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ENP#IFF111#21 Z/F1/VCJ/T1#7#-71 [REDACTED] 1#/11 SONGBIRD POSSIBLE BINH TRAM 33

ISSUES INSTRUCTIONS ON TROOP LANDING AND HELICOPTER TACTICS

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FM, ((POSSCLE BINH TRAM 33))((1)) TO, ((NOT SPECIFIED IN TEXT)) PREC, ---- NR, ((M)) ((XGRM)) THE ENEMY WILL USE 300 HELICOPTERS TO INITIATE TROOP LANDINGS. ON 08 FEBRUARY, GROUP ((XGRM)) SHOT DOWN 10 AIRCRAFT. BINH TRAM 41 ((2)) HAD ONE 12.7MM WEAPONS CREWS THAT SHOT DOWN THREE AIRCRAFT. THEY USED INFANTRY WEAPONS TO SHOOT DOWN ONE ((OTHER)) AIRCRAFT. IT IS OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THE ENEMY WILL NOT LAND HELICOPTERS ON THE VEHICLE ROUTES IN PLACES WHERE HE KNOWS THAT WE USUALLY HAVE FORCES, BUT RATHER HE LANDS ON THE HIGHPOINTS THAT ARE 1VE TO SEVEN KILOMETERS FROM THE ROAD IN ORDER TO SET UP STRONG INTERDICTION POINTS FOR LANDINGS BY HIS MAIN FORCE. THE MAIN FORCES THEN LAND ONE TO TWO KILOMETERS FROM THE ROAD. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO LAND ONE BATTALION IN ONE HOUR AND THREE BATTALIONS IN SEVERAL HOURS. BEFORE THEY LAND TROOPS, B-52'S DROP BOMBS ALONG THE ROAD. THEN THEY SEND VARIOUS TYPES OF ARMED HELICOPTERS TO STRAFE IN THE AREA WHERE THEY WILL LAND. WHEN THE LANDINGS ARE FINISHED THEY WILL SPREAD OUT OVER THE VEHICLE ROUTE. THIFORMATIONS WILL BE DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS. THE FIRST PART WILL CONSIST OF ARMED HELICOPTERS SUCH AS THEHA-1D'S AND THE HU-1A'S WHICH HAVE SLIM REAR SECTIONS AND FLY AT AN ALTITUDE OF FROM 1000 TO 1500 ((METERS)). HEY FLY IN A TRIANGULAR FORMATION AND HAVE THE MISSION OF RECONNOITERING FOR THE LANDINGS AND STRAFING. AFTER THIS THERE WILL BE CH-34'S, CH-47'S, AND CH-54'S WHICH LOOK LIKE RAILROAD CARS OR BANANAS AND CARRY AROUND ONE PLATOON ((XGRG/M)) ADDITIONAL CARGO ALONG ((XGRG/M)) IN ORDER TO SHOOT DOWN MANY HELICOPTERS WHEN THEY LAND TROOPS, THE 12.7MM WEAPONS ((POSITIONS)) MUST ((2GRG)) BE TWO TO SEVEN KILOMETERS FROM THE ROAD AND BE ABLE TO CLOSELY OBSERVE THE ((SURROUNDING)) AREAS. BUT IF IT LOOKS LIKE THE ENEMY MAY LAND TROOPS IN SCATTERED FORMATIONS THEN WE MUST DEPLOY THE WEAPONS POSITIONS ((AT LEAST)) 100 METERS APART FROM EACH OTHER AND MAINTAIN SECRECY BY SKILLFULLY CAMOUFLAGING THE FORTIFICATIONS. WE MUST FIRMLY SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THE GREATEST ADVANTAGE IN STRIKING WHEN GROUPS OF ARMED HELICOPTERS COME UP BY NOT FIRING PREMATURELY BUT RATHER WAITING UNTIL THE GROUPS OF HELICOPTERS ((3GRG)) WAIT UNTIL THE TROOPS COME UP ((2GRG)) WAIT UNTIL THEY COME DOWN WITHIN A ONE KILOMETER ZONE BEFORE FIRING. IF THEY ONLY FLY OVER AND DO NOT LAND TROOPS IN THE AREA ((XGRG/M)) SELECT AIRCRAFT WHICH YOU CAN EFFECTIVELY FIRE ON. WHEN HELICOPTERS FLY LOW AND IN LARGE NUMBERS, THEN FIRE AT TARGETS SELECTED ((XGRG/M)) FASTER THEN PICK UP THE FLIGHTS ((FLYING)) FROM 60 TO 70 METERS PER SECOND. THE FIRING POINT ((4GRG)) THE VARIOUS UNITS CAN USE INFANTRY WEAPONS TO

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LOCATED WITHIN 3000 METERS OF 16-23N 105-58E, XD 039 131 (25DE0) ((6)) LOCATED  
WITHIN 2000 METERS OF 17-05N 105-31E, WD 902 560 (14JA12 ((7)) LOCATED WITHIN  
3100 METERS OF 16-21N 106-39E, XD 773 078 (060CO) ((8)) LOCATED WITHIN 2000  
METERS OF 16-31N 106-35E, XD 702 285 (21DE0) ((9)) LOCATED WITHIN 1000 METERS  
OF 16-09N 106-52E, YC 021 892 (10N00) ((10)) LOCATED WITHIN 1000 METERS OF  
15-16N 107-04E, YB 230 006 (080CO) ((11)) LOCATED WITHIN 1500 METERS OF 15-39N  
106-49E, XC 953 283 (08JA1) ((12)) LOCATED WITHIN 0500 METERS OF 15-29N  
107-22E, YC 547 138 (26JA1)((13)) COMMO-LIAISON STATION, LOCATED FROM  
CONVERSION OF VC COORDINATES AT XD 248 409 ((14)) STORAGE AREA, LOCATED AT  
KM-36 (LOCATED WITHIN 2000 METERS OF KM-34, LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XD 438  
278) ON ROUTE 35 ((15)) STORAGE AREA, LOCATED AT KM-43 (LOCATED WITHIN 1000  
METERS OF KM-44, COLLATERALLY LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF XD 495 254) ON ROUTE  
35 ((16)) MEDICAL FACILITY, UNLOCATED ((17)) COMMO-LIAISON STATION,  
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