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CUO NR #1536

YAPD YAPD DE JBRI NR09/16  
R 161150Z FEB 68  
FM COMRIVFLOT ONE  
TO USS BENEWAH  
USS COLLETON  
USS ASKARI  
APL TWO SIX  
USS WASHTENAW COUNTY  
BT

*Time 11:47 AT 12:18 Z  
-T- APL-26, COMRIVRON 11*

*TOD*  

NFLX	1240Z
NULY	1241Z
NDNU	1242Z

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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 02-17

MRF ELEMENTS CONTINUED THEIR SEARCH AND DESTROY OPERATIONS  
SOUTHWEST OF CAN THO THURSDAY, REPORTING VIRTUALLY NO CONTACT  
ALL DAY.

FIVE DEAD VIET CONG FOUND BY ECHO COMPANY OF 3/47TH  
INFANTRY LATE IN THE AFTERNOON WERE THE ONLY ENEMY CASUALTIES  
OF THE DAY. TWO ARMY PERSONNEL RECEIVED MINOR WOUNDS WHEN THEY  
STEPPED ON BOOBY TRAPS.

RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT CONTINUED NIGHTLY WATERBORNE PATROLS  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, BUT ENCOUNTERED NO UNUSUAL SAMPAN TRAFFIC.

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ATC 111-3 WAS THE ONLY BOAT TO DRAW HOSTILE FIRE DURING THE FIRST  
THREE DAYS OF OPERATIONS. AT 2220 THURSDAY IT RECEIVED SMALL ARMS  
AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM BOTH BANKS OF A NARROW STREAM. THE  
HOSTILE FIRE WAS QUICKLY SUPPRESSED BY 20 MM CANNON AND .30 CAL AND  
.50 CAL MACHINE GUNS.

ON FRIDAY, BENEWAH LOGGED HER 5,000TH HELICOPTER LANDING SINCE  
ARRIVING IN VIETNAM A LITTLE LESS THAN TEN MONTHS AGO. COMMODORE  
SALZER, WHO WAS EMBARKED IN THE ARMY HUEY WHEN IT TOUCHED DOWN  
AT 1400, WAS GREETED BY BENEWAH COMMANDING OFFICER LIFUTENANT  
COMMANDER SAUCIER.

ASKARI IS CELEBRATING THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF HER SECOND TOUR  
OF SERVICE IN VIETNAM. THE LANDING CRAFT REPAIR SHIP WAS THE FIRST  
OF THE MRB'S FOUR PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED SHIPS TO ARRIVE IN COUNTRY ON  
FEBRUARY 15, 1967. THE ASKARI IS THE MRB'S ONLY VIETNAM VETERAN,  
HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE VIETNAMESE "PASSAGE TO FREEDOM" IN 1954.

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