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DAILY INTERNAL INFORMATION SUMMARY NO. 92-25

A NEW CONCEPT IN MRF OPERATIONS WAS INTRODUCED YESTERDAY AS ARMY AND NAVY ELEMENTS CONDUCTED A NOVEL ENCIRCLE AND SEARCH OPERATION ON CU LAG MAY ISLAND, TEN MILES SOUTHEAST OF THE MRB IN THE BASSAC RIVER.

BY 0730, FORTY-FOUR RIVER ASSAULT CRAFT AND 10 PBR'S HAD COMPLETELY SURROUNDED THE ISLAND WITH A NAVAL BLOCKADE. BOTH AFLOAT AND AIRBORNE LOUD-SPEAKER TEAMS WAR NED THE POPULACE OF THE IMPENDING OFERATION AND DIRECTED THEM TO REPORT TO ONE OF TWO DETAINEE CENTERS.

THE BOATS OF RIVER DIVISION 92 AND 111 THEN MOVED IN TO BEACH 3/47 AND 3/60 INFANTRY BATTALIONS ON EITHER END OF THE ISLAND. THE ARMY TROOPS SWEPT TOWARD EACH OTHER FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE

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DAY, REPORTING NO CONTACT BUT DETAINING 433 VIETNAMESE MALES OF
MILITARY AGE AND CAPTURING A SMALL AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION AND A FEW
PROPAGANDA MATERIALS.

INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS LATER CLASSIFED THE 433 DETAINEES AS 406 IN NO CE NT CIVILIA NS, 23 CIVILIAN DEFENDANTS; TWO POLITICAL CADRE AND TWO PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE ONLY CASUALTIES OF THE DAY WERESTHREE ARMY PERSONNEL WHO WERE WOUNDED BY A BOOBY TRAP EARLY IN THE MORNING.

FOLLOWING THE SWEEP OF THE ISLAND, IN WHICH 49 BUNKERS AND TWO MINES WERE DESTROYED, THE TROOPS WERE BACKLOADED AND RETURNED TO THE MRB BY EARLY EVENING.

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