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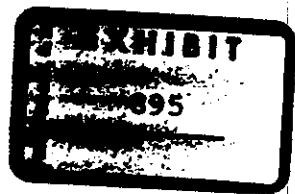
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1. THE 5-7 APRIL CONFERENCE WILL BE SIMPLY MACV/J-1 AND ARVN AFFAIR HELD AT CICV AND WILL FOCUS ON ENEMY OB. MAJOR THIEP, HEAD OF ARVN CICV COMPONENT, WILL PROBABLY BE SENIOR ARVN PRESENT. LAST REMAINING MEMBERS OF DIA TEAM LEAVING VIETNAM 3 APRIL. AGENCY REPRESENTATION NOT REPEAT NOT SEEM APPROPRIATE.

2. DIA TEAM REMAINS AT ODDS WITH MACV/J-2 ON SEVERAL POINTS, INCLUDING BATTALION CONTACT STATISTICS, IRREGULAR AND POLITICAL OB, AND IN-COUNTRY RECRUITMENT/CONSCRIPTION. DIA TEAM WANT LOWER FIGURES IN EACH CASE.

3. CONCERNING IRREGULARS, DIA TEAM PLANS RECOMMEND TO BOTH GENERAL MCHRISTIAN AND GENERAL CARROLL THAT "IRREGULAR" FIGURE BE SCRAPPED AND ONLY "GUERRILLAS" CARRIED AS PART OF MILITARY FORCE FIGURE. THEIR REASONS, WHICH WE FIND PERSUASIVE, ARE:

A. CUT - OFF POINT FOR LOWER LEVELS OF IRREGULARS,

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BE AWKWARD TO UNDO. MACV WILL PROBABLY PUSH 198,000 FIGURE FOR IRREGULARS UNLESS DIA TEAM SELLS IDEA OF BREAKING OUT GUERRILLAS.

5. ALL ABOVE INFORMATION RECEIVED OUT OF CHANNELS AND MUST BE KEPT IN HOUSE.

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