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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U. S. AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Southeast Asia Situation Report (U)

1. PROBLEM: J-3 and DIA representatives will brief the Secretary of Defense and the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 13 September 1965.
2. MAJOR ISSUE: Do the briefings adequately describe military operations in Southeast Asia?
3. JOINT STAFF POSITION: The Joint Staff Action Officers indicate that:
  - a. The J-3 representative will present the weekly sortie summary of Barrel Roll, Rolling Thunder and Republic of Vietnam in-country operations, and will address Mr. McNamara's question on the effectiveness of U. S. ground forces in SVN.
  - b. The DIA representative will address Mr. McNamara's questions on: (1) extent of remaining traffic on main rail line between Hanoi and Communist China, (2) analysis of Armed Recce coordination in DRV, and (3) extent of DRV utilization of facilities which have been struck by air.
4. AIR STAFF POSITION: The J-3 and DIA presentations adequately describe military operations in Southeast Asia for the reporting period.
5. RECOMMENDED POSITION: That you note the briefings as presented.

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SOUTHEAST ASIA SITUATION REPORTS

VIETNAM GENERAL (MACV Reporting Period from 28 Aug to 4 Sep 65)

- Republic of Vietnam (RVN) and US offensive actions continue to maintain pressure on the VC
  - The kill ratio decreased to 2.1 to 1 in favor of RVN from the 3.06 to 1 of last week
  - Weapon losses were 1 to 1.7 in favor of the VC
- Major VC activity this week was a battalion attack at An Hoa in Quang Ngai Province
  - VC continue to avoid battle with major ARVN and US units
- Following changes in VC tactics have been noted in IV Corps
  - VC instructed not to fire on low flying aircraft unless detected
  - Field fortifications have been improved
  - Depth of overhead cover has been increased
  - VC beginning to maintain close contact with ARVN as a protective measure against air attack
- MACV states: There is no indication that VC units are inclined to give up the fight
  - Still devote great effort to removing their dead from the field

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VIETNAM SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS (28 Aug to 4 Sep 65)

- Significant losses were inflicted on the Viet Cong in a successful search and destroy operation in Vinh Binh Province (Map Point A)
  - Attack employed a three battalion ARVN ground, heliborne and waterborne force to encircle VC positions
  - 15 USAF F-100s, 20 VNAF A-1Hs and 4 USN A-4s provided air cover and close air support
  - Loss of contact after dark enabled the VC to escape the area
  - Friendly losses were 18 KIA and 45 WIA
  - VC losses were 62 KIA and 22 captured
- A six day operation to open Highway 21 in Khanh Hoa and Darlac Provinces was successfully concluded on 31 August (Map Point B)
  - ARVN and US forces conducted road clearing, securing and supply movement operations
  - USAF and VNAF supported the operation with 115 sorties by B-57, F-100, A-1E and A-1H aircraft
  - Convoys transported over 4,000 tons of supplies during the six day operation
  - VC losses were 8 KIA and 6 captured
  - No ARVN/US casualties incurred
  - MACV states: A major factor in this successful operation was the detailed and extensive planning, accomplished by a completely integrated ARVN/US staff

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VIETNAM AIR OPERATIONS (28 August to 4 September 1965)

- Both USAF and VNAF air activity increased over the previous MACV reporting period
- Combined USAF/VNAF strike sorties increased by 64 over the previous week
- 72 B-52's struck VC targets on five missions during the reporting period
  - Final results have not been reported
- USN flew 841 strike sorties, an increase of 168 over last week
- USMC flew 667 strike sorties an increase of 244 over last week
- Total weekly strike sorties in Vietnam (28 August to 4 September 1965)

USAF/VNAF	1,454
USMC	667
USN	841

- USAF flew 912 strike sorties, an increase of 32 over the previous week
- VNAF flew 542 sorties, an increase of 32 over the previous week
- 400 Viet Cong were KBA (TACTICAL AIR) during the period 28 August to 4 September, an increase from the previous week total of 238 (Source: PACAF)

- 1962 6,239
- 1963 7,361
- 1964 5,184
- 1965 15,368  
(Thru 4 Sept)

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VIETNAM GROUND OPERATIONS (28 August to 4 September 1965 )

	<u>Battalion Size or Larger</u>	<u>Less than Battalion Size</u>
- Actions	83 (2 US - 3 Comb)	19,892 (804 US)
- Contacts	41 (1 US - 2 Comb)	97 (22 US)
- US participation	6%	4%

LAOS AIR OPERATIONS (28 August to 4 September 1965)

- Royal Laotian Air Force (RLAF) T-28s flew 112 strike sorties a decrease of 23 from the preceeding week
  - Weather accounts for decrease
- RLAF T-28s out of Savannakhet are continuing interdiction strikes on main supply routes and close air support for a battalion size Lao Army clearing operation
- RLAF T-28s with Thai pilots are continuing to provide close air support for General Vang Pao and Bango - Whiplash forward air control missions

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ARC LIGHT MISSIONS IN SVN

- ARC LIGHT missions flown between 18 June - 26 August 1965
  - ARC LIGHT I - 18 June
    - VC stronghold 34 NM Northwest of Saigon
    - 27 B-52s dropped 1299 M 59 - 1000 lb SAP/M-117 1b GP bombs
    - 2 aircraft crashed in air refueling area
    - Mission exploited by three 41 man US Special Forces teams
  - DRUM FIRE I & II - 4 and 6 July
    - VC communications and staging areas 30 NM Northeast of Saigon
    - DRUMFIRE I
      - 28 aircraft dropped 1317 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
    - DRUMFIRE II
      - 30 aircraft dropped 1524 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
      - No ground exploitation
  - FOX DEN - 16 July
    - Supported an operation by 6 ARVN battalions to open Route 19 to Pleiku
    - 30 aircraft dropped 1310 750 lb GP bombs into a suspected ambush area
    - Route 19 opened by ground forces between Pleiku and Qui Nhon
  - CAR PARK II - 21 July
    - VC stronghold 30 NM Northwest of Saigon
    - 30 B-52s dropped 1363 M-117 750 lb bombs
    - No ground exploitation programmed
  - CHAIN SAW - 28 July
    - Supply area for VC 27 NM Southeast of Saigon
    - Search and destroy operation airlanded after bombing
      - 3 US battalions
      - Information on results limited

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- BIRCH BARK I & II - 1 and 4 August
  - VC Military Region Headquarters 44 NM south of Da Nang AB
- BIRCH BARK I
  - 29 aircraft dropped 1469 M-117 750 lb bombs
- BIRCH BARK II
  - 28 B-52s dropped 1403 M-117 750 lb bombs
  - No ground follow-up
- MAINSPEAR - 13 August
  - VC training and staging area 22 NM south of the DMZ
  - 29 B-52s dropped 1442 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
  - Sizeable ground operation by ARVN forces
    - VC casualties reported and equipment captured
- GEAR TRAIN I - 23 August
  - VC Regional Headquarters 41 NM southeast of Da Nang AB
  - 26 B-52s dropped 1324 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
  - No ground exploitation
- HOSE REEL I - 26 August
  - VC supply and staging area 14 NM northeast of Bien Hoa
  - 12 aircraft dropped 611 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
  - No ground follow-up
- HOSE REEL II - 27 August
  - VC supply and staging area 11 NM northeast of Bien Hoa AB
  - 10 aircraft dropped 510 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
  - No ground follow-up
- GEAR TRAIN II - 28 August
  - VC Regional Headquarters 41 NM southeast of Da Nang AB
  - 9 aircraft dropped 459 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
  - No ground follow-up
- HOSE REEL III - 28 August
  - VC supply and staging area 10 NM northeast of Bien Hoa AB
  - 5 aircraft dropped 255 M-117 750 lb GP bombs
  - No ground follow-up

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- GEAR TRAIN III - 31 August
  - VC Military Region 5 Headquarters and supporting units
    - 40 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 8 aircraft dropped 408 M-117 750# bombs
    - Restrike of GEAR TRAIN I target (23 August)
  - No ground exploitation
- HOSE REEL IV - 31 August
  - VC supply and staging area 14 NM northeast of Bien Hoa
  - 9 aircraft dropped 459 M-117 750# bombs (100% of planned)
  - No ground exploitation
- THIRD BASE - 1 September
  - VC Regional Party Headquarters Committee, 20 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 30 aircraft dropped 1529 (of 1530 planned) M-117 750# demos
  - Ground follow-up plan
    - Two ARVN infantry battalions swept from east to west against a ranger battalion serving as a blocking force
    - Armed helicopters screened flanks
  - Exploitation results
    - Items discovered by ARVN
      - Uniforms
      - Hand tools
      - Individual weapons
      - Ammo dump
        - Large quantity of exploded 57 MM recoilless and 85 MM mortar ammunition
    - No contact with VC

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- BIG STAG I - 4 September
  - VC Military Region 5 Headquarters and base camp 40 NM south of Da Nang
  - 11 aircraft dropped 561 M-117 750# demos
  - No ground exploitation
- SUN COVE I - 5 September
  - Training center and communications school 30 NM northeast of Saigon
  - 29 aircraft dropped 1479 750# M-117 demos
  - No ground exploitation
- RIGHT GUARD - 7 September
  - VC stronghold 20 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 12 B-52s dropped 612 M-117 750# demos (100% of planned)
  - No ground exploitation
- MOUNTAIN TRAIL - 9 September
  - VC radio station and training school 43 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 29 aircraft dropped 1479 M-117 750# demos
  - Exploitation plan
    - Ground forces conduct raid on radio station
    - Capture personnel/equipment and gather intelligence data
  - Exploitation results
    - No sign of VC in target area
- SUMMARY (18 June - 9 September)
  - 21 missions
  - 470 aircraft scheduled
  - 450 aircraft over the target
    - 95.7% effective
  - 92% of bombs scheduled were dropped

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHIEF OF STAFF, U.S. AIR FORCE

SUBJECT: Southeast Asia Situation Report (U)

1. PROBLEM: J-3 and DIA representatives will brief the Secretary of Defense and Joint Chiefs of Staff on 4 October 1965.
2. MAJOR ISSUE: Do the briefings adequately describe military operations in Southeast Asia?
3. BACKGROUND: Summary of significant operations during this reporting period is in Background Paper at TAB 3.
4. JOINT STAFF POSITION: The Joint Staff Action Officers indicate that:

a. The status of the J-3 briefing is unknown at this time. A supplemental brief will be provided if appropriate, when additional information becomes available.

b. The DIA representative will present:

- (1) The normal Southeast Asia Intelligence briefing.
- (2) A rundown on B-52 missions in the Republic of Vietnam.

See TAB 3A for Background Paper.

5. AIR STAFF POSITION: The J-3 presentation, if given, and the DIA presentation are expected to adequately describe military operations in Southeast Asia for the reporting period. As soon as scripts become available, they will be reviewed in detail. If controversial issues develop, they will be reflected in a supplemental brief.

6. RECOMMENDED POSITION: Note the briefings.

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BACKGROUND PAPER

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SOUTHEAST ASIA SITUATION REPORTS

VIETNAM GENERAL (MACV Reporting Period 18-25 Sep 1965)

- Republic of Vietnam (RVN) and US offensive actions continue to maintain pressure on the Viet Cong (VC)
- The kill ratio increased to 6.9 to 1 in favor of RVN from 4.3 to 1 last week
- Weapon losses for friendly forces increased to 314 from the 29 reported last week
- MACV reports the VC initiated actions in the First and Second Corps areas were successfully countered by strong friendly forces this week
- The most significant VC initiated action commenced on 22 Sep when an estimated VC battalion overran the Phu Cu Post in Binh Dinh Province (Map Point A)
- VC activity also included a well executed ambush
  - Elements of an ARVN battalion were moving along Route 14 in Quang Nam Province in the hamlet of Da Hoa (Map Point B)
  - As the column entered Da Hoa several civilians were seen ostensibly engaged in routine activity
  - On a signal these civilians knocked down the sides of huts lining the street exposing the lead element to cross fire
- Friendly losses
  - 39 Killed
  - 50 Wounded
  - 4 Missing

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VIETNAM SIGNIFICANT OPERATIONS (18-25 Sep 1965)

- Quyet Thang 165 was an operation designed to retake the Phu Cu Post overrun by the VC 22 Sep (Map Point A)
- Initial close air support was provided by six (6) USAF A-1Es, six (6) F-100s, four (4) USMC F-4Bs and four (4) USMC F-4Cs - attacking VC positions from 1115H to 1400H
- 1430H a Forward Air Controller made a pass on four suspected VC. During this pass, he sighted an estimated 100 VC moving toward the ARVN battalion
- FAC directed one USAF A-1E to the VC and direct hits were scored with 260 lb frag bombs
- Six (6) F-100 aircraft scored direct hits with Napalm and CBU weapons on 100 VC caught in the open
- 24 Sep, friendly forces occupied the Phu Cu Post unopposed
- In a separate action in support of the operation to retake Phu Cu the VC directed automatic weapons and mortar fire against advancing ARVN troops
- Two (2) USAF A-1E aircraft were scrambled from Qui Nhon and attacked the VC
- Friendly units were able to fight their way into Phu My in the vicinity of Phu Cu and the VC broke contact
- Friendly losses
  - 44 Missing
  - 6 KIA
  - 16 WIA
- VC losses
  - 170 killed by body count
- Cumulative casualties for this operation are
  - VC estimated 660-710 KIA (Source MACV) (NMCC estimate 500-1,000)

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- Friendly losses 47 KIA (1 US), 72 WIA (2 US) and 52 MIA
- MACV states a significant factor in this operation was the continuous and effective air support for the attacking forces
- Operation Gibraltar near An Khe in Binh Dinh Province was concluded on 20 Sep (Map Point C)
- PACAF states 2nd Air Div and II Corps Air Liaison Officer were directly involved in pre-planning for the operation
- 16 F-100 and 4 USAF A-1E sorties were planned for pre-strike operations and were considered by 2nd Air Div to be essential to the success of the operation
- At 0645 the day the operation was to commence, the Forward Air Controller (FAC) diverted the F-100s for weather and immediately advised the heliborne commander
- FAC reported target weather at the time was 700 ft to 2,000 ft ceiling, below 3 NM visibility in a narrow valley with 2,500 ft to 3,000 ft steep mountains bordering
- Additionally, two (2) USAF A-1E aircraft aborted on the ground (suspected oil contamination)
- Two (2) USAF A-1E aircraft were able to provide pre-strike and close air support
- In spite of limited pre-strike operations, the heliborne commander elected to commence the operation
- The first helilift landed unopposed but shortly thereafter received heavy automatic weapons and mortar fire
- The second helilift was driven off by heavy ground fire
- 63 close air support missions were flown from 0950H to 1835H

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- Casualty figures for the operation include
  - Friendly 15 KIA, 30 WIA
  - VC - 226 killed, 9 captured, 6 suspects taken
  - During clearing operation ARVN ranger forces found a trench in the area containing 100 dead VC. The US Liaison Group with the rangers believed the VC were killed by Air Strikes

VIETNAM AIR OPERATIONS (18-25 Sep 1965)

- Both USAF and VNAF air activity showed an increase over last week
- USAF/VNAF strike sorties totaled 1,606 - an increase of 156 over last week (Source PACAF)
  - USAF 986 strike sorties
  - VNAF 620 strike sorties
- MACV states the VNAF gave major support to ten ground operations this week
- 87 B-52 aircraft struck VC targets on six missions during the reporting period
- The US Navy flew 577 strike sorties - a decrease of 64 from last week and 150 less than two weeks ago (Source MACV)
- USMC flew 307 strike sorties, a decrease of 160 from the preceding week and 183 less than two weeks ago (Source MACV)
- 273 VC were confirmed as being killed by tactical air during the period of 18-25 Sep (Source PACAF)

- Total VC Killed

- 1962	6,239
- 1963	7,361
- 1964	5,184
- 1965 (thru 25 Sep)	<u>16,869</u>
- Total	35,653

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VIETNAM GROUND OPERATIONS (18-25 Sep 1965)

	<u>Battalion size or Larger</u>	<u>Less than Battalion Size</u>
- Actions	92 (3 comb, 4 US)	19,887 (651 US)
- VC Contacts	42 (3 comb, 1 US)	166 (38 US)
- US Participation	7.5%	3.3%
- Reduction from last week's participation of 10 %		4.5%

LAOS AIR OPERATIONS (18-25 Sep 1965)

- Royal Lao Air Force (RLAF) T-28s flew 175 strike sorties, an increase of 59 over the previous week

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EVALUATION OF ARC LIGHT MISSIONS

- 35 ARC LIGHT missions flown between 18 June and 29 September 1965
  - ARC LIGHT I - 18 June
    - VC stronghold 34 NM northwest of Saigon
    - 30 aircraft and 1530 bombs programmed
      - 27 aircraft dropped 1299 bombs
      - 2 aircraft crashed in air refueling area and 1 aircraft air aborted
    - Ground exploitation by three 57 man teams of Special Forces airdropped in target area approximately one hour after B-52 strike
      - Discovered two large camps
        - Destroyed by Special Forces
      - Elaborate fortifications
      - Extensive underground tunneling damaged by bombing
      - 3 VC killed, 3 wounded, and 16 captured by teams
      - 2500 lbs of rice destroyed
    - Prisoners liberated indicated VC sustained extensive casualties from B-52 raid

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- DRUMFIRE I and II - 4 and 6 July
  - VC communications and staging areas 30 NM northeast of Saigon
  - 30 aircraft and 1530 bombs programmed for each mission
  - DRUMFIRE I
    - 28 B-52s dropped 1317 bombs
      - 2 air aborts
  - DRUMFIRE II
    - 30 B-52s dropped 1524 bombs
    - No ground follow up on either mission
- FOX DEN - 16 July
  - Supported an operation by 6 ARVN battalions to open Route 19 to Pleiku
  - 30 aircraft and 1530 bombs programmed
    - 30 aircraft dropped 1310 bombs into a suspected ambush area
  - Ground exploitation
    - ARVN found mortar positions in target area but no VC
    - Route 19 reopened and Pleiku resupplied
- CAR PARK II - 21 July (CAR PARK I Cancelled)
  - VC stronghold 30 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 30 B-52s and 1530 bombs programmed
    - 30 aircraft dropped 1363 bombs
  - No ground exploitation programmed
- CHAIN SAW - 28 July
  - VC supply area 27 NM southeast of Saigon
  - 29 B-52s and 1479 bombs programmed (launched from Kadena due to typhoon in Andersen area)

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- 28 aircraft over target, 1420 bombs dropped
  - One air abort
- Ground exploitation
  - Search and destroy operation airlanded shortly after bombing
  - 3 U. S. battalions moved abreast through target area
    - One minor skirmish, 2 VC killed, 1 wounded, 1 captured
    - 5 tons of rice captured
- BIRCH BARK I and II - 1 and 4 August
  - VC military Region Headquarters 44 NM south of DA Nang
  - 30 aircraft and 1530 bombs programmed for each mission
  - BIRCH BARK I
    - 29 B-52s dropped 1469 bombs
      - One air abort
  - BIRCH BARK II
    - 28 B-52s dropped 1403 bombs
      - One air and one ground abort
    - No ground exploitation on either mission
- MAIN SPAR - 13 August
  - VC training and staging area 22 NM south of the DMZ
  - 30 B-52s and 1530 bombs programmed
    - 29 aircraft dropped 1442 bombs
      - One air abort

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- Sizeable ground exploitation by ARVN forces followed two hours after bombing
  - VC casualties reported as 71 killed, 8 captured, and 44 suspects detained
  - Equipment captured included 40 individual weapons, 1000 rounds of ammo, 1 rocket launcher and one 60 MM mortar
- GEAR TRAIN I - 23 August
  - VC Regional Headquarters 41 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 26 B-52s dropped 1324 M-117 750# demos
    - 3 air aborts and one ground abort
  - No ground exploitation
- HOSE REEL I - 26 August
  - VC supply and staging area 14 NM northeast of Bien Hoa
  - 12 aircraft dropped 611 M-117 750# demos
  - No ground exploitation
- HOSE REEL II - 27 August
  - VC supply and staging area 11 NM northeast of Bien Hoa
  - 10 aircraft dropped 510 M-117 750# demos
    - 2 air aborts
  - No ground follow-up

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- GEAR TRAIN II - 28 August
  - VC Regional Headquarters 41 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 9 B-52s dropped 459 M-117 750# demos (100% of planned)
  - No ground exploitation
- HOSE REEL III - 28 August
  - VC stronghold 10 NM northeast of Bien Hoa
  - 5 aircraft dropped 225 M-117 750# demos
    - One air abort
  - No ground exploitation
- GEAR TRAIN III - 31 August
  - VC Military Region 5 Headquarters and supporting units
    - 40 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 8 aircraft dropped 408 M-117 750# bombs (9 acft, 459 bombs scheduled)
    - Restrike of GEAR TRAIN I target (23 August)
  - No ground exploitation
- HOSE REEL IV - 31 August
  - VC supply and staging area 14 NM northeast of Bien Hoa
  - 9 aircraft dropped 459 M-117 750# bombs (100% of planned)
  - No ground exploitation
- THIRD BASE - 1 September
  - VC Regional Party Headquarters Committee, 20 NM northwest of Saigon

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- 30 aircraft dropped 1529 (of 1530 planned) M-117 750# demos
- Ground follow up plan
  - Two ARVN infantry battalions swept from east to west against a ranger battalion serving as a blocking force
  - Armed helicopters screened flanks
- Exploitation results
  - Items discovered by ARVN
    - Uniforms
    - Hand tools
    - Individual weapons
    - Ammo dump
    - Large quantity of exploded 57 MM recoilless and 85 NM mortar ammunition
  - No contact with VC
- BIG STAG I - 4 September
  - VC Military Region 5 Headquarters and base camp 40 NM south of Da Nang
  - 11 Aircraft dropped 561 M-117 750# demos
  - No ground exploitation
- SUN COVE I - 5 September
  - Training center and communications school of 30 NM northeast of Saigon
  - 29 aircraft dropped 1479 M-117 750# demos
  - No ground exploitation

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- RIGHT GUARD - 7 September
  - VC stronghold 20 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 12 B-52s dropped 612 M-117 750# demos (100% of planned)
  - No ground exploitation
- MOUNTAIN TRAIL - 9 September
  - VC radio station and training school 43 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 29 aircraft dropped 1479 M-117 750# demos
  - Exploitation plan
    - Ground forces conduct raid on radio station
    - Capture personnel/equipment and gather intelligence data
  - Exploitation results
    - No sign of VC in target area
- FAST MAIL - 12 September
  - Supply depot and Special Region Party Hq, 21 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 18 aircraft dropped 911 M-117 750# demos
  - No ground exploitation
- LONG ROPE - 13 September
  - VC stronghold 19 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 30 aircraft dropped 1528 M-117 750# demos
  - No ground exploitation
  - BDA photography revealed damage and destruction to supply caches, bunkers and underground tunnel networks

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- SUN COVE II - 15 September
  - VC Headquarters Military Region 7, 29 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 9 aircraft dropped 459 M-117 750# bombs
  - No ground exploitation
- TOP SPIN I - 16 September
  - Supply base and VC training area 85 NM southeast of Saigon
  - 12 aircraft dropped 612 M-117 750# demos
  - Exploited by 2 ARVN Battalions
    - 2 large structures destroyed
    - 5000 kilos of rice captured
    - No contact with VC
- FLAT ROOF - 17 September
  - VC stronghold 90 NM southeast of Saigon
  - 9 aircraft dropped 458 bombs
  - No ground exploitation
- HARD ROCK - 18 September
  - VC training and supply area 145 NM southeast of Saigon
  - 18 aircraft dropped 916 M-117 750# bombs
  - No exploitation scheduled
- TOP SPIN II - 20 September
  - VC training area and supply depot 85 NM southeast of Saigon
  - 9 aircraft dropped 459 M-117 750# demos (100% mission)
  - No exploitation

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- BIG STAG II - 20 September
  - VC Military Headquarters #5, 38 NM southeast of Da Nang
    - Rescheduled from 9 September
  - 6 aircraft dropped 100% of planned bombs (306)
  - No exploitation
- NEW SONG I - 21 September
  - VC troop concentration, supply and medical depot, 20 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 18 aircraft mission
  - All 918 bombs scheduled were dropped in target area
  - No exploitation
- NEW SONG II - 23 September
  - Restrike by 24 aircraft in the same area as 21 September mission
    - 1223 (of 1224 scheduled) M-117 750# demos dropped in target area
  - Ground exploitation by 173 US Brigade planned
  - Cancelled by MACV due to compromise of ground operation plan
- SALES TAX - 24 September
  - 11 aircraft dropped 560 M-117 750# demos on a reported VC troop concentration and storage area 63 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 2 ARVN companies conducted a limited operation in target area after the bombing
    - No contact was made with the VC, and no equipment or installations were found

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- FAR STAR - 26 September
  - 18 aircraft raid on VC troop concentration and ammo storage area 46 NM northwest of Saigon
  - 910 M-117 750# bombs dropped
  - No ground exploitation
- TONE BEAT - 28 September
  - 11 B-52s attacked a VC storage area 62 NM southeast of Da Nang
  - 560 M-117 750# bombs dropped
  - No exploitation
- OIL WELL - 29 September
  - 18 aircraft raid on a VC ammo dump 50 NM northwest of Saigon
  - Exploitation plan
    - Two airborne ranger companies supported by six ARVN companies sweep the target area fifteen minutes after last bomb drop
    - Search and destroy troop concentration and facilities and assess bomb damage
    - 917 M-117 750 # bombs dropped
  - Exploitation results not available at this time
- SUMMARY (18 June - 29 September)
  - 35 missions
  - 683 aircraft scheduled
  - 662 aircraft over the target 96.9% effective
  - 94.2% of bombs scheduled were dropped
  - 32,940 bombs dropped

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