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15 July 1965

SUBJECT: Command Report for Quarterly Period Ending 30 June 1965
RCS CSGOP-28--(RI)

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1. SIGNIFICANT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES:

a. The 1st Logistical Command was activated in the Republic of Vietnam (RVN) 1 April 1965 by USARPAC General Order 95, dated 1 April 1965, with an authorized strength of 21 Officers and 17 enlisted personnel. Attached as Inclosure 1 is a roster of the original group of officers. General Order 111, Hq, USARPAC dated 14 April 1965 reorganized the 1st Logistical Command to a type A (Reduced) TO&E with a strength authorization of 47 Officers, 4 Warrant Officers, and 108 Enlisted Personnel, totaling 159. As of 30 June 1965, approval had been requested to organize under a Type B Logistical Command with a strength authorization of 99 Officers, 5 Warrant Officers, and 225 Enlisted Personnel, totaling 329 personnel. General Orders are still pending. Assigned strength as of 30 June 1965 was 63 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 152 Enlisted Personnel for an aggregate of 217 personnel.

b. Purpose of the activation of the 1st Logistical Command in RVN was to assume the responsibility and control of the expanding logistical effort necessary to support the increasing United States commitment of tactical forces.

c. Since activation in RVN the 1st Logistical Command has accomplished the following:

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- (1) Developed the concept of operation for each logistical support area in RVN. Due to the nature of hostilities it was deemed essential that logistical areas other than that of Saigon be established.
- (2) Procured necessary real estate for each of the logistical areas, developed installation plans and requirements, initiated construction for cantonment and depot areas, and established limited operational capability in the majority of areas.
- (3) Organized 1st Logistical Command elements on a functional basis.
- (4) Tailored the logistical troop lists to meet the changing requirements.
- (5) Received, processed, and had on site 5,515 logistical command troops.
- (6) Assumed control of the Consolidated Supply Activity (CSA), Consolidated Maintenance Activity (CMA), Purchasing and Contracting, Transportation, Finance, Medical and Dental Functions and associated personnel and resources from USASCV.

d. Problem areas, as might be expected, have been numerous. Some could have been prevented by more thorough planning, others being unavoidable due to the rapid progress required, and others unique only to RVN. In early stages of organization there was a severe shortage of office supplies and enlisted personnel, particularly clerk typists. Bulk of inter-office correspondence had to be hand written and officers were involved in many duties normally assigned to enlisted personnel. The arrival of newly assigned officers and enlisted personnel with little prior experience in assigned duties handicapped production. To further complicate matters, the 1st Logistical Command was involved in the process of getting settled and organized while at the same time having to become operational.

e. Lack of space in Saigon has, and will continue to be, of major concern. It has been necessary to locate division of this command throughout the Saigon area which hampers communication and coordination.

f. Procurement and development of real estate is a major problem in establishing logistic/support areas. Many of the areas lack the space commensurate with the nature of hostilities and require extensive development before they can become fully operational.

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g. Lack of transportation in all modes, especially Sea and Air, has been a major problem. Additionally the lack of adequate signal communication between the Headquarters and up-country logistical sites has hampered productivity.

h. Numerous detachments/units have arrived in-country less Minimum Essential Equipment (MEE) and have not been able to perform assigned missions. Receipt of major items of equipment lacking essential components has created additional problems due to lack of adequate stockage of spare parts in RVN. Failure of appropriate CONUS supply centers to follow through on O2 requisitions has resulted in equipment being dead-lined. Receipt of personnel in units with 40 to 60 days remaining prior to ETS will present a problem in the very near future.

2. Commanders Recommendations:

a. It is felt that many of the organizational problems listed in paragraph 1d through h, could have been avoided if an operational logistical command was rotated to RVN intact with assigned personnel and equipment. In future operations of this kind, it is strongly recommended that this be considered or a thorough selective assignment of experienced personnel in logistical functions be made.

b. It is also recommended that command action be initiated to require:

(1) All incoming units be provided with Minimum Essential Equipment.

(2) Timely response to requisitions,

(3) Personnel assigned to RVN have a minimum of 6 months service remaining prior to separation.

c. Other problems noted are unique only in Vietnam, such as problems connected to the political and military situation which have to be dealt with as they arise.

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Incl 1 - Roster of Officers

The following officers were assigned to the Planning Group, Logistical Command, USASCV, and formed the operating nucleus for the 1st Logistical Command upon its activation in RVN.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>SN</u>	<u>Branch</u>
Duke, Robert W.	Col	033373	Inf
Edgington, Roger N.	Maj	079262	FC
Hanks, Clinton M.	Maj	078867	TC
Jansen, Kenneth F.	Maj	067702	QMC
Lair, Donald E.	Maj	092083	Ord
Loy, William M.	Maj	075240	QMC
Parker, Andrew D. Jr.	Maj	01887863	Arty
Smith, Richard P.	Maj	01881979	Inf
Baker, Robert	Capt	082403	QMC
Cook, Garry M.	Capt	093632	CE
Domas, Steven	Capt	02297408	Inf
Farley, Dennis S.	Capt	089205	QMC
Landry, Larry J.	Capt	089534	TC
Long, John E.	Capt	078405	QMC
Nichols, Willard I.	Capt	05306551	AGC
Propst, William W.	Capt	05202165	TC
Turk, Roy M.	Capt	074574	QMC
Vincent, Jerome S.	Capt	05505689	Oru
Voss, Robert J.	Capt	05307287	Inf
Earhart, Larry L.	1st Lt	05706330	CE
House, Evert R.	2d Lt	02314561	AGC

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COMMAND

1. The advance party of Headquarters, 2d Signal Group departed Fort Bragg, North Carolina on 18 May 1965 and arrived 21 May 1965. The main body closed Saigon on 3 June 1965.

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2. 2d Signal Group Headquarters became operational in office space made available at the 39th Signal Battalion BOQ, KHAI MINH, 72/8 Nguyen Dinh Chieu, Saigon. A Butler type headquarters building, now under construction adjacent to Headquarters, 39th Signal Battalion, TAN SON NHUT, will be occupied by 2d Signal Group Headquarters, about 24 July 1965.

3. Upon arrival, 2d Signal Group assumed command of the 39th Signal Battalion. Headquarters, "A" and "B" Companies, 41st Signal Battalion (Combat Area) arrived at QUI NHON on 26 June 1965 and were met by the Group Commander. The last company ("C" Company) of the 41st Signal Battalion closed in-country on 14 July 1965 at CAM RANH BAY. The 593d Signal Company arrived Saigon on 13 July 1965 and is attached to 2d Signal Group as a separate company.

4. Inclosure #1 is Organization Chart of 2d Signal Group.

5. Inclosure #2 indicates strength of 2d Signal Group.

6. On 1 July 1965, the 41st Signal Battalion assumed responsibility for its communications mission in I and II ARVN Corps Areas. At the same time, the 39th Signal Battalion reoriented itself and assumed its missions in the III and IV ARVN Corps Areas.

7. Mission statements and General Orders have been published by Group for all of the Group units.

TRAINING

8. Emphasis has been placed on the objectives and standards published by letter, Headquarters, USASCV, on 21 June 1965. Commanders at all echelons have been directed to pay particular attention to incidents, vehicle control and accidents, and control of weapons. The chain of command is being stressed.

9. Two retreat parades have been held by Group units in the 39th Signal Battalion compound, TAN SON NHUT. Brigadier General Richard J. Seitz, Deputy Commanding General, USASCV, acted as reviewing officer at the retreat ceremony held 9 July 1965.

10. Two teams shipped from Fort Bragg are being trained in the operation of the MRC-85. These teams are scheduled to operate the PLEIKU - DANANG system when this system becomes operational.

11. Seven pilots in 2d Signal Group Headquarters are going through in-country proficiency check out training to prepare for operations of the Group aircraft. One rotary wing aircraft has been delivered to Group which is authorized:

1 each U-8D
1 each U-1A
1 each U-6A
1 each UH-1B

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OPERATIONS

12. 41st Signal Battalion has set up operations at QUI NHON. "B" Company, 41st Signal Battalion, has assumed operation of the communication facilities at QUI NHON. "A" Company has assumed operation at II ARVN Corps Headquarters. "C" Company, at CAM RANH BAY, has assumed operations in its zone of responsibility. "D" Company moved to VUNG TAU, 18 July 1965, to begin operations.

13. CAM RANH BAY: A switchboard, SB-86, 12 channel radio relay, communications center MGC-29, HF and single sideband radio have been installed. 45 channel TRC-29 and additional TRC-24 systems are being installed CAM RANH BAY to NHA TRANG. Two additional GRC-26 radios are also being shipped to CAM RANH BAY.

14. TAN SON NHUT - VUNG TAU AN/TRC-29: A successful test of 45 channel TRC-29 has been completed between TAN SON NHUT and VUNG TAU. This system was tested at the direction of J-6, MACV, through Support Command.

15. Installation of a three position TTC-7 Switchboard at VINH LONG was completed on 28 June 1965.

16. A TRC-24 system from PLEIKU to AN KHE and from AN KHE to PHU CAT was completed on 14 July 1965.

17. Eight circuits on a TRC-90 system from TAN SON NHUT to DALAT to PLEIKU were turned over for traffic on 15 July 1965.

18. An outside plant telephone cable plan for the Saigon Area was developed and submitted to the Support Command Signal Section on 11 June 1965.

19. A TTC-7, 3 position switchboard has been installed in the administrative wing of the 3rd Field Hospital, Saigon. This switchboard will serve the hospital, Headquarters, 1st Logistical Command, 145th Aviation Battalion, and other units vicinity TAN SON NHUT Airbase. Estimated date for operation is 30 July 1965.

20. Inclosure #3 is copy of Toll Switching Plan. As trunk circuits are re-routed to conform with this plan, more trunks will become available on a common user basis between the toll switchboards shown in block form on the diagram. Circuits are now being re-routed. Estimated time for completion is 25 July 1965.

21. BIEN HOA Area: Communications support has been rendered to the 173d Airborne Brigade and to the 2/1st Infantry Brigade in the form of switchboard, communication center, and radio.

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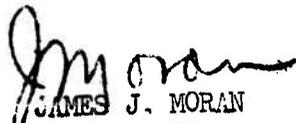
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ITEM REQUIRING COMMAND EMPHASIS

22. Headquarters and "B" Companies, 41st Signal Battalion, are located in Area S, QUI NHON. This area is adjacent to the ocean and at the end of the airfield runway. This unit should be moved off the beach to Area Q or G or in close proximity to these areas. The Group Commander and 1st Logistical Command Commander are working on the situation.

23. Shortage of organic aircraft poses a difficult problem to the Group Headquarters and to the 41st Signal Battalion. Aircraft are needed to transport vitally needed parts and equipment throughout the country. Follow-up action has been taken on our requisitions for aircraft.

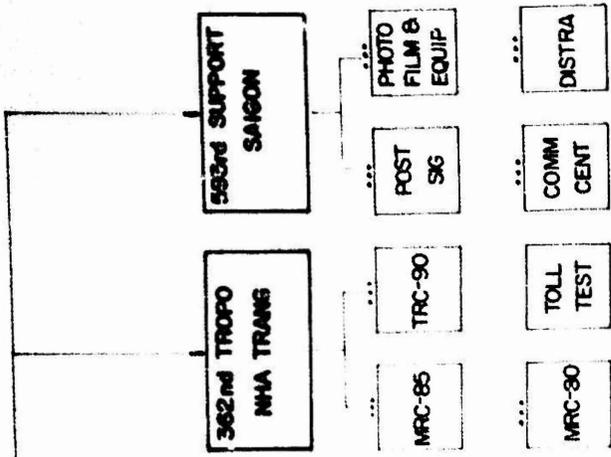


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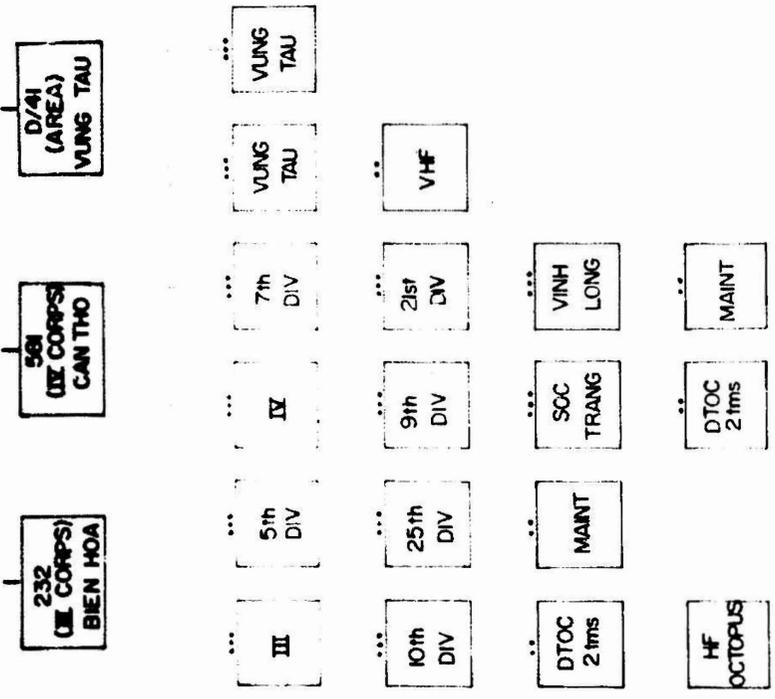
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1. Organizational Chart, 2d Sig Gp Colonel, SigC
2. Strength of 2d Sig Gp Commanding
3. Toll Switching Plan

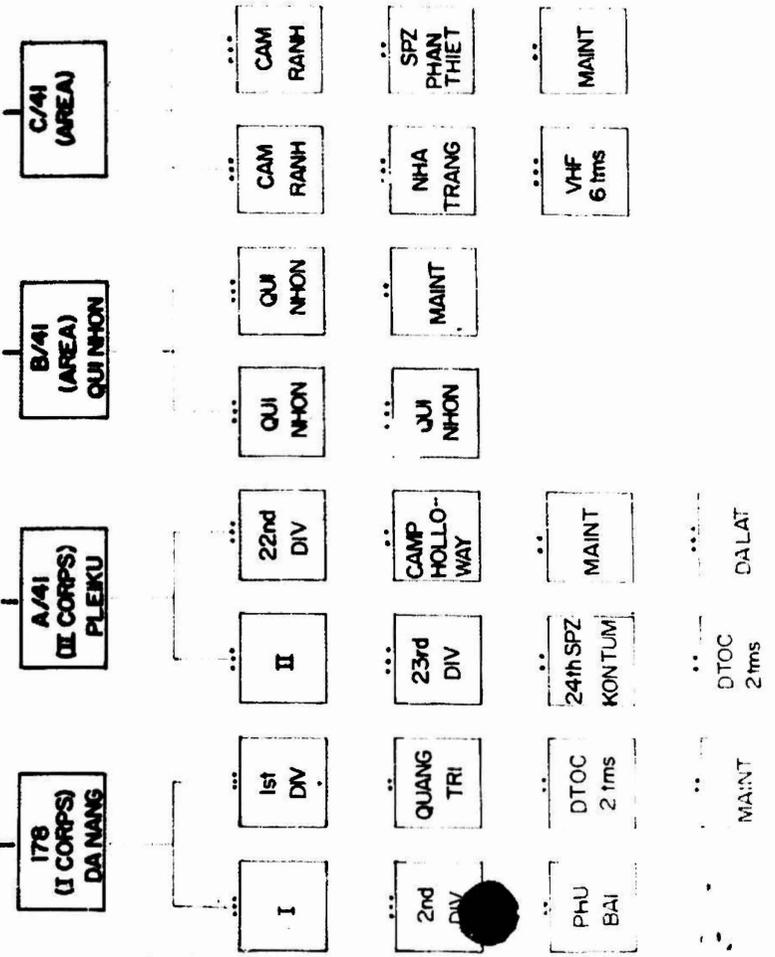
III
2ND SIG GP



II
39TH SIG BN



II
41ST SIG BN



2D SIGNAL GROUP STRENGTH

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED</u>			<u>ASSIGNED</u>		
	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>
HHD, 2d Signal Group	25	7	63	27	7	54
362d Signal Company	21	0	356	17	0	476
593d Signal Company	6	3	301	3	1	234
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>764</u>

39TH SIGNAL BATTALION:

HHD	16	12	216	30	23	358
232d Signal Company	9	2	259	9	8	222
581st Signal Company	8	2	234	6	1	135
"D" Co., 41st Sig Bn	4	1	143	6	0	146
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>852</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>861</u>

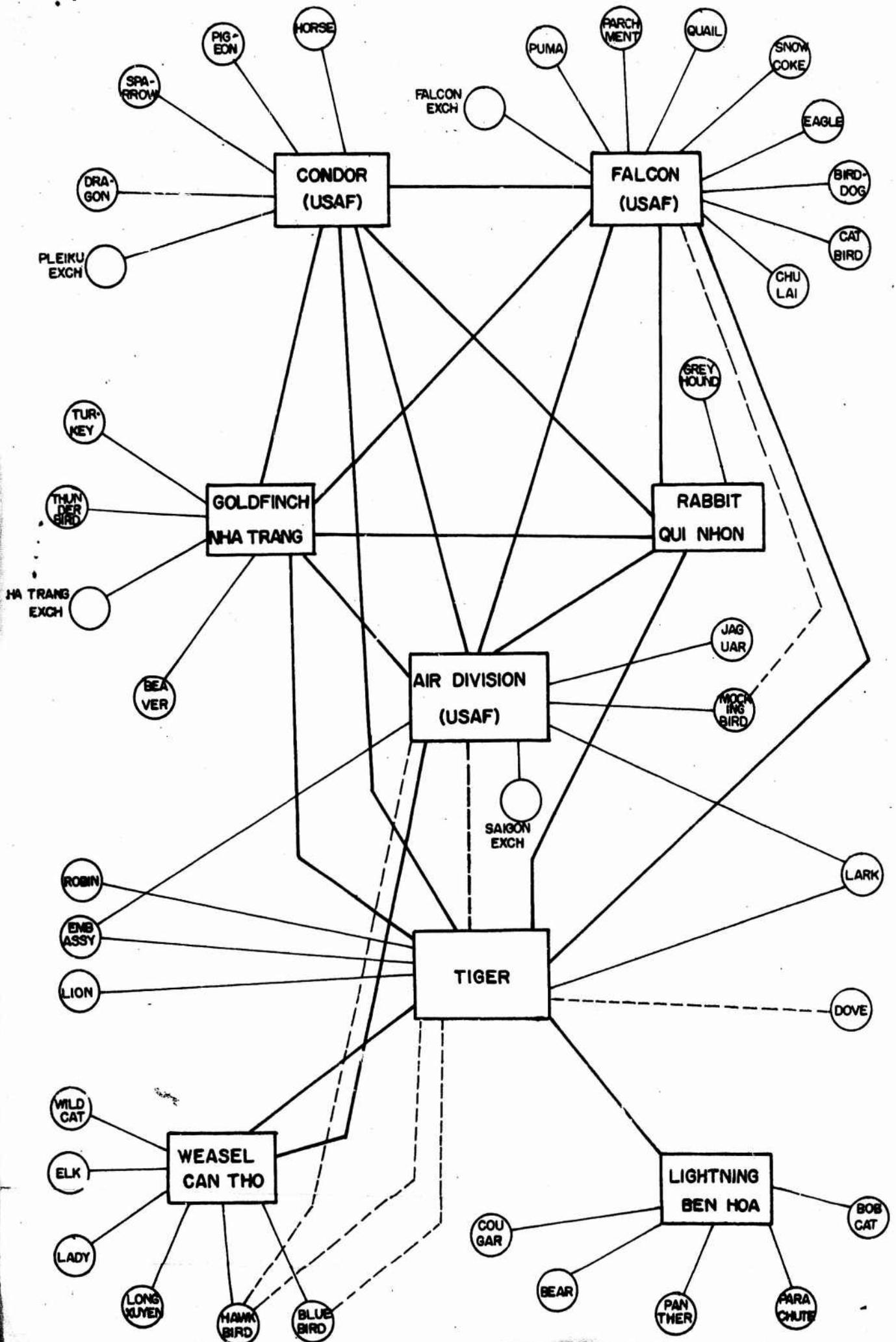
41ST SIGNAL BATTALION:

Hq & Hq Company	16	12	212	16	14	175
"A" Company	12	3	310	8	0	136
"B" Company	5	1	203	6	0	129
"C" Company	5	0	140	7	0	133
178th Signal Company	8	2	252	9	2	190
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1117</u>	<u>46</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>763</u>

TOTAL GROUP	135	45	2689	144	56	2388
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As of 18 Jul 65

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