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1. (C) Significant Unit Activities:

a. During the reported period elements of the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion in accordance with Third United States Army General Order Number 39 as amended continued to close in country. Prior to the arrival of these elements from CONUS, the organization of the Battalion was as depicted on inclosure #1. The arrival of these elements effected the organization of the Battalion as shown on inclosure #2. By the end of the year, it is planned that the Battalion will be completely reorganized as shown on inclosure #3. This will be accomplished with the closure of all elements of the Battalion from CONUS and upon completion of staffing, initiation and approval of Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment. The elements of the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion presently support the intelligence activities as indicated in inclosure #4.

b. The Battalion Headquarters and the Headquarters and Headquarters Company continued during the period to build and reinforce the permanent defenses at the Battalion Headquarters Compound, located at 32/1 Nguyen Van Hoc, Gia Dinh, Saigon, Vietnam (Coordinates XS 871965) as well as the other facilities on the compound. With the arrival of additional elements, the Battalion was responsible for billeting, training and assigning these personnel to positions in the field or with other activities. On 22 July 1966, the Battalion's Personnel Section was relocated and attached to 525th Military Intelligence Group for the purpose of consolidating its assets with those of 525th Military Intelligence Group.

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c. Company "A", charged with the responsibility for interrogation and document exploitation as well as advising Vietnamese counterparts in these areas, increased their capability through the additional employment of indigenous personnel -- clerks, translators and interpreters; the acquisition of modern reproduction machines, and colators; and the utilization of IBM machines. Company "A" personnel were employed at national internment camps throughout the Saigon area and the National Chiou Hoi Center (Open Arms Program -- returnee program). The 525th Military Intelligence Group's Surgeon in his spare time aided in the interrogation effort by providing medical aid to Viet Cong Captives and Returnees. Interrogation support to combat units was increased through the arrival of additional personnel, some being placed on extended TDY in support of special intelligence and specific combat operations. The initial increment of interrogation augmentation personnel were deployed to advisory teams throughout the four (4) Corps. Packet A-1 consisting of sixty-nine (69) interrogation, documentation and support personnel arrived in country on 4 June 1966 and was given twenty-two (22) hours of instruction to familiarize the new personnel with the interrogation situation in Vietnam. The US interrogation system in country, hampered by the lack of interrogators with a Vietnamese language capability, began receiving and employing Vietnamese interpreter personnel to assist US interrogation personnel in performing field interrogations. On 17 June 1966, the Automatic Data Processing Team began input operations at the Combined Document Exploitation Center. Documentation exploitation personnel were also sent to field units to screen and exploit documents acquired during combat operations. During the reported period, coordination was maintained with the Joint United States Public Affairs Office (JUSPAO) regarding the exploitation of documents.

d. During the reported period, the US intelligence advisors at ARVN Corps, Divisions, and Sectors continue to receive replacement and augmentation personnel in an effort to attain approved authorized strengths. The Signal Detachment in a combined effort with the Communications Platoon of Headquarters and Headquarters Company (and other subordinate communication elements of the 525th Military Intelligence Group) supported the communication needs of the 525th Military Intelligence Group by establishing and maintaining the 525th Military Intelligence Group sole-user intelligence network, a radio and teletype system that connects intelligence elements situated throughout Vietnam. During the reporting period, the 45th Military Intelligence Company (II) continued to support the Imagery Interpretation effort at the Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam. The 4th Military Intelligence Company (II) arrived in country and was amalgamated into the 45th Military Intelligence Company on 4 June 1966 in accordance with General Order Number 19, Headquarters, 525th Military Intelligence Group dated 13 June 1966, effective date 4 June 1966.

2. (C) Commanders Observations and Recommendations:

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a. Observations:

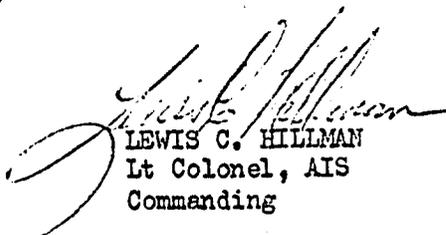
(1) Item: Lack of qualified US intelligence personnel with a Vietnamese language capability which is outside the capability of this command to correct.

(2) Discussion: The lack of sufficient Vietnamese intelligence/interrogator linguists tends to diminish the timeliness of reporting information of intelligence interest and possibly the accuracy of the information due to the necessity of working through an interpreter and/or translator. The interpreter is usually an indigenous person and not schooled in intelligence/interrogator techniques and procedures. In order to properly advise Vietnamese intelligence/interrogator counterparts in techniques, procedures and reporting, it is essential that the US intelligence advisor representative utilize the counterpart's native tongue to preclude any misunderstanding through incorrect interpreting and to establish and maintain rapport.

(3) Observation: An increase of US intelligence personnel proficient in the Vietnamese language could enhance the US/Vietnamese intelligence effectiveness.

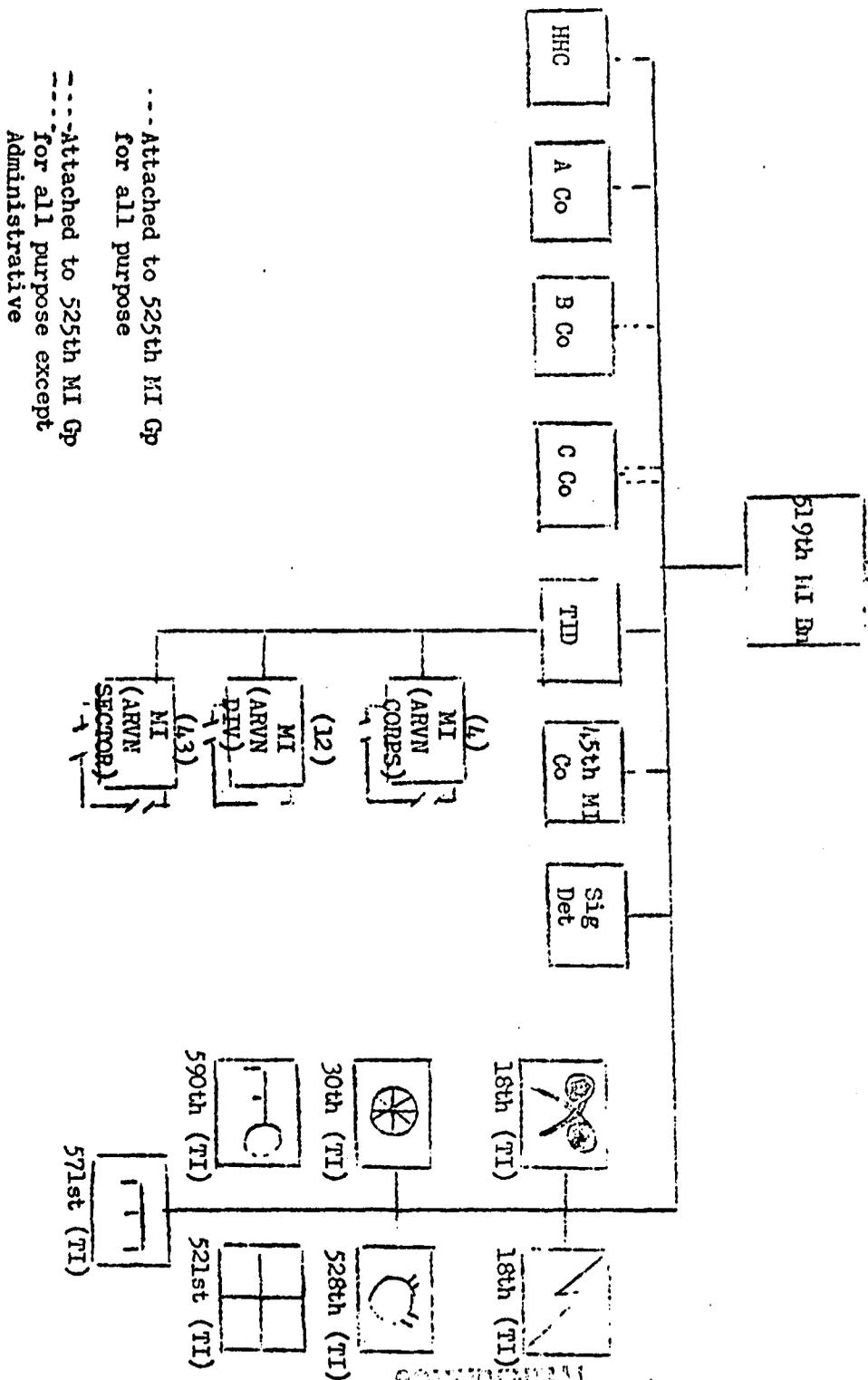
b. Commander's Recommendations: Action be taken by DA to train in the Vietnamese language intelligence personnel in MOS's 9316, 9666, 9668 and 96C destined for assignment to Vietnam.

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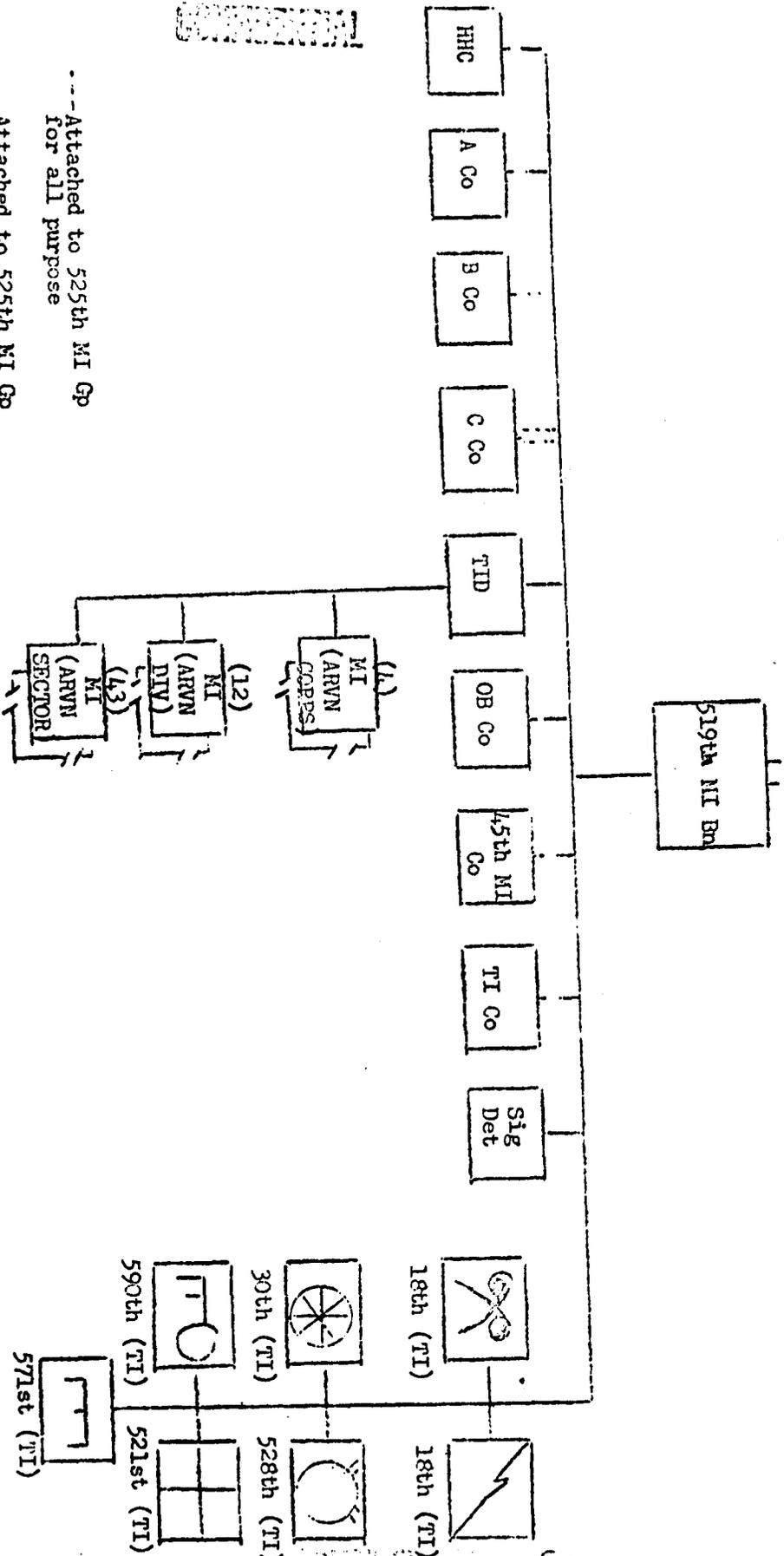


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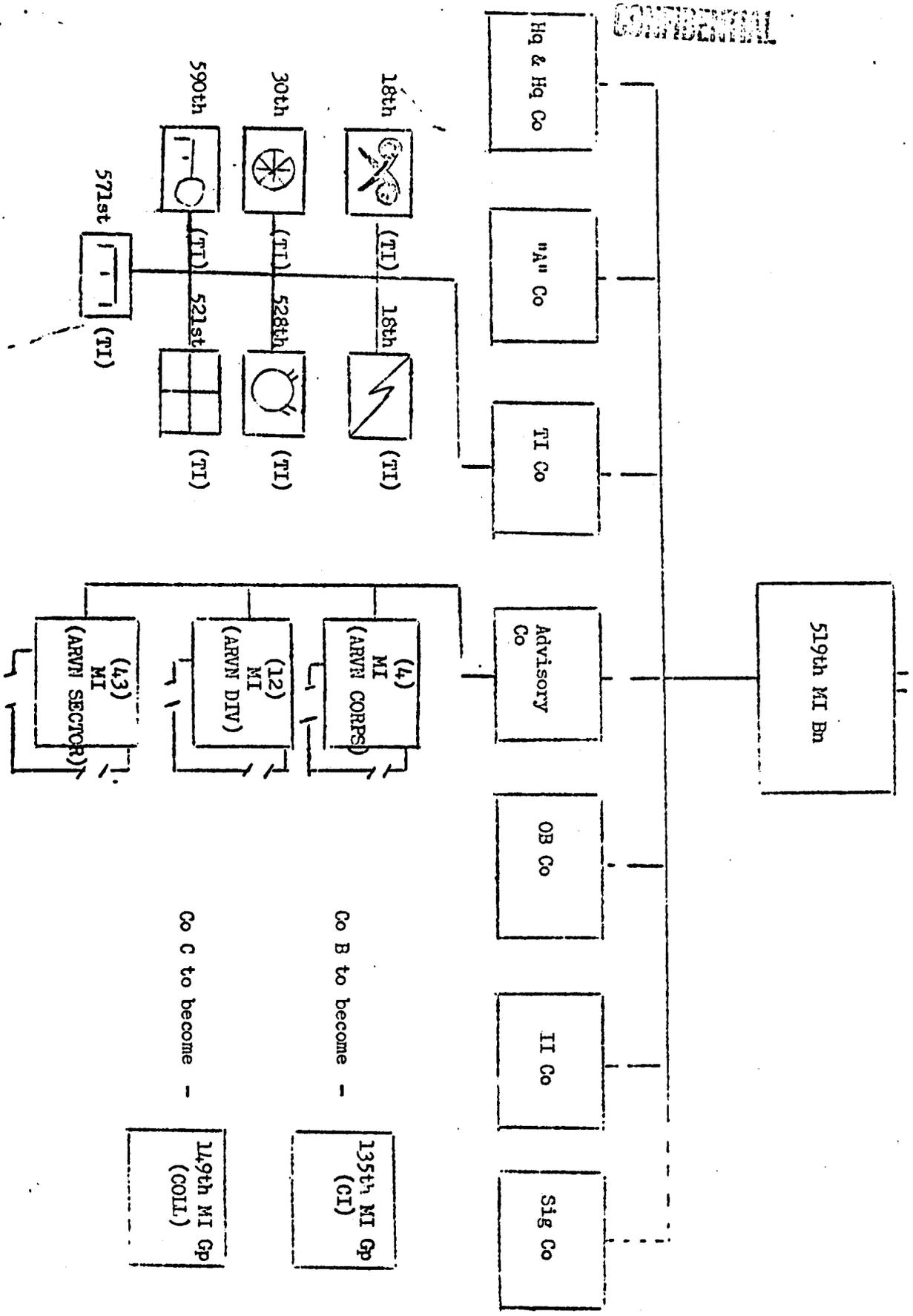
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SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES (U)

519TH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE BATTALION

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>ACTIVITY SUPPORTED</u>
Headquarters and Headquarters Company	a. Command Support b. Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam
Company A	a. Combined Military Interrogation Center b. Combined Document Exploitation Center c. Augmentation to Advisory Elements
Technical Intelligence Company	a. Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam b. Combined Material Exploitation Center c. TOPO liaison Team
Advisory Company	a. Intelligence Advisors to ARVN units
Order of Battle Company	a. Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam b. Augmentation to Advisory Elements
Imagery Interpretation Company	a. Combined Intelligence Center Vietnam
Signal Company	a. 525th Military Intelligence Group Signal Net

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