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ATTN: TASE

PREPLANNED TAC AIR REQUIREMENTS (U)

1. (S) OPN APACHE SNOW IS A MULTI-BATTALION HELICOPTER AIRBORNE ASSLT INTO NORTHERN ASHAU VALLEY WITH NEAR SIMULTANEOUS LANDINGS IN EIGHT LANDING ZONES. INTELL INDICATES AREA HAS HEAVY CONCENTRATION OF AA/NW WEAPONS AND HEAVY RESISTANCE TO LANDING CAN BE EXPECTED.

2. (S) IN ORDER TO ENSURE ADEQUATE LZ PREP, ESCORT/AA SUPPRESSION REQ DAILY ALLOCATION OF PREPLANNED AIR BE INCREASED BY 60 CAS SORTIES ON 10 MAY 69. SUCCESS OF INITIAL LANDINGS DEPENDENT UPON MAX TAC AIR SINCE LANDING ZONES OUTSIDE ARTY FANS.

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3. (S) REQUEST REPLY ASAP.

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TAC AIR SUPPORT FOR OPERATION APACHE SNOW (U)

A. XXIV CORPS MSG 170000 MAY 69

1. (S) REF A. RECEIVED BY THIS HQ FROM CG XXIV CORPS IS QUOTED BELOW:

A. THE RESOUNDING SUCCESS OF THE INITIAL ASSAULTS BY MARINE AND AIRBORNE UNITS ON D-DAY (10 MAY 1969) OF OPERATION APACHE SNOW REPRESENTED A NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF ALL CONCERNED. PARTICULARLY GRATIFYING TO ME WAS THE MAGNIFICENT EFFORT ON THE PART OF YOUR STAFF, HQMC DASC, AND THE AIR SUPPORT ELEMENTS TO MEET OUR

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REQUEST FOR 94 PRE-PLANNED SORTIES AND 28 IMMEDIATE SORTIES FOR LZ PREP AND AIR COVER DURING THE COMBAT ASSAULTS AND SUBSEQUENT

CONTACTS WITH DEFENDING ENEMY FORCES. THIS SURGE IN AIR SUPPORT WAS BASIC TO THE SCHEME OF MANEUVER AND MET OUR REQUIREMENTS IN FULL.

B. I PERSONALLY OBSERVED THE OPERATION ON D-DAY, WHICH INVOLVED A HELIBORNE ASSAULT BY FIVE US/ARVN BATTALIONS INTO THE OBJECTIVE AREA. I WAS PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY THE TIMING OF EACH OF THE AIR STRIKES, WHICH WERE CLOSELY INTEGRATED INTO THE ASSAULT PLAN. THE CONTROL OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF TACTICAL AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS IN CONSTRICTED AIR SPACE WAS SUPERB. THE PERFORMANCE OF THE FIGHTER PILOTS, ALO'S, FAC'S AND OTHER CONTROLLING AGENCIES WAS TOTALLY PROFESSIONAL. THERE IS NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT THE PRECISE APPLICATION OF AIR POWER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN THROWING A DETERMINED ENEMY OFF BALANCE AND ASSURING THE SUCCESS OF THE COMBAT ASSAULT.

C. I EXPRESS, THROUGH YOU, MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO ALL CONCERNED FOR A JOB WELL DONE. STILWELL SENDS.

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2. (U) I WANT TO ADD MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO THE OUT-STANDING RESPONSE PROVIDED BY AIRCREWS, CONTROL AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL IN ACCOMPLISHING THIS MISSION. WELL DONE. LTGEN

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