

CHAPTER VI
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Pilferage

(U) Pilferage was a continuing serious problem at Da Nang Air Base during the reporting quarter. The 15th Aerial Port Freight and Passenger terminals were especially high pilferage areas. Items stolen in the passenger terminal included cameras, wrist watches and radios. Because of a lack of secure storage areas in the terminal stealing was not uncommon.¹

(U) Several canine sentry-variable posts were established in an attempt to curb pilferage near the freight terminal, special services supply complex, base housing supply and annex supply storage areas. Also, a fence was constructed around the annex supply storage area and vehicle patrols were increased in sensitive areas.²

(U) At the beginning of August, two Vietnamese women were employed as interpreters to assist in controlling the exit of suspected female employees from the main Air Force compound and Camp Da Nang compound.³

* Security Police Activities

(U) Again during this quarter, limitations imposed on the 366th Security Police Squadron generated some difficulty in fulfilling weapons qualification requirements. The reduction in

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at nearby Monkey Mountain and the Hoa Cam military training center for their training exercises. Many times the Hoa Cam firing range, located approximately eight miles from the base, was unsecure and unsafe for firing, which further complicated training exercises. Although suggestions concerning this problem were submitted by the training section as early as May 1966, no allocation of land has yet been made.⁴

(U) Even though the base experienced 10 enemy rocket attacks, there was no contact made with enemy ground forces by the Security Police during this period and no equipment damage attributable to rocket fire occurred.⁵

~~(S)~~ On 13 September, females wearing coolie hats with a piece of red string attached were apprehended near Da Nang Air Base and in Da Nang City. Interrogation disclosed that the string was the sign of infiltrators recently trained in espionage and/or sabotage.⁶

~~(S)~~ At Da Nang Air Base, three female employees wearing the signal on their hats were apprehended in the field ration mess, base laundry and security police operations building.⁷

~~(S)~~ Reports indicated that female agents were being trained about five miles south of Da Nang Air Base. However, no incidents resulted as a result of the apprehension of these individuals.⁸

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