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9. (C) EXECUTION:

a. (C) AT 0222 HOURS LOCAL, 1-47, ENTRY CONTROLLER TO MMS AREA,

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OBSERVED THREE MEN WALKING SOUTH TOWARD THE B-52 BOMBER REVETMENT AREA. THE THREE WERE OBSERVED AT TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING NORTH OF THE MMS ACCESS ROAD. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, I-46, CLC E-IN DEFENSE BUNKER, SAW THREE MEN ALSO. HE SAW TWO WALKING ABREAST AND ONE FOLLOWING A SHORT DISTANCE BEHIND. HE RAN TO HIS BUNKER AND REPORTED THE SIGHTING TO CENTRAL SECURITY CONTROL. LESS THAN ONE MINUTE LATER, K9-3, WALKING MILITARY DOG PATROL LOCATED NEAR THE POINT OF DETECTION, WAS PATROLING NORTHEAST OF THE B-52 AREA ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE ACCESS ROAD. AND WALKING IN AN EAST-SOUTH-EASTERLY DIRECTION WHEN HIS DOG ALERTED. K9-3 OBSERVED TWO UNIDENTI-FIED INDIVIDUALS DRESSED IN CAMOUFLAGED FATIGUES LYING ON THE GROUND APPROXIMATELY TEN TO FIFTEEN FEET IN FRONT OF HIM. THE TWO INDIVID-UALS HAD HAND GUNS (THE ONLY WEAPONS OBSERVED IN THEIR POSSESSION BY K9-3), AND THEY JUMPED UP AND FIRED AT LEAST TWICE AT POINT BLANK RANGE AT THE SENTRY. HE TOOK COVER AND THE TWO MEN, WHILE RUNNING IN THE DIRECTION OF THE B-52 AREA, CONTINUED TO FIRE AT HIM. RELEASED HIS DOG WHICH CONTINUED TO BARK BUT DID NOT PURSUE THE PENE-

TRATORS. BEFORE THE SENTRY WAS ABLE TO RETURN FIRE, THE MEN WERE OUT

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THE THAT GUARD IN 1-46 BUNKER WHO HAD REPORTED OF HIS SIGHT. THE PRESENCE OF THE THREE INDIVIDUALS MOMENTS EARLIER HEARD THE SHOTS BUT DID NOT SEE ANY FIRING. HE LOOKED OUT OF HIS BUNKER IN TIME TO SEE TWO OF THE PENETRATORS BREACH A TRIANGULAR S TACKED. TRIPLE STRAND OF CONCERTINA WIRE STRETCHED ALONG THE NORTH SIDE OF POSTS I-45 AND I-46 AND HEAD TOWARD THE B-52S. I-46 LATER STATED THAT AT THE TIME THE TWO MEN BREACHED THE WIRE, THE THIRD MAN HEADED NORTH, BACK IN THE DIRECTION HE CAME FROM WHICH WAS TOWARD THE K9 KENNELS. I-46 LOST SIGHT OF HIM ALMOST ISSEDIATELY AND BEGAN FOLLOWING THE OTHER TWO MEN TOWARD THE B-52 AREA. HE WITHHELD FIRE BECAUSE OF THE PROXIMITY OF B-52 AIRCRAFT PARKED AND TAXIING BEYOND THE PEN-E TRATORS. BRAVO SECTOR SUPERVISOR (B-1) AND THE BRAVO SECTOR THREE-MAN SAT (B-4), WERE BRIEFED AND DISPATCHED BY CSC. I-46 SENTRY FOLLOWED THE TWO MEN TOWARD REVETMENT M-1, "M" AIRCRAFT PARKING ROW, AND OBSERVED ONE MAN ENTER THE REVETMENT. AN EXPLOSION IN THE REVETMENT WAS HEARD AND REPORTED BY 1-46.

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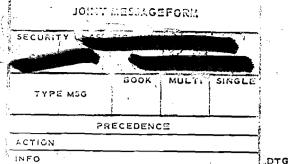
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A SECOND AND THIRD EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN REVETMENTS M-2 AND M-3. THE BRAVO SECTOR SIX-MAN QUICK REACTION TEAM (B-3) WAS DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO ESTABLISH A BLOCKING FORCE ON SOUTH END OF THE B-52 PARKING AREA. THE THREE-MAN MMS AREA SAT (B-5) WAS DISPATCHED AS A BLOCKING FORCE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE FENCELINE INSIDE THE MMS AREA SOUTH OF THE POINT OF DETECTION.

R ED OPTION I CONDITION INITIATED AND COVERED WAGON MESSAGE SENT. THE USAF LIEUTENANT WHO IS "TIGER" FLIGHT COMMANDER (TIGER 1) AND THE THAT GUARD FLIGHT CHIEF WERE ADJACENT TO.

b. (C) ONE NCO, ASSIGNED TO 307 OMS, REPORTED DURING THE AFTER ACTION INVESTIGATION, THAT HE WAS ONBOARD E-52 PARKED AT REVETMENT M-2 WHEN THE EXPLOSION OCCURRED AT M-1. HE EXITED THE AIRCRAFT AND NOTICED TWO MEN RUNNING AROUND THE LEFT WING OF AIRCRAFT AT M-1. ONE OF THE INDIVIDUALS RAN UP TO HIM AND TRIED THREE TIMES UNSUCCESSFULLY TO FIRE A HANDGUN AT HIM. HE NCO DESCRIBED THE WEAPON AS A ".22 CAL SIX-SHOOTER". AFTER

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THE WEAPON FAILED TO FIRE, THE INDIVIDUAL RAN TO SPOT M-2 AND TRIED TO THROW WHAT THE NCO CALLED A "BOMB" IN THE NUMBER 5 AND 6 ENGINES OF THE B-52 PARKED IN THAT SPOT. HE STATED THE INDIVIDUALS, VERY SHORT, APPEARED TO BE GRIENTALS AND WERE DRESSED IN CAMOUFLAGED FATIGUES. ONE NCO, ASSIGNED TO 307 FMS, ADVISED DURING THE INVESTIGATION THAT HE WAS WORKING ON B-52 PARKED IN M-3 AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. HE HEARD AN EXPLOSION AND DEPARTED THE AIRCRAFT. HE SAID HE SAW ANOTHER EXPLOSION AT M-2 AND PROCEEDED TO THE FRONT OF THE REVETMENT AND OBSERVED A FIGURE DRESSED IN CAMOUFLAGED FATIGUES RUN TO THE FRONT OF M-3 AND THROW AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INTO THE REVET-MENT. UPON SEEING THIS, HE RAN FROM THE AREA TO SEEK COVER. ANOTHER NCO, ASSIGNED TO 307 AMS, WORKING INSIDE B-52 ON M-3, HEARD TWO EXPLOSIONS. HE EXITED THE AIRCRAFT AND STOOD NEAR A TRUCK PARKED IN FRONT OF THE B-52. A MAN, BELIEVED TO BE ORIENTAL, THREW SOMETHING AT HIM THAT LANDED IN FRONT OF THE TRUCK. THEN A LARGE EXPLOSION OCCURRED IN M-3 REVETMENT.

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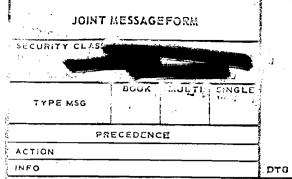
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SHORTLY AFTER THAT, THE NCO LOCATED AN UNEXPLODED GRENADE IN THE VICINITY OF THE PREVIOUS "FIRECRACKER" EXPLOSION.

c. (C) CLOSE-IN FOOT PATROL SENTRY, B-52 PARKING AREA (I-64)

WAS PATROLING IN THE AREA OF REVETMENT M-5 WHEN THE EXPLOSIONS

OCCURRED. HE BEGAN RUNNING NORTH ON THE M RAMP. HE OBSERVED TWO

INDIVIDUALS RUNNING SOUTH TOWARD HIM FROM REVETMENT M-3. AS HE

ATTEMPTED TO FIRE THE INTRUDERS TURNED AND RAN TO THE EAST, BETWEEN

REVETMENT M-3 AND M-4. THEY WERE OUT OF HIS SIGHT BEFORE HE COULD

FIRE. ALPHA SECTOR SIX-MAN QRT (A-3) WAS DEPLOYED BUTWEEN REVIV
MENTS M-3 AND M-4. THEY WERE REINFORCED BY THE CHARLIE SECTOR

THREE-MAN SAT (C-4) AND BEGAN A CAREFUL SWEEP TOWARD THE MMS AREA.

d. (C) AT 0235 HOURS LOCAL, K9-4, WALKING MILITARY DOG PATROL LOCATED WITHIN THE MMS AREA, REPORTED HE WAS PROCEEDING FROM MMS TOWER 3 TOWARD TOWER 2, BOTH LOCATED JUST INSIDE THE NORTH MMS FENCELINE, ENROUTE TO POSITION HIMSELF CLOSER TO THE EFFECTED AREA. HE OBSERVED AN INDIVIDUAL CROSS THE BERM ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE PERIMETER ROAD AND PROCEED NORTH TOWARD THE NORTH PERIMETER FENCE OF THE MMS AREA. HE CHALLENGED THE INDIVIDUAL AND WHEN HE DID NOT

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TO. STOP, HE FIRED ONE SHOT AT HIM. THE INDIVIDUAL THEN FIRED AT LEAST TWO SHOTS AT THE DOG HANDLER WHO DROPPED TO THE GROUND FOR PROTEC-TION AND CONTINUED FIRING. AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME, TOWER 3 REPORTED SHALL ARMS FIRE WAS POSSIBLY BEING RECEIVED FROM OFF BASE. CHARLIE SECTOR SIX-MAN QRT (C-3) AND TIGER 1 WERE BRIEFED AND DISPATCHED. THEY DEPLOYED ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BERY WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL HAD BEEN SPOTTED BY K9-4. THEY BEGAN THEIR SEARCH AND OBSERVED ONE INDIVIDUAL APPROXIMATELY 40 YARDS EAST-NORTHEAST OF TOWER 2 AT THE MAS FENCE LYING ON HIS BACK ON THE INSIDE OF THE MMS AREA WITH HIS LEFT FOOT TANGLED IN THE SECOND STRAND OF BARBED WIRE. HE WAS REPORTED DRESSED IN CAMOUFLAGED FATIGUES AND CAMOUFLAG THEY COULD NOT DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF INJURIES AND WERE INSTRUCTED NOT TO APPROACH CLOSER UNTIL ASSISTANCE ARRIVED SINCE THE INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BE BOOBY-TRAPPED, HAVE EXPLOSIVES IN HIS POS-SESSION, OR BE ARMED.

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e. (C) MEANWHILE THE CHAPLIE SECTOR THREE-MAN SAT (C-4) AND THE BRAVO SECTOR THREE-MAN SAT (B-4) CONTINUED THEIR SWEEP OF THE AREA BETWEEN THE B-52 M REVETMENTS AND THE MMS STORAGE AREA IN AN

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ATTEMPT TO MAKE CONTACT WITH ANY OTHER PENETRATORS. AT APPROXIMATELY 0305 HOURS LOCAL, B-1, JOINED C-4 AND B-4 FOR THE SWEEP AND CONTACT WAS MADE WITH ONE INDIVIDUAL ATTEMPTING TO CLIMB THE MMS FENCE JUST SOUTH OF TOWER 17. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS FIRED UPON BY TWO MEMBERS OF C-4 WHEN HE FAILED TO HEED THE CHALLENGE TO HALT. C-4 LEADER FIRED FOUR SHORT BURSTS WITH THE M-60 MACHINE GUN AND C-4 MEMBER (USAF SECURITY POLICEMAN) FIRED THREE SHORT BURSTS WITH THE M-16 ON FULL-AUTOMATIC. THE INDIVIDUAL TOPPLED TO THE GROUND ON THE MMS SIDE OF THE FENCE, HOWEVER A SEARCH FOR HIM MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. A HOLE WAS LOCATED IN THE MMS FENCELINE NEAR WHERE THE INDIVIDUAL WAS FIRED UPON. B-5 BEGAN A SWEEP NORTH INSIDE THE MMS AREA AND C-4 AND B-1, ALONG WITH B-4, CONTINUED TO SWEEP NORTH BETWEEN THE B-52 AREA AND THE MMS AREA. OTHER RESPONSE FORCES CONTINUED TO SWEEP ALL AIR-CRAFT PARKING AREAS, MUNITIONS AREAS, AND OTHER VITAL RESOURCE

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f. (C) AT 0405 HOURS LOCAL, THAI GUARD IN PERIMETER TOWER 25, SOUTH OF THE MMS AREA ON THE BEACH, NOTIFIED CSC THAT HE HEARD A BOAT SOUTH OF THE BASE IN THE GULF. THE OIC OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND

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ONE SP NCO WERE ERIEFED AND DISPATCHED TO THE BEACH AREA SOUTH OF
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BECAUSE OF THE DARKNESS. DUE TO HIGH NOISE INTERFERENCE CREATED BY
IN-BOUND AIR TRAFFIC, THE SOUNDS OF THE BOAT WERE NOT HEARD ACAIN.
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TO MAKE A SEARCH OF THE WATER AREA WHERE THE BOAT WAS HEARD. THIS
SEARCH MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS.

g. (C) AT APPROXIMATELY 0530 HOURS LOCAL, EOD RESPONDED TO THE LOCATION OF THE PENETRATOR IN THE NORTH END OF THE MMS AREA WITH HIS FOOT IN THE FENCE. AT THIS TIME THE BASE COMMANDER WAS AT THAT LOCATION. A CLOSER LOOK AT THE INDIVIDUAL REVEALED THAT HE APPEARED TO BE HOLDING THE HANDLE OF A HANDGUN IN HIS RIGHT HAND. UNDER COVER OF THREE SHARPSHOOTERS, EOD PERSONNEL CAREFULLY REMOVED THE HANDGUN AND THE PACKAGE FROM THE INDIVIDUAL'S HANDS. A SEARCH OF THE INDIVIDUAL WAS CONDUCTED AS DIRECTED BY THE 635TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER TO ASCERTAIN IF ANY INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING TARGETS, ROUTES, AND NUMBER OF SAPPERS WAS ON HIS PERSON. THIS SEARCH REVEALED A THAI IDENTIFICATION CARD, A DRAFT NOTICE, SIX

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h. (C) SECURITY POLICE AND EOD PERSONNEL CONDUCTED A THOROUGH, SYSTEMATIC SEARCH OF THE NMS AREA AND B-52 AREA FOLLOWING THE REMOVAL OF THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE NORTH FENCE OF THE MMS AREA. THIS SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED FOR FURTHER EXPLOSIVES OR PENETRATORS. LOCATED AT REVETMENT M-3 WERE FIVE MORE FUSES, ONE SATCHEL CHARGE

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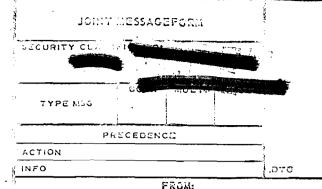
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INSIDE NO. 4 ENGINE, AND ONE SATCHEL CHARGE NEAR THE TAIL OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE SATCHEL CHARGES WERE FOUIPPED WITH 3 TO 5 SECOND DELAY PULL-TYPE FUSES, WHICH HAD REEN TRIGGERED BUT FAILED TO CAUSE DETONATION. C-4, WHILE CONDUCTING A SEARCH OF THE AREA MORTHWEST OF THE FIRST ENEMY DETECTION, DISCOVERED A SATCHEL CHARGE NEAR THE UNTERANCE TO THE ACCESS ROAD TO THE K9 KENNELS. K9-3 DISCOVUNID A SECOND SATCHEL CHARGE IN THE CONCERTINA WIRE BETWEEN AND NORTH OF I-45 AND I-46 AT THE POINT OF CROSSING USED BY THE TWO PENETRATORS. THE LAST TWO VERE APPARENTLY DROPPED AS THEY WERE NOT TRIGGERED TO EXPLODE. ECD NEUTRALIZED ALL CHARGES. "PEDRO" WAS AGAIN CONTACTED AND ALONG WITH SECURITY POLICE LIAISON, AM AERIAL RECON AND SEARCH WAS MADE OF THE ENTIRE NORTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE BASE. PROVIDED NO FURTHER INFORMATION. CIVILIAN POLICE MADE A SWEEP OF THE ENTIRE BEACH AREA SOUTH OF THE BASE, AND THAI MARINES, NAVY, AND LOCAL FOLICE MADE A JOINT SWEEP OF THE EAST SIDE OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE BASE. THIS SEARCH MET WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS." (UNQUOTE) FINAL COMBAT AFTER ACTIONS REPORT HAS BEEN PUBLISHED AND IS BEING

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- 3. DID ALL DEFENSE FORCE MEMBERS HAVE RADIOS? RADIOS WERE ASSIGNED AND ON ALL POSTS PRIOR TO THE SAPPER ATTACK. BUT SINCE RADIO ALLO-CATION IS BASED ON WHITE NIGHT POSTING REQUIREMENTS, RADIO SHORTAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED DURING RED ONE POSTING.
- 4. WERE TOWER SENTRIES EQUIPPED WITH NODS OR STARLIGHT SCOPES? ALL OPERATIONAL NOD'S, STARLIGHT SCOPES, AND CONTANDO SCOPES WERE DEPLOYED FOR USE AT PRESELECTED POSTS AT THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. THERE ARE 54 TOWERS. THE 635TH SPS MAS SIX NOD'S, 20 STARLIGHT SCOPES AND THREE COMMANDO SCOPES ASSIGNED. BECAUSE OF GOOD PRESNEL PERIMETER LIGHTING, THIS NUMBER IS CONSIDERED SUFFICIENT. NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICES OF ALL TYPES ARE STRATEGICALLY LOCATED FOR SURVEILANCE DURING PERIMETER LIGHT FAILURE AND ON DARKUNED INTERIOR POSTS AT ALL TIMES.
- 5. USING REFERENCED GRID MAP 1 JAN 71 LOCATION FOR:
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(b) 2-32: GOOD LIGHTING IN PARKING AREAD, FOOR LIGHTING AROUND THE PHELLIPPER OF THE PARKING ANEA.

- (c) 1973: GOOD LEGITING IN PRELOAD AREA, POOR LIGHTING IN STORAGE ANDA, WOOR LIGHTANG AROUND THE PERTHETER OF THE MOS AREA.
- b. PROBABLE SAPPER ENTRY/EXIT POTMYS INCOUGH BASE PERIMETER. B-52 AND MIS . REA;
- (1) PERIMETER: ENTRY: BETWEEN TOWER 41 AND 42 & BETWEEN TOWER 42 AND 43. EMIT: UNDETERMINED

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- (3) 1MS: ENTRY: NN28 (UNCONFIRMED BUT PROBABLE). EXIT: RR33 (SAPPER KIA)
- c. ENEMY KIA AND ALL SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS; RR33 (LOCATION OF SAPPER KIA). NN28 (BY TOWER 17). KK33

 (INITIAL SIGHTING OF THREE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS).
- d. CONFIRMED WEAPON FIRE FROM OFF BASE AND PROBABLE TARGETS;
 EVEN THOUGH A THAI GUARD AT TOWER 3 REPORTED OFF BASE FIRES

 DIRECTED TOWARD MMS, THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO CONFIRM OFF BASE

 FIRING. TOWER 3 GUARD STATED SEEING MUZZLE FLASHES AT RR35.
- e. CONTACTS BETWEEN SAPPERS AND DEFENSE FORCES;

 KK33 (TWO SAPPERS AND K9-3). KK32 (CHALLENGED BY 146 GUARD)

 KK27 (SEEN BY 164 GUARD). NN28 (ONE SAPPER SEEN BY TOWER 17). RR33

 (SAPPER KIA AND K9-4)
 - f. CLOSE-IN SENTRIES IN B-52 AND MMS AREAS;

B-52: I64 AND I65 FOOT PATROLS IN THE PARKING AREA.

MMS: I58 AND I58A FOOT PATROL FOR THE PRELOAD (JJ19-RR19)
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BOUNDARIES OF K9 POSTS ONE THROUGH EIGHT. K9-1: AA36 -BB38. K9-2: CC38 - FF38. K9-3: JJ34 - MM34. K9-4: 0033 - UU33. K9-5: UU33 - UU29. K9-6: UU29 - UU23. K9-7 TT22 - RR18. K9-8: RR18 - NN18.

WERE MILITARY WORKING DOC ON K9 POST THREE AND FOUR SIMPLY RELEASED OR WERE THEY PROPERLY DIRECTED TO ATTACK? THE MILITARY DOG ON K9 POST THREE DID THE JOB HE IS TRAINED TO DO. HE DETECTED THE INTRUDERS AND ALERTED HIS HANDLER. SIMULTAMEOUSLY WITH THE ALERT THE INTRUDERS STARTED FIRING AT THE HANDLER AT A RANGE OF FROM 10 TO 15 FEET. AFTER TAKING IMMEDIATE COVER HE GAVE HIS DOG THE ORDER TO ATTACK. BY THIS TIME THE INDIVIDUAL'S WERE OUT OF SIGHT AND THE DOG'S VISUAL CONTACT WAS BROKEN BY THE HANDLERS ACTION IN TAKING COVER. THE K9-4 SENTRY SPOTTED THE INDIVIDUAL HIMSELF AS THE INTRUDER CROSSED A BERM IN FRONT OF HIM. HE IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED AND FIRED AT THE INDIVIDUAL WHEN HIS CHALLENGE WAS IGNORED. WHAT TYPE OF WEAPONS WERE K9 HANDLERS ARMED WITH AND WHAT WAS STATE OF WEAPON READINESS AT TIME OF CHALLENGING? BOTH SENTRIES WERE

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K9-3 DID NOT CHALLENGE - HE WAS FIRED ON INMEDIATELY UPON HIS DOGS.

ALERT. K9-4 HAD HIS WEAPON IN HIS HANDS AT THE TIME OF HIS CHALLENGE AND FIRED AT THE INTRUDER WHEN HIS CHALLENGE WAS IGNORED.

K9- POST FOUR: DESCRIBE ACTIONS OF K9: AT THE TIME OF RELEASE WAS INTRUDER INSIDE MMS FENCE; WAS K9 TEAM INSIDE MMS FENCE? K9 WAS RELEASED AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE. BOTH INTRUDER AND K9 TEAM WERE INSIDE THE FENCE.

WAS K9 TEAM ON POST 3 WORKING AN ALERT, OR DID ALERT OCCUR AT THE TIME THEY WERE FIRED UPON? DOG'S ALERT, HANDLER'S RECOGNITION OF THE ALERT, AND FIRING BY THE INTRUDERS WERE ALMOST SIMULTANECUS. THE HANDLER DID NOT HAVE TIME TO CHALLENGE.

WHY DIDN'T DEFENSE FORCE MEMBERS FIRE AT INTRUDERS WITHOUT CHAL-LENGING SUBSEQUENT TO THE FIRST INCIDENT WITH THE K9 POST THREE HANDLER? AREA IS DARK PRECLUDING REASONABLE DEGREE OF ASSURANCE IN

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FORCES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THE INTRUDERS WERE DIRESSED IN A SIMILAR ATTIRE WORN BY THE THAI GUARDS AND SECURITY POLICE. THERE WAS NO WITNESS TO THE INITIAL FIRING OTHER THAN THE K9 HANDLER FIRED UPON. WHY DIDN'T DEFENSE FORCE MEMBERS ON POST 147 MMS ENTRY CONTROLLER AND 146 CLOSE-IN MACHINEGUNNER FIRE AT INTRUDERS? THE THREE UNIDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS WERE SIGHTED OUTSIDE OF THE RESTRICTED AREA WHERE PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC (EVEN THOUGH SUSPICIOUS) IS NOT UNUSUAL. THE PRESENCE OF THESE INDIVIDUALS DID NOT POSE AN INDIED-IATE THREAT TO THE US RESOURCES OR PERSONNEL. FURTHER, LACK OF LIGHTING PREVENTED POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION. SINCE THAI NATIONALS ARE EMPLOYED IN THE MMS AREAS. SUCH SIGHTINGS STILL DOES NOT JUSTIFY FIRING AT THEM WITHOUT PROPERLY CHALLENGING. EVEN AFTER THEIR CON-FRONTATION WITH A K9 SENTRY, INABILITY TO IDENTIFY AND DISTINGUISH ENEMY FROM FRIENDLY FORCES PREVENTED BOTH SENTRIES TO IMMEDIATELY OPEN FIRE. MOMENTS LATER, 147 GUARD WOULD HAVE BEEN FIRING TOWARD 146 IN THE DIRECTION OF PARKED AIRCRAFT. 146 GUARD DID NOT WITNESS FIRING BY THE INTRUDERS EVEN THOUGH HE HEARD SHOTS BEING FIRED. WHEN HE AGAIN SPOTTED INTRUDERS, HE WOULD HAVE FIRED TOWARD PARKED

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FIRE AT THE INTRUBERS.

WHY WEREN'T SAPPERS DETECTED WHILE PENETRATING THE BASE PERIMETER DEFENSES?

ON PRIVATE PROPERTY EXTENDS UP TO THE PENCE LINE ALONG MOST OF THIS OUTER PURISHTER. DISTANCES BETWEEN PERTINETER TOWERS AVERAGE ABOUT 2000 FERT. THE FENCE CONSISTS OF THREE ROLLS OF CONCERTINA WIRE AND DOUBLE APRON. THERE IS GOOD PERTHETER LIGHTING IN THE AREA PENCETRATED. SENTRIES IN THE TOWERS WERE CHECKED DURING THE NIGHT AND MORNING OF THE ATTACK AND WERE ALERT WHEN CHECKED. THAT GUARDS WERE MANNING THESE PERIMETER POSTS.

b. Possibly the single greatest aid to the fenetrators was the fact that the base had never been hit by an attack and there was no intelligence indicating an increase or change in the threat. It is extremely rare (never in thatland previously) for sappers to be detected prior to reaching their targets during white night conditions. In the instant case the detection by sentries patroling and

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POSITIONED CLOSER TO THE RESOURCES INDICATES THAT THE SECURITY FORCE WAS ALERT. THIS DETECTION WAS BEEN CREDITED WITH THWARTING THE ENERY'S ATTACK PLANS AND LIMITING DAMAGE TO THE RESOURCES TO MINOR LEVELS.

THERE ARE NO ELECTRONIC PENETRATION DETECTION DEVICES AT U-TAPAC. THESE PERIMETER SYSTEMS HAVE PROVED THEIR UCLTH ELSEWHERE IN SEA. A CURRENT SURVEY BY THE PACAF ICS INDICATES THAT SUCH DEVICES CAN BE USED TO GOOD ADVANTAGE AT U-TAPAO. RECOMMEND STRÖNG SUPPORT IN THIS AREA.

HOW WERE BREACHES IN PERIMETER AND 1995 FENSES AFFECTED, THAT IS, CUT, STREACHED GPEN, ETC. THE FENCE WAS CUT.

OFFICER AND SENIOR NCO SUPERVISION: DURING THE MIGHT AND MORNING OF THE ATTACK, THE ON-DUTY FLIGHT (TIGER FLIGHT) WAS CHECKED BY THO SECURITY POLICE OFFICERS PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. THE SQUADRON OPERA-TIONS OFFICER, CAPTAIN SHIROYAMA, ATTENDED CUARDMOUNT AT 2030 HOURS AND CHECKED POSTS UNTIL 0030 HOURS ON THE 10TH. LT TODD, THE COM-MANDER OF TIGER FLIGHT (AN UNAUTHORIZED POSITION, BUT ONE WHICH WE DEEXED NECESSARY AND HAVE MANNED SINCE APRIL 1971) CONDUCTED

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GUARDMOUNT AND WAS ON A POST CHECK UP TO THE TIME OF THE ATTACK. SQUADRON OFFICERS AND SENIOR NCO'S HAVE PERFORMED HARSH HOURS GUALD CHECKS ON A FREQUENT BASIS - SINCE APRIL 1971. (AT LEAST ONE OFFICER OR SENIOR NCO [TOP 3] COMDUCTS GUARD CHECKS EVERY WIGHT IN ADDITION . TO THE OFFICER AND E-7s ASSIGNED TO TIGER FLIGHT.) ADDITIONALLY THE 307TH STRAT WING COMMANDER, GENERAL ELLIOTT, THE 635TH COMBAY AUPPORT GROUP COMMANDER, COL KNAPP, AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS HAVE INSPECTED AND ADDRESSED TIGER FLIGHT DURING GUARDMOUNTS ON MULTEROUS OCCASIONS PRICE TO THE ATTACK. MUCH OF THE DIFFICULTY IN MOTIVATING THE SECURITY FORCE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, OF COURSE, BY THE ATTACK ITSELF. THERE REMAINS A MAJOR PROBLEM IN OFFICER AND MIDDLE MANAGE-MENT SUPERVISION. THE 635TH SPS HAS A TOTAL AUTHORIZED STRENGTH OF 995 PERSONNEL INCLUDING THE 554 BOYAL THAT GUARDS OVER WHICH WE HAVE OPERATIONAL CONTROL AND SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES. FIVE OFFICERS,

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THREE SUPER GRADES (INCLUDING THE PIRST SGT), EIGHT MASTER SERGEANTS, AND 14 TECH SERGEMITS ARE THE TOTAL NUMBER OF GUARANTEED CAREER PERSONNEL AUTHORIZED TO MANAGE THIS FORCE. WE AT EASE LEVEL RECOM-MEND A TOTAL REEVALUATION OF THE UNIT DETAIL LISTING TO INCLUDE

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THE POSTED SENTRY, WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING AS A MINIMUM NUMBER
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TO 6350SQ/CC/U TAPAO AFLD THAILAND

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REFERENCE: 13AF UNCLASSIFIED EFTO MESSAGE R130300Z 72,
SUBJECT: U-TAPAO ATTACK,
I WISH TO ADD MY OWN WORDS OF APPRECIATION TO THOSE OF
GENERAL CLAY'S AND GENERAL MCNICKLE'S FOR THE OUTSTANDING:
MANNER IN WHICH MEMBERS OF THE 635TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP:
RESPONDED DURING THE 10 JAN 72 SAPPER ATTACK ON U-TAPAO
AIRFIELD,
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