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Dear General Starry:

An interesting paper prepared by a fine soldier which could be of use to you provided you all have not already done a similar project.

As a matter of interest, our recent "Carriage Trade" operation which you visited showed the need (once again) for a support squadron for the ACR. This will sever a logistical umbilical cord which has plagued ACRs for years and which I felt even in RVN, as I am sure you did.

Anyway, pursuant to our agreement for me to send things to you from time to time, here is one that could be useful.

Your War Game guys who worked with us in Carriage Trade did a superb job for me personally. I think they too profitted.

All the best,

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MEMORANDUM FOR: LIEUTENANT GENERAL OTT

SUBJECT: Cavalry--Economy of Force Role

1. We discussed Cavalry in an economy of force role several weeks ago. You asked to see a "layout" that would illustrate the Cav's suitability for such a mission.
2. At the inclosure is a side-by-side comparison of the commo equipment of the 2d ACR reinforced with a balanced task force versus an "equivalent" (4 Bn) Brigade. The differences are dramatic. The cavalry is equipped properly to handle command and control over wide frontages--exactly what is called for in an economy of force role. The Brigade is not.
3. Cavalry is under attack by OSD. We say that Cavalry plays three combat roles: (1) Reconnaissance; (2) Security; (3) Economy of force. It is alleged by its challengers that ad hoc tailored teams of infantry and armor can do the reconnaissance and security missions that we say is cavalry's role. To refute such allegations in a quantitative way is most difficult, if not impossible. However, the economy of force role appears to offer a real discriminator. The inclosure displays one quantitative aspect of the cavalry's flexibility. We estimate that the added commo equipment shown here plus the additional commo people it entails, gives the cavalry at least a 60% better command and control capability over the "equivalent Brigade." This fact, coupled with its peculiar organization and special reconnaissance training, is what makes the cavalry both so unique and so essential.
4. If you have no further guidance for pursuing this matter, I'll send a copy of this to Fort Leavenworth for whatever use they deem worthwhile.

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