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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-07

A LIMITED OPERATIONS DAX THURSDAY TURNED INTO ONE OF FULL-SCALE OPERATIONS WHEN RIVER DIVISION 111 CARRYING BRAVO COMPANY OF 3//0 INFANTRY CAME UNDER HEAVY ENEMY FIRE SOUTH OF VINH LONG AT 1055.

ONE NAVY MAN AND AT LEAST ONE OF THE EMBACKED ARMY TROOPS WERE WOUNDED IN THE BARRAGE OF AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND B-40 ROCKET FIRE. IMMEDIATELY ALPHA AND ECHO COMPANIES WERE MOBILIZED AND WITHIN AN HOUR THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO THE AREA OF ATTACK ABOARD OTHER UNITS OF RIVER DIVISION 111.

IN THE CONTACT THAT DEVELOPED DURING THE AFTERNOON AND EARLY EVENING, THREE ARMY PERSONNEL WERE KILLED AND 44 OTHERS HAD BEEN WOUNDED AS OF 2100 TUESDAY EVENING. SIXTY THREE VC HAD BEEN KIA AS

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OF 2100.

THE THREE ARMY FATALITIES AND EIGHT OF THEIR WOUNDED OCCURRED WHEN ALPHA COMPANY OF 3//;TH CAME UNDER HEAVY FIRE FROM THREE SIDES JUST AFTER BEACHING BY RIV DIV 111 UNITS. LATER ELEMENTS OF 3/47 INFANTRY AND BOATS OF RIV DIV 92 WERE ALSO DEPLOYED TO THE AREA AND BRAVO COMPANY WAS INSERTED ABOUT 1910.

FOURTEEN NAVAL PERSONNEL HAD BEEN WOUNDED AS OF 2100. SIX MEN WERE WOUNDED WHEN A ROCKET STRUCK T-111-1. THERE WERE TWO WOUNDED ON A-92-2 AND ONE EACH ON T-111-9, T-111-10, T-111-12, A-111-1, A-111-7, AND M-92-1.

MONITOR 91-3 WHILE UNDERWAY NEAR THE MRB AT 2020 REPORTED THAT A CONCUSSION WENT OFF BENEATH THE BOAT, RAISING THE ASSAULT CRAFT ABOUT TWO FEET OUT OF THE WATER. THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES AND NO APPARENT DAMAGE TO THE BOAT.

LIGHT LIFT CRAFT THREE WAS DISPATCHED FROM VUNG TAU TO THE MOUTH OF THE MY THO (CUA DAI) TUESDAY TO BEGIN SALVAGE OPERATIONS ON AN ASPB WHICH HAD SUNK IN THE AREA ON MONDAY WHEN ITS ENGINE SPACES FLOODED. THE ASPB, A-3 OF RIV DIV 92, HAD BEEN CONDUCTING TRIAL OPERATIONS WITH PBR UNITS FOR THE PAST FOUR WEEKS. A-92-3 IS BEING RETURNED TO DONV TAM FOR REPAIRS.

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FROM THE BEVING OF THE TET PERIOD UNTIL 0001 ON 6 FEBRUARY, THE MRF HAD ACCOUNTED FOR 189 VC KIA AND TAKEN 163 DETAINEES. DURING THE SAME PERIOD THERE WERE 7 US KIA AND 97 WIA. THIS EQUALS A KILL RATIO OF 27 TO 1.

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