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From: Commander, U. S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, and Chief, Naval Advisory Group, Military Assistance Command, Vietnam

Subj: Luc Luong 66 (Kit Carson Scout) Program

Ref: (a) MACV Directive 525-6 of 25 June 1970 (NOTAL)
(b) MACV Manual 690-1 of 1 September 1969 (NOTAL)

Encl: (1) Format for Draft Deferment Request and Notification of Termination
(2) Citation Format for Vietnamese Decorations
(3) Identification Card
(4) List of Clothing and Equipment

1. Purpose. To establish policy and prescribe responsibilities and procedures in the employment and utilization of Chieu Hoi returnees in the COMNAVFORV Luc Luong 66 Program.
2. Cancellation. NAVFORV Instruction 3410.7 is cancelled.
3. Background. A program of employing reliable and aggressive male Chieu Hoi returnees to accompany tactical forces on military operations was formally adopted within MACV and is designated as the Luc Luong 66 Program. MACV, by reference (a), has authorized COMNAVFORV to employ Luc Luong 66 Chieu Hoi returnees.
4. General. This instruction governs the full-time employment of Chieu Hoi returnees by U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, to support operational, intelligence, and psychological activities in counterinsurgency operations. U.S. Naval Forces are authorized to hire selected Chieu Hoi returnees on a full-time basis as local national civilian hire employees to assist in military operations when such individuals can contribute to the accomplishment of the counterinsurgency mission.

5. Responsibilities

a. Chieu Hoi Directorate, Civil Operations and Rural Development Support (CORDS) provides staff supervision of the Luc Luong 66 Program for COMUSMACV.

b. COMNAVFORV provides personnel management for the Luc Luong 66 Program for all U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam.

RI c. COMNAVSUPFACT Saigon provides outfitting support for NAVFORV Luc Luong 66 Scouts.

d. Commander, Employing Units, provides a scout coordinator, who is responsible for recruiting, hiring, training, reporting, and employing Luc Luong 66 Scouts.

6. Procedures

a. Selection and hire of returnees

(1) GVN provincial Chieu Hoi officials and CORDS Chieu Hoi advisors will assist NAVFORV representatives in recruiting returnees from Chieu Hoi Centers.

(2) Naval Intelligence Liaison Officers will assist in recruiting by interviewing Hoi Chanhs and making recommendations on their potential as Luc Luong 66 Scouts.

(3) Returnees may be hired only after having completed the prescribed indoctrination course at the Chieu Hoi Center and after formal release by appropriate GVN Chieu Hoi officials. All NVA returnees can be recruited at the National Chieu Hoi Center, Saigon.

(4) All personnel and administrative actions which are required in order to hire and supervise the scouts are to be performed in accordance with reference (b) and coordinated through the local area Civilian Personnel Office.

b. Assignment and Utilization

(1) COMUSMACV established the authorized ceiling of scouts for COMNAVFORV.

(2) COMNAVFORV will allocate Luc Luong 66 quotas to employing units.

(3) Employing units may hire scouts in accordance with their tactical requirements, but must obtain individual authorization for each scout from COMNAVFORV.

(4) General missions which can be accomplished by scouts are:

- (a) Assist in tactical operations as guides and scouts.
- (b) Assist in locating and identifying enemy units, assembly areas, and routes of movement.
- (c) Assist in search operations for NVA/VC equipment and supplies.
- (d) Assist in population control and concurrent psychological operations.
- (e) Assist in interrogation of captives, suspects, or other returnees.
- (f) Assist tactical and intelligence units and GVN police forces by identifying members of the NVA/VC through visual recognition.

(5) Luc Luong 66 Scouts will be employed in company with U.S. personnel. They will not be employed as a separate territorial security or strike force or be expected to perform duties more hazardous than regular members of the employing unit.

(6) Luc Luong 66 Scouts have been authorized a draft deferment by the GVN Ministry of Defense under the following conditions:

(a) The scouts are granted a six-month draft deferment by virtue of their rallying to the Chieu Hoi Program. The effective date of the deferment is the date of official release from the Chieu Hoi Center. They are to be hired during the period that their Chieu Hoi Program deferment is still effective.

(b) Draft deferments for twelve-month periods must be requested from the Mobilization Directorate, Ministry of National Defense, Saigon, at the time of employment by the employing unit. Subsequent requests for deferment extensions must be forwarded through the same channels to arrive at the Mobilization Directorate at least thirty days prior to termination of the current deferment. Scouts are authorized annual draft deferment extensions as long as they are employed in the Luc Luong 66 Program.

(c) A certificate of deferment for each scout will be forwarded to the employing unit upon approval by the Mobilization Directorate.

(d) Service as a scout does not provide constructive credit towards military service obligations.

(e) Upon termination of employment, regardless of cause, the Mobilization Directorate is to be promptly notified of the scout's draft availability and the draft deferment certificate returned to the Mobilization Directorate through the same channels by which it was requested. Reason for termination must be specified, and if the deferment certificate is not returned, a reason is to be given. One copy of the letter of notification is to be forwarded by the employing unit to COMNAVFORV, where it will be forwarded to COMUSMACV, Attn: MAC-CORDS-CHD. In addition, the employing unit is to escort the terminated scout to the Chieu Hoi center from which recruited, and furnish a written explanation of the reason for termination.

(f) In the event scouts are transferred from one major organization to another, the losing unit is to submit to the Mobilization Directorate, through proper channels, a roster using the format in Appendix I to Annex A of reference (a), specifying the organization to which the scout has been transferred. The gaining unit is to confirm the transfer by submitting a similar roster. Rosters are to be submitted within one week of loss or gain.

c. Training

(1) Each employing unit is to provide appropriate training for new scouts prior to utilization.

(2) The training should be tailored to suit the employing unit and designed to accomplish the following as a minimum:

(a) Knowledge of English terms to the degree necessary to enable the individual to understand instructions relating to command and control.

(b) Familiarization with tactics and standing operating procedures of the unit by which employed.

(c) Proper operation, care, and cleaning of clothing and equipment issued for their use.

(d) Familiarization with weapons in the arsenal of the employing unit.

(e) A full understanding of his position and mission within the employing unit.

(f) An understanding of the GVN and U.S. Free World Military Assistance Forces counterinsurgency goals in the RVN.

d. Personnel security

(1) The employment of the Chieu Hoi returnees as scouts presents a personnel security problem. The past activities and associations of the returnees and the difficulty of performing complete background investigations to determine the motivation and loyalty of the scouts is recognized. Therefore, all possible sources of information must be made use of to reduce the security risk.

(2) The intelligence units organic to, or in support of, employing units are encouraged to render all possible assistance to reduce the security risk.

(3) The employing unit is responsible for determining, within the degree of sources of information available, the motivation and loyalty of each scout employed.

(4) The priority for recruitment, as a matter of policy, should be for those Chieu Hoi returnees whose family ties are in areas controlled by the GVN.

(5) The process of recruitment should include:

(a) The completion of a History Statement (MACV Form 2 EV-R), or a similar personal history form.

(b) Extraction of pertinent background information from Chieu Hoi Center files.

(c) Interview of recruit by qualified debriefing personnel to assist in determining motivation and loyalty.

(6) There is no requirement for a military security service clearance prior to employment.

(7) The employing unit will maintain a personal security file on each scout which will include, but will not be limited to, the following:

(a) Copy of History Statement (MACV Form 2 EV-R), or a similar personal history form.

(b) Full length, front, and side photographs.

(c) Complete set of fingerprints.

(d) All other available or developed information.

(8) Employing units will request MACJ2 (CI) to conduct a file check on each scout. The request will be submitted to COMNAVFORV and will reflect full name, aliases, date and place of birth, family and VC/NVA history. The request and results will be filed in the scout's personal security file.

(9) Employing units will, within tactical limitations, control movement of scouts within fire base areas and base camps.

(10) The employing unit will periodically record in the scout's personal security file the scout's attitudes, abilities, shortcomings, questionable activities, achievements, and displayed loyalties.

(11) Employing units may request a polygraph examination for scouts suspected of subversive activities.

(12) Exposed or suspected false Chieu Hoi returnees who are scouts will be reported, prior to termination of employment, to COMNAVFORV.

e. Logistic support. Logistic support of scouts, to include clothing equipment, daily rations, and billeting, is to be furnished by the employing unit. Sundry pack items are authorized for issue to scouts. Issue of the clothing and equipment in enclosure (4) is optional, depending on the requirement for clothing and equipment for the scouts to properly perform their duties.

f. Funding. Scouts are to be paid monthly from COMNAVFORV assistance in kind (AIK) funds through the cognizant Naval Support Activity. Reference (b) pertains.

g. Medical

(1) Prior to employment, returnees are to undergo a physical examination to ascertain that they are free of communicable diseases or latent physical defects.

(2) Initial physical examination and complete medical and dental service for an occupational injury are authorized in Allied military medical facilities. Once the scout's condition is stabilized sufficiently that further treatment in Allied medical facilities is not required, and available GVN medical facilities are capable of providing necessary sustained treatment, the expenses for sustained treatment are to be provided under the provisions of the Bureau of Employees Compensation. The same provisions are to be used by AIK funded programs.

h. Awards and Decorations

(1) The scouts may receive U.S. valorous awards, Silver Star and below. These awards are to be made based on the same criteria required for those recommended and approved for members of the Free World Forces; the provisions of COMNAVFORVINST 1650.3B apply.

(2) The Ministry of Defense Awards and Decorations System allows scouts to receive GVN decorations and is to be used when acts of gallantry have been performed by scouts.

(3) Scouts are authorized to receive the following GVN awards and decorations:

(a) Gallantry Cross with Palm (highest award); Gold Star; Silver Star; and Bronze Star.

(b) Certificate of Achievement.

(c) Letter of Commendation.

(4) Citations for decorations are to be prepared by the employing unit, in the Vietnamese language, and forwarded to the appropriate Commander, Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) Regiment, Division/Corps, through the Commanding General, ARVN Corps Tactical Zone, for approval (see Annex B).

i. Records. A complete personnel record of the scout is maintained

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at the servicing area Civilian Personnel Office. The employing unit is to maintain adequate local records to:

- (1) Insure prompt identification of the scout in case of injury or death.
- (2) Locate the scout's next of kin.
- (3) Record the expiration date of the scout's draft deferment certificate.
- (4) Keep a record of the scout's performance.

j. Identification

(1) Identification Tags. Each scout will be issued identification tags by the employing unit that will show name, unit, blood type, and the words "Luc Luong 66."

(2) Identification Cards

(a) The employing unit of a scout is to request a Luc Luong 66 Identification Card (MACV Form 75) from COMNAVFORV (enclosure (3)).

(b) COMNAVFORV is responsible for appointing an officer as Luc Luong 66 Identification Card Control Officer (ICCO) on written orders. Orders will specify that the ICCO is authorized to issue Luc Luong 66 identification cards to employed scouts. One copy of each appointing order is to be forwarded to COMUSMACV, ATTN: MACAG - AP.

(c) Identification cards are accountable forms and will be controlled in all phases of shipment, storage, and issue. All mail shipments of identification cards are to be registered. Unissued identification cards will be provided the same degree of security as that prescribed for confidential material.

(d) Surrender of identification cards. Scouts will be required to surrender their identification cards upon termination of employment or upon demand of the issuing agency.

(e) Destruction. Obsolete or mutilated identification cards are to be returned to COMNAVFORV where they will be listed by serial number on DA Form 546, Destruction of Classified Records, and destroyed by burning. A disinterested officer will witness the destruc-

tion and certify that the cards have been destroyed.

(f) Accountability upon change of ICCO. Upon change of ICCO or absence of ICCO in excess of 30 days, the ICCO will, prior to departure, account for all identification cards of which he is custodian. The following statement signed by both the old and new custodians is to be attached to the MACV Form 332-R, indicating the date of transfer of custodianship: "Per joint inventory conducted (date) the undersigned new custodian hereby accepts responsibility for unused Luc Luong 66 identification cards:

MACV Form 75	Serial No. _____	Through Serial No. _____
(Signed) Name		(Signed) Name
(Typed) Name		(Typed) Name
Rank		Rank
Old Custodian		New Custodian"

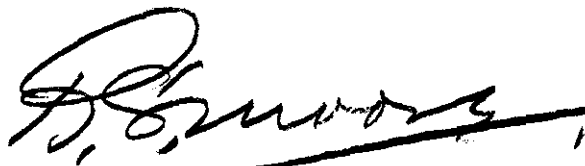
(g) Lost identification cards. The loss or theft of a Luc Luong 66 identification card will be reported by the individual through channels to the ICCO. The ICCO is to report the loss or theft of the card to the Provost Marshall of his organization and to other agencies having a direct interest. Scouts are to receipt for the replacement identification card on MACV Form 332-R.

7. Reports. Employing units are to submit a monthly Luc Luong 66 Scout Status Report to COMNAVFORV, info Task Force Commander, by the last day of each calendar month, and is to include the following:

- a. Number scouts employed.
- b. Number scouts recruited.
- c. Number scouts killed in action.
- d. Number scouts wounded in action.
- e. Number scouts missing in action.
- f. Number scouts deserted.
- g. Number scouts released; name and identification card number.

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- h. Significant accomplishments of scouts.
- i. Significant weaknesses of scouts.
- j. Items of interest.



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FORMAT FOR DRAFT DEFERMENT REQUEST AND NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION

LETTERHEAD
OF
PREPARING UNIT

(Identification Symbols)

(Date)

From: (Commanding Officer or Officer-in-Charge of preparing unit)
To: Headquarters, USMACV (ATTN: MACJ14, MOB Advisor)
38 Gia Long, Saigon APO San Francisco 96222
Via: (Headquarters providing personnel management)

Subj:

Encl: (1) Luc Luong 66 Scout Draft Deferment (Renewal*) for (name)

1. It is requested that enclosure (1) be processed by the Mobilization Directorate, Ministry of Defense, Saigon.

(Signature block of
Authorized Official)

* Strike out if not applicable.

Enclosure (1)

CITATION FORMAT FOR VIETNAMESE DECORATIONS

LETTERHEAD
OF
PREPARING UNIT

(Identification Symbols)

(Date)

From: (Commanding Officer or Officer-in-Charge of preparing unit)

To: Commanding General
_____ ARVN Corps Tactical Zone
_____ (Location)

Subj: Award of _____ (Title of Medal)

Encl: (1) Citation for _____ (name) Luc Luong 66 Scout, _____ (unit).

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for approval. _____ (Name) participated in Operation _____ (title), _____ (date), for which this citation has been prepared.

(Signature Block of
Authorized Official)

(The letter of transmittal and attached citations for decorations must be forwarded in two copies. More than one citation may be transmitted as long as the citations are for the same period of time.)

Enclosure (2)

LUC LUONG 66 KIT CARSON SCOUT	
NAME	
PHOTO	RANK
	DATE OF BIRTH
	VN.ID. NUMBER
	UNIT COMMAND
SIGNATURE OF SCOUT	

IDENTIFICATION CARD

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Enclosure (3)

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CHIEU HOI, APO 96347. PHN 937-4391

MAGV Form 75, 1 May 70

BACK

Enclosure (3)

LIST OF CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Clothing

Trousers, Utility	2 ea
Shirt, Utility	2 ea
Boots, Tropical combat	2 pr
Socks, Wool	3 pr
Undershirt, Cotton	3 ea
Undershorts, Cotton	3 ea
Cover, Utility	1 ea

Equipment

Individual weapon	1 ea
Equipment, cleaning, weapon	1 set
Pouch, Magazine	4 ea
Bayonet, Knife	1 ea*
Scabbard, Bayonet, knife	1 ea*
Pack, Field	1 ea
Helmet, Soldier's steel	1 ea
Liner, Helmet	1 ea
Poncho, Nylon coated	1 ea
Vest, Armor, protective	1 ea*
Belt, Cartridge	1 ea
Canteen, complete	2 ea
Suspenders, Field pack	1 ea

* This equipment would be issued from the advisory team property books.

Enclosure (4)

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