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1	0001	0002	(U) Journal opened.		RM
2	0230	0231	(C) To Bn from Bde. Subject: Eminent Attack Indicators IFFV. Agent reports PW and Hoi Chans captured in Dak To area and other sources continue to indicate a probable Corps wide or nationwide offensive to be initiated today through August. From current information in the II Corps area, major NVA units will not be employed. It is believed that the initial attacks will be conducted by VC main, local, and guerilla units. Standing offensive and sapper attacks against U.S. installations, GVN paramilitary and administrative areas singled out by the enemy to inflict maximum disruption of GVN. All personnel are to be notified of this possibility and make aware of the necessity of increased security.	S	MJR
3	0231	0232	(S) To Bn from Bde. Subject: Eminent Attack Indicators IFFV. This information is being transmitted as a further indication of an eminent National offensive, indicated in a document captured by the 185 RDCo, on 26 July 1969 at BR 913378. The document is a VC top secret order from the An Fnhon district committee and signed by Ngoc Xvan, a member of the current affairs committee. It recaps recent VC successes in the An Fnhon district, contains the order for the autumn campaign. The tasks are to disrupt enemy (FVMAF) forces, break the GVN administration hold, disrupt the RD program, and organize and upgrade legal armed political forces. The plans were completed 25 July 1969. It appears that the signal to commence the communist offensive will be country wide, as indicated in the Hoi Chan debriefing of Nhuyan Van Tahan from Quin Nhon, and passed by NLF radio. Additional reporting agents indicate that the attacking elements are prepared and ready to attack. It is essential that this information is passed to the lowest level for utmost security.	S	MJR
4	0232	0233	(C) To Bn from Bde. Subject: Eminent Attack Indicators IFFV. There are increased indications of sapper and terrorist attacks to be directed at U.S. personnel and installations soon. Urban areas along the coast in particular are threatened, although local terrorism is indicated throughout the Highlands. It is essential during this period that provisions (cont'd)	S	MJR

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4	0232	0233	(C) To Bn from Bde. (cont'd) be made to reinforce S security. Individuals should be informed of the possibility of sappers and attacks against installations and firebases. Each individual should be informed of the need for increased vigilance and to take action for the increased security of himself and others. The recent assassinations of village chiefs in the Plei Mrong area is believed to be the beginning of communist activities.	S		
5	0730	0731	(U) To Bn from Bde. All units will have practice alerts testing FCB defense system within 24 hours. All personnel will be advised intelligence has indicated the need for increased vigilance. This HQ is to be notified on completion of the above requirements.	S	MJR	
6	0755	0756	(U) To Bde from Bn. Engineers have SP this location on north bound mine sweep.	Bde	MJR	
7	0800	0801	(U) To S-3 from Bde. Maintain one company reaction force for a RFPF operation being conducted northwest of this location. Have one platoon on 30 minute standby and remainder of company on one hour standby. Overlay and details will follow on Bde commander's visit to St. George.	S	MJR	
8	0830	0831	(U) To Bde from Bn. All SRPs have closed at this time.	Bde	RC	
9	0845	0846	(U) To Bde from Bn. Recon has SP their NL at this time.	Bde	RC	
10	0900	0901	(U) To Bn from Bde. Operation P 126D 5 Aug to 10 Aug. Search and clear by one platoon of strike force. AO 1814, 2414, 2418, 1818.	S	RC	
11	1015	1016	(U) To Bde from Bn. D Company has SP their LRP 72 has SP his NL to the east.	NL. Bde	RC	
12	1016	1017	(U) To Bde from Bn. Request AO extension for duration of Bn mission. ZA 1814, 235140, 1809, 2309.	Bde	RC	
13	1017	1018	(U) To Bde from Bn. Request AO extension from 051400 to 061400 Aug. AO 9209, 9206, 9409, 9406 for one bushmaster from A Company. Approved from Plei Me at 1145 hours.	Bde	RC	
14	1020	1021	(U) To Bde from Bn. Mine sweep closed to St. George at 1015 hours with negative findings to the South.	Bde	RC	
15	1100	1101	(U) To Bde from Bn. B Company has SP their NL.	Bde	RC	
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16	1115	1116	(U) To Bde from Bn. Recon and LRP 16 spotted 3 individuals at 913169 at 1100 hours. Equipment, uniforms, and weapons were not identifiable. Engaged in small arms fire, but had no return fire. They disappeared into the thick foliage. Sweeping the area and had negative findings.	Bde	RC		
17	1116	1117	(U) To Bde from Bn. Mine sweep from the north closed St. George at 1045 hours with negative findings.	Bde	RC		
18	1400	1401	(U) To Bde from Bn. Recon and LRP 16 spotted 3-4 individuals with weapons 700 meters away from them at grid 912164 at 1315 hours. They could not tell what kind of weapons or what type of uniforms the enemy had. Employing artillery now and will sweep the area after EOM.	Bde	RC		
19	1455	1456	(U) To Bde from Bn. A successful practice alert was held at St. George at 1445 hours.	Bde	RC		
20	1456	1457	(U) To Bde from Bn. Present locations: Both day patrols of A Company have closed. A Company bushmaster has SP at 1430 hours. B Company is at 246052. D Company is at 231106.	Bde	RC		
21	1700	1701	(U) To NCS from Plei Me. P124-D 3 to 8 Aug AO 1117, 1112, 1717, 1712. P133D 13 to 18 Aug AO 1018, 1012, 1612, 1618. P127D 10 to 15 Aug AO 1100, 1195, 1700, 1795. P132D 11 to 16 Aug AO 2404, 8104, 8110, 2410. P125D 7 to 12 Aug AO 2309, 7909, 7914, 2314. P126D 5 to 10 Aug AO 1814, 2414, 2418, 1818.	Bde	SC		
22	1900	1901	(U) To Bn from Bde. Movement Planning: A. Number of passengers, cargo short count-cargo cube for air- move of combat element, left field trains. B. Requirement for overland trail movement of Bn and Bde. Field trained and combat support of combat service units of combat unit moves by air. C. Require for movement of all Bde element by overland trail with out air movement support. QSL SC	S	SC		
23	1940	1941	(U) To Bn from Bde. To advise onec again to east boundary of 1/14th AO Ia Ayun River. S-3 1/14 will provide security of a minimum of one platoon for B 5/16 artillery convoy from LZ Weigt Davis to CP S/60 on 6 Aug. Upon arrival CPS/60 security mission will be assumed A Company 1/69 Armor. QSL SC	S	SC		
24	2100	2101	(U) To Bde from Bn. A Company bushmaster at grid 925076 took incoming rounds at 1940 hours.	11 Bde	SC		
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25	2245	2246	(U) To Bde from Bn. AO extension 050800 to 081600 Aug. 7609-09 junction Hwy 14 - 7604-7904-7905-05 junction Hwy 14. Cleared through Phu Nhon.	Bde	SC		
26	2340	2341	(U) To NCS from District. PF outpost was firing mortars at one bushmaster from A Company.	Bde	SC		
27	2345	2346	(U) To Bn from Bde. Scorpion Box Priority 3 5 Aug. AR9518-9523-9823-9818. Cleared by S-3.	S	SC		
28	2355	2356	(U) To NCS from Plei Me. Scorpion Box Priority 1 for 6 Aug. YA9606-9619-0419-0406. Cleared by Plei Me.	Bde	SC		
29	0755	0756	(U) To Bde from Bn. All elements report malaria roster signed with shirts on and sleeves rolled down: A,B,C,D,E, MORTARS, RECON, COMMO, 106RR, AND BASE CAMP REAR.	100% Bde	FM		
30	2000	2001	(U) To Bde from Bn. Closing locations for elements of the 1/14th Infantry, A Company is at LZ Weigt Davis with SRPs at 885136, 869132, 884104, 899109, bushmaster at 915080. B Company NL is at 767051 with SRPs at 763051, 771045, 771056. C Company is at LZ St. George with SRPs at 845165, 851156, 865147, 860130, and 1st platoon is at 837165. D Company NL is at 230115, with SRPs at 232119, 226117, 225111, 230121. Recon is at 907172 with bushmasters at 905171, 904167. LRP Clinic 16 is at 907172, LRP Nitrate 67 is at 918143, LRP Nitrate 72 is at 938106. Mortars(4.2) are at Weigt Davis. Plans Summary: A Company will continue defense of Weigt Davis and 3rd platoon 1st squad will conduct a day patrol from FB to 887110-899093-906104 and return to FB, 3rd platoon 2nd squad day patrol will move from FB to 898129, 884136, 865135 and return to FB; 2nd platoon will conduct a bushmaster in a location to be determined on 6 Aug. B Company will continue to move east from their NL and search out low ground vic AR7705 for infiltration routes. C Company will continue defense of LZ St. George, 1st platoon will move from PF outpost and village vic 837165 to St. George, 3rd platoon will move to PF outpost vic 837165 and assume mission of advising and aiding the outpost in preparation of defenses for the pacification of the area. D Company will move from their NL west checking the village vic 222132, 192136 and high ground between. Recon will move from their NL east attempting to determine (cont'd)	Bde	FM		
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30	2000	2001	(U) To Bde from Bn. (cont'd) size of enemy unit elements which have been sighted in the area for the past 5 days. Also set up small size bush-masters to catch groups of 3-5 people moving from east to west. Air request: one LOH for 3 hours for VR and CC anytime; one slick at 1500 hours for resupply for two hours; one slick first flyable for backhaul; for 7 August two hook sorties to Plei Me for artillery 1 class and one water trailer.	Bde	RM
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	Energy Casualties	(C)	0 0 0 0		
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			5 August 1969 Summary		
			(C) The Golden Dragons continued RIF, SRP, and Ambush operations within the assigned AO. Operations at Plei Me are still on. Intelligence reports from Bde were passed to us so that we are now alerted for a possible new communist offensive.		
			(C) Plans: The 1/14th Infantry will continue RIF, SRP, and Ambush operations within the assigned AO. Plei Me operations will continue.		
31	2400	0001	(U) Journal closed.		RM

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