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SUBJECT: 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE STANDING
OPERATING PROCEDURE

TO: See Distribution.

1. The Standing Operating Procedure (SOP) is divided into two books:

BOOK 1: Parts 1 to 6 SOP for HQ 1 ATF and units under command or attached for operations.

BOOK 2: Parts 7 to 12 SOP for HQ 1 ATF.

2. Standing Operating Procedure for Rear Area (SOPRA) is issued separately.

3. These procedures are for use whilst 1 ATF is operating under the command of 11 Field Force VIETNAM. They are effective forthwith and will be followed by all units under command or attached to 1 ATF. They supersede 1 ATF SOP Draft issued on 20 MAY 66.

4. The aim of these procedures is to provide additional guidance to units and staffs on methods of operation under present local conditions. It is not intended that they repeat information contained in army manuals, nor that they restate matters of common military practice or discipline.

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PART 1 - GENERAL

Section 1 - Staff Procedures and Deployment

1. Staff Procedures - In general, US staff procedures and format of operational writing will be used in 1 ATF.

2. Conferences and Verbal Orders

- a. Conferences - The following, or their representatives, will attend a daily briefing at 1700 hours conducted by the S3:

COs Inf Bns	S3	EME
CO Fd Regt	Asst S3	RAAF Rep
OC APC Sqn	S2	US Army Avn
OC Fd Sqn	Asst S2	Offr
OC Sig Sqn	S1/S4	USAF ALO
OC SAS Sqn	Asst S1	GS03 (Liason
OC Recce Flt	Asst S4	Comd's Aide
CO Fd Amb	S5	
OC TFMA (Log Co)	ST	
OC HQ Co HQ 1 ATF	Ord	

- b. Verbal Orders - The following will constitute the TF Commander's Orders Group and will also attend the TF Commander's Conferences:

COs Inf Bns	S3
CO Fd Regt	Asst S3
OC APC Sqn	S2
OC Fd Sqn	Asst S2
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