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SUBJECT: Intelligence Summary Packet (U)

1. (U) This packet contains an intelligence summary on the enemy units operating in our area of operation. It contains their last known location strength and possible missions. It also contains general comments of the status of the enemy units and what to possibly expect during this construction season.

2. (U) A list of incidents, to include minings, booby traps, ambushes, sniping, and incoming rockets, is also included. These are incidents reported by units of the 39th Engr Bn only and can give you a general idea of trouble areas along the secondary roads. Incidents are plotted on an overlay to assist you.

ENEMY UNITS OPERATING IN OUR AO.

1. (U) Chu Lai:

a. 402d Sapper Bn: This Bn is a main force engineer unit and is located at BS 3606. It is estimated the unit has a strength of approximately 210 men. Its current target or task is a sapper attack on Chu Lai assisted by the 70th Rocket Bn.

b. 78th Rocket Bn: This Bn is a main force unit and is located at BT 3901. Its estimated strength is 150 men.

2. (U) Route 533.

a. 74th Heavy Weapons Bn: This is a local force unit and is located at BT 1510. Its estimated strength is 250 men. Its main task is to provide fire support for another attack on Tam Ky city by 72d LF Bn.

b. 72d LF Bn: This is a local force infantry Bn and is located at BT 1019. Its estimated strength is 130 men and its main task is to attack Tam Ky city.

c. D-11 Infantry Bn: This unit is located at BT 2507 and has an estimated strength of 250-300 men. Elements of D-11 have targets in the vicinity of Tien Phouc and is expected to be assisted by the C-7 LF Company.

d. C-7 LF Co: This unit is an infantry unit with a strength of 50 men. C-7 will assist D-11 in attacks around Tien Phouc.

e. Other units location in area of 533.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
V-10 LF Co (Inf)	BT 2012	100 men
V-16 LF Co (Engr)	BT 2110	30 Men
V-12 LF Co (Inf)	BT 1022	45 Men
74th LF Co (Inf)	BT 3707	65 Men
409th Sapper Bn (MF Engr)	BT 3106	270 men

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f. Of these other units the 408th SF Sapper Bn presents the most threat. Its strength is indicated to be Hawk Hill and the unit is very mobile.

3. (C) Route 516

a. 107th WA Heavy Weapons Bn: Most of this unit is located at BS 5266 and has a total strength of 300 men. The 1st Co/17th Bn is located at BS 4074 and has an estimated strength of 75 men. Its mission is to rocket Quang Ngai city and provide support for C-31 LP Co and the 5063 LP Sapper Co.

b. C-31st LP Co: This unit is an Infantry unit with a strength of 80 men. It is located at BS 5067 and is expected to make attacks on the training center at Quang Ngai.

c. 5063 LP Sapper Co: This unit is an engineer unit with a strength of 50 men. It is located at BS 5067 and it also is expected to attack the training center at Quang Ngai.

d. Other units located in the area:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
C-18 LP Co (Inf)	BS 5960	60 Men
C-21 LP Co (Sngr)	BS 5679	70 Men
722 LP Co (Inf)	BS 5405	40 Men
506A LP Sapper Co (Sngr)	BS 5075	50 Men
60th Bn (Inf)	BS 5161	150 Men
40th LP Bn (Inf)	BS 4709	100 Men

4. (C) Route 521 to 525.

a. 950 LP Sapper Co: This engineer company has a strength of 40 men and is located at BS 5205. Its target is suspected to be the Vinh Son area.

b. Unidentified Company/40th Bn: The infantry element is located at BS 7182 with a strength of 50 men. They are equipped with 120mm mortars and small arms.

c. 404th Sapper Bn: This unit is located at BS 4302 and has an estimated strength of 400. It is located a great distance from our worksite but can be expected to cause trouble.

d. Other units located in area of Datangon Peninsula:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
712 LP Co (Inf)	BS 7203	40 Men
C-75 LP Co (Inf)	BS 7371	40 Men
C-65 LP Co (Inf)	BS 7372	40 Men
KS1 LP Co (Sngr)	BS 7191	5 Men
P31 LP Co (Inf)	BS 6505	30 Men
951 LP Co (Sngr)	BS 6406	47 Men

III. (C) General Comment of What to Expect in the AO.

Booby trapping and mining will continue to be one of the main hazards of operating on the secondary roads. Therefore extra care must be taken in order to insure detection of all mines and booby traps before they cause damage or loss of life.

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MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS DETONATED ROUTE 521-IN 1970.

1. 28 Jun - BS 742809 C/39th Engr Fd & Dest 1 homemade BT consisting of 7-50 cal Rd w/pressure type firing device.
2. 21 Jul - BS 737790 C/39th Engr det homemade mine, 0-10# explosive, w/ pressure type firing device. Believed to be "bouncing betty" Res 1 US KIA, 2 US WIA.
3. 27 Aug - BS 728787 137th LE det homemade mine, 21-40# explosive, with command electric type firing device. Res 1 US WIA and 1-290 combat loss.
4. 28 Aug - BS 718782 C/39th Engr Fd hand grenade and Arty/Mortar B/T w/ command electric type firing device. Mine had delayed firing device also. Res 3 US WIA.
5. 1 Sep - BS 714784 C/39th Engr Fd & Dest 1 homemade mine, over 40# explosive w/delay firing device.
6. 1 Sep - BS 718786 C/39th Engr Fd/Dest homemade mine, 21-40# explosive w/delay firing device.
8. 3 Sep - BS 737822 VN det homemade B/T, 11-20# explosive w/pressure type firing device RES 1 VN KIA.
8. 6 Sep - BS 718784 137th LE det homemade mine, 40# explosive w/command electric type firing device RES 1 US WIA 1-290 Combat Loss.
9. 6 Sep - BS 714784 C/39th Engr Fd/Dest 1 Arty/Mortar BT, 0-10# explosive, w/trip wire firing device.
10. 10 Sep - BS 752833 C/39th Engr Det ^{RICK ELLIS} homemade mine, 11-20# explosive w/ unknown type firing device RES 1 US WIA, 1-5Ton Heavy damage.
11. 13 Sep - BS 753834 C/39th Engr Fd/Dest homemade mine, 0-10# explosive, w/pressure type firing device.
12. 14 Sep - BS 716784 C/39th Engr Fd/Dest homemade mine, 21-40# explosive, w/pressure type firing device.
13. 16 Sep - BS 759838 VN Det homemade mine, 0-10# explosive w/pressure type firing device RES 1 VN WIA.
14. 16 Sep - BS 761837 C/39th Engr Fd/Dest homemade BT 1, 81mm Illum Rd filled w/explosive, 0-10# explosive, w/trip wire firing device.
15. 17 Sep - BS 751832 VN Det M-14 AP mine w/pressure type firing device RES 1 VN WIA.
16. 11 Nov - BS 742788 VN boy and woman Det unknown type mine. RES 2 VN WIA.

INCENDING ROUNDS ON ROUTE 521.

1. 14 Sep - BS 740810 Received two Rds mortar 82mm, negative casualties or damage.
2. 26 Sep - BS 742808 Received 4 Rds/60mm mortar, negative casualties/damage.

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Also because of the low strength of most of the enemy units you can expect ambushes and snipings of smaller elements of you units. Therefore it is imperative that you have sufficient security at all times. This would also include security of MAP sites during the day.

Many of the units in our AO are at the present time undergoing training collecting food and attempting to consolidate personnel. Almost all units are under strength and are low on food. Some units are even so low on food that they have had to use part of their element as food production teams and still others have had to disband and told to live off the economy as there has been insufficient food to feed the larger units.

Because of the shortage of personnel and food the Ho Chi Channels are continuing to show up at many military installations. Also because of the personnel and food problems the enemy units are unable to stage big attacks so it is felt that the number of mines, sniping, and ambushes will increase in 1971. This will probably be your main problem area during the 1971 Construction season.

Robert J. Phillips
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1. 20 Oct - BS 741809 Incoming Rd/60mm mortar N. side of perimeter Neg/damage or casualties.

SNIPER INCIDENTS ON ROUTE 521.

1. 29 Aug - BS 741870 Received S/A fire from BS 737820, search of area reveal negative findings, negative casualties, light damage.
2. 8 Oct - BS 711782 Received 4 Rds/60mm mortar fire from west, returned fire evacuated area.

AMBUSHES ON ROUTE 521.

1. 24 Sep - BS 716784 M/S team Det mine, received S/A fire, returned fire negative casualties with light damage.
2. 26 Sep - BS 744827 M/S team received approximately 30 Rds S/A fire, negative damage/casualties.

MINES AND BOOBY TRAPS WITHIN 1000 METERS OF ROUTE 521.

1. 9 Jul - BS 728822 59th LC Det homemade BT, 0-10# explosive, tripwire firing device. D7E Det mine w/negative damage, or casualties.
2. 10 Jul - BS 732823 59th LC Det 155mm BT, 0-10# explosive w/pressure type firing device RES 1 US MIA.
3. 10 Jul - BS 732823 59th LC Fd/Deat homemade mine, 0-10# TNT w/pressure type firing device.
4. 10 Jul - BS 732823 59th LC D7E Det homemade BT, 0-10# explosive w/pull type firing device. Light damage to D7E, negative casualties. BT hanging in tree.
5. 11 Jul - BS 732823 59th LC D7E Det/60mm mortar BT w/pull type firing device. Light damage to D7E, 1 US WIA.
6. 11 Jul - BS 732823 59th LC D7E Det homemade BT, 0-10# explosives, w/pressure type firing device. Light damage to D7E, negative casualties.
7. 12 Jul - BS 732823 59th LC D7E Det Arty/Mortar mine w/pressure type firing device. Moderate damage to D7E, 1 US WIA.
8. 12 Jul - BS 742821 59th LC D7E Det Arty/Mortar BT w/pull type firing device. Light damage to D7E, negative casualties.
9. 12 Jul - BS 744822 59th LC Det bouncing betty mine w/pressure type firing device. Negative casualties or damage.
10. 12 Jul - BS 743820 59th LC D7E Det Nitro Starch mine w/pressure type firing device. RES 1 WIA US, light damage to D7E.
11. 12 Jul - BS 742823 59th LC D7E Det Arty/Mortar BT w/pull type firing device. Negative casualties/or damage.
12. 13 Jul - BS 745824 59th LC D7E Det a Nitro Starch BT w/pressure type firing device RES negative casualties/ or damage.

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3. 14 Jul - BS 742834 59th LC D7E Det homemade mine w/pressure type firing device RES 1 US WIA, with slight damage to D7E.
14. 14 Jul - BS 742834 59th LC D7E Det Arty/Mortar BT w/pull type firing device RES negative casualties, with moderate damage to D7E.
15. 14 Jul - US 743835 59th LC D7E Det unknown type BT, 11-20# explosive w/pressure type firing device RES 1 US WIA, with moderate damage to D7E.
16. 14 Jul - BS 743835 Tank Det homemade mine w/pressure type firing device RES negative damage and light damage to Tank.
17. 15 Jul - BS 745837 59th LC D7E Det Arty/Mortar BT w/pull type firing device RES- negative casualties or damage.
18. 15 Jul - BS 746837 59th LC D7E Det Arty/Mortar BT w/pull type firing device RES: 1 US WIA and negative damage to D7E.
19. 15 Jul - BS 746837 59th LC D7E Det homemade mine, 0-10# explosive w/pressure type firing device.
20. 16 Jul - BS 750837 59th LC D7E Det homemade BT consisting of 50 cal Rds w/pressure type firing device RES: negative casualties/damage.
21. 17 Jul - BS 752842 59th LC D7E Det homemade mine, 0-10# explosives w/pressure type firing device Res: negative casualties/damage.
22. 17 Jul - BS 738828 59th LC Fd/Dest an Arty/Mortar mine, 11-10# explosive w/pressure type firing device.
23. 17 Jul - BS 738828 59th LC Fd/Dest Arty BT, 0-10# explosive, w/pressure type firing device.
24. 5 Aug - BS 770830 59th LC D7E Det BT over 40# explosive, w/pressure type firing device. Res: 1 US WIA, D7E Combat Loss.
25. 17 Aug - BS 785844 59th LC Det 105 BT in tree w/pull type firing device Res: 1 US WIA
26. 17 Aug - BS 788846 59th LC D7E Det Arty BT w/pull type firing device Res: negative casualties/damage.
27. 10 Sep - BS 731822 59th LC D7E uncovered/Dest mine, 0-10# explosive w/pressure type firing device.
28. 11 Sep - BS 727783 59th LC Bd/Dest M26A1 grenade BT w/tripwire firing device.
29. 13 Sep - BS 744826 Fd/Dest a homemade mine, 0-10# explosive, w/pressure type firing device.
30. 16 Sep - BS 732823 59th LC D7E Det homemade mine, 0-10# explosive, w/pressure type firing device Res: 1 US WIA, with light damage to D7E.
31. 19 Sep - BS 767830 Fd/Dest a M16 AP mine w/pressure type firing device.

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- 32. 19 Sep - BS 731822 Fd/Dest one homemade BT consisting of 81mm Illum Rd BT had pressure type firing device.
- 33. 19 Sep - BS 771833 Fd/Dest BT Arty Rd w/pressure clearee type firing device.
- 34. 20 Sep - BS 771833 Fd/Dest B-40 Rocket set up as mine w/pressure type firing device.

SNIPER INCIDENTS WITHIN 1000 METERS OF ROUTE 521.

- 1. 7 Sep - BS 732821 59th LC Security recived sniper 3/A fire returned fire Res: 1 VC KIA.

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