

APPENDIX G

Partial transcript for tape # 117

1-311-68

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~~0440~~

(BOQ 3)

base:
0440 -- ~~xxxx~~ what are the chances of getting an ambulance

in there or near there and taking out injured by foot

A. We can try it (frantically)

Q. 10-24 we'll get some ambulances there.

10-24

A. If you can get some flares dropped over here, maybe we can see what's going on.

Q. 10-24--Two gunships en route now to drop flares.

A. Waco 00, that ~~what~~ alert force is laying down there in the alleyway. They're pitched up against the wall if any of them is still alive.

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#1-this is #2

#-2, #1

#1, I've got an ambulance here, could you use him up there?

~~#2xxx~~ A. We need him very bad, I don't know how you're going to get him in here. We need him at the main gate of BOQ 3, but I don't know how you're going to get him in here without him being hit.

OK, I'm taking him up (Tanchibang?) we'll see how far he can get without being fired upon. He's willing to go, over.

Be extremely careful.

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base:

about 5 a.m.

Car 91, Waco

91

91, Waco, the ambulances and ammo vehicles are trying to get into the embassy. ~~but~~ you have to open the ~~xx~~ gates and let 'em in.

Waco, be advised that Victor Charlies are inside the embassy gates. it is impossible ~~to~~ to open the gates.

91, 10-24.

Waco, ~~Alpha~~ Alpha 30

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Waco, Alpha 30, I have ammo for the Embassy. Request instructions on the best route to get in there.

Duty
~~Waco~~ officer #2, this is #1...we need that ambulance

bad (sounds desperate)

this is #2 (sighs, draws in breath) that ¹⁰⁻²⁴s/~~knock~~ we'll

try to get her into you.

10-24, Tango Yankee (thank you).

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Have that ambulance still, we'll cover it

~~10~~ 10-24, baby.

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Wado, Alpha 30

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Ahhmm Alpha 30, as far as I know at this time there
are Victor Charlées within the grounds of the Embassy. All
I can say is, go within a block or t o of that area...

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Duty off #1, this is d.o. #2

#2, this is #1

We're bringing that ambulance in to you, get your
man ready

10-24 I'll start em moving out.

Make sure those men cover this man, now.

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Wacok this is Gilbert Pistol 2...We t ink we see that
chopper. Hē's headed away from us. If you can get him to
do an about fade, we'd appreciate itx going back about
a quarter of a mile. Theyre drop ing flares but way off.
We need him here. We got 21 men down in that alley and
they're hurt bad, over.

~~xxxxxxx26x~~

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waco, alpha 30...I have smoke and ~~erxx~~ fragmentation,
all types of ammunition here for the embassy...request

a safe route into the area.

91, waco

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91, is there ~~ix~~ any safe route to get into the embassy
with this ammo?

the best you could do is to come u haibafrung, but
we're about 150 yards in from the embassy and its 10-23
on getting in right now.

you say youre outside the embassy at this time.

10-24, we have men spread out all over out here.

break, 30 waco

waco this is alpha 30. I cant take this stuff in
unless I have a safe route because all it takes is one
bullet to blow this whole mess ~~xxxx~~ up

alpha 30, theyre supposed to be at the intersection
of hai ba trung and thong nhut. ~~they're not at the embassy~~
at this time, they're just near it.

...;I'll try to get to that location. is it safe to go
down hong thap tu to that location?

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alpa 30, there's been another change. youre to take
this ammo to boq 3..

~~30x~~ waco...ive got enough explosive in here to blow
up half of saigon...

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waco this is 30. car pinner says...that the vc are
inside the compound. they're not going any place, nobody can get i

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#1, this is number 2, over (out of breath).

#2, this is number 1.

#1, this is number 2 (puffing) we tried to go down the alley ~~in case~~ (Pause) they blew up a claymore on us, there is small arms and automatic fire. (puffing) we're going to hold tight right there, it's about the best we can do, over.

10-24 (sounds as if going to dry, i know you cant help it, just keep trying, and do the best you can

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waco to any patrol at the embassy..

waco, this is car 93 at the embassy.

this is waco, are you inside the embassy or outside?

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93, are there any of our patrols inside the embassy?

10-26

91, 91, 91 waco

93

93, be advised ^{callsign} a helicopter, ~~xxxxxx~~ 49, is going to drop troops on the embassy roof.