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SUBJECT: Daily SITREP 212 for 030001H Jun to 032400H Jun 70.

1. (C) Operations Summary

A. The 1/12th Inf cont opn PUTNAM PARAGON, working from FSB KIOWA, BR337657.

(1) A Co cont RIF opn in area bounded by BR3560-3558-3758-3760. Vic of 364601 found a hootch 5x4x4' 2 mo old, inside was one GI helmet used for cooking. A bunker 4x6x5' w/ 2' O/H was located in this area, bunker was 2 mo old, and last used 2-3 days ago by 6 indiv. A trail in the area was oriented N-S, 12" wide and not visible from the air. Area last used 2-3 days ago. A trail was found in vic 363600, oriented on a 60-240° AZ, 18" wide, well used and not visible from the air. It was used 4-7 days ago. One hundred meters down the trail on an AZ 060° a hootch was found, 5x4x5' one week old; a bunker 14x6x4' w/ 2' O/H. The bunker contained a small animal pen, and had been used 4-7 days ago by 4 indiv. Approx 1500H A Co conducted a CA from several PZ's in above AO, to an LZ vic 303657. Final LZ at 1545H. A Co then cont S&D opns in new AO bounded by 2865-3065-280665-300665. Vic of 302656 2/A found a hootch 5x10x8' and 6 spider holes, 5x5x3' with wood cut for O/H for bunkers, 7 days old, last used 1-3 days ago.

(2) Co B conducted CA from BR354608 to FSB KIOWA and takes over the security of the fire base. Vic 336655, 1/1/B found 3 sleeper bunkers, 12x5x5' w/ 1½' O/H. The bunkers were 6 mo old and showed neg recent use. Vic 337663 this element found 2 hootches, 6x8x6' 12 mo old and fallen down.

(3) C Co moved off FSB KIOWA after the CA of B Co was complete. Moving to the north C Co began conducting S&D opns in AO bounded by 3166-3366-3168-3368. In the vic of 331668 1/C found a hootch, 6x5x6', 4' off the

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ground. The hootch had been used for storage but was empty. Hootch was 2 mo old and last use 6 weeks ago. Vic 332626 1st sqd of 1/C found 2 ammo cans w/ 4 mortar fuses, 2 charges and 4 shotgun type primers. Cans believed to have been buried at one time.

(4) D Co cont S&D opns in area bounded by 3762-4062-3760-4060. Vic 366617 D Co found 1 rice storage hootch, (empty) 4x4x4', 2 mo old and last used 6 weeks ago. Vic 362612 the Co found a hootch-bunker complex. One bunker 4x4x3' w/ 2' O/H, 2 mo old with a fence 6' high which was a year old and fallen. Two more bunkers 4 mo old, of which one was 6x4x5' w/ 2' O/H the other 6x3x3' w/ 2' O/H. There were 2 hootches 8x6x8', 4-6 mo old and 10 bunkers 4x4x4' w/ 1' O/H and 15 bunkers 6x5x4' w/ 2' O/H. There were 40-45 spider holes in the area, 2' in diameter and 3-3½' deep. The area had last been used 7-10 weeks ago by a VMC element. The complex has a capacity of 50 indiv. A trail junction was located, the trails were running N-S and E-W, 12" wide and not visible from the air. Last use on the trails est at 2 days by an undetermined number of indiv. While moving N along the trail the point element found 2 hootches vic 352625. One of the hootches contained 2 NVA indiv which tried to escape the hootch, they were taken under fire and killed. (Hootches were 8x12x6'). While sweeping the area they received an undetermined number of S/A fire and 2 B40 rds, est to be from 10-12 indiv who fled NW. D Co found 11 hootches 6x8x4' with 7 Chicom grenades, 1 AK-47, 1 Chicom carbine, (originally reported as an SKS); 200 rds loose AK ammo; blasting caps; 3 B40 rockets, 4 charges for B40 rockets; 4 khaki uniforms and 5 sets of green fatigues; 4 gas masks (unkn orgin); field dressings; 2 hammocks; 15 lbs of polished rice; cans of fruit; wire cutters; documents including a diagram of an installation; picture of Ho Chi Minh; a newspaper; a game 13 satchel charges at 1-2 lbs apiece; 18 12-oz beer and soda cans full of TNT; 3 boosters for mortars, 2 bags containing 1 lb powder; 1 aid box and an aid

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bag with medical supplies, six rucks. One ruck with tailors implements, 1 5 gal water can, various scraps of food, and one 9mm pistol.

(5) Recon vic 355639 found an old enemy perimeter. The area contained numerous bamboo racks and cooking utensils with rice scattered on the ground throughout the area. While Recon was still in the perimeter checking the area when an indiv approached. This indiv spotted Recon at the same time Recon sighted him, Recon engaged the indiv w/ 1 rd at 20m. The indiv was wearing boots and green fatigues, no headgear and no weapon was observed. In the SEL one set of clean green fatigues were found along with a pair of black undershorts. M-79 HE was fired to the S. Recon moved 50m to the S and found 2 caves: one 20x15x4' containing numerous baskets, cooking utensils, to include knives, fresh vegetables and potatoes. The 2nd cave contained sleeping racks and fresh bamboo cuttings. The area surrounding the caves held a number of camp fires, numerous cross bows and showed evidence that indiv had been making crossbows. Area had been used by 10-12 indiv, most of them Montagnards, but including 2-3 NVA in the past 24H. In the same area an OP position was located on a large rock, which provided an excellent view of FSB KIOWA. Fifty meters west of the OP a cave was located, 5x4x4', with a Montagnard basket containing 12 SKS rds, 6 Ak rds, and 2 loaded M-16 magazines, also loose M-60 rds, balls of yarn, cotton cloth, french coins, surgical scissors, beads bracelets, documents dtd 12-68, bag of poppy seeds and a tube of pepsodent toothpaste. While sweeping the area Recon located 2 more caves, (one 5x3x20', the other 5x3x10'); 7 foxhole type positions 3x3x4' each of which had a cooking fire-place. There were 4 clean new and complete uniforms(NVA). One shirt had a name on it and was backhauled. Also found were 4 clips of SKS ammo, 2 non-electrical blasting caps(non US) and 6 expended 20mm rds. There was a silhouette of a Huey helicopter made of wood, and 2 typewritten documents, one of which mentions unit K324. KCS said it was an award for VMC. Vic of 348650 Recon found a cache in burlap

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bags in the open. The bags were on a bamboo platform 4x4' and 2' off the ground. They were tied down w/ a plastic covering. The bags contained: 4 rolls of green plastic for ponchos; 4 bags of black PJ's and blue uniforms; 5 new NVA rucksacks; 7 sets of Korean type fatigues w/ 2 extra shirts and 10 sets of khaki uniforms(US) with 1 extra shirt.

B. Cumulative results of all opns since 15 Feb:

US losses: 50 WIA; 15 KIA.

Fdly losses: 1 KCS WIA.

US inflicted enemy losses: 21 enemy KIA, (BC); 3 VMC CIA; 23 S/A CIA; 1 82mm mortar base plate CIA; 2 Chicom rdios and 1 PRC-10 CIA; 4 Chicom field phones and 4 Chicom switchboards CIA; 150,300 lbs rice CIA; 1000 lbs salt CIA; 13 satchel charges CIA; misc docu and equip CIA.

2. Remarks: None

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