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MARKET TIME SPOT REPORT 1/20/CTE 194.5.4.4/1

1. (C) CTE 194.5.4.4.
2. (C) WQ 2556/WQ 2294/VQ 8163
3. (C) 0745H/1420H
4. (C) PCF'S 31, 44, 50, 72, 93, 94, LHFT, ST FRANCIS RIVER, USA SPOTTER CA MAU

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5. (U) EFFECTED RIVER PROBE TO DAM DOI IAW SEA LORDS 324 AND TOOK TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNDER FIRE.

6. (C) PCF'S ENTERED SONG BO DE AT 0745H WITH VIPER 31 (LHFT) COVER FOLLOWING PREPARATORY NGFS BY ST FRANCIS RIVER. PCFS PROCEEDED TO DAM DOI WITHOUT INCIDENT. LHFT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS FIRE FROM SEVERAL LOCATIONS, COORDINATES INDEFINITE, WHILE CONDUCTING LOW LEVEL VR FOR ORIG AND REPORTED ONE HIT WITH MINOR DAMAGE. 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT DAM DOI, LHFT REQUESTED TO BE DETACHED IN ORDER TO REARM AND REFUEL. AN UNITS PROCEEDED TO DAM DOI WITHOUT COVER AND ARRIVED AT 1200H. CONDUCTED PSYOPS AT VN OUTPOST WITH VERY POSITIVE RECEPTION. WHILE AT DAM DOI ORIG WAS NOTIFIED TO TWO HOUR DELAY IN RETURN OF LHFT. DELAY THEN EXTENDED TO INDEFINITE. ORIG REQUESTED OTHER UNITS BUT WAS ADVISED NONE AVAILABLE. UNITS WERE THEN ADVISED OF POSSIBLE ARRIVAL OF LHFT AT 1200H AND ORIG DECIDED TO DEPART DAM DOI, TRANSIT THROUGH OPEN AREA TAKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNDER FIRE AND MEET LHFT AT COMMENCEMENT OF THICK JUNGLE. LHFT DID NOT ARRIVE AND UNITS EXECUTED ENTIRE EXIT TO COORDINATES WQ 8163 ALONE. PERFORMANCE OF LHFT WAS UNSATISFACTORY. UNIT WAS REQUESTED BY ORIG TO CONSERVE AMMO IN EVENT PCFS WERE ABUSED. DESPITE REQUEST TO STAY CLOSE TO TRANSITING PCFS VIPER 31 MOVED FREELY ON EITHER BANK OF RIVER AND EXPENDED AMMO TO DEGREE THAT REAPMING BECAME UNSURE WELL BEFORE ORIGINAL ON STATION TIME EXPIRED. VIPER 31

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ADVISED GRIG OF POSSIBLE AIRCRAFT DAMAGE AND HAD THIS BEEN ONLY
DEMAND FOR DETACHMENT THERE WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE BEEN NO QUESTION.
LHFT MUST CONSERVE AMMO TO REMAIN EFFECTIVE FOR PCF NECESSITIES.
(HA(L) TACTICAL MANUAL PREFERS) USA SPOTTER CA MAU WHO WAS IN AREA
VOLUNTARILY PROVIDED VP UNTIL UNITS WERE CLEAR. CANCELLING A MISSION
AND RETURNING AFTER REFUELING, THIS UNITS ASSISTANCE WAS EXTPEMELY
HELPFUL TO THE PCFS. AT COORDINATES WQ 2774 THREE PERSONNEL IN BLACK
PAJAMAS WERE SPOTTED DUCKING BEHIND BANK ON PORT SIDE OF PCF 94.
THIS UNIT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS/RIFLE GRANADE FIRE AND OINC AND
THORSON EN3 RECEIVED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS. ALL UNITS PROCEEDED OUT WITH-
OUT FURTHER INCIDENTS.

ORIG BELIEVES OPERATION ALONG SONG DAM DOI COULD HAVE BEEN CON-
DUCTED WITHOUT TAKING TARGETS OF OPPORTUNITY UNDER FIRE. AREA SEEMED EX-
TPEMELY PROSPEROUS AND OPEN TO PSOOFS ACTION. MINIMUM NUMBER OF DE-
FENSIVE AND NO OFFENSIVE BUNKERS DETECTED. ORIGINATOR BELIEVES
FUTUREIMMISSIONS IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE ORIENTED TOWARDS PSYOPS
RATHER THAN DESTRUCTION.

7. (U) GDA-SAMPANS-DESTROYED 40; DAMAGED 60; HOOTCHES-DES 10;
BUNKERS-DES 3; DES 500 LBS RICE. AMMUNITION EXPENDED: 50 CAL.

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14,000; M-60-8,300; M-79-480; AR-15-250. CASUALTIES: FRIENDLY-
WIA-LIJG JOHN F. KERRY, USNP, 713545; EN3 THORSON, EUGINE K, USN X
199702. ENEMY; NONE.

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SEALORDS MISSION 324

1. THE AN THOI RIVER RAIDERS CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DESTRUCTIVE FIREPOWER AGAINST THE ENEMY WITH WELL PLANNED AND EXECUTED SEA LORDS OPERATIONS. THIS WAS AGAIN AMPLY REFLECTED BY THE SUCCESSFUL RIVER PROBE TO DAM BOY ON 20 FEB.

2. THE DESTRUCTION OF 40 SAMPANS, 10 STRUCTURES, 3 BUNKERS AND 520 LBS OF RIFE PLUS DAMAGE TO 60 SAMPANS REPRESENT MORE THAN JUST STATISTICS.

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THEY REPRESENT VIVIDLY THE LOSS OF FOOD, TRANSPORTATION AND SHELTER TO THE ENEMY AND HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION OF POF CREWS.

3. CONGRATULATIONS ON ANOTHER FINE DISPLAY OF SWIFT POWER.

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PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORTS

A. ART C-9801 BUPERS MANUAL

B. NAVSUPPACT SAIGON INST 1770.13

1. IAW REF A AND B FOL INFO SUBMITTED:

ALFA: LTJG JOHN FORBES KERRY, USN, 715525/1100

BRAVO: ACTIVE DUTY, ATTACHED TO COASTAL DIVISION
ELEVEN AT AN THOI, RVN

CHARLIE: INJURY, HOSTILE FIRE

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DELTA: 20 FEB 69, 1400H, WQ280747, SONG DAM DOI.
WHILE SERVING AS OINC ABOARD PCF 94 ENGAGED
IN OPERATIONS IN THE ABOVE RIVER, LTJG
KERRY SUFFERED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN HIS LEFT
THIGH, WHEN PCF 94 CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE
A/W AND ROCKET FIRE

ECHO: CONDITION GOOD, PROGNOSIS GOOD, PRESENCE OF NOK
IS NOT MEDICALLY WARRANTED

FOXTROT: MR. RICHARD JOHN KERRY, FATHER, INDIAN HILL
ROAD, GROTON, MASS.

GOLF: NOK NOT OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED. REQ NOK NOT
REPEAT NOT BE NOTIFIED

HOTEL: TREATED BY MD ABOARD USCGC WACHUSETTS (WHEC
44) AND RETURNED TO DUTY WITH COASTAL
DIVISION ELEVEN AT AN THOI, AVN.

PATIENT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NOK
NO FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW

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PERSONNEL CASUALTY REPORT

A. ART. C-9801 BUPERS MANUAL

B. COMNAV SUPPACT SAIGON INST 1770.1B

1. IAW REF A AND B FOL INFO SUBMITTED:

ALFA: EN2 EUGENE KENNETH THORSON, USN, 119 97 02

BRAVO: ACTIVE DUTY, ATTACHED TO COASTAL DIVISION

ELEVEN AT AN THOI, RVN

CHARLIE: INJURY, HOSTILE FIRE

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- DELTA: 20 FEB 69, 1400H, WQ280747, SONG DAM DOI. WHILE SERVING AS AFTER GUNNER ABOARD PCF 94 ENGAGED IN OPERATIONS IN THE ABOVE RIVER, EN2 THORSON SUFFERED SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN THE RIGHT ARM WHEN PCF 94 CAME UNDER INTENSE HOSTILE A/W AND ROCKET FIRE.
- ECHO: CONDITION GOOD, PROGNOSIS EXCELLENT. PRESENCE OF NOK IS NOT MEDICALLY WARRANTED.
- FOXTROT: MR. JEFFRIES EVERETTE THORSON, FATHER, 1402 RIDGE WOOD ST., AMES, IOWA
- GOLF: NOK NOT OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED. REQ NOK NOT REPEAT NOT BE NOTIFIED
- HOTEL: TREATED BY MD ABOARD USCGC WACHUSETTS (WHEC 44) AND RETURNED TO DUTY WITH COASTAL DIVISION ELEVEN AT AN THOI, RVN
2. PATIENT ABLE TO COMMUNICATE WITH NOK
3. NO FURTHER INFO WILL FOLLOW

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