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Dear Colonel Taylor,

Operations

During the month a series of three cordon and search operations were carried out in sections of HOA LONG (4264) to our immediate SOUTH. Apart from this, the month has been devoted to extensive company size patrolling of the TAOR. Neither of these has presented any unusual communications problems.

Signal Centre

We have now moved into the new signal centre building, except for cipher. Preparation of the cipher office is nearing completion and we expect to move in before the end of the month. The improvement in working conditions is marked, of course, and greatly appreciated by all concerned.

The only major change from my last letter is that one set of radio relay and channeling equipment has been dismantled from the 145 Sig Sqn MRC-69 here and set up in the equipment room. This simplifies circuit engineering and reduces manpower commitments.

Squadron Establishment

In my letter in Aug 66 I mentioned that I had submitted a request for a theatre increment to the squadron establishment, based on the requirement to be able to operate with the task force HQ separated from the base area and to provide communications in both areas. This requirement was not accepted by HQ AFV and the request for the amendment was not forwarded to Australia. A request for a 2IC and a transport sergeant for the squadron which were included in the same submission, but not based on the above premise, were forwarded to Australia and, I believe, have been approved.

As a result of experience in the theatre I now believe that some increases are necessary just to handle communications from the base camp and I have submitted a further request for an establishment amendment asking for three Op Swbd, four Op Keyboard and one DR. I understand this requirement has been agreed by HQ AFV and forwarded to Australia. I will attach a copy of this submission, so you will be aware of the arguments I have put forward.

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Standing Orders for Operations

Squadron standing orders for operations have been re-written and copies have been sent separately to 1 Sig Regt and 104 Sig Sqn. 11n

Miscellaneous

Construction of the sergeants' dining hall is now complete, except for the concrete floor. We are now in the process of doing site preparation for the squadron headquarters and orderly room building.

Regards,

Peter Mudd