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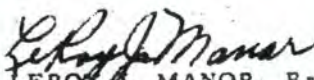
FROM: After Action Report

TO: Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

1. I have today provided to Brigadier General Blackburn my after action report on the Son Tay Prisoner of War Rescue Operation. The report is structured in three parts with Part I being a condensed narrative of the operation. Forty copies of Part I were provided to SACSA for distribution. Part II includes the Special Intelligence Analysis and amplification of various other facets of the operation. Seven copies of the complete Part II were provided to SACSA, along with 10 extra copies of the Special Intelligence Analysis. Part III is a compendium of raw data, including transcripts of communications monitored during the operation, debriefings, training and test reports, and other similar documentation. Part III is voluminous and exists in only one copy.

2. Since this concludes my association with IVORY COAST, I would like to express my deep appreciation for having been afforded the opportunity to command this outstanding group. Dedication, initiative, imagination, personal courage and valor, and the highest standard of professionalism, I feel, are inadequate expressions to convey the performance of my staff, the aircrews and the troops.

3. The unique and unprecedented freedom of action given to me by JCS, CINCPAC and field commanders was certainly a most significant aspect of the operation. This freedom impacted daily in infinite ways and was unquestionably the most important single factor in the success of the mission.

  
LEROY A. MANOR, Brig. Gen., USAF  
Commander, Joint Contingency Task Group (JCS)

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