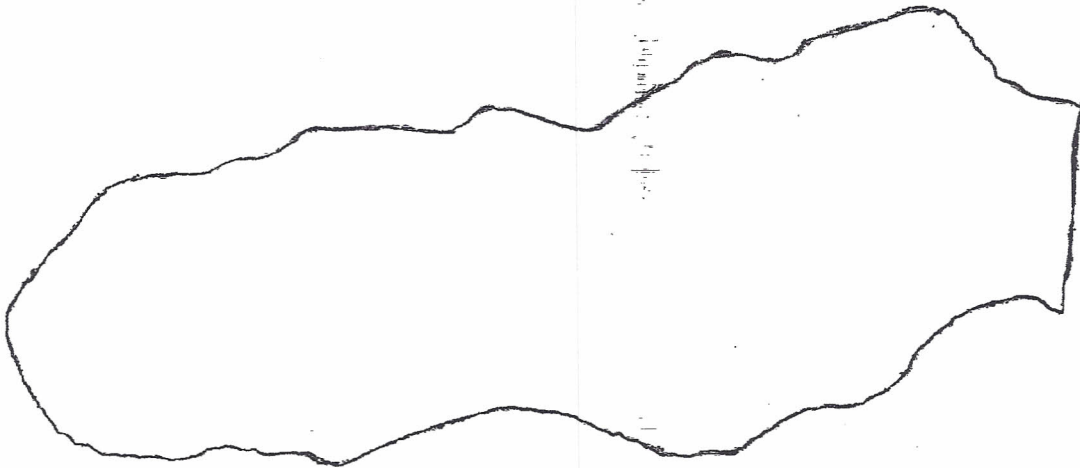
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CAP 1-3-9: Binh Tuyen Village, Binh Son District

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