Cambodia into the RVN. It was also part of the DUFFLE BAG program of unattended ground sensors employed within Vietnam. The DART read out facility consisted of transportable components including a directional S-Band antenna atop a 60-foot relay tower. DART was designed to read out sensors, interpret the data, and relay near-real time (less than one minute old) information on enemy personnel and vehicular movements to strike agencies in much the same manner as $\frac{237}{}$

The primary sensor used in DART I was the Hand Emplaced Seismic Intrusion Detector (HANDSID I). Magnetic Intrusion Detector (MAGID) or Passive Infrared Intrusion Detector (PIRID) devices could be handwired to HANDSID to increase its sensitivity. Because of the flat terrain in the MR III area of the RVN, sensor data was relayed to the Bien Hoa facility by means of a permanent ground relay atop a 3,235 foot mountain (Nui Ba Den). EC-121R BATCATs flying on Amber Orbit were available to automatically relay this data to Bien Hoa during periods when the ground relay was nonoperational. Both the Bien Hoa and Nui Ba Den facilities were operated by the Air Force, while the Army was responsible for emplacing sensors. Artillery fire responses to sensor activations came from the 25th Infantry, 1st Infantry and 1st Air Cavalry Divisions.

By early 1970, the Army's Battlefield Area Surveillance System (BASS) was being introduced into the DART I area. Once BASS was in

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operation, II Field Force Vietnam (IIFFV) felt that a transfer of DART I to another operating area would be agreeable to the three divisions which it served. BASS employed the same sensors as DART I, and also used ground relay stations to pass the information to a read out facility.

DART I terminated operations at Bien Hoa on 18 March 1970 and began preparations for moving the sensor read out equipment and the 73 Air Force officers and enlisted men to the new operating location at Quang Tri in RVN MR I. The relay equipment situated on Nui Ba Den was also removed, with only the monitor antenna left behind to support the BASS $\frac{241}{\text{System.}}$ Upon arrival at Quang Tri DART I began monitoring sensor strings located in or near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) and in the northwestern portion of the XXIV Corps area, including the A Shau $\frac{242}{\text{Valley.}}$

Due to the mountainous and rugged terrain in MR I and the presence of enemy controlled high threat areas which restricted the implant of sensors by hand or helicopter, certain features of the relocated DART I operation differed from those followed in MR III. In addition to HANDSID sensors and the previous emplacement techniques increasing use was made of F-4 delivered ADSID, ACOUSID, and COMMIKE sensors identical to those employed by IGLOO WHITE. While some sections of the DART I field were read out by BASS and hand-carried Portatale units, the primary monitoring was done by an EC-121R BATCAT flying Blue Orbit for 18-24 hours a day. XXIV Corps at Da Nang





determined desired sensor locations based on inputs from field units and then forwarded the requests to TFA. TFA managed the sensor field (plotted implant locations, prepared sensor addresses, and resolved terrain-masking problems) and arranged for F-4 implant sorties. Target data was relayed from Blue Orbit to the DART I facility at Quang Tri where it was read out on four 120-pin X-T Plotters (See Figure 27) and sent directly to an Army Tactical Operations Center (TOC) which determined the type of response. Primary Army users were the TOCs of the 1st Brigade of the 5th Infantry Division at Quang Tri and the 101st Airborne Division at Camp Eagle.

The DART I report for 1-31 October 1970 reflected typical activities of the system after its move to Quang Tri. During this period, the DART I sensor field established an enemy pattern of movement into and out of the RVN along Route 9. Based on this analysis an infantry force was able to establish contact to engage the enemy, killing five North Vietnamese soldiers and capturing three AK-47 rifles. Other infantry engagement and Cobra helicopter gunship strikes based on sensor activations resulted in an additional 29 enemy KIA and 36 bunkers destroyed. The 1st Brigade, 5th Infantry Division and the 101st Airborne Division recorded 1,048 sensor activations during the month and responded with 245/238 artillery fire missions which expended 1,296 rounds.

The DART I sensor field originally consisted of Phase I and II sensors like its IGLOO WHITE counterpart in Laos. During the 1970-71 campaign (COMMANDO HUNT V) the DART field as well as that in Laos





was converted to Phase III sensors. The DART I field was scheduled to convert fully to Phase III by 15 December, the date that the QU-22B $\frac{246}{}$ aircraft would begin to monitor half of Blue Orbit. Since the QU-22B was equipped to monitor and relay data only from Phase III devices, no more Phase I/II sensors were implanted after 1 October. Those remaining $\frac{247}{}$ were not monitored after 15 December and gradually died out.

The use of OV-10 aircraft to implant sensors was first mentioned in a November 1970 memorandum from a 7th AF staff officer. He reported that the Marines were using this method and recommended that it be seriously investigated by the Air Force on a selective basis. 7th AF feasibility study of the suggestion in early December revealed that Military Assistance Command Vietnam (MACV) also had requested an investigation of this delivery method to support Army sensor implants in MR I and possibly replace F-4 implants. The 7th AF study determined that the AAA threat level in the DMZ, Western Reconnaissance Zone (WRZ) and A Shau Valley still required F-4s and that the Portable Multiple Bomb Rack (PMBR) utilized by Marine OV-10s for sensor implants was not available in Air Force supply channels and would take a year to procure, flight test, and install operationally. Dewey Canyon II phase of Lam Son 719 in early 1971, Marine OV-10s continued sensor implants and emplaced 41 ADSID strings in support of Route 9/Khe Sanh security.

The area monitored by DART was temporarily expanded during Lam Son $\frac{251}{}$ 719 to include 19 selected strings in STEEL TIGER. Information





obtained on movers was passed through XXIV Corps Forward Headquarters to ARVN commanders and provided valuable information on enemy truck and \$\frac{252}{252}\$/ personnel movements. TFA was called upon to monitor the DART field during Lam Son 719 from 7-13 and 14-24 March when the DART facility at Quang Tri was down for maintenance. Since the DART field was monitored by the Blue Orbit BATCAT, the activations were transmitted to TFA and read out on the newly installed X-T Plotter. Although TFA possessed the capability of backing up DART for short periods of time without additional manning, four DART personnel were sent TDY to the ISC to provide assistance during the March difficulties. Activa-\frac{253}{253}/\text{tions were called directly to Army units from TFA by landline.}

On 5 July 1971, 7th AF proposals of the previous month to close down the DART I facility and transfer it to TFA were put into effect.

Seventh Air Force justified the move for three reasons:

- a. The transfer of DART I would be consistent with programs for the future utilization of TFA and would provide a fifth antenna for IGLOO WHITE and COMPASS FLAG.
- b. A combination of the DART and STEEL TIGER sensor read outs during future campaigns would provide real time target correlation and strike capability against enemy infiltration through the DMZ and along the Laos/RVN border.
- c. The anticipated withdrawal of U.S. Army forces from the Quang Tri area in the near future raised concern for the security of the DART facility and personnel.





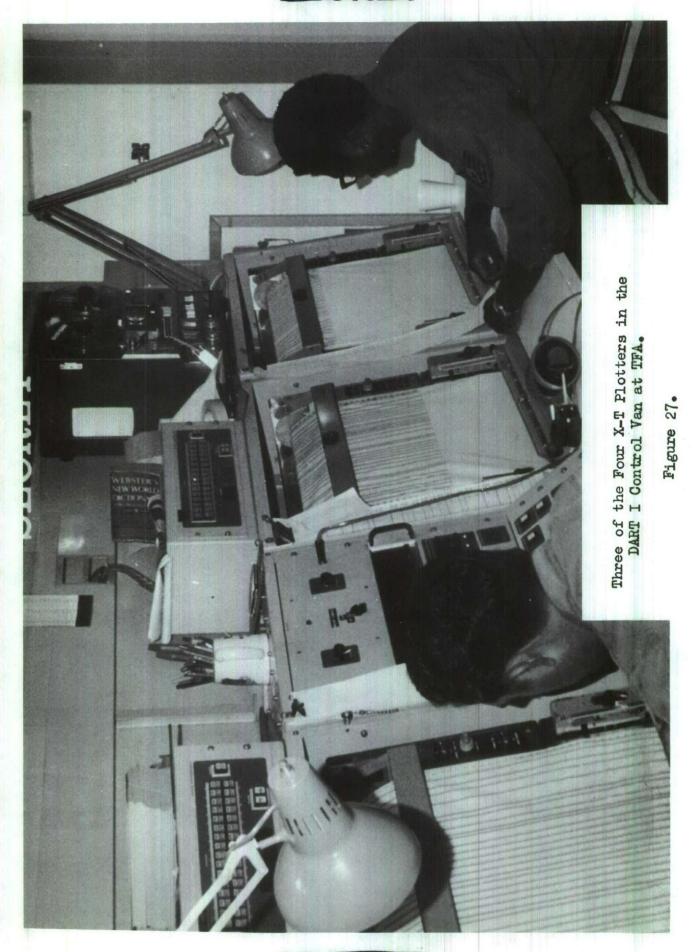
In preparation for the move TFA began to monitor the DART field on l1 May be means of the ISC computer during normal computer duty hours and by the X-T Plotter at all other times, for a total of 19 hours daily. Upon completion of equipment installations on 1 August, the DART Plotter took over from the TFA Plotter, although the computer still monitored both the DART and IGLOO WHITE sensor fields from 1700- $\frac{255}{}$

DART activation sequences (relayed to TFA by Blue Orbit) were called by TFA in near-real time to the 1/5th and the 101st TOCs. From the TOC, mover information was passed to air strike forces (particularly AC-119G Stinger gunships) through the Tactical Air Control Party (TACP) at the TOC or the I Direct Air Support Center (I DASC). TFA also issued the DART daily intelligence summaries which had formerly originated from Quang Tri. A total of 18 DART personnel were transferred to TFA to operate the equipment, and the remaining 34 DART manning positions were deleted.

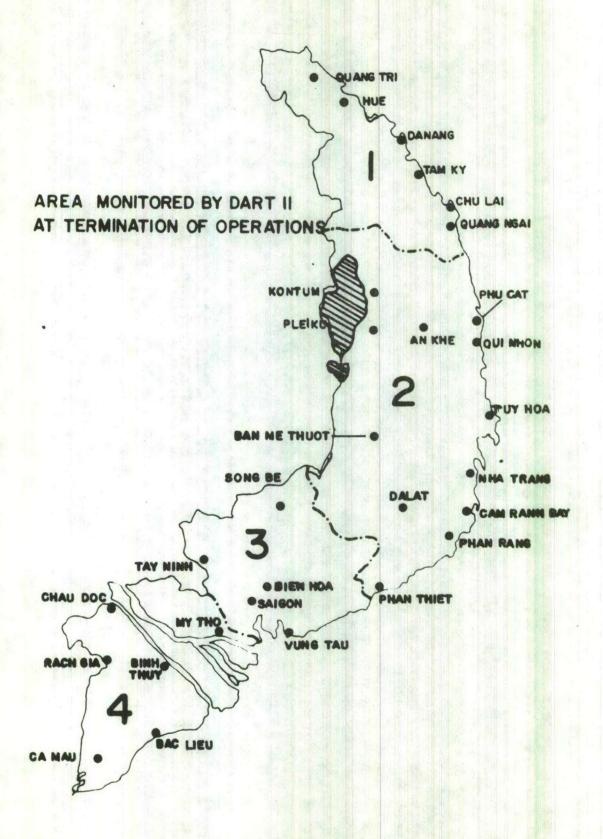
DART II

DART II was built originally as a backup for DART I or the ISC, or for use as a training facility in the CONUS. With the success of DART I in 1969, DART II was deployed to SEA in September 1969 to assist in antiinfiltration surveillance along the Cambodian border, with primary areas of interest being the tri-border area and the Plei Trap $\frac{260}{}$ Valley. The system became operational at Pleiku on 28 September 1969 in support of I Field Force Vietnam (IFFV). Sensor read outs











were relayed from DART II to the 52d Artillery Group where the type and extent of response were determined.

DART II differed from DART I in three ways. While DART I did not employ an airborne sensor read out until it moved to Quang Tri, from the beginning DART II utilized EC-121R BATCATs flying Orange Orbit to transmit sensor data to Pleiku. Second, DART II always employed IGLOO WHITE ADSIDs and Phase I/II HELOSIDs and ACOUBUOYs implanted by Army helicopters. Terrain and enemy activity precluded the use of handemplaced sensors. Third, 22 Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) personnel were integrated into the operation in late 1969.

By early 1970, both 7th AF and IFFV began to express dissatisfaction with DART II and question its effectiveness as a real time targeting system. A 28 March message from the Vice Commander, 7th AF to MACV/J3 (responsible for the DART program) recalled that during January and February there had been an average of six fire support missions a day in support DART II. A 27 February order from the Commanding General, IFFV, however, had directed that artillery fire in support of DART II would be limited only to selected targets, such as those indicating movement. For the previous 30 days, 7th AF complained, there had been only three artillery fire missions against DART II targets.

The Army had also recently relocated the 175mm guns covering the DART field in the southern Plei Trap Valley out of range of the sensors.

A further shortcoming was that only six air strikes, resulting in one



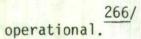


confirmed enemy killed in action (KIA), had been directed against DART II derived targets since the system began operations in September 1969. Seventh Air Force felt that these results and the apparently diminishing Army interest hardly justified the continued commitment to the program of 380 Air Force personnel and six EC-121Rs.

A second "hard look" was taken at DART II in August. At that time, 7th AF pointed out to MACV/J3 the low number of Army and Air Force strike responses to DART II and the almost total absence of confirmed BDA, as well as the lack of significant intelligence. Other factors cited included:

- a. The difficulties of maintaining the DART II field in light of the continuing U.S. withdrawal from western MR II.
- b. Eighty-five percent of DART II Air Force personnel were scheduled to rotate at mid-September.
- c. The tri-border sensor field would expire around mid-September and require re-seeding.
- d. The impending introduction of the QU-22B relay aircraft on Orange Orbit would require converting all DART II sensors and facilities to Phase III equipment.

The Commander, U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (COMUSMACV) and 7th AF also determined that cessation of DART II operations would not significantly affect tactical operations and that DART II did not 265/meet the desired criteria for Vietnamization. Based on these considerations, DART II was terminated and Orange Orbit cancelled on 29 September 1970, exactly one year after the program originally became



The DART II end of tour report, dated 12 October 1970, listed a 267/number of factors which had limited the effectiveness of the program:

- a. Real time target acquisition and effective BDA were limited by the small size of enemy personnel concentrations, his ability to rapidly redeploy and practice concealment, and the large number of trails available for his use.
- b. Repeated reactions by Tac Air and artillery compromised sensor locations, resulting in use of alternate trails by the enemy.
- c. Terrain and the presence of triple canopy jungle limited the availability of collateral intelligence to assist in planning sensor emplacements. Enemy control of the sensor area prevented friendly reconnaissance teams or an agent network from assessing lucrative target areas. Canopy also hindered the accurate placement of sensors in close proximity to specific trails.
- d. The DART II field was limited to an average of 200 sensors because of the need to share channels and addresses with TFA and DUFFLE BAG.
- e. Phase I sensors could not be shut down and continued to broadcast until the end of their 180-day life span. Once strike reactions compromised their locations, enemy forces moved to an alternate area, but the sensor continued to broadcast and prevented the use of that address in a more lucrative area.
- f. The average reaction time of artillery was 20 minutes. Tac Air responded only 11 times and usually involved long delays before a FAC arrived and then more time for strike aircraft to appear. These delays rendered reactions ineffective against an elusive, mobile enemy.
- g. Triple canopy jungle, terrain, and the absence of friendly forces prevented accurate assessment of reaction results.

Table 8 sums up the results of DART II's year of operation.



TABLE 8

DART II RESULTS

28 September 1969 - 29 September 1970

Total Operationally Valid Targets Detected:	4178				
Total Artillery Fire Missions:	938				
Total Rounds of Artillery Expended:	7469				
Total TAC Air Strikes:	11				
Total Number of Sensor Strings:	155				
Total Number of Sensors Implanted:	607				
Damage Inflicted on Communist Forces by Actions Based on DART II Reports					
Killed in Action:	6				
Bunkers Destroyed:					
Secondary Explosions:	2				
Sustained Fires:	2				
Captured Equipment: One AK-47 Two Gr One Rucksack with Door	renades				

The final paragraph of the DART II Weekly Activity Report for 23-29 September 1970 appropriately marked the close of the program:

In keeping with MACV. . . and 7AF. . . DART II ceased operations. So, as the sun slowly sank in the western sky, DART II bid a fond AMF



(Adios, my friends) as it sadly swung shut its doors to the ghastly background cry of a dying SPIKESID pleading, "Tac Air, Artillery, Car 54-Where are you-u-u-u-u-u-u-u?"

U.S. Air Force Support of DUFFLE BAG

The transfer of DART I to TFA and the cancellation of DART II did not terminate the Air Force's role in the RVN sensor program (designated DUFFLE BAG). MACV priorities for supporting DUFFLE BAG emphasized coverage of the DMZ and areas in the RVN adjacent to the Laos/Cambodian borders. In practice, this placed the majority of the DUFFLE BAG effort in northern RVN within the area controlled by XXIV Corps.

Seventh Air Force responsibilities in DUFFLE BAG included providing the capability to monitor a maximum of 400 sensors in the DMZ, WRZ, and A Shau Valley for 19 hours a day (this was the DART I program). Activation sequences would be called within one minute of validation to Army TOCs for possible fire response. Seventh Air Force provided F-4 implant sorties adequate to maintain a maximum of 40 sensor strings, with XXIV Corps retaining the option to implant or re-seed any of the 40 strings. Three IGLOO WHITE channels were made available to DUFFLE BAG for relay purposes on aircraft covering Blue or any follow-or orbit, in addition to the five channels permanently assigned to the program. All eight were read out by TFA.

Twenty-fourth Corps in turn was responsible for managing sensor addresses on its eight channels and for providing the Air Force with





a continuously updated listing of the 40 strings eligible for F-4 implant. Twenty-fourth Corps also provided a liaison officer to TFA on a TDY basis to coordinate sensor management, implant and monitoring $\frac{273}{}$ requirements.

DUEL BLADE

DUEL BLADE was another term associated with the DUFFLE BAG program. DUEL BLADE originally referred to a Strong-Point Obstacle Subsystem (SPOS) along the northeastern RVN border and had previously carried the name DYE MARKER. By late 1968, the SPOS had evolved into a program in which friendly maneuver forces used mobile tactics with air, artillery, and naval gunfire support to respond to targets detected by ground sensor devices (this was known as DUEL BLADE II). The DUEL BLADE II area included all territory in the RVN south of the Provisional Military Demarcation Line (PMDL) and north of Route 9. By early 1971, the term DUEL BLADE II had been terminated and absorbed into DUFFLE BAG. In its last year, DUEL BLADE II referred more to a geographical area than a $\frac{275}{}$

BASS

Occasional references have been made in this report to the Army's Battlefield Area Surveillance System (BASS). BASS was different from the DARTs in that it did not consist of a specific, relatively fixed set of components or hardware. Rather, BASS was a concept which covered a variety of different sensors and read out facilities, as well as applications and uses. BASS systems were often local





in nature and involved the monitoring of approaches to defended villages and fixed military installations. The system was capable, however, of covering a larger area, as occurred when DART I was replaced by BASS in MR III. Airborne read out of BASS fields or air emplacement of sensors by other than Army organic aviation generally was not practiced, although instances occurred in northern RVN, where Air Force F-4s and Marine OV-10s occasionally delivered sensors in support of Army requirements and read outs were available from Blue Orbit. No major USAF role was anticipated in the development and future use of BASS.

Vietnamization of Sensor Programs (TIGHT JAW)

On 19 March 1969, the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff directed that the in-country sensor program be expanded to include Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces (RVNAF) personnel. These efforts to provide the Vietnamese with their own sensor capabilities were known as Project TIGHT JAW. On 15 June 1969, COMUSMACV Operations Plan 103-69 provided for a combined US/RVNAF border surveillance and anti-infiltration program covering selected western border areas of the RVN from the DMZ to the Gulf of Thailand and an expansion of existing sensor missions throughout the RVN. Eventual Vietnamese unilateral operation of this program was 277/envisioned.

A July 1970 examination of northern MR I revealed the requirement for Vietnamese-operated sensor fields in this area. At this time,

MACV proposed eventual Vietnamese Air Force (VNAF) operation of





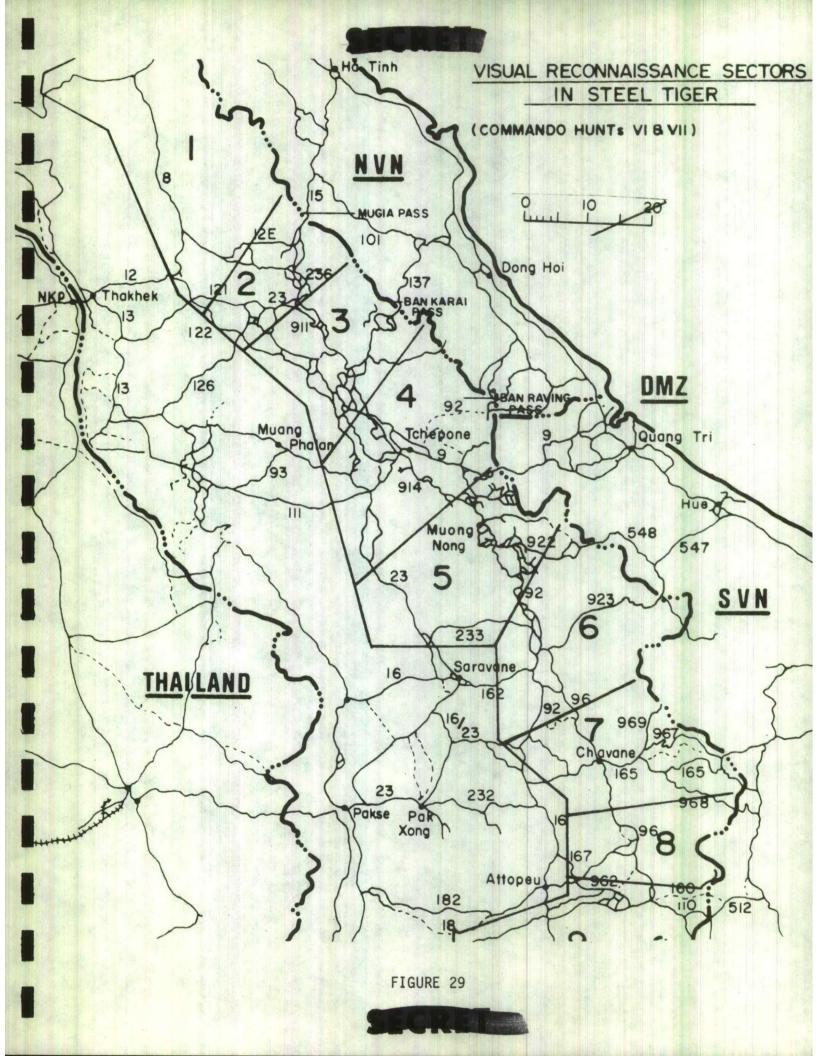
DART I (Quang Tri) and DART II (Pleiku), each with a 476 sensor capacity. The VNAF would have the ability to implant sensors and monitor them with an airborne platform dedicated solely to sensor read out. Although a particular aircraft was not specified, PAVE EAGLE II was indicated elsewhere.

PACAF, 7th AF and the USAF Advisory Group agreed that the VNAF should have a capability to implant sensors, but opposed Vietnamizing the DARTs and giving VNAF an additional aircraft to operate. Instead, a simple air relay-monitoring system compatible with BASS was proposed, since personnel resources, and budgetary limitations precluded any VNAF effort approaching even a modest IGL00 WHITE concept. It was also believed likely that any VNAF role in future Vietnamese sensor programs would be that of a support role responsive to ARVN through $\frac{279}{1}$ direction of the RVNAF Joint General Staff (JGS).

By October 1970, COMUSMACV agreed that Vietnamization of PAVE EAGLE II and the remaining DART was impractical. Instead of a specialized aircraft dedicated solely to airborne sensor read out, emphasis was placed on the development of an unsophisticated Palletized Airborne Relay (PAR) system which would interface with BASS equipment already programmed for the RVNAF. By September 1971, the USAF was in the process of procuring PAR packages which would initially be fitted in VNAF C-47s and be available for installation in C-7s when these aircraft entered the VNAF inventory in 1973. If necessary PARs could also be



in C-119s and C-123s. Upon introduction of PARs, the VNAF was expected to be fully capable of relaying sensor data to ground stations from C-47s. However, RVNAF JGS would first have to authorize VNAF to utilize aircraft for this purpose in competition with other requirements (such as airlift). The USAF was expected to have no major role in the introduction of the PAR when the time came, and advisors were expected to be drawn from ARVN personnel familiar with sensors.





CHAPTER VI

THE FUTURE OF IGLOO WHITE: COMMANDO HUNT VII AND BEYOND

Planning for COMMANDO HUNT VII

The COMMANDO HUNT VII campaign was just beginning as this report was going to press. The most significant change planned for IGLOO WHITE for this campaign was TFA's resumption of operational control of strike aircraft operating as part of the STEEL TIGER interdiction program. The actual details of the new procedures were still being developed at the cut off date of this report, but certain features promised to be different from the SYCAMORE Control operation of COMMANDO HUNT I.

Early planning for TFA's new function envisioned the ISC operating as an extension of the 7th AF Combat Operations Center (COC, call sign BLUE CHIP) and utilizing near-real time sensor information to direct strike aircraft (including gunships) to lucrative truck-killing areas.

Ideally, the process would be a complete cycle through to damage assessment, with a restrike capability if any lucrative targets remained.

One proposed form of the new procedures under consideration involved the division of the nine VR sectors into three groups (possibly sectors 1-3, 4-5, and 6-9). Aircraft operating over each set of VR sectors would be under the control of a sector operator "station" each of which would include strike control, radio communications and intelligence personnel. Like the COMMANDO BOLT system, strike nominators would closely monitor sensor strings in their assigned area by use of



The intelligence section of the "station" would be composed of personnel knowledgeable of the local route structure, enemy activity patterns and the results of recent FAC and photographic reconnaissance of their assigned geographic area, as well as its target/BDA history. Based on developing sensor patterns and utilizing techniques similar to those of the Night Fixed Targeting Program, perishable semifixed targets would be located with varying degrees of precision and passed to the strike nominator for immediate FAC reconnaissance or strike. Working with the "stations" would be weather and communications—maintenance personnel, as well as another intelligence targets team responsible for combining previous target intelligence with inputs



from the "stations" to develop fixed-area targets throughout STEEL $\frac{285}{}$ The use of Special Intelligence (SI) would be an essential part of all target development functions, with much of this material being made available to IGLOO WHITE through the COMPASS FLAG program.

Questions unsettled at the end of this reporting period included the number of "stations" to be established, the final breakdown of VR sector responsibilities, whether all or only some strike aircraft would be assigned to TFA, and the number of hours a day the system would operate. This last question was of considerable importance, since a round-the-clock interdiction operation at TFA based on IGLOO WHITE infomation would require 24-hour a day coverage of the sensor-monitoring orbits with the resultant increased demands on manpower, aircraft, and material in all phases of the program.

Other changes anticipated for COMMANDO HUNT VII included the expansion of the KEYWORD File from its current approximately 24,000 entries to almost 100,000. This was to be accomplished by adding the 7th AF computerized intelligence data base to KEYWORD, and would expand the STEEL TIGER data base as well as introduce information from northern Laos (BARREL ROLL), Cambodia, and the RVN. In addition, the 7th AF AAA file and its BDA listing were also to be added to KEYWORD. Also available for target development purposes (although not a part of KEYWORD) was an SI collection of 10,000 cross-indexed file cards along with specialized supporting material.



Upon successful conclusion of the KEYWORD expansion, TFA would combine a variety of intelligence resources at one location: sensor information; KEYWORD File; access to FACs and their reports; Airborne Radio-Direction Finding (ARDF) capabilities; opportunities to coordinate with Controlled American Source offices; and SI programs (including COMPASS FLAG). In addition, TFA possessed the only Air Force map-making facility in SEA. By assuming operational control of strike aircraft during COMMANDO HUNT VII, TFA hoped to make direct real time 286/ use of its concentration of intelligence/targeting resources.

TFA also anticipated that the COMMANDO HUNT VII IGLOO WHITE sensor field would be larger than any of its predecessors, because of extension to the WRZ of the RVN and certain LOCs in STEEL TIGER 287/west. Another proposal under consideration was to reduce the maximum number of sensors for certain strings from eight to four or 288/five, which would allow an increase in the number of sensor strings from the approximately 185 possible with eight sensors per string. The 185 string figure had been made possible by the addition of eight more IGLOO WHITE sensor frequencies during COMMANDO HUNT VI.

Remote Ground Sensor Planning and Programming Objectives (REGSENSPO)

In December 1970, Headquarters USAF issued a document entitled REGSENSPO which sought to provide "... guidance for coordinated midrange and long-range U.S. Air Force planning and programming of remote ground sensors and associated resources."

REGSENSPO envisioned



the "integration of ground-based surveillance capabilities and the resultant intelligence data into tactical networks for use by air base defense components and the Tactical Air Control System for the attack of ground targets in day, night and all-weather conditions." Tactical Air Command (TAC) was then in the process of coordinating with Air Force Systems Command (AFSC) and the Air Staff to incorporate sensor technology into contingency forces.

United States Air Forces Europe (USAFE) were asked in this document to consider remote ground sensors as a means of providing surveillance of forces hostile to NATO, especially their probable airfield, missile, AAA, and truck park/storage sites. Other factors to be considered by USAFE were the emplacing and airborne monitoring of sensors in hostile air environments and their use in a stay-behind role by retreating friendly forces.

PACAF's tasking letter which accompanied the basic REGSENSPO document to its subordinate numbered Air Forces (5th AF, 7th AF, 13th AF, and 7/13th AF) requested comments concerning organizational relationships of future sensor operations. For example, at what level of assignment could sensor resources be most effectively utilized; should they be aligned with the intelligence or the command/control function; and should all components (emplacement vehicles, read out equipment, required facilities) be centrally controlled?





The 7th AF reply to PACAF (dated 16 January 1970) concerned the SEA area during the 1974-78 timeframe when it was assumed that all U.S. forces supporting IGLOO WHITE would have been withdrawn. The most useful sensor types were seen as ADSIDs, ACOUSIDs, and possibly EDETs (this was before the EDET test of March-June 1971). To establish a minimal 40-string field for six months (with a 60-day average life per sensor), approximately 1600 sensors would have to be on hand or procurable on a short-term basis. A steady supply of new sensors would be necessary if either the 40 string or the six-month figure were exceeded. Sensor implant missions would almost certainly have to be performed by LORAN-equipped F-4D aircraft, although OV-10s 291/possibly could be used for visual delivery in AAA low-threat areas.

The use of an airborne read out of sensors was seen as providing maximum felxibility for sensor field location and configuration, although 7th AF felt that there were no systems available at that time (March 1971) which could adequately perform this task. Even FERRET III operations with the X-T Plotter were viewed as "... only marginally adequate for even the less demanding applications." For relaying sensor activations to a ground read out terminal, 7th AF discussed both the QU-22B and a Palletized Airborne Relay (PAR) which was being developed for installation aboard various VNAF cargo aircraft. PAR was seen as offering maximum flexibility at the least cost for a contingency sensor system, and was recommended as the best choice for monitoring any future fields.





Further, 7th AF suggested that the ground terminal facility for interpreting sensor activations probably would be similar to DART I or the more sophisticated Sensor Reporting Post (SRP, this was an air-transportable, mobile ISC which featured a small digital computer and could monitor a field of 400 sensors. It was under development at Eglin AFB, Florida). This terminal would necessarily be readily deployable to SEA and reasonably mobile once it had arrived in theater. Given the geography of SEA and the PACAF area of operations, 7th AF suggested that the potential of a shipboard SRP-type facility should be investigated as a means of providing maximum $\frac{294}{}$

Finally, 7th AF answered PACAF's questions on who should control a sensor system, and to what degree it should be centralized. Management and control of the system should be within the operations rather than the intelligence function, 7th AF stated, although a close operations-intelligence relationship was necessary to its successful operation. In addition, central management of all system components was seen as necessary to insure proper coordination of sensor logistics, field location and configuration, sensor implant, airborne relay schedules, and ground terminal operations. The 7th AF reply concluded with a comment on the resource competition between a sensor system and \$\frac{295}{295}\$





The competitive priority of a contingency sensor system should be low compared to the priority of strike forces in a reduced budget environment. However, a minimal system could be maintained with little impact on strike force capability, considering the relative costs of a minimal sensor system versus the costs of strike aircraft, associated equipment and facilities.

PACAF's 15 March 1971 response to the original Headquarters USAF REGSENSPO document repeated many of 7th AF's ideas. The primary use of ground sensor technology to the Air Force in the future was seen by PACAF to be target development on a real time basis, with intelligence collecting being secondary. This technology could be best exploited in PACAF's opinion, by integrating the capabilities of the SRP or similar facility in a manual mode with the Combat Reporting Center (CRC) and then including both functions in the Tactical Air Control System (TACS).

Like 7th AF, PACAF recommended the use of ADSID/ACOUSID sensors against vehicles, but stressed the need for an antipersonnel capability as well. F-4 sensor implants also were seen as necessary, and airborne data relay requirements could be best satisfied by use of the PAR. Deployment mobility was regarded as vital for the ground read out facility, which would utilize either a DART type facility or the SRP. The PACAF letter also mentioned the use of sensors to augment existing Air Control and Warning (AC&W) systems by providing a capability for detecting low-flying aircraft. This capability would be most useful in Korea, but should also be deployable throughout the Pacific area. PACAF also drew attention to the vulnerability of sensors to hostile ECM, and stressed





that efforts should continue to develop protection against this threat in future applications. $\frac{297}{}$

In an article appearing in the June 1971 issue of The Air Force Magazine, Major General William J. Evans, former Deputy to the Director of the DCPG/DSPG, discussed areas in which sensor research and development were continuing. Development of longer-life batteries was a prime item of interest, as were sensors which would properly implant and operate in terrain in cold-climate parts of the world. Sensor cases were desired which would blend with different types of topography and vegetation. The General also mentioned the need for new types of detectors with better target discrimination (a possible reference to EDET III), and sensor frequency bands suitable for worldwide use. Also required were sensor transmitters less vulnerable to jamming, as well as an airborne monitor/ relay platform able to operate in hostile air environments. Finally, Major General Evans expressed hopes that the accuracy of sensor implants could be improved by different sensor configurations and the development of more precise navigation systems for delivery aircraft. Sensors placed closer to the roads which they monitored would require less detection range and lower battery power, thus resulting in smaller, lighter, and cheaper sensors.

MYSTIC MISSION

On 4 March 1971, the DSPG assigned the name MYSTIC MISSION to a project to develop a Phase III sensor system for use in Europe. On





9 August, DSPG activated Detachment 1 of Joint Task Force 728 to test and evaluate the new sensor program. To control the CONUS phase of the evaluation, Detachment 1 became operational on 13 September 1971 at Field 2, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. This was a joint services project, with a U.S. Army commander, an Air Force vice commander, and a Marine Corps chief of staff.

Conclusion

In October 1971, IGLOO WHITE stood at a crossroads. For the past four years, various sensor applications and uses had been proposed and tested operationally in SEA under combat conditions. For the COMMANDO HUNT VII campaign, the most successful of these programs apparently were to be combined with the authority to control directly a substantial portion of the Air Force's interdiction resources in STEEL TIGER. Although a number of separate and distinct agencies and operations were necessary to the success of the new system, the real time target detection capability of IGLOO WHITE was to be the center of the 1971-72 interdiction effort. Since both 7th AF and PACAF saw the ability of IGLOO WHITE to detect lucrative targets, direct strike aircraft against them on a real time basis, and restrike if necessary, to be the principal justification for such systems in the Air Force inventory, the results of COMMANDO HUNT VII promised to have a decisive impact on the future role of remote ground sensor technology in the U.S. Air Force.



APPENDIX I

Instructions for use of CONFIRM sheet readouts on pages 109 and 110.

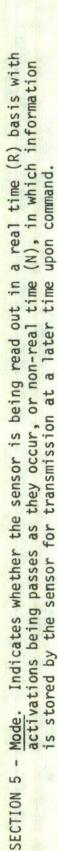
- Sensor String Number. The first two digits (01-09) identified in which the Visual Reconnaissance (VR) sectors of STEEL TIGER the string was located. There were nine VR sectors for the 1971-72 campaign. The notation at the extreme left identified the Ground Surveillance Monitor (GSM) responsible for monitoring the particular set of SECTION
- given between the adjoining strings along the same LOC. For example, the last sensor in string 08-220 and the first in string 08-221 were 140 meters apart along the same road. The figures at the far left represented the year and the Julian (Zulu) date. SECTION 2 - Distance Between Sensors. This figure was read from top to bottom in tenths of a kilometer. Thus, 0.26 would equal 260 meters. In certain cases the distance was
- Individual Sensors in String. Sensor strings normally had a maximum of eight sensors, with additional strings being implanted if more sensors were desired. Since only currently active sensors were listed on the CONFIRM sheets, gaps frequently appeared in the enumeration. The sensors were always numbered from north to south, with the highest number being the southernmost sensor in the string. Strings with only one active sensor were not normally monitored. SECTION 3 -
- SECTION 4 Listing of Activations by Minute. The CONFIRM sheet displayed 40 minutes of Zulu time, with the most recent period being at the bottom of the sheet.
 - period had been received by the computer. Thus, the higher the number (up to six), the more activity was occurring within range of the sensor. Hyper-active sensors displayed a. Since seismic sensors could activate for six 10-second periods each minute, the total number of those periods for which the sensor was activated was displayed in this section. This was updated at the end of each minute when all activations for that more activity was occurring within range of the sensor. continual activations and were regarded as unreliable.



Vehicular traffic generally displayed a diagonal "step" pattern, starting with the The sample sheets illustrate patterns displayed by various activation sources. sensors, while northbound trucks would first activate the higher numbered ones. Aircraft, ordnance and localized activity displayed distinctive patterns which first sensor in the string. Southbound vehicles would begin with low numbered trained operator could easily distinguish from trucks.

case, the Radio Operator upon detecting positive signals entered his assessment of the sounds into the computer (and hence onto the GSM's IBM 2250 CONFIRM display) according Acoustic sensors were "polled" (commanded to transmit audio) when a nearby seismic polled at random throughout the night for any indication of enemy activity. In either Operator helped determine the nature of the activation. In addition, COMMIKEs were or ignition sensor revealed activity. The resulting audio assessment by the Radio to the following letter code:

AB.	Tracked vehicles and motorcycles	Σ	Motion
40	Motorcycles and aircraft	₩ W	Motion and ordnance
4	Trucks and motorcycles	W	Motion and aircraft
X	Tracked vehicles and aircraft	MS	Motion and small arms
4	Trucks and aircraft	0	Ordnance
A\	Tracked vehicles and trucks	В	Ordnance and aircraft
4Z	Trucks closest to sensor	SO	Ordnance and small arms
~	Background noise	PA	Prop aircraft
Y	Motorcycles	SP	Small arms and aircraft
×	Motorcycles and motion	TA	Trucks
00	Motorcycles and ordnance		Trucks and motion
S	Motorcycles and small arms		Trucks and ordnance
>	Motorcycles and voices		Trucks and small arms
(5	Small arms		Trucks and voices
4 A	Helicopter		Unassessable
JA	Jet Aircraft	>	Voices
5	Tracked vehicles	M	Voices and motion
ξ	Tracked vehicles and motion	0/	Voices and ordnance
9	Tracked vehicles and ordnance	VP	Voices and aircraft
S	Tracked vehicles and small arms	٧S	Voices and small arms
>	Tracked vehicles and voices	3	Weather



Sensors were identified by means of the following letter codes: Type of Sensor. 1 SECTION 6

- ADSID (Seismic only) - ACOUSID (Seismic and acoustic) Q -- EDET (Ignition only)

Y - COMMIKE (Acoustic only)
Q - COMMIKE/EDET (Acoustic and ignition)

cause false activations. This also allows adjustments to be made to individual sensors in a string in relation to their distance from the LOC which they are monitoring, so that a uniform pattern is presented on the CONFIRM display. Sensitivity. Refers to sensor detection range and strength of activations. The sensitivity of sensors can be adjusted to eliminate extraneous stimuli which could SECTION 7 -

computer. This is usually at 300 pieces of information (or "bits") per minute, although it can be reduced to 75. The lower rate is used to reduce the effect of Bit Rate. Refers to the rate at which sensor-transmitted data is received by the various forms of radio. Frequency Interference (RFI). SECTION 8 -

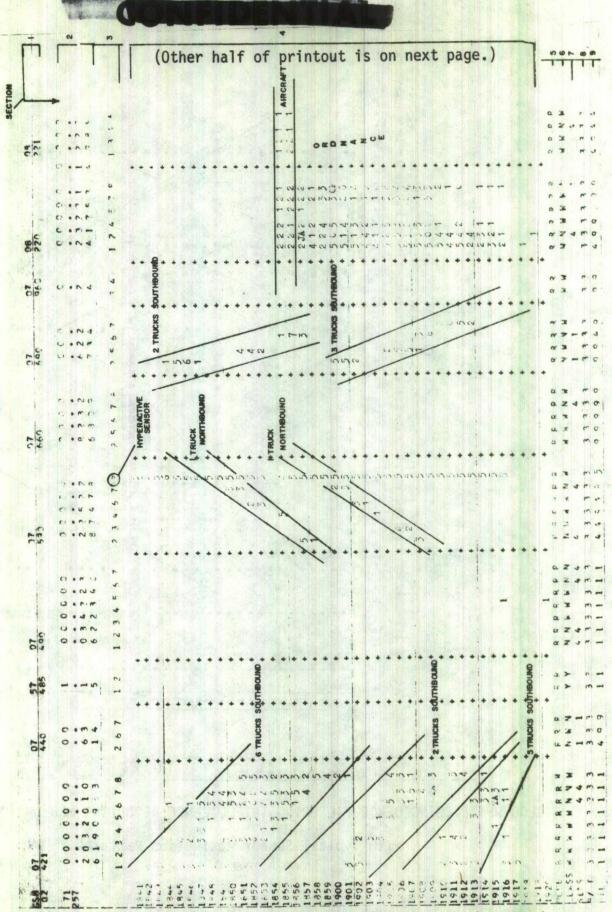
Sensors were rated according to the following code: Reliability. SECTION 9 -

- Given to all newly-implanted sensors. Unknown reliability.
- A 2, 3 or 4-rated sensor which has had no activations for three days. 2.
- Audio sensors. COMMIKEs or ACOUSIDS which have lost their seismic capability but still retain audio.
- Sensors that activate for weather, aircraft or random activations only. participate in truck sequences. 4.
- Hyperactive sensors. Activates for long periods of time for apparent reason. 5

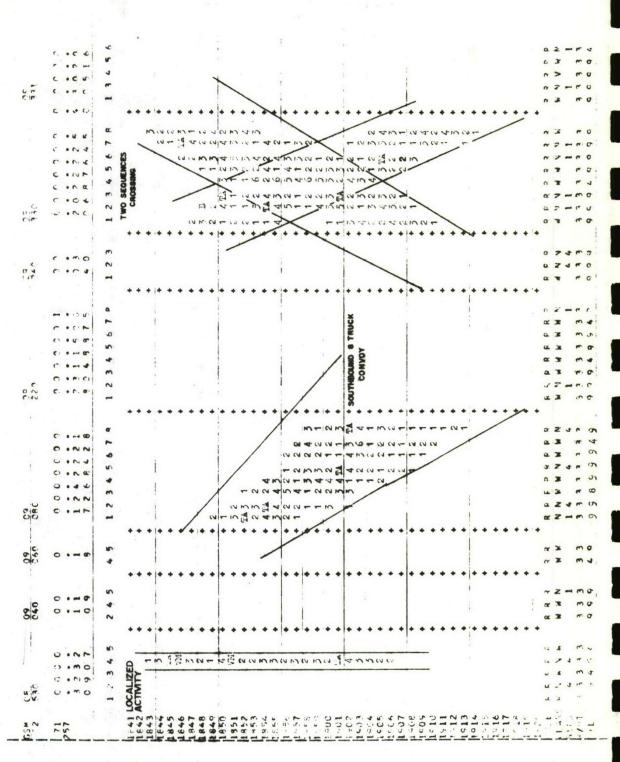


- A sensor previously rated 7, 8 or 9 but which has had no activations for a minimum of three days. 9
- A useful but not reliable sensor. Activates for less than 40 percent of truck sequences, or gives unusual activations during sequences. Occasionally helps 8 or 9-rates sensors call sequences.
- 8. Activates for 40-95 percent of truck sequences.
- 9. Activates for more than 95 percent of truck sequences.





IGLOO WHITE COINCIDENCE FILTERING INTELLIGENCE REPORTING MEDIUM (CONFIRM) Sheet
With Typical Sensor Activation Patterns
(Numbers along right side are keyed to the explanatory text in Appendix I)
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IGLOO WHITE COINCIDENCE FILTERING INTELLIGENCE REPORTING MEDIUM (CONFIRM) Sheet
With Typical Sensor Activation Patterns

APPENDIX II

This list of aircraft orbits associated with IGLOO WHITE includes all those mentioned in this report.

DATE FLOWN OR SEPTEMBER 1971 STATUS	May 1969 - March 1970	December 1970 - February 1971 (as sensor monitor)	Flown daily	Flown daily	Late 1970 - early 1971	September 1969 - September 1970	3-26 November 1968	Flown when C-130B not available for White Orbit
NO. OF HOURS DAILY	As required	18	18-24	. 21	termine feasi-	10 (Night)	Unknown	10 (Night)
PROGRAM SUPPORTED	DART I at Pleiku (Backup)	Cambodian strings (Use of Cambodian ABCCC to monitor sensors)	DART I, IGLOO WHITE	IGLOO WHITE	A test orbit flown to determine feasi- bility of White Orbit	DART II	Sensors in NVN	IGLOO WHITE. Distance precluded relay of data to TFA
AIRCRAFT	EC-121R	EC-121R	EC-121R QU-22B C-130 (ABCCC)	EC-121R QU-22B C-130 (ABCCC)	EC-121R QU-22B	EC-121R QU-22B	EC-121R	EC-121R
ORBIT	Amber	Black (TACC-A)	B] ne	Green	Lavender	Orange	Pink	Purple

August 1969 - January 1970	Flown daily	Test stage
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Sensors along Route in BARREL ROLL	Monitors Purple Orb but positioned so t higher altitude all relay of data to TF for read out	COMPASS FLAG (flies a track rather than an
121R	30B	22B 30
		Yellow QU-22B C-130
	EC-121R Sensors along Route 7	Sensors along Route 7 10.0 in BARREL ROLL Monitors Purple Orbit, 10.5 but positioned so that higher altitude allows relay of data to TFA for read out

AIRCRAFT ORBITS ASSOCIATED WITH IGLOO WHITE THAILAND П CAMBODIA BLACK SAIGON V 113

APPENDIX III

SEQUENCES PASSED, SEQUENCES NOT PASSED, AND BDA FOR HEADSHED NIGHT TRAFFIC ADVISORY SERVICE 24 October 1970 - 31 August 1971 (Based on OPREP-4 Data) 300/

	DCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	<u> </u>
Sequences processed	15	3501	9103	15,721	17,732	18,841	17,988	13,034	3804	1137
Movers processed	22	0619	13,781	26,913	31,471	34,337	26,892	18,483	4966	1436
Sequences passed	4	1652	2836	2690	4793	5221	5843	4441	1506	208
Sequences not passed	Ξ	1849	6267	10,031	12,939	13,620	12,154	8593	2298	629
No aircraft available	7	1154	3157	3530	4249	2607	3562	4745	1600	339
Unable to contact aircraft	0	162	758	1586	. 1632	1436	1588	1123	170	78
Aircraft working strike or busy	0	373	2025	3891	5412	5052	6441	2208	377	139
Communications difficulties made information untimely	0	7	45	63	203	54	48	41	4	7
Weather precluded use of advisory	0	89	229	946	191	176	249	384	139	62
Below filter level	-	45	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	3	39	48	0	0	200	257	92	∞	8

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	168	0	160	479	795	275	375	56	0	0	ondary Explosions
	32	2	142	165	233	105	9/	4	0	0	icks damaged
Ξ	15	4	134	1012	873	426	350	71	0	0	icks destroyed



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GLOSSARY

AAA Antiaircraft Artillery

ABCCC Airborne Battlefield Command and Control Center

ACOUSID Acoustic Seismic Intrusion Detector

AC&W Aircraft Control and Warning

ADSID Air Delivered Seismic Intrusion Detector

AFSC Air Force Systems Command

AMTI Airborne Moving Target Indicator
ARDF Airborne Radio Direction Finding
ARVN Army of the Republic of Vietnam

ASR Automatic Sequence Routing
ATA Acoustic Targeting Area

BASS Battlefield Area Surveillance System

BDA Bomb Damage Assessment

CAEDET Commandable Audio Engine Detector

CAP Combat Air Patrol

CAS Controlled American Source COC Combat Operations Center

COLOSSYS Coordinated LORAN Sensor Strike System

COMMIKE Commandable Microphone

COMUSMACV Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

CONFIRM Coincidence Filtering Intelligence Reporting Medium

CRC Combat Reporting Center

DART Deployable Automatic Relay Terminal

DASC Direct Air Support Center

DCPG Defense Communications Planning Group

DMPI Desired Mean Point of Impact

DMZ Demilitarized Zone

DO Directorate of Operations (TFA)
DSPG Defense Special Projects Group

ECM Electronic Countermeasures

EDET Engine Detector

ETA Estimated Time of Arrival

FAC Forward Air Controller

FADSID Fighter Air-Delivered Seismic Intrusion Detector

FFV Field Force Vietnam

GSM Ground Surveillance Monitor





HANDSID Hand-emplaced Seismic Intrusion Detector

HELOSID Helicopters-emplaced Seismic Intrusion Detector

IN Directorate of Intelligence (TFA)
ISC Infiltration Surveillance Center

JGS Joint General Staff

KIA Killed in Action

LOC Line of Communication LORAN Long Range Navigation

MACV Military Assistance Command Vietnam

MAGID Magnetic Intrusion Detector

MAW Marine Air Wing

NOD Night Observation Device NULLO No Live Operator Aboard

PAR Palletized Airborne Relay

PIRID Passive Intra-red Intrusion Detector

PMBR Portable Multiple Bomb Rack

PMDL Provisional Military Demarcation Line

PME Prime Mission Equipment

RBA Reconnaissance by Acoustic

REGSENSPO Remote Ground Sensor Planning Objectives

RFI Radio Frequency Interference RTAFB Royal Thai Air Force Base

RVN Republic of Vietnam

RVNAF Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces

RW Reconnaissance Wing

SAM Surface to Air Missile
SAR Search and Rescue
SEA Southeast Asia
SI Special Intelligence

SOW Special Operations Wing SPIKEBUOY Spike Acoubuoy

SPIKESID Spike Seismic Intrusion Detector SPOS Strong Point Obstacle System

SRP Sensor Reporting Post
SS Security Squadron
SSS Special Strike String
SSZ Special Strike Zone

STOL Short Take-off and Landing



TAC Tactical Air Command

TACAIR Tactical Air

TACP Tactical Air Control Party
TAO Traffic Assessment Officer

TFA Task Force Alpha

TFS Tactical Fighter Squadron
TIO Targets Intelligence Officer
TO Directorate of Engineering (TFA)
TOC Tactical Operations Center

TOT Time on Target

USAFE United States Air Forces Europe

USAFSS United States Air Force Security Service

VHF Very High Frequency
VR Visual Reconnaissance

WRZ Western Reconnaissance Zone

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