

TOP SECRETHEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS
ROUTING SHEET (5511)
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Aug - Dec 1969

1. CG FMFPAC 050229Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-1
 For ADM HYLAND info VADM BRINGLE, LTGEN NICKERSON, BGEN GARRETSON AND
 BGEN CARNEY from LTGEN BUSE
 PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS
2. CG III MAF 060258Z Aug 69 (S) Gp-4
 For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
 NAVY TURNOVER OF COMMON SUPPORT SYSTEM IN ICTZ
3. CINCPACFLT 062321Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-1
 For VADM BRINGLE & LTGEN BUSE from HYLAND
 PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS
4. COMSEVENTHFLT 070230Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-1
 For Adm HYLAND info LTGEN BUSE, RADM ROSENBERG, LGEN NICKERSON, BGEN CARNEY
 From BRINGLE
 PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENTS
5. CG III MAF 101212Z Aug 69 (C) Gp-4
 For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
 CHAPPY DEPARTED III MAF HQS 10 AUG HEADING YOUR WAY ON SCHEDULE
6. CINCPACFLT 102014Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-1
 For VADM BRINGLE info LTGEN BUSE from HYLAND
 KOREAN CONTINGENCY PLANS
7. COMSEVENTHFLT 130744Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-1
 For ADM HYLAND info LGEN BUSE, RADM ROSENBERG, BGEN CARNEY, LGEN NICKERSON
 from BRINGLE
 PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENT
8. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ 151538Z Aug 69 (S) Gp-4
 CG MARCORCRUITDEP SDIEGO
 For BGEN WILSON from FMFPAC LNO
 [READDRESS COMNAVAIRPAC 010006Z Aug 69] WESTERN BASE POLICY
9. CG III MAF 170254Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-4
 For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
 [READDRESS] COMUSMACV 151051Z Aug 69, COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CTZ
10. CG III MAF 170256Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-4
 For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
 COMMON SUPPORT SYSTEM IN ICTZ

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11. CG III MAF 171036Z Aug 69 (C) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
FOLLOWING MSGS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:
COMNAVFORV 160116Z Aug 69, STATUS OF NAVY MILCON FUNDS IN VIETNAM;
CINCPACFLT 162248Z Aug 69 [reply]
12. CG III MAF 180312Z Aug 69 (C) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
[Quote CNO 142229Z Aug 69] STATUS OF NAVY MILCON FUNDS IN RVN
13. DEP CGFMFPAC 210653Z Aug 69 (S) Gp-4
For CG FMFPAC
REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF'S EXERCISE
14. CG III MAF 221546Z Aug 69 (S) Gp-4
For BGEN WILSON from BGEN DOOLEY
STRENGTH REPORTS
15. CG III MAF 280726Z Aug 69 (S) Gp-4
For LGEN BUSE info GEN CHAPMAN from LGEN NICKERSON
USS NEW JERSEY EMPLOYMENT
16. MARCORB CAMP BUTLER 290850Z Aug 69 (C) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE
CAMP BUTLER BRIG
17. CG MCRD SAN DIEGO 291400Z Aug 69 [Readdressed CINCPACFLT 260454Z Aug 69]
For BGEN WILSON from FMFPAC LN O
FLEET AIR WING STRUCTURE
18. CG FMFPAC 302217Z Aug 69 (TS) Gp-4
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For MAJGENs THRASH, OWENS, BGEN DWYER info MAJGEN ROBERTSON & BGEN HOFFMAN
from LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
19. CG III MAF 010806Z Sep 69 [Readdressed First MARDIV 300620Z Aug 69] (C) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
NEW TECHNIQUES CALLED THE "AIR AMBUSH"
20. CG FIFTH MARDIV 042050Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from BGEN DWYER
FORCE PLANNING
21. CG FMFPAC 050105Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For BGEN DOOLEY from BGEN WILSON
FORCE PLANNING

22. CG FIFTH MARDIV 050430Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE info MGEN ROBERTSON, BGEN HERBOLD from BGEN DWYER
FORCE PLANNING
23. CG FIFTH MARDIV 050430Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE info MGEN ROBERTSON, BGEN HERBOLD from BGEN DWYER
FORCE PLANNING
24. CG FIFTH MARDIV 051730Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from BGEN DWYER
ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULES
25. CG FIFTH MARDIV 100020Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from BGEN DWYER
FORCE PLANNING
26. CG FIFTH MARDIV 100140Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from BGEN DWYER
PROPOSED T/O FOR 5th MEB HQ
27. COMPHIBPAC 122205Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For ADM HYLAND info GEN BUSE, VADM BRINGLE from VADM SMITH
FORCE PLANNING
28. CG FMFPAC 122348Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For BGEN DWYER info MGEN ROBERTSON & BGEN HERBOLD from LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING (LOGISTICS/FISCAL)
29. CG III MAF 141450Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-4
For BGEN WILSON from BGEN DOOLEY
FORCE PLANNING
30. CG III MAF 141538Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-3
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
[QUOTE COMUSMACV 131353Z Sep 69] THIS IS A DUFFEL BAG MESSAGE: QMR FOR
ADP FACILITY TO SUPPORT III MAF TACTICAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM etc
31. CINCPACFLT 170244Z Sep 69 (TS) Gp-1
For VADM BRINGLE info LTGEN BUSE from HYLAND
FORCE PLANNING
32. CG III MAF 180006Z Sep 69 (S) Gp-4
For BGEN WILSON, C/S FMFPAC from BGEN DULACKI, G-3 III MAF
FORCE PLANNING
33. CINCPACFLT 202357Z Sep 69 (S) Gp-4
For VADM BRINGLE info VADM SMITH, LTGEN BUSE, RADM ROSENBERG from HYLAND
FORCE PLANNING

34. ADMIN CINCPACFLT 242152Z Sep 69 (S) Gp-1
REVIEW OF JCS MOP 116
35. ADMIN FMFPAC 270315Z Sep 69 (S) Gp-4
For BGEN DWYER from BGEN WILSON
TEXT OF OUR MSG TO LTGEN VAN RYZIN RE THE RLT-3 CEREMONY
36. ADMIN FMFPAC 272148Z Sep 69 (S) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from MAJGEN FONTANA
TEXT OF AMDIN FMFPAC 270316 FROM ME TO LTGEN VAN RYZIN RE RLT-3 CEREMONY
UPON RETURN TO CONUS
37. CG FMFPAC 072113Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For MGEN JONES, BGENS CARNEY AND BARROW from LTGEN BUSE
QUOTE MSG I SENT TODAY TO VADM BRINGLE info ADM HYLAND, "FMF SEVENTHFLT
POSTURE"
38. CG FMFPAC 072114Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For VADM BRINGLE info ADM HYLAND from LTGEN BUSE
FMF SEVENTHFLT POSTURE
39. COMSEVENTHFLT 081122Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE info ADM HYLAND from VADM BRINGLE
[Re item 38, above]
40. CG NINTH MAB 090521Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE & BGEN WILSON
INTERIM UPDATE ON INCOMPLETE ACTIONS BEING TAKEN BY NINTH MAB
41. CG FMFPAC 092025Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
FOR MAJGEN JONES info LTGEN NICKERSON, BGENS CARNEY & DWYER from LTGEN BUSE
USE OF RLT-9 COLORS in 3D MARDIV CEREMONIES AT DANANG
42. DEP CGFMFPAC 100611Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For BGEN WILSON from BGEN BARROW
VISIT TO FMFPAC (FWD) OF MR CHARLES O ROSSOTTI PRINCIPAL DEP ASST DEF
(SYS EMS ANALYSIS) AND MR PHILLIP A ADEEN A/DEP ASST SEC DEF (REG PROG)
43. CG FMFPAC 110002Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For VADM BRINGLE info ADM HYLAND from LTGEN BUSE
FMF SEVENTHFLT POSTURE
44. CG FMFPAC 110202Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For BGEN CARNEY from LTGEN BUSE
9th MAB INTERIM UPDATE
45. CG FMFPAC 112101Z Oct 69 (C) Gp-4
For BGEN DOOLEY from BGEN WILSON
GENERAL DISTINATION OF REDEPLOYING UNITS

46. CNATRA 162011Z Oct 69 (U)
For VADMS CONNOLLY, SHINN, CALDWELL, TOWNSEND, COUSINS, LTGENS LEEK,
FONTANA, RADMS WALKER, GUINN & MGEN NCCUTCHEON from STREAN
AIR BOARD 1969
47. CG MCB CAMP BUTLER 210810Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For BGEN WILSON from BGEN BARROW
RELEASE GIMBARU TRAINING AREA
48. CG FMFPAC 222202Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For LTGEN LAMPERT info MGEN JONES, BGEN CARNEY & BGEN BARROW from LTGEN BUSE
FMF WESTPAC POSTURE
49. CG FMFPAC 232143Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-4
For LTGEN NICKERSON info BGEN FEELEY from LTGEN BUSE
ACTIVATION OF 1st SERVICE BN
50. COMUSKOREA 240710Z Oct 69 (S) Gp-3
[Readdressed by CINCPACFLT 251954Z Oct 69]
COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONCPAC OPLAN 27-YR
51. CG FMFPAC 192236Z Nov 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN NICKERSON from LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING
52. CG III MAF 200654Z Nov 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
MACV REDEPLOYMENT PLANS
53. CG III MAF 240914Z Nov 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
MACV REDEPLOYMENT PLANS
54. CG III MAF 281116Z Nov 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
ARMY ASSUMPTION OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CTZ
55. CG III MAF 161112Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
TROOP LIST
56. CG III MAF 170702Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE(Action G-3) from LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING
57. CG FMFPAC 171905Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN NICKERSON from LTGEN BUSE
FORCE PLANNING

58. CINCPACFLT 190454Z Dec 69 (S) Gp-4
MASTER PLANNING
59. CG III MAF 190752Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING
60. CG III MAF 211410Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
FORCE PLANNING
61. CG FMFPAC 230116Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For MGEN JONES from LTGEN BUSE
REENTRY FORCE FOR RVN
62. CG III MAF 280740Z Dec 69 (S) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from MAJGEN BOWMAN
COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT ICTZ
63. CG III MAF 310616Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS AMALGAMATION
64. CG III MAF 310712Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN BUSE from LTGEN NICKERSON
FUTURE OF CAP PROGRAM
65. CG FMFPAC 311849Z Dec 69 (S) Gp-4
For VADM BAUMBERGER from MAJGEN FONTANA
COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT
66. CG FMFPAC 312121Z Dec 69 (TS) Gp-4
For LTGEN NICKERSON from LTGEN GUSE
FORCE PLANNING

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TOP SECRET SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR ADM HYLAND INFO VADM
BRINGLE, LTGEN NICKERSON, BGEN GARRETSON AND BGEN
CARNEY FROM LTGEN BUSE. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.

PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS (TS)

A. CINCPACFLT 302258Z/JUL69 (TS) PASEP

B. COMUSMACV, FINAL PLAN - VIETNAMIZING THE WAR (C),

A MISSION COORDINATED PLAN, DTD 20JULY69 (TS) LIMDIS (NOTAL) *EC*

C. CINCPAC 122334Z/JUL69 (TS) PASEP

1. (TS) REFERENCE A PROVIDED GUIDANCE FOR PRELIMINARY
MOVEMENT PLANNING TO SUPPORT PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT OF
MARINE FORCES, AS PROPOSED BY REFERENCE B, AND RE-
QUESTED DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERAL PLAN.

2. (TS) WHILE MAINTAINING THE ENTIRE 3D MARDIV IN

WESTPAC FOLLOWING ITS REDEPLOYMENT IS IN CONSONANCE

WITH PRIOR FORCE PLANNING, AS EXPRESSED IN REFERENCE

C, THE REALITIES OF LIFE IN THE FORM OF PENDING BUDGET

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RESTRICTIONS, PROBABLE MANPOWER CEILINGS FOR OKINAWA/
JAPAN AND THE UNDESIRABILITY OF ACCEPTING AUSTERE BASING
CONDITIONS FOR A PROLONGED PERIOD, DICTATE THAT NAVY/
MARINE CORPS PLANNING BE BASED ON A FLEET MARINE POSTURE
IN WESTPAC, FOLLOWING PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT, OF 3D
MARDIV (MINUS ONE RLT) (REIN) WITH SUPPORTING 1ST MAW
ELEMENTS. THIS IS IN CONSONANCE WITH PREVIOUS T-DAY
PLANNING. BASED ON THIS POSTURE, PHASE TWO REDEPLOYMENT
OF MARINE FORCES WOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

~~A. ONE INF BN (REIN) TO CONUS.~~

A. ONE RLT (MINUS ONE INF BN) TO HAWAII.

B. ~~NO 3D MARDIV AND ONE RLT TO OKINAWA.~~
~~3D MARDIV (MINUS TWO RLTS) (REIN) TO OKINAWA.~~

C. TWO BLTS FROM REDEPLOYED 3D MARDIV (MINUS)
(REIN) ON OKINAWA ~~WILL~~ ^{TO} COMPRISE GROUND ELEMENTS OF SLFS
ALPHA AND BRAVO.

D. 1ST MAW (REAR) HQS ELEMENTS TO OKINAWA.

E. A HELO MAG (H&MS, MABS, ONE HMH, TWO HMMS
(WHICH WILL COMPRISE AIR ELEMENTS FOR SLFS) AND ONE
VMO SQDN) TO OKINAWA/AFLOAT.

F. ONE VMA(AW) SQDN WITH H&MS DETACHMENT TO JAPAN.

G. A VMO DETACHMENT (4-UHIE) TO HAWAII.

3. (TS) ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE GUIDANCE
CONTAINED IN REFERENCE A BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE

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██████████ PREFERRED POSTURE SET FORTH ABOVE, AND THAT A JOINT *EC*
 PACFLT/FMFPAC/SEVENTHFLT/III MAF WORKING CONFERENCE
 BE HELD EARLIEST AT YOKOSUKA, IN DEFERENCE TO SEVENTHFLT
 AND III MAF PLANNING REQUIREMENTS, TO PREPARE THE
 GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANNING DIRECTED BY REFERENCE A.

4. (TS) IF THE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSED IN PARS ████████ *EC*
 ████████ THREE ABOVE ARE APPROVED, THE TROOP LIST AND EM- *EC*
 BARK DATA REQUIRED WILL BE PROVIDED TO CONFEREES AT
 THE CONFERENCE BY CG III MAF REPS. WARM REGARDS.

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SECRET/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM LTGEN
NICKERSON

NAVY TURNOVER OF COMMON SUPPORT SYSTEM IN ICTZ (U)

1. (S) AS YOU WILL RECALL FROM OUR PREVIOUS COR-
RESPONDENCE ON THE SUBJECT, A STUDY WAS BEING CON-
DUCTED UNDER THE AEGIS OF COMUSMACV, BY USARV, TO
DETERMINE THE ASSETS THE ARMY WOULD REQUIRE TO DO
THE JOB AND TO LOOK AT SCHEMES FOR INITIATING THE
ORDERLY TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS. MY G-4 ATTENDED A
MEETING AT HQ MACV ON THE MORNING OF 31 JULY TO
TAKE A FIRST LOOK AT THE STUDY.

2. (S) THE STUDY ITSELF ADDRESSED ONLY THE RE-
QUIREMENTS FOR ASSETS AND DID NOT ADDRESS TIMING
OF ANY PROPOSED TURNOVER OF FUNCTIONS. THE STUDY
HAS NOT BEEN DISTRIBUTED, HOWEVER IT IS A VERY
SIMPLE DISCUSSION OF WHAT IS NOW BEING ACCOMPLISHED

CG III MAF

P 060258Z/AUG 69

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PAGE 2 RHMMAFA 0688 S E C R E T /SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR BY THE NAVY, AND IDENTIFIES THE ARMY ASSETS WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME THING. A SERIES OF MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT NSA DANANG TO ATTEMPT TO WEAVE TIMING (NSSM-36 PHASING) INTO THE STUDY. FIRST MEETING HELD 5 AUG.

3. (S) THE NAVY PROPOSED TO TURN OVER PORT OPERATIONS OF THE NICTZ PORTS BEGINNING WITH PHASE 3, AND TO BE OUT OF BUSINESS BY END PHASE 6. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE PUT SPECIFIC TIME FRAMES WITH THEIR PROPOSALS. THEY CONTINUE TO CITE FUNDS AND PERSONNEL DRAW DOWNS AS PRESSING FACTORS. THE ARMY CANNOT ASSUME THE FUNCTIONS FOR THE SAME REASONS. MY POSITION HAS NOT CHANGED. THE MACV J-3 FORCE PLANNERS CITED SOME GUIDANCE FOR THE GROUP CONSIDERING THIS MATTER AS FOLLOWS:

A. THAT IN PLANNING FORCE REDUCTIONS FROM RVN THEY HAD BEEN DIRECTED TO CONSIDER THAT COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT FORCES WOULD NORMALLY REMAIN IN COUNTRY UNTIL AFTER THOSE COMBAT FORCES THEY WERE SUPPORTING HAD GONE.

PAGE 3 RHMMAFA 0688 S E C R E T /SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR B. THAT NEW FORCES WOULD NOT BE BROUGHT IN COUNTRY DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PHASE WHICH WOULD THEN HAVE TO LATER BE WITHDRAWN.

4. (S) WHILE THE STUDY WAS NOT IN THE DEPTH WE HAD EXPECTED, IT DID SERVE TO BRING OUT THE NAVY POSITION ON TIMING, EVEN THOUGH ONLY FROM THEIR VIEWPOINT. THE NEXT MEETINGS IN DANANG SHOULD PRODUCE A MORE MEANINGFUL EFFORT FOR BOTH SIDES. IN VIEW OF THE FORCE PLANNING GUIDANCE THE ARMY WILL HAVE STRONG ARGUMENTS AGAINST ASSUMING THE COMMON SUPPORT FUNCTIONS IN ICTZ, AND LIKEWISE THE NAVY WILL HAVE STRONG BASIS FOR A RECLAMA ON THE PERSONNEL LEVY PLACED ON THEM FOR PHASE 3, SHOULD THEY CHOOSE TO PURSUE THAT COURSE. AS YOU RECALL NSA DANANG HAS BEEN LEVIED A REDUCTION OF 1104 PERSONNEL IN PHASE 3. WE WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE WORKING GROUP HERE IN DANANG AND WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED. WARM REGARDS.

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PLANNING FOR PROBABLE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS (TS)

A. CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG 69

B. MY 300258Z JUL 69

1. REF A RECOMMENDED THAT GUIDANCE IN REF B BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT
A POSTURE FOR REDEPLOYING MARINES FORCES THAT IS IN CONSONANCE WITH
PREVIOUS T-DAY PLANNING.

2. FOR COMSEVENTHFLT.

A. MODIFY REF B TO REFLECT THE MARINE FORCES POSTURE AS CONTAINED
IN REF A. THE PLAN SHOULD PROVIDE FOR A TWO MONTH MOVEMENT BEGINNING
ON OR ABOUT 30 SEP TO BE COMPLETED ON OR ABOUT 30 NOV 69. THE
REQUIREMENT STILL EXISTS THAT THE MOVEMENT PLAN ARRIVE CINCPACFLT NOT
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- B. REF A PROPOSES 2 BLTS FROM REDEPLOYED THIRD MARDIV (MINUS) (REIN) ON OKINAWA TO COMPRISE GROUND ELEMENTS OF SLFS ALPHA AND BRAVO. THIS HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY CINCPAC WITH THE ASSUMPTION THAT OSD/JCS APPROVAL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMIT THESE FORCES IN VIETNAM.
- C. PLAN FOR THE USE OF OUTCHOPPING PHIBRON SHIPPING AS NECESSARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH OVERALL CONSTRAINTS PARA 2.F. REF B.
3. PHONE CALL WITH MY ACTION OFFICER CDR PLATT ATTENDING SKED CONFERENCE, INDICATED GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANNING CURRENTLY PROCEEDING ON JOINT BASIS WITH PACFLT/SEVENTHFLT/III MAF REPS, AND ANTICIPATE COMPLETION OF PLAN 8 AUG. ACCORDINGLY, IF REPRESENTATION BY CG FMFPAC AT THE GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANNING CONFERENCE IS CONSIDERED DESIREABLE, REPRESENTATION SHOULD ARRIVE YOKOSUKA SOONEST.
4. IT IS EMPHASIZED THAT ALL OF THE FOREGOING IS FOR PLANNING ONLY AND HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. DUE TO THE SENSITIVITY OF THIS MATTER ACCESS WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE KEPT ON A CLOSE HOLD BASIS AND LIMITED TO THOSE WHO HAVE A CLEAR NEED-TO-KNOW.

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NICKERSON, BGEN CARNEY FROM BRINGLE
PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENTS (TS)

A. YOUR 302258Z JUL 69 (NOTAL)

B. CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG69 (NOTAL)

C. VIETNAMIZING THE WAR (C) A MISSION COORDINATED PLAN (NOTAL)

1. OUR PLANNING IS WELL UNDERWAY TO ACCOMPLISH REDEPLOYMENT AS OUT-
LINED REFS A, B AND FROM INFO GAINED LOCALLY FROM CINCPACFLT/FMFPAC
REPS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE TIME FRAME IS NOW 30 SEP -
30 NOV. THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, HOWEVER, SOME MSTs ASSISTANCE MAY BE RE-
QUIRED FOR THE MIDPAC/CONUS PORTION OF THE MOVE. THE DEGREE OF RE-

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REQUIRED ASSISTANCE WILL BE DETERMINED BY 8 AUG. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT MSTIS/MAC WILL REQUIRE FUNDING. DELAY OF REDEPLOYMENT UNTIL 30 SEP WILL ALLOW PHIBRON ELEVEN, WHICH OUTCHOPS EARLY SEP, TO MOVE THE LAAM BATTALION, SEARCHLIGHT BATTERY, RETROGRADE, AND THE BIKINI ROLL UP.

2. DURING EARLY DISCUSSIONS IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT THE ROLE OF THE ARG/SLF'S IN THE POST REDEPLOYMENT PERIOD MAY BE SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED. PRESENT MARINE PLANS ARE TO RETURN THE PRESENT SLF'S (TWO BLT'S OF THE 26TH MARINES) INTO SOUTH VIETNAM TO JOIN THEIR OTHER BLT AND THUS CONSTITUTE A KWURTH REGIMENT OF THE FIRST MARDIV. THE SEVENTH FLEET SLF WILL BE RECONSTITUTED BY USING TWO BLT'S FROM ONE OF THE TWO REGIMENTS REDEPLOYED TO OKINAWA.

3. REF C INDICATES COMUSMACV INTENDS THAT THE ARG/SLF'S WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE IN THE SAME MANNER AS THEY HAVE BEEN EMPLOYED TO DATE. YOUR MESSAGE, WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING ARG/SLF EMPLOYMENT, DOES NOT INDICATE ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN THINKING ON FUTURE ARG/SLF OPERATIONS. FMFPAC AND III MAF REPS, HOWEVER, VINDICATE THAT ANY TROOPS ONCE REMOVED FROM IN-COUNTRY FORCE LEVELS CANNOT BE REINTRODUCED WITHOUT APPROVAL/DIRECTION BY HIGHER AUTHORITY. THIS

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SEEMS LIKE A REASONABLE ASSUMPTION FROM OBSERVATIONS AT THIS LEVEL.

4. IF THE ABOVE INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT, AND THE SLF'S ARE TO BE RECONSTITUTED FROM REDEPLOYED FORCES, THEIR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT WOULD BE GREATLY RESTRICTED. SINCE WE WILL HAVE FORCES EMBARKED IN OUR AMPHIBIOUS SHIPS WHICH CANNOT BE EMPLOYED IN RVN WITHOUT APPROVAL OF HIGHER AUTHORITY, WE HAVE THEN, IN EFFECT ELIMINATED THE SEVENTH FLEET AMPHIBIOUS FORCE FROM THE VIETNAM CONFLICT.

5. WHILE I FULLY SUPPORT THE REMOVAL OF THE SLF'S FROM THE IN-COUNTRY FORCE LEVELS, I CANNOT CONCUR IN THE RESTRICTIONS WHICH WOULD APPARENTLY BE PLACED ON THE FUTURE OPERATIONS OF THE SEVENTH FLEET AMPHIBIOUS FORCE. IT SEEMS WE HAVE TWO APPROACHES AVAILABLE TO US.

A. REMOVE THE SLF'S FROM IN-COUNTRY FORCE LEVELS AND CONTINUE OPERATIONS IN EXACTLY THE SAME MANNER AS BEFORE WITH A POSSIBLE RELAXATION OF THE READINESS POSTURE. IN OTHER WORDS, NO CHANGE IN OUR CURRENT OPERATING PROCEDURES EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL ACCOUNTING METHODS. THIS, I REALIZE, MIGHT REQUIRE HIGH-LEVEL APPROVAL IN ORDER TO PERMIT US TO EMPLOY FORCES BACK IN-COUNTRY AFTER THEY HAD BEEN REDEPLOYED.

B. ACCEPT THE LIMITATION IMPOSED ON OUR EMPLOYMENT OF THE SLF'S

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IN RVN AND RELAX THE PRESENT RESTRICTION WHICH TIE THEM TO STATIONS WITHIN 96 HOURS OF RVN. I BELIEVE OUR RVN REACTION COMMITMENT COULD BE RELAXED TO ENABLE ONE ARG/SLF TO BE AVAILABLE ON 96-120 HOUR AND ONE ON 14 DAY REACTION TIME. IN THIS MANNER, WE RETAIN THE FLEXIBILITY OF OUR AMPHIBIOUS FORCE FOR PACOM CONTINGENCIES AND GAIN THE CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT REQUIRED SHIP MAINTENANCE AND TROOP TRAINING. FOR OPERATIONS IN RVN UNDER THESE CONDITIONS I BELIEVE THE 120 HOUR STANDBY WOULD BE MORE REALISTIC THAN 96 HOURS. IF POST-REDEPLOYMENT AMPHIBIOUS OPERATIONS IN RVN ARE TO BE CONDUCTED USING MARINE FORCES PRESENTLY IN-COUNTRY, SUCH EMPLOYMENT WOULD REQUIRE OFFLOADING OF THE RECONSTITUTED EMBARKED SLF AND SAILING THE ARG FROM OKINAWA/SUBIC TO RVN FOR THE BACK-LOAD OPERATION. THE OFFLOAD WOULD REQUIRE 36-48 HOURS AND APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS TRANSIT TIME FROM OKINAWA WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR THE ARG. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS IS THE TIME REQUIRED TO GET THE EMPTY ARG SHIPPING TO DANANG UNDER THIS CONCEPT. IF THE RECONSTITUTED SLF COULD BE REEMPLOYED IN - COUNTRY FOR AN AMPHIBIOUS OPERATION, THEN OF COURSE WE COULD MAINTAIN THE CURRENT 96 HOUR READINESS POSTURE.

6. ALL OF THE ABOVE IS QUITE IFFY AND I UNDERSTAND THAT MANY CONCEPTS ARE BEING EXAMINED IN ORDER TO MEET THE REDEPLOYMENT REQUIRE-

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MENTS. I WISH TO INSURE, HOWEVER, THAT WE DO NOT LOSE OUR SEVENTH FLEET AMPHIBIOUS CAPABILITY THROUGH CONTINUATION OF OVERLY CAUTIOUS RESTRICTIONS. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT REMOVAL OF THE SLF FROM THE IN-COUNTRY FORCE LEVELS. THESE TROOPS ARE PART OF THE SEVENTH FLEET AND SHOULD BE COUNTED AS PART OF THE FLEET ASSETS RATHER THAN MACV PERSONNEL. I FURTHER SEE THIS REDEPLOYMENT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE RESTRICTIONS WHICH LIMIT OUR ABILITY TO PROPERLY PLAN TO USE THE SEVENTH FLEET AMPHIBIOUS FORCE TO MEET THE FULL SPECTRUM OF CONTINGENCIES FACING US IN THIS AREA.

8. I HOPE THE ABOVE WILL BE OF SOME USE TO YOU IN YOUR CURRENT PLANNING EFFORTS. BEST REGARDS.

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1. CHAPPY DEPARTED III MAF HQS 10 AUG HEADING YOUR WAY ON SCHEDULE AFTER THREE BUSY DAYS IN I CORPS.

2. VISIT WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AS EVIDENCED BY HIS MSG BACK TO ME FROM CLARK AFB THIS MORNING IN WHICH HE STATED THAT HE WAS MOST IMPRESSED WITH ALL HE OBSERVED IN ALL UNITS IN ICTZ. HE SAID HE BELIEVES WE ARE IN A DOMINANT POSTURE AND HAVING VIEWED THE QUOTE CAN DO UNQUOTE SPIRIT THROUGHOUT THE COMMAND HE IS SURE THAT IN TIME A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO THIS CONFLICT IS INEVITABLE. HE ALSO REITERATED HIS PLEASURE OVER THE FIRM GRASP THE COMMAND HAS OF THE SITUATION HERE.

3. THE ITINERARY AS SUBMITTED VIA YOUR HQS WAS CARRIED OUT WPOHTAT HITCH. ALL BRIEFINGS WERE WELL RECEIVED BY CMC.

4. FOLLOWING QUESTION WAS ASKED BY DAVE LAMB UPI

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 CORRESPONDENT AT CMC'S PRESS CONFERENCE AND CMC'S ANSWER:
 QUESTION: QUOTE YOU MENTION, GENERAL, THAT WITH
 THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ARVN AND AS INTENSIFIED
 PACIFICATION CONTINUES, THE ENEMY WON'T HAVE MANY
 OPTIONS LEFT TO HIM. HE WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING.
 MILITARILY SPEAKING, WHAT WOULD THESE OPTIONS BE,
 THAT HE PRESUMABLY WOULD HAVE, AS THE ARVN IMPROVES
 AND PACIFICATION BECOMES MORE FAVORABLE TO THEM?
 UNQUOTE

ANSWER: QUOTE WELL, HE COULD RETIRE AND WAIT FOR
 A BETTER DAY, OR HE COULD LAUNCH ALL OUT MAIN
 FORCE ATTACKS IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE DEATH, CHAOS,
 DESTRUCTION, A FINAL DETERMINATION ON THE PART OF
 THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO WITHDRAW OUR SUPPORT OF THE
 WAR. JUST SOME KIND OF PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY IN
 THE UNITED STATES THAT HE OBTAINED IN TET 68. I
 THINK THAT WOULD BE HIS ONLY OPTION AT THAT
 POINT. OBVIOUSLY, HE CAN'T WIN ANY KIND OF A
 CONVENTIONAL MILITARY VICTORY UNQUOTE. I WOULD
 INTERPRET CHAPPY'S COMMENT TO MEAN THAT THE NEXT

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 MOVE IS UP TO THE ENEMY.

5. ALL IN ALL, I WOULD SAY THAT THE VISIT WAS
 SUCCESSFUL AND WILL STAND CHAPPY IN GOOD STEAD
 IN HIS DAILY BATTLES IN WASHINGTON.

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KOREAN CONTINGENCY PLANS (U)

A. COMSEVENTHFLT 090244Z AUG 69
B. COMSEVENTHFLT 090246Z AUG 69

1. (TS) REFERENCE (A) SUBMITTED YOUR PLAN FOR A BLT RAID AGAINST NORTH KOREA, AND REFERENCE (B), YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE PRUDENCY OF EVER EXECUTING IT.

2. (U) CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH YOUR APPRAISAL OF THE SITUATION. OUR OWN PLAN HAD BEEN COMPLETED BEFORE RECEIVING REF (A) AND WHILE WE DID NOT COME UP WITH PRECISELY THE SAME FORCES, CONCEPT, ETC., THEY ARE SUFFICIENTLY SIMILAR THAT I AM GOING WITH IT IN ORDER TO MEET OUR SUSPENSE.

3. (S) IN PARA 6 OF OUR PLAN (INFORMATION FOR DECISION MAKING) AND IN A SEPARATE LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL (NOT THE LTR OF PROMULGATION)

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I HAVE POINTED OUT THE PROBLEMS, RISKS, AND CONSTRAINTS, AND HAVE GONE CLEARLY ON RECORD AS BEING OPPOSED TO ITS EXECUTION. AGAIN, THE WORDS MAY NOT MATCH YOURS, BUT THE THOUGHTS ARE THE SAME. BEST REGARDS.

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PLANNING FOR PROBABLE REDEPLOYMENT (TS)

- A. CINCPACFLT 302258Z JUL 69
- B. CINCPACFLT 062321Z AUG 69
- C. CG FMFPAC 050229Z AUG 69

1. (S) THIS MESSAGE BEING SENT SPECAT TO ALL ADDEES DUE SENSITIVITY OF INFORMATION AND TO ASSIST IN CONTROLLING DISSEMINATION.
2. (TSNL) A SPECIAL PLANNING GROUP WAS CONVENED DURING COMSEVENTHFLT PLANNING CONFERENCE TO DEVELOP GENERAL MOVEMENT PLANS AS SPECIFIED REF A AND MODIFIED BY REFS B AND C. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMAND PARTICIPATED.

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3. (TSNL) THE GENERAL MOVEMENT PLAN WILL SATISFY THE FOLLOWING REQUIRE

MENTS:

- A. REDEPLOY 1 RLT (LESS 1 BLT) TO HAWAII
- B. REDEPLOY 1 BLT TO CONUS

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C. REDEPLOY 1 RLT TO OKI

D. REDEPLOY MAW ELEMENTS TO OKI AND JAPAN

4. (TSNL) THE TIME FRAME FOR THIS MOVEMENT PLAN IS 30 SEP - 30 NOV.

PERSONNEL SHORTFALL WILL APPROXIMATE 2600 AND WILL REQUIRE AIRLIFT.

PERSONNEL FIGURES MAY REQUIRE ADJUSTMENT SINCE UNITS DEPARTING RVN WILL GO OUT WITH ON-BOARD STRENGTH. THERE ARE NO CARGO SHORTFALLS.

5. (TSNL) ASSUMPTIONS.

A. PLANNING IS BASED ON CURRENT FORCE LEVELS. INACTIVATION OF ANY SHIPS DESIGNATED MAY REQUIRE MSTs SUBSTITUTIONS.

B. ONE ARG WILL BE USED TO LIFT REDEPLOYING FORCES TO OKI. THE REMAINING ARG WILL BE ON 24/96 HOUR REACTION TIME TO RVN.

C. LIFTS WILL BE MADE BY ADMINISTRATIVE LOADING.

6. (TSNL) REDEPLOYMENT PLAN

A. INCREMENT ONE

PERS	VEHICLE SQ FT	VEH & CARGO CU FT	DEST	LOAD DATES
4376	87955	754040	OKI	30 SEP-1 OCT

DESIRED SHIP MIX

LPA - (2)

LSD - (2)

LST 1156 CLASS (3)

LST 542 CLASS (4)

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

LPH - IWO JIMA

LPD - CLEVELAND

LSD - WHETSTONE

LSD - COMSTOCK

LSD - GUNSTON HALL

LST - 1156 CLASS (3)

LST - 542 CLASS (4)

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NOTE: 5 PER CENT PERSONNEL TO GO IN ADVANCE PARTY BY AIRLIFT (APPROX 200). ANTICIPATE NO PERSONNEL SHORTFALL.

B. INCREMENT TWO

PERS	VEHICLE SQ FT	VEH & CARGO CU FT	DEST	LOAD DATES
3834	119386	941320	OKI	13 OCT-17OCT
374	18798	99120	JAPAN	13 OCT-17OCT

DESIRED SHIP MIX

LPA - (1)
LKA - (1)
LSD - (2)
LST 1156 CLASS (3)
LST 542 CLASS (4)

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

LPA - BEXAR
LKA - WASHBURN
LSD - GUNSTON HALL
LSD - COMSTOCK
LST 1156 CLASS (3)
LST 542 CLASS (4)

NOTE: MAJORITY OF PERSONNEL TO JAPAN TO BE AIRLIFTED (APPROX 300).
C. INCREMENT THREE

PERS	SQ FT	CU FT	DEST	LOAD DATES
2330	77163	609360	OKI	29 OCT - 2 NOV

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LPH - (1)
LSD - (1)
LST 1156 CLASS (3)
LST 542 CLASS (4)

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

LPH - NEW ORLEANS
LSD - GUNSTON HALL
LST 1156 CLASS (3)
LST 542 CLASS (4)

NOTE: ANTICIPATE NO PERSONNEL SHORTFALL.
D. INCREMENT FOUR

PERS	SQ FT	CU FT	DEST	LOAD DATES
460	0	0	OKI	15 NOV
5297	112147	915600	HAWAII	6-22 NOV

DESIRED SHIP MIX

LPH - (1)
LKA - (1)
LPD - (1)
LSD - (3)

SHIPPING AVAILABILITY

SHIP	LOAD DATE
LKA - WASHBURN	6-7 NOV
LSD - COLONIAL	6-7 NOV
LSD - COMSTOCK	6-7 NOV
LSD - WHETSTONE	13 NOV
LPH - IWO JIMA	22 NOV
LPD - CLEVELAND	22 NOV

NOTE: A. PERSONNEL TO OKI TO BE AIRLIFTED.
B. PERSONNEL SHORTFALL FOR HAWAII LIFT APPROX 1700.
C. SHIPPING FOR HAWAII LIFT IS OUTCHOPPING PHIBRON THREE.

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WESTERN BASE POLICY (U)

- A. ADMIN CINCPACFLT 212131Z JUL 69
- B. CNO LTR SER ØØ15ØP6Ø OF 28 MAR 69
1. (S) REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION ON REF B IN VIEW OF A SCHEDULED COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF WESTERN BASE POLICY BY THE CNO.
2. (S) THE NATIONAL INTEREST SERVED BY MAINTAINING A "FORWARD STRATEGY" IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC REMAINS OBVIOUS. NEVERTHELESS, THE CHANGING INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL CLIMATE

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OF THE FAR EAST AS WELL AS THE U. S. FLOW OF GOLD PROBLEM DICTATES THAT WE SHOULD DEVELOPE AND COMMENCE PLANS NOW FOR REALIGNMENT OF OUR FORWARD NAVAL AIR BASE STRUCTURE, AND COMMENCE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN PARTS OF THAT PLAN ASAP.

3. (S) WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE OF CONTINUED LONG TERM OCCUPANCY OR UNLIMITED, UNIMPEDED USE OF FAR EAST NAVAL AIR BASES LOCATED ON FOREIGN SOIL. ACCORDINGLY IT DOES NOT APPEAR PRUDENT TO SEEK OR COMMIT ANY SIZABLE OUTLAY OF FUNDS TO PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS OR MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS AT THOSE BASES.

4. (S) ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LEDGER, ADVANCEMENTS IN NAVAL AVIATION WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY HAVE REDUCED IN SOME DEGREE THE NEED FOR OUR NAVAL AVIATION SHORE BASES LOCATED ON THE IMMEDIATE PERIPHERY OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. TIME AND DISTANCE FACTORS SHOULD PERMIT BASING OF AIRCRAFT (BUT NOT SHIPS) AT MORE DISTANT BASES WITH ACCEPTABLE SMALL LOSS OF EFFECTIVENESS.

5. (S) IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A PLAN FOR ROLL-BACK TO THE TPI BE ESTABLISHED NOW IN VIEW OF THE LONG LEAD TIME IN AIR BASE/HARBOR DEVELOPMENT AND IN MILCON REVIEW. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE LACK OF OTHER GUIDANCE AT THIS TIME IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE BASIC TENENT OF U. S. MILITARY STRATEGY IN THE FAR EAST WILL REMAIN AS STATED IN REF B, PARAGRAPH 1 A., FOR THE 1975-1985 TIME FRAME, ALTHOUGH RECENT STATEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT INDICATED THAT A TREND MAY BE ESTABLISHED TO OBTAIN GREATER PARTICIPATION IN SUPPORT OF JOINT BASES BY FAR EAST NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS.

6. (S) NOTHING IN THE ABOVE SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS ADVOCATING VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL FROM OUR PRESENTLY-OCCUPIED AIR BASES IN THE ASIAN ISLAND CHAIN OR SEASIA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. TO THE CONTRARY, WE SHOULD MAINTAIN OUR ADVANCE BASE STRUCTURE AS LONG AS NECESSARY AND FEASIBLE. NONETHELESS, WE WOULD BE FOOLISH IN THE EXTREME WERE WE NOT TO PLAN FOR FALL-BACK IF REQUIRED EITHER BY ASIAN NATIONAL POLITICS OR US BUDGET/POLICY. EXISTING FACILITIES SHOULD BE REPAIRED/MAINTAINED AS NECESSARY TO MEET OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS WITHIN A FINITE PERIOD OF TIME. BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION IN PARAGRAPH 5 ABOVE IT IS CONSIDERED THAT THE WESTERN PACIFIC BASE POLICY SHOULD REMAIN AS STATED IN REF B. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS ARE PERTINENT:

A. THE BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE OF NORTH KOREA INDICATES THAT OPERATION OF TASK FORCE 71 IN THE SEA OF JAPAN WILL PROBABLY BE FREQUENT IN THE FUTURE, A FOOHOLD AT SOME AIR BASE IN SOUTH KOREA FOR POTENTIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A FASU OR NAF

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SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE COD TERMINAL OPS, SUPPORT FOR CARRIER AIRCRAFT DIVERTS AND VP ASW OPERATIONS.

B. PARAGRAPH 2D OF REF B SITES THAT GUAM HAS THE BEST POTENTIAL AS A KEY LOCATION IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC FOR A WIDE RANGE OF HEAVY STORAGE, REPAIR AND STAGING SUPPORT. PROTECTION OF THE LIFELINES TO THIS IMPORTANT HUB REQUIRES VP ASW OPERATION CAPABILITY TO BE LOCATED IN GUAM.

C. DEVELOPMENT OF A CVA/CVW BASE IN TINIAN SHOULD BE CAREFULLY AND FIRMLY PLANNED WITH IMPLEMENTATION TO START IMMEDIATELY UPON ANY SIGNS THAT CUBI PT MIGHT NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.

D. THE STRATEGY AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 2A, REF B, REQUIRES AN EXTENSIVE NETWORK OF BASES AND SEA AND AIR LINES OF COMMUNICATION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AREA. PROTECTION OF THESE LIFE LINES REQUIRES VP ASW CAPABILITY TO BE LOCATED IN THE AREA. U-TAPAO PRESENTLY HAS LIMITED

CAPABILITY WITH EXPANSION POTENTIAL. ENCLOSURE (1) REF B STATES THAT ENSURE IN THAILAND IS DOUBTFUL. ALTHOUGH RECENT EVENTS INDICATE THAT CONTINUED TENURE IS PART OF OUR NATIONAL POLICY, AN ALTERNATIVE BASE IS ADVISABLE. IN VIEW OF THE BRITISH ABANDONMENT OF SINGAPORE, IT IS BELIEVED THAT A FOOTHOLD FOR A VP OPERATING BASE IN SINGAPORE SHOULD BE OBTAINED. NEGOTIATIONS FOR SUCH A FOOTHOLD SHOULD CAUTIOUSLY AVOID INDICATION THAT THE U.S. INTENDS TO FULLY REPLACE BRITISH PROTECTIVE ARM EAST OF SUEZ.

E. OCCASIONAL POLITICAL PRESSURES FOR THE RETURN OF SANGLEY TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCED. A PERMANENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR VP ASW PRESENCE IN THE ARFE, HENCE SANGLEY SHOULD BE MAINTAINED AS LONG AS POSSIBLE. THE ALTERNATIVE TO SATISFY THE ASW REQUIREMENT, SHOULD SANGLEY BE LOST, IS CONSOLIDATION

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OF ALL U. S. NAVAL AIR BASE REQUIREMENTS IN PERMANENT BASE IN CUBI. IF THIS SHOULD BE THREATENED, FALL BACK TO WESTERN TIPI (PLUS GUAM) FOR VP BASING AND FALL BACK TO TINIAN FOR CVA/CVW BASING IS MANDATORY AND SHOULD BE CAREFULLY PLANNED.

F. ALLTHOUGH PLANS TO MAINTAIN ANY BASE STRUCTURE IN RVN ARE UNCERTAIN, IT IS CONSIDERED THAT AS A MINIMUM, RETENTION OF RE-ENTRY PLANS AND RIGHTS FOR THE NAVY AT CAM RANH BAY IS ESSENTIAL FOR ANY FUTURE OPERATIONS IN THE INDO-CHINA PENINSULA.

7. (S) IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT WESTERN PACIFIC BASE POLICY RECOGNIZE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR:

- A. A SMALL NAVAL AIR FACILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.
- B. A PERMANENT VP ASW OPERATION BASE IN GUAM.
- C. A VP ASW OPERATING BASE IN THE INDO-CHINA MALAYA PENINSULA AREA EITHER AT U-TAPAO OR SINGAPORE.
- D. A VP ASW OPERATING BASE IN THE PHILIPPINES TO BE LOCATED AT SANGLEY AS LONG AS FEASIBLE WITH A FALL-BACK TO A PERMANENT BASE AT CUBI.
- E. A CARRIER AND VP SUPPORT BASE AT CAM RANH BAY.
- F. FIRM PLANNING FOR CVA/CVW BASE IN TINIAN (SOUTH).

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 C. MACV BOOKLET CONTROL NBR 0002516-69 (TS).

1. (U) THE JOINT WORKING GROUP CONVENED BY REFERENCE A IN
 RESPONSE TO REFERENCE B HAS COMPLETED ITS STUDY. THE WORKING
 GROUP RECOMMENDED COURSE OF ACTION FOR TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY
 FOR COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN I CTZ IS IN CONSONANCE WITH APPROVED
 PLAN, REFERENCE C.
 2. (TS) IN ADDITION TO THE GUIDANCE OF REFERENCE C, THE
 FOLLOWING WILL APPLY WHEN DEVELOPING DETAILED PLANS FOR THE TRANSFER
 OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUBJECT SUPPORT:

A. THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT

IN I CTZ IS TO BE EFFECTED DURING PHASE SIX UPON
 COMPLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE COMBAT FORCES.

B. U.S. ARMY IS TO PLAN TO TAKE OVER AND MAN ONLY THOSE
 FACILITIES AND FUNCTIONS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE COMMON
 SERVICE SUPPORT TO RESIDUAL FORCES, OR THAT ARE NEEDED
 BY ARMY DURING ROLL-UP PHASE.

C. U.S. NAVY IS TO PLAN TO PHASE OUT AND DISPOSE OF
 FACILITIES AND MATERIAL NOT REPEAT NOT REQUIRED BY
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D. CG III MAF IS TO COORDINATE TIMING OF TRANSFER OF ANY
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 I CTZ.

E. EACH SERVICE IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETROGRADE OR
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COMMON SUPPORT SYSTEM IN ICTZ (U)

A. MY MSG 060258Z AUG 69

1. (TS) THE DANANG MEETING REFERRED TO IN REF A WAS COMPLETED ON THE 8TH AND PRODUCED ANOTHER STAFF STUDY. THERE WERE SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES DERIVED AND DEFINED IN SOME DETAIL BUT THE FIRST TWO WERE THE MOST IMPORTANT. THE FIRST (A) IS "NAVY RETAINS RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT THROUGH ROLL-UP, THEN A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSFER TO USARV OR ARMY ELEMENT IN MAAG IS EFFECTED". ALTERNATIVE (B) "COMPREHENSIVE TRANSFER IN PHASE VI UPON COMPLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE COMBAT FORCES". AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE DANANG MEETING THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF AGREEMENT BY

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2. (TS) MACV CALLED FOR A MEETING IN SAIGON TO FURTHER DISCUSS THE ALTERNATIVES AND ACHIEVE AN AGREEMENT, IF POSSIBLE. AT THE MEETING IN SAIGON ON 12 AUGUST CHAIRED BY J-4 PLANS AND ATTENDED BY MY G-4, AN AGREEMENT WAS REACHED THAT ALTERNATIVE (B) WOULD BE PURSUED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING WOULD APPLY IN DEVELOPING DETAILED PLANS FOR THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR ICTZ COMMON SUPPORT.

A. THE TRANSFER OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ IS TO BE EFFECTED DURING PHASE SIX UPON COMPLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE COMBAT FORCES.

B. U.S. ARMY IS TO PLAN TO TAKE OVER AND MAN ONLY THOSE FACILITIES AND FUNCTIONS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT TO RESIDUAL FORCES, OR THAT ARE NEEDED BY ARMY DURING ROLL-UP PHASE.

C. U.S. NAVY IS TO PLAN TO PHASE OUT AND DISPOSE OF FACILITIES AND MATERIAL NOT REQUIRED

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D. CG III MAF IS TO COORDINATE TIMING OF TRANSFER OF ANY FUNCTION WITH CONSIDERATION TO TACTICAL SITUATION IN ICTZ.

E. EACH SERVICE IS TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RETROGRADE OR DISPOSAL OF ITS OWN EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL. THE ARMY AND NAVY REPS AGREED TO THESE POINTS AS WELL AS TO ALTERNATIVE "B" FOR ALL FUTURE PLANNING PURPOSES. WE REITERATED OUR POSITION THAT NO DISRUPTION OR LOSS OF CONTINUITY COULD BE TOLERATED UNTIL AFTER ALL MARINE COMBAT FORCES HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN, AND THAT AS LONG AS III MAF COMMANDED OPERATIONS IN ICTZ WE REQUIRED AND EXPECTED THE NAVY COMMON SUPPORT SYSTEM TO REMAIN VIABLE AND IN PLACE.

3. (TS) IN VIEW OF THE APPARENT AGREEMENT BY THE NAVY TO DROP THEIR HOT PURSUIT OF AN EARLY DEPARTURE FROM ICTZ, AND THE FACT THAT THE MACV STAFF NOW HAS A CLEAR LINE TO FOLLOW IN PLANNING FOR THE ULTIMATE TURN OVER OF THE COMMON SUPPORT SYSTEM HERE IN ICTZ,

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I AM A LITTLE MORE COMFORTABLE. HOWEVER I INTEND
TO FOLLOW UP AT ALL STAGES TO SEE THAT THE MACV
PLANS STAY ON THE TRACK AND TO PROTECT OUR INTERESTS.

4. (TS) RELATED TO THE ABOVE, ON 13 AUG RADM BONNER
DROPPED IN TO SEE GEORGE DOOLEY AND STATED THAT THE
NAVY HAD REVIEWED THEIR POSITION ON COMMON SUPPORT
FOR I CORPS, AND THAT THEY HAD DECIDED TO STAY
UNTIL THE MARINES HAD LEFT. BONNER STATED THAT
THEY HAD SOME BACK CHANNELS FROM JOHNNY HYLAND AND
ADM BAUMBERGER. APPARENTLY THEY HAD DIRECTED HIM
TO FALL OFF OF THE NAVY POSITION.

5. (TS) ON THE 14TH OF AUG I WAS UP NORTH AND BUD
ZUMWALT WAS IN TO SEE GEORGE BOWMAN. HE ALSO STOPPED
BY GEORGE DOOLEY'S OFFICE AND STATED THAT AGREEMENT
HAD BEEN REACHED IN SAIGON TO SUPPORT OPTION B MEN-
TIONED ABOVE. HE ASKED IF THE MARINES AGREED AND
GEORGE SAID, YES: ZUMWALT STATED THAT THE ARMY
AGREED ALSO. HE FELT THAT THE MARINES WERE THE
WINNERS IN THIS DEAL. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE DIDN'T
CONSIDER IT A VICTORY, BUT RATHER THE PROPER COURSE OF

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INFO VADM BAUMBERGER, LGEN NICKERSON, MGEN TOWNSEND
STATUS OF NAVY MILCON FUNDS IN VIETNAM

A. CNO 142229Z AUG 69 (PASEP)

1. (C) REF A, PASEP WITH ORIGINATOR'S CONCURRENCE, STATES THE
RECAPTURE OF MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF UNOBLIGATED MCON FUNDS IS NOW

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2. (C) IN SUPPORT OF JCS AND OSD POLICY THAT MCON FUNDS ARE TO BE USED FOR ONLY MOST CRITICAL OPERATIONAL SUPPORT AND VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCE ENHANCEMENT, COMNAVFORV AND CG III MAF HAVE REPEATEDLY REVIEWED THE MCON PROGRAM. SINCE FEBRUARY, 382 PROJECTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED, WITH THE FREEING OF ABOUT \$20 MIL IN MATERIALS AND MONEY FOR OTHER USE. IN THE LAST MONTH, WE HAVE CANCELLED 85 PROJECTS, RETURNING \$5 MIL WORTH OF MATERIAL FOR OTHER USE AND DEOBLIGATED \$900,000. ADDITIONAL CANCELLATIONS ARE NOW UNDER SCRUTINY. THE BASIC REASON FOR THE SIZE OF THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE IS THE FRUGAL APPROACH TAKEN IN RECENT MONTHS.

3. (C) OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT HAVE DROPPED WITH THE ONSET OF VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR. I WILL CONSULT WITH GENERAL NICKERSON AND GENERAL ABRAMS ON THE DEGREE TO WHICH U.S. OPERATIONAL NEEDS CAN BE DROPPED STILL FURTHER. THE PROJECTS REMAINING FOR U.S. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ARE ALL CHARACTERIZED AS DIRECTLY SUPPORTING OPERATIONS: PROTECTION OF AIRCRAFT FROM ENEMY FIRE, ELIMINATING AIRCRAFT LANDING SAFETY HAZARDS, REDUCING ACCESS TIME OF JET PILOTS TO AIRCRAFT, ELIMINATING

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4. (C) WITH REGARD TO VIETNAMESE FACILITIES, THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPORTED AND FOSTERED A VIETNAMESE NAVY OF 28,700 MEN, A TWO-FOLD INCREASE SINCE EARLY 1968. IT IS WITHIN A FEW THOUSAND OF THAT LEVEL TODAY. IT IS ONE OF THE FEW NAVIES ACTUALLY FIGHTING A WAR. THEIR PRESENT BASING STRUCTURE IS COMPLETELY INADEQUATE. WHEN WE LEAVE WE WILL TAKE ALMOST ALL OUR FLOATING ASSETS NOW USED FOR REPAIR, COMMUNICATIONS, AND BERTHING. TO TRANSFER THESE SHIPS TO VNN WOULD PUT AN INTOLERABLE SUPPORT BURDEN ON THE VIETNAMESE. THE MOBILITY AND SPEED WE ENJOY FOR LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF FAR FLUNG NAVAL FORCES WILL ALSO GO WITH US. THE ONLY SOLUTION IS TO PROVIDE THE VIETNAMESE NAVY WITH BASES FROM WHICH THEY CAN OPERATE AND MAINTAIN BOATS, HOUSE THEIR TROOPS AND PROVIDE THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT REQUIRED BY A FIGHTING NAVY. IN ADDITION TO BOATS, THE U.S. HAS USED HELOS TO MOVE IN THE DELTA. THE VIETNAMESE NAVY WILL PROVIDE MOST OF THE MOBILITY FOR GROUND

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5. (C) WITH REGARD TO THE STATUS OF THE UNOBLIGATED BALANCE AS REPORTED ON 30 JUNE, AGAINST THAT BALANCE WE HOLD THE FOLLOWING ITEMS OF EXPENSE:

A. ON-GOING PROJECTS WHERE ACTUAL COST HAS EXCEEDED FUNDED COST, AND THE LODGING OF CHARGES IS UNAVOIDABLE:

\$2.4 MIL

B. U.S. OPS SUPPORT. THE THREE LARGEST ITEMS ARE:

(1) AIRCRAFT SHELTERS - \$4.8 MIL

(2) AIRCRAFT PARKING APRON - \$596

(3) RESTORATION OF DAMAGED ASP - \$.5 MIL

SUB TOTAL U.S. OPS SUPPORT.

\$7.7 MIL

C. VMMC TRAINING CENTER AND HOSPITAL.

\$2.9 MIL

THESE FACILITIES ARE ABOUT TO BE STARTED.

D. VNN BASE CONSTRUCTION.

\$17.2 MIL

TOTAL

\$30.2 MIL

6. (C) IN YOUR MESSAGE, YOU REFER TO THE VALID PROJECTS WE

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A. VNN BASES FOR TURNOVER PROGRAM NOT COVERED BY FUNDS IN HAND.

\$7.3 MIL

B. OTHER VIETNAMESE NAVY REQUIREMENTS:

PREDOMINANTLY VIETNAMESE JUNK BASE REHABILITATION

NAVY SHIPYARD REHABILITATION.

\$5.3 MIL

C. OTHER OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

PREDOMINANTLY I CTZ POWER AND SHELTER INSTALLATION.

\$8.7 MIL

TOTAL

\$21.3 MIL

THE FUTURE MAY ELIMINATE MOST OF THE REQUIREMENTS

UNDER C. THEY ARE VALID NOW. THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER A. AND

B. WILL STAND UP OVER TIME. A. IS A BASIC NECESSITY FOR TURNOVER.

7. (C) TO PUT YOUR REQUIREMENT IN CONTEXT, THE NAVY (NOT INCLUDING MARINES) WILL EXPEND OVER \$200,000,000 FOR MILITARY PAY IN VIETNAM, \$100,000,000 FOR THE NAVSUPPORTS, \$75,000,000 IN MAF SUPPORT, MANY MILLIONS IN FUEL AND AMMO. IN CONTRAST THE NAVY MCON EXPENDITURES WOULD BE ABOUT \$50 MIL IN FY 70.

8. (C) WITH GENERAL NICKERSON AND COMUSMACV, I WILL REEVALUATE OUR U.S. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF NAVY EXPENDITURE

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PAGE 6 RHMAFA 2320 C O N F I D E N T I A L/SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR PROBLEMS. I WILL ALSO REVIEW THE PROJECTS IN SUPPORT OF VIETNAMESE NAVY AND MARINE CORPS. I ASK THAT YOU RECONSIDER YOUR REQUEST TO HOLD OBLIGATIONS IN ABEYANCE. THE RESULTING DELAY AND UNCERTAINTY IN THE WORK ON VIETNAMESE BASES WILL HAVE FAR-REACHING CONSEQUENCES THROUGHOUT ENTIRE TURNOVER PROGRAM AND SHOULD ONLY BE DONE AFTER ADMIRAL MOORER IS MADE AWARE OF THE IMPACT ON VIETNAMIZATION. TO COMPLETELY HALT OBLIGATIONS TO U.S. OPERATIONAL SUPPORT IS VERY HARMFUL, SINCE DISRUPTION OF VITAL ON-GOING WORK AND WASTE OF EFFORT EXPENDED WILL RESULT. I COULD LIVE BETTER WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO HALT OBLIGATIONS WITH EXCEPTIONS BASED ON IMMEDIATE NECESSITY, AND TO WORK TO DEOBLIGATE FUNDS ALREADY OBLIGATED. I AM DEFERRING THE ORDER ON STOPPING OBLIGATIONS BUT WILL ASCERTAIN THAT ALL TRANSACTIONS, UNTIL YOUR REPLY, WILL BE REVERSIBLE.

9. (C) WE MUST, IT SEEMS TO ME, NEGOTIATE A NAVY RVN MCON EXPENDITURE LIMIT. I WILL MAKE A DEFINITE PROPOSAL IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS. AN EARLY REPLY ON MY REQUEST OF PARAGRAPH 8 IS REQUESTED.

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SPECAT EXCLUSIVE FOR VADM SHIFLEY, INFO VADM ZUMWALT, LGEN NICKERSON, MGEN TOWNSEND FROM BAUMBERGER
A. COMNAVFORV 160116Z AUG 69
B. CNO 142229Z AUG 69 PASEP
1. (C) HAVE READ BUD ZUMWALT'S REPLY (REF A) TO YOUR REQUEST TO IMMEDIATELY HALT FURTHER MCON OBLIGATIONS (REF B). FULLY CONCUR WITH HIS EVALUATION OF THE IMPACT OF SUCH AN ACTION AND ALSO FULLY SUPPORT HIS REQUEST OF PARA 8. THE VIETNAMIZATION EFFORT, NOW WELL UNDERWAY THROUGH THE ACTOV PLAN, CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO FALTER WITHOUT SERIOUS ADVERSE IMPACT.
2. (U) STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOU GRANT BUD'S REQUEST.
3. BEST REGARDS.

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1. THE FOL MSG IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

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INFO VADM BAUMBERGER FROM VADM SHIFLEY
STATUS OF NAVY MILCON FUNDS IN RVN (U)

1. OPNAV IS UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE TO REDUCE NAVY FY 70 DOLLAR EXPENDITURES BY THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE. TO THIS END IT IS NECESSARY THAT MAXIMUM MILCON EXPENDITURE REDUCTIONS BE IMPOSED.
2. REVIEW OF THE NAVY RVN MILCON FUNDING STATUS AS OF 30 JUNE 1969 INDICATES A \$58 MILLION UNOBLIGATED BALANCE CONSISTING OF \$30.2 MILLION APPORTIONED AND \$27.9 MILLION UNAPPORTIONED. I UNDERSTAND THAT APPORTIONMENT OF THE \$27.9 MILLION WILL NOT BE APPROVED BY OSD.
3. MAXIMUM RECAPTURE OF THE UNOBLIGATED \$30.2 MILLION IN-COUNTRY NOW BECOMES MOST IMPORTANT TO NAVY.
4. I FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT VALID PROJECTS HAVE BEEN PROPOSED BY YOU FOR THE ENTIRE \$30.2 MILLION AND THAT ABOUT TWO THIRDS OF THESE PROJECTS ARE FOR VIETNAMESE OPERATIONAL AND SUPPORT FACILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIRECTIONS FROM HIGHER AUTHORITY.
5. HOWEVER, REQUEST THAT YOU GIVE THESE PROJECTS YOUR CLOSEST SCRUTINY AND ADVISE IMPACT IF ALL ARE DEFERRED

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6. PENDING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE ABOVE AND SUBSEQUENT
RESOLUTION OF THIS EXPENDITURE REDUCTION DILEMMA, REQUEST YOU HOLD
ANY FURTHER OBLIGATIONS IN ABEYANCE. UNQUOTE:

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REPORT ON AUSTRALIAN CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF'S EXERCISE (U)
PERSONAL FOR LTGEN BUSE FROM BGEN GARRETSON. PASS ONLY DURING WORKING HOURS

A. CG FMFPAC 080301Z AUG 69 (S)

1. (U) IN REFERENCE A YOU REQUESTED I REPORT AND COMMENT ON THE ANNUAL AUSTRALIAN ARMY CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF'S EXERCISE WHICH I ATTENDED AT THE ROYAL MILITARY ACADEMY, DUNTROON FROM 10 TO 15 AUGUST.
2. (U) LT GEN DALY, CHIEF OF THE GENERAL STAFF (THE ARMY CHIEF) IS PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY HIGHLY RESPECTED AND ADMIRER BY ALL WHO MEET HIM. HE APPRECIATED CMC'S REPRESENTATION AGAIN THIS YEAR TO HIS EXERCISE. AS A MATTER OF INTEREST, GENERAL OFFICER REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED FROM U. K., NEW ZEALAND, CANADA AND USA. BGEN STANLEY C. WATERS, CANADIAN ARMY, REPRESENTED CANADA. HE HAS BEEN A PERSONAL ACQUAINTANCE OF MINE SINCE HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE 1959 SENIOR COURSE AND SUBSEQUENT ASSIGNMENT TO MCS FOR DUTY. LTGEN SIR BASIL EUGSTER REPRE-

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SENTED GREAT BRITAIN AND MAJGEN DAWSON, C/S NEW ZEALAND ARMY REPRESENTED HIS COUNTRY.

3. (S) THE SCOPE OF THE EXERCISE LEFT LITTLE TO BE GAINED PROFESSIONALLY FOR A U. S. SENIOR OFFICER. IT EMPHASIZED THE LOGISTICAL CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED IN MOVING THE AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE FROM ITS PRESENT TAOR NEAR VUNG TAU, RVN TO A TAOR NORTH OF UBON, THAILAND VIC LAOTAIN BORDER. FOR THE EXERCISE, MOVEMENT WAS TO BE BY NATIONAL ASSETS ONLY. SINCE THE AUSTRALIANS ARE LACKING INNIATIONAL ASSETS FOR STRATEGIC MOVEMENT BY AIR AND SEA THEY HAVE PROBLEMS. THEY HAVE ONLY 1 A/C CARRIER; 2 SQUADRONS OF C-130'S; AND 2 UH-1E HELO SQUADRONS.

4. (C) SEVERAL SENIOR AUSTRALIAN ARMY OFFICERS TOLD ME HOW MUCH THEY APPRECIATED GEN TOMPKINS PRESENTATION LAST YEAR ON MARINE OPERATIONS IN I CORPS. HE MADE A LASTING IMPRESSION. MAJGEN WILLIAM DESOBRY, DIR OPNS, DA, WASH WAS THE SENIOR U. S. REP. HE GAVE A 1 1/2 HOUR INFORMAL SLIDE PRESENTATION ON HIS EXPERIENCES IN RVN AS THE 4TH CORPS SENIOR ADVISOR. ALTHOUGH HE DISCUSSED REVERINE WARFARE AND SHOWED SLIDES OF THE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT USED, HE MADE NO GREAT PITCH TO EXPLOIT ITS ARMY/NAVY CHARACTER OR SUCCESSES. I BELIEVE GEN DESOBRY FEELS THAT THE AIRMOBILE AND PACIFICATION IN PARTICULAR ARE THE MOST DECISIVE OPNS IN 4 CORPS (HE HAS AN ARMOR BACKGROUND) HE ALSO FEELS THAT IF THE U.S.

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FORCES ARE TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM RVN 4 CORPS IS A GOOD PLACE TO @VIETNAMESE THE WAR.@ HE IS A SOLID THINKING, ARTICULATE OFFICER AND CERTAINLY NO KNIGHT ON A WHITE HORSE FOR ANY SERVICE POSITION. I ENJOYED VERY CLOSE ASSOCIATION WITH HIM.

5. (S) TWO THINGS WHICH MIGHT BE OF INTEREST TO THE MC DEVELOPMENT CENTER:

A. IN LATE 69 THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY BEGINS DISTRIBUTION TO FIELD UNITS OF A REPLACEMENT RADIO FOR THE PRC-25. IT IS THE PRC-1F AND HAS BEEN UNDER AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT FOR SIX YEARS. IT IS A SINGLE SIDE BAND, 20 LB BACK PACK RADIO WITH A 2 1/2 LB RECHARGABLE BATTERY. IT HAS NO SECURE VOICE CAPABILITY. DEVELOPMENT COSTS WERE \$6200 EA FOR THE FIRST 500 AND \$5700 FOR THE SECOND 500. AUST ARMY HAS ORDERED 1500.

B. I HEARD THE AUSTRALIAN QMG STATE THAT THE LONG RANGE PATROL RANGE PATROL RATION BEING TESTED BY AUSTRALIAN TROOPS IN RVN IS WELL RECEIVED AND PRESUMABLY DECREASES HELO RE-SUPPLY PROBLEMS.

6. (C) THE MOST SENSITIVE MILITARY-POLITICAL QUESTION IN AUSTRALIA IS THE ORDERING/PRUCHASE OF 24 F-111'S NOT YET DELIVERED.

7. (U) THE BACKGROUND INFO PREPARED BY YOUR STAFF WAS ADEQUATE AND MOST APPRECIATED. BEING IN THE MIDDLE OF WINTER THE TEMP RANGED FROM 9DEGREES ABOVE AT NIGHT TO 50 DEGREES IN THE DAYTIME. WINTER UNIFORMS

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ARE NECESSARY AND ARE WORN TO ALL FUNCTIONS. DUNTRON IS 200 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL. SNOW RARELY FALLS IN THE AREA BUT IT IS SEEN ON THE HILLS IN THE DISTANCE.

8. (U) TRIP AND EXERCISE PARTICIPATION WAS MOST ENJOYABLE EVEN THOUGH I RETURNED WITH A COLD. I AM MAILING THE EXERCISE BOOKLET FOR INFO AND FILING FOR NEXT YEARS BACKGROUND PACKAGE.

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STRENGTH REPORTS

A. MACV 160836Z AUG 69

1. (S) A RECONCILIATION WAS UNDERTAKEN BEGINNING THE EIGHTEENTH OF AUG WITH TOTAL III MAF STRENGTH OF 73282. UNDERSTAND THIS FIGURE IS THE SAME AT FMFPAC AND CMC. CINCPAC APPARENTLY UTILIZED THE MACV SITREP (REF A) DERIVED FROM OUR REPORT OF THIRTEEN AUG AS A BASIS FOR THE PROJECTION OF FUTURE STRENGTH BY USING 75955 (WHICH FIGURE INCLUDES 369 COMNAVFORV MARINES NOT COUNTED AS III MAF MARINES) AS REPORTED BY MACV PLUS THE ARR/DEP REPORTS STARTING FIFTEEN AUG.

SUBSEQUENT TO OUR REPORT THIRTEEN AUG AND THE MACV PRIOR TO THE MACV REPORT (REF A) 2383 MARINES DEPARTED RVN, WERE REPORTED BY US AND MACV AND APPARENTLY NOT PICKED UP BY CINCPAC

2. (S) THE FOLLOWING IS A RECAP OF III MAF SITREPS

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 FOR PERIOD 132400H-202400H, THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE COMNAVFORV MARINES.

DATE	STRENGTH	CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS DAY
12 AUG	76082	---
13 AUG	75586	-496
14 AUG	75118	-468
15 AUG	73525	-1593
16 AUG	73558	PLUS 33
17 AUG	73502	-56
18 AUG	73232	-220
19 AUG	73525	PLUS 243
20 AUG	73327	-198

3. (S) THE WEEKLY ARR/DEP REPORT WHICH WE MADE TO MACV FOR THE PERIOD EIGHT TO FOURTEEN AUG REFLECTED A NET DECREASE OF 2388. OUR UNIT PERSONNEL REPORTS ARE NOT DUE AT THIS HQS UNTIL FORTY EIGHT HOURS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE END OF THE REPORTING PERIOD FOR THE MACV REPORT FELL RIGHT AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR KEYSTONE EAGLE EMBARK UNIT III AND WE ASSUME THAT THE COINCIDENCE OF THIS TIMING CONTRIBUTED TO THE ERROR IN NOT PICKING UP THE DECREASE OF 2388 ON THE

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4. (S) THE ERROR IN THIS INSTANCE IS UNDERSTANDABLE, BUT AT THIS TIME THE SYSTEM HAS COMPLETED A WEEKLY CYCLE AND WE DO NOT EXPECT A RECURRENCE.

5. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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FOR LGEN BOSE, INFO GEN CHAPMAN, FROM LGEN NICKERSON

USS NEW JERSEY EMPLOYMENT (U)

1. (U) THE USS NEW JERSEY, SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO WEST PAC IN SEP 69, NOW REPORTEDLY IS NOT DEPLOYING AND IS SCHEDULED FOR DECOMMISSIONING.

2. (S) I FEEL THAT THE FOLLOWING DATA SUPPORTS THE DEPLOYMENT OF NEW JERSEY AS SCHEDULED:

A. FROM THE ARRIVAL OF THE USS NEW JERSEY ON THE GUN-LINE ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1968, UNTIL HER DEPARTURE ON 31 MARCH 1969, SHE SUPPORTED ICTZ ON 85 DAYS. DURING THIS PERIOD SHE EXPENDED NEARLY 4,000 ROUNDS OF 16 INCH AMMUNITION AND NEARLY 11,000 ROUNDS OF 5 INCH AMMUNITION IN SUPPORT OF III MAF. AS HER PRINCIPAL EMPLOYER, III MAF WAS MOST RELUCTANT TO SEE HER DEPART. GUN DAMAGE ASSESSMENT WHILE IN SUPPORT OF III MAF INCLUDED MORE THAN 1000 STRUCTURES AND BUNKERS, AND 100 CAVES AND TUNNEL COMPLEXES DESTROYED OR DAMAGED, SOME 120 SECONDARY EXPLOSIONS AND OVER 90 CONFIRMED KIA.

B. NEW JERSEY DEMONSTRATED THE ABILITY TO PROVIDE NGFS AT RANGES UP TO 35,000 METERS INLAND. THIS IS ABOUT HALF AGAIN THE RANGE THAT ANY OTHER NGF SHIP IS CAPABLE OF.

C. ACCORDING TO BOTH GROUND AND AERIAL SPOTTERS THE BATTLESHIP FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM IS CONSISTENTLY MORE ACCURATE AND MORE RESPONSIVE TO SPOTS THAN ANY NAVAL GUNFIRE FIRE CONTROL SYSTEM USED IN VIETNAM. AVERAGE INITIAL SALVO ERROR IS LESS THAN 300 YARDS IN RANGE AND 100 YARDS IN DEFLECTION. THE ROUNDS ARE USUALLY ON TARGET WITH NO MORE THAN TWO SPOTTING ADJUSTMENTS.

D. THE CAPABILITY, ON SHORT NOTICE, TO PROVIDE A TIME,

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QUICK OR DELAYED FUZE ACTION ON A 2000 NR PROJECTILE HAS THE ADVANTAGE OF VERSATILITY OVER AIR DROPPED WEAPONS. ARTILLERY HAS NO WEAPON IN VIETNAM THAT CAN COMPARE IN RANGE, EXPLOSIVE POWER OR ACCURACY WITH THE 16"/50 NAVAL GUN.

E. THE EXTENDED RANGE AND MOBILE FIREPOWER OF THE BATTLESHIP GIVE THE GROUND COMMANDERS GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE

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POSITIONING AND EMPLOYMENT OF ARTILLERY BATTERIES. E.G., ADDITIONAL ARTILLERY BATTERIES CAN BE LOCATED IN THE WESTERNMOST REGIONS WITH NGF REPLACING THE RELOCATED ARTILLERY BATTERIES.

F. THE PRESENCE OF THE BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY UNDOUBTEDLY HAS AN ADVERSE PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON THE MORALE OF ENEMY GROUND TROOPS AND MOST LIKELY WOULD CAUSE ENEMY COMMANDERS CONCERN IN THE EVENT THEY CONTEMPLATE LARGE SCALE MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE DMZ.

G. BATTLESHIP NGF SUPPORT HAS CERTAIN ADVANTAGES OVER AIRCRAFT/ARTILLERY. THESE INCLUDE:

(1) GREATER ABILITY TO PENETRATE >HARDENED> TARGETS. THE 16" ARMOR PIERCING ROUND CAN PENETRATE 21 FEET OF REINFORCED CONCRETE OR 35 FEET OF EARTH AND LOGS.

(2) GREATER ACCURACY AGAINST TARGETS PRESENTING PRIMARILY VERTICAL AREAS TO LINE OF FIRE.

(3) ALL WEATHER CAPABILITY.

(4) ABILITY TO REMAIN ON STATION FOR PROLONGED PERIODS.

(5) NO VULNERABILITY TO ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS. THE CREW IS SAFE FROM SAPPERS AND GROUND ATTACK AND AMMUNITION IS NOT DEPENDENT ON A LAND LOCKED SUPPLY SYSTEM.

(6) REQUIRES NO ADVANCE BASE CONSTRUCTION IN SOUTHEAST

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3. (S) THE 9TH RLT HAS ALREADY DEPLOYED FROM RVN; IMPENDING DECISIONS INDICATE THE PROBABILITY OF ADDITIONAL FORCES BEING REDEPLOYED. IMPENDING BUDGETARY RESTRICTIONS DICTATE THE NECESSITY TO CLOSELY EXAMINE THE RELATIVE COSTS OF VARIOUS WEAPONS SYSTEMS AVAILABLE TO FORCES COMMITTED IN RVN. THESE FACTORS, MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, ESTABLISH A REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEW JERSEY AND JUSTIFY ITS EMPLOYMENT. THE FOLLOWING FACTS ARE PERTINENT:

A. THE REDUCTION OF TROOP STRENGTHS, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA SOUTH OF THE DMZ, DICTATES A REQUIREMENT FOR THE TREMENDOUS, MOBILE FIREPOWER OF THE BATTLESHIP IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO

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REACT QUICKLY IN THE EVENT THE ENEMY DECIDES TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION BY COMING ACROSS THE DMZ IN FORCE.

B. FRIENDLY FORCES ARE BEING THINNED OUT THROUGHOUT I CORPS. THE MOBILE FIREPOWER OF THE BATTLESHIP, PERMITS RAPID REACTION TO ANY ENEMY ATTEMPTS TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION ANYWHERE IN I CORPS (OR THROUGHOUT RVN).

C. THE PRESENCE OF THE NEW JERSEY OFF THE COAST OF RVN REPRESENTS AN INVALUABLE FIRE SUPPORT CAPABILITY WITHOUT RE-

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QUIRING ANY INCREASE OF IN-COUNTRY SPACES.

D. IT IS REPORTED THAT THE COST OF REFITTING THE NEW JERSEY WAS \$22,000,000. SHE IS REPORTED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION AND HAS CONSIDERABLE REDUNDANCY. FROM A COST-EFFECTIVENESS STANDPOINT, THE CONTINUED EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY REPRESENTS A UTILIZATION OF FUNDS ALREADY INVESTED. IN ADDITION, CONSIDERABLE 16> AMMUNITION IS ALREADY LOCATED IN WESTPAC FOR UTILIZATION BY THE NEW JERSEY, AS INDICATED BY THE FOLLOWING:

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4. (C) IN CONCLUSION THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE NEW JERSEY IS MORE CRITICAL THAN EVER. THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE NEW JERSEY ON THE RVN GUNLINE WILL SAVE COUNTLESS LIVES. IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE NEW JERSEY BE DEPLOYED TO WESTPAC AS PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED.

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CAMP BUTLER BRIG

A. CG MARCORB CAMP BUTLER LTR AYA:DER OF 27 AUG 69

1. (C) TODAY CAMP BUTLER HAS 180 PRISONERS. OF THESE 78 ARE NEGROES. IN RECENT WEEKS RACIAL INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED AND ALTERCATIONS BETWEEN PRISONERS HAVE TAKEN PLACE. IN THE LAST THREE WEEKS NINE RACIALLY RELATED INCIDENTS HAVE OCCURRED. NONE OF THESE INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN SERIOUS BUT HAVE INDICATED A TREND WHICH CONTINUES AND COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY TO PRISONERS OR BRIG PERSONNEL. CURRENTLY THE BRIG STAFF IS IN JEOPARDY. DUE TO DORMITORY TYPE BILLETING CONFIGURATION.

2. (C) THE CAMP BUTLER BRIG WAS ORIGINALLY BUILT TO HOUSE 150 PRISONERS USING 72 SQUARE FEET OF SPACE AS THE CRITERIA FOR EACH PRISONER. UNDER CROWDED CONDITIONS AND REDUCING THE SPACE FACTOR TO 50 SQUARE FEET PER PRISONER THE BRIG HAS MIXIMUM CROWDED CAPACITY 200 PRISONERS. THIS REDUCTION IN SPACE FACTOR COULD ONLY BE PERMITTED WHEN THE PRISONER POPULATION IS LESS VOLATILE. UNTIL THE PRESENT SITUATION COOLS I BELIEVE IT MOST PRUDENT NOT TO EXCEED 180.

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3. (C) LOCAL COMMANDERS ARE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZING THEIR CONFINEMENT POLICIES TO MINIMIZE INCARCERATION. UNDER CURRENT AND PROBABLY CONTINUING CONDITIONS IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THIS BRIG TO TAKE ANY PERSONNEL FOR CONFINEMENT FROM OFF ISLAND COMMANDS.

4. (C) CURRENTLY THE BRIG IS STAFFED BY BOTH PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL DUTY PERSONNEL. THE ASSIGNMENT OF PERSONNEL TO THIS FACILITY MUST NECESSARILY BE CLOSELY SCREENED TO INSURE MAINTAINING ADEQUATE CONTROL OVER THIS LARGE PRISONER POPULATION. I HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO HAVE THE BRIG STAFFED BY 2 OFFICERS AND 103 ENLISTED PERSONNEL. THIS FIGURE IS CONSIDERED INADEQUATE FOR THE NUMBER OF PRISONERS PRESENTLY CONFINED UNDER CURRENT CONDITIONS AND IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT AN ADDITIONAL 5 BRIG PERSONNEL BE MADE AVAILABLE FROM ON ISLAND RESOURCES IN ORDER TO STAFF THE BRIG AT THE MANNING RECOMMENDED BY THE CORRECTIONS MANUAL OF 2 OFFICERS AND 108 ENLISTED. I HAVE REQUESTED NINTH MAB TO PROVIDE THESE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL ON A TEMPORARY 90 DAY BASIS PENDING SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDED NEW BRIG T/O AS INDICATED IN REF A. NINTH MAB HAS AGREED TO FURNISH PERSONNEL AS REQUESTED.

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FLEET AIR WING STRUCTURE (U)

1. (S) FLEET AIR WING (FAW) STRUCTURE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF RECENT EXTENSIVE REAPPRAISAL. SEVERE NAVY-WIDE FUNDING CLIMATE HAS RESULTED IN DECISION TO SUPPORT WESTPAC VPRONS WITH TWO FAWs, ONE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND THE OTHER ON OKINAWA. FAWs WILL BE CAPABLE OF PROVIDING DETACHMENTS AS NEEDED TO GUAM, JAPAN, AND THAILAND VPRONS. CINCPACFLT INTENDS TO IMPLEMENT CONCEPT BY 1 JAN 70.

2. (S) UNDER THIS CONCEPT THE TWO FAWs WILL BE HOMEPORTED AT NAHA AND SANGOAY. IT IS ENVISIONED THAT AUSTERE FAW DETS WILL BE HOME-PORTED AT THE DET SITES WHENEVER POSSIBLE. IF VPRONS OPS TEMPO INCREASE, FAW DET WILL BE AUGMENTED BY PAEENT FAWs.

3. (S) REQ DEVELOP MULTI-PHASE PLAN TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

A. DISESTABLISH FAW-6 AND ESTABLISH AUSTERE FAW-1 DET AT IWAKUNI ON 1 JAN 70. REDUCED TEMPO VP OPS ALONG WITH DECREASED FLIGHT HOURS SHOULD ALLOW FAW DET AUGMENTATION BY ROTATIONAL VP CREW. CENTRALIZED ADMIN PLUS CREW AUGMENTATION SHOULD RESULT IN SIGNIFICANT OVERALL PERSONNEL SAVINGS. PLAN SHOULD INCLUDE RECOMMENDED/REVISED PERSONNEL ALLOWANCE FOR FAW-1.

B. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FAW-1 DET PLUS ONE VPRON SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PROJECTED AVIATION PROGRAMS SUMMARY (PAPS) FOR NAS ATSUGI FY-72 AND SUBSEQUENT. ABOVE BASE LOADING SHOULD BE DELETED FROM MCAS IWAKUNI PAPS AFTER FY-71. THIS REVISION CAN BE INCORPORATED AS CORRECTION TO PAPS MACHINE READOUTS RECENTLY FORWARDED TO COMNAV-AIRPAC. TO IMPLEMENT CONCEPT. FIRST PHASE SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON OKINAWA/JAPAN IMPLEMENTATION. SUBSEQUENT PHASES TO OCCUR AS VPRONS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR GUAM AND U-TAPAO.

D. REQ SUBMIT DETAILED FIRST PHASE OF PLAN WHEN COMPLETE.

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B. CG FMFPAC 290107Z/AUG69 (TS) (NOTAL)

1. (TS) REF A AUTH INITIATION OF ACTION TO CADRE ONE RLT
OF FIFTH MARDIV (-) AND 1ST LAAM BN.

2. (U) FOR CG FIRST MAW: NO ACTION REQUIRED BY YOU.

3. (TS) FOR CG THIRD MAW: REQUEST YOU PROVIDE, NLT
20 SEP 1969, RECOMMENDATION FOR CADRE STRENGTH,

INCLUDING GRADE AND MOS SUMMARY, REQUIRED TO PREPARE
EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL OF 1ST LAAM BN FOR RETURN TO STORES

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SYSTEM. THIS WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR CONSULTATION WITH CO, 1ST LAAM BN PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

4. (TS) FOR CG FIFTH MARDIV (-): I CONSIDER REF A IN CONSONANCE WITH THE CONCEPT FOR DEACTIVATION CONTAINED REF B. IN THIS REGARD, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE, NLT 7 SEP 1969, RECOMMENDATION FOR CADRE STRENGTH, INCLUDING GRADE AND MOS SUMMARY, REQUIRED TO PREPARE EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL OF ^{27th RLT} ~~27th MARINES~~ (CONSISTING OF ^{RLT} ~~27th MARINES~~ and ^{BLT's} ~~BLT's~~ HQ CO, 27~~th~~ MARINES; 1/28; 2/27 AND 3/27) FOR RETURN TO STORES SYSTEM PRIOR TO DEACTIVATION ON 15 OCT 1969.

5. (TS) FOR ALL: FOR PLANNING, I PROPOSE TO INITIATE THE CADRE ACTIONS REQUIRED EFFECTIVE 25 SEP 1969 FOR 1ST LAAM BN AND 15 SEP 1969 FOR ^{RLT 27} ~~27th MARINES~~. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THIS CADRE ACTION BE PLAYED IN LOW KEY TO PRECLUDE ANY TIE-IN WITH POSSIBLE REDEPLOYMENTS FROM RVN. WARM REGARDS.

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RECENT HEAVY ENEMY MOVEMENT AT NIGHT, IN AND OUT OF THE
 QUE SON MOUNTAINS THROUGH PHU LOC VALLEY, ESTABLISHED A
 PATTERN WHICH APPEARED TO OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISRUPT ENEMY
 RESUPPLY EFFORT ALONG THIS LOC, AND TO INFLICT SIGNIFICANT
 CASUALTIES IN THE PROCESS

IT WAS DECIDED TO EMPLOY A NEW TECHNIQUE AGAINST THIS TARGET
 CALLED THE "AIR AMBUSH". THIS INVOLVED USE OF SENSORS ALONG

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 WITH CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT OF MARINE ATTACK AVIATION BACKED
 UP BY THE MASSED FIREPOWER OF FIELD ARTILLERY.

THE AIR AMBUSH WAS LAID IN THE MOUTH OF PHU LOC VALLEY ON A
 TRAIL AT AT979467, AND WAS CONTROLLED BY A MARINE FORWARD AIR
 CONTROLLER, CAPTAIN J. E. SOWER, WHO WAS LOCATED ON HILL 425
 WITH RECONNAISSANCE TEAM TURF CLUB.

AT 281925H AUG 69, 3 A-6'S CHECKED IN AND WERE PLACED
 IN AN ORBIT WELL EAST OF THE TARGET AREA. AN OV-10 ARRIVED
 AND WAS ORBITED WELL CLEAR TO THE NORTH. RADIO CHECKS
 REVEALED THAT ALL PARTIES (FAC, ASRT, A6'S AND OV-10) WERE UP
 AND READY.

PROMPTLY AT 1930, MOVEMENT WAS DETECTED BY SENSORS (ADSIDS)
 PREPLACED IN THE VALLEY. UTILIZING THE NIGHT OBSERVATION DEVICE
 OVER 60 ENEMY WERE OBSERVED MOVING EAST ON THE TRAIL AND
 APPROACHING THE KILLING ZONE. CAPT SOWER CALLED THE ASRT GIVING
 THEM AN EIGHT DIGIT COORDINATE SLIGHTLY LEADING THE MOVING FORCE.
 THE ASRT RAN THE FIRST A6 ON THE TARGET UTILIZING THE TPQ-10 RADAR.
 TWENTY EIGHT D2'S (500 LB BOMBS) WITH A MIXTURE OF INSTANTANEOUS
 AND DAISY CUTTER FUSING WERE DELIVERED.

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UPON OBSERVING THE BOMBS STRIKE IN THE AFT END OF THE COLUMN, CAPT SOWER CALLED AN ADJUSTMENT TO THE ASRT WHO CORRECTED THEIR DATA AND RAN THE SECOND A6 ON THE TARGET. THIS LOAD WAS DELIVERED, ANOTHER CORRECTION WAS GIVEN BY THE ASRT, AND THE FINAL A6 SALVOED HIS LOAD.

AT THIS TIME THE OV-10 PILOTTED BY A FAC (A) WAS OVER THE TARGET. HE HAD UNDER HIS CONTROL TWO F-4 AIRCRAFT EACH LOADED WITH 7 NAPALM TANKS. THE FAC (A) UTILIZING HIS OWN FLARES ILLUMINATED THE AREA AND GAVE THE FIRST F-4 HIS TARGET. THE F-4 PILOT SALVOED HIS NAPALM RIGHT ON TARGET - SIX ENEMY WERE OBSERVED TO GET UP AND RUN. THE SECOND F-4 DROPPED HIS NAPALM IN THEIR MIDST.

WHEN THE FAC HAD DETERMINED THE INITIAL TARGET HE HAD ALSO REQUESTED A BACK UP FLIGHT FOR F-4'S. AFTER THE DELIVERY OF THE LAST NAPALM LOAD A FLIGHT OF A4'S CHECKED IN WITH D-1A (SNAKEYE BOMBS) AND NAPALM. THEY WERE HELD IN ORBIT UNTIL MOVEMENT WAS SEEN. UTILIZING THE N O D, WHERE ON THE A-4'S WERE DIRECTED ON TARGET BY. THE FAC(A) - NO FURTHER MOVEMENT WAS OBSERVED FROM THE AIR.

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A TOTAL OF 12 ENEMY WERE OBSERVED FROM THE RECON OP GETTING UP AND MOVING AFTER THE STRIKES ON THE KILL ZONE. LATER IN THE NIGHT ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT WAS OBSERVED AS THE ENEMY APPARENTLY ATTEMPTED TO POLICE THE AREA - THIS WAS ATTACKED BY ARTILLERY. IN THE MORNING, A RECON PATROL SWEEPED THE AREA OF THE AMBUSH FINDING DRAG MARKS, 782 GEAR, PACKS, AND RICE STREWN ALL OVER THE AREA BUT NO BODIES, THE ENEMY APPARENTLY HAVING SUCCEEDED IN REMOVING THE DEAD AND WOUNDED. TWO LONE NVA WERE FOUND IN A CAVE NEXT TO THE TRAIL - ONE WAS KILLED AND ONE WAS CAPTURED: INTERROGATION OF THE POW IS NOT COMPLETED.

PROCEDURES INVOLVED IN THIS TECHNIQUE WILL CONTINUE TO BE REFINED AND FUTURE EMPLOYMENT OF THE AIR AMBUSH IS PLANNED.

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B. MG TOWNSEND C/S MACV MSG (TS) 031221Z/SEP69

C. CG, FMFPAC^{PAC} SPECAT (TS) OF 030122Z/SEP69

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OF PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP

LIST (I.E., HQ, III MAF REDEPLOYMENT INCREASE ^{TO} 70AUTHORIZED SPACES ^{VICE} 62 SPACES). IN ADDITION,

REFERENCE A REQUESTED THIS HEADQUARTERS MODIFY

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2. (TS) REFERENCE C WILL BE MODIFIED AFTER CINCPAC

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1. GENERAL. FOLLOWING MESSAGE RESPONDS TO GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF
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(14) 30 NOV - DEACTIVATE ALL REMAINING UNITS NOT COMMITTED TO 5TH MEB.

(15) 1 DEC - ACTIVATE 5TH MEB (REDESIGNATE SUBORDINATE UNITS AS DIRECTED).

4. PART III. ACTIONS PLANNED AND SUBJECTS REQUIRING ACTION HIGHER HQTRS.

A. ADMIN
CTIONS

(1) RECORDS AND FILES WILL BE MAINTAINED IN ACTIVE STATUS UNTIL DEACTIVATION OF UNITS.

(2) MMS REPORTING WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL DEACTIVATION.

(3) PERSONNEL STRENGTH WILL BE REDUCED THROUGH INTRA-DIVISION REASSIGNMENTS, SEPARATIONS, EARLY PCS ORDERS, AND FILLING OF THOSE QUOTAS ASSIGNED THIS COMMAND & HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

(4) ON 01 SEPTEMBER 1969, RPS MATERIAL ON HAND OF UNITS SKE FOR DEACTIVATION WILL BE RET TO THE ISSUING AGENCY. RPS ACC MRS **WILL REMAIN**

IN ACTIVE STATUS UNTIL FINAL DEACTIVATION AND, AT A LATER TIME, WILL BE ESTABLISHED AS REQUIRED BY EXISTING DIRECTIVES.

(5) PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE FLEET AUGMENTATION PROGRAM DIRECTED BY CG, FMFPAC 192138Z JUL 69 AND 03041Z SEP 69, THE 51 OFFICER AND 1039 ENLISTED ASSIGNED THERETO WILL BE REASSIGNED FOR ACCOUNTING

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AN CONTROL PURPOSES TO SUB UNIT 1, HQ CO, HQ BN, 5TH MARDIV, TO BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE 15 SEP 69. ALL OTHER NON-EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL (UA, IHCA, PROJECT TRANSITION, ETC) FROM ALL UNITS INVOLVED IN CADRE/DEACTIVATION WILL BE REASSIGNED TO SUB UNIT 1 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES TO PROVIDE AN ORDERLY REDUCTION TO ZERO STRENGTH. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER PERSONNEL FOR THIS FUNCTION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ORGANIC DIVISION RESOURCES AND HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IN REFERENCE E.

5. LOGISTIC ACTIONS.

(1) PROPOSE FOR ACTION BY CG 5TH MARDIV FOR ALL MATERIAL EXCESS TO NEEDS OF 5TH MEB.

(A) CONTROLLED ITEMS AND MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE ICP PHILA FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS.

(3) ALL OTHER SUPPLIES WILL BE TURNED INTO THE RS, BARSTOW.

(C) SHIPMENT TO THE RSA, BARSTOW WILL BE DIRECT FROM THE UNIT TO THE RSA AS COORDINATED AND SUPERVISED BY THIS HQTRS. (CLOSE COORDINATION WILL BE EFFECTED WITH THE FSR).

(D) ALL 5TH MARDIV/FORCE TROOPS MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT TO BE TURNED IN WILL BE LTI'D, REPAIRED WITHIN CAPABILITY (I.E.

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 RLT-3 EQUIPMENT WILL BE LTID, AND REDISTRIBUTED/TURNED IN AS
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(2) IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY RECOMMEND THOSE UNITS NOT
 DEACTIVATED BE AUTHORIZED TO STOCK SUPPLIES IN EXCESS OF
 PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED LEVELS BY AMRD PLUS 6.

(3) RECOMMEND PLANNING FOR MODERNIZATION OF EQUIPMENT
 OF MEB (I.E. FROM M-422 TO M-151, M-14 TO M-16 ETC) BE DIRECTED.

(4) RECOMMEND AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO CJACEL FY 70 OUTSTANDING
 REQUISITIONS FOR ALL DIV ORGANIC AND REINFORCING UNITS.

C. FUNDING ACTIONS.

(1) AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY-70 IS BEING
 DEVELOPED BASED ON THE ABOVE TROOP LIST AND PLANNED TRAINING/MISSION
 REQUIREMENTS. UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE THE 5TH MEB WILL CONTINUE
 AS THE AAA FOR THE 5TH FSR.

(2) THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT FOR THE 5TH MARDIV WILL BE CLOSED AND
 NEW BOOKS OPENED FOR THE 5TH MEB. NEW FUND CODES, UIC/BCAN, AND
 AN AAAN WILL BE REQUIRED.

D. SUBJECTS REQUIRING ACTION BY HIGHER HQTRS.

(1) STATUS AS TO THE FUTURE DISPOSITION OF THE 51 OFFICERS
 AND 1039 ENLISTED CURRENTLY TAD TO MB CAMEN FROM FOUR TO SIX
 MONTHS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FLEET AUGMENTATION PROGRAM DISCUSSED
 ABOVE.

(2) DELAY/CANCELLATION OF MARINE CORPS ON-SITE DISBURSING
 SURVEY TEAM SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD 13 OCT TO 14 NOV 69 AS DIRECTED
 BY CMC LTR CD-HLD 7253 OF 19JUN6.

(3) REDUCTION CD ROOMS EFFECTIVE 15 SEP 69.
 5. SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, PLANNING WILL CONTINUE ON THE BASIS
 OF PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS AS CONTAINED IN PARAS 2, 3,
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AMTRAC CO (-) (REIN)	6	195		4	205
TANK CO (-) (REIN)	4	108		3	115
TOTAL FORCE TROOPS	28	508	6	19	561
TOTAL BRIGADE	335	4914	37	251	5535

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(13) 20 NOV - 5TH SVC BN, 13TH MT BN(-), 5TH MP BN(-) COMMENCE TURN IN OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT; TO BE COMPLETED BY 30 NOV. DIVISION HQ TURN IN SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT EXCESS TO REQUIREMENTS OF 5TH MEB HQ AS DIRECTED.

(14) 30 NOV - DEACTIVATE ALL REMAINING UNITS NOT COMMITTED TO 5TH MEB.

(15) 1 DEC - ACTIVATE 5TH MEB (REDESIGNATE SUBORDINATE UNITS AS DIRECTED).

4. PART III. ACTIONS PLANNED AND SUBJECTS REQUIRING ACTION HIGHER HQTRS.

A. ADMIN ACTIONS:

(1) RECORDS AND FILES WILL BE MAINTAINED IN ACTIVE STATUS UNTIL DEACTIVATION OF UNITS.

(2) MMS REPORTING WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL DEACTIVATION.

(3) PERSONNEL STRENGTHS WILL BE REDUCED THROUGH INTRA-DIVISION REASSIGNMENTS, SEPARATIONS, EARLY PCS ORDERS, AND FILLING OF THOSE QUOTAS ASSIGNED THIS COMMAND BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS.

(4) ON ~~15~~ SEPTEMBER 1969, RPS MATERIAL ON HAND OF UNITS SKED FOR DEACTIVATION WILL BE RET TO THE ISSUING AGENCY. RPS ACC NRS WILL REMAIN IN ACTIVE STATUS UNTIL FINAL DEACTIVATION AND, AT A LATER TIME, WILL BE DISESTABLISHED AS REQUIRED BY EXISTING DIRECTIVES.

(5) PENDING RESOLUTION OF THE FLEET AUGMENTATION PROGRAM DIRECTED BY CG, FMFPAC 192138Z JUL 69 AND 030417Z SEP 69, THE 51 OFFICERS AND 1039 ENLISTED ASSIGNED THERETO WILL BE REASSIGNED FOR ACCOUNTING AND CONTROL PURPOSES TO SUB UNIT 1, HQ CO, HQ BN, 5TH MARDIV, TO BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE 15 SEP 69. ALL OTHER NON-EFFECTIVE PERSONNEL (UA, IHCA, PROJECT TRANSITION, ETC) FROM ALL UNITS INVOLVED IN CADRE/DEACTIVATION WILL BE REASSIGNED TO SUB UNIT 1 FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES TO PROVIDE AN ORDERLY REDUCTION TO ZERO STRENGTH. ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER PERSONNEL FOR THIS FUNCTION WILL BE PROVIDED FROM ORGANIC DIVISION RESOURCES AND HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS IN REFERENCE E.

B. LOGISTIC ACTIONS.

(1) PROPOSE FOL ACTION BY CG 5TH MARDIV FOR ALL MATERIAL EXCESS TO NEEDS OF 5TH MEB.

(A) CONTROLLED ITEMS AND MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT WILL BE REPORTED TO THE ICP PHILA FOR DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS.

(B) ALL OTHER SUPPLIES WILL BE TURNED INTO THE RSA, BARSTOW.

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(C) SHIPMENT TO THE RSA, BARSTOW WILL BE DIRECT FROM THE UNIT TO THE RSA AS COORDINATED AND SUPERVISED BY THIS HQTRS. (CLOSE COORDINATION WILL BE EFFECTED WITH 5TH FSR).

(D) ALL 5TH MARDIV/FORCE TROOPS MAJOR ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT TO BE TURNED IN WILL BE LTI'D, REPAIRED WITHIN CAPABILITY (I.E. WHERE REPAIR PARTS ARE HELD) REDISTRIBUTED/TURNED IN IS DIRECTED. RLT-3 EQUIPMENT WILL BE LTI'D, AND REDISTRIBUTED/TURNED IN AS DIRECTED IN AN AS IS RPT AS IS CONDITION.

(2) IN THE INTEREST OF ECONOMY RECOMMEND THOSE UNITS NOT DEACTIVATED BE AUTHORIZED TO STOCK SUPPLIES IN EXCESS OF PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED LEVELS BY AMRD PLUS 6.

(3) RECOMMEND PLANNING FOR MODERNIZATION OF EQUIPMENT OF MEB (I.E. FROM M-422 TO M-151, M-14 TO M-16 ETC) BE DIRECTED.

(4) RECOMMEND AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO CANCEL FY 70 OUTSTANDING REQUISITIONS FOR ALL DIV ORGANIC AND REINFORCING UNITS.

C. FUNDING ACTIONS.

(1) AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY-70 IS BEING DEVELOPED BASED ON THE ABOVE TROOP LIST AND PLANNED TRAINING/MISSION REQUIREMENTS. UNLESS DIRECTED OTHERWISE THE 5TH MEB WILL CONTINUE AS THE AAA FOR THE 5TH FSR.

(2) THE BOOKS OF ACCOUNT FOR THE 5TH MARDIV WILL BE CLOSED AND NEW BOOKS OPENED FOR THE 5TH MEB. NEW FUND CODES, UIC/BCAN, AND AN AAAN WILL BE REQUIRED.

D. SUBJS REQUIRING ACTION BY HIGHER HQTRS.

(1) STATUS AS TO THE FUTURE DISPOSITION OF THE 51 OFFICERS AND 1039 ENLISTED CURRENTLY TAD TO MB CAMPEN FROM FOUR TO SIX MONTHS, IN CONNECTION WITH THE FLEET AUGMENTATION PROGRAM DISCUSSED ABOVE.

(2) DELAY/CANCELLATION OF MARINE CORPS ON-SITE DISBURSING SURVEY TEAM SCHEDULED FOR PERIOD 13 OCT TO 14 NOV 69 AS DIRECTED BY CMC LTR CD-HLD 7253 OF 19JUN69.

(3) REDUCTION CD RQMTS EFFECTIVE 15 SEP 69.

5. SUBJECT TO YOUR APPROVAL, PLANNING WILL CONTINUE ON THE BASIS OF PROPOSALS/RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTIONS AS CONTAINED IN PARAS 2, 3, 4, ABOVE.

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AM CG FMFPAC SPECAT 290107Z AUG 69 (TS)

B. FMFPAC 03120.3G (C)

C. FY-70 ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE OF 7NOV68 (C)

D. FIRST QTR FY-70 EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE OF 31MAR69 (C)

E. SECOND QTR FY-70 EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE OF 7JUL69 (C)

1. (TS) REF A CONTAINS CONCEPT AND SCHEDULE FOR DEACTIVATION
5TH MARDIV(-) AND REALIGNING EASTPAC FMF FORCES.

2. (CL) REF B REQUIRES THAT REQUEST FODCHANGES TO ANNUAL AND
QUARTERLY EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULES WILL BE SUBMITTED SUFFICIENTLY

IN ADVANCE OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGE IN ORDER TO
EFFECTIVELY PROMULGATION TO THOSE UNITS CONCERNED.

3. (C) IN VIEW OF REFS A AND B, IT IS REQUESTED THAT CHANGES

TO REFS C THRU E BE EFFECTED AS FOLLOWS.
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A. IRST QTR FY-70

DEL 8-18 SEP RECONEX 4-69

DEL 15 SEP - 30 SEP BRIDGEX

B. SECOND QTR FY-70

DEL 1-15 OCT BRIDGEX

DEL 6-11 OCT AIRMVTEX 3-69

SMM 6 OCT - 1 NOV ARTY/TANK FIX

PARTICIPATING UNIT WILL CHANGE TO CORRESPOND TO
REALIGNMENT, AND EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED ON A REDUCED
SCALE AT CAMPEN VICE TWENTYNINE PALMS.

SMM 17-19 OCT RECONEX 6-69
PARTICIPATING UNIT WILL CHANGE TO CORRESPOND TO REALIGNMENT
AND EXERCISE WILL BE CONDUCTED PROVIDED SUBMARINE SUPPORT
IS AVAILABLE.

DEL - DE DIVPHIB CPX

SMM 1-5 DEC HELILEX 1-69

PARTICIPATING UNIT WILL CHANGE TO CORRESPOND TO REALIGNMENT.

SMM 1-5 DEC PHIBRAIDEX 5-69
PARTICIPATING UNIT WILL CHANGE TO CORRESPOND TO REALIGNMENT.

4. (TS) SUBSEQUENT TO DEACTIVATION/REALIGNMENT, REQUEST FOR

PAGE THREE RUKRSYG0880 TOP SECRET SPECAT
CHANGES TO THE THIRD AND FOURTH QTRS FY-70 EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULES
AND THE ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT SCHEDULE FOR FY71 WILL BE INITIATED
AS NECESSARY.

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FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. TELCON C/S FMFPAC, CG 5TH MARDIV OF 5SEP69

B. CG 5TH MARDIV 042050Z SEP 69 (TS)

1. IAW REF A, FOLLOWING IS A GRADE AND MOS SUMMARY OF CADRE
PERSONNEL REQUIRED FOR FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

13TH MARINES

5TH TANK BN

5TH ANTITANK BN

13TH ENGINEER BN (INCL 5TH
BRIDGE CO)

5TH SHORE PARTY BN

5TH FORCE RECON CO

5TH ENGINEER BN

5TH HOSPITAL CO

5TH MOTOR TRANSPORT BN

15TH DENTAL CO

5TH RECONNAISSANCE BN

17TH DENTAL CO

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0130					2	9	3	14
0250					2			2
0302				3	4	10		17
0402					2			2
0802		3	6	8	3			20
1302		2	5	5	12			24
1310				2	1			3
1360							1	1
1802		1	3	1	8			13
1803		1	1	1				3
2002				1				1
2010				2	1	1		4
2020						1		1
2502			1	5				6
2805				1				1
3002				6	7			13
3010				1	1			2
3502			1	2	7			10

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3510				1				1
9906	1							1
9910		1						1
TOTAL	1	9	21	44	61	6	142	

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MOS	SGT MAJ		ISSGT		GYSGT		SSGT		SGT		CPL		LCPL		PFC		TOTAL
	NGYSGT	MSGT															
0121									1			1				2	
0122											4	1				5	
0141					2		9	26	22		34		23			116	
0239					2		2	1								5	
0311								5	3				3			11	
0353								2	6	15		11				34	
0369	1				2		3									6	
0251					1		1									2	
0431								2	3							5	
0441			1		3		1	3	5	3		2				18	
0811					5		6	13		6		24				54	
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1349	2	6						8
1371		3	1	7	8	11	22	52
1372				1				1
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2531				3	17	14	15	49
2533				4	5	4	3	16
2539		1	4					5
2542				3	6	4	14	27
2591	5	3						8
2815				2	2	3		7
2841				1	9	6		16

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2861		1	2					3
3041		9	9	11	33	24	22	108
3051		2	1	4	26	23	25	81
3052				2	5	2		9
3211				1	2	2		5
3371		3	4	1	15	21	7	65
3516	2	6	7	15	20	31	14	95
3531			1	10	18	63	43	135
3537			1					1
7141			1		1	1		3
8711					1			1
9999	3	12						15
TOTAL	9		69	87	225	345	485	377 1630

USN OFFICERS

MOS	CAPT	CMR	LTCMR	LT	LTJG	TOTAL
2100			2	2		6
2105				1		1
2200	2					2
2300			1	1	3	5

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MOS	CAPT	CMR	LTCMR	LT	LTJG	TOTAL
2302					1	1
TOTAL	2		3	4	6	15

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MOS	E-9	E-8	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	TOTAL
0000	4							4
8404			4	2	5	23	14	48
8432			1	1				2
8442			1	7				8
8463					2			2
8492				1	1			2
8498			1					1

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8703				3		3
8727			1	2	6	11
8722	1		2			3
8732				1		1
TOTAL	5		9	16	10	29
					16	85

2. GRADE/MOS SUMMARIES CONTAINED HEREIN AND REF B. APPLY
TO ALL 5TH MARDIV (-) (REIN) UNITS LESS HQ BN, 5TH SVC BN, 13TH
MT BN (-), 5TH MP BN (-) AND EARMARKED BRIGADE UNITS.

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PROPOSED T/O FOR 5TH MEB HQ (TS)

A. CG 5TH MARDIV MSG 050430Z SEP 69 (TS)

1. IN AMPLIFICATION OF PARA 2B REF A PROPOSED T/O FOR MEB HQ IS IND-
ICATED BELOW. IN ADDITION TO FACTORS LISTED PARA 2A REF A FOLLOWING
CONSIDERATIONS APPLY:

A. MEB HQ TO BE SELF SUFFICIENT, CAPABLE OF INDEPENDENT OPERATIONS.
B. WITH MINIMUM AVIATION STAFF AUGMENTATION HQ CAPABLE OF CMD, CONTROL,
COORD, AND PLANNING FOR GROUND AND AVN ELMS IF LATTER ASSIGNED TO MEB.
C. RQMT FOR PERSONNEL TO CONTINUE FUNCTIONS (ON LESSER SCALE) SUCH AS
MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS, DANGEROUS DRUG EDUCATION, EXERCISE CONTROL GROUP,
ADMIN/SUP AUDIT TMS, ETC. TO BE MET. OUT OF TOTAL MEB ASSETS
ARE NOT
INCLUDED HEREIN.

D. PERS FOR G-5 FUNCTION, COC WATCH OFFICERS, LSN OFFICERS TO BE DRAWN
FROM MEB PERS TOTALS IF DEPLOYED FOR OPS.

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 E. SOME T/O RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON RECOGNITION OF LOCAL TRNG/GARRISON ENVIRONMENT, I.E., FUND PLANNING FOR 5TH FSR, DISBURSING, SPECIAL SERVICES, INFORMATION SERVICES, ETC. (SEE ALSO SUBPARA F).
 F. IN VIEW OF HEAVY REGIONAL DEMAND FOR, AND EXCELLENT PUBLIC RECEPTION OF 5TH MARDIV BAND PLUS OVERALL BENEFICIAL PUBLIC INFO RETURN TO MARCORPS, BAND HAS BEEN INCLUDED IN T/O; TO FUNCTION AS SECURITY PLATOON IF DEPLOYED.
 2. RECOMMENDED MEB HQ T/O:
 BRIGADE HQ, H&S CO, FIFTH MEB, FMF

	RANK	MOS	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
COMMAND SECTION						
BRIGADE COMMANDER	BGEN	9903	1			
AIDE-DE-CAMP	LT	9910	1			
BRIGADE SERGEANT MAJOR	SMAJ	9999		1		
STENOGRAPHER	SGT	0142		1		
COOK SPECIALIST	SGT	3372		2		
DRIVER	SGT	3531		1		
TOTAL			2	5		
CHIEF OF STAFF SECTION						
CHIEF OF STAFF	COL	9906	1			

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	RANK	MOS	OFF	ENL	OFF	ENL
STAFF SECRETARY	CAPT	0130	1			
ADMIN MAN	SSGT	0141		1		
STENOGRAPHER	CPL	0142		1		
ADMIN MAN/DRIVER	LCPL	0141		1		
TOTAL			2	3		
G-1 SECTION						
ASST CHIEF OF STAFF, G-1	LTCOL	0102	1			
ASST G-1	MAJ	0102	1			
ASST G-1	CAPT	0130	1			
ADMIN MAN	GSGT	0141		1		
ADMIN MAN	SSGT	0141		1		
ADMIN MAN	CPL	0141		2		
TOTAL			3	4		
G-2 SECTION						
ASST CHIEF OF STAFF, G-2	LTCOL	9910	1			
ASST G-2	MAJ	0202	1			
INTEL CHIEF	MMSGT	0291		1		
ADMIN MAN/DRIVER	SGT	0141		1		
COMBAT INTEL UNIT						
COMBAT INTEL OFF	MAJ	0202	1			
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TGT INTEL OFF	CAPT	0202	1
COMBAT INTEL CHIEF	MSGT	0241	1
INTEL ASST/TARGET INTEL	SSGT	0239	2
INTEL ASST/OOB ANALYST	SGT	0231	2
COUNTER INTELLIGENCE OFF			
CI OFF	CAPT	0210	1
CI CHIEF	MSGT	0211	1
PHOTO IMAG/INTERP UNIT			
IMAGERY INTERP OFF	CAPT	0240	1
IMAGERY INTERP CHIEF	MSGT	0241	1
PII TEAM			
TEAM CMDR	LT/WO	0240 A	1
TEAM CHIEF	GSGT	0241	1
IMAGE INTERP MAN	SSGT	0241	2
AIR OBSERVATION UNIT			
CHIEF AO	CAPT	0805	1
SPL INTEL/ELEC WARFARE UNIT			
SPL INTEL OFF	CAPT	0202	1
TRAFFIC ANALYST/SI CHIEF	GSGT	2573	1
SI ASST/ANALYST	SSGT	0239	1

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TOTAL			10 14
G-3 SECTION			
ASST CHIEF OF STAFF, G-3	COL	9906	1
ASST G-3	LTCOL	9910	1
OPNS CHIEF	MSGT	0369	1
ADMIN MAN	SGT	0141	2
OPERATIONS UNIT			
OPERATIONS OFFICER	LTCOL	0302	1
OPERATIONS ASST	GSGT	0369	1
OPERATIONS ASST	SSGT	0369	1
STAFF DRAFTSMAN/DRIVER	LCPL	8771	1
ADMIN MAN	LCPL	0141	1
NBC UNIT			
WEAPONS EMPLOYMENT OFFICER	MAJ	5715	1
NBC OPNS CHIEF	MSGT	5711	1
TRAINING UNIT			
TRAINING OFFICER	MAJ	0302	1
TRAINING NCO	MSGT	0369	1
STAFF DRAFTSMAN/DRIVER	LCPL	8771	1
ADMIN MAN	LCPL	0141	1

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PLANS UNIT			
PLANS OFFICER	LTCOL 9910	1	
PLANS ASST	MAJ 0302	1	
ADMIN MAN.	SSGT 0141		1
TOTAL		7	13
G-4 SECTION			
ASST C/S G-4	COL 9906	1	
ASST G-4	LTCOL 9911	1	
PLANS UNIT			
PLANS OFFICER	MAJ 0402	1	
OPERATIONS UNIT			
OPERATIONS OFFICER	CAPT 0402	1	
MATERIAL-MAN UNIT			
MATERIEL MAN OFFICER	CAPT 0402	1	
ADMIN UNIT			
LOG CHIEF	MSGT 0441		1
LOG MAN	SSGT 0441		1
LOG MAN	SGT 0441		1
ADMIN MAN	CPL 0141		1
LOG MAN	LCPL 0441		1
GP-4			
BT			

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COMPTROLLER SECTION

EXECUTIVE UNIT

ASST CHIEF OF STAFF COMPT

COMPT CH/BUD CH

ADMIN MAN

FISCAL UNIT

FINANCIAL ACCTG OFF

ALLOT ACCTG CH

ALLOT ACCTG MAN

ALLOT ACCTG MAN

DISBURSING UNIT

DISBURSING OFF

ASST DISS OFF

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LTCOL 9910	1	
MSGT 3471		1
LCPL 0141		1
CAPT 3406	1	
SSGT 3471		1
SSGT 3471		1
CPL 3471		6
MAJ 3402	1	
CAPT 3402	1	

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DEPUTY DISB OFF	LT/WO 3402	2	
DISB CH	MSGT 3421		1
DISB MAN	GSGT 3421		2
DISB MAN	SSGT 3421		3
DISB MAN	SGT 3421		3
DISB MAN	CPL 3421		5
DISB MAN	LCPL 3421		6
DISB MAN	PFC/PVT 3421		7
TOTAL		6	37
SPECIAL STAFF			
ADJUTANT SECTION			
ADMIN UNIT			
BRIGADE ADJUTANT	MAJ 0130	1	
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT	CAPT 0130	1	
ADMIN CHIEF	MSGT 0141		1
ADMIN MAN	SSGT 0141		2
ADMIN MAN	SGT 0141		2
ADMIN MAN	CPL 0141		1
ADMIN MAN	LCPL 0141		2
CLASSIFIED FILES UNIT			

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OIC CLASSIFIED FILES	CAPT 0130	1	
OIC REGISTERED PUBS	LT 0130	1	
CLASSIFIED FILES NCO	GSGT 0141		1
REGISTERED PUBS MAN	SSGT 0141		1
S/C MAN	SGT 0141		1
S/C MAN	LCPL 0141		1
POSTAL UNIT			
BRIGADE POSTAL OFFICER	CAPT/LT 0160	1	
POSTAL CHIEF	MSGT 0161		1
ASST POSTAL CHIEF	GSGT 0161		1
POSTAL CLERK	SSGT 0161		2
POSTAL CLERK	SGT 0161		6
POSTAL CLERK	CPL 0161		4
POSTAL CLERK	LCPL 0161		6
POSTAL CLERK	PVT 0161		3
PERS CLFN/ASSGT UNIT			
PERS CLFN/ASSGT OFF	CAPT 0130	1	
ADMIN CHIEF	MSGT 0141		1
ADMIN MAN	SSGT 0141		1
ADMIN MAN	SGT 0141		1

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ADMIN MAN	CPL	0141	2	
PERS CLFN CLERK	CPL	0141	1	
ADMIN MAN	LCPL	0141	2	
PERS CLFN CLERK	LCPL	0141	1	
OFFSET PRESSMAN	LCPL	1521	1	
ADMIN MAN	PVT	0141	2	
TOTAL			6	47
AIR SECTION				
BRIGADE AIR OFF	LCOL	9912	1	
ADMIN MAN/DRIVER	LCPL	0141		1
TOTAL			1	1
CAREER PLANNING SECTION				
CP OFF	CAPT	9911	1	
CAREER ADVISOR	GSGT	8421		1
ADMIN MAN	CPL	0141		1
TOTAL			1	2
CHAPLAIN SECTION				
BRIGADE CHAPLAIN	LCDR	4100		1
CHAPLAIN ASST	CPL	0141		1
TOTAL				1

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COMM/ELEC SECTION				
CEO	LTCOL	2502	1	
ASST CEO	MAJ	2502	1	
COMM CHIEF	MMSGT	2591		1
ELECT MAINT CHIEF	MSGT	2861		1
ADMIN MAN	SGT	0141		1
TOTAL			2	3
DENTAL SECTION				
BRIGADE DENTAL O	CMDR	2200		1
TOTAL				1
EMBARKATION SECTION				
EMBARK OFF	MAJ	0430	1	
EMBARK ASST	GYSGT	0431		1
EMBARK ASST	SSGT	0431		1
EMBARK ASST	SGT/CPL	0431		1
EMBARK ASST	LCPL	0431		1
TOTAL			1	4
ENGINEER SECTION				
ENGINEER OFFICER	CAPT	1302	10	
ENG CHIEF	MSGT	1379		1

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ADMIN MAN	LCPL	0141	1
TOTAL			2
FIRE SUPPORT SECTION			
BRIG ARTY O/BRIG FIRE SUPPORT COORD	LTCOL	0802E	1
ASST FIRE SUPT COORD	MAJ	0802E	1
BRIG TIO	CAPT	0802E	1
OPNS ASST	GYSGT	0848E	1
OPNS ASST	SSGT	0846E	1
OPNS ASST	SGT	0848E	1
FIRE CONTROL MAN	CPL	0844E	1
TOTAL			5
FOOD SERVICE SECTION			
FOOD SERV OFFICER	LT/WO	3302	1
FOOD SERV TECH	MSGT	3391	1
ADMIN MAN/DRIVER	LCPL	0141	1
TOTAL			2
HEADQUARTERS COMDT SECTION			
HQ COMDT	MAJ	9910F	1
INFORMATIONAL SERVICES SECTION			
INFO OFF	MAJ	4302	1
GP-4			
BT			

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PRESS INFO CHIEF	MSGT	4391	1
PRESS INFO MAN	SSGT	4312	1
RADIO/TV INFO MAN	SSGT	4313	1
PRESS INFO MAN	SGT	4313	2
PRESS INFO MAN	CPL	4312	1
RADIO/TV INFO MAN	CPL	4313	1
TOTAL			7
INSPECTOR SECTION			
BRIGADE INSPECTOR	LTCOL	9910	1
SECTION CHIEF	MSGT	0141	1
ADMIN MAN	SGT	0141	1
TOTAL			2
LEGAL SECTION			
STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE	LTCOL	4409	1

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ASST SJA	MAJ	4409	1
LAW SPECIALIST	LCDR	1620	1
MILITARY JUDGE	MAJ	4405	1
TRIAL/DEF COUNSEL	MAJ	4405	1
TRIAL/DEF COUNSEL	CAPT	4405	3
TRIAL/DEF COUNSEL	LT	4405	2
ADMIN OFF	LT	4430	1
LEGAL CHIEF	MSGT	0121	1
LEGAL CLERK	GSST	0121	1

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LEGAL REPORTER	SSGT	0122		1	
LEGAL CLERK	SSGT	0121		1	
LEGAL REPORTER	SGT	0122		2	
LEGAL CLERK	SGT	0121		1	
LEGAL REPORTER	CPL	0122		5	
LEGAL CLERK	CPL	0121		2	
ADMIN MAN	CPL	0141		1	
TOTAL			10	15	1
MEDICAL SECTION					
BRIGADE SURGEON	LCDR	2102			1
ADMIN ASST	LT(JG)	2300			1

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MED ADMIN CHIEF	E-9	8442				1
CORPSMAN	E-6	8442				1
CORPSMAN	E-5	8404				1
TOTAL					2	3
MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION						
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFFICER	CAPT	35020				
MT CHIEF	MSGT	3516		1		
MT ROADMASTER	SSGT	3537		1		
ADMIN MAN	LCPL	0141		1		
TOTAL				3		
NAVAL GUNFIRE SECTION						
NAVAL GUNFIRE OFF	MAJ	0840	1			
ASST NAVAL GUNFIRE OFF	LCDR					1
NGF CHIEF	MSGT	0861		1		
PLOTTER/SIT MAPS	SGT	0849		1		
TOTAL			1	2		1
ORDNANCE SECTION						
ORDNANCE OFFICER	MAJ	2002	1			
ORDNANCE CHIEF	MSGT	2192		1		
AMMO CHIEF	SSGT	2311		1		

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SUPPLY MAN	LCPL 3041	1	3
TOTAL		1	
PROVOST MARSHALL SECTION			
PROVOST MARSHAL	LT 0302H	1	
TOTAL		1	
REPRODUCTION SECTION			
REPRO OFFICER	CAPT/LT 1502	1	
PRESSMAN	SGT/LCPL 1521		4
CAMERAMAN	CPL/1521		2
TOTAL		1	6
SPECIAL SERVICES SECTION			
SPEC SERV OFF	CAPT 9910	1	
CUSTODIAN	LT 0130	1	
SPEC SERV CHIEF	MSGT 8921		1
EDUCATION PERS AFFRS ASST	SSGT 8231		1
PROPERTY NCO	SSGT 8921		1
BOOKKEEPER	SGT 4111		1
ADMIN MAN	CPL 0141		1
TOTAL		2	5
SUPPLY SECTION			

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SUPPLY OFFICER	MAJ 3002	1	
ASST SUPPLY OFFICER	LT/WO 3010	1	
SUPPLY CHIEF	GYSGT 3041		1
SUPPLY CLERK	SGT 3041		1
SUPPLY CLERK	LCPL 3041		1
TOTAL		2	3
COMPANY HEADQUARTERS			
HQ SECTION			
COMPANY COMMANDER	MAJ 9910	1	
EXECUTIVE OFFICER/SUPPLY OFFICER	CAPT 3010/0302	1	
ADMIN/PERS OFF	WO 0130	1	
FIRST SGT	FSGT 9999		1
GUNNERY SGT	GSGT 0369		1
ADMIN CHIEF	SSGT 0141		1
ADMIN MAN	SGT 0141		1
ADMIN MAN	CPL 0141		2
ADMIN MAN/DRIVER	LCPL 0141		1
ARMORER	CPL 2111		1
MEDICAL CORPSMAN	HM2 8404		
FOOD SERVICES SECTION			

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CHIEF COOK	SSGT	3371	1
COOK	SGT	3371	2
COOK	CPL	3371	2
COOK	LCPL	3371	2
SERVICE PLATOON			
PLATOON HQ			
PLT CMDR	LT	1320	1
PLT SGT	GYSGT	1371	1
ENGINEER UTILITIES SECTION			
UTILITIES UNIT			
ENGINEER EQUIP MECH	SGT	1341	1
COMBAT ENGINEER	CPL	1371	1
WATER SUPPLY MAN	CPL	1121	1
ELECTRICIAN	CPL	1141	1
COMBAT ENGINEER	LCPL	1371	1
ELECTRICIAN	LCPL	1141	2
WATER SUPPLY MAN	PVT	1121	1
MOTOR TRANSPORT SECTION			
MOTOR TRANSPORT OFF	CAPT	3502	1
MOTOR TRANSPORT CHIEF	GSGT	3516	1
GP-4			
BT			

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DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY SECTION FOUR OF SIX SECTIONS

AUTOMOTIVE MECH	CPL	3516	1
AUTOMOTIVE MECH	LCPL	3516	1
DRIVER	LCPL	3531	2
DRIVER	PVT	3531	5
SUPPLY SECTION			
SUPPLY CHIEF	GSGT	3041	1
PROPERTY NCO	SGT	3041	1
SUP ADMIN MAN	SGT	3041	1
SUP ADMIN MAN	CPL	3041	1
PP/P TECH	CPL	3051	1
SUP ADMIN MAN	LCPL	3041	1
SUP ADMIN MAN	PVT	3041	1
GEN WHSE MAN	LCPL	3051	1
GEN WHSE MAN	PVT	3051	1

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MILITARY POLICE PLATOON

PLATOON COMDR	LT	0302	1	
PLATOON SERGEANT	SSGT	0369		1
MP/DRIVER	PVT	0311		1
3 TRAFFIC SQUADS EACH				
SQUAD LEADER	SGT	0311		1
ASST SQUAD LEADER	CPL	0311		1
MILITARY POLICEMAN	LCPL	0311		2
MILITARY POLICE	PVT	0311		3
MP/DRIVER	PVT	0311		1
TOTAL			1	26
BRIGADE BAND				
BAND OFFICER	WO	55021	1	
ASST BAND LEADER	MSGT	55191		1
BANDSMAN/TRNG NCO	GSGT	5511-651		1
BANDSMAN	SSGT	5511-651		1
DRUM MAJOR	SSGT	55111		1
BANDSMAN	SGT	5511-651		2
BANDSMAN/LIBRARIAN	SGT	5511-651		1
BANDSMAN/STOREROOM XPR	SGT	5511-651		1

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BANDSMAN	CPL	5511-651		10
BANDSMAN	LCPL	5511-651		10
BANDSMAN	PVT	5511-651		7
TOTAL			1	35
COMM PLAT (HQ CO)				
PLATOON COMMANDER	MAJ	2502	1	
COMM CHIEF/PLT SGT	MSGT	2591		1
ADMIN CHIEF/DRIVER	SGT	0141		1
ADMIN MAN/S&C CLERK	LCPL	0141		1
SUPPORT SECTION				
MAINT CHIEF/SPT CHIEF	GYSGT	2881		1
KW-7/TT CHIEF	SGT	2815		1
KY-8/RADIO TECH	SGT	2847		1
AUTO MECH	SGT	3516		1
ENG GEN MECH	SGT	1341		1
KW-7/TT TECH	CPL	2815		1
KY-8/RADIO REP MAN	CPL	2847		1
ELECT SUPPLY CLERK	CPL	3041		1
ELECT EQUIP REP MAN	LCPL	1142		1
ENG GEN MECH	LCPL	1341		1

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RADIO REP MAN	LCPL	2841		1
ELECT SUPPLY CLERK	LCPL	3041		1
AUTO MECH	LCPL	3516		1
DRIVER	PVT	3531		1
ELECTRICIAN	PVT	1141		1
COMM CENTER SECTION				
COMM CENTER OFF	CAPT	2502	1	
COMM CENTER CHIEF	GYSGT	2549		1
COMM WATCH OFF	LT	2502	3	
WATCH SUPERVISOR	SSGT	2549		4
CRYPTOGRAPHER	SGT	2542		4
T&R SECTION				
TELETYPE OPERATOR	SGT	2542		4
TELETYPE OPERATOR	CPL	2542		4
TELETYPE OPERATOR	LCPL	2542		4
TELETYPE OPERATOR	PFC	2542		4
MESSAGE CENTER SECTION				
COMM CENTER MAN	SGT	2542		4
COMM CENTER MAN	CPL	2542		4
4 COMM CENTER MAN/DRIVER	LCPL	2542		8

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WIRE SECTION				
WIRE CHIEF	SSGT	2519		1
MAIN FRAME INSTALL/SUPVR	SGT	2814		1
WIRE SUPVR	SGT	2511		1
INSTALLER SUPVR	CPL	2511		1
WIREMAN/SWITCHBOARD OPER	LCPL	2511		6
WIREMAN/INSTALLER	LCPL	2511		6
RADIO/RADIO RELAY SECTION				
RADIO OFFICER	LT	2502	1	
RADIO CHIEF	GYSGT	2539		1
RADIO RELAY CHIEF	GYSGT	2861		1
RADIO SUPVR	SGT	2533		3
RADIO RELAY SUPVR	SGT	2532		3
RADIO OPERATOR	CPL	2531		8
RADIO RELAY OPERATOR	CPL	2532		10
RADIO OPERATOR	CPL	2533		3
RADIO OPERATOR	LCPL	2533		8
RADIO OPERATOR	LCPL	2533		3
RADIO RELAY OPERATOR	LCPL	2532		10
RADIO RELAY REPAIRMAN	LCPL	2831		10

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RADIO OPERATOR	PFC	2531	8
AIR NGF SECTION			
AIR/CONTROLLER/SECTION LEADER	LT	6707	1
NGF TEAM			
TEAM CHIEF	SGT	0849	1
RADIO OPERATOR	CPL	2531	3
RADIO OPERATOR	LCPL	2531	3
SPOTTER TEAM CHIEF	SGT	0849	1
RADIO OPERATOR	CPL	2531	1
RADIO OPERATOR	LCPL	2531	1
TAC PARTY			
TACP CHIEF	SGT	2533	1
RADIO OPERATOR	CPL	2533	3
RADIO OPERATOR	LCPL	2533	6
TOTAL			7 163

FOOTNOTES

- A. BILLET SUITABLE FOR WARRANT OFFICER
 B. ALL AIR OBSERVERS WITHIN THE BDE ARE UNDER OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE SENIOR/CHIEF AIR OBSERVER OF THE BDE.
 C. NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS. CARRIED IN DET, DENTAL CO.
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 DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS ONLY SECTION FIVE OF SIX SECTIONS
 D. NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS. CARRIED IN ENGR CO.
 E. NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS. CARRIED IN HQ BTRY, ARTY BN.
 F. NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS. CARRIED IN H&S CO, 5TH MEB
 G. NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS. CARRIED IN MOTOR TRANSPORT CO.
 H. NOT COUNTED IN TOTALS. CARRIED IN MP PLT, H&S CO.
 I. PERFORM FUNCTIONS AS HQ SECURITY PLATOON DURING OPERATIONS.

3. RECAPITULATION BY MOS:

OFFICERS	GEN	COL	LTCOL	MAJ	CAPT	LT	CWO/WO	TOTAL
MOS								
1 0102			1		1			2
2 0130				1	5	2	1	9
3 0160					1			1
4 0202				2	2			4
5 0210					1			1

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6 0240				1	1		2
7 0302	1	2			1		4
8 0402		1		2			3
9 0430		1					1
10 0802	1	1		1			3
11 0805				1	1		2
12 0840		1					1
13 1320					1		1
14 1502				1			1
15 2002		1					1
16 2502	1	2		1	4		8
17 3002		1					1
18 3010				1	1		2
19 3302					1		1
20 3402		1		1	2		4
21 3406				1			1
22 3502				1			1
23 4302		1					1
24 4405		2		3	2		7
25 4409	1	1					2

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26 4430					1			1
27 5502						1		1
28 5715			1					1
29 5707					1			1
30 9903	1							1
31 9906		3						3
32 9910		5	1	1	1			8
33 9911		1	1	1				3
34 9912		1						1
35 TOTAL	1	3	12	22	25	19	2	84
NAVY OFFICERS		CAPT	CMDR	LCMDR	LT	LTJG	ENS	CWO/WO
LINE NO MOS								
36 1100				1				1
37 1620				1				1
38 2100				1				1
39 2300						1		1
40 4100				1				1
41 TOTAL				4		1		5
ENLISTED								
LINE NO MOS		EB/E9	E-7	E-6	E-5	E-4	E-3	E-2/1
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42	0121	1	1	1	1	2			6
43	0122			1	2	5			8
44	0141	3	2	8	11	13	16	2	59
45	0142				1	1			2
46	0161	1	1	2	6	4	6	3	23
47	0211	1							1
48	0231				2				2
49	0239			3					3
50	0241	2	1	2					5
51	0291	1							1
52	0311				3	3	6	13	22
53	0369	2	2	2					6
54	0431		1	1	1		1		4
55	0441	1		1	1		1		4
56	0344					1	1		2
57	0846			1					1
58	0848		1		1				2
59	0849				3				3
60	0861		1						1
61	1121					1		1	2

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62	1141					1	1	1	3
63	1142						1		1
64	1341				2				2
65	1371		1			1	1		3
66	1379	1							1
67	1521					2	5		7
68	2111					1			1
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4. TOTAL HQ STRENGTH RECOMMENDED FOR BRIGADE T/O.

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A. OFFICERS

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(1) USMC 461

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C. REQUEST FIGURES FOR MEB HQ AND TOTAL BRIGADE STRENGTH CONTAINED
PARA 2 REF A BE MODIFIED TO REFLECT REVISED TOTALS AS CONTAINED
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 FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CG FMFPAC 100309Z AUG 69

1. (TS) THE PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN REF A FOR MOVEMENT OF RLT-3 TO CONUS BY 30OCT69 HAS NO APPRECIABLE EFFECT ON PHIBPAC OTHER THAN RETURNING THE SELECTED PHIBRON 1 AND 3 SHIPS TO THEIR HOMEPORTS EARLY.
2. (TS) THE MAJOR IMPACT WOULD BE IN COMSEVENTHFLT'S AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT CAPABILITIES. SPECIFICALLY, THERE WOULD BE A COMPLETE STAND-DOWN IN BOTH ARGS FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, AND A SHORTFALL IN THE OVERALL AMPHIB ASSAULT SHIPPING CAPABILITY UNTIL PHIBRON 9 AND THE 31156 CLASS LSTS ARRIVED/RETURNED TO WESTPAC.
3. (TS) IN THE EVENT THAT THE PROPOSAL IN REF A SHOULD BE APPROVED, AND THE EXECUTION DATES REMAIN 30 SEP-30 NOV, THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS COULD BE TAKEN TO EASE THE IMPACT ON COMSEVENTHFLT:

A. SAIL USS DUBUQUE AS SKED ON 1 OCT BUT AT EXCESS SOA.

B. SAIL USS TRIPOLI, USS OGDEN, USS PT DEFIANCE AS SKED ON 1 NOV AT EXCESS SOA.

4. (S) THE AFOREMENTIONED SHIPS ARE TENTATIVELY SLATED TO LIFT OPPORTUNE CARGO TO MIDPAC/WESTPAC. HOWEVER ALL OPPORTUNE LIFTS EXCEPT THOSE DESTINED FOR DANANG COULD BE CANCELLED TO PERMIT THE SHIPS TO SAIL AT EXCESS SOA WITH BYPASS OF PEARL.

5. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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FORCE PLANNING (LOGISTICS/FISCAL) (U)

A. CG FIFTH MARDIV 050430Z/SEP69(TS) (SPECAT)

B. MCO P4400.29B

C. CMC 092037Z/SEP69(S) ~~(NOTAL)~~

1. (TS) THE LOGISTIC AND FISCAL RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN REF A ARE CONCURRED IN WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THOSE PARS WHICH ARE MODIFIED BY THE ADDITIONAL LOGISTIC AND FISCAL GUIDANCE/ COMMENTS DETAILED BELOW. GUIDANCE IS KEYED TO APPLICABLE PARS REF A.

A. PAR 2.B. PROVIDE THIS HQ PROPOSED T/O FOR PROVISIONAL SERV BN FOR INFORMATION AND REVIEW.

B. PAR 3.B. (1). BASED ON EXPERIENCE GAINED DURING REDEPLOYMENT OF RLT-27, IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO ATTEMPT TO PROVIDE

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AN ACCURATE INVENTORY OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR RLT-3 PRIOR TO STAGING FOR EMBARKATION. AN INVENTORY OF RLT-3 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE FOLLOWING ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE AND STAGING OF RLT-3. 5TH MARDIV CADRE/DEACTIVATION PLANNING SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON ASSUMPTION THAT A LISTING OF SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE INITIALLY AVAILABLE.

C. PAR 3.B.(2). CURRENT PLANNING INDICATES THAT UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS (E.G. AVAILABILITY SUFFICIENT AMPHIBIOUS ASSAULT SHIPPING OR MSTs) RLT-3 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT CLOSE CONUS PRIOR TO 25-30 OCTOBER.

D. PAR 3.B.(5). 5TH MARDIV PLANNING SHOULD MINIMIZE PERSONNEL/EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES DRAWDOWN OF 5TH SVC BN UNTIL ARRIVAL AND SUBSEQUENT DISPOSITION OF RLT-3 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES.

E. PAR 3.C.(8). PAR 1. B. ABOVE APPLIES.

F. PAR 3.C.(10),(11) AND (12). PAR 1.C. ABOVE APPLIES.

G. PAR 3.C.(13). PAR 1.D. ABOVE APPLIES.

H. PAR 4.B.(1)(A) AND (B). IN ORDER TO FULLY UTILIZE 5TH MARDIV PRINCIPAL AND SECONDARY ITEM EXCESSES CREATED BY CADRE/DEACTIVATION OF 5TH MARDIV UNITS, IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO SCREEN THESE EXCESS ASSETS AGAINST T/E, OP STOCK AND MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES/REQUIREMENTS OF BOTH 5TH MEB AND 1ST MARBRIGADE. ACCORDINGLY, ENSURE THAT ALL T/E, OP STOCK, AND MO/MOA DE-

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FICIENCIES OF 5TH MEB/1ST MARBRIGADE HAVE BEEN FILLED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE PRIOR TO ANY TURN-IN OF ASSETS TO RSA BARSTOW. PAR 2. BELOW PROVIDES FURTHER GUIDANCE ON SCREENING/FILLING 1ST MARBRIGADE DEFICIENCIES/REQUIREMENTS. FURTHER, CG 5TH MARDIV WILL ACT AS COORDINATOR IN SCREENING 5TH FSR EXCESS ASSETS AGAINST 5TH MEB/1ST MARBRIGADE ^{REQRS} REQMS.

I. PAR 4.B.(3). PENDING THE RETURN OF RLT-3 EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES TO CONUS, THE TOTAL T/E, OP STOCKS, AND MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES/REQUIREMENTS OF 5TH MEB WILL BE FILLED UTILIZING ALL ON HAND ASSETS TO INCLUDE SUBSTANDARD, LIMITED-STANDARD, AND NON-PREFERRED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES. UPON THE RETURN OF RLT-3 SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT TO CONUS, SUBSTANDARD, LIMITED-STANDARD, AND NON-PREFERRED ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT HELD BY 5TH MEB UNITS WILL BE REPLACED BY RLT-3 PREFERRED ITEMS (E.G. M151, M16, ETC) TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE. 5TH MEB EXCESSES GENERATED BY THE ABOVE ACTION AND RLT-3 REMAINING ASSETS EXCESS TO 5TH MEB REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE STORES SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONCEPTS OUTLINED REF A.

J. PAR 4.B.(4). REQUISITIONS FOR REPAIR PARTS FOR DEAD-LINED COMBAT ESSENTIAL EQUIPMENT WILL NOT BE CANCELLED. AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO CANCEL ALL OTHER FY-70 OUTSTANDING REQUISITIONS FOR DIVISION ORGANIC AND REINFORCING UNITS.

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K. PAR 4.C.(2). NEW FUND CODES, UIC/BCAN, AND AAAN WILL BE PROVIDED SEPARATELY.

2. (TS) FOLLOWING GUIDANCE IS PROVIDED RELATIVE TO SCREENING/FILLING OF 1ST MAR BRIGADE REQRS. THESE ACTIONS WILL NOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL DIRECTED BY THIS HQ.

A. UPON RECEIPT OF 1ST MAR BRIGADE MAJOR END ITEM REQRS (TO BE FORWARDED BY 1ST MAR BRIGADE WHEN DIRECTED BY THIS HQ) AND DETERMINATION OF ON-HAND MAJOR END ITEMS EXCESS TO 5TH MEB REQRS, SCREEN, INVOICE AND SHIP PREFERRED, RPT PREFERRED, AVAILABLE ITEMS TO MMK100 MARKED FOR 1ST MAR BRIGADE. DO NOT UTILIZE EXCESS NON-PREFERRED MAJOR END ITEMS TO FILL 1ST MAR BRIGADE REQRS.

B. NOTIFY THIS HQ UPON DETERMINATION OF ON-HAND SECONDARY ITEMS (CL II AND IX) EXCESS TO 5TH MEB REQRS (INCLUDING EXCESS SECONDARY ITEMS AVAIL AT 5TH FSR). WHEN DIRECTED BY THIS HQ, PROVIDE 1ST MAR BRIGADE, BY COURIER, WITH A CARD DECK AND MACHINE LISTING OF THESE EXCESS SECONDARY ITEM ASSETS. FORMAT MUST CONTAIN, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, FSN AND QTY.

C. UPON RECEIPT OF 1ST MAR BRIGADE REQUISITIONS FOR EXCESS SECONDARY ITEM ASSETS (TO BE SUBMITTED BY 1ST MAR BRIGADE WHEN DIRECTED BY THIS HQ), PULL, PACK AND SHIP REQUIRED SECONDARY ITEM ASSETS TO MMK100 MARKED FOR 1ST MAR BRIGADE.

3. (TS) NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT.

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A. EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, 5TH SERV BN WILL RECOMPUTE RO/ROP, IAW REF B, USING A GENERAL SUPPORT FACTOR OF .5 RATHER THAN THE NORMAL GENERAL SUPPORT FACTOR OF ONE (1). THIS WILL SERVE AS NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL RECOMPUTATION OF RO/ROP. CANCEL CURRENT YEAR EXCESS DUES GENERATED BY THE ABOVE ACTION. DO NOT CANCEL PRIOR YEAR EXCESS DUES.

B. ON-HAND EXCESSES GENERATED BY ACTION OUTLINED IN PAR 3.A. ABOVE WILL BE SCREENED FOR FILLING T/E, OP STOCK, MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES/REQUIREMENTS OF UNITS THAT WILL BE ORGANIC TO 5TH MEB AND 1ST MAR BRIGADE. ALL ASSETS NOT UTILIZED TO FILL 5TH MEB/1ST MAR BRIGADE REQRS WILL BE TURNED-IN TO RSA BARSTOW.

4. (TS) NEW BUT RELATED SUBJECT. ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 2.C.(9) OF REF C REGARDING SUBMISSION OF FORSTAT REMARK CARDS.

5. (TS) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, WHEN DIRECTED BY THIS HQ, 5TH FSR WILL:

A. RECOMPUTE RO/ROP, IAW REF B, USING A GENERAL SUPPORT FACTOR OF .6 RATHER THAN THE NORMAL GENERAL SUPPORT FACTOR OF ONE (1). THIS WILL SERVE AS NEXT SEMI-ANNUAL RECOMPUTATION OF RO/ROP.

B. CANCEL CURRENT YEAR EXCESS DUES GENERATED BY THE ABOVE ACTION AND NOT CANCEL PRIOR YEAR EXCESS DUES.

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C. EFFECT COORDINATION WITH CG 5TH MARDIV TO SCREEN ON-HAND EXCESSES GENERATED BY ACTION OUTLINED IN PAR 5.A. ABOVE FOR FILLING T/E, OP STOCK, MO/MOA DEFICIENCIES/REQUIREMENTS OF UNITS THAT WILL BE ORGANIC TO 5TH MEB AND 1ST MAR BRIGADE.

D. TURN IN TO RSA BARSTCW ALL EXCESS ASSETS NOT UTILIZED TO FILL 5TH MEB/1ST MAR BRIGADE. WARM REGARDS.

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A. CG FMFPAC 220337Z

B. CG, FMFPAC LTR SER: 0007355 TO CMC OF 11 AUG 69; SUBJ: FORCE PLANNING

1. (TS) SPECIFIC GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED TO CONTINUE PLANNING FOR
 FORTHCOMING PHASE 2 REDEPLOYMENTS.

2. (TS) IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANSWERS BE PROVIDED TO THE FOLLOWING
 QUESTIONS BASED ON TROOP LISTS CONTAINED IN REFERENCES A AND B:

A. WHAT IS THE BREAKDOWN, BETWEEN OKINAWA AND CONUS, BY PRO-
 GRAM 7 STRENGTHS, ACTUAL STRENGTHS BY SKILLS, AND EQUIPMENT TO BE
 REDEPLOYED FROM THE FOLLOWING UNITS:

- (1) 3D BRIDGE CO (-) 123
- (2) 7TH COMM BN (-) 383
- (3) 11TH ENGR BN (-) 725

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B. WHAT IS REQUIRED BY TO/TE FROM THE DET FLC (400) TO ENABLE
THE PROVSERVER ON OKINAWA TO SUPPORT THE 3D MARDIV (-) SUBSEQUENT
TO PHASE 2?

C. WHAT IS REQUIRED IN PROGRAM 7 STRENGTHS, ACTUAL STRENGTHS
AND EQUIPMENT TO REDEPLOY TO CONUS FROM THE DET FLC?

D. WHEN WILL CUT OFF FOR R&R IN REDEPLOYING UNITS OCCUR?

E. WILL NORMAL ROTATION ON A 12 MONTH BASIS FOR MEMBERS OF
THE 3D MARDIV AND 1ST MAW CONTINUE DURING NOVEMBER REDEPLOYMENT?

F. IN PHASE 1 REDEPLOYMENTS, REPLACEMENTS WERE SELECTIVELY
DIVERTED AS INCREMENTS DEPLOYED. WE ARE ASSUMING THAT SUCH A
SYSTEM WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IN PHASE 2.

G. WHAT EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON THE REDISTRIBUTION OF
THOSE PERSONNEL IN RLT-3 THAT WILL NOT ROTATE OR REDEPLOY AS PART
OF THE 700 KEY PERSONNEL? NATURALLY A PORTION OF THESE PERSON-
NEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO RLT-4 TO OFFSET ROTATION LOSSES, WITH THE
REMAINDER BEING REDISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINING IN-COUNTRY
UNITS. GUIDANCE IS NEEDED AS TO STRENGTH RLT-4 WILL BE REQUIRED
TO DEPLOY PRIOR TO DETERMINATION OF EXCESS PERSONNEL TO BE RE-
DISTRIBUTED.

H. WILL A TRANSFER OPTION BE GRANTED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS

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WHO HAVE EXTENDED OVERSEAS TOURS TO REMAIN IN WESTPAC? SUBJECT
TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, INDIVIDUALS PRESENTLY ASSIGNED TO UNITS RE-
DEPLOYING TO OKINAWA WILL ACCOMPANY THOSE UNITS.

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 D. DCPG LIAISON VISIT III MAF, 29 JUL 69 (C) (NOTAL)
 E. CG III MAF DTG 060438Z AUG 68 (TS) (NOTAL)
 F. CMC DTG 142203Z AUG 69 (S)

1. (S-NOFORN) REF A IDENTIFIED THE GENERAL CAPABILITIES REQUIRED OF AN ADP FACILITY CAPABLE OF PROCESSING SENSOR COLLECTED INFORMATION ACY INTEGRATING IT WITH OTHER INTELLIGENCE DATA NECESSARY TO SUPPORT COMBAT OPERATIONS. REF B SUMMARIZED PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND RELATED DISCUSSIONS, AND PROVIDED A GENERAL OUTLINE OF THE TYPE ADP FACILITY DCPG WOULD SUPPORT IF THE MARINE CORPS WOULD ACCOMPLISH SUPPORTING TASKS AS SPECIFIED. REF C REQUESTED III MAF TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AFTER REVIEW OF REF B. REF D LIAISON VISIT BY DCPG PERSONNEL ON 29 JULY 69, TO III MAF REVIEWED THE III MAF QMR FOR THE ADP FACILITY TO SUPPORT THE TSS. IN ADDITION, THE DCPG TEAM INTRODUCED THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING SENSOR RELATED EQUIPMENT IN THE BASS TYPE CONFIGURATION TO INCLUDE AN INDIVIDUAL NAVIGATION SYSTEM, (LORAN MANPACK). REF E ACKNOWLEDGED III MAF'S AGREEMENT TO ACCEPT THE DCPG REDUCED VERSION OF THE ADP/TSS QMR AND CITED ADDITIONAL SENSOR HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS TO SUPPORT A RESPONSIVE TACTICAL SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (TSS) WITHIN THE I CORPS AREA. REF F REFLECTS CMC'S SUPPORT OF THE III MAF CONCEPT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WILLINGNESS

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 TO PERFORM SUCH TASKS AS DCPG MAY ASSIGN TO FIELD THE PROPOSED SYSTEM THIS MESSAGE IS IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE E.

2. (TS-NFORN) INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TSS WAS INITIATED IN OCTOBER 1968. PROBLEM DEFINITION AND GENERAL SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS WERE FORMALIZED BY A QMR IN MAY 69. SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN III MAF, MACVJ3-04 AND DCPG TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF A REDUCED SYSTEM CAPABILITY OFFERED BY DCPG. THE FORGOING DISCUSSIONS WERE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH THE SYSTEM'S CAPABILITIES AND DID NOT WEIGH THE IMPACT OF PROPOSED TROOP REDUCTIONS NOR THE LONG LEAD TIME TO OBTAIN THE SYSTEM. A REEVALUATION OF THE III MAF REQUEST HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. FACTORS CONSIDERED INCLUDED ANTICIPATED REDEPLOYMENT OF U.S. FORCES, SIGNIFICANT OSD BUDGETARY REDUCTIONS, INCREASED VIETNAMIZATION OF THE WAR, AND THE LONG LEAD TIME FOR EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING AT THIS LATE DATE, SEP 69, THE ACQUISITION AND FIELDING OF THE PROPOSED ADP SYSTEM TO SUPPORT THE TSS CAN NO LONGER BE SUPPORTED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS.

3. (S-NOFORN) CG III MAF IDENTIFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR BASS TYPE CONFIGURED SENSOR EQUIPMENT AND LORAN MANPACK IN REF E. THE EQUIPMENT REQUESTED WOULD ENHANCE THE EXECUTION OF THE SENSOR
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 PROGRAM IN I CORPS AREA. HOWEVER, BOTH SYSTEMS ARE SCHEDULED TO BE INTRODUCED INTO RVN DURING OCT 69 ON A TEST AND EVALUATION BASIS. COUNTRY WIDE DEPLOYMENT WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON TEST AND EVALUATION RESULTS. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, AND THE FACTORS CITED IN PARA 2 ABOVE, VALIDATION AND THE SUBSEQUENT REQUEST FOR DELIVERY OF THESE SYSTEMS FROM DCPG WILL BE SUSPENDED.

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A. JCS 052318Z SEP 69 (NOTAL)

B. CG FMFPAC 100309Z SEP 69

1. (TS) REF A WHICH YOU DO NOT HOLD, LISTED ITEMS REQUIRED BY SERVICES TO COMPLY WITH REDUCTIONS BASED ON PROJECT 703. INCLUDED FOR MARINE CORPS: REDEPLOY 1 RLT 3RD MARDIV (RLT 3) TO CAMP PENDELTON BY 30 OCT; REDEPLOY REMAINING RLT AND HQ 3RD MARDIV TO OKINAWA BY 30 NOV; REDEPLOY 1ST MAW (REAR), INCLUDING TWO CH-46, ONE CH-53 AND ONE A-6 SQUADRONS, TO OKINAWA/JAPAN BY 30 NOV; RETAIN RLT 26 IN RVN WITH 1ST MARDIV; DEACTIVATE THE 5TH MARDIV (-) (EXCEPT ONE RLT) AND OTHER UNCOMMITTED VIETNAM AUGMENTATION UNITS; REDUCE TO CADRE STATUS ONE RLT, 5TH MARDIV (-) AND THE 1ST LAAM BN BY 15 OCT 1969; DEACTIVATE BY PHASES THE REMAINING 5TH MARDIV (-) UNITS AND ALL UNCOMMITTED VIETNAM AUGMENTATION UNITS, LESS THE 5TH FSR, BETWEEN 15 OCT AND 30 NOV.
2. (TS) I HAVE RECOMMENDED TO CINCPAC THAT WE, IN EFFECT, GO WITH YOUR PLAN WHICH REQUIRES RELAXATION RLT 3 CONUS CLOSING DATE FROM 30 OCT TO 30 NOV. I FURTHER RECOMMENDED THAT IF THIS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO HIGHER AUTHORITY, WE SHOULD THEN GO WITH MARINE PROPOSAL.
3. (TS) THE ABOVE EXPLAINS NECESSITY FOR CG FMFPAC'S PROPOSAL CONTAINED REF B, WITH ATTENDANT CHANGE FROM PLAN PREPARED DURING YOUR LAST SKED CONFERENCE. WILL KEEP YOU ADVISED.
4. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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FROM BGEN DULACKI, G-3 III MAF.
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A. CG FMFPAC 170247Z SEP 69 TS SPECAT
B. CG III MAF 120346Z SEP 69 (AUTODIN TRANSMISSION OF
FAMREP DATA)

1. (S) IN RESPONSE TO REF A WE HAVE SOME THOUGHTS
ON THE LATEST ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED. MACV HAS INDICATED
D-DAY OF 15 OCT, HOWEVER WE HAVE INFORMAL INFO THAT
THEY ARE AMENABLE TO EARLY DEPARTURES WHERE POSSIBLE.
WE HAVE SOME SERIOUS RESERVATIONS AS TO OUR ABILITY TO
ACCOMPLISH ALTERNATIVE 1 AS INDICATED REF A. IT IS
EXTREMELY DOUBTFUL THAT SUFFICIENT STAGING AND POE
FACILITIES EXIST FOR THAT OPTION. ADDITIONALLY IT IS
DOUBTFUL THAT THE QL-1 WOULD SUPPORT THE VOLUME OF

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MFFIC WHICH WOULD BE GENERATED FROM DONG HA TO TAN MY AND DANANG. WE HAVE PREPARED SOME PROS AND CONS ON THE TWO ALTERNATIVES, HOWEVER WE LEAN HEAVILY TOWARD THE SECOND AND URGE ITS ADOPTION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

2. (S) ALTERNATIVES: FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES ACCRUE---

A. ALTERNATIVE I. (PARA 4.A. (1) AND (2))

ADVANTAGES: (1) COMPLIES WITH JCS REQUEST TO MEET CLOSURE DATE OF 30 OCT FOR RLT 3. (2) ECONOMY.

APPROXIMATELY 4400 PERSONNEL WILL BE ABLE TO EMBARK ON SHIPPING. SHIPPING INDICATED PARA 4. A. (1) APPEARS TO OVERESTIMATE. WE ESTIMATE ARG ALFA PLUS 1 LPA, 1 LSD AND 1 LST REQUIRED. REF B.

DISADVANTAGES: (1) THE REQUIREMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS STANDDOWN, MOVEMENT, STAGING AND EMBARKATION OF RLT-3, INITIAL ELEMENTS OF RLT-4, AND WING ELEMENTS. THE NECESSITY FOR MAINTAINING DAY TO DAY OPERATIONS ON THE LOC, COUPLED WITH THIS REQUIREMENT IS CONSIDERED TO BE BEYOND CAPACITY. (2) EXTREMELY SHORT PREPARATION TIME FOR REDEPLOYING ELEMENTS. DECONTAMINATION WASHDOWN

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AND OTHER PREPARATIONS FOR RLT-3 MUST MEET CONUS REQUIREMENTS AND 1 OCT READY DATE IS EXTREMELY SHORT.

(3) STANDDOWN OF TWO RLT'S AND THE WING ELEMENTS WOULD REQUIRE AN ACCELERATION OF ARMY TAKEOVER OF THESE FACILITIES FASTER THAN THAT PLANNED FOR, AND MIGHT CAUSE SERIOUS DISRUPTIONS OF NORMAL OPERATIONS IN THE AREAS AFFECTED. (4) INCREASED BURDEN ON 3RD MARDIV AND SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

B. ALTERNATIVE II. (PARA 4. B. (1) AND (2))
ADVANTAGES.

(1) PARA 2. A. (1) AND (2) ABOVE REMAIN CONSTANT.

(2) FROM THE EMBARK VIEW POINT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE A MORE EVENLY PROGRAMMED STANDDOWN, MOVEMENT, AND STAGING OF RLT-3 AND RLT-4. THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED BY A SLIGHT MODIFICATION TO THE STANDDOWN OF ARG BRAVO AND PHASING EMBARKATION OF THE DIVN HQTRS AND RLT-4 ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: 20 OCT, 5 NOV AND 20 NOV, THUS, IN EFFECT, COMPLETING PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT BY 25 NOV. THIS WOULD REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING SHIP MIX, ARG BRAVO, 1 LKA, 1 LSD, 3 1156 LST,

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 4 542 LST DURING EACH PHASE. WE CONSIDER IT HIGHLY
 PROBABLE THAT THIS SHIP MIX COULD BE MADE
 AVAILABLE IN THE TIME FRAME CONSIDERED.

(3) THIS WOULD EFFECT REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF EMBARK
 UNITS AND THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL SORTIES, THUS ENHANCING
 THE PROBABILITY OF COMPLETION WITH MINIMUM SCHEDULE CHANGES.

(4) THE TIME REMAINING BETWEEN 25 NOV AND 15 DEC WOULD ACT
 AS A BUFFER TO ASSURE COMPLETION BY 15 DEC. SUCH A BUFFER
 IS CONSIDERED ALMOST A NECESSITY IN VIEW OF THE ONCOMING
 MONSOON WEATHER.

DISADVANTAGES: (1) IT WILL TAKE BOTH ARG'S OFF LINE FOR
 A 20-DAY PERIOD.

3. (S) YOUR CONCERN IN REGARD TO AVAILABILITY OF ARG/SLF'S
 IS UNDERSTOOD. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT AT SOME
 YET UNDESIGNATED TIME DURING THE DEPARTURE OF 3DMARDIV, ARG/SLF'S
 WOULD NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE TO III MAF. THUS THE CONCERN IS
 REALLY ONE OF ESTABLISHING THE ARG/SLF'S AS PACOM RESERVE FROM
 OKINAWA FORCES.

4. (S) PRESUME YOU HAVE RECEIVED REFERENCE B WHICH CONTAINS
 ALL EMBARK DATA CURRENTLY AVAILABLE. THIS SHOULD NEGATE THE

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 REQUIREMENT FOR III MAF EMBARKATION OFFICER TO VISIT YOUR
 HQS ASAP. HOWEVER, IF SUCH IS NOT THE CASE, HE WILL BE DIS-
 PATCHED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. IN ANY EVENT, HE SHOULD PROBABLY
 ATTEND THE APLUSSIXTEEN MOVEMENT COFERENCE. WILL FURTHER
 INFORM YOU CONCERNING III MAF ATTENDEES AT APLUSNINE CONFERENCE.

5. WARM REGARDS

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- A. CGFMFPAC 100309Z SEP 69 NOTAL.
B. CINCPACFLT 170244Z SEP 69 NOTAL.
1. (S) REF A AND B PRESENT USMC REDEPLOYMENT
ALTERNATIVE PLAN AND BACKGROUND THEREOF. INFORMAL INFO
INDICATES 30 OCT CLOSURE CONUS OF RLT 3 IS NOT NEGOTIABLE,
AND THAT JCS WILL SOON SO DIRECT.
2. (C) FMFPAC REP WILL ATTEND YOUR 23 SEP YOKO CONF,
AND IS PREPARED TO DISCUS/COORDINATE DETAILS WITH YOUR
SEVENTHFLT REPS. PLAN, AS WE SEE IT IS FEASIBLE THOUGH TIGHT.
WE WILL OF COURSE DEFER TO YOUR EVALUATION AND COMMENTS.

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ARG STANDOWN AND REDUCED AMPHIB ASSETS, WHILE ADMITTEDLY
UNFAVORABLE, ARE APPARENTLY DICTATED BY USMC FUNDING
LIMITATIONS. SAME CONSTRAINTS MILITATE AGAINST USE
OF MSTs.
3. (S) 30-40 DAY STANDOWN OF BOTH ARG'S IMPLICIT IN FMFPAC
PLAN WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE. REQ YOUR SRMIT ALTERNATIVE PLANS
TO ACCOMPLISH MARINE REDEPLOYMENT IAW REF A UNDER
FOLLOWING CONSTRAINTS:
A. ARG INVOLVED IN WESTPAC PORTION OF REDEPLOYMENT
ON 5 DAY REACTION POSTURE (USMC UNITS EMBARKED WOULD BE
OFFLOADED AT NEAREST PORT AND ARG SHIPPING RETURNED TO I
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C. MAXIMUM 2 WEEK GAP OF AN ARG IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE

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FOR TACTICAL EMPLOYMENT IN RVN. I RECOGNIZE CONSTRAINTS IMPLICIT IN ABOVE. IF CONSTRAINTS IMPOSED, REQUIRE YOUR ESTIMATE OF SHORTFALLS OCCASIONED BY ALTERNATIVE PLANS, TO INCLUDE RGMT FOR ADDITIONAL ASSETS TO COMPENSATE FOR RESTRICTIONS ON ARG AVAILABILITY.

4. (C) INCREASED SOA FOR DEPLOYING PHIBRON 9 SHIPS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE, BUT DO NOT DESIRE TO ADVANCE DEPARTURE FROM CONUS.

5. (U) BEST REGARDS.

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REVIEW OF JCS MOP 116 (U)

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A. ADMIN CINCPAC 290009Z AUG 69
B. JCS 07621/271417Z AUG 69

1. (U) REF A REQUESTED COMMENTS FOR REVIEW OF MOP 116 INITIATED BY REF B. FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ARE KEYED TO PARA 3 REF B.
2. (C) DISTINCTION BETWEEN STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL DECEPTION. THE MEMORANDUM AS PRESENTLY WRITTEN MAKES EFFECTIVE DISTINCTION BETWEEN STRATEGIC AND TACTICAL DECEPTION.
3. (U) AUTHORITY OF COMMANDERS OF UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMANDS. PRESENT WORDING PROVIDES FOR SOUND COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS.
4. (U) COMBINE MOP 34 WITH MOP 116. CONCUR. BOTH RELATE TO THE

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OVERALL FIELD OF COVER AND DECEPTION AND SHOULD BE COMBINED.

5. (U) PARAGRAPH CLASSIFICATIONS.

A. COMMENT: PRESENT PARAGRAPH CLASSIFICATIONS DO NOT UNDULY RESTRICT COMMANDERS IN OPERATIONS AND TRAINING; HOWEVER, PORTIONS OF BOTH MOP'S APPEAR TO BE OVER-CLASSIFIED.

B. RECOMMENDATION: CONDUCT A SECURITY CLASSIFICATION REVIEW OF MOP 116 IAW CRITERIA OUTLINED IN MOP 34.

6. (U) ADEQUACY AND SECURITY OF COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. CONCUR IN GUIDANCE OUTLINED IN MOP 34 AND PARA 1 APP C MOP 116. SPECIAL HANDLING MEASURES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO SENSITIVE INFORMATION. BASIC DOCTRINE AND GUIDANCE SHOULD BE HANDLED IAW VALID CLASSIFICATIONS AND NOFORN.

7. (U) EQUIPMENT.

A. COMMENT: NO DEFINITIONS OR CRITERIA IDENTIFY WHAT CONSTITUTES COVE AND DECEPTION EQUIPMENT. IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT CAN BE BEST DEFINED BY SERVICE USERS. FURTHER, IT APPEARS INAPPROPRIATE FOR COMMANDERS OF UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMANDS TO REQUISITION EQUIPMENT FROM JCS SINCE PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT IS A SERVICE RESPONSIBILITY BASED UPON NEEDS OF COMPONENT COMMANDS TO SUPPORT AND EXECUTE APPROVED PLANS.

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B. RECOMMENDATION:

(1) MODIFY PARA 21 MOP 116 BY INSERTING NEW SUBPARA 21.A. AS FOLLOWS: EACH SERVICE WILL KEEP JCS AND COMMANDERS OF UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMAMES INFORMED AS TO THE TYPE OF COVER AND DECEPTION EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE AND THAT WHICH IS UNDER DEVELOPMENT.

(2) DELETE SUBPARA 21.B.

8. (S2 CONTROL OF FOREIGN AGENTS.

A. COMMENT: IN PARA 29.J. OF MOP 116 COMMANDERS OF UNIFIED AND SPECIFIED COMMANDS ARE TASKED TO DETECT AND CONTROL AGENTS FOR COVER AND DECEPTION PURPOSES. THIS FUNCTION IS PERFORMED BY THE MILITARY SERVICES OR OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES, AND THE SERVCES ARE SO TASKED IN PARA 28.I.

B. RECOMMENDATION: DELETE SUBPRA 29.J.

9. (U) PLANNING AND OPERATIONS EXAMPLES.

A. COMMENT: THE TERM "COLD WAR" IS RESTRICTIVE IN THE CONTEXT OF APP A TO MOP 116.

B. RECOMMENDATION: DELETE "COLD WAR" WHERE APPEARING IN APP A TO MOP 116 AND INSERT "PEACE-TIME" IN LIEU THEREOF.

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1. FOR YOUR PRIVATE INFORMATION, FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT

OF OUR *message* TO LTGEN VAN RYZIN CONCERNING THE
RLT-3 CEREMONY..

QUOTE:

CEREMONY FOR RETURN OF RLT-3 TO CONUS (U)

A. TELECON C/S FMFPAC WITH G-3 HQMC 26 SEP 1969 (U)

B. CG FMFPAC SPECAT 290107Z/SEP69 (TS)

C. COMSEVENTHFLT 240800Z/SEP69 (S) (PASEP)

1. (U) REF A REQUESTED RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING

DESIRABILITY OF SCHEDULING ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR RLT-3.

2. (S) RECOMMEND NO CEREMONY BE HELD FOR THE FOLLOW-
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A. AS INDICATED IN REF B, THE MOVE FROM WESTPAC WILL BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE MOVE. PERSONNEL RETURNING WILL BE REASSIGNED OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY EXCEPT THE 494 KEY PERSONNEL CONSTITUTING RLT-3.

B. 4,788 PERSONNEL WILL BE FLOWN TO CONUS VIA MAC CHANNEL/SAAM FLIGHTS BETWEEN 7-22OCT ARRIVING AT EL TORO AT THE RATE OF APPROX 2 FLIGHTS PER DAY. THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ORDERS, WHEN DEPARTING RVN, WILL RECEIVE ORDERS UPON ARRIVAL AT EL TORO FOR ^{discharge or} FURTHER TRANSFER FROM THAT POINT.

C. 3,915 PERSONNEL WILL BE SURFACE LIFTED TO CONUS ABOARD 7 DIFFERENT SHIPS. AS THE SHIPS ARE LOADED, THEY WILL PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY TO CONUS ARRIVING BETWEEN 25-30OCT.

D. ALL TROOP BAGGAGE WILL BE PICKED UP BY ONE SHIP IN OKINAWA PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR CONUS.

3. EXCEPT FOR THE 494 KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE RETURNING RLT THE REMAINING MARINES ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR TOUR IN THE REGIMENT OR IN

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UNITS DIRECTLY SUPPORTING THE REGIMENT. QUESTIONING BY REPORTERS WOULD QUICKLY REVEAL THIS FACT AND LEAD TO MISINTERPRETION^{AS} EXPERIENCED BY THE ARMY'S 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION.

4. IF A CEREMONY WERE HELD ON ARRIVAL, THE INDIVIDUAL WOULD BE WITHOUT HIS RIFLE, EQUIPMENT OR UNIFORMS OTHER THAN THAT WORN IN VIETNAM. NO STANDARD UTILITIES ARE PRESCRIBED AND A MIXTURE OF JUNGLE UTILITIES AND STANDARD UTILITIES WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE.

5. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO CEREMONY FOR RLT-3 ON ARRIVAL, CG 5TH MARDIV IS PLANNING A BRIGADE SIZE PARADE AT CAMP PENDLETON SOMETIME NEAR MID-NOVEMBER TO RETIRE THE COLORS OF THE 28TH MARINES AND REINSTATE RLT-3 AT CAMP PENDLETON AFTER ITS 16 YEAR ABSENCE IN THE FAR EAST. ADDITIONALLY, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SERVICE CLUBS ARE PLANNING DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS FOR BONAFIDE RLT-3 MEMBERS WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE INTERIM INDIVIDUAL RECOGNITION UNTIL THE UNIT CAN BE HONORED AT THE CAMP PENDLETON PARADE. THIS PROGRAM WOULD PROVIDE THE TIME

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1. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF ADMIN FMFPAC 270316 FROM
ME TO LTGEN VAN RYZIN CONCERNING RLT-3 CEREMONY UPON
RETURN TO CONUS.

QUOTE:

CEREMONY FOR RETURN OF RLT-3 TO CONUS (U)

A. TELECON C/S FMFPAC WITH G-3 HQMC 26 SEP 1969 (U)

B. CG FMFPAC SPECAT 290107Z/SEP69 (TS)

C. COMSEVENTHFLT 240800Z/SEP69 (S) (PASEP)

1. (U) REF A REQUESTED RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING
DESIRABILITY OF SCHEDULING ARRIVAL CEREMONY FOR RLT-3.

2. (S) RECOMMEND NO CEREMONY BE HELD FOR THE FOLLOW-
ING REASONS:

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A. AS INDICATED IN REF B, THE MOVE FROM WESTPAC
WILL BE AN ADMINISTRATIVE MOVE. PERSONNEL RETURNING
WILL BE REASSIGNED OR RELEASED FROM ACTIVE DUTY EXCEPT
THE 494 KEY PERSONNEL CONSTITUTING RLT-3.

B. 4,788 PERSONNEL WILL BE FLOWN TO CONUS VIA
MAC CHANNEL/SAAM FLIGHTS BETWEEN 7-22 OCT ARRIVING AT
EL TORO AT THE RATE OF APPROX 2 FLIGHTS PER DAY. THOSE
INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ORDERS, WHEN DEPARTING RVN,
WILL RECEIVE ORDERS UPON ARRIVAL AT EL TORO FOR *discharge or* FURTHER
TRANSFER FROM THAT POINT.

C. 3,915 PERSONNEL WILL BE SURFACE LIFTED TO CONUS.
ABOARD 7 DIFFERENT SHIPS. AS THE SHIPS ARE LOADED, THEY
WILL PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY TO CONUS ARRIVING BETWEEN
25-30 OCT.

D. ALL TROOP BAGGAGE WILL BE PICKED UP BY ONE SHIP
IN OKINAWA PRIOR TO DEPARTURE FOR CONUS.

3. EXCEPT FOR THE 494 KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE RE-
TURNING RLT THE REMAINING MARINES ARE NOT NECESSARILY

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THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED THEIR TOUR IN THE REGIMENT OR IN
UNITS DIRECTLY SUPPORTING THE REGIMENT. QUESTIONING BY
REPORTERS WOULD QUICKLY REVEAL THIS FACT AND LEAD TO
^{AS}
MISINTERPRETION EXPERIENCED BY THE ARMY'S 9TH INFANTRY
DIVISION.

4. IF A CEREMONY WERE HELD ON ARRIVAL, THE INDIVIDUAL
WOULD BE WITHOUT HIS RIFLE, EQUIPMENT OR UNIFORMS
OTHER THAN THAT WORN IN VIETNAM. NO STANDARD UTILITIES
ARE PRESCRIBED AND A MIXTURE OF JUNGLE UTILITIES AND
STANDARD UTILITIES WOULD BE UNAVOIDABLE.

5. AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE SAN DIEGO CEREMONY FOR
RLT-3 ON ARRIVAL, CG 5TH MARDIV IS PLANNING A BRIGADE
SIZE PARADE AT CAMP PENDLETON SOMETIME NEAR MID-NOV-
EMBER TO RETIRE THE COLORS OF THE 28TH MARINES AND REIN-
STATE RLT-3 AT CAMP PENDLETON AFTER ITS 16 YEAR ABSENCE IN
THE FAR EAST. ADDITIONALLY, SAN DIEGO COUNTY SERVICE
CLUBS ARE PLANNING DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS FOR BONAFIDE
RLT-3 MEMBERS WHICH SHOULD PROVIDE INTERIM INDIVIDUAL
RECOGNITION UNTIL THE UNIT CAN BE HONORED AT THE CAMP

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1. I SENT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO VADM BRINGLE
~~TODAY~~, INFO ADM HYLAND.

QUOTE:
FMF SEVENTHFLT POSTURE (U)

1. (S) PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE CORPS FORCES FROM
RVN, WITH THE MAJOR PORTION REMAINING IN WESTPAC, WILL
PROVIDE YOU WITH A SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED FLEET MARINE
FORCE POSTURE IN THE SEVENTH FLEET. AT THE SAME TIME,
ON THE MARINE CORPS SIDE, *The Redeployments*
~~OUR INCREASED FORCE LEVELS~~
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 RLT-~~8~~⁴ AND RLT-9 ON OKINAWA AND THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT
 WING (REAR) CONSISTING OF MAG-15 AT IWAKUNI AND MAG-36
 AND VMGR-152 ON OKINAWA, OUR NON-RVN WESTPAC MARINE
 FORCES WILL COMPRISE A MEF(-) VICE A MEB. ~~THEREFORE;~~
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 DIVISION DEPARTS RVN, I PLAN TO ^{TAKE}~~EFFECT~~ THE FOLLOWING
 SIMULTANEOUS ACTIONS:

A. DEACTIVATE 9TH MAB.

B. ACTIVATE I MEF ASSIGNING CG 3D MARINE DIVISION
 THE COLLATERAL FUNCTION AS CG I MEF IN WHICH CAPACITY
 HE WILL REPORT TO YOU AS CTF-79.

C. ACTIVATE 1ST MAW (REAR).

3.(S) CONCURRENTLY WITH THE ABOVE ACTIONS, CG I MEF/
 CTF-79 WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE 3D
 MARINE DIVISION AND THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (REAR).
 WITH THESE TWO UNITS ^{CONTAINING}~~ASSUMING COMMAND~~ OF THE AIR AND
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4.(S) IT IS SIGNIFICANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE THE TITLE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (REAR) CONNOTES AN AFFILIATION WITH THE 1ST MAW LOCATED IN RVN, THERE IS, IN FACT, NONE; 1ST MAW (REAR) IS A DISTINCT AND SEPARATE COMMAND.

5.(S) CG I MEF WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE SLFS AS DIRECTED WITH, AS I VIEW IT, NO CHANGE IN OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES. HOWEVER, DUE TO PERSONNEL CEILING CONSTRAINTS ONE OF THE TWO AFLOAT BLTS MUST BE HOME BASED AT SUBIC.

6.(S) IN SUMMARY, EVEN THOUGH WE INCREASE OUR FORCE STRUCTURE TO A MEF LEVEL, I ENVISION NO DEVIATION FROM EXISTING 7TH FLEET/FLEET MARINE FORCE RELATIONS, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON ANY PROBLEM AREAS WHICH YOU MAY FORESEE AND IN WHICH I CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE. WARM REGARDS

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1. I APPRECIATE THE INFORMATION RECEIVED
IN YOUR 072114Z OCTOBER 69.
2. DO NOT ANTICIPATE ANY PROBLEM OR DETERIORATION IN THE
PRESENT OUTSTANDING CTF-79 COOPERATION
IN THE CHANGE OVER FROM NINTH MAB TO MEF. THE ONLY FUTURE
PROBLEM I FORSEE IS THE REINTRODUCTION INTO COUNTRY OF
ELEMENTS OF THE THIRD MARDIV WHICH HAS BEEN ADDRESSED
IN SEPARATE CORRESPONDENCE.
3. WITH REFERENCE TO HOMEBASING
A BLT AT SUBIC I ASSUME THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT
SPECIAL LOGISTICS HAUL EACH TIME A BLT ROTATES.
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1. (S) THIS IS AN INTERIM UP DATE ON INCOMPLETE ACTIONS BEING
TAKEN BY NINTH MAB.

A. REPORT ON NINTH MARINES READINESS DUE WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS.
DELAYS DUE PRIMARILY TO DIFFICULTY OF ASSESSING PARTS LEAD TIME.

B. FUJI TRAINING DETAIL DEPARTS FOR CAMP FUJI 10 OCT. CAMP IN
MARGINAL CONDITION TO RECEIVE THEM.

C. CINCPAC MSG 080345Z CONCERNING PIO ACTIONS RELATED TO FUJI
TRAINING DEPLOYMENT CONTAINS AN ERROR. IN THE SECTION DEALING
WITH QUERIES AND ANSWERS IT STATES 1200 TROOPS WILL BE AT FUJI.
THE ANSWER SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 530.

D. MY STAFF AND YOURS HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING BLT 1/9 AND BLT 2/9
SUPPORT ELEMENTS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE ASSETS I HAVE IN A CADRE
STATUS SUCH AS LVTS. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF WE ACTIVATE TWO
COMPANIES OF LVTS COMPENSATORY REDUCTIONS MUST TAKE PLACE. THAT
BEING THE CASE IT WOULD CHANGE NOTHING IN THAT REGARD IF THOSE LVT
PERSONNEL IN THE SLFS WERE TRANSFERRED TO ME INSTEAD OF GOING INTO
COUNTRY. ON THE SURFACE IT WOULD LOOK LIKE THE EASIEST WAY TO INSURE
MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF COMBAT CAPABILITY WHILE AVOIDING THE LOSS
OF SAME THAT ACTIVATING AND TRAINING TWO COMPANIES UP HERE
WOULD ENTAIL. I BELIEVE I CAN SUPPORT BLT 1/9 WITH PRESENT ASSETS
AND PEOPLE BUT STRIP MY MAINTAINANCE CAPABILITY IN SO DOING.
SUPPORT OF BLT 2/9 WILL TAKE SOME HELP. THIS APPLIES TO OTHER
CADRED UNITS AS WELL.

E. NAT PACE IS HERE DISCUSSING CUBI CAMP PROBLEMS WHICH YOU ASKED ME
TO MONITOR. HE AND THE SUBIC FACILITIES ENGINEER WILL VISIT ADMIRAL
BONNER WITH SHOPPING LIST ON 15 OCT.

2. (S) NEW SUBJECT. ASSUMING THAT HOMEPORTING A BLT AT CUBI IS
ASSOCIATED WITH OKINAWA CEILING PROBLEMS, DO YOU HAVE ANY
LATITUDE IN WHAT IS SENT THERE OTHER THAN CAMP CAPACITY QUERY
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A. CG THIRD MARDIV 080330Z/OCT69 (S)

1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE USE OF RLT-9 COLORS IN 3D MARDIV CEREMONIES AT DANANG, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IT WILL BECOME A PART OF THE DIVISION IMMEDIATELY. WITH REGARD TO RLT-3 COLORS, HOWEVER, I CONSIDER THAT THEIR PRESENCE IN CONUS WILL HAVE RECEIVED NATIONAL PUBLICITY INCLUDING THE PRESENCE OF THE HIGHEST RANKING AUTHORITIES. MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF THE SO CALLED "HANKY-PANKY" OF THE MILITARY IN VIETNAM REDUCTIONS AND THERE IS A REMOTE POSSIBILITY THAT SOME NEWSMAN COULD MAKE A REPORT THAT THE 3D MARINES WERE IN FACT NOT AT CAMP PENDLETON DESPITE THE CEREMONY

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HELD THERE TO WELCOME THEIR RETURN. I REGRET THAT THIS
 DECISION WILL PROBABLY DEGRADE THE CEREMONY BUT WE
 CANNOT AFFORD TO PLACE CMC IN THE UNCOMFORTABLE
 POSITION OF EXPLAINING WHY RLT-3 COLORS WERE STILL IN RVN.
 ADDITIONALLY, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT RLT-3 WILL AGAIN
 BECOME A UNIT OF THE DIVISION IN THE NEAR FUTURE. CON-
 SIDERING THE ABOVE POINTS YOUR REQUEST TO INCLUDE RLT-3
 COLORS IS DISAPPROVED.

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BGEN WILSON FROM BGEN BARROW. DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS.
VISIT TO FMFPAC (FWD) OF MR CHARLES O ROSSOTTI PRINCIPAL DEP
ASST SEC DEF (SYS EMS ANALYSIS) AND MR PHILLIP A ADEEN ACTING
DEP ASST SEC DEF (REGIONAL PROGRAM) (U)

A. SEC DEF 291858Z AUG 69 (NOTAL)

B CINCPAC 170133Z SEP 69 (NOTAL)

C. DEP CG FMFPAC (FWD) 020810Z OCT 69 (NOTAL)

1. (S) REF A THROUGH C REFER. MESSRS ROSSITTI AND
ODEEN ATTENDED A COMBINED BRIEFING WITH C/S MCB, CAMP BUTLER,
CG NINTH MAB AND CO THIRD FSR. THEY EXPRESSED DECIDED INTEREST
IN THREE AREAS DISCUSSED DURING THE BRIEFING. THEY ARE:

A. THEY QUESTIONED THE NECESSITY FOR THE PRESENT REQUIREMENT
OF MAINTAINING THE TRANSIT FACILITY ON OKINAWA AS OPPOSED TO
THE ARMY'S SYSTEM OF DIRECT DEPLOYMENT OF MEN FROM CONUS TO RVN.
THEY DID NOT APPEAR CONVINCED OF ITS REQUIREMENT EVEN AFTER
A THOROUGH DISCUSSION WITH MARINE REPRESENTATIVES.

B. THEY SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE THIRD FSR BEING SOURCE
OF SUPPLY FOR FLC RATHER THAN FLC PLACING REQUIREMENTS
DIRECT ON THE ICP PHILADELPHIA.

C. THEY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE METHOD OF DEPLOYMENT FOR THE
SLFS AND INQUIRED INTO ITS PRESENT ORGANIZATION, REACTION TIME
AND POST NOVEMBER LOCATION. THEY APPEARED SATISFIED WITH THE
ANSWERS PROVIDED.

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A. COMSEVENTHFLT 081122Z/OCT69 (S)

1. I DO NOT ANTICIPATE A REQUIREMENT FOR THE SPECIAL
LOGISTICS HAUL YOU MENTIONED IN REF A IN THE EVENT
THAT A SLF IS OFFLOADED AT SUBIC.2. THE SUBIC HOMEBASING CONCEPT IS SIMPLY A CONTIN-
GENCY PROVISION IN VIEW OF THE OKINAWA PERSONNEL
CEILING CONSTRAINTS WHICH PRECLUDE THE SIMULTANEOUS
PRESENCE OF BOTH SLF'S ON OKINAWA. IT IS ANTICIPATED
THAT BOTH SLF'S WILL REMAIN AFLOAT EXCEPT FOR TRAIN-
ING EXERCISES OR CONTINGENCY EMPLOYMENT. THE NORMAL
ROTATION OF BLT'S ^{should} CAN BE SCHEDULED TO PRECLUDE THEIR
SIMULTANEOUS OFFLOAD AT OKINAWA. IN THE ^{wholly} EVENT THAT
BOTH SLF'S MUST BE OFFLOADED SIMULTANEOUSLY, I

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ENVISION BLT/HMM UTILIZATION OF THE SUBIC CAMP/NAS
CUBI POINT FOR ONE SLF, IF THE OTHER SLF IS OFFLOADED
AT OKINAWA. ~~THIS UTILIZATION OF SUBIC/CUBI POINT~~
~~FACILITIES IS OF COURSE IN ADDITION TO THE EXPECTED~~
~~NORMAL USARP BERTH AND OTHER PERIODS~~ WARM REGARDS.

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 9TH MAB INTERIM UPDATE (U)
 A. CG 9TH MAB SPECAT 090521Z/OCT69 (S)
 B. CG FMFPAC LTR 3P/DBA SER 0002481 OF 12SEP69 (TS) (S)
 C. CG FMFPAC 222041Z/SEP69 (S)
 D. CMC 262112Z/SEP69 (S)
 1. (C) THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO REF A. CINCPAC HAS
 BEEN INFORMED THAT THE CORRECT FIGURE FOR MARINES AT
 FUJI IS 530 VICE 1200.
 2. (S) REGARDING BJT'S 1/9 AND 2/9 SUPPORT ELEMENTS,
 REF B MODIFIED BY REF C AND APPROVED BY REF D LISTS
 TROOP STRENGTHS AUTHORIZED FOR UNITS ON OKINAWA. IT
 IS UNDERSTOOD THAT CURRENT ON HAND STRENGTHS IN
 SEVERAL UNITS FALL FAR BELOW THAT AUTHORIZED IN REF
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PERSONNEL ARRIVE IN OKINAWA IN RESPONSE TO MANPOWER REQUIREMENTS LEVIED AGAINST REF B (MOD), UNITS WILL PROGRESSIVELY BE BROUGHT TO AUTHORIZED STRENGTH IAW PRIORITIES ESTABLISHED BY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS (E.G., DEPLOYMENT OF SLF'S). SPECIFICALLY, THE ACTIVATION OF 1ST AMTRAC BN (-) AT AN AUTHORIZED END STRENGTH OF 530 MARINES PLUS 35 MARINES WITH AFLOAT SLF (TOTAL 585) WOULD PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATION AT 80% OF T/O STRENGTH AND SHOULD REQUIRE NO COMPENSATORY REDUCTIONS OF OTHER UNITS. OF COURSE THE CURRENT ON HAND STRENGTH OF THE 1ST AMTRAC BN (-) PRECLUDES ACCOMPLISHING THE ACTIVATION IMMEDIATELY AT END STRENGTH THEREFORE THE REQUIREMENT EXISTS FOR PROGRESSIVE BUILD UP IAW PRIORITIES. ALTHOUGH TRANSFER OF CURRENT SLF LVT PERSONNEL TO 9TH MAB VICE III MAF WOULD FACILITATE YOUR BUILDUP, PRIORITY FOR SUPPORT REMAINS WITH COMBAT FORCES COMMITTED IN RVN.

3. (S) THE CONCEPT FOR HOMEBASING A BLT AT SUBIC/ CUBI IS A CONTINGENCY PROVISION IN VIEW OF THE OKINAWA PERSONNEL CEILING CONSTRAINTS WHICH PRECLUDE THE SIMULTANEOUS PRESENCE OF BOTH SLF'S ON OKINAWA. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT BOTH SLF'S WILL REMAIN AFLOAT

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A. CG FMFPAC 102014Z OCT 69 (U)

B. OASD(PA) NEWS RELEASE NUMBER 785-69 OF 22 SEP 69

C. CMC 111132Z OCT 69 (U)

1. (C) REF A WAS PREPARED BY FMFPAC ISO IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE THE TEXT OF REF B RELATIVE TO ANNOUNCEMENT OF GENERAL DESTINATION OF DEPLOYING UNITS. APPARENTLY OASD(PA) FAILED TO COORDINATE RELEASE OF REF B WITH EITHER CINCPAC OR MACV01. CINCPAC PAO WAS UNDER IMPRESSION THAT INFORMATION HAD NOT BEEN RELEASED, UNTIL COPY OF REF B DISCOVERED LATE 9 OCT. REGRET ABBREVIATED DISTRIBUTION OF REF A.

2. (U) REDUCTION OF TOURS REPORTED IN PARA 2 OF REF A WAS ANNOUNCED AS "VIETNAM TOURS"; HOWEVER, ALMAR PUBLISHED BY REF C PROVIDED FOR 365-DAY PORTAL-TO-PORTAL TOURS FOR ALL WESTPAC FMFPAC PERSONNEL. THIS HEADQUARTERS IS ISSUING AMPLIFYING IN-

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LTGENS LEEK, FONTANA, RADMS WALKER, GUINN AND MGEN MCCUTCHEON
FROM STREAN

AIR BOARD 1969

A. YOUR 202048Z SEP 69

1. IAW REF A PROPOSE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS FOR AIR BOARD DISCUSSION:

A. CNATRA'S MASTER TRAINING PLAN - ALL ADVANCED TRAINING IN SINGLE
TYPE JET.

B. MARINE CORPS UNDERGRADUATE PILOT TRAINING

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C. ADVANCED FIRST TERM AVIONICS PROGRAM (AFTA)

D. POST SERVICE NAVAL AIR RESERVE AFFILIATION

E. INSTRUCTOR MANNING OF TRARONS

F. NARESTRACOM ZONAL BASE LOADING CONCEPT

2. POINT PAPER IN SUPPORT OF THESE ITEMS FOLLOWS UNDER SEPARATE
COVER.

3. WARM REGARDS.

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(A) CG, MCB CAMP BUTLER 182300Z OCT 69 (U)

RELEASE GIMBARU TRAINING AREA (U)

PERSONAL FOR EGEN WILSON FROM EGEN BARROW

1. (U) REF (A) REPORTS ARMY PROPOSED RELEASE OF SUBJ AREA AND REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO ACQUIRE INSTALLATIONS UNDER AN INDEFINITE LEASEHOLD BASIS. REF (A) ALSO POINTS OUT THAT AIR FORCE HAS 20 ACRE MISSILE SITE IN THE AREA.

2. (S) THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH CG 513 AIR DIV 1 HAVE LEARNED THAT AIR FORCE WILL DEACTIVATE ALL FOUR KADENA WACE MISSILE SITES BY 31 DEC.

SITES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. GIMBARU, CE 9427

B. BOLO POINT CE 7321

C. NEAR WHITE BEACH CE 9129

D. WHITE COAST OPPOSITE YAKA BEACH CE 8327

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3. (S) I AM ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE LAYOUT AND POSSIBLE USEFULNESS OF GIMBARU SITE IF MADE AVAILABLE. FACILITIES APPEAR TO BE ALL UNDERGROUND. APPARENTLY, PERSONNEL FOR ALL SITES ARE BILLETED AT KADENA.

4. (U) WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. MEANWHILE IF YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS, PLEASE PASS THEM TO ME, PARTICULARLY PROSPECT OF ACQUIRING FROM AIR FORCE.

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GEN JONES, BGEN CARNEY AND BGEN BARROW FROM LT.GEN

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FMF WESTPAC POSTURE (U)

1. (S) PHASE II REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE CORPS FORCES FROM RVN, WITH A SIGNIFICANT PORTION REMAINING IN WESTPAC, WILL RESULT IN INCREASED MARINE BASING ON OKINAWA AND WILL REQUIRE SOME ADJUSTMENTS OF MARCORPS COMMAND DESIGNATIONS, COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS AND GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS ON OKINAWA. THEREFORE, I WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON FOR YOUR INFORMATION MY PLANS IN THIS CONNECTION.

2. (S) WITH THE 3D MARINE DIVISION(-) (REIN) CONSISTING OF RLT-4 AND RLT-9 ON OKINAWA, AND THE 1ST MARINE AIRCRAFT WING (REAR) CONSISTING OF WING HQ AND MAG-15 (FIXED WING) AT IWAKUNI AND MAG-36 (ROTARY

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WING) AND VMGR-152 ON OKINAWA, NON-RVN WESTPAC FLEET
MARINE FORCES WILL COMPRISE A MARINE EXPEDITIONARY
FORCE (-) VICE A MARINE EXPEDITIONARY BRIGADE. ON
~~OR ABOUT~~ 7 NOV, WHEN THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE 3D
MARINE DIVISION DEPARTS RVN, I PLAN TO TAKE THE
FOLLOWING SIMULTANEOUS ACTIONS:

A. DEACTIVATE 9TH MAB

B. ACTIVATE I MEF WITH CG 3D MARINE DIVISION
ASSIGNED THE COLLATERAL FUNCTION AS CG I MEF, IN
WHICH CAPACITY HE WILL ALSO SERVE AS CTF-79.

C. ACTIVATE 1ST MAW (REAR) ^{AT IWAKUNI} WHICH WILL OPERATE
AS A DISTINCT AND SEPARATE COMMAND DESPITE THE
CONNOTATION IN THE TITLE THAT THERE IS AN AFFILIATION
WITH 1ST MAW IN RVN.

3. (S) CONCURRENTLY, WITH THE ABOVE ACTIONS, CG I
MEF/CTF-79 WILL ASSUME OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF THE
3D MARINE DIVISION (-) (REIN) AND THE 1ST MAW (REAR),
WITH THESE TWO UNITS CONTAINING THE AIR AND GROUND
ELEMENTS NOW UNDER 9TH MAB. I WILL RETAIN COMMAND
LESS OPERATIONAL CONTROL OF I MEF, 3D MARDIV (-)
AND ~~operational control~~ (REIN), 1ST MAW (REAR). ADDITIONALLY, I WILL RETAIN
COMMAND OF 3D FSR. ^(Com 7th FLT will be the operations commander.)

4. ~~(S) CG I MEF, IN HIS CTF 79 ROLE, WILL PROVIDE~~

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4. (S) I AM DISESTABLISHING THE TITLE CG FMFPAC (FWD) SINCE IT WILL HAVE OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS WHEN THE CLEAR CUT COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS OUTLINED ABOVE BECOME EFFECTIVE. MAJGEN BILL JONES WILL BE THE SENIOR MARINE OFFICER PRESENT, HOWEVER, BGEN BOB BARROW IN HIS CAPACITY AS CG MCB CAMP BUTLER AND DEPUTY CG MARCORPS-BASESPAC (FWD) WILL PROBABLY BE YOUR PRIMARY CONTACT ON DAY TO DAY ^{marine corps} ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. BILL JONES WILL, OF COURSE, BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATION AT ANY TIME AS MY REPRESENTATIVE AND THE SENIOR MARINE ON ISLAND.

5. (S) IN SUMMARY, EVEN THOUGH WE ARE INCREASING OUR FLEET MARINE FORCES ON OKINAWA, WITH ATTENDANT CHANGES IN COMMAND DESIGNATIONS AND GENERAL OFFICER ASSIGNMENTS, I ENVISION NO REAL DEVIATION FROM EXISTING HICOM RYUKUS/ MARINE CORPS RELATIONS, ^{and continue to be} ~~BUT I AM ALWAYS~~ AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSION AND ASSISTANCE ON ANY PROBLEM AREAS WHICH YOU MAY FORESEE. WARM REGARDS.

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ACTIVATION OF 1ST SERVICE BN (U)
 1.(S) THE FLC WAS EVOLVED TO MEET THE UNIQUE REQUIRE-
 MENT OF LOGISTICALLY SUPPORTING TWO MARDIVS AND A HEAVILY
 TASK ORGANIZED MAW IN THE RVN-PECULIAR COUNTERINSURGENCY
 ENVIRONMENT AND HAS ACCOMPLISHED ITS MISSION IN A MOST
 COMMENDABLE MANNER. WITH THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE THIRD
 MARDIV AND SELECTED UNITS TO FIRST MAW (Bar) IT APPEARS TO
 ME ADVISABLE TO CONSIDER A RETURN TO OUR SVC BN/MWSG AND
 FSR CONCEPT OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT IN THE ~~VERY~~ NEAR FUTURE.
 2.(S) IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO RECONSTITUTE THE 1ST SVC
 BN PRIOR TO REDEPLOYMENT OF THE 1ST MARINE DIVISION IN
 PHASE 6 IN ORDER THAT THE DIVISION MAY ONCE AGAIN HAVE

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OF THE SERVICE BATTALION WOULD PROVIDE EXPERIENCE IN
A COMBAT ENVIRONMENT WITH A VIEW TO ASSESSING THE
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Please 3.(S) *me* PLAN TO DISCUSS THIS WITH ~~ME~~ DURING MY FORTH-
COMING WESTPAC TRIP. WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJ: COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS FOR CINCPAC OPLAN 27-YR (U).

REF: CINCPAC MSG 200747Z MAY 69 (NOTAL CG USAEIGHT,
COMNAVFORK AND COMAFK).

1. (S) REF REQUESTED COMUSKOREA, IN COORDINATION WITH CINCPACAF
PREPARE CONCEPT FOR EMPLOYMENT AND CONTROL OF IN-COUNTRY TACTICAL AIR.
2. (S) THE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL IS SUBMITTED IAW REF AND FOR
YOUR CONSIDERATION:

A. ASSUMPTIONS/ PRINCIPLES:

- (1) CINCPAC WILL DIRECT THE KOREAN OUT-COUNTRY EFFORT AS
PROVIDED IN CINCPAC OPLAN 27- YR.
- (2) ALLOCATION OF AIR SUPPORT TO IN-COUNTRY AND OUT-COUNTRY
TASKS WILL BE AS DIRECTED BY CINCPAC
- (3) AIR DEPUTY CINCUNC/ COMUSKOREA WILL BE RESPONSIBLE
FOR PROVIDING APPROPRIATE GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON AIR
MATTERS TO CINCUNC/ COMUSK.
- (4) AS APPROPRIATE, CINCUNC/ COMUSK WILL PROVIDE TARGET

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RECOMMENDATIONS TO CINCPAC FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE OUT-COUNTRY EFFORT.

(5) WITHIN PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED BY CINCPAC, IN AN EMERGENCY CINCUNC/COMUSK WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO DIVERT OUT-COUNTRY

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AIR STRIKES TO IN-COUNTRY SUPPORT.

(6) GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCT OF NUCLEAR OPERATIONS WILL BE AS CONTAINED IN ANNEX E TO CINCPAC OPLAN 27-YR.

(7) COMKADS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE AIR DEFENSE OF THE KOREAN AIR DEFENSE SECTO

IAW CINCPACINST 003320.2 AND RELATED PACAF AND 5AF DIRECTIVES.

(8) COMMANDER 314 AIR DIV WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCOMPLISHING THOSE TASKS ASSOCIATED WITH COMKADS AND COMAFK.

(9) COMMANDER FIFTH AIR FORCE ADVON WILL EXERCISE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF ALLOCATED USAF TACTICAL AIR FORCES DURING HOSTILITIES AS DIRECTED BY CINCPACAF AND PROVIDE AIR RESOURCES TO COMAFK FOR THE IN-COUNTRY EFFORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ESTABLISHED CINCPAC ALLOCATIONS FOR AIR RESOURCES ALLOCATED OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE, BUT NOT ASSOCIATED WITH THE IN-COUNTRY EFFORT, COMDR 5 ADVON WILL, AS APPROPRIATE, COORDINATE/CONTROL EMPLOYMENT.

(10) EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. NAVY AND U.S. MARINE TACTICAL AIR RESOURCES IN IN-COUNTRY OPERATIONS WILL BE AS PROVIDED IN CINCPAC OPLAN 27-YR, OR AS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY CINCPAC.

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211) A FOCAL POINT FOR INFORMATION AND COORDINATION OF AIR SUPPORT IN THE KOREAN AREA WILL BE THE IN-COUNTRY TACC.

B. CINCEPT:

(1) WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OUTLINED IN BASIC ASSUMPTIONS/ PRINCIPLES ABOVE, OR AS OTHERWISE INDICATED HEREIN, THE CONTROL/ MISSION DIRECTION OF ALL AIR RESOURCES MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE IN-COUNTRY EFFORT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CINCUNC//COMUSK AND WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH HIS AIR FORCE COMPONENT COMMANDER (COMAFK). THE IN-COUNTRY EFFORT INCLUDES ALL CLOSE AIR SUPPORT REQUIRED ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA BY CINCUNC/ COMUSK FORCES.

(2) CINCUNC/ COMUSK WILL DIRECT THE APPORTIONMENT OF AIR SUPPORT ASSIGNED, ATTACHED, OR OTHERWISE MADE AVAILABLE FOR THE IN-COUNTRY TACTICAL AIR TASKS.

(3) IAW PARA B(1) ABOVE, COMAFK, BASED ON GUIDANCE AND POLICIES ESTABLISHED BY CINCUNC/COMUSK, DETERMINES THE DAY-TO-DAY APPORTIONMENT OF FIGHTER, ATTACK AND BOMBER SORTIES TO

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IN-COUNTRY CINCUNC/COMUSK TASKS. CG EUSA (AS GROUND COMPONENT COMMANDER) SPECIFIES HOW THE WEIGHT OF CLOSE AIR SUPPORT EFFORT AVAILABLE TO HIM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED; COMAFK

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WILL ALLOCATE SORTIES ACCORDINGLY TO THE CORRESPONDING DIRECT AIR SUPPORT CENTERS (DASC). SUBORDINATE LAND COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO SUBALLOCATE SORTIES MADE AVAILABLE. IN COORDINATION WITH CGUESA, COMNAVFORC AND OTHER COMMANDS AND AGENCIES AS APPROPRIATE, COMAFK WILL DEVELOP PROCEDURES AND SOP'S FOR EXECUTING IN-COUNTRY AIR TASKS.
C. THE FOREGOING CONCEPT FOR IN-COUNTRY AIR OPERATIONS APPLIES TO INITIAL HOSTILITIES CONDUCTED IAW OPLAN 27-YR. AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS, ALTERNATIVES CONCEPTS/ COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE NECESSARY DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION EXISTING.
3. (S) UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED, THE ABOVE CONCEPT WILL BE TESTED DURING THE PLAY OF FOCUS LENS 70
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1. (TS) REF A REQUESTED GUIDANCE IN CONNECTION WITH
CURRENT PLANNING ON THE SUBJECT. BY REF B CMC PRO-
VIDED THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE:

A. DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT, SECRETARY PACKARD
WILL DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH **GENERAL** ABRAMS, WHO WILL ADVISE
CINCPAC/JCS ON A 190K RESIDUAL FORCE ALTERNATIVE ASAP
AFTER THE DISCUSSIONS. JCS CONSIDERS THEY HAVE THE
HANDLE ON A 260K RESIDUAL FORCE ALTERNATIVE AS
APPROXIMATED IN NSSM-36, BUT VARIOUS BUDGET DRILLS IN

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WASHINGTON ARE REQUIRING EXAMINATION OF VARIOUS RESIDUAL
FORCE LEVELS AND DATES FOR ACCELERATING THE VIETNAMIZATION
PROGRAM.

B. IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST FOR MARINE CORPS
INPUT IN CONNECTION WITH THE 190K RESIDUAL FORCE
ALTERNATIVE UNDER CONSIDERATION, OUR PROPOSAL SHOULD
BE ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES:

(1) NO MARINES IN EITHER THE 260K OR 190K
RESIDUAL FORCE OTHER THAN THE .6K ADVISORY AND ANGLICO
PERSONNEL PROVIDED FOR IN NSSM-36.

(2) PHASING OF REDEPLOYMENTS SUBJECT TO **ABE'S**
DESIRES AND NATIONAL APPROVAL.

(3) REDEPLOYMENT PHASING OF MARINE FORCES SHOULD
PROVIDE FOR BALANCED AIR/GROUND PACKAGES WITH ADEQUATE
COMBAT AND COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT.

(4) MINIMUM FORCE FOR ROLLUP AS REQUIRED **A**
2. (TS) IN RESPONSE TO CINCPAC REQUEST FOR RECOMMEN-
DATIONS FOR INCORPORATION INTO A CINCPAC TASKING MESSAGE
TO **ABE** **ADAMS** RELATIVE TO DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN FOR PHASE
III RVNAF IMPROVEMENT AND MODERNIZATION PROGRAM, AS
CITED IN REF A, I PROPOSED THE FOLLOWING:

A. EMPHASIZE THE REQUIREMENT FOR DETAILED CON-

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SIDERATION OF TIME-PHASING CONCERNING INTERRELATED
 MATTERS OF RVNAF IMPROVEMENT, THE VC/NVA THREAT AND
 U.S. FORCE REDEPLOYMENTS.

B. ADHERENCE, AS FAR AS PRACTICABLE, TO THE
 PRIORITIES OF U.S. FORCE REDEPLOYMENTS AS CONTAINED
 IN NSSM-36. WARM REGARDS.

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SUBJECT: MACV REDEPLOYMENT PLANS (U)1. (TS/LD) III MAF G-3 ATTENDED MEETING AT HQS MACV ON 19 NOV 69
IN REGARD TO MACV PLANS FOR FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS. PURPOSE OF
MEETING WAS TO PRESENT TO FORCE COMMANDERS' AND COMPONENT COMMANDERS'
REPRESENTATIVES PREVIEW OF BRIEFING WHICH WILL BE GIVEN TO COMMANDERS
AT 22 NOV 69 WIEU.2. (TS/LD) BRIEFING WAS INTRODUCED BY MACV J-3 WHO, AFTER HIS
INTRODUCTION, DEPARTED. GIST OF J-3 REMARKS AS FOLLOWS:A. A NEW ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION IN RVN WAS MADE; PREVIOUS
ASSESSMENT 5 WEEKS AGO CONCLUDED NO POSSIBILITY OF ADDITIONAL REDE-
PLOYMENTS. LATEST ASSESSMENT CONCLUDED THAT, ON BASIS OF ENEMY
SITUATION, THERE SHOULD NOT BE ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS DURING FIRST

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FEW MONTHS OF 1970. HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL PRSSURES ARE SUCH THAT ADDITIONAL REDEPLOYMENTS WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.

B. ASSUMPTION IS THAT A 35,000 REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN EARLY DECEMBER TO BE COMPLETED IN APRIL. HOWEVER, PENTAGON IS THINKING OF A FIGURE HIGHER THAN 35,000.

C. NSSM-36 HAS SERVED AS A POINT OF DEPARTURE FOR EXAMINATION OF POSSIBLE FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS.

D. COMUSMACV HAS RECEIVED GUIDANCE FROM CJCS BASED ON SECDEF MEMO CONCERNING LONG RANGE OUTLOOK FOR RVN. INSTEAD OF RESIDUAL FORCE OF ABOUT 235,000 SHOULD NOW START THINKING OF 260,000 OR AS LOW AS 190,000. NO PROSPECT OF SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGETS IN FUTURE; SHOULD START THINKING OF DRAWING DOWN TO MAAG ONLY WITHIN TWO YEARS; NO LONGER VALID, IN LONGER RANGE, TO PLAN ON PROVIDING A LOT OF COMBAT SUPPORT TO RVNAF. THE TERM "RESIDUAL FORCE". NO LONGER A GOOD TERM AND WILL BE REPLACED BY "U.S. FORCES". PREVIOUSLY, VIETNAMIZATION WAS CONSTRUED TO MEAN RVN CAPABILITY TO HANDLE "INTERNAL THREAT"; NOW IS EXTENDED TO MEAN "EXTERNAL THREAT" AS WELL. WILL PROBABLY DRAW DOWN TO 190K-260K BY JULY 1971 AND TO MAAG

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ALONE BY JULY 1973.

E. IN VIEW OF PARAGRAPH D. ABOVE, COMUSMACV WAS TO HAVE MEETING LATER THAT DAY IN REGARD TO DRAWING UP NEW PLANS FOR WHAT WE WANT RVNAF TO LOOK LIKE IF IT IS TO BE FULLY SELF-SUFFICIENT. EXAMINATION WILL INVOLVE RVNAF ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES, TOE'S, WEAPONS, INCREASING OR DECREASING NUMBERS AND TYPES OF UNITS, ETC., MACV REQUIRED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO JCS SOONEST (PROBABLY MID-DECEMBER) FOR SUBMISSION TO SECDEF BY 31 JAN 1970.
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3. (TS/LIMDIS) SUMMARY OF BRIEFING BY J-3 ACTION OFFICER AS FOLLOWS:

A. ASSESSMENT. THE FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN. THE KEY TO WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IN RVN STILL LIES WITH ENEMY. IT NOW APPEARS HE IS SIMULTANEOUSLY PREPARING TWO STRATEGIC OPTIONS. FIRST, TO INCREASE OFFENSIVE ACTIVITY EARLY IN 1970. SECOND, TO CONTINUE THE WAR AT A GENERALLY LOW LEVEL OF ACTIVITY, PUNCTUATED BY OCCASIONAL HIGH POINTS. IN CONJUNCTION WITH EITHER, HE CAN INCREASE TERRORISM, PROPAGANDA, AND POSSIBLY TRY TO DISRUPT GVN PACIFICATION PROGRAMS. THE AMBIGUITY SURROUNDING THE ENEMY'S CAPABILITIES AND INTENTIONS REMAINS, AND THE SITUATION AS YET

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DOES NOT PROVIDE A SOUND BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON FURTHER U.S. TROOP REDEPLOYMENTS.

B. PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS WERE CONSIDERED IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF APPROXIMATELY 200,000 FURTHER REDEPLOYMENTS NECESSARY TO REDUCE TO APPROXIMATELY 283,000 SUPPORT LEVEL.

C. SEVERAL FACTORS INFLUENCED MACV THINKING. FIRST, ON 15 OCT 69 CJCS REQUESTED VIEWS ON A SECDEF PROPOSAL TO REDEPLOY 100,000 TROOPS IN FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1970 SPECULATING THAT GREATER FLEXIBILITY COULD BE OBTAINED BY SCHEDULING REDEPLOYMENTS AROUND WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS THE "TROOP TURBULENCE DURING TET". ON 21 OCT MACV RESPONDED THWT SUCH AN INCREASE ALLOWED VIRTUALLY NO FLEXIBILITY; IT ABANDONED THE "CUT AND TRY" APPROACH; IT WAS UNREALISTIC TO TRY TO SCHEDULE AROUND A POSSIBLE ENEMY SPRING OFFENSIVE. ON 22 OCT, CJCS INDICATED THAT SECDEF MAY WISH TO DISCUSS PHASE 3 REDEPLOYMENTS SOMETIME EARLY IN DECEMBER. CINCPAC FOLLOWED CJCS MESSAGE WITH ITS OWN REQUEST FOR PHASE 3 RECOMMENDATIONS BY 24 NOV. ON 13 NOV CINCPAC REITERATED HIS REQUEST FOR MACV RECOMMENDATIONS ON A PHASE 3 FORCE PACKAGE FOR CINCPAC PLANNING PURPOSES. AS A CONSEQUENCE, MACV HAS BEEN EVALUATING ALTERNATIVES AT THE

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100,000 AND 200,000 LEVELS AS A FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH SPECIFIC REDOMMENDATIONS FOR PHASE 3 COULD BE MADE.

D. TWO BROAD ALTERNATIVES WERE CONSIDERED. FIRST ALTERNATIVE, FOLLOWS SCHEME LAID OUT IN ORIGINAL NSSM-36 PLAN, I.E., ADDITIONAL ARMY TROOPS COULD BE REDEPLOYED UNTILL THE ARMY SUPPORT LEVEL, WHICH REMAINS AFTER PHASE 6, IS REACHED, THEN TAKE OUT THE REST OF THE MARINES. THIS WOULD MEAN TAKING OUT 12 BRIGADE FORCES AND THREE DIVISION BASES.

E. IN THE SECOND ALTERNATIVE, THE PROCESS IS REVERSED. ALL THE MARINES AND SOME ARMY FORCES WOULD REDEPLOY IN THE NEXT 100,000. THIS WOULD INVOLVE ONLY EIGHT BRIGADES AND TWO DIVISION BASES. HOWEVER, UNDER THIS OPTION NINE USMC FIGHTER/ATTACK SQUADRONS WOULD ALSO BE REDEPLOYED.

F. THE FOLLOWING WERE GIVEN AS ADVANTAGES OF THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION:

(1) DELAYS DRAWDOWN ON GROUND COMBAT FORCES BY SAVING FOUR BRIGADES AND ONE DIVISION BASE.

(2) FACILITATES READJUSTMENT OF COMMAND ARRANGEMENTS IN I CORPS, I.E., AMALGAMATION OF XXIV CORPS AND III MAF.

(3) FACILITATES CLOSING NSA DANANG.

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(4) APPEASES CRITICS WHO HAVE CRITICIZED EXXCESSIVE TACAIR STRENGTH IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

(5) ELIMINATES DUPLICATIONS OF TWO SERVICES, I.E., USA AND USMC SERVICES HEADQUARTERS AND LOGISTIC SYSTEMS.

(6) ASSISTS IN RECONSTITUTING PACOM RESERVE.

G. THE FOLLOWING WERE GIVEN AS DISADVANTAGES TO MARINE HEAVY OPTION:

(1) EARLY DRAWDOWN ON TACAIR.

(2) EARLY REQUIREMENT FOR USARV TO RELIEVE NSA DANANG.

(3) MAY REQUIRE IN-COUNTRY DEPLOYMENTS TO COUNTER

ENEMY.

(4) UNCERTAIN PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT ON GVN LEADERS IN

ICTZ.

(5) ROKMC SUPPORT A PROBLEM.

(6) POTENTIAL SERVICE PROBLEM BY "TAKING OUT THE VOLUNTEERS" AND REPLACING WITH "DRAFTEES".

H. THE MACV PREFERRED OPTION ON THE BASIS OF THE ABOVE FACTORS IS THE MARINE HEAVY PACKAGE.

I. THE FIRST INCREMENT OF 35,000 WOULD CONSIST OF AN ARMY DIVISION (1ST INFANTRY DIVISION) FOLLOWED BY RLT-26 OR AN ARMY BRIGADE. ON BASIS OF ENEMY SITUATION, MACV PREFERS TO GO WITH RLT-26. THE SECOND INCREMENT OF ABOUT 27,000 WOULD CONSIST OF TWO RLT'S, A BRIGADE AND SERVICE SUPPORT. FINALLY, IN THE THIRD INCREMENT, THE REST OF THE MARINES WOULD REDEPLOY AND THERE WOULD BE A TRANSFER OF NECESSARY PORTIONS OF NSA DANANG TO THE ARMY.

J. RECOMMENDATIONS BY MACV STAFF TO COMUSMACV AS FOLLOWS:

(1) APPROVE ASSESSMENT, UPDATE AND FORWARD TO CJCS AND CINCPAC.

(2) MARINE HEAVY OPTION BE ADOPTED FOR FURTHER PLANNING.

(3) PHASE 3 REPLY TO CINCPAC TO CONSIST OF 35,000 PACKAGE FOR PLANNING BUT NO RECOMMENDATION AS TO TIMING.

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4. (TS/LD) IN DISCUSSIONS AFTER BRIEFING, BRIEFER INDICATED THAT COMUS

MACV PERSONALLY FAVORS THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION AND THE 35,000 FIRST INCREMENT PACKAGE CONTAINING RLT-26; THE OVER-RIDING FACTOR WAS THE LOSS OF 8 BRIGADES VERSAS 12 BRIGADES; BELIEVES, IF HE IS REQUIRED TO REDEPLOY 100,000, THE OPTION WHICH RETAINS THE MOST COMBAT FORCES MUST BE ACCEPTED. ACKNOWLEDGED DRAWDOWN ON TACAIR BUT ESTIMATE REMAINING AIR FORCE SQUADRONS HAVE A SURGE CAPABILITY TO MAKE UP 80 PERCENT OF DIFFERENCE. BRIEFER STATED THE DRASTIC DEPARTURE FROM NSSM-36 WAS DUE TO FACT THAT ENEMY SITUATION HAS NOT PROGRESSED AS FAVORABLY AS WAS EXPECTED AND, THEREFORE, IN EFFECT, PHASE 6 WAS FLIP-FLOPPED WITH PHASES 3 4 AND 5 TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BRIGADE FORCES REMAINING. IN ADDITION, SINCE RESIDUAL FORCE WILL CHANGE IN MAKE-UP, I.E., LESS EMPHASIS ON U.S. COMBAT SUPPORT, REQUIRE MAXIMUM COMBAT FORCES.

5. (TS/LD) BRIEFER INDICATED COMMANDERS WOULD BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AT WIEU BUT COMUSMACV HOPED COMMENTS WOULD NOT INVOLVE POLITICAL/SERVICE MATTERS. REALIZES FINAL DECISION WILL BE MADE AT JCS LEVEL AND WOULD PREFER LATTER TO THRASH OUT SERVICE POLITICS; WOULD HOPE HIS COMMANDERS, AS HE, APPROACH THE PROBLEM FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A FIELD COMMANDER

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ONLY. UNDERSTANDS USMC DESIRE TO "KEEP FLAG IN-COUNTRY" BUT OTHER CONSIDERATIONS ARE OVER-RIDING.

6. (TS/LD) COMUSMACV REPORTEDLY INTENDS TO FORWARD HIS RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE 35,000 PACKAGE TO CINCPAC ON 23 NOV 1969, THE DAY AFTER WIEU; IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THERE IS SOME SLIGHT POSSIBILITY THAT HE MIGHT CHANGE HIS MIND ON INCLUDING RLT-26 IN FIRST INCREMENT. HOWEVER, IT FURTHER APPEARS THAT HE BELIEVES THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION IS THE MOST PRACTICAL SOLUTION AND THAT ANY SERVICE RAMIFICATIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE RESOLVED AT JCS LEVEL.

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1. (TS/LD) COMUSMACV'S MONTHLY WIEU MEETING FOR COMMANDERS WAS
HELD ON 22 NOV 69. MEETING LONGER THAN USUAL AND GREATEST PORTION
OF MEETING DEVOTED TO BRIEFING ON AND A DISCUSSION OF FURTHER
REDEPLOYMENTS. CONTENTS OF BRIEFING WAS AS REPORTED IN REFER-
ENCE A. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED.

2. (TS/LD) DURING THE DISCUSSION, I RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:
...THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION IS INCONSISTENT WITH NSSM-36
AND NO REASONS HAD BEEN ADVANCED WHICH JUSTIFY SUCH A MAJOR
DEVIATION FROM NSSM-36.

B. THE REASONING THAT THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION IS ADVANTAGEOUS
TO MACV BECAUSE IT INVOLVES THE LOSS OF ONLY 8 BRIGADE FORCES
COMPARED WITH 12 BRIGADE FORCES UNDER THE ARMY HEAVY OPTION IS
FALLACIOUS. ASSUMING AN AVERAGE USA BRIGADE STRENGTH OF 4,000

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AND AN AVERAGE USMC RLT STRENGTH OF 6,000, THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO OPTIONS IN GROUND COMBAT POWER IS ONLY 1 2/3 USMC RLT'S OR 2 1/2 BRIGADES. BUT IN ADDITION, THE MARINE HEAVY OPTION INVOLVES THE LOSS OF THE MARINE CAP PROGRAM AND NINE ATTACH/FIGHTER ATTACK SQUADRONS TOTALLING SOME 130 AIRCRAFT, BOTH OF WHICH ARE IRREPLACEABLE.

C. DURING THE TACAIR DISCUSSION, GENERAL BROWN VOLUNTEERED THAT THE REDEPLOYMENT OF THE FMAW WOULD RESULT IN A 28 PERCENT REDUCTION OF IN-COUNTRY TACAIR SORTIES. SOME OF THE OTHER FORCE COMMANDERS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE NOT NOW RECEIVING ALGBOF THE TACAIR THEY REQUIRE. GENERAL ABRAMS STATED THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT ALL AIR, INCLUDING THE B-52'S; BUT I BELIEVE THAT I GOT TO HIM ON THE TACAIR ISSUE AND THAT MY POINT SANK IN.

D. CG II FFV COMPLAINED ABOUT LOSING THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION. I POINTED OUT THAT OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE PHASE 1 AND 2 REDEPLOYMENTS HAVE ALREADY COME OUT OF I CORPS.

E. SHIPPING WOULD BE A VERY SERIOUS PROBLEM ESPECIALLY SINCE THE NEW REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD INVOLVE MOVES PRIMARILY TO CONUS AND NOT TO OKINAWA. GENERAL BROWN AGREED THAT HE WOULD HAVE MASSIVE PROBLEMS JUST MOVING USAF AIRCRAFT OUT-OF-COUNTRY

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IN A SHORT PERIOD LIKE SIX MONTHS.

F. I RAISED THE QUESTION OF ROKFORV TENURE IN VIETNAM. NO DEFINITIVE ANSWER COULD BE GIVEN EXCEPT THAT AMBASSADOR BUNKER AND GENERAL ABRAMS AGREED THEY WOULD PROBABLY BE AMONG THE LAST TO DEPART. WITH RESPECT TO THE ROK MARINES, I IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO MARRY UP A MARINE AIR/GROUND BRIGADE WITH THE ROKMC BRIGADE IN THE RESIDUAL FORCE. I DOUBT IF THIS SANK IN.

3. (TS/LD) GENERAL ABRAMS AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER AGREED THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT BEFORE CHRISTMAS. GENERAL ABRAMS STATED THAT WE ARE BETTER OFF THAN WE WERE JUST PRIOR TO THE 1968 TET OFFENSIVE SINCE THE ARVN AND THE TERRITORIALS HAVE IMPROVED IN EFFECTIVENESS, ETC. HOWEVER, WE ARE IN THE DARK AS TO WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN THIS YEAR AND THE TET PERIOD IS EXACTLY WHEN WE NEED ALL OF OUR PRESENT FORCES. BELIEVES WE HAVE THE STRENGTH NOW TO TAKE ON THE NVA SHOULD THEY DECIDE TO COME DOWN. GENERAL ABRAMS INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT THAT IF HE SENT A MESSAGE STATING THAT HE WOULD GO ALONG WITH A 150,000 REDEPLOYMENT DURING 1970, HE WOULD GET A CONCURRENCE BY RETURN MESSAGE. HE BELIEVED FURTHER THAT HE WOULD BE PERMITTED

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TO CONTROL THE TIMING OF EXODUS HOWEVER. IN THIS WAY, HE MIGHT BE ABLE TO KEEP EVERYTHING HE NOW HAS THROUGH TET (MARCH) BUT THIS WOULD MEAN THAT REDEPLOYMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPRESSED INTO THE LAST NINE MONTHS OF 1970. ABE'S DISCUSSION ON THIS POINT CAME BEFORE HE AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER MENTIONED PRESIDENT THIEU'S AGREEMENT ON 150S PLUS 65K ALREADY OUT. SEE PARA 4.C. BELOW. THSACOMMENTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE RELATED. GENERAL ABRAMS RECOGNIZED THE HORRENDOUS PROBLEMS ALL SERVICES WOULD HAVE. HE STATED THAT IF THE PRESIDENT MUST MAKE ANOTHER ANNOUNCEMENT, HE MIGHT GO ALONG WITH 35,000 BUT THAT HE COULD NOT SAFELY TAKE OUT 50,000 IN THE JAN-MAR TIME FRAME. THIS WAS PART OF GIVE AND TAKE DISCUSSION AND SHOULD BE NOTED AS SOMEWHAT OUT OF CONTEXT.

4. (TS/LD) GENERAL ABRAMS AND AMBASSADOR BUNKER AGREED THAT THE SENSE OF THE MEETING WAS:

- A. CONTINUE THE "CUT AND TRY" APPROACH.
- B. DO NOT REDEPLOY ANY ADDITIONAL TROOPS AT THIS TIME; WAIT TO SEE ENEMY DEVELOPMENTS THROUGH THE TET PERIOD.
- C. IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT THIEU'S STATEMEMU THAT HE COULD ACCEPT A 150,000 REDEPLOYMENT NEXT YEAR, BRIEF GENERAL VINH AND HIS STAFF AND HAVE THEM COME UP WITH A SCHEDULE FOR REDE-

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PLOYMENT BUILT AROUND THIEU'S 150,000. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO 65K ALREADY OUT, OR 215K.

5. (TS/LD) FOLLOWING ARE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO THE WIEU MEETING:

A. IN VIEW OF CMC'S DESIRES TO RETAIN A USMC BRIGADE ASSJ PART OF THE RESIDUAL FORCE, I SUGGEST WE ALSO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING THE CAPS AS A PART OF THE RESIDUAL FORCE. IN ADDITION, WE WOULD REQUIRE A ROLL-UP FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY 3,500 PERSONNEL FOR A PERIODMEF APPROXIMATELY 90 DAYS BEYOND THE DEPARTURE OF THE LAST MAJOR USMC ELEMENT.

B. IN REGARD TO THE REDEPLOYMENT OF TWO CG BATTALIONS TO IV CORPS, GENERALS MILDREN, CONROY OR TOWNSEND WERE UNAWARE OF YATES' MOVES IN THIS REGARD. GENERAL MILDREN BELIEVES YATES IS TWISTING SOME FACTS; HE INTENDS TO TALK WITH YATES SINCE THE MOVE OF THE TWO CB BATTALIONS WOULD CREATE MANY PROBLEMS FOR USARV. I WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT I DISCUSSED THIS PROBLEM WITH GENERAL WALT AND TOLD HIM IF THE PROBLEM IS NOT RESOLVED IN OUR FAVOR I WILL NOTIFY YOU IMMEDIATELY SO THAT YOU CAN RAISE THE ISSUE AT CINCPAC LEVEL OR HIGHER.

AS YOU KNOW MUCH OF THE ABOVE IS SENSITIVE. PLEASE PROTECT
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ARMY ASSUMPTION OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ. (C)

- A. CG FMFPAC 221916Z NOV 69 (TS)
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1. (C) REF A REQUESTED MY VIEWS ON CINCPACFLT'S PROPOSALS, CONTAINED IN REF B, REGARDING ACCELERATION OF TURNOVER COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ.
2. (C) AGREE THAT THERE ARE NO MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR ME EVIDENT IN THE TURNOVER OF R&B SUPPORT AT QUANG TRI AND DONG HA FROM NAVY TO ARMY. I AM WATCHING VERY CAREFULLY THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONTINUITY OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE

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CASE OF FACILITIES TURNED OVER TO ARVN HOWEVER, LEST
GAPS DEVELOP IN AREAS OF MAINTENANCE TRAINING, TURN-
OVER PROCEDURES AND POST-TURNOVER SUPPORTS

3. (TS) I AM IN ACCORD WITH MACV'S GUIDANCE IN REF
C BUT CINCPACFLT'S PROPOSAL (REF B) TO CREATE SUB
AREAS FOR A GRADUAL TURNOVER TO THE ARMY WHERE USMC
FORCES ARE NOT ENGAGED IS NEW TO ME. THE NAVY POSI-
TION PROPOSING A GEOGRAPHICALLY-PHASED TURNOVER FIRST
CAME TO MY ATTENTION IN REF D. THE PROPOSAL HAS NOT
BEEN COORDINATED WITH MY HEADQUARTERS AND WHILE SUCH
A PLAN MIGHT BE CARRIED OUT SATISFACTORILY IT EM-
BODIES A POTENTIAL FOR SEVERAL UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUEN-
CES WHICH I AM RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT. AMONG THOSE
ABOUT WHICH I AM MOST CONCERNED ARE: THE EROSION OF
MY ABILITY TO COORDINATE SUPPORT FUNCTIONS WITH THE
TACTICAL SITUATION WHERE SEVERAL SUB-AREAS ARE IN-
VOLVED; THE TENDENCY TO CONSTRICT MANEUVER ELEMENTS
TO THE AREAS WHERE THEIR SUPPORT FORCES ARE LOCATED;
AND, THE PIECEMEAL SUBSTITUTION OF SEPARATE SUPPORT
DETACHMENTS FOR WHAT IS NOW A VIABLE, DEPENDABLE AND

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WELL STRUCTURED SUPPORT FORCE.

4. (TS) CONCUR WITH BOTH EXHORTATION IN REF C
CALLING FOR AN ACCELERATION IN JOINT PLANNING FOR
THE TRANSFER OF SUPPORT FUNCTIONS IN ICIZ AND ADM
HYLAND'S DESIRE TO PROCEED CAREFULLY AND DELIBERATELY
TOWARD SUCH A TURN-OVER. AT THIS TIME, HOWEVER, I
AM UNABLE TO FIND ANY BASIS WHICH WARRANTS ACCELE-
RATION OF THE ACTUAL TURNOVER. AS POINTED OUT IN REF
A IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT AS USMC FORCE REDEPLOYED
THE NAVY WOULD REDUCE PROPORTIONATELY. SUCH REDUC-
TIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN PHASES I AND II AND ARE
SCHEDULED SIMILARLY FOR SUBSEQUENT PHASES. ACCELE-
RATION OF NAVY PHASE-DOWN BEYOND PRESENT SCHEDULE
SUGGEST COMMON SERVICE TURNOVER TO PROCEED NOT PRO-
PORTIONATELY BUT INDEPENDENTLY OF USMC PHASE-DOWN.
MY VIEW IS THAT PLANNING SHOULD BE ACCELERATED TO
PERMIT EITHER RAPID TURNOVER OR DELIBERATE TURN-
OVER BASED ON REDEPLOYMENT DECISIONS AND ABILITY
OF RESIDUAL FORCES TO ACCEPT THE TASKS.

5. (S) PRESENT PLANNING FOR COMMON SERVICE TURN-

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 OVER IS PROCEEDING ALONG FUNCTIONAL LINES E. G.
 FACILITIES ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION, AMMUNITION,
 ISSA ETC. WHILE EXPANDING PLANNING ALONG GEOGRAPH-
 ICAL LINES CAN BE ACCOMMODATED I DO NOT SEE ANY
 ADVANTAGES TO CREATING ADDITIONAL LOGISTICS
 JURISDICTIONS. I ESPECIALLY DO NOT DESIRE TO FRAC-
 TIONATE ICTZ INTO SUB-ZONES (FOR EXAMPLE; NORTHERN,
 CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN) THAT MIGHT DIMINISH CURRENT
 SUPPORT CAPABILITIES OR WEAKEN MY ABILITY TO SHIFT
 RESOURCES AS NECESSARY TO MEET UNEXPECTED OR
 CHANGING SITUATIONS.

6. (S) PACING FACTOR IN SHIFT OF COMMON SERVICE
 SUPPORT IN ICTZ APPEARS TO BE USARV'S FLAT OUT
 CONTENTION, SPELLED OUT IN REF F, THAT "HQ USARV
 WILL NOT BE CAPABLE OF ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY FOR
 THOSE SERVICES PRESENTLY PERFORMED UNDER NAVY
 COGNIZANCE IN ICTZ UNTIL PHASE SIX." UNLESS USARV
 CAN ACCELERATE THEIR CAPABILITY TO ACCEPT TURNOVER
 I DO NOT ANTICIPATE A SPEED UP IN NAVY'S ABILITY TO
 PHASE-DOWN. THIS BELIEF UNDERSCORED BY USMACV

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 POSITION QUOTED IN REF E THAT "U. S. ARMY IS TO PLAN
 TO TAKE OVER AND MAN ONLY THOSE FACILITIES AND
 FUNCTIONS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT
 TO RESIDUAL FORCES."

7. IN SUM, NAVY PHASE-DOWN IN ICTZ SHOULD PROCEED IN
 STEP WITH CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED PHASING IN A REASONED
 AND DELIBERATE MANNER BASED ON OPERATIONAL FACTORS
 AND ARMY'S ABILITY TO ACCEPT ADDITIONAL LOGISTIC
 RESPONSIBILITIES. DO NOT DESIRE INDEPENDENT OR
 PRECIPITATE NAVY PHASE DOWN BASED ON GEOGRAPHIC OR
 AD HOC ARRANGEMENTS.

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FOR LTGENERAL BUSE FROM LTGENERAL NICKERSON.

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SUBJ: TROOP LIST

1. (TS/LD) WE HAVE AS YET RECEIVED NO REQUEST OR GUIDELINES FROM
MACV IN REGARD TO SUBMISSION OF TROOP LISTS. NEVERTHELESS, IN
VIEW OF THE FACT THAT IN ALL PROBABILITY AN RLT WILL BE INCLUDED
IN ONE OF THE EARLY INCREMENTS, CONTAINED HEREIN IS A PROPOSED
TROOP LIST FOR APPROXIMATELY 7,500 PERSONNEL. IT INCLUDES
RLT-26, THE 7TH MT BN, A DETACHMENT FROM FLC, AND A VMFA SQUADRON.
DETAILED UNIT PERSONNEL STRENGTHS WILL BE VALIDATED UPON RECEIPT
OF APPROPRIATE DIRECTIVE FROM MACV.

2. (TS/LD) THE FOLLOWING TROOP LIST IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR
APPROVAL:

UNIT

STRENGTH

HQ CO 26TH MAR

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UNIT

STRENGTH

1ST BN 26TH MAR

1,190

2D BN 26TH MAR

1,190

3D BN 26TH MAR

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1ST BN 13TH MAR

669

K BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR

110

DET HQ BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR

21

CO A 5TH AT BN

69

DET H&S CO 5TH AT BN

6

CO A 5TH ENGR BN

129

DET H&S CO 5TH ENGR BN

4

CO A 5TH RECON BN

72

DET H&S CO 5TH RECON BN

16

CO A 5TH MED BN (C&C CO)

25

CO A 5TH MT BN

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DET H&S CO 5TH MT BN

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CO A 5TH SP BN

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TOTAL

7,504

3. (TS/LD) IN THE EVENT IT IS NECESSARY TO INCREASE FURTHER
 THE NUMBER OF PERSONNEL, IT IS OUR INTENTION TO ADD A HEAVY
 HELO SQUADRON WITH A STRENGTH OF 233.

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A. CG III MAF 161112Z DEC 69

1. (TS/LD) MACV PLANNERS ARE WORKING ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT
 THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION WILL BE APPROVED AND THAT THE
 ANNOUNCED 50,000 REDEPLOYMENT WILL BE THE FIRST INCREMENT
 OF THAT OPTION. WE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BY 1100H
 18 DEC A TROOP LIST TOTALLING 19.1K PERSONNEL TO BE REDEPLOYED
 BY 15 APRIL.

2. (TS/LD) REFERENCE A PROVIDED A TROOP LIST FOR 7,504
 PERSONNEL. THAT TROOP LIST BECOMES A PART OF OUR PROPOSED
 19.1K TROOP LIST, HOWEVER, REQUEST IT BE MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
 DELETE THE PHOTO INT TEAM WITH 48 PERSONNEL. INCREASE THE
 COONE TO 448. TOTAL TROOP LIST REMAINS THE SAME, 7,504.

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B. CG III MAF 170702Z/DEC69 (TS) (SPECAT)

C. CMC 161910Z/DEC⁶⁹₁ (TS) (SPECAT)

1. (TS) I HAVE BEEN TALKING TO BILL VAN RYZIN CONCERNING
 THE RECENTLY ANNOUNCED 50K WITHDRAWAL PACKAGE, AND
 THE ARMY, EVIDENTLY BECAUSE OF FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS, IS
 ANXIOUS TO GET MORE TROOPS OUT OF RVN BY MID-APRIL 1970.
 HQMC IS DESIROUS OF A MARINE CORPS TOTAL OF AROUND 10.6K
 AS PART OF THE 50K SO APPARENTLY THE MARINE CORPS HEAVY
 OPTION, AT THE WASHINGTON LEVEL AT LEAST, IS OUT OF THE

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PICTURE FOR THE TIME BEING.

2. (TS) IN ORDER THAT WE MAY SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE MARINE CORPS PORTION OF THE SOK, REQUEST YOU PROVIDE ME A TROOP LIST WHICH ADDRESSES A III MAF TOTAL OF 10.6K. AFTER STAFFING HERE, I WILL SUBMIT THIS TO CHAPPY FOR HQMC APPROVAL.

3. (TS) YOUR 7.5K TROOP LIST IN REF A, AS MODIFIED BY PAR 2, REF B, LOOKS FINE TO FORM THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE 10.6K. IN ARRIVING AT THE ADDITIVES NECESSARY TO BRING YOUR 7.5K PACKAGE TO 10.6K, I WOULD APPRECIATE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING THE AVIATION UNITS LISTED BELOW. BECAUSE OF THE ATSUGI/IWAKUNI BASE LOADING PROBLEM WHICH HAS RECENTLY SURFACED (REF C, APPLIES), I CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO ATTAIN OUR IWAKUNI T-DAY POSTURE SOONEST (I.E., THREE F-4, TWO A-6, ONE A-4, AND ONE VMCT SQUADRON) TO ESTABLISH SQUATTERS' RIGHTS THERE AND HENCE NEGOTIATE WITH JOHNNY HYLAND FROM A POSITION OF SOME STRENGTH. TO THIS END, THOSE UNITS BELOW SO DESIGNATED WOULD RELOCATE TO IWAKUNI. THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE VMFA LISTED IN REF A.

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←DOUBLE SPACE-MAXIMUM 65 CHARACTERS AND SPACES PER LINE→
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	<u>SPACES</u>	<u>DESTINATION</u>
H&MS-_____	375	IWAKUNI
✓MABS-_____	170	IWAKUNI
✓VMA-_____	218	IWAKUNI
DET H&MS-_____ (IMA)	34	IWAKUNI
H&MS-17 (MWSG-17 (REAR))	228	IWAKUNI
✓VMFA-_____	328	3DMAW
HMH-_____	233	3DMAW
DET H&MS-16 (IMA)	36	3DMAW

4. (TS) REF B, WAS ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED HERE AND IT APPEARS, BASED UPON MY CONVERSATION WITH BILL VAN RYZIN (PAR ONE) THAT THERE IS A "DISCONNECT" BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND SAIGON. AFTER AN ADDRESSAL OF REF B, REQUEST THAT THE AVIATION PORTION OF YOUR 17,680 TROOP LIST BE MODIFIED TO INCLUDE THOSE AVIATION UNITS (PLUS THE VMFA REFERRED TO IN REF A,) SET FORTH IN PAR THREE ABOVE PROVIDING IT MEETS YOUR TACTICAL SITUATION. SUBJECT TO THIS, AUTHORITY IS GRANTED TO SUBMIT THE 17,680 TROOP LIST AS A PURELY PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

5. Phone Call just received from Cliff Drake indicates
WARM REGARDS.
Chiefs will settle on figure between 10.6 and 22.3
probably about 13. Stay 10056.
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RUWJMUA/COMNAVAIRPAC

RUWJAIA/COMCRUDESAC

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MASTER PLANNING (U)

REF A: CINCPACFLT LTR FF1-1 4000 SER 41/001194
 OF 13 NOV 69.

1. (S) REF A PROVIDED THE NAVY DEPARTMENTS CONCEPTUAL BASE DEVELOPMENT REQUIREMENTS PLAN FOR GUAM AND THE TTPI AND ADVISED THAT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND COMMENTS WOULD BE SOLICITED AT A LATER DATE.

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2. (S) THE FOLLOWING ASSUMPTIONS APPLY TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN:

- A. THE U.S. HAS LOST THE USE OF THE BASES IN JAPAN, OKINAWA AND THE PHILIPPINES.
- B. THE BASES IN OTHER WESTERN PACIFIC COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE EXPANDED ABOVE THE PRESENT UTILIZATION.
- C. THE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE WAR IN SOUTHEAST ASIA HAS ENDED.
- D. PRESENT SIOP COMMITMENTS WILL CONTINUE.
- E. THE FORCES LISTED IN FYDP FOR FY 75 SHALL BE USED FOR THIS PLAN AND THE 7TH FLT WILL CONSIST OF THOSE SHIPS LISTED IN PARA 3 BELOW.
- F. THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF SHIPS HOMEPORTED IN GUAM/TTPI ARE THOSE INDICATED IN PARA 4 BELOW.
- G. THE BASES AVAILABLE IN GUAM/TTPI ARE THOSE CONTAINED IN THE CNO/CMC CONCEPTUAL PLAN.

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- H. SRF GUAM WILL BE THE MAJOR REPAIR BASE WEST OF PEARL HARBOR.
- I. NORMAL TWO WEEK UPKEEP PERIODS REQUIRING TENDER SUPPORT WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AT FSA MALAKAL.
- J. R AND R VISITS WILL CONTINUE TO PORTS IN JAPAN, OKINAWA, TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES AND SINGAPORE.
- K. NSD GUAM WILL BE THE MAJOR RESUPPLY BASE FOR THE UNDERWAY RE-

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PLENISHMENT GROUP.

- L. POL RESUPPLY WILL BE FROM NSD GUAM AND NAVSTA BABELTHUAP.
- M. SHIP VISITS TO NAVAL BASE PALAU WILL NORMALLY BE LIMITED TO FUEL STOPS, AMMO LOAD OUTS/OFF LOADS, UPKEEP PERIODS AND THOSE INVOLVED IN AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING.

3. (S) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS MASTER PLAN AND BASED ON SHIPS ASSIGNED TO CINCPACFLT IN THE FYDP FOR END FY 75 THE 7TH FLT SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING SHIP TYPES:

- A. THREE CVAN/CVA
- B. TWO CA/CLG
- C. FIVE DLGN/DLG
- D. ELEVEN DD/DDG
- E. THIRTEEN DE/DEG
- F. NINE SS/SSN
- G. FOUR MSO
- H. ONE LHA
- I. ONE LPH
- J. THREE LSD/LPD
- K. THREE LST 1179 CLASS
- L. SIX AO/AOE/AOR

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- M. TWO AF/AFS
- N. THREE AE
- O. ONE AOG
- P. TWO AD/AR
- Q. TWO ARS
- R. ONE ASR

S. SIX ATA/ATF/ATS

4. (S) FOR PURPOSES OF THIS PLAN, THE FOLLOWING SHIPS ARE ASSUMED TO BE HOMEPORTED IN GUAM:

ONE CA/CLG, 7TH FLT FLAGSHIP

ONE DESRON (NOTE: 1)

ONE MINRON (NOTE: 1)

SEVEN PG

ONE ARS

ONE ATA

ONE AS/AS(FBM) (NOTE: 2)

NOTE 1: MAY BE ATTACHED TO 7TH FLT DEPENDING ON DEPLOYMENT ROTATION.

NOTE 2: SSBN WILL CONTINUE TO USE GUAM IAW CINCPACFLT OPORDER 202-(YR).

5. (S) WITHIN THE GUIDELINES PROVIDED IN ENCLOSURE (1) TO REFERENCE

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A, AND THE ASSUMPTIONS LISTED ABOVE, REQUEST THE FOLLOWING:
A. COMSERVPAC: THE AFLOAT ASSETS FOR FSA MALAKAL WHICH WILL INCLUDE
AS A MINIMUM 1 AD/AR, AND A FLOATING DRYDOCK CAPABLE OF DOCKING AN
SSN.
B. COMINERAC: DEFINE INSHORE UNDERSEA WARFARE GROUP - DET, INCLUDING
NUMBER OF OFFICERS/MEN AND REQUIRED SUPPORT.
C. FOR ALL: IN ADDITION TO INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPHS 5.A.
AND 5.B., REQUEST IDENTIFY ALL OTHER UNITS OR ACTIVITIES SET FORTH
REF A WHICH WILL REQUIRE TTPI SUPPORT, E.G. LAND ACQUISITION/MILCON/
OTHER SUPPORT. THESE UNITS SHOULD BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME OR IF UNIT
NOT IN BEING, INDICATE SIZE/STRENGTH OF UNIT.
6. (U) THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN PARA 5 ABOVE WILL ASSIST IN
DEVELOPING DRAFT BFRLS FOR THESE BASES.
7. (U) RESPONSE REQUIRED BY 25 JAN 70.

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**1. (TS/LD) COMUSMACV HAS REQUESTED A 1Ø.8K TROOP LIST BY COB
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RLT-26

UNIT

HQ CO 26TH MAR

1ST BN 26TH MAR

2D BN 26TH MAR

3D BN 26TH MAR

1ST BN 13TH MAR

STRENGTH

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K BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR	110
DET HQ BTRY 4TH BN 13TH MAR	21
CO A 5TH AT BN	69
DET H&S CO 5TH AT BN	6
CO A 5TH ENGR BN	129
DET H&S CO 5TH ENGR BN	4
CO A 5TH RECON BN	72
DET H&SCO 5TH RECON BN	16
CO A 5TH MED BN (C&C CO)	25
CO A 5TH MT BN	95
DET H&S CO 5TH MT BN	3
CO A 5TH SP BN	60
DET H&S CO 5TH SP BN	37
DET MP CO HQBN 5TH MARDIV	20
DET SVC CO HQBN 5TH MARDIV	16
CO A 5TH TK BN	24
DET H&S CO 5TH TK BN	73
CO A 5TH AMTRAC BN	146
DET H&S CO 5TH AMTRAC BN	26
DET 9TH COMM BN IU	6

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DET FLC	651
7TH MT BN	407
DET HQBN 3D MARDIV (SCAMP)	50
1ST AT BN (C)	19
LSU 5TH SERV BN	62
LSU 5TH SERV BN	62
LSU 5TH SERV BN	62
OOCNE	339
TOTAL	7,067

FORCE UNITS

UNIT	STRENGTH
3D AMTRAC BN	707 ✓
DET FLC	400 ✓
CMR PLT	43
1ST HOSP CO	35
3D IT	6
MILITARY ASST TM	5
PLT 3D BRIDGE CO (REIN)	60
DET 5TH COMM BN	215
DET TRANS FAC	50

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DET 1ST RAD BN

	TOTAL	52	
	AVIATION	1,573	17.9
H&MS-12 (1)		403	
MABS-12		365	
VMFA-542		328	
H&MS-11 (IMA FOR VMFA) (2)		52	
VMA-211		218	
VMA-223		218	
HMH-361		233	
DET MWHG-1		25	
MATCU-62		68	
DET MAG-16 (INCLUDING IMA FOR HMH) (3)		200	
DET MACG-18		50	
		2,160	
	RECAPITULATION		
	RLT-26	7,067	
	FORCE	1,573	
	AVIATION	2,160	
	TOTAL	10,800	

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- (1) IMA SUPPORT FOR ONE A4 SQUADRON WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO H&MS-13 (34 SPACES).
- (2) DET H&MS-11 IS IMA SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO BE TRANSFERRED WITH VMFA-542 (52 SPACES).
- (3) DET MAG-16 INCLUDES 164 SPACES THAT WILL BE DELETED BY RELOCATING HELO ASSETS FROM PHU BAI TO MMAF AND 36 SPACES THAT ARE IMA SUPPORT FOR HMH-361.

2. (TS/LD) IT WILL BE NOTED THAT THE ABOVE TROOP LIST VARIES FROM THAT CONTAINED IN REFS A AND B AS FOLLOWS: THE HMM AND 2 ASRTS ARE NOT INCLUDED; IN ADDITION, A VMA IS PROVIDED VICE A VMFA. THE FOLLOWING IS THE RATIONALE FOR THE ABOVE:

A. THERE ARE CURRENTLY FIVE ASRTS IN COUNTRY WHICH GIVE COMPLETE COVERAGE FOR ICTZ WITH TPQ. FMAW PROVIDES 90 PER CENT OF THE FIXED WING SORTIES IN I CORPS. OF ALL FIXED WING SORTIES, 22 PER CENT ARE UNDER TPQ CONTROL DURING NIGHT AND ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS. ALL SETS ARE OLD AND REQUIRE CONSTANT MAINTENANCE. TWO SETS ARE MUTUALLY SUPPORTING IN 1ST MARDIV AO TO PROVIDE COMPLETE 24 HOUR COVERAGE. STRONGLY BELIEVE FIVE OPERATING TPQ'S ARE REQUIRED IN ICTZ TO PROVIDE ALL WEATHER/NIGHT CLOSE AIR SUPPORT. THIS SUPPORT IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER WITH THE

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 PLANNED REDUCTION OF GROUND FORCES.

B. STRONGLY BELIEVE FOUR HMM'S REQUIRED TO SUPPORT III MAF
 FORCES. ALTHOUGH RLT IS BEING REDEPLOYED, THE 1ST MARDIV AO
 WILL REMAIN THE SAME; THIS WILL, IN FACT, INCREASE HELO REQUIRE-
 MENTS. IF JGS DECIDES TO MOVE ADDITIONAL ARVN FORCES INTO I
 CORPS, SUCH FORCES WILL BE DEPENDENT UPON FMAW FOR HELO SUPPORT.
 THERE IS CURRENTLY A SHORTAGE OF TOTAL HELO ASSETS IN I CORPS;
 REQUESTS TO COMUSMACV TO AUGMENT ARMY HELO RESOURCES HAVE BEEN
 DISAPPROVED. CONSIDER FOUR HMM'S AND ONE HMH MINIMUM REQUIRED
 FOR TROOP LIFT, RESUPPLY, AND OTHER FUNCTIONS SUCH AS RECON
 INSERT, MED EVAC, ETC.

C. THE RECOMMENDATION TO REDEPLOY MAG-12 WITH TWO A-4
 SQUADRONS AND RETAIN MAG-13 IN COUNTRY WITH THREE F-4 AND ONE
 A-4 SQUADRON INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

(1) ESTABLISHED H&MS SUPPORT FOR SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS
 SYSTEM OF F4 IS IN-BEING IN MAG-13 AND PROVIDING MAINTENANCE/
 AVIONICS SUPPORT TO THREE F4 SQUADRONS. ASSIGNING ONE A4
 SQUADRON TO MAG-13 WITH IMA SUPPORT (34 PERSONNEL) TO H&MS-13
 WOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE AND NOT DEGRADE THE A4 MAINTENANCE
 CAPABILITY.

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(2) THE F4 WEAPONS SYSTEM CAN BE MORE EFFECTIVELY
 UTILIZED IN THE NIGHT/ALL WEATHER ATTACK ROLE THAN THE A4.
 CROSSWIND RESTRICTIONS ON THE A4 AND THE CUMBERSOME PROCESS OF
 USING JATO DEGRADES THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THE A4 DURING
 WEATHER ASSOCIATED WITH THE CURRENT MONSOON SEASON WHICH DOES
 NOT END UNTIL LATE FEB/EARLY MARCH.

(3) THE F4 HAS THE CAPABILITY OF CARRYING MORE EXTERNAL
 ORDNANCE THAN THE A4 WHEN UTILIZED IN THE ATTACK ROLE AND HAS A
 GREATER RANGE ANJRTIME ON STATION.

(4) THE F4 IS EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN THE FIGHTER ROLE
 WHICH MUST BE CONSIDERED IN THE EVENT THE ENEMY SHOULD INITIATE
 AIR ACTIVITIES DURING THE WITHDRAWAL PHASES OF GROUND UNITS.
 ADDITIONALLY, THE FIGHTER/ATTACK CAPABILITY WOULD BE UTILIZED

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IN THE EVENT AIR OPERATIONS SHOULD BE REINSTITUTED OVER NORTH
VIETNAM.

(5) THE ONE A4 SQUADRON WILL PROVIDE THE WING WITH THE
CAPABILITY OF LOW LEVEL CLOSE-IN-SUPPORT. WHEN THE WEATHER IS
MARGINAL, VFR UNDER 1500 FEET CEILING AND LESS, A MORE MANUVER-
ABLE AIRCRAFT IS REQUIRED. THIS IS OFTEN THE CASE IN RECON
INSERTS/EXTRACTS.

3. (TS/LD) IN VIEW OF THE SHORT FUZE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO
SUBMIT THE ABOVE TROOP LIST TO MACV AS A PRELIMINARY INPUT
SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

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1. (TS/LD) REF A DISCUSSED JCS PROPOSAL FOR MARINE CORPS
PHASE III REDEPLOYMENT PACKAGE OF 12,900 AND REF B FORWARDED
DESIRED COMPOSITION OF MARINE AIR ELEMENT. REF C WAS MY
RECOMMENDED 10,800 REDEPLOYMENT TROOP LIST.

2. (TS/LD) MY RECOMMENDED 12,900 TROOP LIST FOLLOWS:

A. RLT-26: NO CHANGE FROM REF C EXCEPT OCORE; DELETE
339 AND SUBSTITUTE 448. NEW TOTAL RLT-26 IS 7,176.

B. FORCE UNITS:

UNIT

1ST SHORE PARTY BN (-)

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DET 5TH COMM BN	215
1ST TANK BN (-)	438
3D AMTRAC BN	767
DET FLC	620
PLI 1ST BRIDGE CO	48
PLI 3D BRIDGE CO	60
COR PLI	43
1ST HOSP CO	35
DET 1ST RAD BN	52
3D IT	6
DET TRANS FAC	50
MILITARY ASST TM	5
CO MP BN	200
COOGE	324

TOTAL 3,192

C. AVIATION ELEMENT:

UNIT	STRENGTH
H&MS-12 (LESS ICA FOR VLA)	423
MAES-12	365
VI FA-342	328

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H&MS-11 (ICA FOR VLA)	52
H&MS-11 (ICA FOR VLA(AW))	69
VLA-211	218
VLA-223	218
VLA(AW)	310
H&R-361	233
DET PWFG-1	25
WATCU-62	68
DET MAG-16 (INCLUDING ICA FOR H&H)	200
DET WACG-18	50

TOTAL 2,532

D. RECAPITULATION:

RLT-28	7,176
FORCE UNITS	3,192
AVIATION ELEMENT	2,532

TOTAL 12,900

3. (TS/LD) IN VIEW OF CURRENT AND PROJECTED ENEMY CAPABILITY AND UNCERTAINTY OF HIS INTENTIONS I NOW CONCUR WITH INCLUSION OF A VLA(AW) IN 12.9K PACKAGE. I DO NOT CONSIDER IT PRUDENT TO FURTHER REDUCE OUR ALL WEATHER ATTACK/CAS CAPABILITY DURING

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 THE TIME FRAME OF THIS WITHDRAWAL. CURRENT TEMPO OF OPERATIONS,
 BOTH IN AND OUT-OF-COUNTRY, FOR A6 PECULIAR MISSIONS, NECESSI-
 TATE SCHEDULING 12 AMTI AND 12 RALFAC BEACON SORTIES PER DAY
 IN ADDITION TO CAS AND TPG REQUIREMENTS. A6 CNO UTILIZATION
 CURRENTLY AT 140 PER CENT PER MONTH WITH NO FORESEEABLE REDUCTION
 IN VIEW. CONSIDER A6 ONLY AIRCRAFT AVAILABLE FRAW TO PROVIDE TRUE
 ALL WEATHER CLOSE SUPPORT. STRONGLY RECOMMEND IF A6 SQUADRON
 REQUIRED IN CONUS FOR CVA AUGMENTATION DURING SUMMER THAT
 VMA(AW) PRESENTLY LOCATED Iwakuni BE REDEPLOYED AND TWO A6
 SQUADRONS REMAIN IN RVN. REEVALUATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR A6
 CAPABILITY DURING SUBSEQUENT WITHDRAWAL PHASES WILL BE MADE.
 4. (TS/LD) FOR THESE REASONS I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT THE
 TROOP LIST IN PARAGRAPH 2 BE MODIFIED BY DELETING THE VMA(AW)
 SQUADRON AND ITS ASSOCIATED IMA SUPPORT (TOTAL 372 SPACES)
 AND SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING:

FORCE UNITS:

COMPANY, 9TH ENGR BN	200
1ST PLT, 5TH 8" HOW ETRY	54
5TH 175 GUN ETRY	158
TOTAL	412

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 DECREASE THE COCKE BY 40 TO 314.
 RECAPITULATION:

RLT-26	7,176
FORCE UNITS	3,564
AVIATION ELEMENT	2,160
TOTAL	12,900

5. (TS/LD) YOU WILL NOTE THAT NO CAG'S ARE INCLUDED IN THE
 TROOP LIST. I BELIEVE THAT REDEPLOYMENT OF CAG'S WOULD BE
 COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO THE CURRENT VIETNAMIZATION PROGRAM. NO
 FORCES ARE AVAILABLE TO REPLACE THEM. THE INFANTRY COMPANY
 INTENSIVE PACIFICATION PROGRAM WHICH HAS ITS GENESIS IN THE CAP
 PROGRAM HAS BUT RECENTLY BEGUN AND IS GRADUALLY EXPANDING. IT
 HAS NOT YET SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED TO REPLACE THE CAP'S TO ANY
 SIGNIFICANT DEGREE. I PREFER TO DELAY THE COMMENCEMENT OF CAP
 REDEPLOYMENT.

6. (TS/LD) THE TROOP LIST IS DUE AT MACV BY 221500H. THERE-
 FORE, REQUEST AUTHORITY TO SUBMIT ABOVE TROOP LIST, AS MODIFIED
 BY PARAGRAPH 4, AS A PRELIMINARY INPUT SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.

7. (U) WARM REGARDS.

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REENTRY FORCE FOR RVN (TS)

1.(TS) I AM AWARE OF NO SPECIFIC TASKING OTHER THAN THE

120 HOUR SLF READINESS POSTURE FOR THE REENTRY OF MARINE

FORCES INTO SVN, BUT SHOULD THE CALL COME TO COMMIT

OUR AMPHIBIOUS FORCES, I BELIEVE IT WILL BE A MATTER OF

EXTREME URGENCY, AND IT WILL ADD GREATLY TO THE CREDIT

OF THE NAVY-MARINE TEAM IF WE CAN RESPOND IN TIME AND

IN SUFFICIENT FORCE TO ACCOMPLISH THE TASK AT HAND.

2.(TS) WITH THIS THOUGHT IN MIND AND IN THE INTEREST

OF OUR MARINE CORPS READINESS, YOU MIGHT WANT TO

CONSIDER DEVELOPMENT OF REACTION PLANS FOR REENTRY OF

ALTERNATIVE FORCE LEVELS UP TO MEB SIZE. AT YOUR

DISCRETION, SUCH A PLANNING INVESTMENT, POSSIBLY

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COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT ICTZ

A. CG FMFPAC 241842Z DEC 69

1. HAVE REVIEWED REF A AS REQUESTED. CONSIDER FOLLOWING
COMMENTS PERTINENT:

A. I AGREE THAT IT IS TIME TO REVIEW NAVAL SUPPORT AC-
TIVITIES AND THEIR MISSION PARAMETERS. TO THAT END WE
HAVE ASKED COMNAVFORV FOR BRIEFINGS ON ACTOV 6 JAN 1970
AND ON THE COMMON SERVICE TURNOVER PLAN BETWEEN 3-5 JAN
1970.

B. I AM NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE COMBINING OF
NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES DANANG AND SAIGON THOUGH I
BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT THE CHANGE SHOULD BE KEYED TO TURN-
OVER OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ RATHER THAN ACTOV
TURNOVERS. COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT TURNOVER, IN MY

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OPINION, SHOULD BE EFFECTED DURING PHASE SIX UPON COM-
PLETION OF REDEPLOYMENT OF MARINE COMBAT FORCES.

C. WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO INVOLVE MYSELF IN NAVY
COMMAND STRUCTURE I CONSIDER THAT THE NEED IS
GREATER AT DANANG FOR A FLAG OFFICER TO MAKE CRITICAL
DECISIONS DURING NAVY PHASE-DOWN AND ARMY BUILD-UP
THAN AT SAIGON FOR PRESTIGE PURPOSES.

D. I FIND BAUMBERGER'S PROPOSALS TO PAUL FONTANA
AND COMBS EMINENTLY PRACTICAL AND I SUPPORT THE PO-
SITION TAKEN IN HIS MESSAGE.

2. I WILL BE ALERT FOR MENTION OF THE PROPOSALS
CONTAINED REF A DURING THE ACTOV AND COMMON SERVICE
TURNOVER PLAN BRIEFINGS.

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FROM LTGEN NICKERSON (DELIVER DURING WORKING HOURS)
III MAF AND XXIV CORPS HQS AMALGAMATION

1. I PROPOSE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO COMUSMACV.
QUOTE

A. III MAF MEMO 26D/CRS 3000SER 000122369 DTD 30OCT69
B. MACV MISSION COORDINATED PLAN: VIETNAMIZING THE
WAR, 20JUL69

1. REF A PROPOSED THE AMALGAMATION OF THE III MAF AND
XXIV CORPS HQS AND THE FORMATION OF A JOINT HQS TO COM-
MAND USMC AND ARMY FORCES IN ICTZ DURING PHASES THREE
THROUGH SIX REDEPLOYMENTS AS ESTABLISHED BY REF B. THE
PROPOSED AMALGAMATION ENVISIONED THAT MAJOR MARINE FORCES
WOULD REMAIN IN ICTZ THROUGH PHASE SIX.

2. THE PROPOSED AMALGAMATION HAS BEEN HELD IN ABEYANCE.

3. CURRENT PLANNING INDICATED THAT EXCEPT FOR A TRANS-

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ADDITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND AN RLT, THE PREPONDERANCE OF
MARINE FORCES WILL REDEPLOY DURING PHASE FOUR.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, IT APPEARS THAT THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A JOINT ARMY/MARINE HQS IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.
IN ITS STEAD THE FOLLOWING CONCEPT IS PROPOSED:

A. AT A DATE TO BE ESTABLISHED, HQS III MAF WILL BE
RELIEVED BY HQS XXIV CORPS. A SMALL USMC LIAISON GROUP
CONSISTING OF NO MORE THAN FIVE PERSONNEL WOULD BE ASSIGNED
TO THE XXIV CORPS HQS.

B. ESTABLISH A REDUCED STRENGTH MEF HQS SUBORDINATE
TO XXIV CORPS TO CONTROL THE COMBINED MARINE AIR GROUND
ELEMENTS REMAINING UNTIL THE MAJORITY OF THE MARINE
FORCES REDEPLOY.

5. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE CONCEPT BE APPROVED FOR
PLANNING PURPOSES AND THAT AUTHORITY BE GRANTED TO BEGIN
PLANNING WITH XXIV CORPS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN
FOR THE ORDERLY AND EFFICIENT TRANSFER OF COMMAND. UNQUOTE

2. YOUR COMMENTS AND OR CONCURRENCE ARE REQUESTED.

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 LTGEN WICKERSON
 FUTURE OF CAP PROGRAM

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, I HAVE TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING
 MSG TO COMUSMACV THIS DATE:

QUOTE:

1. ON THE BASIS OF INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THE 28 DEC-
 EMBER WIEU, IT APPEARS THAT THE MARINE-HEAVY OPTION WILL
 BE ADOPTED WITH A USMC TRANSITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND
 ONE REMAINING RLT. ALTHOUGH NO TIME PHASING WAS INDICATED,
 IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE MAJORITY OF USMC FORCES REMAINING
 AFTER PHASE 3 WILL REDEPLOY DURING PHASE FOUR.

2. IT IS DEEMED, THEREFORE, NECESSARY TO BEGIN PLANNING
 FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CAPS AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO
 INSURE AN ORDERLY TRANSFER OR ELIMINATION OF THE FUNCTIONS
 OF THE CAPS.

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3. GUIDANCE IS THEREFORE REQUESTED CONCERNING THE FOL-
LOWING FOR PLANNING PURPOSES:

A. SHOULD WE PLAN FOR THE REDEPLOYMENT OF ALL OR A
PART OF THE CAPS WITH THE USMC FORCES REDEPLOYING DURING
PHASE FOUR?

B. IF ANY OR ALL OF THE CAPS ARE RETAINED, IT IS
ASSUMED THAT THEY WILL BE ADDITIVE TO THE USMC TRANS-
ITIONAL FORCE BUILT AROUND THE REMAINING RLT.

C. IF THE CAPS ARE REDEPLOYED DURING PHASE FOUR, IS
IT INTENDED THAT THEIR CURRENT FUNCTIONS WILL BE ELIMINATED
OR TRANSFERRED TO THE ARMY FORCES REMAINING IN ICTZ?
UNQUOTE.

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COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT (U)

A. CINCPACFLT 240043Z/DEC69 (S)(SPECAT)

- (U) SINCE THE INCEPTION OF T-DAY PLANNING AND THE SUBSEQUENT KEYSTONE REDEPLOYMENTS THIS HQ HAS BEEN IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH CG III MAF ON THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT TURNOVER IN ICTZ AND WE AGREE THAT IT IS TIME TO REVIEW NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES AND THEIR MISSION PARAMETERS.
- (S) BILL BUSE IS NOT OPPOSED IN PRINCIPLE TO THE COMBINING OF NSA DANANG AND SAIGON, ALTHOUGH HE FEELS THAT ANY CHANGE SHOULD BE KEYED TO THE TURNOVER OF COMMON SERVICE SUPPORT IN ICTZ RATHER THAN TYING THE CHANGEOVER TO ACTOV TURNOVERS.

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3. (S) OUR PRIMARY AND OVERRIDING CONCERN IS THAT THERE BE NO DISRUPTION OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT TO III MAF TO DETRACT FROM COMBAT OPERATIONS AND THE COMPLICATIONS OF THE PHASE III AND IV REDEPLOYMENTS. ^{WE} ~~BILL BUSE~~ CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT CG III MAF CONCUR IN THE PHASEDOWN PROPOSALS IN ORDER THAT THE OUTSTANDING NAVY/MARINE LOGISTIC ORGANIZATION BUILT UP IN ICTZ NOT BE DEGRADED PRECIPITOUSLY OR PREMATURELY.

4. (S) ALSO, WHILE ^{WE} ~~BILL~~ DOES NOT DESIRE TO INVOLVE HIMSELF IN NAVY COMMAND STRUCTURE DECISIONS, HE CONSIDERS THAT THE NEED IS GREATER AT DANANG FOR A FLAG OFFICER DURING NAVY PHASE-DOWN AND ARMY BUILD-UP THAN AT SAIGON.

5. (U) OVERALL ^{WE} ~~±~~ CONSIDER YOUR PROPOSAL PRACTICAL AND ~~ETC~~ SUPPORT YOUR POSITION. WARM REGARDS.

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FOR LTGEN NICKERSON FROM LTGEN BUSE. //N00000//

FORCE PLANNING (U)

A. CMC 271711/DEC69 (TS SPECAT)

1. (U) REF A APPLIES.
2. (TS) THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN PAR 6., REF A, HAVE BEEN FURTHER REFINED BY HQMC, AS FOLLOWS:

MAB STRENGTH - LIMIT	10.8K
LOGISTICS ROLL - UP FORCE - LIMIT	1.2K
NON-MAF MARINES IN RVN - LIMIT	.6K
*COMBINED ACTION GROUP - LIMIT	1.881K

TOTAL 14.481K

*NOTE: PROPOSED FOR RETENTION IN RVN THUS GIVING
COMUSMACV THE OPTION OF RETENTION OR REDEPLOYMENT.

A. THE ABOVE FIGURES REPRESENT THE PREFERRED
MARINE CORPS POSITION RELATIVE THE MARINE STRENGTH TO

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REMAIN IN RVN SUBSEQUENT TO PHASE IV REDEPLOYMENTS.

THE MAB WILL HAVE ITS OWN ORGANIC LOGISTICS SUPPORT GROUP. THE LOGISTICS ROLL-UP FORCE OF 1.2K IS TO BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY AND WILL BE CONCERNED PRIMARILY WITH PROCESSING EQUIPMENT FOR REDEPLOYMENT RATHER THAN COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT OF THE MAB.

3. (TS) THE FOLLOWING MAB DRAFT TROOP LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING PARAMETERS ASSUMING ^{THE} MAB WILL BE TACTICALLY POSTURED IN ^{THE} DANANG VITAL AREA WITH THE AIR COMPONENT A TENANT AT DANANG AIR BASE AND MARBLE MOUNTAIN. FIGURES REPRESENT MARINE STRENGTHS ONLY AND HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED TO ALLOW FOR FLEXIBILITY IN ORGANIZING DETACHMENTS/REINFORCEMENTS.

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MAB HQ & HQ CO	300
DET RAD BN, FMF	51
CI TM, FMF	16
IT TM, FMF	11

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INTERP TM (2)	12
DET MP CO, HQ BN, MARDIV	30
CA PLT, FMF (2)	12
COMM SUPT CO (REIN) COMM BN, FMF	204

TOTAL 626

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INF REGT (REIN), MARDIV	3801
INF REGT	(3797)
DET, COMM CO, HQ BN, MARDIV	(4)
DS ARTY BN (REIN), MARDIV	690
DS ARTY BN	(670)
DET HQ BTRY ARTY REGT	(20)
GS BTRY (REIN), ARTY BN	120
PLT, 8" HOW BTRY (SP), FMF	54
175MM GUN BTRY, FMF	171
ENGR CO (REIN), ENGR BN, MARDIV	161
RECON CO (REIN), RECON BN, MARDIV	95
TRUCK CO, MT BN, MARDIV	79
MED TANK CO (REIN) TANK BN, FMF	129

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COMP MAG HQ	100
MAG VF/VA	1409
H&MS	(327)
MABS	(450)
VMA (20 A-4)(OR VMFA W/15 F-4 @ 386)	(260)
VMA(AW) (12 A-6)	(372)
MAG VH	1972
H&MS	(262)
MABS	(370)
HMM (2) (42 CH-46D)	(530)
HMH (18 CH-53)	(263)
DET VMO (12 AH-1G, 9 OV-10A)	(294)
HML (24 UH-1E)	(253)
MASS (-) (DASC, ASRT)	140
MATCU	68
DET VMGR	10

TOTAL 3699

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<u>25</u> DET SVC BN	301
<u>3545</u> DET FSR	415
ENGR CO FMF	217

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COLL AND CLEAR CO, MED BN, MARDIV 25

DENTAL CO, FMF 2

MP CO, FMF 121

TOTAL 1148

GRAND TOTAL 10,773

4. (TS) REQUEST YOUR COMMENTS AND SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS NLT 8JAN70 REGARDING PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF MAB TO INCLUDE DETAILED TROOP LIST WITH UNIT DESIGNATIONS/STRENGTHS. IN THIS REGARD, THE DRAFT TROOP LIST IN PAR 3 ABOVE IS PROVIDED ONLY AS A GUIDE AND IS NOT INTENDED IN ANY WAY TO LIMIT YOUR RESPONSE, I.E., MISSION MAY INDICATE DESIRABILITY OF AIR/GROUND UNIT TRADE-OFFS WITHIN 10.8K LIMIT. FURTHER, REQUEST YOU INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMPOSITION OF 1.2K LOGISTIC ROLL-UP FORCE. YOU WILL NOTE IN THE PROPOSAL ^{THAT} T/O STRENGTHS HAVE BEEN USED. FOR PROTECTION OF OUR M SERIES T/O'S, IT IS DESIRABLE THAT THE RESIDUAL FORCE BE COMPOSED OF T/O STRENGTH UNITS AND, IN THE CASE OF DETACHMENTS, CLEARLY IDENTIFIABLE FUNCTIONAL T/O BLOCKS.

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