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1. (S) Attachment 1 contains the harassment fire, which comprised most of the feedback received.

2. (S) B-52 strikes requested by the 3rd Marine Division on the following dates were partially based upon ARDF.

a. 23 August at YD 115703, YD 123780, and YD 183771.

b. 24 August; west of Con Thien and northeast of Con Thien.

c. 26 August; west of Con Thien.

3. (S) During the period 23-27 August an estimated five radar directed jet air strikes and 50-100 rounds of artillery fire daily were initiated, in part, due to ARDF. Additionally, we have been advised that it is the policy of the 3rd Marine Division to direct friendly artillery and airborne ordnance against ARDF fixes of 750 meters or less based on troop safety factors and other limitations.

4. (S) Based on ARDF fixes in the Hobo Woods, A People Sniffer mission was flown in that area on 16 August. Results were positive and the gunship escorting the People Sniffer observed 3 VC and received small arms and automatic weapons fire in the vicinity of XF 6423. The gunship returned fire and 48 rounds of medium artillery were fired when the ship cleared the area. This action was followed by two rounds of medium artillery each 15 minutes throughout the night. A combat sky spot was flown dropping 7 each 750 pound bombs.

5. (S) ARDF fixes north of Bien Hoa on 26 August were observed to fit the pattern of 12 May, 15 July, 22 and 23 August. Heavy artillery concentrations were placed on likely avenues of approach to probable launch sites for rocket/mortar fire directed against Bien Hoa Air Base. Firefly missions along the Dung Nai river were also increased.

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6. (S) B-52 strikes based on ANZF were made on 5 August (XT 175910), 9 August (XS 546910), and 12 August (XU 964111).

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The following information received by this unit is forwarded as very fragmentary evidence of your success in accomplishing the Air Force ARDF mission in SVN:

1. On 21 Oct, B Company, 4th BN, 12th Inf Regt conducted an airmobile assault in the vicinity of YS070 925 based on a concentration of ARDF fixes in that area. Results were 3 US KIA and 2 VC KIA (BC). At 1240H, artillery was fired at 4 VC with unknown results. At 1630, in the vicinity of YS074 933, one bunker was destroyed. Inside were found bloody bandages, miscellaneous clothing and 15 rounds of M-1 ammunition. 2 sampans were discovered nearby. Another bunker was found at YS 077 925 which contained 1 US carbine, 6 blasting caps, 4 fragmentation grenades, 2 Chicom carbines, 12 Chicom grenades, 1 BM-10, 1 US Claymore and 500 feet of claymore wire. C Company of the same unit found a hospital complex nearby consisting of 1 bunker and 3 military structures. Also found were 50 pounds of rice, 100 syrettes of unknown type medicine, 15 rounds of M-14 ammunition, miscellaneous clothing and 1 mortally wounded VC. At YS 070 939, a light fireteam fired on a bunker resulting in 2 VC KIA and 1 VC WIA. Compass Dart provided one fix on both the 19th and 21st in this immediate area on mission 530.

2. In operation Shanandoah II which is attempting (and succeeding) to annihilate the 271st VC Regt, 20 bunkers and 1 military structure were uncovered near XT612 435 by 1st Division forces on 24 Oct. Nearby at XT604 424, 4 bunkers, women's underwear Chicom grenades, 500,000 units of penicillin, 400 pounds of rice and assorted tools found. At XT 603 432, another large rice cache and documents were found, having been unearthed by air strikes and ground troops. A Compass Dart mission in area 26 obtained one fix in the immediate area on 24 Oct.

3. Very high level interest since the last week of October has been concentrated on finding and fixing an elusive PAVN unit suspected to be moving south into MACV area 25. Compass Dart missions were first to locate it on 28 Oct and continued to follow with fixes on 6, 8, 12 (twice) 13 and 14 Nov on mission 525 and on 14 Nov by mission 520. This is considered by many to be one of the most important ARDF accomplishments in months.

4. The VC attack on Loc Ninh is now past history (Attachment 1) and again Compass Dart missions provided tactical commanders with invaluable support. 3 fixes were obtained on mission 524 on 30 Oct, the day the battle commenced and a special mission later that same day picked up

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two more fixes; all were in the immediate area of an hab. The [illegible] another fix was obtained by mission 527 in the same area.

5. The following is a quote from a report from the Commanding Officer, Provincial Radio Research Company near Chu Lai:
"In fighting yesterday (6 Nov), well supported by the 319th TCS and ARDF from the 144th Avn Co and Det One and Two of the 6994th SS, (CIA and 362 TMS) troops of the 3/1st ACD, 1/101st Abn Div and 5th Marine Regiment inflicted heavy losses on elements of the 2nd NVA Division (59 KIA by BC). Operations continued today and collaterals indicated that many elements of the 2nd NVA Div were heavily engaged."

6. A report form the Commanding General III Marine Amphibious Force revealed that 1095 ARDF fixes were received by Marine supports [illegible] during Oct. Of these action was taken on 325 to include approximately 250 interdicted by supporting arms (artillery, harassment and interdiction fire), 6 passed to RVN artillery for interdiction and 77 were hit by tactical air. The report further indicates their ARDF provides a basis for planning Arc Light targets and that all [illegible] with a CEP of 750 meters or less are passed to unit with the responsibility for targetting or other exploitation deemed necessary by the unit commander.

7. On 1 Nov 67 in Darlac Province, 43 Km NNE of Lon Le Khuot (AT 384 472), a 4th Inf Div element discovered a weapons cache near the base camp of the 3rd Bn, 33rd NVA Regiment. The cache contained [illegible] individual weapons, one crew served weapon and assorted ammunition and documents. On 30 Oct a Compass Dart mission obtained a fix in this immediate area.

8. Operation Greely terminated effective 11/2400H October 1967. Results of the operation were 191 enemy KIA (BC). Compass Dart missions flown from Nha Trang flew daily support missions from 1 Jun to 12 Oct 67.

9. On 22 Oct, mission 411 fixed a target located at AT 379 385. The following day the field commander called for an air strike on this target based solely on the ARDF fix. The strike lasted for only 30 minutes and was considered a routine operation until the elements of the Marines found evidence of a PAVN unit in the area. Another air strike was called and when the area was searched, 74 NVA bodies were found.

10. Miscellaneous actions taken on Compass Dart ARDF fixes:

19 Oct	BR749 611	15	Hit with unk nr/type artillery
19 Oct	BR710 578	15	Air Strike and artillery
20 Oct	BR094 333	15	Two air strikes
20 Oct	BR681 586	15	Unk nr/type artillery
21 Oct	BR692 578	15	Unk nr/type artillery
21 Oct	BR266 730	15	Unk nr/type artillery
22 Oct	XT612 435	26	Popular Forces Squad sent to investigate
23 Oct	YS199 811	31	Unk nr/type artillery

23 Oct	BR596 746	15	30 Rounds of 37[illegible] mm [illegible]
23 Oct	BR[illegible]0 277	15	72 Rounds of 2.75 [illegible]
24 Oct	XR[illegible]4 354	26	Rapid [illegible]
26 Oct	[illegible]04 273	13	50 rounds of [illegible]
27 Oct	[illegible]4 804	15	Infantry [illegible]
27 Oct	BR613 774	13	Unk my/type artillery
27 Oct	BR631 709	13	Unk my/type artillery
29 Oct	XR332 820	23	3 rounds of 155 [illegible]
29 Oct	XR333 462	23	12 rounds of 155 mm [illegible]
31 Oct	BR291 697	13	Unk my/type [illegible]
31 Oct	LR748 570	13	Air [illegible]
2 Nov	BR750 27	13	50 rounds unknown type [illegible]
2 Nov	BR592 760	13	60 rounds of 81 mm [illegible]
10 Nov	XR797 601	30	Empty VC arms cache [illegible]
12 Nov	BR590 620	15	90 rounds of 155 mm artillery
12 Nov	BR611 731	13	134 rounds of 155 mm [illegible]

11. Significant relocations revealed by Compass Part [illegible] indicates:

Estimated size of unit (collateral)	From	To	Date	Indicator
Provincial Unit	XR956 377	XR911 439	1[illegible] Nov	[illegible]
Regiment	XR609 281	XR930 [illegible]	1[illegible] Nov	[illegible]
Provincial Unit	XR654 893	XR630 948	1[illegible] Nov	[illegible]
Unknown	XR323 778	XR304 822	1[illegible] Nov	531
Regiment	XR629 840	XR781 [illegible]	30 Oct	[illegible]
Provincial Unit	XR629 840	XR731 691	1 Nov	531

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