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SUBJECT: Sapper Attack at Ubon RTAFB (U)

1. (C) On 13 Jan 70, the 8th USAF Security Police Squadron detected and engaged a sapper team that had penetrated Ubon RTAFB, killing five CI before the sappers caused any material damage. Responding to a call for assistance from a USAF dog handler, who was fired upon by the intruders, Quick Reaction and Special Action Teams blocked the sappers' advance and, utilizing fire and maneuver, closed on and killed the intruders. In addition to accounting for five Czech 7.65 mm machine pistols, the security forces also recovered 35 one-half pound plastic explosive charges, 9 fragmentation and concussion hand grenades, about 30 magazines of 7.65 mm ammunition, and four bayonet type knives.

2. (C) Coordination with and response from Provincial Police in securing area outside the perimeter was outstanding. Thai Security Guard members of QRT and SAT engaged the enemy in a commendable manner.

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3. (C) Friendly casualties included one wounded USAF Security Policeman (not seriously) and one K-9 killed and one K-9 wounded.

4. (C) The overwhelming success in repulsing this determined sapper effort is attributed to a number of factors which are included here as excellent examples of sound base defense procedures/operations:

a. Responding to intelligence reports received before midnight on 12 Jan, the base increased its security condition to YELLOW while members of the 8th Security Police Squadron assumed a modified

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b. Notification of personnel and agencies concerned, both internal and external, was complete and rapid. Cooperation exhibited reflected effective prior planning and coordination with RTG agencies/officials.

c. Response to report of intruders on base was immediate and professional. QM and SAT cut off intruders and, exhibiting remarkable fire discipline during an extended fire fight, closed with and killed the sappers. During the battle, action was closely monitored and controlled in Central Security Control and supported by illumination fired from 81mm mortars. The self-evident results achieved can be directly attributed to the high state of training and

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frequent rehearsals of reaction plans.

d. Reporting of incidents as they occurred to higher headquarters was timely, unemotional, and extremely factual. Updates were made as additional information became available.

5. (U) The actions of the 8th USAF Security Police Squadron at Uben prior to and throughout the encounter indicated a professionalism worthy of emulation at all US tenanted installations, large or small.

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