

VIETNAM

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Tuy Hoa Air Base

31st SPS

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(1967-1968)

Attached are photos from Security Police activities at th Air Base. On some, I can't really give you much caption information because I don't know the individuals, name of posts, etc. But can tell you all were taken in 1968 and that the towers and the bunker shot are on the base perimeter. Have a lot of photos of the base itself but have restricted this to direct SP material. Sincerely, *Dick Larsen*

Perhaps the men will recognize faces and locations and add their comments!



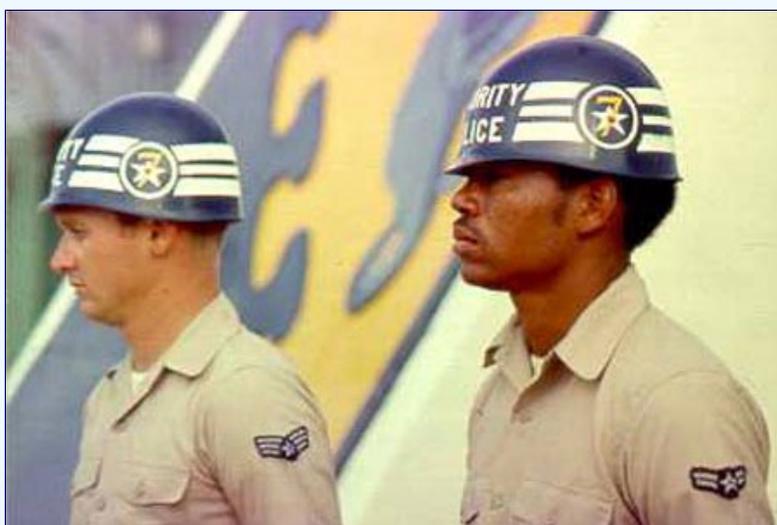
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(6) A photo of two SPS [law enforcement] taken elsewhere in the country (I really have no idea where other than it was not at Tuy Hoa AB).



7) An aerial of the base taken from an HH-43 Pedro helicopter. It is at the south end of the base along the shoreline looking towards the north. If my memory serves me, the metal hooches at the bottom of the picture were the

31st SPS barracks area. The small buildings between the hooches are bomb shelters. The flight line area is in the upper left edge of the picture.



8) The aircraft parking area on the Tuy Hoa flight line with F-100s parked in the revetment areas. This is the area the sappers tried to penetrate during the July 29th attack. But instead they attacked C-130s, probably because they were much larger planes and were on the end of the revetment area so easier to get at.



9) The same HH-43 Pedro mission and shows an area of the perimeter on the northwest side of the base near the end of the runways. Note the three towers situated along the perimeter road.



10) On the same mission just from a much higher altitude. The Pedro is south of the base and we are looking back towards the north. The area at the bottom of the photograph is the bomb dump and the runways are at the top. You can also clearly see the perimeter road along which many security positions, bunkers and towers were situated.



11) An HC-130P "Crown" Hercules from the 39th ARRS parked in the th revetment area. Two aircraft like this were completely destroyed in the July 29th attack after satchel charges were thrown into the aircraft. The "Crown" aircraft were used to direct rescue and recovery missions conducted by USAF Jolly Green crews, including missions over North Vietnam.



12) A exposed U.S. Army POL pipe line supplied fuel to Tuy Hoa Air from the Vung Ro Bay depot some 12 miles south of the base. Attacks against the line were common. This one occurred in September 1968. (Col. Aust document)

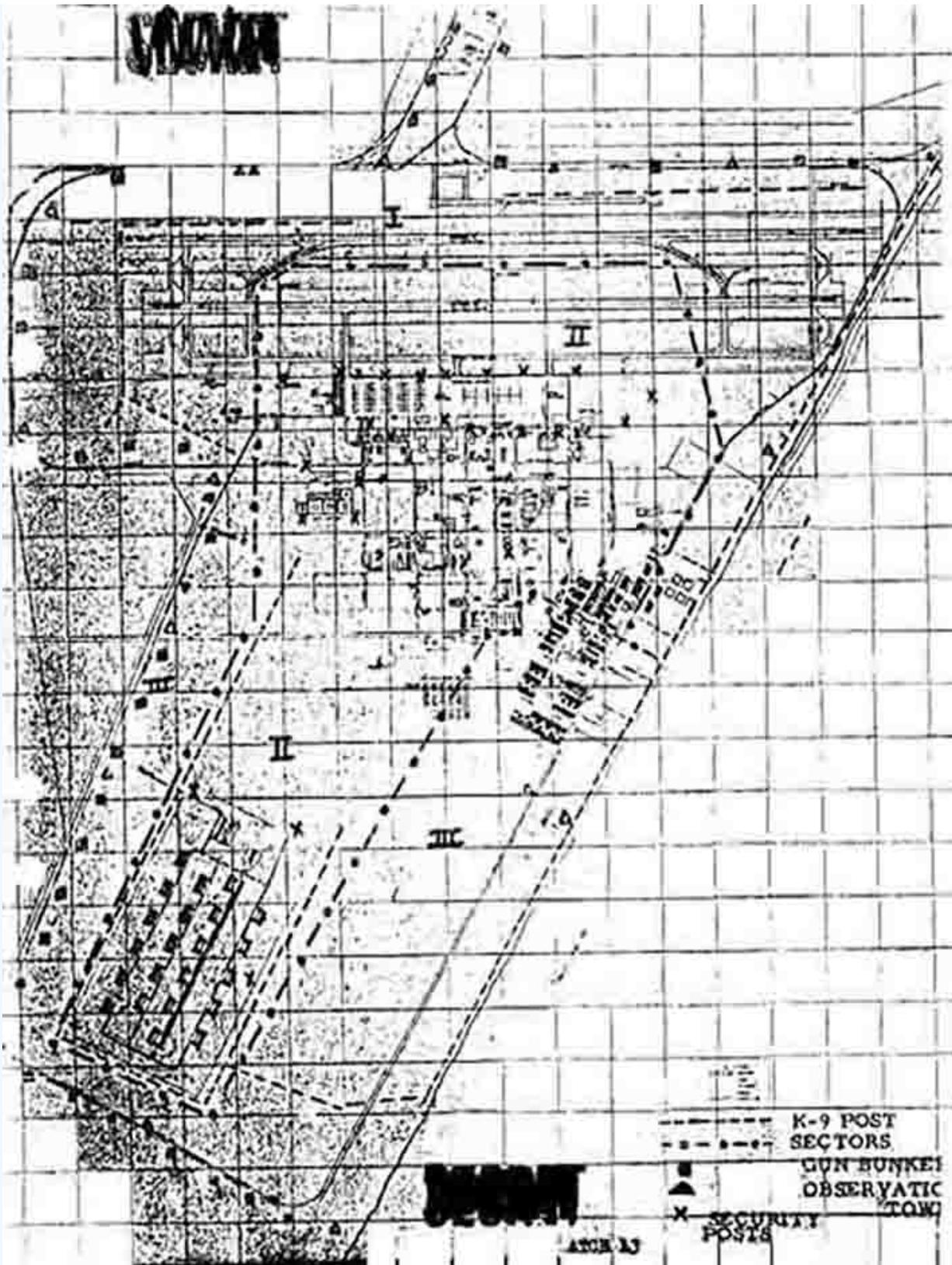
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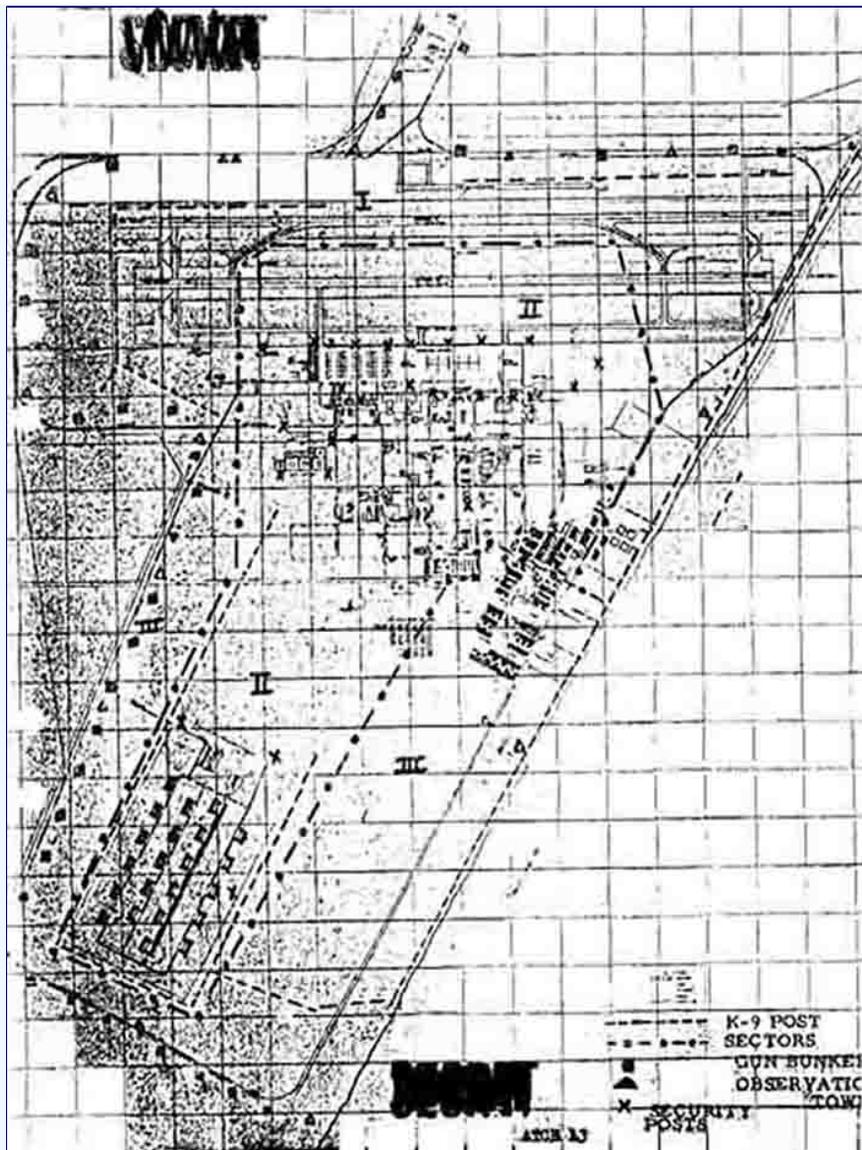
APPENDIX I

ROSTER OF KEY PERSONNEL

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>DUTY POSITION</u>
Welch, John B., Jr.	Lt Col	Squadron Commander
Robertson, Gilbert D.	Capt	Operations Officer
Hermann, John C.	Capt	Chief, Law Enforcement
Bojo, Manuel	Capt	Chief, Weapons System Security
Brenzel, Robert G.	Capt	Intelligence Officer
Hurdell, Wendell H.	Capt	Squadron Section Commander
Miller, William	1LT	TDY Intelligence Officer, 321 Stry Police Sq
Evanis, Norman	MSGT	Police Superintendent
Qualls, Leslie	MSGT	NCOIC, Law Enforcement
Williams, Carlton H.	MSGT	NCOIC, Weapons System Security
Dunbar, Robert E.	MSGT	First Sergeant
Mascals, Louis A.	MSGT	Flight Commander, "A" Security
Crynes, Paul J.	MSGT	Flight Commander, "B" Security
Stibton, Joe L.	MSGT	Flight Commander, Tiger Security
DEPARTURES		
Spryn, Michael	Major	to Loring AFB, Maine
Kingston, Thomas	Major	to Phu Cat AB
Huffman, Kenneth E.	Capt	to Ton San Nhut AB
ARRIVALS		
Brenzel, Robert G.	Capt	
Hendrix, Virgil E.	MSGT	

13) A SSgt from the 31st SPS looks at captured 75mm recoilless rifles as Korean soldiers explain about the weapons. The weapons had been captured by troops from the 28th Republic of Korea Regiment stationed in the Tuy Hoa Area and provided off-base security in the area. The two recoilless rifles were part of a large captured weapons display put on at Tuy Hoa Air Base by the Korea soldiers in the fall of 1968.





14) Tuy Hoa AB: K-9 Post Sectors; Gun Bunkers; Observation Towers; Perimeter Map.
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15) 31st SPS History - Oct-Dec, 1968

16) 31st SPS History - Jan-Mar, 1969

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