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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: SEA Deployments, the Strategic Reserve, and Related Actions (U)

1. What should be the composition of the forces totalling 30,000 men to be sent to General Westmoreland?

We have agreed on a package including 24,200 Army, 4,025 Air Force, and 1,775 Navy personnel. We have also agreed we should bring back the 27th Regimental Landing Team and support units, totalling 7,363 Marines in July, and replace them with Army. This would bring the approved South Vietnam deployment to 565,500 U.S. military personnel, including the 10,500 deployed in February. These deployments can be sustained with current personnel policies, without new legislation. For details see Tab A.

2. What callup of reserves do we recommend to support that deployment?

We recommend a callup of 36,621 Reserve and National Guard personnel, including 31,600 Army, 3,497 Air Force, and 1,524 Navy. This is within the scope of existing law. For details see Tab B.

3. What additional callup of reserves do we recommend to reconstitute the strategic reserve?

We recommend a follow-on callup of 48,393 Reserve and National Guard personnel: 45,300 Army to bring our active strategic reserve to 7 divisions (5-1/3 Army, 1-2/3 Marines); and 3,093 Air Force. For details see Tab C.

Alternative Executive Orders to implement this are at Tab D.

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Tab A: Proposed Deployments to Vietnam

	<u>Strength</u>	<u>Deployment Date</u>
A. U.S. Army		
Infantry Bde (3 Inf Bns)	4500	15-30 June
Mech Bde (1 Inf Bn, 1 Inf Bn (Mech), 1 Tk Bn)	5041	12 July
Avn Co, Sep Bde	238	15 July
Armd Cav Sqdn	1030	15-30 June
MP Bn	955	15-30 June
Cbt Svc Spt	3316	
Cbt and Cbt Svc Spt	9120	
Subtotal	<u>24,200</u>	
B. 7th AF		
4 TFS	2164	15 April
FAC/TACP	191	1 June
Airlift	741	1 June
Support	929	
Subtotal	<u>4025</u>	
C. USN		
Naval Support Activity, DaNang	1775	
D. Total MACV	<u>30,000</u>	

Moreover, we propose to substitute an Army infantry brigade and support personnel for the Marine Corps 27th Regimental Landing Team and support personnel that deployed on short notice in February. This substitution involving 7,363 personnel, will take place in the first half of July. We want to do this to bring the relationship between deployed and CONUS Marine forces back into a sustainable balance.

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Tab B: 15 March Reserve Recall

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ARMY

2 Infantry Bdes	9,000
1 Mech Bde	5,000
1 Avn Co, Sep Bde	230
1 Armd Cav Sqd	1,030
1 MP Bn	960
Cmbt and Cmbt Svc Spt	15,380
	<u>31,600</u> a/

AIR FORCE

2 F-86, 1 F-100 Tac Ftr Grps	2,333
1 Aero Med Airlift Grp	760
4 Aero Evac/Med Svc Sq	404
	<u>3,497</u> b/

NAVY

2 NMCB	<u>1,524</u>
	36,621

a/ If we were to decide now that the brigade of the 82nd airborne and the infantry brigade replacing the 27th RLT in the 10,500 emergency reinforcement package were to be considered permanent, instead of on loan to MACV, and that the Program #6 ceiling would be raised for this purpose, the Army would recommend that we now call and plan to deploy an additional 13,437 support personnel for these units.

b/ If we are not sure of a follow-on call-up, the Air Force believes a call-up of the Air Force units listed in Tab C is required now.

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Tab C

FOLLOW-ON
RESERVE CALL

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Army

1 Infantry Bde	3,700
1 Infantry Bde & Spt	9,600
1 Division & Spt	32,000 ^{a/}
	<u>45,300</u>

Air Force

1 Aero Evac Sqd	75
2 Aerial Post Sqdns	186
1 Postal Grp	111
1 C-119 Tactical Airlift Grp	665
3 F-84 Tac Ftr Grps	2,056 ^{b/}
	<u>3,093^{c/}</u>

TOTAL

48,393

a/ To obtain a rapid increase in readiness, a reserve division will be called, the 6th Infantry Division will not be organized, and the assets presently designated for the 6th Division will be used to speed the readiness of the activated reserve division.

b/ The Chief of Staff Air Force believes these units are required to support the 30,000 deployment to MACV, but callup can be delayed to 15 May 68. If we are not sure of a 15 May callup, he believes these units should be called now.

c/ Additional USAF Reserve units required to support the reconstitution of active strategic reserves will be placed in COMBAT BEEF status so as to attain combat readiness, but will not be recalled to active duty unless additional ground forces are deployed.

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However, the total number of members of the Ready Reserve who may be ordered to active duty with their units hereunder may not exceed ~~ten thousand~~.

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